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#Multiple linear regression analysis: Harris Trust discrimination data

#In 1970s, Harris Trust and Savings Bank was sued for discrimination on the basis of sex.
#Analysis of salaries of employees of one type (skilled, entry-level clerical) presented as
evidence by the defense.
#Did female employees tend to receive lower starting salaries than similarly qualified and
experienced male employees?

#read in data
wages = read.csv("wagediscrim.txt", header= T)

#let's get a sense of the data: how many rows, how many columns?
dim(wages)

#quick summaries of each variable to know the range of data we are working with
summary(wages)

#comparison of males and females on beginning salary (bsal)
boxplot(bsal~sex, data = wages, xlab = "Sex", ylab = "Beginning Salary", main = "Beginning
salaries for male and female employees")

#2-sample inferences -- suggest significant differences in average bsal for men and women in
this bank
t.test(bsal~sex, data = wages)

#look at plots of variables with bsal, one at a time
plot(bsal~ senior + age + educ + exper, data = wages, ask=T)

#you can look at all plots at once, if you want, although plot can be hard to interpret
pairs(wages)

#correlations among all variables, excluding the sex variable since it is a character
variable
cor(wages[,c(1,2, 4:8)])

#see whether there might be differences across men and women in the predictors.
#could use box plots with sex as the X variable. We'll do summaries to get quick results.

#summary statistics for women
summary(wages[wages$fsex==1,])

#summary statistics for men
summary(wages[wages$fsex==0,])

#it does appear that there are differences in distributions of other variables
#for men and women. Since those other variables are associated with salary, we can't
#simply compare average salaries for men and women.

#let's do a multiple regression! Start with default linear specification of model.

regwage = lm(bsal~ fsex + senior + age + educ + exper, data= wages)

summary(regwage)

#here is the output from R
#Call:
#lm(formula = bsal ~ fsex + senior + age + educ + exper, data = wages)

#Residuals:
#      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
#-1217.36  -342.83   -55.61   297.10  1575.53
#
#Coefficients:
#              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
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#(Intercept) 6277.8934    652.2713    9.625 2.36e-15 ***
#fsex        -767.9127    128.9700   -5.954 5.39e-08 ***
#senior      -22.5823     5.2957   -4.264 5.08e-05 ***
#age          0.6310     0.7207    0.876 0.383692
#educ        92.3060     24.8635    3.713 0.000361 ***
#exper       0.5006     1.0553    0.474 0.636388
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#Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#
#Residual standard error: 508.1 on 87 degrees of freedom
#Multiple R-squared:  0.5152,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.4873
#F-statistic: 18.49 on 5 and 87 DF,  p-value: 1.811e-12

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#confidence interval for coefficients
confint(regwage)

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#              2.5 %      97.5 %
#(Intercept) 4981.4335106 7574.353262
#fsex        -1024.2545333 -511.570844
#senior      -33.1081429  -12.056463
#age         -0.8014178    2.063338
#educ        42.8870441   141.725002
#exper       -1.5968086    2.598088

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## check model assumptions: residual plots versus each predictor (all need to show no
pattern)

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plot(y=regwage$residual, x = wages$senior, xlab = "Seniority", ylab = "Residual")
abline(0,0)

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plot(y=regwage$residual, x = wages$age, xlab = "Age", ylab = "Residual")
abline(0,0)

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plot(y=regwage$residual, x = wages$educ, xlab = "Education", ylab = "Residual")
abline(0,0)

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plot(y=regwage$residual, x = wages$exper, xlab = "Experience", ylab = "Residual")
abline(0,0)

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boxplot(regwage$residual~ wages$sex, ylab = "Residual")

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#results show an apparent quadratic trend and possible nonconstant variance. we should
consider transformations to try to improve
#the reasonableness of the regression assumptions

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### let's mean-center the continuous predictor to improve interpretation of outputs
### this has nothing to do with improving the model fit -- it is just a recentering of
results.

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#mean centering the variables
wages$agec = wages$age - mean(wages$age)
wages$seniorc = wages$senior - mean(wages$senior)
wages$experc = wages$exper - mean(wages$exper)
wages$educc = wages$educ - mean(wages$educ)

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#now let's fit the model with the mean-centered predictors
regwagec = lm(bsal~ fsex + seniorc + agec + educc + experc, data= wages)

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summary(regwagec)

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#Coefficients:
#              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#(Intercept)  5924.0072    99.6588   59.443 < 2e-16 ***
#fsex        -767.9127    128.9700   -5.954 5.39e-08 ***

