

## Factors:

A factor is a qualitative, or categorical covariate that can take on one or more levels

Examples: degree  $\rightarrow$  ugrad, masters, Ph.D.

breed  $\rightarrow$  italian greyhound, whippet, greyhound

color  $\rightarrow$  red, green, blue

factor = variable

levels = values that the variable can take on.

the levels of a factor are mutually exclusive and exhaustive within the dataset.

each observation takes on exactly one level

The one factor model for  $y_i$ :

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_{j(i)} + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \quad j(i) \text{ is the level of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ observation.}$$

## Example dataset

$i$	color;	$j(i)$	$y_i$
1	red	2	6
2	red	2	8
3	green	1	1
4	green	1	3

$$\longrightarrow Y_1 = b_0 + b_2 + \epsilon_1$$

$$Y_2 = b_0 + b_2 + \epsilon_2$$

$$Y_3 = b_0 + b_1 + \epsilon_3$$

$$Y_4 = b_0 + b_1 + \epsilon_4$$

$j(i)$  is an integer

label for the factor

The model says that observations with factor level  $k$  have expected value  $b_0 + b_k$

The factor model is a multiple linear model!

Suppose the factor has  $J$  levels. Define

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ obs has level } j \\ 0 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ obs does not have level } j \end{cases}$$

Write the model as

$$Y_i = b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^J b_j x_{ij} + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Back to our color example:  $J = 2$  colors (levels)

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i3} + \epsilon_i$$

$$Y_1 = b_0 + b_1 0 + b_2 1 + \epsilon_1 = b_0 + b_2 + \epsilon_1$$

$$Y_2 = b_0 + b_1 0 + b_2 1 + \epsilon_2 = b_0 + b_2 + \epsilon_2$$

$$Y_3 = b_0 + b_1 1 + b_2 0 + \epsilon_3 = b_0 + b_1 + \epsilon_3$$

$$Y_4 = b_0 + b_1 1 + b_2 0 + \epsilon_4 = b_0 + b_1 + \epsilon_4$$

Since the factor model can be expressed as a multiple linear model, everything we have learned so far applies

There is one catch though.

Design matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the rank of  $X$ ?

rank of  $X = 2$

always happens in 1 factor model

$$X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

does not have an inverse,  $\text{rank}(X^T X) = 2 < 3$

Cannot use  $\hat{\underline{b}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$

Example with  $n = 5$  observations,  $J = 3$  levels

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(X) = 3$ ,  $\text{rank } X^T X = 3$

however:  $(X^T X) \hat{\underline{b}} = X^T y$  will have a solution

in fact, it has  $\infty$  many solutions.

any of the solutions minimizes

$$\text{RSS}(\underline{b}^*) = \sum_{i=1}^5 (y_i - b_0^* - b_1^* x_{i1} - b_2^* x_{i2})^2$$

example:  $\underline{y} = (6, 8, 1, 3)^T$ .  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$X^T \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

set  $\hat{\underline{b}} = (0, 2, 7)^T \rightarrow X^T X \hat{\underline{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$

fitted values:  $\hat{\underline{y}} = X \hat{\underline{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$rss = (1-2)^2 + (3-2)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (8-7)^2 = 4$$

This solution also works:

$$\hat{\underline{b}} = (1, 1, 6)^T \rightarrow X^T X \hat{\underline{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

fitted values:  $\hat{\underline{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  of course, same rss as well.

$$rss = (1-2)^2 + (3-2)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (8-7)^2 = 4$$

$\hat{\underline{b}} = (0, 2, 7)$  and  $\hat{\underline{b}} = (1, 1, 6)$  both minimize rss.

any  $\hat{\underline{b}}$  such that  $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 = 2$ ,  $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 = 7$  will minimize rss.

normal equations have infinitely many solutions.

Consequence: can't interpret individual coefficients.

what does  $b_0$  mean if  $\hat{b}_0 = 0$  no better than  $\hat{b}_0 = 1$ ?

can interpret quantities that are the same no matter which solution we pick.

i.e.  $b_0 + b_1 \rightarrow E(Y_i)$  when  $j(i) = 1$

$b_0 + b_2 \rightarrow E(Y_i)$  when  $j(i) = 2$

these are examples of estimable functions

A linear combination  $\underline{c}^T \underline{b}$  (i.e.  $b_0 + b_1$ )

is an estimable function if we can find

a vector  $\underline{d}$  such that  $E(\underline{d}^T \underline{Y}) = \underline{c}^T \underline{b}$

example:  $\underline{c} = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $\underline{c}^T \underline{b} = b_0 + b_1$

$\underline{d} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $E(\underline{d}^T \underline{Y}) = E(Y_1) = b_0 + b_1$

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$\underline{c} = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\underline{c}^T \underline{b} = b_0$

can't find  $\underline{d}$  such that  $E(\underline{d}^T \underline{Y}) = b_0$

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$\underline{c} = (0, 1, -1)$ ,  $\underline{c}^T \underline{b} = b_1 - b_2$

$\underline{d} = (1, 0, -1, 0)$ ,  $E(\underline{d}^T \underline{Y}) = E(Y_1 - Y_3) = b_1 - b_2$

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estimable functions are the quantities we can interpret

How do we find a solution to  $(X^T X) \hat{b} = X^T y$   
when  $(X^T X)^{-1}$  does not exist?

