

Written problems to be handed in Wednesday, May 21.

Under no circumstances may you refer to a homework key from this or other classes. While you may work with other students to derive a solution, when you write up your final solution, you may not refer to any other source. You must be able to develop your answer as if it were being done in a closed book, closed notes examination. You must provide a signed pledge to that effect:

*On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on the completion of this homework.*

1. Consider a linear regression model relating response  $n$ -vector  $\vec{Y}$  to an intercept and one predictor vector  $\vec{X}$  parameterized as

$$\vec{Y} = \alpha + \vec{X}\beta + \vec{\epsilon},$$

with  $\vec{\epsilon} \sim (\vec{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$ . Define pairwise slope estimates for  $i \neq j$  as

$$\hat{\beta}_{(i,j)} = \begin{cases} \frac{Y_i - Y_j}{X_i - X_j} & \text{if } X_i \neq X_j, \\ c & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

(where the choice of  $c$  in the second case is entirely arbitrary). Explicitly show that OLSE  $\hat{\beta}$  satisfies

$$\hat{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} \hat{\beta}_{(i,j)}$$

where the weights are related to the inverse variances of  $\hat{\beta}_{(i,j)}$ .

2. Random variable  $X_1 \sim F_1$  is said to be stochastically larger than random variable  $X_2 \sim F_2$  if  $F_2(y) \geq F_1(y)$  for all  $y \in (-\infty, \infty)$  (i.e,  $X_1$  has a greater probability of being greater than  $y$  than does  $X_2$ ).
  - a. Show that for some  $n \geq 1$  and some  $\delta_1 > \delta_2 \geq 0$ , non-central chi squared random variable  $X_1 \sim \chi_n^2(\delta_1)$  is stochastically larger than  $X_2 \sim \chi_n^2(\delta_2)$ .
  - b. Show that for some  $n_1 > n_2 \geq 1$  and some  $\delta \geq 0$ , non-central chi squared random variable  $X_1 \sim \chi_{n_1}^2(\delta)$  is stochastically larger than  $X_2 \sim \chi_{n_2}^2(\delta)$ .
  - c. Show that when we consider the regression model  $\vec{Y} = \mathbf{X}\vec{\beta} + \vec{\epsilon}$  with  $\vec{\epsilon} \sim (\vec{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$ , the results in parts a and b demonstrate that the hypothesis test of  $H_0 : \mathbf{A}\vec{\beta} = \vec{c}$  based on the OLSE  $\hat{\vec{\beta}}$  and the quadratic form

$$Q = \frac{(\mathbf{A}\hat{\vec{\beta}} - \vec{c})^T (\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} (\mathbf{A}\hat{\vec{\beta}} - \vec{c})}{\sigma^2}$$

is asymptotically unbiased and consistent.