

# MULTIPLE REGRESSION Re-examined

## The Classical Regression Model in Matrix Notation

$$y_t = \beta_1 x_{t1} + \beta_2 x_{t2} + \dots + \beta_K x_{tK} + \epsilon_t \quad t=1, \dots, T$$

where  $y_t = t^{\text{th}}$  obs. on dependent variable  
 $x_{ti} = t^{\text{th}}$  obs. on  $i^{\text{th}}$  explanatory variable  
 $\epsilon_t = t^{\text{th}}$  value of disturbance  
 $\beta_i = i^{\text{th}}$  regression coefficient

$T = \#$  of observations

$K = \#$  of regressors

In order to include a constant term,  
let the first regressor = 1 for all  $T$  obs.  
( $x_{t1} = 1 \forall t$ )

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \beta_1 x_{11} + \beta_2 x_{12} + \dots + \beta_K x_{1K} + \epsilon_1 \\ y_2 &= \beta_1 x_{21} + \beta_2 x_{22} + \dots + \beta_K x_{2K} + \epsilon_2 \\ &\vdots \\ y_T &= \beta_1 x_{T1} + \beta_2 x_{T2} + \dots + \beta_K x_{TK} + \epsilon_T \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{aligned}} \right\} T \text{ obs.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{bmatrix}_{T \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1K} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2K} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ x_{T1} & x_{T2} & \dots & x_{TK} \end{bmatrix}_{T \times K} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{bmatrix}_{K \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_T \end{bmatrix}_{T \times 1}$$

OR:

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

Put on hold  
use  
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## ALGEBRAIC RESULTS

no assumptions;  
no statistics

Defn: The Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) estimator,  $\hat{\beta}$  of  $\beta$ , is the value that minimizes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSE} &= (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta) \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \left( y_t - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{ti} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Take a minute. Change mode of thinking from cumbersome  $\Sigma$ -notation to Matrix notation.  
- mathematically equivalent !!!

Review Matrix Algebra!

$$(Y - X\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \beta_1 x_{11} - \beta_2 x_{12} - \dots - \beta_K x_{1K} \\ y_2 - \beta_1 x_{21} - \beta_2 x_{22} - \dots - \beta_K x_{2K} \\ \vdots \\ y_T - \beta_1 x_{T1} - \beta_2 x_{T2} - \dots - \beta_K x_{TK} \end{bmatrix}$$

$T \times 1$

Hence,  $\text{SSE} = (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{1i} & y_2 - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{2i} & \dots & y_T - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{Ti} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{1i} \\ y_2 - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ y_T - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{Ti} \end{bmatrix}$$

$1 \times T$    $T \times 1$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T \left( y_t - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{ti} \right)^2 \quad \text{OLS } \hat{\beta} \text{ minimizes this.}$$

Thm: The OLS estimator of  $\hat{\beta}$  is  

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} SSE &= (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta) \\ &= Y'Y - Y'X\beta - \beta'X'Y + \beta'X'X\beta \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial \beta} = -X'Y - X'Y + 2X'X\beta \quad \text{from Exam 1}$$

$$-2X'Y + 2X'X\hat{\beta} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X'X\hat{\beta} & = & X'Y \\ (K \times 1) & & (K \times 1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(the Normal Equations)} \\ K \text{ equations, } K \text{ unknowns} = \hat{\beta} \end{array}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$$

Note:  $(X'X)$  is square,  $K \times K$ ; must be nonsingular. (invertible)

Defn: The vector of fitted values is  $\hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta}$ .

Defn: The vector of residuals is  

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e & = & Y - X\hat{\beta} \\ T \times 1 & & T \times 1 \end{array} = Y - \hat{Y}$$

Note: True disturbances =  $\epsilon = Y - X\beta \neq e$ .

Note:  $e_t = y_t - \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{\beta}_i x_{ti}$

✓ 
$$SSE = \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2 = e'e$$

Proposition:  $x'e = 0$  ; the residuals are orthogonal to the  $X$ 's.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}x'e &= x'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) \\&= x'Y - x'X\hat{\beta} \\&= x'Y - x'X[(X'X)^{-1}X'Y] \\&= x'Y - x'Y \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Note:  $x'e = 0$   
 $K \times T \quad T \times 1 \quad K \times 1$

→ <sup>the</sup>  $K$  Normal Equations again!

In  $\Sigma$ -notation:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T x_{ti} e_t = 0 \quad i=1, \dots, K$$

Recall, for constant term let  $x_{t1} = 1 \quad \forall t$ .  
Thus, the first Normal Equation,  $\sum_{t=1}^T e_t = 0$ .

Notation:

$$\hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta} \quad \text{fitted values}$$

$$SST = \sum_t (y_t - \bar{y})^2$$

$$SSR = \sum_t (\hat{y}_t - \bar{y})^2$$

$$SSE = \sum_t (y_t - \hat{y}_t)^2 = \sum_t e_t^2 = e'e$$

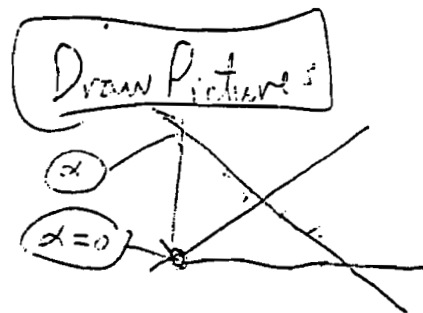
} as before

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST} ; \quad \bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE / (T-K)}{SST / (T-1)}$$

Thm: If one of the regressors is a constant term,  
 $SST = SSR + SSE$ .

Proved already in Simple Regression case.

Note: If ~~not~~ constant term,  
 $SST$  may not =  $SSR + SSE$ .



Thm: If one of the regressors is a constant term,  
 $0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$ .

--- In that case,  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST} = \frac{SSR}{SST}$ ;

~~With no constant term, the last equality need not hold!~~

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Note: Computer programs may use the formula,  
 $R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST}$ .

w/o a constant term  $R^2$  may be  $> 1$ .  
 ( $SSR + SSE$  may be  $> SST$ )

Note:  $R^2 = r^2(Y, \hat{Y}) \rightarrow$  always works (between 0 & 1).

Keep this in mind when using no constant term.

SAS uses the formula,  $R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST}$ ! warns you if  $\beta_0$  no intercept.

## Statistical Results

Defn: The model  $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$  satisfies the full ideal conditions if:

- 1)  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_T)$
- 2)  $X$  is a nonstochastic matrix of Rank  $K$   
 $\rightarrow \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{X'X}{T} \right)$  is finite and nonsingular.

explanation:

$$1) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_T \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & & & \\ & \sigma^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

or  $\epsilon_t$  iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

- (i) Normal  $\forall t$
- (ii)  $E(\epsilon_t) = 0 \quad \forall t$
- (iii)  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2 \quad \forall t$  (constant variance)
- (iv)  $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_s) = 0 \quad \forall t \neq s$  (indep)

2) (i) nonstochastic  $\rightarrow$  fixed or nonrandom  $\forall$  observation.  
 $\neq$  Generally untrue with economic data.

