Module 11: Linear Regression

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Agenda

- Oxygen uptake example
- Linear regression
- Multiple Linear Regression
- Ordinary Least Squares
- Back to oxygen uptake example¹

¹Much of this lecture comes from the Hoff book.

Oxygen uptake experiment

Exercise is hypotheized to relate to O_2 uptake

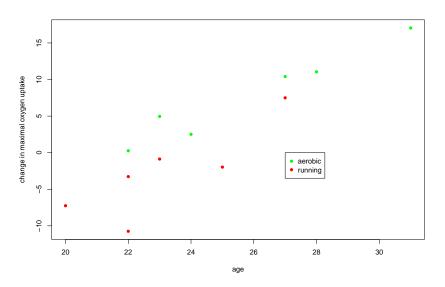
What type of exercise is the most beneficial?

Experimental design: 12 male volunteers.

- 1. O_2 uptake measured at the beginning of the study.
- 2. 6 randomized to step aerobics program
- 3. 6 remaining men do a running program
- 4. O_2 uptake measured at end of study

Data

Exploratory Data Analysis



Data analysis

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m{y}= change in oxygen uptake x_1= exercise indicator (0 for aerobic, 1 for running) x_2= age How can we estimate p(m{y}\mid x_1,x_2)?
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Linear regression

Assume that smoothness is a function of age.

For each group,

$$\mathbf{y} = \beta_o + \beta_1 x_2 + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Linearity means linear in the parameters (β 's).

We could also try the model

$$\mathbf{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_2 + \beta_2 x_2^2 + \beta_3 x_2^3 + \epsilon$$

which is also a linear regression model.

Notation

- \triangleright $X_{n\times p}$: regression features or covariates (design matrix)
- $\triangleright x_{p\times 1}$: ith row vector of the regression covariates
- **y**_{$n \times 1$}: response variable (vector)
- $\beta_{p\times 1}$: vector of regression coefficients

Goal: Estimation of $p(y \mid X)$.

Dimensions: $\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T x_i = (1 \times 1) - (1 \times p)(p \times 1) = (1 \times 1)$.

Regression models

How does an outcome Y vary as a function of the covariates which we represent as $X_{n \times p}$ matrix?

- ▶ Can we predict Y as a function of each row in the matrix $X_{n \times p}$ denoted by x_i .
- ▶ Which x_j's have an effect?

Such question can be assessed via a linear regression model $p(\mathbf{y} \mid X)$.

Multiple linear regression

We can estimate for both groups simulatenously.

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_{i1} + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_{i2} + \beta_3 \mathbf{x}_{i3} + \beta_4 \mathbf{x}_{i4} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$

where

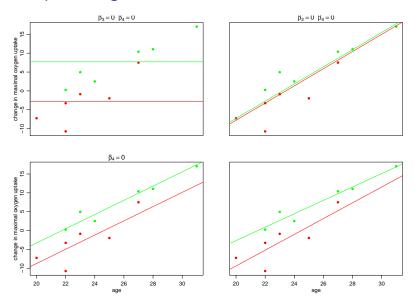
$$x_{i1} = 1$$
 for subject i (1)
 $x_{i2} = 0$ if running program for subject; 1 if aerobics (2)
 $x_{i3} =$ age of subject i (3)
 $x_{i4} = x_{i2} \times x_{i3}$ (4)

Under this model,

$$E[\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{x}] = (\beta_1 + \beta_3) \times \text{age if } x_2 = 0$$

$$E[\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{x}] = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) + (\beta_3 + \beta_4) \times \text{age if } x_2 = 1$$

Least squares regression lines



Multivariate Setup

Let's assume that we have data points (x_i, y_i) available for all i = 1, ..., n.

y is the response variable

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

x_i is the *i*th row of the design matrix $X_{n \times p}$.

Consider the regression coefficients

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}_{p \times 1}$$

Normal Regression Model

The Normal regression model specifies that

- \triangleright $E[Y \mid x]$ is linear and
- the sampling variability around the mean is independent and identically (iid) from a normal distribution

$$Y_i = \beta^T x_i + \epsilon_i \tag{5}$$

$$\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} Normal(0, \sigma^2)$$
 (6)

We can specify a simple Bayesian model as the following:

$$\mathbf{y} \mid X, \beta, \sigma^2 \sim MVN(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$$

 $\beta \sim MVN(0, \tau^2 I)$

Normal Regression Model (continued)

This specifies the density of the data:

$$p(y_1,\ldots,y_n\mid x_1,\ldots x_n,\beta,\sigma^2) \tag{7}$$

$$=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\rho(\mathbf{y}_{i}\mid\mathbf{x}_{i},\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^{2})$$
(8)

$$(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2\}$$
 (9)

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\{(\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - X\boldsymbol{\beta})\}$$
 (10)

Ordinary Least Squares

We estimate the coefficients $\hat{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ by least squares:

$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname*{min}_{\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p} \| \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X} \hat{\beta} \|_2^2$$

This gives

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{y}$$

(Check: does this match the expressions for univariate regression, without and with an intercept?)

