Tutorial 4: Regression Model Estimation

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- fig.height(), fig.width()
- Code length <= 80 (RStudio > Tools > Options > Code)

1. Create data frames

```
## var1 var2 var3
## 1 11 21 a
## 2 12 22 b
## 3 13 23 c
```

2. Subset data frames

All subsetting can be done with the following construct: my_dataframe[?1 , ?2]

The first question mark (?1) refers to which rows we want. The second question mark (?2) refers to which columns we want.

How to indicate to R which rows / columns we want? Multiple ways:

1. Use rows / columns index

```
my_dataframe[1, 2]
```

```
## [1] 21
```

```
my_dataframe[1:2, 2]
## [1] 21 22
my_dataframe[1:2, ]
##
     var1 var2 var3
            21
## 1
       11
## 2
       12
            22
                   b
Rapid fire quiz
my_dataframe[2:3, ]
my_dataframe[ , 1:2]
my_dataframe[1:2, 2:3]
my_dataframe[c(1, 3), ]
my_dataframe[c(1, 3, 2), ]
  2. Use rows / columns name
my_dataframe[ , "var2"]
## [1] 21 22 23
Rapid fire quiz:
my_dataframe[ , c("var1", "var3")]
my_dataframe[c(2, 3), c("var1", "var3")]
  3. Use a condition
my_dataframe[c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE), ]
     var1 var2 var3
## 1
            21
       11
       12
            22
my_dataframe[, c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)]
##
     var1 var3
## 1
       11
## 2
       12
             b
## 3
       13
             С
```

Of course this is not tenable for a large data frame. So we have this very useful trick:

```
my_dataframe[my_dataframe$var1 < 13, ]</pre>
##
     var1 var2 var3
## 1
            21
       11
       12
            22
                   b
This works because my_dataframe$var1 < 13 actuall returns c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE) (vectorized operation
in the wild!). Indeed:
my_dataframe$var1 < 13
## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE
Rapid fire quiz:
my_dataframe[my_dataframe$var2 == 22, ]
my_dataframe[my_dataframe$var2 == 25, ]
  4. Use a combination of condition
my_dataframe[my_dataframe$var1 > 10 & my_dataframe$var2 > 21, ]
##
     var1 var2 var3
       12
            22
                   b
            23
## 3
       13
my_dataframe[my_dataframe$var1 > 10 | my_dataframe$var2 > 21, ]
##
     var1 var2 var3
## 1
       11
            21
## 2
       12
            22
                   b
## 3
       13
            23
                   С
```

3. Estimate a linear model with lm()

In this section, I'll demo a (simplified) pipeline of steps in doing regression analysis with real data.

Download and clean data

```
library(WDI)
## Loading required package: RJSONIO
```

There are a lot of unwanted columns. What if I just want country, year, and the three variables of interest (NY.GDP.PCAP.CD, SP.DYN.IMRT.IN, SH.MED.PHYS.ZS)? (Hint: subsetting)

Rename columns:

```
colnames(d_2010)
## [1] "country"
                         "year"
                                           "NY.GDP.PCAP.CD" "SP.DYN.IMRT.IN"
## [5] "SH.MED.PHYS.ZS"
colnames(d_2010)[3:5] <- c('gdppc', 'infant_mortality', 'number_of_physician')</pre>
colnames(d_2010)
## [1] "country"
                               "year"
                                                      "gdppc"
## [4] "infant_mortality"
                               "number_of_physician"
Log gdp per capita
d_2010$log_gdppc <- log(d_2010$gdppc)
Remove missing data
d_2010 <- na.omit(d_2010)</pre>
```

Build a linear model

```
lm(infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010)

##

## Call:
## lm(formula = infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010)

##

## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) log_gdppc
## 134.23 -12.74

m1 <- lm(infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010)

summary(m1)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -25.684 -8.913 -0.527
                            6.729 50.541
##
## Coefficients:
##
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 134.2303
                           6.3274
                                    21.21
                                            <2e-16 ***
                           0.7236 -17.60
## log_gdppc
              -12.7385
                                            <2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 13.1 on 141 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.6873, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6851
## F-statistic: 309.9 on 1 and 141 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
m2 <- lm(infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc + number_of_physician, data = d_2010)
summary(m2)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc + number_of_physician,
      data = d_2010)
##
## Residuals:
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -27.343 -8.182 -1.260
                            5.961 50.581
##
## Coefficients:
##
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                      121.1074
                                   7.4312 16.297 < 2e-16 ***
                                   0.9824 -10.774 < 2e-16 ***
                      -10.5850
## log_gdppc
## number_of_physician -2.9102
                                   0.9288 -3.133 0.00211 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 12.71 on 140 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7078, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7036
## F-statistic: 169.6 on 2 and 140 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Extract result from the model

str() (stands for structure) is used to look into the structure of an object in R, see what it contains.

