

Regression Models Course Project

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Summary This report includes an analysis of mtcars data set which is a collection of cars, main interest of exploration is to understand the relationship between a set of variables and miles per gallon (MPG) (outcome). Main focus of the analysis is the two following aspects:

- “Is an automatic or manual transmission better for MPG”
- “Quantify the MPG difference between automatic and manual transmissions”

This analysis may follow many models depending upon the number of covariates being included. Hence A model comparison test is performed to test the relative reliability of different models. A number of exploratory analysis tasks have been performed to check the validity of models.

The analysis showed that all covariates produces more reliable model than single covariate model. Since, a motor car has so many influencing factors other than transmission, so this result seems logical. From including two covariates to including all the covariates, results of the model didn't show much difference. Hence **all covariate model has been selected** over all the others assuming that it represents all the other models and dominates the single covariate model.

Analysis of mpg based on factor variable am

```
data(mtcars)
data <- mtcars[,c("mpg","am")]
data[, "am"] <- as.factor(data[, "am"])
attach(data)
summary(mpg[am == 1])
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##  15.00   21.00   22.80   24.39   30.40   33.90
```

```
summary(mpg[am == 0])
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##  10.40   14.95   17.30   17.15   19.20   24.40
```

```
fit <- lm(mpg~am)
summary(fit)$coef
```

```
##              Estimate Std. Error  t value    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 17.147368   1.124603 15.247492 1.133983e-15
## am1         7.244939   1.764422  4.106127 2.850207e-04
```

Above analysis shows dominance of am==1 i.e. Manual transmission. Since the data were coded as 0/1, the coefficient is directly interpreted as the manual (1) - auto (0) difference. In other words, manual on average were 7.245 points greater than auto, a significant difference.

Analysis of mpg based on all the covariates

```
data(mtcars)
model <- lm(mpg~., data=mtcars)
summary(model)$coef
```

```
##              Estimate Std. Error    t value    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 12.30337416 18.71788443  0.6573058 0.51812440
## cyl         -0.11144048  1.04502336 -0.1066392 0.91608738
## disp         0.01333524  0.01785750  0.7467585 0.46348865
## hp          -0.02148212  0.02176858 -0.9868407 0.33495531
## drat         0.78711097  1.63537307  0.4813036 0.63527790
## wt          -3.71530393  1.89441430 -1.9611887 0.06325215
## qsec         0.82104075  0.73084480  1.1234133 0.27394127
## vs          0.31776281  2.10450861  0.1509915 0.88142347
## am          2.52022689  2.05665055  1.2254035 0.23398971
## gear         0.65541302  1.49325996  0.4389142 0.66520643
## carb        -0.19941925  0.82875250 -0.2406258 0.81217871
```

The above model shows that manual transmission on average is 2.5202269 points better than the auto transmission. Now this is serious **conflict** between sigle covariate model and all covariate model. To decide between these two and all the other available models a model selection test is performed below.

Model Selection

```
data(mtcars)
fit10 <- lm(mpg~ am, data=mtcars)
fit9 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + am, data=mtcars)
fit8 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + am, data=mtcars)
fit7 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + am, data=mtcars)
fit6 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + am, data=mtcars)
fit5 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + am, data=mtcars)
fit4 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + am , data=mtcars)
fit3 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs+ am , data=mtcars)
fit2 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs+ am + gear, data=mtcars)
fit1 <- update(fit10, mpg~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs+ am + gear + carb, data=mtcars)
anova(fit10,fit9,fit8,fit7,fit6,fit5,fit4,fit3,fit2,fit1)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
```

```
##
## Model 1: mpg ~ am
## Model 2: mpg ~ cyl + am
## Model 3: mpg ~ cyl + disp + am
## Model 4: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + am
## Model 5: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + am
## Model 6: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + am
## Model 7: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + am
## Model 8: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am
## Model 9: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear
## Model 10: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear + carb
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F    Pr(>F)
## 1      30 720.90
## 2      29 271.36  1    449.53 64.0039 8.231e-08 ***
## 3      28 252.08  1     19.28  2.7452  0.11241
## 4      27 216.37  1      35.71  5.0849  0.03493 *
```

```
## 5      26 214.50  1      1.87  0.2663  0.61121
## 6      25 162.43  1      52.06  7.4127  0.01275 *
## 7      24 149.09  1      13.34  1.8999  0.18260
## 8      23 148.87  1      0.22  0.0309  0.86214
## 9      22 147.90  1      0.97  0.1384  0.71365
## 10     21 147.49  1      0.41  0.0579  0.81218
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
anova(fit10,fit1)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: mpg ~ am
## Model 2: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear + carb
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F    Pr(>F)
## 1      30 720.90
## 2      21 147.49  9      573.4 9.0711 1.779e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The above analysis shows (by looking at $Pr>F$ values)that all the models from model1 to model9 are better off than model10 which includes only one covariate. Second result shows the dominance of **all covariates model** over singel covariate model.

Hence it is safe to go with model that includes all the covariates i.e. **fit1** model.

Result

- coefficients for “am” are: 2.5202269, 2.0566506, 1.2254035, 0.2339897
- Manual Transmission (am==1) is 2.5202269 points better than Automatic Transmission i.e. (am==0)

Appendix

Plot2: box plot for mpg~am



