#### Week 2: Linear Models



#### Introduction

#### Definition

Simple linear regression (SLR) is a method to explain the relationship between **two quantitative variables** using a **straight line**. One variable is a response variable Y and the other one is a predictor variable X.

Lets represent data as n pairs of observations:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ . We are going to discuss

- how to calculate the intercept and slope estimates in the simple linear regression problem?
- o how to assess the accuracy of the parameter estimates?
- o how to assess the accuracy of the SLR model?
- what are some potential problems arising in linear regression in general?



Boston dataset in MASS package in R (506 rows (observations) and 14 columns (variables)).

Fit a simple linear regression model using **medv** (median house value) as **response variable** and **Istat** (per cent of households with low socioeconomic status) as **predictor variable**.

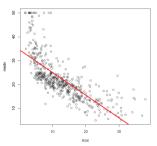


Figure: Scater plot of Istat versus medv in Boston data set.

#### Steps for simple linear regression analysis

- Step 1: Inspect, summarise and visualise your dataset.
- Step 2: Produce a scatter plot of the response variable versus the explanatory variable. What is the relationship?
- Step 3: Fit the SLR model using the Im() function in R. Write down the resulting regression equation. What does this equation tell you?
- Step 4: Assess the accuracy of the coefficient estimates using the R output.
- Step 5: Assess the accuracy of the SLR model.
- Step 6: Identify any potential problems in your analysis by using diagnostic plots.
- Step 7: Use the regression equation to predict

Steps 1 and 2 just the code



#### Step 3: Fitting the SLR

- SLR model:one independent variable X.
- The relationship between  $E(Y_i)$  and  $X_i$  is a straight line:

$$E(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$L_{intercept}$$

#### where

- $\beta_0$  intercept of the line the value of  $E(Y_i)$  when X=0;
- $\beta_1$  slope of the line the rate of change in  $E(Y_i)$  per unit change in X.
- random error  $\varepsilon_i$ : deviation of the observation  $Y_i$  from its population mean  $E(Y_i)$

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$
 for  $i = 1, ..., n$ ,

#### Important assumptions in SLR analysis

- X<sub>i</sub> are measured without error (fixed constants)
- $\circ \ \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2).$



• Cont. Step 3: Fitting the SLR If  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are the empirical estimates of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ , then

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

is the estimated mean of  $Y_i$ , or prediction of  $Y_i$ , when  $X_i = x_i$ , for each i = 1, ..., n.

- Question: How to estimate  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ??
  - Define the residuals as  $e_i = y_i \hat{y}_i$ , i = 1, ..., n.
  - The estimates of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are obtained by minimizing the residual sum of squares (RSS), given by

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i))^2.$$



- Cont. Step 3: Fitting the SLR
  - Minimizing RSS
    - The derivatives of RSS with respect to  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are set to zero.

$$n(\hat{\beta}_0) + (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$
 and  $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)\hat{\beta}_0 + (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ . (2.1.1)

 Solving the above equations gives the least squares estimates for the slope and intercept:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x},$$
 (2.1.2)

where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$  and  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i$  are the sample means.

• The estimates form (2.1.2) give the equation of the best fitting line:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{x}_i.$$



Cont. Step 3: Fitting the SLR

To make sure  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  really minimize RSS:

• Calculate the second derivatives of RSS with respect to  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , called Hessian matrix (matrix of second derivatives)

$$H=2\begin{pmatrix}n&\sum x_i\\\sum x_i&\sum x_i^2\end{pmatrix}.$$

• Show that H is positive definite. Since n > 0 and

$$\det(H)=4\left(n(\sum x_i^2)-(\sum x_i)^2\right)>0,$$

*H* is positive definite and therefore  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  minimize *RSS*.

Note: For  $c > \neq 0$  and  $A_{p \times p}$ ,  $|cA| = c^p |A|$  and

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n} \ge \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\right)^2.$$

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- Step 4: Assessing the accuracy of the estimated coefficients
  - The coefficient estimates are unbiased,

$$E(\hat{\beta}_0) = \beta_0$$
 and  $E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1$ .

•  $SE(\hat{\beta}_0)$  and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$  can be computed as:

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_0)^2 = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)$$
 and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_1)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$ ,

where  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

 $\circ\,$  Generally,  $\sigma$  is unknown, but can be estimated, called the residual standard error:

$$\hat{\sigma} = RSE = \sqrt{\frac{RSS}{n-2}}.$$

When  $\sigma$  is estimated, we should write  $\widehat{SE}(\hat{\beta}_0)$  and  $\widehat{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1)$ . For simplicity, we will **not use** this extra "hat" in our notations.

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- Cont. Step 4: Assessing the accuracy of the estimated coefficients
  - Confidence Interval

Standard errors can be used to compute a  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$  confidence intervals for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  as:

- Cont. Step 4: Assessing the accuracy of the estimated coefficients
  - Hypothesis tests on the coefficients

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$$\begin{cases} H_0: \beta_1 = 0 \text{ (there is no relationship between } X \text{ and } Y \text{ )} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0 \text{ (there is some relationship between } X \text{ and } Y \text{ )} \end{cases}$$

Compute a *t*-statistic, given by

$$t=rac{\hat{eta}_1-0}{SE(\hat{eta}_1)}\sim t_{n-2}, \qquad ext{Under } H_0.$$



Equivalent to the decision based on a p-value:

we reject 
$$H_0$$
 if p-value is small enough (p-value  $< \alpha$ ).

