Notes 7: Polynomials and Interactions

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Polynomial Function: Definition

Reminder: a polynomial function has the form

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_n x^n$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^n a_j x^j$$

where $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$ are the coefficients and x is the indeterminate (variable).

Note: x^{j} is the j-th order polynomial term

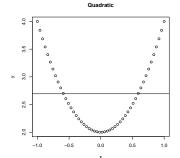
- x is first order term, x^2 is second order term, etc.
- The degree of a polynomial is the highest order term

Polynomial Function: Simple Regression

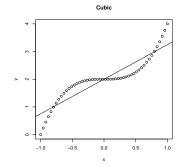
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> x = seq(-1, 1, 1=50)
```

$$> y=2+2*(x^2)$$

- > plot(x,y,main="Quadratic")
- > qmod=lm(y~x)
- > abline(qmod)



- > x = seq(-1, 1, 1 = 50)
- $> v=2+2*(x^3)$
- > plot(x,y,main="Cubic")
- > cmod=lm($y \sim x$)
- > abline(cmod)



Model Form (scalar)

The polynomial regression model has the form

$$y_i = b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} b_j x_i^j + e_i$$

for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ where

- $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the real-valued response for the *i*-th observation
- $b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression intercept
- $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression slope for the j-th degree polynomial
- $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the predictor for the *i*-th observation
- $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ is Gaussian measurement error

Model Form (matrix)

The polynomial regression model has the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^p \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^p \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 & \cdots & x_3^p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that this is still a linear model, even though we have polynomial terms in the design matrix.

The fundamental assumptions of the PR model are:

- Relationship between x and y is polynomial
- 2 x_i and y_i are observed random variables (constants)
- $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ is an unobserved random variable
- b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_p are unknown constants
- note: homogeneity of variance

Note: focus is estimation of the polynomial curve.

PR Model: Assumptions (matrix)

In matrix terms, the error vector is multivariate normal:

$$\mathbf{e} \sim \mathrm{N}(\mathbf{0}_n, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

In matrix terms, the response vector is multivariate normal given **X**:

$$(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) \sim N(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

Polynomial Regression: Properties

Some important properties of the PR model include:

- Need n > p to fit the polynomial regression model
- ② Setting p = 1 produces simple linear regression
- **3** Setting p = 2 is quadratic polynomial regression
- 4 Setting p = 3 is cubic polynomial regression
- **1** Rarely set p > 3; use cubic spline instead

Polynomial Regression: OLS Estimation

The ordinary least squares (OLS) problem is

$$\min_{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}\|^2$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Frobenius norm.

The OLS solution has the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$$

which is the same formula from SLR and MLR!

Fitted Values and Residuals

SCALAR FORM:

Fitted values are given by

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{b}_j x_i^j$$

and residuals are given by

$$\hat{e}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

MATRIX FORM:

Fitted values are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$$

and residuals are given by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{e}} = \boldsymbol{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = (\boldsymbol{I}_n - \boldsymbol{H})\boldsymbol{y}$$

Estimated Error Variance (Mean Squared Error)

The estimated error variance is

$$\hat{\sigma}^{2} = SSE/(n-p-1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}/(n-p-1)$$

$$= ||(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}||^{2}/(n-p-1)$$

which is an unbiased estimate of error variance σ^2 .

The estimate $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is the *mean squared error (MSE)* of the model.

Distribution of Estimator, Fitted Values, and Residuals

Just like in SLR and MLR, the PR assumptions imply that

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{b}} \sim \mathrm{N}(\boldsymbol{b}, \sigma^2 (\boldsymbol{\mathsf{X}}' \boldsymbol{\mathsf{X}})^{-1})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \sim N(\mathbf{Xb}, \sigma^2\mathbf{H})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H}))$$

Typically σ^2 is unknown, so we use the MSE $\hat{\sigma}^2$ in practice.

Multicollinearity: Problem

Note that x_i , x_i^2 , x_i^3 , etc. can be highly correlated with one another, which introduces multicollinearity problem.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x = runif(100) *2
> X = cbind(x, xsq=x^2, xcu=x^3)
> cor(X)
            x xsq
                              XC11
   1.0000000 0.9703084 0.9210726
xsq 0.9703084 1.0000000 0.9866033
xcu 0.9210726 0.9866033 1.0000000
```

