

{ in SLR, one covariate X .
 in MLR, multiple covariates.
 X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{p-1}
 (linear)

Inference for Multiple Regression

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Multiple Regression

- **Multiple Regression:** regression on multiple variables:

$$y_i \approx b_0 + b_1 x_{i,1} + b_2 x_{i,2} + b_3 x_{i,3} + \cdots + b_{p-1} x_{i,p-1}$$

C surface

- The p coefficients b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1} are estimated by minimizing the loss function below using the least squares principle:

$$S(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 + b_1 x_{i,1} + \cdots + b_{p-1} x_{i,p-1})^2$$

- In practice, we make a computer find the coefficients for us. This class uses JMP.

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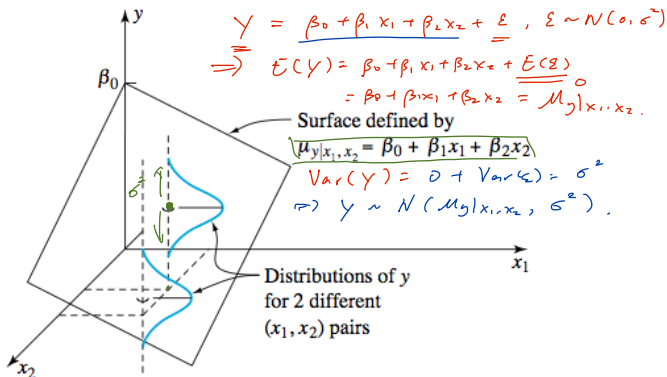
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Formalizing the multiple regression model

- Now, we'll work with a formal multiple regression model:

$$Y_i = \underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_2 x_{2,i} + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1,i}}_{\substack{\uparrow \mathbb{E}(Y_i) \\ \text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma^2}} + \varepsilon_i$$

- Assume $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma^2)$.



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- Now, the residuals are of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= y_i - \hat{y}_i \\ &= y_i - \underbrace{(\underbrace{b_0}_{\downarrow p \text{ coefficients in the linear model}} + \underbrace{b_1 x_{1,i}}_{\substack{\text{estimated using} \\ \uparrow \text{least square}}} + \cdots + \underbrace{b_{p-1} x_{p-1,i}}_{\substack{\text{estimated using} \\ \uparrow \text{least square}}})} \end{aligned}$$

- We estimate the variance with the surface-fitting sample variance, also called mean squared error (MSE):

$$s_{SF}^2 = \frac{1}{\underbrace{n - p}_{\substack{\uparrow \text{ of coefficients} \\ \text{of coefficients}}}} \sum e_i^2$$

- The estimated standard deviation is $s_{SF} = \sqrt{s_{SF}^2}$.
- Note: the line fitting sample variance s_{LF}^2 is the special case of s_{SF}^2 for $p = 2$.

Example: stack loss

1. Consider a chemical plant that makes nitric acid from ammonia.
2. We want to predict stack loss (y , 10 times the % ammonia that escapes from the absorption column) using:
 - ▶ x_1 : air flow, the rate of operation of the plant
 - ▶ x_2 , inlet temperature of the cooling water
 - ▶ x_3 : (% circulating acid - 50%) \times 10

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i , Observation Number	x_{1i} , Air Flow	x_{2i} , Cooling Water Inlet Temperature	x_{3i} , Acid Concentration	y_i , Stack Loss
1	80	27	88	37
2	62	22	87	18
3	62	23	87	18
4	62	24	93	19
5	62	24	93	20
6	58	23	87	15
7	58	18	80	14
8	58	18	89	14
9	58	17	88	13
10	58	18	82	11
11	58	19	93	12
12	50	18	89	8
13	50	18	86	7
14	50	19	72	8
15	50	19	79	8
16	50	20	80	9
17	56	20	82	15

Fitted surface:

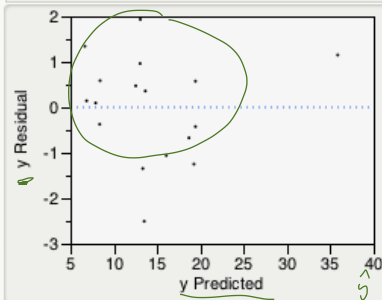
$$\hat{y}_i = -37.65 + 0.797x_{1,i} + 0.577x_{2,i} - 0.067x_{3,i}$$

