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# **Linear Regression**

# Data partition

Reference to Tutorial 1 for data partition.

# Selection methods

#### Resources:

- <a href="https://support.sas.com/resources/papers/proceedings/proceedings/sugi29/117-29.pdf">https://support.sas.com/resources/papers/proceedings/proceedings/sugi29/117-29.pdf</a>
- https://blogs.sas.com/content/iml/2020/01/23/collinearity-regression-collin-option.html

To select predictors appropriately avoid two common mistakes:

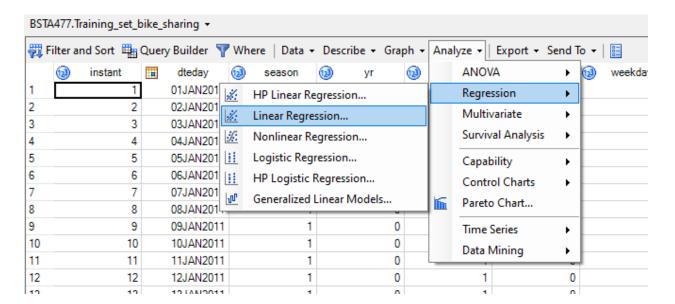
- Plot the relationship between predictors and forecast variables to choose predictors.
- Fit all the predictors into the model and drop predictors that have p-value greater than 0.05.

Instead use the following techniques to select predictors and form the best model:

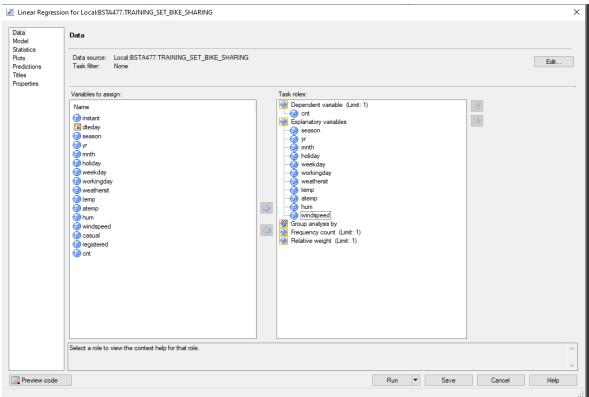
- Fit all potential regression models. Easy approach: Stepwise regression
- Evaluate the models based on Adjusted R-squared, cross-validation, AIC, BIC
- Evaluate Collinearity diagnostics
- Take into considerations of the project priorities.

#### 1. Use stepwise regression on all predictors

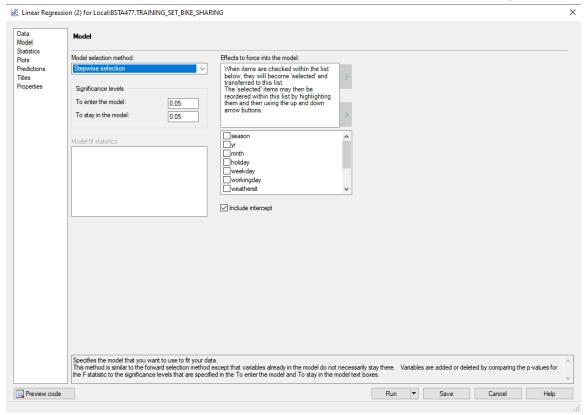
Choose the Linear regression task under the Analyze tab.



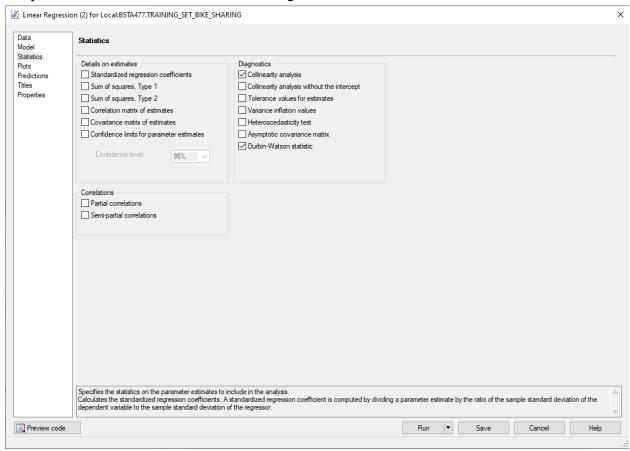
## In Data tab, select dependent and independent variables of the model



