



Stat 104: Quantitative Methods for Economists

Class 35: Multiple Regression

Residuals and Their Plots

All of the assumptions of the model are really statements about the regression error terms (ϵ)

How can we test whether the data supports these assumptions if we cannot observe the errors directly? We rely on diagnostics that use basic *least squares residuals* $\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{Y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_i$

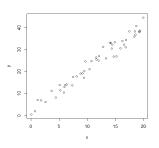
We pretend as though the least squares residuals are the same as the true regression errors... with some limitations. Sometimes we use **Standardized Residuals** for convenience.

$$r_i = \frac{\mathbf{e}_i}{\mathbf{s}_e} \approx \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$$

(why are these useful ?)

When things are right

Consider the data:



this plot looks like the kind of data our model is meant to describe.

Always plot Y vs X!

As a further check we examine the residuals.

Obtaining Residuals in R

We need the residuals, fitted values and standardized residuals

> fit=lm(y~x)

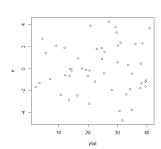
> e=residuals(fit)

> yhat=fitted(fit)

> sres=rstudent(fit)

Plot residuals versus Yhat

plot(yhat,e)

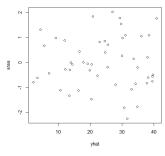


This is the way a residual plot looks when the model fits the data:

No obvious pattern!!!!!

resids unrelated to X!!!!!!

(or) Plot standardized residuals vs Yhat



no obvious pattern!!!!!

resids unrelated to X!!!!!!

standardized resids between -2 and +2!!!!!!

Normality of Error Terms

- A major, big-time assumption is that the errors in our regression model are normally distributed. $\varepsilon \sim N(0,1)$
- This assumption lets us construct confidence intervals and do hypothesis tests.
- It is essential that we always check this assumption

Normality Tests in R

- The null hypothesis of each test is "data is normally distributed"
- R package nortest
- ■ad.test(residuals(fit))

Ho: Normal Ha: Not Normal

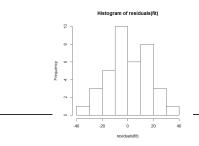
We want a high p-value

Crying Baby Data

> fit=lm(IQ~Crying,data=foo) > ad.test(residuals(fit))

Anderson-Darling normality test

data: residuals(fit) A = 0.24283, p-value = 0.7507



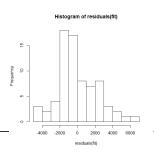
Car price model regression

> fit=lm(price~mpg+weight+length+turn+headroom,data=foo)

> ad.test(residuals(fit))

Anderson-Darling normality test

data: residuals(fit) A = 0.82337, p-value = 0.03195

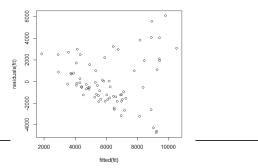


What if it is not normal?

- In cases in which the normality assumption is not satisfied, transforming the dependent this plot means. variable is often useful.
 - In many instances, a log transformation works
 - Also, the presence of outliers can distort the results of the normality test.

Check residual plot

Hmmmm-we'll see this in just a minute what



Multiple Regression

☐ Multiple Regression allows us to:

- Use several variables at once to explain the variation in a continuous dependent variable.
- Isolate the unique effect of one variable on the continuous dependent variable while taking into consideration that other variables are affecting it too.
- Write a mathematical equation that tells us the overall effects of several variables together and the unique effects of each on a continuous dependent variable.

The Multiple Regression Model

■ Multiple linear regression is very similar to simple linear regression except that the dependent variable Y is described by \underline{k} independent variables $X_1, ..., X_k$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathbf{X}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{X}_2 + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{X}_k + \varepsilon$$

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Multiple Linear Regression

$$\mathbf{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathbf{X}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{X}_2 + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{X}_k + \varepsilon$$

■ Intercept is the same

Multiple R-squared: 0.9161,

- Slope b_i is the change in Y given a unit change in X_i while holding all other variables constant (more on this later)
- SST, SSE, SSR, and R² are the same
- \blacksquare s_e is the same except now s_e = sqrt(SSE / (n-k-1))
- Slope coefficient C.I.s are the same
- p-values (one for each X_i) are the same

