

Interactions

Interactions may be useful to model in situations where the impact of one factor may depend on the level of another factor.

- Interactions can involve just factors, just numeric regressors or both factors and numeric regressors.
- ▶ Useful when the impact on the response of one regressor depends on the level of another regressor.

ANOVA

Classically, ANOVA was used to analyse data from a designed experiment where:

- All of the explanatory variables were factors,
- The set of covariate patterns consisted of all possible combinations of levels for these factors (this was called a factorial design),
- ► The same number of observations were taken for each covariate pattern.

This structure simplified both the mathematical calculations and the interpretation of results. It also allowed interactions between the factors to be estimated.



Example: Weight Gain of Rats

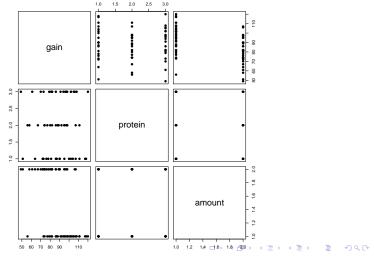
An experiment investigated the effect of diet on the weight gained by rats.

- Two treatment factors:
 - 1. source of protein: beef, pork, or cereal
 - 2. level: high or low
- ► Ten rats were assigned to each combination of "source" and "level"
 - this is called a balanced design each combination of factors was used for the same number of observations

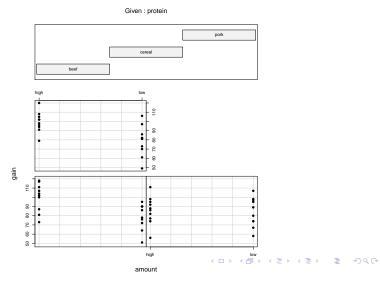
The Data Frame

```
> rats.df
  gain protein amount
    73
         Beef
               High
1
2
 98
       Cereal
               High
3
    94 Pork High
4
 90
         Beef Low
5
   107 Cereal Low
6
    49
         Pork
                I.ow
56
    92
       Cereal
               High
57
   105 Pork
               High
58
   78
         Beef
                Low
59 58
       Cereal
                Low
60
    82
         Pork
                Low
```

Pairs Plot



Conditional Plot



Two Factors

Both of the regressors (protein and amount) are factors. In R the factor function is used to designate factors:

```
> attach(rats.df)
> proteinA<-factor(protein)</pre>
> attributes(proteinA)
$levels
[1] "beef" "cereal" "pork"
$class
[1] "factor"
> amountA<-factor(amount)</pre>
> attributes(amountA)
$levels
[1] "high" "low"
$class
[1] "factor"
```

Indicator Variables

A set of indicator variables is needed for each factor:

- The indicator variables allow the mean response to be adjusted for each different category of the factor individually.
- ➤ To accomplish this the number of indicator variables needs to be one fewer than the number of levels for the factor.
- ▶ By default *R* creates indicator variables for a "baseline" model each factor has a baseline level and all of the indicator variables represent comparisons of the other levels to the baseline level.

Indicator Variables (cont.)

In R we can view the indicator variables that have been set up for a factor using the contrasts command:

```
low
high 0
low 1
```

Each column defines an indicator variable (a contrast).



The Model Defined by these Indicator Variables

Our model matrix will have four columns consisting of the intercept the two indicator variables for proteinA and the indicator for amountA. Let the coefficients for these be β_0 , β_C , β_P and β_L respectively. Then the model defines the means for the six different combinations of protein source and amount as:

	Protein Source				
amount	beef	cereal	pork		
high	$eta_{ extsf{0}}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_C$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P$		
low	$\beta_0 + \beta_L$	$\beta_0 + \beta_C + \beta_L$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P + \beta_L$		

Output for Fitted Model

```
> ratsA.lm=lm(gain~proteinA+amountA)
```

> summary(ratsA.lm)

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 96.867 3.898 24.850 < 2e-16 ***
proteinAcereal -4.700 4.774 -0.984 0.329126
proteinApork -0.500 4.774 -0.105 0.916965
amountAlow -14.533 3.898 -3.728 0.000451 ***
```

Residual standard error: 15.1 on 56 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.212, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1698 F-statistic: 5.023 on 3 and 56 DF, p-value: 0.003739

ANOVA for Fitted Model

- ► The line for proteinA tests whether both indicator variables for protein are needed in the model.
- ▶ No evidence of a difference between in mean gain between the three different sources of protein (but we'll revisit this).



ANOVA for Fitted Model (cont.)

Residuals 56 12764.1 227.9

> ratsA1.lm=lm(gain~amountA+proteinA)

What if we try adding the variables in the opposite order:

► Exactly the same results as before – this is a consequence of using a balanced orthogonal design.



Different Indicator Variables

We can adjust the indicator variables that R uses for factors.

We may decide that we would rather have cereal be the baseline for protein and low be the baseline for amount.

