

# Week1

## Prob

- Every event,  $\Pr(A) \geq 0$
- Some event,  $\Pr(\text{total}) = 1$
- If A and B mutually exclusive,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$
- $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$

## Random Variables and Distributions

- Discrete
- Continuous
- PDF prob function for every random variables
- CDF  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ 
  - $\Pr(y_1 \leq Y \leq y_2) = F(y_2) - F(y_1)$
  - **Non-decreasing!**

Mean( $E(x)$ )

- weighted average ( $\sum(\text{prob}(x) * x)$ )
- **Unique**
- *most frequently used measure of centrality*

Mode

- Value occurring with the greatest prob

Median

- 50% Median 50%
- Mislead under certain settings(skewed distribution)

# Week 2

## Variance

- The *variance* of a random variable measures the spread or dispersion of the variable around its mean

$$\text{Var}(X) = E \left[ (X - \mu_X)^2 \right]$$

- In the discrete case, this is simply the weighted average of the squared deviations of  $X$  from its mean

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i - E(X)]^2 \text{Pr}(x_i)$$

## Standard Deviation(SD)

- square root of Var (X)

## Joint Distribution

- $P(X = x, Y = y) = f(X, Y)$

## Marginal Distribution

- $P(Y = y) = \text{SUM}(P(X = x_i, Y = y))$  for every  $x_i$

## Conditional Distribution

$$P(Y = y \mid X = x) = P(x, y) / P(x)$$

## Conditional Expectation

$$E[Y \mid X = x] = \text{SUM}(y_i * \text{prob}(P(Y = y_i \mid X = x))) \text{ for every } y_i$$

## Independence

- $X$  and  $Y$  are said to be independent if  $P(Y = y \mid X = x) = P(Y = y) = P(X = x)$
- If  $x, y$  are independent, then  $P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) * P(Y = y)$

## Dependence and Covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - \mu(x))(Y - \mu(y))]$$

or the sum of any x and any y for  $(x_i - \mu(x))(y_i - \mu(y))P(X = x_i, Y = y_i)$

## Correlation

$$\text{rou}(X, Y) = \text{cov}(X, Y) / \text{sd}(X) \text{sd}(Y)$$

- Range : [-1,1]
- 0: no relation
- 1,-1: perfect pos/neg relation
- **If two variables are independent, they must then also be uncorrelated**
- **However, A covariance / correlation of 0 does NOT imply independence**

## Useful Distribution

*Discrete : Bernoulli*

*Continuous: Uniform, Normal, Standard Normal*

- Bernouli
  - $P(x = 1) = p$
  - $P(X = 0) = 1 - p$
  - $E(X) = p$  and  $\text{Var}(x) = p(1 - p)$
- Uniform
  - pdf:  $f(y) = 1/(b - a)$
  - Cdf:  $F(y) = (y - a)/(b - a)$
- Normal, standard Normal
  - Standard normal  $(Z = (Y - \mu)/\sigma) \sim N(0, 1) \rightarrow \text{mean} = 0, \text{sd} = 1$
  - $Q_{\text{norm}}(\text{prob})$ ,  $p_{\text{norm}}(z\text{-value})$

## Week 3

### Random sampling

- An ideal way of collecting and constructing the samples.

## Point Estimate

- Use sample mean  $\bar{X}$  to estimate population mean  $\mu_X$
- Use sample mean  $\bar{X}_{var}$  to estimate population var  $\sigma_X^2$
- Use sample cov  $s_{XY}$  to estimate population cov  $\sigma_{XY}$

## Mean, Var and standard error of sample mean

- 1 Mean equal to the population mean.

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu_X$$

- 2 Variance equal to the population variance divided by the sample size.

$$Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{n}$$

- Specifically, the standard error for a sample of size  $n$  is

$$SE[\bar{X}] = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}}$$

or (simplifying notation)

$$\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}}$$

## Large Num law and CLT

LLN :  $\bar{X} \rightarrow \mu_X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

CLT: normalized z-value  $\rightarrow N(0,1)$

## Property of Expectation and Var, Sd

- $E(aX) = aE(X)$
- $E(X + b) = E(X) + b$
- $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
- $Var(aX) = a^2 Var(X)$
- $Var(X + b) = Var(X)$

- $sd(aX) = |a| \cdot sd(X)$
- $sd(X + b) = sd(X)$

If  $X, Y$  dependent

- For two variables,  $X$  and  $Y$  we have

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2 \cdot Cov(X, Y)$$

- For three variables,  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  we have

$$Var(X + Y + Z) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + Var(Z) + 2 \cdot Cov(X, Y) + 2 \cdot Cov(X, Z) + 2 \cdot Cov(Y, Z)$$