Example: Housing Data

We have data on 15 randomly selected house sales from last year:

price	size	age	lotsize		
89.5	20.0	5	4.1		
79.9	14.8	10	6.8	price in \$1000's	
83.1	20.5	8	6.3	price in \$1000 S	
56.9	12.5	7	5.1		
66.6	18.0	8	4.2	size in 100 sq-feet	
82.5	14.3	12	8.6		
126.3	27.5	1	4.9	age in years	
79.3	16.5	10	6.2	age years	
119.9	24.3	2	7.5	lot size in 1000 sq-fee	
87.6	20.2	8	5.1	iot size iii 1000 sq-ieet	
112.6	22.0	7	6.3		
120.8	19.0	11	12.9		
78.5	12.3	16	9.6		
74.3	14.0	12	5.7		
74.8	16.7	13	4.8		

How does selling price relate to the three variables?

```
> fit=lm(price~size+age+lotsize)
> summary(fit)
lm(formula = price ~ size + age + lotsize)
Residuals:
    Min
                    Median
-14.3848
         -1.7477
                    0.5549
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -16.0580
                        19.0710
                                -0.842 0.417712
              4.1462
                         0.7512
                                 5.520 0.000181 ***
size
                         0.8812
                                 -0.268 0.793730
             -0.2361
                                 5.361 0.000230 ***
lotsize
              4.8309
                         0.9011
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.894 on 11 degrees of freedom
```

F-statistic: 40.03 on 3 and 11 DF, p-value: 3.278e-06

Adjusted R-squared: 0.8932

Interpretation:

The relationship between house size and price is measured by $b_1 = 4.146$. This indicates that in this model, for each additional 100 square feet, the price of the house increases (on average) by \$4,146 (assuming that the other independent variables are fixed).

The coefficient $b_2 = -.236$ specifies that for each additional year in the age of the house, the price decreases by an average of \$236 (as long as the values of the other independent variables do not change).

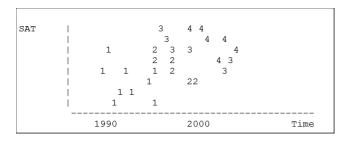
The coefficient b_3 = 4.831 means that for each additional 1000 sq-feet if lot size, the price increases by an average of \$4831 (assuming that house size and age remain the same).

This Held Fixed Concept

- In a multiple regression model, the interpretation of a parameter is entirely dependent upon the model in which the parameter appears.
- If you have the "wrong" sign, you may not be thinking clearly about the "held fixed" meaning of the parameters (it can be confusing).

Example

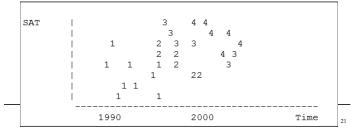
■ Consider data where Y = SAT score, $X_1 =$ High School GPA, X_2 = Time (1992 - 2002).



(Symbol plotted is value of X₁, in Grade points: 1=D, 4=A).

Example

- While SATs are generally increasing over time, the SATs are decreasing within each grade strata, as evidenced by the decreasing pattern within each of GPAs 1,2,3,4.
- In the case of Rinott and Tam's study, they argued that this discrepancy is caused by grade inflation.



Example

- The sign of the estimate of b₂ in the multiple regression model SAT = $b_0 + b_1$ GPA + b₂Time + e, will be negative, and might seem "wrong", but it is actually correct when you think about the "held fixed" meaning (specifically, holding GPA fixed).
- In other words, the "partial" relationship between SAT and Time is a decreasing relationship

Example

- On the other hand, the sign of the estimate of b₁ in the simple regression model SAT = b_0 + b₁Time + e, will be positive, reflecting the generally increasing trend.
- "Simpson's paradox" refers to the reversal of signs of directional associations that sometimes occurs when data are aggregated. Here, in the GPA-defined subgroups, we see negative trends. However, in the aggregate data, we see a positive trend.

