

Assignment-based Subjective Questions

1. From your analysis of the categorical variables from the dataset, what could you infer about their effect on the dependent variable?

The categorical variable in the dataset are season, mnth, yr, weathersit, holiday and weekday. Based on the visualization of these variables using a boxplot, below are the following effects of these variable on the target variable:-

- **Season** – Least value of cnt were observed in spring season and fall had maximum value of cnt. Summer and winter had intermediate value of cnt.
- **Weathersit** - There are no users when there is heavy rain/ snow indicating that this weather is extremely unfavorable. Highest count was seen when the weathersit was “Clear, Partly Cloudy”.
- **Holiday** - rentals reduced during holiday.
- **Mnth** - September saw highest number of rentals while December saw least.
- **Yr** - The number of rentals in 2019 was more than 2018

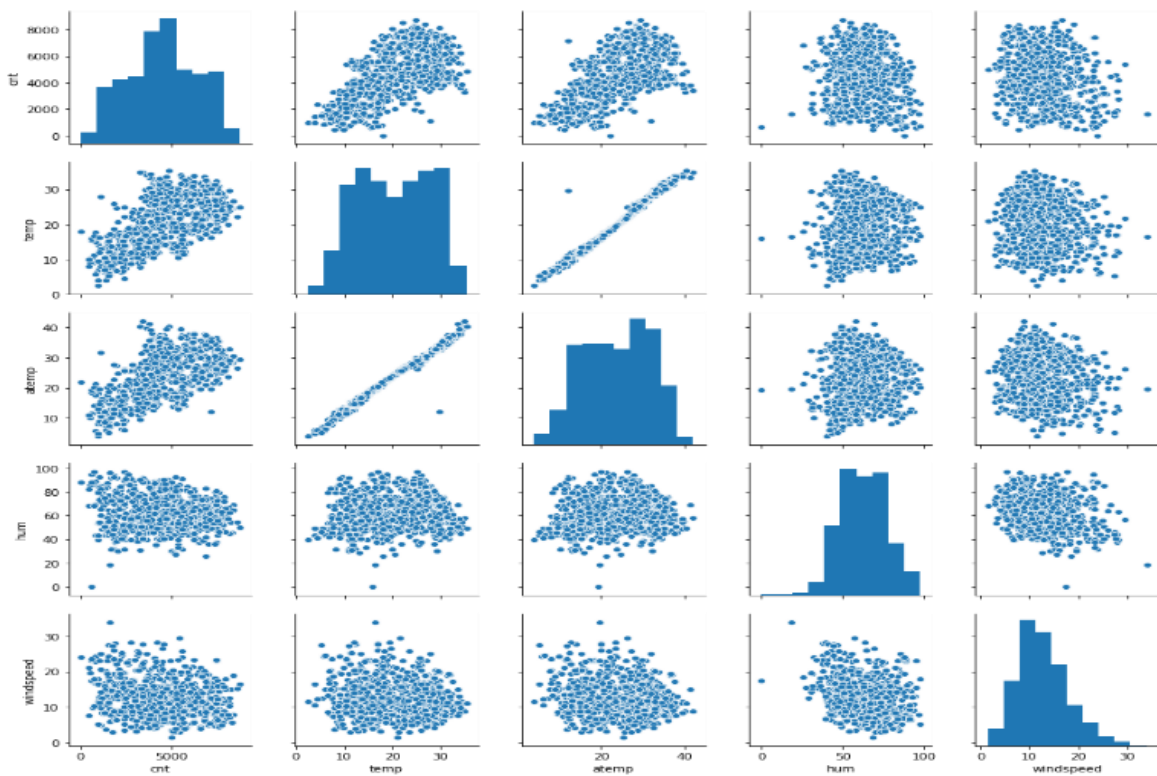
2. Why is it important to use **drop_first=True** during dummy variable creation?

It is always important to drop the first column as the dummy variables in the data will be highly correlated (redundant). This could affect the models adversely (Effect is stronger when the cardinality is smaller).

Iterative models may have trouble converging and lists of variable importance may be distorted and if we have all dummy variables it leads to Multicollinearity between the dummy variables. So we use **drop_first=True** to have the data under control.

3. Looking at the pair-plot among the numerical variables, which one has the highest correlation with the target variable?