Parameter Estimates

Term	Estimate	Std Error	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	-37.65246	4.732051	-7.96	<.0001*
x1	0.7976856	0.067439	11.83	<.0001*
x2	0.5773405	0.165969	3.48	0.0041*
x3	-0.06706	0.061603	-1.09	0.2961

Effect Tests

Residual by Predicted Plot



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▼ Summary of Fit				
RSquare		0.975006		
RSquare Adj		0.969238		
Root Mean Square Error		1.252714		
Mean of Response		14.47059		
Observations (or Sum Wgts)		17		
▼ Analysis of Variance				
Sum of				
Source	DF	Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	3	795.83449	265.278	169.0432
→ Error	13	20.40080	1.569	Prob > F
C. Total	16	816.23529		<.0001*

- ▶ $s_{SF}^2 = 1.569$ (“Mean Square Error”, blue)
- ▶ $s_{SF} = \sqrt{1.569} = 1.25$, also under “Root Mean Square Error” (red).

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Standardized residuals

- ▶ As with simple linear regression, $\text{Var}(e_i)$ is not constant even though $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$.
- ▶ There are some constants a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that:

$$\text{Var}(e_i) = \underline{a_i} \sigma^2 \quad e_i \sim N(0, a_i \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{e_i}{\sqrt{a_i} \sigma}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

- ▶ Hence, we compute the standardized residuals as:

$$\underline{e_i^*} = \frac{e_i}{\text{SSF} \sqrt{a_i}} \quad \text{standardized.}$$

approximately normal
 $N(0, 1)$.

- ▶ In practice, a_1, \dots, a_n are hard to compute. We'll make JMP do all the hard work.

Example: stack loss

The screenshot shows the JMP software interface with the title bar 'stackloss.jmp: Fit Least Square'. The 'Response v' menu is open, and the 'Save Columns' option is selected. The 'Save Columns' sub-menu is also open, showing various options. The 'Studentized Residuals' option is highlighted with a red circle. A yellow tooltip box next to it contains the text: 'Saves the studentized residual, which is the residual divided by its standard error.'

Response v

- Regression Reports
- Estimates
- Effect Screening
- Factor Profiling
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- Save Columns**
- Model Dialog
- Script

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- Save Coding Table

Lack Of Fit

Source	DF	Sum of Squares
Lack Of Fit	12	19.90080
Pure Error	1	0.50000
Total Error	13	20.40080

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Standardized
residuals.

	x1	x2	x3	y	Studentized Resid y
1	80	27	88	37	1.6699301413
2	62	22	87	18	-0.559158154
3	62	23	87	18	-1.057298349
4	62	24	93	19	-0.391146767
5	62	24	93	20	0.5321959564
6	58	23	87	15	-0.928385357
7	58	18	80	14	0.3282961878
8	58	18	89	14	0.8586448878
9	58	17	88	13	0.4481300771
10	58	18	82	11	-2.228855416
11	58	19	93	12	-1.227567579
12	50	18	89	8	1.2152152611
13	50	18	86	7	0.1241939003
14	50	19	72	8	-0.394983744
15	50	19	79	8	0.0849968417
16	50	20	80	9	0.5271747049
17	56	20	82	15	1.6133138635

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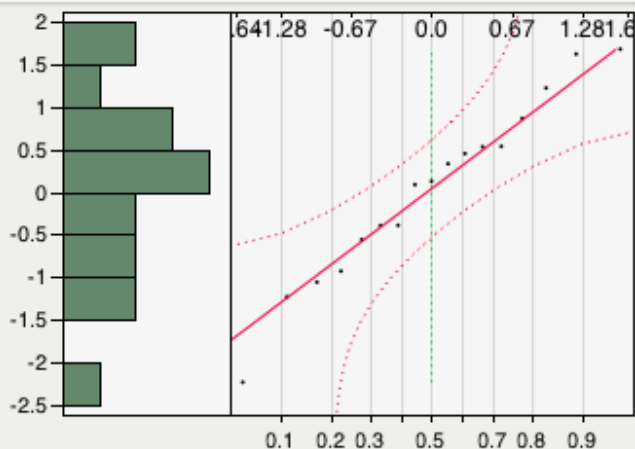
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Distributions

Studentized Resid y



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- Our formal model is:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_2 x_{2,i} + \dots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1,i} + \varepsilon_i$$

- Our estimated model is:

$$\hat{y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{1,i} + b_2 x_{2,i} + \dots + b_{p-1} x_{p-1,i}$$

- How close are the estimates to their true values?

