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Partial regression

We have seen that if we partition the matrix  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$  and the vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$  we can obtain the estimate of  $\beta_2$  using the following two-step procedure:

A. Run the partial regressions:

1. Regress  $\mathbf{Y}$  on  $\mathbf{X}_1$  to obtain the residuals  $\mathbf{Y}^* = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}_1)\mathbf{Y}$ .
2. Regress each column of  $\mathbf{X}_2$  on  $\mathbf{X}_1$  to obtain the residuals  $\mathbf{X}_2^* = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}_1)\mathbf{X}_2$ .

B. Obtain the estimate of  $\beta_2$  by regressing  $\mathbf{Y}^*$  on  $\mathbf{X}_2^*$ . It is equal to  $\hat{\beta}_{2.1} = (\mathbf{X}_2^{*'}\mathbf{X}_2^*)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_2^{*'}\mathbf{Y}^*$ .

A general note:

The matrix  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}$  is called the residual maker matrix of the regression of  $\mathbf{Y}$  on  $\mathbf{X}$ . The residual vector is equal to  $\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}$ .

Now consider the following two special cases:

- a. Partition  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}_{(0)})$  and the vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$ . Use partial regression to estimate  $\beta_{(0)}$ . What is the residual maker matrix in this case?

- B. Suppose the model is  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ . We then decided to add another single predictor  $\mathbf{z}$ . So the model is now  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + c\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ . Use partial regression to estimate  $c$ .