(ii)  $X$  is of Rank  $K$ ;  $K$  columns linearly independent;  
 allows inverse  $(X'X)^{-1}$  to exist,  $\therefore$  unique estimate.

(iii) Consider  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(X'X)}{T}$ .

$$\frac{(X'X)}{T}_{ij} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{ti} x_{tj}$$

= avg. of the cross-products of the observations on two of the  $x_i$ 's.

Note: If  $x_i$ 's measured as deviations from means,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(X'X)}{T}_{ij} &= \text{Cov}(x_i, x_j) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (x_{ti} - \bar{x}_i)(x_{tj} - \bar{x}_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{ti} x_{tj} - T \bar{x}_i \bar{x}_j \end{aligned}$$

✓  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{ti} x_{tj}$  is like a "sufficient statistic" for  $\text{Cov}(x_i, x_j)$ ; it contains the relevant information.

Requiring  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(X'X)}{T}$  to be finite & nonsingular

means that we don't want these "Covariances" to blow up as  $T$  increases; i.e. we don't want any two  $x_i$ 's to be highly correlated with each other.

$\rightarrow$  if problem exists, Multicollinearity; problems!

nonsingularity  $\rightarrow (X'X)^{-1}$  exists.

## Classical Least Squares

Consider the properties of OLS  $\hat{\beta}$ .

Lemma:  $\hat{\beta} = \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X' \epsilon$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (X'X)^{-1} X'Y \\ &= (X'X)^{-1} X'(X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= (X'X)^{-1} X'X\beta + (X'X)^{-1} X'\epsilon \\ &= \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X'\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Look familiar?

Write in  $\Sigma$ -notation, with  $K=1$ ,  $x$  &  $y$  as deviations from mean

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= \beta + \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_T \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \beta + \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T x_t \epsilon_t}{\sum_{t=1}^T x_t^2} \equiv \beta + \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (x_t - \bar{x}) \epsilon_t}{\sum_{t=1}^T (x_t - \bar{x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

Proved in Simple Regression case!

Note: Proof here very simple in matrix notation.



Thm:  $\hat{\beta}$  is unbiased.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } E(\hat{\beta}) &= E[\beta + (x'x)^{-1} x' \epsilon] \\ &= \beta + (x'x)^{-1} x' E(\epsilon) \quad (x's \text{ nonstochastic}) \\ &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

(4)

3\* Thm: The Covariance Matrix of  $\hat{\beta}$  is  $\sigma^2 (x'x)^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) &= E\{[\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})][\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})]'\} \\ &= E(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \\ &= E[(x'x)^{-1} x' \epsilon][(x'x)^{-1} x' \epsilon]' \\ &= E[(x'x)^{-1} x' \epsilon \epsilon' x (x'x)^{-1}] \\ &= (x'x)^{-1} x' E(\epsilon \epsilon') x (x'x)^{-1} \quad (x's \text{ nonstochastic}) \\ &= (x'x)^{-1} x' \sigma^2 I_T x (x'x)^{-1} \quad (\text{Cov}(\epsilon) = \sigma^2 I_T) \\ &= \sigma^2 (x'x)^{-1} x' x (x'x)^{-1} \quad (\sigma^2 \text{ is a scalar}) \\ &= \sigma^2 (x'x)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note: Assumption 1) says  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_T)$ ;  
i.e.  $\text{Cov}(\epsilon) = E(\epsilon \epsilon') = \sigma^2 I_T$ . ✓

Again, look familiar?

Write in  $\Sigma$ -notation, with  $K=1$ ,  $x \neq y$  as deviations from mean.

$$K=1; \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 \left( [x_1 \dots x_T] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_T \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T x_t^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (x_t - \bar{x})^2}$$

In multiple regression case, we considered diagonal; this has more!!  $\Rightarrow$

In general case,  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$  is  $K \times K$ .  
 Along diagonal,  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, K$ .  
 off diagonal,  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j)$ ,  $i, j=1, \dots, K$ .

Most computer programs provide this information.  
 (SAS does if you ask for it.)

3\* Thm.: (Gauss - Markov)

$\hat{\beta}$  is the BLUE of  $\beta$ .

Proof: Consider any other linear estimate of  $\beta$ ;

$$\tilde{\beta} = CY \quad \text{where } C \text{ is a } K \times T \text{ matrix}$$

( $\tilde{\beta}$  is a linear combination of the  $y$ 's).

$$\text{Notation: } D = C - (X'X)^{-1}X'$$

or  $C = (X'X)^{-1}X' + D$

Note:  $D =$  difference between  $C$  and its value if  $\tilde{\beta} = \hat{\beta}$ .  
 IF  $D = 0$ ,  $C = (X'X)^{-1}X'$  and  $\tilde{\beta} = \hat{\beta}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tilde{\beta}) &= E(CY) = C E(Y) \\ &= C E(X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= CX\beta \\ &= [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]X\beta \\ &= (X'X)^{-1}X'X\beta + DX\beta \\ &= \beta + DX\beta \end{aligned}$$

Thus for unbiasedness, require  $DX = 0$  (or  $CX = I$ ).

Hence we are requiring  $\tilde{\beta}$  to be linear and unbiased; if  $\hat{\beta}$  is "better" than any such  $\tilde{\beta}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}$  is BLUE. Compare their covariance matrices!

$$\text{Cov}(\tilde{\beta}) = E(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)'$$

Note:  $\tilde{\beta} = CY = [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D][X\beta + \epsilon]$

$$= (X'X)^{-1}X'X\beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon + DX\beta + D\epsilon$$

$$= \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon + D\epsilon \quad (\text{since } DX\beta = 0)$$

→  $\tilde{\beta} - \beta = (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon + D\epsilon$

$$= [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]\epsilon$$

Thus,  $\text{Cov}(\tilde{\beta}) = E\{[(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]\epsilon\}\{[(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]\epsilon\}'$

$$= E[(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]\epsilon\epsilon'[(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]'$$

$$= [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]E(\epsilon\epsilon')[(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]'$$

$$= [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]\sigma^2 I_T [(X'X)^{-1}X' + D]'$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}X'X(X'X)^{-1} + \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}X'D'$$

$$+ \sigma^2 DX(X'X)^{-1} + \sigma^2 DD'$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} + \sigma^2 DD' \quad (\text{since } DX = X'D' = 0)$$

Comparing  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta})$  and  $\text{Cov}(\tilde{\beta})$ ;

$$\text{Cov}(\tilde{\beta}) - \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 DD' \quad \text{and this is } \underline{\text{psd}}.$$

Thus  $\hat{\beta}$  is efficient relative to any other linear unbiased estimator ( $\tilde{\beta}$ );  $\hat{\beta}$  is BLUE.

