

# Module 3: Linear Regression

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# Introduction

## Learning material for this module

- James et al (2013): An Introduction to Statistical Learning. Chapter 3.

We need more statistical theory than is presented in the textbook, which you find in this module page.

Module overview

Todo

- Extensions and challenges (self study)
  - qualitative predictors: dummy coding (needed)
  - non-additivity: including interactions (useful)
- Important results in MLR
- Summing up with team Kahoot! (if time permits!)

# Linear regression

- Very simple approach for *supervised learning*.
- Parametric.
- Quantitative response vs. one or several explanatory variables.
- Aims:
  - **Prediction** - “black box”
  - **Explanation** - understanding the relationship between *explanatory variables* and the response
- Is linear regression too simple? Maybe, but very useful.  
Important to *understand* because many learning methods can be seen as generalization of linear regression.

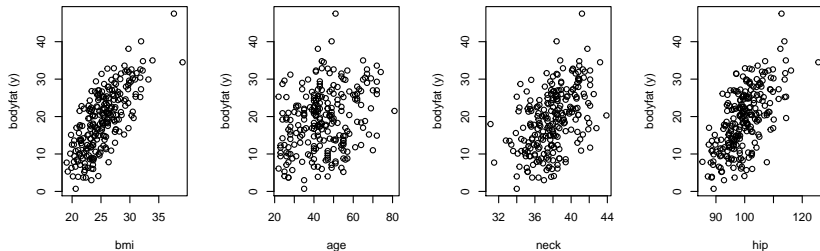
## Motivating example: Prognostic factors for body fat

(From Theo Gasser & Burkhardt Seifert *Grundbegriffe der Biostatistik*)

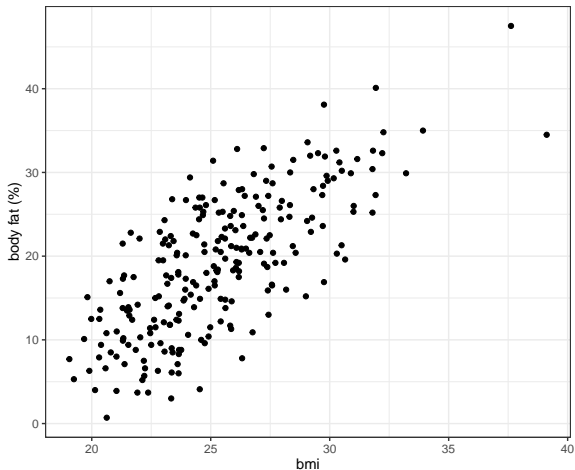
Body fat is an important indicator for overweight, but difficult to measure.

**Question:** Which factors allow for precise estimation (prediction) of body fat?

Study with 243 male participants, where body fat (%) and BMI and other predictors were measured. Some scatterplots:



For a good predictive model we need to dive into *multiple linear regression*. However, we start with the simple case of *only one predictor variable*:



## Interesting questions

1. How good is BMI as a predictor for body fat?
2. How strong is this relationship?
3. Is the relationship linear?
4. Are also other variables associated with `bodyfat`?
5. How well can we predict the `bodyfat` of a person?



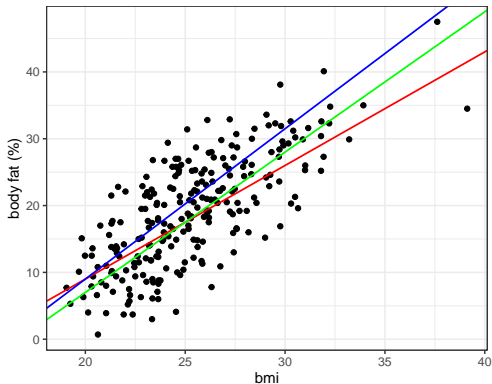
# Simple Linear Regression

- One quantitative response  $Y$  is modelled
- from *one covariate*  $x$  (=simple),
- and the relationship between  $Y$  and  $x$  is assumed to be *linear*.

If the relation between  $Y$  and  $x$  is perfectly linear, all instances of  $(x, Y)$ , given by  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , lie on a straight line and fulfill

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i .$$

But which is the “true” or “best” line, if the relationship is not exact?



**Task:** Estimate the intercept and slope parameters (by “eye”) and write it down (we will look at your answers later).

It is obvious that

- the linear relationship does not describe the data perfectly.
- another realization of the data (other 243 males) would lead to a slightly different picture.

⇒ We need a **model** that describes the relationship between BMI and bodyfat.

## The simple linear regression model

In the linear regression model the dependent variable  $Y$  is related to the independent variable  $x$  as

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2).$$

In this formulation  $Y$  is a random variable  $Y \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \sigma^2)$  where

$$Y = \underbrace{\text{expected value}}_{E(Y)=\beta_0+\beta_1 x} + \underbrace{\text{error}}_{\varepsilon}.$$

Note:

- The model for  $Y$  given  $x$  has **three parameters**:  $\beta_0$  (intercept),  $\beta_1$  (slope coefficient) and  $\sigma^2$ .
- $x$  is the **independent** / **explanatory** / **regressor** variable.
- $Y$  is the **dependent** / **outcome** / **response** variable.

## Modeling assumptions

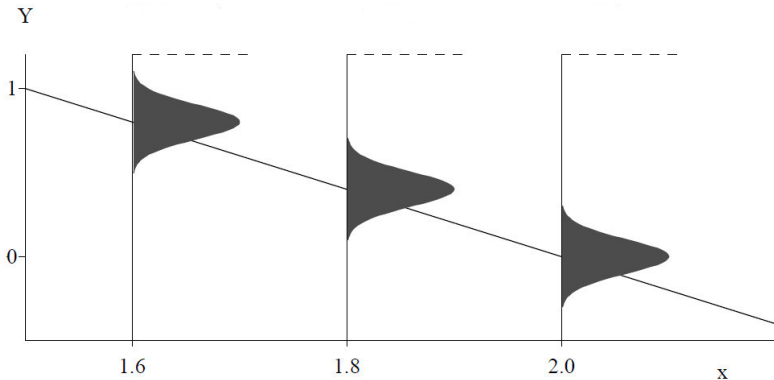
The central assumption in linear regression is that  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ . This implies

1. The expected value of  $\varepsilon_i$  is 0:  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$ .
2. All  $\varepsilon_i$  have the same variance:  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ .
3. All  $\varepsilon_i$  are normally distributed.
4.  $\varepsilon$  is independent of any variable, observation number etc.
5.  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$  are independent of each other.

## Visualization of the regression assumptions

The assumptions about the linear regression model lie in the error term

$$\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2) .$$



Note: The true regression line goes through  $E(Y)$ .

## Parameter estimation (“model fitting”)

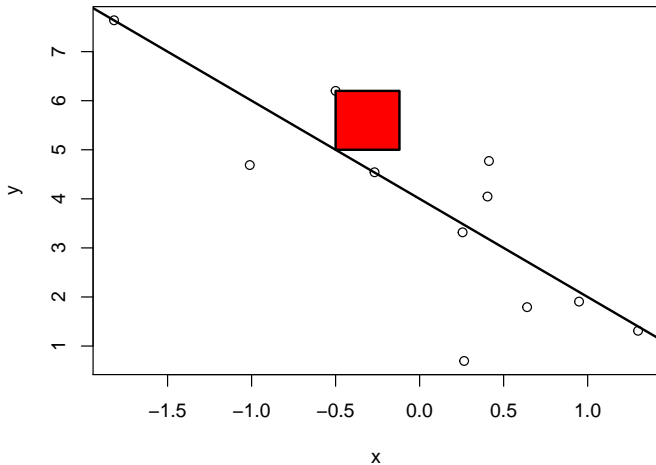
In a regression analysis, the task is to estimate the **regression coefficients**  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  and the **residual variance**  $\sigma^2$  for a given set of  $(x, y)$  data.

- **Problem:** For more than two points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , there is generally no perfectly fitting line.
- **Aim:** We want to find the parameters  $(a, b)$  of the best fitting line  $Y = a + bx$ .
- **Idea:** Minimize the deviations between the data points  $(x_i, y_i)$  and the regression line.

But what are we actually going to minimize?

## Least squares

Remember the **Least Squared Method**. Graphically, we are minimizing the sum of the squared distances over all points:





- Mathematically,  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are estimated such that the sum of **squared vertical distances** (residual sum of squares)

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2, \quad \text{where } e_i = y_i - (a + bx_i)$$

is being minimized.

- The respective “best” estimates are called  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ .
- We can predict the value of the response for a (new) observation of the covariate at  $x$ .

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x.$$

- The  $i$ -th *residual* of the model is the difference between the  $i$ -th *observed* response value and the  $i$ -th *predicted* value, and is written as:

$$e_i = Y_i - \hat{y}_i.$$

- We may regard the residuals as *predictions* (not estimates) of the error terms  $\varepsilon_i$ .

(The error terms are random variables and can not be estimated - they can be predicted. It is only for parameters that we speak about estimates.)

## Least squares estimators:

Using  $n$  observed independent data points

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n) ,$$

the least squares estimates for simple linear regression are given as

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \tag{1}$$

and

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} , \tag{2}$$

where  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  and  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  are the sample means.

## Do-it-yourself “by hand”

Go to the Shiny gallery and try to “estimate” the correct parameters.

