Group Homework3 4:

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Homework 3

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Instructions:

- Upload your final answers in the form of a Jupyter notebook containing all work to Canvas.
- · Structure your notebook and your work to maximize readability.

```
In [1]: 1 import numpy as np
         2 import scipy.stats
         3 import scipy.special
         5 import matplotlib
         6 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         7 import matplotlib.mlab as mlab
         8 from matplotlib import cm
           import pandas as pd
        10 import seaborn as sns
        11 %matplotlib inline
        12
        13 | from scipy.stats import norm
```

Question 1: When have no confidence that you can lift yourself by the Bootstrap?

Coding required

The idea behind non-parametric bootstrapping is that sampling distributions constructed via the true data generating process should be very close to sampling distributions constructed by resampling. We mentioned in lab that one edge cases for bootstrapping is calculating order statistics. Let's explore this edgecase.

- 1.1. Suppose you have $\{X_1, X_2, \dots X_n\}$ datapoints such that X_i are independently and identically drawn from a $Unif(0,\theta)$. Consider the extreme order statistic $Y=X_{(n)}=\max(x_i)$ $X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$). Write an expression for the distribution $f_Y(Y|\theta)$.
- 1.2. Derive $\hat{\theta}$ the maximum likelihood estimate for θ given datapoints $\{X_1, X_2, \dots X_n\}$.
- 1.3. To see an alternate potential estimator use the distribution you derived in 1.1. to find an expression for the unbiased estimate of theta.
- 1.4. Use scipy/numpy to generate 100 samples {X_i} from Unif(0,1) (i.e. let θ = 1) and store them in the variable original_xi_samples. Based on your data sample, what's the empirical estimate for θ .
- 1.6. Use non-parametric bootstrap to generate a sampling distribution of 1000 estimates for theta. Plot a histogram of your sampling distribution. Make sure to title and label the plot.
- 1.7. Is your histogram smooth? From visual inspection does it seem like a good representation of a sampling distribution?
- 1.8. So far we've used a "natural" version of calculating bootstrap confidence intervals -- the percentile method. In this situation is it possible for the "true" value of θ to be in the confidence interval? In order to remedy this we'll use a alternate confidence interval version called the pivot confidence interval. The pivot confidence interval is defined as [$2\hat{\theta} - \hat{\theta}^*_{(0.975)}, 2\hat{\theta} - \hat{\theta}^*_{(0.025)}$]. Is the true value contained in this interval?

1.1 Answer

The CDF of Y is:

$$F(y|\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{y} f_Y(y|\theta)dy = P(Y \le y) = P(\max(X_{1:n}) \le y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ (\frac{y}{\theta})^n & 0 \le y \le \theta \\ 1 & y > \theta \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the PDF of Y would be:

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y|\theta) = \frac{\partial F_Y(y|\theta)}{\partial y} = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{\eta y^{n-1}}{\theta^n} & 0 \le y \le \theta \\ 0 & y > \theta \end{cases}$$

1.2 Answer

Let $\max(X_{1:n}) = m$; we need to maximize the likelihood subject to $0 \le m \le \theta$:

Likelihood =
$$\prod_{i}^{n} P(X_i = x_i) = \prod_{i}^{n} P(X_i < \max(X_{1:n})) = \left(\frac{m}{\theta}\right)^n$$
$$\log(\text{Likelihood}) = n \log m - n \log \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \log(\text{Likelihood})}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} < 0$$

Therefore, the log likelihood is decreasing for any $\theta>0$ and the maximum likelihood is at θ 's minimum such that $\theta\geq \max(X_1,X_2,\ldots,X_n)$:

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = Y$$

1.3 Answer

$$E[Y] = \int y f_Y(y|\theta) dy = \int_0^\theta y \frac{n y^{n-1}}{\theta^n} dy = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \int_0^\theta y^n dy = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{n+1}{n} E[Y]$$

Since

$$E[\theta] = \frac{n+1}{n}E[Y] = \theta$$

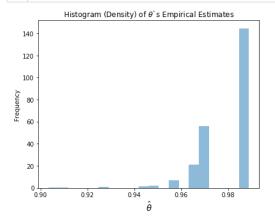
, this is an unbiased estimate for $\boldsymbol{\theta}.$

