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Statistics in R with Tidyverse

Session 4: Simple Linear Regression Analysis

Regression Overview

- Regression helps study relationships between an outcome variable and explanatory variables
- Key difference: Explanation (understanding associations) vs Predicting (project outcomes based on inputs)
- Can use for numerical or categorical explanatory variables
- Regression provides a linear model for further analysis

Simple Linear Regression

- Focus on one numerical explanatory variable
- Relationship is represented by a line equation
- Key difference: Simple linear regression involves a single regressor, whereas multiple regression involves more than one regressor
- Used to estimate how one variable influences the outcome

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- EDA is crucial before regression to understand data patterns
- Key difference: EDA explores data before fitting a model, while regression focuses on the relationship between variables
- Typical EDA includes summary statistics and visualizations (e.g., scatterplots, boxplots)

Interpretation of Coefficients

- The intercept is the outcome when the explanatory variable is 0
- The slope represents how much the outcome changes with one unit of the explanatory variable
- Key difference: Interpretation changes if the variable is categorical vs numerical
- Important for understanding the direction and strength of the relationship

Fit and Residuals

- The fitted value is the predicted outcome from the model
- Residuals are the differences between observed and fitted values
- Key difference: Residuals measure the error in prediction, whereas fitted values represent predictions from the model
- Minimized sum of squared residuals ensures the best-fit line

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