### Dropped column method

Simply remove one column of  $X$ , so resulting matrix is full rank

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

these all produce a full rank design matrix.

Dropping a column is equivalent to setting  
a regression coefficient to 0.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ 0 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

interpretation:  $b_0 = E(Y_3)$     $b_2 = E(Y_1) - E(Y_3)$    R default

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 + b_1 \\ b_0 + b_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_1 \\ b_0 + b_1 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretation:  $b_0 = E(Y_1)$     $b_1 = E(Y_3) - E(Y_1)$    SAS default

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_2 \\ b_2 \\ b_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretation:  $b_2 = E(Y_1)$     $b_1 = E(Y_3)$    in R add -1 to formula

## Testing in factor models

if we use a dropped column solution, testing is exactly the same as before.  $X_0$  is full rank, so

$$\hat{\underline{B}} = \underset{J \times J}{(X_0^T X_0)^{-1}} \underset{J \times 1}{X_0^T \underline{Y}} \sim N\left(\underline{b}, \sigma^2 (X_0^T X_0)^{-1}\right)$$

can do t-tests for individual components of  $\underline{b}$

Have to be careful about interpretation!!!

Drop column  
for first level

$$X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_0 \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 + b_2 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$H_0: b_0 = 0 \rightarrow$  is the EV for green 0?

$H_0: b_2 = 0 \rightarrow$  are the EVs for red and green equal?

if  $b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X_0 \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$  makes sense

exercises:

if we use  $X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  what is interpretation of  $H_0: b_0 = 0$  and  $H_0: b_1 = 0$ ?

if we use  $X_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  what are the interpretations of  $H_0: b_1 = 0$  and  $H_0: b_2 = 0$ ?

## F-tests

$$\text{model } Y_i = b_0 + b_{j(i)} + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$H_0: b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_J$$

interpretation: all levels have the same EV.

Can't do a t-test here.

To set up the F test define two models that capture the null and alternative hypotheses.

$$\text{Reduced Model (null)}: Y_i = b_0 + b_1 + \epsilon_i$$

$$\text{Full Model (alternative)}: Y_i = b_0 + b_{j(i)} + \epsilon_i$$

$$X_r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(X_r) = 1, \quad df_0 = n - \text{rank}(X_r) = n - 1$$

$$X_f \text{ has entries } x_{i0} = 1$$
$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if obs. } i \text{ has level } j \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases} \quad j \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{i0} = \sum_{j=1}^J x_{ij} \Rightarrow \text{rank}(X_f) = J, \quad df_1 = n - \text{rank}(X_f) = n - J$$

get  $RSS_0$  and  $RSS_1$

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1) / (J - 1)}{RSS_1 / (n - J)} \sim F_{J-1, n-J}$$

Under the null, this has an F distribution with  $J-1$  and  $n-J$  degrees of freedom



## Generalized inverse method (did not cover, not on quiz)

$G$  is a generalized inverse of  $A$  if  $AGA = A$

if  $(X^T X)^-$  is a Gen inv. of  $X^T X$ ,

then  $\hat{\underline{b}} = (X^T X)^- X^T \underline{y}$  is a solution of  $(X^T X) \underline{b} = X^T \underline{y}$

why? write  $\underline{y} = \hat{\underline{y}} + \underline{\hat{e}}$ , where  $\hat{\underline{y}} = P \underline{y}$ ,  $\underline{\hat{e}} = (I - P) \underline{y}$ .

$\hat{\underline{y}} \in \text{span}(X) \Rightarrow \hat{\underline{y}} = X \underline{v}$  for some  $\underline{v}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{left: } (X^T X) \hat{\underline{b}} &= (X^T X) (X^T X)^- X^T \underline{y} = (X^T X) (X^T X)^- X^T (X \underline{v} + \underline{\hat{e}}) \\ &= \boxed{(X^T X) \underline{v}} + \underbrace{(X^T X) (X^T X)^- X^T \underline{\hat{e}}}_{\leftarrow 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{right: } X^T \underline{y} = \boxed{X^T X \underline{v}} + \underbrace{X^T \underline{\hat{e}}}_{\leftarrow 0}$$

$$\text{Example: } X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (X^T X)^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$(X^T X)^- X^T \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{one of our solutions above.}$$

Generalized inverses provide solutions that cannot be obtained by the "dropped columns" method.

example:  $\hat{\underline{b}} = [4.5 \ -2.5 \ 2.5]^T$       default solution  
in JMP.

no coefficient = 0  $\rightarrow$  not a dropped column solution.

$b_1 + b_2 = 0$  "sum to zero" constraint.