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1. Linear Model

$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log x + \beta_2 x^2 + \epsilon$ is a Linear Model

$Y = \frac{\beta_1 x}{\beta_0 + x} + \epsilon$ is a non-linear model

The 2nd one can't be expressed as a linear combination of known functions of x .

2. We are only dealing with models, which is not necessarily the truth.

"All models are wrong but some models are useful" – BOX (1976)

3. We do not claim a causal relation b/w X & Y . i.e. trying to predict Y based on X . Not claiming X causes Y or Y causes X .

4. Interpretation of the coefficient In univariate ($p = 1$) regression, the interpretation is

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

$\beta_0 \rightarrow$ expected value of Y when $x = 0$.

$\beta_1 \rightarrow$ avg change in Y for a unit change in X .

Multiple Regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \epsilon, \beta_1 > 0$$

If we disregard X_2 , then the overall pattern of Y on X_1 is decreasing. $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \epsilon, \beta_1 < 0$.

In multiple regression, the interpretation of β_1 is the avg change in Y for a unit change in X_1 , when X_2 is held constant. In general, the regression coefficient measures the change in response for a unit change in the corresponding predictor when all other predictors are held constant.

Collinearity A linear dependence b/w 2 or more predictors/columns of the design matrix. e.g. $\mathbf{x}_1 = 2\mathbf{x}_2$ or $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2 + 2\mathbf{x}_3$. At the population level, this makes the coeff (β_1, β_2) ill-defined.

$y = x_1 + x_2 + 6$	$(\beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 1)$
$y = 3x_2 + 6$	$(0, 3)$
$y = -1.5x_2 + 6$	$(-1.5, 0)$

Infinitely many equations represent the same plane If $\mathbf{x}_1 = 2\mathbf{x}_2$ then $(X^T X)$ can't be defined. At the estimate level:

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

As $(X^T X)$ is not full rank, $\det(X^T X) = 0$. Even if the det is not zero but very small, this $(X^T X)^{-1}$ becomes unstable conceptually. This is c/d near collinearity & we should try to avoid, we want to remove some of the columns, but which ones?

If the relation involves only 2 columns, then a pairwise plot e.g. (X_1, X_2) , (X_1, X_3) , (X_2, X_3) will reveal an exact straight line in one of the plots. Then drop any one of the variables in that plot. Even a very high correlation b/w X_1, X_3 dictates we drop one of them. What if $x_1 = x_2 + 2x_3$? This can't be detected in a particular pairwise plot.

- The columns not in the linear relation will have small numbers in the corresponding diagonal of $(X^T X)^{-1}$. Retain those.
- From the subset that is not retained, remove elements one by one & check if the overall determinant stabilizes.

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- **Collinearity is:** Linear or approximate linear relationship b/w the predictor variables.
- **Why is it a problem?:** $\hat{\beta}$ is unstable.
- **How to detect:** $\det(X^T X) \approx 0$. i.e. $\sigma^2(X^T X)^{-1}$ is very large.

Another problem of Multiple Regression: Interaction Nature of relationship b/w Y & X_1 depends on the value of X_2 . Our assumption is that every variable makes a distinct additive contribution to the response. Model with interaction term:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 + \epsilon$$

Start with a bigger (more interaction) model. Test the hypothesis whether the interaction term is zero. If the hypothesis ($H_0 : \beta_{12} = 0$) is not rejected, then we can go ahead with the no interaction simpler model.

Normality assumption and the geometry of least squares

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

Minimizing $\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 = \|\epsilon\|^2$. $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $X\beta$ is a plane in the n -dimensional space. The distance is minimized when we project a perpendicular/normal from the point y to the plane. The normal equation is:

$$X^T \epsilon = 0$$

$$X^T(Y - X\beta) = 0$$

$$X^T Y = X^T X \beta$$

Inference on Linear Regression

Assumptions: $E[\epsilon] = 0$, $Var(\epsilon) = \sigma^2 I_n$. Assume ϵ_i has a normal dist.

$$\epsilon \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

Likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta, \sigma^2 | Y_1, \dots, Y_n) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \epsilon^T \epsilon \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sigma^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)^T (Y - X\beta) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Log-likelihood:

$$l(\beta, \sigma^2 | Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)^T (Y - X\beta)$$

For β , maximizing likelihood is equivalent to minimizing $(Y - X\beta)^T (Y - X\beta)$. This is also the least squares criterion. Under normality, $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ is same as $\hat{\beta}_{MLE}$.

For σ^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{n/2}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = 0 \\ \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = \frac{1}{n} SSR \end{aligned}$$

We were using $\frac{1}{n-(p+1)} SSR$ for σ^2 This is unbiased.

Distribution of Estimators and ANOVA in Linear Regression

1 Expectation of SSR

We begin with

$$\begin{aligned} Y - X\hat{\beta} &= Y - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \\ &= X\beta + \epsilon - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T (X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= X\beta + \epsilon - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X\beta - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon \\ &= \epsilon - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$A = I - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T.$$

Then

$$Y - X\hat{\beta} = A\epsilon.$$

Here, A is symmetric ($A^T = A$) and idempotent ($A^2 = A$).

