

Developing_Data_Product_Project_Intro

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This is an introduction of the data, choosoen from the Regression Models course project to buld our Shiny method.

Executive Summary

Motor Trend is an automobile trend magazine that is interested in exploring the relationship between a set of variables and miles per gallon (MPG) outcome. In this project, we will analyze the mtcars dataset from the 1974 Motor Trend US magazine to answer the following questions:

- Is an automatic or manual transmission better for miles per gallon (MPG)?
- How different is the MPG between automatic and manual transmissions?

Using simple linear regression analysis, we determine that there is a significant difference between the mean MPG for automatic and manual transmission cars. Manual transmissions achieve a higher value of MPG compared to automatic transmission. This increase is approximately 1.8 MPG when switching from an automatic transmission to a manual one, with all else held constant. In this analysis we are attempting to find out whether a manual or automatic transmission is better for miles per gallon (mpg). This was done using a statistical analysis to quantify how different mpg is for cars using manual and automatic transmissions. The summarise the findings, we note that manual transmissions on average do give 1.55 miles per gallon more than automatic transmission; however this is taking into account the confounding variables of weight and cylinders. We then start by loading the data

```
library(datasets)
data(mtcars)
head(mtcars)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs am gear carb
## Mazda RX4      21.0   6  160  110 3.90 2.620 16.46  0  1    4    4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21.0   6  160  110 3.90 2.875 17.02  0  1    4    4
## Datsun 710      22.8   4  108   93 3.85 2.320 18.61  1  1    4    1
## Hornet 4 Drive  21.4   6  258  110 3.08 3.215 19.44  1  0    3    1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8  360  175 3.15 3.440 17.02  0  0    3    2
## Valiant         18.1   6  225  105 2.76 3.460 20.22  1  0    3    1
```

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```

The dataset has 32 observations of 11 variables. We will do a quick analysis on the variables to gain some insight on the distribution of mpg and the two modes of transmission. * Firstly vs and am should be modelled as categorical variables

```
mtcars$vs <- as.factor(mtcars$vs)
mtcars$am <- as.factor(mtcars$am)
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```

- Then we can summarize them:

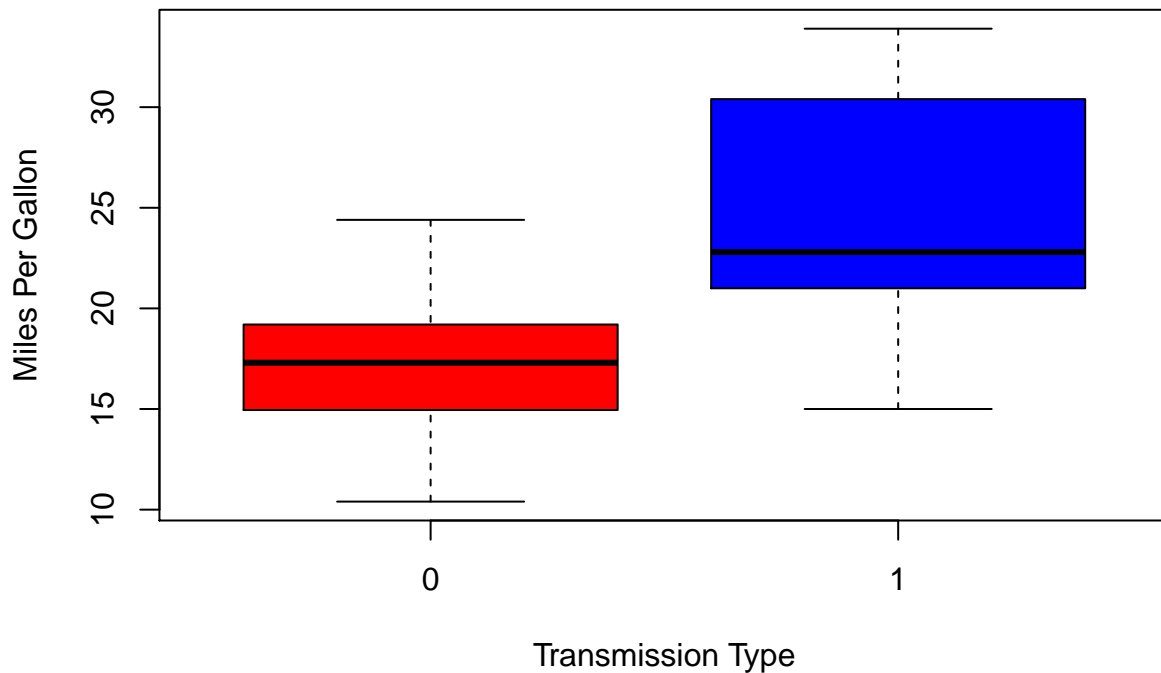
```
summary(mtcars$mpg)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##    10.40  15.42   19.20   20.09  22.80   33.90
```

