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ON RIDGE ESTIMATORS OF THE PARAMETER VECTOR  
IN THE GENERAL LINEAR MODEL

1. INTRODUCTION

Our analysis is focussed on a subclass of biased estimators, i.e., the ridge estimators of the parameter vector  $\beta$  of the model

$$\mathcal{H}_X = (\mathcal{R}^{n \times k}, \mathcal{F}, Y = XB + \varepsilon, v(X) = k_0, v(\mathcal{B}(Y)) = n_0,$$

$$\Phi_Y = \mathcal{H}_Y(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)),$$

where:

$\mathcal{R}^{n \times k}$  - a set of real  $(n \times k)$  matrices,

$\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  - a complete probability space with  $\mathcal{P}$  as the measure for which  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  is the set of elementary events,  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Borel  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $Y, \varepsilon$  :

$(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}^n, \mathcal{F}_n), \mathcal{R}^n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional space of reals,

$\mathcal{F}_n$  - the Borel  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\mathcal{R}^n$ ,

$y, \xi \in \mathcal{R}^n$  - sample values of  $Y, \varepsilon$ ,

$\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{D}$  - expectations and dispersion operators,

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$$\mathcal{E}(Y) = X\beta, \mathcal{D}(Y) = \sigma^2 I = \mathcal{D}(\Xi), \beta \in \mathbb{R}^k, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, \sigma^2, k_0, k, n_0, n \in \mathbb{R}, \\ v(X) = \text{rank}(X) = k_0 < k, v(\mathcal{D}(Y)) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{D}(Y)) = n_0 < n,$$

" $\mathcal{P}_Y = \mathcal{N}_Y(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$ " read as "probability distribution of  $Y$  is multivariate  $n$ -dimensional normal distribution with  $\mathcal{E}(Y) = X\beta$  and  $\mathcal{D}(Y) = \sigma^2 I$ ".

Minimizing the quadratic form  $\Phi_0 = \|Y - X\beta\|^2$  with respect to  $\beta$  we obtain the least squares estimator  $B_0$  of the parameter vector  $\beta$  in the model  $\mathcal{M}_\beta$ , i.e.,

$$B_0 = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y.$$

For the model  $\mathcal{M}_\beta$ , in the case of bad-conditioning of the matrix  $X'X$ , one can propose the following estimation criteria functions:  $\Phi_{01} = \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + c\beta'\beta$  and  $\Phi_{02} = \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + \beta'CB\beta$ . Minimizing the form  $\Phi_{01}$  with respect to  $\beta$  we have the ridge estimator

$$B_{01} = (X'X + cI)^{-1}X'Y, c \in \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+ = \{\delta \in \mathbb{R}: \delta > 0\}$$

( $X'$  is the transpose of  $X$ ), and doing the same with the form  $\Phi_{02}$  we obtain

$$B_{02} = (X'X + C)^{-1}X'Y, C = \text{diag}(c_1, \dots, c_k), c_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+, C \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k},$$

For the reasons of easy handling the derivation of theoretical results concerning the properties of  $B_{01}$  and  $B_{02}$  it is necessary to reparametrize the model  $\mathcal{M}_\beta$  in the following way. Let  $X_* = XQ$ ,  $\alpha = Q'\beta$ ,  $X\beta = XQQ'\beta = X_*\alpha$ ,  $Q'Q = QQ' = I_{(k)}$ ,  $Q'X'XQ = \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_1(X'X)$  are the eigen value matrix and the  $i$ -th eigen value of the matrix  $X'X$ . Then the model  $\mathcal{M}_\beta$  can be written as

$$\mathcal{M}_\beta^* = (\mathbb{R}^{n \times k}, \beta, Y = X_*\alpha + \Xi, v(X) = k_0, v(\mathcal{D}(Y)) = \\ = n_0, \mathcal{P}_Y = \mathcal{N}_Y(X_*\alpha, \sigma^2 I)).$$

Minimizing the form  $\Phi_0^* = \|Y - X_*\alpha\|^2$  with respect to  $\alpha$  we obtain the least-squares estimator (l.s.e.) of the parameter vector  $\alpha$  for the model  $\mathcal{M}_\beta^*$ , i.e.,

$$A_0 = \Lambda^{-1} X_*' Y.$$

As was shown by Theobald [13] the relation  $MSE(B_0) > MSE(B_{01})$  holds if  $0 < c < 2\sigma^2 k / (\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^{-1} - \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2)$ , where  $MSE(B_{(1)}) = \xi(B_{(1)} - \beta)'(B_{(1)} - \beta) = \xi(\|B_{(1)} - \beta\|^2)$ , and the relation  $MSE(B_0) > MSE B_{02}$  holds iff  $\forall c_1 : c_1 > \lambda_1 (\alpha_1^2 - 2\sigma^2)\sigma^{-2} > 0, i = 1, \dots, k$ .

