

Fuel Efficiency Evaluation

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1 Executive Summary

This study explores the relationship of fuel efficiency (measure as miles per gallon) and transmission type utilizing regression analysis. In this study we will look at the effect of transmission type on MPG performance and answer the question: Is an automatic or manual transmission better for MPG? Additionally, we will quantify the MPG difference between automatic and manual transmissions. As part of this analysis we will explore other factors that may contribute to MPG performance. #Data Processing & Exploration Load the data and perform basic exploration

```
data(mtcars)
M <- cor(mtcars)
mtcars$am <- factor(mtcars$am, labels = c("Automatic", "Manual")) #convert 'am' to factor
mtcars$names <- as.factor(rownames(mtcars))
n <- length(mtcars$mpg)
alpha <- 0.05
head(mtcars, 5)
```

```
##           mpg cyl disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs      am gear
## Mazda RX4      21.0   6  160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46  0   Manual    4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21.0   6  160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02  0   Manual    4
## Datsun 710      22.8   4  108  93 3.85 2.320 18.61  1   Manual    4
## Hornet 4 Drive  21.4   6  258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44  1 Automatic    3
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8  360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02  0 Automatic    3
##           carb          names
## Mazda RX4           4      Mazda RX4
## Mazda RX4 Wag       4      Mazda RX4 Wag
## Datsun 710           1      Datsun 710
## Hornet 4 Drive       1      Hornet 4 Drive
## Hornet Sportabout    2 Hornet Sportabout
```

2 Exploratory Analysis

Figure 1 examines the correlations across the data set. If you use this to visually examine which factors are correlated with a fuel consumption (mpg) you can see that the strongest correlations are number of cylinders (cyl), displacement (disp), horsepower (hp) and weight (wt). Transmission type has a lesser correlation, but is none the less still correlated to mpg and will be considered as requested despite the weaker correlation. Figure 2 examines the variance between mpg and transmission type by creating a boxplot that demonstrates a slight significant increase in MPG with a manual transmission. This is further confirmed by performing a t-test which yields a p-value of 0.0014 (Table 1). ##Paired t-test Table 1 shows the output of the t-test with significance demonstrated for an increase in fuel efficiency associated with transmission type with a p-value of 0.01374.

```
ttest <- t.test(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars)
```

2.1 Regression Analysis

Simple model of miles per gallon (mpg) and transmission type (am) (Table 2)

```
mtBaseModel <- lm(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars)
baseResid <- summary(mtBaseModel)$sigma
```

Figure 1 shows the factors correlated to mpg. These factors are used to create multiple regression models (Table 3).

```
mtMultiModel <- lm(mpg ~ am + cyl + disp + wt, data = mtcars)
```

Examine the variance across the different models using an ANOVA (Table 4)

```
model1 <- lm(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars)
model2 <- lm(mpg ~ am + cyl, data = mtcars)
model3 <- update(model1, mpg ~ am + cyl + disp)
model4 <- update(model1, mpg ~ am + cyl + disp + wt)
sig <- anova(model1, model2, model3, model4)
```

Table 4 shows the output of the ANOVA. Models 2 and 4 are highly significant with p-values of 1.264e-08 and 0.05468 respectively

