

Lecture 28 (ch. 11)

In Lab

We have been talking about inference on β (and α),
the conditional mean of y , given x , and a single y , at x .

What about multiple regression?

In going from $y = \alpha + \beta x$ (1+1 param) # of β 's.

to $y = \alpha + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k$ (k+1 params)

things generalize in a straight forward way.

Basically, all that happens is $(n-2) \longrightarrow n-(k+1)$.

This happens every where, e.g.

1) The estimate of σ_e^2 is $s_e^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-(k+1)}$

2) The df associated with t-test changes: $n-2 \longrightarrow n-(k+1)$

3) Even, CI & PI formulas are the same, except for

$$\hat{y} \pm t^* s_{\hat{y}} \quad , \quad \hat{y} \pm t^* \sqrt{s_{\hat{y}}^2 + s_e^2} = \frac{SSE}{n-(k+1)}$$

In This class we did not develop a formula for $s_{\hat{y}}$ in
multiple regression, but it does exist. As far as you are
concerned, you can always get $s_{\hat{y}}$ from R.

Finally, don't forget that the issues of collinearity and interaction
come back again when doing multiple regression.

The presence of multiple β 's allows for one more test:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = 0 \\ H_1: \text{At least 1 } \beta_i \text{ is } \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Test of "model utility"}$$

In $y = \alpha + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k$, if all $\beta_i = 0$, then none of the predictors are useful for prediction y .

This F-test allows you to do ONE test to find out if any of the predictors are useful for predicting y . This is very useful if k is large, because it tells you if any of the predictors are useful. I.e. it tells you if there is a "needle in the haystack," to begin with!

So, if you have a lot of possible/potential predictors, but you are not sure if any of them are useful, what you can do is to include all of them in the regression model, and do the F-test of model utility. **IF** you get a significant result (i.e. $p\text{-value} < \alpha$), then there is evidence that at least one of the predictors is useful. **THEN** you can do separate tests on each of the β 's to see which predictors are the useful ones. But **IF** the F-test comes back as non-significant, then there is no evidence that any of the predictors are useful. **THEN**, you don't have to test each predictor separately.

The main Theorem for The F-test is :

Thm: $F = \frac{R^2 / [k]}{(1-R^2) / [n-(k+1)]}$ (= "F-ratio")

has an F-distr. with $df = (k, n-(k+1))$

\therefore p-value = Right area under F

Just like in Chi-squared, when H_1 is "at least ...", then the p-value is just the right tail.

Then, if p-value $< \alpha$, we can reject H_0 ($\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$) in favor of H_1 (at least 1 β_i is not zero)

IF The p-value $< \alpha$, we can start testing each of the β_i separately. Fortunately, the test for each β_i is the same as the test for a single β , except for $df = n-(k+1)$.
E.g. suppose we want to test β_3 :

$H_0: \beta_3 \square \beta_0$ (e.g. 0)

$H_1: \beta_3 \square \beta_0$

$t_{obs} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_3 - \beta_0}{se / \sqrt{S_{x_3 x_3}}}$

p-value = $(1,2) \text{ pr}(t \square t_{obs})$

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$df = n - (k+1)$ in Table VI (or IV)

C.I. for β_3 :

$\hat{\beta}_3 \pm t^* \frac{se}{\sqrt{S_{x_3 x_3}}}$

$df = n - (k+1)$

$\sqrt{\frac{SSE}{n-(k+1)}}$

Note: even though we are testing ONE β_i , the df is $n - (k+1)$

FYI

To make the above thm. more believable, note that the above F-ratio is similar to the F-ratio we write in the context of 1-way ANOVA (ch. 9):

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{R^2/k}{(1-R^2)/[n-(k+1)]} = \frac{(SS_{\text{expl.}}/k)}{(1 - \frac{SS_{\text{expl.}}}{SST})/[n-(k+1)]} \text{ instead of } (k-1). \\ &= \frac{SS_{\text{expl.}}/k}{SSE/[n-(k+1)]} = \frac{SS_{\text{between}}/k}{SS_{\text{within}}/[n-(k+1)]} \text{ instead of } (n-k) \end{aligned}$$