Thm:  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent.

Proof: (easy way) -  $\hat{\beta}$  is unbiased. Thus  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent if its covariance matrix goes to 0.

$$\text{Note: } (X'X)^{-1} = \frac{T}{T} (X'X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{T} (T^{-1} X'X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{X'X}{T} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Take } \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sigma^2 \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{X'X}{T} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \underbrace{\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^2}{T}}_0 * \underbrace{\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{X'X}{T} \right)^{-1}}_{\substack{\text{(finite limit)} \\ \text{by ideal conditions}}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent.

(hard way) - Show  $\text{plim } \hat{\beta} = \beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plim } \hat{\beta} &= \beta + \text{plim } (X'X)^{-1} X' \epsilon \\ &= \beta + \text{plim } \left( \frac{X'X}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{X' \epsilon}{T} \\ &= \beta + \underbrace{\left[ \text{plim } \frac{X'X}{T} \right]^{-1}}_{\text{(finite limit)}} \underbrace{\text{plim } \frac{X' \epsilon}{T}}_{\substack{\text{must show} \\ \text{this} = 0}} \end{aligned}$$

→ intuition:  $X'_i \epsilon_i$  uncorrelated.

44  $\lfloor * \text{plim } \frac{X'E}{T}$  is like the "asymptotic correlation matrix" between  $X$  and  $\underline{E}$ . 13

Note:  $\text{plim } \frac{X'E}{T} = 0$  iff  $E\left(\frac{X'E}{T}\right) = 0$  and  $\text{Cov}\left(\frac{X'E}{T}\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$E\left(\frac{X'E}{T}\right) = \frac{X'}{T} E(E) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}\left(\frac{X'E}{T}\right) &= E\left(\frac{1}{T} X'E\right)\left(\frac{1}{T} X'E\right)' \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} E(X'E E' X) \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} X' E(E E') X \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} X' \sigma^2 I_T X \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{T^2} X' X\end{aligned}$$

and since we know  $\frac{X'X}{T} \rightarrow$  finite limit, by ideal conditions,

$$\sigma^2 \frac{X'X}{T^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence,  $\text{plim } \frac{X'E}{T} = 0$  and  $\text{plim } \hat{\beta} = \beta$ . QED

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### Estimation of $\sigma^2$

Lemma: The matrix,  $M = I_T - X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ , is  $T \times T$  and:

- i) symmetric;  $M = M'$
- ii) idempotent;  $MM = M$
- iii) orthogonal to  $X$ ;  $MX = 0$

— prove these yourself

Proposition:  $e = M\epsilon$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} e &= Y - X\hat{\beta} \\ &= Y - X(X'X)^{-1}X'Y \\ &= MY \\ &= M(X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= M\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since  $MX = 0$

Proposition:  $SSE = \epsilon'M\epsilon$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} SSE &= e'e \\ &= (M\epsilon)'(M\epsilon) \\ &= \epsilon'M'M\epsilon \\ &= \epsilon'M\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$M$  is symmetric  
 $M$  is idempotent

Digression on Trace:

If  $C$  is a  $p \times p$  matrix,  $\text{Trace}(C) = \text{Tr}(C) = \sum_{i=1}^p c_{ii}$

Useful Facts:

- ①  $\text{Tr}(A+B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$
- ② If  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is  $n \times m$ ,  
 $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$  ----- (should be able to prove)

- ③  $\text{Trace}(M) = T - K \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(M) = \text{Tr}(I_T - X(X'X)^{-1}X')$   
 $= \text{Tr}(I_T) - \text{Tr}[X \underbrace{(X'X)^{-1}}_{(T \times T)} X']$   
 $= T - \text{Tr}[\underbrace{(X'X)^{-1}}_{(K \times K)} X'X]$   
 $= T - \text{Tr}(I_K)$   
 $= T - K$

End of Digression

Thm:  $E(SSE) = \sigma^2(T-K)$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} E(SSE) &= E(\epsilon' M \epsilon) \\ &= E[\text{Tr}(\epsilon' M \epsilon)] \\ &= E[\text{Tr}(M \epsilon \epsilon')] \\ &= \text{Tr}[E(M \epsilon \epsilon')] \\ &= \text{Tr}[M E(\epsilon \epsilon')] \\ &= \text{Tr}(M \sigma^2 I_T) \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{Tr}(M) \\ &= \sigma^2(T-K) \end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon' M \epsilon$  is  $1 \times 1$ ;  
 $\therefore \epsilon' M \epsilon = \text{Tr}(\epsilon' M \epsilon)$   
 by Fact ②, Digression

$E(\text{Tr}) = \text{Tr}(\text{Exp. Value})$   
 $M$  is fixed

by Fact ③, Digression

Thm:  $s^2 = \frac{1}{T-K} (SSE)$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} E(s^2) &= E\left(\frac{1}{T-K} SSE\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{T-K} E(SSE) \\ &= \frac{1}{T-K} (T-K) \sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thm:  $s^2$  is consistent.

Proof: show  $\text{plim } s^2 = \sigma^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 &= \frac{1}{T-K} \text{SSE} \\ &= \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} \\ &= \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'[\mathbf{I}_T - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}']\mathbf{e} \\ &= \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} - \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e} \end{aligned}$$

first term:  $\text{plim } \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = \text{plim } \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{plim } \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \quad \text{by Law of Large Number.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Recalling that } \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) \quad \forall t \\ \quad \quad \quad = E(\epsilon_t^2) \end{array} \right]$$

second term:  $\text{plim } \frac{1}{T-K} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{plim } \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e} \\ &= \text{plim } \frac{\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{X}}{T} \left( \frac{\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}}{T} \right)^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e}}{T} \\ &= \text{plim } \frac{\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{X}}{T} \left[ \text{plim } \frac{\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}}{T} \right]^{-1} \text{plim } \frac{\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e}}{T} \\ &\quad \Downarrow \quad \quad \quad \Downarrow \quad \quad \quad \Downarrow \\ &\text{plim} = 0 \quad \quad \quad \text{finite plim} \quad \quad \quad \text{plim} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{plim } s^2 = \sigma^2$ ;  $s^2$  is consistent.

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SUMMARY of results so far:

$\hat{\beta}$  is unbiased, BLUE, consistent.

$s^2$  is unbiased, consistent.



Up to now, proved facts under the ideal conditions w/o using the assumption of Normality for  $\epsilon$ . We'll begin to use this assumption now in the following attempts to show that  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  are efficient.

First, with the Normality assumption we'll find the MLE's of  $\beta$  &  $\sigma^2$  in that distribution.

