Tutorial 5: Regression Model Interpretation

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Today's Agenda

- 1. Marginal effects and intercepts
- 2. Hypothesis testing
- 3. Multiple linear regression
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1. Marginal effects and intercepts

An essential aspect of all linear models are the marginal effects that predictor variables (independent variables) are estimated to have on the response variable (dependent variable).

Note that the word "effect" may be problematic because it implies causality. However, without any additional assumptions or additional model features, linear models allow us to make statements with respect to correlation only. This means we can't say anything about causality when just having a linear model. So let us be very cautious when we use the word "marginal effect".

Every linear model has one response variable (dependent variable) and at least one predictor variable (independent variable) plus an intercept.

Let's assume that Y is our response variable and X is our only predictor variable. The model may look like this:

Y = 5 + 2X + error

How would we interpet the marginal effect of X?

The interpretation would be: For a 1-point increase in X we expect a 2-point increase in Y.

How would we interpret the intercept?

The intercept is the expected value of Y when X is at a value of 0.

Illustration of the marginal effect interpretation

Let's load another R dataset that can illustrate the interpretation of marginal effects. The "airquality" dataset. According to the documentation, this is "Daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973."

Here is a short description of each of the variables:

- 1. Ozone: numeric Ozone (ppb)
- 2. Solar.R: numeric Solar R (lang)
- 3. Wind: numeric Wind (mph)
- 4. Temp: numeric Temperature (degrees F)
- 5. Month: numeric Month (1-12)
- 6. Day: numeric Day of month (1-31)

More details can be found here: https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/datasets/html/airquality.html

```
data(airquality)
summary(airquality)
```

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        Ozone
                         Solar.R
                                            Wind
                                                              Temp
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                     3rd Qu.:23.0
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```

Our question is: is there a linear relationship between the Ozone measures and the Solar.R measures? Let us use linear regression to answer this question:

```
lm1 = lm(Ozone ~ Solar.R, data = airquality)
```

The summary of this linear regression will return a t-value and a p-value for the intercept and all coefficients.

summary(lm1)

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Ozone ~ Solar.R, data = airquality)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                                3Q
                1Q Median
                                       Max
## -48.292 -21.361 -8.864 16.373 119.136
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 18.59873
                           6.74790
                                     2.756 0.006856 **
                           0.03278
                                     3.880 0.000179 ***
## Solar.R
                0.12717
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 31.33 on 109 degrees of freedom
     (42 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1213, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1133
## F-statistic: 15.05 on 1 and 109 DF, p-value: 0.0001793
```

How would we interpret the finding with respect to the linear relationship between the two variables? The interpretation would look like this:

There is a positive linear relationship between Ozone and Solar.R. For a 1-point increase in Solar.R, we would expect a 0.13 increase in Ozone (in a multivariate model we would have to add: "holding all other variables constant").

Furthermore (already going into the next topic): The associated t-value is 3.880. This t-value implies a p-value of 0.0002. This p < 0.001 corresponds to a type-1 error rate of alpha < 0.001, meaning that the relationship is significant at all common levels of statistical significance.

How do we interpret the R-squared statistic? Our model explains a proportion of the total variation in the dependent variable. The R-squared statistic returns this proportion. How well does our model do?

2. Hypothesis testing

Let us use another dataset to conduct some hypothesis tests.

We will look at data from an article that was published in the journal "International Organization", the leading journal in the field of international relations. The article was written by Helen Milner and Keiko Kubota.

The article deals with the effect that democratization has on trade barriers. The authors believe that democratization has a negative effect on trade barriers in developing countries (that are scarce in capital). Their theory is based on the Stolper Samuelson theorem and the selectorate model by Bueno de Mesquita et al.

Let us try to emulate their test. In order to load their dataset you need to use the following command: install.packages("foreign")

Note that the working directory you set depends on where you have the file on your computer.