Or  $Var(X) + Var(Y)$

- Lastly, for **constants**  $a$  and  $b$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X, Y) &= Cov(Y, X) \\ Cov(aX, bY) &= abCov(X, Y) \\ Corr(aX, bY) &= Corr(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

- For example,

$$\begin{aligned} Var(aX + bY) &= Var(aX) + Var(bY) + 2Cov(aX, bY) \\ &= a^2 Var(X) + b^2 Var(Y) + 2abCov(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

## Week4

- CI vs PI:
  - CI is the pred of sample mean, which is influenced by the sample size
  - PI is the pred of each value, not affected by size
  - **Pay attention to the one-side / two-side!**
- Null Hypotheses
  - Assume  $H_0$  and  $H_A$
  - calculate what possibility we can reject the hypo
    - $H_0, H_A$
    - Use sample mean,  $H_0$ , sd of sample and size of sample
      - $t = (\text{sample mean} - H_0) / (\text{sd} / \sqrt{\text{size}})$
      - One-tail/two-tail, compare  $\phi(t)$  with significant level.

- Comparing means for different populations

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- Let's consider the two-sided null hypothesis that men and women are paid the same:

$$H_0 : \mu_m - \mu_w = 0 \text{ vs. } H_A : \mu_m - \mu_w \neq 0$$

- To test this, we first need an estimate of the difference in population means:  $\mu_m - \mu_w$
- Of course, this is simply the difference in sample means:  $\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w$
- We also need to know the standard error of this estimate.
- It can be computed as

$$SE(\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w) = \sqrt{\frac{s_m^2}{n_m} + \frac{s_w^2}{n_w}}$$

Aside: can you see why this is? Hint: what is  $var(A - B)$  if  $A$  and  $B$  are independent?

- The t-statistic for testing  $H_0$  is constructed the same way as before

$$t^{act} = \frac{(\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w) - 0}{SE(\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w)}$$

only now we call it “the t-statistic for comparing two means”.

- Once again, using the CLT, it can be proven that this t-statistic is asymptotically standard normal under the null.
- Therefore, the p-value for the two-sided test can be computed exactly as before:

$$p\text{-value} = 2 \cdot \Phi(-|t^{act}|)$$

- Alternatively, a 95% CI for the difference in means can be computed as

$$(\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w) \pm 1.96 \cdot SE(\bar{Y}_m - \bar{Y}_w)$$

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## Week5

OLS: predict b1 and b0:

- $S_{xy}$  is the **sample covariance**
- $S_x^2$  is the **sample variance** of  $x$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}$$

Standard error of the slope:

$$SE(B1) = SER/(\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)})$$

$$SE(B0) = SER \cdot \sqrt{1/n + \text{mean}(x)^2/(n \cdot \text{Var}(x))}$$

- The standard error  $R$  reports for  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is computed as<sup>1</sup>

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{SER}{\sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}} = \frac{SER}{\sqrt{n} \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}}}$$

- The standard error  $R$  reports for  $\hat{\beta}_0$  is computed as

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{SER}{\sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2} = SER \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}$$

## Week6

Goodness of fit:

SSR: **Sum of squared residuals**

SER: **Standard error of the regression**

- Instead, the *Standard Error of the Regression (SER)* is an estimator<sup>2</sup> of the standard deviation of  $e_i$ .

$$SER = s_{\hat{e}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum \hat{e}_i^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{SSR}{n-2}}$$

TSS: **Total sum of Squares**

- We can normalize the  $SSR$  using a measure of the *total* variation in  $Y$ , called the *Total Sum of Squares*:

$$TSS = \sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

$$R^2 = 1 - SSR/TSS$$

$$R^2 = \frac{\sum (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2}{\sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2} = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = \frac{\text{"explained variation"}}{\text{"total variation"}}$$

$$R^2 = r_{xy}^2$$

- **IMPORTANT** :  $R^2(x,y) = R^2(5x,10y)$

$$r_{XY} = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X s_Y}.$$

## Attention

- A high  $R^{*2}$  means that a lot of the total variation is explained by the regression (data is tightly concentrated around the line).
- $R^{*2}$  is a measure of fit of the **linear** model, so it can miss non-linear relationships
- $R^{*2}$  **does not prove** that our model is right or wrong:  
You can have a good model but a low  $R^{*2}$  because  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_i)$  is large.
- - You can also have a bad model with  $R^2 \approx 1$ .
    - Spurious correlation/regression:  $X$  &  $Y$  move together because of something else. (remember ice cream and murder?!?!)
  - Finally,  $R^2$  does not tell you the direction: it could also be  $Y \rightarrow X$  (reverse causation).