R-squared

ho hum as before,

$$SST = SSR + SSE$$

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST}$$

Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Tests

confidence intervals are as before:

$$b_j \pm 1.96s_{b_j}$$

and the hypothesis test:

reject
$$H_0: \beta_i = \beta_i^*$$
 if

$$t = \left| \frac{b_j - \beta_j^*}{s_{b_j}} \right| \ge 1.96$$

Or as always reject the null if the P-value < 0.05

The housing data:

1	price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	
b_1 b_2 b_3	→ size → age lotsize → _cons	4.146191 2360837 4.830881 -16.05802	.7511855 .8812207 .901075 19.07105	5. 52 -0. 27 5. 36 -0. 84	0.000 0.794 0.000 0.418	

Clearly we "accept" H_0 : $\beta_0=0$, and H_0 : $\beta_2=0$ Clearly we reject H_0 : $\beta_1=0$, and H_0 : $\beta_3=0$

A confidence interval for β_1 is:

Example: Is brain and body size predictive of intelligence?

- Sample of n = 38 college students
- Response (Y): intelligence based on PIQ (performance) scores from the (revised) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale.
- Potential predictor (x₁): Brain size based on MRI scans (given as count/10,000).
- Potential predictor (x_2) : **Height** in inches.
- Potential predictor (x_3): **Weight** in pounds.

> fit=lm(piq~brain+height+weight)

lm(formula = piq ~ brain + height + weight)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -32.73 -12.09 -3.84 14.17 51.69

Coefficients:

weight 0.000716 0.197064 0.00 0.99712 --- Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 ** 0.01 ** 0.05 \.' 0.1 \' 1

Residual standard error: 20 on 34 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.295, Adjusted R-squared: 0.233 F-statistic: 4.74 on 3 and 34 DF, p-value: 0.00722

Interpretation?

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The IQ Data again:

Clearly we reject H_0 : $\beta_1 = 0$, and H_0 : $\beta_2 = 0$

Adjusted R-squared

It can be shown that every time you add a new X variable to a multiple regression the error sum of squares (SSE) goes down (math fact).

Since,

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \overline{Y})^{2}} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}$$

this means that every time you add an X variable, R² goes up.

People love R².

This leads to an overwhelming temptation to put lots of X's in.

This is a bad attitude. We want to summarize and predict, and we want to to it in the simplest possible way. The more complicated a model is, the less use it tends to be. Of course it has to be "complicated enough" to capture the important features of the data.

The adjusted R-squared is designed to build in an automatic penalty for adding an X.

$$R_a^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{n-k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i^2}{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{n-k-1} SSE}{\frac{1}{n-1} SST}$$

I find the "penalty" artificial.

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Example

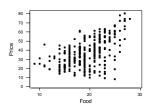
■ Note the difference between regular and adjusted R-sq

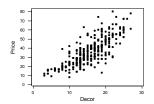
Another Example

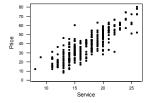
- Consider Zagat food ratings for Manhattan
- We have data on price of meal, and ratings for food quality, décor and service.

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Zagat data: Relationship between price and other variables at the same time!







First,

Regress price on food quality:

```
> fit=Im(price-food)
> summary(fit)

Call:

Im(formula = price ~ food)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max

-23.49 -8.31 -1.85 7.11 42.59

Coefficients:

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

(Intercept) -3.871 10.047 -0.39 0.70046

food 1.640 0.436 3.76 0.00022 ***

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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1

Residual standard error: 12 on 193 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.0683, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0635

F-statistic: 14.2 on 1 and 193 Dr, p-value: 0.000223
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Now a multiple regression

```
> fit=lm(price~food+decor+service)
lm(formula = price ~ food + decor + service)
           10 Median
-20.50 -5.90 -0.38
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept) -28.3326
                                                0.00073 ***
                            8.2553 -3.43
0.3993 -0.10
              -0.0401
                                                0.92016
decor
               0.7471
                            0.2702
                                       2.76
                                                0.00626
service
                                      5.58 0.00000008 ***
Signif. codes: 0 \***' 0.001 \**' 0.01 \*' 0.05 \.' 0.1 \ ' 1
Residual standard error: 9.7 on 191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.424, Adjusted R-squared: 0.415
F-statistic: 46.8 on 3 and 191 DF, p-value: <0.00000000000000000
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Compare: What Happened?

