Introduction to statistics: Linear models

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Summary

- 1. We learnt about the single sample, two sample, and paired t-tests.
- 2. We learnt about Type I, II error (and power).
- 3. We learnt about Type M and Type S errors.

Now we are ready to look at linear modeling.

Load Grodner and Gibson dataset

```
gge1crit<-read.table("data/grodnergibson05data.txt",header
head(gge1crit)
     subject item condition rawRT
##
## 6
                   objgap
                           320
          1 2 subjgap 424
## 19
          1 3
## 34
                  objgap 309
         1 4 subjgap 274
## 49
        1 5 objgap 333
## 68
               6
## 80
                   subjgap
                           266
```

Compute means by factor level

Let's compute the means by factor levels:

The object relative mean is higher than the subject relative mean.

Paired t-test on the data

Correct t-test by subject and by items

This is how one would do a t-test CORRECTLY with such data, to compare means across conditions:

```
bysubj <- aggregate (rawRT subject + condition,
                   mean, data=gge1crit)
byitem <- aggregate (rawRT~item+condition, mean, data=gge1crit)
t.test(rawRT~condition,paired=TRUE,bysubj)$statistic
##
## 3.1093
t.test(rawRT~condition, paired=TRUE, byitem) $statistic
##
## 3.7542
```

Paired t-test on the data

Consider only by-subject analyses for now.

These are the means we are comparing by subject:

```
round(with(bysubj,
tapply(rawRT,condition,mean)))
## objgap subjgap
## 471 369
```

We can rewrite our best guess about how the object and subject relative clause reading time distributions like this:

Object relative: $Normal(471, \hat{\sigma})$

Subject relative: $Normal(471 - 102, \hat{\sigma})$

Note that the two distributions for object and subject relative are assumed to be independent. This is not true in our data as we get a data point each for each RC type from the same subject!

► The object relative's distribution can be written as a sum of two terms:

$$y = 471 + \epsilon$$
 where $\epsilon \sim Normal(0, \hat{\sigma})$

► The subject relative's distribution can be written:

$$y = 471 - 102 + \epsilon \text{ where } \epsilon \sim Normal(0, \hat{\sigma})$$

Note that $\hat{\sigma}=213$ because $obs.t=\frac{\bar{x}}{s/\sqrt{n}}\Rightarrow s=\bar{x}\times\sqrt{n}/obs.t=-103\times\sqrt{42}/-3.109=213.$

The above statements describe a generative process for the data.

Now consider this **linear model**, which describes the rt in each row of the data frame as a function of condition. ϵ is a random variable $\epsilon \sim Normal(0,213)$.

Object relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 + \epsilon \tag{1}$$

Subject relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 - 102 + \epsilon \tag{2}$$

When describing mean reading times, I can drop the ϵ : Object relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 \tag{3}$$

Subject relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 - 102 (4)$$

The Im() function gives us these mean estimates from the data.

Object relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 \times \mathbf{1} - 102 \times \mathbf{0} + \epsilon \tag{5}$$

Subject relative reading times:

$$rt = 471 \times \mathbf{1} - 102 \times \mathbf{1} + \epsilon \tag{6}$$

So, object relatives are coded as 0, and subject relatives are coded as 1.

The lm() function sets up such a model.

With real data from the relative clause study:

```
contrasts(bysubj$condition)
           subjgap
##
## objgap
## subjgap
m0<-lm(rawRT~condition,bysubj)
round(summary(m0)$coefficients)[,1]
##
        (Intercept) conditionsubjgap
                471
                                 -102
##
```

The linear model gives us two numbers: object relative reading time (471), and the difference between object and subject relative (-102):

```
round(coef(m0))
## (Intercept) conditionsubjgap
## 471 -102
```

- 1. The **intercept** is giving us the mean of the objgap condition.
- 2. The **slope** is giving us the amount by which the subject relative is faster.

Note that the meaning of the intercept and slope depends on the ordering of the factor levels. We can make subject relative means be the intercept:

```
m1a<-lm(rawRT~condition,bysubj)
round(coef(m1a))
## (Intercept) conditionobjgap
## 369 102</pre>
```

Now the intercept is the subject relative clause mean. The slope is the increase in reading time for the object relative

condition.

In mathematical form, the model is:

$$rt = \beta_0 + \beta_1 condition + \epsilon \tag{7}$$

where

- $ightharpoonup eta_0$ is the mean for the object relative
- \triangleright β_1 is the amount by which the object relative mean must be changed to obtain the mean for the subject relative.