You can do this here:

[https://gallery.shinyapps.io/simple\\_regression/](https://gallery.shinyapps.io/simple_regression/)

## Example continued: Body fat

Assume a linear relationship between the % bodyfat (`bodyfat`) and the BMI (`bmi`), we can get the LS estimates using R as follows:

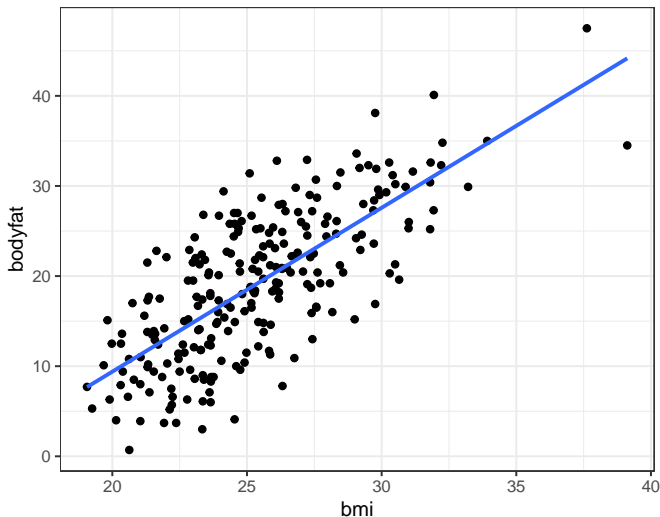
```
r.bodyfat = lm(bodyfat ~ bmi, data = d.bodyfat)
```

The estimates (and more information) can be obtained as follows:

```
summary(r.bodyfat)$coef
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	-26.984368	2.7689004	-9.745518	3.921511e-19
## bmi	1.818778	0.1083411	16.787522	2.063854e-42

We see that the model fits the data quite well. It captures the essence. It looks that a linear relationship between `bodyfat` and `bmi` is a good approximation.



## Questions:

- The blue line gives the estimated model. Explain what the line means in practice. Is this result plausible?
- Compare the estimates for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  to the estimates you gave at the beginning - were you close?
- How does this relate to the *true* (population) model?
- By looking at the spread of the points around the line, can you detect any violations of the modelling assumptions?
- Finally: **What could the regression line look like if another set of 243 males were used for estimation?**

## Uncertainty in the estimates $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$

Note:  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are themselves **random variables** and as such contain **uncertainty**!

Let us look again at the regression output, this time only for the coefficients. The second column shows the standard error of the estimate:

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→ The logical next question is: what is the distribution of the estimates?

## Distribution of the estimators for $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$

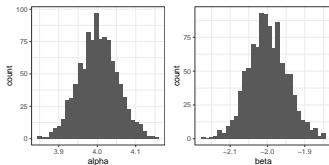
To obtain an intuition, we generate data points according to model

$$y_i = 4 - 2x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, 0.5^2).$$

In each round, we estimate the parameters and store them:

```
set.seed(1)
niter <- 1000
pars <- matrix(NA, nrow = niter, ncol = 2)
for (ii in 1:niter) {
  x <- rnorm(100)
  y <- 4 - 2 * x + rnorm(100, 0, sd = 0.5)
  pars[ii, ] <- lm(y ~ x)$coef
}
```

Doing it 1000 times, we obtain the following distributions for  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ :





## Accuracy of the parameter estimates

- The standard errors of the estimates are given by the following formulas:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0) = \text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_0)^2 = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right]$$

and

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}.$$

- $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is in general different from zero.

Note: We will *derive a general version* of these formulas for multiple linear regression, because without matrix notation this is very cumbersome.

Under the assumption that  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ , we have in addition that

$$\hat{\alpha} \sim N(\alpha, \sigma_{\beta_0}^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma_{\beta_1}^2) .$$

This implies that that  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  as defined in formulas (1) and (2).

## Design issue with data collection

Recall that

$$\text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

is only dependent on the *design* of the  $x_i$ 's.

- Would we like the  $\text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1)^2$  large or small? Why?
- If it is possible for us to choose the  $x_i$ 's, which strategy should we use to choose them?
- Assume  $x$  can take values from 1 to 10 and we choose  $n = 10$  values. Which is the best design?
  - evenly in a grid: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10].
  - only lower and upper value: [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10].
  - randomly drawn from a uniform distribution on [1, 10].

```
x1 = seq(1:10)
x2 = c(rep(1, 5), rep(10, 5))
x3 = runif(10, 1, 10)

sd1 = sqrt(1/sum((x1 - mean(x1))^2))
sd2 = sqrt(1/sum((x2 - mean(x2))^2))
sd3 = sqrt(1/sum((x3 - mean(x3))^2))

print(c(sd1, sd2, sd3))
```

```
## [1] 0.11009638 0.07027284 0.11505715
```

**A:** the second design - all observations at extremes.

## Residual standard error

Remember - residual sum of squares:  $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2$ .  
The residual standard error, RSE, is given by

$$RSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} RSS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}$$

and is an estimate of  $\sigma$ , that is, the standard deviation of the error term  $\varepsilon$ . This is the so-called *restricted maximum likelihood estimator*, and is unbiased.

This is related to the amount the response variables deviate from the estimated regression line. Recall that we will always have observations with noise.

RSE shows the lack of fit of the model to the data. It is measured in units of  $Y$ , hence its value may be hard to interpret.

If we assume that the simple linear regression is a good model, observation pairs  $(x_i, Y_i)$  are independent for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and that  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  then it can be shown that

$$\frac{\text{RSE}^2(n-2)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$$

### Example continued

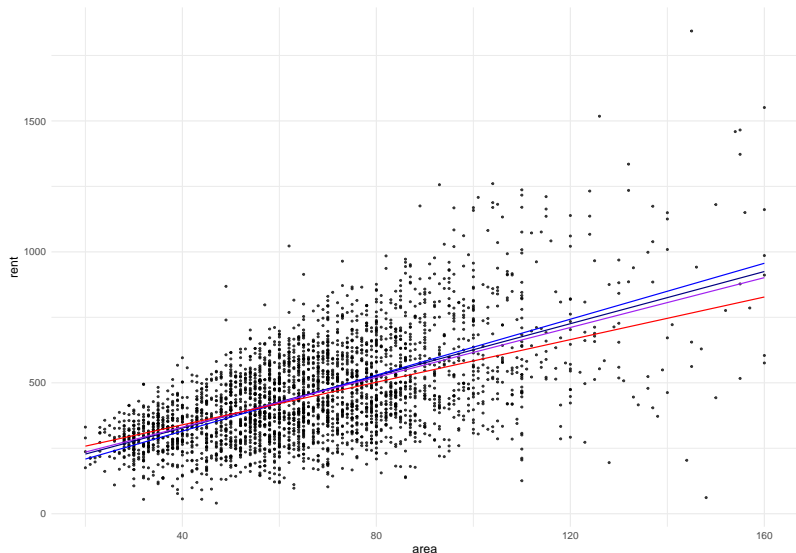
In R we can get a summary of our fitted linear model, by calling the **summary** function. In this outprint we see the estimated coefficient values in the first column, and the estimated standard errors in the second column. Thus  $\text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_0) = 8.6135$  and  $\text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.1206$ .

```
summary(r.bodyfat)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = bodyfat ~ bmi, data = d.bodyfat)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -13.5485  -3.5583   0.0785   4.0384  12.7330
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -26.9844     2.7689  -9.746  <2e-16 ***
## bmi           1.8188     0.1083  16.788  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 5.573 on 241 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.539, Adjusted R-squared:  0.5371
## F-statistic: 281.8 on 1 and 241 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



To illustrate this point further, we fit four models to our Munich rent index data set. Each of the models has been fit using a random sample of a fraction of our observations ( $1/4$ ). We see how our fitted line changes given a “new” set of observations.



## Distribution of parameter estimators

(We will *derive a general version* for multiple linear regression.)

For  $j = 0, 1$ :

- Let  $\hat{\beta}_j$  be the least squares estimator for  $\beta_j$ , and
- $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$  and  $\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}_j)$  is as given above.

Then  $\hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j))$  and

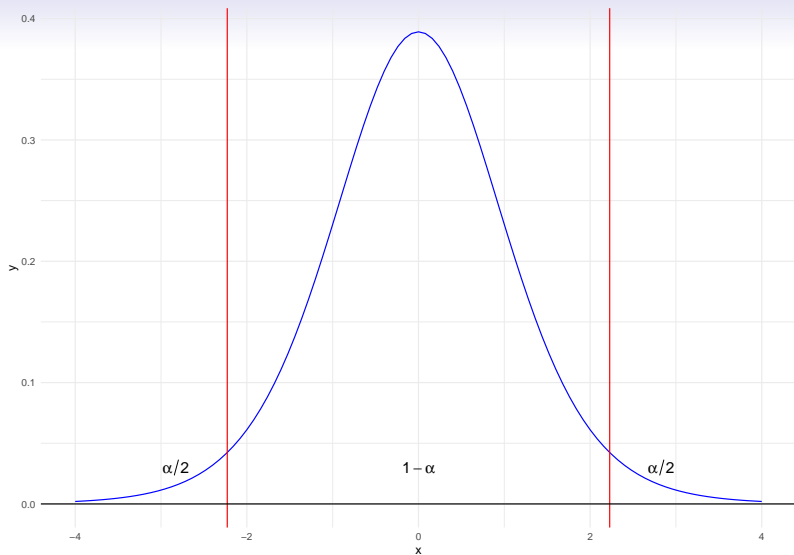
$$T_j = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}_j)}} \sim t_{n-2}$$

The  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom.

See [Rintermediate-sol.html](#) for more on the  $t$ -distribution in R.

For the slope in the simple linear regression this is shown, together with inference for  $\beta_1$ , in this [video from TMA4240/TMA4245](#)

Statistics (in Norwegian - but formulas should still be understood in English).



The figure shows the  $t_{10}$  distribution, where the points were the area under the curve to the right and left are with  $\alpha/2 = 0.025$ .

## Confidence intervals

The  $t$ -distribution can be used to create confidence intervals for the regression parameters. The lower and upper limits of a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_j$  are

$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-2} \cdot \text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_j) \quad j = 0, 1.$$

The interpretation of this confidence is that: (before we have constructed the interval) there is a 95% chance that the interval will contain the *true* value of  $\beta_j$ .

If  $n$  is large, the normal approximation to the  $t$ -distribution can be used (and is used in the textbook).

