

## Statistics Prelim Exam, Linear Models part

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Q1 counts for 60 points and Q2, 40 points. Answer questions with showing all of your work.

1. (60 points) We consider a linear model  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  where  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5, y_6)'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\mu, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4)'$ ,

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

- (a) Find the rank of  $\mathbf{X}'$ .
- (b) Show that  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}'\boldsymbol{\beta} = -\tau_1 - \tau_2 + \tau_3 + \tau_4$  is an estimable function of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .
- (c) Express the best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE) of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$  with regard to  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ .
- (d) What is the rank of  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$ ? Justify your answer in details.
- (e) Prove that  $\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  is unbiased of  $\sigma^2$ .
- (f) Find the distribution of the BLUE of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .
- (g) Show that  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is

$$\left( \boldsymbol{\lambda}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, 2} \sqrt{\text{MSE } \boldsymbol{\lambda}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\lambda}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, 2} \sqrt{\text{MSE } \boldsymbol{\lambda}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \right).$$

Show all steps in details.

2. (40 points) Consider the linear model  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  where  $\mathbf{X}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix with full rank and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ . Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  be the ordinary least squares estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

The ridge regression estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)$  is the vector-value of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  that minimizes

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda\boldsymbol{\beta}'\boldsymbol{\beta},$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is a fixed real number.

- (a) Find an expression for  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)$ . Show that you can write  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda) = \mathbf{W}_\lambda \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  for some matrix  $\mathbf{W}_\lambda$  that depends on  $\lambda$  and give the explicit expression for  $\mathbf{W}_\lambda$ .
- (b) Find the mean, bias and variance of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)$ .
- (c) Show that  $\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)) < \text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  in the sense that  $\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - \text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda))$  is positive definite.  
Hint: You may use the fact that  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}'$  where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with elements  $d_i > 0$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.
- (d) Show that the mean squared error of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)$  is expressed by

$$E\{(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda) - \boldsymbol{\beta})'(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda) - \boldsymbol{\beta})\} = \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma^2\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}'$$

where

- $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix and  $d_i$  is the  $i$ -th diagonal element of the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  defined in part (c),
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is a diagonal matrix with elements  $\left(\frac{\lambda}{d_i + \lambda}\right)^2$ , and
  - $\mathbf{B}$  is a diagonal matrix with elements  $\frac{d_i}{(d_i + \lambda)^2}$ .
- (e) Assuming now that  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = d\mathbf{I}_p$  where  $d$  is a fixed constant, find the optimum value of  $\lambda$  that minimizes the mean squared error of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_R(\lambda)$ .