

Homework Week 4 (Multiple regression)

For this assignment, select two explanatory variables (X_1 , X_2) and an outcome variable (Y) from a dataset of your choosing (see: datasets.zip). Be sure that the variables you choose seem to have a meaningful relationship – one you might be actually interested in for a research question. Also make sure that all of the variables are quantitative/ continuous.

- 1) In **Homework Week 2**, you calculated separate least squares regressions for the regression of Y on X_1 (Problem 2e) and Y on X_2 (Problem 3). In this problem, *using the same variables*, you will **use SPSS** and **ALL OF THE DATA** to calculate the multiple regression of Y on X_1 and X_2 .
 - (a) Write out the regression relationship. Explain what each of the coefficients mean.
 - (b) Find the least squares estimates a , b_1 , and b_2 for the regression of Y on X_1 and X_2 . Also find the standard error of the regression, s_e , and R^2 .
 - (c) Interpret each of the coefficients (a , b_1 , b_2 , s_e , R^2).
 - (d) Compare the estimates for b_1 and b_2 of the multiple regression with the slope estimates of the simple regressions you performed in problems 2(e) and 3 of homework 2.1. If the coefficients differ (or if they do not differ at all), explain why.
 - (e) Calculate the standardized regression coefficients. Explain how each of these coefficients is interpreted. Is the effect of X_1 or X_2 larger? Explain.
- 2) Using **SPSS** and **ALL OF THE DATA**, calculate the multiple regression of Y on X_1 and X_2 . *Note that this homework builds on the previous homework; use the same Y , X_1 , and X_2 variables from last week.*
 - (a) Assuming independently distributed errors, find the standard error of the slope coefficients for X_1 and X_2 (i.e. $SE(b_1)$ and $SE(b_2)$).
 - (b) Construct an analysis-of-variance table for the regression, testing the omnibus null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$. Interpret the results.
 - (c) Separately test the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ and $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$. Interpret the results. (Note: this is asking for two individual t-tests from your multiple regression model)
 - (d) Are the hypotheses tested in (b) the same as that tested in (c)? Explain.
 - (e) Compute an incremental F-test of the hypothesis $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$ (be sure to state both H_0 and H_a). Verify that the F-statistic for this test is equal to the square of the t-value obtained. Why does this matter?

1. a) $SATVerbal_i = \alpha + \beta_1 TeacherPay_i + \beta_2 PercentTaking_i + \epsilon_i$
 α = intercept = average value of SAT verbal when $TeacherPay = PT = 0$.

β_1 : slope = effect of a 1-unit increase in teacher pay on sat verbal, holding PT.

β_2 : effect of a 1-unit increase in PT on SAT verbal, holding constant teacher pay.

$\epsilon_i = Y_i - E(Y_i)$ is the residual for i .

b) $\alpha = 555.7$ $\beta_1 = 0.54$ $\beta_2 = -1.21$ $Se = 15.9$
 $R^2 = 0.778$

c) α = average value for sat verbal when teacher pay and percent taking = 0

β_1 : teacher pay is not significant.
 for every 1 unit increase in teacher pay, sat verbal increase 0.54, holding constant these other variables.

β_2 : teacher pay is significant
 for every 1 unit increase in percent taking, sat verbal decrease 1.21, holding constant these other variables.

Se : on average, the model is incorrect by 15.9 when predicting sat verbal

R^2 : the model explained 77.8% of variation in sat verbal.

d) b in (2e) and b in (3) are different than b_1 and b_2 .

Because the coefficient estimated is a partial coefficient. Holding constant. But in simple regression models, they are not.

e) $b_1 = 0.1$

$$b_2 = -0.944$$

X_2 has larger effect on Y .

Because for 1 sd increase in teacher pay, Seat Verbal increase 0.1 sd unit, controlling for PT.

for 1 sd increase in PT, Seat Verbal decrease 0.944 sd unit, controlling for teacher pay.

2. a) $SE(b_1) = 0.45$

$$SE(b_2) = 0.11$$

b) $p = 0.01 < 0.05$. H_0 was rejected.
So at least one of the covariates in the model have effect on Y .

c) 1. $t = 1.18$ $p = 0.24 > 0.05$ so not sufficient evidence to reject H_0 . So, there is no evidence that shows X_1 and Y has relationship

2. $t = -11.3$ $p = 0.01 < 0.05$ H_0 was rejected.
So X_2 and Y has relationship

d) They are different. Omnibus test could be rejected, but the individual tests can not.

They are using different tests.

e) $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$

$H_a: \beta_1 \neq 0$

Teacher pay $t = -3.788$ $F = 14.1 = t^2$

PT $t = -11.31$ $F = 127.9 = t^2$

$P = 0.01 < 0.05$ H_0 was rejected
so the full model is significantly better.