

Qualifying Exam: CAS MA 575.

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1. Suppose that we are interested in the coefficients β of a linear model $E(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}\beta$, where \mathbf{Y} is $n \times 1$ and \mathbf{X} is $n \times p'$. Furthermore, suppose that it is of interest to partition that model in the form $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2]$, for $n \times p_i$ matrices X_i , $i = 1, 2$. Finally, suppose that an investigator creates a partially orthogonal design, in which $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2]$ has the property that $\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{0}$.

- (a) Show that the least squares estimate of β takes the form $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}'_1, \hat{\beta}'_2)'$, where

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = (\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{Y} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_2 = (\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{Y} .$$

- (b) Show that the estimates $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are uncorrelated. That is, show that the covariance matrix $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta})$ has a block-diagonal form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for some matrices A_1, A_2 .

- (c) Specify an appropriate F -statistic for the testing problem

$$H_0 : E(y|\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{x}'_1\beta_1$$

versus

$$H_1 : E(y|\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{x}'_1\beta_1 + \mathbf{x}'_2\beta_2 .$$

Be sure to define all terms in your statistic, and to state the corresponding degrees of freedom.

2. (a) Let \mathbf{X} be an $n \times p'$ matrix, with linearly independent columns (i.e., of full column-rank). By subscript “ (i) ” we will mean “without the i th case”. So $\mathbf{X}_{(i)}$ is the $(n - 1) \times p'$ matrix created by removing the i th row of \mathbf{X} i.e., \mathbf{x}_i . Let \mathbf{Y} be an $n \times 1$ response vector, and consider the linear regression model $E(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}\beta$. Define $\hat{\beta}_{(i)}$ to be the estimate of β without the i th case, and $\hat{\beta}$, the estimate with all the data.

Show that

$$\hat{\beta}_{(i)} = \hat{\beta} - \frac{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{x}_i\hat{\epsilon}_i}{1 - h_{ii}} ,$$

using the formula

$$(\mathbf{X}'_{(i)}\mathbf{X}_{(i)})^{-1} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} + \frac{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{x}_i\mathbf{x}'_i(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}}{1 - h_{ii}} .$$

- (b) Consider the figure below. The solid line shows the regression of y on x based on only the scatter of data points in the left-hand portion of the plot. The dotted line shows the same regression as the first, but with the point in the *upper* right-hand corner included too. Similarly, the dashed line shows the same regression as the first, but with the point in the *lower* right-hand corner included too.

Comment on the degree of (i) outlying-ness, (ii) leverage, and (iii) influence of the point in the upper right-hand corner. Do the same for the point in the lower right-hand corner. Justify your answer through appropriate description of the likely values of the statistics t_i , h_{ii} , and D_i . (That is, the outlier t -test value, the hat-matrix entry, and Cook's distance.)