**Q:** Calculate the confidence intervals for the slope parameter in the `r.bodyfat` model by finding the numbers you need from the `summary` output. Here  $t_{0.025, n-2} = 1.961$ .

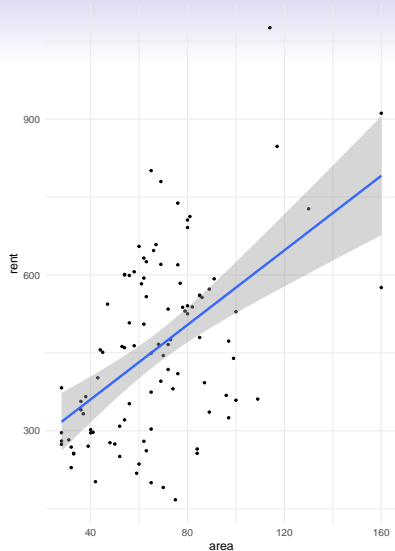
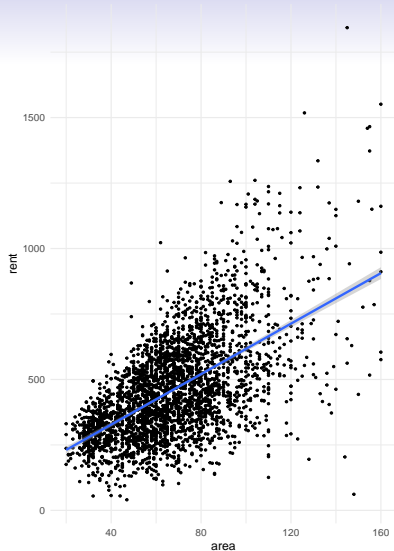
We can find confidence intervals in R using the `confint` function on `lm` object:

```
confint(r.bodyfat)
```

```
##                2.5 %      97.5 %  
## (Intercept) -32.438703 -21.530032  
## bmi         1.605362   2.032195
```

Remark: the argument `level=0.99` will give a 99% CI.

Based on the joint distribution of the intercept and slope it is possible to find the distribution for the linear predictor  $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ , and then confidence intervals for  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ .



The figures show the fitted line and the confidence interval for the (true) regression line based on all (left) and the first 100 observations (right) in the Munich rent index data. Observe the effect of the sample size on the width of the CIs.

## Single hypothesis testing set-up

In single hypothesis testing we are interesting in testing one null hypothesis against an alternative hypothesis. In linear regression the hypothesis is often about a regression parameter  $\beta_j$ :

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0 \text{ vs. } H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$$

## Two types of errors:

- “Reject  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true”=“false positives” = “type I error” = “miscarriage of justice”. These are our *fake news*, which are very important for us to avoid.
- “Fail to reject  $H_0$  when  $H_1$  is true (and  $H_0$  is false)”=“false negatives” = “type II error”= “guilty criminal go free”.

We choose to reject  $H_0$  at some significance level  $\alpha$  if the  $p$ -value of the test (see below) is smaller than the chosen significance level. We say that : Type I error is “controlled” at significance level  $\alpha$ , which means that the probability of miscarriage of justice (Type I error) does not exceed  $\alpha$ .

**Q:** Draw a 2 by 2 table showing the connection between

- “truth” ( $H_0$  true or  $H_0$  false) - rows in the table, and
- “action” (reject  $H_0$  and accept  $H_0$ ) - columns in the table,

and place the two types of errors in the correct position within the table.

What else should be written in the last two cells?



## Hypothesis test on $\beta_j$ (t-test)

In linear regression models our test statistic for testing  $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$  is

$$T_0 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{\sqrt{c_{jj}\hat{\sigma}}} \sim t_{n-2}$$

where  $c_{jj}\hat{\sigma}^2 = \widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}_j)$ .

Inserted observed values (and estimates) we have  $t_0$ .

We would in a two-sided setting reject  $H_0$  for large values of  $\text{abs}(t_0)$ .

We may rely on calculating a  $p$ -value.

## The p-value

A p-value is a test statistic satisfying  $0 \leq p(\mathbf{Y}) \leq 1$  for every vector of observations  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

- Small values give evidence that  $H_1$  is true.
- In single hypothesis testing, if the p-value is less than the chosen significance level (chosen upper limit for the probability of committing a type I error), then we reject the null hypothesis,  $H_0$ . The chosen significance level is often referred to as  $\alpha$ .
- A p-value is *valid* if

$$P(p(\mathbf{Y}) \leq \alpha) \leq \alpha$$

for all  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , whenever  $H_0$  is true, that is, if the  $p$ -value is valid, rejection on the basis of the  $p$ -value ensures that the probability of type I error does not exceed  $\alpha$ .

- If  $P(p(\mathbf{Y}) \leq \alpha) = \alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , the  $p$ -value is called an *exact* p-value.

In our linear regression we use the  $t$ -distribution to calculate  $p$ -values for our two-sided test situation  $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$  vs.  $H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$ . Assume we have observed that our test statistic  $T_0$  takes the numerical value  $t_0$ . Since the  $t$ -distribution is symmetric around 0 we have

$$p\text{-value} = P(T_0 > \text{abs}(t_0)) + P(T_0 < -\text{abs}(t_0)) = 2 \cdot P(T_0 > \text{abs}(t_0)).$$

We reject  $H_0$  if our calculated  $p$ -value is below our chosen significance level. We often choose as significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Q:** Comment on the  $p$ -values listed in the summary output from fitting the simple linear regression of **area** and **rent**. Then, pinpoint  $\hat{\sigma} = \text{RSE}$ . Where are the entries in the output that you do not (yet) know what is?

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = rent ~ area, data = rent99)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -786.63 -104.88   -5.69    95.93 1009.68
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 134.5922     8.6135   15.63  <2e-16 ***
## area         4.8215     0.1206   39.98  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 158.8 on 3080 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3417, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3415
## F-statistic: 1599 on 1 and 3080 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

## Model accuracy

### Coefficient of determination, $R^2$

The total sum of squares is defined as

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2,$$

and is proportional to the estimated variance of the response variable. The  $R^2$  statistic is the fraction of variance explained by the model and is given by

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2}.$$

The value is between 0 and 1, and we want an as high  $R^2$  statistic as possible. This statistic is independent of the scale of  $Y$ .

For a simple linear regression model the squared correlation  $r^2$  is equal to  $R^2$ .

**Q:** Look back at the `summary` output for the `r.bodyfat` model. What is the value of the  $R^2$  statistic? Based on this value, would you conclude that this model gives a good fit to the data?

# Multiple Linear Regression

Back to the Munich rent index data, but now we want to include more than one covariate. Suggestions?

- **rent**: the net rent per month (in Euro).
- **rentsqm**: the net rent per month per square meter (in Euro).
- **area**: Living area in square meters.
- **yearc**: year of construction.
- **location**: quality of location: a factor indicating whether the location is average location, 1, good location, 2, and top location, 3.
- **bath**: quality of bathroom: a factor indicating whether the bath facilities are standard, 0, or premium, 1.
- **kitchen**: Quality of kitchen: 0 standard 1 premium.
- **cheating**: central heating: a factor 0 without central heating, 1 with central heating.
- **district**: District in Munich.

## Model

We assume, for observation  $i$ :

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \varepsilon_i,$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Here: what is  $x_{ij}$ ?

The model can be written in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}.$$

**Q:** write out in detail the dimension!



## Notation

$\mathbf{Y}$  :  $(n \times 1)$  vector of responses [e.g. one of the following: rent, weight of baby, pH of lake, volume of tree]

$\mathbf{X}$  :  $(n \times (p + 1))$  design matrix [e.g. location of flat, gestation age of baby, chemical measurement of the lake, height of tree], and  $\mathbf{x}_i^T$  is a  $(p + 1)$ -dimensional row vector for observation  $i$ .

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$  :  $((p + 1) \times 1)$  vector of regression parameters (intercept included)

$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  :  $(n \times 1)$  vector of random errors.

We assume that pairs  $(\mathbf{x}_i^T, y_i)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) are measured from sampling units. That is, the observation pair  $(\mathbf{x}_1^T, y_1)$  is independent from  $(\mathbf{x}_2^T, y_2)$ .

Remark: other books, including the book in TMA4267 and TMA4315 define  $p$  to include the intercept. This may lead to some confusion about  $p$  or  $p + 1$  in formulas...

## Example continued

Assume that we have **rent** as response and **area** and **bath** as covariates.

- What is  $\mathbf{Y}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\epsilon$ ?
- Which of these are known/unknown, observed/unobserved?

Remember:  $n = 3802$  and **bath**=0 gives standard quality and **bath**=1 premium and the model is

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon.$$

```
fit = lm(rent ~ area + bath, data = rent99)
head(model.matrix(fit))
```

```
##      (Intercept) area bath1
## 1             1    26     0
## 2             1    28     0
## 3             1    30     0
## 4             1    30     0
## 5             1    30     0
## 6             1    30     0
```

```
head(rent99$rent)
```

```
## [1] 109.9487 243.2820 261.6410 106.4103 133.3846 339.0256
```

## Distribution of the response vector

Assume that  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ .

**Q:**

- Find the mean  $E(\mathbf{Y})$  and
- the covariance matrix  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y})$ .
- What is then the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y}$ ?

**A:**

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$$

## **Part B: Multiple linear regression - continued!**

# Multiple linear regression (continued)

## Data sets

### Munich rent index (as in Part A)

Munich, 1999: 3082 observations on 9 variables.

- **rent**: the net rent per month (in Euro).
- **rentsqm**: the net rent per month per square meter (in Euro).
- **area**: Living area in square meters.
- **yearc**: year of construction.
- **location**: quality of location: a factor indicating whether the location is average location, 1, good location, 2, and top location, 3.
- **bath**: quality of bathroom: a factor indicating whether the bath facilities are standard, 0, or premium, 1.
- **kitchen**: Quality of kitchen: 0 standard 1 premium.
- **cheating**: central heating: a factor 0 without central heating, 1 with central heating.
- **district**: District in Munich.