The null hypothesis is that the difference in means between the two relative clause types β_1 is:

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 0$$

The **contrast coding** determines the meaning of the β parameters:

We will make a distinction between the unknown true mean β_0, β_1 and the estimated mean from the data $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$.

- lacktriangle Estimated mean object relative processing time: $\hat{eta}_0=471$.
- Estimated mean subject relative processing time:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = 471 + -102 = 369.$$

Reparameterizing the linear model with sum contrast coding

In mathematical form, the model is:

$$rt = \beta_0 + \beta_1 condition + \epsilon$$
 (8)

We can change the **contrast coding** to change the meaning of the β parameters:

```
## new contrast coding:
bysubj$cond<-ifelse(bysubj$condition=="objgap",1,-1)</pre>
```

Reparameterizing the linear model with sum contrast coding

```
xtabs(~cond+condition,bysubj)

## condition

## cond objgap subjgap

## -1 0 42

## 1 42 0
```

Reparameterizing the linear model with sum contrast coding

Now the model parameters have a different meaning:

```
m1<-lm(rawRT~cond,bysubj)
round(coef(m1))
## (Intercept) cond
## 420 51</pre>
```

Reparameterizing the linear model with sum contrast coding

- **E**stimated **grand mean** processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 = 420$.
- Estimated mean object relative processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = 420 + 51 = 471$.
- Estimated mean subject relative processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1 = 420 51 = 369$.

This kind of parameterization is called **sum-to-zero contrast** or more simply **sum contrast** coding. This is the coding we will use.

The null hypothesis for the slope

The null hypothesis for the slope is

$$H_0: \mathbf{1} \times \mu_{obj} + (-\mathbf{1} \times) \mu_{subj} = 0$$
 (9)

The sum contrasts are referring to the ± 1 terms in the null hypothesis:

- ▶ object relative: +1
- ▶ subject relative: -1

Now the model is:

Object relative reading times:

$$rt = 420 \times \mathbf{1} + 51 \times \mathbf{1} + \epsilon \tag{10}$$

Subject relative reading times:

$$rt = 420 \times \mathbf{1} + 51 \times -1 + \epsilon \tag{11}$$

So, object relatives are coded as 1, and subject relatives are coded as -1.

The model is:

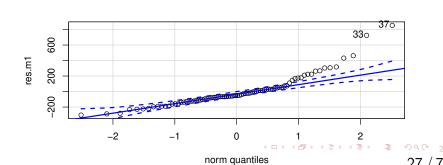
$$rt = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \epsilon \text{ where } \epsilon \sim Normal(0, \sigma)$$
 (12)

It is an assumption of the linear model that the residuals are (approximately) normally distributed. We can check that this assumption is met:

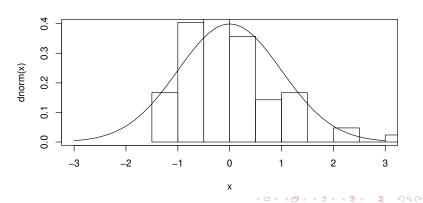
```
## residuals:
res.m1<-residuals(m1)</pre>
```

Plot the residuals by comparing them to the standard normal distribution (Normal(0,1)):

[1] 37 33



Another way to visualize it (not the standard way):



Log transformation

A log-transform improves the normality of residuals:

```
m1log<-lm(log(rawRT)~cond,bysubj)
round(coef(m1log),4)

## (Intercept) cond
## 5.9488 0.0843</pre>
```

Log transformation

- ightharpoonup Estimated **grand mean** processing time: $\hat{eta}_0=5.9488$.
- Estimated mean object relative processing time:
 - $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = 5.9488 + 0.0843 = 6.0331.$
- Estimated mean subject relative processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1 = 5.9488 0.0843 = 5.8645$.

The model is:

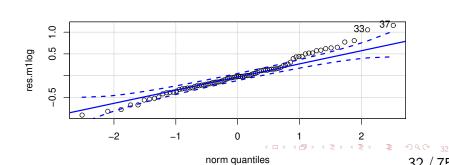
$$\log rt = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \epsilon \tag{13}$$

Now check the residuals:

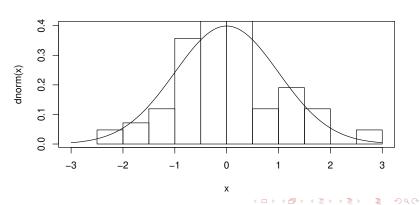
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## residuals:
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```

Plot the residuals by comparing them to the standard normal distribution (Normal(0,1)):

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Another way to visualize it (not the standard way):



Log transformation: recovering estimates on ms scale

- Estimated mean object relative processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = 5.9488 + 0.0843 = 6.0331$.
- Estimated mean subject relative processing time: $\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1 = 5.9488 0.0843 = 5.8645$.

