Using Stata with Multiple Regression & Matrices

1. **Matrix calculations with Stata.** Stata has several built-in functions that make it work as a matrix calculator. These functions are probably primarily helpful to programmers who want to write their own routines.

To get the M matrix, you can use the `mat accum` command. The `mat accum` command adds X_0 to the list of variables (where $X_0 = 1$ for all cases) and then computes all cross-products.

```
. mat accum m =  income educ jobexp
(obs=20)

. mat list m

symmetric m[4,4]
          income      educ    jobexp     _cons
income  13742.27
  educ    6588.3      3285
jobexp    6448.9      2999      3767
 _cons     488.3       241       253        20
```

To get the XP matrix of cross-product deviations from the means, we add the `dev` and `noconstant` parameters. The `dev` parameter subtracts the mean of the variable from each case while `noconstant` keeps X_0 from being added to the data.

```
. mat accum xp =  income educ jobexp, dev noconstant
(obs=20)

. mat list xp

symmetric xp[3,3]
           income       educ     jobexp
income  1820.4255
  educ  704.28499     380.95
jobexp  271.90499     -49.65     566.55
```

The covariance matrix can now be computed from the xp matrix. The sample size used when computing the xp matrix is stored by Stata in a scalar called `r(N)`.

```
. mat s = xp/(r(N)-1)

. mat list s

symmetric s[3,3]
            income        educ      jobexp
income   95.811867
  educ   37.067631       20.05
jobexp   14.310789  -2.6131579   29.818421
```

The `corr` function can be used to compute the correlations of the variables. The correlations can be computed from either the xp or covariance matrix.

```
. mat r = corr(s)

. mat list r

symmetric r[3,3]
            income        educ      jobexp
income           1
  educ   .84572271           1
jobexp   .26773898  -.10687254           1
```

It wouldn't be as much fun, but you can just use the `corr` program to get the covariances and correlations. To get the correlations,

```
. corr  income educ jobexp
(obs=20)

             |   income     educ   jobexp
-------------+---------------------------
      income |   1.0000
        educ |   0.8457   1.0000
      jobexp |   0.2677  -0.1069   1.0000
```

To get the covariances instead, use the `cov` parameter.

```
. corr  income educ jobexp, cov
(obs=20)

             |   income     educ   jobexp
-------------+---------------------------
      income |  95.8119
        educ |  37.0676    20.05
      jobexp |  14.3108 -2.61316  29.8184
```

2. Do it yourself regression. Want to double-check Stata's regression estimates? You can do it with Stata's matrix commands. Recall that $b = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$. In words, we say b equals X prime X inverse X prime Y. X'X is the cross-product matrix of the X's with each other, including X_0. To compute it in Stata,

```
. mat accum xprimex =  educ jobexp
(obs=20)

. mat list xprimex

symmetric xprimex[3,3]
          educ  jobexp   _cons
  educ    3285
jobexp    2999    3767
 _cons     241     253      20
```

X'Y is the cross-product of Y with each of the X's. `mat vecaccum` will compute Y'X for us. It computes the cross-product of the first variable listed with all the other variables listed.

```
. mat vecaccum yprimex = income educ jobexp

. mat list yprimex

yprimex[1,3]
          educ  jobexp   _cons
income  6588.3  6448.9   488.3
```

Note that this is a row vector. To get X'Y, which is a column vector, we simply transpose Y'X.

```
. mat xprimey = yprimex'

. mat list xprimey

xprimey[3,1]
        income
  educ  6588.3
jobexp  6448.9
 _cons   488.3
```

Now we are ready for the final calculation!

```
. mat b = inv(xprimex)*xprimey

. mat list b

b[3,1]
            income
  educ   1.9333928
jobexp   .64936536
 _cons  -7.0968549
```

3. [Optional] Proof that $b = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$. Let X be an N x K matrix (i.e. N cases, each of which has K X variables, including X_0.) Y is an N x 1 matrix. e is an N x 1 matrix. Then, if the assumptions of OLS regression are met,

$Y = Xb + e$	
$Y – e = Xb$	Subtract e from both sides
$X'(Y – e) = X'Xb$	Premultiply both sides by X'
$X'Y = X'Xb$	If the assumptions of OLS regression are met, X'e = 0 because the Xs are uncorrelated with the residuals of Y
$(X'X)^{-1}X'Y = (X'X)^{-1}X'Xb$	Premultiply both sides by $(X'X)^{-1}$
$(X'X)^{-1}X'Y = b$	$(X'X)^{-1}X'X = I$ and $Ib = b$