

- 3.10** If  $\gamma \equiv \mathbf{w}^\top \beta = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i \beta_i$ , show that  $\text{Var}(\hat{\gamma})$ , which is given by (3.33), can also be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^k w_i^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i) + 2 \sum_{i=2}^k \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} w_i w_j \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j). \quad (3.68)$$

- 3.11** Using the data in the file **consumption.data**, construct the variables  $c_t$ , the logarithm of consumption, and  $y_t$ , the logarithm of income, and their first differences  $\Delta c_t = c_t - c_{t-1}$  and  $\Delta y_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$ . Use these data to estimate the following model for the period 1953:1 to 1996:4:

$$\Delta c_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \Delta y_t + \beta_3 \Delta y_{t-1} + \beta_4 \Delta y_{t-2} + \beta_5 \Delta y_{t-3} + \beta_6 \Delta y_{t-4} + u_t. \quad (3.69)$$

Let  $\gamma = \sum_{i=2}^6 \beta_i$ . Calculate  $\hat{\gamma}$  and its standard error in two different ways. One method should explicitly use the result (3.33), and the other should use a transformation of regression (3.69) which allows  $\hat{\gamma}$  and its standard error to be read off directly from the regression output.

- \*3.12** Starting from equation (3.42) and using the result proved in Exercise 3.9, but without using (3.43), prove that, if  $E(u_t^2) = \sigma_0^2$  and  $E(u_s u_t) = 0$  for all  $s \neq t$ , then  $\text{Var}(\hat{u}_t) = (1 - h_t) \sigma_0^2$ . This is the result (3.44).
- 3.13** Use the result (3.44) to show that the MM estimator  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  of (3.46) is consistent. You may assume that a LLN applies to the average in that equation.
- 3.14** Prove that  $E(\hat{\mathbf{u}}^\top \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = (n - k) \sigma_0^2$ . This is the result (3.48). The proof should make use of the fact that the trace of a product of matrices is invariant to cyclic permutations; see Section 2.6.
- 3.15** Consider two linear regressions, one restricted and the other unrestricted:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{u}, \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z}\gamma + \mathbf{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Show that, in the case of mutually orthogonal regressors, with  $\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{O}$ , the estimates of  $\beta$  from the two regressions are identical.

- 3.16** Suppose that you use the OLS estimates  $\hat{\beta}$ , obtained by regressing the  $n \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{y}$  on the  $n \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , to forecast the  $n_* \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{y}_*$  using the  $n_* \times k$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}_*$ . Assuming that the error terms, both within the sample used to estimate the parameters  $\beta$  and outside the sample in the forecast period, are IID( $0, \sigma^2$ ), and that the model is correctly specified, what is the covariance matrix of the vector of forecast errors?
- 3.17** The class of estimators considered by the Gauss-Markov Theorem can be written as  $\tilde{\beta} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ , with  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}$ . Show that this class of estimators is in fact identical to the class of MM estimators of the form

$$\tilde{\beta} = (\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{y}, \quad (3.70)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is a matrix of exogenous variables such that  $\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{X}$  is nonsingular.