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#seniorc      -22.5823      5.2957    -4.264 5.08e-05 ***
#agec         0.6310       0.7207     0.876 0.383692
#educ         92.3060      24.8635     3.713 0.000361 ***
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#notice that the coefficients for the predictors have not changed.
#but the intercept has changed. we interpret the intercept as the
#average bsal for male employees who are 474 months old, have 82 months
#of seniority, 12.5 years of education, and 101 months of experience.
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### back to model diagnostics and refinement....
#now let's add the squared terms of the centered age and centered experience predictors
#first, let's add them to the dataset.
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wages$agec2 = wages$agec^2
wages$experc2 = wages$experc^2
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regwagecsquares = lm(bsal~ fsex + seniorc + agec + agec2 + educ + experc + experc2, data=
wages)
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summary(regwagecsquares)
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##(Intercept)  6.098e+03  1.123e+02  54.313
#fsex          -7.684e+02  1.211e+02  -6.343
#seniorc       -1.764e+01  5.265e+00  -3.351
#agec          -3.473e-01  7.814e-01  -0.444
#agec2          7.195e-04  4.045e-03   0.178
#educ          7.561e+01  2.406e+01   3.142
#experc        4.035e+00  1.479e+00   2.729
#experc2       -2.298e-02  7.592e-03  -3.027
#              Pr(>|t|)
##(Intercept)  < 2e-16 ***
#fsex          1.04e-08 ***
#seniorc        0.00120 **
#agec           0.65783
#agec2          0.85925
#educ           0.00231 **
#experc        0.00772 **
#experc2       0.00326 **
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#Here is the best way to interpret the effect of changing experience. This code
#assumes you are using mean centered variables. First, make a new dataset with
#however many values of experience you want to examine, say 20, and all other predictors
#equal to zero. You can do this as follows.
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#first, make the 20 values of experience that you want to examine
newexper = c(20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180,
190, 200, 210)
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#now mean center it, since we use a mean centered value in the regression. Subtract the mean
from whole wages dataset, not the 20 new values
newexperc = newexper - mean(wages$exper)
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#now create the squared values, since we use those in the regression as well.
newexperc2 = newexperc^2
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#we need to get these into a new dataset with 20 rows and 7 columns (one for each non-
intercept coefficient in the regression)
#we set all the entries equal to 0 when making this matrix. since we use mean-centered
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predictors, the rows in the new
#dataset correspond to male people with average values of seniority, age, and education.

newdata = matrix(0, nrow = 20, ncol = 7)

#now we make it a data frame with the same names as wages for all the predictors in the model
newdata = data.frame(newdata)
names(newdata) = names(wages)[8:14]

#now we replace the 4th and 7th columns of the matrix, i.e., those corresponding to the mean-
centered experience variable, with new mean-centered experience values
newdata[,4] = newexperc
newdata[,7] = newexperc2

#note that here we made sure that the experience values are in the columns with the
experience names

#we set all values other than experience to zero. this means that we are evaluating the
#predicted values for someone with fsex = 0 and mean centered scores of the other values at
zero. In other
#words, we predict for a man with average values of age, seniority, and education.

#let's get the intervals for the average wages for the different experience levels for this
"average" man
preds = predict.lm(regwagecsquares, newdata, interval = "confidence")
preds

#you can plot the predicted values versus the experience
plot(y = preds[,1], x = newexper, xlab = "Experience", ylab = "Predicted Wages")
title("Expected Change in Wages with Experience (Male with Average Values of Other
Predictors)")

#if you want to get the 95% confidence bands on the plot as well, you can do the following

#stack the upper and lower limits and the predicted values in one vector
tempy = c(preds[,1], preds[,2], preds[,3])

#stack the newexper values three times, corresponding to each of the 3 preds columns
tempx = c(newexper, newexper, newexper)

#make the plot without the points
plot(y = tempy, x = tempx, type = "n", xlab = "Experience", ylab = "Predicted Wages")

#now add the points, with different plotting symbol for the limits
points(y = preds[,1], x = newexper, pch = 1)
points(y = preds[,2], x = newexper, pch = 2)
points(y = preds[,3], x = newexper, pch = 2)
title("Expected Change in Wages with Experience (Male with Average Values of Other
Predictors)")

## here is a bit of code for making dummy variable for males = 1 and females = 0

wages$msex = rep(0, nrow(wages))
wages$msex[wages$sex == "Male"] = 1

#check to make sure we did what we set out to do
cbind(wages$sex, wages$msex)

#let's run the regression with msex instead of fsex

regwagecmale = lm(bsal~ msex + seniorc + agec + educc + experc, data= wages)

summary(regwagecmale)

#Coefficients:
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#           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#(Intercept) 5156.0946    68.8852   74.851 < 2e-16 ***
#msex        767.9127   128.9700    5.954 5.39e-08 ***
#seniorc     -22.5823     5.2957   -4.264 5.08e-05 ***
#agec         0.6310     0.7207    0.876 0.383692
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#compared to results of regwagec, output is same except for sign of msex coefficient
(positive instead of negative)
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