Thm:

The MLE's of  $\beta$  &  $\sigma^2$  are  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$  &  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-k} SSE$ . (almost  $\sigma^2$ )

Proof: The log likelihood function is -

$$ln L = -\frac{1}{2} ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \epsilon' \epsilon$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$$

\* (Parenthetical note - The Jacobian of the transformation from  $\epsilon$  to  $y$  is 1;  $\therefore$  the  $ln(J)$  is zero.)

$$= -\frac{1}{2} ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [y'y - 2y'X\beta + \beta'X'X\beta]$$

$$\frac{\partial ln L}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [-2X'y + 2X'X\beta] = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} [X'X\beta - X'y]$$

$$\frac{\partial ln L}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} [y'y - 2y'X\beta + \beta'X'X\beta]$$



Setting the first derivatives equal to zero:

$$-\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} [X'X\hat{\beta} - X'Y] = 0$$

$$X'X\hat{\beta} = X'Y$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$$

$$-\frac{T}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^4} (Y - X\hat{\beta})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) = 0$$

$$-\frac{T}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^4} SSE = 0$$

$$\frac{T}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \frac{SSE}{\hat{\sigma}^4}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSE}{T}$$

QED

Note: Since MLE's are

i) consistent

ii) asymptotically efficient

iii) have asymptotic covariance matrix,  $\mathcal{I}^{-1}$

then these are true of  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSE}{T}$ .

Note also that  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSE}{T}$  is biased,  
recalling that  $s^2 = \frac{SSE}{T-K}$  is unbiased.

Furthermore,  $s^2 = \frac{1}{T-K} SSE = \frac{T}{T-K} \hat{\sigma}^2 \rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .  
Hence these are all true of  $s^2$  as well.

To show small-sample efficiency of  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  [or  $s^2$ ],  
employ the Cramer-Rao Thm  
and calculate the information matrix,  $\mathcal{I}$ .

$$\text{Recall, } \mathcal{I} = -E \left[ \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right]$$

— from the partials, take the second order partials.

Computing the Cramer-Rao Lowerbound,  $\mathcal{I}^{-1}$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} X'X$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} [X'X\beta - X'Y]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} = \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{2}{2\sigma^6} \epsilon'\epsilon$$

}  $\mathcal{I} = -E[\text{these}]$

$$-E\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X'X$$

$$-E\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} X' E[Y - X\beta] = 0$$

$$-E\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2}\right] = \frac{-T}{2\sigma^4} + \frac{T\sigma^2}{\sigma^6} = \frac{T}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (X'X) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{I}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^4}{T} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Cramer-Rao Lowerbound}$$

\* Since  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}$  is efficient.

✓  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is biased;

$\text{Var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{T-K} > \frac{2\sigma^4}{T}$ ;  $\therefore$  need more to show efficiency.

Use Blackwell-Rao Thm:

Show that  $S^2$  is a function of a sufficient statistic.

Lemma:  $e'e = e'e + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)'x'x(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} e'e &= (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta) \\ &= Y'Y - 2\beta'x'Y + \beta'x'x\beta \\ &\quad \rightarrow \text{add \& subtract } (-2\hat{\beta}'x'Y + \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta}) \\ &= Y'Y - 2\hat{\beta}'x'Y + \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} + 2\hat{\beta}'x'Y - 2\beta'x'Y + \\ &\quad + \beta'x'x\beta - \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  but the first three terms =  $(Y - X\hat{\beta})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) = e'e$

$$= e'e + 2\hat{\beta}'x'Y - 2\beta'x'Y + \beta'x'x\beta - \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta}$$

$\rightarrow$  substitute  $x'Y = x'x\hat{\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e'e + 2\hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} - 2\beta'x'x\hat{\beta} + \beta'x'x\beta - \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} \\ &= e'e + \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} - 2\beta'x'x\hat{\beta} + \beta'x'x\beta \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  note that  $\beta'x'x\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}'x'x\beta$  is a scalar

$$= e'e + \hat{\beta}'x'x\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}'x'x\beta - \beta'x'x\hat{\beta} + \beta'x'x\beta$$

$\rightarrow$  last 4 terms can be factored

$$= e'e + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)'x'x(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$$

Implications:

① This holds for any  $\beta$ .

②  $(\hat{\beta} - \beta)'x'x(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$  is psd.

③ Since ① & ② are true,  $\beta = \hat{\beta}$  is a global minimum of SSE.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{4} \quad \ln L &= -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} \\
 &= -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \text{SSE} + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ (T-K) s^2 + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \right] \\
 &= g(t; \theta) \cdot h(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } t = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ s^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and where  $g(t; \theta)$  does not depend on the  $y_t$ 's except through  $t$ , and  $h(y_1, \dots, y_T)$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .

$\Rightarrow t$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ ;

By the Blackwell-Rao Thm,  
 since  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$  are unbiased & sufficient statistics,  
 they are efficient for  $\beta$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

\* (i) Already knew  $\hat{\beta}$  efficient; now know  $s^2$  is.

\* (ii)  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{SSE}}{T}$  is also a sufficient statistic for  $\sigma^2$ ,  
 but is biased,  
 and therefore not efficient.

\* (iii) with small samples.  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  understates  $\sigma^2 \rightarrow$  false security!

## Summary:

$\hat{\beta}$  is unbiased, BLUE, consistent, asymptotically efficient, and efficient

$s^2$  is unbiased, consistent, asymptotically efficient, and efficient.

Note: In general, efficiency  $\leftrightarrow$  asymptotic efficiency. There may be some estimators which are not efficient with small samples (perhaps due to bias), but with second moments that become small "very quickly" as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thm: The asymptotic distributions of  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$  are:

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \rightarrow N\left(0, \sigma^2 \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{X'X}{T}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{T}(s^2 - \sigma^2) \rightarrow N(0, 2\sigma^4)$$

Proof: IF  $\hat{\theta}$  is MLE, of  $\theta$ ,

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow N\left(0, \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d\ell}{dT}\right)^{-1}\right);$$

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad d = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(X'X) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$s^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$   
Their limits are  
equal. so

$(s^2)$

$$\left(\frac{d\ell}{dT}\right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 \left(\frac{X'X}{T}\right)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 2\sigma^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

QED

## Very Important Thm:

The (small sample) distributions of  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$  are -

$$(i) \quad \hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(x'x)^{-1})$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{(T-K)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{T-K} \quad \Rightarrow \quad s^2 \sim \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{T-K}\right) \chi^2_{T-K}$$

(iii)  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$  are independent.

### Proof:

First (i); already proved unbiasedness of  $\hat{\beta}$ ;

already proved  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2(x'x)^{-1}$ ;

$\hat{\beta}$  is Normal,

since  $(x'x)^{-1}x'y$  is a l.c. of the  $\epsilon$ 's,  
which are Normal.

QED(i)

To prove (ii) & (iii) we need some Lemmas.