These relations concerning MSE are to be true if  $c, \{c_1, i = 1, \dots, k\}$  are given. If they are not one can propose:

### 1.1. Estimators for $c$ [2, 8, 4]:

$$\hat{c}_1 = S_E^2 / A_{0(j^*)}^2, \quad A_{0(j^*)}^2 = \max_{j=1, \dots, k} \{A_{0j}^2\}, \quad S_E^2 = E'E / (n-k), \quad E = Y - X_* A_0,$$

$$\hat{c}_2 = k S_E^2 / \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i A_{0i}^2 \right),$$

$$\hat{c}_3 = k S_E^2 / \left( \sum_{i=1}^k A_{0i}^2 \right).$$

Using the definitions of  $\hat{c}_1, \hat{c}_2, \hat{c}_3$  we can define the following ridge estimators

$$B_{011} = (X'X + \hat{c}_1 I)^{-1} X'Y,$$

$$B_{012} = (X'X + \hat{c}_2 I)^{-1} X'Y,$$

$$B_{013} = (X'X + \hat{c}_3 I)^{-1} X'Y.$$

### 1.2. Estimators for $c$ [1]:

$$\hat{c}_1 = \text{diag}(\hat{c}_{11}, \dots, \hat{c}_{k1}), \quad \hat{c}_{11} = S_E^2 / A_{0(1)}^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, k,$$



$$\hat{C}_2 = \text{diag}(\hat{c}_{12}, \dots, \hat{c}_{k2}), \quad \hat{c}_{12} = \lambda_1 s_E^2 / (B_0' X' X B - \delta s_E^2),$$

$$0 < \delta < \frac{2(k-2)(n-k)}{n-k+2},$$

$$\hat{C}_3 = \text{diag}(\hat{c}_{13}, \dots, \hat{c}_{k3}), \quad \hat{c}_{13} = 2 / \left( \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n-k} \right) \frac{A_0^2(1)}{s_E^2} - 1 \right).$$

Using these definitions we can define

$$B_{021} = (X'X + \hat{C}_1)^{-1} X'Y,$$

$$B_{022} = (X'X + \hat{C}_2)^{-1} X'Y,$$

$$B_{023} = (X'X + \hat{C}_3)^{-1} X'Y.$$

The purpose of this paper is to present some results on chosen properties of ridge estimators.

In § 2 we will present some analytical results for  $B_0$ ,  $B_{01}$ ,  $B_{02}$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $A_{01}$ ,  $A_{02}$ .

In § 3 we will present some of the results concerning precision and predictive power for  $B_{011}$ ,  $B_{012}$ ,  $B_{013}$ ,  $B_{021}$ ,  $B_{022}$ ,  $B_{023}$  obtained by the use of Monte-Carlo experiments. The plan of experiments was prepared jointly. Konarzewska carried out the experiments and their analysis, and wrote § 3. Milo wrote § 1, § 2 and § 4.

## 2. SOME RESULTS ON THE PROPERTIES OF $B_0$ , $B_{01}$ , $B_{02}$

In what follows we will use

**Theorem 1** (see [11]). Let  $\Phi_Y = \mathcal{K}_Y(\mu, V)$ . Then

$$i) \quad E(Y'AY) = \text{tr}(AV) + \mu'A\mu,$$

ii) the  $r$ -th cumulant of  $Y'AY$  is

$$\kappa_r(Y'AY) = 2^{r-1}(r-1)! [\text{tr}(AV)^r + r\mu'A(VA)^{r-1}],$$

(hence:  $\text{var}(Y'AY) = 2\text{tr}(AV)^2 + 4\mu'AVA\mu$ ),

$$\text{iii) } \text{cov}(LY, Y'AY) = 2LVA\mu. \quad \blacklozenge$$

**Theorem 2** (see [9]). Let  $B$  be the linear estimator of  $\beta$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^k$  with the dispersion matrix  $\mathfrak{A}(B) = \mathfrak{E}(B - \mathfrak{E}(B))(B - \mathfrak{E}(B))'$  and the total  $\text{MSE}(B) = \mathfrak{E}(B - \beta)'(B - \beta)$ . Then if  $\mathfrak{E}(B) \neq \beta$  holds we have

$$\text{MSE}(B) = \text{tr}(D), \quad D = \mathfrak{E}(B - \beta)(B - \beta)' = \mathfrak{A}(B) + \text{bias}(B)\text{bias}(B)',$$

$$\text{bias}(B) = \mathfrak{E}(B) - \beta, \quad \text{bias}(B') = [\text{bias}(B)]'. \quad \blacklozenge$$