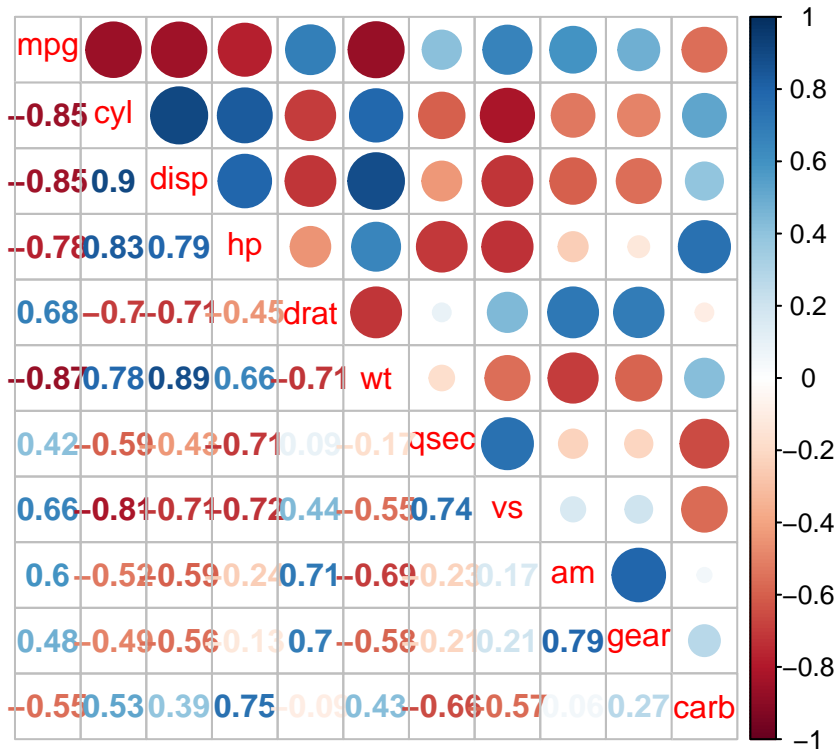
3 Conclusions

Individually each of the factors effect the fuel efficiency of the cars in the data set. The ANOVA demonstrates the significance of the multifactor model. This multifactor model enhances the predictability. The multi model provides a much better fit as demonstrated by the R^2 values. The base model has an R^2 of 0.3598 and the multi model has an R^2 value of 0.8327 as laid out in Tables 2 & 3 respectively. Table 4 shows the significance of each model used in the multi factor regression analysis as determined by an analysis of variance (ANOVA). Models 1, 2 and 4 show high significance based on the initial paired t-tests for models 1 and the ANOVA for models 2 and 4. A manual transmission improves fuel efficiency, however the combination of an automatic transmission, 4 cylinder engine, low displacement and low weight have an even more significant impact on fuel efficiency.

4 Appendix

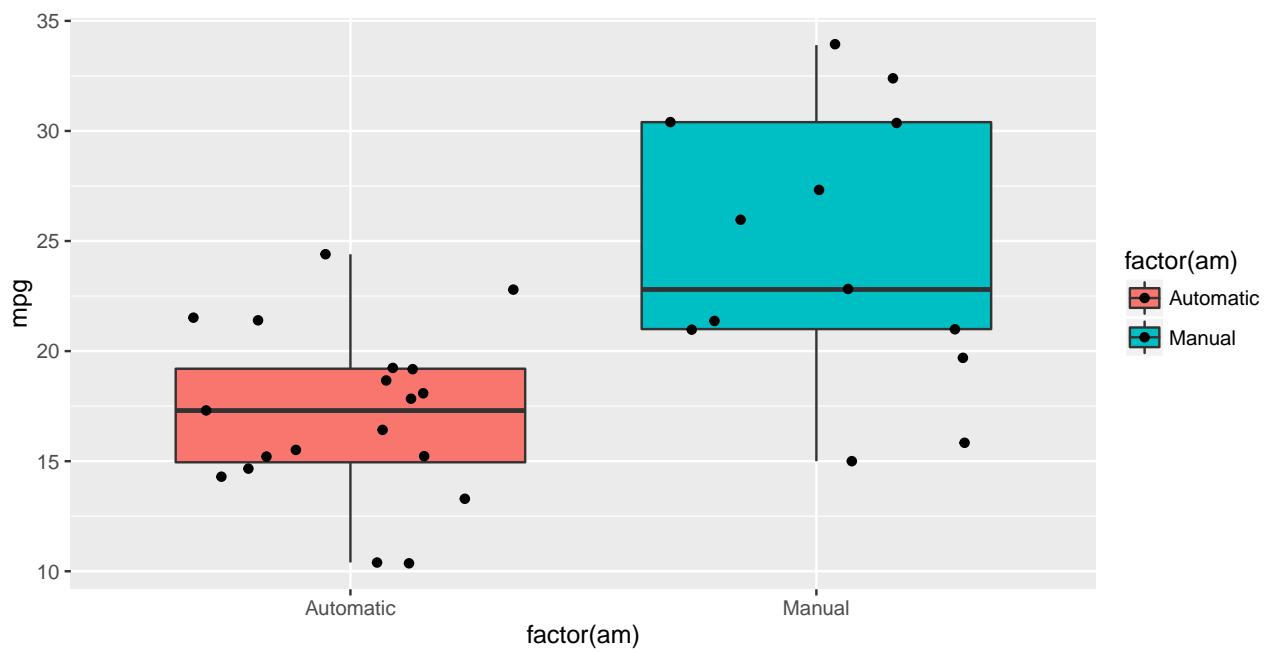
4.1 Figure 1. Correlation Plot.

```
library(corrplot)
corrplot.mixed(M, sig.level = 0.05, tl.pos = "d", tl.srt = 60)
```



