

Applied Linear Statistical Models, Part 1

Section 5.8. Random Vectors and Matrices—Proofs of Theorems

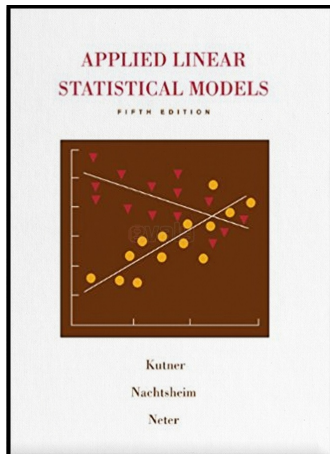


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Proof (continued). (5.45) Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix of scalars and let $\mathbf{Y} = [Y_j]$ be an $n \times 1$ vector of random variables. Then the i th entry of $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}$ is $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j$. So the i th entry of $\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\}$ is $\mathbf{E}\left\{\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j\right\} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} E\{Y_j\}$, because by Theorem 1.8.2 in my online notes for Mathematical Statistics 1 [STAT 4047/5047] on [Section 1.8. Expectation of a Random Variable](#), expectation is linear. Similarly, the i th entry of $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{Y}\}$ is $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} E\{Y_j\}$ and so $\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{Y}\}$, as claimed.

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By Note 5.8.A,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2\{\mathbf{W}\} &= \mathbf{E} \left\{ [W_j - E\{W_j\}][W_j - E\{W_j\}]' \right\} \\ &= \mathbf{E} \left\{ \left[\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j - E \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j \right\} \right] \left[\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j - E \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j \right\} \right]' \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma^2\{\mathbf{W}\} &= \mathbf{E} \left\{ \left[\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} E\{Y_j\} \right] \left[\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} Y_j - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} E\{Y_j\} \right]' \right\} \\
 &= \mathbf{E}\{(\mathbf{A}[Y_j - E\{Y_j\}])(\mathbf{A}[Y_j - E\{Y_j\}]')\} \\
 &= \mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{A}[Y_j - E\{Y_j\}][Y_j - E\{Y_j\}]' \mathbf{A}'\} \text{ by (5.32)} \\
 &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}\{[Y_j - E\{Y_j\}][Y_j - E\{Y_j\}]'\} \mathbf{A}' \text{ since } \mathbf{E} \text{ is linear} \\
 &= \mathbf{A} \sigma^2\{\mathbf{Y}\} \mathbf{A}' \text{ by Note 5.8.A,}
 \end{aligned}$$

as claimed. □