Multicollinearity: Partial Solution

You could mean-center the x_i terms to reduce multicollinearity.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x=runif(100)*2
> x=x-mean(x)
 X=cbind(x,xsq=x^2,xcu=x^3)
> cor(X)
            X XSQ
                           xcu
   1.00000000 0.03854803 0.91479660
X
xsq 0.03854803 1.00000000 0.04400704
xcu 0.91479660 0.04400704 1.00000000
```

But this doesn't fully solve our problem...

Orthogonal Polynomials: Definition

To deal with multicollinearity, define the set of variables

$$z_0 = a_0$$

 $z_1 = a_1 + b_1 x$
 $z_2 = a_2 + b_2 x + c_2 x^2$
 $z_3 = a_3 + b_3 x + c_3 x^2 + d_3 x^3$

where the coefficients are chosen so that $z_i'z_k = 0$ for all $j \neq k$.

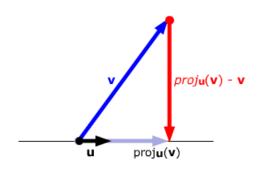
The transformed z_i variables are called *orthogonal polynomials*.

Orthogonal Polynomials: Orthogonal Projection

The orthogonal projection of a vector $\mathbf{v} = \{v_i\}_{n \times 1}$ on to the line spanned by the vector $\mathbf{u} = \{u_i\}_{n \times 1}$ is

$$\mathsf{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \mathbf{u}$$

where $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{y}$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{u}$ denote the inner products.



http://thejuniverse.org/PUBLIC/LinearAlgebra/LOLA/dotProd/proj.html

Orthogonal Polynomials: Gram-Schmidt

Can use the Gram-Schmidt process to form orthogonal polynomials.

Start with a linearly independent design matrix $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4]$ where $\mathbf{x}_j = (x_1^j, \dots, x_n^j)'$ is the *j*-th order polynomial vector.

Gram-Schmidt algorithm to form columnwise orthogonal matrix ${\bf Z}$ that spans the same column space as ${\bf X}$:

$$\begin{split} &\textbf{z}_0 = \textbf{x}_0 \\ &\textbf{z}_1 = \textbf{x}_1 - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_0}(\textbf{x}_1) \\ &\textbf{z}_2 = \textbf{x}_2 - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_0}(\textbf{x}_2) - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_1}(\textbf{x}_2) \\ &\textbf{z}_3 = \textbf{x}_3 - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_0}(\textbf{x}_3) - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_1}(\textbf{x}_3) - \mathsf{proj}_{\textbf{z}_2}(\textbf{x}_3) \end{split}$$

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions

Simple R function to orthogonalize an input matrix:

```
orthog<-function(X, normalize=FALSE) {
  np=dim(X)
  Z=matrix(0, np[1], np[2])
  Z[,1]=X[,1]
  for(k in 2:np[2]) {
    Z[,k]=X[,k]
    for (j in 1: (k-1)) {
      Z[,k]=Z[,k]-Z[,j]*sum(Z[,k]*Z[,j])/sum(Z[,j]^2)
  if (normalize) \{Z=Z**diag(colSums(Z^2)^-0.5)\}
  7.
```

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions (continued)

