

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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# Outline

## Topics

- ▶ Likelihood Function
- ▶ Projections
- ▶ Maximum Likelihood Estimates

Readings: Christensen Chapter 1-2, Appendix A, and Appendix B

## Models

Take an random vector  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  which is observable and decompose

$$\mathbf{Y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

into  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (unknown, fixed) and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  unobservable error vector (random)

Usual assumptions?

- ▶  $E[\epsilon_i] = 0 \quad \forall i \Leftrightarrow E[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}] = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow E[\mathbf{Y}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  (mean vector)
- ▶  $\epsilon_i$  independent with  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$  and  $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) = 0$
- ▶ Matrix version

$$\text{Cov}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}] \equiv [(E[\epsilon_i - E[\epsilon_i]])(E[\epsilon_j - E[\epsilon_j]])]_{ij} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}[\mathbf{Y}] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n \text{ (errors are uncorrelated)}$$

- ▶  $\epsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$  implies that  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$

## Likelihood Functions

The likelihood function for  $\mu, \sigma^2$  is proportional to the sampling distribution of the data

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi\sigma^2)}} \exp -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &\propto (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_i (Y_i - \mu_i)^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}{\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &\propto (2\pi)^{-n/2} |\mathbf{I}_n \sigma^2|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Last line is the density of  $\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$

## MLEs

Find values of  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  that maximize the likelihood  $\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  for  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\sigma^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right\}$$

$$\log(\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2)) \propto -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2}$$

or equivalently the log likelihood

Clearly,  $\hat{\mu} = \mathbf{Y}$  but  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0$  is outside the parameter space

Need restrictions on  $\mu = \mathbf{X}\beta$

## Column Space

- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶ The set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_p$  is the space spanned by  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_p \equiv S(\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_p)$
- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_2 \dots \mathbf{X}_p]$  be a  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $\mathbf{X}_j$  then the column space of  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $C(\mathbf{X}) = S(\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_p)$  space spanned by the (column) vectors of  $\mathbf{X}$
- ▶  $\mu \in C(\mathbf{X}) : C(\mathbf{X}) = \{\mu \mid \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } \mathbf{X}\beta = \mu \text{ for some } \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p\}$  (also called the Range of  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $R(\mathbf{X})$ )
- ▶  $\beta$  are the “coordinates” of  $\mu$  in this space
- ▶  $C(\mathbf{X})$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Many equivalent ways to represent the same mean vector –  
inference should be independent of the coordinate system used

## Projections

- ▶  $\mu = \mathbf{X}\beta$  with  $\mathbf{X}$  full rank  $\mu \in C(\mathbf{X})$
- ▶  $\mathbf{P}_x = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$
- ▶  $\mathbf{P}_x$  is the orthogonal projection operator on the column space of  $\mathbf{X}$ ; e.g.
- ▶  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^2$  idempotent (projection)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_x^2 &= \mathbf{P}_x \mathbf{P}_x = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T \\ &= \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T \\ &= \mathbf{P}_x\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T$  symmetry (orthogonal)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_x^T &= (\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T)^T \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T)^T ((\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1})^T (\mathbf{X})^T \\ &= \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T \\ &= \mathbf{P}_x\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{P}_x\mu = \mathbf{P}_x\mathbf{X}\beta = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\beta = \mathbf{X}\beta = \mu$

# Projections

Claim:  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X$  is an orthogonal projection onto  $C(\mathbf{X})^\perp$

- ▶ idempotent

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)^2 &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \\ &= \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X - \mathbf{P}_X + \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{P}_X \\ &= \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X - \mathbf{P}_X + \mathbf{P}_X \\ &= \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Symmetry  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)^T$
- ▶  $\mathbf{u} \in C(\mathbf{X})^\perp \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \perp C(\mathbf{X})$  that is  $u \in C(\mathbf{X})^\perp$  and  $v \in C(\mathbf{X})$  then  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0$
- ▶  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$  (projection)
- ▶ if  $\mathbf{v} \in C(\mathbf{X})$ ,  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

