

Manual or automatic transmission for better MPG?

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Summary

The objective of this document is to compare the consume of fuel between automatic and manual transmission with de dataset mtcars. The variables of this data set are:

[, 1] mpg Miles/(US) gallon [, 2] cyl Number of cylinders [, 3] disp Displacement (cu.in.) [, 4] hp Gross horsepower [, 5] drat Rear axle ratio [, 6] wt Weight (1000 lbs) [, 7] qsec 1/4 mile time [, 8] vs Engine (0 = V-shaped, 1 = straight) [, 9] am Transmission (0 = automatic, 1 = manual) [,10] gear Number of forward gears [,11] carb Number of carburetors

#Exploratory Data Analysis

```
head(mtcars)
```

```
##           mpg  cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21.0   6  160 110  3.90  2.620 16.46  0   1    4    4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21.0   6  160 110  3.90  2.875 17.02  0   1    4    4
## Datsun 710     22.8   4  108  93  3.85  2.320 18.61  1   1    4    1
## Hornet 4 Drive  21.4   6  258 110  3.08  3.215 19.44  1   0    3    1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8  360 175  3.15  3.440 17.02  0   0    3    2
## Valiant        18.1   6  225 105  2.76  3.460 20.22  1   0    3    1
```

For this analysis, will be compared all the variables to analyse which one has more influence in the value of mpg.

```
cor(mtcars)[1,]
```

```
##           mpg           cyl           disp           hp           drat           wt
##  1.0000000 -0.8521620 -0.8475514 -0.7761684  0.6811719 -0.8676594
##           qsec           vs           am           gear           carb
##  0.4186840  0.6640389  0.5998324  0.4802848 -0.5509251
```

We can see a strong correlation with mpg, cyl, disp, wt and hp.

Convert the transmission variable in factor "Automatic" and "Manual".

```
mtcars$am <- factor(mtcars$am,labels=c("Automatic","Manual"))
```

It is possible to conclude in APPENDIX A.1 that the manual cars have higher mpg values than automatic. Now it is important to verify if the tranmission is a key factor for the influence in mpg or other variable is more important.

Simple regression, just with transmission and mpg.

```
smr<- lm(mpg~am, mtcars)

summary(smr)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ am, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -9.3923 -3.0923 -0.2974  3.2439  9.5077
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   17.147      1.125   15.247 1.13e-15 ***
## amManual       7.245      1.764    4.106 0.000285 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.902 on 30 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3598, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3385
## F-statistic: 16.86 on 1 and 30 DF,  p-value: 0.000285
```

As we can see, the Manual transmission has higher mpg values, but, the R-squared indicates 0,3385, what says that the transmission only represents 33,85% of the mpg results.

```
amr<- lm(mpg~., mtcars)

summary(amr)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.4506 -1.6044 -0.1196  1.2193  4.6271
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  12.30337    18.71788   0.657   0.5181
## cyl         -0.11144     1.04502  -0.107   0.9161
## disp         0.01334     0.01786   0.747   0.4635
## hp          -0.02148     0.02177  -0.987   0.3350
## drat         0.78711     1.63537   0.481   0.6353
## wt          -3.71530     1.89441  -1.961   0.0633 .
## qsec         0.82104     0.73084   1.123   0.2739
## vs           0.31776     2.10451   0.151   0.8814
## amManual     2.52023     2.05665   1.225   0.2340
## gear         0.65541     1.49326   0.439   0.6652
## carb        -0.19942     0.82875  -0.241   0.8122
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.65 on 21 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.869, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8066
## F-statistic: 13.93 on 10 and 21 DF, p-value: 3.793e-07
```

As we can see, there are strong correlations in value of P in mpg, disp, wt and hp.

Using these variables we can get a better fit.

```
bmr<- lm(mpg~am + cyl + disp + wt + hp, mtcars)

summary(bmr)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ am + cyl + disp + wt + hp, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5952 -1.5864 -0.7157  1.2821  5.5725
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 38.20280    3.66910   10.412 9.08e-11 ***
## amManual    1.55649    1.44054    1.080  0.28984
## cyl        -1.10638    0.67636   -1.636  0.11393
## disp         0.01226    0.01171    1.047  0.30472
## wt         -3.30262    1.13364   -2.913  0.00726 **
## hp         -0.02796    0.01392   -2.008  0.05510 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.505 on 26 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8551, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8273
## F-statistic: 30.7 on 5 and 26 DF,  p-value: 4.029e-10
```

This is a better fit for, with R-squared equal to 82,73%.

