

The Effect of Vitamin C on Tooth Growth in Guinea Pigs

Available in *R* via *ToothGrowth*. From the description:

The response is the length of odontoblasts (teeth) in each of 10 guinea pigs at each of three dose levels of Vitamin C (0.5, 1, and 2 mg) with each of two delivery methods (orange juice or ascorbic acid). Each combination is tested 10 times.

Source: C. I. Bliss (1952) *The Statistics of Bioassay*. Academic Press.

References: McNeil, D. R. (1977) *Interactive Data Analysis*. New York: Wiley.

$n = 60$

$Y_i =$ Tooth length

$S_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{orange juice} \\ 1 & \text{ascorbic acid} \end{cases}$

$d_{1i} = I(\text{dose} = 1)$

$d_{2i} = I(\text{dose} = 2)$

Model

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + S_i\beta_2 + d_{1i}\beta_3 + d_{2i}\beta_4 + \epsilon_i$$

Computing $\hat{\beta}$:

```
> Y = ToothGrowth$len
> X = cbind(1, ToothGrowth$supp=="VC", ToothGrowth$dose==1, ToothGrowth$dose==2)
> hbeta <- solve(t(X)%*%X)%*%t(X)%*%Y
> hbeta
```

$$\rightarrow (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

```
[,1]
[1,] 12.455
[2,] -3.700
[3,] 9.130
[4,] 15.495
```

We compute the fitted values \hat{Y} and residuals e :

```
> P <- X%%solve(t(X)%*%X)%*%t(X)
> Yhat <- P%%Y
> e <- Y - Yhat
```

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ &\rightarrow \hat{Y} = P Y \\ &\rightarrow e = Y - \hat{Y} \end{aligned}$$

Is the delivery method important? Will test

$$H_0: \beta_2 = 0 \text{ against } H_1: \beta_2 \neq 0$$

```
> RSS <- t(e)%*%e
> c <- c(0,1,0,0)
> est <- c%%hbeta
> est
```

$$\rightarrow e^T e$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\beta}_2$$

```
[,1]
[1,] -3.7
```

```
> sdhat <- sqrt(t(c) %% solve(t(X)%*%X) %% c * RSS / (60-4))
> sdhat
```

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{c^T (X^T X)^{-1} c \frac{RSS}{n-p}}$$

```
[,1]
[1,] 0.9882795
```

A 95% confidence interval for $c^T \beta$:

```
> L <- est+sdhat*qt(0.025,df=60-4)
> U <- est+sdhat*qt(0.975,df=60-4)
> cat("[",L,U,""]\n")
```

$$\hat{\beta}_2 \pm \widehat{SD}(\hat{\beta}_2) \cdot c_{\alpha/2}$$

```
[ -5.679762 -1.720238 ]
```

WE REJECT H_0 BECAUSE $0 \notin CI$

$$\textcircled{H_0} \cap A(\gamma) = \emptyset$$

0 is not in the CI \rightarrow reject $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$.

Next, we want to compute the p -value of the test that rejects for large values of $|T|$, where

$$T = \frac{\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{c} \frac{RSS}{n-p}}}$$

Let t denote the observed value of T . Under H_0 , $T \sim t_{60-4}$. Thus the p -value is

$$p = P(|T| \geq |t|) = P(T < -|t| \text{ or } T \geq |t|) = \underbrace{P(T < -|t|)}_{=P(T \geq |t|)} + P(T \geq |t|) = 2(1 - P(T \leq |t|))$$

```
> abst <- abs(est/sdhat)  $\rightarrow$  |t|
> 2*(1-pt(abst, df=60-4))  $\rightarrow$ 
```

```
[1,] 0.0004292793
```

