LINEAR MODELS PROJECT REPORT

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In this project, I took several screenshots of satellite images from Google Maps of the area in Bangalore and stitched them into a whole map. However, the code that I used for this, works fine for any and every area on Google Maps.

*** Methodology**

Model

Suppose, I have m screenshots and n distinct places to locate on the map.I stored the screenshot number(as ss variable), the name of the place(as place variable) and the co-ordinates of the place with respect to that screenshot. I fitted linear model for predicting the x-ordinate and the y-ordinate separately. For the y-ordinate the model is,

$$y_{ij} = ss_i + place_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$
 where $i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, n_i$ and $\epsilon_{ij} \stackrel{IID}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$

Note that both the inputs are factor. This is a 2-way ANOVA model. We have only two indices (i, j) as for each type (i, j) we have only one observation. Similarly for the x-ordinate the model is,

$$x_{ij} = ss_i + place_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$
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Design Matrix

Number of columns in design matrix is m+n. Number of rows in design matrix = Total number of clicks= C (let). the dimension of the design matrix is =(number of clicks x (number of distinct place+ number of screenshots)) = $C \times (m+n)$

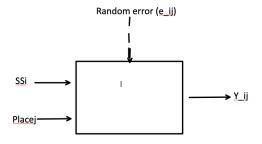


Figure 1: Blackbox diagram

Rank of the design matrix

Claim: The map formed by the screenshots is connected iff rank(design matrix) = m+n-1.

Proof: To understand the idea, consider the screenshots as vertices of a graph and draw an edge between them if they have at least one marked place common. We know if a graph is connected there exists at least (m-1) many edges.

If place(j) is common in k many of the screenshots, there exist at least k-1 many edges in the graph. Hence total number of edges in the graph is $\sum_{j=0}^{n} (k(j)-1) = C-n$ where k(j)= number of times place(j) has occurred.

Now, for the columns, if we add all the columns corresponding to place variable we get a vector of 1's. Similarly adding up all the columns w.r.t. ss variable we get a vector of 1's. All the ss variables are independent of each other and all the place variables are independent of each other. Hence, column rank of the design matrix = m+n-1.

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* Documentation for R codes and outputs