# Testing Subsets of Predictors

READING: 3.6

EXERCISES: CH 3. 35-38, 41-42

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### Currently

- Individual t-Tests: These tests allow us to check the importance of individual predictors one at a time
- ANOVA F-Test: This test allows us to check the overall effectiveness of all the predictors in the model as a group
- We Have Seen that the ANOVA F-Test is Equivalent to Testing the Linear Regression Model We Fit Against the Empty Model

Nested Models

Reduced Model: 
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 + \epsilon$$

Full Model: 
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 + \beta_4 X_1^2 + \epsilon$$

- The Reduced Model is Nested Inside the Full Model Since the Full Model Contains All of the Predictors that are in the Reduced Model
- We May Want to Test the Hypotheses:
  - $H_0$ :  $\beta_4 = 0$  Under Assumption that  $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2 \neq \beta_3 \neq 0$
  - $H_a$ :  $\beta_4 \neq 0$

- Nested F-Test for Testing a Subset of Predictors in Full Model
  - Hypotheses:

 $H_0$ :  $\beta_i = 0$  for all predictors in subset

 $H_a$ :  $\beta_i \neq 0$  for at least one of predictors in subset

- Define Full and Reduced Model:
  - Full Model is the Regression Model with All Variables in It
  - Reduced Model is the Model Under the Null Hypotheses
  - The Reduced Model is the Full Model without the Subset of the Predictors that We are Testing

- Nested F-Test (Continued)
  - Fit Both Linear Regression Models to Get SSModel and SSE
  - Test Statistic:

$$F^* = \frac{(SSModel_{full} - SSModel_{reduced})/(\# of \ predictors \ in \ subset)}{SSE_{full}/(n-k-1)}$$

 P-value: Use F-distribution Where the Numerator Degrees of Freedom is the Number of Predictors in Subset and the Denominator Degrees of Freedom is n-k-1

- Nested F-Test (Continued)
  - Decision: Based Off P-value
  - Interpret in the Context of the Data
- Idea: We are testing the effectiveness of **adding** the predictors in the subset to the **reduced model** and testing This subset as a group
- Appropriateness: Only do this test if you have evidence that the reduced model is good/effective/adequate

## Thank You

Make Reasonable Decisions

