Week 9 - Modeling through Statsmodels, Sklearn

Customization vs Rapid Development

Building our own models is great!

- Understand the assumptions
- Get EXACTLY what you need

Unfortunately, it takes a lot of time!

Statsmodels

Importing Statsmodels

We can import statsmodels in one of two ways:

1. With support for R-style formulas:

```
import statsmodels.formula.api as sm
```

2. Using pre-built numpy arrays as inputs:

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
```

We will focus on option (1)

Preparing a Dataset

When using formulas, we prepare our dataset by importing the data into a Pandas DataFrame. We should take care that each of our variables has a name with

- 1. No spaces
- 2. No symbols
- 3. Made up of letters and numbers (also can't have a number as the first character)

Preparing a Dataset

Our code so far might look something like:

```
import statsmodels.formula.api as sm
from sqlalchemy import create_engine
import pandas as pd, numpy as np
engine = create_engine(
  'mysql+mysqlconnector://viewer:@dadata.cba.edu:3306/ACS'
SELECT = """SELECT AVG(hhincome) AS hhincome, year,
    statefip
  FROM ACS
  GROUP BY year, statefip
  ORDER BY year, statefip"""
data = pd.read_sql(SELECT, engine)
```

Implementing a Model

The first thing we might try is a simple linear regression:

```
reg = sm.ols("hhincome ~ year", data=data).fit()
print(reg.summary())
```

Or, I might want to try regressing year on the logged average household incomes:

```
reg = sm.ols("np.log(hhincome) ~ year", data=data).fit()
print(reg.summary())
```

Advancing our Model

It might be useful to create state-level fixed effects by including dummy variables for the states in our statefip column.

The **C()** command indicates that we would like to consider the **statefip** variable as a **C**ategorical variable, not a numeric variable.

Additional Transformations

Sometimes we want to include transformed variables in our model:

Robust Modeling

If we want to utilize robust standard errors, we can update our regression results:

```
reg = sm.ols("np.log(hhincome) ~ year + C(statefip)",
        data=data).fit()
# Use White's (1980) Standard Error
reg.get_robustcov_results(cov_type='HC0')
print(reg.summary())
reg = sm.ols("np.log(hhincome) ~ year + C(statefip)",
        data=data).fit()
# Use Cluster-robust Standard Errors
reg.get_robustcov_results(cov_type='cluster',
        groups=data['statefip']) # Need to specify groups
print(reg.summary())
```

Robust Modeling

Below are some of the <u>covariance options</u> that we have:

- 1. HCO: White's (1980) Heteroskedasticity robust standard errors
- 2. HC1, HC2, HC3: MacKinnon and White's (1985) alternative robust standard errors, with HC3 being designed for improved performance in small samples
- 3. cluster: Cluster robust standard errors
- 4. hac-panel: Panel robust standard errors

Time Series Models

We have multiple time series options available.

To implement an <u>ARIMA(1,1,0)</u> model:

```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARIMA

y = data.loc[data['statefip']==31, ['hhincome','year']]
y.index=pd.to_datetime(y.year)
reg = ARIMA(y['hhincome'], order=(1,1,0)).fit()
print(reg.summary())
```

Time Series Models

To implement a <u>VAR</u> model:

```
from statsmodels.tsa.vector_ar.var_model import VAR

y = data.loc[data['statefip']==31, ['hhincome','year']]
y.index=pd.to_datetime(y.year)
reg = VAR(y['hhincome']).fit()
print(reg.summary())
```

The VAR model will optimize its own order (number of lags included) based on information criteria estimates.

Modeling Discrete Outcomes

If we have a binary dependent variable, we are able to use either <u>Logit</u> or <u>Probit</u> models to estimate the effect of exogenous variables on our outcome of interest. To fit a Logit model:

Modeling Discrete Outcomes

When modeling count data, we have options such as <u>Poisson</u> and <u>Negative Binomial</u> models.

Patsy: Using Regression Equations

Why Use Patsy?

- We could just select our variables manually, and creating a column of ones is trivial
- Patsy allows us to separate our endogenous and exogenous variables AND to
 - "Dummy out" categorical variables
 - Easily transform variables (square, or log transforms, etc.)
 - Use identical transformations on future data

Getting Started

```
import patsy as pt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
data = pd.read_csv("wagePanelData.csv")
# To create y AND x matrices
y, x = pt.dmatrices("LWAGE ~ TIME + EXP + UNION + ED",
                data = data)
# To create ONLY an x matrix
x = pt.dmatrix("~ TIME + EXP + UNION + ED",
                data = data)
```

These regression equations automatically include an intercept term.

Categorical Variables

```
# To create y AND x matrices

eqn = "LWAGE \sim C(ID) + TIME + EXP + UNION + ED + C(OCC)"

y, x = pt.dmatrices(eqn, data = data)
```

Categorical variables can be broken out into binary variables using the **C()** syntax inside of the regression equation.

In this case, there would be binary variables for each unique value of **ID** and **OCC**.

Transforming Variables

```
# To create y AND x matrices
eqn = "I(np.log(LWAGE)) ~ C(ID) + TIME + EXP + I(EXP**2)"
y, x = pt.dmatrices(eqn, data = data)
```

We can transform variables using the I() syntax inside of the regression equation. We then use any numeric transformation that we choose to impose on our data.

In this case, we logged our dependent variable, LWAGE, and squared the EXP term.

Same Transformation on New Data!

```
# To create a new x matrix based on our previous version

xNew = pt.build_design_matrices([x.design_info], dataNew)
```

We can create a new matrix in the SAME SHAPE as our original x matrix by using the build_design_matrices() function in patsy.

We pass a list containing the old design matrix information, as well as the new data from which to construct our new matrix.

Why does Design Info Matter?

- Ensures that we always have the same number of categories
- Maintains consistency in our model
- Makes our work replicable

Using this method to create new datasets from which to generate predictions is extremely valuable

scikit-learn

Predictive Modeling

What statsmodels does for regression analysis, sklearn does for predictive analytics and machine learning.

- Likely the most popular machine learning library today
- Has a standard API to make using the library VERY simple.

Decision Tree Classification (and Regression)

<u>Classification</u> and <u>Regression</u> Trees (CARTs) are the standard jumping-off point for exploring machine learning. They are very easy to implement in sklearn:

```
from sklearn import tree
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

clf = tree.DecisionTreeClassifier()
clf = clf.fit(x, y)

pred = clf.pred(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred)
```

Support Vector Machines

We also implement <u>Support Vector Machines</u> for both <u>classification</u> and <u>regression</u>:

```
from sklearn import svm
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

clf = svm.SVC()
clf = clf.fit(x, y)

pred = clf.pred(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred)
```

Can you see the API pattern yet?

Random Forest Models

Again, available in both <u>classification</u> and <u>regression</u> flavors, these models are aggregations of many randomized Decision Trees.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

clf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100)
clf = clf.fit(x, y)

pred = clf.pred(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred)
```

There MUST be a pattern here...

Data Preprocessing

Many other tools are also available to aid in the data cleaning process through sklearn. Some of these are:

- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Factor Analysis
- Many <u>Cross-Validation Algorithms</u>
- Hyperparameter Tuning
 - Finding the correct parameters for a decision tree or random forest, for example
- Model Evaluation Tools

Homework

Build an OLS regression and Random Forest using

statsmodels and sklearn