

Exam 1 Answers

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Exercises 6b

2. Given the model $Y_i = \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$ where $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2 w_i^{-1})$ show how to predict x_0 for a given value of Y_0 . Describe a method for constructing a confidence interval for x_0 .

Prediction of x_0 can be done using the equation $\tilde{x} = Y_0 / \tilde{\beta}_1$ where

$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum w_i Y_i (x_i - \bar{x}_w)}{\sum w_i (x_i - \bar{x}_w)^2}$$
$$\bar{x}_w = \frac{\sum w_i x_i}{\sum w_i}$$

A confidence interval for x_0 can be found by using the roots of

$$x^2 \left(\tilde{\beta}_1^2 - \frac{\lambda^2 S^2}{\sum x_i^2} \right) - 2x \tilde{\beta}_1 Y_0 + Y_0^2 - \lambda^2 S^2 = 0$$

where we take

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \left\{ \sum w_i Y_i^2 - \tilde{\beta}_1^2 \sum w_i x_i^2 \right\}$$

3. Given the regression line

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

where the ε_i are independent with $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$ and $\text{var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2 x_i^2$, show that weighted least squares estimation is equivalent to ordinary least squares estimation for the model

$$\frac{Y_i}{x_i} = \beta_1 + \frac{\beta_0}{x_i} + \delta_i$$

The main idea is to use the weighted least squares method and set $w_i = x_i^{-2}$. Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{-2} (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2 = \min$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i}{x_i} \right)^2 = \min$$

Which is equivalent to the model

$$\frac{Y_i}{x_i} = \beta_1 + \frac{\beta_0}{x_i} + \delta_i$$

Where $\delta_i = \varepsilon_i/x_i$.

Miscellaneous Exercises 6

2. Derive an F -statistic for testing the hypothesis that two straight lines intersect at the point (a, b)

Define the combined model as $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$. Where $\mathbf{Y}' = (y_{1,1}, \dots, y_{1,n}, y_{2,1}, \dots, y_{2,m})$ and

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{1,1} & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{1,n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x_{2,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x_{2,m} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

And $\boldsymbol{\beta}' = (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$. Then we use the F -statistic derived previously

$$F = \frac{(RSS_H - RSS)/q}{RSS/(n-p)} \quad (2)$$

With

$$RSS_H - RSS = (A\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - c)' (A(X'X)^{-1}A')^{-1} (A\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - c) \quad (3)$$

And we set

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

3. Obtain an estimate and a confidence interval for the horizontal distance between two parallel lines.

Since the lines are parallel we have the models

$$Y_1 = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 X_1 \quad (6)$$

$$Y_2 = \alpha_2 + \beta_1 X_2 \quad (7)$$

Setting $Y_1 = Y_2 = 0$ and solving, we get the estimate

$$\delta = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_2 - \hat{\alpha}_1}{\hat{\beta}_1} \quad (8)$$

where we choose the models so that the estimate δ is positive. Then to get a confidence interval we define

$$U = \hat{\alpha}_2 - \hat{\alpha}_1 - \hat{\beta}_1 \delta \quad (9)$$

Then we have the following properties of U

$$EU = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{var}(U) = \text{var}(\bar{Y}_2) + \text{var}(\bar{Y}_1) + (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - \delta)^2 \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \quad (11)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - \delta)^2}{\sum \sum (x_{ik} - \bar{x}_{i.})^2} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= \sigma_U^2 \quad (13)$$

Where the covariance terms in $\text{var}(U)$ are all 0. Since U is a linear combination of the Y_i , we can say that U has the distribution $N(0, w\sigma^2)$ and we can construct the T variable

$$T = \frac{U/\sigma_U}{S/\sigma} \quad (14)$$

Where $S^2 = RSS_{H_1}/(n_1 + n_2 - 3)$ for the alternative hypothesis H_1 that the lines are parallel. Then the confidence interval are the roots in δ of the equation

$$T^2 = F_{1, n_1 + n_2 - 3}^\alpha \quad (15)$$

Miscellaneous Exercises 7

3. Suppose that the regression curve

$$E[Y] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$

has a local maximum at $x = x_m$ where x_m is near the origin. if Y is observed at n points x_i in $[-a, a]$, $\bar{x} = 0$, and the usual normality assumptions hold, outline a method for finding a confidence interval for x_m .

