

In this knowledge check, you will get the chance to practice reading and interpreting regression outputs using Python.

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This attempt took 16 minutes.

Question 1

1 / 1 pts

Upon examining the test (out-of-sample) evaluation metrics, you notice that the model seems to perform extremely poorly in comparison to training (in-sample) data, yet the large number of independent variables are all significant. What could the problem be?

- ☐ None of these answers
- ☒ The model is overfitting — there are too many variables.
- ☐ The sample size is too large, leading to increased variability.
- ☐ An outlier is disproportionately influencing the model.

That is correct! Overfitting can occur when there are too many variables in the model, leading to a model that fits well to the training data but not the test data. Some variables may be modeling noise.

Question 2

1 / 1 pts

The number of days required to manufacture a certain engine is distributed normally with a mean of 40 days and a standard deviation of 10 days. In Google Colab, you will need to `import scipy.stats as norm` before applying the formula, as demonstrated below:

```
from scipy.stats import norm
```

Find the probability that an engine will be completed in fewer than 50 days.

☐ 0.63

☐ 0.11

☒ 0.84

☐ 0.75

That is correct! This represents the area under the normal distribution curve, to the left of 50 days.

```
from scipy.stats import norm  
  
norm.cdf(50, loc=40, scale=10)
```

Question 3**1 / 1 pts**

Using the same scenario as Question 2, find the probability that an engine will be completed in more than 50 days.

☐ 0.22☐ 0.38☐ 0.25☒ 0.16

That is correct! This represents the area under the normal distribution curve, to the right of 50 days.

```
from scipy.stats import norm  
  
1 - norm.cdf(50, loc= 40, scale=10)
```

Question 4**1 / 1 pts**

A model was run using training and test (out-of-sample) datasets. The following output displays the results.

What observations can you make about the data based on the output?

Select all that apply.

```
Mean absolute error (train): 49.38  
Mean absolute error (test) : 53.47  
  
Mean squared error (train): 4,015.26  
Mean squared error (test) : 4,083.26  
  
Root mean squared error (train): 63.37
```

```
Root mean squared error (test) : 63.90
```

```
regressor.score (X_train, Y_train): 0.706878
```

```
regressor.score (X_test, Y_test) : 0.391366
```

☐

The mean absolute error for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (53.47) is better than that of the training dataset (49.38).

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The R-squared (R2) for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (0.391) is significantly worse than that of the training dataset (0.707).

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The mean absolute error for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (53.47) is worse than that of the training dataset (49.38).

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The R-squared (R2) for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (0.391) is significantly better than that of the training dataset (0.707).

That is correct! The R-squared (R2) for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (0.391) is significantly worse than that of the training dataset (0.707) and the mean absolute error for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (53.47) is worse than that of the training dataset (49.38).

Question 5

1 / 1 pts

Using the same training and test (out-of-sample) datasets from Question 4 and based on your understanding of the data, is the model overfitting?

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```

```
Mean absolute error (test) : 53.47
```

```
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Mean squared error (test) : 4,083.26

Root mean squared error (train): 63.37
Root mean squared error (test) : 63.90

regressor.score (X_train, Y_train): 0.706878
regressor.score (X_test, Y_test) : 0.391366
```



The model is not overfitting, as the R-squared (R^2) for the test (out-of-sample) dataset (0.391) is significantly worse than that of the training dataset (0.707).



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There is not enough data to make this determination.

That is correct! A worse R-squared in the test dataset indicates the model will perform poorly with new data. The model may be overfitting and modeling random noise in the training dataset.

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