FOR $\alpha > 0.0004292793$ WE REJECT H_0

One can get most of the above directly using the function `lm`

```
> summary(lm(len ~ supp + factor(dose), data=ToothGrowth))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = len ~ supp + factor(dose), data = ToothGrowth)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-7.085	-2.751	-0.800	2.446	9.650

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	12.4550	0.9883	12.603	< 2e-16 ***
suppVC	-3.7000	0.9883	-3.744	0.000429 ***
factor(dose)1	9.1300	1.2104	7.543	4.38e-10 ***
factor(dose)2	15.4950	1.2104	12.802	< 2e-16 ***

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— Residual standard error: 3.828 on 56 degrees of freedom
 — Multiple R-squared: 0.7623, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7496
 — F-statistic: 59.88 on 3 and 56 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{RSS}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n-p-1}$$

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SUMMARY (LM (OPEN ~ ERA50 + SKA50))

10.5 Confidence Regions

Suppose $EY = X\beta$ is a linear model satisfying (FR), (NTA). We are interested in finding a confidence region for β , i.e. we want a random set D s.t. $P(\beta \in D) \geq 1 - \alpha$ for all β, σ^2 .

Let

$$A = \frac{(\hat{\beta} - \beta)^T X^T X (\hat{\beta} - \beta)}{RSS} \cdot \frac{n-p}{p}$$

If we can work out the distribution of A , we can use A as a pivotal quantity for β .

The numerator of the first fraction can be rewritten as

$$(Y - X\beta)^T P (Y - X\beta)$$

where P is the projection onto the space spanned by the columns of X . Indeed,

$$(Y - X\beta)^T P (Y - X\beta) \stackrel{+PP=P}{=} (Y - X\beta)^T P P (Y - X\beta) \stackrel{\rightarrow PP=P^T P}{=} (P(Y - X\beta))^T P (Y - X\beta)$$

Using $P = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ this is equal to

$$(X(\hat{\beta} - \beta))^T X(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$$

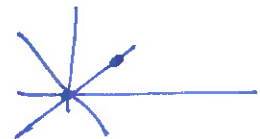
$$\begin{aligned} P(Y - X\beta) &= X(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \\ \text{BECAUSE } PY &= \hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta} \\ PX\beta &= X\beta \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, RSS can be written as

$$RSS = Y^T Q Y = (Y - X\beta)^T Q (Y - X\beta)$$

where $Q = I - P$. Thus, letting $Z = \frac{1}{\sigma}(Y - X\beta)$,

$$A = \frac{Z^T P Z}{Z^T Q Z} \cdot \frac{n-p}{p}$$



with $Z \sim N(0, I)$, $P + Q = I$, $\text{rank } P = p$, P and Q projection matrices.

Thus the Fisher-Cochran theorem shows that $A \sim F_{p, n-p}$.

Hence, a $1 - \alpha$ confidence region R for β is defined by all $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^p$ such that

$$\left| \frac{(\hat{\beta} - \gamma)^T X^T X (\hat{\beta} - \gamma)}{RSS} \cdot \frac{n-p}{p} \leq F_{p, n-p, \alpha} \right. \quad \alpha\text{-CRITICAL VALUE}$$

where $P(Z \geq F_{p, n-p, \alpha}) = \alpha$ for $Z \sim F_{p, n-p}$. The region R is an ellipsoid centred at $\hat{\beta}$ (use diagonalisation).

Remark General definition of an ellipsoid: $\{z \in \mathbb{R}^p : (z - z_0)^T A^{-1} (z - z_0) \leq 1\}$ where A is pos. def. and $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$$

