

# Distribution Theory for Inference (confidence intervals and tests)

Chapter 3: skip sections 3.3,  
3.5 (we'll do it a different way),  
3.7 ( " " )  
3.8.3, 3.8.4

~~$y = X\beta + \epsilon$~~   ~~$\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$~~   
 $n > k+1$ , cols of  $X$  l.i.

Use MVN Theory If  $u \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$

- Save {
- $Au + c \sim N(A\mu + c, A\Sigma A')$   
 $A$  is  $n \times p$
  - $(u - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (u - \mu) \sim \chi^2(p)$
  - Zero covariance implies independence

Model  $y = X\beta + \epsilon$  with  $\epsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$

$X_{n \times (k+1)}$  constant,  $n > k+1$ , columns l.i.  
 $H = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$

- $y \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n)$
- $b = (X'X)^{-1}X'y \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1})$
- $\hat{y} = Xb = Hy \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 H)$
- $e = y - \hat{y} = (I - H)y \sim N(0, \sigma^2 (I - H))$   
    "   
     $(I - H)\epsilon$

ESP. Save this one

Independence of  $e$  and  $b$  will follow from  $\text{cov}(e, b) = 0$

$$\text{cov}(e, b) = E(eb') - E(e)E(b') = E(eb') - 0$$

$n \times (k+1)$

using  $e = (I - H)e$

$$\begin{aligned} E(eb') &= E\left\{(I-H)e\left[(X'X)^{-1}X'y'\right]'\right\} \\ &= E\left\{(I-H)e y' X (X'X)^{-1}\right\} \\ &= (I-H) E\left\{e(X\beta + e)'\right\} X (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= (I-H) \left[ E\left\{e\beta' X'\right\} + E\left\{e e'\right\} \right] X (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= (I-H) \left[ \underbrace{E\left\{e e'\right\}}_0 \beta' X' + \sigma^2 I_n \right] X (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (I-H) X (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 \left( X (X'X)^{-1} - X (X'X)^{-1} \underbrace{X' X (X'X)^{-1}}_I \right) = 0_{n \times (k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\begin{pmatrix} e \\ b \end{pmatrix} \sim MVN$ , this means

$e$  &  $b$  are independent

## Distribution of $e'e/\sigma^2$

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In an earlier calculation,

$$S = (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = (y - \hat{y} + \hat{y} - X\beta)'(y - \hat{y} + \hat{y} - X\beta) \\ = e'e + 0 + [X(b-\beta)]'X(b-\beta)$$

so

$$\frac{(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{e'e}{\sigma^2} + \frac{(b-\beta)'X'X(b-\beta)}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\underbrace{(y - X\beta)'(\sigma^{-2}I_n)^{-1}(y - X\beta)}_{\chi^2(n)} = \underbrace{\frac{e'e}{\sigma^2}}_{W_1} + \underbrace{(b-\beta)'[\sigma^{-2}(X'X)^{-1}]^{-1}(b-\beta)}_{\chi^2(k+1)} = W_1 + W_2$$

Independent, so

$$\frac{e'e}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-k-1)$$

Confidence intervals & tests for  
linear combinations  $l' \beta$  or any single coefficient, etc

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The  $F$  distribution

Lower case!

If  $Z \sim N(0,1)$  &  $W \sim \chi^2(r)$  are independent,

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{W/r}} \sim F(r)$$

Choose a  $z$  and  $w$

$$l' \hat{b} \sim N(l' \beta, l' \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} l)$$

$$= N(l' \beta, \sigma^2 l' (X'X)^{-1} l)$$

BLUE

so Center & Scale

$$z = \frac{l' \hat{b} - l' \beta}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 l' (X'X)^{-1} l}} \sim N(0,1)$$

and

$$w = \frac{e'e}{\sigma^2}, \text{ so}$$

Independent because they are functions of  $b$  &  $e$ , which are independent, so

