# The *F* Test for Comparing Reduced vs. Full Models

Assume the Gauss-Markov Model with normal errors:

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon, \qquad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I).$$

Suppose  $C(X_0) \subset C(X)$  and we wish to test

$$H_0: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0)$$
 vs.  $H_A: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) \setminus \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0)$ .

The "reduced" model corresponds to the null hypothesis and says that  $E(y) \in C(X_0)$ , a specified subspace of C(X).

The "full" model says that E(y) can be anywhere in C(X).

## For example, suppose

$$m{X}_0 = \left[egin{array}{c} 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \end{array}
ight] \; ext{and} \; m{X} = \left[egin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}
ight].$$

In this case, the reduced model says that all 6 observations have the same mean.

The full model says that there are three groups of two observations. Within each group, observations have the same mean. The three group means may be different from one another.

For this example, let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ , and  $\mu_3$  be the elements of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  in the full model, i.e.,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = [\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3]'$ . Then, for the full model,

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix}, ext{ and }$$

$$H_0: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0)$$
 vs.  $H_A: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) \setminus \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0)$ 

is equivalent to

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$$
 vs.  $H_A: \mu_i \neq \mu_j$ , for some  $i \neq j$ .

For the general case, consider the test statistic

$$F = \frac{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{P}_X - \mathbf{P}_{X_0})\mathbf{y}/\left[\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}_0)\right]}{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}})\mathbf{y}/\left[n - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X})\right]}.$$

To show that this statistic has an F distribution, we will use the following fact:

$$P_{X_0}P_X=P_XP_{X_0}=P_{X_0}.$$

There are many ways to see that this fact is true. First,

$$\mathcal{C}(X_0) \subset \mathcal{C}(X) \implies \mathsf{Each\ column\ of\ } X_0 \in \mathcal{C}(X) \ \Longrightarrow \ P_X X_0 = X_0.$$

Thus,

$$P_X P_{X_0} = P_X X_0 (X_0' X_0)^- X_0' = X_0 (X_0' X_0)^- X_0'$$
  
=  $P_{X_0}$ .

This implies that

$$(P_X P_{X_0})' = P'_{X_0} \implies P'_{X_0} P'_X = P'_{X_0}$$
  
 $\implies P_{X_0} P_X = P_{X_0}. \square$ 

## Alternatively,

$$\forall \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
,  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}_0}\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$ .

Thus,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P_X P_{X_0} a = P_{X_0} a$ .

This implies  $P_X P_{X_0} = P_{X_0}$ .

Transposing both sides of this equality and using symmetry of projection matrices yields

$$P_{X_0}P_X=P_{X_0}$$
.  $\square$ 

Alternatively,  $C(X_0) \subset C(X) \implies XB = X_0$  for some B because every column of  $X_0$  must be in C(X).

Thus,

$$P_{X_0}P_X = X_0(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0P_X = X_0(X'_0X_0)^-(XB)'P_X$$

$$= X_0(X'_0X_0)^-B'X'P_X = X_0(X'_0X_0)^-B'X'$$

$$= X_0(X'_0X_0)^-(XB)' = X_0(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0 = P_{X_0}.$$

$$P_XP_{X_0} = P_XX_0(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0 = P_XXB(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0$$

$$= XB(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0 = X_0(X'_0X_0)^-X'_0 = P_{X_0}.$$

Note that  $P_X - P_{X_0}$  is a symmetric and idempotent matrix:

$$(P_X - P_{X_0})' = P_X' - P_{X_0}' = P_X - P_{X_0}.$$

$$(P_X - P_{X_0})(P_X - P_{X_0}) = P_X P_X - P_X P_{X_0} - P_{X_0} P_X + P_{X_0} P_{X_0}$$

$$= P_X - P_{X_0} - P_{X_0} + P_{X_0}$$

$$= P_X - P_{X_0}.$$

Now back to determining the distribution of

$$F = \frac{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{P}_X - \mathbf{P}_{X_0})\mathbf{y}/\left[\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}_0)\right]}{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y}/\left[n - \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X})\right]}.$$

An important first step is to note that

$$F = \frac{\mathbf{y}'\left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{P}_{X_0}}{\sigma^2}\right)\mathbf{y}/\left[\mathrm{rank}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathrm{rank}(\mathbf{X}_0)\right]}{\mathbf{y}'\left(\frac{\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}}{\sigma^2}\right)\mathbf{y}/\left[n - \mathrm{rank}(\mathbf{X})\right]}.$$

Now we can show that the numerator is a chi-square random variable divided by its degrees of freedom, independent of the denominator, which is a central chi-square random variable divided by its degrees of freedom. Once we show all these things, we will have established that the statistic F has an F distribution (see Slide Set 1 Slide 31).