# In the model tab, select stepwise selection for Model selection method. Add significant level



To check for collinearity in predictors and autocorrelation of residuals, choose Collinearity analysis and Durbin Watson statistics in Diagnostics:



### 2. Evaluate model selection results: Check the following statistics

• R squared: Goodness of fit statistics. This statistics measure the percentage of variance in the forecasting variable that the predictors were able to explain.

=> 79%-80% of the variances in the bike rentals variable are explained by the predictors.

• <u>Conduct F test</u>: F test tests if any predictors in the linear regression model are significant. (Can use the p-value).

Ho: B1= B2 = B3....=0 (All parameter estimates are equal to zero, predictors are insignificant)
Ha: Bj != 0 (At least one of the predictors are significant)

#### Decision matrix:

- P-value < significant value => Reject Ho, the model is significant
- P-value > significant value => Accept Ho, the model is insignificant because predictors are insignificant.

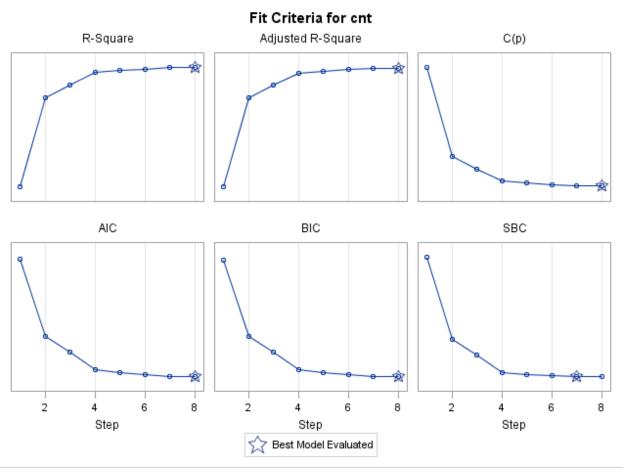
Result:

| Analysis of Variance   |     |            |           |         |        |  |  |
|------------------------|-----|------------|-----------|---------|--------|--|--|
| Sum of Mean            |     |            |           |         |        |  |  |
| Source                 | DF  | Squares    | Square    | F Value | Pr > F |  |  |
| Model                  | 8   | 1499703847 | 187462981 | 287.42  | <.0001 |  |  |
| Error                  | 576 | 375679414  | 652221    |         |        |  |  |
| <b>Corrected Total</b> | 584 | 1875383261 |           |         |        |  |  |

Set a significant level at 0.05, we can see that p-value <0.0001, which is less than 0.05. We conclude that there is enough evidence to reject Ho. And the model is significant.

### Adjusted R-squared, AIC, BIC, SBC

### Result:



The final model chosen by SAS EG is considered the best overall model through assessing the results of R-squared, Adjusted R-squared, C(p), AIC, BIC, SBC. However, based on the project priorities, the team can choose the model that is best for the project.

For example, the lowest AIC usually indicates the best model; however, AIC sometimes let too many predictors in the model. If the cost of collecting predictors is high, then this would not be a good assessment using AIC. Instead, the team can choose the model that has the lowest BIC as BIC penalizes the model for adding more predictors.

With the situation above, we can see that generally, the final model is best, with lowest values in both AIC and BIC and highest R squared and adjusted R squared.