Inference for $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$

- Under our model assumptions: *→ unbiased estimator.*

$$\underline{b_l} \sim N(\underline{\beta_l}, \underline{d_l} \sigma^2)$$

for some positive constant d_l , $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$.

- That means: $\frac{be - \beta_e}{SD(be)} = \frac{be - \beta_e}{\text{note } \sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$.

$$\frac{b_l - \beta_l}{\underline{SSF} \sqrt{d_l}} = \frac{b_l - \beta_l}{\underline{SD}(b_l)} \sim \frac{t_{n-p}}{\underline{se}(be)}.$$

- A test statistic for testing $H_0 : \underline{\beta_l} = \#$ is:

$$T = \frac{b_l - \#}{\underline{SSF} \sqrt{d_l}} = \frac{b_l - \#}{\underline{SD}(b_l)} \sim \underline{t_{n-p}}$$

- A 2-sided $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval for $\underline{\beta_l}$ is:

$$\underline{b_l} \pm \underline{t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2}} \underline{SSF \sqrt{d_l}}$$

i.e.,

$$b_l \pm t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} \underline{\widehat{SD}(d_l)}$$

Your turn

- ▶ $n = 17$
- ▶ x_1 : air flow, the rate of operation of the plant
- ▶ x_2 , inlet temperature of the cooling water
- ▶ x_3 : (% circulating acid - 50%) $\times 10$

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test statistic p-value

> 0.05

1. Test $H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ vs. $H_a : \beta_1 < 1$ using $\alpha = 0.1$.
2. Test $H_0 : \beta_3 = 0$ vs. $H_a : \beta_3 \neq 0$ by hand ($\alpha = 0.05$), and compare your t statistic to the one in the output table.
3. Construct and interpret a 2-sided 99% confidence interval for β_3 .
4. Construct and interpret a 1-sided lower 90% confidence interval for β_2

Answers: 1

1. $H_0: \beta_1 = 1$, $H_a: \beta_1 < 1$
2. $\alpha = 0.1$
3. I use the test statistic:

$$T = \frac{b_1 - 1}{\widehat{SD}(b_1)}$$

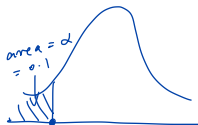
X_1, X_2, X_3

3 - predictor

↓

$p = 4$.

$(1 + \# \text{ of predictor})$



$t_{\text{critical value}}$

$t_{13, 0.1}$

- ▶ I assume:
 - ▶ H_0 is true.
 - ▶ The model $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1,i} + \beta_2 X_{2,i} + \beta_3 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i$, with $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{17} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ is correct.
- ▶ Under the assumptions, $T \sim t_{n-p} = t_{17-4} = t_{13}$.
- ▶ I will reject H_0 if $T < t_{13, \alpha} = t_{13, 0.1} = -1.35$.

4. The observed test statistic:

$$t = \frac{\overset{b_1}{\textcircled{0.7977}} - 1}{\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \hat{SD}(b_1) \\ \text{se}(b_1)}}{\textcircled{0.06744}}} = \underline{\underline{-3.00}}$$

5. With $t = -3 < -1.35 = t_{13,0.1}$, we reject H_0 and conclude H_a .
6. There is enough evidence to conclude that the true slope on airflow is less than 1 unit stack loss / unit airflow. With each unit increase in airflow and all the other covariates held constant, we expect stack loss to increase by less than one unit.
- \uparrow
mean

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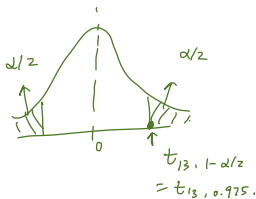
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Answers: 2

1. $H_0 : \beta_3 = 0, H_a : \beta_3 \neq 0$
2. $\alpha = 0.05$
3. I use the test statistic:

$$T = \frac{b_3 - 0}{\widehat{SD}(b_3)}$$



- I assume:

► H_0 is true.

