

Influence Diagnostics

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1 DFFIT(S)

One of the important quantity is fitting of the model.

We compare the "difference of fit(s)", $\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i(i)$, which is the change in the predicted value for a point, also known as $DFFIT_i$, where \hat{y}_i and $\hat{y}_i(i)$ are the prediction for *point i* with and without *point i* included in the regression. We want to predict $\hat{y}_i(i)$.

The difference, $DFFIT_i$ shows how influential a point is in a statistical regression. If $DFFIT_i$ is large then the i^{th} quantity of \hat{y}_i shows too much influence on the fit. In order to measure this, we first need to *Studentize* the $DFFIT$ and it is obtained as:

$DFFIT_i = \frac{DFFIT_i}{\hat{\sigma}(i)\sqrt{h_i}}$, **where** $\hat{\sigma}(i)\sqrt{h_i} = S.E.(\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i(i))$, $\hat{\sigma}(i)$ is the standard error estimated without the *point i*, and h_i is its leverage point, i.e., h_i is the i^{th} diagonal entry of the *ortho - projection matrix*, $h = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$.

2 COVFIT(S)

The next important quantity is to estimate the covariance matrix which is the standard error matrix of $\hat{\beta}$.

The change in the determinant of the covariance matrix of the estimates by deleting the i^{th} observation is given by $COVFIT_i$ and is measured as:

$$COVFIT_i = \frac{|\hat{\sigma}^2(X'X)^{-1}|}{|\hat{\sigma}^2(i)(X(i)'X(i))^{-1}|}$$

Since $COVFIT_i$ is the ratio of two numbers, if it is far away from 1 then we suspect that the *point i* is a very *influential point*.