```
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```

- After that they are represented through the plot function

```
boxplot(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars, col = (c("red", "blue")), ylab = "Miles Per Gallon", xlab = "Transmission Type")
```



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```

We focus mainly on the relationship between the variables mpg and am in the boxplot and we can see there is a distinguishable difference between the gas mileage for each type of transmission. However, we must now try to fit on a linear regression model.

Simple linear regression model

We will use mpg as the dependent variable and am as the independent variable to fit a linear regression, where β_1 is the group mean for automatic and β_0 is the intercept.

```
fit_simple <- lm(mpg ~ factor(am), data=mtcars)
summary(fit_simple)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ factor(am), data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -9.3923 -3.0923 -0.2974  3.2439  9.5077
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   17.147      1.125   15.247 1.13e-15 ***
## factor(am)1    7.245      1.764    4.106 0.000285 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.902 on 30 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3598, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3385
## F-statistic: 16.86 on 1 and 30 DF,  p-value: 0.000285
```

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We can see that the adjusted R squared value is only 0.338 which means that only 33.8% of the regression variance can be explained by our model. However we must not forget there are several other predictor variables that we must take into account to see if any play a bigger role in the model.

Multivariable Regression Model

The first model we will run is a linear regression model against mpg for each variable. This gives us insight into variables with coefficient significance as well as an initial attempt at explaining mpg. Additionally, we will also look at the correlation of variables with mpg to help us choose an appropriate model.

```
data(mtcars)
fit_multi <- lm(mpg ~ ., data=mtcars)
summary(fit_multi)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.4506 -1.6044 -0.1196  1.2193  4.6271
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  12.30337   18.71788    0.657  0.5181
## cyl         -0.11144    1.04502   -0.107  0.9161
## disp          0.01334    0.01786    0.747  0.4635
```

```
## hp          -0.02148    0.02177   -0.987    0.3350
## drat         0.78711    1.63537    0.481    0.6353
## wt          -3.71530    1.89441   -1.961    0.0633 .
## qsec         0.82104    0.73084    1.123    0.2739
## vs           0.31776    2.10451    0.151    0.8814
## am           2.52023    2.05665    1.225    0.2340
## gear         0.65541    1.49326    0.439    0.6652
## carb        -0.19942    0.82875   -0.241    0.8122
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.65 on 21 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.869, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8066
## F-statistic: 13.93 on 10 and 21 DF, p-value: 3.793e-07
```

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```

- We compute the correlation model to appreciate it

```
cor(mtcars)[1,]
```

```
##          mpg          cyl          disp          hp          drat          wt
## 1.0000000 -0.8521620 -0.8475514 -0.7761684  0.6811719 -0.8676594
##          qsec          vs          am          gear          carb
## 0.4186840  0.6640389  0.5998324  0.4802848 -0.5509251
```

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From the above output from ‘fit_multi’ and the ‘cor’ functions, we can see cyl,wt,hp,disp show strong correlations and significance for the model. Hence we choose those variables plus am for a linear model. This gives us the following model below:

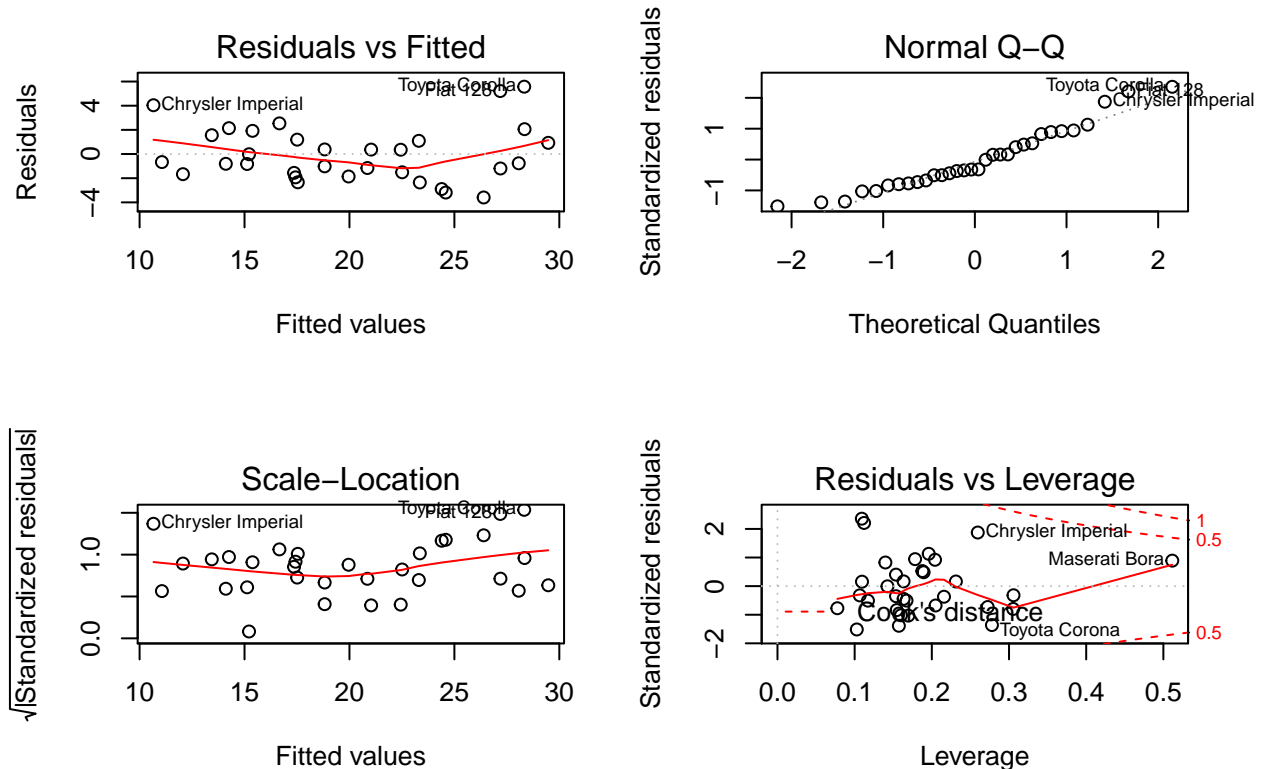
```
fit_final <- lm(mpg ~ wt+hp+disp+cyl+am, data = mtcars)
fit_final
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ wt + hp + disp + cyl + am, data = mtcars)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)          wt          hp          disp          cyl
##   38.20280    -3.30262    -0.02796     0.01226    -1.10638
##          am
##   1.55649
```

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```

Additionally, we also plot the residuals to examine any heteroskedacity between the fitted and residual values; as well as to check for any non-normality.