Lemma ①: If  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$ , and  $B$  is a symmetric, idempotent matrix, then

$$\frac{\epsilon' B \epsilon}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{\text{Trace}(B)}$$

(Proved in Schmidt)  
p11

To prove (ii);

$$s^2 = \frac{SSE}{T-K} = \frac{E'ME}{T-K}$$

where  $M = I_T - X(X'X)^{-1}X'$   
is symmetric & idempotent,  
and  $\text{Trace}(M) = T-K$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(T-K)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{E'ME}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\sim \chi^2_{T-K}$$

by Lemma (1).

QED(ii)

Lemma (2): Let  $E \neq B$  be as in Lemma (1),  
and  $C$  be any matrix  $\neq CB$  is defined.  
Then  $CE$  and  $E'BE$  are independent iff  $CB = 0$ .

(also proved in Schmidt)  
p.12

To prove (iii);

$$\text{consider } \hat{\beta} = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'E$$

$$\text{or } (\hat{\beta} - \beta) = (X'X)^{-1}X'E$$

$$\text{Let } C = (X'X)^{-1}X' \text{ and } B = M [= I_T - X(X'X)^{-1}X'].$$

$$\text{Noting that } (X'X)^{-1}X'M = 0,$$

$$(X'X)^{-1}X'E \text{ is independent of } E'ME \text{ by Lemma (2).}$$

$$\text{i.e. } (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \text{ is independent of } SSE = (T-K)s^2;$$

$$\text{i.e. } \hat{\beta} \text{ is independent of } s^2. \quad \text{QED (iii)}$$



Intuition behind (iii);

Even though  $s^2 = \frac{1}{T-K} (Y - X\hat{\beta})'(Y - X\hat{\beta})$   
 (depends on  $\hat{\beta}$ )

there are  $\epsilon$ 's in  $\hat{\beta}$  and in  $Y$ ,  
 and they cancel in such a way that  
 $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$  are indeed independent. (as just proven)

Alternatively put;

estimating  $\hat{\beta}$  uses  $K$  d.f. ;

estimating  $s^2$  uses  $T-K$  d.f. ;

and the d.f. that each depends on are exclusive  
 of those that the other depends on.

Hence, independence.

Note ; no other estimates from this  
 distribution will be independent  
 of both  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$ .

This is a gory proof!

- much worse w/o matrix notation.

With the small-sample distributions of  $\hat{\beta}$  &  $s^2$ ,  
 we can test hypotheses.

## Tests of Hypotheses

### A. Definitions

Defn: Let  $a$  be an arbitrary  $K \times 1$  vector.

Then  $s_a^2 = s^2 a'(X'X)^{-1}a$ .

$\text{Var}(a'\hat{\beta}) \rightarrow$

of numbers

Defn: A statistic is distributed  $t_{T-K}$  if it can be expressed as the ratio of two statistics with:

- (i) the numerator  $\sim N(0, 1)$
- (ii) the denominator  $\sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{T-K}} \chi_{T-K}^2$
- (iii) the numerator & denominator independent.

Defn: A statistic is distributed  $F_{m, T-K}$  if it can be expressed as the ratio of two statistics with:

- (i) the numerator  $\sim \left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \chi_m^2$
- (ii) the denominator  $\sim \left(\frac{1}{T-K}\right) \chi_{T-K}^2$
- (iii) the numerator & denominator independent.

## B. Using the t distribution

Thm:  $\frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{s_a} \sim t_{T-K}$

Proof: must satisfy the 3 conditions.

First consider the numerator,  $a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$ .

This is Normal - ( $\hat{\beta}$  is).

The mean is zero - ( $E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)] &= E[a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)]^2 \\ &= E[a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)][a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)]' \\ &= E[a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)'a] \\ &= a' E(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' a \quad (a \text{ fixed}) \\ &= a' [\sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}] a \\ &= \sigma^2 a'(X'X)^{-1} a \equiv \sigma_a^2 \end{aligned}$$

(See Defn for  $s_a^2$ )

$$\therefore \frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{\sigma_a} \sim N(0, 1)$$

[Since we don't know  $\sigma_a^2$   
we'll estimate it with  $s_a^2$

Second, consider as the denominator,

$$\frac{s_a^2}{\sigma_a^2} = \frac{s^2 a'(X'X)^{-1} a}{\sigma^2 a'(X'X)^{-1} a} = \frac{s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(T-K) s_a^2}{\sigma_a^2} \sim \chi^2_{T-K}$$

[since we already proved that  $\frac{(T-K) s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{T-K}$ ]

Putting the numerator & denominator together,

$$\frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{s_a} = \frac{\frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{\sqrt{a}}}{\sqrt{\frac{s_a^2}{a^2}}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \} \sim N(0,1) \\ \} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2_{T-K}}{T-K}} \end{array} \right\}$$

Third, we previously proved that  $(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$  and  $(T-K)s^2$  are independent. This implies that  $a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$  and  $s_a$  are independent.

Hence, all conditions are satisfied, and

$$\frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{s_a} \sim t_{T-K}.$$

Thm: Test of a single linear restriction on  $\beta$ .

Let  $a$  be a known  $K \times 1$  vector,  
 $b$  be a known scalar.

The linear restriction considered is

$$a'\beta = b; \quad a_1\beta_1 + a_2\beta_2 + \dots + a_K\beta_K = b.$$

Then under  $H_0: a'\beta = b$ ,  $\frac{a'\hat{\beta} - b}{s_a} \sim t_{T-K}$ .

$$\text{Proof: } \frac{a'\hat{\beta} - b}{s_a} = \frac{a'\hat{\beta} - a'\beta}{s_a} = \frac{a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{s_a} \sim t_{T-K}.$$

$\uparrow$  (Under  $H_0$ )  $\uparrow$  (just proved)

Intuition:

$$a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta) = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_k] \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_k - \beta_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a_1(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1) + a_2(\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2) + \dots + a_k(\hat{\beta}_k - \beta_k)$$

This is a scalar, a linear function of the differences between our best estimates of the parameters and their true values.

$a$  is arbitrary; it could be any test of any single coefficient estimate, or a combination of coefficient estimates.

This test statistic makes sense!

It is the difference between our predicted value,  $a'\hat{\beta}$ , and the true value under  $H_0$ ,  $a'\beta = b$ , divided by the standard error of the linear combination of estimated parameters,  $s_a$  [= our estimate of  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(a'(\hat{\beta} - \beta))}$ ]

This is the statistic achieved in both, the Likelihood Ratio Test and the Wald Test.

Explain with examples.

Example 1;  $H_0: \beta_i = 0$

or, the hard way,  $a' \beta = 0$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
 $[i^{\text{th}} \text{ position}]$

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} s_a^2 &= s^2 a' (X'X)^{-1} a \\ &= s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{ii} \\ &= s^2 * i^{\text{th}} \text{ element on diagonal of } (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= \text{variance estimate of } \hat{\beta}_i \end{aligned}$$

Then, the test statistic is

$$\frac{a' \hat{\beta} - b}{\sqrt{s^2 a' (X'X)^{-1} a}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_i}{\sqrt{s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{ii}}} = \frac{\text{estimate of } \beta_i}{\text{its std error}}$$

This is usually given for each parameter estimate.

