

0.1 Partialling Out Interpretation of OLS regression

Recall:

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

Now let's call a subset of variables X_{s1} and another (non intersecting) subset of variables as X_{s2} . In other words, X is partitioned into X_{s1} and X_{s2} . We can therefore write:

$$Y = X_{s1}\beta_{s1} + X_{s2}\beta_{s2} + \varepsilon$$

where β is appropriately partitioned into β_{s1} and β_{s2} .

Recall the normal equations:

$$X'X\hat{\beta} = X'Y \quad (1)$$

(for the rest of the course, unless specified, all estimators are OLS).

(1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{pmatrix} X'_{s1}X_{s1} & X'_{s1}X_{s2} \\ X'_{s2}X_{s1} & X'_{s2}X_{s2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{s1} \\ \hat{\beta}_{s2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X'_{s1}Y \\ X'_{s2}Y \end{pmatrix}$$

The First Line implied by this condition:

$$X'_{s1}X_{s1}\hat{\beta}_{s1} + X'_{s1}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} = X'_{s1}Y$$

or

$$\hat{\beta}_{s1} = (X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1} X'_{s1}Y - (X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1} X'_{s1}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} \quad (2)$$

1. If two sets of variables are orthogonal, that is, $X'_{s1}X_{s2} = 0$, then running the regression with all variables or separately with each set of results yields the same $\hat{\beta}$ s.

This has important implications on the impact of variables that have been left out of the regression.

The Second Line implied by this condition:

$$X'_{s2}X_{s1}\hat{\beta}_{s1} + X'_{s2}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} = X'_{s2}Y$$

Substitute the value of $\hat{\beta}_{s1}$ from (2):

$$\begin{aligned} X'_{s2}X_{s1} \left[(X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1} X'_{s1}Y - (X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1} X'_{s1}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} \right] \\ + X'_{s2}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} = X'_{s2}Y \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$X'_{s2}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} - X'_{s2}X_{s1} (X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1} X'_{s1}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2}$$

$$= X'_{s2}Y - X'_{s2}X'_{s1}(X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1}X'_{s1}Y$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} X'_{s2} \left[I - X_{s1}(X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1}X'_{s1} \right] X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} \\ = X'_{s2} \left[I - X_{s1}(X'_{s1}X_{s1})^{-1}X'_{s1} \right] Y \end{aligned}$$

Recall the definition of the residual matrix: Therefore, we can re write this expression in terms of the residual matrix:

$$X'_{s2}M_{X_{s1}}X_{s2}\hat{\beta}_{s2} = X'_{s2}M_{X_{s1}}Y$$

Hence:

$$\hat{\beta}_{s2} = (X'_{s2}M_{X_{s1}}X_{s2})^{-1}X'_{s2}M_{X_{s1}}Y$$

Recall again, that $M_{X_{s1}}$ is idempotent: So, $M_{X_{s1}}.M_{X_{s1}} = M_{X_{s1}}$. Also $M_{X_{s1}} = M'_{X_{s1}}$ Therefore,

$$\hat{\beta}_{s2} = (X'_{s2}M'_{X_{s1}}.M_{X_{s1}}X_{s2})^{-1}X'_{s2}M_{X_{s1}}.M_{X_{s1}}Y$$

Define

$$X^*_{s2} \equiv M_{X_{s1}}X_{s2}$$

and

$$Y^* \equiv M_{X_{s1}}Y$$

Then

$$\hat{\beta}_{s2} = (X^*_{s2}X^*_{s2})^{-1}X^*_{s2}Y^*$$

What is X^*_{s2} ? Its the residual when you run a regression of X_{s2} on X_{s1} . What is Y^* ? Its the residual when you run a regression of Y on X_{s1} . Therefore is $\hat{\beta}_{s2}$ is what you would get as the coefficient of X_{s2} if

STEP 1: Run a regression of Y on X_{s1} . calculate and store residuals ε_Y

STEP 2: Run a regression of each x in X_{s2} on X_{s1} . Calculate and store residuals ε_x .

STEP 3: Run a regression of ε_Y with all ε_x s as regressors. The coefficient of each x in X_{s2} will be what you would obtain if you ran a regression of Y on X_{s1} and X_{s2} .

0.2 Goodness of Fit

To evaluate the goodness of fit we look at how much of the variation in Y has been explained. We will look at models with a constant (intercept term). So the algebraic properties when we run a model with an intercept term are relevant here.

The variation in Y can be summarized by the Total Sum of Squares (TSS):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2.$$

To represent this in matrix notation, we can use M_i where $i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

what is $M_i Y$?

$$M_i Y = [I - i(i' i)^{-1} i'] Y = [I - i(n)^{-1} i'] Y$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{n} i i' Y = \frac{1}{n} i \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = i \bar{y}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = Y$$

So,

$$M_i Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \bar{y} \\ \vdots \\ \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 - \bar{y} \\ \vdots \\ y_n - \bar{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 &= (M_i Y)' M_i Y = Y' M_i' M_i Y = Y' M_i Y \\ &= Y' \left[M_i X \hat{\beta} + M_i \hat{\varepsilon} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since in a model with an intercept term the sum of residuals is zero, therefore, the mean residuals, $\bar{\hat{\varepsilon}} = 0$. Thus $M_i \hat{\varepsilon} = \hat{\varepsilon}$. This implies

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = Y' \left[M_i X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\varepsilon} \right]$$

Now substituting Y gives us

$$= \left(\hat{\beta}' X' + \hat{\varepsilon}' \right) \left(M_i X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\varepsilon} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \hat{\beta}' X' M_i X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\beta}' X' \hat{\varepsilon} + \hat{\varepsilon}' M_i X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\varepsilon}' \hat{\varepsilon} \\
&= \hat{\beta}' X' M_i X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\varepsilon}' \hat{\varepsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

since $X' \hat{\varepsilon} = 0$

$\hat{\varepsilon}' \hat{\varepsilon}$ is called the residual sum of squares (*ResidSS* : also called square of residuals). $\hat{\beta}' X' M_i X \hat{\beta}$ is the explained sum of squares (*ExplSS*; also called regression sum of squares).

Therefore

$$TSS = ExplSS + ResidSS$$

To judge the explanatory power of a model, we define R^2 (coefficient of determination).

$$R^2 = \frac{ExplSS}{TSS} = \frac{\hat{\beta}' X' M_i X \hat{\beta}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}' \hat{\varepsilon}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

By its construction, R^2 lies between 0 and 1. But notice this is only true for the model with the intercept term!

What is this expression for a regression with an intercept and an explanatory variable? (*HW*)

Notice:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta}' X' M_i X \hat{\beta} &= \hat{Y}' M_i \hat{Y} = \left(M_i \hat{Y} \right)' M_i \hat{Y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{y}_i - \bar{\hat{y}} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}_i \right)
\end{aligned}$$

(because in a regression with intercept the mean residual is zero)