# Numerator Distribution (See Slide Set 1 Slide 27)

## **Because**

$$\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}}{\sigma^{2}}\right)\left(\sigma^{2}\boldsymbol{I}\right)=\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}$$

is idempotent and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}) &= \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}) = \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}) - \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}) \\ &= \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}) - \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}) \\ &= \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X}) - \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}), \\ \boldsymbol{y}'\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}}{\sigma^{2}}\right) \boldsymbol{y} \sim \chi^{2}_{\operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X}) - \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X}_{0})} \left(\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\boldsymbol{X}'\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}}{\sigma^{2}}\right) \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

## **Denominator Distribution**

From the result on Slide Set 2 Slide 17, we have

$$\mathbf{y}'\left(rac{\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}}{\sigma^2}
ight)\mathbf{y}\sim\chi^2_{n-\mathrm{rank}(\mathbf{X})}.$$

(This fact can be proved using the result on Slide Set 1 Slide 27, following the same type of argument used to show the distribution of the numerator.)

# Independence of Numerator and Denominator

By Slide Set 1 Slide 34,

$$y'\left(rac{P_X-P_{X_0}}{\sigma^2}
ight)y$$
 is independent of  $y'\left(rac{I-P_X}{\sigma^2}
ight)y$  because

$$\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}}{\sigma^{2}}\right)\left(\sigma^{2}\boldsymbol{I}\right)\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{I}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X}}{\sigma^{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X}\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}+\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}\boldsymbol{P}_{X})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}}(\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X}-\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}}+\boldsymbol{P}_{X_{0}})=\mathbf{0}.$$

Thus, it follows that

$$F = \frac{y'(P_X - P_{X_0})y/\left[\operatorname{rank}(X) - \operatorname{rank}(X_0)\right]}{y'(I - P_X)y/\left[n - \operatorname{rank}(X)\right]}$$

$$\sim F_{\operatorname{rank}(X) - \operatorname{rank}(X_0), n - \operatorname{rank}(X)}\left(\frac{\beta'X'(P_X - P_{X_0})X\beta}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

If  $H_0$  is true, i.e. if  $E(y) = X\beta \in C(X_0)$ , then the noncentrality parameter is 0 because

$$(P_X - P_{X_0})X\beta = P_XX\beta - P_{X_0}X\beta$$
  
=  $X\beta - X\beta = 0$ .

In general, the noncentrality parameter quantifies how far the mean of y is from  $C(X_0)$  because

$$\beta' X' (P_X - P_{X_0}) X \beta$$

$$= \beta' X' (P_X - P_{X_0})' (P_X - P_{X_0}) X \beta$$

$$= || (P_X - P_{X_0}) X \beta ||^2 = || P_X X \beta - P_{X_0} X \beta ||^2$$

$$= || X \beta - P_{X_0} X \beta ||^2 = || E(y) - P_{X_0} E(y) ||^2.$$

#### Note that

$$y'(P_X - P_{X_0})y = y'[(I - P_{X_0}) - (I - P_X)]y$$
  
 $= y'(I - P_{X_0})y - y'(I - P_X)y$   
 $= SSE_{REDUCED} - SSE_{FULL}.$ 

Also  $rank(X) - rank(X_0)$ 

$$= [n - \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X}_0)] - [n - \operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{X})]$$

$$= DFE_{REDUCED} - DFE_{FULL},$$

where DFE = Degrees of Freedom for Error.

## Thus, the *F* statistic has the familiar form

$$\frac{(SSE_{\text{REDUCED}} - SSE_{\text{FULL}})/(DFE_{\text{REDUCED}} - DFE_{\text{FULL}})}{SSE_{\text{FULL}}/DFE_{\text{FULL}}}.$$

# Equivalence of *F* Tests

It turns out that this reduced vs. full model F test is equivalent to the F test for testing

$$H_0: C\beta = d$$
 vs.  $H_A: C\beta \neq d$ 

with an appropriately chosen C and d.

The equivalence of these tests is proved in STAT 611.

# Example: F Test for Lack of Linear Fit

Suppose a balanced, completely randomized design is used to assign 1, 2, or 3 units of fertilizer to a total of 9 plots of land.

The yield harvested from each plot is recorded as the response.

Let  $y_{ij}$  denote the yield from the *j*th plot that received *i* units of fertilizer (i, j = 1, 2, 3).

Suppose all yields are independent and  $y_{ij} \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  for all i, j = 1, 2, 3.

If 
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} \\ y_{12} \\ y_{13} \\ y_{21} \\ y_{22} \\ y_{23} \\ y_{31} \\ y_{32} \\ y_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
, then  $E(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Suppose we wish to determine whether there is a linear relationship between the amount of fertilizer applied to a plot and the expected value of a plot's yield.