► The model $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_1 x_{2,i} + \beta_1 x_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i$, with $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{17} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ is correct.

- Under the assumptions, $T \sim t_{n-p} = t_{17-4} = t_{13}$.
- I will reject H_0 if $|T| > \underline{t_{13, 1-\alpha/2} = t_{13, 0.975} = 2.16}$.

4. The observed test statistic:

$$t = \frac{-0.06706 - 0}{0.0616} = \underline{-1.089} \quad (\text{agrees with the "t Ratio"})$$

5. With $|t| = \underline{1.089} < \underline{2.16}$, we fail to reject H_0 .

6. There is not enough evidence to conclude that the true slope on circulating acid (shifted and scaled) is nonzero. With each unit increase acid and all the other covariates held constant, there is no evidence that the stack loss should change.

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- For a confidence level of 99%, $\alpha = 0.01$ and so

$$t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} = t_{13, 0.995} = 3.012.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\widehat{b_3} - t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} \cdot \widehat{SD}(b_3), \widehat{b_3} + t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} \cdot \widehat{SD}(b_3)) \\ & = (-0.06706 - 3.012 \cdot 0.0616, -0.06706 + 3.012 \cdot 0.0616) \\ & = (-0.2525, 0.1185) \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow contains zero.

reject H_0 at $\alpha = 0.01$.

- We're 99% confident that, for every unit increase in acid with all other covariates held constant, stack loss increases by anywhere from -0.2525 units to 0.1185 units.

\rightarrow mean stack loss

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{y|x_1, x_2} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 \\ \mu_{y|x_1, x_2+1} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 (x_2 + 1) = \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$1 - \alpha/2 = 0.95.$$

- For a confidence level of 90%, $\alpha = 0.1$ and so

$$t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} = t_{13, 0.95} = \underline{1.77}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\underline{b_2} - t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} \cdot \widehat{SD}(b_2), \underline{b_2} + t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} \cdot \widehat{SD}(b_2)) \\ &= (\underline{0.5573} - \underline{1.77} \cdot \underline{0.166}, \underline{0.5573} + \underline{1.77} \cdot \underline{0.166}) \\ &= (\underline{0.26348}, \underline{0.8511}) \end{aligned}$$

- We're 90% confident that, for every 1-degree increase in temperature with all other covariates held constant, stack loss increases by anywhere from 0.26348 units to 0.8511 units.

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mean response at $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{p-1})$

$$\mu_{y|\underline{x}}$$

- ▶ We want to estimate the mean response at the set of covariate values, $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{p-1})$ $\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}} = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_{p-1} x_{p-1}$.
- ▶ Under the model assumptions, the estimated mean response, $\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}}$, at $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{p-1})$ is normally distributed with:

by linearity of Expectation:

$$E(\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}}) = \mu_{y|\underline{x}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}}) = \sigma^2 A(\underline{x})^2$$

for some constant $A(\underline{x})$. (different for different \underline{x})

- ▶ Under the model assumptions:

When we do inference for an individual $\mu_{y|\underline{x}}$, we fix $|\underline{x}|$.

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}} - \mu_{y|\underline{x}}}{\sigma A(\underline{x})} \sim N(0, 1) \quad T = \frac{\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}} - \mu_{y|\underline{x}}}{s_{SF} A(\underline{x})} \sim t_{n-p}$$

- ▶ A test statistic for testing $H_0 : \mu_{y|\underline{x}} = \#$ is:

$$\frac{\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}} - \#}{s_{SF} A(\underline{x})} \rightarrow se(\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}})$$

which has a t_{n-p} distribution under H_0 .

- ▶ A 2-sided, $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval for $\mu_{y|\underline{x}}$ in compact form is

$$\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}} \pm t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} s_{SF} A(\underline{x}) \rightarrow se(\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}})$$

- ▶ Note: $s_{SF} A(\underline{x}) = SD(\hat{\mu}_{y|\underline{x}})$, which you can get directly from JMP output.

