

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sum x_i^2} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Denote } x_i = (x_i - \bar{x}) \\ y_i = (r_i - \bar{r}) \end{array} \right]$$

\therefore From (ia) $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{r} - \hat{\beta} \bar{x}$ \rightarrow OLS Estimates.

Discussion: Justify why the OLS Estimates $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})$ are reasonably good estimates for unknown popln parameters (α, β)

Criteria for a good estimate:

(i) Estimates should be unbiased; i.e. we should have

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta, \quad E(\hat{\alpha}) = \alpha.$$

(ii) Out of all possible estimates of α, β that can be constructed, OLS Estimates should have low variances.

(iii) As sample size (n) increases, estimates should converge to their popln values -- [Consistency]

$$\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{P} \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\alpha} \xrightarrow{P} \alpha \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Properties of OLS Estimators:-

(i) From NE: $\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} x_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum e_i = 0 \dots (i)$

$\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} x_i) x_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum e_i x_i = 0 \dots (ii)$

(ii) From sample: $\text{COV}(X, e) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(e_i - \bar{e})$ ($\because \bar{e} = \frac{1}{n} \sum e_i$)

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) e_i$$

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$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n e_i x_i - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \right] = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{cov}(X, e) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{corr}(X, e) = 0$$

\therefore Explanatory value (X) & error in estimation (e) are uncorrelated.

(iii) To check for unbiasedness of $\hat{\beta}$:-

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{\sum x_i (y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - \bar{y} \sum x_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$x_i = (x_i - \bar{x})$
 $\sum x_i = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})$
 $= 0$

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sum x_i^2} = \sum \left(\frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2} \right) y_i$$

$\hat{=} w_i$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \hat{\beta} = \sum w_i y_i \left[w_i = \frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2} \right] (\because \hat{\beta} \text{ is a linear combination of } y_i\text{'s})$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \sum w_i (\alpha + \beta x_i + u_i) \quad [\because \text{PRF: } y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + u_i]$$

$$= \alpha \sum w_i + \beta \sum w_i x_i + \sum w_i u_i$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \alpha + \sum w_i u_i \quad (\because \hat{\beta} \text{ is a linear combination of } u_i\text{'s})$$

Now, $\sum w_i = \sum \frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{1}{\sum x_i^2} \cdot (\sum x_i) = 0$

$$\sum w_i x_i = \sum \frac{x_i \cdot x_i}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{1}{\sum x_i^2} \cdot \sum x_i^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) \cdot x_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sum x_i^2 - \bar{x} \sum x_i) / n}{(\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2) / n}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2 - \bar{x}^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = 1$$

Now, $\hat{\beta} = \beta + \sum w_i u_i$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\beta}) &= E[\beta + \sum w_i u_i] \\ &= \beta + E[\sum w_i u_i] \quad (\because \beta \text{ is a fixed constant unknown popln parameter}) \\ &= \beta + \sum w_i E(u_i) \quad \left(\because w_i \text{'s are non-stochastic} \right) \\ &\quad \underbrace{= 0}_{\text{by assumption}} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta \dots \dots$ (unbiased)

(iv) Obtain $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By defn: } \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) &= E[\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})]^2 \\ &= E[\hat{\beta} - \beta]^2 \\ &= E[\sum w_i u_i]^2 \quad (\because \hat{\beta} = \beta + \sum w_i u_i) \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (w_i u_i)^2 + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (w_i u_i)(w_j u_j) \right] \\ &= E\left[\sum w_i^2 u_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \sum w_i w_j u_i u_j \right] \\ &= \sum w_i^2 E(u_i^2) + \sum_{i \neq j} \sum w_i w_j E(u_i u_j) \end{aligned}$$

By assumption:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(u_i) &= \sigma^2 \\ \left[E(u_i^2) - \underbrace{[E(u_i)]^2}_{=0} \right] &= \sigma^2 \\ \therefore E(u_i^2) &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum w_i^2 \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 \sum w_i^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \sum \left(\frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} (\sum x_i^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E(u_i^2) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{cov}(u_i, u_j) = 0$$

$$E(u_i u_j) - \underbrace{E(u_i)}_0 \underbrace{E(u_j)}_0 = 0$$

$$\therefore E(u_i u_j) = 0$$

$$= \sigma^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} (\sum x_i^2)$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2}$$

(v) To check unbiasedness of $\hat{\alpha}$:

$$\text{we know: } \hat{\alpha} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}$$

$$\text{we have shown: } \hat{\beta} = \sum w_i Y_i \quad \left[w_i = \frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2} \right]$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{n} \sum Y_i - \bar{X} \sum w_i Y_i$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \sum \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n} - \bar{X} w_i \right)}_{\lambda_i} Y_i$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \sum \lambda_i Y_i \quad , \quad \left[\lambda_i = \frac{1}{n} - \bar{X} w_i \right]$$

($\hat{\alpha}$ is a linear combination of Y_i 's)

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