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$p = 2$, X has full rank.

Let $\mathbf{a} = \hat{\beta} - \beta$, $B = X^T X$ and $c = p \frac{RSS}{n-p} F_{p, n-p, \alpha}$. Hence, in order to obtain the confidence region for β we want to find for which \mathbf{a} ,

$$\mathbf{a}^T B \mathbf{a} \leq c. \quad (2)$$

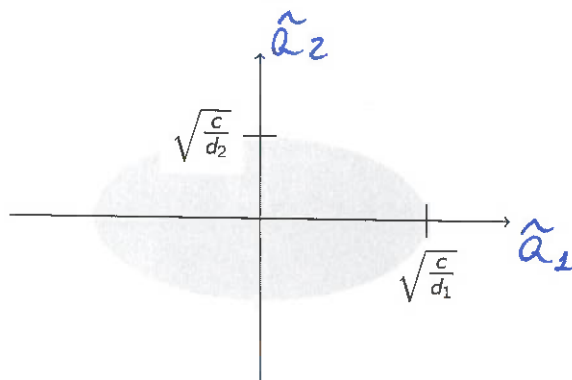
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B is pos. def. Hence, \exists an orthogonal matrix R and a diagonal matrix $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2)$ s.t. $B = R^T D R$ and d_1, d_2 are positive. [D consists of the eigenvalues of B , while R consists of the corresponding normalised eigenvectors.]

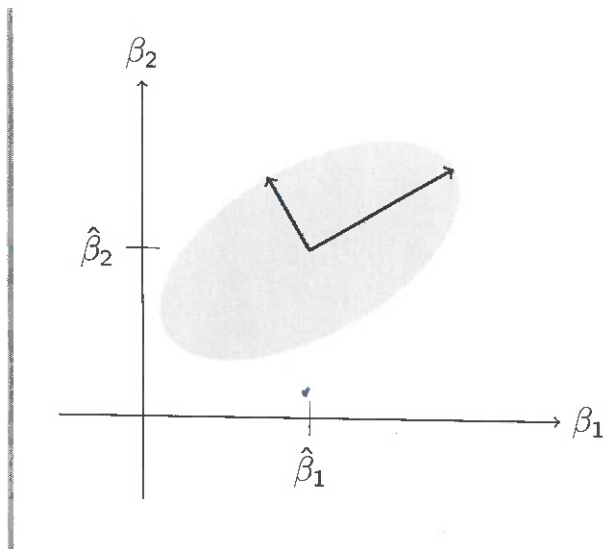
Let $\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = R \mathbf{a}$ (this rotates the coordinate axes). Then (2) is equivalent to

$$\tilde{a}_1^2 \frac{d_1}{c} + \tilde{a}_2^2 \frac{d_2}{c} \leq 1.$$

This describes an ellipse with half-axes of length $\sqrt{\frac{c}{d_1}}$ and $\sqrt{\frac{c}{d_2}}$.



Transforming everything back via $\beta = \hat{\beta} - \mathbf{a} = \hat{\beta} - R^T \tilde{\mathbf{a}}$ gives a rotated and translated ellipse, centered at $\hat{\beta}$.



Remark We could construct individual CIs for β_1 and β_2 via Lemma [22](#) and combine them via the Bonferroni correction. The advantage of the above construction is that the resulting ellipsoid has a smaller area.

11 Diagnostics, Model Selection, Extensions

11.1 Outliers

An *outlier* is an observation that does not conform to the general pattern of the rest of the data. Potential causes:

- Error in the data recording mechanism (example - iron content of spinach).
- Data set may be "contaminated" - i.e. it may be the mixture of two or more populations.
- Indication that the model/underlying theory needs to be improved. Further investigations needed. Outliers may be the "most interesting" observations.

Practical method for spotting outliers: Look for residuals that are "too large". When is a residual too large?

Recall: $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{Y}$, where \mathbf{P} is the projection onto $\text{span}(\mathbf{X})$. If \mathbf{X} is full rank then $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$. Note that $\text{cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$.
 Handwritten notes: $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{Y}$, $\text{cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2$, BECAUSE $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$ IS A PROJ. MATRIX

and $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$. Thus, under NTA, $e_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2(1 - P_{ii}))$, where P_{ii} is the i th diagonal element of \mathbf{P} . Hence,

$$\frac{e_i}{\sqrt{(1 - P_{ii})\sigma^2}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

We do not know $\sigma^2 \rightarrow$ plug in the unbiased estimate

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n - p}.$$

This gives the standardised residuals

$$r_i = \frac{e_i}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 (1 - P_{ii})}}$$