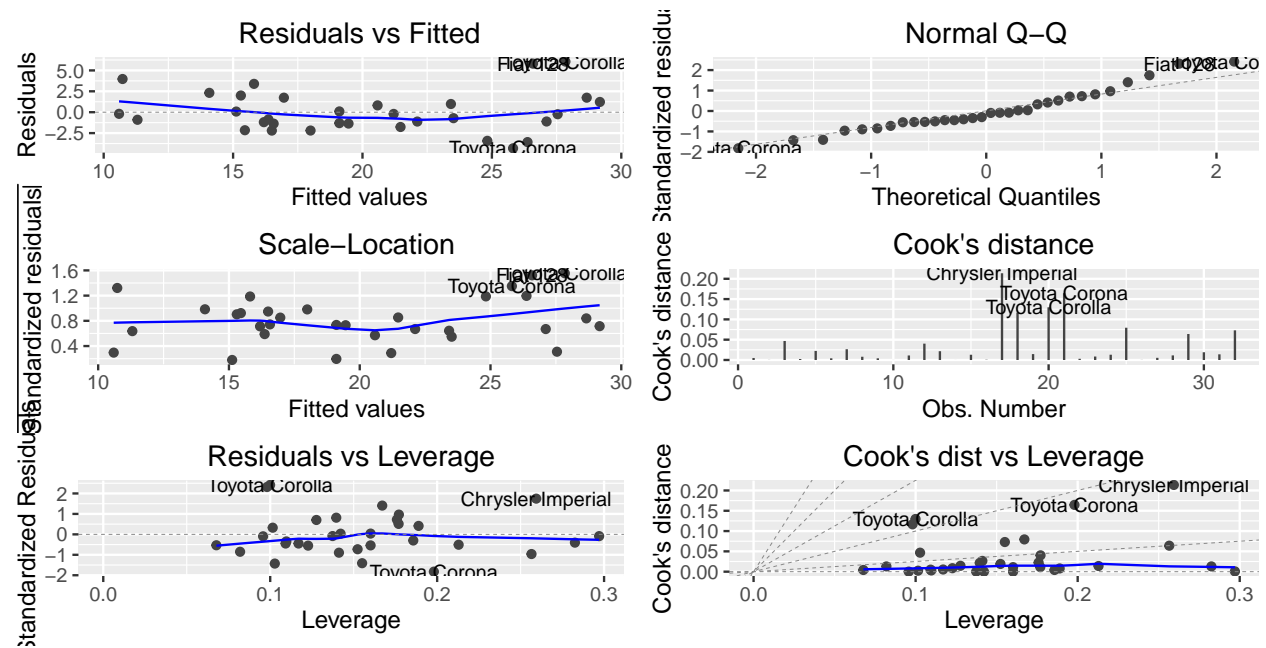
4.2 Figure 2. Boxplot of miles per gallon by transmission type

```
library(ggplot2)
qplot(factor(am), mpg, data = mtcars, geom = c("boxplot", "jitter"), fill = factor(am))
```



4.3 Figure 3. Diagnostic Plots (includes residual)

```
library(ggfortify)
autoplot(lm(mpg ~ am + cyl + disp + wt, data = mtcars), label.size = 3, ncol = 2,
         which = 1:6)
```



4.4 Table 1: Summary of t-test

```
library(pander)
pandoc.table(glance(t.test(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars)), style = "simple")
```

```
##
##
## estimate estimate1 estimate2 statistic p.value parameter conf.low
## -----
## -7.245 17.15 24.39 -3.767 0.001374 18.33 -11.28
##
## Table: Table continues below
##
##
##
## conf.high
## -----
## -3.21
```

4.5 Table 2: Summary of base model

```
pandoc.table(glance(mtBaseModel), style = "simple")
```

```
##
##
##  r.squared   adj.r.squared   sigma   statistic   p.value   df   logLik   AIC
##  -----   -
##  0.3598      0.3385         4.902    16.86      0.000285  2   -95.24   196.5
##
## Table: Table continues below
##
##
##
##  BIC   deviance   df.residual
##  ----  -
##  200.9   720.9      30
```

4.6 Table 3: Summary of multi-factor model

```
pandoc.table(glance(mtMultiModel), style = "simple")
```

```
##
##
##  r.squared   adj.r.squared   sigma   statistic   p.value   df   logLik   AIC
##  -----   -
##  0.8327      0.8079         2.642    33.59      4.038e-10  5   -73.77   159.5
##
## Table: Table continues below
##
##
##
##  BIC   deviance   df.residual
##  ----  -
##  168.3   188.4      27
```

4.7 Table 4: Summary of anaysis of variance

```
pandoc.table(tidy(sig), style = "simple")
```

```
##
##
##  res.df   rss   df   sumsq   statistic   p.value
##  -----  -
##  30      720.9  NA   NA      NA         NA
##  29      271.4  1    449.5   64.41      1.264e-08
##  28      252.1  1    19.28   2.763      0.108
##  27      188.4  1    63.66   9.121      0.005468
```