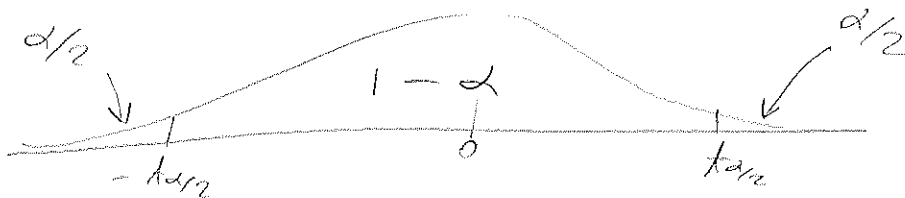
$$t = \frac{\bar{z}}{\sqrt{w/r}}$$

$$= \frac{l\hat{b} - l\beta}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 l'(X'X)^{-1}l}} \sqrt{\frac{e'e}{\sigma^2 / (n-k-1)}}$$

$$= \frac{l\hat{b} - l\beta}{\Delta \sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1}l}} \sim t(n-k-1), \text{ where}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{e'e}{n-k-1} \text{ also known as MSE}$$

Confidence interval for  $l'\beta$



$$1 - \alpha = P_{\Omega} \{ -t_{\alpha/2} < t < t_{\alpha/2} \} = P_{\Omega} \left\{ -t_{\alpha/2} < \frac{l\hat{b} - l\beta}{\Delta \sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1}l}} < t_{\alpha/2} \right\}$$

= ...

$$= P_{\Omega} \left\{ l\hat{b} - t_{\alpha/2} \Delta \sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1}l} < l'\beta < l\hat{b} + t_{\alpha/2} \Delta \sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1}l} \right\}$$

$$\text{CI } l'\beta \pm t_{\alpha/2} \Delta \sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1}l}$$

Or test  $H_0: l' \beta = \gamma$

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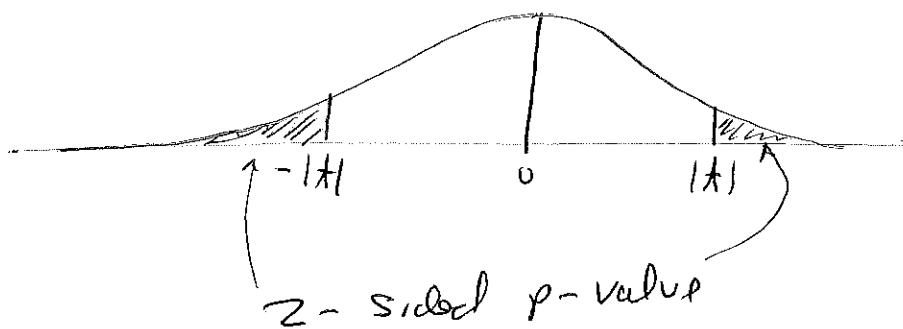
like  $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$  Controlling (allowing) for High School GPA, does score on a standardized test predict success in university?

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$$

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 univ. GPA HS GPA SAT

If  $H_0$  is true,  $T = \frac{l' \hat{b} - \gamma}{\sqrt{l'(X'X)^{-1} l}} \sim t(n-k-1)$ ,

and we reject  $H_0$  2-sided if  $|T| > t_{\alpha/2}$ , or



Test several linear combinations  
at once

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$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \epsilon_i$$

UNIV GPA                      1st yr HS GPA                      2nd                      3rd                      4th

Question: Does GPA in the first 2 years help predict success in university if you have 3rd & 4th year GPA?

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$$

This is a null hypothesis of the form

$$C\beta = \gamma$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C$  is an  $m$  by  $k+1$  matrix with linearly independent rows.