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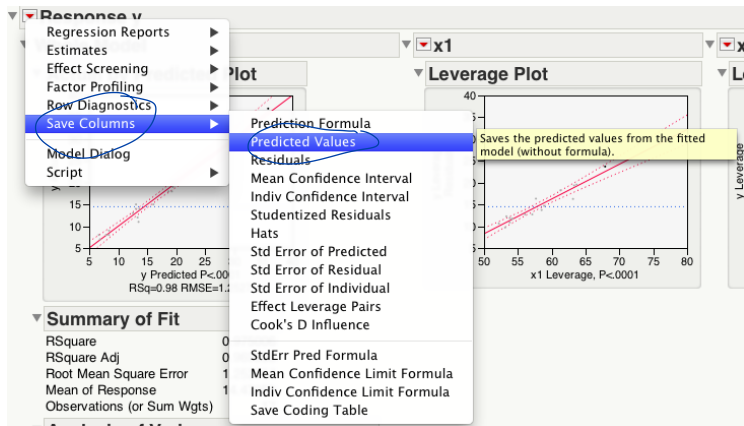
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- ▶ I will use JMP to compute a 2-sided 95% confidence interval around the mean response at point 3:
 $x_1 = 62$, $x_2 = 23$, $x_3 = 87$, $y = 18$.

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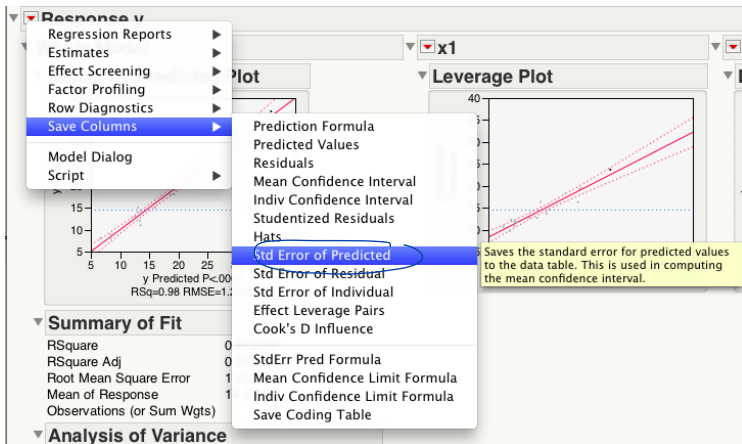
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1	80	27	88	37	35.849282687	1.0461642094
2	62	22	87	18	18.671300496	0.35771273
3	62	23	87	18	19.248640953	0.417845385
4	62	24	93	19	19.423620349	0.6295687471
5	62	24	93	20	19.423620349	0.6295687471
6	58	23	87	15	16.057898713	0.5204068064
7	58	18	80	14	13.640617664	0.6090546656
8	58	18	89	14	13.037076072	0.5582571612
9	58	17	88	13	12.526795792	0.6739851764
10	58	18	82	11	13.50649731	0.5519432283
11	58	19	93	12	13.346175822	0.6055705716
12	50	18	89	8	6.6555915917	0.5876767248
13	50	18	86	7	6.8567721223	0.4891659484
14	50	19	72	8	8.3729550563	0.8232400377
15	50	19	79	8	7.903533818	0.5302896274
16	50	20	80	9	8.4138140985	0.5769617708
17	56	20	82	15	13.065807105	0.3632418427

$\hat{\mu}_y(x)$

$se(\hat{\mu}_y(x))$

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- ▶ With $t_{n-p, 1-\alpha/2} = t_{13, 0.975} = 2.16$ the confidence interval is:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{\mu}_{y|x} - 2.16 \cdot \widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x}), \hat{\mu}_{y|x} + 2.16 \cdot \widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})) \\ &= (19.2486 - 2.16 \cdot 0.4178, 19.2486 + 2.16 \cdot 0.4178) \\ &= (18.346, 20.151) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ We're 95% confident that when the air flow is 62, the temperature is 23 degrees, and the adjusted percentage of circulating acid is 87, the true mean stack loss is anywhere between 18.346 and 20.151 units.