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is the smallest as which rejects the mill hypothesis



- Step 5: Assessing the accuracy of the SLR model
   The quality of a linear regression fit is typically assessed using RSE and the R<sup>2</sup> statistic.
  - Residual Standard Error
    - · Recall:

$$RSE = \sqrt{\frac{RSS}{n-2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}.$$

- The BSE is considered a measure of lack of fit of the model to the data.
- Useful when fits from two different models are compared.
- The RSS will be small for the model which fits the data well

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- Cont. Step 5: Assessing the accuracy of the SLR model
   Coefficient of Determination B<sup>2</sup>
  - $R^2$ : A measure of the contribution of the independent variable(s) in the model

$$R^2 = \frac{TSS - RSS}{TSS}$$
, variability that can be explained using vegression

where the total sum of squares (TSS) and the residual sum of squares are

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$
, and  $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$ .

- TSS: variability inherent in the response **before** the regression is performed;
- RSS: variability left unexplained after performing the regression;
- TSS-RSS: variability in the response **explained** by performing the regression;
- $R^2$  is the proportion of variability in Y that can be explained using X;

$$0 \le R^2 \le 1$$
.

• In the simple linear regression setting,  $R^2 = r^2$ , where r is the correlation coefficient.

$$\sqrt{15}$$
 the estimate corr  $(X,Y) = \frac{\cos(X,Y)}{\sqrt{\cos(X,Y)}}$ 

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- Step 6: Diagnostic plots
   Some potential problems may arise in linear regression. Below is the list of possible issues and some diagnostic plots to identify them.
  - o Non-linearity of the response-predictor relationship: Residual plots we plot residuals  $e_i$  versus  $x_i$  or  $\hat{y}_i$ . Non-linearity can be seen in the presence of a pattern, such as U-shape.
    - **Correlation of error terms:** If there is a time component in the data, we plot the residuals as a function of time (when data is time dependent).
  - Non-constant variance of error terms: Residual plots heteroscedasticity can be seen in the form of a funnel shape in the  $e_i$  versus  $\hat{y}_i$  plot.
    - Outliers: observations where  $y_i$  is unusually far from  $\hat{y}_i$ . Use **plot of studentized residuals**, computed by dividing each residual by its estimated standard error (RSE). Observations whose studentized residuals are greater than 3 in absolute value are possible outliers.



- Cont. Step 6: Diagnostic plots
  - **High-leverage points**: Observations with high-leverage have an unusual value for  $x_i$ .

Plot studentized residuals versus the leverage statistic defined by

$$h_i = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - \bar{x})^2}.$$

The leverage statistic has values between 1/n and 1, with average 2/n. If given observation has  $h_i$  that exceeds 2 or 3 times the average 2/n, then that point has high leverage.

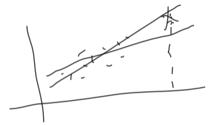
 Collinearity: Collinearity refers to the situation in which two or more predictor variables are closely related to one another (not the case in SLR).

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• Step 7: Prediction

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Introduction to Linear Gaussian Models

The basis model for analysis of independent continuous data:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \mu_i = \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}$$
 and  $\mathsf{Y}_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$ ,

There are three main models of this form:

- Multivariate regression: association between a continuous response and several explanatory variables
- o Analysis of variance (ANOVA): comparisons of more than two means
- Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA)
- These **general linear** models are usually written as

re usually written as 
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$
 (2.2.1)

where 
$$\mathbf{y}^{\top} = [Y_1, \dots, Y_N], \, \boldsymbol{\beta}^{\top} = [\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p] \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top} = [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N] \text{ with } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i \overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N.$$



- Cont. Introduction to Linear Gaussian Models
  - Error is all the terms we have missed with the model and is usually considered independent from X.
  - $\circ$  **X** is an  $N \times p$  design matrix, and in a multiple regression is set to

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X_{12} & X_{13} & \dots & X_{1p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{N2} & X_{N3} & \dots & X_{Np} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $\circ \beta_i$  is interpreted as the average effect on Y of a one unit increase in the covariate  $x_i$ , holding all the other predictors fixed.
- The model is **linear in the parameters**, for instance:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \mathsf{X}_{i2} + \beta_3 \overset{\frown}{\mathsf{X}_{i3}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 + \gamma_1 \delta_1 \mathsf{X}_{i2} + \exp(\beta_2) \mathsf{X}_{i3}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \overset{\frown}{\mathsf{X}_{i2}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 \exp(\beta_2 \mathsf{X}_{i2}).$$

But NOT:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \overset{\beta_2}{\mathsf{N}_2}$$
 or  $\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_1 \exp(\beta_2 \mathsf{X}_{i2})$ .



 Estimation and accuracy of coefficient estimates in Linear Gaussian Models

There is exists several methods to estimate the coefficients of a linear (Gaussian) model.

