

Computational Statistics II

Assignment 1: Bootstrap for linear regression

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The R dataset `BostonHousing` (accessible through the library `mlbench`) contains housing data for 506 census tracts of Boston from the 1970 census. You can access the data as follows:

```
library(mlbench)
data(BostonHousing)
head(BostonHousing)
help(BostonHousing)
```

We are interested in exploring the relationship between a set of variables and the house median value (`medv`) as outcome, using the Bootstrap for inference on the regression model. In the whole assignment except point 4, use either the bootstrapping of pairs or of residuals (at your choice).

1. Give a theoretical description of the Bootstrap for regression, specifying the model and assumptions. Describe the two methods of bootstrapping residuals and pairs, underlying their differences (max. 1 page).
2. Fit a linear model on the entire dataset, using the variable `medv` as outcome. Give an estimate of the standard error or each estimated coefficient using Bootstrap.
3. Compute the classical t-distribution confidence intervals, and the Bootstrap-t intervals for all model coefficients.
4. Now focus on the covariate `rm` only. For such covariate, compute the Bootstrap-t confidence intervals based on both bootstrapping of residuals and pairs. Comment on the differences between the obtained intervals (if any).
5. **Bonus.** Perform a test on the effect of the variable `rm` based on Bootstrapping the residuals of the null model. Compute the p -value of the test, and compare it with the classical t -test p -value. Comment on the result.