In APPENDIX A.2 is possible to analyse the correlation between the variables in the best fit model.

In APPENDIX A.3 is possible to analyse the residuals of the best fit model.

CONCLUSION

Is an automatic or manual transmission better for MPG?

The manual transmission usually have a higher mpg value than automatic, but the type of the transmission isn't the most influent variable in mpg value, the cyl, disp, hp, and wt have a stronger correlation.

Quantify the MPG difference between automatic and manual transmissions?

Analysis demonstrate that with the manual transmission the mpg value increses 7.245. But, when included more variable in the comparassion, cyl, disp, hp and wt, the value decrease for 1,55, and shows us that the other variables has more impact, like wt, with -3,30.

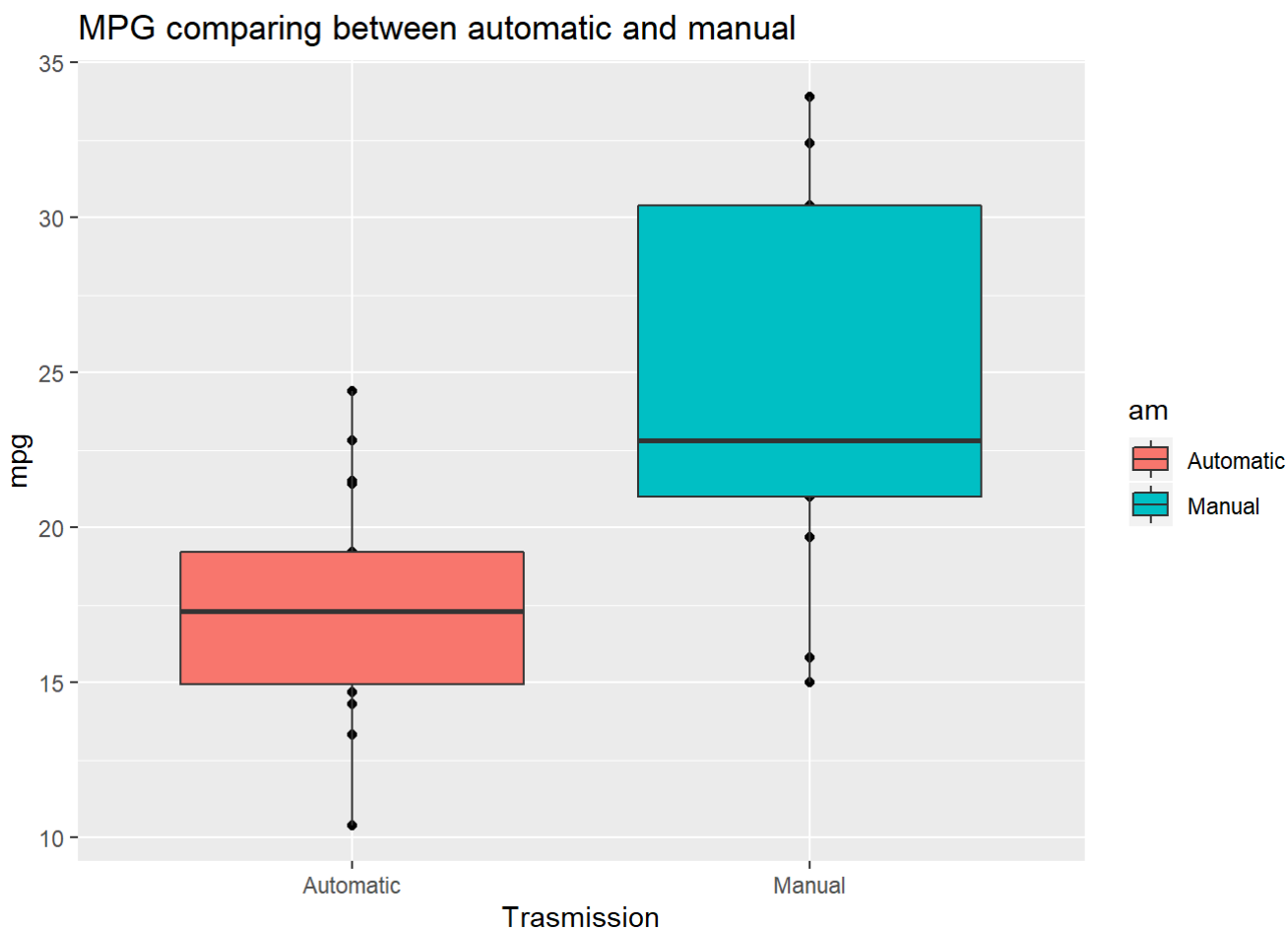
APPENDIX

A.1 - Boxplot to compare mpg with Automatic and Manual transmission.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

