

Excercise Sheet 6

A broker wants to use linear regression to find out which factors have a large influence on the price of a property. For this purpose, the variables described in Table 1 are given for the last 88 sales in the broker's region.

Table 1 House price record

Variabel	Description
price	house price ($\times 1,000$ EUR)
bdrms	number bedrooms
lotsize	parking area (m^2)
sqrm	house area (m^2)
country	$\text{== } 1$ when in country house style
lprice	$\log(\text{price})$
llotsize	$\log(\text{lotsize})$
lsqrm	$\log(\text{sqrm})$

1. Create a linear regression model with **price** as dependent variable and **bdrms**, **lotsize**, **sqrm** und **country** as independent variables.
 - a) Determine the regression coefficients and p -values of the dependent variable and compare their influence within the model on the predicted value for **price**.
 - b) Determine how much variance of the dependent variable is explained.
 - c) Check the residuals (graphically) for normal distribution and homoskedasticity.

Solution for Task 1...

2. Given be the linear regression model from task 1.
 - a) Create a scatterplot to display the relationship between the predicted value for **price** and the residual size.
 - b) For some houses, the price forecast of the broker model is more than EUR 100,000 off. Highlight houses with a residual size of more than 100 or less than 100. What could be the reasons for high model inaccuracies?
 - c) Can the R^2 -value be increased by using a linear transformation of one of the independent variables?

Solution for Task 2...

3. Graphically display the relationship between **bdrms** and **price**. Check whether this relationship is also reflected in the regression model from Task 1. Create a regression model with **bdrms** as the only independent variable. Compare the regression coefficients with those of the model from Task 1 and interpret the differences.

Solution for Task 3...

Dataset:

- <http://isgwww.cs.uni-magdeburg.de/cv/lehre/VisAnalytics/material/exercise/datasets/hprice.csv>