

★ Assumptions in Linear Regression:

(i) Linear Model → The relationship b/w the independent and dependent variables should be linear. The reason behind this relationship is that relationship will be non-linear ~~that~~ which is certainly is the case in the real world data then the predictions made by our linear regression model won't be accurate & will vary from actual observations a lot.

(ii) No Multicollinearity in the data → If the predictor variables are correlated among themselves, then the data is said to have a multicollinearity problem.

High collinearity means that the two variables vary very similarly and contains the same kind of info. This will lead to redundancy in dataset. Due to redundancy only the complexity of model'll increase and no new information or pattern is learned by the model.

We generally try to avoid highly correlated features even while using complex models.

We can identify highly correlated dataset using scatterplots or heatmap.

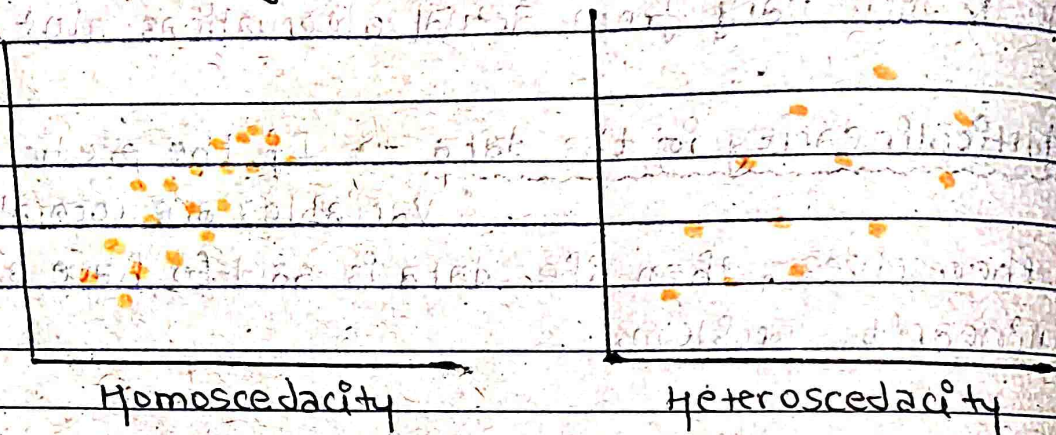
(iii) Homoscedasticity of Residuals or Equal Variances

Homoscedasticity is the term that states that the spread residuals which we are getting from the linear regression model should be homogenous or equal spaces.

If the spread of residuals is heterogeneous then the model is called to be an unsatisfactory model.

One can easily get an idea of the homoscedasticity of the residuals by plotting a scatter plot of the residual data.

Satisfactory model Unsatisfactory model



(iv) No Autocorrelation in Residuals →

One of the critical assumptions of multiple LR is that there should be no autocorrelation in the data. When the residuals are dependent on each other, there's autocorrelation.

ie. The factor is visible in the case of stock price when the price of a stock is not independent of its previous one.

plotting the variables on a graph like a scatterplot or a line plot allows you to check for autocorrelation if any.

i) Nos of observations greater than the nos of predictors \rightarrow for a better performing model, the number of training data or observations should be always greater than the number of test or prediction data.

However, greater the number of observations better the model performance.

Therefore, to build a linear rego model you must have more observations than the number of independent variables (predictors) in the dataset.

The reason behind this can be understood by the curse of dimensionality.

ii) Each observation is unique \rightarrow Each observation in the dataset should be measured separately on a unique occurrence of the event that caused the observation.

ie if you want to include two observations to measure the density of liquid with 5 kg mass and 5 L volume, then you must experiment twice to measure the density for the two independent observations. Such observations are called replicate of each other. It would be wrong to use the same measurement for both observations as you will disregard the random error.

vii) predictors are distributed normally \rightarrow This assumption ensures that you have equally distributed ~~over~~ observations for a range of each predictor. So at the end of model training, the predicted values for each test data should be a normal distribution. One can get an idea of the distribution of the predicted values by plotting density, KDE or qq plots of the predictions.