- Maximum likelihood estimation: Use the distributional assumptions to derive the likelihood.
- Least squares estimation: Don't make any further assumptions about the distribution of Y.

We will quantify the uncertainty that comes with the estimation by constructing confidence intervals.



Maximum likelihood estimation

The score function is given by

$$U_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{(y_{i} - \mu_{i})}{\mathbb{V}ar(Y_{i})} X_{ij} \left( \frac{d\mu_{i}}{d\eta_{i}} \right) \right]$$

while the information is of the form

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$\hookrightarrow_{\mathsf{PKP}} \mathsf{PMA} \mathsf{TYIX}$$

Proof.



#### Cont. Maximum likelihood estimation

Apply the method of scoring to approximate the MLE:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(m)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(m-1)} + \left[\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}^{(m-1)}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{u}^{(m-1)}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}^{(m-1)} = \left[\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}^{(m-1)}\right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(m)}_{P_{X}P} = \left[\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}^{(m-1)}\right] \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(m-1)}_{P_{X}P} + \mathbf{u}^{(m-1)}_{P_{X}P}$$
(2.2.4)

From Equation (2.2.2), the information matrix can be written as

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X} \tag{2.2.5}$$

where 
$$w_{ii} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{V}ar(Y_i)} \left(\frac{d\mu_i}{d\eta_i}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$
.



• Cont. Maximum likelihood estimation The expression on the right hand side of (2.2.4) can be written as 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{X_{ij}X_{ik}}{\mathbb{V}ar(Y_i)} \left(\frac{d\mu_i}{d\eta_i}\right)^2 \hat{\beta}_k^{(m-1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{(Y_i - \mu_i)X_{ij}}{\mathbb{V}ar(Y_i)} \left(\frac{d\mu_i}{d\eta_i}\right)^2$$
 which can be written in matrix terms as

$$\mathcal{I}^{(m-1)}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(m-1)} + \mathbf{u}^{(m-1)} = \mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{Wz} \quad \checkmark$$
 (2.2.6)

where

$$Z_{i} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} X_{ik} \hat{\beta}_{k}^{(m-1)} + (Y_{i} - \mu_{i}) \left( \frac{d\eta_{i}}{d\mu_{i}} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} X_{ik} \hat{\beta}_{k}^{(m-1)} + \left( Y_{i} - \sum_{k=1}^{p} X_{ik} \beta_{k}^{(m-1)} \right) = Y_{i}$$

And, therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y} \implies \hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y} / \hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\setminus \{\}}$$



- Cont. Maximum likelihood estimation
  - Properties:
    - Unbiasedness

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = (\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

• The variance-covariance matrix is  $\mathcal{I}^{-1}$ , therefore

$$\mathcal{I}^{-1} = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^{ op}\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

Normality

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2(\boldsymbol{X}^{\top}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1})$$



#### Least squares estimation

- o Derive an estimator without any further assumption on the distribution of y.
- Let N > p. Under Gauss-Markov assumptions, i.e.  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon\varepsilon^\top) = \sigma^2\mathbb{I}_N$ , the least squares function is

$$RSS(\beta) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^{\top}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = \varepsilon^{\top}\varepsilon$$
 (2.2.7)

- This is a multivariate function in  $\beta$  and (strictly) **convex**.
- There is a unique minimiser  $\hat{\beta}$ , satisfying

$$\frac{d}{d\beta} \underbrace{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^{\top} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)}_{\mathbf{y}^{\top} - \beta^{\top} \mathbf{x}^{\top}} = -2\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{y} + 2\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{x}\beta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{x}\beta = \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{y}$$

Assuming that **X** has rank  $N \ge p$ , we can write

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y}.$$

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  is **unbiased**, needs an assumption on the distribution of **y** to derive its distribution.



- Confidence Intervals for regression parameters
  - The standard error,  $SE(\hat{\beta})$ , is the estimate of the uncertainty about  $\hat{\beta}$ :

$$\mathrm{SE}(\hat{\beta}_0)^2 = \underbrace{\sigma^2}_{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right] \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathrm{SE}(\hat{\beta}_1)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2},$$

where  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

- **Remark**: the  $SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$  is smaller when the  $X_i$  are more spread out and we are more able to estimate the slope of the line.
- $\circ$  (1  $\alpha$ )100% confidence intervals are:

$$\left[\hat{\beta}_{k}-t_{1-\alpha/2,n-2}\mathsf{SE}\left(\hat{\beta}_{k}\right),\hat{\beta}_{k}+t_{1-\alpha/2,n-2}\mathsf{SE}\left(\hat{\beta}_{k}\right)\right],$$

k = 0, 1, where  $t_{1-\alpha/2, n-2}$  represents the  $1 - \alpha/2$  quantile of the Student-t distribution with n - 2 degrees of freedom.