1.4 Answer

Empirical Estimate of theta = max(original_xi_samples): 0.9888610889064947

1.6 Answer

```
In [3]:
         1 # 1.6
         2 np.random.seed(1)
         4 n_sim = 1000
            theta_estimates = []
            for i in range(n_sim):
                 # extract the empirical theta on each bootstrapped sample
         8
                 \verb| theta_estimates.append(max(np.random.choice(original_xi_samples, size=n\_size, replace=True)))| \\
            ax = pd.Series(theta_estimates, name='Empirical Estimate of theta').plot(kind='hist', density=True, bins=20,
        10
                             figsize=(6, 5), alpha=0.5, title=r'Histogram (Density) of $\theta$`s Empirical Estimates')
        11
            ax.set_xlabel(r'$\hat \theta$', fontsize=14)
        12
        13 plt.tight_layout()
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1.7 Answer

The histogram is not smooth and thus does not seem like a good representation of the sampling distribution of θ . The discontinuity is due to the non-parametric bootstrapping.

1.8 Answer

As shown above, the true θ is not contanined in the natural CI but is contained in the modified one.

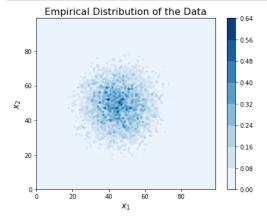
Question 2: Visualize Your Poor Marginlized Conditional Love

Coding required

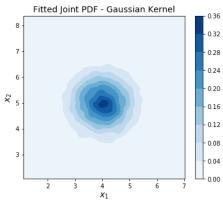
Read the data set contained in data/Homework 3 Data.txt (data/Homework 3 Data.txt). Each data point is a two-dimensional vector, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$.

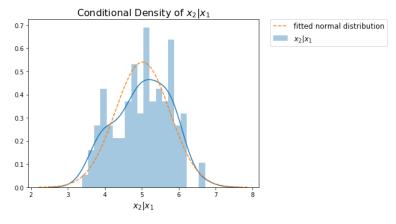
- 2.1. Make a 2-D visualization of the empirical distribution of the data.
- 2.2. We assume that the data was generated by some probability distribution (pdf). Visualize that pdf, f_X .
- 2.3. Visualize the conditional distribution defined by $f_{x_2|x_1}$ for $x_1 \in [3.99, 4.01]$.
- 2.4. Visualize the mariginal distribution defined by f_{x_1} .

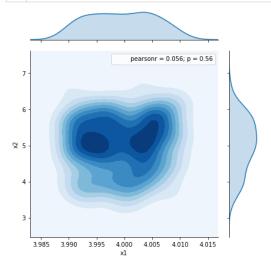
2.1~2.4 Answer

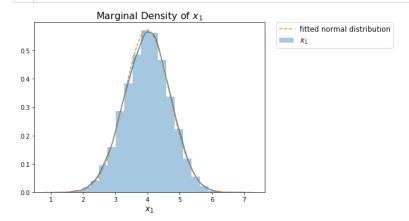


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In [8]: 1 # 2.2 Visualize the fitted 2D joint pdf
plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(6, 5))
sns.kdeplot(data['x1'], data['x2'], shade=True, kernel='gau', cmap='Blues', cbar=True)
4 plt.title('Fitted Joint PDF - Gaussian Kernel', fontsize=14)
5 plt.xlabel(r'$x_1$', fontsize=14)
6 plt.ylabel(r'$x_2$', fontsize=14)
7 plt.show()
```









- 2.5. Empirically estimate the mean of the distribution f_{x_1} . Estimate, also the SE (standard error) of the estimate.
- 2.6. Empirically estimate the standard deviation of the distribution $f_{x_2|x_1}$, for $x_1 \in [3.99, 4.01]$. Estimate, also the SE (standard error) of the estimate.
- 2.7. Given the SE, How many digits in your standard deviation estimate are significant? Explain why.

In obtaining estimates for this problem we want you to

- $\bullet \ \ define \ a \ function \ called \ get_bootstrap_sample(dataset) \ to \ generate \ each \ bootstrap \ sample$
- and then another function perform_bootstrap(dataset) to generate all the samples.

They should both take as parameters the dataset from which you'll be drawing samples. perform_bootstrap should call get_bootstrap_sample and return a sequence of bootstrap samples. get_bootstrap_sample should return an individual bootstrap sample.

2.5~2.7 Answer

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In [12]:
             def get bootstrap sample(dataset):
                 return np.random.choice(dataset, size=len(dataset), replace=True)
          4
             def perform_bootstrap(dataset, n_sim=1000):
          5
                 all_samples = []
          6
                 for i in range(n_sim):
                     all_samples.append(get_bootstrap_sample(dataset))
          8
                 return all samples
In [13]:
          1 # 2.5 Empirically estimate the mean of f_{x1}. Estimate, also the SE (standard error) of the estimate.
          2 np.random.seed(1)
             sample x1 = perform bootstrap(data['x1'].values)
          5 x1_sample_mean_estimates = np.mean(sample_x1, axis=1)
             print('The mean of f_{x1}\'s mean estimates is:', np.mean(x1_sample_mean_estimates))
          7 print('with standard error:', np.std(x1_sample_mean_estimates))
```

The mean of f_{x1}'s mean estimates is: 3.9927692743164243 with standard error: 0.006865925559635069

The mean of $f_{x2|x1}$'s std estimates is: 0.7329488865102515 with standard error: 0.03895510137143677

2.7 Answer

The standard deviation estimate of conditional pdf $f_{x_2|x_1} \approx 0.733$ with a SE=0.03+. This suggests that the last digit worth reporting in the estimate is the second decimal place as it is the first digit to encapsulate the error. Therefore, the estimate has 2 significant digits.

Similarly, the mean estimate of marginal pdf $f_{x_1} \approx 3.993$ with a SE=0.006+. This suggests that the last digit worth reporting in the estimate is the third decimal place. Therefore, the esimate has 4 significant digits.

Problem 3: Linear Regression

 ${\tt Consider} \ the \ following \ base \ {\tt Regression} \ class, \ which \ roughly \ follows \ the \ {\tt API} \ in \ the \ python \ package \ \ {\tt scikit-learn} \ .$

Our model is the the multivariate linear model whose MLE solution or equivalent cost minimization was talked about in lecture:

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

where y is a length n vector, X is an $m \times p$ matrix created by stacking the features for each data point, and β is a p length vector of coefficients.

The class showcases the API:

fit(X, y): Fits linear model to X and y.

 $get_params()$: Returns $\hat{\beta}$ for the fitted model. The parameters should be stored in a dictionary with keys "intercept" and "coef" that give us $\hat{\beta_0}$ and $\hat{\beta_1}$. (The second value here is thus a numpy array of coefficient values)

 $\mathit{predict}(X)$: Predict new values with the fitted model given X.

score(X, y): Returns R^2 value of the fitted model.

set_params(): Manually set the parameters of the linear model.