Example 2;  $H_0: \beta_2 + \beta_4 = -6$

or, the hard way,  $a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = -6$  ;

Then

$$\checkmark \quad a' \beta = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots] \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix} = \beta_2 + \beta_4$$

In this case,

$$s_a^2 = s^2 a' (X'X)^{-1} a = s^2 [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots] \left[ (X'X)^{-1} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\checkmark \quad = s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{22} + s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{44} + 2s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{24}$$

$$= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2) + \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_4) + 2 \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_4)$$

$$= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_4)$$

Then the test statistic is

$$\frac{a' \hat{\beta} - b}{s_a} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_4 + 6}{\sqrt{\underbrace{s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{22}}_{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2)} + \underbrace{s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{44}}_{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_4)} + \underbrace{2s^2 (X'X)^{-1}_{24}}_{2 \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_4)}} \sim t_{T-K}$$

[ e.g. may be estimating Cobb-Douglas p.f.,  
and want to test the Returns-to-Scale ( $\alpha + \beta \stackrel{?}{=} 1$ ) ]

C. Using the F distribution

The t-distribution is used to test any single linear restriction on  $\beta$ .

The F-distribution is used to test several linear restrictions on  $\beta$ .

Thm: Test of several linear restrictions on  $\beta$

Let  $R$  be a known  $m \times K$  matrix,  
 $r$  be a known  $m \times 1$  vector,

Then under  $H_0: R\beta = r$ ,

$$\frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) / m}{SSE / T - K} \sim F_{m, T-K}$$

Note:  $R\beta = r$  is  $m$  linear restrictions  
 $m \times K \quad K \times 1 \quad m \times 1$

of the form;  $R_{i1}\beta_1 + R_{i2}\beta_2 + \dots + R_{iK}\beta_K = r_i \quad i=1, \dots, m$

Proof: must satisfy 3 conditions in defn of  $F_{m, T-K}$ .

First consider the denominator,  $\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{T-K}$  (already proved)

$\Rightarrow \frac{SSE}{T-K} \sim \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{T-K}\right) \chi^2_{T-K}$  QED (ii)



First consider the numerator.

$$R\hat{\beta} - r = R\hat{\beta} - R\beta = R(\hat{\beta} - \beta) = R(X'X)^{-1}X'E$$

(under  $H_0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{numerator} &= [R(X'X)^{-1}X'E]' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} R(X'X)^{-1}X'E \quad /_m \\ &= E'X(X'X)^{-1}R' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} R(X'X)^{-1}X'E \quad /_m \\ &= \frac{E'QE}{m} \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q = X(X'X)^{-1}R' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} R(X'X)^{-1}X'$   
is symmetric and idempotent,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and Trace}(Q) &= \text{Tr} \{ [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} R(X'X)^{-1}X'X(X'X)^{-1}R' \} \\ &= \text{Tr} \{ [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} R(X'X)^{-1}R' \} \\ &= \text{Tr}(I_m) \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

Then by Lemma ① stated previously,

$$\frac{E'QE}{r^2} \sim \chi_m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{numerator} = \frac{E'QE}{m} \sim r^2 * \left( \frac{\chi_m^2}{m} \right)$$

QED (i)

Second consider the denominator.

$$\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{T-K}^2 \quad (\text{already proven})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{denominator} = \frac{SSE}{T-K} \sim \sigma^2 * \left( \frac{\chi_{T-K}^2}{T-K} \right) \quad \text{QED (ii)}$$

To prove the third condition for an F  
we need another Lemma.

Lemma ③: If  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_T)$ , and  $Q \neq M$   
are symmetric, idempotent matrices,  
then  $\epsilon'QE$  and  $\epsilon'ME$  are independent iff  
 $MQ = 0$ .

(also proved in Schmidt)

Note: (a)  $\frac{\epsilon'QE}{m} = \text{numerator};$   
(b)  $\frac{\epsilon'ME}{T-K} = \frac{SSE}{T-K} = \text{denominator};$   
(c)  $MQ = 0. \quad \text{QED (iii)}$

Thus we have our F-statistic,

$$\frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} \Rightarrow \frac{(i) \frac{\sigma^2 X_m^2}{m}}{(ii) \frac{\sigma^2 X_{T-K}^2}{T-K}} \sim F_{m, T-K}$$

(iii) numerator & denominator independent

QED

Discussion: This is an upper tail test.

Since the numerator of the test statistic is of the form,

$$(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [\text{psd matrix}] (R\hat{\beta} - r);$$

this is a quadratic form in  $(R\hat{\beta} - r) \rightarrow$  the measure of  
how far our estimate is from that hypothesized.

If  $H_0: R\beta = r$  is not true,  $R\hat{\beta} - r$  should be bia. & F bia!

\* Example 1:  $H_0: \left. \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 4 \\ \beta_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} R\beta = r$

$m = 2$  restrictions

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times K$   $2 \times 1$

We have sample data;  $X, Y$ .

We have  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$ .

Plug into the test statistic!

Can do!

Another way to determine the test statistic:

$F_{m, T-K} \Rightarrow$

General Statement:

The test statistic, 
$$\frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) / m}{SSE / T - K}$$
 can be written as 
$$\frac{(SSE_R - SSE_U) / m}{SSE_U / T - K}$$

where 2 regressions are run - one unrestricted, and one restricted (with the restrictions,  $R\beta = r$ , imposed).  $SSE_R \neq SSE_U$  are the rest. & unrestrict. SS.

In this example;

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \dots \\ &= \beta_1 x_1 + (4 - \beta_1) x_2 + \beta_4 x_4 + \dots \\ &= 4x_2 + \beta_1 (x_1 - x_2) + \beta_4 x_4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Run this regression;

$$(y - 4x_2) = \beta_1 (x_1 - x_2) + \beta_4 x_4 + \dots \quad \text{to get } SSE_R.$$

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Example 2: Test of equality restriction on  $\beta$ .

Let  $\beta^*$  be a known vector.

$$H_0: \beta = \beta^* \Rightarrow R\beta = r \text{ where } R = I_K \text{ and } r = \beta^*.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) / m}{SSE / T - K} &= \frac{(\hat{\beta} - \beta^*)' [(X'X)^{-1}]^{-1} (\hat{\beta} - \beta^*) / K}{S^2} \\ &= (\hat{\beta} - \beta^*)' [S^2(X'X)^{-1}]^{-1} (\hat{\beta} - \beta^*) / \end{aligned}$$

This is intuitively nice, since it is analogous to the case of a single linear restriction;  $\sim F_{K, T-K}$

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_i - \beta_i^*}{\sqrt{S^2(X'X)^{-1}_{ii}}}$$

\* Example 3: Test of existence of a relationship. (developed before)

$$H_0: \beta = 0$$

almost  $\rightarrow$

Special case of ex. 2 with  $\beta_2^* = \beta_3^* = \dots = 0$ .

