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Q1. From the model equation

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}\beta_j + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \text{ iid } N(0, \sigma^2),$$

the likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{1}{\sigma^n 2\pi^{\frac{1}{2}n}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}\beta_j)^2 / \sigma^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^n 2\pi^{\frac{1}{2}n}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}\beta_j)^2 / \sigma^2\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and the log-likelihood is

$$\ell := \log L = \text{const} - n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2} [\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}\beta_j)^2] / \sigma^2. \quad (*)$$

We use Fisher's Method of Maximum, and maximise with respect to β_r in $(*)$ – or equivalently, the Method of Least Squares to minimise [...]: $\partial \ell / \partial \beta_r = 0$ gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ir}(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}\beta_j) = 0 \quad (r = 1, \dots, p),$$

or

$$\sum_{j=1}^p (\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ir}a_{ij})\beta_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ir}y_i.$$

Write $C = (c_{ij})$ for the $p \times p$ matrix

$$C := A^T A,$$

which we note is *symmetric*: $C^T = C$. Then

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n (A^T)_{ik} A_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki} a_{kj}.$$

So this says

$$\sum_{j=1}^p c_{rj}\beta_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ir}y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (A^T)_{ri}y_i.$$

In matrix notation, this is

$$(C\beta)_r = (A^T y)_r \quad (r = 1, \dots, p),$$

or combining,

$$C\beta = A^T y, \quad C := A^T A. \quad (NE)$$

These are the *normal equations*. As A ($n \times p$, with $p \ll n$) has full rank, A has rank p , so $C := A^T A$ has rank p , so is non-singular. So the normal equations have solution

$$\hat{\beta} = C^{-1} A^T y = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y.$$

Multiplying both sides by A ,

$$Py = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T y = A\hat{\beta}.$$

Q2. $\partial\ell/\partial\sigma = 0$ gives $-n/\sigma + [\dots]/\sigma^3 = 0$, $\sigma^2 = [\dots]/n$. At the maximum, $\beta = \hat{\beta}$, so $[\dots] = SSE$, giving $\hat{\sigma}^2 = SSE/n$.

$$\begin{aligned} SSE &= (y - A\hat{\beta})^T (y - A\hat{\beta}) \\ &= y^T (I - P)^T (I - P) y \quad (\text{by Q1}) \\ &= y^T (I - P) y \quad (P^T = P, P^2 = P \text{ as } P \text{ is a symmetric projection}). \end{aligned}$$

Q3. The joint MGF is

$$M(u, v) := E \exp\{u^T Ax + v^T Bx\} = E \exp\{(A^T u + B^T v)^T x\}.$$

This is the MGF of x at argument $t = A^T u + B^T v$, so

$$M(u, v) = \exp\{(u^T A + v^T B)\mu + \frac{1}{2}[u^T A \Sigma A^T u + u^T A \Sigma B^T v + v^T B \Sigma A^T u + v^T B \Sigma B^T v]\}.$$

This factorises into a product of a function of u and a function of v iff the two cross-terms in u and v vanish, that is, iff $A \Sigma B^T = 0$ and $B \Sigma A^T = 0$; by symmetry of Σ , the two are equivalent. //

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