

# Regression Models Course Project - Motor Trend Data Set - 'mtcars' Miles Per Gallon Ratings Analysis

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## Executive Summary:

Using a broad range of linear regression model variations including the step function to gauge best model fit we identified a model using (wt + qsec + am) that provides an 84.966  $R^2$  value indicating a reasonably good fit which practically matches a slightly different fit that was developed using the manual nested approach followed by an ANOVA table test to check for multicollinearity which also produced a reasonably good fit with an  $R^2$  value of 85.13%. It must also be noted that vehicle weight is highly correlated (-86.77%) with mpg ratings and transmission type is relatively highly correlated with vehicle weight at (69%).

## Problem Statement:

Background information, problem statement & questions of interest:

Background situation:

As a member of a team of data analysts for the Motor Trend Magazine we have been given a data set called "mtcars" and asked to answer some questions of interest concerning differences between automatic and manual transmission types in regards to associated mpg or miles per gallon ratings within the given data set.

Assumptions:

The given data set (a sample of a larger population) for this analysis consists of independent and identically distributed random variables for 32 subjects (vehicles) with 11 observations or variables.

Questions of interest for Motor Trend Magazine:

Q1 "Is an automatic or manual transmission better for 'mpg'?"

or which type of transmission is associated with better mpg or gas mileage?

A1. The mean "MPG" rating of all vehicle models including both transmission types is 20.091 mpg with a 95% confidence interval of 17.917 mpg to 22.263 mpg.

Q2 "Quantify the MPG difference between automatic and manual transmissions"

or assuming there is an associated difference in mpg ratings between manual and automatic type transmissions then: What is the expected difference and how accurate is this estimate based on the given data?

A2. The mean "MPG" of models with automatic transmissions is 17.147 mpg, and with manual transmissions 24.392 mpg for a difference of 7.24 mpg in favor of manual transmission in the given data set.

## Analysis Considerations:

Descriptive - any(is.na()), str() & summary(), Exploratory - pairsPlots(), histograms(), boxPlots(), barPlots() QQ\_Plots & multiple plots Regression Models Analysis - OLS, SLR, BiVariate Regression, Multivariate Linear Regression, Heatmaps, HCL, PCA, SVD, Mean, T-Test, Z-Test, covariance, OLS, regression to mean (-1), simple linear regression, statistical linear regression, multivariable regression, logit & model selection, adjustments, residuals (predict fit, residual fit (-1)), hatvalues, variation, & dfbetas,  $R^2$ , diagnostics; ANOVA, GLMs & Binary GLMs, coefficients, correlation, confidence intervals, Cooks Distance, ChiSq-Test, VIF, binary, binomial, poisson, influence & leverage, Odds & OddsRatio, Inferential & Predictive, Causal ~ NA, Mechanistic ~ NA Diagnostics See section on Diagnostics Final Model Selection strategy Beginning with the simple linear regression using just one predictor (am), Use a bivariate model, Use a multivariate model, Use an

intercept adjusted multivariate model Use a multivariate model removing a suspected key regressor, Use the nested multivariate process Use the step(function) both directions process, Use different combinations and leave out from

the results of the step(function), Choose the best fit which is understandable and easy to explain

Technical Environment:

Environment: System - session Info Set the Working Directory Record the System & Session Info Check which packages have been installed

Raw Data:

Clean up work space, import the data & check for missing values Overview: Motor Trend 'mtcars' data set:

A data frame with 32 observations on 11 variables.

[, 1] mpg Miles/(US) gallon [, 2] cyl Number of cylinders (4,6,8) [, 3] disp Displacement (cu.in.) [, 4] hp Gross horsepower [, 5] drat Rear axle ratio [, 6] wt Weight (1000 lbs) [, 7] qsec 1/4 mile time [, 8] vs V/S (0 = vee-block, 1 = straight-block) [, 9] am Transmission (0 = automatic, 1 = manual) [,10] gear Number of forward gears (3:5) [,11] carb Number of carburetors (1:4,6,8)

Processed Data:

Factor columns 2 & 8:11 (cyl,vs,am,gear,carb) so their values can be used as levels

Descriptive Statistics:

```
library(datasets);library(dplyr);data("mtcars")
head(mtcars,4);mean(mtcars$mpg);sd(mtcars$mpg)
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
```

```
Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4 4 Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 4
Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4 1 Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1 [1]
20.09062 [1] 6.026948
```

```
round(t.test(mtcars$mpg)$conf.int,3)
```

```
[1] 17.918 22.264 attr(,"conf.level") [1] 0.95
```

```
mtcars0 <- mtcars[mtcars$am==0,];mtcars0;t.test(mtcars0$mpg)
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
```

```
Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
0 0 3 2 Valiant 18.1 6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 3 1 Duster 360 14.3 8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0
3 4 Merc 240D 24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0 4 2 Merc 230 22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1 0 4 2
Merc 280 19.2 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30 1 0 4 4 Merc 280C 17.8 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90 1 0 4 4 Merc
450SE 16.4 8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40 0 0 3 3 Merc 450SL 17.3 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60 0 0 3 3 Merc
450SLC 15.2 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00 0 0 3 3 Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4 8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98 0 0 3 4
Lincoln Continental 10.4 8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0 3 4 Chrysler Imperial 14.7 8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345
17.42 0 0 3 4 Toyota Corona 21.5 4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1 0 3 1 Dodge Challenger 15.5 8 318.0 150 2.76
3.520 16.87 0 0 3 2 AMC Javelin 15.2 8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30 0 0 3 2 Camaro Z28 13.3 8 350.0 245 3.73
3.840 15.41 0 0 3 4 Pontiac Firebird 19.2 8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05 0 0 3 2
```