(letting the first regressor be the constant term)

test  $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \dots = \beta_K = 0$ .  $(K-1) = m$   
 $= \# \text{ restrictions}$

Applying the General Statement;

$$SSE_R = \text{SSE on regression with no regressors} = SST!$$

Test Statistic;

$$\frac{(SST - SSE_K) / (K-1)}{SSE_K / T - K}$$

$$= \frac{SSR / K - 1}{SSE / T - K} = \frac{R^2 / K - 1}{(1 - R^2) / T - K} = \frac{(T - K) R^2}{(K - 1) (1 - R^2)}$$

★ This is easy to calculate !! This is always  $\sim F_{K-1, T-1}$

## DIGRESSION on Partitioned Inverse Rule

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Suppose that a square matrix,  $Z$ , can be partitioned as follows.

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Then } Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

Given  $E, F, G, \& H$ , find  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ .

The following 4 statements hold.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad Ea + Fb &= I && \text{from } \textcircled{2}: \\ \textcircled{2} \quad Ec + Fd &= 0 &\implies& Ec = -Fd \\ \textcircled{3} \quad Ga + Hb &= 0 && c = -E^{-1}Fd \quad (\text{if } E \text{ nonsingular}) \\ \textcircled{4} \quad Gc + Hd &= I \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into  $\textcircled{4}$ :  $G(-E^{-1}Fd) + Hd = I$

$$(H - GE^{-1}F)d = I$$

$$Dd = I$$

$$\begin{cases} d = D^{-1}I = D^{-1} \\ c = -E^{-1}FD^{-1} \end{cases}$$

From  $\textcircled{1}$ :  $Ea = I - Fb$

$$a = E^{-1}(I - Fb)$$

Substitute into  $\textcircled{3}$ :  $GE^{-1}(I - Fb) + Hb = 0$

$$GE^{-1} - GE^{-1}Fb + Hb = 0$$

$$(H - GE^{-1}F)b = -GE^{-1}$$

$$Db = -GE^{-1}$$

$$\begin{cases} b = -D^{-1}GE^{-1} \\ a = E^{-1}(I + FD^{-1}GE^{-1}) \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E^{-1} + E^{-1}FD^{-1}GE^{-1} & -E^{-1}FD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}GE^{-1} & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ [put  $D^{-1}$  in top left corner.]

Alternatively, from ③:  $Hb = -Ga$   
 $b = -H^{-1}Ga$  (if  $H$  nonsingular)

Substitute into ①:  $Ea + F(-H^{-1}Ga) = I$   
 $(E - FH^{-1}G)a = I$   
 $Da = I$   
 $a = D^{-1}$   
 $b = -H^{-1}GD^{-1}$

From ④:  $Hd = I - Gc$   
 $d = H^{-1}(I - Gc)$

Substitute into ②:  $Ec + FH^{-1}(I - Gc) = 0$   
 $Ec + FH^{-1} - FH^{-1}Gc = 0$   
 $(E - FH^{-1}G)c = -FH^{-1}$   
 $Dc = -FH^{-1}$   
 $c = -D^{-1}FH^{-1}$   
 $d = H^{-1}(I + GD^{-1}FH^{-1})$

And  $Z^{-1}$  can also be written:

$$Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} D^{-1} & -D^{-1}FH^{-1} \\ -H^{-1}GD^{-1} & H^{-1} + H^{-1}GD^{-1}FH^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Thus  $Z^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E^{-1} + E^{-1}FD^{-1}GE^{-1} & -E^{-1}FD^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}GE^{-1} & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D^{-1} & -D^{-1}FH^{-1} \\ -H^{-1}GD^{-1} & H^{-1} + H^{-1}GD^{-1}FH^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

where  $D = H - GE^{-1}F$  and  $D = E - FH^{-1}G$

Example 4: Test of equality restriction on part of  $\beta$ .

Partition  $\beta$  -  $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{matrix} (K-H) \times 1 \\ H \times 1 \end{matrix}$   $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_2^*$

Restrictions -  $R\beta = r$

where  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_H \end{bmatrix}$  ;  $r = \beta_2^*$

$$R\beta \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{H \times (K-H)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{K-H} \\ \beta_{K-H+1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\beta_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{K-H+1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{bmatrix} = \beta_2$$

$m = H = \#$  of restrictions

Substitute this into the test statistic:

$$\frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) / m}{SSE / T - K} = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2^*)' [(0 \ I_H)(X'X)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_H \end{pmatrix}]^{-1} (\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2^*) / H}{S^2} \sim F_{H, T-K}$$

where  $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{bmatrix}$   $\leftarrow$  (partition  $X$ )  
 $\begin{matrix} T \times K & T \times (K-H) & T \times H \end{matrix}$   $(X_1 \rightarrow \beta_1 ; X_2 \rightarrow \beta_2)$

$$M_1 = I_T - X_1(X_1'X_1)^{-1}X_1'$$

$$D = X_2'M_1X_2$$

by Partitioned Inverse Rule.

To see that  $D$  is appropriate,  
apply the Partition Inverse Rule.

In our case,

$$Z = X'X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1' \\ X_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1'X_1 & X_1'X_2 \\ X_2'X_1 & X_2'X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } Z^{-1} = (X'X)^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} X_1'X_1 & X_1'X_2 \\ X_2'X_1 & X_2'X_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E^{-1} + E^{-1}F D^{-1}G E^{-1} & -E^{-1}F D^{-1} \\ -D^{-1}G E^{-1} & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } D = H - G E^{-1} F$$

$$= X_2'X_2 - X_2'X_1 (X_1'X_1)^{-1} X_1'X_2$$

$$= \boxed{X_2' M_1 X_2}$$

$$\text{with } M_1 = I_T - X_1 (X_1'X_1)^{-1} X_1'$$

In this example,

$$[R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_k \end{pmatrix} (X'X)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_k \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ \text{bottom right partition of } (X'X)^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= [D^{-1}]^{-1} = D.$$

Hence, the statistic is

$$\frac{(\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2^*)' D (\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2^*) / H}{S^2} \sim F_{H, T-K}.$$



Example 6: Chow Test

- Test of equality of 2 regressions
- (Analysis of Covariance) ← Suits mal

$$Y_1 = X_1 \beta_1 + \epsilon_1 \quad ; \quad T_1 \text{ obs.} \quad \beta_1 \rightarrow K \times 1 \quad X_1 \rightarrow T_1 \times K$$

$$Y_2 = X_2 \beta_2 + \epsilon_2 \quad ; \quad T_2 \text{ obs.} \quad \beta_2 \rightarrow K \times 1 \quad X_2 \rightarrow T_2 \times K$$

$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta$

Assumption:  $Cov \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^2 I_{T_1+T_2}$   
 i.e. all  $(T_1 + T_2)$  disturbances have equal variances & are indep.