```
In [15]: 1 class Regression(object):
                 def __init__(self):
                     self.params = dict()
          6
                 def get_params(self, k):
                     return self.params[k]
          8
          9
                 def set_params(self, **kwargs):
          10
                     for k,v in kwargs.items():
         11
                         self.params[k] = v
         12
         13
                 def fit(self, X, y):
         14
                    raise NotImplementedError()
         16
                 def predict(self, X):
         17
                     raise NotImplementedError()
         18
         19
                 def score(self, X, y):
         20
                     raise NotImplementedError()
```

3.1. In a jupyter notebook code cell below we've defined and implemented the class Regression. Inherit from this class to create an ordinary least squares Linear Regression class called AM207OLS. Your class will implement an sklearn-like api. It's signature will look like this:

class OLS(Regression):

Implement fit, predict and score. This will involve some linear algebra. (You might want to read up on pseudo-inverses before you directly implement the linear algebra on the lecure slides).

The R^2 score is defined as:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{SS_E}{SS_T}$$

Where:

$$SS_T = \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2, SS_R = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2, SS_E = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

where y_i are the original data values, $\hat{y_i}$ are the predicted values, and $\bar{y_i}$ is the mean of the original data values.

3.1 Answer - Codes

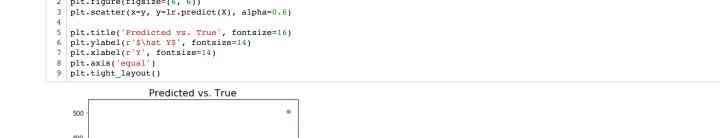
```
In [16]:
          1
              class OLS(Regression):
                  def __init__(self):
                      self.params = dict()
           3
           4
           5
                  def get_params(self, k):
                      if k not in self.params.keys():
                          raise Exception('The OLS model must be fitted before calling get_params.')
           8
                      return super(OLS, self).get_params(k)
           9
                  def fit(self, X, y):
          10
          11
                      # add constant terms
                      ones_col = np.ones((X.shape[0], 1))
          12
                      X_ones = np.concatenate((ones_col, X), axis=1)
          13
          14
          15
                      betas = np.dot(np.linalg.inv(np.dot(X_ones.T, X_ones)), np.dot(X_ones.T, y))
          16
          17
          18
                      # save the fitted intercept and coefficients to the params dictionary
          19
                      self.params['intercept'] = betas[0]
          20
                      self.params['coef'] = betas[1:]
          21
          22
                      # save the training R2 score
          23
                      self.rsquared = self.score(X, y)
          24
          25
          26
                  def predict(self, X):
          27
                      # add constant terms
          28
                      ones_col = np.ones((X.shape[0], 1))
          29
                      X_ones = np.concatenate((ones_col, X), axis=1)
          30
                      # extract betas from self.params dictionary
          31
                      betas = np.zeros((X_ones.shape[1],))
betas[0] = self.params['intercept']
          32
          33
          34
                      betas[1:] = self.params['coef']
          35
          36
                      # calculate and return predictions
          37
                      return np.dot(X_ones, betas)
          38
          39
                  def score(self, X, y):
          40
                      # predict with X
          41
                      yhat = self.predict(X)
          42
                      # calculate SSE
                      SSE = np.sum(np.square(y - yhat))
          43
          44
                      # calculate SST
          45
                      ybar = np.mean(y)
                      SST = np.sum(np.square(y - ybar))
          46
                      # calculate and return rsqaured
          48
                      return 1 - (SSE/SST)
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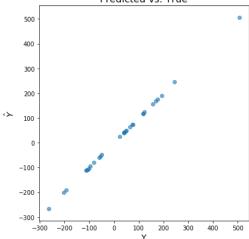
3.2. We'll create a synthetic data set using the code below. (Read the documentation for make regression to see what is going on).

Verify that your code recovers these coefficients approximately on doing the fit. Plot the predicted $\,y\,$ against the actual $\,y\,$. Also calculate the score using the same sets $\,x\,$ and $\,y\,$. The usage will look something like:

```
lr = OLS()
lr.fit(X,y)
lr.get_params['coef']
lr.predict(X,y)
lr.score(X,y)
```