In other words, suppose we wish to know if there exists real numbers  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  such that

$$\mu_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2(i)$$
 for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Consider testing  $H_0: E(y) \in \mathcal{C}(X_0)$  vs.  $H_A: E(y) \in \mathcal{C}(X) \setminus \mathcal{C}(X_0)$ , where

Note  $H_0: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0) \iff \exists \ \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \ni E(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{X}_0 \boldsymbol{\beta}$ 

$$\iff \exists \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \ni \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 + \beta_2(1) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(1) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(2) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(2) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(2) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(3) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(3) \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2(3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\iff \mu_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2(i) \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Note  $E(y) \in C(X) \iff \exists \beta \in \mathbb{R}^3 \ni E(y) = X\beta$ 

$$\iff \exists \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \ni \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This condition clearly holds with  $\beta_i = \mu_i$  for all i = 1, 2, 3.

## The alternative hypothesis

$$H_A: E(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) \setminus \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_0)$$

is equivalent to

 $H_A$ : There do not exist  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mu_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2(i) \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Because the lack of fit test is a reduced vs. full model F test, we can also obtain this test by testing

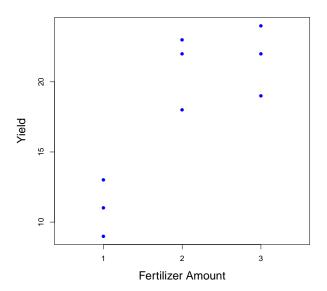
$$H_0: C\beta = d$$
 vs.  $H_A: C\beta \neq d$ 

for appropriate C and d.

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{C} = ? \qquad \boldsymbol{d} = ?$$

# R Code and Output

```
> x = rep(1:3, each=3)
> x
[1] 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3
>
> v=c(11,13,9,18,22,23,19,24,22)
>
> plot (x, y, pch=16, col=4, xlim=c(.5, 3.5),
       xlab="Fertilizer Amount",
+
       vlab="Yield", axes=F, cex.lab=1.5)
> axis(1, labels=1:3, at=1:3)
> axis(2)
> box()
```



```
> X0=model.matrix(~x)
> X0
  (Intercept) x
```

```
> X=model.matrix(~0+factor(x))
> X
  factor(x) 1 factor(x) 2 factor(x) 3
```

```
> proj=function(x) {
+     x***ginv(t(x)***x)***t(x)
+ }
> 
> library(MASS)
> PX0=proj(X0)
> PX=proj(X)
```

[1,] 0.03348515

```
> reduced=lm(y~x)
> full=lm(y^0+factor(x))
>
 rvsf=function(reduced, full)
+
+
    sser=deviance (reduced)
    ssef=deviance(full)
+
+
    dfer=reduced$df
+
    dfef=full$df
    dfn=dfer-dfef
+
    Fstat=(sser-ssef)/dfn/
+
+
           (ssef/dfef)
+
    pvalue=1-pf(Fstat,dfn,dfef)
+
    list (Fstat=Fstat, dfn=dfn, dfd=dfef,
         pvalue=pvalue)
+
```

```
> rvsf(reduced, full)
$Fstat
[1] 7.538462
$dfn
[1] 1
$dfd
[1] 6
$pvalue
[1] 0.03348515
```

```
> test=function(lmout, C, d=0) {
+
    b=coef(lmout)
    V=vcov(lmout)
+
+
    dfn=nrow(C)
+
    dfd=lmout$df
+ Cb.d=C%*%b-d
    Fstat=drop(
+
        t (Cb.d) % * % solve (C% * % V% * % t (C)) % * % Cb.d/dfn)
    pvalue=1-pf(Fstat, dfn, dfd)
+
    list (Fstat=Fstat, pvalue=pvalue)
+
+ }
> test(full, matrix(c(1,-2,1), nrow=1))
$Fstat
[1] 7.538462
$pvalue
[1] 0.03348515
```

# SAS Code and Output

```
data d;
  input x y;
  cards;
1 11
1 13
1 9
2 18
2 22
2 23
3 19
3 24
3 22
run;
```

```
proc glm;
  class x;
  model y=x;
  contrast 'Lack of Linear Fit' x 1 -2 1;
run;
```

The SAS System

The GLM Procedure

Dependent Variable: y

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F		
		-	_				
Model	2	214.2222222	107.1111111	18.54	0.0027		
Error	6	34.6666667	5.7777778				
Corrected Total	8	248.8888889					
R-Square Coeff	Var Root	MSE y	Mean				
0.860714 13.4	13684 2.40	2.403701 17.88889					
Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F		
х	2	214.2222222	107.1111111	18.54	0.0027		
Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F		
x	2	214.2222222	107.1111111	18.54	0.0027		

Contrast	DF	Contrast SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Lack of Linear Fit	. 1	43.5555556	43.5555556	7.54	0.0335