## Ozone

New York, 1973: 111 observations of

- `ozone` : ozone concentration (ppm)
- `radiation` : solar radiation (langleys)
- `temperature` : daily maximum temperature (F)
- `wind` : wind speed (mph)

`ozone` as our response variable and `temperature`, `wind` and `radiation` as covariates.

First 6 observations in data set printed.



##	ozone	radiation	temperature	wind
## 1	41	190	67	7.4
## 2	36	118	72	8.0
## 3	12	149	74	12.6
## 4	18	313	62	11.5
## 5	23	299	65	8.6
## 6	19	99	59	13.8

## Classical linear model

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Assumptions:

1.  $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
2.  $\text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T) = \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$ .
3. The design matrix has full rank,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = p + 1$ . (We assume  $n \gg (p + 1)$ .)

The classical *normal* linear regression model is obtained if additionally

4.  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$  holds. Here  $N_n$  denotes the  $n$ -dimensional multivariate normal distribution.

For random covariates these assumptions are to be understood conditionally on  $\mathbf{X}$ .

The interpretation of the coefficients  $\beta_j$  is now as following: holding all other covariates fixed, what is the average effect on  $Y$  of a one-unit increase in the  $j$ th covariate.

## Parameter estimation

In multiple linear regression parameters in  $\beta$  are estimated with maximum likelihood and least squares. These two methods give the same estimator when we assume the normal linear regression model.

**Least squares and maximum likelihood estimator for  $\beta$ :**

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

The estimator is found by minimizing the RSS for a multiple linear regression model:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RSS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \hat{\beta}_2 x_{i2} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_p x_{ip})^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta})^2 = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\end{aligned}$$

The estimator is found by solving the system of  $(p+1)$  equations:  $\frac{\partial \text{RSS}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{0}$ , see [LeastSquaresMLR.pdf](#) for a derivation (from TMA4267V2017).

## Example continued

Write down the model and explain what the values under **Estimate** mean in practice.

```
munich3.lm = lm(rentsqm ~ area + yearc + location + bath + kitchen +  
  cheating, data = rent99)  
summary(munich3.lm)
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = rentsqm ~ area + yearc + location + bath + kitchen +  
##      cheating, data = rent99)  
##  
## Residuals:  
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max   
## -6.4303 -1.4131 -0.1073  1.3244  8.6452   
##  
## Coefficients:  
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)      
## (Intercept) -45.475484   3.603775 -12.619 < 2e-16 ***  
## area         -0.032330   0.001648 -19.618 < 2e-16 ***  
## yearc         0.026959   0.001846  14.606 < 2e-16 ***  
## location2     0.777133   0.076870  10.110 < 2e-16 ***  
## location3     1.725068   0.236062   7.308 3.45e-13 ***  
## bath1         0.762808   0.157559   4.841 1.35e-06 ***  
## kitchen1      1.136908   0.183088   6.210 6.02e-10 ***  
## cheating1     1.765261   0.129068  13.677 < 2e-16 ***  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
##  
## Residual standard error: 2.031 on 3074 degrees of freedom
```

Reproduce the values under Estimate by calculating without the use of `lm`.

```
X = model.matrix(rentsqm ~ area + yearc + location + bath + kitchen + cheating, data = rent99)
Y = rent99$rentsqm
betahat = solve(t(X) %*% X) %*% t(X) %*% Y
print(betahat)
```

```
##                [,1]
## (Intercept) -45.47548356
## area        -0.03233033
## yearc        0.02695857
## location2    0.77713297
## location3    1.72506792
## bath1        0.76280784
## kitchen1     1.13690814
## cheating1    1.76526110
```

## Distribution of the regression parameter estimator

1. We assumed that  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ , leading to

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

2. Then we “found” that an estimator for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}.$$

3. From Module 2: Part B:  $\mathbf{Y}_{(n \times 1)}$  with mean vector  $\mu$  and variance-covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , then  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{Y}$  has  $E(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{C}\mu$  and  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{C}\Sigma\mathbf{C}^T$ .
4. Also Module 2: Part B: If  $\mathbf{Y}$  is multivariate normal, then also  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Y}$  is multivariate normal.

Q:

- Find the mean  $E(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  and the covariance matrix  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  by yourself.
- What is then the distribution of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ ?



## Model and parameter estimator (summing up)

Model:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

with full rank design matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ .

```
head(model.matrix(ozone.lm))
```

```
##      (Intercept) temperature wind radiation
## 1              1           67  7.4         190
## 2              1           72  8.0         118
## 3              1           74 12.6         149
## 4              1           62 11.5         313
## 5              1           65  8.6         299
## 6              1           59 13.8          99
```

```
head(ozone$ozone)
```

```
## [1] 41 36 12 18 23 19
```

Classical *normal* linear regression model when

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

In Part A we found that :

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

Parameter of interest is  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\sigma^2$  is a nuisance (=parameter not of interest).

Using the least squares (and maximum likelihood) method the estimator for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

How does this compare to simple linear regression? Not so easy to see a connection!

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \text{ and } \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2},$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

Often we use centered data (and also scaled) to ease interpretation. In design of experiments often orthogonal columns of the design matrix is chosen to get  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  to be diagonal, which leads to easier interpretation and identifiability.

## Distribution of the regression parameter estimator (summing up)

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

This can be written as  $\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{Y}$  where

- $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$
- $\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ .

Therefore

- $\hat{\beta}$  is multivariate normal  $(p+1)$  dimensions, with
- $E(\hat{\beta}) = \mathbf{C}E(\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \beta = \beta$
- $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \mathbf{C}\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y})\mathbf{C}^T = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} ((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T)^T = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2$ .

So:  $\hat{\beta} \sim N_{p+1}(\beta, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$ .

[PropertiesBetaHatMLR.pdf](#) for a derivation.

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N_{p+1}(\beta, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}).$$

```
coefficients(ozone.lm)
```

```
## (Intercept) temperature      wind      radiation
## -64.23208116   1.65120780  -3.33759763   0.05979717
```

```
vcov(ozone.lm)
```

```
##           (Intercept) temperature      wind      radiation
## (Intercept) 530.93558002 -5.503192281 -1.043562e+01  0.0266688733
## temperature -5.50319228  0.064218138  8.034556e-02 -0.0015749279
## wind        -10.43562350  0.080345561  4.275126e-01 -0.0003442514
## radiation    0.02666887 -0.001574928 -3.442514e-04  0.0005371733
```

**Q:** Explain what all these numbers are!

## Estimator for $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RSS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \hat{\beta}_2 x_{i2} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_p x_{ip})^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2 = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\end{aligned}$$

Restricted maximum likelihood estimator for  $\sigma^2$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n - p - 1} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n - p - 1}$$

with  $\frac{(n-p-1)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-p-1}^2$ .

## Distribution of regression parameters (contd.)

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N_{p+1}(\beta, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}).$$

- unbiased
- covariance matrix dependent on the design (and  $\sigma^2$ )

Multicollinearity: columns in design matrix (that is, the covariates) are correlated, which may lead to difficulty in “identifying” the effect of each covariate on the response, and thus large variances (and covariances) for the elements of  $\hat{\beta}$ .

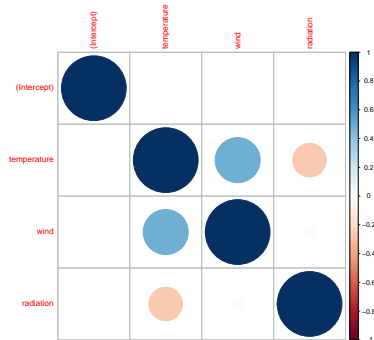
The *variance inflation factor (VIF)* is the ratio of the variance of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  when fitting a model with the chosen covariates divided by the variance of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  in a simple linear regression.

- VIF=1: absence of collinearity
- VIF exceeding 5 or 10 might be problematic.
- Solution: drop a covariate (that do not add much since it is correlated with other covariates).

```
oz1 = as.data.frame(apply(ozone, 2, scale, scale = FALSE))  
fitoz = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = oz1)  
vif(fitoz)
```

```
## temperature      wind      radiation  
##      1.431201     1.328979     1.095241
```

```
corrplot(cov2cor(vcov(fitoz)), cex.lab = 0.7)
```





## Inference about $\beta_j$ : confidence interval

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N_{p+1}(\beta, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

Statistic for inference about  $\beta_j$ ,  $c_{jj}$  is diagonal element corresponding to  $\hat{\beta}_j$  of  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .

$$T_j = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma}} \sim t_{n-p-1}$$

$$P(\hat{\beta}_j - t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1}\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma} \leq \beta_j \leq \hat{\beta}_j + t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1}\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma}) = 1 - \alpha$$

A  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI for  $\beta_j$  is when we insert numerical values for the upper and lower limits:  $[\hat{\beta}_j - t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1}\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma}, \hat{\beta}_j + t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1}\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma}]$ . When we work with *large samples* then  $n - p - 1$  becomes large and the  $t$  distribution goes to a normal distribution, so we may use the standard normal in place of the  $t_{n-p-1}$ . This is done in our textbook.

```
fitoz = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
confint(fitoz)
```

##	2.5 %	97.5 %
## (Intercept)	-109.91023689	-18.5539254
## temperature	1.14884613	2.1535695
## wind	-4.63376808	-2.0414272
## radiation	0.01385147	0.1057429

## Inference about $\beta_j$ : hypothesis tests

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0 \text{ vs } H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$$

Nothing new: using  $t$ -tests based on

$$T_j = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{c_{jj}}\hat{\sigma}} \sim t_{n-p-1}$$