# Collinearity diagnostics

|       | Collinearity Diagnostics (intercept adjusted) Condition Proportion of Variation |         |            |         |            |             |            |         |            |           |
|-------|---|---------|------------|---------|------------|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Numbe | er Eigenvalue   |         | season     | yr      | holiday    |             | weathersit |         | hum        | windspeed |
|       | 1 1.91429   | 1.00000 | 0.08501    | 0.03768 | 0.00258    | 1.275259E-7 | 0.03644    | 0.04007 | 0.08522    | 0.05584   |
|       | 2 1.45899   | 1.14545 | 0.06291    | 0.00322 | 0.00148    | 0.00269     | 0.15425    | 0.13655 | 0.04792    | 0.02734   |
|       | <b>3</b> 1.10051  | 1.31888 | 0.00090494 | 0.02906 | 0.43252    | 0.41121     | 0.00010243 | 0.00708 | 0.00119    | 0.00160   |
|       | 4 1.03621   | 1.35919 | 0.03685    | 0.51803 | 0.00005600 | 0.08342     | 0.01439    | 0.04418 | 0.02608    | 0.05627   |
|       | 5 0.89544   | 1.46213 | 0.00146    | 0.03705 | 0.54765    | 0.45761     | 0.01055    | 0.01713 | 0.00049330 | 0.00389   |
|       | 6 0.85861   | 1.49316 | 0.03938    | 0.01295 | 0.01429    | 0.02370     | 0.02888    | 0.12901 | 0.00003388 | 0.70321   |
|       | 7 0.42742   | 2.11629 | 0.71587    | 0.27010 | 0.00135    | 0.00428     | 0.06269    | 0.42028 | 0.10478    | 0.00658   |
|       | 0.30853   | 2.49088 | 0.05761    | 0.09190 | 0.00007193 | 0.01710     | 0.69270    | 0.20570 | 0.73429    | 0.14526   |

To assess the collinearity between predictors, we evaluate the collinearity diagnostics. We should look at the Condition index to identify high values in this column (usually would be higher than 30). However, the values in the Condition index in the result are quite small, thus, choose the highest values possible: 2.11 and 2.49.

We scan the rows of the highest values of the Condition index and assess if any predictor has a high proportion that contributes to collinearity (> 0.5 is significant). Usually, we would look for pairs of high values in the row.

We can see that, on line 7, season has high value of 0.7 and the second highest is atemp at 0.42. From this, we can see that the season and atemp (temperature variable) have a linear relationship, however, small one as atemp value is not significant.

On line 8, the variable weathersit and hum (humidity) has high values of proportion of variation, both are higher than 0.5. Therefore, we can conclude that these two values have strong linear relationships.

# **Linear Regression Training results**

From the results of predictor selection - stepwise and your chosen significance level:

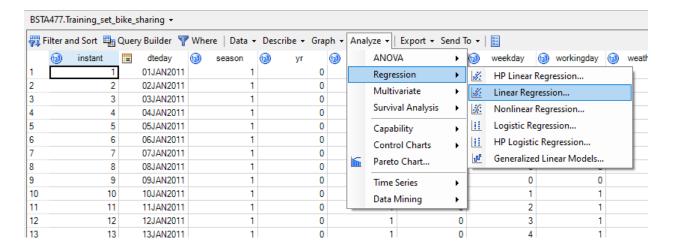
|      |            | Su       | •       | f Stepwise | Selection |              |         |        |
|------|------------|----------|---------|------------|-----------|--------------|---------|--------|
|      |            | Variable | Number  | Partial    | Model     |              |         |        |
| Step | Entered    | Removed  | Vars In | R-Square   | R-Square  | <b>C</b> (p) | F Value | Pr > F |
| 1    | atemp      |          | 1       | 0.4771     | 0.4771    | 922.021      | 531.92  | <.0001 |
| 2    | yr         |          | 2       | 0.2410     | 0.7181    | 231.221      | 497.65  | <.0001 |
| 3    | weathersit |          | 3       | 0.0342     | 0.7523    | 135.042      | 80.11   | <.0001 |
| 4    | season     |          | 4       | 0.0328     | 0.7851    | 42.7221      | 88.56   | <.0001 |
| 5    | windspeed  |          | 5       | 0.0061     | 0.7912    | 27.2366      | 16.87   | <.0001 |
| 6    | hum        |          | 6       | 0.0040     | 0.7951    | 17.8398      | 11.19   | 0.0009 |
| 7    | weekday    |          | 7       | 0.0031     | 0.7982    | 10.9190      | 8.88    | 0.0030 |
| 8    | holiday    |          | 8       | 0.0014     | 0.7997    | 8.7937       | 4.13    | 0.0427 |

