

Statistical Inference and Multivariate Analysis (MA324)

LECTURE SLIDES
Lecture 30

Multiple Linear Regression



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Estimation of Error Variance (σ^2)

- It can be shown that

$$E(SS_{Res}) = (n - p - 1)\sigma^2$$

- Hence, $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SS_{Res}}{n-p-1} = MS_{Res}$ is an unbiased estimator of σ^2 . Here MS_{Res} is residual mean square.
- Observed value of $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SS_{Res}}{n-p-1}$ is called **Residual variance**. It's **square root is called residual standard error**.
- $\frac{(n-p-1)MS_{Res}}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-p-1}$.
- Here,

$$SS_{Res} = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = y^T y - \hat{\beta}_1^T X^T y,$$

Hypothesis Testing: Test for Significance of Regression (\sim ANOVA)

- Assumptions: ϵ_i 's are i.i.d $N(0, \sigma^2)$ Rvs.

$$\epsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

- Want to test the hypothesis **if there is a linear relationship** between the response y and any of the regressor x_1, \dots, x_n .

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0 \text{ ag. } H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0 \text{ for atleast one } j = 1, \dots, p$$

- Therefore, the test statistic is

$$F_0 = \frac{SS_{Reg}/p}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \frac{SS_{Reg}/p}{SS_{Res}/(n-p-1)} \sim F_{p, n-p-1}, \text{ under } H_0.$$

- Reject H_0 iff $F_0 > F_{p, n-p-1; \alpha}$ (at level α).

Hypothesis Testing for individual regression coefficients: β_j

- Want to test:

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0 \text{ ag. } H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$$

- Therefore, the test statistic is

$$t_0 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{\sqrt{MS_{Res}C_{jj}}} \sim t_{n-p-1}, \text{ under } H_0,$$

where C_{jj} is the diagonal element of $(X^T X)^{-1}$

- Reject H_0 iff $|t_0| > t_{n-p-1, \alpha/2}$; (at level α).

Test of contribution of a subset of the regressors



$$\underline{y} = \underline{X}\underline{\beta} + \underline{\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y} = (\underline{X}_1, \underline{X}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\beta}_1 \\ \underline{\beta}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{\epsilon}$$

- Want to test:

$$H_0 : \underline{\beta}_2 = 0 \text{ ag. } H_1 : \underline{\beta}_2 \neq 0$$

- Based on the full model ($\underline{y} = \underline{X}\underline{\beta} + \underline{\epsilon}$), $\hat{\underline{\beta}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ and $SS_{Reg}(\underline{\beta})$ has p degrees of freedom.
- To find the contribution of $\underline{\beta}_2$, fit the model assuming $\underline{\beta}_2 = 0$.
- The reduced model is $\underline{y} = \underline{X}_1 \underline{\beta}_1 + \underline{\epsilon}$, $\hat{\underline{\beta}}_1 = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T y$ and $SS_{Reg}(\underline{\beta}_1)$ has $p - r$ degrees of freedom. Where r denotes the number of components in $\underline{\beta}_2$

Test of contribution of a subset of the regressors

- $SS_{Reg}(\beta_2|\beta_1) = SS_{Reg}(\beta) - SS_{Reg}(\beta_1)$ can be used as a measure of contribution of β_2 .
- Note that if β_2 has significant contribution then $SS_{Reg}(\beta_2|\beta_1)$ is large.
- Therefore, the test statistic is

$$F_0 = \frac{SS_{Reg}(\beta_2|\beta_1)/r}{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \frac{SS_{Reg}(\beta_2|\beta_1)/r}{SS_{Res}/(n-p-1)} \sim F_{r,n-p-1}, \text{ under } H_0.$$

- Reject H_0 iff $F_0 > F_{r,n-p-1;\alpha}$ (at level α).

Testing of general linear hypothesis

- Want to test:

$$H_0 : T\beta = 0 \text{ ag. } H_1 : T\beta \neq 0,$$

where T is a $m \times (p + 1)$ matrix of constants.

- Examples: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \epsilon$

- $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_3 \text{ ag. } H_1 : \beta_1 \neq \beta_3$. Take, $T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_3, \beta_2 = 0 \text{ ag. } H_1 : \beta_1 \neq \beta_3 \text{ or } \beta_2 \neq 0$. Take,

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The full model (FM) is $\underline{y} = \underline{X}\beta + \epsilon$, $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ and

$SS_{Res}(FM) = y^T y - \hat{\beta}^T X^T y$ has $n - p - 1$ degrees of freedom.

- Now assume that T has $r(\leq m)$ independent rows. Then $T\beta$ can be solved and r of the β_j 's in FM can be written in terms of other $(p + 1 - r)$ β_j 's.

Testing of general linear hypothesis

- This lead to the reduced model (RM)

$$\underline{y} = \underline{\tilde{Z}}\underline{\gamma} + \underline{\epsilon}^*,$$

where Z is $n \times \overline{p+1-r}$ matrix.

$$\hat{\underline{\gamma}} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y, \text{ and } SS_{Res}(RM) = y^T y - \hat{\underline{\gamma}}^T Z^T y$$

has $n - p - 1 + r$ degrees of freedom.

- $SS_{Res}(FM) \leq SS_{Res}(RM)$
- Consider $SS_H = SS_{Res}(RM) - SS_{Res}(FM)$ with d.f
 $(n - p - 1 + r) - (n - p - 1) = r$
- Therefore, the test statistic is

$$F_0 = \frac{SS_H/r}{SS_{Res}(FM)/(n - p - 1)} \sim F_{r, n-p-1}, \text{ under } H_0.$$

- Reject H_0 iff $F_0 > F_{r, n-p-1; \alpha}$ (at level α).

Confidence Intervals (CIs):

- Confidence Interval of individual regression coefficient $\hat{\beta}_j$

- Pivot is

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{MS_{Res}C_{jj}}} \sim t_{n-p-1},$$

where C_{jj} is the diagonal element of $(X^T X)^{-1}$ matrix.

- A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for β_j is

$$\left[\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{n-p-1, \alpha/2} \sqrt{MS_{Res}C_{jj}} \right].$$

CI for mean response:

- Let $\tilde{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_{01} \\ \vdots \\ x_{0p} \end{pmatrix}$ be a value of the regressor vector. The mean response at \tilde{x}_0 is $\tilde{x}_0^T \beta$.

- Confidence Interval of individual regression coefficient $\hat{\beta}_j$

- Pivot is $\frac{\hat{y}_0 - \tilde{x}_0^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{MS_{Res} \tilde{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} \tilde{x}_0}} \sim t_{n-p-1}$.

- A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for β_j is

$$\left[\hat{y}_0 \pm t_{n-p-1, \alpha/2} \sqrt{MS_{Res} \tilde{x}_0^T (X^T X)^{-1} \tilde{x}_0} \right].$$