



Multiple regression is used when we have more than one explanatory variable. Multiple x's can arise naturally. In addition, sometimes we want to:

- \triangleright Control for some x's to consider the effect on y of other x's over and above the control variables
- → Fit a polynomial Compare the regression line for two or more groups

In multiple linear regression (MLR), generally we let p represent the number of explanatory variables in the model, i.e.

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \ldots + \beta_p x_{ip} + e_i$$

for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. How many parameters do we need to estimate? And therefore, how many observations do we need at a minimum? p+2

Matrix version of MLR

Our main equation is unchanged: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{e}$

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$$\mathbf{X}$$
 and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ are bigger:
$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X_{11} & X_{12} & \cdots & X_{1p} \\ 1 & X_{21} & X_{22} & & X_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \cdots & X_{np} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

A design matrix gives the explanatory variables (often without the column of 1's). Each row is an observation and each column corresponds to a different kind of variable.

Gauss-Markov assumptions for MLR

The key equations are unchanged:

$$E(\mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{0}$$
 and $var(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

For our inference methods (CIs etc), we need e to have a multivariate normal distribution as before. $t_{n-2} \longrightarrow t_{n-\ell+1}$

The expression for residuals is still $\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}$, where now we have

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Lyression diagnostics} \\ \text{Leneral of } \mathbf{s} : \\ \text{Cutoff} \qquad \underline{2(p+1)} \end{array}$$

Estimating σ^2 in MLR

Recall that

$$S^{2} = MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{e}_{i}^{2}}{\text{d.f. of error}} = \frac{\hat{e}'\hat{e}}{\text{d.f. of error}}$$

The number of degrees of freedom was n-2 in SLR, and is n-p-1 in MLR. To see this, recall that RSS = $\hat{\mathbf{e}}'\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}$. Using our five key properties of idempotent matrices again, rank($\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}$) = rank(\mathbf{I}) - rank(\mathbf{H}) = n-(p+1) assuming that the columns of X are linearly independent.

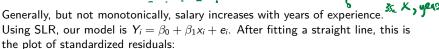
To show that \underline{S}^2 is unbiased in MLR, similar to before we can show $E(RSS) = (n-p-1)\sigma^2$. The proof is akin to the <u>SLR</u> proof except that:

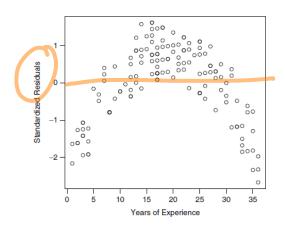
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$$\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}$$
) = trace(\mathbf{I}) - trace(\mathbf{H})
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= n - trace[$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$]
= n - trace(\mathbf{I}_{p+1}) 2x1 n
= $n - (p+1)$

Example of MLR: Fitting a polynomial

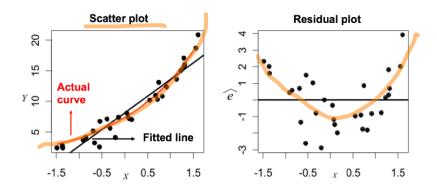
A professional-salary database contains 143 ordered pairs:

(years of experience, salary)





Example of a nonlinear relationship (Weeks 4–5, Slide 43)

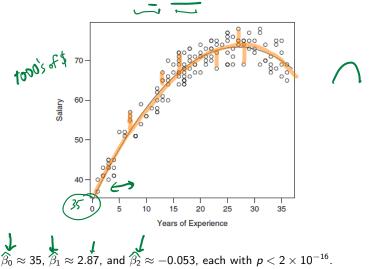


Remedial measure: If the regression function isn't linear,

- ▶ In some cases, a variable transformation can make the data "more linear"
- ▶ Otherwise, a different (e.g. nonlinear) model might be better