```
> proteinB<-factor(protein,levels=c("cereal","pork","beef"))</pre>
> contrasts(proteinB)
      pork beef
cereal
pork
beef
> amountB<-factor(amount,levels=c("low","high"))</pre>
> contrasts(amountB)
    high
low
high
```

New Version of the Model

The new version of the model defines the means for the combinations of protein source and amount:

	<u>Pr</u>	<u>rotein Sour</u>	<u>ce</u>
amount	beef	cereal	pork
high	$\beta_0 + \beta_B + \beta_H$	$\beta_0 + \beta_H$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P + \beta_H$
low	$\beta_0 + \beta_B$	$eta_{ extsf{0}}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P$

Fitted Model

The coefficients for this new version of the model are:

```
> ratsB.lm=lm(gain~proteinB+amountB)
> summary(rats2.lm)
```

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 77.633 3.898 19.916 < 2e-16 ***
proteinBpork 4.200 4.774 0.880 0.382767
proteinBbeef 4.700 4.774 0.984 0.329126
amountBhigh 14.533 3.898 3.728 0.000451 ***
```

Residual standard error: 15.1 on 56 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.212, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1698

F-statistic: 5.023 on 3 and 56 DF, p-value: 0.003739

ANOVA

> anova(rats2.lm)

The ANOVA table for the new version of the model is exactly the same as before (changing the way we define indicator variables does not affect this analysis).

A Third Version

There are many different ways of defining indicator variables for factors. *R* has a built-in method of generating indicator variables that produces the "Helmert contrasts".

```
> proteinC<-factor(protein,levels=c("pork","beef","cereal"))</pre>
> contrasts(proteinC)<-contr.helmert(3)
> contrasts(proteinC)
       [,1] [,2]
pork -1 -1
beef 1 -1
cereal 0 2
>
> amountC<-factor(amount,levels=c("low","high"))</pre>
> contrasts(amountC)<-contr.helmert(2)
> contrasts(amountC)
     Γ.17
     -1
low
                                        4□ > 4回 > 4 = > 4 = > = 9 < 0</p>
high
```

Helmert Contrasts

The first Helmert contrast compares the mean response for the second level of a factor to that for the first level. For each subsequent level, the mean response is compared to average mean response for all preceding levels.

For our example:

- ► The first contrast generated for protein compares the mean response for beef to that for pork.
- ▶ The second contrast for protein compares the mean response for cereal to the average mean response for beef and pork.
- ► The contrast for amount compares the mean response for high to that for low.



Helmert Version of the Model

Using the Helmert contrasts as our indicator variables defines the means for the combinations of protein source and amount quite differently from the baseline models. Let β_0 be intercept coefficient, β_{P1} and β_{P2} the coefficients for the protein contrasts and β_{A1} be the coefficients for the amount contrast.

	Protein Source		
amount	beef	cereal	pork
high	$\beta_0 + \beta_{A1} + \beta_{P1} - \beta_{P2}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_{A1} + 2\beta_{P2}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_{A1} - \beta_{P1} - \beta_{P2}$
low	$\beta_0 - \beta_{A1} + \beta_{P1} - \beta_{P2}$	$\beta_0 - \beta_{A1} + 2\beta_{P2}$	$\beta_0 - \beta_{A1} - \beta_{P1} - \beta_{P2}$

Fitted Model: Version 3

> ratsC.lm=lm(gain~proteinC+amountC)

Residual standard error: 15.1 on 56 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.212, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1698 F-statistic: 5.023 on 3 and 56 DF, p-value: 0.003739



ANOVA: Version 3

> anova(ratsC.lm)

Residuals 56 12764.1 227.9

The ANOVA table is the same for this version of our model as it was for the first two versions.

