

## Exercise B

Let us consider the inequality  $B \preceq A$ , between two squared matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of dim  $p \times p$ . The symbol  $\preceq$  means that  $A - B$  is positive semi-definite.

Assume  $(x_i, y_i)$  is linear, therefore  $y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ , with  $\varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}$ , with  $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$ , and  $\text{var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ .

Let  $\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$  and let  $\tilde{\beta} = Ay$  such that  $\tilde{\beta} \neq \hat{\beta}_{OLS}$  and  $E[\tilde{\beta}] = \beta$ . Then

### Decompose

$$\text{Let } C = A - (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \Rightarrow A = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y + C.$$

By assumption, we have that  $E[\tilde{\beta}] = \beta$  and

$$E[\tilde{\beta}] = E[Ay] = AX\beta = \cancel{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T} X\beta + C X\beta = \beta(I + CX).$$

Hence, we must have that  $CX = 0$ . Now, note that

$$\tilde{V} = \text{var}(Ay) = \sigma^2 AA^T =$$

$$= \sigma^2 [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T + B] [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T + B]^T$$

$$= \sigma^2 [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T + B] [X(X^T X)^{-1} + B^T]$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left[ \cancel{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T} X (X^T X)^{-1} + \underbrace{\cancel{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T} B^T}_{(BX)^T} + \underbrace{B X (X^T X)^{-1}}_0 + BB^T \right]$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} + \sigma^2 BB^T$$

$$= V + \sigma^2 BB^T$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{V} - V = \sigma^2 BB^T$ , which is positive semi-definite (same proof of the matrix  $(X^T X)$ ).