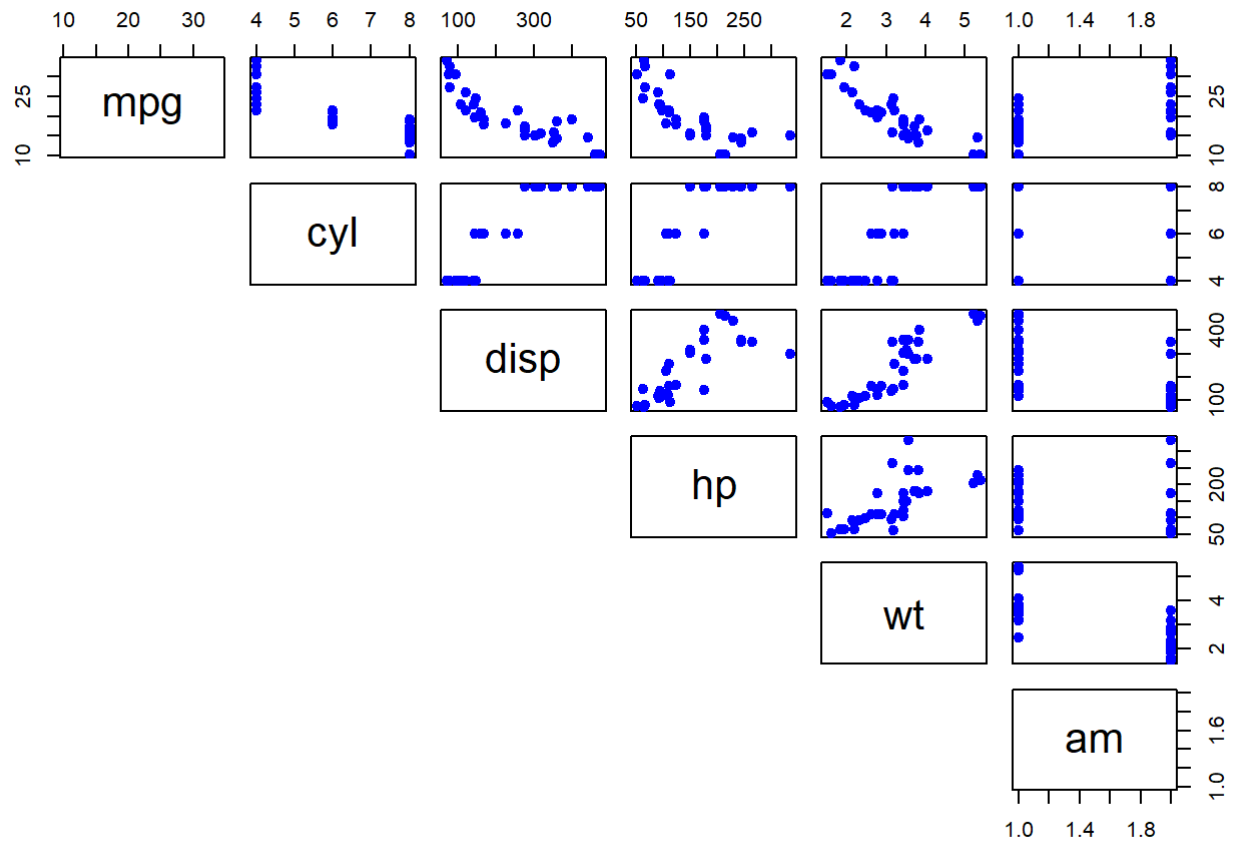
```
g<- qplot(am, mpg, data=mtcars, main="MPG comparing between automatic and manual",xlab="Trasmission", ylab="mpg")
```

```
g+geom_boxplot(aes(fill = am))
```



A.2 - Correlation table.

```
pairs(mtcars[,c(1,2,3,4,6,9)], pch = 19, col = "blue", lower.panel=NULL)
```



A.3 - Residual plot.

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))  
plot(bmr)
```