**Theorem 3** (see [10]). Let  $\Phi_U = \mathcal{K}_U(\mu, \Omega)$  and  $Y = d + CU, \mu, d \in \mathbb{R}, \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then

$$\Phi_Y = \mathcal{K}_Y(C\mu + d, C\Omega C'). \quad \blacklozenge$$

**Theorem 4** (see [5]). Let  $\Phi_Y = \mathcal{K}_Y(\mu, \Omega)$  and  $Q = Y'AY + 2a'Y + \bar{\alpha}$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\bar{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Phi_Q = \chi^2(s, \lambda)$  if

$$s = \text{tr}(AV) = v(VAV), \quad VAVAV = VAV,$$

$$V(a + A\mu) = VAV(a + A\mu), \quad \lambda = \bar{\alpha} + 2a'\mu + \mu' A \mu. \quad \blacklozenge$$

Using the definitions of  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $\text{MSE}$ ,  $\text{var}$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $\hat{Y}_0$ ,  $E_0$ ,  $B_{01}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_{01}$ ,  $E_{01}$ ,  $B_{02}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_{02}$ ,  $\mathcal{K}$  and the theorems 1-4 we obtain

a) the case  $B_0, \hat{Y}_0, E_0$ :

$$1a) \quad B_0 = X^{-1}X'Y, \quad X = X'X;$$

$$2a) \quad \mathfrak{E}(B_0) = \beta, \quad \mathfrak{A}(B_0) = \sigma^2 X^{-1};$$

$$3a) \quad \Phi_{B_0} = \mathcal{K}_{B_0}(\beta, \sigma^2 X^{-1}), \quad \text{MSE}(B_0) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(X^{-1});$$

$$4a) \quad B_0'B_0 = Y'X X^{-2}X'Y, \quad \mathfrak{E}(B_0'B_0) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(X^{-1}) + \beta'\beta;$$

$$5a) \quad \text{var}(B_0'B_0) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr}(X^{-2}) + 4\sigma^2 \beta' X^{-2} \beta;$$

$$6a) \quad \Phi_{B_0'B_0} / \sigma^2 \neq \chi^2_{B_0'B_0}(\cdot, \cdot) \text{ since } \sigma^6 (X X^{-2} X')^2 \neq \sigma^4 X X^{-2} X;$$

$$7a) \hat{Y}_O = XB_O = (I - M)Y, \quad M = I - X X^{-1} X';$$

$$8a) E(\hat{Y}_O) = XB, \quad \mathcal{B}(\hat{Y}_O) = \sigma^2(I - M);$$

$$9a) \Phi_{\hat{Y}_O} = \alpha \chi_{\hat{Y}_O}^2(XB, \sigma^2(I - M)), \quad \text{MSE}(\hat{Y}_O) = \sigma^2 k;$$

$$10a) \hat{Y}_O' \hat{Y}_O = Y'(I - M)Y, \quad E(\hat{Y}_O' \hat{Y}_O) = \sigma^2 k + B' X B;$$

$$11a) \text{var}(\hat{Y}_O' \hat{Y}_O) = 2\sigma^4 k + 4\sigma^2 B' X B;$$

$$12a) \Phi_{\hat{Y}_O' \hat{Y}_O} / \sigma^2 = \chi_{\hat{Y}_O' \hat{Y}_O}^2 / \sigma^2 \left( k, \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} B' X B \right);$$

$$13a) E_O = MY = M\Xi, \quad E(E_O) = 0;$$

$$14a) \mathcal{B}(E_O) = \sigma^2 M, \quad \Phi_{E_O} = \alpha \chi_{E_O}^2(0, \sigma^2 M);$$

$$15a) \text{MSE}(E_O) = \sigma^2(n-k), \quad E_O' E_O = Y' M Y = \Xi' M \Xi;$$

$$16a) E(E_O' E_O) = \sigma^2(n-k), \quad \text{var}(E_O' E_O) = 2\sigma^4(n-k);$$

$$17a) \Phi_{E_O' E_O} / \sigma^2 = \chi_{E_O' E_O}^2 / \sigma^2((n-k), 0);$$

b) the case of  $B_{O1}, \hat{Y}_{O1}, E_{O1}$ :

$$1b) B_{O1} = (X + cI)^{-1} X' Y;$$

$$2b) E(B_{O1}) = (X + cI)^{-1} X' B, \quad \mathcal{B}(B_{O1}) = \sigma^2 (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1};$$