Again,  $c_{jj}$  is diagonal element corresponding to  $\hat{\beta}_j$  of  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .

```
fitoz = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
summary(fitoz)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -40.485 -14.210  -3.556   10.124   95.600
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -64.23208    23.04204   -2.788  0.00628 **
## temperature    1.65121     0.25341    6.516 2.43e-09 ***
## wind          -3.33760     0.65384   -5.105 1.45e-06 ***
## radiation      0.05980     0.02318    2.580 0.01124 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 21.17 on 107 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6062, Adjusted R-squared:  0.5952
## F-statistic: 54.91 on 3 and 107 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Q:

1. Where is hypothesis testing performed here, and which are the hypotheses rejected at level 0.01?
2. Will the test statistics and  $p$ -values change if we change the regression model?
3. What is the relationship between performing an hypothesis test and constructing a CI interval?

A:

1. Column named `t value` gives numerical value for the t-statistic and column `*Pr(>|t|)` gives  $p$ -value for the two-sided test.
2. Yes. Unless our design matrix has orthogonal columns.
3. If a  $(1 - \alpha)$  100% CI covers the hypothesized value (here 0) then this is a sensible value for the parameter it can be shown that then the  $p$ -value will be larger than  $\alpha$ . And, if a  $(1 - \alpha)$  100% CI does not cover the hypothesized value (here 0) then this is not a sensible value for the parameter it can be shown that then the  $p$ -value will be smaller than  $\alpha$ .

## More complex hypotheses

Consider the hypotheses:

$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$  vs.  $H_1 : \text{at least one different from zero.}$

This means we test a set of regression parameters is different from 0.

This is used to

- let  $k = p$  and test if any parameters are different from 0 - this is called to *test if the regression is significant*.
- to compare two models - one where a the subset of the coefficients are omitted.

To do this  $F$ -tests are used.

Is the regression significant?

$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$  vs.  $H_1$  : at least one different from zero.

F-statistic

$$F = \frac{(\text{TSS}-\text{RSS})/p}{\text{RSS}/(n-p-1)} \sim F_{p,n-p-1}$$

When  $H_0$  is false we expect that the numerator is larger than the denominator and thus  $F$  is greater than 1. A  $p$  value is calculated from the upper tail of the  $F$ -distribution

We find  $p\text{-value} = P(F_{p,n-p-1} > f_0)$ , where  $f_0$  is the numerical value of  $F$  inserted RSS, TSS from the data.

```
fitoz = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
summary(fitoz)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -40.485 -14.210  -3.556   10.124   95.600
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -64.23208    23.04204   -2.788  0.00628 **
## temperature    1.65121     0.25341    6.516 2.43e-09 ***
## wind          -3.33760     0.65384   -5.105 1.45e-06 ***
## radiation      0.05980     0.02318    2.580 0.01124 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 21.17 on 107 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6062, Adjusted R-squared:  0.5952
## F-statistic: 54.91 on 3 and 107 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



## Tested a subset by comparing two nested models

- Large model: RSS with  $p + 1$  regression parameters
- Small model:  $\text{RSS}_0$  with  $q + 1$  regression parameters

$H_0$  : the additional  $p - q$  coefficients in the large model are all zero vs.

$H_1$ : at least one different from zero.

$$F = \frac{(\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}) / (p - q)}{\text{RSS} / (n - p - 1)} \sim F_{p-q, n-p-1}$$

When  $H_0$  is false we expect that the numerator is larger than the denominator and thus  $F$  is greater than 1. A  $p$  value is calculated from the upper tail of the  $F$ -distribution

We find  $p\text{-value} = P(F_{p-q, n-p-1} > f_0)$ , where  $f_0$  is the numerical value of  $F$  inserted RSS, TSS from the data.

In R we perform the test by fitting the two models `fit.large` and `fit.small` and use `'anova(fit.small, fit.large)'`.

```
fit.large = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation, data = ozone)
fit.small = lm(ozone ~ temperature, data = ozone)
anova(fit.small, fit.large)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
```

```
##
```

```
## Model 1: ozone ~ temperature
```

```
## Model 2: ozone ~ temperature + wind + radiation
```

```
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq      F    Pr(>F)
```

```
## 1      109 62367
```

```
## 2      107 47964  2      14403 16.066 7.921e-07 ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## Prediction intervals

Once we have estimated the coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p$ , we can make a prediction for a response value  $Y_0$  for a new observation  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$  as before:

$$\hat{Y}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_p x_p = \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}.$$

This is an intuitive point estimate.

Remember, one aim for regression was to “construct a model to predict the response from a set of (one or several) explanatory variables- more or less black box”.

To assess the uncertainty in this prediction we present a prediction interval for the  $Y_0$ .

After some work (see “details on the derivation” below):

$$P(\mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} - t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0} \leq Y_0 \leq \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} + t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}) = 1 - \alpha$$

A  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  PI for  $Y_0$  is when we insert numerical values for the upper and lower limits:  $[\mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} - t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}, \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} + t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}]$ .

PIs can be found in R using `predict` on an `lm` object, but make sure that `newdata` is a `data.frame` with the same names as the original data.

### **Example: Using the Munich rent index data**

We want to predict the rent - with PI - for an apartment with area 50, location 2 (“good”), nice bath and kitchen and with central heating.

```
library(gamlss.data)
fit = lm(rent ~ area + location + bath + kitchen + cheating, data = gamlss.data)
newobs = gamlss.data::rent99[1, ]
newobs[1, ] = c(NA, NA, 50, NA, 2, 1, 1, 1, NA)
predict(fit, newdata = newobs, interval = "prediction", type = "response")
```

