

For $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$, $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2\Sigma)$, $X \in R^{n \times p}$ has full column rank. $\theta = l'\beta \in R$ has BLUE $l'\hat{\beta}$ where $\hat{\beta}$ is the minimum norm GLSE $_{\Sigma^{-1}}(\beta)$.

1. Find $\sigma_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2$, the variance of $l'\hat{\beta}$.

$$\hat{\beta} = (\Sigma^{-1/2}X)^+ \Sigma^{-1/2}Y = (X'\Sigma^{-1}X)^{-1} X'\Sigma^{-1}Y \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'\Sigma^{-1}X)^{-1}).$$

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

So the variance of $l'\hat{\beta}$ is $\sigma_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2 = \sigma^2 l'(X'\Sigma^{-1}X)^{-1}l$.

2. Replacing parameters in the expression of $\sigma_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2$ by their UEs one can get the estimated the variance of $l'\hat{\beta}$, $S_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2$. Find $S_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2$.

$$S_{l'\hat{\beta}}^2 = \text{MSE } l'(X'\Sigma^{-1}X)^{-1}l.$$

3. It is known that $F(1, n-p) = [t(n-p)]^2$. Derive the relation of $F_\alpha(1, n-p)$ and $t_{\alpha/2}(n-p)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= P(F(1, n-p) > F_\alpha(1, n-p)) = P([t(n-p)]^2 > F_\alpha(1, n-p)) \\ &= 2P\left(t(n-p) > \sqrt{F_\alpha(1, n-p)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\alpha}{2} = P\left(t(n-p) > \sqrt{F_\alpha(1, n-p)}\right).$$

$$\text{Thus } \sqrt{F_\alpha(1, n-p)} = t_{\alpha/2}(n-p).$$

4. Express the $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval for $\theta = l'\beta$ derived in the lecture using the cut-off point for $t(n-p)$ distribution and $S_{l'\hat{\beta}}$.

$1 - \alpha$ CI for $\theta = l'\beta$, $\theta \in l'\hat{\beta} \pm \sqrt{F_\alpha(1, n-p)} \sqrt{\text{MSE } l'(X'\Sigma^{-1}X)^{-1}l}$, has been derived in the class. It can be equivalently expressed as

$$\theta \in l'\hat{\beta} \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-p)S_{l'\hat{\beta}}.$$