Equivalent Models

Changing the way we designate the indicator variables for factors doesn't change the model. If we look at the table of fitted values for the six combinations of protein and amount we get the same estimates for all three versions:

	<u> </u>	rotein Sour	<u>ce</u>
amount	beef	cereal	pork
high	96.87	92.17	96.37
low	82.33	77.63	81.83

Interaction?

Our model assumes that the impact of protein doesn't depend on the level of amount and vice versa.

- ▶ The difference between the two levels of amount is the same for each level of protein.
- ► The difference between any two levels of protein is the same for each level of amount.

However, if we examine our conditional plot (slide 7) this doesn't seem to be the case.

The Interaction Model

If we include the interaction between amount and protein, then the impact of amount can be different for each level of protein (and vice versa).

- ► The interaction contrasts for the amount:protein interaction are obtained by multiplying each amount contrast by each protein contrast.
- ▶ It doesn't matter which version of our model we start with, adding the amount:protein interaction will have the same impact although the coefficients will be different and have different interpretations.

The Interaction Contrasts

Adding the interaction to the first version of our model (baseline model with beef and high as the baseline levels) gives the following table of indicator variables.

		<u>Contrasts</u>				
		Main Effects		Intera	ctions	
protein	amount	 ereal	pork	low	cereal:low	pork:low
beef	high	0	0	0	0	0
beef	low	0	0	1	0	0
cereal	high	1	0	0	0	0
cereal	low	1	0	1	1	0
pork	high	0	1	0	0	0
pork	low	0	1	1	0	1

The Model Means

The table of model means (see slide 11) becomes:

		Protein Source	<u>e</u>
amount	beef	cereal	pork
high	$eta_{ extsf{0}}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_C$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P$
low	$\beta_0 + \beta_L$	$\beta_0 + \beta_C + \beta_L + \beta_{C:L}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_P + \beta_L + \beta_{P:L}$

- ► The difference between the two levels of amount is not necessarily the same for each level of protein.
- ► The difference between any two levels of protein is not necessarily the same for each level of amount.



The Fitted Interaction Model

```
> ratsAI.lm=lm(gain~proteinA*amountA)
> summary(ratsAI.lm)
Coefficients:
                           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                          1.000e+02 4.632e+00 21.589 < 2e-16 ***
proteinAcereal
                         -1.410e+01 6.551e+00 -2.152 0.03585 *
proteinApork
                         -5.000e-01 6.551e+00 -0.076 0.93944
amount.Alow
                         -2.080e+01 6.551e+00 -3.175 0.00247 **
proteinAcereal:amountAlow 1.880e+01 9.264e+00 2.029 0.04736 *
                          2.247e-15 9.264e+00 0.000
proteinApork:amountAlow
                                                       1.00000
Residual standard error: 14.65 on 54 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2848, Adjusted R-squared:
F-statistic: 4.3 on 5 and 54 DF, p-value: 0.002299
```

ANOVA Table

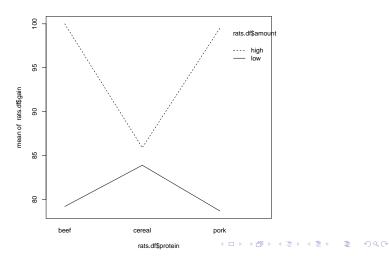
```
> anova(ratsAI.lm)
Analysis of Variance Table
```

Response: gain

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
proteinA 2 266.5 133.3 0.6211 0.5411319
amountA 1 3168.3 3168.3 14.7666 0.0003224 ***
proteinA:amountA 2 1178.1 589.1 2.7455 0.0731879 .
Residuals 54 11586.0 214.6
```

- ▶ Moderate evidence of a protein: amount interaction.
- ▶ If an interaction is significant it implies that both factors have an impact on the response (keep main effects in the model regardless of whether they show up as significant or not).

Interaction Plot



Binary ANOVA: Plum Root Stock Example

A study was conducted on the reproduction of plum trees by taking cuttings from older trees.

- Half the cuttings were planted immediately while the other half were bedded in sand until spring when they were planted.
- ► Two lengths of cuttings were used: long (12 cm) and short (6cm).
- ► A total of 240 cuttings were taken for each of the 4 combinations of planting time and cutting length
- Interested in the survival rate of the cuttings.

Plum Root Stock Data

Length of	Time of	Number surviving
cutting	planting	(out of 240)
short	at once	107
	in spring	31
long	at once	156
	in spring	84

▶ Note: the model that contains both main effects and their interaction is the maximal model.

Plum Root Stock Analysis