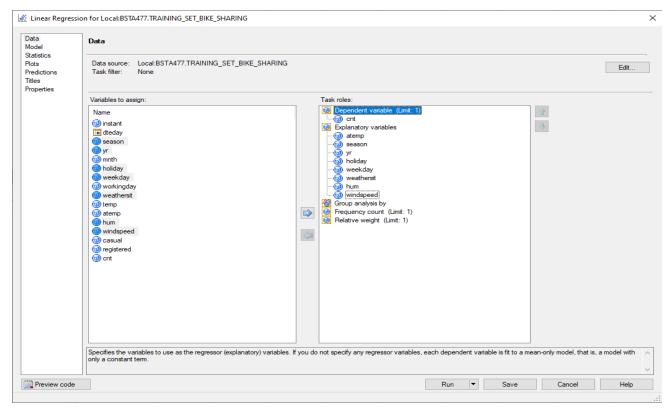
For example, with chosen significance level of 0.05, all the predictors from the selected final model seemed to be significant. Therefore, from 11 variables (season, yr, mnth, holiday, weekday, workingday, weathersit, temp, atemp, hum, windspeed), we narrowed down to 8 predictors for the model.

**Note**: Do keep in mind that the collinearity still exists (the season and atemp predictors). With this, we will evaluate the residuals of the fitted model for the performance and address if there is an issue.

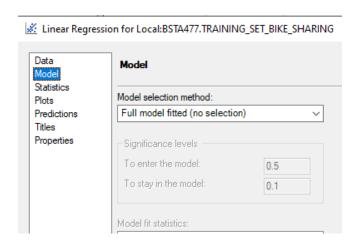
#### 1. Fit the model:

a. After choosing appropriate predictors, fit the model with the chosen predictors (8 predictors). Follow the following steps and click run.

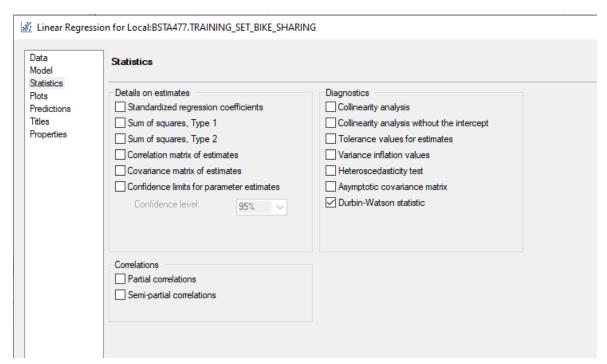




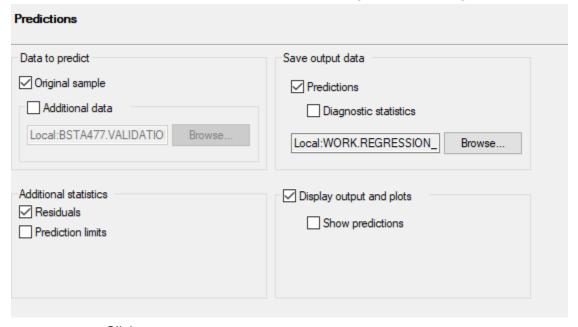
b. Select full model fitted:



c. Choose Diagnostics: Durbin Watson statistics (and others if necessary)



d. Save prediction data: Select "Original Sample" in Data to predict. Select Predictions and Save data as "Work.regression\_training" in Save output data.



- e. Click run.
- **2. Residual diagnostics**: After running the model. Conduct residuals diagnostics to ensure:
  - <u>Residuals don't have autocorrelation</u>: Check using Durbin Watson test or Ljung Box test (please check the Durbin Watson test instruction down below. For the Ljung Box test, please check Tutorial 2 for instructions).

