

BACKWARD ELIMINATION

Step 1: Start with Full model

Step 2: Compute partial F-Statistic for each regressor in the presence of other regressors in the model.

Step 3: The regressor with smallest partial F_{calc} is removed from the model
If the F_{calc} value is less than $F_{tab} F(0.05, 1, Error)$

Step 4: Build the new model by removing the regressor which we found in step 2 & step 3
Backward elimination procedure will be stopped when we see $F_{calc} > F_{tab}$

Let us work on example

Step 1: Let us run all variables and fit the model i.e

$$\hat{y} = 62.4 + 1.55X_1 + 0.510X_2 + 0.102X_3 - 0.144X_4$$

Step 2: Now we will check each of the variable contribution in the presence of other remaining variables

we need to calculate $F_{1/234}, F_{2/134}, F_{3/124}, F_{4/123}$

$$① F_{calc}(1/234) = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(2,3,4)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} = \frac{2667.90 - 2671.9}{5.98} = 4.33$$

$$② F_{calc}(2/134) = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(1,3,4)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} = \frac{2667.90 - 2669.9}{5.98} = 0.501$$

$$③ F_{calc}(3/124) = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(1,2,4)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} = \frac{2667.90 - 2667.7}{5.98} = 0.018$$

$$④ F_{calc}(4/123) = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(1,2,3)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} = \frac{2667.90 - 2667.65}{5.98} = 0.041$$

Step 3: From all of the above, the F_{calc} value which is having smallest value is eliminated from the existing model i.e $F_{calc} = 0.018$

Let us calculate F_{tab} as well i.e, $F_{tab}(1, 8) = 5.31$

∴ $F_{calc} < F_{tab} \Rightarrow 0.018 < 5.31 \Rightarrow$ Remove X_3 from the Full model.

∴ we have only X_1, X_2, X_4

Step 4: So, we have the Full model as $\hat{y} = 71.6 + 1.452X_1 + 0.416X_2 - 0.237X_4$

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i.e. $F_{1/24}, F_{2/14}, F_{4/12}$

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$$F_{1/24} = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(2,4)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} = \frac{2667.79 - 1846.88}{5.33} = 154.01$$

$$F_{2/14} = \frac{2667.79 - 2641}{5.33} = 5.02$$

$$F_{4/12} = \frac{2667.79 - 2657.86}{5.33} = 1.86$$

$F_{Tab}(0.05, 1, 9) = 5.12$, among all these values which is every less comparing with F_{Tab} is going to be reject. i.e., $F_{4/12}(1.86) < F_{Tab}(5.12)$

⇒ Remove x_4 from the full model.

step 5: Now we have only $x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow \hat{y} = 52.58 + 1.468x_1 + 0.6623x_2$

Now $F(x_1/x_2)$, $F(x_2/x_1)$

$$F(x_1/x_2) = \frac{SS_{Reg}(Full) - SS_{Reg}(x_2)}{MS_{Res}(Full)} \\ = \frac{2657.86 - 1809.4}{5.79} = 146.5$$

$$F(x_2/x_1) = \frac{2657.86 - 1450.1}{5.79} = 208.5$$

$$F_{Tab}(0.05, 1, 10) = 4.96$$

So, Both variables values are greater than F_{Tab} . So, we cannot remove neither of the variables so the procedure terminates at here. So, x_1, x_2 are final variables

$$\therefore \hat{y} = 52.58 + 1.468x_1 + 0.6623x_2$$

NOTE: Forward Selection gives x_1, x_4

Backward elimination gives x_1, x_2

So, Both are given different conclusions, so No worries.