One Sample t-test

data: mtcars0\$mpg t = 19.495, df = 18, p-value = 1.497e-13 alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0 95 percent confidence interval: 15.29946 18.99528 sample estimates: mean of x 17.14737

```
mtcars1 <- mtcars[mtcars$am==1,];mtcars1;t.test(mtcars1$mpg)
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108.0	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Fiat 128	32.4	4	78.7	66	4.08	2.200	19.47	1	1	4	1
Honda Civic	30.4	4	75.7	52	4.93	1.615	18.52	1	1	4	2
Toyota Corolla	33.9	4	71.1	65	4.22	1.835	19.90	1	1	4	1
Fiat X1-9	27.3	4	79.0	66	4.08	1.935	18.90	1	1	4	1
Porsche 914-2	26.0	4	120.3	91	4.43	2.140	16.70	0	1	5	2
Lotus Europa	30.4	4	95.1	113	3.77	1.513	16.90	1	1	5	2
Ford Pantera L	15.8	8	351.0	264	4.22	3.170	14.50	0	1	5	4
Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	145.0	175	3.62	2.770	15.50	0	1	5	6
Maserati Bora	15.0	8	301.0	335	3.54	3.570	14.60	0	1	5	8
Volvo 142E	21.4	4	121.0	109	4.11	2.780	18.60	1	1	4	2

### One Sample t-test

data: mtcars1\$mpg t = 14.262, df = 12, p-value = 6.909e-09 alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0 95 percent confidence interval: 20.66593 28.11869 sample estimates: mean of x 24.39231

```
c6 <- mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==6];c6
```

```
[1] 21.0 21.0 21.4 18.1 19.2 17.8 19.7
```

```
c4 <- mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==4];c4;t.test(c4,c6,var.equal = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 22.8 24.4 22.8 32.4 30.4 33.9 21.5 27.3 26.0 30.4 21.4
```

### Two Sample t-test

data: c4 and c6 t = 3.8952, df = 16, p-value = 0.001287 alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0 95 percent confidence interval: 3.154286 10.687272 sample estimates: mean of x mean of y 26.66364 19.74286

```
c6 <- mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==6];c6
```

```
[1] 21.0 21.0 21.4 18.1 19.2 17.8 19.7
```

```
c8 <- mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==8];c8;t.test(c6,c8,var.equal = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 18.7 14.3 16.4 17.3 15.2 10.4 10.4 14.7 15.5 15.2 13.3 19.2 15.8 15.0
```

### Two Sample t-test

data: c6 and c8 t = 4.419, df = 19, p-value = 0.0002947 alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0 95 percent confidence interval: 2.443809 6.841905 sample estimates: mean of x mean of y 19.74286 15.10000

Exploratory Analysis:

See Appendix A. Figures (pairs-plot, histogram, box-plot)

Statistical Modeling:

Multivariate Linear Model Finding Best Fit with Step function:

```
library(stats);library(MASS)
fstp <- lm(mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
stp <- step(fstp, trace = FALSE)
coef(summary(stp))
summary(stp)$r.squared
```

Preliminary findings: # Questions of interest: & interpretation of results: A Revisit the Question - Considering all regressors: A. Is an automatic or manual transmission better for mpg The results of using multiple linear regression techniques

suggest that manual transmissions are associated with better mpg ratings than automatic transmissions B. Quantify the MPG difference between automatic and manual transmissions On average manual transmissions provides 24.39 mpg which is 7.24 mpg more than the 17.15 mpg average of the automatic transmission models B Primary result A. Are any other regressors significantly correlated with mpg rating? a. model fnm6 = factor(am) + cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt this model has an  $R^2$  value of 85.13% B. Further testing a. using the step function in both directions selects wt, qsec and am as good predictors with an 84.96%  $R^2$  value indicating very good predictability using this set of regressors

C Direction, Magnitude, Uncertainty  
A.

## Multivarite Linear Model Finding Best Fit with Step function:

```
library(stats);library(MASS);library(ggplot2)
fstp <- lm(mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
stp <- step(fstp, trace = FALSE)
coef(summary(stp))
```

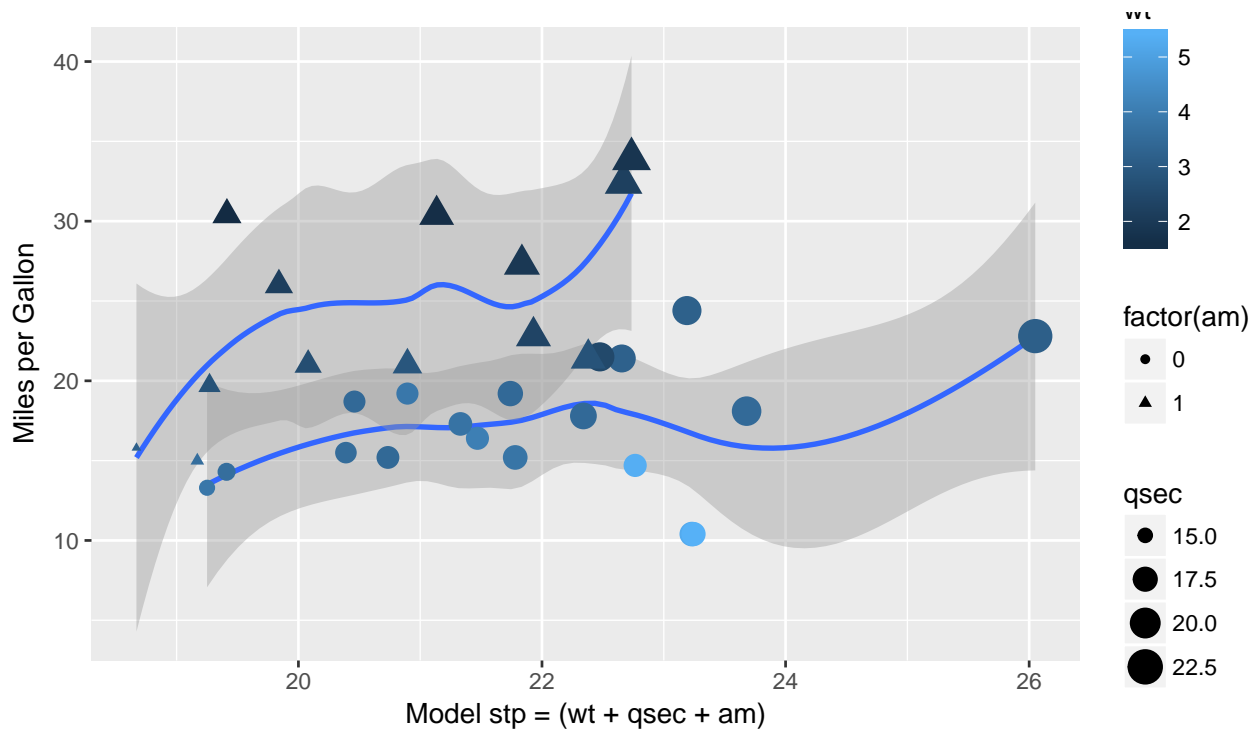
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
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(Intercept)	9.617781	6.9595930	1.381946	1.779152e-01
wt	-3.916504	0.7112016	-5.506882	6.952711e-06
qsec	1.225886	0.2886696	4.246676	2.161737e-04
am	2.935837	1.4109045	2.080819	4.671551e-02

```
summary(stp)$r.squared
```

```
[1] 0.8496636
```

```
par(mfrow = c(1, 1), mar = c(4,4,4,2))
g <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = (wt + qsec + am), y = mpg),)
g <- g + xlab("Model stp = (wt + qsec + am)")
g <- g + ylab("Miles per Gallon")
g <- g + geom_smooth(aes(method = "lm", shape = factor(am)))
g <- g + geom_point(aes(shape = factor(am), size=qsec, colour=wt))
g
```



D Context A. It should be noted that vehicle weight has a strong negative correlation to mpg ratings (-86.76%) and the weight of vehicle models with manual transmissions range from 1.513tons to 3.570 tons and the weight of vehicles with automatic transmissions range from 2.465 tons to 5.424 tons

#### E Implications - Congruence with existing knowledge?

##### A. Sedan, Sports, Luxury

Generally accepted expectations of mpg ratings are that sports and luxury models typically will have lower mpg ratings than sedans

#### Diagnostics:

Diagnostic tests were conducted on model results in accordance with the plan for analysis considerations. Besides several vehicle models exhibiting leverage on the model fit at the high end of the qsec, and weight scales results were generally as expected with faster and or heavier vehicles of both manual and automatic transmission types getting lower mpg ratings and slower lighter vehicle models of both transmission types exhibiting better or higher mpg ratings.

Hypothesis Test: ?  $H_0 = \text{mean}(\text{automatic transmission})\text{mpg} = \text{mean}(\text{manual transmission})\text{mpg}$   $H_a = \text{mean}(\text{automatic transmission})\text{mpg} \neq \text{mean}(\text{manual transmission})\text{mpg}$

Inference & Prediction: ?

Interpretation of Results: #

Appendix A. Figures: need to review again possibly condense to one plot