The fitted values are

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T\mathbf{y}$$

This is a linear function of \mathbf{y} , $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = H\mathbf{y}$, where $H = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T$ is sometimes called the hat matrix

Ordinary Least squares estimation

Let SSR denote sum of squared residuals.

$$\min_{\beta} SSR(\hat{\beta}) = \min_{\beta} \|y - X\hat{\beta}\|_{2}^{2}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial SSR(\hat{\beta})}{\partial d\hat{\beta}} = \frac{\partial (y - X\hat{\beta})^{T} (y - X\hat{\beta})}{\partial d\hat{\beta}}$$
(11)

$$= \frac{\partial \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y} - 2\hat{\beta}^T X^T \mathbf{Y} + \hat{\beta}^T (X^T X)\hat{\beta}}{\partial d\hat{\beta}}$$
(12)

$$= -2X^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{Y} + 2X^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \hat{\beta} \tag{13}$$

This implies
$$-X^T \mathbf{Y} + X^T X \hat{\beta} = 0 \implies \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{Y}$$
.

Called the ordinary least squares estimator. When is it unique?

Recall data set up

```
# aerobic versus running activity
x1 < -c(0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1)
# age
x2 < -c(23,22,22,25,27,20,31,23,27,28,22,24)
# change in maximal oxygen uptake
y < -c(-0.87, -10.74, -3.27, -1.97, 7.50,
     -7.25,17.05,4.96,10.40,11.05,0.26,2.51
(x3 < -x2) \#age
## [1] 23 22 22 25 27 20 31 23 27 28 22 24
(x2 <- x1) #aerobic versus running
##
    [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1
(x1<- seq(1:length(x2))) #index of person
```

OLS estimation in R

```
## using the lm function
fit.ols<-lm(y~ X[,2] + X[,3] +X[,4])
summary(fit.ols)$coef</pre>
```

```
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -51.2939459 12.2522126 -4.1865047 0.003052321
## X[, 2] 13.1070904 15.7619762 0.8315639 0.429775106
## X[, 3] 2.0947027 0.5263585 3.9796120 0.004063901
## X[, 4] -0.3182438 0.6498086 -0.4897500 0.637457484
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Ordinary Least squares estimation

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y.$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E[(X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y] = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E[Y] = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X \beta.$$

$$Var(\hat{\beta}) = Var\{(X^{T}X)^{-1}X^{T}Y\}$$

$$= (X^{T}X)^{-1}X^{T}\sigma^{2}I_{n}X(X^{T}X)^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^{2}(X^{T}X)^{-1}$$
(15)
$$= (16)$$

$$\hat{\beta} \sim MVN(\beta, \sigma^2(X^TX)^{-1}).$$

Posterior computation

Let $a = 1/\sigma^2$ and $b = 1/\tau^2$.

$$p(\beta \mid y, X) \propto p(y \mid X, \beta)p(\beta)$$

$$\propto \exp\{-a/2(y - X\beta)^{T}(y - X\beta)\} \times \exp\{-b/2\beta^{T}\beta\}\}$$
(18)

Just like in the Multivariate modules, we just simplify. (Check these details on your own).

$$p(\beta \mid \mathbf{y}, X) \propto MVN(\beta \mid \mathbf{y}, X, \Lambda^{-1})$$
 where $\Lambda = aX^TX + bI$ and $\mu = a\Lambda^{-1}X^T\mathbf{y}$.

Posterior computation (details)

$$p(\beta \mid \mathbf{y}, X) \tag{19}$$

$$\propto \exp\{-\frac{a}{2}(\mathbf{y} - X\beta)^T(\mathbf{y} - X\beta)\} \times \exp\{-\frac{b}{2}\beta^T\beta)\}$$
 (20)

$$\propto \exp\{-\frac{a}{2}[\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y} - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}}X^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y} + \beta^{\mathsf{T}}X^{\mathsf{T}}X\beta] - \frac{b}{2}\beta^{\mathsf{T}}\beta\}$$
 (21)

$$\propto \exp\{a\boldsymbol{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{y} - \frac{a}{2}\boldsymbol{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - b/2\boldsymbol{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\beta}\}$$
 (22)

$$\propto \exp\{a\beta^T[X^T \mathbf{y}] - 1/2\beta^T(aX^T X + bI)\beta\}$$
 (23)

Then $\Lambda = aX^TX + bI$ and $\mu = a\Lambda^{-1}X^Ty$.

Multivariate inference for regression models

$$\mathbf{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\beta} \sim MVN(X\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 I)$$
 (24)
 $\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim MVN(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0)$ (25)

The posterior can be shown to be

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{X} \sim MVN(\boldsymbol{\beta}_n, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n)$$

where

$$\beta_n = E[\beta \mid \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \sigma^2] = (\Sigma_o^{-1} + (X^T X)^{-1} / \sigma^2)^{-1} (\Sigma_o^{-1} \beta_0 + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} / \sigma^2)$$

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Remark: If
$$\Sigma_o - 1 << (X^T X)^{-1}$$
 then $\beta_n \approx \hat{\beta}_{ols}$

If
$$\Sigma_o - 1 >> (X^T X)^{-1}$$
 then $\beta_n \approx \beta_0$

Linear Regression Applied to Swimming

- ▶ We will consider Exercise 9.1 in Hoff very closely to illustrate linear regression.
- ► The data set we consider contains times (in seconds) of four high school swimmers swimming 50 yards.
- ▶ There are 6 times for each student, taken every two weeks.
- ► Each row corresponds to a swimmer and a higher column index indicates a later date.

Data set