```
##          fit          lwr          upr
## 1 602.1298 315.5353 888.7243
```

Q

1. When is a prediction interval of interest?

**A:** Always? Gives useful information in addition to a point prediction.

2. Explain the result from `predict` above.

**A:** Fit is point prediction, lwr is lower and upr is upper limit of the 95% PI (default with 95, and `level=0.99` gives 99).

## Details in the derivation of the PI

We start to look at the difference between the unobserved response  $Y_0$  (for a given covariate vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ) and the point prediction  $\hat{Y}_0$ ,  $Y_0 - \hat{Y}_0$ . First, we assume that the unobserved response at covariate  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is independent of our previous observations and follows the same distribution, that is  $Y_0 \sim N(\mathbf{x}_0^T \beta, \sigma^2)$ . Further,

$$\hat{Y}_0 = \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} \sim N(\mathbf{x}_0^T \beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0).$$

Then, for  $Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}$  we have

$$E(Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}) = 0 \text{ and } \text{Var}(Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}) = \text{Var}(Y_0) + \text{Var}(\mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0$$

so that

$$Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} \sim N(0, \sigma^2(1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0))$$

Inserting our REML-estimate for  $\sigma^2$  gives

$$T = \frac{Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}} \sim t_{n-p-1}.$$

Then, we start with

$$P(-t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \leq \frac{Y_0 - \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}} \leq t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1}) = 1 - \alpha$$

and solve so that  $Y_0$  is in the middle, which gives

$$P(\mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} - t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0} \leq Y_0 \leq \mathbf{x}_0^T \hat{\beta} + t_{\alpha/2, n-p-1} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{x}_0^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0}) = 1 - \alpha$$



## Coefficient of determination, $R^2$

no change from simple linear regression.

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}.$$

1. The interpretation of this coefficient is that the closer it is to 1 the better the fit to the data. If  $R^2 = 1$  then all residuals are zero - that is, perfect fit to the data.
2. In a simple linear regression the  $R^2$  equals the squared correlation coefficient between the response and the predictor. In multiple linear regression  $R^2$  is the squared correlation coefficient between the observed and predicted response.

3. If we have two models M1 and M2, where model M2 is a submodel of model M1, then

$$R_{M_1}^2 \geq R_{M_2}^2.$$

This can be explained from the fact that  $\text{RSS}_{M_1} \leq \text{RSS}_{M_2}$ .  
(More in the Recommended exercises.)

## Model assessment and selection

### Quality measures

To assess the quality of the regression we can report the  $R^2$  coefficient of determination. However, since adding covariates to the linear regression can not make the RSS larger, this means that adding covariates can not make the  $R^2$  smaller. This means that RSS and  $R^2$  are only useful measures for comparing models with the same number of regression parameters estimated.

If we consider two models with the same model complexity then RSS can be used to choose between (or compare) these models.

But, if we want to compare models with different model complexity we need to look at other measures of quality for the regression.

$R^2$  adjusted

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{RSS}{n-p-1}}{\frac{TSS}{n-1}} = 1 - \frac{n-1}{n-p-1}(1 - R^2)$$

Choose the model with the *largest*  $R_{\text{adj}}^2$ .

## AIC Akaike information criterion

AIC is one of the most widely used criteria, and is designed for likelihood-based inference. Let  $l(\hat{\beta}_M, \tilde{\sigma}^2)$  be the maximum of the log-likelihood of the data inserted the maximum likelihood estimates for the regression parameters. Further, let  $|M|$  be the number of estimated regression parameters in our model (and then we add 1 for the estimated variance).

$$\text{AIC} = -2 \cdot l(\hat{\beta}_M, \tilde{\sigma}^2) + 2(|M| + 1)$$

Choose the model with the minimum AIC.

For a normal regression model:

$$\text{AIC} \propto n \ln(\tilde{\sigma}^2) + 2(|M| + 1) + C$$

where  $C$  is a function of  $n$  (will be the same for two models for the same data set).

The likelihood - for the normal linear regression model:

$$l(\hat{\beta}, \tilde{\sigma}^2) = \ln(L(\hat{\beta}, \sigma^2)) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln \tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})$$

Remark that  $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \text{RSS}/n$  - our ML estimator, so that the first term in the AIC is just a function of the RSS.

Remark: for us here we have  $2(|M| + 1) = 2(p + 2)$

## BIC Bayesian information criterion.

The BIC is also based on the likelihood (see notation above).

$$\text{BIC} = -2 \cdot l(\hat{\beta}_M, \tilde{\sigma}^2) + \ln(n) \cdot (|M| + 1)$$

For a normal regression model:

$$\text{BIC} \propto n \ln(\tilde{\sigma}^2) + \ln(n)(|M| + 1)$$

Choose the model with the minimum BIC.

AIC and BIC are motivated in very different ways, but the final result for the normal regression model is very similar. BIC has a larger penalty than AIC ( $\ln(n)$  vs. 2), and will often give a smaller model (=more parsimonious models) than AIC. In general we would not like a model that is too complex.

Remark: for us here we have  $\ln(n) \cdot (|M| + 1) = \ln(n) \cdot (p + 2)$

## Subset selection procedures

Given a full multiple linear regression model the case is often that not all of the covariates are of equal importance for predicting the response. Some of the covariates could be removed from the model without affecting the fit. At the same time one would gain a more interpretable model with fewer parameters. We will here shortly discuss three subset selection procedures. These will be discussed in greater detail in Module 6.

**Forward selection** The forward selection procedure starts with the null model (no covariates, only  $\beta_0$ ). In a step-wise procedure, additional covariates are added one at a time. The inclusion of the covariate is based on a quality of fit measure (f.ex.  $R^2_{\text{adj}}$  or AIC) and the covariate giving the greatest improve of the fit is added to the model at each step.



**Backward selection** The backward selection has the opposite procedure: Here the starting point is the full multiple linear regression model (with all covariates included). At each step of the procedure, one covariate is removed from the model. The removal of this covariate is based on a quality of fit measure, where the covariate corresponding to the smallest decrease in the fit is removed at each step.

**Mixed selection** Combine forward and backward.

**All subset selection** All subset selection is a procedure where all possible combination of covariates are tested. This approach is efficient but computationally expensive.

Model selection is a major point in Module 6.

## Challenges - for model fit

1. Non-linearity of data
2. Correlation of error terms
3. Non-constant variance of error terms
4. Normality of error terms
5. Outliers
6. High leverage points
7. Collinearity

## Diagnostic plots

Plotting residuals - and what to do when assumptions are violated?

1. Plot the residuals against the predicted values,  $\hat{y}_i$ .
  - Dependence of the residuals on the predicted value: wrong regression model?
  - Nonconstant variance: transformation or weighted least squares is needed?
2. Plot the residuals, against predictor variable or functions of predictor variables. Trend suggest that transformation of the predictors or more terms are needed in the regression.

3. Assessing normality of errors: QQ-plots and histograms of residuals. As an additional aid a test for normality can be used, but must be interpreted with caution since for small sample sizes the test is not very powerful and for large sample sizes even very small deviances from normality will be labelled as significant.
4. Plot the residuals versus time or collection order (if possible). Look for dependence or autocorrelation.

Residuals can be used to check model assumptions, and also to *discover outliers*.

## Different types of residuals

It can be shown that the vector of residuals,  $\mathbf{e} = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  have a normal (singular) distribution with mean  $E(\mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{0}$  and covariance matrix  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})$  where  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$ .

This means that the residuals (possibly) have different variance, and may also be correlated.

**Q:** How can we say that the residuals can have different variance and may be correlated? Why is that a problem?

**A:**

We would like to check the model assumptions - we see that they are all connected to the error terms. But, but we have not observed the error terms  $\varepsilon$  so they can not be used for this. However, we have made “predictions” of the errors - our residuals. And, we want to use our residuals to check the model assumptions.

That is, we want to check that our errors are independent, homoscedastic (same variance for each observation), and not dependent on our covariates - and we want to use the residuals (observed) in place of the errors (unobserved). Then it would have been great if the residuals have these properties when the underlying errors have. To amend our problem we need to try to fix the residual so that they at least have equal variances. We do that by working with *standardized* or *studentized residuals*.

## Standardized residuals:

$$r_i = \frac{e_i}{\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{1 - h_{ii}}}$$

where  $h_{ii}$  is the  $i$ th diagonal element of the hat matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ .

In R you can get the standardized residuals from an `lm`-object (named `fit`) by `rstandard(fit)`.

## Studentized residuals:

$$r_i^* = \frac{e_i}{\hat{\sigma}_{(i)}\sqrt{1 - h_{ii}}}$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_{(i)}$  is the estimated error variance in a model with observation number  $i$  omitted. This seems like a lot of work, but it can be shown that it is possible to calculate the studentized residuals directly from the standardized residuals.

In R you can get the studentized residuals from an `lm`-object (named `fit`) by `rstudent(fit)`.

## Diagnostic plots in R

More information on the plots here:

<http://data.library.virginia.edu/diagnostic-plots/> and  
<http://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/fortify.lm.html>

You can use the function `fortify.lm` in `ggplot2` to create a dataframe from an `lm`-object, which `ggplot` uses automatically when given a `lm`-object. This can be used to plot diagnostic plots.



For simplicity we use the Munch rent index with `rent` as response and only `area` as the only covariate. (You may change the model to a more complex one, and rerun the code chunks.)

```
fit <- lm(rent ~ area, data = rent99) # Run a regression analysis
format(head(fortify(fit)), digits = 4L)
```

##	rent	area	.hat	.sigma	.cooksd	.fitted	.resid	.stdresid
## 1	109.9	26	0.001312	158.8	5.870e-04	260.0	-150.00	-0.9454
## 2	243.3	28	0.001219	158.8	1.678e-05	269.6	-26.31	-0.1658
## 3	261.6	30	0.001130	158.8	6.956e-06	279.2	-17.60	-0.1109
## 4	106.4	30	0.001130	158.8	6.711e-04	279.2	-172.83	-1.0891
## 5	133.4	30	0.001130	158.8	4.779e-04	279.2	-145.85	-0.9191
## 6	339.0	30	0.001130	158.8	8.032e-05	279.2	59.79	0.3768

```
# to show what fortify implicitly does in ggplot for more information
# ggplot2::fortify.lm
```

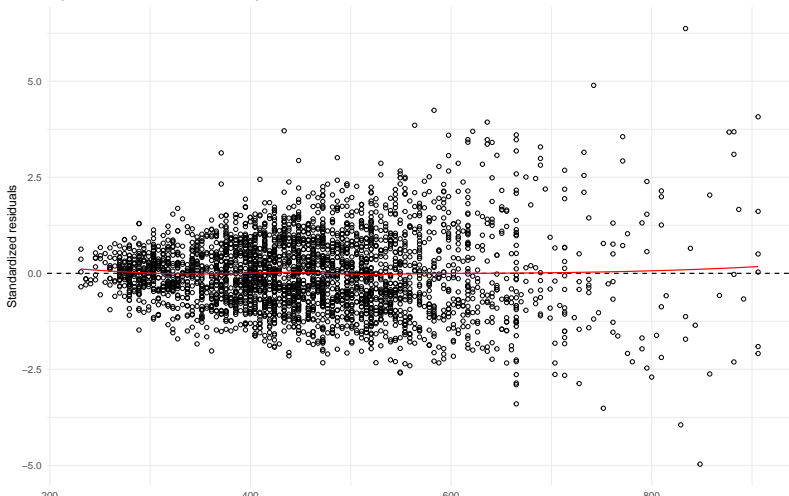
## Residuals vs fitted values

A plot with the fitted values of the model on the x-axis and the residuals on the y-axis shows if the residuals have non-linear patterns. The plot can be used to test the assumption of a linear relationship between the response and the covariates. If the residuals are spread around a horizontal line with no distinct patterns, it is a good indication on no non-linear relationships, and a good model. Does this look like a good plot for this data set?

```
ggplot(fit, aes(.fitted, .stdresid)) + geom_point(pch = 21) + geom_hline(yintercept = 0,
  linetype = "dashed") + geom_smooth(se = FALSE, col = "red", size = 0.5,
  method = "loess") + labs(x = "Fitted values", y = "Standardized residuals",
  title = "Fitted values vs standardized residuals", subtitle = deparse(fit$model),
  theme_minimal())
```

Fitted values vs standardized residuals

lm(formula = rent ~ area, data = rent99)

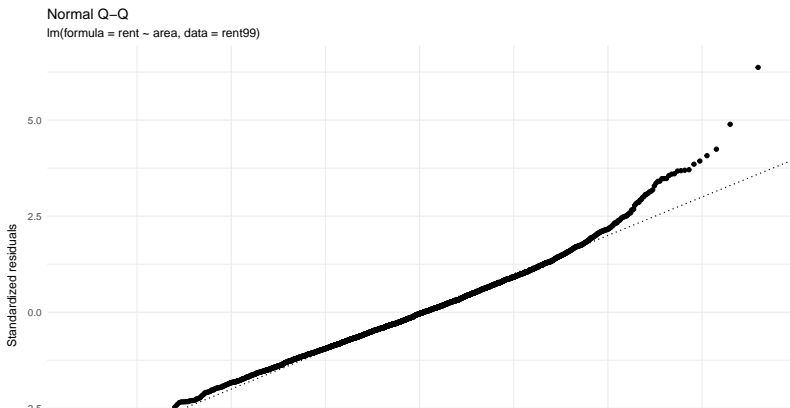


**A:** Ok linear assumption, but not constant spread.

## Normal Q-Q

This plot shows if the residuals are Gaussian (normally) distributed. If they follow a straight line it is an indication that they are, and else they are probably not.