```
> set.seed(123)
> X=cbind(1, runif(10), runif(10))
> crossprod(X)
         [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,1 10.000000 5.782475 5.233693
[2,] 5.782475 4.125547 2.337238
[3.1 5.233693 2.337238 3.809269
> Z=orthog(X)
> crossprod(Z)
             [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1.000000e+01 -4.440892e-16 -4.440892e-16
[2,] -4.440892e-16 7.818448e-01 -1.387779e-17
[3,] -4.440892e-16 -1.387779e-17 4.627017e-01
> Z=orthog(X,norm=TRUE)
> crossprod(Z)
             [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1.000000e+00 -1.942890e-16 -2.220446e-16
[2,] -1.942890e-16 1.000000e+00 1.387779e-17
[3,] -2.220446e-16 1.387779e-17 1.000000e+00
```

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions (continued)

Can also use the default poly function in R.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x=runif(10)
> X = cbind(1, x, xsq=x^2, xcu=x^3)
> Z=orthog(X,norm=TRUE)
> z=poly(x,degree=3)
> Z[,2:4]=Z[,2:4]%*%diag(colSums(z^2)^0.5)
> Z[1:3,1]
          [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1, ] 0.3162278 -0.3287304 -0.07537277 0.5363745
[2,] 0.3162278 0.2375627 -0.06651752 -0.5097714
[3,] 0.3162278 -0.1914349 -0.26206273 0.2473705
> cbind(Z[1:3,1],z[1:3,1)
[1, ] 0.3162278 -0.3287304 -0.07537277 0.5363745
[2,] 0.3162278 0.2375627 -0.06651752 -0.5097714
[3,1] 0.3162278 -0.1914349 -0.26206273 0.2473705
```

Real Polynomial Data

Auto-MPG data from the UCI Machine Learning repository: http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Auto+MPG

Have variables collected from n = 398 cars from years 1970–1982.

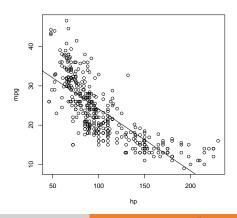
```
miles per gallon
     pqm
           numer of cylinders
cylinder
          displacement
    disp
           horsepower
      hp
           weight
  weight
   acceleration
           model year
    year
           origin
  origin
           make and model
    name
```

Best Linear Relationship

Best linear relationship predicting mpg from hp.

```
> plot(hp,mpg)
```

- > linmod=lm(mpg~hp)
- > abline(linmod)



Best Quadratic Relationship

Best quadratic relationship predicting mpg from hp.

```
quadmod=lm(mpq\sim hp+I(hp^2))
hpseq=seq (50, 250, by=5)
Xmat=cbind(1, hpseq, hpseq^2)
hphat=Xmat%*%quadmod$coef a -
plot (hp, mpg)
lines (hpseq, hphat)
                              20
                              9
```

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Best Cubic Relationship

Check for possible cubic relationship:

```
> \text{cubmod=lm}(\text{mpg}\sim\text{hp+I}(\text{hp}^2)+\text{I}(\text{hp}^3))
> summary (cubmod)
                                                      Max
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
             -5.689e-01 1.179e-01 -4.824 2.03e-06 ***
```

Orthogonal versus Raw Polynomials

Compare orthogonal and raw polynomials:

```
> quadomod=lm(mpg~poly(hp,degree=2))
> summary(guadomod)$coef
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                      23.44592 0.2209163 106.13030 2.752212e-289
poly(hp, degree = 2)1 -120.13774 4.3739206 -27.46683 4.169400e-93
poly(hp, degree = 2)2 44.08953 4.3739206 10.08009 2.196340e-21
> summary(guadmod)$coef
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 56.900099702 1.8004268063 31.60367 1.740911e-109
    -0.466189630 0.0311246171 -14.97816 2.289429e-40
I(hp^2) 0.001230536 0.0001220759 10.08009 2.196340e-21
```

Orthogonal Polynomials from Scratch

We can reproduce the same significance test results using orthog:

> widx=which(is.na(hp)==FALSE)

Interaction Term: Definition

MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + e_i$$

where

- $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the real-valued response for the *i*-th observation
- $b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression intercept
- $b_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the first predictor's main effect slope
- $b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the second predictor's main effect slope
- $b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the interaction effect slope
- $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ is Gaussian measurement error

Interaction Term: Interpretation

An interaction between X_1 and X_2 means that the relationship between X_1 and Y differs depending on the value of X_2 (and vice versa).

