

# ON AN EXTENSIVE PROPERTY OF BLUE ESTIMATOR

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### Abstract:

We provide an extensive theorem of the best linear unbiased estimator in general linear model

#### 1. Introduction:

Let  $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \sim N_n(0, \Sigma_n)$  be a general Gaussian linear model

where  $Y$  is an  $n \times 1$  observable vector of random variables

$X$  is an  $n \times P$  full rank design matrix ( $n > P$ )

$\beta$  is a  $p \times 1$  vector of unknown parameters

$\epsilon$  is an  $n \times 1$  unobservable vector of normal random variable

$\Sigma_n$  is a known positive definite  $n \times n$  matrix

It is well known that  $\hat{\beta} = (X^T \Sigma_n^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T \Sigma_n^{-1} Y \sim N_p(\beta, (X^T \Sigma_n^{-1} X)^{-1})$

and  $\hat{\beta}$  is the best linear unbiased estimator of  $\beta$  i.e  $\hat{\beta} = BLUE(\beta)$ , Here we develop the best linear estimator with the given bias vector based on the BLUE estimator

#### 2. Definition:

Let  $\tilde{\beta}$  be a linear estimator of  $\beta$  with given bias  $B$ , we define  $\hat{\beta} = BLE(\beta | B)$  to be the best linear estimator of  $\beta$  with given Bias  $B$ , if for any linear estimator of  $\beta$ ,  $\check{\beta}$  with the same bias  $B$  such that the matrix  $(MSE(\check{\beta}) - MSE(\hat{\beta}))$  is non-negative definite where  $MSE(\check{\beta}) = E(\check{\beta} - \beta)(\check{\beta} - \beta)^T$ . Specially we say that  $\hat{\beta} = BLE(\beta | B)$  is the best linear unbiased estimator if  $B = 0$ , that is,  $BLE(\beta | 0) = BLUE(\beta)$

#### 3. Theorem:

[Theorem] Let  $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \sim N_n(0, \Sigma_n)$  be general Gaussian linear model

$$B = T_p^T \beta \dots \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$C = T I_p$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T \Sigma_n^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T \Sigma_n^{-1} Y = BLUE(\beta)$$

if and only if  $\hat{\beta}^* = C \hat{\beta}$

then  $\hat{\beta}^* = \text{BLE}(\beta | B)$

[proof] (→) If  $\hat{\beta}^* = C \hat{\beta}$  now to prove that

$$\hat{\beta}^* = \text{BLE}(\beta | B)$$

$$\text{Let } \check{\beta} = H\check{Y} \dots\dots\dots \text{②}$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} H_{p \times n} = C_{p \times n} (\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + D_{p \times n} \\ D: \text{arbitrary known } p \times n \text{ matrix} \end{cases}$$

then  $\check{\beta}$  is any linear estimator of  $\beta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } E(\check{\beta}) &= \beta + B = \beta + T \beta = (T + I_p) \beta \\ &= C \beta \dots\dots\dots \text{③} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} E(\check{\beta}) &= E(H\check{Y}) = E(H(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)) \\ &= H\mathbf{X}\beta + HE(\epsilon) = H\mathbf{X}\beta \dots\dots\dots \text{④} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + D]\mathbf{X}\beta \\ &= C\beta + D\mathbf{X}\beta \dots\dots\dots \text{⑤} \end{aligned}$$

compare ⑤ to ③ and ④ we get

$$\begin{cases} D\mathbf{X} = 0 \\ H\mathbf{X} = C \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots \text{⑥}$$

i.e

$\check{\beta}$  is a linear estimator of  $\beta$  with bias

$$B = T\beta \text{ if } D\mathbf{X} = 0 \text{ and } H\mathbf{X} = C$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\check{\beta}) &= E(\check{\beta} - C\beta)(\check{\beta} - C\beta)^T \\ &= E(\check{\beta}\check{\beta}^T) - C\beta(C\beta)^T \\ &= E\{[H(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)](\epsilon^T + \beta^T \mathbf{X}^T H^T)\} - C\beta\beta^T C^T \\ &= H\mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T \mathbf{X}^T H^T + E(H\epsilon\epsilon^T H^T) - C\beta\beta^T C^T \dots\dots\dots \text{⑦} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $H\mathbf{X} = C$  and  $E(\epsilon\epsilon^T) = \Sigma_n$

formula ⑦ may be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\check{\beta}) &= H\Sigma_n H^T \\ &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + D]\Sigma_n [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + D]^T \\ &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + D]\Sigma_n [D^T + \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T] \\ &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T D^T + C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + D\Sigma_n D^T \\ &\quad + D\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T \dots\dots\dots \text{⑧} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \begin{cases} D\mathbf{X} = 0 \\ \mathbf{X}^T D^T = (D\mathbf{X})^T = 0 \end{cases}$$

