

# Compare MPG between automatic and manual transmission cars

In this report I demonstrated the process to isolate the fittest model for the `mtcars` dataset. Through the diagnosis of this model, I picked up three outliers **Chrysler Imperial**, **Fiat 128**, **Toyota Corolla** from the dataset. The comparison of transmission types `am` on the miles per gallon `mpg` was evaluated from the reservation of outliers to the removal of outliers. At the initiation of this process, I called the package `MASS`.

## Exploratory Data Analyses

Firstly I explored the correlations for each pair of variables in `mtcars` dataset. As Figure 1 (see Appendix) presented, `cyl`, `vs`, `am`, `gear`, and `carb` are categorical variables.

The original `mtcars` dataset was duplicated to new dataset `mtcars1` and the five categorical variables were transformed into `factor`. The model included all variables was stored in `all`. The coefficient of every variable were listed below:

```
mtcars1 <- mtcars
mtcars1$cyl <- as.factor(mtcars1$cyl)
mtcars1$vs <- as.factor(mtcars1$vs)
mtcars1$am <- as.factor(mtcars1$am)
mtcars1$gear <- as.factor(mtcars1$gear)
mtcars1$carb <- as.factor(mtcars1$carb)
all <- lm(mpg ~ . , data=mtcars1)
summary(all)$coef
```

##		Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
##	(Intercept)	23.87913244	20.06582026	1.19004018	0.25252548
##	cyl6	-2.64869528	3.04089041	-0.87102622	0.39746642
##	cyl8	-0.33616298	7.15953951	-0.04695316	0.96317000
##	disp	0.03554632	0.03189920	1.11433290	0.28267339
##	hp	-0.07050683	0.03942556	-1.78835344	0.09393155
##	drat	1.18283018	2.48348458	0.47627845	0.64073922
##	wt	-4.52977584	2.53874584	-1.78425732	0.09461859
##	qsec	0.36784482	0.93539569	0.39325050	0.69966720
##	vs1	1.93085054	2.87125777	0.67247551	0.51150791
##	am1	1.21211570	3.21354514	0.37718957	0.71131573
##	gear4	1.11435494	3.79951726	0.29328856	0.77332027
##	gear5	2.52839599	3.73635801	0.67670068	0.50889747
##	carb2	-0.97935432	2.31797446	-0.42250436	0.67865093
##	carb3	2.99963875	4.29354611	0.69863900	0.49546781
##	carb4	1.09142288	4.44961992	0.24528452	0.80956031
##	carb6	4.47756921	6.38406242	0.70136677	0.49381268
##	carb8	7.25041126	8.36056638	0.86721532	0.39948495

## Variable Selection

The fittest model was decided by the smallest AIC computed by the stepwise algorithm. The smallest

AIC was acquired through both directions. Three predictors `wt`, `qsec`, and `am` were selected in the fittest model.

```
fit <- stepAIC(all, direction="both")
summary(fit)$coef
```

##	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	9.617781	6.9595930	1.381946	1.779152e-01
## wt	-3.916504	0.7112016	-5.506882	6.952711e-06
## qsec	1.225886	0.2886696	4.246676	2.161737e-04
## am1	2.935837	1.4109045	2.080819	4.671551e-02

## Diagnostics of Residuals

Figure 2(see Appendix) illustrated that the residuals of most observations obey the normalization assumption except **Chrysler Imperial**, **Fiat 128**, **Toyota Corolla**. The plot compared residuals and leverages indicates that the three observations contributed the least influence to the fittest model. Therefore, I indicated **Chrysler Imperial**, **Fiat 128**, **Toyota Corolla** as the outliers of `mtcars` dataset.

## Conclusion

To decrease the uncertainty of my conclusion, I compared the MPG between automatic and manual transmission in use of t test. Both t tests, with and without outliers, showed the significant result that the manual cars performed better on MPG than the automatic cars. I set significant level at `.05`. With the reservation of outliers, the average MPG for automatic car was **17.15** and the average MPG for manual car was **24.39**. The statistical value was  $t(30) = -4.11$ , p value  $< .05$ . That difference of MPG **7.24** supports the better MPG for the automatic transmission. After excluded the outliers, the average MPG for automatic car was **17.28** and the average MPG for manual car was **22.8**. The statistical value was  $t(27) = -3.25$ , p value  $< .05$ . That difference of MPG **5.52** supports the better MPG for the automatic transmission.

