

1. For  $A' = A \in R^{n \times n}$  and  $B' = B \in R^{n \times n}$  prove the following two statements

(1) If  $A \geq 0$ , then  $TAT' \geq 0$  for all  $T \in R^{m \times n}$ .

Hint: Give the definition for  $A \geq 0$  first.

Note that  $A \geq 0 \stackrel{def}{\iff} x'Ax \geq 0$  for all  $x \in R^n$ .

For all  $x \in R^m$ , with  $y = T'x \in R^n$ , by  $A \geq 0$ ,  $x'TAT'x = y'Ay \geq 0$ .

By the definition,  $TAT' \geq 0$ .

(2) If  $A \geq B$ , then  $TAT' \geq TBT'$  for all  $T \in R^{m \times n}$ .

Hint: Give the definition of  $A \geq B$  first.

Note that  $A \geq B \stackrel{def}{\iff} A - B \geq 0$ , i.e.,  $x'(A - B)x \geq 0$  for all  $x \in R^n$ .

For  $x \in R^m$ , with  $y = T'x \in R^n$ , by  $A \geq B$ ,  $x'T(A - B)T'x = y'(A - B)y \geq 0$ .

Thus  $T(A - B)T' = TAT' - TBT' \geq 0$ .

Hence  $TAT' \geq TBT'$ .

2. Prove the following statements

(1) If  $\hat{\eta}$  is a LUE for  $\eta$ , then  $A\hat{\eta}$  is a LUE for  $A\eta$ .

If  $\hat{\eta}$  is a LUE for  $\eta$ , then  $\hat{\eta} = LY$  for some  $L$  is a linear function of  $Y$ , and  $E(\hat{\eta}) \equiv \eta$ . So

$A\hat{\eta} = ALY$  is a linear function of  $Y$ , and  $E(ALY) = AE(LY) = A\eta$ .

Hence  $A\hat{\eta}$  is a LUE for  $A\eta$ .

(2) If  $\hat{\eta}$  is a BLUE for  $\eta$  and  $B$  is non-singular, then  $B\hat{\eta}$  is a BLUE for  $B\eta$ .

$\hat{\eta}$  is a BLUE for  $\eta \implies \hat{\eta}$  is a LUE for  $\eta$ . By (1) in 2,

$$B\hat{\eta} \in \text{LUE}(B\eta).$$

Suppose  $\hat{\xi} \in \text{LUE}(B\eta)$ , we need to show

$$r(B\hat{\eta}, B\eta) = \text{Cov}(B\hat{\eta}) \leq \text{Cov}(\hat{\xi}) = r(\hat{\xi}, B\eta).$$

$\hat{\xi} \in \text{LUE}(B\eta)$ . By (1) in 2,  $B^{-1}\hat{\xi} \in \text{LUE}(B^{-1}B\eta) = \text{LUE}(\eta)$ .

But  $\hat{\eta}$  is the BLUE for  $\eta$ . So

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\eta}) \leq \text{Cov}(B^{-1}\hat{\xi}).$$

By (2) of 1,  $B[\text{Cov}(\hat{\eta})]B' \leq B[\text{Cov}(B^{-1}\hat{\xi})]B'$ , i.e.,

$$\text{Cov}(B\hat{\eta}) \leq \text{Cov}(\hat{\xi}).$$