This of course means that r_i are not (necessarily) $N(0,1)$ distributed.

Nevertheless, the standardized residuals should be roughly independent, and their distribution should be close to a $N(0,1)$ -distribution.

Remark r_i is also *not* student t ; the usual proof (that we used for t -tests) does not work because $\hat{\sigma}^2$ and e_i are not independent.

Remark Let $X \sim N(0,1)$. Then the probabilities for large values of X are very rapidly decreasing as the following table shows. [The normal distribution has *light tails*.]

x	3	4	5	6	7	8
$P(X > x)$	1.3e-03	3.2e-05	2.9e-07	9.9e-10	1.3e-12	6.2e-16

Thus if (NTA) holds then the standardized residuals should be relatively small.

Remark An entire branch of statistics, called "robust statistics", is concerned with the development of methods/statistics that give meaningful results even in the presence of outliers.

Suppose we are interested in the "centre" of a distribution and have observations x_1, \dots, x_n . The sample mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is heavily affected by outliers - in fact, just one outlier can make \bar{x} take any value. Other statistics are far more *robust* to outliers. For example the median cannot be changed arbitrarily by one outlier [you would have to move half of the observations.]

11.2 Leverage

What is the potential impact of individual observations on the model fit?

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2 (I_n - P)$$

and $\text{Var } e_i = \sigma^2(1 - P_{ii})$.

(If $P_{ii} \approx 1$ THEN $\text{VAR } e_i \approx 0$)

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The *leverage* of the i th observation in a linear model is P_{ii} , the i th diagonal matrix of the hat matrix P .

(Recall: P is the projection matrix onto $\text{span}(X)$, where X is the design matrix).

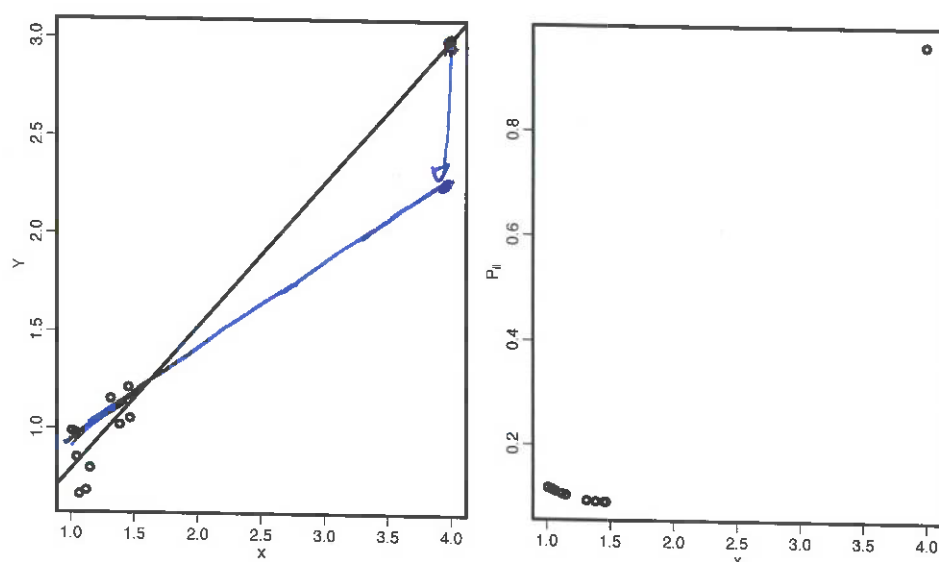
If $P_{ii} \approx 1$ then the variance of the i th residual is very low. This is totally determined by X , i.e. the design matrix is forcing the model fit to be good at the covariates of the i th observation. In this case the i th observation is said to have **high leverage**.

$\sum_{i=1}^n P_{ii} = \text{trace}(P) = \text{rank}(X) =: r$ (see Lemma 12), so the "average" is r/n and a rule of thumb is to take notice when

$$P_{ii} > \frac{2r}{n}.$$

Example 63 (Linear regression)

$$E Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i$$



11.3 Cook's Distance

To measure how much the i th observation changes the estimator $\hat{\beta}$ one can consider the following measure, called Cook's distance:

$$D_i = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_{(i)} - \hat{\beta})^T X^T X (\hat{\beta}_{(i)} - \hat{\beta})}{p \text{RSS} / (n - p)},$$

where $\hat{\beta}_{(i)}$ is the least squares estimator with the i th observation removed. Alternatively,

$$D_i = \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{Y}} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{(i)})^T (\hat{\mathbf{Y}} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{(i)})}{p \text{RSS} / (n - p)},$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{(i)} = X \hat{\beta}_{(i)}$. Rule of thumb: take notice if D_i gets close to 1.