

Homework 2

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This question involves the use of simple linear regression on the `Auto` data set.

- (a) Use the `lm()` function to perform a simple linear regression with `mpg` as the response and `horsepower` as the predictor. Use the `summary()` function to print the results. Comment on the output. For example:
- i. Is there a relationship between the predictor and the response?
 - ii. How strong is the relationship between the predictor and the response?
 - iii. Is the relationship between the predictor and the response positive or negative?
 - iv. What is the predicted `mpg` associated with a `horsepower` of 98? What are the associated 95 % confidence and prediction intervals?
- (b) Plot the response and the predictor. Use the `abline()` function to display the least squares regression line.
- (c) Use the `plot()` function to produce diagnostic plots of the least squares regression fit. Comment on any problems you see with the fit.

This question involves the use of multiple linear regression on the `Auto` data set.

- (a) Produce a scatterplot matrix which includes all of the variables in the data set.
- (b) Compute the matrix of correlations between the variables using the function `cor()`. You will need to exclude the `name` variable, which is qualitative.
- (c) Use the `lm()` function to perform a multiple linear regression with `mpg` as the response and all other variables except `name` as the predictors. Use the `summary()` function to print the results. Comment on the output. For instance:
 - i. Is there a relationship between the predictors and the response?
 - ii. Which predictors appear to have a statistically significant relationship to the response?
 - iii. What does the coefficient for the `year` variable suggest?
- (d) Use the `plot()` function to produce diagnostic plots of the linear regression fit. Comment on any problems you see with the fit. Do the residual plots suggest any unusually large outliers? Does the leverage plot identify any observations with unusually high leverage?
- (e) Use the `*` and `:` symbols to fit linear regression models with interaction effects. Do any interactions appear to be statistically significant?
- (f) Try a few different transformations of the variables, such as $\log(X)$, \sqrt{X} , X^2 . Comment on your findings.