Pro: model is more flexible (i.e., we've added a parameter)

Con: model is (sometimes) more difficult to interpret.

Nominal Variables

Suppose that $X \in \{x_1, \dots, x_g\}$ is a nominal variable with g levels.

- Nominal variables are also called categorical variables
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Example: sex} \in \{\mathsf{female}, \mathsf{male}\} \ \mathsf{has} \ \mathsf{two} \ \mathsf{levels}$
- \bullet Example: drug $\in \{A,B,C\}$ has three levels

To code a nominal variable (with g levels) in a regression model, we need to include g-1 different variables in the model.

- Use "dummy" coding to absorb g-th level into intercept
- $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in } j\text{-th level} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ for $j \in \{1, \dots, g-1\}$

Nominal Interaction with Two Levels

Revisit the MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + e_i$$

and suppose that $x_{i2} \in \{0, 1\}$ is a nominal predictor.

In this case, the model terms can be interpreted as:

- b_0 is expected value of Y when $x_{i1} = x_{i2} = 0$
- b_1 is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i1} for observations with $x_{i2} = 0$
- b_2 is expected change in Y corresponding to $x_{i2} = 1$ level
- $(b_1 + b_3)$ is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i1} for observations with $x_{i2} = 1$

Real Estate Data Description

Using house price data from Kutner, Nachtsheim, Neter, and Li (2005).

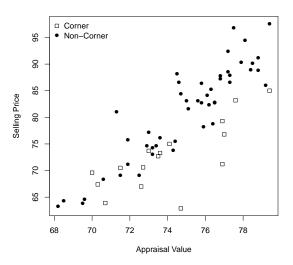
Have three variables in the data set:

- price: price house sells for (thousands of dollars)
- value: house value before selling (thousands of dollars)
- corner: indicator variable (=1 if house is on corner of block)

Total of n = 64 independent observations (16 corners).

Want to predict selling price from appraisal value, and determine if the relationship depends on the corner status of the house.

Real Estate Data Visualization



Real Estate Data Visualization (R Code)

```
> house=read.table("/Users/Nate/Desktop/houseprice.txt",header=TRUE)
> house[1:3,]
 price value corner
1 78.8 76.4
2 73.8 74.3
3 64.6 69.6
4 76.2 73.6
5 87.2 76.8
6 70.6 72.7
7 86.0 79.2
8 83.1 75.6
> plot(house$value,house$price,pch=ifelse(house$corner==1,0,16),
      xlab="Appraisal Value", vlab="Selling Price")
 legend("topleft",c("Corner","Non-Corner"),pch=c(0,16),bty="n")
```

Real Estate Regression: Fit Model

Fit model with interaction between value and corner

hmod=lm(price~value*corner,data=house)

```
hmod
Call:
lm(formula = price ~ value * corner, data = house)
Coefficients:
                    value
                                 corner value:corner
 (Intercept)
   -126.905
                    2.776
                                 76.022 -1.107
```

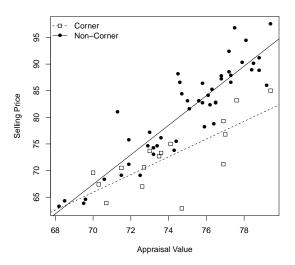
Real Estate Regression: Significance of Terms

> summary(hmod)

```
lm(formula = price ~ value * corner, data = house)
    Min 10 Median 30 Max
-10.8470 -2.1639 0.0913 1.9348 9.9836
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -126.9052 14.7225 -8.620 4.33e-12 ***
value 2.7759 0.1963 14.142 < 2e-16 ***
corner 76.0215 30.1314 2.523 0.01430 *
value:corner -1.1075 0.4055 -2.731 0.00828 **
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
Residual standard error: 3.893 on 60 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.8233, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8145
F-statistic: 93.21 on 3 and 60 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

- $\hat{b}_0 = -126.90$ is expected selling price (in thousands of dollars) for non-corner houses that were valued at \$0.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 = -126.90 + 76.022 = -50.878$ is expected selling price (in thousands of dollars) for corner houses that were valued at \$0.
- $\hat{b}_1 = 2.776$ is the expected increase in selling price (in thousands of dollars) corresponding to a 1-unit (\$1,000) increase in appraisal value for non-corner houses
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3 = 2.775 1.107 = 1.668$ is the expected increase in selling price (in thousands of dollars) corresponding to a 1-unit (\$1,000) increase in appraisal value for corner houses

Real Estate Regression: Plotting Results



Real Estate Regression: Plotting Results (R Code)

```
> plot(house$value,house$price,pch=ifelse(house$corner==1,0,16),
       xlab="Appraisal Value", ylab="Selling Price")
 abline(hmod$coef[1],hmod$coef[2])
 abline(hmod$coef[1]+hmod$coef[3],hmod$coef[2]+hmod$coef[4],ltv=2)
 legend("topleft",c("Corner","Non-Corner"),lty=2:1,pch=c(0,16),bty="n")
```

Note that if you input the (appropriate) coefficients, you can still use the abline function to draw the regression lines.

Depression Data Description

Using depression data from Daniel (1999) *Biostatistics: A Foundation for Analysis in the Health Sciences.*

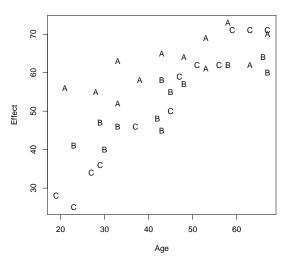
Total of n = 36 subjects subjects participated in a depression study.

Have three variables in the data set:

- effect: effectiveness of depression treatment (high=effective)
- age: age of the participant (in years)
- method: method of treatment (3 levels: A, B, C)

Predict effectiveness from participant's age and treatment method.

Depression Data Visualization



Depression Data Visualization (R Code)

- > plot(depression\$age,depression\$effect,xlab="Age",ylab="Effect",type="n")
- > text(depression\$age,depression\$effect,depression\$method)

Depression Regression: Fit Model

Fit model with interaction between age and method

```
dmod=lm(effect~age*method, data=depression)
> dmod$coef
(Intercept) age methodB methodC age:methodB age:methodC
47.5155913 0.3305073 -18.5973852 -41.3042101 0.1931769 0.7028836
```

Note that R creates two indicator variables for method:

- $x_{iB} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in treatment method B} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $x_{iC} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in treatment method C} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Depression Regression: Significance of Terms

```
Call:
lm(formula = effect ~ age * method, data = depression)
   Min 10 Median 30 Max
-6.4366 -2.7637 0.1887 2.9075 6.5634
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 47.51559 3.82523 12.422 2.34e-13 ***
   0.33051 0.08149 4.056 0.000328 ***
methodB -18.59739 5.41573 -3.434 0.001759 **
methodC -41.30421 5.08453 -8.124 4.56e-09 ***
age:methodB 0.19318 0.11660 1.657 0.108001
age:methodC 0.70288 0.10896 6.451 3.98e-07 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
Residual standard error: 3.925 on 30 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9143, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9001
F-statistic: 64.04 on 5 and 30 DF, p-value: 4.264e-15
```

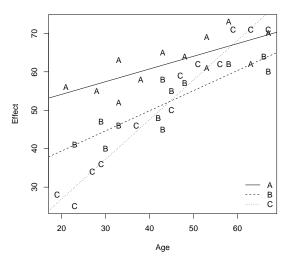
> summary(dmod)

Depression Regression: Interpreting Results

```
> dmod$coef
                  age methodB methodC age:methodB age:methodC
47.5155913 0.3305073 -18.5973852 -41.3042101 0.1931769 0.7028836
```

- $\hat{b}_0 = 47.516$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method A who are 0 y/o.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 = 47.516 18.598 = 28.918$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method B who are 0 years old.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_3 = 47.516 41.304 = 6.212$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method C who are 0 years old.
- $\hat{b}_1 = 0.331$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method A
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_4 = 0.331 + 0.193 = 0.524$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method B
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_5 = 0.331 + 0.703 = 1.033$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method C

Depression Regression: Plotting Results



Depression Regression: Plotting Results

> legend("bottomright",c("A","B","C"),lty=1:3,bty="n")

```
> plot(depression$age,depression$effect,xlab="Age",ylab="Effect",type="n")
> text(depression$age,depression$effect,depression$method)
> abline(dmod$coef[1],dmod$coef[2])
> abline(dmod$coef[1]+dmod$coef[3],dmod$coef[2]+dmod$coef[5],lty=2)
> abline(dmod$coef[1]+dmod$coef[4],dmod$coef[2]+dmod$coef[6],lty=3)
```

Interactions between Continuous Variables

Revisit the MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

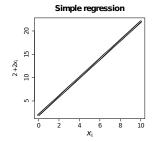
$$y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + e_i$$

and suppose that $x_{i1}, x_{i2} \in \mathbb{R}$ are both continuous predictors.

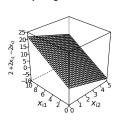
In this case, we model terms can be interpreted as:

- b_0 is expected value of Y when $x_{i1} = x_{i2} = 0$
- $b_1 + b_3 x_{i2}$ is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i1} holding x_{i2} fixed (i.e., conditioning on x_{i2})
- $b_2 + b_3 x_{i1}$ is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i2} holding x_{i1} fixed (i.e., conditioning on x_{i1})

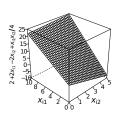
Visualizing Continuous*Continuous Interactions



Multiple regression (additive)



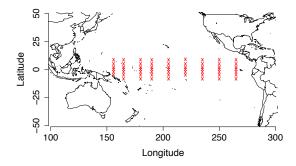
Multiple regression (interaction)



Oceanography Data Description

Data from UCI Machine Learning: http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/

- Data originally from TAO project: http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/tao/
- Note that I have preprocessed the data a bit before analysis.



Oceanography Data Description (continued)

Buoys collect lots of different data:

```
> elnino[1:4.]
     obs year month day date latitude longitude zon.winds mer.winds humidity air.temp ss.temp
4297 4297
                    1 940101
                               -0.01
                                        250.01
                                                   -4.3
                                                                           23.21
                                                             2.6
                                                                    89.9
4298 4298
                    2 940102
                               -0.01
                                        250.01
                                                -4.1
                                                                           23.16
                                                                                   23.45
4299 4299 94
                  3 940103
                               -0.01 250.01
                                                             1.6
                                                                    87.7
                                                                           23.14
                                                                                   23.71
4300 4300
                     4 940104
                             0.00 250.00
                                                -3
                                                             2.9
                                                                    85.8
                                                                           23.39
                                                                                   24.29
```

We will focus on predicting the sea surface temperatures (ss.temp) from the latitude and longitude locations of the buoys.

Oceanography Regression: Fit Additive Model

Fit additive model of latitude and longitude

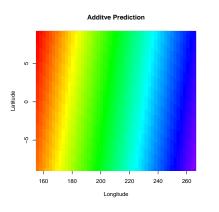
```
> eladd=lm(ss.temp~latitude+longitude,data=elnino)
> summary(eladd)
   Min
(Intercept) 35.2636388 0.0305722 1153.45 <2e-16 ***
latitude 0.0257867 0.0010006 25.77 <2e-16 ***
```

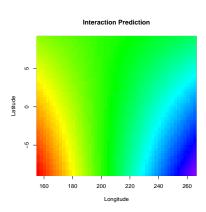
Oceanography Regression: Fit Interaction Model

Fit model with interaction between latitude and longitude

```
> elint=lm(ss.temp~latitude*longitude,data=elnino)
> summary(elint)
   Min
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                  -3.638e-02 1.377e-04 -264.22 <2e-16 ***
```

Oceanography Regression: Visualize Results





Oceanography Regression: Visualize (R Code)

> newdata=expand.grid(longitude=seg(min(elnino\$longitude), max(elnino\$longitude), l=50),

Oceanography Regression: Smoothing Spline Solution