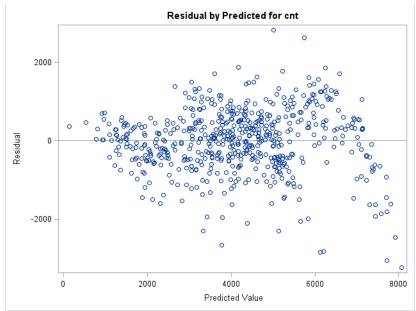
• Residuals mean equals to zero: Check using proc means with the residuals

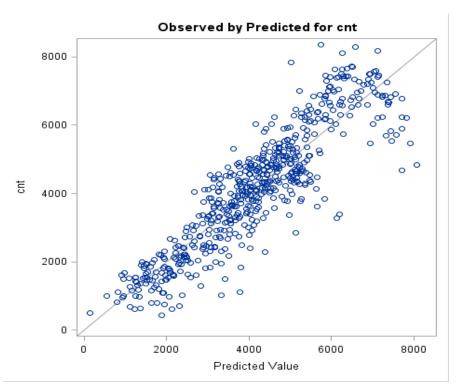
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    proc means data=work.regression_training maxdec=2;
    var residual_cnt;
    run;
```

Result: Mean of residuals is close to zero. (as the mean is rounded up 2 decimals)



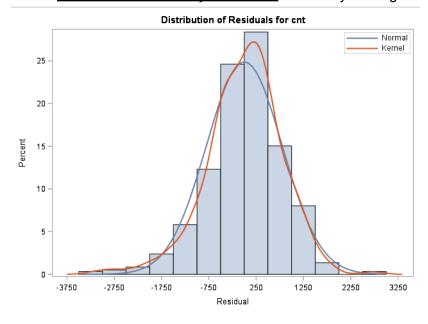
• Residuals have constant variance: Check by looking at the following graphs





We can see that the residuals have slightly constant variance at the beginning; however, larger variance increasingly. This indicates that residuals variance is not constant. We might address this by adding squared predictors or using Box Cox transformation.

• Residuals are normally distributed: Check by looking at residuals histogram



**3.** Calculate other error terms: As SAS do not compute other error terms beside RMSE and MSE, we compute MAPE, MPE separately. (MSE and RMSE calculation are included below for completion of error terms - Read important note below)

```
data training regression result;
 set work.regression training;
 abs = abs(residual cnt);
 square = residual cnt**2;
 proportion = residual cnt/cnt;
 abs proportion = abs/cnt;
 run;

    proc summary data=work.training regression result;
 var abs square proportion abs proportion;
 output out=total train errors sum= / autoname;
 run;
data training error result;
 set total train errors;
 MAE = abs Sum/585;
 MSE = square Sum/(585-8-1);
 RMSE = sqrt(MSE);
 MPE = proportion Sum/585;
 MAPE = abs proportion Sum/585;
 run;
□proc print data=training error result; run;
```

**Notes:** The calculation for MSE and RMSE for regression incorporates the number of predictors in the regression model. Therefore, the MSE = SSE / (n-k-1), where SSE is the sum of squared errors, k: number of predictors. The remaining error terms are calculated as normal.

- => 585 in the code above is the number of observations in the training set.
- => MSE calculation = SSE/ (585 -8 -1), where 8 is the number of predictors in the current model.

#### Result:



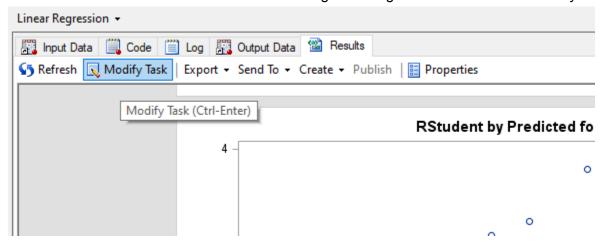
# Linear Regression Validation results

After the regression model is fitted, choose between ex-ante and ex-post forecasts (based on your project).

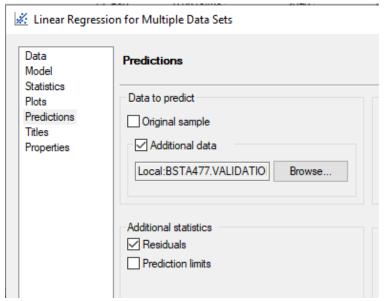
- 1. Ex-ante forecasts: Obtain forecasts of the predictors to forecast the forecasting variable
- 2. Ex-post forecasts: Obtain the actual observations of the predictors to forecast the forecasting variable.

For the current bike sharing data, we are conducting an ex-post forecast, as we obtained the actual observations of the predictors. We forecast using the data from the validation set:

- 1. Forecast bike rentals for validation set:
  - Use the same task with the training linear regression. Just click on modify task:



 Click on additional data in the Prediction tab, unchosen the original sample and browse the validation set data. Change the save output data to "work.regression\_validation".



**2.** Calculate error terms for validation set: As SAS do not calculate error terms for the validation set, we can calculate them as follow:

```
data validation regression result;
 set work.regression validation;
 residual = cnt - predicted cnt;
 abs = abs(residual);
 square = residual **2;
 proportion = residual/cnt;
 abs proportion = abs/cnt;
 run;

    proc summary data=validation regression result;
 var abs square proportion abs_proportion;
 output out=total_validation_errors sum= / autoname;
 run;
data validation_error_result;
 set total validation errors;
 MAE = abs Sum/146;
 MSE = square Sum/(146-8-1);
 RMSE = sqrt (MSE);
 MPE = proportion Sum/146;
 MAPE = abs proportion Sum/146;
```

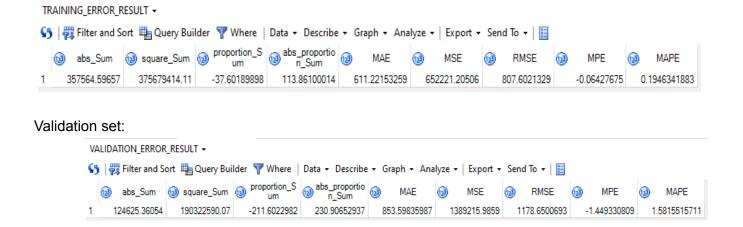
**Note:** The calculation of MSE is similar to the training set; however, the number of observations changed. The total number of observations of the validation set is 146 observations. => MSE = SSE/ (146 - 8 -1), where 8 is the number of predictors in the current model.

#### Result:



# Output evaluation

We compare the error terms of both training and validation sets. Training set:



# Prediction interval

Formulate prediction interval:

$$\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \pm c\hat{\sigma}_h$$

Ex: Formulate 95% prediction interval

$$\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \pm 1.96\hat{\sigma}_h$$
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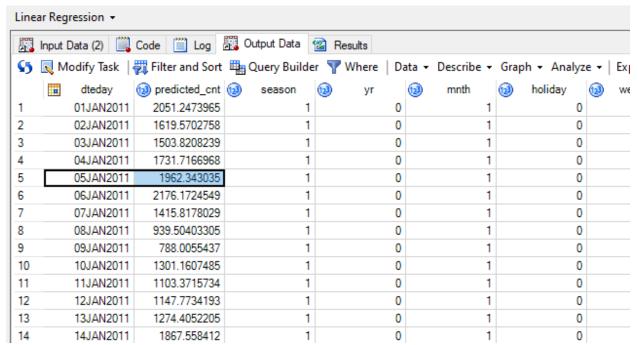
Multipliers to be used for prediction intervals

| Percentage | Multip | plier |      |
|------------|--------|-------|------|
|            | 50     |       | 0.67 |
|            | 55     |       | 0.76 |
|            | 60     |       | 0.84 |
|            | 65     |       | 0.93 |
|            | 70     |       | 1.04 |
|            | 75     |       | 1.15 |
|            | 80     |       | 1.28 |
|            | 85     |       | 1.44 |
|            | 90     |       | 1.64 |
|            | 95     |       | 1.96 |
|            | 96     |       | 2.05 |
|            | 97     |       | 2.17 |
|            | 98     |       | 2.33 |
