

# **STA302/1001: Methods of Data Analysis**

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Chapter 6: Polynomials and Factors

# Polynomials

- what shall we do if lack of fit exists?
- we could do nothing and just sit there and cry
- or we could improve our model
- Polynomial Regression: some terms are higher power of some predictors
- simplest example: quadratic regression

$$E(Y|X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$$

- a natural question: use straight line or quadratic?

# Polynomials - con't

- answer by  $F$ -test from multiple regression ANOVA
- in general:

$$E(Y|X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2 + \cdots + \beta_d x^d$$

- important question: how to choose  $d$
- e.g. find the most desirable value of  $x$  that maximizes or minimizes  $E(Y|X)$  in quadratic regression
- for  $E(Y|X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$ , solving

$$\frac{dE(Y|X = x)}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_M = \frac{-\beta_1}{2\beta_2}$$

# Polynomials with Several Predictors

- a special case of two predictors:

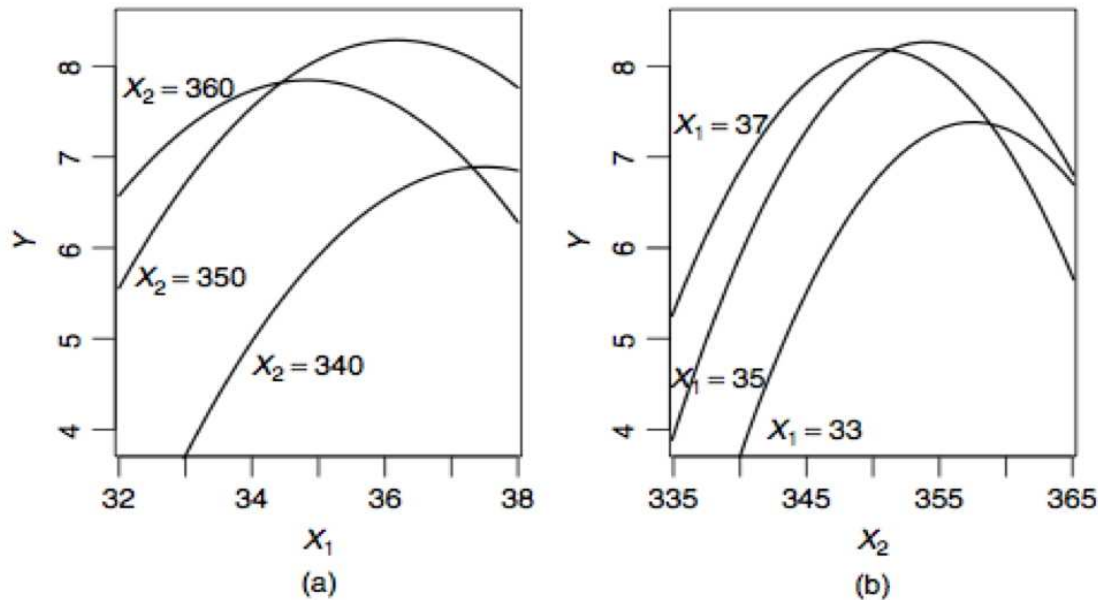
$$\begin{aligned} E(Y|X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2) = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{11} x_1^2 \\ & + \beta_{22} x_2^2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 \end{aligned}$$

- the term  $X_1 X_2$  is called an interaction
- effect of  $X_2$  cannot be kept constant if we change  $X_1$
- if we only limit the highest order to 2, how many terms are there for  $k$  predictors?
- one intercept,  $k$  linear terms,  $k$  quadratic terms and  $\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$  interaction terms
- e.g.,  $k = 5$ , altogether 21 terms