$$3b) \Phi_{B_{O1}} = \alpha \chi_{B_{O1}}^2(E(B_{O1}), \mathcal{B}(B_{O1})), \quad \text{MSE}(B_{O1}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (X (X + cI)^{-2}) + c^2 B' (X + cI)^{-2} B;$$

$$4b) B_{O1} B_{O1}' = Y' X (X + cI)^{-2} X' Y, \quad E(B_{O1}' B_{O1}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (X (X + cI)^{-2}) + B' X (X + cI)^{-2} X B;$$

$$5b) \text{var}(B_{O1}' B_{O1}) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr} (X^2 (X + cI)^{-4}) + 4\sigma^2 B' X (X + cI)^{-2} X (X + cI)^{-2} X B;$$

$$6b) \quad \mathcal{P}_{B'_{01}B_{01}/\sigma^2} \neq \chi^2_{B'_{01}B_{01}/\sigma^2}(\dots) \quad \text{because}$$

$$\sigma^6 X (X + cI)^{-2} X (X + cI)^{-2} X' \neq \sigma^4 X (X + cI)^{-2} X';$$

$$7b) \quad \hat{Y}_{01} = XB_{01} = X (X + cI)^{-1} X' Y;$$

$$8b) \quad \mathcal{E}(\hat{Y}_{01}) = X (X + cI)^{-1} X \beta, \quad \mathcal{D}(\hat{Y}_{01}) = \sigma^2 X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X';$$

$$9b) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\hat{Y}_{01}} = \mathcal{H}_{\hat{Y}_{01}}(\mathcal{E}(\hat{Y}_{01}), \mathcal{D}(\hat{Y}_{01})), \quad \text{MSE}(\hat{Y}_{01}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (X^2 (X + cI)^{-2}) + c^2 \beta' (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} \beta;$$

$$10b) \quad \hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01} = Y' X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X' Y, \\ \mathcal{E}(\hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (X^2 (X + cI)^{-2}) + \beta' X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X \beta;$$

$$11b) \quad \text{var} (\hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01}) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr} (X^4 (X + cI)^{-4}) + 4\sigma^2 \beta' (X (X + cI)^{-1})^4 X \beta;$$

$$12b) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01}/\sigma^2} \neq \chi^2_{\hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01}/\sigma^2}(\dots) \quad \text{since}$$

$$\sigma^6 X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X' \neq \sigma^4 X (X + cI)^{-1} X (X + cI)^{-1} X';$$

$$13b) \quad E_{01} = M_{01} Y, \quad M'_{01} = M_{01}, \quad M^2_{01} \neq M_{01}, \quad M_{01} = I - X (X + cI)^{-1} X';$$

$$\mathcal{E}(E_{01}) = M_{01} X \beta;$$

$$14b) \quad \mathcal{D}(E_{01}) = \sigma^2 M_{01} M'_{01}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{E_{01}} = \mathcal{H}_{E_{01}}(M_{01} X \beta, \sigma^2 M_{01} M'_{01});$$

$$15b) \quad \text{MSE}(E_{01}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (M_{01} M'_{01}) + \beta' X' M'_{01} M_{01} X \beta, \quad E'_{01} E_{01} = Y' M'_{01} M_{01} Y;$$

$$16b) \quad \mathcal{E}(E'_{01} E_{01}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (M_{01} M'_{01}) + \beta' X' M'_{01} M_{01} X \beta,$$



$$\text{var}(E'_{01}E_{01}) = 2\sigma^2 \text{tr}(M'_{01}M_{01})^2 + 4\sigma^2 \beta' X' (M'_{01}M_{01})^2 X \beta;$$

$$17b) \quad \mathcal{P}_{E'_{01}E_{01}/d^2} \neq \chi^2_{E'_{01}E_{01}/d^2} (\dots) \text{ since } \sigma^6 M'_{01}M_{01})^2 \neq \sigma^4 M'_{01}M_{01};$$

c) the case of  $B_{02}, \hat{Y}_{02}, E_{02}$ :

$$1c) \quad B_{02} = (I + C)^{-1} X' Y;$$

$$2c) \quad \mathcal{E}(B_{02}) = (I + C)^{-1} X' \beta, \mathcal{D}(B_{02}) = \sigma^2 (I + C)^{-1} X (X + C)^{-1};$$

$$3c) \quad \mathcal{P}_{B_{02}} = \mathcal{P}_{B_{02}}(\mathcal{E}(B_{02}), \mathcal{D}(B_{02})), \text{MSE}(B_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}((X + C)^{-2} I) + \\ + (\beta' (I + C^{-1} X)^{-1} (I + X C^{-1})^{-1} \beta);$$