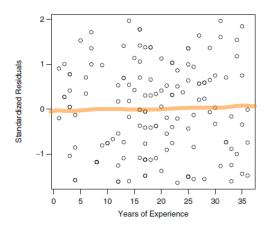
Back to our salary database

A simple nonlinear model is MLR in which we fit a parabola, i.e. incorporate x and x^2 . The model is $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + e_i$ and the plot is:

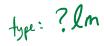


MLR example: fitting a polynomial

The residuals no longer have a pattern:



R code for MLR



```
X <- read.csv("profsalary.txt",sep="\t")
mod1 <- lm(Salary ~ Experience + I(Experience^2), data=X)
summary(mod1)

**The sep is a sep in the sep
```

Typing I(.) is a way to express formulae within a call to lm.

The + sign indicates that more than one explanatory variable is being used. To have four variables, use e.g. $y \sim x1 + x2 + x3 + x4$

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R output for MLR

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Salary ~ Experience + I(Experience^2), data = X)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                10 Median
##
                               30
                                      Max
## -4.5786 -2.3573 0.0957 2.0171 5.5176
##
## Coefficients:
##
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 34.720498
                              0.828724 41.90 <2e-16 ***
## Experience — 2.872275 0.095697 30.01
                                                <2e-16 ***
                                                <2e-16 *** △
## I(Experience^2) -0.053316
                              0.002477 -21.53
## ---
                  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '
## Signif. codes:
##
## Residual standard error: 2.817 on 140 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9247, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9236
## F-statistic: 859.3 on 2 and 140 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Using the R model

```
Interpolate at 5 years of experience: ( x x²

e <- 5; mod1$coefficients%*%c(1,e,e^2)

## [1,1]

## [1,] 47.74897
```

Alternatively, use the predict command:

```
## 1
## 47.74897
```

The data frame passed to predict names and initializes all of the information used towards making the predictor variables. Another example would be:

```
predict(lm(y-x1+x2), data.frame(x1=5, x2=3))
```

Interpreting MLR coefficients



How should we interpret β_j , or similarly their estimates b_j — i.e. what's the meaning of the coefficients of MLR predictor variables?

In general, (β_i) is the change in the mean value of Y associated with a one-unit change in the predictor variable x_i , with all other variables held constant.

For our salary database example, this is impossible. The closest interpretations we can make are of this sort:

- ▶ If Experience increases from 5 years to 6 years, the estimated change in mean Salary is $2.87-0.053(36-25)\approx 2.3$
- ▶ If Experience increases from 35 years to 36 years, the estimated change in mean Salary is $2.87-0.053(36^2-35^2)\approx -0.9$

Do we need a polynomial fit?

We can quantify whether the quadratic term is 0 or not using familiar hypothesis testing:

$$H_0: \beta_2 = 0$$
 vs $H_a: \beta_2 \neq 0$

Exercise: Try this on the salary database. What do you find?



Do we need the jth predictor?



In general, a test of $H_0: \beta_j = 0$ gives an indication of whether or not the *j*th predictor variable statistically significantly contributes to the estimation/prediction of *Y* over and above the other predictor variables.

That is, the test assumes that the other variables are in the model.

Recap of Regression ANOVA (Week 3)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{1}^{2} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{e}_{i}^{2}$$
SSReg

Source	SS	d.f.	MS = SS/df
Regression line	$b_1^2 S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$	1	$b_1^2 S_{xx}$
Error	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i}^{2}$	n-2	S^2
Total	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$	n-1	

The coefficient of determination is $\mathit{R}^2 = \frac{\mathsf{SSReg}}{\mathsf{SST}} = 1 - \frac{\mathsf{RSS}}{\mathsf{SST}}, \quad 0 \leq \mathit{R}^2 \leq 1.$

This week we showed that the ANOVA identity can be rewritten as:

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}'\left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}\right)\mathbf{Y}}_{\text{SST}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{Y}'\left(\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}\right)\mathbf{Y}}_{\text{SSReg}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{Y}'\left(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}\right)\mathbf{Y}}_{\text{RSS}}$$