# Polynomials with Several Predictors - con't

●  $Y$ : palatability score;  $X_1$ : baking time;  $X_2$ : baking temp

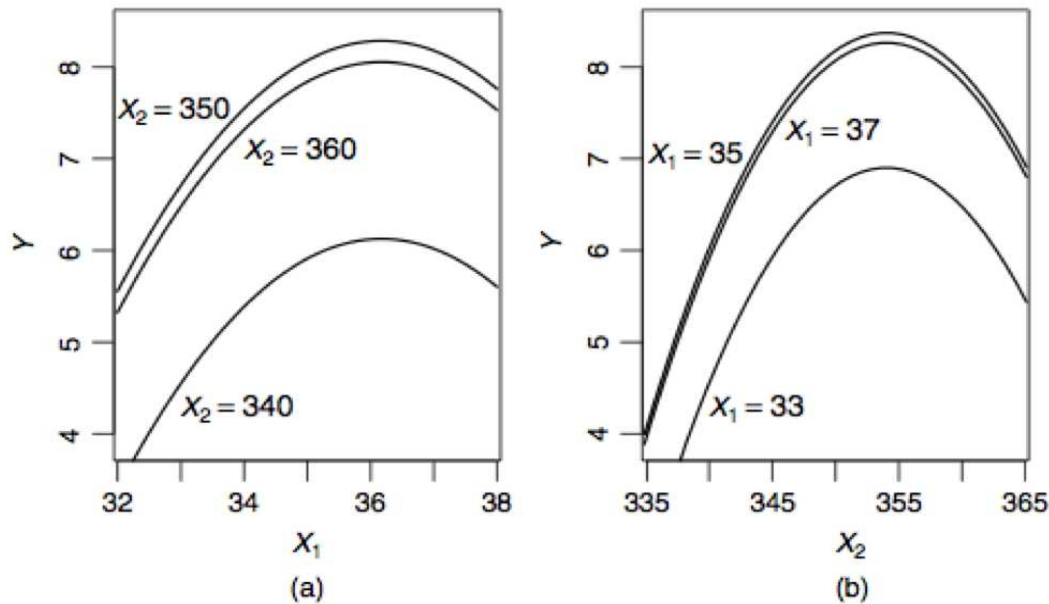
with interaction



**FIG. 6.3** Estimated response curves for the cakes data, based on (6.7).

# Polynomials with Several Predictors - con't

without interaction



**FIG. 6.4** Estimated response curves for the cakes data, based on fitting with  $\beta_{12} = 0$ .

# The Delta Method

- provides approximate standard errors for **nonlinear** combinations of parameter estimates
- e.g., what is  $\text{Var}(\hat{x}_M)$  where  $\hat{x}_M = \frac{-\hat{\beta}_1}{2\hat{\beta}_2}$ ?
- suppose  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \overset{\circ}{\sim} N(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \Sigma)$  and  $g(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is a continuous function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  ( $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  may be a vector)
- then, when  $n$  is large, we have

$$E[g(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})] \approx g(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\text{Var}[g(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})] \approx \dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma \dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\text{where } \dot{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_k} \right)'$$

- note: some authors use  $\sigma^2 \mathbf{D}$  instead of  $\Sigma$

# The Delta Method - con't

- back to the example for  $\hat{x}_M$
  - $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)'$  and  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)'$  ( $g(\hat{\beta}) \sim N(g(\beta), \dot{g}(\beta)\Sigma\dot{g}(\beta))$ )
  - we know, for large  $n$ ,  $\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1})$
  - R function `vcov(lm.fit)` gives  $\widehat{\text{Cov}}(\hat{\beta}) \approx \hat{\sigma}^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$
  - $g(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{-\hat{\beta}_1}{2\hat{\beta}_2} \Rightarrow \dot{g}(\hat{\beta}) = (0, \frac{-1}{2\hat{\beta}_2}, \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{2\hat{\beta}_2^2})$
- $$\frac{g(\hat{\beta}) - g(\beta)}{\sqrt{\dot{g}(\hat{\beta})' \Sigma \dot{g}(\hat{\beta})}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P\left(\frac{|g(\hat{\beta}) - g(\beta)|}{\sqrt{\dot{g}(\hat{\beta})' \Sigma \dot{g}(\hat{\beta})}} < z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$
- $$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(g(\hat{\beta})) &= \dot{g}(\hat{\beta})' \widehat{\text{Cov}}(\hat{\beta}) \dot{g}(\hat{\beta}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\hat{\beta}_2^2} \left( \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) + \frac{\hat{\beta}_1^2}{\hat{\beta}_2^2} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2) - \frac{2\hat{\beta}_1}{\hat{\beta}_2} \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$
- use  $z$ -test or  $z$ -interval, i.e., critical value from  $N(0, 1)$



