

# Linear Statistical Modeling Methods with SAS

## Multiple Linear Regression Models and Inferences

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# MLR Models

Consider one dependent variable  $Y$  and  $k$  independent variables,  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k$ . The data will be in the form of

$$(x_{11}, x_{21}, \dots, x_{k1}, y_1), \dots, (x_{1n}, x_{2n}, \dots, x_{kn}, y_n).$$

Or

$Y$	$X_1$	$\dots$	$X_k$
$y_1$	$x_{11}$	$\dots$	$x_{k1}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$y_n$	$x_{1n}$	$\dots$	$x_{kn}$

Our objective is to use the information provided by the  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  to predict the value of  $Y$ .

# MLR Models

**Definition.** A **multiple linear regression model** relating a random response  $Y$  to a set of independent variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  is of the form

$$Y_i | X_1=x_{1i}, \dots, X_k=x_{ki} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ki} + \varepsilon_i,$$

where  $x_{li}$  is the setting of the  $l$ th independent variable for the  $i$ th observation,  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  are unknown parameters,  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d random variables with 0 mean and common variance  $\sigma^2$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

If we remove the observation index  $i$ , the MLR model is of the form

$$Y | X_1=x_1, \dots, X_k=x_k = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon,$$

where the variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  assume known values.

Since we assume that  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ , hence

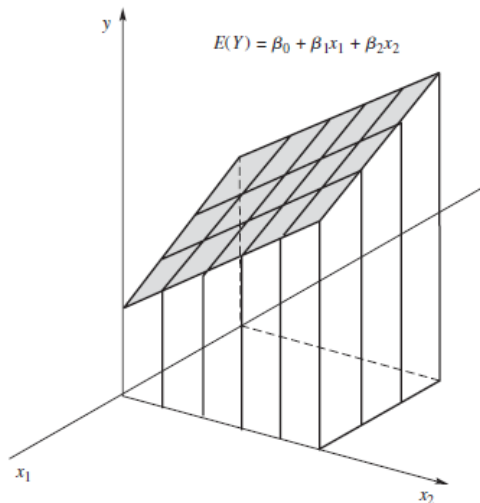
$$E(Y | X_1=x_1, \dots, X_k=x_k) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k.$$

The surface (mean response) defined by the deterministic part of the multiple linear regression model in the above, is called the **response surface** of the model.

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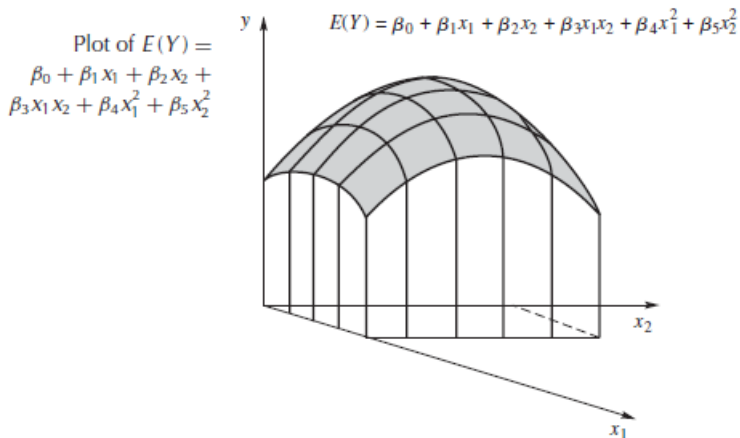
## Example.

Plot of  $E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$



# MLR Models

## Example.



# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

We now define the following matrices:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{21} & \cdots & x_{k1} \\ 1 & x_{12} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{k2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{1n} & x_{2n} & \cdots & x_{kn} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

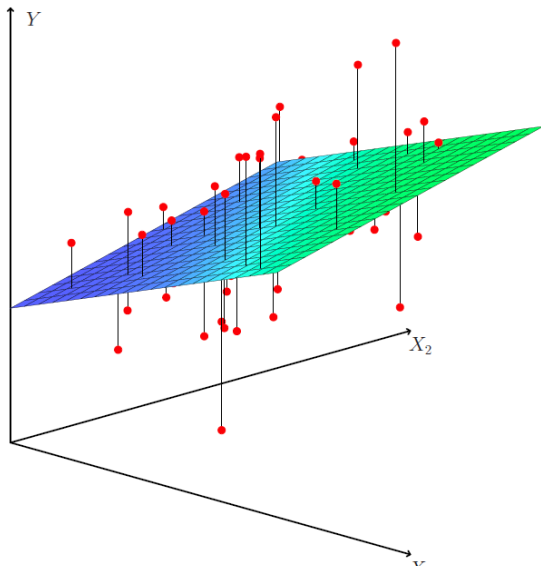
Then the MLR model can be written as

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  has a multivariate distribution with mean  $\mathbf{0}$  and variance-covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$ , and  $\mathbf{I}_n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional identity matrix.

# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

## Estimation by Least Squares





# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

## Estimation by Least Squares

- Given estimates  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k$ , we can make predictions using the formula

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k x_k.$$

- We estimate  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  as the values that minimize the sum of squared residuals

$$\begin{aligned} SSE &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_k x_{ik})^2 \end{aligned}$$

This is done using statistical software.

# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

If we use matrix notation, note that the variance-covariance matrix is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

And hence

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X}\beta$$

since  $E(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Let  $\hat{\beta}$  be the estimator of  $\beta$  by the least square method. Then  $\hat{\beta}$  is obtained by minimizing

$$(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - 2\beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} + \beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta.$$

Therefore, the least squares normal equations are

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}.$$

And the least squares estimators are:

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}.$$

# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

**Fitted Values** In matrix notation, the vector of the fitted values, denoted by  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$  is

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}},$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$ .

**Hat Matrix.** The hat matrix is defined by

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'.$$

Therefore, the vector of **fitted values** can be written as

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}.$$

**Recall: Properties of the Hat matrix**

- $\mathbf{H}$  is symmetric.
- Idempotency:  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}$ .

# Matrix Approach to MLR Models

**Residuals** The vector of the residuals is denoted by  $\mathbf{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix}$ . We have

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}.$$

## Properties of the $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}$

- $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}$  is symmetric.
- Idempotency:  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})$ .

## Variance-Covariance Matrix of Residuals:

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}).$$

# Analysis of Variance

$$SST = \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{J}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}'\left[\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}\right]\mathbf{Y},$$

where  $\mathbf{J}$  is the matrix of 1s,  $\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} SSE &= \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \\ &= \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} SSR &= SST - SSE = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{J}\mathbf{Y} \\ &= \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{J}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}'\left[\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}\right]\mathbf{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

# Analysis of Variance

The Analysis of Variance for MLR models can be summarized in the following table.

Source	df	SS	MS	F
Regression	k	SSR	$MSR = SSR/k$	$MSR/MSE$
Error	n-1-k	SSE	$MSE = SSE/(n-1-k)$	
Total	n-1	SST		

MSE is **unbiased** for the common variance  $\sigma^2$ . Therefore,

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})$$

is estimated by

$$MSE(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}).$$

# F Test of Usefulness of an MLR Model

- Once we have identified and fit a tentative model, we will want to know if there is a statistically significant relation between the response and the explanatory variables. The tool to answer this question is the **F Test**.

- **The Hypotheses:**

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0 \text{ (i.e. no relationship)}$$

$$H_a : \text{Not } H_0$$

- **The Test Statistic:**  $F^* = \text{MSR}/\text{MSE}$

- $H_0$  is rejected only if the calculated test statistic  $F^*$  is large: given significance level  $\alpha$ ,  $H_0$  is rejected only if  $F^* \geq F_{df_1=k, df_2=n-1-k, \alpha}$ .

- **The p-Value:**  $P(F_{k, n-1-k} \geq F^*)$ , the area under the density curve of the  $F_{k, n-1-k}$  distribution that is greater than or equal to  $F^*$ , the observed value of the test statistic.

## $R^2$ and Adjusted $R^2$

**The Coefficient of Multiple Determination.**  $R^2$ , is defined as

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}.$$

$R^2$  is

- The proportion of variation in the response explained by the regression.
- The proportion by which the unexplained variation in the response is reduced by the regression.

One problem with using  $R^2$  to measure the quality of model fit, is that it can always be increased by adding another regressor. The **Adjusted Coefficient of Multiple Determination**,  $R_a^2$ , is a measure that adjusts  $R^2$  for the number of regressors in the model. It is defined as

$$R_a^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE/(n - 1 - k)}{SST/(n - 1)}.$$



# Properties of the Least-Squares Estimators

Denote the Least-Squares estimator of  $\beta$  by

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

1.  $E(\hat{\beta}_i) = \beta_i$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ .
2.  $V(\hat{\beta}_i) = c_{i+1,i+1}\sigma^2$ , where  $c_{i+1,i+1}$  is the element in row  $i + 1$  and column  $i + 1$  of  $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .
3.  $Cov(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j) = c_{i+1,j+1}\sigma^2$ , where  $c_{i+1,j+1}$  is the element in row  $i + 1$  and column  $j + 1$  of  $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ ;  $c_{11} = 1/S_{xx}$ .
4. An unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  is  $MSE = SSE/(n - 1 - k)$ , where  $SSE = \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$ . (Notice that there are  $k + 1$  unknown  $\beta_i$  values in the model.)