The Overall F Test

- There is one more hypothesis test that R (and all other stat packages) do for you automatically.
- It is called the "Overall F test"
- It tests the null hypothesis:

$$H_0$$
: $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0$
i.e. there is no relation between X an Y
You always want to reject his

■ What is the alternative hypothesis?

at least 1 Bi ≠ 0

Motivating the Test

- Under the null hypothesis, there are no X variables in the model.
- If there are no X variables in the model, then SSR=0 and SST=SSR+SSE=SSE.
- However, if at least one X variable is useful, then SSR does not equal 0, and ideally, if some X variables are useful, SSR>SSE
- So we compare SSR to SSE in some fashion.

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The Test Statistics

■ The test statistics for testing

$$H_0$$
: $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0$

■ Is given by

$$f = \frac{\frac{(SSR)}{k}}{\frac{SSE}{(n-k-1)}}$$

■ We reject for large values of f.

The F distribution

- How large is large?
- The *F distribution* tell us what kind of values we expect to get for f, when the null is true.
- In particular, under the null,

$$f \sim F_{k,n-k-1}$$

■ Which is the F distribution with k numerator degrees of freedom and n-k-1 denominator degrees of freedom.

The Decision Rule

reject
$$H_0$$
 if $f \ge f_{k,n-k-1,\alpha}$

- One can calculate the p-value by hand using the R pf() command.
- For our purposes, we will simply read the pvalue from the regression output. (Score!).

Example

 $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

Conclusion?

 H_a : At least one $\beta_i \neq 0$

lm(formula = price ~ size + age + lotsize)

Coefficients:

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Example

$$H_o$$
: $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

 H_a : At least one $\beta_i \neq 0$

Conclusion?

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> summary(fit)

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 Coefficients:

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

 (Intercept)
 111.378186
 62.971483
 1.77
 0.08591

 brain
 2.060200
 0.563455
 3.66
 0.0006 *

 height
 -2.732402
 1.229522
 -22
 0.03302 *

 weight
 0.000716
 0.19706
 0.00
 0.99712

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

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Fs and ts

- If you just want to test whether one coefficient is 0 it might appear that we now have two ways. The t test and the F test.
- It turns out they are equivalent.
- Mathematically, $f=t^2$

Example

 $3.871^2 = 14.2$ lm(formula = price ~ food) Residuals: Min 1Q Median -23.49 -8.31 -1.85 Coefficients: Error t value Pr(>|t|) 10.047 -0.39 0.70046 0.436 3.76 0.00022 *** (Intercept) -3.871 food 1.640 Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 *' 0.05 \.' 0.1 \' 1 Residual standard error: 12 on 193 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.0683, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0635 F-statistic: 14.2 on 1 and 193 DF, p-value: 0.000223

Variable selection

- If we have k variables, and assuming a constant term in each model, there are 2k-1 possible subsets of variables, not counting the null model with no variables. How do we select a subset for our model?
- Two main approaches: Stepwise regressions and all possible regressions.
- A point to note-modelling is hard.



Stepwise Regression

- A full regression course is required to fully understand modeling, but it will be beneficial to begin the thought process of how to work with a lot of variables.
- One easy way to do this is to perform something called "backward stepwise regression".
- Under this scheme, you start with all the variables in the model, and remove them one by one.

Variable Selection: Backward Stepwise Regression

The way hypothesis testing works, you are only allowed to remove *one variable at a time* from the model.

So one way we build models as follows:

- ·Start with all variables in the model
- •at each step, delete the least important variable from the remaining ones based on largest p-value above 0.05.
- •stop when you can't delete any more.

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Example: Football data; what variables contribute to a winning season?

Count	Name
28	wins
28	rush
28	pass
28	patt
28	pcomp
28	pint
28	penalty
28	fumble
28	rushopp
28	passopp
28	pattopp
28	pcompopp
28	piopp
	28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28

least valuable variable : rushopp I t I is closest to 0 remember we want I t I > 1.96 also p-value is furthest away from 0.05

Remove RUSHOPP (why?)