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In [18]: 1 # 3.2
           2 | 1r = OLS()
           3 lr.fit(X,y)
           4 print("fitted intercept: ", lr.get_params('intercept'))
           5 print("fitted coeffs: ", lr.get_params('coef'))
           6 print("======"")
             print("predictions: ", lr.predict(X))
           8 print("=========
           9 print("score: ", lr.score(X,y))
         fitted intercept: 1.3458035707838505
         fitted coeffs: [77.20719705 76.51004831 62.97865316 18.4436452 58.50019885 53.25126559
          28.29088241 9.33333359 10.29584457 59.1606719 ]
          _____
         predictions: [ 48.57564537 24.85508406 246.39920911
                                                                      64.72282184 124.00042911
          -266.57653702 118.15510334 -108.57077603 191.15229644 174.74404249
-103.59066227 -59.1576374 -54.70947468 73.91003582 505.22781806
           39.53820436 -191.02175593 -201.71787963 46.1500923 -111.90307749 117.38777883 -111.52335297 41.66543625 168.33074858 73.41934029
           -80.64319083 155.12182695 -94.18157131 -48.17239883 40.78548557]
         score: 0.9999155832062194
In [19]:
          1 # plot predicted y against actual y
             plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
             plt.scatter(x=y, y=lr.predict(X), alpha=0.6)
```





Question 4: Is the Incumbent of the House in?

We shall consider US House data from 1896 to 1990. This dataset was compiled for <u>Gelman, Andrew, and Gary, King, "Estimating incumbency advantage without bias," American Journal of Political Science (1990): 1142-1164. (http://gking.harvard.edu/files/gking/files/inc.pdf). Why incumbency and why the house? The house gives us lots of races in any given year to validate our model, and in elections which happen every two years, where demography hasn't changed much, incumbency is a large effect, as might be the presence of a national swing (which we would capture in an intercept in a regression).</u>

Let us, then, imagine a very simplified model in which the democratic party's fraction of the vote in this election, for seat(county) i, at time t years, $d_{i,t}$, is a linear combination of the democratic party's fraction of the vote in the previous election, at time t-2, $d_{i,t-2}$, and a categorical variable $I_{i,t}$, which characterizes the nature of the candidate running in this election:

$$I = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{Republican Incumbent Running} \\ 0 & \text{New Candidate Running} \\ 1 & \text{Democratic Incumbent Running} \end{cases}$$

We use the statsmodels formula notation:

This means linear regress DP, the democratic fraction of the vote this time around for a given house seat on DP1 which is the democratic fraction the previous time around and I, a "factor" or categorical(nominal) variable with 3 levels.

In mathematical notation this regression is:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{i,t-2} + \beta_2 I_{i,t} + \beta_0,$$

where $d_{i,t-2}$ is the democratic fraction in county i at the previous election, and $I_{i,t}$ is the factor above which tells us if (and from which party: 1 for dems, -1 for reps) an incumbent is running. We want to find $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$.

Notice that we are regressing on a discrete variable $\, { t I} \,$. This incumbency factor takes values 1, -1, or 0. As such it only changes the intercept of the regression. You can think of it as 3 regression lines, one for each subpopulation of incumbency, with their slope constrained to be the same. An intercept of β_0 for open seats, $\beta_2 + \beta_0$ for Democratic incumbents and $-\beta_2 + \beta_0$ for Republican incumbents.

You then think a little bit more and realize that, for example, in many conservative districts you will have a republican elected whether he/she is an incumbent or not. And you now realize that our analysis does not consider the party of the incumbent. So you decide to fix this

Lets define $P_{t,i}$ as the party in power right now before the election at time t, i.e. the party that won the election at time t-2 in county i. It takes on values:

$$P = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{Republican Seat holder} \\ 1 & \text{Democratic Seat holder} \end{cases}$$

We can do this regression instead:

$$DP1 \sim DP + I + P$$
, where

P represents the incumbent party, i.e. the party which won the election in year t-2.

In mathematical notation we have:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_2 I_{t,i} + \beta_3 P_{t,i} + \beta_0,$$

where $P_{t,i}$ is the party in power right now before the election at time t, i.e. the party that won the election at time t-2 in county i. The value of P is 1 for democrats, and -1 for republicans

Interpretable Regressions

One can say that the coefficient of I now more properly captures the effect of incumbency, after controlling for party.

Regression coefficients become harder to interpret with multiple features. The meaning of any given coefficient depends on the other features in the model. Gelman and Hill advise: Typical advice is to interpret each coefficient "with all the other predictors held constant." [Gelman, Andrew; Hill, Jennifer (2006-12-25). Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models] Economists like to use the phrase "ceteris paribus" to describe this.

The way to do this is interpretation to look at the various cases and explain what the co-efficients of P and I mean. Let us at first set I to 0 meaning no incumbents and explain what the coefficients of P mean. We are then fitting:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_3 P_{t,i} + \beta_0,$$

which for the P=1 (Democrat party winning the past election) case, gives us:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_3 + \beta_0,$$

and, for the P=-1 (Republican party winning the past election) case, gives us:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} - \beta_3 + \beta_0.$$

You can see that β_3 then captures half the difference in the effect between democrats and republicans that comes from just having the party incumbent. It tells us that, with respect to the national swing measure β_0 , whats the party effect for republicans and democrats. It does it very poorly by splitting the difference between the democratic and republican party effects and being constant across seats, but its a start.

```
In [20]:
              pairs=[
                   (1898, 1896),
           3
                   (1900,1898),
                   (1904, 1902),
           4
           5
                   (1906,1904),
           6
                   (1908, 1906),
                   (1910, 1908),
                   (1914, 1912),
                   (1916, 1914),
           10
                   (1918, 1916),
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                   (1978.1976).
          35
                   (1980. 1978).
          36
                   (1984, 1982),
          37
                   (1986, 1984),
          38
                   (1988, 1986),
          39
                   (1990, 1988)
          40
```

Each CSV file has the following information:

- a number for the state
- a number for the district

- . D1 and R1, the dem and repub percentages in the past election, and I1 the incumbency back then
- D and R, the dem and repub percentages in the present election, and I the incumbency now
- P, the incumbent party from the past election in that seat, 1 for democrats, -1 for republicans
- PNOW, the party which won the current election, 1 for democrats, -1 for republicans
- A variable we'll call T (for treatment), where we want to decide if we should replace an incumbent for a new candidate, or not.