```
> length<-rep(c("short","long"),c(2,2))</pre>
> time<-c("at once", "spring", "at once", "spring")</pre>
> survive < -c(107, 31, 156, 84)
> time<-C(factor(time),treatment)</pre>
> length<-C(factor(length), treatment)</pre>
> plum.glm<-glm(cbind(survive,240-survive)~time*length,
                                          family=binomial)
> anova(plum.glm,test="Chisq")
Analysis of Deviance Table
            Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)
NULL
                                 3
                                      151.019
             1 97.579
                                 2 53.440 < 2.2e-16 ***
time
           1 51.147
                                        2.294 8.572e-13 ***
length
               2.294
                                                  0.1299
time:length
                                        0.000
```

Plum Root Stock Analysis (cont.)

Residual deviance: 2.2938 on 1

The previous analysis suggests that the interaction can be dropped (only a hint of evidence that it is needed). The output for the no interaction model is:

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degrees of freedom

Fitted Values

The fitted values for the main effects only model are:

Which are very similar to those for the maximal model:



Fitted Values (cont.)

To summarize:

Length of	Time of	Survival probability		
cutting	planting	observed	fitted	
short	at once	0.446	0.425	
	in spring	0.129	0.150	
long	at once	0.650	0.671	
	in spring	0.350	0.329	

Confidence Intervals

To calculate 95% confidence intervals for the fitted values:

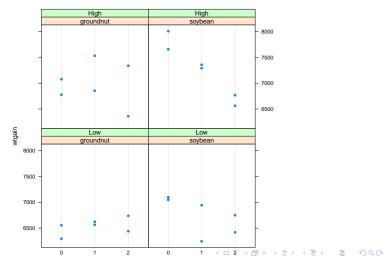
Chick Weight Gain Example

An experiment was conducted to compare different diets for feeding chickens. The diets depended on three variables:

```
protein source of protein – either groundnut or soybean;
protlev level of protein – either 0, 1 or 2;
fish level of fish solubles – either low or high.
```

Response variable is wtgain and measures the amount of weight gained.

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Three-Way ANOVA

In this example we have three factors. As a result we have the following possible terms for our model:

- The three main effect terms.
- Three two-factor interactions.
- The three-factor interaction.

The interpretation of a k-factor interaction is that the effect of any one of the factors depends on the combination of levels used for the remaining k-1 factors.

Specifying Factors

First, we want to designate all the regressors in our data frame as factors and take the opportunity to adjust the order of levels for fish.

```
> chickwts.df<-read.table("chickwts.txt",header=TRUE)
> summary(chickwts.df)
                            protlev
    wtgain
                    protein
                                           fish
Min.
       :6249 groundnut:12 Min. :0 High:12
 1st Qu.:6560 soybean :12 1st Qu.:0 Low :12
Median:6772
                             Median:1
Mean :6887
                             Mean :1
 3rd Qu.:7144
                             3rd Qu.:2
Max.
       :8005
                             Max. :2
> chickwts.df$protein<-factor(chickwts.df$protein)</pre>
> chickwts.df$protlev<-factor(chickwts.df$protlev)
> chickwts.df$fish<-factor(chickwts.df$fish.
                          levels=c("Low","High"))
```

Fitting the Full Model

First we'll fit the model that contains all the possible interactions and look at the anova output.

```
> model1 <- lm(wtgain~protein*protlev*fish,data=chickwts.df)</pre>
> anova(model1)
Response: wtgain
                    Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
protein
                       373751 373751 3.7346 0.077244 .
protlev
                     2 636283 318141 3.1789 0.078011 .
fish
                     1 1421553 1421553 14.2044 0.002677 **
protein:protlev
                     2 858158 429079 4.2874 0.039361 *
protein:fish
                  1 7176 7176 0.0717 0.793418
protlev:fish
                2 308888 154444 1.5432 0.253258
protein:protlev:fish 2
                        50128 25064 0.2504 0.782426
Residuals
                    12 1200938 100078
```

Interpreting the ANOVA Table

To interpret this ANOVA table at the bottom (with the highest order interaction) and work your way up.

- For an ordinary regression with a balanced design the order that terms are added is not going to affect the hypothesis tests.
- ► For this table we see that there is no evidence that protein:protlev:fish, protlev:fish or protein:fish are needed in the model.
- ► Empirical evidence suggests that as the order of an interaction increases it becomes less likely to be important. If you do see a lot of significant high order interactions, try transforming the response.

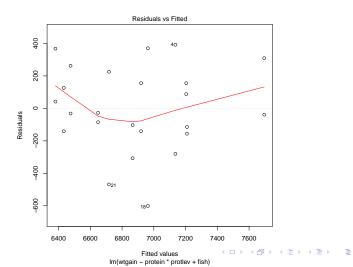
The Reduced Model

