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## Solutions for PS # 2

1. (a)  $X^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$   
(b)  $N(0, 1)$   
(c)  $\chi^2(1)$  (by the continuous mapping theorem)

2.

$$Z'Z = \begin{pmatrix} 760 & 30 & 1300 \\ 30 & 31 & 0 \\ 1300 & 0 & 2480 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the above matrix, we can know that

$$n = 31, \sum x_i = 0, \sum y_i = 30, \sum x_i^2 = 2480, \sum y_i^2 = 760, \sum x_i y_i = 1300$$

Therefore, we have sample means for x and y as follows.

$$\bar{x} = 0, \bar{y} = 30/31$$

i) sample size: 31

ii) the mean of X:  $0 \div 31 = 0$

iii) We know that in the two variable case  $R^2$  is the square of the correlation between X and Y. Therefore, we're going to use the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n \bar{x} \bar{y}}{\sqrt{\sum x_i^2 - n \bar{x}^2} \sqrt{\sum y_i^2 - n \bar{y}^2}} \\ &= \frac{1300 - 31 \times 0 \times 30/31}{\sqrt{2480 - 31 \times 0^2} \sqrt{760 - 31 \times (30/31)^2}} \\ &= 0.9655 \\ R^2 &= r^2 = 0.9323 \end{aligned}$$

iv) OLS estimator

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta} &= \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \\
&= \frac{1300 - 31 \times 0 \times 30/31}{2480 - 31 \times 0^2} \\
&= 0.5242
\end{aligned}$$

v) F-statistics for  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 0$

For this, we have to calculate  $S^2 (= \frac{e'e}{n-k} = \frac{e'e}{29})$

$$\begin{aligned}
e'e &= \sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2 - \hat{\beta}^2 \sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2 - 0.5242^2 (\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2) \\
&= 760 - 31 \times (30/31)^2 - 0.5242^2 (2480 - 31 \times 0^2) \\
&= 49.50 \\
S^2 &= 49.50/29 = 1.71
\end{aligned}$$

For F-statistics, we want to use the following formula (Refer to the lecture note 5. However, \* implies restricted model here). Note that  $e^{*'}e^* = \sum y_i^2$ . (Since there is no explanatory variable left under the null hypothesis)

$$\begin{aligned}
F &= \frac{(e^{*'}e^* - e'e)/(trM^* - trM)}{e'e/trM} \\
&= \frac{(760 - 49.50)/2}{1.71} \\
&= 207.7485
\end{aligned}$$

vi)  $Ex = \alpha^* + \beta^*y$

$R^2$  is same as before.

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta}^* &= \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2} \\
&= \frac{1300 - 31 \times 0 \times 30/31}{760 - 31 \times (30/31)^2} \\
&= 1.78
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{e}'\tilde{e} &= \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 - \hat{\beta}^{*2} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2 - 1.78^2 (\sum y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2) \\
&= 2480 - 31 \times 0^2 - 1.78^2 (760 - 31 \times (30/31)^2) \\
&= 164.00 \\
\tilde{S}^2 &= 164.00/29 = 5.66 \\
s.e.(\hat{\beta}^*) &= \sqrt{5.66} * \left( \sqrt{\sum y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2} \right)^{-1} = \sqrt{5.66} * \left( \sqrt{760 - 31 \times (30/31)^2} \right)^{-1} \\
&= 0.0880 \\
t &= \hat{\beta}^* / s.e.(\hat{\beta}^*) = 1.78/0.0880 = 20.23
\end{aligned}$$

- (a)  $y = X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' M_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$   
(b)  $P_1 y = X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' X_2)^{-1} X_2' P_1 y$   
(c)  $P_1 y = P_1 X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' P_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' P_1 y$   
(d)  $M_1 y = X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$   
(e)  $y = M_1 X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' M_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$   
(f)  $M_1 y = M_1 X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' M_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$   
(g)  $M_1 y = X_1\beta_1 + M_1 X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' M_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$   
(h)  $M_1 y = M_1 X_1\beta_1 + M_1 X_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \widehat{\beta}_2 = (X_2' M_1 X_2)^{-1} X_2' M_1 y$

Therefore, e,f,g,h give the same results.