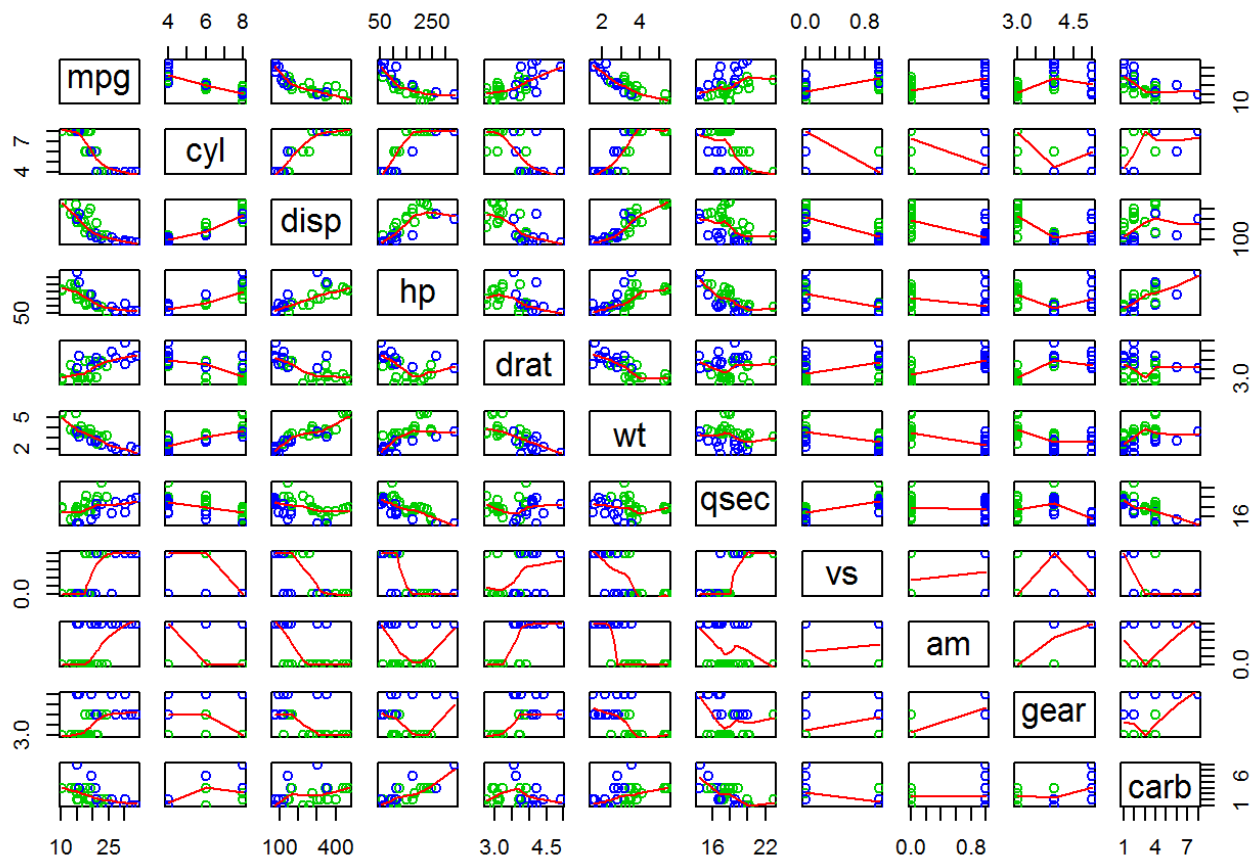
## Note

**Bold words** are produced by the codes embeded in line. Below column shows two examples I used in this report.

```
Through the diagnosis of this model, I picked up three outliers **r rowname
s(mtcars)[c(17, 18, 20)]** from the dataset.
...the average MPG for automatic car was **r round( as.numeric(unlist(t.test
t(mpg ~ am, var.equal = TRUE,mtcars1))[6]) , digits=2)**...
```

## Appendix

**Figure 1.** Explore the relation of variables



**Figure 2.** Plots for evaluate outliers

