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共线性

9.3 Multicollinearity

$$(X'X)_{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ is not unique

Multicollinearity in regression refers to the case when one predictor variable in a multiple regression model can be linearly predicted from the others with a substantial degree of accuracy.

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(covariate) 关联性较大的

Detection

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1. Significant correlations between pairs of independent variables in the model
2. Nonsignificant t-tests for all (or nearly all) the individual β parameters when the F-test for overall model adequacy $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$ is significant
3. Opposite signs (from what is expected) in the estimated parameters
4. A variance inflation factor (VIF) for a β parameter greater than 10, where

criterion: $R_i^2 > 0.9 \Leftrightarrow (VIF)_i > 10$

$$(VIF)_i = \frac{1}{1 - R_i^2} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

and R_i^2 is the multiple coefficient of determination for the model

$$y \sim x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k$$

$$E(x_i) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_{i-1} x_{i-1} + \alpha_{i+1} x_{i+1} + \dots + \alpha_k x_k \quad R_i^2 \rightarrow 1$$

means x_i 信息可以用其它 covariate

5. Let the ordered eigenvalues of $(X'X)$ be $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_p$ where $p = k + 1$. 表示

Condition number:

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_p}}$$

some eigenvalue = 0 if $\text{rank}(X) < k+1$
 $\Rightarrow \kappa \rightarrow \infty$

Condition indexes:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_i}} \quad \text{where } i = 2, \dots, p$$

$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_i}} \rightarrow \infty$ for some i

Multicollinear problem: Condition number or indexes ≥ 30

(note in some references, condition index is also called condition number)

Motivation example

An assistant in the district sales office of a national cosmetics firm obtained data on advertising expenditures and sales last year in the district's 44 territories. X_1 denotes expenditures for point-of-sales displays in beauty salons and department stores (in thousand dollars), and X_2 and X_3 represent the corresponding expenditures for local media advertising and prorated share of national media advertising, respectively. Y denotes sales (in thousand cases). The assistant was instructed to estimate the increase in expected sales when X_1 is increased by 1 thousand dollars and X_2 and X_3 are held constant, and was told to use an ordinary multiple regression model with linear terms for the predictor variables.

a) State the regression model to be employed and fit it to the data.

Computer output

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$$

$$H_1: \beta_i \neq 0 \text{ for at least } i=1,2,3$$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$$

Model Summary ^b			
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square
1	.861 ^a	.742	.722
a. Predictors: (Constant), national_advertising, Exp_point_of_sales_display, local_advertising			
b. Dependent Variable: Sales			

ANOVA ^b						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	382.659	3	127.553	38.279	.000 ^a
	Residual	133.286	40	3.332		
	Total	515.945	43			

		coefficients	Std. Error	t	sig	VIF
1	(Constant)	1.023	1.203	.851	.400	
	Exp_point_of_sales_display	.966	.709	1.362	.181	20.072
	local_advertising	.629	.778	.808	.424	20.716
	national_advertising	.676	.356	1.900	.065	1.218

Refer to the above output, the regression equation is. $\hat{Y} = 1.023 + .966X_1 + .629X_2 + .676X_3$

b) Test whether there is a regression relation between sales and the three predictor variables (use $\alpha = 0.05$). State the alternatives, decision rule, and conclusion.

$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3$$

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0 \quad H_a: \text{not all } \beta_k = 0 \text{ (} k = 1, 2, 3 \text{)}.$$

Test Statistics: $F = 38.279$ and $p\text{-value} < 0.001$.

Therefore, conclude H_a . The model is useful for the prediction of sales.

c) Test for each of the regression coefficients (equal to zero?) individually (use $\alpha = 0.05$ each time). Do the conclusions of these tests correspond to that obtained in part (b)?

Refer to part (a) output, all regression coefficients are not significant at the given α level. Therefore, these tests do not yield the same conclusion as in part (b). This is a consequence of the multicollinearity problem.

d) Obtain the correlation matrix of the X variables and comment on the suitability of the data for the research objective.

From the correlation matrix below, we observe that the independent variables (X1 and X2) are highly correlated and the regression model is therefore not quite appropriate.

Correlations (matrix)					
		Sales	Exp point-of-Sales display	Local advertising	National advertising
Sales	Pearson Correlation	1	.842**	.842**	.474**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.001
Exp point-of-sales display	Pearson Correlation	.842**	1	.974**	.376*
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000	.012
Local advertising	Pearson Correlation	.842**	.974**	1	.410**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.006
National advertising	Pearson Correlation	.474**	.376*	.410**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.012	.006	
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed), *. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).					

e) Obtain the three variance inflation factors. What do these suggest about the effects of multicollinearity here?

$$(VIF)_1 = 20.072$$

$$(VIF)_2 = 20.716$$

$$(VIF)_3 = 1.218$$

The problem is quite serious since two of the VIF are much larger than 10.

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f) The assistant eventually decided to drop variables X2 from the model to clear up the picture. Fit the assistant's revised model. Is the assistant now in a better position to achieve the research objective?

ANOVA ^b						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
2	Regression	380.481	2	190.241	57.579	.000 ^a
	Residual	135.464	41	3.304		
	Total	515.945	43			
a. Predictors: (Constant), national_advertising, Exp_point_of_sales_display						
b. Dependent Variable: Sales						

		Coefficient	Std. Error	t	sig	VIF
2	(Constant)	1.017	1.198	.849	.401	
	X1 Exp_point_of_sales_display	1.522	.170	8.948	.000	1.165
	X3 national_advertising	.736	.346	2.125	.040	1.165

Refer to the above output, the regression equation is

$$\hat{Y} = 1.017 + 1.522X_1 + .736X_3$$

The VIF indicates that the problem of multicollinearity disappears (much less than 10).