If, in addition, the  $\varepsilon_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are normal  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,

5. Each  $\hat{\beta}_i$  is normally distributed.
6. The random variable  $\frac{(n - 1 - k)MSE}{\sigma^2}$  has a  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $n - 1 - k$  df.
7. The statistic  $MSE$  is independent of  $\hat{\beta}_i$  for each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

# Properties of the Least-Squares Estimators

Suppose that we wish to make an inference about the linear function

$$a_0\widehat{\beta}_0 + a_1\widehat{\beta}_1 + a_2\widehat{\beta}_2 + \cdots + a_k\widehat{\beta}_k,$$

where  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  are constants. In matrix notation, define

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$a_0\widehat{\beta}_0 + a_1\widehat{\beta}_1 + a_2\widehat{\beta}_2 + \cdots + a_k\widehat{\beta}_k = \mathbf{a}'\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}.$$

**THEOREM.**

$$\mathbf{a}'\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim N(\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}, [\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}]\sigma^2) \text{ if } \varepsilon_i\text{'s are i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2) \text{ random variables.}$$

# Inferences about Regression Parameters

It can be shown that

$$T = \frac{\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0}{\sqrt{MSE \cdot \mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}}$$

possesses a Student's  $t$ -distribution under  $H_0 : \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0$  with  $n - 1 - k$  df, where  $(\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0$  is some specified value.

## A Test for $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$

$$H_0 : \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0$$

$$H_a : \begin{cases} \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} > (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0 \\ \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} < (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0 \\ \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} \neq (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } T = \frac{\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - (\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta})_0}{\sqrt{MSE \cdot \mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}}$$

$$\text{Rejection region: } \begin{cases} t \geq t_{\alpha} \\ t \leq -t_{\alpha} \\ |t| \geq t_{\alpha/2} \end{cases}$$

Here, the  $t$ -distribution is based on  $n - 1 - k$  df.

# Inferences about Regression Parameters

The corresponding  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is as follows.

A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  Confidence Interval for  $\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$  :

$$\mathbf{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{MSE} \sqrt{\mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}$$

## Remarks.

- ④ A single  $\beta_i$  can be regarded as a special case of linear combination of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$ , if we choose

$$a_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = i, \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq i, \end{cases}$$

then  $\beta_i = \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$  for this choice of  $\mathbf{a}$ .

# Inferences about Regression Parameters

## Test of Individual Regression Parameters

When we wish to test whether the term  $\beta_i x_i$  can be dropped from a multiple regression model, we are interested in testing

$$H_0 : \beta_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

The results derived above can be summarized as what follows.

### A Test for individual $\beta_i$

$$H_0 : \beta_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$H_a : \begin{cases} \beta_i > 0 \\ \beta_i < 0 \\ \beta_i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_i - 0}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_i)}$$

$$\text{Rejection region: } \begin{cases} t \geq t_\alpha \\ t \leq -t_\alpha \\ |t| \geq t_{\alpha/2} \end{cases}$$

Here, the t-distribution is based on  $n - 1 - k$  df,

and  $\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_i) = \sqrt{MSE} \sqrt{C_{i+1,i+1}}$ ,

where  $C_{i+1,i+1}$  is the  $(i+1)$ th diagonal element of  $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .

# Inferences about Regression Parameters

## Predicting the Mean Value of $Y$

- ② One useful application of the hypothesis-testing and confidence interval techniques just presented is to solve the problem of estimating the mean  $E(Y)$ , for fixed values of the independent variables  $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*)$ . Then

$$E(Y|\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^*) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1^* + \beta_2 x_2^* + \cdots + \beta_k x_k^*.$$

Notice that  $\mathbf{a} = (1, x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*)'$ .

# Inferences about Regression Parameters

## Predicting a Particular Value of $Y$

Consider the MLR model

$$Y_i | X_1=x_{1i}, \dots, X_k=x_{ki} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ki} + \varepsilon_i,$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d Normal random variables with 0 mean and common variance  $\sigma^2$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*)$  be a fixed vector of the independent variables. Instead of estimating  $E(Y)$  value at  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^*$ , we wish to predict the particular (individual) response  $Y$  that we will observe if the experiment is run at some time in the future, denoted by  $Y^*$ . Then

$$Y^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1^* + \beta_2 x_2^* + \dots + \beta_k x_k^* + \varepsilon.$$

It is natural to estimate  $Y^*$  by

$$\widehat{Y}^* = \widehat{\beta}_0 + \widehat{\beta}_1 x_1^* + \widehat{\beta}_2 x_2^* + \dots + \widehat{\beta}_k x_k^* = \mathbf{a}' \boldsymbol{\beta},$$

where

$$\mathbf{a} = (1, x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*)'.$$

**Theorem.** Let  $S = \sqrt{MSE}$ . Then

$$T = \frac{Y^* - \widehat{Y}^*}{S \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}}$$

possess a Student's  $t$  distribution with  $n - 1 - k$  df.