```
> model2 <- lm(wtgain~protein*protlev+fish,data=chickwts.df)
> summary(model2)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	6432.88	163.97	39.231	< 2e-16	***
proteinsoybean	776.00	214.69	3.615	0.00214	**
protlev1	216.25	214.69	1.007	0.32793	
protlev2	42.75	214.69	0.199	0.84453	
fishHigh	486.75	123.95	3.927	0.00109	**
<pre>proteinsoybean:protlev1</pre>	-707.75	303.62	-2.331	0.03232	*
${\tt proteinsoybean:protlev2}$	-871.50	303.62	-2.870	0.01061	*

Residual standard error: 303.6 on 17 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.6773,Adjusted R-squared: 0.5635 F-statistic: 5.948 on 6 and 17 DF, p-value: 0.001687

Diagnostic Plots



Interpreting the Model

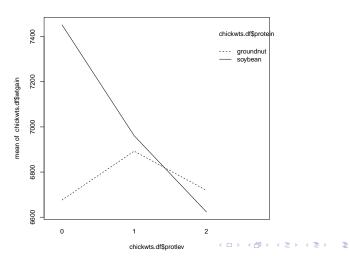
As fish doesn't interact with either of the other regressors we can interpret its impact separately.

▶ A chicken raised on a high fish solubles diet will gain on average 486.75 g(?) more than one on a low fish solubles diet for any combination of the other two factors.

As the protein:protlev interaction is significant we should evaluate the impact of these two factors together.

▶ An interaction plot is very useful in this regard.

Interaction Plot



Conclusions?

Interactions between Factors and Numeric Regressors

Interactions can exist between factors and quantitative regressors.

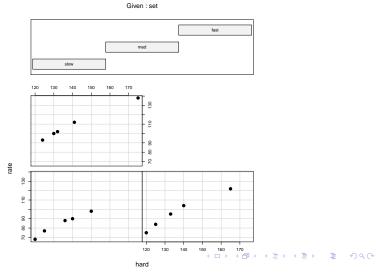
- ► The coefficient for a factor represents the impact on the response if we change from one level to another. If the factor interacts with a quantitative regressors, this size of the impact depends on the level of this regressor.
- ► The coefficient of a numeric regressor represents the change in the response per unit change in that regressor (i.e. a slope). If this regressor interacts with a factor, it means that this slope is different for different levels of the factor.

Metal Lathe Example

Consider an experiment to measure the rate of metal removal in a machining process on a lathe. The rate depends on:

- the speed setting of the lathe (fast, med or slow): a categorical measurement;
- the hardness of the material being machined: a continuous measurement.

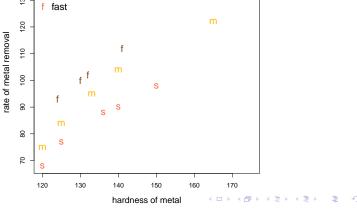
Conditional Plot



Scatter Plot

s slow m med

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Same Slopes?

Does the relationship between rate and hardness have the same slope for each level of setting?

- ▶ If the slopes are different then we should have the rate: hardness interaction in the model.
- If the slopes are the same then this interaction isn't needed.

The No Interaction Model

The baseline contrasts were used to create the indicator variables for setting:

```
> contrasts(metal.df$set)
    med fast
slow 0 0
med 1 0
fast 0 1
```

The Model Matrix

```
> metal1.lm <- lm(rate~hard+set,data=metal.df)</pre>
> model.matrix(metal1.lm)
   (Intercept) hard setmed setfast
                 120
                 140
                 150
                 125
5
                 136
                 165
                 140
8
                 120
                 125
10
                 133
11
                 175
12
                 132
13
                 124
14
                 141
15
                 130
```

The Model Coefficients

So for the baseline model, the relationship between rate and hard for each level of set has been parameterized as:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{set} = \mathsf{slow} & \mathsf{rate} = \beta_0 + \beta_H \; \mathsf{hard} \\ \\ \mathsf{set} = \mathsf{med} & \mathsf{rate} = \beta_0 + \beta_M + \beta_H \; \mathsf{hard} \\ \\ \mathsf{set} = \mathsf{fast} & \mathsf{rate} = \beta_0 + \beta_F + \beta_H \; \mathsf{hard} \end{array}$$

The fitted lines are parallel (all have slope β_H) but different intercepts.

