

0.1 What is Influence

Broadly defined, influence is understood as the ability of a single or multiple data points, through their presence or absence in the data, to alter important aspects of the analysis, yield qualitatively different inferences, or violate assumptions of the statistical model. The goal of influence analysis is not primarily to mark data points for deletion so that a better model fit can be achieved for the reduced data, although this might be a result of influence analysis (Schabenberger).

0.2 Quantifying Influence

The basic procedure for quantifying influence is simple as follows:

- Fit the model to the data and obtain estimates of all parameters.
- Remove one or more data points from the analysis and compute updated estimates of model parameters.
- Based on full- and reduced-data estimates, contrast quantities of interest to determine how the absence of the observations changes the analysis.

Cook (1986) introduces powerful tools for local-influence assessment and examining perturbations in the assumptions of a model. In particular the effect of local perturbations of parameters or observations are examined.

1 Measures 2

1.1 Cook's Distance

- For variance components γ

Diagnostic tool for variance components

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2 Zewotir Measures of Influence in LME Models

Zewotir describes a number of approaches to model diagnostics, investigating each of the following;

- Variance components
- Fixed effects parameters
- Prediction of the response variable and of random effects
- likelihood function

2.0.1 Random Effects

A large value for $CD(u)_i$ indicates that the i —th observation is influential in predicting random effects.

2.0.2 linear functions

$CD(\psi)_i$ does not have to be calculated unless $CD(\beta)_i$ is large.

2.1 Information Ratio

3 Computation and Notation

with \mathbf{V} unknown, a standard practice for estimating $\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is to estimate the variance components σ_j^2 , compute an estimate for \mathbf{V} and then compute the projector matrix \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}$.

Zewotir remarks that \mathbf{D} is a block diagonal with the i -th block being $u\mathbf{I}$

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5 Measures of Influence

The impact of an observation on a regression fitting can be determined by the difference between the estimated regression coefficient of a model with all observations and the estimated coefficient when the particular observation is deleted. The measure DFBETA is the studentized value of this difference.

Influence arises at two stages of the LME model. Firstly when V is estimated by \hat{V} , and subsequent estimations of the fixed and random regression coefficients β and u , given \hat{V} .

5.1 DFFITS

DFFITS is a statistical measure designed to show how influential an observation is in a statistical model. It is closely related to the studentized residual.

$$DFFITS = \frac{\hat{y}_i - \widehat{y}_{i(k)}}{s_{(k)}\sqrt{h_{ii}}}$$

5.2 PRESS

The prediction residual sum of squares (PRESS) is a value associated with this calculation. When fitting linear models, PRESS can be used as a criterion for model selection, with smaller values indicating better model fits.

$$PRESS = \sum (y - y^{(k)})^2 \quad (1)$$

- $e_{-Q} = y_Q - x_Q\hat{\beta}_{-Q}$
- $PRESS_{(U)} = y_i - x_i\hat{\beta}_{(U)}$

5.3 DFBETA

$$DFBETA_a = \hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{(a)} \quad (2)$$

$$= B(Y - Y_{\bar{a}}) \quad (3)$$

5.4 Influence Statistics for LME models

Influence statistics can be coarsely grouped by the aspect of estimation that is their primary target:

- overall measures compare changes in objective functions: (restricted) likelihood distance (Cook and Weisberg 1982, Ch. 5.2)
- influence on parameter estimates: Cook's (Cook 1977, 1979), MDFFITS (Belsey, Kuh, and Welsch 1980, p. 32)
- influence on precision of estimates: CovRatio and CovTrace

- influence on fitted and predicted values: PRESS residual, PRESS statistic (Allen 1974), DFFITS (Belsley, Kuh, and Welsch 1980, p. 15)
- outlier properties: internally and externally studentized residuals, leverage

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