```
## List of 12
## $ coefficients : Named num [1:2] 134.2 -12.7
```

..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:2] "(Intercept)" "log_gdppc"

```
$ residuals : Named num [1:143] 4.16 5.94 21.51 -13.48 -15.62 ...
   ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:143] "6" "7" "8" "10" ...
##
                : Named num [1:143] -293.3 230.7 21.9 -13.7 -15.7 ...
    ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:143] "(Intercept)" "log_gdppc" "" "" ...
##
##
   $ rank
                  : int 2
  $ fitted.values: Named num [1:143] -1.66 1.36 53.59 28.28 31.72 ...
##
    ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:143] "6" "7" "8" "10" ...
                  : int [1:2] 0 1
##
   $ assign
##
   $ qr
                  :List of 5
##
    ..$ qr : num [1:143, 1:2] -11.9583 0.0836 0.0836 0.0836 0.0836 ...
    ...- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
    .. ...$ : chr [1:143] "6" "7" "8" "10" ...
##
##
    .....$ : chr [1:2] "(Intercept)" "log_gdppc"
##
    ...- attr(*, "assign")= int [1:2] 0 1
##
    ..$ qraux: num [1:2] 1.08 1.09
##
    ..$ pivot: int [1:2] 1 2
##
    ..$ tol : num 1e-07
##
    ..$ rank : int 2
    ..- attr(*, "class")= chr "qr"
##
## $ df.residual : int 141
## $ xlevels
                : Named list()
## $ call
                 : language lm(formula = infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010)
                :Classes 'terms', 'formula' length 3 infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc
##
   $ terms
    ....- attr(*, "variables")= language list(infant_mortality, log_gdppc)
##
##
    ....- attr(*, "factors")= int [1:2, 1] 0 1
    .. .. - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
##
    ..... s: chr [1:2] "infant_mortality" "log_gdppc"
    .. .. ... : chr "log_gdppc"
##
##
    .. ..- attr(*, "term.labels")= chr "log_gdppc"
    .. ..- attr(*, "order")= int 1
    .. ..- attr(*, "intercept")= int 1
##
##
    .. ..- attr(*, "response")= int 1
    ...- attr(*, ".Environment")=<environment: R_GlobalEnv>
##
     ... - attr(*, "predvars")= language list(infant_mortality, log_gdppc)
##
    ....- attr(*, "dataClasses")= Named chr [1:2] "numeric" "numeric"
    ..... attr(*, "names")= chr [1:2] "infant_mortality" "log_gdppc"
##
                  :'data.frame': 143 obs. of 2 variables:
##
    ..$ infant_mortality: num [1:143] 2.5 7.3 75.1 14.8 16.1 13 3.6 4.1 33.9 6.4 ...
##
                   : num [1:143] 10.67 10.43 6.33 8.32 8.05 ...
    ..$ log_gdppc
##
    ..- attr(*, "terms")=Classes 'terms', 'formula' length 3 infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc
    ..... attr(*, "variables")= language list(infant_mortality, log_gdppc)
     .. .. - attr(*, "factors")= int [1:2, 1] 0 1
##
    ..... attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
##
    ..... : chr [1:2] "infant_mortality" "log_gdppc"
##
     .. .. .. ..$ : chr "log_gdppc"
    .. .. ..- attr(*, "term.labels")= chr "log_gdppc"
##
    .. .. ..- attr(*, "order")= int 1
##
    .. .. ..- attr(*, "intercept")= int 1
##
    .. .. - attr(*, "response")= int 1
    ..... attr(*, ".Environment")=<environment: R_GlobalEnv>
##
    ..... attr(*, "predvars")= language list(infant_mortality, log_gdppc)
##
    .. .. - attr(*, "dataClasses")= Named chr [1:2] "numeric" "numeric"
    ..... attr(*, "names")= chr [1:2] "infant_mortality" "log_gdppc"
## - attr(*, "class")= chr "lm"
```

You can extract the coefficients

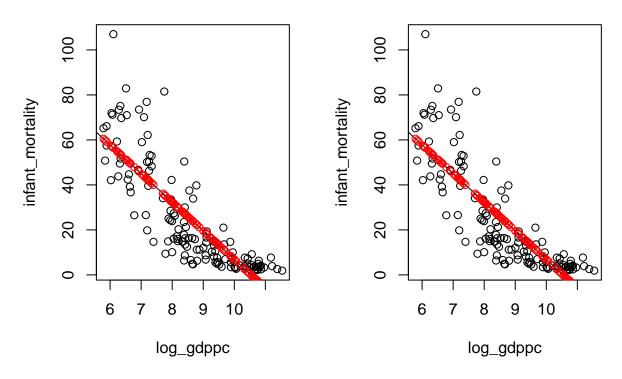
```
m1$coefficients
## (Intercept)
                  log_gdppc
      134.2303
                  -12.7385
m1$coefficients['(Intercept)']
## (Intercept)
##
      134.2303
m1$coefficients['log_gdppc']
## log_gdppc
## -12.7385
You can also generate predicted / fitted values:
d_2010$pred_infant_mortality1 <- predict(m1)</pre>
d_2010$pred_infant_mortality2 <- m1$coefficients['(Intercept)'] + m1$coefficients['log_gdppc'] * d_2010</pre>
Now we can use them for other things, e.g plotting
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010, main = "Plot predicted values-method 1")
abline(a = m1$coefficients['(Intercept)'], b = m1$coefficients['log_gdppc'])
points(d_2010$log_gdppc, d_2010$pred_infant_mortality1, col = 'red')
```

plot(infant_mortality ~ log_gdppc, data = d_2010, main = "Plot predicted values-method 2")

abline(a = m1\$coefficients['(Intercept)'], b = m1\$coefficients['log_gdppc'])

points(d_2010\$log_gdppc, d_2010\$pred_infant_mortality2, col = 'red')

Plot predicted values-method 1 Plot predicted values-method 2



Report the model in a nice, journal-ready format

The stargazer library takes your model objects and generates tables in LaTeX. This package has a lot of customizing options, which you'll explore in the homework.

