

# Regression Models Course Project

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## Summary

In this paper we will look at the data set of a collection of cars that is built in R (`mtcars`) and explore the relationship between a set of variables and miles per gallon (MPG). We will find if automatic (A/T) or manual (M/T) transmission is better for MPG and how much better (higher MPG is better).

## Exploratory data analysis

The dimensions of `mtcars` are 32, 11 we have 32 different cars and 11 variables. Description of variables is available by `?mtcars`. The mean MPG for A/T is 17.15 and for M/T is 24.39. Looks like M/T is better for MPG, but there are other variables that could affect MPG and thus adjust the transmission effect.

## Relationship between variables and MPG. Model selection.

The simplest regression model would be just take in account transmission factor variable (`am`): `lm(mpg ~ am, mtcars)` which yields us the intercept coefficients for M/T and A/T. They are just the mean values from previous paragraph. This model is like two horizontal parallel lines at their intercepts with the difference `lm(mpg ~ am, mtcars)$coef[2] = 24.39 - 17.15 = 7.24`.

The correlation coefficients between MPG and other variables are: `cyl: -0.85, disp: -0.85, hp: -0.78, drat: 0.68, wt: -0.87, qsec: 0.42, vs: 0.66, am: 0.6, gear: 0.48, carb: -0.55`

Clearly transmission type has some correlation with MPG, but there are `##` Is an automatic or manual transmission is better for MPG