```
T = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Incumbent Running} \\ 1 & \text{New Candidate Running} \end{cases}
```

(This column is not used in this homework)

To get warmed up, let us consider the 1988-1990 election pair.

```
In [22]:
            1 pairframes['1990-1988'].head()
Out[22]:
                                                                               P PNOW
              state district
                                   D
                                           R
                                                 D1
                                                         R1
                                                                 DP
                                                                         DP1
                                                                                          т
                               126566
                                       50690
                                              176463
                                                      51985 0.714029
                                                                     0.772443
                                                                                         0.0
                            1
                        2
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                           1
                               105085
                                       70922
                                              143326
                                                      81965 0.597050
                                                                     0.636182
                            0
                                90772
                                       83440
                                              147394
                                                      74275
                                                            0.521043
                                                                     0.664928
                                                                                      1 1.0
                         4
                           -1
                                32352
                                      105682
                                               55751 147843 0.234377 0.273834 -1
                                                                                      -1 0.0
                                               58612 163729 0.477439 0.263613 -1
                                                                                      -1 1.0
                           0
                                85803
                                       93912
```

To carry out the linear regression we'll use statsmodels from python, using the ols, or Ordinary Least Squares method defined there.

We use the statsmodels formula notation. DP ~ DP1 + I means linear regress DP, the democratic fraction of the vote this time around for a given house seat on DP1 which is the democratic fraction the previous time around and I, a "factor" or categorical(nominal) variable with 3 levels:

```
In [23]: 1 import statsmodels.api as sm from statsmodels.formula.api import glm, ols
```

/anaconda3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/statsmodels/compat/pandas.py:56: FutureWarning: The pandas.core.datetools module is deprecate d and will be removed in a future version. Please use the pandas.tseries module instead. from pandas.core import datetools

Out[24]: <statsmodels.regression.linear_model.RegressionResultsWrapper at 0x11994d978>

```
In [25]: 1 ols_model.summary()
```

Out[25]: OLS Regression Results

```
DP
                                                              0.806
    Den. Variable:
                                             R-squared:
           Model:
                                OLS
                                        Adj. R-squared:
                                                              0.804
         Method:
                       Least Squares
                                                              612.0
                                             F-statistic:
                   Wed, 26 Sep 2018 Prob (F-statistic): 1.04e-105
            Date:
            Time:
                            19:20:50
                                        Log-Likelihood:
                                                            368.81
No. Observations:
                                298
                                                   AIC:
                                                             -731.6
    Df Residuals:
                                 295
                                                   BIC:
                                                             -720.5
                                   2
        Df Model:
Covariance Type:
                           nonrobust
                                     P>|t|
                                           [0.025
                                                   0.9751
```

```
Intercent 0.2326
                  0.020
                        11.503 0.000
                                       0.193
                                              0.272
    DP1 0.5622
                  0.040
                        14.220 0.000
                                       0.484
                                               0.640
       0.0429
                  0.008
                         5.333 0.000
                                      0.027
                                              0.059
     Omnibus: 7.465
                       Durbin-Watson:
                                        1.728
Prob(Omnibus): 0.024 Jarque-Bera (JB):
        Skew: 0.374
                             Prob(JB): 0.0258
     Kurtosis: 3.174
                                         13.1
                            Cond. No.
```

Interpretable Regressions

One can say that The coefficient of I now more properly captures the effect of incumbency, after controlling for party.

Regression coefficients become harder to interpret with multiple features. The meaning of any given coefficient depends on the other features in the model. Gelman and Hill advise:

Typical advice is to interpret each coefficient "with all the other predictors held constant." [Gelman, Andrew; Hill, Jennifer (2006-12-25). Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models] Economists like to use the phrase "ceteris paribus" to describe this.

The way to do this is interpretation to look at the various cases and explain what the co-efficients of P and I mean. Let us at first set I to 0 meaning no incumbents and explain what the coefficients of P mean. We are then fitting:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_3 P_{t,i} + \beta_0,$$

which for the P=1 (Democrat party winning the past election) case, gives us:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_3 + \beta_0,$$

and, for the P=-1 (Republican party winning the past election) case, gives us:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} - \beta_3 + \beta_0.$$

You can see that β_3 then captures half the difference in the effect between democrats and republicans that comes from just having the party incumbent. It tells us that, with respect to the national swing measure β_0 , whats the party effect for republicans and democrats. It does it very poorly by splitting the difference between the democratic and republican party effects and being constant across seats, but its a start.

4.1 Explain the coefficient of Incumbency

Use a similar argument to the one above.

(Note that setting I to 1 also constrains P to 1, but the reverse is not true as we saw above).

4.1 Answer

When we are fitting: $d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_2 I_{t,i} + \beta_3 P_{t,i} + \beta_0$,

• I = -1, the incumbency also constraints P = -1:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} - \beta_2 - \beta_3 + \beta_0$$

• I=1, the incumbency also constraints P=1:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_0$$

• I=0, when incumbency does not have constraint on P:

• P = -1:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} - \beta_3 + \beta_0$$

■ *P* = 1:

$$d_{t,i} = \beta_1 d_{t-2,i} + \beta_3 + \beta_0$$

Therefore, the coefficient of I, β_2 , captures the effect of incumbency, after controlling for the effect of party which is captured by the coefficient of P, β_3 .

4.2 Carry out the linear regression DP ~ DP1 + I + P for all the year pairs

 $\textbf{Present the results in a data frame } \textbf{ols_frame} \ . \ \textbf{Comment on the trend in the incumbency coefficients after 1960.}$

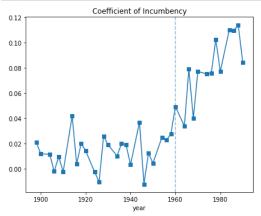
(FORMAT: This dataframe has columns yp, the year-pair string (the keys of the dictionary of frames), the year for which we do the regression year (the higher year in the pair), the formula, which is just repeated, and the R-squared in R2 for each regression, as well as the parameters of the regression and the p-values for the regression (for the name of the column here prefix the parameter with p_{\perp} to denote the p-value).)

4.2 Answer - Codes