Let  $W_1 \sim \chi^2(\gamma_1)$  &  $W_2 \sim \chi^2(\gamma_2)$   
be independent. Then

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$$F = \frac{W_1/\gamma_1}{W_2/\gamma_2} \sim F(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \quad \underline{\text{Def}}$$

$Cb \sim N_m(C\beta, \sigma^2 C(X'X)^{-1}C')$  so that  
if  $H_0: C\beta = \gamma$  is true,

$$W_1 = (Cb - \gamma)' \left( \sigma^2 C(X'X)^{-1}C' \right)^{-1} (Cb - \gamma) \sim \chi^2(m)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Cb - \gamma)' \left( C(X'X)^{-1}C' \right)^{-1} (Cb - \gamma)$$

symmetric, inverse exists so positive definite  
Gets bigger when  $Cb$  is farther from  $\gamma$

Independent of

$$W_2 = \frac{e'e}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-k-1), \text{ so}$$

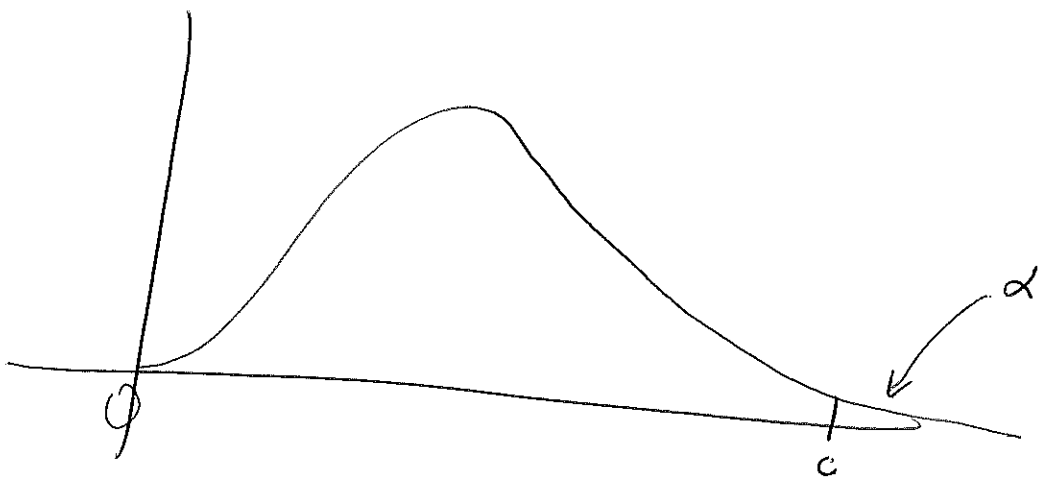


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$$F = \frac{w_1 / \gamma_1}{w_2 / \gamma_2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} (cb - \delta)' (C(X'X)^{-1}C')^{-1} (cb - \delta) / m}{\frac{e'e}{\sigma^2} / (n - k - 1)}$$
$$= \frac{(cb - \delta)' (C(X'X)^{-1}C')^{-1} (cb - \delta)}{m \sigma^2} \underbrace{H_0}_{F(m, n - k - 1)}$$

with big values of  $F$  leading to rejection of  $H_0: C\beta = \delta$



Not in the book as far as I can tell.

Important feature of the general linear test: Logically equivalent null hypotheses yield the same test statistic

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Example HS GPA again with

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \epsilon_i$$

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2, \beta_2 = \beta_3, \beta_3 = 0$$

is the same as  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

Theorem Let  $A$  be an  $m \times m$  non-singular

matrix so that  $C\beta = \gamma \iff (AC)\beta = (A\gamma)$

The ~~F~~ F statistic for testing

$H_0: (AC)\beta = (A\gamma)$  is the same as the statistic for testing

$$H_0: C\beta = \gamma$$

Proof  $F^* = \frac{(ACb - A\gamma)' (AC(X'X)^{-1}(AC)')^{-1} (ACb - A\gamma)}{m \sigma^2}$

$$= (ACb - \gamma)' (AC(X'X)^{-1}C'A')^{-1} A(Cb - \gamma) / (m \sigma^2)$$

$$= (Cb - \gamma)' A'A^{-1} (C(X'X)^{-1}C'A^{-1}A) (Cb - \gamma) / (m \sigma^2)$$

$$= \frac{(Cb - \gamma)' (C(X'X)^{-1}C')^{-1} (Cb - \gamma)}{m \sigma^2} \quad \square$$

Does the example fit this pattern?

