

Machine Learning Course Project

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Executive Summary

This report is the final product of the Regression Models Course Project. We try to answer the following questions about the Motor Trend Car Road Tests dataset :

- Is an automatic or manual transmission better for MPG ?
- What is the MPG difference quantification between automatic and manual transmissions ?

We'll show that a manual transmission is better than an automatic one. Quantitatively the factor by which the MPG is multiplied when switching from an automatic to a manual transmission is in the interval $[0.05, 4.12]$ with a 85% confidence. So the type of transmission has an impact on the MPG value but the quantification is not obvious.

1) Reading in data

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training <- read.csv(file="./data/pml-training.csv", header=TRUE, sep=",") %>%  
  select(roll_belt, pitch_belt, yaw_belt, total_accel_belt, gyros_belt_x, gyros_belt_y, gyros_belt_z, accel_l  
testing <- read.csv(file="./data/pml-testing.csv", header=TRUE, sep=",") %>%  
  select(roll_belt, pitch_belt, yaw_belt, total_accel_belt, gyros_belt_x, gyros_belt_y, gyros_belt_z, accel_l
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