Introducing Multiple-Regression ANOVA

SLR -> MLR

In multiple regression, the ANOVA identity is the same as before, albeit with a different $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$:

SST = SSReg + RSS

$$\underline{\mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{Y}} = \underline{\mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{Y}} + \underline{\mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}}$$
SST = SSReg + RSS

The MLR ANOVA table is similar to before, but the degrees of freedom change:

Source	SS	d.f.	MS = SS/df
Regression	SSReg	р 4-	SSReg/p ←
Error	RSS	n-p-1	<i>S</i> ²
Total	SST	n-1	_

The F-test in an MLR ANOVA table

The test hypotheses are:

- $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_p = 0$
- H_a : At least one of the β_j 's isn't 0

The test statistic is:

$$F_{\text{obs}} = \frac{\text{MSReg}}{\text{MSE}} \quad \text{a} \quad \text{i, a-2} \quad \text{Sign}$$

If H_0 is true, $F_{\rm obs}$ is an observation from an F distribution with (p, n-p-1) MLR degrees of freedom.

- ▶ Numerator d.f.: the # of β 's being tested
- Denominator d.f.: the d.f. for the error

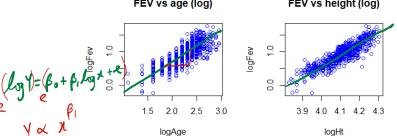
So in MLR ANOVA, we use the F-test to check for linear association between Y and any of the p predictors. If the F-test is significant, then we might ask, for which predictor(s) is there evidence of a linear association with Y? Some pitfalls in answering this question are investigated in Chapter 7.

Example of an F-test: the fev database

```
a2 = read.table("DataPPC.txt", sep=" ", header=T) # Load the data set
logFev <- log(a2$fev); logAge <- log(a2$age); logHt <- log(a2$ht)
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(logAge,logFev,type="p",col="blue",pch=21, main="FEV vs age (log)")
plot(logHt,logFev,type="p",col="blue",pch=21, main="FEV vs ht (log)")
mod1 = lm(logFev~logAge+logHt)

FEV vs age (log)

FEV vs height (log)
```



SLR in the fev database

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logFev ~ logAge)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 10 Median
                                  30
                                         Max
## -0.60857 -0.13532 0.00227
                             0.14329 0.56348
##
## Coefficients:
##
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.98772 0.05756 -17.16
                                           <2e-16)***
                         0.02535 33.38
                                           <2e-16/***
## logAge 0.84615
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2026 on 652 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.6309, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6303
## F-statistic: 1114 on 1 and 652 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

SLR in the fev database

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logFev ~ logHt)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               10 Median
                              30
                                     Max
## -0.69369 -0.09122 0.01145 0.09832 0.44965
##
## Coefficients:
##
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1512 on 652 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7945, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7941
## F-statistic: 2520 on 1 and 652 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

MLR in the fev database

Residuals:

Min

Coefficients:

logAge 🗸

logHt ## --- Texto? 10

Call:

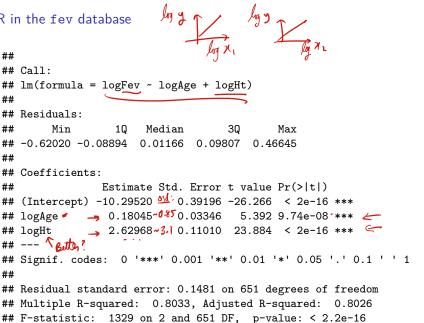
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R^2 for MLR ANOVA

Let's consider the coefficient of determination for MLR ANOVA, a.k.a. the "coefficient of multiple determination":

$$R^{2} = \frac{\text{SSReg}}{\text{SST}} = \frac{\mathbf{Y}' \left(\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J} \right) \mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}' \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J} \right) \mathbf{Y}}$$

It's not the square of correlation r anymore! Correlation is between two variables, whereas we have potentially many variables now.