```
setwd("C:/Users/Jan/OneDrive/Documents/GitHub/ps630_lab/ps630_f16/")
# Sets the working directory
library(foreign)
# Allows you to read more data formats
LDC = read.dta("LDC_IO_replication.dta")
summary(LDC)
```

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For information on the meaning of the variables see "LDCcodebook.pdf".

Let's have a look at our data.

We need a package for generating a scatterplot matrix that allows us to see relationships in our matrix. install.packages("car")

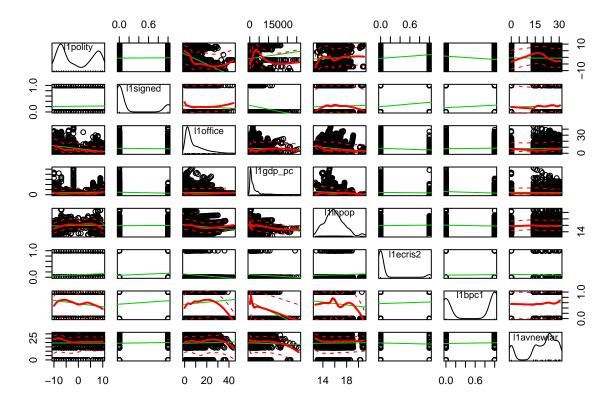
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## l1gdp_pc
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LDC3=na.omit(LDC2) cor(LDC3)

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## l1polity
## l1signed
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## l1office
             -0.429017535 -0.04303356 1.00000000 -0.01936245 -0.17457461
              ## l1gdp_pc
## lllnpop
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## l1ecris2
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## 11bpc1
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                l1ecris2
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## l1signed
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## l1office -0.10331828 0.06396247 0.030406457
## l1gdp_pc
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## lllnpop
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              1.00000000 0.03517381 -0.036064786
## l1ecris2
## l1bpc1
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## l1avnewtar -0.03606479 0.04285129 1.000000000
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scatterplotMatrix(~ l1polity + l1signed + l1office + l1gdp_pc + l1lnpop + l1ecris2 + l1bpc1 + l1avnewta



The results above indicate that there generally is a low level of multicollinearity among our variables. Let us start with a simple model that is easy to interpet:

```
simple = lm(newtar ~ l1polity, data = LDC)
summary(simple)
```

```
##
## lm(formula = newtar ~ l1polity, data = LDC)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
   -23.425 -9.200
                    -3.425
                             5.275
                                    80.475
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                    41.474 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept) 21.92495
                           0.52865
## l1polity
               -0.30001
                           0.07293 -4.113 4.3e-05 ***
##
  ---
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 14.9 on 804 degrees of freedom
     (4564 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.02061,
                                    Adjusted R-squared: 0.01939
## F-statistic: 16.92 on 1 and 804 DF, p-value: 4.298e-05
```

What can we conclude from these statistics? What can we say about the hypothesis that there is a linear relationship between "l1polity" and "newtar"? What is the total variation that is explained by our model?

If there's too much information in this type of summary, try another one. We need another package: install.packages("arm")

```
library(arm)
```

```
## Loading required package: MASS

## Loading required package: Matrix

## Loading required package: lme4

## arm (Version 1.9-1, built: 2016-8-21)

## Working directory is C:/Users/Jan/OneDrive/Documents/GitHub/ps630_lab/ps630_f16/W5

## Attaching package: 'arm'

## The following object is masked from 'package:car':

## logit

display(simple)
```

```
## lm(formula = newtar ~ l1polity, data = LDC)
## coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept) 21.92     0.53
## l1polity    -0.30     0.07
## ---
## n = 806, k = 2
## residual sd = 14.90, R-Squared = 0.02
```

As you can see, this is narrowed down to just a few pieces of information. Sometimes reducing the amount of information that is displayed can be very useful.

3. Multiple linear regression

In the vast majority of cases there are good reasons to include multiple predictor variables.

The most important reasons to do so are:

- 1. Potential omitted variable bias
- 2. Theoretical reasons
- 3. Reviewers that demand you to include them

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = newtar ~ l1polity + l1signed + l1office + l1gdp_pc +
##
       111npop + 11ecris2 + 11bpc1 + 11avnewtar, data = LDC)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                10 Median
                               30
                                      Max
                                   65.008
## -24.286 -7.694 -2.175
                            4.490
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -4.901e+01 5.912e+00 -8.289 6.03e-16 ***
## l1polity
              -2.053e-01 8.347e-02 -2.460 0.014151 *
## l1signed
               4.758e-01
                          1.099e+00
                                      0.433 0.665332
## l1office
              -1.759e-01
                          6.989e-02
                                     -2.516 0.012083 *
## l1gdp_pc
              -1.281e-03
                          1.495e-04
                                     -8.564 < 2e-16 ***
                                    11.478 < 2e-16 ***
## lllnpop
               3.693e+00
                          3.217e-01
## 11ecris2
               -5.736e+00
                          1.517e+00
                                     -3.780 0.000171 ***
                                      0.471 0.637462
## 11bpc1
               4.564e-01
                          9.681e-01
## llavnewtar
               7.103e-01 8.413e-02
                                      8.442 < 2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 12.16 on 685 degrees of freedom
     (4676 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3781, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3708
## F-statistic: 52.05 on 8 and 685 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

In the multiple linear regression, how would our expectation for the average tariff level change if our Polity Score increased from -10 to 10 and we had an economic crisis?

How well does our model do compared to the simple linear regression? Do we observe an improvement in the total variation that is explained by our model?

Again, it would be possible to reduce the amount of information with another command:

display(main)