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The regression equation is

durpr = -0.912 + 0.161 formconc + 0.220 catratio + 0.0112 temp + 0.102 time

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	p
Constant	-0.9122	0.8755	-1.04	0.307
formconc	0.16073	0.06617	2.43	0.023
catratio	0.21978	0.03406	6.45	0.000
temp	0.011226	0.004973	2.26	0.033
time	0.10197	0.05874	1.74	0.095

S = 0.8365 R-Sq = 69.2% R-Sq(adj) = 64.3%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	4	39.3769	9.8442	14.07	0.000
Error	25	17.4951	0.6998		
Total	29	56.8720			

In this example
you are going to
learn what all these
numbers mean!

$$\text{Also } F = \frac{MS_{\text{Reg}}}{MS_{\text{Err}}} = \frac{9.8442}{0.6998}$$

a) Is the fitted model useful?

F-test:
$$F_{\text{obs}} = \frac{R^2/k}{(1-R^2)/(n-(k+1))} = \frac{(\frac{.692}{4})}{(\frac{1-.692}{30-(4+1)})} = 14.04$$

From print out (Tricky!) $\Rightarrow 29 = n-1 \rightarrow 30 - (4+1)$

p-value = $\text{prob}(F > F_{\text{obs}}) = \text{prob}(F > 14.04) < .001$

According to Table VIII, $df = (4, 25)$

So, at any reasonable α , we can reject the null
hyp. (That all β_i are zero) in favor of the
alt. (That at least one of the β_i is not zero)

I.e. The model is useful.

b) Estimate, in a way that conveys info about precision & reliability, the average change in durability press rating associated with a 1-degree increase in curing temperature, when all other predictors remain fixed. (if there is no collinearity)

I.e. what's the C.I. for β_{temp} , t^* at $df = n - (k+1) = 25$

95% C.I.: $\hat{\beta} \pm t^* \frac{se}{\sqrt{S_{xx}}} = .0112 \pm 2.060 \frac{0.8365}{\sqrt{?}}$

Annotations:
 $\hat{\beta}$: 2-sided
 $\frac{se}{\sqrt{S_{xx}}}$: \searrow temp., \swarrow std. err in $\hat{\beta}$
 t^* : from print out.
 $\sqrt{?}$: not given!

$\therefore .0112 \pm 2.060 (.004973) \Rightarrow (.001, .021)$

This is the interval estimate for β . It's useful as it is, but we can also see that $\beta_{temp} \neq 0$. We can build the C.I. for the other β 's:

C.I. form conc	.1607	$\pm 2.060 (.06617)$	$= (.02, 0.30)$
catratio	.2198	$\pm .03406$	$= (.15, 0.29)$
temp	.0112	$\pm .00497$	$= (.001, 0.02)$
time	.10197	$\pm .0587$	$= (-0.02, 0.22)$

Note that 3 β 's are non-zero.
 \nwarrow At least 1 \checkmark

In part a, we found out that at least one of the $\beta_i \neq 0$.

To see which one(s), we test each of them!

$$H_0: \beta_i = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1: \beta_i \neq 0 \quad \text{for each } i.$$

c) E.g. $H_0: \beta_{\text{formald.}} = 0$
 $H_1: \beta_{\text{formald.}} \neq 0$

$t_{obs} = \frac{-0.16073 - 0}{0.06617} = -2.43$ Same as output in book, even though testing 1 β .

$p\text{-value} = 2 \cdot \text{prob}(t > t_{obs}) = 2(0.012) = 0.024 = \text{in printout}$

$df = n - (k+1) = 25$

$\frac{se}{\sqrt{S_{xx}}}$
 $\uparrow \uparrow$
 formaldehyde
 (from Table)

So, $p\text{-value} < \alpha \Rightarrow$ formaldehyde provides useful info.

In fact, look at all the p-values:

.023, .000, .033, .095

look at last Col. of printout.

At $\alpha = .05$ $\beta \neq 0$ $\beta \neq 0$ $\beta \neq 0$ $\beta = \text{cannot tell}$
 formaldehyde cat. temp time

consistent with the conclusions in part b.

Note These p-values are different from what you would get if you did $y = \alpha + \beta_1 x_1$, $y = \alpha + \beta_2 x_2$, ... Etc. and tested if each of these β_i are zero.

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