Example



Distribution of residuals in Linear Gaussian Models
 hat matrix

$$H := X(X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}.$$
 $H^{\mathcal{I}} \in H$ 

• The hat matrix puts the hat on y:

Since 
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\boldsymbol{X}^T \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$
 and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \boldsymbol{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{X} (\boldsymbol{X}^T \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^T \boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}.$ 

- H is symmetric and idempotent (a projection matrix).
- transforms y in N-dimensional space to vector  $\hat{y}$  in a subspace such that  $\hat{y}$  is as close to v as possible.
- $\hat{y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{ii} y_i$  is a weighted sum of the  $y_i$ 's.
- $\circ$  The effect that  $y_i$  has on its fitted value is  $H_{ii}$ , the *i*th diagonal entry of H, which gives the **leverage**, (used to diagnosing influential points in the regression).

For an indempotent matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ : rank( $\mathbf{A}$ ) = tr( $\mathbf{A}$ )



Cont. Distribution of residuals in Linear Gaussian Models

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• Recall: 
$$\hat{y} := X\hat{\beta}$$
 and the residuals are  $\hat{y} = (I - H)\hat{y}$ .

(2.2.8)

#### Theorem

If the Gauss-Markov assumptions hold, then

$$r \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma^2(\mathbb{I} - \mathrm{H})\right)$$

and

$$\sigma^{-2} \mathbf{r}^{\top} \mathbf{r} = \sigma^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} r_i^2 \sim \chi_{N-p}^2$$

$$p = 2$$
 in SLR



- Cont. Distribution of residuals in Linear Gaussian Models
  - $\hat{\sigma}^2 := \sum_{i=1}^N r_i^2 / (N p)$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .
  - $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is called the **residual standard error** and is used to estimate the coefficient standard error.
- Residual plots are useful tools for identifying non-linearity in the data:
  - o plot the residuals  $(\widetilde{Y_i} \widetilde{Y_i})$  versus the fitted values  $\hat{Y}_i$ .
  - Ideally the residual plot will not show any discernible pattern.
  - If the residual plot indicates that there are non-linear associations in the data, then a simple approach is to use non-linear transformations of the predictors, i.e.  $\log x$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $x^2$ , etc.

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#### Assessing model assumptions

We have made several assumptions for the model to be valid. It is therefore needed to check if these assumptions hold. In order to do so we look into:

- The standardised residuals
- The presence of high leverage points
- The Cook's distance



- Assessing model assumptions: Standardised residuals
  - The residuals vs fitted values plot may reveal possible violations of linearity or homoscedasticity.
    - Standardising the residuals may lead to a better feeling for their magnitude.
    - The variance of the *i*-th residual is

$$Var[r_i] = Cov[\mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \mathbf{r}] = \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \sigma^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{e}_i = \sigma^2 (1 - h_{ii})$$
 (2.2.9)

• The standardised residuals are:

$$r_{0i} = \frac{r_i}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2(1-h_{ii})}}.$$

- Recommendations about outliers:
  - Points should not be routinely deleted from an analysis just because they do not fit the model.
  - Outliers and bad leverage points are signals, flagging potential problems with the model.
  - Outliers often point out an important feature of the problem not considered before.
     They may point to an alternative model in which the points are not an outlier.



#### Assessing model assumptions: Leverage

- The *i*-th diagonal entry  $h_{ii}$  of **H** is called the **leverage** of the *i*-th observation.
- Let  $\hat{y}_i^{-i}$  denote the fitted value at  $x_i$  where  $(x_i, y_i)$  is removed. Then

$$\frac{\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i^{-i}}{r_i} = \frac{h_{ii}}{1 - h_{ii}}, \qquad r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i.$$

- Model fits are sensitive to data with high leverage.
- Residuals at points with high leverage have small variance.
- For SLR,  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$  the leverage is largest at the most extreme *x*-values.
- The sum of leverages equals the number of parameters:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} h_{ii} = \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{H}) = \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{X}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}') = \operatorname{tr}((\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X}) = \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{I_p}) = p$$

Therefore,  $\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}h_{ii}=\frac{p}{N}$ . As a rule of thumb, if  $h_{ii}$  is greater than two or three times p/N, it may be a concern.

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- Assessing model assumptions: Cook's distance
  - The Cook's distance is defined by:

$$D_i = rac{1}{
ho\hat{\sigma}^2}|\hat{m{y}}-\hat{m{y}}^{-i}|^2$$

- Cook's distance measures the (rescaled) sum of squared differences between fitted values when the *i*-th datum is removed.
- It is a measure for the influence of the i-th datum on the entire model fit.
- It can be shown that

$$D_{i} = \frac{1}{p} \frac{h_{ii}}{1 - h_{ii}} r_{0i}^{2}$$

- Fox (2002, p. 198) is among many authors who recommend 4/(n-2) as a rough cutoff for noteworthy values of  $D_i$  for simple linear regression.
- In practice, it is important to look for gaps in the values of Cook's distance and not just whether values exceed the suggested cut-off.

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Coefficient of determination

The strength of a (linear) relationship is measured by the sample correlation coefficient, *R*.

- An R close to 1 indicates a positive linear relationship
- An R close to -1 indicates a negative linear relationship.
- Equivalently,  $R^2$  close to one indicates the strength of the linear regression.
- RSS =  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \varepsilon_i^2 = \varepsilon^{\top} \varepsilon = (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{X}\beta)^{\top} (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{X}\beta)$  is minimised by  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y}$ , therefore

$$\widehat{\mathrm{RSS}} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^{\top}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{y}^{\top}\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{\top}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y}$$

- For the **minimal model**,  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \varepsilon_i$ , we know that  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X} = N$  and  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i$ , then RSS is minimised by  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y}$ , and RSS<sub>0</sub> =  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i \bar{y})^2$ .
  - $\circ$  RSS<sub>0</sub> is the worst possible value for RSS, also known as the total sum of squares (TSS).