$$4c) \quad B'_{02} B_{02} = Y' X (X + C)^{-2} X' Y, \mathcal{E}(B'_{02} B_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(X (X + C)^{-2}) + \\ + \beta' X (X + C)^{-2} X \beta;$$

$$5c) \quad \text{var}(B'_{02} B_{02}) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr}(X (X + C)^{-2})^2 + 4\sigma^2 \beta' X (X + C)^{-2} X (X + \\ + C)^{-2} X \beta;$$

$$6c) \quad \mathcal{P}_{B'_{02} B_{02}/d^2} \neq \chi^2_{B'_{02} B_{02}/d^2} (\dots) \text{ since} \\ \sigma^6 X (X + C)^{-2} X (X + C)^{-2} X' \neq \sigma^4 X (X + C)^{-2} X';$$

$$7c) \quad \hat{Y}_{02} = Y B_{02} = X (X + C)^{-1} X' Y;$$

$$8c) \quad \mathcal{E}(\hat{Y}_{02}) = X (X + C)^{-1} X \beta, \mathcal{D}(\hat{Y}_{02}) = \sigma^2 X (X + C)^{-1} X (X + \\ + C)^{-1} X';$$

$$9c) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\hat{Y}_{02}} = \mathcal{P}_{\hat{Y}_{02}}(\mathcal{E}(\hat{Y}_{02}), \mathcal{D}(\hat{Y}_{02})), \\ \text{MSE}(\hat{Y}_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(X^2 (X + C)^{-2}) + \beta' X (X + C)^{-1} X (X + \\ + C)^{-1} X \beta;$$

$$10c) \quad \hat{Y}'_{02} \hat{Y}_{02} = Y' X (X + C)^{-1} X (X + C)^{-1} X' Y,$$



$$E(\hat{y}'_{02}\hat{y}_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr} (X^2(X+C)^{-2}) + B'X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}XB;$$

$$11c) \quad \text{var}(\hat{y}'_{02}\hat{y}_{02}) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr}(X^4(X+C)^{-4}) + 4\sigma^2 B'X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}XB;$$

$$12c) \quad \varphi_{\hat{y}'_{02}\hat{y}_{02}/\sigma^2} \neq \chi^2_{\hat{y}'_{02}\hat{y}_{02}/\sigma^2}(\dots) \quad \text{since} \\ d^6 X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}X' \neq \\ \neq \sigma^4 X(X+C)^{-1}X(X+C)^{-1}X';$$

$$13c) \quad E_{02} = M_{02}Y, \quad M'_{02} = M_{02}, \quad M_{02}^2 \neq M_{02}, \quad M_{02} = I - X(X+C)^{-1}X', \\ E(E_{02}) = M_{02}XB;$$

$$14c) \quad B(E_{02}) = \sigma^2 M_{02}M'_{02}, \quad \varphi_{E_{02}} = \varphi_{E_{02}}(M_{02}XB, \sigma^2 M_{02}M'_{02});$$

$$15c) \quad \text{MSE}(E_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(M_{02}M'_{02}) + B'X'M'_{02}M_{02}XB, \quad E'_{02}E_{02} = Y'M'_{02}M_{02}Y;$$

$$16c) \quad E(E'_{02}E_{02}) = \sigma^2 \text{tr}(M_{02}M'_{02}) + B'X'M'_{02}M_{02}XB, \\ \text{var}(E'_{02}E_{02}) = 2\sigma^4 \text{tr}(M'_{02}M_{02})^2 + 4\sigma^2 B'X'(M'_{02}M_{02})^2 XB;$$

$$17c) \quad \varphi_{E'_{02}E_{02}/\sigma^2} \neq \chi^2_{E'_{02}E_{02}/\sigma^2}(\dots) \quad \text{since} \quad d^6(M'_{02}M_{02})^2 \neq \\ \neq \sigma^4 M'_{02}M_{02}.$$

From the comparisons of (1a)-(6a), (1b)-(6b), (1c)-(6c) it follows

**S t a t e m e n t 1.** Let the assumptions of model  $M_{\alpha}$  and Theorems 1-4 hold. Then (according to (1a)-(6a), (1b)-(6b), (1c)-(6c)) the replacement of  $B_0$  with the  $B_{01}$  (or  $B_{02}$ ) signifies the change of analytical form (with respect to the expressions connected with  $B_0$ ) of expressions defining the expectation

value, dispersion matrix, normal density functions, the total MSE, the "length" of estimator, the expectation value of the "length", variance of the "length", density function of the "length".