```
1 fm = 'DP ~ DP1 + I + P'
In [26]:
              ols_result_dict_list = []
              for yp_key, yp_df in pairframes.items():
    result_dict = {}
           3
                   # fit OLS
           7
                   yp_ols = ols(fm, yp_df).fit()
           8
           9
                   # store OLS results
                   result_dict['yp'] = yp_key
result_dict['year'] = int(yp_key.split('-')[0])
result_dict['formula'] = fm
          10
          11
          12
                   result_dict['R2'] = yp_ols.rsquared
          13
                   result_dict.update(yp_ols.params.to_dict()) # fitted intercept and coefficients
          14
          15
                   result_dict.update(yp_ols.pvalues.add_prefix('p_').to_dict()) # pvalues
          16
          17
                   # append the old result dictionary to the list
          18
                   ols_result_dict_list.append(result_dict)
          19
          20 # convert the list of dictionaries to `ols frame
          21 ols_frame = pd.DataFrame(ols_result_dict_list)
          22 ols_frame = ols_frame[['yp','year',formula','R2','Intercept','DPl','I','P','p_Intercept','p_DPl','p_I','p_P']]
          23 print(ols_frame.shape)
          24 ols_frame.head()
          (38, 12)
```

```
Out[26]:
                 yp year
                                         R2
                                            Intercept
                                                                        Р
                                                                                                          p_P
         n 1898-1896 1898 DP ~ DP1 + I + P 0.714405
                                                                   -0.006020 3.412383e-03 1.286508e-33 0.035734 0.558655
                                            0.091247 0.901581
                                                            0.021063
         1 1900-1898 1900 DP ~ DP1 + I + P 0.819429
                                            0.098974 0.768643
                                                           2 1904-1902 1904 DP ~ DP1 + I + P 0.867082
                                            -0.005676 0.924338
                                                            3 1906-1904 1906 DP ~ DP1 + I + P 0.856573 0.098251 0.882225 -0.002075 0.017502 3.586958e-07 1.928989e-72 0.782880 0.029587
         4 1908-1906 1908 DP~DP1+I+P 0.863811 0.103591 0.778613 0.009547 -0.003617 2.381739e-11 3.310047e-85 0.229116 0.665677
```

```
In [27]: 1 # inspect the fitted coefficient of Incumbency after year 1960
2 fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(6, 5))
3 ols_frame.set_index('year')['I'].plot(style='s-', title='Coefficient of Incumbency', ax=ax)
4 ax.axvline(1960, linestyle='---', alpha=0.5)
5 plt.tight_layout()
```



4.2 Answer The coefficients of incumbency started to increase after year 1960.

4.3 Bootstrap a distribution for the coefficient of I for 1990-1988

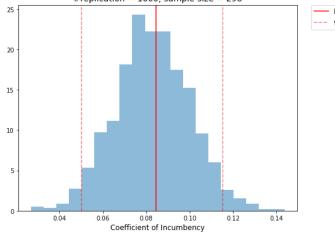
Plot a histogram of the distribution of the co-efficient. Also print the the 2.5th and 97.5th quantile of the distribution to give a non-parametric confidence interval, plotting these on the histogram. What conclusions can you draw?

(Hint: Bootstrap involves sampling with replacement from the data and recalculating the quantity of interest, in our case the regression. This will give you a new coefficient for each regression. If you're interested in using the method for more complex applications it if imperative to familiarize with the assumptions, this (http://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/26088/explaining-to-laypeople-why-bootstrapping-works) is a good start, but https://goo.gl/2T6k8) is also helpful.)

