

The F-test (to check the goodness of linear models)

We have the model, $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$, $X_{n \times p}$ of rank $r \leq p$ and with $\epsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$. Suppose we want to test $H_0 : A\beta = c$, $A_{q \times p}$ of rank $q \leq r$, and c is given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSS} = \text{SSE} &= (Y - X\hat{\beta})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) = Y'(I - P)Y \\ \text{RSS}_{H_0} &= (Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}), \text{ where} \\ \hat{\beta}_{H_0} &= \hat{\beta} + (X'X)^{-}A'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}\{c - A\hat{\beta}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. Under the above mentioned assumptions, we have,

- (i) $\text{RSS} \sim \sigma^2 \chi_{n-r}^2$;
- (ii) $\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS} = (A\hat{\beta} - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\hat{\beta} - c)$;
- (iii) $E(\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS}) = q\sigma^2 + (A\beta - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\beta - c)$;
- (iv) under $H_0 : A\beta = c$,

$$F = \frac{(\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS})/q}{\text{RSS}/(n-r)} \sim F_{q, n-r};$$

- (v) when $c = 0$,

$$F = \left(\frac{n-r}{q} \right) \frac{Y'(P - P_{H_0})Y}{Y'(I_n - P)Y},$$

where P_{H_0} is symmetric idempotent and $P_{H_0}P = PP_{H_0} = P_{H_0}$.

Proof. (i) Already known.

(ii) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSS}_{H_0} &= (Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}) \\ &= (Y - X\hat{\beta} + X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta} + X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}) \\ &= (Y - X\hat{\beta})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) + (X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}) \\ &\quad + 2(X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= \text{RSS} + (\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{H_0})'X'X(\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{H_0}), \end{aligned}$$

since $(X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}) = (\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(X'Y - X'X\hat{\beta}) = 0$. Now from an earlier result, $(\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{H_0})'X'X(\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{H_0}) = (A\hat{\beta} - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\hat{\beta} - c)$.

(iii) $A\hat{\beta} = MX\hat{\beta} = MPY \sim N_q(A\beta, \sigma^2 A(X'X)^{-}A')$, so that $E(A\hat{\beta} - c) = A\beta - c$ and $\text{Cov}(A\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 A(X'X)^{-}A'$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS}) &= E\left\{(A\hat{\beta} - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\hat{\beta} - c)\right\} \\ &= (A\beta - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\beta - c) + \text{tr}\left\{\sigma^2 A(X'X)^{-}A'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}\right\} \\ &= q\sigma^2 + (A\beta - c)'(A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1}(A\beta - c), \end{aligned}$$

which is large if $A\beta$ is far from c .

(iv) Note that

$$\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS} = (A\hat{\beta} - c)' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} (A\hat{\beta} - c) \sim \sigma^2 \chi_q^2,$$

under H_0 since $A\hat{\beta} - c \sim N_q(A\beta - c, \sigma^2(A(X'X)^{-}A')) = N_q(0, \sigma^2 A(X'X)^{-}A')$. Also, $\text{RSS} \sim \sigma^2 \chi_{n-r}^2$ from (i). Further, RSS is independent of $X\hat{\beta} = PY$. Since $A\beta$ is estimable, $A = MX$, so that $A\hat{\beta} = MX\hat{\beta} = MPY$, which is independent of RSS .

(v) If $c = 0$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} X\hat{\beta}_{H_0} &= X \left\{ \hat{\beta} - (X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A\hat{\beta} \right\} \\ &= X \left\{ (X'X)^{-}X'Y - (X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X'Y \right\} \\ &= \left\{ X(X'X)^{-}X' - X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' \right\} Y \\ &= (P - P_1)Y = P_{H_0}Y. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, P_{H_0} is symmetric. Further, P_1 is symmetric, $P_1^2 = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X'X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} \{A(X'X)^{-}X'X(X'X)^{-}A'\} (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} \{A(X'X)^{-}A'\} (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' = P_1$, since the term in the middle of the expression,

$$A(X'X)^{-}X'X(X'X)^{-}A' = MX(X'X)^{-}X'X(X'X)^{-}X'M' = MP^2M' = MPM' = A(X'X)^{-}A'. \text{ Also,}$$

$$P_1P = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X'X(X'X)^{-}X' = X(X'X)^{-}A' (A(X'X)^{-}A')^{-1} A(X'X)^{-}X' = P_1,$$

since $X'X(X'X)^{-}X' = X'P = X'P' = (PX)' = X'$. Note, $P_1 = (P_1)' = (P_1P)' = PP_1$. Therefore,

$$P_{H_0}^2 = (P - P_1)^2 = P^2 - PP_1 - P_1P + P_1^2 = P - 2P_1 + P_1 = P - P_1 = P_{H_0} \text{ and } P_{H_0}P = (P - P_1)P = P - P_1 = P_{H_0} = PP_{H_0}. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSS}_{H_0} &= \|Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}\|^2 = (Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0})'(Y - X\hat{\beta}_{H_0}) \\ &= (Y - P_{H_0}Y)'(Y - P_{H_0}Y) = Y'(I - P_{H_0})Y \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{RSS}_{H_0} - \text{RSS} = Y'(I - P_{H_0})Y - Y'(I - P)Y = Y'(P - P_{H_0})Y.$$