```
ggplot(fit, aes(sample = .stdresid)) + stat_qq(pch = 19) + geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, linetype = "dotted") + labs(x = "Theoretical quantiles", y = "Standardized residuals", title = "Normal Q-Q", subtitle = deparse(fit$model), theme_minimal())
```



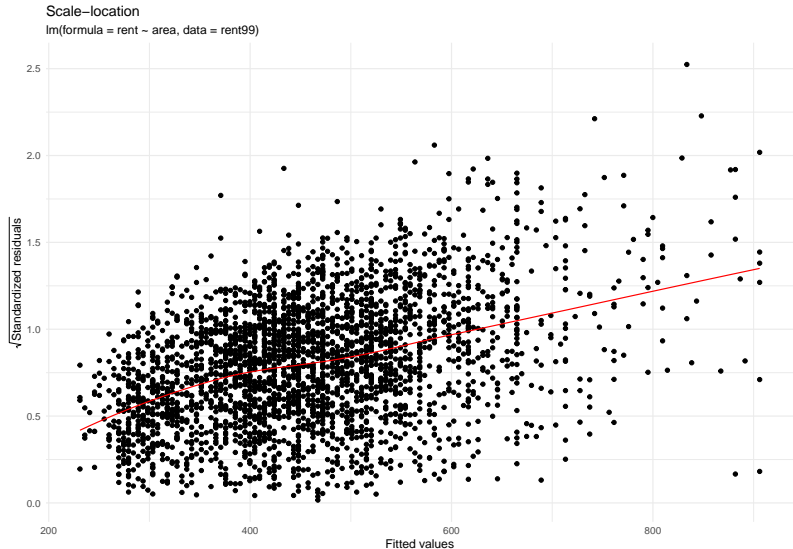
**A:** Not normal.

## Scale-location

This is also called spread-location plot. It shows if the residuals are spread equally along the ranges of predictors. Can be used to check the assumption of equal variance (homoscedasticity). A good plot is one with a horizontal line with randomly spread points.

Is this plot good for your data?

```
ggplot(fit, aes(.fitted, sqrt(abs(.stdresid)))) + geom_point() + geom_smooth(se  
  col = "red", size = 0.5, method = "loess") + labs(x = "Fitted values",  
  y = expression(sqrt("Standardized residuals")), title = "Scale-location",  
  subtitle = deparse(fit$call)) + theme_minimal()
```





**A:** Confirms our observation of not constant variance.

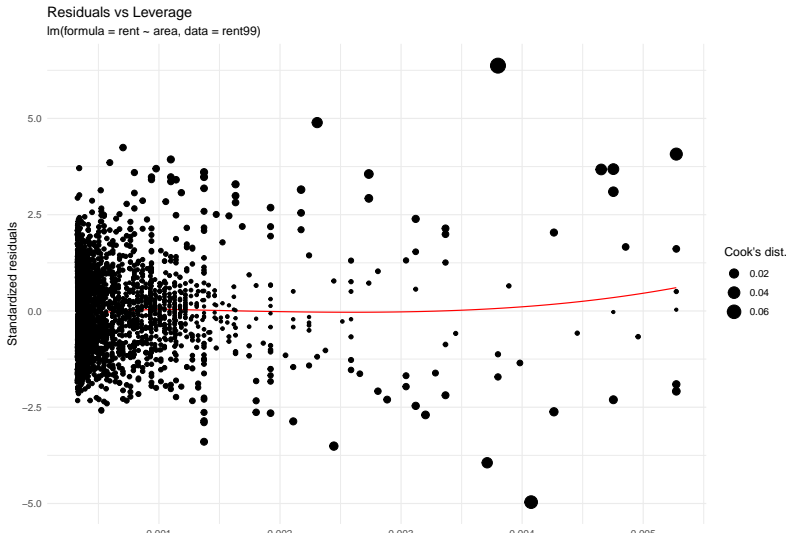
## Residual vs Leverage

This plot can reveal influential outliers. Not all outliers are influential in linear regression; even though data have extreme values, they might not be influential to determine the regression line (the results don't differ much if they are removed from the data set). These influential outliers can be seen as observations that does not get along with the trend in the majority of the observations. In `plot.lm`, dashed lines are used to indicate the Cook's distance, instead of using the size of the dots as is done here.

Cook's distance is the Euclidean distance between the  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  (the fitted values) and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(i)}$  (the fitted values calculated when the  $i$ -th observation is omitted from the regression). This is then a measure on how much the model is influenced by observation  $i$ . The distance is scaled, and a rule of thumb is to examine observations with Cook's distance larger than 1, and give some attention to those with Cook's distance above 0.5.

Leverage is defined as the diagonal elements of the hat matrix, i.e., the leverage of the  $i$ -th data point is  $h_{ii}$  on the diagonal of  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$ . A large leverage indicated that the observation ( $i$ ) has a large influence on the estimation results, and that the covariate values ( $\mathbf{x}_i$ ) are unusual.

```
ggplot(fit, aes(.hat, .stdresid)) + geom_smooth(se = FALSE, col = "red",
  size = 0.5, method = "loess") + geom_point(aes(size = .cooksdist)) +
  scale_size_continuous("Cook's dist.") + labs(x = "Leverage", y = "Standardized residuals") +
  title = "Residuals vs Leverage", subtitle = deparse(fit$call)) +
  theme_minimal()
```



**A:**Some observations does not fit our model, but if we fit a more complex model this may change.

# Extensions and challenges in multiple regression

The section is a self study section, where the dummy variable part is the most important and will be used in this course.

## Qualitative covariates

See [Rob Tibshirani explains - from ca 9 minutes](#)

Qualitative predictors can be included in a linear regression model by introducing dummy variables

**Example:** consider our `rent` dataset with `rent` as response, and continuous covariate `area` and categorical covariate `location`. Let the `location` be a factor with levels `average`, `good`, `top`.

```
library(gamlss.data)
library(dplyr)
library(GGally)

ds = dplyr::select(rent99, location, area, rent)
levels(ds$location)
# change to meaningful names
levels(ds$location) = c("average", "good", "top")
ggpairs(ds)
```



Categorical covariates may either be ordered or unordered. We will only consider unordered categories here. In general, we could like to estimate regression coefficients for all levels for the categorical covariates. However, if we want to include an intercept in our model we can only include codings for one less variable than the number of levels we have - or else our design matrix will not have full rank.

**Q:** Assume you have a categorical variable with three levels. Check for yourself that making a design matrix with one intercept and three columns with dummy (0-1) variable coding will result in a matrix that is singular.

```
# make 'wrong' dummy variable coding with 3 columns
```

```
n = length(ds$location)
X = cbind(rep(1, n), ds$area, rep(0, n), rep(0, n), rep(0, n))
X[ds$location == "average", 3] = 1
X[ds$location == "good", 4] = 1
X[ds$location == "top", 5] = 1
X[c(1, 3, 69), ]
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1   26    0    1    0
## [2,]    1   30    1    0    0
## [3,]    1   55    0    0    1
```

```
require(Matrix)
dim(X)
```

```
## [1] 3082    5
```

```
rankMatrix(X)
```

```
## [1] 4
## attr("method")
## [1] "tolNorm2"
## attr("useGrad")
## [1] FALSE
## attr("tol")
```



This is why we need to instead work with different ways of coding categorical variables. One solution is to not include an intercept in the model, but that is often not what we want. We will look at two other solutions - one where we decide on a reference category (that we not include in the coding, and therefore is kind of included in the intercept - this is called “treatment coding”) and one where we require that the the sum of the coefficients are zero (called “effect coding”). This mainly effects how we interpret parameter estimates and communicate our findings to the world. We will here restrict our discussion to “treatment coding”.

If we fit a regression model with `lm` to the data with `rent` as response and `area` and `location` as covariates, a model matrix is made - and how to handle the categorical variable is either specified the call to `lm` in `contrasts=list(location="contr.treatment")` (or to `model.matrix`) or globally for all categorical variables with `options(contrasts=c("contr.treatment","contr.poly"))`- where first element give choice for unordered factor (then treatment contrast is default) and second for ordered (and then this polynomial contrast is default). We will only work with unordered factors now.

## Dummy variable coding

This is the default coding. The reference level is automatically chosen as the “lowest” level (sorted alphabetically). For our example this means that the reference category for location is “average”.

$$x_{i\text{locationgood}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th location} = \text{"good"} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{-th location} \neq \text{"good"} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i\text{locationtop}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th location} = \text{"top"} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{-th location} \neq \text{"top"} \end{cases}$$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i\text{area}} + \beta_2 x_{i\text{locationgood}} + \beta_3 x_{i\text{locationtop}} + \varepsilon_i$$

$$= \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i\text{area}} + \beta_2 + \varepsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{-th location} = \text{"good"} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i\text{area}} + \beta_3 + \varepsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{-th location} = \text{"top"} \\ \beta_0 + \varepsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{-th location} = \text{"average"} \end{cases}$$

If we instead wanted “good” to be reference category we could relevel the factor.

```
X1 = model.matrix(~area + location, data = ds)
X1[c(1, 3, 69), ]
```

```
##      (Intercept) area locationgood locationtop
## 1              1   26              1           0
## 3              1   30              0           0
## 69             1   55              0           1
```

```
ds$locationRELEVEL = relevel(ds$location, ref = "good")
X2 = model.matrix(~area + locationRELEVEL, data = ds)
X2[c(1, 3, 69), ]
```

```
##      (Intercept) area locationRELEVELaverage locationRELEVELtop
## 1              1   26              0           0
## 3              1   30              1           0
## 69             1   55              0           1
```

So, what does this mean in practice? Model 1 has **average** as reference category and model 2 **good**.