**S t a t e m e n t 2.** Under the assumptions of model  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and Theorems 1-4 (according to the relations (7a)-(12a), (7b)-(12b), (7c)-(12c)) the replacement of predictor  $\hat{Y}_0$  with the biased ridge predictor  $\hat{Y}_{01}$  (or  $\hat{Y}_{02}$ ) signifies the change in the analytical form (with respect to the relevant expressions connected with  $\hat{Y}_0$ ) of the expressions defining predictor's expectation value, dispersion matrix, normal density function, the total MSE, the "length", the expectation value of the "length", variance of the "length", density function of the "length". ♦

**S t a t e m e n t 3.** Under the assumptions of model  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and Theorems 1-4 (according to (13a)-(17a), (13b)-(17b), (13c)-(17c)) the replacement of residual vector  $E_0$  with the ridge residual vector  $E_{01}$  (or  $E_{02}$ ) signifies the change in the analytical form of the expressions defining the residual vector's expectation value, dispersion matrix, normal density function, the total MSE, the "length", expectation value of the "length", variance of the "length", density function of the "length". ♦

**S t a t e m e n t 4.** Under the assumptions of model  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and Theorems 1-4: a) estimators  $B_0$ ,  $B_{01}$ ,  $B_{02}$  have multivariate normal distributions, b) the predictor  $\hat{Y}_0$  and the residual vector  $E_0$  have multivariate singular normal distributions and the predictors  $\hat{Y}_{01}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_{02}$  and the residual vectors  $E_{01}$ ,  $E_{02}$  have multivariate normal distributions, c) the only random quantities which have  $\chi^2$  distributions are  $\hat{Y}'_0 \hat{Y}_0$  and  $E'_0 E_0$ ; other quantities as  $B'_0 B_0$ ,  $B'_{01} B_{01}$ ,  $B'_{02} B_{02}$ ,  $\hat{Y}'_{01} \hat{Y}_{01}$ ,  $\hat{Y}'_{02} \hat{Y}_{02}$ ,  $E'_{01} E_{01}$ ,  $E'_{02} E_{02}$ , do not have  $\chi^2$  distribution. ♦

The above statements 1-4 state the fact of change in the analytical form of the formulae defining some of the chosen real or random functions that describe the performance of estimators, predictors and residuals. For the model  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  we were not able to find out the precise relation (equality or inferiority or superiority) between chosen real and random func-

tions of  $B_0, B_{01}, B_{02}; Y_0, Y_{01}, Y_{02}; E_0, E_{01}, E_{02}$ . It is easy to do it for the model  $M_{\lambda}^*$  (and in fact it was done by Millo in the previous works [6, 7]). Here we present only some final statements.

**Theorem 5.** Let the assumptions of  $M_{\lambda}^*$  and Theorems 1-4 be fulfilled. Then:

a)  $A_{01} = (\Lambda + cI)^{-1} X_*' Y$  is biased estimator;

b) if  $cI > \Lambda$ , then  $D(A_0) \geq D(A_{01})$ ;

c)  $MSE(A_{01}) < MSE(A_0)$  if  $0 < c < 2\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i / \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha_i^2 \right)^2 - k\sigma^2 \right]$ ;

d)  $E(A_{01}' A_{01}) < E(A_0' A_0)$  if  $c > -2 \left( \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i^2 \right) / \left( k\sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i \right)$ ;

e)  $var(A_{01}' A_{01}) < var(A_0' A_0)$  if  $c^3(2k + \sigma^2 k) + c^2 \left( 8 \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i^2 + 4\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \right) + c \left( 12 \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i^3 + 6\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^2 \right) + \left( 8 \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i^4 + 4\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^3 \right) > 0$ . ♦

**Theorem 6.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 5 we have:

a)  $\tilde{Y}_{01} = X_*' A_{01}$  is biased predictor;

b)  $D(\tilde{Y}_{01}) \leq D(Y_0)$  if  $c^2 I \geq \Lambda^2$ ;

$$c) \quad \text{MSE}(\tilde{Y}_{01}) \leq \text{MSE}(\tilde{Y}_0) \quad \text{if} \quad c < \frac{2\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i - \sigma^2 k};$$

d)  $\mathcal{L}(\tilde{Y}'_{01} \tilde{Y}_{01}) < \mathcal{L}(\tilde{Y}'_0 \tilde{Y}_0)$  if condition (d) from Theorem 5 holds;

e)  $\text{var}(\tilde{Y}'_{01} \tilde{Y}_{01}) < \text{var}(\tilde{Y}'_0 \tilde{Y}_0)$  if condition (e) from Theorem 5 holds;

f)  $\tilde{E}_{01}$  is biased estimator of  $\mathcal{L}(\Xi)$ ,  $\tilde{E}_{01} = Y_{01} - \tilde{Y}_{01}$ . ♦