```
library(stargazer)
##
## Please cite as:
##
##
   Hlavac, Marek (2014). stargazer: LaTeX code and ASCII text for well-formatted regression and summar
   R package version 5.1. http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer
# LaTeX code that you can copy paste into LateX
stargazer(m1, m2)
##
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.1 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvar
## \% Date and time: Thu, Sep 17, 2015 - 10:49:54 AM
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
##
     \caption{}
     \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcc}
## \[-1.8ex]\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## & \multicolumn{2}{c}{\textit{Dependent variable:}} \\
## \cline{2-3}
```

```
## \\[-1.8ex] & \multicolumn{2}{c}{infant\_mortality} \\
## \\[-1.8ex] & (1) & (2)\\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
  log\_gdppc & $-$12.739$^{***}$ & $-$10.585$^{***}$ \\
    & (0.724) & (0.982) \\
##
    & & \\
##
  number\_of\_physician & & $-$2.910$^{***}$ \\
     & & (0.929) \\
##
    & & \\
##
## Constant & 134.230$^{***}$ & 121.107$^{***}$ \\
    & (6.327) & (7.431) \\
    & & \\
##
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Observations & 143 & 143 \\
## R$^{2}$ & 0.687 & 0.708 \\
## Adjusted R$^{2}$ & 0.685 & 0.704 \
## Residual Std. Error & 13.102 (df = 141) & 12.711 (df = 140) \\
## F Statistic & 309.911$^{***}$ (df = 1; 141) & 169.553$^{***}$ (df = 2; 140) \\
## \hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \textit{Note:} & \multicolumn{2}{r}{$^{*}$p$<$0.1; $^{**}$p$<$0.05; $^{***}$p$<$0.01} \\
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
# If using knir, use the option results='asis'
stargazer(m1, m2)
```

- % Table created by stargazer v.5.1 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu
- % Date and time: Thu, Sep 17, 2015 10:49:54 AM

Table 1:

Table 1.		
	Dependent variable: infant_mortality	
	(1)	(2)
\log_{gdppc}	-12.739***	-10.585^{***}
	(0.724)	(0.982)
number_of_physician		-2.910***
,		(0.929)
Constant	134.230***	121.107***
	(6.327)	(7.431)
Observations	143	143
\mathbb{R}^2	0.687	0.708
Adjusted R^2	0.685	0.704
Residual Std. Error	13.102 (df = 141)	12.711 (df = 140)
F Statistic	$309.911^{***} (df = 1; 141)$	$169.553^{***} (df = 2; 140)$
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

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