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- Cont. Coefficient of determination
  - If parameters are added to the model, then RSS must decrease. The relative amount of decrease

is called the **coefficient of determination**. It is the proportion of the total variation in the data which is explained by the model.

- For the maximal model, RSS = 0 and  $R^2 = 1$ .
- R<sup>2</sup> always increases when more variables are added to the model.
- If adding a variable leads to a small increase in R<sup>2</sup>, the contribution of that variable is small.
- $R^2$  can be interpreted as the proportion of variance explained by the model.
- If there is a covariate,  $R^2 = \mathbb{C}or(Y, X)^2$ .
- In multiple regression,  $R^2 = \mathbb{C}or(Y, \hat{Y})^2$  (the property of the least squares estimates is that they maximises the correlation among the responses and the fitted linear model among all the possible linear models).



- The F-statistic in Linear Models
  - For the Linear Gaussian Model

$$\boldsymbol{E}[Y_i] = \mu_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}, \quad Y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$

with  $Y_i$ 's independent, the deviance is:

$$D = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y})$$
 (2.3.2)

- Select between two competing models  $M_0$  and  $M_1$

• Consider a null hypothesis 
$$H_0$$
 and an alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ .
$$H_0 = \beta = \beta_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 & \cdots & \beta_q \end{bmatrix}^\top, \quad H_1 = \beta = \beta_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 & \cdots & \beta_p \end{bmatrix}^\top, \quad (p > q).$$

• The scaled deviance can be used for model comparison.
$$\Delta D = D_0 - D_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left[ (\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0^\top \mathbf{X}_0^\top \mathbf{y}) - (\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^\top \mathbf{X}_1^\top \mathbf{y}) \right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left[ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1^\top \mathbf{X}_1^\top \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0^\top \mathbf{X}_0^\top \mathbf{y} \right]$$
•  $D_0 \sim \chi^2 (N - q)$  and  $D_1 \sim \chi^2 (N - p)$ , and thus, for large  $N$ ,

$$\Delta D \sim \chi^2(p-q)$$
.



#### Cont. The F-statistic in Linear Models

- If the values of  $\Delta D$  is in the critical region, reject  $H_0$  in favour of  $H_1$  (model  $M_1$  provides a significantly better description of the data).
- The standard deviation  $\sigma^2$ , however, is unknown;
  - replace it by its estimate  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  results in (2.3.2) being inaccurate.

• eliminate 
$$\sigma^2$$
 by using the ratio 
$$F = \frac{\widehat{Q_0 - Q_1}}{\widehat{Q_1}} = \frac{\widehat{\beta}_1^\top \mathbf{X}_1^\top \mathbf{y} - \widehat{\beta}_0^\top \mathbf{X}_1^\top \mathbf{y}}{\frac{p - q}{N - p}}$$
(2.3.3)

- Under the null hypothesis  $H_0$  (Model  $M_0$ ), against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  (Model  $M_1$ ),  $F \sim F(p-q, N-p)$ .
- Reject  $H_0$  if  $F > F_{\alpha}(p-q, N-p)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the size of the test (typically 0.05) and  $F_{\alpha}(p-q, N-p)$  is the 1  $\alpha$ th quantile of the F(p-q, N-p) distribution.
- Alternatively, we can compute the P-value:  $P(F_{(p-q,N-p)} > F)$ .



# 2.3 Hypothesis testing in Linear Models

- Cont. The F-statistic in Linear Models
  - The *F*-statistic is usually used to test the hypothesis

$$H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \ldots = \beta_p = 0$$
  
 $H_1:$  at least one  $\beta_i$  is non-zero

and

$$F = \frac{(\mathrm{TSS} - \mathrm{RSS})/(p-1)}{\mathrm{RSS}/(N-p)}$$
(2.3.4)

where 
$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$
 and  $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$ .

- $\mathbb{E}(RSS/(N-p)) = \sigma^2$
- under  $H_0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[(TSS RSS)/p] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{0}$
- Therefore, under  $H_0$ , the F-statistic is expected to be close to 1, while under  $H_1$ .  $\mathbb{E}[(TSS - RSS)/p] > \sigma^2$  and the *F*-statistic is larger than 1.

# 2.3 Hypothesis testing in Linear Models

- Cont. The F-statistic in Linear Models

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• Relationship between the *F*-statistics and the 
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- Remark 1: If you test for the effect of any predictor without any correction, about 5% of the p-values will be under  $\alpha$  (e.g. 0.05) by chance. The F-statistic does not suffer from this problem because it adjusts for the number of predictors.
- **Remark 2**: The approach using the *F*-statistic works when p < N: For p > N. multiple regression cannot be fitted and the F-statistic cannot be used.