3. Unbiasedness implies that  $c_1 + c_2 = 1$ , since  $E(b) = (c_1 + c_2)\beta$ .

Therefore, the problem consists of minimizing  $Var(b) = c_1^2 v_1 + c_2^2 v_2$  subject to  $c_1 + c_2 = 1$ .

Second order conditions will be met, since the objective function is quadratic and the restriction is linear and from the first order conditions we can conclude that  $c_1 = \frac{v_2}{v_1+v_2}$  and  $c_2 = \frac{v_1}{v_1+v_2}$ .

- (a)  $E[b | X] = \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X' E[\varepsilon | X] = \beta$  since  $E[\varepsilon | X] = 0$ .

Therefore,  $E[b] = E(E[b | X] | X) = E(\beta | X) = \beta$ .

Hence, if the regressors are stochastic, as long as they are uncorrelated with the error term (and the all other assumptions hold), the OLS estimator of  $\beta$  is still unbiased.

- (b)  $Var(b) = E_X [Var(b | X)] + Var_X E[b | X]$

Note that  $Var(b | X) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$  (random variable, since X is random)

and  $E[b | X] = \beta$  (constant)

Therefore,

$$Var(b) = E_X [\sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}] + Var_X [\beta] = \sigma^2 E[(X'X)^{-1}] + 0 = \sigma^2 E[(X'X)^{-1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_n &= 3 - \frac{1}{n^2} \\ Y_n &= \sqrt{n} \frac{\overline{Z_n}}{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\overline{Z_n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$  and  $Z_i$ 's are i.i.d. with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

Note that  $X_n - 3 = o_p(1)$  ( $p \lim X_n = 3$ ) and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

(a)  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} N(3, 1)$

(b)  $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 3^2)$

(c)  $Y_n^2 \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(1)$

(a) Prove that  $\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{p} \beta$ . (Using Law of Large Numbers)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= \beta + \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{N}\right) \\ p \lim \hat{\beta} &= \beta + p \lim \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} p \lim \left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{N}\right) \\ &= \beta + Q^{-1} \cdot 0 \\ &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= \beta + \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{N}\right) \\ \sqrt{N}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) &= \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $p \lim \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} = Q^{-1}$  by Law of Large Numbers and Continuous Mapping Theorem and that  $\left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2 Q)$  by Central Limit Theorem.

Then, we have the following limiting distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{N}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) &= \left(\frac{X'X}{N}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{X'\varepsilon}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2 Q^{-1} Q Q^{-1}) \\ &= N(0, \sigma^2 Q^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Prove that  $p \lim S^2 = \sigma^2$  where  $S^2 = \frac{e'e}{N-k}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^2 &= \frac{e'e}{N-K} = \frac{\varepsilon' M \varepsilon}{N-K} \\
 &= \frac{\varepsilon'(I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')\varepsilon}{N-K} \\
 &= \frac{N}{N-K} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon'\varepsilon}{N} - \frac{\varepsilon'X(X'X)^{-1}X'\varepsilon}{N} \right] \\
 &= \frac{N}{N-K} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon'\varepsilon}{N} - \frac{\varepsilon'X}{N} \left( \frac{X'X}{N} \right)^{-1} \frac{X'\varepsilon}{N} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, apply the Law of Large Numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \lim S^2 &= p \lim \frac{N}{N-K} \left[ p \lim \frac{\varepsilon'\varepsilon}{N} - p \lim \frac{\varepsilon'X}{N} \cdot p \lim \left( \frac{X'X}{N} \right)^{-1} \cdot p \lim \frac{X'\varepsilon}{N} \right] \\
 &= 1 \cdot [\sigma^2 - 0 \cdot Q^{-1} \cdot 0] \\
 &= \sigma^2
 \end{aligned}$$