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Consider

$$H_0: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

That is  $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2, \beta_2 = \beta_3, \beta_3 = 0$  want

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Yes

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This <sup>always</sup> works for equivalent Linear null hypotheses. Logically equivalent means ~~now equivalent~~

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maybe don't say this

The trick: these inevitable hypotheses always involve  $m$  linearly independent statements about  $m$  betas.

- Locate the matrix  $H_1$  in  $C$
- To convert it into  $H_2$ , let

$$A = H_2 H_1^{-1}$$

The idea is that  $H_1^{-1}$  will first convert  $H_1$  into  $I$ , & then  $H_2 I = H_2$  columns of zeros don't matter.

Test is based on

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## Comparing two regression models

- Model with all the variables: A & B  
Full, or unrestricted model
- Model with just set A  
Reduced, or restricted model

Unrestricted Full model will fit better

$$SSE_F \leq SSE_R \Leftrightarrow SSR_F \geq SSR_R \Leftrightarrow R_F^2 \geq R_R^2$$

How much better?  $\Rightarrow$  Say there are  $m$  variables in set B

$$F = \frac{SSR_F - SSR_R}{m \sigma^2} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} F(m, n-k-1)$$

- The null hypothesis is that the regression coefficients for all the variables in set B = 0  
Reduced model is the null hypothesis model

- Applies to any restriction on  $\beta$  of the form  
 $C\beta = \delta$

- It's exactly = to the general linear test statistic:

$$F = \frac{(Cb - \delta)' (C(X'X)^{-1}C')^{-1} (Cb - \delta)}{m \sigma^2}$$

Section 3.3  
Lagrange

JUST ANOTHER WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT

# Extra Sum of Squares

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Full-Reduced model @

LR method of Section 3.3

For future reference only

- Divide IVs into 2 sets,  $A \neq B$
- Interested in testing B controlling for A

For example,  $y$  is heart function (power, efficiency)

A are known risk factors, like

- Age
- Family history of CHD
- Smoking
- Exercise (self report)
- Total calories

B are diet variables, like

- " Calories from red meat
- " " preserved meat
- " " saturated fat
- etc - could be more sophisticated

## • Null hypothesis

General Idea: If variables in set A are in the model, variables in set B do not matter.



We see from

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$$F = \frac{(SSR_F - SSR_R) / m}{\frac{\sigma^2}{F}} = \frac{(cb - \delta)' (C(X'X)^{-1} C')^{-1} (cb - \delta)}{m \sigma^2}$$

- You can literally fit a reduced and then a full model. *Two-step process.*
  - \* Convenient with some software (R, SPSS but not SAS)
  - \* A good way to think about it. Does adding the variables (relaxing the restriction) significantly improve  $R^2$ ?
- But you don't have to — only the full model is required.

More interpretation (Discuss)

$$a = \frac{R_F^2 - R_R^2}{1 - R_R^2}, \quad F = \left( \frac{n - k - 1}{m} \right) \left( \frac{a}{1 - a} \right)$$

*2 ways to get significance*

$$a = \frac{m F}{(n - k - 1) + m F}$$

# Prediction Intervals

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3.8.2: " CI for a future observation

$$y_0 = x_0' \beta + \varepsilon_0, \text{ estimate with } \hat{y}_0 = x_0' b$$

zero not  $n+1$  - common unfortunate notation

$\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_0$  all independent, yes?

$$t = \frac{\bar{z}}{\sqrt{w/r}}$$

Theorem: A  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  prediction interval for a new observation  $y_0$  is given by

$$x_0' b \pm t_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{1 + x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0}$$

comp CI for  $l' \beta$

$$l' b \pm t_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{l' (X'X)^{-1} l}$$

Proof