Course: Linear Statistical Models

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Video 97: R LAB: LHT FUNCTION

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Previously we fitted both the Null Model and the Overall Model for hypothesis testing. But we can also perform hypothesis testing by only fitting the full model and then by just specifying the null hypothesis as some kind of linear restriction on the parameters. One way to do this is to take the null hypothesis into account, create a new model and fit it. But most of the time we would like to specify the null hypothesis symbolically into R. To understand how to do that, let us look at an example:

```
library(faraway)
library(car)
names(coagulation)
head.matrix(coagulation)
summary(coagulation)
```

The Output is as follows:

```
> names(coagulation)
[1] "coag" "diet"
                                    summary (coagulation)
> head.matrix(coagulation)
                                         coag
                                                      diet
  coag diet
                                            :56.00
    62
          A
                                   1st Qu.:61.75
                                                      B:6
2
    60
          A
                                   Median:63.50
                                                      C:6
3
    63
          A
                                   Mean
                                            :64.00
                                                      D:8
4
    59
          A
                                   3rd Qu.:67.00
5
          В
    63
                                   Max.
                                            :71.00
          В
    67
```

The dataset *coagulation* is from package *faraway*. There are two variables, the response variable *coag* which is continuous and the input variable *diet* has 4 categories, where A occurs 4 times, B occurs 6 times, and so on. The first few entries of the dataset is shown above.

Now, let us fit a model:

```
fit=lm(coag~diet,coagulation)
fit
```

The Output is as follows:

Notice, the model consists of an intercept term and dietB, dietC and dietD. R drops dietA and forcefully sets it 0. So the GM model is as follows:

$$y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where α_1 is the parameter for dietA which is forcefully set as 0, α_2 is for dietB, and so on. Now suppose we want to test whether α for dietB is same as α for dietC, i.e, we want to check whether the parameters for dietB and dietC are same or not. For that, we write the following command:

```
lht(fit,'dietB-dietC')
lht(fit,'dietB-dietC',5)
```

Remark. Notice inside the command lht, we use dietB, dietC as these are the name of the parameters specified by R.

The first command checks whether dietB - dietC = 0. If we add another parameter specifying a constant c, then we would get the test for checking whether dietB - dietC = c. Thus, the second command checks if dietB - dietC = 5. To understand this, look at the two outputs given below:

```
> lht(fit,'dietB-dietC')
                                               > lht(fit,'dietB-dietC',5)
                                               Linear hypothesis test
Linear hypothesis test
Hypothesis:
                                               Hypothesis:
dietB - dietC = 0
                                               dietB - dietC = 5
                                               Model 1: restricted model
Model 1: restricted model
                                               Model 2: coag ~ diet
Model 2: coag ~ diet
                                                 Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq
 Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq
                               F Pr(>F)
                                                     21 259
      21 124
                                                                      147 26.25 5.178e-05 ***
      20 112 1
                       12 2.1429 0.1588
                                               2
                                                     20 112 1
```

Model 1 is the restricted model and model 2 is the general model. Here, we get the measure of RSS_0-RSS from the sum of squares value. Notice the p-value in the second case is very small and hence it is very significant. This is also shown by the triple stars marks beside the p-value.

We can also perform this same test using matrix notation. Notice there are 4 parameters: intercept, dietB, dietC and dietD. To check any linear combination of the parameters, we can use the following command:

```
lht(fit,c(0,1,-1,0))
lht(fit,c(0,1,-1,0),5)
```

The first command checks

$$0 \times intercept + (1) \times dietB + (-1) \times dietC + 0 \times dietD = 0$$

Whereas the second command checks

```
0 \times intercept + (1) \times dietB + (-1) \times dietC + 0 \times dietD = 5
```

Thus, these set of commands should give the same output as the previous set of commands as they are performing the same tests of hypothesis respectively. This is indeed true as we get the same outputs:

```
> lht(fit,c(0,1,-1,0),5)
> lht(fit,c(0,1,-1,0))
Linear hypothesis test
                                            Linear hypothesis test
Hypothesis:
                                            Hypothesis:
                                            dietB - dietC = 5
dietB - dietC = 0
                                            Model 1: restricted model
Model 1: restricted model
                                            Model 2: coag ~ diet
Model 2: coag ~ diet
                                              Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq
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      20 112 1
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```