Chapter 10: Inference for Regression

MATH 560-01 Statistical Data Analysis

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- ► Compute the *least squares estimates* of the *intercept*, *slope*, and *standard deviation* in the simple linear regression model with normal errors.

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- ▶ Scatterplots can be useful for visually identifying **overall patterns**, **direction**, and **strength** of association between two variables as well as **outliers** (individual cases which differ significantly from the overall pattern).

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Computing the correlation coefficient:

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left(\frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right) = \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{s_x s_y}$$

where \bar{x} and s_x are the mean and standard deviation of the x-values and \bar{y} and s_y are the mean and standard deviation of the y-values.

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Alternate form of r:

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Compute the correlation coefficient between Month and Temperature for this data set.

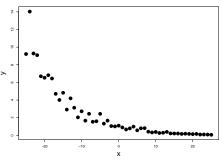
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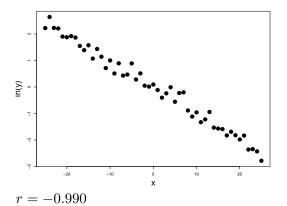
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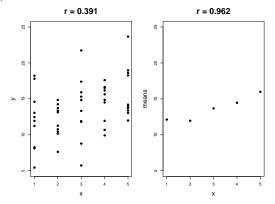
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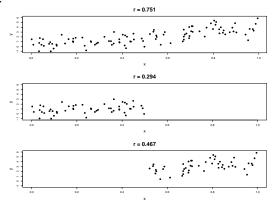
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Setting the partial derivatives equal to 0 and letting b_0 and b_1 denote the solution, we obtain

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So, $Q(\beta_0, \beta_1)$ is minimized when $\beta_0 = b_0$ and $\beta_1 = b_1$ since the second sum on the right is 0 for this choice of β_0 and β_1 but positive for all other values of β_0 and β_1 .

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- (a) What is the equation of the regression line for predicting Temperature based on Month for this data set?
- (b) Based on the equation of the regression line, what is the predicted average temperature for March? How much does it differ from the observed value 41?
- (c) Based on the equation of the regression line, what is the predicted average temperature for December? Does this prediction make sense?
- (d) What proportion of variation in Temperatures is explained by the regression line?

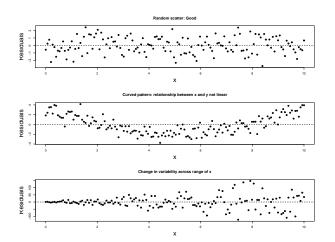


► *Answers*:

Residual Plots

▶ A residual plot is a scatterplot with the explanatory variable on the *x*-axis and the corresponding residuals on the *y*-axis. The residual plot is a visual tool to help assess the linearity assumption needed for regression; when valid, the residual plot should show no pattern.

Examples of residual plots



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- For significance testing, the most typical hypothesis of interest is $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ which implies that the mean of y does not vary with x.

Confidence interval for β_0 in the simple linear regression model

A level C confidence interval for β_0 is

$$b_0 \pm t^* S E_{b_0}$$

where t^* is the value for the t(n-2) density curve with area C between $-t^*$ and t^* .

$$SE_{b_0} = s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$



Confidence interval for β_1 in the simple linear regression model

A level C confidence interval for β_1 is

$$b_1 \pm t^* S E_{b_1}$$

where t^* is the value for the t(n-2) density curve with area C between $-t^*$ and t^* .

$$SE_{b_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}$$



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$$\sigma_{b_1}^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)^2 s_x^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sigma_{y_i}^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)^2 s_x^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sigma^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)^2 s_x^4} (n-1) s_x^2 \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1) s_x^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Justification of SE_{b_0} and SE_{b_1}

$$\mu_{\bar{y}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_{y_i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{x}$$

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▶ So, b_1 follows a Normal $(\beta_1, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}})$ distribution.



- $\mu_{b_0} = \mu_{\bar{y}} \bar{x}\mu_{b_1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{x} \bar{x}\beta_1 = \beta_0$
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Justification of SE_{b_0} and SE_{b_1}

$$\mu_{b_0} = \mu_{\bar{y}} - \bar{x}\mu_{b_1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{x} - \bar{x}\beta_1 = \beta_0$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \sigma_{b_0}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{y}}^2 + \bar{x}^2 \sigma_{b_1} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \bar{x}^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\ = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \sigma_{b_0} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} \end{array}$$

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- So, b_0 follows a Normal $\left(\beta_0, \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \bar{x})^2}}\right)$ distribution.

Example 10D: Real estate is typically reassessed annually for property tax purposes. This assessed value is not necessarily the same as the fair market value of the property. A data set includes a SRS of assessment values (x) and prices (y) for 30 homes sold recently in a midwestern city (in thousands of dollars). The summary statistics for the data set are given below:

 $\bar{x} = 184.133, s_x = 45.428, \bar{y} = 195.840, s_y = 47.179, r = 0.91169.$

- (a) Construct a 99% confidence interval for the intercept of the regression line of price on assessment value.
- (b) Construct a 99% confidence interval for the slope of the regression line of price on assessment value.