It is easy to find out that:

$$18a) \quad \text{MSE}(\tilde{E}_{01}) < \text{MSE}(\tilde{E}_0) \quad \text{if} \quad c \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i + \sigma^2 k \right) < 0;$$

$$18b) \quad \mathcal{L}(\tilde{E}'_{01} \tilde{E}_{01}) < \mathcal{L}(\tilde{E}'_0 \tilde{E}_0) \quad \text{if} \quad c \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i + \sigma^2 k \right) < 0;$$

$$18c) \quad \mathcal{D}(\tilde{E}_{01}) < \mathcal{D}(\tilde{E}_0) \quad \text{if} \quad (I + c\Lambda)^2 \leq 0.$$

Because  $c > 0$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  $\sigma^2 > 0$ ,  $\forall i: \lambda_i > 0$  therefore the relations  $\mathcal{L}(A'_{01} A_{01}) < \mathcal{L}(A'_0 A_0)$ ,  $\text{var}(A'_{01} A_{01}) < \text{var} A'_0 A_0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\tilde{Y}'_{01} \tilde{Y}_{01}) < \mathcal{L}(\tilde{Y}'_0 \tilde{Y}_0)$ ,  $\text{var}(\tilde{Y}'_{01} \tilde{Y}_{01}) < \text{var}(\tilde{Y}'_0 \tilde{Y}_0)$  hold independently of conditions attached to them. This is due to the analytical form of these conditions. By the same arguments, that is  $c, k, \sigma^2 > 0$ ,  $\forall i: \lambda_i > 0$  and the form of conditions given in order to save the truth of relations (g), (h), (i) in the Theorem 6, the relations (g), (h), (i) do not hold. Hence:

**Theorem 7.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 5 the following relations hold:



- a)  $MSE(\tilde{E}_{01}) > MSE(\tilde{E}_0);$
- b)  $E(\tilde{E}'_{01}\tilde{E}_{01}) > E(\tilde{E}'_0\tilde{E}_0);$
- c)  $D(\tilde{E}_{01}) > D(\tilde{E}_0).$  ♦

### 3. PROPERTIES OF RIDGE ESTIMATORS OBTAINED BY THE USE OF MONTE-CARLO EXPERIMENTS

In experiments we have tested the behaviour of the estimators  $B_0$ ,  $B_{011}$ ,  $B_{012}$ ,  $B_{013}$ ,  $B_{021}$ ,  $B_{022}$ ,  $B_{023}$  in  $B_{022}$  the parameter  $\delta$  was equal  $\delta = (k-2)(n-k)/(n-k+2)$ . We have made an attempt to compare these estimators considering the precision of estimates of the vector  $\beta$  of the model  $M_0$ . The base of experiments were empirical values of  $X$  and  $\beta$  obtained from the least squares estimation. We took under consideration 4 matrices  $X$  for two explanatory variables. The descriptive correlation coefficients were 0.9989, 0.9977, 0.9859, 0.9580. The values of  $\sigma^2$  were taken as equal to those from the least squares estimation. In the second variant the values were increased by about 20% (we assumed that bad-conditioning caused underestimation of  $\sigma^2$  by the use of least squares residuals). In each experiment we have generated 100 realizations of the random vector  $E$ , calculated the values of estimates and chosen measures. Then we have calculated the mean values of these measures after all 100 realizations. We have considered the following measures of estimators precision and prognostical properties: standard error of estimate, mean bias of estimate, mean absolute bias of estimate, square root of the MSE, mean absolute percentage error, mean square prediction error, mean absolute error, mean square percentage error, standard prediction error, mean absolute relative error. We now present some of the results of experiments in Tab. 1 and 2. Square root of MSE (RMSE), sum of prediction errors (SPE), mean relative absolute error (MARE) were the measures which differentiated best the estimators which we have analyzed.

Table 1

The results - MSE and SPE criterion (ranking)

| Esti-<br>mator \ Value of correlation<br>coefficient | 0.9989 |   | 0.9977 |    | 0.9859 |   | 0.9580 |   | Sums<br>of<br>ranks |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---|--------|----|--------|---|--------|---|---------------------|
|                                                      | 1      | 2 | 1      | 2  | 1      | 2 | 1      | 2 |                     |
| $B_o$                                                | 3      | 3 | 3      | 7  | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 20                  |
| $B_{O11}$                                            | 7      | 7 | 4      | 1* | 6      | 6 | 6      | 6 | 43                  |
| $B_{O12}$                                            | 1      | 1 | 1      | 4  | 3      | 3 | 2      | 1 | 16                  |
| $B_{O13}$                                            | 6      | 5 | 7      | 5  | 5      | 5 | 5      | 5 | 43                  |
| $B_{O21}$                                            | 4      | 4 | 5      | 2  | 2      | 2 | 3      | 3 | 25                  |
| $B_{O22}$                                            | 2      | 2 | 2      | 6  | 1      | 1 | 1      | 2 | 17                  |
| $B_{O23}$                                            | 5      | 6 | 6      | 3  | 4      | 4 | 4      | 4 | 36                  |

\* It was the only example when the estimator  $B_{O11}$  had not had MSE properties; at the same time it showed great bias.