## A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ Prediction Confidence Interval for $Y$ when $x_1 = x_1^*, x_2 = x_2^*, \dots, x_k = x_k^*$

$$\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\beta} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1-k} S \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{a}'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{a}}.$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = (1, x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_k^*)'$ .

**Remark.** Again, prediction intervals for the actual value of  $Y$  are longer than confidence intervals for  $E(Y)$  if both confidence levels are the same and both are determined for the same value of  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^*$ .



# Example

- Let's see what happens when we identify and fit a model to data in Cars93.csv. The **scatterplot array** on the next slide shows the response, highway mpg (HIGHMPG) and three potential predictors, displacement (DISPLACE), horsepower (HP) and rpm (RPM).

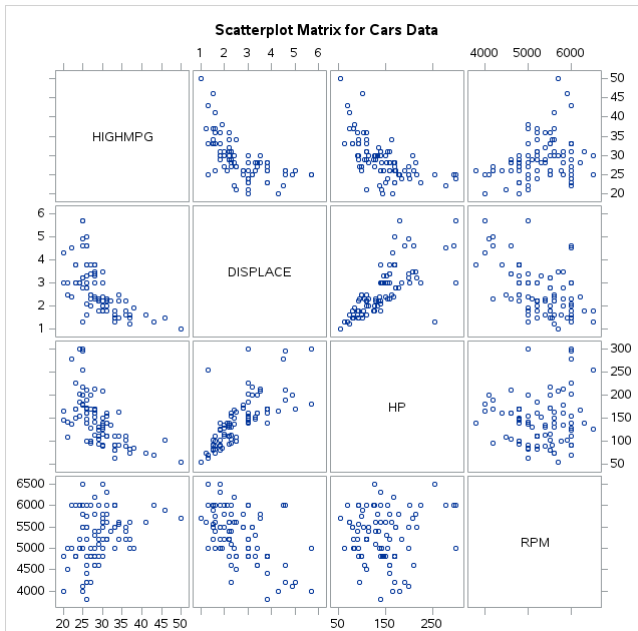
```
proc import
datafile="/home/u5235839/my_shared_file_links/u5235839/cars93.csv"
out=cars93 dbms=csv replace;
getnames=yes;
run;
```

# Example

- Scatter plot matrix

```
proc sgscatter data=cars93;  
  title "Scatterplot Matrix for Cars Data";  
  matrix HIGHMPG DISPLACE  HP  RPM;  
run;
```

# Example



## Example

- There seems to be a curvilinear relation between the response and each potential predictor, so we will begin by trying a model with linear and squared terms for each predictor. The resulting fitted model is (letting  $Y$  denote highway mpg,  $H$  denote HP,  $R$  denote RPM, and  $D$  denote displacement):

$$\hat{Y} = -5.6759 - 6.5411D - 0.1177H + 0.0190R \\ + 1.0810D^2 + 0.00017H^2 - (1.56 \times 10^{-6})R^2.$$

```
data cars93new;  
set cars93;  
D=DISPLACE;  
D2=DISPLACE**2;  
H=HP;  
H2=HP**2;  
R=RPM;  
R2=RPM**2;  
run;
```

```
proc reg simple data=cars93new;  
model HIGHMPG = D D2 H H2 R R2;  
run;
```

## Example

- To include the confidence intervals (99% confidence interval for example) of the regression parameters, we use the following SAS code

```
proc reg data=cars93new;  
model HIGHMPG = D D2 H H2 R R2 / clb alpha=0.01;  
run;
```

- To get confidence intervals of the mean response and the prediction confidence intervals of an individual response (99% confidence interval for example) of the regression parameters, we use the following SAS code.

```
proc reg data=cars93new;  
model HIGHMPG = D D2 H H2 R R2 / clm cli alpha=0.01;  
run;
```

## Example

- To check model assumptions, we consider QQ plot of the residuals and residual plot:

```
proc reg data=Cars93new;  
model HIGHMPG = D D2 H H2 R R2;  
output out=new p=predict r=resid;  
run;
```

```
proc univariate normal plot data=new;  
var resid;  
run;
```

```
proc plot data=new;  
plot resid*predict='o';  
run;
```

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