## Log Likelihood

$\mathbf{Y} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$  with  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  full column rank

Claim: Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE) of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is  $\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{Y}$

- ▶ Log Likelihood:

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2}{\sigma^2}$$

- ▶ Decompose  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{Y} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{Y}$
- ▶ Use  $\mathbf{P}_X \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}$
- ▶ Simplify  $\|\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2$

## Expand

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2 &= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{P}_x\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2 \\&= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{P}_x\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{P}_x\boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2 \\&= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{P}_x(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\|^2 \\&= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}_x(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{P}_x^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y} \\&= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}_x(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\|^2 + 0 \\&= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}_x\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Crossproduct term is zero

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_x^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x) &= \mathbf{P}_x (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x) \\&= \mathbf{P}_x - \mathbf{P}_x \mathbf{P}_x \\&= \mathbf{P}_x - \mathbf{P}_x \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

## Likelihood

Substitute decomposition into log likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\log \mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2} \\&= -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \\&= \underbrace{-\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{\sigma^2}}_{\text{constant with respect to } \mu} + \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2}}_{\leq 0} \\&= \text{constant with respect to } \mu \quad \leq 0\end{aligned}$$

Maximize with respect to  $\mu$  for each  $\sigma^2$

RHS is largest when  $\mu = \mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y}$  for any choice of  $\sigma^2$

$$\therefore \hat{\mu} = \mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y}$$

is the MLE of  $\mu$  (yields fitted values  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y}$ )

## MLE of $\beta$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} - \mu\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \\ \mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2}{\sigma^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Similar argument to show that RHS is maximized by minimizing

$$\|\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2$$

Therefore  $\hat{\beta}$  is a MLE of  $\beta$  if and only if satisfies

$$\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}$$

If  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$  is full rank, the MLE of  $\beta$  is

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

## MLE of $\sigma^2$

- ▶ Plug-in MLE of  $\hat{\mu}$  for  $\mu$  and differentiate with respect to  $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Set derivative to zero and solve for MLE

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2}\right)^2 \\ \frac{n}{2} \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2 \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

## Estimate of $\sigma^2$

Maximum Likelihood Estimate of  $\sigma^2$

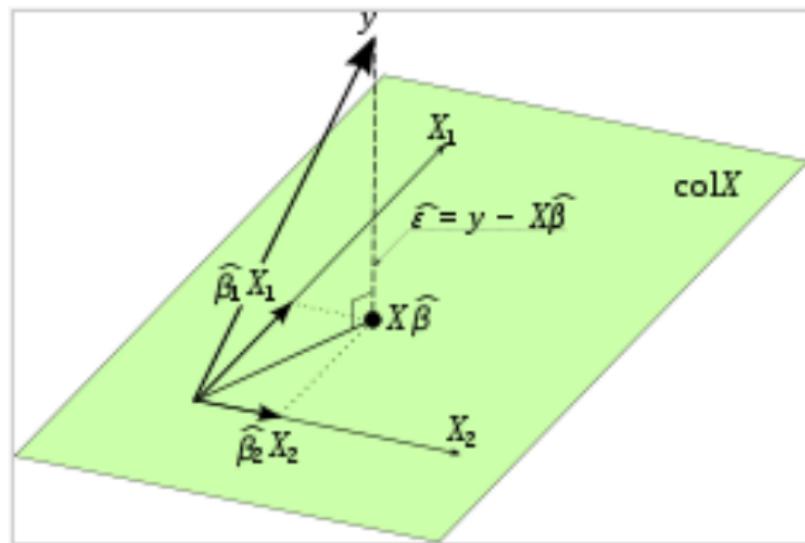
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{\|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)^T(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{e}^T\mathbf{e}}{n}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}$  residuals from the regression of  $\mathbf{Y}$  on  $\mathbf{X}$

## Geometric View

- ▶ Fitted Values  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$
- ▶ Residuals  $\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}$
- ▶  $\mathbf{Y} = \hat{\mathbf{Y}} + \mathbf{e}$

$$\|\mathbf{Y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{Y}\|^2 + \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}\|^2$$