## F statistics



- The  $F$ -statistic is constructed as follows:

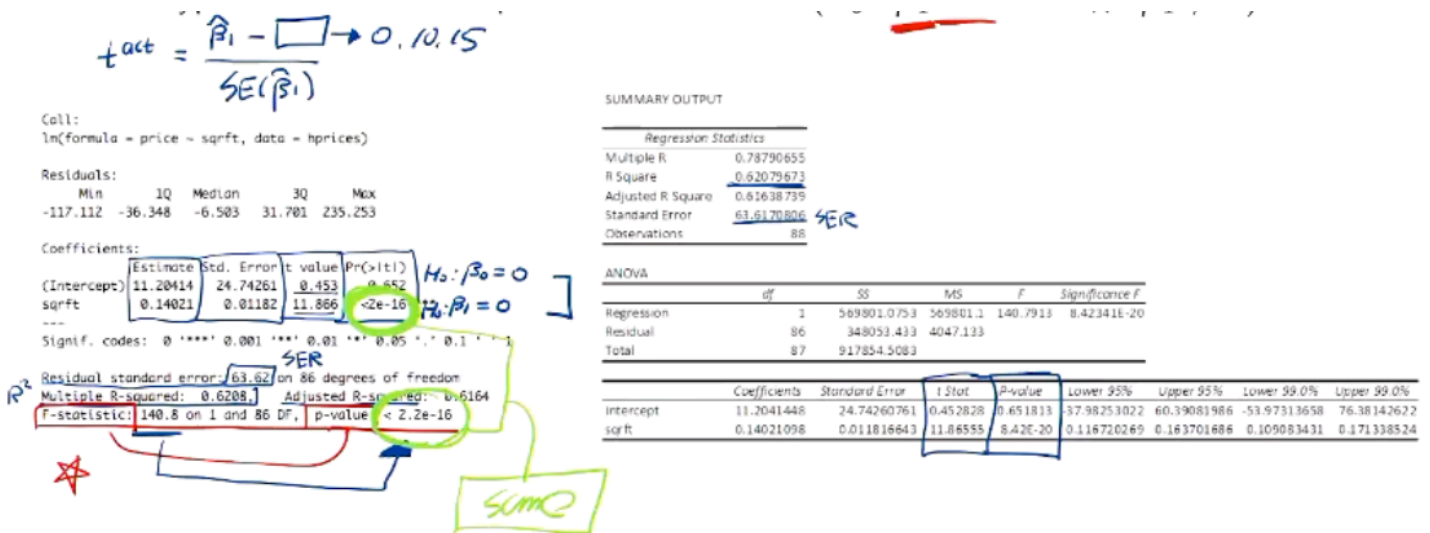
$$F = \frac{(n-2) R^2}{(1-R^2)}$$

- If  $e_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  it can be shown that

$$F \xrightarrow{d} F_{1, n-2}$$

so you can calculate  $p$ -value using  $1 - pf(F, 1, n-2)$  command in R.

- In the **univariate** regression case,  $F$ -statistic conveys **exactly**<sup>7</sup> the same information as the  $t$ -stat for  $\beta_1$  ( $t$ -stat for the slope parameter coefficient). That is,  $t_{\beta_1}^2 = F$ .



## Dummy variable(binary x variable(0,1))

- $B_1$ : doesn't mean slope here, but the difference between two groups(0,1)
- $B_0 = \text{Intercept} = f(0)$
- $f(1) = \text{Intercept} + B_1$

- Here's the output from the regression using "Male" as a binary variable.

```
> fit = lm(earnings~male, data=cps12)
> summary(fit)

call:
lm(formula = earnings ~ male, data = cps12)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-23.162  -7.560  -2.222   5.421  51.624

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  21.5024    0.2514   85.54  <2e-16 ***
male         3.7965     0.3531   10.75  <2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 11.1 on 3953 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.02841, Adjusted R-squared:  0.02816
F-statistic: 115.6 on 1 and 3953 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

> confint.default(fit, level=0.95)
                2.5 %    97.5 %
(Intercept) 21.009706 21.99505
male        3.104362  4.48860
```

- Dataset: cps12.csv

- $\hat{\beta}_0 = 21.50$  is the sample average of earnings for women

- $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = 25.30$  is the sample average of earnings for men.

- $\hat{\beta}_1 = 3.80$  is the difference between these two sample averages.

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## OLS Assumptions(ordinary least squares )

- Do the OLS formulas have the same desirable properties that  $\bar{X}$  had?
  - Unbiasedness:  $E(\hat{\beta}_i) = \beta_i$
  - Consistency:  $\hat{\beta}_i \xrightarrow{P} \beta_i$
  - Asymptotic normality:  $\hat{\beta}_i$  distributed Normally for large  $n$

### OLS Assumption 1 Linearity in parameters; zero conditional mean

The true model is  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i$  and  $E(u_i | X_i) = 0$ .

### OLS Assumption 2 Simple random sample

$(X_i, Y_i)$  are *iid* draws from their joint distribution.