# The Delta Method - con't

- revisit cakes data: find optimal baking times given different baking temperatures
- $x_1$ : baking time;  $x_2$ : baking temperature  
 $E(Y|x_1, x_2) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1^2 + \beta_4 x_2^2 + \beta_5 x_1 x_2$
- solve for optimal baking time:  $x_M = g(\beta; x_2) = -\frac{\beta_1 + \beta_5 x_2}{2\beta_3}$
- $\frac{\partial x_M}{\partial \beta} = \dot{g}(\beta; x_2) = (0, -\frac{1}{2\beta_3}, 0, \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_5 x_2}{2\beta_3^2}, 0, -\frac{x_2}{2\beta_3})'$
- $\text{Var}(\hat{x}_M) = \dot{g}(\hat{\beta}; x_2)' \widehat{\text{Cov}}(\hat{\beta}) \dot{g}(\hat{\beta}; x_2)$
- 100(1 -  $\alpha$ )% pointwise confidence interval for  $x_M$ :

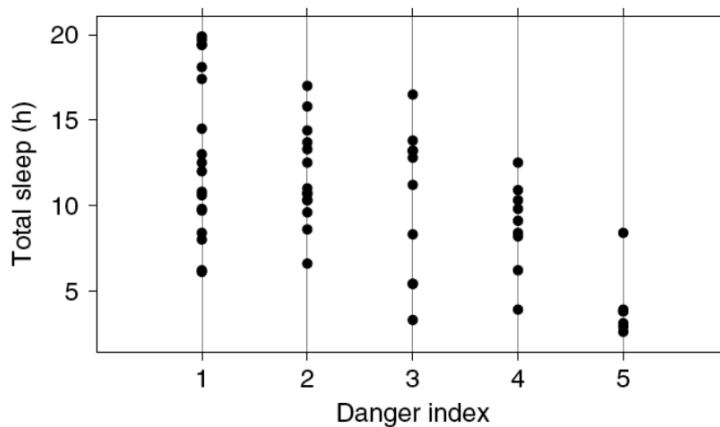
$$\hat{x}_M \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\dot{g}(\hat{\beta}; x_2)' \widehat{\text{Cov}}(\hat{\beta}) \dot{g}(\hat{\beta}; x_2)}$$

# Factors

- allow qualitative or categorical predictors
- different levels: male or female, eye colour, etc.
- use **dummy variables** in the regression model  
*not just one variable*
- e.g., 0 for male and 1 for female, or  $-1, 1$
- will give the same outcomes if you know what you are doing
  - *instead of the original categorical predictor*

# Factors - Sleep Data

How much  
time of  
sleeping/day



More danger  
less sleep

- sleep data - sleeping patterns of 62 mammal species (4 missing at random, thus omitted)
- response  $TS$ : total hours of sleep per day
- predictor  $D$ : danger indicator, 1 to 5,  $D=1$  means least danger from other animals in order

# The Factor Rule

- the factor rule:

A factor with  $d$  levels can be represented by at most  $d$  dummy variables. If the intercept is in the mean function, at most  $d - 1$  of the dummy variables can be used in the mean function

- define the  $j^{th}$  dummy variable  $U_j, j = 1, \dots, 5$

$$u_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D_i = j^{th} \text{ category of } D \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*only 1 at each level*

- the regression model is:

$$E(TS|D) = \beta_1 U_1 + \beta_2 U_2 + \beta_3 U_3 + \beta_4 U_4 + \beta_5 U_5$$