# 2.4 Confidence intervals and prediction intervals in Linear **Models**

- Confidence and prediction intervals
- Given a certain vector of predictional mean v\*To

   prediction interval for the conditional mean v\*To

  an error interval for the conditional mean v\*To Confidence vs Prediction Interval

  - prediction interval for a future unobserved observation  $Y^* = x^{*\top}\beta + \epsilon^*$  where  $\epsilon^*$  is an error independent of  $\epsilon_i$ , i = 1, ..., n, drawn from  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ .
  - $\circ$  Confidence interval  $Y^*$  is Gaussian and X is the design matrix:

$$E(x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}) = x^{*\top}\beta$$
 and  $Var(x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}) = \underbrace{\sigma^2 x^{*\top} (X^{\top} X)^{-1} x^*}$ 

where **X** is the design matrix for the fitted linear model. So

$$x^{*\top}\hat{\beta} \sim N(x^{*\top}\beta, \sigma^2 x^{*\top} (\boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} x^*)$$
 or  $x^{*\top}\hat{\beta} - x^{*\top}\beta$   $\sim N(0, 1).$ 



# 2.4 Confidence intervals and prediction intervals in Linear **Models**

- Cont. Confidence and prediction intervals
  - $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{y}$  are independent.
  - $\circ x^{*\top} \hat{\beta}$  and  $(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2$  are independent.
  - Since  $(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2$  has a  $\chi^2_{n-p}$  distribution, the quotient of the two has a

• Since 
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 has a  $\chi^2_{n-p}$  distribution, the quotient of the two has a Student- $t$  distribution with  $(n-p)$  degrees of freedom: 
$$\frac{x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}-x^{*\top}\beta}{\sigma\sqrt{x^{*\top}(\boldsymbol{X}^{\top}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}x^{*}}}/\sqrt{\frac{(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}} \sim t_{n-p} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}-x^{*\top}\beta}{\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{x^{*\top}(\boldsymbol{X}^{\top}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}x^{*}}} \sim t_{n-p}.$$
• **Prediction intervals**
Define  $\hat{Y}^*=x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}$  and note that  $E(Y^*-\hat{Y}^*)=0$ . Since  $x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}$  and  $e^*$  are independent,
$$\operatorname{Var}(Y^*-\hat{Y}^*)=\operatorname{Var}(x^{*\top}\hat{\beta})+\operatorname{Var}(e^*)$$

$$Var(Y^* - \hat{Y}^*) = Var(x^{*\top}\hat{\beta}) + Var(\epsilon^*)$$

$$= \sigma^2 x^{*\top} (\boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} x^* + \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 (1 + x^{*\top} (\boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} x^*).$$

$$Var(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{*\top} \hat{\beta} + \epsilon^* - r^{*\top} \hat{\beta}) = Var(-r^{*\top} \hat{\beta} + \epsilon^*)$$



# 2.4 Confidence intervals and prediction intervals in Linear Models

- Cont. Confidence and prediction intervals
  - It can be shown that  $Y^* \hat{Y}^*$  and  $(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2$  are independent.
  - Thus,

and upon simplifying 
$$\frac{Y^* - \hat{Y}^*}{\sigma \sqrt{1 + x^{*\top} (\boldsymbol{X}^\top \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} x^*}} / \sqrt{\frac{\frac{(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}}{n-p}} \sim t_{n-p}.$$

$$\frac{Y^* - \hat{Y}^*}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + x^{*\top} (\boldsymbol{X}^\top \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} x^*}} \sim t_{n-p}.$$



## Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

- Analysis of variance is a method to compare means of groups of continuous observations where the groups are defined by the levels of the factors.
  - Y: continuous variable
  - x: categorical variable(s) Factors

The element of **X** (design matrix) are dummy variables.



## Example: One-factor analysis

Genetically similar seeds are **randomly assigned** to be raised in either nutritionally enriched environment (treatment A or treatment B) or standard conditions (control group) using a completely randomised experimental design. After a predetermined time all plants are harvested, dried and weighted.

- This experiment is called a **completely randomised experiment**.
- The responses at level j, i.e.  $Y_{j1}, \ldots, Y_{jn_i}$  are called replicates.
  - $\circ$  If  $n_j = K$  for all j, it is called balanced. (We will focus on this case)
  - $\circ$  If  $n_i = K_i$ , the experiment is called unbalanced.



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• Let the response vector (of length N = JK) is given by:

$$\mathbf{y} = [Y_{11}, Y_{12}, \dots, Y_{1K}, Y_{21}, \dots, Y_{2K}, \dots, Y_{JK}]^{\top}$$

$$[\text{level } ]$$

For k = 1, ..., K, we consider three specifications of the model:

Model 1. 
$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{jk}) = \mu_j$$
  
Model 2.  $\mathbb{E}(Y_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j$   
Model 3.  $\mathbb{E}(Y_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j$ , under constraint  $\underline{\alpha_1 = 0}$ .  
 $\overline{\mathbb{E}(Y_{1k})} = \mu$   
 $\overline{\mathbb{E}(Y_{2k})} = \mu + \alpha_j$ 



• Model 1.  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik}) = \mu_i$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ 

Model (1) can be re-written as  $\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \sum_{j=1}^J x_{ij} \mu_j$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  where  $x_{ij}$ 

- $x_{ii} = 0$  otherwise

This gives  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$  where

$$eta = egin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_J \end{pmatrix} \quad ext{and} \quad \mathbf{X} = egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The estimate  $\hat{\beta}$  is the vector of sample means for each group



- Model 2  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik}) = \mu + \alpha_i$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ 
  - $\circ$   $\mu$  is an average effect for all levels
  - $\circ$   $\alpha_i$  is an additional effect due to level j.

