Regression Models: Motor Trend Cars Analysis

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Executive Summary

This report examines Motor Trend car road tests extracted from the 1974 Motor Trend US magazine. These road tests were conducted on 1973-1974 car models. The tests examined 10 aspects of automobile design and performance for 32 different models. We focused here on the miles per gallon (mpg) performance of automatic versus manual transmissions.

Appendix

```
# Load data set
data("mtcars")
```

Exploratory Analysis

```
# Examine columns and data types
str(mtcars)
  'data.frame':
                   32 obs. of 11 variables:
   $ mpg : num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
##
                6 6 4 6 8 6 8 4 4 6 ...
  $ cyl : num
                160 160 108 258 360 ...
  $ disp: num
  $ hp : num 110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
   $ drat: num 3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
  $ wt : num 2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
## $ qsec: num 16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
                0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 ...
## $ vs : num
##
   $ am : num 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ gear: num 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 ...
## $ carb: num 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
# Range of MPG values
range(mtcars$mpg)
## [1] 10.4 33.9
# Number of cars w 0 = automatic vs
# 1 = manual transmissions
table(mtcars$am)
## 0 1
## 19 13
```

Fitting Multiple Models, Strategy

Residual Plot and Diagnostics

Conclusions: Quantified Uncertainty

Cars with manual transmissions have better gas mileage than cars with automatic transmissions. This can be quantified by \dots