*overall 5 dummy variables get only 1 each row*

*rank 5*

*5 columns no intercept*

*Matrix with 0 1, Not 1 2 3 4 5*

*58 by 5 if use an intercept, by 5 not by 4*

# Two Models for the Same Thing

- $\beta_j$  : can be interpreted as the population mean for all species with danger index  $j$
- note that no intercept is there, why?
- now consider an equivalent model:

$$E(TS|D) = \eta_0 + \eta_2 U_2 + \eta_3 U_3 + \eta_4 U_4 + \eta_5 U_5$$

1 or 0

- $\eta_0 = \beta_1, \eta_0 + \eta_2 = \beta_2, \eta_0 + \eta_3 = \beta_3, \dots, \eta_0 + \eta_5 = \beta_5$  number of hrs sleeping at different levels
- this is called a **one-way analysis of variance** model — fits a separate mean for each level

# Model 6.1a

- (Table 6.1a) coefficient for  $U_j$  is the estimated mean for level  $j$  of  $D$  *There are two tables*  
*Stupid ANOVA*

|                          | Estimate | Std. Error | <i>t</i> -value | Pr(>   <i>t</i>  ) |                 |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Mean function (6.15) |          |            |                 |                    |                 |
| $U_1$                    | 13.0833  | 0.8881     | 14.73           | 0.0000             |                 |
| $U_2$                    | 11.7500  | 1.0070     | 11.67           | 0.0000             |                 |
| $U_3$                    | 10.3100  | 1.1915     | 8.65            | 0.0000             |                 |
| $U_4$                    | 8.8111   | 1.2559     | 7.02            | 0.0000             |                 |
| $U_5$                    | 4.0714   | 1.4241     | 2.86            | 0.0061             |                 |
|                          | Df       | Sum Sq     | Mean Sq         | <i>F</i> -value    | Pr(> <i>F</i> ) |
| <i>D</i>                 | 5        | 6891.72    | 1378.34         | 97.09              | 0.0000          |
| Residuals                | 53       | 752.41     | 14.20           |                    |                 |

*no intercept*

# Model 6.1b

- (Table 6.1b) intercept: estimated mean for level 1 of  $D$
- coefficient for  $U_j$  is the estimated difference between means for level 1 and level  $j, j > 1$

|                          | Estimate | Std. Error | <i>t</i> -value | Pr(>   <i>t</i>  ) |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| (b) Mean function (6.16) |          |            |                 |                    |
| Intercept                | 13.0833  | 0.8881     | 14.73           | 0.0000             |
| $U_2$                    | -1.3333  | 1.3427     | -0.99           | 0.3252             |
| $U_3$                    | -2.7733  | 1.4860     | -1.87           | 0.0675             |
| $U_4$                    | -4.2722  | 1.5382     | -2.78           | 0.0076             |
| $U_5$                    | -9.0119  | 1.6783     | -5.37           | 0.0000             |

|           | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | <i>F</i> -value | Pr(> <i>F</i> ) |
|-----------|----|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $D$       | 4  | 457.26 | 114.31  | 8.05            | 0.0000          |
| Residuals | 53 | 752.41 | 14.20   |                 |                 |

< 0.3252  
or 0.0675  
or 0.0076

# More on Models 6.1a and 6.1b

- how about the  $t$ -values?

- ANOVA Table 6.1a:

NH: all  $\beta$ 's are zero or  $E(TS|D) = 0$

- ANOVA Table 6.1b:

NH:  $E(TS|D) = \eta_0$

- caution: identical  $RSS$ 's, the ANOVA in Table 6.1a is not an exclusive decomposition,  $SY\dot{Y} \neq SS_{reg} + RSS$

