# Class 4c: Simple OLS: ANOVA and F-test

**Business Forecasting** 

## Roadmap

## This class

• Testing significance of a regression

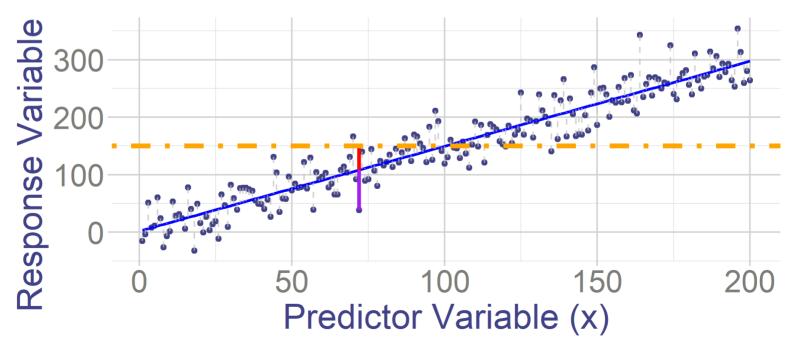
#### **ANOVA** stands for the ANalysis Of Variance

- We only look at it in the context of the regression
- It helps us to determine whether our regression is helpful
  - o It tests whether our regression model can explain variation in y

How do we measure explained variation?

$$\underbrace{y_i - ar{y}}_{Total} = \underbrace{(\hat{y_i} - ar{y})}_{Explained} + \underbrace{(y_i - \hat{y_i})}_{Unexplained}$$

where 
$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{eta}_0 + \hat{eta}_1 x_i$$



Let's move from a single deviation to sum of squared deviations:

From here:

$$y_i-ar{y}=(\hat{y_i}-ar{y})+(y_i-\hat{y_i})$$

To here:

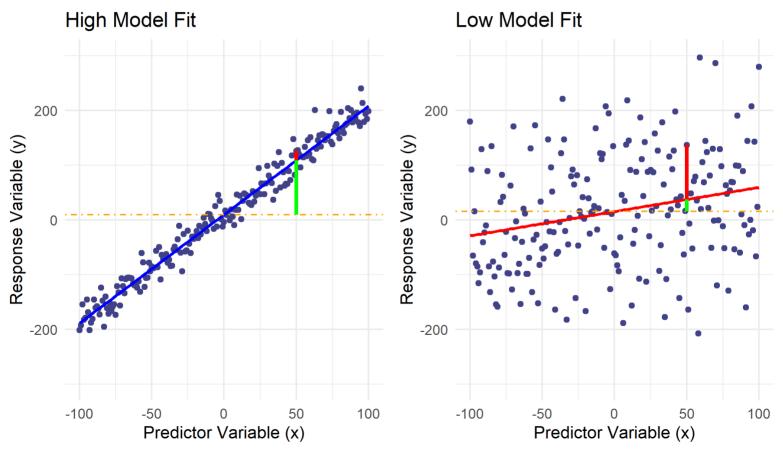
$$\sum_i (y_i - ar{y})^2 = \sum_i (\hat{y_i} - ar{y})^2 + \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2$$

#### **Decomposition of variance**

$$SS_T = SS_R + SS_E$$

- ullet  $SS_T$  is total sum of squares  $\sum_i (y_i ar{y})^2$  , n-1 DoF
- ullet  $SS_R$  is regression sum of squares  $\sum_i (\hat{y_i} ar{y})^2 = {\hat{eta}_1}^2 S_{XY}$ , 1 DoF
- ullet  $SS_E$  is residual error sum of squares  $\sum_i (y_i \hat{y_i})^2$ , n-2 DoF

- ullet Good model explains a lot of variation in y
- ullet Bad model explains little variation in y



We usually write them in a table. Here is how it looks like for our ecobici data:

Source	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	DoF
Regression	2117100000	1	1
Residual Error	21895000000	779	n-2
Total	24012100000	780	n-1

#### Or in R:

- But how do we use it as a formal test?
- If our model (our predictor) is not helpful in explaining the y, then likely  $eta_1=0$
- We can use the sum of squares to test:
  - $\circ \ H_0: \beta_1 = 0$
  - $\circ H_A: \beta_1 \neq 0$
- Test statistic is:

$$F_{test} = rac{SS_R/df_R}{SS_E/df_E}$$

#### Where

- ullet  $SS_R$  has 1 degree of freedom  $df_R=1$
- ullet  $SS_E$  has n-2 degree of freedom  $df_E=n-2$
- Under the null:

$$F_{test} \sim F_{1,n-2}$$

And we reject if  $F_{test} > F_{1-\alpha,1,n-2}$  (when  $F_{test}$  is large)

Whether  $\beta_1 = 0$  or  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ :

$$E(rac{SS_E}{df_E}) = E(rac{\sum e^2}{n-2}) = \sigma^2$$

And it's distributed as:

$$rac{SS_E}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}$$

Only if null is true (  $eta_1=0$  ), then:

$$E(rac{SS_R}{df_R}) = E(rac{\sum (\hat{y} - ar{y})^2}{1}) = \sigma^2$$

And it's distributed as:

$$rac{SS_R}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_1$$

Hence, under the null:

$$F_{test} = rac{SS_R/df_R}{SS_E/df_E} \sim F_{1,n-2}$$

But if the alternative is true, then:

$$E(SS_R) = \sigma^2 + \beta_1^2 S_{xx}$$

So typically, when null is not true, nominator will be larger than the denominator

- ullet Hence the  $F_{Stat}$  would be large
  - $\circ$  When model is good at explaining y the explained part is larger than the unexplained part
- We can calculate p-value in the usual way:

$$p-value = P(F_{1,n-2} \geq F_{test})$$

## F-test

I will not discuss an alternative way to interpret this test, which we will use in other tests

• Let's rewrite the **F-test** in the following way:

$$F_{test} = rac{SS_R/df_R}{SS_E/df_E} = rac{rac{SS_T - SS_E}{df_T - df_E}}{rac{SS_E}{df_E}}$$

Think about two models trying to explain y

- ullet Our model with  $x_i\,\hat{y_i}=\hat{eta_0}+\hat{eta_1}x_i$  (call it full model)
  - $\circ~$  The unexplained part is measured by  $SS_E = \sum (y_i \hat{y_i})^2$
- Just intercept model  $\hat{y_i} = \hat{eta_0} = ar{y}$  (call it restricted model)
  - $\circ~$  The unexplained part is measured by  $SS_T = \sum (y_i ar{y}_i)^2$
- ullet Hence  $rac{SS_T-SS_E}{df_T-df_E}$  measures by how much we decrease the unexplained part going from the reduced model to the full model
  - If it's big, it means the full model is good, and we would reject the restricted model

## F-test

- With one regressor, comparing model with regressor to model with just intercept is equivalent to ANOVA
- ullet In this special case,  $F_{test}=T_{test}^2$ , where  $T_{test}$  is test for the null that the  $eta_1=0.$
- ullet With more than one regressor, we will see later, we can test whether adding predictors is helpful in explaining the variation in y

### **Exercise:**

Suppose you test whether product placement with more popular influencers increases your website visits more. From the ANOVA table of a simple linear regression model fitted with 15 observations, we recovered the sums of squares of the residuals and the total sum of squares; namely,  $SS_E$  = 52 and  $SS_T$  = 152. Using the F-test statistic, validate the significance of the regression at the 5% level. Make The entire test approach is made explicit: hypothesis, rejection region, test statistic and its conclusion. Use 4 decimal places.