Consequences of multicollinearity

1. Difficult to test individual regression coefficients due to inflated standard errors.
2. Unstable coefficient estimates, sensitive to small change in the model.

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Remedial measures

1. Drop one or several highly correlated independent variables (or by stepwise regression to select appropriate variables)
2. Combine variables (dimension reduction by the use of methods such as principle component procedures)
3. Shrinkage methods such as ridge regression

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = (X'X + \delta I)^{-1}X'y \quad \underline{\delta > 0}$$

~ridge

Another Example (extracted from Linear Models with R, Julian J. Faraway)

Car drivers like to adjust the seat position for their own comfort. Car designers would find it helpful to know where different drivers will position the seat depending on their size and age.

Sample size: 38 (drivers)

Dependent variable: hipcenter (the horizontal distance of the midpoint of the hips from a fixed location in the car in mm)

Independent variables:

Age
Weight
HtShoes (height with shoes)
Ht (height without shoes)
Seated (seated height)
Arm (arm length)
Thigh (thigh length)
Leg (lower leg length)

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> library(faraway)
> data(seatpos)

> names(seatpos)
[1] "Age"      "Weight"    "HtShoes"   "Ht"        "Seated"    "Arm"       "Thigh"
[8] "Leg"      "hipcenter"
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> reg1 <- lm(hipcenter~., seatpos)
> summary(reg1)
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Call:

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lm(formula = hipcenter ~ ., data = seatpos)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-73.827	-22.833	-3.678	25.017	62.337

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	436.43213	166.57162	2.620	0.0138 *
Age	0.77572	0.57033	1.360	0.1843
Weight	0.02631	0.33097	0.080	0.9372
HtShoes	-2.69241	9.75304	-0.276	0.7845
Ht	0.60134	10.12987	0.059	0.9531
Seated	0.53375	3.76189	0.142	0.8882
Arm	-1.32807	3.90020	-0.341	0.7359
Thigh	-1.14312	2.66002	-0.430	0.6706
Leg	-6.43905	4.71386	-1.366	0.1824

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 37.72 on 29 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.6866, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6001

F-statistic: 7.94 on 8 and 29 DF, p-value: 1.306e-05

*****F-test significant, but NOT individual t-test.*****

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> round(cor(seatpos),4)
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	Age	Weight	HtShoes	Ht	Seated	Arm	Thigh	Leg	hipcenter
Age	1.0000	0.0807	-0.0793	-0.0901	-0.1702	0.3595	0.0913	-0.0423	0.2052
Weight	0.0807	1.0000	0.8282	0.8285	0.7756	0.6976	0.5726	0.7843	-0.6403
HtShoes	-0.0793	0.8282	1.0000	0.9981	0.9297	0.7520	0.7249	0.9084	-0.7966
Ht	-0.0901	0.8285	0.9981	1.0000	0.9282	0.7521	0.7350	0.9098	-0.7989
Seated	-0.1702	0.7756	0.9297	0.9282	1.0000	0.6252	0.6071	0.8119	-0.7313
Arm	0.3595	0.6976	0.7520	0.7521	0.6252	1.0000	0.6711	0.7538	-0.5851
Thigh	0.0913	0.5726	0.7249	0.7350	0.6071	0.6711	1.0000	0.6495	-0.5912
Leg	-0.0423	0.7843	0.9084	0.9098	0.8119	0.7538	0.6495	1.0000	-0.7872
hipcenter	0.2052	-0.6403	-0.7966	-0.7989	-0.7313	-0.5851	-0.5912	-0.7872	1.0000

Some very large pairwise correlations

```
> x <- model.matrix(reg1) [, -1] → remove
> e <- eigen(t(x) %*% x)
> e$val
[1] 3.653671e+06 2.147948e+04 9.043225e+03 2.989526e+02 1.483948e+02 8.117397e+01
5.336194e+01
[8] 7.298209e+00
> sqrt(e$val[1]/e$val) # compute condition indexes
[1] 1.00000 13.04226 20.10032 110.55123 156.91171 212.15650 261.66698 707.54911
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Very large condition numbers

```
> round(vif(x), 3)
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Age	Weight	HtShoes	Ht	Seated	Arm	Thigh	Leg
1.998	3.647	307.429	333.138	8.951	4.496	2.763	6.694

VIFs of HtShoes and Ht are extremely high

Q: how to use lm to calculate R^2 and (VIF):

Rerun the regression with Age, Weight and Ht only

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> reg2 <- lm(hipcenter~Age+Weight+Ht,seatpos)
> x <- model.matrix(reg2) [,-1]
> e <- eigen(t(x) %*% x)
> sqrt(e$val[1]/e$val) # compute condition indexes
[1] 1.00000 11.50837 15.50904
> vif(x)
      Age  Weight      Ht
1.093018 3.457681 3.463303
> summary(reg2)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = hipcenter ~ Age + Weight + Ht, data = seatpos)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-91.526	-23.005	2.164	24.950	53.982

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	528.297729	135.312947	3.904	0.000426	***
Age	0.519504	0.408039	1.273	0.211593	
Weight	0.004271	0.311720	0.014	0.989149	
Ht	-4.211905	0.999056	-4.216	0.000174	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 36.49 on 34 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.6562, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6258

F-statistic: 21.63 on 3 and 34 DF, p-value: 5.125e-08

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> round(cor(x),3)
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	Age	Weight	Ht
Age	1.000	0.081	-0.090
Weight	0.081	1.000	0.829
Ht	-0.090	0.829	1.000