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(fit_final)
```



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Fitted graph we can see that our residuals are homosekdastic where they approximately have the sae variance and also we can see they are normally distributed using the quantile plot. Furthermore, using the final multivariable regression model put together we can see the multiple R squared value is much higher at 0.855, where 85.5% of the regression variance can be explained by the chosen variables. We can thus conclude that 'wt' and 'cyl' are confounding variables in the relationship between 'am' and 'mpg' and that manual transmission cars on average have 1.55 miles per gallon more than automatic cars.

Conclusions

Following observations are made from the above plots.

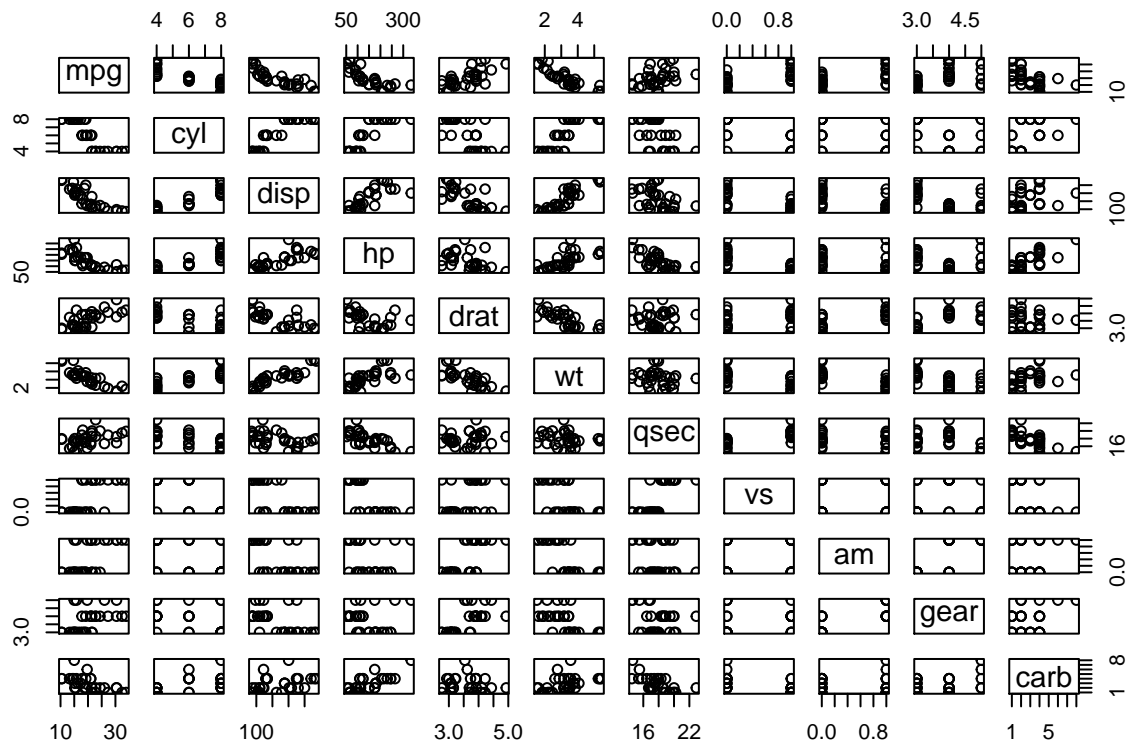
- The points in the Residuals vs. Fitted plot are randomly scattered on the plot that verifies the independence condition.
- The Normal Q-Q plot consists of the points which mostly fall on the line indicating that the residuals are normally distributed.
- The Scale-Location plot consists of points scattered in a constant band pattern, indicating constant variance.

- There are some distinct points of interest (outliers or leverage points) in the top right of the plots that may indicate values of increased leverage of outliers.

Appendix

Pairs plots for the “mtcars” dataset

```
pairs(mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
```



```
pairs
```

```
## function (x, ...)
## UseMethod("pairs")
## <bytecode: 0x0000000007084fd8>
## <environment: namespace:graphics>
```

```
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```