The joint equation:  $\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} \beta + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}$

or  $Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad ; \quad T = T_1 + T_2 \text{ obs.}$   
 Under  $H_0$ , this is what we'd do.

$SSE_{unrestricted} = SSE_{T_1} + SSE_{T_2}$  (don't impose restriction)  
 $SSE_{restricted} = SSE_T$  (impose restriction)

The test statistic is

$F_{K, T-2K} \Rightarrow \frac{[SSE_T - (SSE_{T_1} + SSE_{T_2})] / K}{(SSE_{T_1} + SSE_{T_2}) / T - 2K}$

degrees of freedom:  
 $\rightarrow (T-K) - (T_1-K) - (T_2-K) = K$   
 $\rightarrow (T_1-K) + (T_2-K) = T - 2K$

examples of uses of Chow Test:

- (i) In a long time series regression where  $\exists$  some possible structural change in model after certain event in time. [e.g. wars, energy crisis]
- (ii) Cross-sectional data that is grouped in some way. [e.g. Blacks - whites, males - females]

Again the "General Statement" is important.

$$\frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) / m}{SSE / T - K}$$

is sometimes gory.

It is often easier to write the statistic as

$$\frac{(SSE_R - SSE_u) / m}{SSE_u / T - K}$$

So consider how to impose the restrictions in  $H_0 \rightarrow SSE_R$  and do it!

This works for any kind of linear restrictions &  $\therefore$  for any of the above examples.

Example 7: Test of adequacy of the model. [how well does model forecast]

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad ; \quad T \text{ obs. in original sample}$$

Get  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$ , & use it to forecast when new observations on  $X$  become available.

ie. let  $X_0$  be  $E$  new obs. on the explanatory var.'s. Then the forecast is

$$\hat{Y}_0 = X_0 \hat{\beta}$$

~~Define: forecast error =  $y_0 - \hat{y}_0 = (X_0 \beta + \epsilon_0) - X_0 \hat{\beta}$~~

Define: forecast error =  $v_o = y_o - \hat{y}_o$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (x_o \beta + \epsilon_o) - x_o \hat{\beta} \\
 &= x_o \beta + \epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'y \\
 &= x_o \beta + \epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'(x\beta + \epsilon) \\
 &= \epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

This is what we're interested in;

To make statements about how well the model forecasts we must test hypotheses about  $v_o$ . (Is error "significant"?)

→ we want confidence bands around  $v_o$ .

To do this we need the distribution of  $v_o$ .

$$E(v_o) = E(\epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon) = 0$$

$v_o$  is distributed Normally; a l.c. of  $\epsilon$ 's.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(v_o) &= E(v_o v_o') \\
 &= E[\epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon][\epsilon_o - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon]' \\
 &= E[\epsilon_o \epsilon_o' + x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon \epsilon' x (x'x)^{-1} x_o' \\
 &\quad - \epsilon_o \epsilon' x (x'x)^{-1} x_o' - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x'\epsilon \epsilon_o'] \\
 &= \sigma^2 I_E + \sigma^2 x_o (x'x)^{-1} x_o' - E(\epsilon_o \epsilon) x (x'x)^{-1} x_o' - x_o (x'x)^{-1} x' E(\epsilon \epsilon_o) \\
 &= \sigma^2 I_E + \sigma^2 x_o (x'x)^{-1} x_o' \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ (=0) \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ (=0) \end{matrix} \\
 &\quad \text{since } \epsilon \neq \epsilon_o \text{ independent} \\
 &\quad \text{(big assumption possibly)}
 \end{aligned}$$

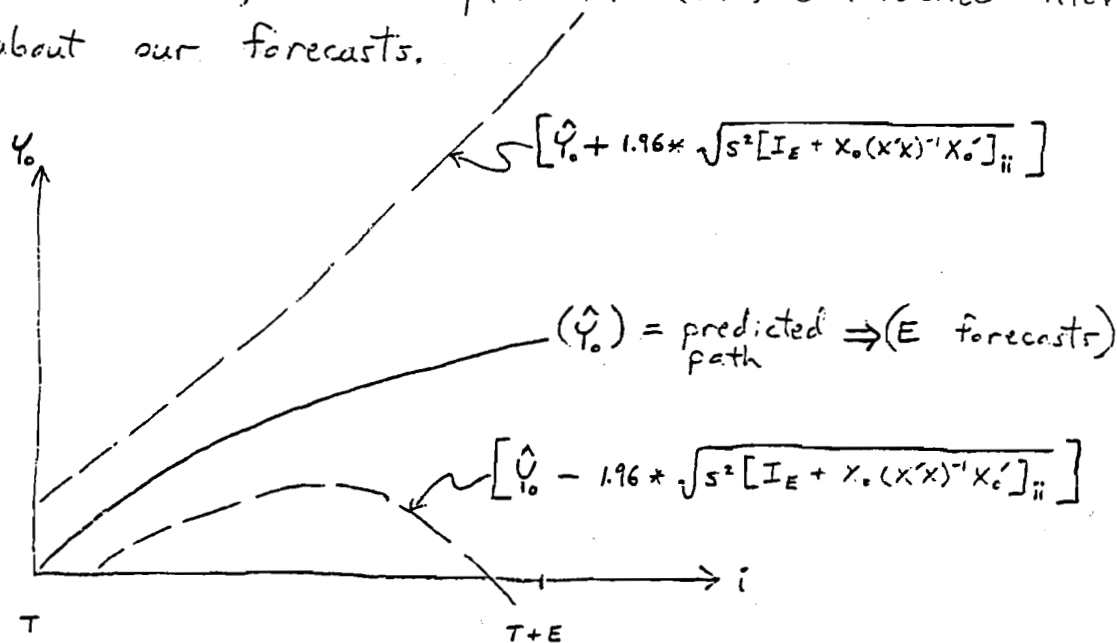
$$\Rightarrow v_o \sim N\left\{0, \sigma^2 [I_E + x_o (x'x)^{-1} x_o']\right\}$$

Under  $H_0$ : the model is adequate,

$$\frac{(v_0)_i}{\sqrt{s^2 [I_E + X_0(X'X)^{-1}X_0']_{ii}}} = \frac{(y_0 - \hat{y}_0)_i}{(\text{standard error wrt new data})_i} \sim t_{T-K}$$

$i = 1, \dots, E$

Furthermore, we can plot the (95%) confidence interval about our forecasts.



Observe that the confidence interval becomes wider (quadratically) as the forecast is made further past  $T$ .  
(in further past the point at which the model is estimated.)

--> We have less confidence in our forecasts, the further into the future we predict.

\* Construction of  $Q$  allows us to run just one regression, and obtain everything we want. — very useful.