The Full Model

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Easier way to do this removal

■ There is a model update command in R

Now remove FUMBLES

```
> fit2=update(fit1,.~.-fumbles)
lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + patt + pcomp + pint + penalty +
     passopp + pattopp + pcompopp + piopp)
Residuals:
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-1.9524 -0.9999 0.1174 0.7394 2.5911
Coefficients:
| Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) | (Intercept) -1.491490 | 7.952383 -0.188 0.853448 | rush | 0.001499 | 0.001211 | 1.239 0.232350 | pass | 0.002954 | 0.001296 | 2.279 0.035874
pass
patt
                                                 2.279 0.035874
                  -0.011864
                                 0.017638 -0.673 0.510242
                 0.008403
-0.064290
-0.001362
                                 0.026709 0.315 0.756890
0.095117 -0.676 0.508189
0.003876 -0.351 0.729567
                 -0.005902
                                 0.001340 -4.405 0.000387
0.021191 2.868 0.010660
passopp
pattopp
                  0.060776
                 Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Residual standard error: 1.484 on 17 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.8736, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7992
F-statistic: 11.74 on 10 and 17 DF, p-value: 0.000008598

After a while get to this

```
> fit10=lm(wins~rush+pass+pint+passopp+pattopp)
> summary(fit10)
Call:
lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + pint + passopp + pattopp)
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-2.0626 -1.0763 0.0480 0.6624 3.2261
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.393 on 22 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.8558, Adjusted R-squared: 0.823
F-statistic: 26.11 on 5 and 22 DF, p-value: 0.0000001461
```

Drop PINT

- > fit10=lm(wins~rush+pass+passopp+pattopp)
- > summary(fit10)

lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + passopp + pattopp)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.6100 -1.1772 0.2459 0.8287 2.3167

Signif. codes: 0 ***' 0.001 **' 0.01 *' 0.05 \.' 0.1 \' 1

Residual standard error: 1.457 on 23 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.8349, Adjusted R-squared: 0.806: F-statistic: 29.09 on 4 and 23 DF, p-value: 0.0000001067

Why do we stop here? all It I are above 1.96

all p-values < 0.05

pattopp 0.04484

How does this compare to previous model?

Wait, Se and R2 adj were actually better in the prev model The 1.96 and 0.05 have been assumed as hard and fast rules Conclusion: We dropped a variable that is marginally needed. We should be more careful at the very end.

R can (sort of) do it automatically

- There are better methods than this but someone wrote a function called model.select to do this.
- Load the function into R as follows

source("http://people.fas.harvard.edu/~mparzen/stat100/model select.txt")

Running model.select()

> model.select(fit.verbose=FALSE)

Call: lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + passopp + pattopp)

Coefficients: (Intercept) -10.24922 pass 0.00296 passopp -0.00555 0.00259

model.select(fit,verbose=TRUE) The drop statistics :

Single term deletions

L:

rush + pass + passopp + pattopp

Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC F value

48.9 25.6

1 12.9 61.8 30.2 6.09

1 59.9 108.7 46.0 28.19 <none> rush 0.0215 28.19 0.000022 *** passopp 1 pattopp 1 62.3 111.1 46.6 29.32 0.000017 *** 28.0 76.9 36.3 13.20 0.0014 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Call:
lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + passopp + pattopp)

Coefficients -10.24922 0.00259 0 00296 -0 00555 0 04484

The built in method in R

Step: AIC=23.81 wins ~ rush + pass + pint + passopp + pattopp Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
42.685 23.806
1 6.171 48.856 25.587
1 7.422 50.106 26.294
1 21.431 64.116 33.198
1 56.41 99.104 45.391
1 60.736 103.421 46.585 - pint - rush pattopp 1 passopp 1 pass 1

The step function in R minimizes AIC - details in more advanced courses.

Call: lm(formula = wins ~ rush + pass + pint + passopp + pattopp)

Coefficients:

rush 0.002046 pint -0.110644



All Subsets Regression

- This procedure runs all 1 variable models, all 2 variable models, all 3 variable models and so on.
- The idea is to pick the model that has the adjusted R-2 [or some other measure].
- The output looks cool at least.

All subsets regression

■ The function is call regsubsets and is in the leaps package:

library(leaps)

plot(fit,scale="adjr2")

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The Output