In this case we have:



$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad$$

we have: 
$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_J \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{T}^{\mathbf{Y}})}$$
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- The design matrix as an additional column of elements equal to 1.
- The first row (or column) of the  $(J+1) \times (J+1)$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}$  is the sum of the remaining rows (or columns), therefore  $\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}$  is **singular** and there is **no unique** solution.

- Cont. Model 2  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$ 
  - The general solution can be written

can be written 
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mu} \\ \hat{\alpha}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\alpha}_J \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{K} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_{J.} \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary constant and  $Y_{j.} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} Y_{ij}$ . Usually a sum-to-one constraint is used, such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{J} \alpha_i = 0$ , i.e.

$$\frac{1}{K}\sum_{j=1}^J Y_{j.} - J\lambda = 0 \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad \lambda = \frac{1}{JK}\sum_{j=1}^J Y_{j.} = \frac{Y_{..}}{N}$$
 and therefore  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{Y_{..}}{N}$  and  $\hat{\alpha}_j = \frac{Y_{j.}}{K} - \frac{Y_{..}}{N}$   $j = 1, \ldots, J$ 



- Model 3  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_{jk}) = \mu + \alpha_j$  for k = 1, ..., K, under constraint  $\alpha_1 = 0$ 
  - $\circ$   $\mu$  represents the effect of the first level
  - $\alpha_j$  measures the difference between the first level and the *j*-th level of the factor. This is called a **corner point parametrisation**. We have

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_J \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ 1 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ 1 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X}$  is non-singular, so there a unique solution:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{K} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{1.} \\ Y_{2.} - Y_{1.} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{J.} - Y_{1.} \end{bmatrix} = (X^{T} X)^{T} Y$$



- Cont. Model 3  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik}) = \mu + \alpha_i$  for k = 1, ..., K, under constraint  $\alpha_1 = 0$ 
  - In the analysis of the variance, it is important to compare the alternative hypothesis (means for each level differ) with the null hypothesis (means are all equal)
  - For the null model,  $\mathbb{E}(Y_{jk}) = \mu$  and the design matrix is a column vector of elements equal to 1, i.e.  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X} = N$  and  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Y}$ .

$$D_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y})$$
 and  $D_0 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K Y_{jk}^2 - \frac{Y_{..}^2}{N} \right]$ 

and the F-statistic

$$F = \frac{D_0 - D_1}{J - 1} / \frac{D_1}{N - J} \quad \text{in } F_{(s-1, N-5)}$$



# 2.6 Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA)

- some of the explanatory variables are dummy variables representing factor levels and others are continuous measurements called covariates.
- We compare means of subgroups defined by factor levels, but we consider that the covariates may also affect the response.
- $\Rightarrow$  we compare the means after adjustment for covariate effects.



## 2.7 General linear models

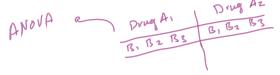
- The term general linear models is used for Gaussian models with any combination of categorical and continuous explanatory variables.
- The factors can be
  - crossed: there are observations for each combination of levels of the factors (see two factors ANOVA)
  - o nested: the combinations of factors are different



## 2.7 General linear models

#### Example on nested factors

Two-factor nested design:



		Drug A <sub>1</sub>		Drug A <sub>2</sub>	
Hospitals	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$
Responses	Y <sub>111</sub>	Y <sub>121</sub>	Y <sub>131</sub>	Y <sub>241</sub>	Y <sub>251</sub>
	:	:	:	:	:
	$Y_{11n_1}$	$Y_{12n_2}$	$Y_{13n_3}$	$Y_{24n_4}$	$Y_{25n_5}$

- We want to compare the effects of the two drugs and possible differences among hospitals using the same drug.
- The saturated model is

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{jkl}) = \mu + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + (\alpha\beta)_{11} + (\alpha\beta)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24} + (\alpha\beta)_{25}.$$

under constraints  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $(\alpha \beta)_{11} = 0$  and  $(\alpha \beta)_{24} = 0$ 

• Hospitals 1, 2 and 3 can be only compared within drug  $A_1$  and hospitals 4 and 5 can be only compared within drug  $A_2$ .



## 2.7 General linear models

- This model is not different from other Gaussian models
  - Response variable are normally distributed
  - Response and explanatory variables are linearly related
  - The variance  $\sigma^2$  is constant
  - The responses are independent
- These assumption must be checked by looking at the residuals.
- If the assumption of normality is not plausible, use the Box-Cox transformation:

$$y^* = \begin{cases} \frac{y^{\lambda} - 1}{\lambda}, & \lambda \neq 0\\ \log y & \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (2.7.1)

- $\circ$  if  $\lambda = 1$ , y is unchanged (except for a location shift)
- $\circ$  if  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ , the transformation is the square root
- $\circ$  if  $\lambda = -1$ , the transformation is the reciprocal
- $\circ$  if  $\lambda = 0$ , the transformation is the logarithm

Estimate  $\lambda$  which produces the "most normal" distribution by the method of maximum likelihood.



