

Lecture 16

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- ▶ The i th predicted residual is defined as follows. First throw away the i th subject and fit the linear model. Using that linear model, predict the value of y_i based on the explanatory variable values of the i th subject. The difference between y_i and this predicted value is called the i th predicted residual.

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- ▶ Indeed, one can conduct a formal test of whether the i th subject is an outlier or not (what are H_0 and H_1 here?) by looking at t_i and rejecting the null (i.e., declaring i th subject as the outlier) if it is larger in absolute than the $\alpha/2$ critical value for the $t(n - p - 2)$ distribution.

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- ▶ A particularly conservative value is $\alpha = 0.05/n$. In this case, one can show that the probability that at least one subject is tagged an outlier when in fact there are none is at most 0.05. This is known as the Bonferroni correction.

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$$C_i = r_i^2 \frac{h_{ii}}{(1 - h_{ii})(p + 1)}.$$

Note therefore C_i depends only on r_i and the leverage h_{ii} . If r_i^2 is large and/or h_{ii} is large, then C_i will be large.

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