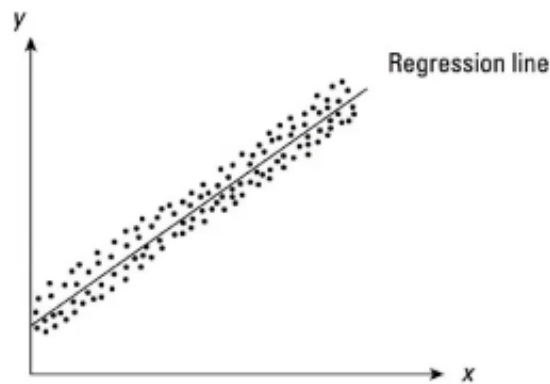
### OLS Assumption 3 No extreme outliers

$u_i$  and  $X_i$  have non-zero & finite fourth moments.

$$0 < E(X_i^4) < \infty \text{ and } 0 < E(u_i^4) < \infty$$

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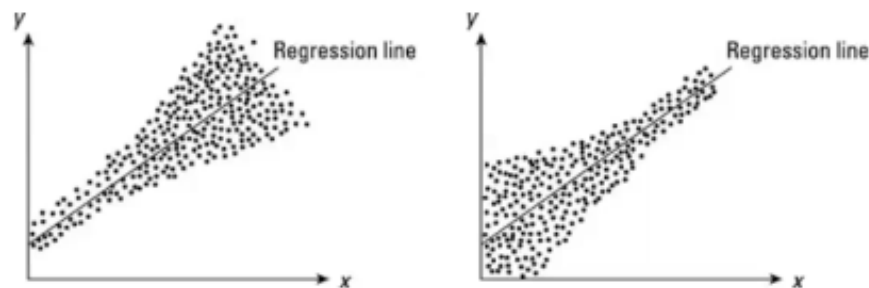
Homoskedastic: for all values of  $X$ , the var of error is the same



- If  $\text{Var}(u_i | X_i) = \sigma_u^2$  (a constant), then we have homoskedasticity.
  - This is OLS Assumption 4.
- If instead  $\text{Var}(u_i | X_i) = f(X_i)$ , we have heteroskedasticity.
  - This violates OLS Assumption 4

Heteroskedasticity:

► However, in practice we might see many cases like this:



- If errors are Peter, B0 and B1 are correct
- But the SE formulas changes to a more complicated one

```
cps12 = read.csv(url("http://hanachoi.github.io/datasets/cps12.csv"), header=TRUE,
sep=",") # load cps dataset
fit_cps12 = lm(earnings~male, data=cps12) # run regression of earnings on male dummy
variable
fit_cps12$HRse = vcovHC(fit_cps12, type="HC1") # obtain HR SEs
coeftest(fit_cps12) # report homoskedastic SE
coeftest(fit_cps12, fit_cps12$HRse) # report HR SE
```

- We can use heter one to do data analysis

## Multiple Regression

In particular, if the true model is

$$Y = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_1 + \alpha_2 X_2 + u$$

but you leave out  $X_2$  and estimate

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + u$$

then you can expect the following biases<sup>3</sup> in your estimate of  $\beta_1$ .

	$\rho_{X_1 X_2} > 0$	$\rho_{X_1 X_2} < 0$
$\alpha_2 > 0$	positive bias	negative bias
$\alpha_2 < 0$	negative bias	positive bias

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## The OLS Assumptions in the Multiple Regression Model

OLS Assumption 1 Linearity in parameters; zero conditional mean

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \dots + \beta_p X_{pi} + u_i \text{ \& } E(u_i | X_{1i}, \dots, X_{pi}) = 0$$

OLS Assumption 2 Simple random sample

$$(Y_i, X_{1i}, \dots, X_{pi}) \sim iid$$

OLS Assumption 3 No extreme outliers

$X_{1i}, \dots, X_{pi}, u_i$  have nonzero, finite fourth moments.

OLS Assumption 4 No perfect collinearity

Regressors can't be written as linear combinations of each other.

OLS Assumption 5 Homoskedasticity

$$Var(u_i | X_{1i}, \dots, X_{pi}) = \sigma_u^2$$

## F-statistics

$$F = \frac{(n - p - 1) R^2}{p (1 - R^2)}$$

## Goodness of Fit

- SER
- $R^2$
- Adj- $R^2$

$$SER = s_{\hat{u}} = \sqrt{\frac{SSR}{n - p - 1}} = \sqrt{MSE}$$

$$R^2 = \frac{\sum (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2}{\sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2} = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{SSR}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{\sum (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{\sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$$

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{n - 1}{n - p - 1} \frac{SSR}{TSS}$$

- adj R square can be negative
- if adj R square is far apart from  $R^2$ , it's a bad sign.
-