Note that exp(log(rt)) = rt.

To get the mean estimates on the raw ms scale, we just exponentiate both sides of the equation:

$$exp(\log rt) = exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1)$$

Log transformation: recovering estimates on ms scale

- Estimated mean object relative processing time: $exp(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1) = exp(5.9488 + 0.0843) = 417.$
- Estimated mean subject relative processing time: $exp(\hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1) = exp(5.9488 0.0843) = 352.$

The difference in reading time is 417-352=65 ms (cf. 102 ms on raw scale).

Linear models: Summary

Summary

Using the relative clause example, we learnt

- the meaning of treatment contrast coding.
- ▶ the meaning of sum contrast coding. This is the coding we will use.

For a more comprehensive discussion of contrast coding, read this paper:

How to capitalize on a priori contrasts in linear (mixed) models: A tutorial, Schad, Hohenstein, Vasishth, Kliegl. Download from: https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.10451

Paired t-tests vs linear models

The linear mixed model

The paired t-test and the linear model t-test values don't match:

Paired t-tests vs linear models

The linear mixed model

This is because the linear model implements the **unpaired** (i.e., two sample) t-test:

```
round(summary(m0)$coefficients,2)[,c(1:3)]
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value
  (Intercept)
                     471.36
                                  31.13 15.14
                                  44.02 -2.32
## conditionsubjgap -102.29
round(t.test(rawRT~condition,bysubj,
             paired=FALSE) $statistic, 2)
##
## 2.32
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```

Paired t-tests vs linear models

The linear mixed model

The paired t-test has an equivalent in the linear modeling framework:

```
m0.lmer<-lmer(rawRT~condition+(1|subject),bysubj)
summary(m0.lmer)$coefficients

## Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept) 471.36 31.128 15.1428
## conditionsubjgap -102.29 32.896 -3.1093
```

We turn to the linear mixed model in the next lecture.

- 1. In our relative clause example, the 'predictor' is categorial.
- 2. What about when we have continuous predictors?
- 3. For example, we have instructors' "beauty" levels measured on a continuous scale as predictors of their teaching evaluations.
- 4. Beauty levels are centered; this means that a beauty level of 0 means average beauty level. This is a data set from a paper by Hamermesh and Parker (Beauty in the Classroom: Instructors' Pulchritude and Putative Pedagogical Productivity," Economics of Education Review, August 2005). I got the data from Gelman and Hill (2007).

```
bdata <- read.table("data/beauty.txt",header=T)</pre>
head(bdata)
##
     beauty evaluation
## 1 0.20157
                    4.3
                   4.5
## 2 -0.82608
## 3 -0.66033
                  3.7
                  4.3
## 4 -0.76631
## 5 1.42145
                  4.4
## 6 0.50022
                    4.2
plot(evaluation~beauty,bdata)
```

Note that the beauty scores are centered to have mean (approximately) 0:

```
summary(bdata$beauty)
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## -1.5388 -0.7446 -0.1564 -0.0883 0.4572 1.8817
```

 $y = \beta_0 + \epsilon$

One model we can fit:

```
mo<-lm(avaluation~1 hdata
```

```
m2<-lm(evaluation~1,bdata)
mean(bdata$evaluation)

## [1] 3.9983

round(summary(m2)$coefficients,digits=3)

## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 3.998 0.026 155.05 0
```

This model is only estimating the grand mean of evaluation scores.

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

```
m3<-lm(evaluation~beauty,bdata)
round(summary(m3)$coefficients,digits=3)

## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 4.010 0.026 157.205 0

## beauty 0.133 0.032 4.133 0
```

The intercept now means: the expected evaluation score given an average beauty level.

The slope means: the expected increase in evaluation with **one unit** increase in beauty.

Summary

We now know how to fit

- 1. Simple linear models with a categorical predictor (relative clause data)
- 2. Simple linear models with a continuous predictor.

Sometimes, students ask me about ANOVA. I generally avoid discussing the ANOVA, but if anyone is interested, here are the details.

This section is optional. I encourage you to work through it, but understanding this material is not necessary for the rest of the course.

Define the likelihood ratio statistic as:

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \omega_0}(lik(\theta))}{\max_{\theta \in \omega_1}(lik(\theta))} \tag{14}$$

where, $\omega_0 = \{\mu_0\}$ and $\omega_1 = \{\forall \mu \mid \mu \neq \mu_0\}$.

Suppose that X_1, \ldots, X_n are iid and normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation σ (assume for simplicity that σ is known).

Let the null hypothesis be $H_0: \mu=\mu_0$ and the alternative be $H_1: \mu\neq\mu_0$. Here, μ_0 is a number, such as 0. Now, the numerator of the likelihood ratio statistic is:

$$\frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n}exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^n(X_i-\mu_0)^2\right)$$
 (15)

For the denominator, the maximum likelihood can be achieved by specifying the MLE \bar{X} as μ :

$$\frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n}exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^n(X_i-\bar{X})^2\right)$$
 (16)

The likelihood ratio statistic is then:

$$\Lambda = \frac{\frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2\right)}{\frac{1}{(\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^n} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)}$$
(17)

Canceling out common terms:

$$\Lambda = \frac{exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2\right)}{exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)}$$
(18)

Taking logs:

$$\log \Lambda = \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right)$$
(19)

Now, note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu_0)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2$$
 (20)

This means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu_0)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2$$
 (21)

So, we can write Λ as:

$$\Lambda = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2 \tag{22}$$

Rearranging terms:

$$-2\Lambda = \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^2} \tag{23}$$

Or maybe even more transparently:

$$-2\Lambda = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^2}{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \tag{24}$$

This should remind you of the Wald statistic we saw earlier—the t-test! Basically, all this is saying is that we reject the null when $|\bar{X} - \mu_0|$ is large.

More generally, we will define the **likelihood ratio test statistic** as follows. Here, $L(\theta)$ refers to the likelihood given some value of θ , and $\ell(\theta)$ refers to the log likelihood.

$$L = -2 \times \log(L(\theta_0)/L(\theta_1))$$

$$\log L = -2 \times \{\ell(\theta_0) - \ell(\theta_1)\}$$

$$\log L = -2 \times \{\ell(\theta_0) - \ell(\theta_1)\}$$
(25)

where θ_1 and θ_0 are the estimates of θ under the alternative and null hypotheses, respectively. The likelihood ratio test rejects H_0 if $\log L$ is sufficiently large. As the sample size approaches infinity:

$$\log L \to \chi_r^2 \text{ as } n \to \infty \tag{26}$$

where r is called the degrees of freedom and is the difference in the $\,$

number of parameters under H_1 and H_0 .

This is called Wilks' theorem. The proof of Wilks' theorem is fairly involved but you can find it on the internet if you are interested, or in Lehmann's *Testing Statistical Hypotheses*.

Note that sometimes you will see the form:

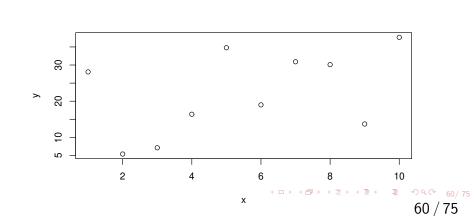
$$\log L = 2\{\ell(\theta_1) - \ell(\theta_0)\} \tag{27}$$

It should be clear that both statements are saying the same thing; in the second case, we are just subtracting the null hypothesis log likelihood from the alternative hypothesis log likelihood.

A practical example will make the usage of this test clear. Let's just simulate a linear model:

```
x<-1:10
y<- 10 + 2*x+rnorm(10,sd=10)
```

plot(x,y)



```
## null hypothesis model:
m0 < -lm(y^1)
## alternative hypothesis model:
m1 < -lm(y^x)
```

```
lambda<- -2*(logLik(m0)-logLik(m1))</pre>
## observed value:
lambda[1]
## [1] 2.3342
```

critical value: qchisq(0.95,df=1)

[1] 3.8415

Here, we fit the null hypothesis model which only has an intercept term β_0 , and the alternative model that has β_1 as well.

Finally, we compare the λ with the critical chi-squared value for degrees of freedom 1.

We also computed the probability of getting a λ as extreme as we got assuming that the null is true:

Note that in the likelihood test above, we are comparing one nested model against another: the null hypothesis model is nested inside the alternative hypothesis model.

What this means is that the alternative hypothesis model contains all the parameters in the null hypothesis model plus some others.

We can compare two models, one nested inside another, as follows:

```
anova(m0,m1)
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: y ~ 1
## Model 2: y ~ x
## Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
## 1 9 1196
## 2 8 947 1 249 2.1 0.19
```

The F-score you get here is actually the square of the t-value you get in the linear model summary:

```
sqrt(anova(m0,m1)$F[2])
## [1] 1.4503
summary(m1)$coefficients[2,3]
## [1] 1.4503
```

This is because $t^2=F.$ The proof is discussed on page 9 of the Dobson and Barnett book.

The ANOVA works as follows. First define the residual as:¹

$$e = Y - X\hat{\beta}$$

(28)

The square of this is:

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

(29)

Note that I do not use ϵ here, but e, to refer to the residual. This is because these are the estimates of ϵ derived from the estimates $\hat{\beta}$.

Define the **deviance** as:

$$D = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^{T} (Y - X\hat{\beta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} (Y^{T} - \hat{\beta}^{T} X^{T}) (Y - X\hat{\beta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} (Y^{T} Y - Y^{T} X\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}^{T} X^{T} Y + \hat{\beta}^{T} X^{T} X\hat{\beta})$$
(30)

Linear modeling theory tells us $\hat{\beta}=(X^TX)^{-1}X^TY$. Premultiplying both sides with (X^TX) , we get

$$(X^T X)\hat{\beta} = X^T Y$$

It follows that we can rewrite the last line in equation 30 as follows: We can replace $(X^TX)\hat{\beta}$ with X^TY .

$$D = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Y^T Y - Y^T X \hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}^T X^T Y + \hat{\beta}^T \underline{X^T X} \hat{\beta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Y^T Y - Y^T X \hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}^T X^T Y + \hat{\beta}^T \underline{X^T Y})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Y^T Y - Y^T X \hat{\beta})$$
(31)

Notice that $Y^TX\hat{\beta}$ is a scalar (1 \times 1) and is identical to β^TX^TY (check this), so we could write:

$$D = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Y^T Y - \hat{\beta}^T X^T Y)$$

Assume now that we have data of size n.

Suppose we have a null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ and an alternative hypothesis $H_1: \beta = \beta_1$.

Let the null hypothesis have q parameters, and the alternative p, where q .

Let X_0 be the design matrix for H_0 , and X_1 the design matrix for H_1 .

Compute the deviances D_0 and D_1 for each hypothesis, and compute ΔD :

$$\Delta D = D_0 - D_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} [(Y^T Y - \hat{\beta}_0 X_0^T Y) - (Y^T Y - \hat{\beta}_1 X_1^T Y)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} [\hat{\beta}_1 X_1^T Y - \hat{\beta}_0 X_0^T Y]$$
(32)

It turns out that the F-statistic has the following distribution if the null hypothesis is true:

$$F = \frac{\Delta D/(p-q)}{D_1/(n-p)} \sim F(p-q, n-p)$$
(33)

So, an extreme value of F is inconsistent with the null and we reject it.

The F-statistic is:

$$F = \frac{\Delta D/(p-q)}{D_1/(n-p)}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 X_1^T Y - \hat{\beta}_0^T X_0^T Y}{p-q} / \frac{Y^T Y - \hat{\beta}_1^T X_1^T Y}{n-p}$$
(34)

Traditionally, the way the F-test is summarized is:

Table: ANOVA table

Source of variance	df	Sum of squares	Mean square
Model with eta_0	q	$eta_0^T X_0^T Y$	
Improvement due to	p-q	$\hat{\beta}_1 X_1^T Y - \hat{\beta}_0^T X_0^T Y$	$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 X_1^T Y - \hat{\beta}_0^T X_0^T Y}{p - q}$
β_1			
Residual	n-p	$Y^TY - \hat{\beta}_1^T X_1^T Y$	$\frac{Y^TY - \hat{\beta}_1^T X_1^T Y}{n - p}$
Total	n	y^Ty	

There is much more to say here about ANOVA, but this is the basic idea.

Practically speaking, the usage is simple:

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anova(m0,m1)
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```

Here, the F-statistic tells us that the model m1 is "better" (there is a significant effect of the predictor x).

Whether that is a meaningful result depends on the power properties of the design (to be discussed later).