

Predictive Analysis PS 3

Problem 5

Atrijo Roy

2026-02-19

Problem to demonstrate the utility of non-linear regression over linear regression

Get the fgl data set from “MASS” library.

```
#Loading the data
```

```
rm(list=ls())
```

```
library(MASS)
```

```
## Warning: package 'MASS' was built under R version 4.5.2
```

```
attach(fgl)
```

```
head(fgl)
```

```
##      RI      Na      Mg      Al      Si      K      Ca      Ba      Fe type
## 1  3.01 13.64  4.49  1.10 71.78  0.06  8.75   0 0.00 WinF
## 2 -0.39 13.89  3.60  1.36 72.73  0.48  7.83   0 0.00 WinF
## 3 -1.82 13.53  3.55  1.54 72.99  0.39  7.78   0 0.00 WinF
## 4 -0.34 13.21  3.69  1.29 72.61  0.57  8.22   0 0.00 WinF
## 5 -0.58 13.27  3.62  1.24 73.08  0.55  8.07   0 0.00 WinF
## 6 -2.04 12.79  3.61  1.62 72.97  0.64  8.07   0 0.26 WinF
```

- (a) Considering the refractive index (RI) of “Vehicle Window glass” as the variable of interest and assuming linearity of regression, run multiple linear regression of RI on different metallic oxides. From the p value, report which metallic oxide best explains the refractive index.

```
#Separating the continuous variables
```

```
df=fgl[fgl$type=="Veh",]
```

```
df$type = NULL
```

```
head(df)
```

```
##      RI      Na      Mg      Al      Si      K      Ca      Ba      Fe
## 147 -0.31 13.65  3.66  1.11 72.77  0.11  8.60   0 0.00
## 148 -1.90 13.33  3.53  1.34 72.67  0.56  8.33   0 0.00
## 149 -1.30 13.24  3.57  1.38 72.70  0.56  8.44   0 0.10
## 150 -1.57 12.16  3.52  1.35 72.89  0.57  8.53   0 0.00
## 151 -1.35 13.14  3.45  1.76 72.48  0.60  8.38   0 0.17
## 152  3.27 14.32  3.90  0.83 71.50  0.00  9.49   0 0.00
```

```
 #(a)
```

```
fit1=lm(RI~.,data=df)
```

```
summary(fit1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = RI ~ ., data = df)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.29194 -0.08582  0.00072  0.10740  0.33524
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 131.4641    47.2669   2.781  0.02388 *
## Na          -0.4333     0.3509  -1.235  0.25190
## Mg          -0.2866     1.0075  -0.285  0.78325
## Al          -0.8909     0.5550  -1.605  0.14713
## Si          -1.8824     0.4993  -3.770  0.00547 **
## K           -2.4232     0.9725  -2.492  0.03743 *
## Ca           1.5326     0.5818   2.634  0.02998 *
## Ba           0.3517     2.6904   0.131  0.89922
## Fe           3.8931     0.9581   4.063  0.00362 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2621 on 8 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.9906, Adjusted R-squared:  0.9813
## F-statistic: 105.9 on 8 and 8 DF,  p-value: 2.622e-07
```

Fitted Model:

$$\widehat{RI} = 131.4641 - 0.4333 Na - 0.2866 Mg - 0.8909 Al - 1.8824 Si - 2.4232 K + 1.5326 Ca + 0.3517 Ba + 3.8931 Fe$$

with R squared = 0.9906, so the fit is very good.

From the p values we can see Fe is the most significant predictor in the multiple linear regression of RI on all the continuous predictors as the p-value corresponding to Fe = 0.00362 is the least among the other p-values.

(b) Run a simple linear regression of RI on the best predictor chosen in (a).

```
fit2=lm(RI~Fe,data=df)
summary(fit2)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = RI ~ Fe, data = df)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.2324 -1.0693 -0.2715  0.2907  3.7707
##
## Coefficients:
```

```
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.5007      0.4861  -1.030   0.3193
## Fe          8.1362      4.0780   1.995   0.0645 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.759 on 15 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2097, Adjusted R-squared:  0.157
## F-statistic: 3.981 on 1 and 15 DF,  p-value: 0.06452
```

Fitted Model:

$$\widehat{RI} = -0.5007 + 8.1362 Fe$$

with multiple R square = 0.2097 so the fit is not good.

- (c) Can you further improve the regression of the refractive index of “Vehicle Window glass” on the predictor chosen by you in part (a)? Give the new fitted model and compare its performance with the model in (b).

```
#Quadratic model
fit3=lm(RI~Fe+I(Fe^2),data=df)
summary(fit3)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = RI ~ Fe + I(Fe^2), data = df)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.6215 -1.1715 -0.1345  0.5985  3.5485
##
## Coefficients:
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.2785      0.4712  -0.591   0.564
## Fe          -12.1810     12.0408  -1.012   0.329
## I(Fe^2)       65.9600     37.0798   1.779   0.097 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.645 on 14 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3554, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2633
## F-statistic:  3.86 on 2 and 14 DF,  p-value: 0.04623
```

Fitted Model:

$$\widehat{RI} = -0.2785 - 12.1810 Fe + 65.9600 Fe^2$$

with R squared = 0.3554, the fit is not good but shows clear improvement over linear regression.

#Cubic Model

```
fit4=lm(RI~Fe+I(Fe^2)+I(Fe^3),data=df)
```

```
summary(fit4)
```

```
##
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = RI ~ Fe + I(Fe^2) + I(Fe^3), data = df)
```

```
##
```

```
## Residuals:
```

```
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max  
## -1.6306 -1.1806 -0.0695  0.5621  3.5394
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
## (Intercept)  -0.2694     0.4921  -0.548   0.593  
## Fe           -16.7947    32.2946  -0.520   0.612  
## I(Fe^2)       107.1214   268.4871   0.399   0.696  
## I(Fe^3)      -79.0070    510.0359  -0.155   0.879
```

```
##
```

```
## Residual standard error: 1.705 on 13 degrees of freedom
```

```
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3566, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2081
```

```
## F-statistic: 2.402 on 3 and 13 DF,  p-value: 0.1146
```

Fitted Model:

$$\widehat{RI} = -0.2694 - 16.7947 Fe + 107.1214 Fe^2 - 79.0070 Fe^3$$

with R square = 0.3566

Conclusion:

Quadratic is giving substantial improvement over linear regression but Cubic is slight improvement over quadratic so we choose quadratic regression as improvement over linear regression model.