If $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$, then

$$A\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 A).$$

[Quadratic Form Distribution] If $U \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_k)$ and A is a symmetric, idempotent matrix of rank k , then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} U^T A U \sim \chi_k^2.$$

Let $u = Y - X\hat{\beta}$. Then

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} u^T u = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = \frac{SSR}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_k^2.$$

The rank of A is

$$\begin{aligned} k = \text{rank}(A) &= \text{rank}(I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) \\ &= n - \text{rank}(X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) = n - (I_{p+1}) = n - (p + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since $[\chi_k^2] = k$,

$$\left[\frac{SSR}{\sigma^2} \right] = n - (p + 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad [SSR] = \sigma^2 (n - (p + 1)).$$

An unbiased estimator of σ^2 is

$$s^2 = \frac{SSR}{n - (p + 1)}.$$

2 Distribution of $\hat{\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= \beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Let $A = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$. Then $A\epsilon$ is normal with

$$[A\epsilon] = 0, \quad (A\epsilon) = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}.$$

Hence,

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N_{p+1}(\beta, \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}).$$

In particular,

$$\hat{\beta}_i \sim N(\beta_i, \sigma^2 ((X^T X)^{-1})_{ii}).$$

[Independence] $\hat{\beta}$ and s^2 are independent.

3 t-distribution of the Coefficients

Using

$$\frac{N(0,1)}{\sqrt{\chi_k^2/k}} \sim t_k,$$

and under $H_0 : \beta_i = \beta_{i0}$,

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_i - \beta_{i0}}{\sigma \sqrt{((X^T X)^{-1})/(n - (p + 1))}} \sim N(0, 1),$$

$$\frac{SSR}{\sigma^2} = \frac{(n - (p + 1))s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-(p+1)}^2.$$

Then

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_i - \beta_{i0}}{s \sqrt{((X^T X)^{-1})/(n - (p + 1))}} \sim t_{n-(p+1)}.$$

4 Simple Linear Regression ($p = 1$)

Slope

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{s / \sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} \sim t_{n-2}.$$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2.$$

Intercept

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - \beta_{0,a}}{s \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \sim t_{n-2}.$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 \pm t_{(n-2), \alpha/2} \cdot s \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

gives a $(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for β_0 .

Confidence Interval for β_1

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{(n-2), \alpha/2} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}.$$

5 Proof of Independence of $\hat{\beta}$ and $s^2\mathbf{s}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} - \beta &= A\epsilon, \\ U &= B\epsilon, \quad B = I - X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T.\end{aligned}$$

They are independent if

$$(A\epsilon, B\epsilon) = A(\epsilon)B^T = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}A(\sigma^2 I)B^T &= \sigma^2(X^T X)^{-1}X^T(I - X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T) \\ &= \sigma^2[(X^T X)^{-1}X^T - (X^T X)^{-1}X^T X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T] \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since they are jointly normal, this implies independence.

6 ANOVA Table for Simple Linear Regression ($p = 1$)

Source	SS	df	MS	F
Regression	SS_{Reg}	p	$\frac{SS_{Reg}}{p}$	$\frac{MS_{Reg}}{MS_R}$
Residual (Error)	SSR	$n - (p + 1)$	$\frac{SSR}{n - (p + 1)}$	
Total	SST	$n - 1$		

$$SST = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad SSR = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2.$$

Under $H_0 : \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$:

$$\frac{SS_{Reg}}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_p^2, \quad \frac{SSR}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-(p+1)}^2.$$

These are independent, so

$$F = \frac{SS_{Reg}/p}{SSR/(n - (p + 1))} \sim F_{p, n-(p+1)}.$$

7 Fisher–Cochran Theorem (Matrix Form)

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon^T \epsilon &= \epsilon^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T \right) \epsilon + \epsilon^T (I - X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T) \epsilon \\ &\quad + \epsilon^T \left(X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T \right) \epsilon.\end{aligned}$$

$$SST = \epsilon^T B^{(1)} \epsilon + \epsilon^T B^{(2)} \epsilon + \epsilon^T B^{(3)} \epsilon,$$

where $B^{(1)}, B^{(2)}, B^{(3)}$ are symmetric and idempotent.

$$\text{rank}(B^{(1)}) = 1, \quad \text{rank}(B^{(2)}) = n - (p + 1), \quad \text{rank}(B^{(3)}) = p.$$

Sum of ranks:

$$1 + n - (p + 1) + p = n.$$

By Cochran's theorem, the quadratic forms are independent χ^2 variables.

8 t-test vs F-test

For $p = 1$, testing $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ via t-test or ANOVA F-test gives the same result:

$$F = t^2.$$

For $p \geq 2$, the F-test checks joint significance:

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_p = 0,$$

while the t-test checks individual effects.

9 Prediction

For a new point x_0 , the point prediction is

$$\hat{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y.$$

$$[\hat{y}_0] = \mathbf{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X \beta = \mathbf{x}_0^T \beta,$$

$$(\hat{y}_0) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0.$$

$$\hat{y}_0 \sim N(\mathbf{x}_0^T \beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0).$$

Figure 1: Scatter plot with fitted regression line and confidence/prediction intervals at x_0 .