From the below pair-plot among the numerical variables in the given data we could clearly see that “temp” and “atemp” are the two numerical variables which are highly correlated and shows positive trend with the target variable (cnt)

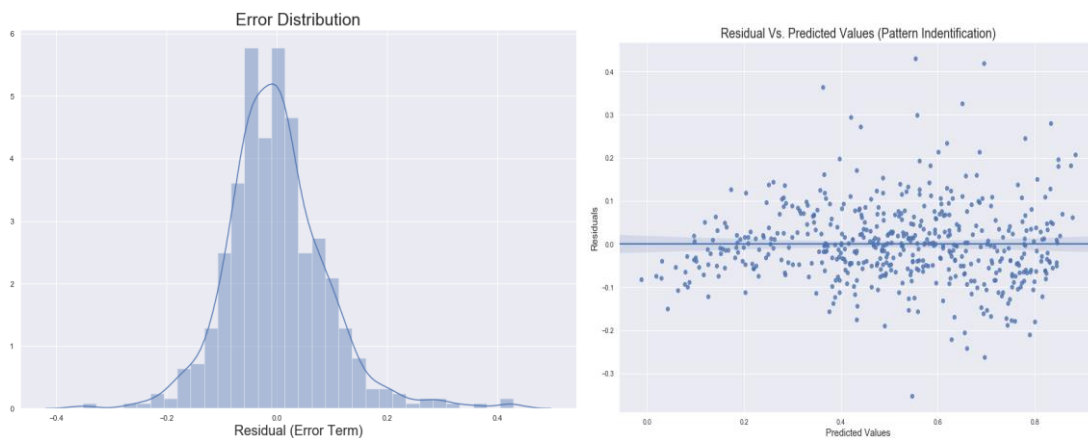


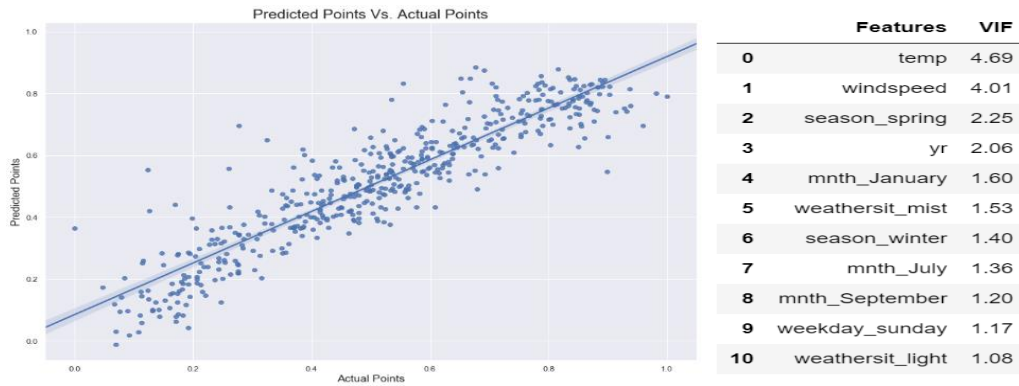
4. How did you validate the assumptions of Linear Regression after building the model on the training set?

Assumptions of simple linear regression

- Linear relationship between X and y.
- Normal distribution of error terms.
- Independence of error terms.
- Constant variance of error terms.

Validation of each assumptions in Linear Regression is carried out after building the model on the training set and the results are shown below





Observation From Above Results:

- Error Distribution Is Normally Distributed Across 0, which indicates that our model has handled the assumption of Error Normal Distribution properly.
- No relation between Residual & Predicted Value. This is what we had expected from our model to have no specific pattern.
- We see equal variance and do not observe any high concentration of data points in certain region & low concentration in certain regions.
- VIF value of all the predictors used in the model are less than 5

5. Based on the final model, which are the top 3 features contributing significantly towards explaining the demand of the shared bikes?

The top 3 features are

Feature	Coefficient value
temp	0.430
yr	0.235
mnth_September	0.053

	Variables	Coefficient value
index		
2	temp	0.430390
0	const	0.273187
1	yr	0.235353
6	mnth_September	0.053222
8	season_winter	0.039616
9	weekday_sunday	-0.044717
4	mnth_January	-0.044889
5	mnth_July	-0.066133
11	weathersit_mist	-0.078697
7	season_spring	-0.104710
3	windspeed	-0.149897
10	weathersit_light	-0.287282

General Subjective Questions

1. Explain the linear regression algorithm in detail.

Linear Regression is a type of supervised Machine Learning algorithm that is used for the prediction of numeric values. Linear Regression is the most basic form of regression analysis. Regression is the most commonly used predictive analysis model. Linear regression is based on the popular equation “ $y = mx + c$ ”.

It assumes that there is a linear relationship between the dependent variable(y) and the predictor(s)/independent variable(x). In regression, we calculate the best fit line which describes the relationship between the independent and dependent variable. Regression is performed when the dependent variable is of continuous data type and Predictors or independent variables could be of any data type like continuous, nominal/categorical etc.

Regression method tries to find the best fit line which shows the relationship between the dependent variable and predictors with least error. In regression, the output/dependent variable is the function of an independent variable and the coefficient and the error term.

Regression is broadly divided into simple linear regression and multiple linear regression.

1. Simple Linear Regression : SLR is used when the dependent variable is predicted using only **one** independent variable.

2. Multiple Linear Regression :MLR is used when the dependent variable is predicted using multiple independent variables.

