

Selling Carseats and Linear Regression

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Libraries

```
library(MASS)
library(ISLR)

write.csv(Carseats, "carseats.csv")
```

Qualitative Predictors

We will attempt to predict **Sales** (child car seat sales) in 400 locations based on the number of predictors.

```
names(Carseats)

## [1] "Sales"      "CompPrice"  "Income"     "Advertising" "Population"
## [6] "Price"      "ShelveLoc"  "Age"        "Education"   "Urban"
## [11] "US"
```

The **Carseats** data includes qualitative predictors such as **ShelveLoc**, an indicator of the quality of the shelving location - that is, the space within a store that the car seat is displayed - at each location. The predictor **ShelveLoc** takes on three possible values, *Bad*, *Medium*, and *Good*. Given a qualitative variable such as **ShelveLoc**, R generates dummy variables automatically. Below we fit a multiple linear regression model that includes some interaction terms.

```
lm.fit = lm(Sales ~ . + Income:Advertising + Price:Age, data = Carseats)
summary(lm.fit)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sales ~ . + Income:Advertising + Price:Age, data = Carseats)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.9208 -0.7503  0.0177  0.6754  3.3413
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    6.5755654   1.0087470    6.519 2.22e-10 ***
## CompPrice      0.0929371   0.0041183   22.567 < 2e-16 ***
## Income         0.0108940   0.0026044    4.183 3.57e-05 ***
## Advertising    0.0702462   0.0226091    3.107 0.002030 **
## Population     0.0001592   0.0003679    0.433 0.665330
## Price        -0.1008064   0.0074399  -13.549 < 2e-16 ***
## ShelveLocGood  4.8486762   0.1528378   31.724 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
## ShelfLocMedium      1.9532620  0.1257682  15.531 < 2e-16 ***
## Age                 -0.0579466  0.0159506  -3.633 0.000318 ***
## Education           -0.0208525  0.0196131  -1.063 0.288361
## UrbanYes            0.1401597  0.1124019   1.247 0.213171
## USYes               -0.1575571  0.1489234  -1.058 0.290729
## Income:Advertising  0.0007510  0.0002784   2.698 0.007290 **
## Price:Age           0.0001068  0.0001333   0.801 0.423812
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.011 on 386 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8761, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8719
## F-statistic: 210 on 13 and 386 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The contrasts() function returns the coding that R uses for dummy variables.

```
contrasts(Carseats$ShelveLoc)
```

```
##           Good Medium
## Bad           0      0
## Good          1      0
## Medium        0      1
```

Use `?contrasts` to learn about other contrasts and how to set them. R has created a `ShelveLocGood` dummy variable that takes on the value of 1 if the shelving location is good, and 0 otherwise. It has also created a `ShelveLocMedium` dummy variable that equals 1 if the shelving location is medium, and 0 otherwise. A bad shelving location corresponds to a zero for each of the two dummy variables. The fact that the coefficient for `ShelveLocGood` in the regression output is positive indicates that a good shelving location is associated with high sales (relative to a bad location). And `ShelveLocMedium` has a smaller positive coefficient, indicating that a medium shelving location leads to higher sales than a bad shelving location but lower sales than a good shelving location.

Linear Regression

```
fit_1 = lm(Sales ~ Price + Urban + US, data=Carseats)
summary(fit_1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sales ~ Price + Urban + US, data = Carseats)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -6.9206 -1.6220 -0.0564  1.5786  7.0581
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  13.043469   0.651012  20.036 < 2e-16 ***
## Price        -0.054459   0.005242 -10.389 < 2e-16 ***
## UrbanYes     -0.021916   0.271650  -0.081  0.936
## USYes        1.200573   0.259042   4.635 4.86e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
```

```
## Residual standard error: 2.472 on 396 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2393, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2335
## F-statistic: 41.52 on 3 and 396 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
fit_2 = update(fit_1, . ~ . - Urban)
```

```
confint(fit_2, level = 0.95)
```

```
##              2.5 %      97.5 %
## (Intercept) 11.79032020 14.27126531
## Price       -0.06475984 -0.04419543
## USYes       0.69151957  1.70776632
```