```
## lm(formula = newtar ~ l1polity + l1signed + l1office + l1gdp_pc +
##
       111npop + 11ecris2 + 11bpc1 + 11avnewtar, data = LDC)
##
               coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept) -49.01
                           5.91
## l1polity
                -0.21
                           0.08
## l1signed
                 0.48
                           1.10
## l1office
                           0.07
                -0.18
## l1gdp_pc
                 0.00
                           0.00
## lllnpop
                 3.69
                           0.32
## l1ecris2
                -5.74
                           1.52
## 11bpc1
                           0.97
                 0.46
```

```
## l1avnewtar 0.71 0.08
## ---
## n = 694, k = 9
## residual sd = 12.16, R-Squared = 0.38
```

We can access different elements of our model. Let's have a look at what those are:

```
names(main)

## [1] "coefficients" "residuals" "effects" "rank"

## [5] "fitted.values" "assign" "qr" "df.residual"

## [9] "na.action" "xlevels" "call" "terms"

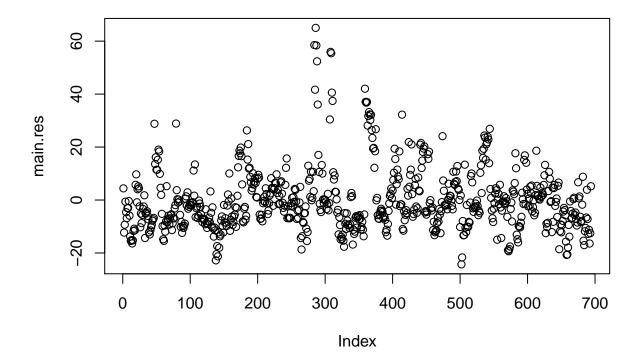
## [13] "model"
```

4. Graphical representation

Let us first have a look at the distribution of errors in our model.

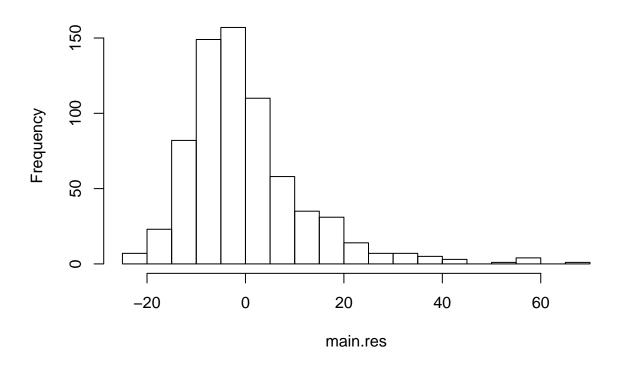
```
main.res = resid(main)
plot(main.res, main = "Values of the Error Term")
```

Values of the Error Term



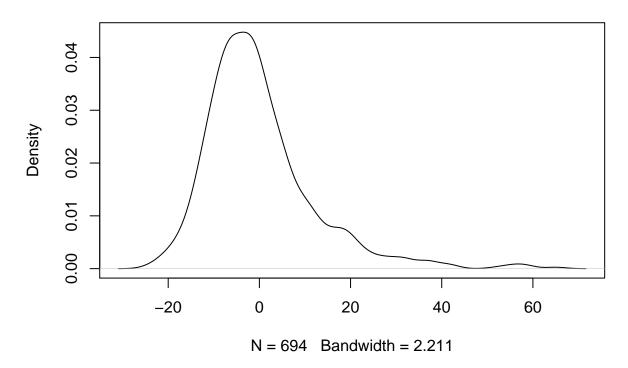
Let us look at the distribution of the error term:

Histogram of main.res



```
res.density = density(main.res)
plot(res.density, main = "Density Plot of the Residual Distribution")
```

Density Plot of the Residual Distribution



The distribution of the errors is approximately normal. If this condition is met, then more precise statements about the distribution of the coefficients can be made (they're also normal). Also, under these conditions, OLS is equivalent to a maximum likelihood approach.

Plotting predicted values

Let us plot some predicted values with confidence intervals for our multiple regression.

In order to do that we first create a dataframe that contains different values for our main predictor variable and the average values for all variables.

Note: Alternatively, we could also use the following code:

```
## l1polity l1signed l1office l1gdp_pc l1lnpop l1ecris2 l1bpc1
## 1 -10 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
```