```
read.table("https://www.stat.washington.edu/~pdhoff/Book/Da
```

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## V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6
## 1 23.1 23.2 22.9 22.9 22.8 22.7
## 2 23.2 23.1 23.4 23.5 23.5 23.4
## 3 22.7 22.6 22.8 22.8 22.9 22.8
## 4 23.7 23.6 23.7 23.5 23.5 23.4
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Full conditionals (Task 1)

We will fit a separate linear regression model for each swimmer, with swimming time as the response and week as the explanatory variable. Let $Y_i \in \mathbb{R}^6$ be the 6 recorded times for swimmer i. Let

$$X_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ \dots & \\ 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the design matrix for swimmer *i*. Then we use the following linear regression model:

$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{N}_6 \left(X \beta_i, \tau_i^{-1} \mathcal{I}_6 \right)$$

 $\beta_i \sim \mathcal{N}_2 \left(\beta_0, \Sigma_0 \right)$
 $\tau_i \sim \mathsf{Gamma}(a, b).$

Derive full conditionals for β_i and τ_i .

Solution (Task 1)

The conditional posterior for β_i is multivariate normal with

$$\mathbb{V}[\beta_{i} \mid Y_{i}, X_{i}, \underline{\tau_{i}}] = (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} + \tau X_{i}^{T} X_{i})^{-1} \\
\mathbb{E}[\beta_{i} \mid Y_{i}, X_{i}, \underline{\tau_{i}}] = (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} + \underline{\tau_{i}} X_{i}^{T} X_{i})^{-1} (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} \beta_{0} + \underline{\tau_{i}} X_{i}^{T} Y_{i}).$$

while

$$au_i \mid Y_i, X_i, eta \sim \mathsf{Gamma}\left(a+3\,,\; b+rac{(Y_i-X_ieta_i)^T(Y_i-X_ieta_i)}{2}
ight).$$

These can be found in in Hoff in section 9.2.1.

Task 2

Complete the prior specification by choosing a, b, β_0 , and Σ_0 . Let your choices be informed by the fact that times for this age group tend to be between 22 and 24 seconds.

Solution (Task 2)

Choose a = b = 0.1 so as to be somewhat uninformative.

Choose $\beta_0 = [23 \ 0]^T$ with

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

This centers the intercept at 23 (the middle of the given range) and the slope at 0 (so we are assuming no increase) but we choose the variance to be a bit large to err on the side of being less informative.

Gibbs sampler (Task 3)

Code a Gibbs sampler to fit each of the models. For each swimmer i, obtain draws from the posterior predictive distribution for y_i^* , the time of swimmer i if they were to swim two weeks from the last recorded time.

Posterior Prediction (Task 4)

The coach has to decide which swimmer should compete in a meet two weeks from the last recorded time. Using the posterior predictive distributions, compute $\Pr\{y_i^* = \max(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, y_4^*)\}$ for each swimmer i and use these probabilities to make a recommendation to the coach.

This is left as an exercise.