## Properties

$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  is an unbiased estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\mathbf{Y}}] &= E[\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{Y}] \\ &= \mathbf{P}_X E[\mathbf{Y}] \\ &= \mathbf{P}_X \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

$E[\mathbf{e}] = \mathbf{0}$  if  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in C(\mathbf{X})$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\mathbf{e}] &= E[(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{Y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) E[\mathbf{Y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Will not be  $\mathbf{0}$  if  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \notin C(\mathbf{X})$  (useful for model checking)

## Estimate of $\sigma^2$

MLE of  $\sigma^2$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}}{n} = \frac{\mathbf{Y}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_x) \mathbf{Y}}{n}$$

Is this an unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$ ?

Need expectations of quadratic forms  $\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  an  $n \times n$  matrix  
 $\mathbf{Y}$  a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

## Quadratic Forms

Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$

- ▶  $\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$  is a scalar
- ▶  $\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y})^T = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}}{2} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$$
$$\mathbf{Y}^T \frac{(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T)}{2} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$$

- ▶ may take  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$

# Expectations of Quadratic Forms

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be a random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $E[\mathbf{Y}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ . Then  $E[\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}] = \text{tr} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}$ .

Result useful for finding expected values of Mean Squares; no normality required!

## Proof

Start with  $(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)$ , expand and take expectations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y} + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu - \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mu] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu - \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu - \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}] - \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu\end{aligned}$$

Rearrange

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}] &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\text{tr}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\text{tr} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \text{tr} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \text{tr} \mathbf{A} \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)(\mathbf{Y} - \mu)^T] + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu \\ &= \text{tr} \mathbf{A} \Sigma + \mu^T \mathbf{A} \mu\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{tr} \mathbf{A} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

## Expectation of $\hat{\sigma}^2$

Use the theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} E[\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{Y}] &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\sigma^2\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\boldsymbol{\mu} \\ &= \sigma^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \\ &= \sigma^2r(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \\ &= \sigma^2(n - r(\mathbf{X})) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore an unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}}{n - r(\mathbf{X})}$$

If  $\mathbf{X}$  is full rank ( $r(\mathbf{X}) = p$ ) and  $\mathbf{P}_X = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$  then the

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_X) &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_p) = p \end{aligned}$$

# Spectral Theorem

## Theorem

If  $\mathbf{A}$  ( $n \times n$ ) is a symmetric real matrix then there exists a  $\mathbf{U}$  ( $n \times n$ ) such that  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{I}_n$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$  with elements  $\lambda_i$ ; such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{U}^T$

- ▶  $\mathbf{U}$  is an orthogonal matrix;  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$
- ▶ The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  from an Orthonormal Basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- ▶ rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals the number of non-zero eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ ;
- ▶ Columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  associated with non-zero eigenvalues form an ONB for  $C(\mathbf{A})$  (eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ )
- ▶  $\mathbf{A}^p = \mathbf{U} \Lambda^p \mathbf{U}^T$  (matrix powers)
- ▶ a square root of  $\mathbf{A} > 0$  is  $\mathbf{U} \Lambda^{1/2} \mathbf{U}^T$

# Projections

## Projection Matrix

If  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal projection matrix, then its eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  are either zero or one with  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}) = \sum_i(\lambda_i) = r(\mathbf{P})$

- ▶  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^T$
- ▶  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}\Lambda^2\mathbf{U}^T$
- ▶  $\Lambda = \Lambda^2$  is true only for  $\lambda_i = 1$  or  $\lambda_i = 0$
- ▶ Since  $r(\mathbf{P})$  is the number of non-zero eigenvalues,  
 $r(\mathbf{P}) = \sum \lambda_i = \text{tr}(\mathbf{P})$

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{U}_P \mathbf{U}_{P^\perp}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0}_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_P^T \\ \mathbf{U}_{P^\perp}^T \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{U}_P \mathbf{U}_P^T$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

sum of  $r$  rank 1 projections.

## Next Class

distribution theory

Continue Reading Chapter 1-2 and Appendices A & B in  
Christensen