Model Matrix for the Full Model

```
> metal2.lm <- lm(rate~hard*set,data=metal.df)</pre>
> model.matrix(metal2.lm)
   (Intercept) hard setmed setfast hard:setmed hard:setfast
                  120
                  140
                  150
                  125
5
                 136
                 165
                                                165
                 140
                                                140
8
                 120
                                                120
9
                 125
                                                125
10
                 133
                                                133
11
                 175
                                                              175
12
                 132
                                                              132
13
                 124
                                                              124
14
                 141
                                                              141
15
                 130
                                                              130
```

Coefficients for the Full Model

Now the relationship between rate and hard for each level of set has been parameterized as:

set = slow rate =
$$\beta_0 + \beta_H$$
 hard
set = med rate = $\beta_0 + \beta_M + (\beta_H + \beta_{H:M})$ hard
set = fast rate = $\beta_0 + \beta_F + (\beta_H + \beta_{H:F})$ hard

The fitted lines have different slopes and different intercepts.

Fitted No Interaction Model

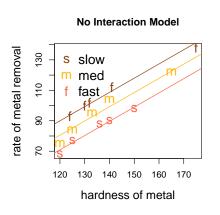
Residual standard error: 2.946 on 11 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.9795, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9739 F-statistic: 175.1 on 3 and 11 DF, p-value: 1.455e-09

Fitted Full Model

```
(Intercept) -45.78282 16.64522 -2.751 0.0225 *
hard 0.96858 0.12364 7.834 2.62e-05 ***
setmed 3.44396 20.25964 0.170 0.8688
setfast 33.60120 19.58902 1.715 0.1204
hard:setmed 0.04415 0.14947 0.295 0.7744
hard:setfast -0.10546 0.14356 -0.735 0.4813
```

Residual standard error: 2.959 on 9 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.9831, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9737 F-statistic: 104.5 on 5 and 9 DF, p-value: 1.085e-07

Which Fit?



Interaction Model rate of metal removal 130 slow med 110 fast 8 2 120 130 140 150 160 170 hardness of metal

ANOVA Table

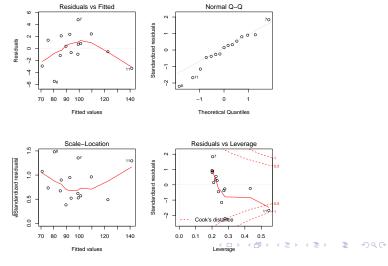
To decide we look at the output of anova for the full model.

> anova(metal2.lm)

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
hard 1 3679.3 3679.3 420.1866 7.307e-09 ***
set 2 878.8 439.4 50.1834 1.316e-05 ***
hard:set 2 16.6 8.3 0.9504 0.4222
Residuals 9 78.8 8.8
```

► No evidence that the interaction is need – the parallel lines model is fine.

Diagnostic Plots



Conclusions?

Interactions Between Numerical Regressors

Interaction terms between numerical regressors can also be useful in a regression model.

- ▶ A bit harder to understand but work much the same way: an interaction allows the impact of one regressor to change with the level of another.
- ► A two-factor interaction allows the surface to twist in the direction of one regressor as the value of another regressor changes.

Scottish Hill Races

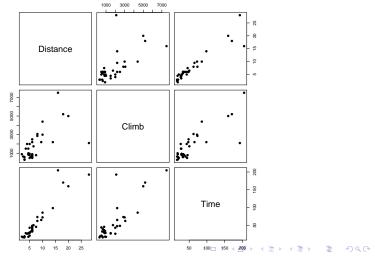
This data consists of the record times for 35 "hill" races in Scotland.

Distance the length of the race in miles.

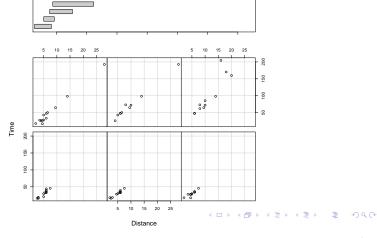
Climb the change in elevation in feet.

Time the record winning time in minutes.

Pairs Plot



Conditional Plot



Given : Climb

Interaction Model

Residuals

The conditional plot suggests that an interaction between Distance and Climb may be useful.

> hills1.lm<-lm(Time~Climb*Distance,data=hills.df)

31 1675

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The Model Matrix