```
-9 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 2
## 3
            -8 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 4
            -7 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
            -6 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 5
## 6
            -5 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 7
            -4 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 8
            -3 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
            -2 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 9
## 10
            -1 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
             0 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 11
## 12
             1 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
             2 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 13
## 14
             3 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 15
             4 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 16
             5 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 17
             6 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 18
             7 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 19
             8 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 20
             9 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
## 21
            10 0.1510511 8.431373 2887.762 15.10395 0.06406112 0.5908918
##
      11avnewtar
## 1
        15.01104
## 2
        15.01104
## 3
        15.01104
## 4
        15.01104
## 5
        15.01104
## 6
        15.01104
  7
##
        15.01104
## 8
        15.01104
## 9
        15.01104
## 10
        15.01104
## 11
        15.01104
## 12
        15.01104
## 13
        15.01104
## 14
        15.01104
## 15
        15.01104
## 16
        15.01104
## 17
        15.01104
## 18
        15.01104
## 19
        15.01104
## 20
        15.01104
## 21
        15.01104
```

Next we use the model we estimated to predict values based on this new dataframe.

```
pred.p1 = predict(main, type = "response", se.fit = TRUE, newdata = nd)
pred.table = cbind(pred.p1$fit, pred.p1$se.fit)
pred.table
```

```
## [,1] [,2]
## 1 14.27863 1.3372462
## 2 14.07333 1.2741682
```

```
## 3 13.86803 1.2135547
## 4 13.66272 1.1557934
## 5 13.45742 1.1013331
## 6 13.25212 1.0506874
## 7
     13.04682 1.0044334
## 8 12.84152 0.9632040
## 9 12.63622 0.9276694
## 10 12.43092 0.8985055
## 11 12.22562 0.8763485
## 12 12.02032 0.8617391
## 13 11.81502 0.8550644
## 14 11.60972 0.8565097
## 15 11.40442 0.8660344
## 16 11.19912 0.8833773
## 17 10.99382 0.9080905
## 18 10.78852 0.9395926
## 19 10.58322 0.9772273
## 20 10.37792 1.0203162
## 21 10.17262 1.0681995
```

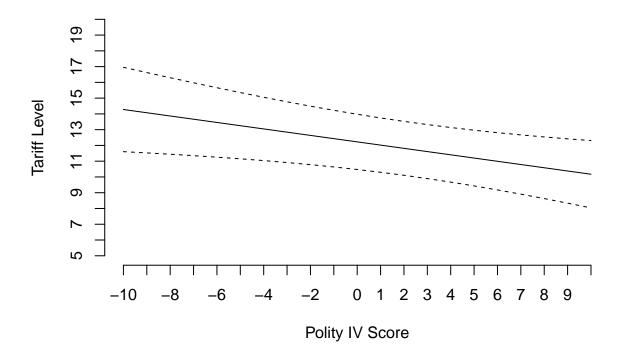
Finally, we create the plot:

```
fit = pred.p1$fit
low = pred.p1$fit - 2 * pred.p1$se.fit
high = pred.p1$fit + 2 * pred.p1$se.fit
cis = cbind(fit, low, high)

cis ### To extract the values
```

```
##
          fit
                    low
                            high
## 1 14.27863 11.604133 16.95312
## 2 14.07333 11.524989 16.62166
## 3 13.86803 11.440916 16.29513
## 4 13.66272 11.351138 15.97431
     13.45742 11.254758 15.66009
## 6
    13.25212 11.150749 15.35350
## 7 13.04682 11.037957 15.05569
## 8 12.84152 10.915115 14.76793
     12.63622 10.780884 14.49156
## 10 12.43092 10.633912 14.22793
## 11 12.22562 10.472925 13.97832
## 12 12.02032 10.296844 13.74380
## 13 11.81502 10.104893 13.52515
## 14 11.60972 9.896702 13.32274
## 15 11.40442 9.672352 13.13649
## 16 11.19912 9.432366 12.96588
## 17 10.99382 9.177639 12.81000
## 18 10.78852 8.909335 12.66770
## 19 10.58322 8.628765 12.53767
## 20 10.37792 8.337287 12.41855
## 21 10.17262 8.036220 12.30902
```

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5. Tips for your final paper

- 1. Start working on it early.
- 2. Consult with your professors and TAs.
- 3. Try to find a comprehensive dataset in your area of interest.
- 4. Work on it throughout the semester and try to include new things that you've learned.
- 5. Make sure that you use all the tools you've learned: interpret your findings carefully and visualize them.
- 6. Annotate your code extensively and explain what you did.