|            | 99     |       | 2.58 |

Example: Formulate the 95% prediction interval for the bike rentals on Jan5,2011.

From this, we need 2 information: predicted bike rentals on Jan 5, 2011 and RMSE of training set

Predicted value of bike rentals on Jan5, 2011 = 1962.34



• RMSE = 807.6

| Root MSE              | 807.60213  | <b>R-Square</b> | 0.7997 |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>Dependent Mean</b> | 4158.93162 | Adj R-Sq        | 0.7969 |
| Coeff Var             | 19.41850   |                 |        |

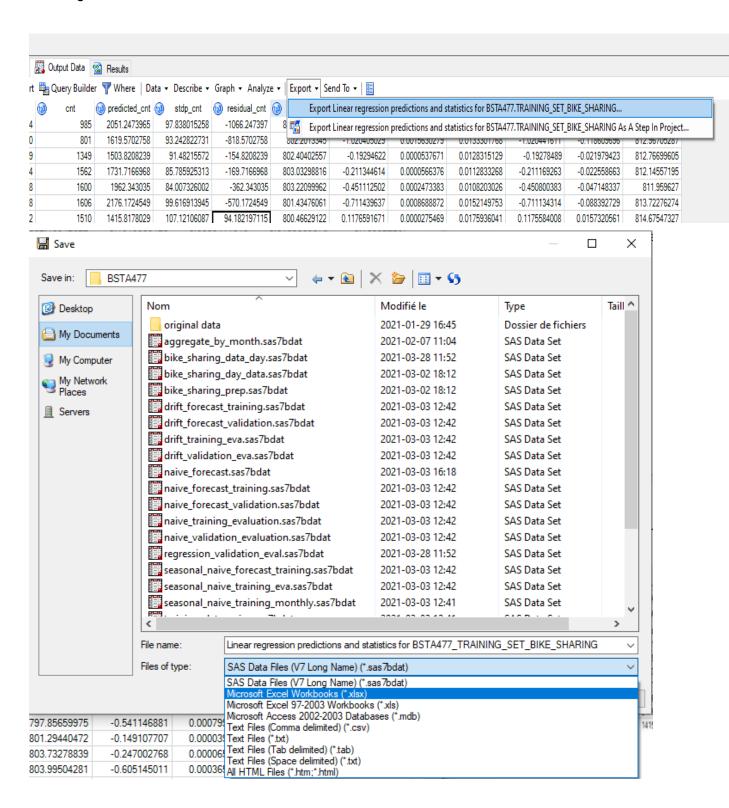
• 95% Prediction interval: 1962.34 +/- 807.6\*1.96 = [379.44; 3,545.24]

# Generalized difference

Estimate the regression coefficient B1 using generalized difference:

- 1. Export residuals to Excel
- 2. Calculate autocorrelation at lag 1. Obtain the Autocorrelation coefficient at lag 1
- 3. Calculate the new Yt and Xt with the autocorrelation coefficient.
- 4. Obtain new simple linear regression as normal (fitted the regression as shown previously)

## Step 1:

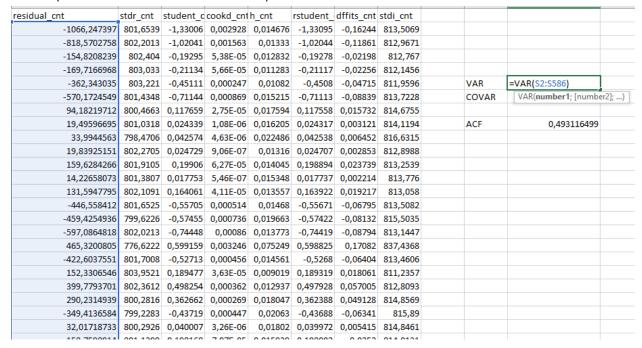


Step 2: Calculate autocorrelation coefficient at lag 1

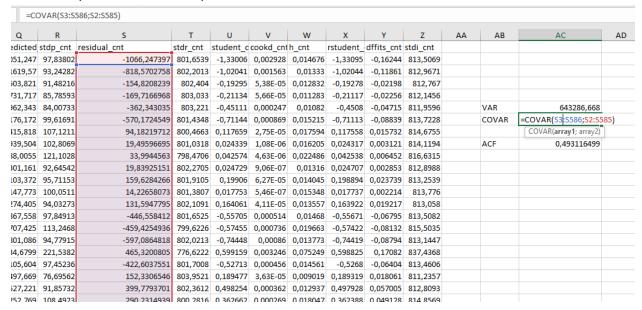
Reference: Calculate Autocorrelation in Excel

Use VAR function and COVAR function to calculate autocorrelation coefficient.

#### = VAR (all observations of the residuals)



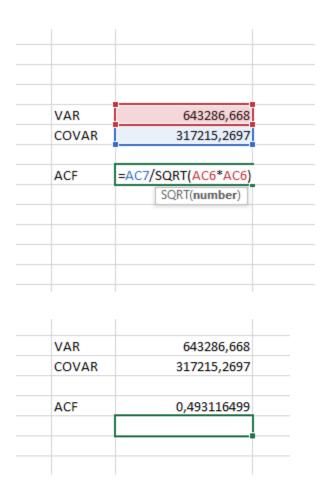
### = COVAR (series 1; series 2)



Series 1: 2nd observation - last observation of residuals

Series 2: 1st observation - second to last observation of residuals

Autocorrelation coefficient = COVAR / SQRT(VAR\*VAR)



=> Autocorrelation coefficient at lag 1 = 0.493

Step 3: Calculate the new Yt and Xt with the autocorrelation coefficient

Create a new training set based on new variables adjusted to the autocorrelation coefficient.

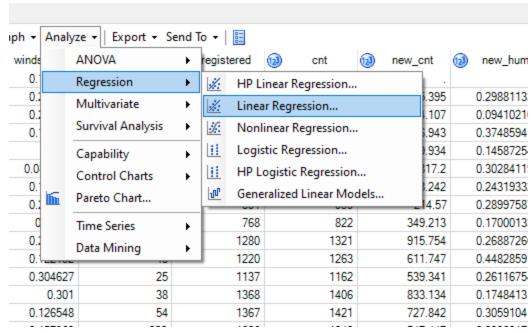
Example: Create new dependent variable ( y or cnt here) and numerical independent variables ( x or hum - humidity here)