```
> model.matrix(hills1.lm)
   (Intercept) Climb Distance Climb:Distance
                  650
                            2.5
                                           1625
2
                            6.0
                 2500
                                          15000
3
                  900
                            6.0
                                           5400
4
                  800
                            7.5
                                           6000
5
                 3070
                            8.0
                                          24560
6
                 2866
                            8.0
                                          22928
                 7500
                           16.0
                                         120000
8
                  800
                            6.0
                                           4800
                  800
                            5.0
                                           4000
31
                 4400
                           10.0
                                          44000
32
                  600
                            6.0
                                           3600
33
                 5200
                           18.0
                                          93600
34
                  850
                           4.5
                                           3825
35
                 5000
                           20.0
                                         100000
```

The Fitted Model

> summary(hills1.lm)

```
Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) -0.3532285 3.9121887 -0.090 0.928638

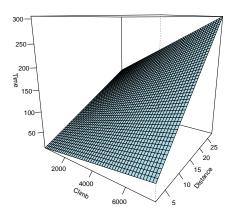
Climb 0.0035217 0.0023686 1.487 0.147156

Distance 4.9290166 0.4750168 10.377 1.32e-11 ***

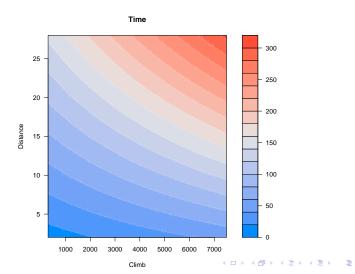
Climb:Distance 0.0006731 0.0001746 3.856 0.000545 ***
```

Residual standard error: 7.35 on 31 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.9806, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9787 F-statistic: 521.1 on 3 and 31 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

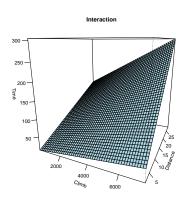
Wireframe Plot

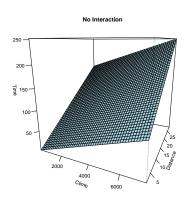


Filled Contour Plot



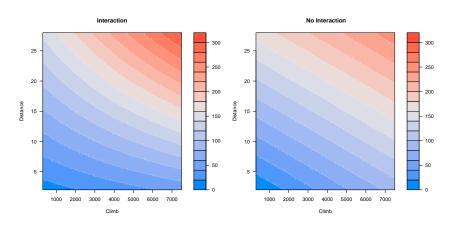
Comparison of Surfaces





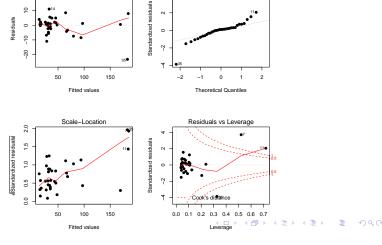


Comparison of Surfaces



Diagnostic Plots

Residuals vs Fitted

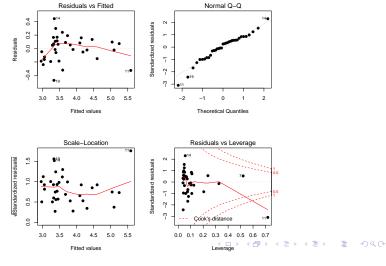


Normal Q-Q

Log the Response?

Might try using the log of the response – expect variability to increase as the expected time increases.

Diagnostic Plots



Fitted Model

> summary(hills3.lm)

```
Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) 2.517e+00 1.058e-01 23.780 < 2e-16 ***

Climb 3.686e-04 6.407e-05 5.753 2.49e-06 ***

Distance 1.147e-01 1.285e-02 8.929 4.46e-10 ***

Climb:Distance -1.558e-05 4.722e-06 -3.298 0.00245 **
```

Residual standard error: 0.1988 on 31 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.9289, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9221 F-statistic: 135.1 on 3 and 31 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16