The equation for MLR will be:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_m x_m + \epsilon$$

β_1 = coefficient for X1 variable

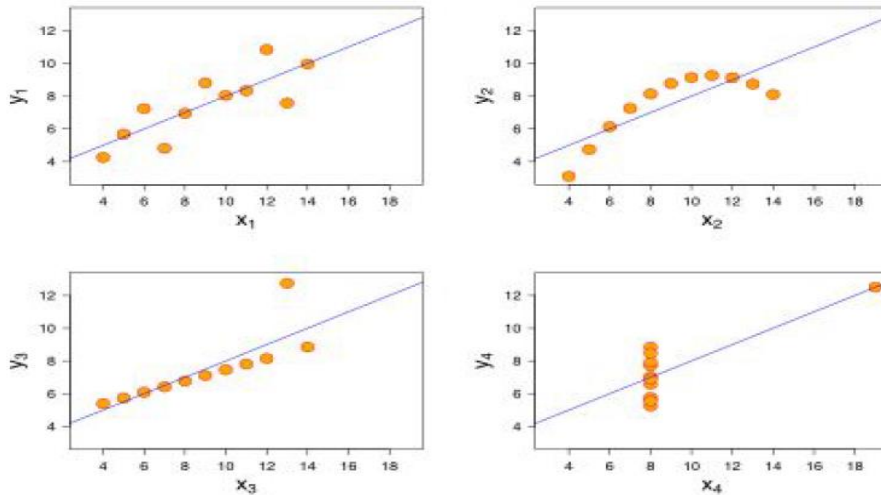
β_2 = coefficient for X2 variable

β_3 = coefficient for X3 variable and so on...

β_0 is the intercept (constant term).

2. Explain the Anscombe's quartet in detail.

Anscombe's Quartet was developed by statistician Francis Anscombe. It includes four data sets that have almost identical statistical features, but they have a very different distribution and look totally different when plotted on a graph. It was developed to emphasize both the importance of graphing data before analysing it and the effect of outliers and other influential observations on statistical properties.



- The first scatter plot (top left) appears to be a simple linear relationship.
- The second graph (top right) is not distributed normally; while there is a relation between them, it's not linear.
- In the third graph (bottom left), the distribution is linear, but should have a different regression line. The calculated regression is offset by the one outlier which exerts enough influence to lower the correlation coefficient from 1 to 0.816.
- Finally, the fourth graph (bottom right) shows an example when one high-leverage point is enough to produce a high correlation coefficient, even though the other data points do not indicate any relationship between the variables.

3. What is Pearson's R?

Pearson's r is a numerical summary of the strength of the linear association between the variables. Its value ranges between -1 to +1. It shows the linear relationship between two sets of data. In simple terms, it tells us if we can draw a line graph to represent the data.

- $r = 1$ means the data is perfectly linear with a positive slope
- $r = -1$ means the data is perfectly linear with a negative slope
- $r = 0$ means there is no linear association

4. What is scaling? Why is scaling performed? What is the difference between normalized scaling and standardized scaling?

Feature scaling is a method used to normalize or standardize the range of independent variables or features of data. It is performed during the data pre-processing stage to deal with varying values in the dataset. If feature scaling is not done, then a machine learning algorithm tends to weigh greater values higher and consider smaller values as the lower values, irrespective of the units of the values.

Normalization is generally used when you know that the distribution of your data does not follow a Gaussian distribution. This can be useful in algorithms that do not assume any distribution of the data like K-Nearest Neighbours and Neural Networks.

Standardization, on the other hand, can be helpful in cases where the data follows a Gaussian distribution. However, this does not have to be necessarily true. Also, unlike normalization, standardization does not have a bounding range. So, even if you have outliers in your data, they will not be affected by standardization.

5. You might have observed that sometimes the value of VIF is infinite. Why does this happen?

VIF - the variance inflation factor - The VIF gives how much the variance of the coefficient estimate is being inflated by collinearity.

$$VIF = 1/(1-R^2)$$

If there is perfect correlation, then $VIF = \text{infinity}$. Where $1-R^2$ is the R-square value of that independent variable which we want to check how well this independent variable is explained well by other independent variables.

If that independent variable can be explained perfectly by other independent variables, then it will have perfect correlation and its R-squared value will be equal to 1. So, $VIF = 1/(1-1)$ which gives $VIF = 1/0$ which results in "infinity"

6. What is a Q-Q plot? Explain the use and importance of a Q-Q plot in linear regression.

A q-q plot is a plot of the quantiles of the first data set against the quantiles of the second dataset. It is used to compare the shapes of distributions. A Q-Q plot is a scatterplot created by plotting two sets of quantiles against one another. If both sets of quantiles came from the same distribution, we should see the points forming a line that's roughly straight.

The q-q plot is used to answer the following questions:

- Whether the two datasets come from populations with a common distribution?
- Do the two data sets have common location and scale?
- Do the two data sets have similar distributional shapes and have similar tail behaviour?