#### Non-additive associations

- $\circ$  The additive assumption means that the effect of changes in a predictor  $X_j$  on the response Y is **independent** of the values of **other predictors**.
- In many situations, there is a synergy effect, i.e. increasing the level of one covariate may interact with the level of another. This is called **interaction** in statistics.

## Example

Take

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2 + \varepsilon$$

This means that

$$Y = \beta_0 + (\beta_1 + \beta_3 x_2)x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon = \beta_0 + \tilde{\beta}_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_3 x_2$ , i.e.  $\tilde{\beta}_1$  changes with  $x_2$  and the effect of  $x_1$  on Y is no longer constant.





#### Cont. Non-additive associations

- Remark:
  - The hierarchical principle states that if we include an interaction in a model, we should also include the main effects, even if the p-values associated with their coefficients are not significant.
  - The concept of interactions applies to qualitative variables, to quantitative variables or to a combination of both.

Example and Code



- Non-linear associations between X and Y
  - A non-linear association can be suggested by looking at the residuals.
  - A popular model is a **U-shaped** association, that can be modelled by a quadratic association

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2$$

- This is a **linear regression** since the equation is a linear combination of X and X<sup>2</sup>.
- In general, **centre** and **scale** the explanatory variables:

$$\tilde{x}_i = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{\operatorname{sd}(x)}$$

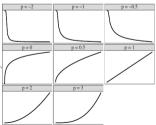
- numerical accuracy of matrix manipulation is improved, in particular in presence of large values of the covariate
- β<sub>0</sub> relates the average of y to the average of x, instead of the average of y with x = 0 (which is sometimes an impossible value)
- the slope represents a one standard deviation change which is more meaningful than a one unit change (which can be very small or very large)



- Fractional polynomials
  - A range of functions can be investigated through fractional polynomials

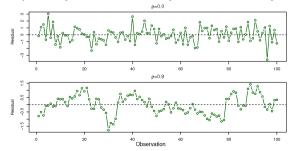
$$\mathbb{E}(\mathsf{Y}_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^p \qquad p \neq 0$$

- Test several models (p = 1 is linear, p = 2 is quadratic, p = -2 is reciprocal quadratic) and investigate the best fit. If p = 0, use  $log(x_i)$ .
- A large number of potential non-linear association can be investigated (Modify both the function and the slope parameter).





- Correlation of the error terms
  - An important assumption in linear model is that  $\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_N$  are **uncorrelated**.
    - If there is correlation, then the estimated standard errors of the coefficients will tend
      to underestimate the true standard errors.
  - When does it happen? A classic situation is for time series.
  - Investigate the correlation of errors by plotting the **residuals w.r.t. time**:
    - If errors are uncorrelated, there should be no discernible pattern;
    - If errors terms positively correlated, we may see a trend for adjacent residuals.

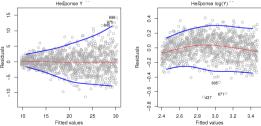




#### Non-constant variance

- Another important assumption of the linear model is  $\mathbb{V}ar(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$  for every *i*.
- The case of non-constant variance is called heteroscedasticity.
- $\circ$  A possible solution is to use a concave transformations, like  $\log Y$  or  $\sqrt{Y}$ , to shrinkage the larger responses.
- Sometimes we have an idea of the variance of each response: for example, each observation could be an average of  $n_i$  observations, there the average can have variance  $\sigma_i^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n_i}$ .

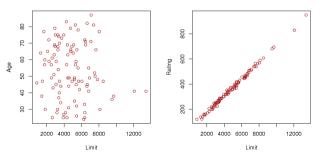
**Solution**: Fit weighted least squares, with weights proportional to  $w_i = n_i$ .





#### Collinearity

- Collinearity occures when two or more predictors are closely related.
- it will be difficult to separate out the individual effects of collinear variables on the response.
- A small change in the data can cause the coefficient values to be estimated very differently. So, there is a great uncertainty in the estimates.
- To detect collinearity take a look at the correlation matrix of the predictors.





- Cont. Collinearity
  - It is possible that collinearity exists among three or more variables even when no pair of variables has high correlation. This situation is called multicollinearity.
  - A way to inspect multicollinearity is the **variance inflation factor**, i.e. the ratio of the variance of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  when fitting the full model divided by the variance of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  if fit on its own.

$$VIF(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{1}{1 - R_{X_j|X_{-j}}^2} \ge 1$$
 (2.9.1)

where  $R_{X_i|X_{-i}}^2$  is the  $R^2$  statistic from regression of  $X_j$  on all the other predictors.

- If VIF( $\hat{\beta}_i$ ) = 1 there is no collinearity
- If  $VIF(\hat{\beta}_i) > 5$  there is a problem

#### Solutions:

- drop one of the problematic variables
- combine the collinear variables into a single predictor (e.g. taking the average of each pair of predictors)