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simultaneous c.2. $P(\mu_{y|x} \in I_x \text{ for } x \text{ at the same time}) = 1 - \alpha$

- ▶ The multiple $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval formula for

$\mu_{y|x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}}$ is:

$$\hat{\mu}_{y|x} \pm \sqrt{p \cdot F_{p, n-p, 1-\alpha}} \cdot [s_{SF} \cdot A(x)]$$

$\text{se}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})$

- ▶ We'll make JMP do all the work for us.
- ▶ First, we'll need to write $\widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x}) = s_{SF} \cdot A(x)$ and write the interval as:

$$[\hat{\mu}_{y|x} \pm \sqrt{p \cdot F_{p, n-p, 1-\alpha}} \cdot \widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})]$$

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- ▶ With p parameters and 95% confidence intervals,
 $F_{p, n-p, 1-\alpha} = F_{4,13,0.95} = 3.18$.
- ▶ The multiple confidence interval becomes:

$$\hat{\mu}_{y|x} \pm \sqrt{4 \cdot 3.18} \cdot \widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{\mu}_{y|x} \pm 3.57 \cdot \widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})$$

- ▶ $\hat{\mu}_{y|x}$ and $\widehat{SD}(\hat{\mu}_{y|x})$ vary from point to point.

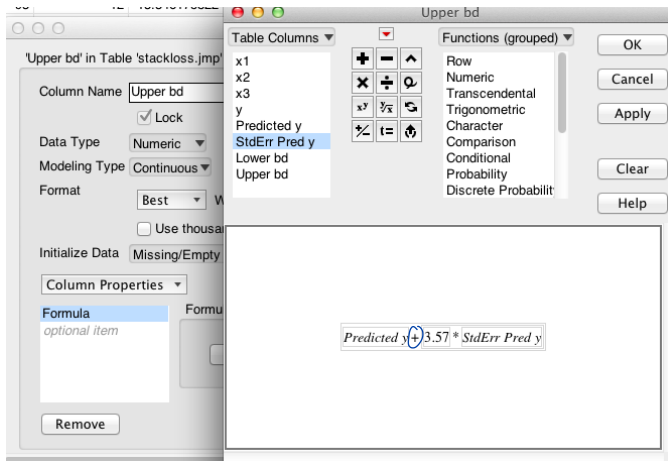
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The screenshot shows the Minitab 'Lower bd' dialog box. In the 'Table Columns' list, 'StdErr Pred y' is selected. The 'Functions (grouped)' list is open, showing various function categories. The main window displays the regression equation: $\text{Predicted } y = 3.57 \times \text{StdErr Pred } y$. The equation is circled in blue, and the coefficient '3.57' is circled in red.

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- The columns, “Lower bd” and “Upper bd”, give the endpoints for the confidence intervals.

x1	x2	x3	y	Predicted y	StdErr Pred y	Lower bd	Upper bd
80	27	88	37	35.849282687	1.0461642094	32.114476459	39.584088915
62	22	87	18	18.671300496	0.35771273	17.39426605	19.948334942
62	23	87	18	19.248640953	0.417845385	17.756932929	20.740348978
62	24	93	19	19.423620349	0.6295687471	17.176059922	21.671180776
62	24	93	20	19.423620349	0.6295687471	17.176059922	21.671180776
58	23	87	15	16.057898713	0.5204068064	14.200046414	17.915751012
58	18	80	14	13.640617664	0.6090546656	11.466292508	15.814942821
58	18	89	14	13.037076072	0.5582571612	11.044098007	15.030054138
58	17	88	13	12.526795792	0.6739851764	10.120668712	14.932922872
58	18	82	11	13.50649731	0.5519432283	11.536059986	15.476934635
58	19	93	12	13.346175822	0.6055705716	11.184288881	15.508062763
50	18	89	8	6.6555915917	0.5876767248	4.557585684	8.7535974993
50	18	86	7	6.8567721223	0.4891659484	5.1104496867	8.603094558
50	19	72	8	8.3729550563	0.8232400377	5.4339881219	11.311921991
50	19	79	8	7.903533818	0.5302896274	6.0103998483	9.7966677878
50	20	80	9	8.4138140985	0.5769617708	6.3540605768	10.47356762
56	20	82	15	13.065807105	0.3632418427	11.769033727	14.362580484

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