```
data new_regression_training;
set bsta477.training_set_bike_sharing;
new_cnt = cnt - 0.493*lag(cnt);
new_hum = hum- 0.493*lag(hum);
run;
```

#### Note:

• Do this to all numerical predictors that were selected from the previous analysis

**Step 4:** Run the linear regression with the new selected independent and dependent variables.



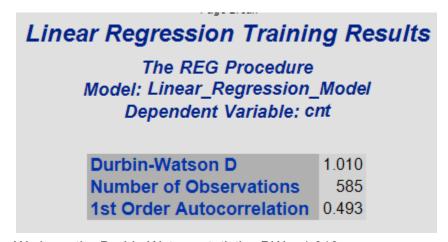
All the steps are the same as doing simple linear regression.

Obtain a new regression equation and compare it to the original regression.

# **Durbin Watson test**

Reference: <u>Durbin Watson Table</u>

**Note**: We cannot use the Durbin Watson test if we have lagged dependent variables. We have the following Durbin Watson statistics from the Regression training result:



We have the Durbin Watson statistics DW = 1.010

We have our hypothesis:

Ho: Residuals are not correlated (The residuals are white noise, there is no information left in model)

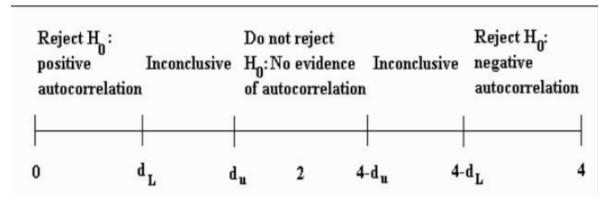
Ha: Residuals are correlated.

Find the dU (Durbin Watson upper bound) and dL (Durbin watson lower bound) by using two information: number of predictors k and number of observations.

=> Current example: k =8, n=585

=> dL = 1.831, dU = 1.89

## **Decision rule:**



- Reject Ho if DW < dL or DW > 4-dL
- Do not reject Ho if dU < DW < 4- Du

#### **Decision:**

As DW = 1.010 < dL = 1.831, we have enough evidence to reject Ho. This means that the errors are positively correlated.

With positively correlated residuals, there is information left in the dependent variable that is not explained by the predictors.