```
fit1 = lm(rent ~ area + location, data = ds, contrasts = list(lo
summary(fit1)
```

```
##
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = rent ~ area + location, data = ds, contrasts = 1
```

```
##
```

```
## Residuals:
```

```
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -790.98 -100.89    -4.87    94.47 1004.98
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  128.0867     8.6947  14.732 < 2e-16 ***
## area         4.7056      0.1202  39.142 < 2e-16 ***
## locationgood 28.0040      5.8662   4.774 1.89e-06 ***
## locationtop  131.1075     18.2614   7.180 8.73e-13 ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
```

```
## Residual standard error: 157.1 on 3078 degrees of freedom
```

## Interactions

See [Trevor Hastie explains](#)

To illustrate how interactions between covariates can be included we use the `ozone` data set from the `ElemStatLearn` library. This data set is measurements from 1973 in New York and contains 111 observations of the following variables:

- `ozone` : ozone concentration (ppm)
- `radiation` : solar radiation (langleys)
- `temperature` : daily maximum temperature (F)
- `wind` : wind speed (mph)

We start by fitting a multiple linear regression model to the data, with `ozone` as our response variable and `temperature` and `wind` as covariates.

##	ozone	radiation	temperature	wind
## 1	41	190	67	7.4
## 2	36	118	72	8.0
## 3	12	149	74	12.6
## 4	18	313	62	11.5
## 5	23	299	65	8.6
## 6	19	99	59	13.8

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ozone ~ temperature + wind, data = ozone)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -42.160 -13.209  -3.089   10.588   98.470
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -67.2008    23.6083  -2.846  0.00529 **
## temperature    1.8265     0.2504   7.293 5.32e-11 ***
## wind          -3.2993     0.6706  -4.920 3.12e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 21.72 on 108 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.5817, Adjusted R-squared:  0.574
## F-statistic: 75.1 on 2 and 108 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The model can be written as:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + \beta_2 x_w + \varepsilon$$

In this model we have assumed that increasing the value of one covariate is independent of the other covariates. For example: by increasing the **temperature** by one-unit always increases the response value by  $\beta_2 \approx 1.651$ , regardless of the value of **wind**.



However, one might think that the covariate **wind** (wind speed) might act differently upon **ozone** for different values of **temperature** and vice versa.

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + \beta_2 x_w + \beta_3 \cdot (x_t \cdot x_w) + \varepsilon \\ &= \beta_0 + (\beta_1 + \beta_3 x_w) \cdot x_t + \beta_2 x_w + \varepsilon \quad . \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + (\beta_2 + \beta_3 x_t) \cdot x_w + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

We fit this model in R. An interaction term can be included in the model using the **\*** symbol.

**Q:** Look at the **summary** below. Is this a better model than without the interaction term? Is the term significant?

```
ozone.int = lm(ozone ~ temperature + wind + temperature * wind, data = ozone)
summary(ozone.int)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ozone ~ temperature + wind + temperature * wind,
##     data = ozone)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -40.929 -11.190  -3.037   8.209  97.440
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -239.94146    48.59004   -4.938 2.92e-06 ***
## temperature     4.00151     0.59311    6.747 8.02e-10 ***
## wind          13.60882     4.28070    3.179 0.00193 **
## temperature:wind -0.21747     0.05446   -3.993 0.00012 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 20.36 on 107 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.636, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6258
## F-statistic: 62.31 on 3 and 107 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Below we see that the interaction term is highly significant. The  $p$ -value is very small, so that there is strong evidence that  $\beta_3 \neq 0$ . Furthermore,  $R^2_{\text{adj}}$  has increased, indicating that more of the variability in the data has been explained by the model (than without the interaction).

*Interpretation of the interaction term:*

- If we now increase the **temperature** by  $10^\circ$  F, the increase in **wind speed** will be

$$(\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_3 \cdot x_w) \cdot 10 = (4.0 - 0.22 \cdot x_w) \cdot 10 = 40 - 2.2x_w \text{ units.}$$

- If we increase the **wind** speed by 10 mph, the increase in **temperature** will be

$$(\hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 \cdot x_t) \cdot 10 = (14 - 0.22 \cdot x_t) \cdot 10 = 140 - 2.2x_t \text{ units.}$$

## The hierarchical principle

It is possible that the interaction term is highly significant, but the main effects are not.

In our `ozone.int` model above: the main effects are `temperature` and `wind`. The hierarchical principle states that if we include an interaction term in our model, the main effects are also to be included, even if they are not significant. This means that if the coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_1$  or  $\hat{\beta}_2$  would be insignificant, while the coefficient  $\hat{\beta}_3$  is significant,  $\hat{\beta}_1$  and  $\hat{\beta}_2$  should still be included in the model.

There reasons for this is that a model with interaction terms, but without the main effects is hard to interpret.

## Interactions between qualitative (discrete) and quantitative (continuous) covariates

We create a new variable `temp.cat` which is a `temperature` as a qualitative covariate with two levels and fit the model:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_w + \begin{cases} \beta_2 + \beta_3 x_w & \text{if temperature="low"} \\ 0 & \text{if temperature = "high"} \end{cases}$$
$$= \begin{cases} (\beta_0 + \beta_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_3) \cdot x_w & \text{if temperature="low"} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_w & \text{if temperature="high"} \end{cases}$$

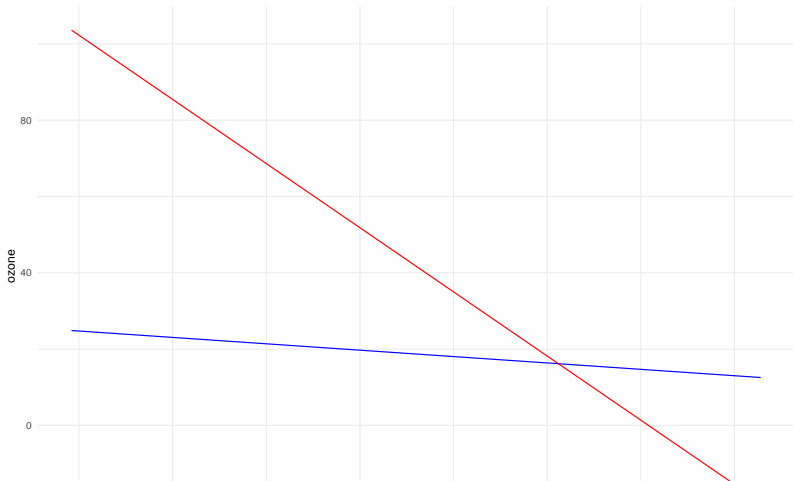
```
temp.cat = ifelse(ozone$temperature < mean(ozone$temperature), "low",
  "high")
ozone2 = cbind(ozone, temp.cat)
print(head(ozone2))
```

```
##   ozone radiation temperature wind temp.cat
## 1    41        190           67  7.4      low
## 2    36        118           72  8.0      low
## 3    12        149           74 12.6      low
## 4    18        313           62 11.5      low
## 5    23        299           65  8.6      low
## 6    19         99           59 13.8      low
```

```
ozone.int2 = lm(ozone ~ wind + temp.cat + temp.cat * wind, data = ozone2)
summary(ozone.int2)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ozone ~ wind + temp.cat + temp.cat * wind, data = ozone2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -53.291  -9.091  -1.307   11.227   71.815
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
interceptlow = coef(ozone.int2)[1] + coef(ozone.int2)[3]
slopelow = coef(ozone.int2)[2] + coef(ozone.int2)[4]
intercepthigh = coef(ozone.int2)[1]
slopehigh = coef(ozone.int2)[2]
ggplot(ozone) + geom_line(aes(y = interceptlow + slopelow * wind, x = wind),
  col = "blue") + geom_line(aes(y = intercepthigh + slopehigh * wind,
  x = wind), col = "red") + ylab("ozone") + theme_minimal()
```





## Nonlinearity

We may extend the linear model to handle non-linear relationships by using polynomial regression - as we did in Module 2 in our bias-variance trade-off example.

More on non-linearity in Module 7.

## Optional: Projection matrices

First, we define predictions as  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}$ , and inserted the ML (and LS) estimate we get  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{Y}$ .

We define the projection matrix

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$$

called the *hat matrix*. This simplifies the notation for the predictions,

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}$$

so the hat matrix is putting the hat on the response  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

In addition we define residuals as

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}$$

so we have a second projection matrix

$$\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$$

## Important results in multiple linear regression

- Linear regression assumes a linear relationship between the response variable and the covariates.
- Simple linear regression has only one covariate and has the form  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$ .
- Multiple linear regression has  $p$  covariates and has the form  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \varepsilon$ .
- Quantitative (categorical) covariates can be included using dummy variables.
- Correlations among the covariates can mask each others effects in the linear model.
- Parameter estimates can be obtained by minimizing the least squares (RSS) or by maximum likelihood estimation.
- We can calculate the standard errors of the parameter estimates, and use this to obtain confidence intervals.
- We can test the hypothesis of  $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$  against  $H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$  by a t-test.
- We use the  $F$ -statistic to test if at least one of the covariates are useful.

- Not only additive effects: Interactions between covariates can be included in the model (also between qualitative and quantitative covariates).
- Transformations of the response variable or of a covariate can be useful if the relationship is not linear. A linear model can then be fit to the transformed variables.
- The overall accuracy of the model can be evaluated by calculating the  $R^2$  statistic, AIC score and by using diagnostic plots.
- Model selection can not be based on RSS or  $R^2$ .
- Multiple linear regression might require subset selection if the number of covariates is high.

## Further reading

- Need details on the simple linear regression: From TMA4240/TMA4245 Statistics we have the thematic page for [Simple linear regression \(in Norwegian\)](#).
- Need more advanced theory: Theoretical version (no simple linear regression) from TMA4315 Generalized linear models H2018: [TMA4315M2: Multiple linear regression](#)
- Slightly different presentation (more focus on multivariate normal theory): [Slides and written material from TMA4267](#)
- And, same source, but now [Slides and written material from TMA4267 Linear Statistical Models in 2017, Part 3: Hypothesis testing and ANOVA](#)
- Videos on YouTube by the authors of ISL, Chapter 2

## R packages

If you want to look at the .Rmd file and knit it, you need to first install the following packages (only once).

```
# packages to install before knitting this R Markdown file to kn  
# the Rmd
```

```
install.packages("knitr")  
install.packages("rmarkdown")
```

```
# nice tables in Rmd  
install.packages("kableExtra")
```

```
# cool layout for the Rmd  
install.packages("prettydoc") # alternative to github
```

```
# plotting  
install.packages("ggplot2") # cool plotting  
install.packages("ggpubr") # for many ggplots  
install.packages("GGally") # for ggpairs
```

```
# datasets  
install.packages("ElemStatLearn") # for ozone data set
```

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