

1. Find the metric that minimizes any of the errors, by calculus.

A. (MSE) – $\sum(\text{actual} - \text{predicted})^2$

Set y_i as the actual data

Predicted data base on the simplest Econometrics Model, which is $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0$

So our goal is:

$$\min \sum(\text{actual} - \text{predicted})^2$$

which also is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\ \min \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

For solve this function, we need make first order derivative of the function to be zero, so:

$$\frac{d}{d\beta_0} (\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0)^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n -2(y_i - \beta_0) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0) = 0$$

$$n\beta_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}$$

Therefore, we can see that the β_0 is actually the average of the y.

According to our data, we have

y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6	y_7	y_8	y_9	y_{10}
165	160	175	180	155	150	110	195	160	185

So, the β_0 will be:

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i}{10} = \frac{165+160+175+180+155+150+110+195+160+185}{10} = 163.50$$

Therefore, our simplest Econometrics Model $\hat{y}_i = 163.50$

B. MSPE – $\sum \left(\frac{\text{actual} - \text{predicted}}{\text{actual}} \right)^2$

Set y_i as the actual data

Predicted data base on the simplest Econometrics Model, which is $\hat{y}_t = \beta_0$

So our goal is:

$$\min \sum \left(\frac{\text{actual} - \text{predicted}}{\text{actual}} \right)^2$$

which also is:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_t}{y_i} \right)^2$$

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{y_i} \right)^2$$

For solve this function, we need make first order derivative of the function to be zero, so:

$$\frac{d}{d\beta_0} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{y_i} \right)^2 \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{2(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i^2} = 0$$

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i - \beta_0}{y_i^2} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{y_i} - \frac{\beta_0}{y_i^2} \right) = 0$$

$$-2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta_0}{y_i^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta_0}{y_i^2} = 0$$

$$\beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i}$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i^2}}$$

According to our data, we have

y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6	y_7	y_8	y_9	y_{10}
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So, the β_0 will be:

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i^2}} = \frac{0.0625725}{0.0004026} = 155.42191$$

Therefore, our simplest Econometrics Model $\hat{y}_t = 155.42$

C. MAE - $\sum |\text{actual} - \text{predicted}|$

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which also is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \\ \min \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0| \end{aligned}$$

Since this function include the absolute symbol, we have to move it for to do first order derivative. So,

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}$$

Then we make the first order derivative of this function to be zero:

$$\frac{d}{d\beta_0} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} \right) = 0$$

For $-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}}$, we just have to possible result, which is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = -1, \text{ when } y_i > \beta_0 \\ -\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = 1, \text{ when } y_i < \beta_0 \\ -\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = \frac{0}{0} = 0, \text{ when } y_i = \beta_0, (L'Hospital's rule) \end{array} \right.$$

In order to satisfy $\sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} \right) = 0$, when n is even, we should guarantee $\frac{n}{2}$ of $-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}}$

should be -1, and $\frac{n}{2}$ of $-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}}$ should be 1. Therefore, if we set the data with ascending order,

the solution will be the range, which is between $\frac{n}{2} \text{th}$ number's value and $\frac{n+2}{2} \text{th}$ number's value.

On the other hand, when n is odd, one of them should be 0, and $\frac{n-1}{2}$ of $-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}}$ should

be -1, and $\frac{n-1}{2}$ of $-\frac{y_i - \beta_0}{\sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}}$ should be 1. Base on this concept, we assume the **median** of data is the optimal solution.

According to our data, we have

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In order to obtain the median, we have to rearrange the data.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
y_7	y_6	y_5	y_9	y_2	y_1	y_3	y_4	y_{10}	y_8
110	150	155	160	160	165	175	180	185	195

Therefore, as the result n is even, the β_0 should be:

$$160 \leq \beta_0 \leq 165$$

D. MAPE - $\sum \left| \frac{(\text{actual}-\text{predicted})}{\text{actual}} \right|$

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which also is:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{(y_i - \hat{y}_i)}{y_i} \right|$$

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i} \right|$$

Since this function include the absolute symbol, we have to move it for to do first order derivative. So,

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\left(\frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i} \right)^2}$$

Then we make the first order derivative of this function to be zero:

$$\frac{d}{d\beta_0} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\left(\frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i} \right)^2} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n - \frac{\sqrt{y_i^2} (y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i^2 \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = 0$$

As the result of y is height, which always positive, $\sqrt{y_i^2} = y_i$. So,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n - \frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} - \frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = - \frac{1}{y_i}, \quad \text{when } y_i > \beta_0 \\ - \frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = \frac{1}{y_i}, \quad \text{when } y_i < \beta_0 \\ - \frac{(y_i - \beta_0)}{y_i \sqrt{(y_i - \beta_0)^2}} = \frac{0}{0} = 0, \text{ when } y_i = \beta_0, \text{ (L'Hospital's rule)} \end{array} \right.$$

According to this, we cannot to make sure the derivative will be to zero, because it depends on the value of y_i . For this reason, we cannot get the estimation of MAPE by calculus.