

2.2 Analysis of Variance in MLR

2.2.1 Sum of Squares and Mean Squares

The Sum of Squares for the analysis of variance in matrix terms are:

$$\begin{aligned} TSS &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J} \right) \mathbf{y} \\ RSS &= \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{y} \\ FSS &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T \left(\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J} \right) \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{J} is an $n \times n$ matrix of $\mathbf{1}$ s, and \mathbf{H} is the hat matrix defined above.

TSS has $n - 1$ degrees of freedom associated with it. RSS has $n - p$ degrees of freedom associated since p parameters need to be estimated in the regression function model. Finally, FSS has $p - 1$ degrees of freedom associated with it, representing the number of variables x_2, \dots, x_p .

The corresponding *Mean Squares* compute as usual by

$$MSR = \frac{FSS}{p - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad MSE = \frac{RSS}{n - p}$$

The expectation of MSE is σ^2 as for the simple linear regression. On the other hand, the expectation of MSR is σ^2 plus a nonnegative constant. Indeed, when $p - 1 = 2$, we have

$$\mathbf{E}(MSR) = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\beta_1^2 \sum (x_{i1} - \bar{x}_1)^2 + \beta_2^2 \sum (x_{i2} - \bar{x}_2)^2 \right) + 2\beta_1\beta_2 \sum (x_{i1} - \bar{x}_1)(x_{i2} - \bar{x}_2)$$

Observe that if both β_1 and β_2 are zero, then $\mathbb{E}(MSR) = \sigma^2$. Otherwise, $\mathbb{E}(MSR) > \sigma^2$.

ANOVA Table

Source	df	SS	MS
<i>Regression</i>	$p - 1$	FSS	$FSS/(p - 1)$
<i>Error</i>	$n - p$	RSS	$RSS/(n - p)$
<i>Total</i>	$n - 1$	TSS	

Birthweight Example

We can obtain the ANOVA table for the birthweight example in R as follows:

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anova(birthweight.mlr1)
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## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: Birthweight
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## Length      1  7.8991   7.8991  69.6588 4.431e-09 ***
## Headcirc     1  1.6594   1.6594  14.6335 0.0006698 ***
## Gestation    1  1.1052   1.1052   9.7461 0.0041461 **
## smoker       1  0.4458   0.4458   3.9313 0.0572841 .
## mage         1  0.0228   0.0228   0.2011 0.6572486
## mnocig       1  0.0224   0.0224   0.1979 0.6598472
## mheight      1  0.0407   0.0407   0.3593 0.5537302
## mppwt        1  0.1958   0.1958   1.7269 0.1994720
## fage         1  0.0849   0.0849   0.7487 0.3942539
## fedysr       1  0.0164   0.0164   0.1450 0.7062480
## fnocig       1  0.0079   0.0079   0.0696 0.7938981
## fheight      1  0.2135   0.2135   1.8826 0.1809274
## lowbwt       1  0.0632   0.0632   0.5571 0.4616406
## Residuals   28  3.1751   0.1134
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

FSS = sum(anova(birthweight.mlr1)[1:13,2])
FSS

## [1] 11.77715
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As you can see the output is slightly different than the table provided above. Indeed, R gives us a more detailed picture by computing a more detailed decomposition. To be more specific, instead of giving us FSS , we have the SS that corresponds to each variable in the model. This means that the FSS will be just the **sum** of all the SS values corresponding to predictors. Specifically here,

$$FSS = SS_{Length} + SS_{Headcirc} + \dots + SS_{lowbwt} = 11.77715$$

2.2.2 Goodness of Fit: Multiple R -Square

The coefficient of multiple determination, denoted by R^2 , is defined as follows:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}$$

It measures *the proportionate reduction of total variation in y associated with the use of the set of \mathbf{X} variables x_1, \dots, x_p* . The coefficient of multiple determination reduces to the coefficient of simple determination for SLR when $p - 1 = 1$.

Similarly to the SLR case, we have:

$$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1,$$

where R^2 is zero when all $\beta_k = 0$, and the value 1 when all y observations fall directly on the fitted regression surface, i.e. when $y_i = \hat{y}_i$.

Note that **adding more variables to the regression model can only increase R^2 and never reduce it**, because RSS can never become larger with more variables and TSS is always the same for a given set of responses.

Remark: A large value of R^2 does not necessarily mean that the fitted model is a useful one. For example, observations may have been taken at only a few levels of the predictor variables. Despite a high R^2 in this case, the fitted model may not be useful if most predictors require extrapolations outside the range of observations. And, again, even though R^2 is large, MSE may still be too large for inferences to be useful when high precision is required.