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!

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UPDATED TITLE

Modeling through statsmodels/sklearn: You're going to hate me

statsmodels

Let's make statistics in Python easy!

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
```

Let's start with 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:

Assuming that our data set has already been cleaned

Regression Equations

statsmodels incorporates R -style regression equations by using the patsy library behind the scenes. The pattern is as follows:

```
"dependent variable ~ independent variable +
another independent variable + any other
independent variables"
```

The regression equation will be held in a string (unlike in R)

Implementing a Model

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

```
reg = smf.ols("hhincome ~ educ", data=data).fit()
print(reg.summary())
```

Or, I might want to try regressing education on **logged** household incomes:

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

Advancing our Model

It might be useful to create effects by including dummy variables for the values in our race column.

The C() command indicates that we would like to consider the race variable as a Categorical 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:

More robust modeling

Robust Modeling

Below are some of the covariance options that we have:

- 1. HC0: 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.

- ARIMA models
- VAR models
- Exponential Smoothing models

Modeling Discrete Outcomes

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

```
import statsmodels.api as sm

myformula = "married ~ hhincome + C(race) + educ"
model = sm.Logit.from_formula(myformula, data=data).fit()
```

Modeling Count Data

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

```
myformula = "nchild ~ hhincome + C(race) + educ + married"
model = sm.Poisson.from_formula(myformula, data=data).fit()
```

patsy: Using Regression Equations

Breaking out our regression equations!

Why use patsy?

- We could just select our variables manually, and creating a column of ones is trivial (remember??)
- 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

Why use patsy when statsmodels handles it for us?

By breaking out our regression equations, we can use the same data splits and processing steps for both statsmodels and for sklearn (which does not use patsy)!

Getting Started

These regression equations automatically include an intercept term.

Categorical Variables

```
# To create y AND x matrices
eqn = "hhincome ~ C(year) + educ + married + age"
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 year.

Transforming Variables

```
# To create y AND x matrices
eqn = "I(np.log(hhincome)) ~ C(year) + educ + married + age + I(age**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, hhincome, and added the square of our age term.

SUPER IMPORTANT → 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 Recreating our x array Matter?

- Ensures that we always have the same number of categories
- Maintains consistency in our model
- Makes our work replicable
- AGAIN streamlines the use of statsmodels and sklearn in the same workflow

scikit-learn (sklearn)

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learn, 🕮, 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.

```
# Import some data...
data = pd.read_csv("https://github.com/dustywhite7/Econ8310/
raw/master/DataSets/occupancyTrain.csv")

# Build x, y matrices
y, x = pt.dmatrices("Occupancy ~ -1 + Light + CO2", data=data)
```

Decision Tree Classification (and Regression)

Classification and Regression 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.predict(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred))
```

Support Vector Machines

We also implement Support Vector Machines for both classification and regression:

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

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

pred = clf.predict(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred))
```

Can you see the API pattern yet?

Random Forest Models

Again, available in both classification and regression 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=50)
clf = clf.fit(x, y)

pred = clf.predict(new_xs)

print(accuracy_score(new_ys, pred))
```

There MUST be a pattern here...

More from sklearn

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 Cross-Validation Algorithms
- Hyperparameter Tuning
 - Finding the correct parameters for a decision tree or random forest, for example
- Model Evaluation Tools
- Plotting decision trees

Lab time!