

Lab 4: Part 2

The aim of this part of the lab exercise is to give you practical experience in Correlation and Linear Regression using R Studio and an R Notebook.

1 Linear Regression and Correlation

In this lab you will use data about birthweight to practice linear regression and correlation

In an investigation conducted by Secher et al., (1987), The birth weight (BW) in grams for 107 babies was ascertained. For all babies, both the abdominal (AD) and biparietal (BPD) diameters (in mm) were measured shortly before birth using ultrasound.

The purpose of this study was to describe the relationship between birthweight and these two ultrasound measurements in order to establish a way to predict birthweight (or fetus weight).

The data includes the following variables:

- bw: Birth weight of the baby in grams
- bpd: biparietal diameter (in mm), as determined by ultrasound
- ad: abdominal diameter (in mm), as determined by ultrasound
- id: identification of the mother (ignore this is not needed for the analysis)

1. Load the `birthweight.csv` data into an R notebook
2. Explore the data numerically and graphically
3. Are the three numerical columns correlated?
4. Build two linear regression models, each should have bw as the dependent variable and bpd or ad as the explanatory variable
5. Compare the diagnostics and fit of each of the two models Using only one predictor at a time, which is better at predicting AD or BD? and explain why?
6. (OPTIONAL) Try some transformations
7. An expectant mother has been told their bpd is 80 - what is the estimated birthweight? Explain your answer
8. An expectant mother has been told their ad is 105 - what is the estimated birthweight? Explain your answer
9. The mean birth weight in the UK is 3300 gr. Given the mean birthweight in this sample test a one-way hypothesis using this sample. Explain what H_0 and H_1 you are using and the choice of test statistic.

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1 # reading a csv file into R
2 my.data<-read.csv("name-of-my-file.csv")
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4 #correlation coefficient r
5 cor(x,y)
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7 #correlation coefficient and testing significance
8 cor.test(x,y)
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10 #linear regression
11 lm(y~x)
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13 #detailed output of the regression model
14 summary(lm(y~x))
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16 #regression model plots
17 plot(lm(y~x))
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19 #in hypothesis testing to find the probability of a test statistic smaller or
    equal to the one computed – normal dist
20 pnorm(test.statistic)
21
22 #in hypothesis testing to find the probability of a test statistic larger or
    equal to the one computed – normal dist
23 1-pnorm(test.statistic)
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