First find a statistic for $\hat{x}_m$ by differentiating and solving for 0 to find the value $\hat{x}_m$

$$0 = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 x \quad (16)$$

$$\hat{x}_m = \frac{-\hat{\beta}_1}{2\hat{\beta}_2} \quad (17)$$

Then let $U = \hat{\beta}_1 + 2\hat{\beta}_2 x_m$ which has the properties

$$E[U] = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\text{var}(U) = \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_1) + 4x_m^2 \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) + 4x_m^2 \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_1) = \sigma_U^2 \quad (19)$$

Where $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$. Which means we have the new variable

$$T = \frac{U/\sigma_U}{S/\sigma} \sim t_{n-3} \quad (20)$$

And the confidence interval can be defined by the roots of the quadratic

$$T^2 = F_{1,n-3}^\alpha \quad (21)$$

in x_m .

Miscellaneous Exercises 9

1. Suppose that the postulated regression model is

$$EY = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

when the true model is

$$EY = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$$

If the observations of EY are taken at $x = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ what is the bias?

If we let

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -27 \\ 4 & -8 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 \\ 9 & 27 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

Then we have the model

$$EY = X \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} + Z \begin{pmatrix} \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

And we can use equation (9.2) from the text

$$E\hat{\beta} = \beta + L\gamma \quad (25)$$

Where $\gamma = (\beta_2, \beta_3)'$ and

$$L\gamma = (X'X)^{-1}X'Z\gamma \quad (26)$$

Which gives us the relation

$$E\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{28} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 28 & 0 \\ 0 & 196 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

So that the bias is

$$E\hat{\beta}_0 = \beta_0 + 4\beta_2 \quad (28)$$

$$E\hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + 7\beta_3 \quad (29)$$

Exercises 10a

4. Show that $(1 - h_i)^2 + \sum_{j \neq i} h_{ij}^2 = (1 - h_i)$.

If the h_{ij} are the elements of the hat matrix H which has the form

$$\hat{Y} = X(X'X)^{-1}X'Y = HY \quad (30)$$

Then, H is the idempotent projection matrix that transforms Y into $\hat{Y}$. This implies $(I - H)^2 = I - H$ and shows $(1 - h_i)^2 + \sum_{j \neq i} h_{ij}^2 = (1 - h_i)$.

Exercises 10c

4. Suppose that $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$ are gamma random variables so that $EY = r\lambda_i = \mu_i$, say, and $\text{var}[Y_i] = r^{-1}\mu_i^2$. Find a transformation that will make the variances of the Y_i approximately equal.

If we use the methods described in section 10.4.3 of the text, we find that we can make the variances more homogeneous if we use

$$\text{var}[f(Y_i)] \approx \left(\frac{df}{d\mu} \right)^2 \text{var}[Y_i] \quad (31)$$

$$= \left(\frac{df}{d\mu} \right)^2 w(\mu) \quad (32)$$

Then in this case we let $w(\mu) = r^{-1}\mu_i^2$. And we look at

$$f(\mu) = \int \left(\frac{r}{\mu^2} \right)^{1/2} d\mu \quad (33)$$

$$= \sqrt{r} \int \frac{1}{\mu} d\mu \quad (34)$$

$$= \sqrt{r} \log \mu \quad (35)$$

So we expect the data $(\sqrt{r} \log Y_1, \sqrt{r} \log Y_2, \dots, \sqrt{r} \log Y_n)$ to have approximately the same variance.