```
In [28]: 1 np.random.seed(99)
               # bootstrap data samples
            3
              fm = 'DP \sim DP1 + I + P
              nSim = 1000
               sampleSize = pairframes['1990-1988'].shape[0]
            8
              I_coef_list = []
            9
               for i in range(nSim):
                   sample_idx = np.random.choice(pairframes['1990-1988'].index.values, size=(sampleSize,), replace=True)
          10
                   sample_df = pairframes['1990-1988'].iloc[sample_idx]
          11
          12
          13
                   sample_df_ols = ols(fm, sample_df).fit()
           14
           15
                   I_coef_list.append(sample_df_ols.params['I'])
          16
          17  I_coef_pct = np.percentile(I_coef_list, [2.5, 97.5])
18  print('The 95% confidence interval: [{}, {}] '.format(I_coef_pct[0], I_coef_pct[1]))
```

The 95% confidence interval: [0.05015926585810058, 0.1153782022427402]

Histogram (density) of Bootstrapped Coefficients of Incumbency 1990-1988 #replication = 1000, sample size = 298



--- Fitted Incumbency Coefficient in ols_frame
--- 95% Confidence Interval

4.3 Answer - Conclusions

The coefficients of Incumbency on the 1000x bootstrapped samples have a confidence interval of [0.05, 0.12], not containing zero, therefore suggesting Incumbency being a significant predictor.

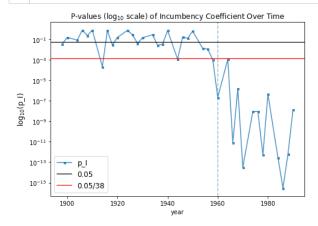
4.4 Inference using p-values over time

Of-course, another more classic way of doing this same inference is though the regression itself -- it give us p-values. These are values from a t-test that asks if the coefficient is different from 0. The regression machinery assumes Normality of errors for this purpose. Lets assume the Normality and do an inference on all the years in our regression. The assumption used to calculate these p-values are: for each model (in our case year), the errors at each point of the regression are uncorrelated and follow a Normal distribution. We shall assume these to be true for now (in real life you ought to be checking a plot of residuals as well).

Generally we'd like the p-values to be vanishingly small as they represent the probability that we observed such an extreme incumbency effect purely by chance. Have a look at the Wikipedia page on p-values (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P-value) for a quick reminder.

Furthermore, when constructing results like this (where there are many tests considered at once) there are other concerns to take into account. One such concern is the issue of multiple testing (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiple_comparisons_problem). This is important because when we start dealing with a **large number** of hypotheses jointly the probability of making mistakes gets larger, hence we should be **more stringent** about what it means for a result to be significant. One such correction is the **Bonferroni Correction** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonferroni correction) which provides a new bound for deciding significance. Instead of asking the classic question: **is the p-value** < 0.05?, this considers instead a stricter bound, we ask: **is p-value** < 0.05/H. Where H is the number of hypotheses being considered, in our case H = 38 (the number of years) -- this is a much higher bar for significance.

Plot a graph of incumbency (\mathbf{I}) coefficient p-values for every year. Use this plot to study if the coefficients after 1960 are significantly different from 0. (Plot them in log scale for easier viewing of small numbers. Also draw lines at log(0.05) and log(0.05/38) for reference). Interpret your results.



4.4 Answer - Conclusions

It is observed that the p-values of Incumbency coefficients were below 0.05/38 after year 1960. This suggests that under comparisons with a total 38 hypotheses, Incumbency has become a significant predictor after 1960.

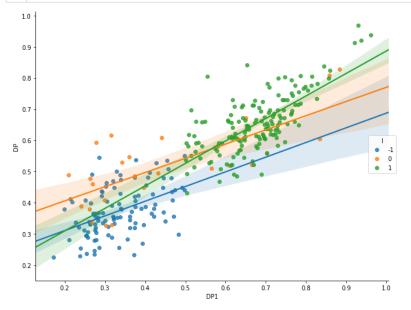
4.5 Carry out the linear regression with an interaction between the previous elections democratic fraction and this elections incumbency, for all the year pairs

Is the regression complete? Or do we need more features?

Recall that our model is fairly restrictive, the different incumbency groups are allowed to have different intercepts but the new candidate group, I=0 is equally between the two incumbency groups. Furthermore, the incumbency groups are not allowed different slopes, meaning the effect of the previous elections Democratic fraction (DP1) is assumed the same for all incumbency groups. This may not be the case.

In the figure below we can see that in fact the different groups seem to have not only different intercepts, but also possibly different slopes.

```
In [31]: 1 sns.lmplot(x="DP1", y="DP", hue = "I", data=pairframes['1990-1988'], size = 7, aspect=1.2)
2 plt.tight_layout()
```



Carry out the regression with an between the previous elections democratic fraction and this elections incumbency, for each year pair. Is there evidence for interaction? How can you know for sure?

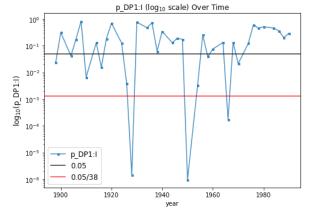
```
d_{t,i} = \beta_4 d_{i,t-2} I_{i,t} + \beta_3 I_{i,t} + \beta_2 P_{i,t} + \beta_4 I_{i,t} d_{i,t-2} + \beta_0,
```

In statsmodels notation, we wish to carry out the regression:

