

Regression Analysis

Multiple Linear Regression

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Testing Overall Regression

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for multiple regression:

Variability Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean SS	F-Statistic
Regression	p	SSReg	$SSReg / p$	MSSReg / MSE
Residual	$n-p-1$	SSE	$SSE / (n-p-1)$	
Total	$n-1$	SST		

$$SSReg = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \quad SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \quad SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

Null hypothesis: All predictor coefficients are 0, i.e., $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$.

Reject H_0 if F-statistic is large ($> F_{\alpha, p, n-p-1}$ for α significance level, p and $n-p-1$ df).

- At least one of the coefficients is different from zero at the α significance level.

p-value = Prob($F_{p, n-p-1} >$ F-statistic) for F-distribution with p and $n-p-1$ df.

- Reject H_0 if p-value is small.



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Testing Subsets of Coefficients

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA):

$$SST(X_1, \dots, X_p) = SSReg(X_1, \dots, X_p) + SSE(X_1, \dots, X_p)$$

$$SSReg(X_1, \dots, X_p) = SSReg(X_1) + SSReg(X_2|X_1) + \\ SSReg(X_3|X_1, X_2) + \dots + SSReg(X_p|X_1, \dots, X_{p-1})$$

SSReg(X_1): Sum of squares (SS) explained using only X_1

SSReg($X_2|X_1$): **Extra** SS explained using X_2 in addition to X_1

SSReg($X_3|X_1, X_2$): **Extra** SS explained using X_3 in addition to X_1 and X_2

SSReg($X_p|X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}$): **Extra** SS explained using X_p in addition to $X_1, X_2 \dots X_{p-1}$



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Testing Subsets of Coefficients

- Does X_1 alone significantly aid in predicting Y ?
 - $\text{SSReg}(X_1) \text{ vs. } \text{SSE}(X_1)$
- Does the addition of X_2 significantly contribute to the prediction of Y after accounting (controlling) for the contribution of X_1 ?
 - $\text{SSReg}(X_2 | X_1) \text{ vs. } \text{SSE}(X_1, X_2)$
- Does the addition of X_3 significantly contribute to the prediction of Y after accounting (controlling) for the contribution of X_1 and X_2 ?
 - $\text{SSReg}(X_3 | X_1, X_2) \text{ vs. } \text{SSE}(X_1, X_2, X_3)$
- Does the addition of X_p significantly contribute to the prediction of Y after accounting (controlling) for the contribution of X_1, \dots, X_{p-1} ?
 - $\text{SSReg}(X_p | X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}) \text{ vs. } \text{SSE}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$



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Testing Subsets of Coefficients

Partial F-test:

- Consider a full model with two sets of predictors, X_1, \dots, X_p (perhaps controlling factors) and (Z_1, \dots, Z_q) (perhaps additional explanatory factors):

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \alpha_1 Z_1 + \dots + \alpha_q Z_q + \varepsilon$$

- Test whether any of the Z factors add explanatory power to the model:

$$\mathbf{H_0}: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_q = 0 \quad \mathbf{vs.} \quad \mathbf{H_a}: \alpha_i \neq 0 \text{ for at least one } i, i = 1, \dots, q$$

$$\text{F-statistic} = F_{partial} = \frac{\text{SSReg}(Z_1, \dots, Z_q | X_1, \dots, X_p)/q}{\text{SSE}(Z_1, \dots, Z_q, X_1, \dots, X_p)/(n - p - q - 1)}$$

- Reject $\mathbf{H_0}$ if F-statistic is large ($F\text{-statistic} > F_{\alpha, q, n-p-q-1}$)
 - At least one coefficient is different from zero at the α significance level



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Testing for Statistical Significance

- Consider a full model with the set of predictors, X_1, \dots, X_p and an additional predicting variable Z:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \alpha Z + \varepsilon$$

- Test whether Z has explanatory or predictive power:

$$H_0: \alpha = 0 \text{ vs } H_a: \alpha \neq 0$$

$$F\text{-statistic} = F_{partial} = \frac{SSReg(Z|X_1, \dots, X_p) / 1}{SSE(Z, X_1, \dots, X_p) / (n - p - 2)}$$

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- Interpretation of the t-test for statistical significance is conditional on other predicting variables being in the model.
- The relationship between Y and X is statistically significant given all other predicting variables being in the model.

Do not perform variable selection based on the p-values of the t-tests!



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Summary



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