- the 1st is easier to interpret, the 2nd is more used

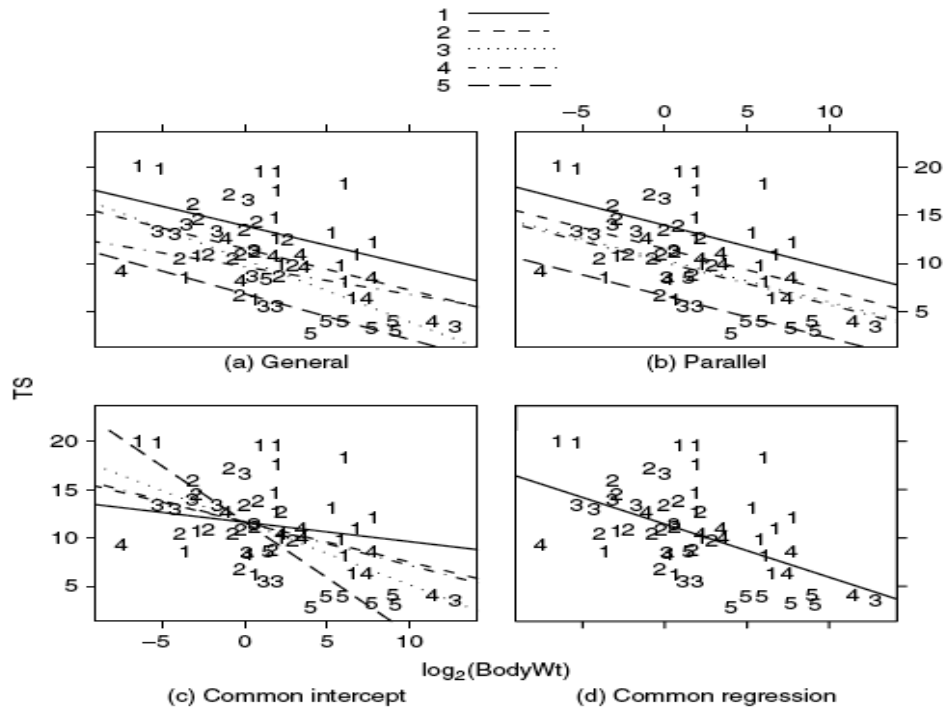
*without intercept. with intercept: same as SLR*

- let's add a continuous predictor,  $\log(\text{BodyWt})$ ?



# Adding a Continuous Term $\log(\text{BodyWt})$

- so two terms:  $D$  and  $\log(\text{BodyWt})$
- four different cases



# Model 1

- one regression line for each level of  $D$
- $E[TS|\log(\text{BodyWt}), D] = \sum_{j=1}^5 (\beta_{0j}U_j + \beta_{1j}U_jx)$
- $E[TS|\log(\text{BodyWt}), D] = \eta_0 + \eta_1x + \sum_{j=2}^5 (\eta_{0j}U_j + \eta_{1j}U_jx)$
- interactions between  $U_j$  and  $\log(\text{BodyWt})$
- first one is more convenient for obtaining interpretable parameters
- second one is useful for comparing mean functions
- what is the difference between this and fitting 5 separate regressions?

# Other Models

- Model 2: parallel regression
- same slope but different intercepts, no interaction between  $U_j$  and  $\log(\text{BodyWt})$
- when do we want to fit a model like this?
- Model 3: common intercept
- Model 4: coincident regression lines (no  $D$ )
- general  $F$  test: Model 1 as the model in AH
- NH: usually either Model 2 or 4
- what are the design matrices  $\mathbf{X}$  for the above models?

## Table 6.2

**TABLE 6.2** Residual Sum of Squares and df for the Four Mean Functions for the Sleep Data

|                           | df | RSS    | F    | P (>F) |
|---------------------------|----|--------|------|--------|
| Model 1, most general     | 48 | 565.46 |      |        |
| Model 2, parallel         | 52 | 581.22 | 0.33 | 0.853  |
| Model 3, common intercept | 52 | 709.49 | 3.06 | 0.025  |
| Model 4, all the same     | 56 | 866.23 | 3.19 | 0.006  |

- exercise: compute  $F$  values from df and RSS
- more: **ordinal** factors sometimes may be treated as continuous, how to decide?