

Problem 3. In the two-variable model

$$y_i = \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i, i = 1, \dots, 11$$

Suppose that $x'_1 x_1 = 2, x'_2 x_2 = 2, x'_1 x_2 = 1, x'_1 y = 2, x'_2 y = 1, y' y = 7/3$ where x_1, x_2 and y are the column vectors with typical elements x_{1i}, x_{2i} and y_i respectively.

Assume $\epsilon_i \sim i.i.d.N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2)$. Suppose you would like to make out-of-sample predictions about the left-hand-side(dependent) variable for two hypothetical observations with the following characteristics:

Obs.	x_1	x_2
12	5	-2
13	3	-7

1. Construct 80% prediction intervals for the dependent variable y for observations 12 and 13.

$$\beta = (X'X)^{-1}X'y, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X' = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X'X &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 x_1 & x'_1 x_2 \\ x'_2 x_1 & x'_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ (X'X)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{(x'_1 x_1)(x'_2 x_2) - (x'_1 x_2)(x'_2 x_1)} \begin{bmatrix} x'_2 x_2 & -x'_1 x_2 \\ -x'_2 x_1 & x'_1 x_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ X'y &= \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 y \\ x'_2 y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \frac{1}{(x'_1 x_1)(x'_2 x_2) - (x'_1 x_2)(x'_2 x_1)} \begin{bmatrix} x'_2 x_2 & -x'_1 x_2 \\ -x'_2 x_1 & x'_1 x_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 y \\ x'_2 y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x'_1 x_1)(x'_2 x_2) - (x'_1 x_2)(x'_2 x_1)} \begin{bmatrix} (x'_2 x_2)(x'_1 y) + (-x'_1 x_2)(x'_2 y) \\ (-x'_2 x_1)(x'_1 y) + (x'_1 x_1)(x'_2 y) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2)(2) - (1)(1)} \begin{bmatrix} (2)(2) + (-1)(1) \\ (-1)(2) + (2)(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$y_i = x_{1i} + \epsilon_i, \quad \hat{y}_i = x_{1i} \quad \because \beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n-2} \sum \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum (y_i - x_{1i})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-2} \left(\sum y_i^2 - 2 \sum y_i x_{1i} + \sum x_{1i}^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{7}{3} - 2(2) + 2 \right) = \frac{1}{27} \end{aligned}$$

A 100(1- α)% Prediction Interval for $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$ when $x = x^*$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x^* \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

where the tabulated $t_{\alpha/2}$ is based on $n - 2$ df.

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = 0, \hat{\beta}_1 = 1, t_{0.1}(9) = 1.383, S = \hat{\sigma} = 0.19245, \bar{x} = 0, S_{xx} = x'x$$

$$\text{at Obs. 12, } x^* = 5, \text{ Prediction Interval} = 5 \pm (1.383)(0.19245) \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{5^2}{2}} = 5 \pm 0.9803 = (4.020, 5.980)$$

$$\text{at Obs. 13, } x^* = 3, \text{ Prediction Interval} = 3 \pm (1.383)(0.19245) \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{3^2}{2}} = 3 \pm 0.6280 = (2.372, 3.628)$$

2. Construct 80% prediction intervals for the expected value of y_{12} and y_{13} .

A 100(1- α)% Confidence Interval for $E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^*$ when $x = x^*$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x^* \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

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$$\text{at Obs. 12, } x^* = 5, \text{ Prediction Interval} = 5 \pm (1.383)(0.19245) \sqrt{\frac{1}{15} + \frac{5^2}{2}} = 5 \pm 0.9435 = (4.0565, 5.9435)$$

$$\text{at Obs. 13, } x^* = 3, \text{ Prediction Interval} = 3 \pm (1.383)(0.19245) \sqrt{\frac{1}{15} + \frac{3^2}{2}} = 3 \pm 0.5688 = (2.4312, 3.5688)$$

3. Do the answers above differ? Why?

$$\text{Var}(\text{error}) = \text{Var}(Y^* - \widehat{Y}^*) = \text{Var}(Y^*) + \text{Var}(\widehat{Y}^*) - 2\text{Cov}(Y^*, \widehat{Y}^*)$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y^*, \widehat{Y}^*) = 0 \quad \because Y^* \text{ and } \widehat{Y}^* \text{ are independent.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\text{error}) &= \text{Var}(Y^*) + \text{Var}(\widehat{Y}^*) = \sigma^2 + \text{Var}(\widehat{\beta}_0 + \widehat{\beta}_1 x^*) \\ &= \sigma^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}} \right) \sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the variance of particular value of variable Y is bigger than one of the expected value of variable Y.