► Answer:

Two-sided significance test for the slope in the simple linear regression model

- 1. Test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_1 \neq 0$
- 2. Test statistic: $t = \frac{b_1}{SE_{b_1}}$, $SE_{b_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}$
- 3. Use the t-table to find the value t^* such that $P(T>t^*)=\frac{\alpha}{2}$ where T follows a t distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom
- 4. Reject H_0 is $|t| > t^*$



One-sided (left-sided) significance test for the slope in the simple linear regression model

- 1. Test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_1 < 0$
- 2. Test statistic: $t = \frac{b_1}{SE_{b_1}}$, $SE_{b_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}$
- 3. Use the t-table to find the value t^* such that $P(T < -t^*) = P(T > t^*) = \alpha$ where T follows a t distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom
- 4. Reject H_0 is $t < -t^*$



One-sided (right-sided) significance test for the slope in the simple linear regression model

- 1. Test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_1 > 0$
- 2. Test statistic: $t = \frac{b_1}{SE_{b_1}}$, $SE_{b_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}$
- 3. Use the t-table to find the value t^* such that $P(T > t^*) = \alpha$ where T follows a t distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom
- 4. Reject H_0 is $t > t^*$



Example 10E: Real estate is typically reassessed annually for property tax purposes. This assessed value is not necessarily the same as the fair market value of the property. A data set includes a SRS of assessment values (x) and prices (y) for 30 homes sold recently in a midwestern city (in thousands of dollars). The summary statistics for the data set are given below:

$$\bar{x} = 184.133, s_x = 45.428, \bar{y} = 195.840, s_y = 47.179, r = 0.91169.$$

Let β_1 denote the slope of the regression line of price on assessment value. Test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ versus the alternative $H_a: \beta_1 > 0$ at level .05. Calculate an appropriate test statistic, compute the critical value, and state your conclusion.

► Answer:

Confidence interval for mean response when $x = x^*$ in the simple linear regression model

A level C confidence interval for the mean response $\mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^*$ when $x = x^*$ is

$$\hat{\mu} \pm t^* S E_{\hat{\mu}}$$

where $\hat{\mu} = b_0 + b_1 x^*$ and t^* is the value for the t(n-2) density curve with area C between $-t^*$ and t^* .

The probability that this method produces an interval that contains $\mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^*$ is C.

$$SE_{\hat{\mu}} = s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$



Prediction interval for a future observation when $x = x^*$ in the simple linear regression model

A level C prediction interval for a future observation from the subpopulation corresponding to $x = x^*$ is

$$\hat{\mu} \pm t^* S E_{y^*}$$

where $\hat{\mu} = b_0 + b_1 x^*$ and t^* is the value for the t(n-2) density curve with area C between $-t^*$ and t^* .

The probability that this method produces an interval that contains the future observation is C.

$$SE_{y^*} = s\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = s\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$



Justification of $SE_{\hat{\mu}}$

$$\mu_{\hat{\mu}} = \mu_{b_0} + \mu_{b_1} x^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^* = \mu$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} + b_1(x_* - \bar{x})$$

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$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{y}}^2 + (x_* - \bar{x})^2 \sigma_{b_1}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma^2 (x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

So, $\hat{\mu}$ follows a Normal $\left(\mu, \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}\right)$ distribution.

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$$\mu_{\hat{\mu}} = \mu_{b_0} + \mu_{b_1} x^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^* = \mu$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} + b_1(x_* - \bar{x})$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^{2} = \sigma_{\bar{y}}^{2} + (x_{*} - \bar{x})^{2} \sigma_{b_{1}}^{2} = \frac{\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{\sigma^{2} (x_{*} - \bar{x})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{\mu}} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_{*} - \bar{x})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{x})^{2}}}$$

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Justification of $SE_{\hat{\mu}}$

$$\mu_{\hat{\mu}} = \mu_{b_0} + \mu_{b_1} x^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^* = \mu$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} + b_1(x_* - \bar{x})$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{y}}^2 + (x_* - \bar{x})^2 \sigma_{b_1}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma^2 (x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

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- $\sigma_{u^*}^2 = \sigma_{\bar{u}}^2 + (x_* \bar{x})^2 \sigma_{b_*}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$ $=\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma^2(x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{n} (x_* - \bar{x})^2} + \sigma^2$ $\Rightarrow \sigma_{y^*} = \sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$
- So, y^* follows a Normal $\left(\mu, \sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_* \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \bar{x})^2}}\right)$ distribution.



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- $\bar{x} = 184.133, s_x = 45.428, \bar{y} = 195.840, s_y = 47.179, r = 0.91169.$
- (a) Construct a 99% confidence interval for the mean sale price for homes that are assessed at \$180,000.
- (b) Construct a 99% prediction interval for the sale price of a new observation that is assessed at \$180,000.

► Answer: