



Tutorial 3: Linear Regression

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Agenda

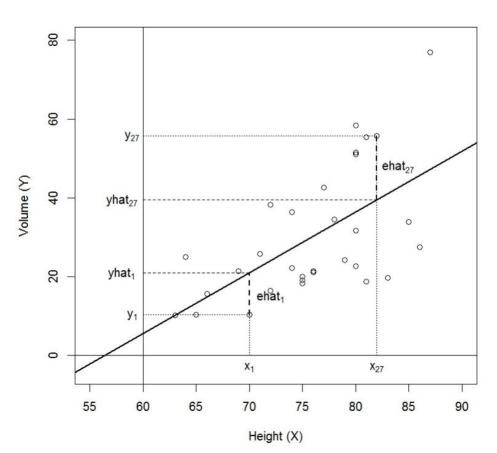
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Simple Linear Regression

• Fitting a linear function through the data: $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$



- X: predictor variable
- Y: response variable
- Residual e_i is the difference between the observed y_i and predicted \hat{y}_i :

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

= $y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)$





Finding the estimators

- Squared error of a point (residual): $e_i^2 = (y_i (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i))^2$
- Residual Sum Squares: RSS = $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)\right)^2$

$$\min_{\widehat{\beta}_0,\widehat{\beta}_1} \left\{ RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \widehat{\beta}_0 - \widehat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \right\}$$

... (set partial derivatives equal to zero)

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{1} = \frac{Cov(x,y)}{Var(x)} = \frac{\sum_{i}^{n}(x_{i}-\bar{x})(y_{i}-\bar{y})}{\sum_{i}^{n}(x_{i}-\bar{x})^{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}^{n}x_{i}y_{i}-\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}^{n}x_{i}^{2}-\bar{x}^{2}} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$





Interpreting the estimators of a simple linear regression model

• $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0$:

The output of the linear regression model when the predictor variable (x_i) is set to 0. Also called the intercept on y.

• $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1$:

The change in \hat{y}_i , for each unit increase in x_i . Also called the slope on y.

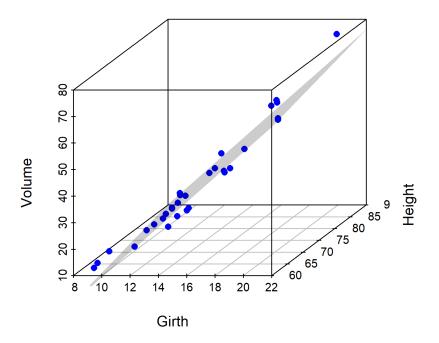
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Multiple Linear Regression

• Fitting a linear function through the data: $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\beta}_j x_{ij} \iff y = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon$



- X: predictor variables
- Y: response variable
- Residual e_i is the difference between the observed y_i and predicted \hat{y}_i :

$$e = y - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}$$





Finding the estimators

- Squared error of a point (residual): $e_i^2 = \left(y_i (\hat{\beta}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\beta}_j x_{ij})\right)^2$
- Residual Sum Squares: $RSS = e^T e = (y \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T (y \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})$

$$\min_{\widehat{\beta}} \left\{ RSS = (y - \mathbf{X}\widehat{\beta})^T (y - \mathbf{X}\widehat{\beta}) \right\}$$

... (take derivative and use FOC and SOC)

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \widehat{\beta} = \left(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$





Interpreting the estimators of a multiple linear regression model

• $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0$:

The output of the linear regression model when all predictor variables (x_{ij}) are set to 0. Also called the intercept on y.

• $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{j}$:

The change in y_i , for each unit increase in x_{ij} , while keeping the other predictor variables constant. Also called the partial slope on y.

Note: If the variables are transformed, they have to be interpreted differently!





Testing the significance of regression coefficients

- Follow "test manual" from Tutorial 2 to do the Hypothesis testing
- The test statistic is calculated as follows:

$$t_0 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{SE(\hat{\beta}_1)} \sim t_{n-2}$$

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\frac{RSS}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} * \frac{1}{n-2}}$$





When to reject H₀?

H_1	using p-value	using test statistic	
$\hat{\beta}_j \neq 0$	p < α	$ t_0 \ge \left t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2};df}^c \right $	
$\hat{\beta}_j > 0$	p < α	$t_0 \ge t_{1-\alpha;df}^c$	
$\hat{\beta}_j < 0$	p < α	$t_0 \le t_{\alpha;df}^c$	





Evaluation of model

Measure the difference between true observations and the regression line

• Residual Sum of Squares (RSS): $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)\right)^2$

Mean Squared Error (MSE):

$$MSE = \frac{RSS}{n}$$

Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):

RMSE =
$$\sqrt{MSE}$$

Coefficient of Determination (R²):

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}$$





Exemplary R Output

```
> myModel = lm(trees$Volume ~ trees$Girth + trees$Height)
> summary(myModel)
call:
lm(formula = trees$Volume ~ trees$Girth + trees$Height)
Residuals:
            10 Median
   Min
                           3Q
-6.4065 -2.6493 -0.2876 2.2003 8.4847
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -57.9877 8.6382 -6.713 2.75e-07 ***
trees$Girth
            4.7082
                        0.2643 17.816 < 2e-16 ***
trees$Height 0.3393
                        0.1302 2.607 0.0145 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 3.882 on 28 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.948, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9442
F-statistic: 255 on 2 and 28 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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Gauss-Markov Theorem

Property	What does it mean?	Why do we need that?	How can we test that?
Linearity	Regression linear in the coefficients β	Core assumption of linear regression	Do not transform β , only the covariates
No Multicollinearity	 rank(X) = p No high correlation between covariates 	Impossible to estimate coefficientsNon-significant coefficients	Variance Inflation Factor
Homoskedasticity	$Var(\varepsilon_i \mathbf{X}) = \sigma^2 \ \forall i$	Some observations have more "weight"Biased standard errors	White TestBreusch-Pagan Test
No Autocorrelation	$Cov(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0 \ \forall i, j$	Omitted variablesFunctional misfitMeasurement errors	Durbin-Watson Statistic
Exogeneity	$\mathrm{E}(\varepsilon_i \mathbf{X})=0 \ \forall i$	Omitted variablesMeasurement errors	Instrument Variables

Under these assumptions, the OLS estimator is BLUE





Panel regression

Fixed Effects Model:

$$y_{it} = (\beta_0 + \lambda_i) + \beta_1 x_{1it} + \beta_2 x_{2it} + ... + \beta_p x_{pit} + \varepsilon_{it}$$

Random Effects Model:

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1it} + \beta_2 x_{2it} + \dots + \beta_p x_{pit} + \lambda_i + u_{it}$$

Lagrange Multiplier Test: Test of individual effects for panel models

H₀: No individual effects

Hausman Test: Test of fixed effects vs. random effects

H₀: Random effects estimator is consistent and efficient





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