Statistical Data Analysis Exercise Session 8

Exercise 1: PCR Regression.

Load the pollution dataset from the SMPracticals package. More information about this data can be found in ?SMPracticals::pollution. The variables hc, nox and so are right-skewed distributed. Work with the logarithm of these variables.

- 1. Investigate the presence of multicollinearity in this data set, based on the correlation matrix and the VIF values.
- 2. Perform a PCR regression on the first 50 observations.
 - Select the number of components based on the PCA analysis on the predictor variables.
 - Perform the PCR regression using the pcr function from the pls package.
 - Check that the coefficients obtained correspond with performing an LS analysis on the selected PCA scores.
 - Compared the obtained coefficients with an analysis of the complete data.
- 3. Now select the number of PCR components based on
 - The RMSEP of the training data set (observations 1 to 50)
 - The RMSEP based on leave-one-outcross validation (from the training data set)
 - The RMSEP calculated on the validation set (observations 51 to 60). Use the validation plot function for this.

Exercise 2: Ridge Regression.

Consider the same dataset as in exercise 1. Perform a ridge regression with the first 50 observations:

- 1. Determine a good optimal value for λ , the ridge parameter, based on the ridge trace and the VIF values.
- 2. Perform ridge regression with this chosen value for λ .
- 3. Calculate the RMSEP of the validation set (observations 51 to 60). Compare the results of the RMSEP values based on PCR.

Exercise 3: Robust Regression.

Load the hills data set from the MASS library.

- 1. Perform an LS analysis. Determine the observations with the largest studentized residual. Also make a residual plot and normal quantile plot.
- 2. Determine LS-based diagnostics to detect outliers: diagonal elements of the hat matrix, DFFITS, DFBETAS, Cook's distance. Always identify the points that are outliers according to the corresponding criteria.
- 3. Perform LTS regression with 50% breakpoint. Compare the parameter estimates with the LS solution.
- 4. Identify the outliers according to the LTS method. Make the diagnostic plot to divide them into good / bad leverage points and vertical outliers.

- 5. Make a scatter plot of the predictor variables. Add the tolerance ellipse to this, based on the classical average and covariance matrix. Also add the MCD-based tolerance ellipse. Compare the robust distances with the Mahalanobis distances.
- $6.\$ Compare the LTS results when you lower the breakpoint.

Some useful functions:

- 1. lm.ridge() in de MASS library.
- 2. ltsReg() and covMcd() in the robustbase library.