```
DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I )
```

```
In [32]: | 1 | # regression with interaction terms
             fm_int = 'DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I'
              ols int result dict list = []
              for yp_key, yp_df in pairframes.items():
                  int_result_dict = {}
           6
                  # fit OLS
           8
                  yp_ols_int = ols(fm_int, yp_df).fit()
           9
                  # store OLS results
          10
                  int_result_dict['yp'] = yp_key
int_result_dict['year'] = int(yp_key.split('-')[0])
          11
          12
          13
                  int result dict['formula'] = fm int
          14
                  int_result_dict['R2'] = yp_ols_int.rsquared
          15
                  int_result_dict.update(yp_ols_int.params.to_dict()) # fitted intercept and coefficients
          16
                  int_result_dict.update(yp_ols_int.pvalues.add_prefix('p_').to_dict()) # pvalues
          17
          18
                  # append the old result dictionary to the list
          19
                  {\tt ols\_int\_result\_dict\_list.append(int\_result\_dict)}
          20
          21
             # convert the list of dictionaries to `ols int frame'
          22
              ols_int_frame = pd.DataFrame(ols_int_result_dict_list)
             ols_int_frame = ols_int_frame[
          23
                  ['yp','year','formula','R2','Intercept','DP1','I','P','DP1:I','p_Intercept','p_DP1','p_I','p_P','p_DP1:I']
          24
          25
          26
             print(ols_int_frame.shape)
          27 ols_int_frame.head()
          28
          (38, 14)
```

Out[32]: yp year formula R2 Intercent DP1 1 Р DP1:I p Intercept n DP1 рΙ nР n DP1:I **0** 1898-1896 1898 DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I 0.721095 0.062006 0.939910 -0.041304 -0.014577 0.142585 6.246192e-02 2.636899e-34 0.156726 0.180435 **1** 1900-1898 1900 DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I 0.820178 0.097581 0.765434 -0.006918 0.002967 0.036985 6.079301e-07 3.920054e-57 0.733069 0.706569 0.309648 2 1904-1902 1904 DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I 0.868971 0.002251 0.896128 -0.025120 0.002800 0.073879 9.072736e-01 1.655357e-69 0.186036 0.683325 0.041088 3 1906-1904 1906 DP ~ DP1+I+P+DP1:I 0.857476 0.093900 0.881553 -0.023508 0.016063 0.046471 1.479223e-06 2.130199e-72 0.178058 0.047275 0.173509 4 1908-1906 1908 DP ~ DP1 + I + P + DP1:I 0.863833 0.103742 0.779571 0.012644 -0.003498 -0.006522 2.515951e-11 6.057820e-84 0.433447 0.677127 0.825486



```
In [34]: 1 # print years where p_DP1:I < 0.05/38
2 ols_int_frame[ols_int_frame['p_DP1:I'] < 0.05/38][['yp', 'year', 'p_DP1:I']]</pre>
```

Out[34]:

```
    12
    1928-1926
    1928
    1.425443e-06

    21
    1950-1948
    1950
    9.623747e-07

    27
    1966-1964
    1966
    1.715822e-04
```

yp year

p DP1:I

```
In [351:
          1 # bootstrap a year where DP1:I is SIGNIFICANT
          2 np.random.seed(99)
          4 yp_sig = ols_int_frame[ols_int_frame['p_DP1:I']<0.05/38]['yp'].iloc[0]
             sampleSize = pairframes[yp_sig].shape[0]
          8
             DP1xI_coef_list = []
          9
             for i in range(nSim):
                 sample_idx = np.random.choice(pairframes[yp_sig].index.values, size=(sampleSize,), replace=True)
         10
                 sample_df = pairframes[yp_sig].iloc[sample_idx]
         11
         12
         13
                 sample_df_ols = ols(fm_int, sample_df).fit()
         14
         15
                 DP1xI_coef_list.append(sample_df_ols.params['DP1:I'])
         16
         17 DP1xI_coef_pct = np.percentile(DP1xI_coef_list, [2.5, 97.5])
         18 print('The 95% confidence interval during {}: [{}, {}] '.format(yp_sig, DPlxI_coef_pct[0], DPlxI_coef_pct[1]))
```

The 95% confidence interval during 1928-1926: [0.0945393307337304, 0.2584001729589221]

```
In [36]:
          1 # bootstrap a year where DP1:I is NOT SIGNIFICANT
           2 np.random.seed(99)
           4 | yp_no_sig = ols_int_frame[ols_int_frame['p_DP1:I']>0.1]['yp'].iloc[0]
           5 nSim = 1000
           6 sampleSize = pairframes[yp_no_sig].shape[0]
           8 DP1xI_coef_list = []
           9 for i in range(nSim):
          10
                  sample_idx = np.random.choice(pairframes[yp_no_sig].index.values, size=(sampleSize,), replace=True)
          11
                  sample_df = pairframes[yp_no_sig].iloc[sample_idx]
          12
          13
                  # fit OLS
                  sample df ols = ols(fm int, sample df).fit()
          14
                  DP1xI_coef_list.append(sample_df_ols.params['DP1:I'])
          15
          16
          DPlxI_coef_pct = np.percentile(DPlxI_coef_list, [2.5, 97.5])
print('The 95% confidence interval during {}: [{}, {}] '.format(yp_no_sig, DPlxI_coef_pct[0], DPlxI_coef_pct[1]))
```

The 95% confidence interval during 1900-1898: [-0.09161739278835825, 0.15939972848665207]

4.5 Answer - Evidence of the Interaction Term

· Evidence from p-values

As shown above, only 3 years (1928, 1950, 1966) have $p_{DP1:I} < 0.05/38$. Therefore, only these 3 years but not the others have significant evidence for the interaction term DP1:I.

· Evidence from the confidence interval of coefficient estimates on the bootstrapped samples not containing zero

Consistent with p-values < 0.05/38, the 95% Confidence Interval (CI) of DP1:I 's coefficient estimates on a 1000x non-parametric bootstrapping does not contain zero for the years: but does contain zeros for the others.

As an example year with significant evidence of DP1:I ($p_DP1:I < 0.05/38$), 1928-1926, the CI is [0.09, 0.26], not containing 0 and thus suggesting that DP1:I is a significant predictor during this year pair.

Similarly, as an example year without significant evidence of DP1:I (p_DP1:I > 0.1), 1900-1898, the Cl is [-0.09, 0.16], containing 0 and thus suggesting that DP1:I is not significant during this year pair.