

# Categorical Variables

# Transformations

# Interactions

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# Categorical predictors

- Different states, different groups      categories      factor
- Different level of treatment      ordered categories      ordered

Simplest case: binary categories  $X_1 \in \{0, 1\}$

- Also sometimes called indicator variables or dummy variables.
- Usually we code them as qualitative categories with 0 or 1.



# LRM with categorical predictors

- Different intercept
- Different slope
- Different slope and different intercept



# Categorical variables with more than two levels

- One-hot representation vs 1,2,...k
  - design the value based on your needs
  - usually the one-hot representation is preferable
  - make sure only introduce  $k-1$  columns to avoid multicollinearity
- Other thoughts?



# Simple factor models

- k-number of levels
- n-number of experiments repeated in each level



# Summary of one-way ANOVA

- k-number of levels
- n-number of experiments repeated in each level

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Test statistics
Between	SS(B)=SS(full)	k-1	$F = \frac{SS(B)/(k-1)}{SS(W)/k(n-1)}$
Within	SS(W)	k(n-1)	
Total	SS(B)+SS(W)=SS(reduced)	nk-1	



# Single factor and one-way ANOVA

Data Table

Drug Dose	Libido					Sample Size	Sample Means	Sample Variance
Placebo ( $k_1$ )	3	2	1	1	4	5 ( $n_1$ )	2.2 ( $\bar{x}_1$ )	1.7 ( $s_1^2$ )
Low ( $k_2$ )	5	2	4	2	3	5 ( $n_2$ )	3.2 ( $\bar{x}_2$ )	1.7 ( $s_2^2$ )
High ( $k_3$ )	7	4	5	3	6	5 ( $n_3$ )	5.0 ( $\bar{x}_3$ )	2.5 ( $s_3^2$ )
Total ( $k = 3$ )						15 ( $n_T$ )	3.5 ( $\bar{x}$ )	3.1 ( $s^2$ )



## The model with the same slopes

$$Y = \beta_0 + x^{(1)} \beta_1 + x^{(2)} \beta_2 + \epsilon$$

- For  $x^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $Y = \beta_0 + x^{(2)} \beta_2 + \epsilon$
- For  $x^{(1)} = 1$ ,  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + x^{(2)} \beta_2 + \epsilon$

Two parallel regression lines for different category





## Two factor models

- k-number of levels for factor A
- s-number of levels for factor B
- n-number of experiments repeated in each level



# Summary of two-way ANOVA

- k-number of levels for factor A
- s-number of levels for factor B
- n-number of experiments repeated in each level

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Test statistics
Factor A	SS(A)	k-1	$F_A = \frac{SS(A)/(k-1)}{SS(R)/ks(n-1)}$
Factor B	SS(B)	s-1	$F_B = \frac{SS(B)/(s-1)}{SS(R)/ks(n-1)}$
Factor A&B	SS(A&B)	(k-1)(s-1)	$F_{A\&B} = \frac{SS(A\&B)/(k-1)(s-1)}{SS(R)/ks(n-1)}$
Residual	SS(R)	sk(n-1)	
Total	SS(Total)	nks-1	



# Two factors and two-way ANOVA

<i>Source of Variation</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>P-value</i>
Seed	512.8667	2	256.4333	28.283	0.000008
Fertilizer	449.4667	4	112.3667	12.393	0.000119
Interaction	143.1333	8	17.8917	1.973	0.122090
Within	136.0000	15	9.0667		
Total	1241.4667	29			



## The model with the same intercept

$$Y = \beta_0 + x^{(1)} x^{(2)} \beta_1 + x^{(2)} \beta_2 + \epsilon$$

- For  $x^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $Y = \beta_0 + x^{(2)} \beta_2 + \epsilon$
- For  $x^{(1)} = 1$ ,  $Y = \beta_0 + x^{(2)} (\beta_2 + \beta_1) + \epsilon$

Two regression lines with different slopes but same intercept for different categories



# R & Python

- R: `factor(x); anova(full_model, reduced_model)`
- Python: design your own design matrix  $x$   
use `ols` and `anova_lm()` function in statsmodel



## Any other thoughts?

- Higher order effects: the model gets more complicated easily!

For example, in a model with 3 factors, the full model can be:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_1 X_2 + \beta_5 X_1 X_3 + \beta_6 X_2 X_3 + \beta_7 X_1 X_2 X_3 + \epsilon.$$

- Want both different slope and different intercept: separate the data!



# Takeaways

- ANOVA test:  
Reduced model vs Full model
- How to model the linear dependence wrt categorical variables