However, as before, it's the proportion of the total sample variability in the Y's explained by the regression model.

Question: What happens to R^2 when you add more predictor variables?

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The effect on R^2 of additional predictors

Each time a predictor variable is added, SST stays the same because it depends on ${\bf Y}$ only.

However, adding a new predictor variable often improves (decreases) RSS: a richer model will often lead to a better fit, i.e. less error. Recall that

$$\mathsf{RSS} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}'\hat{\mathbf{e}}$$

A least-squares minimization of RSS, with additional predictors now, is minimizing over a larger-dimensional space. This guarantees that the minimum is at least as small. So, at worst, RSS will stay the same (if you add a predictor that's ignored by fitting $\hat{\beta}_j = 0$), and usually it will get better.

If SST is constant and RSS decreases, SSReg must increase. Therefore R^2 will increase. (Put another way, the ${\bf H}$ in the numerator will have changed.)

Adjusted
$$R^2$$
 $= \left[-\frac{RSS}{SST} \right] = \left[-\frac{(n-p-1)}{SST} \right] \frac{MSE}{SST}$

Because R^2 generally increases with the number of predictors, how do we compare the R^2 for a simple model to the R^2 for a many-variable model?

We can use the **Adjusted** \mathbb{R}^2 , a better measure of the model fit. It is adjusted for the number of predictors in the model.

Adj
$$R^2 = 1 - (n-1) \frac{MSE}{SST} = 1 - \frac{n-1}{n-p-1} \frac{RSS}{SST}$$

With additional predictor variables, the Adjusted \mathbb{R}^2 will only increase if MSE decreases.



Adjusted R^2 in action: First, reviewing regression ANOVA

For the fev vs age SLR dataset (PPC question 1), n = 654 and p = 1.

From Weeks 8–9 slide 22, $R^2\approx 0.5722$ and Adj $R^2\approx 0.5716\approx R^2$, a difference of approximately only 0.1%.

Taking logs, and rerunning the analysis, today we got $R^2 \approx 0.6309$ and Adj $R^2 \approx 0.6303 \approx R^2$.

Adjusted R^2 in action: MLR ANOVA

Let's compare the (adjusted) coefficients of determination for a small dataset, with and without an extra predictor.

Consider just the first ten points in the fev database (A = abridged):

```
set.seed(1)
N<-10; u <- sample(length(logFev),N)
logFevA<-logFev[u]; logAgeA<-logAge[u]
rA<-rnorm(N)) # A new potential predictor

mod2 = lm(logFevA-logAgeA)
mod3 = lm(logFevA-logAgeA+rA)
summary(mod2) # SLR ANOVA
summary(mod3) # MLR ANOVA</pre>
```

Note that rA is noise, but adding it still increases the R^2 .

Results of SLR ANOVA



```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logFevA ~ logAgeA)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                10 Median
                             30
                                         Max
## -0.34977 -0.04767 -0.00790 0.10280 0.26091
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) -1.6288 0.5944 -2.740 0.02544 *
## logAgeA 1.1232 0.2523 4.452 0.00213 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1747 on 8 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7125, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6765
## F-statistic: 19.82 on 1 and 8 DF, p-value: 0.002132
```

Results of MLR ANOVA

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```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logFevA ~ logAgeA + rA)
##
## Residuals:
      Min
               10
                   Median 3Q
##
                                    Max
## -0.32561 -0.05576 -0.01012 0.05902 0.29785
##
## Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## logAgeA 1.16367 0.27176 4.282 0.00365 **
## rA
           0.03408 0.05727 0.595 0.57055
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1822 on 7 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7263, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6481
## F-statistic: 9.289 on 2 and 7 DF, p-value: 0.01072
```

Next steps

- Assignment 2 was released on Wednesday 7 November. If you haven't received the Crowdmark email by now, check your spam folder
- ► Solutions to **PPC** were posted on 10 November
- Now that the exam date is known, additional TA office hours have been posted (click here)

