

# Assignment 10 (25 points)

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## Notes:

- This homework assignment is due December 11th 2017.
- It has two parts which count for 10 and 30 points
- The home work is marked out of 25 points - therefore you can get up to an additional 15 bonus points

## Part 1: (10 Points)

1. (2 points) Problem 9.7 #12, in Chihara/Hesterberg.
2. (2 points) Problem 9.7 #14, in Chihara/Hesterberg.
3. (2 points) Problem 9.7 #15, in Chihara/Hesterberg.
4. (2 points) Problem 9.7 #17, in Chihara/Hesterberg.
5. (2 points) Problem 9.7 #20, in Chihara/Hesterberg.

## Part 2: (30 Points)

In this exercise set you will be going over the steps of building and interpreting a simple and multiple regression model in R. You will be analysing the Boston Housing Dataset, the schema for the data set can be found at: <https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/MASS/html/Boston.html>

To start first load the data set in R using the command:

```
library(MASS)
data(Boston)
head(Boston, n=5)
```

```
##      crim zn  indus chas   nox    rm  age   dis rad tax ptratio  black
## 1 0.00632 18  2.31    0 0.538 6.575 65.2 4.0900   1  296    15.3 396.90
## 2 0.02731  0  7.07    0 0.469 6.421 78.9 4.9671   2  242    17.8 396.90
## 3 0.02729  0  7.07    0 0.469 7.185 61.1 4.9671   2  242    17.8 392.83
## 4 0.03237  0  2.18    0 0.458 6.998 45.8 6.0622   3  222    18.7 394.63
## 5 0.06905  0  2.18    0 0.458 7.147 54.2 6.0622   3  222    18.7 396.90
##      lstat medv
## 1   4.98 24.0
```

```
## 2  9.14 21.6
## 3  4.03 34.7
## 4  2.94 33.4
## 5  5.33 36.2
```

Take a minute to explore the data.

## Simple linear model (12 Points)

Next we will be building a simple linear model to compare the median cost of a house (in \$1000s) to the average room size. {R, eval=F} `medv_model<- lm(medv~rm+lstat+dis, data=medv_subset)`

- a) (1 Point) Plot a 2d scatterplot of `medv` (dependent variable) vs `rm` (independent variable)
- b) (1 Point) What do you notice about the slope, is it positive or negative? Do you think it will pass through 0?
- c) (3 Points) Using the function `lm`:
  - i) Find the slope and intercept for the model. (*Remember that the dependent variable in the formula is on the write side of the tilde: y ~ x*)
  - ii) Plot the linear model on your scatterplot (you can do this using the function `abline(your model in here)`)
  - iii) What is the interpretation of the slope? How about the intercept?
- d) (3 Points) Using the function `residuals`
  - i) Find the residuals of the fitted model
  - ii) Plot a histogram and q-q plot for the residuals
  - iii) Based on ii) do the residuals look normally distirbuted?
    - If not, what are some of the things we could do to identify points that don't fit our normal assumptions?
    - If yes, what does that imply about the model
- e) (4 Points) Using the `summary` command you can pull-out additional data about your linear model.
  - i) Use `summary` to identify the *p*-values for the intercept and and slope constants, are they statistically significant?
  - ii) What is the `Mulitple R Squared` for the model? What does it mean?
  - iii) What is the *F*-Statistic for the model? Does it contradict the `Mulitple R Squared`?

## Polynomial Regression (10 Points)

We will next assess a polynomial fit.

- a) (2 Points) Plot `Nox` vs `Dis`. Is it a linear fit? If not, what kind of fit does it look like.
- b) (5 Points) We are going to assess a whether a quadratic fit is appropriate, using the code below fit a quadratic model and plot the resulting curve on the scatterplot.

- i) Does the fit look quadratic?
- ii) What is the interpretation of the parameters
- iii) What are the  $p$ -values for the different parameters, are they all important?
- iv) What are the multiple  $R^2$  and  $F$  statistic?
- v) Looking at the plot what might be one of the risks if we go beyond a Dis of 12?

```
# Scatterplot
plot(Boston$dis,Boston$nox, main='Dis vs. Nox',
      xlab='Dis', ylab='Nox', pch=16, cex=0.5)
# Setting up model
m2 <- lm(nox ~ poly(dis,2), data=Boston)
# New data for prediction + plotting
newdata <- data.frame(dis=seq(0,12,by=0.1))
predicted_value <- predict(m2, newdata = newdata)
# Plotting the curve
points(unlist(newdata),predicted_value, col='red', type='l')
```

- c) (3 Points) Alter the code to above to fit a cubic (polynomial of degree 3)
  - i) Based on the multiple  $R^2$  is it a better fit than a quadratic?
  - ii) Check to see that the residuals are normally distributed using a q-q plot and histogram

## Multiple regression (8 Points)

Let's next tackle multiple regression.

- a) (2 Points) Use the function `pairs` to plot the pair-pair plot. What variables look correlated with `age`?

```
pairs(Boston, cex=0.4, pch=15)
```

- b) (3 Points) Suppose we wanted to predict `medv` using the variables `lstat`, `rm` and `dis`. Use the following code to subset to generate pair-pair plots for the variables
  - i) From the previous question are `rm` and `lstat` correlated? If yes, explain what kind of issues this make cause when modeling. If no, show using a simple linear model that there is not enough evidence for a linear relation (i.e. you need to show that  $\beta_1$ 's  $p$ -value is not significant).
  - ii) Fit a linear model with all three variables to `medv`. What is it's adjusted  $R^2$  squared.
  - iii) Next fit a model where we take the `log(dis)`
    - How does it's adjusted  $R^2$  compare, is it better than the simple linear transformed model.
    - Plot the histogram of residuals, does it look normal?

```
# --- Part b.i ---
medv_subset <- Boston[,c('medv','rm','dis','lstat')]
```

```
pairs(medv_subset, cex=0.4, pch=15)
```

```
# --- Part b.ii ---
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```
medv_model<- lm(medv~rm+lstat+dis, data=medv_subset)
```

```
# --- Part b.iii ---
```

```
medv_model<- lm(medv~rm+lstat+log(dis), data=medv_subset)
```

- c) (3 Points) Finally we'll fit a model without an intercept
- i) In the previous models was the intercept statistically significant?
  - ii) Fit a linear model without an intercept, what is it's resulting adjusted  $R^2$
  - iii) Plot the histogram of residuals. How does it compare to the histogram in part b.iii)

```
medv_model<- lm(medv~rm+lstat+dis - 1, data=medv_subset)
```