Table 2

The results - MARE criterion (ranking)

| Esti-<br>mator \ Value of correlation<br>coefficient | 0.9989 |   | 0.9977 |   | 0.9859 |   | 0.9580 |   | Sums<br>of<br>ranks |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|---------------------|
|                                                      | 1      | 2 | 1      | 2 | 1      | 2 | 1      | 2 |                     |
| $B_o$                                                | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 8                   |
| $B_{O11}$                                            | 6      | 5 | 5      | 5 | 5      | 6 | 4      | 5 | 41                  |
| $B_{O12}$                                            | 2      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 4      | 5 | 1      | 2 | 17                  |
| $B_{O13}$                                            | 5      | 4 | 4      | 4 | 3      | 4 | 3      | 4 | 31                  |
| $B_{O21}$                                            | 3      | 2 | 2      | 2 | 2      | 2 | 2      | 2 | 17                  |
| $B_{O22}$                                            | 2      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 1      | 1 | 9                   |
| $B_{O23}$                                            | 4      | 3 | 3      | 3 | 3      | 3 | 3      | 3 | 25                  |

Considering MSE and SPE the best were the estimators  $B_{O12}$  and  $B_{O22}$  and then  $B_o$ ,  $B_{O21}$ . Differences between  $B_{O12}$  and  $B_{O22}$  in

absolute values of RMSE and SPE were not great. Considering MARE (and other prediction errors) the best was  $B_0$  estimator and then  $B_{022}$ . Greater values of prediction errors were for  $B_{021}$ ,  $B_{012}$ . The estimators  $B_{011}$ ,  $B_{013}$ ,  $B_{023}$  behaved very poorly - in every experiment they were worse than ordinary least squares estimator.

We have considered models with matrices of observations  $X$  taken from practice of econometric modelling. In many experimental studies of ridge estimators the matrices  $X$  are the matrices of standardized observations. The problem of standardization is at least controversial (see [12]). We have conducted experiments without standardization - it is not indispensable in defining and computing ridge estimators. However, by applying standardized observation matrices (for explanatory variables) we can generalize results of experiments for a wider class of matrices  $X$  and parameters  $\beta$ . In designing future experiments we will include cases of standardization, and interpretability of estimates of standardized model parameters and consider models with greater (than two) number of explanatory variables. It will need more precise definition of bad-conditioned matrices of observations.

#### 4. FINAL REMARKS

The results presented give us some idea about the studied quality of considered estimators. Studies are far from the end. In an analytical realm such estimators as  $A_{02}$ ,  $B_{011}$ ,  $B_{012}$ ,  $B_{013}$ ,  $B_{021}$ ,  $B_{022}$ ,  $B_{023}$  need further studies. In doing further Monte-Carlo experiments the most difficult problem we have faced is to find out possible ways of parameter space reduction but with keeping in mind one of the ultimate goals of experiments: to cover as dense as possible the parameter space.

It is an open question how to study and compare different results of studies, the properties of estimators in the case of models with and without standardization in  $Y$  and  $X$ , standardization and orthogonalization in  $Y$  and  $X$ .



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O ESTYMATORACH GRZBIETOWYCH WEKTORA PARAMETRÓW  
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Artykuł zawiera nowe wyniki analityczne dotyczące konsekwencji zastąpienia metody najmniejszych kwadratów  $B_0$ , predyktora  $\hat{Y}_0 = XB_0$ , wektora reszt  $E = Y - \hat{Y}_0$  przez ich grzbietowe analogony zarówno przy założeniu, gdy wykorzystujemy macierz korekty  $cI$ ,  $C = \text{diag}(c_1, \dots, c_k)$  z tytułu złego uwarunkowania macierzy  $X'X$ , jak i przy założeniu, że korzystamy z oszacowań macierzy  $cI$ ,  $C$ .

W przypadku losowych macierzy  $cI$ ,  $C$  przy użyciu metod Monte-Carlo zbadano zachowanie się wybranych estymatorów i dokonano ich zrangowania względem miar predykcyjno-dokładnościowych.