formula ⑧ may be reduced to

$$\text{Var}(\check{\beta}) = C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + D\Sigma_n D^T \dots\dots\dots \text{⑨}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\tilde{\beta}) &= \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}) + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \\ &= C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + D \Sigma_n D + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \dots\dots\dots ⑩ \end{aligned}$$

now consider  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*)$  Since  $\hat{\beta}^* = C \hat{\beta}$  We get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) &= \text{MSE}(C \hat{\beta}) \\ &= \text{Var}(C \hat{\beta}) + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \\ &= C \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) C^T + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \\ &= C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \dots\dots\dots ⑪ \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D \Sigma_n D^T$  is non-negative definite

compare ⑪ to ⑩ we get

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) \leq \text{MSE}(\tilde{\beta}) \text{ i.e. } (\text{MSE}(\tilde{\beta}) - \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*)) \text{ is non-negative definite}$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}$  is any linear estimator of  $\beta$  with bias  $\underline{B} = T \beta$

$$\text{Therefore } \hat{\beta}^* = \text{BLE}(\beta | \underline{B})$$

(←) If  $\hat{\beta}^* = \text{BLE}(\beta | \underline{B})$

$$\text{where } \underline{B} = T \beta, E(\hat{\beta}^*) = C \beta \dots\dots\dots ⑫$$

then we get  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) \leq \text{MSE}(\tilde{\beta}^*)$

where  $\tilde{\beta}^*$  is any linear estimator of  $\beta$  with bias  $\underline{B} = T \beta$

$$\text{Hence } \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) \leq \text{MSE}(C \hat{\beta}) \dots\dots\dots ⑬$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \underline{Y}$$

now to prove that  $\hat{\beta}^* = C \hat{\beta}$

$$\text{Let } \hat{\beta}^* = \underline{H}^* \underline{Y} \dots\dots\dots ⑭$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}^* - C \hat{\beta} &= \underline{H}^* \underline{Y} - C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \underline{Y} \\ &= (\underline{H}^* - C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1}) \underline{Y} \triangleq \underline{D}^* \underline{Y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{H}^* - C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} = \underline{D}^*$$

$$\text{or } \underline{H}^* = C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} + \underline{D}^* \dots\dots\dots ⑮$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\beta}^*) &= E(\underline{H}^* \underline{Y}) = E(\underline{H}^* (\mathbf{X} \beta + \underline{\epsilon})) \\ &= \underline{H}^* \mathbf{X} \beta + \underline{H}^* E(\underline{\epsilon}) = \underline{H}^* \mathbf{X} \beta \dots\dots\dots ⑯ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \underline{D}^*] \mathbf{X} \beta \\ &= C \beta + \underline{D}^* \mathbf{X} \beta \dots\dots\dots ⑰ \end{aligned}$$

compare ⑰ to ⑫ and ⑯

we must have

$$\begin{cases} \underline{D}^* \mathbf{X} = \underline{0} \\ \underline{H}^* \mathbf{X} = \underline{C} \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots ⑱$$

By the similarly derivation, replace  $\underline{D}, \underline{H}$  by  $\underline{D}^*, \underline{H}^*$  respectively, we may obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) &= C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + \underline{D}^* \Sigma_n \underline{D}^{*T} + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T \\ &= [C(\mathbf{X}^T \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} C^T + \underline{B}\underline{B}^T] + \underline{D}^* \Sigma_n \underline{D}^{*T} \dots\dots\dots ⑲ \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\underline{D}^* \Sigma_n \underline{D}^{*T}$  is non-negative definite

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) \geq \text{MSE}(C\hat{\beta}) \dots\dots\dots 20$$

from 13 and 20 we have

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) = \text{MSE}(C\hat{\beta})$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}^*) = C(X^{-1} \sum_n^{-1} X)^{-1}C + B\Xi^T \dots\dots\dots 21$$

compare 21 to 19 we get

$$D^* \Sigma_n D^{*T} = 0 \text{ but } \Sigma_n \neq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } D^* = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \hat{\beta}^* - C\hat{\beta} = D^*Y = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } \hat{\beta}^* = C\hat{\beta}$$

It completes the proof

Q.E.D.

4. Conclusion:

In general linear model, always we have a hope of finding an estimator at least as good as BLUE in some specified criterion, such as MSE risk function matrix, we may consider whether there exists any improved biased estimator. The theorem mentioned above may be helpful for performing this work.

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中文摘要

本文提出了線性模式 BLUE 估計式之一擴張定理，將偏誤為 0（亦即不偏）之情況推廣至偏誤為任意值之一般情況。