Comparison of the Fuel Consumption for cars with different type of transmission.

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Introduction

In this project question about fuel consumption for cars with manual versus automatic transmission based on the Motor Trend Car Road Tests. The data was extracted from the 1974 Motor Trend US magazine, and comprises fuel consumption and 10 aspects of automobile design and performance for 32 automobiles (1973–74 models).

Source

Henderson and Velleman (1981), Building multiple regression models interactively. *Biometrics*, **37**, 391–411.

Variables

- **mpg** - Miles/(US) gallon
- **cyl** - Number of cylinders
- **disp** - Displacement (cu.in.)
- **hp** - Gross horsepower
- **drat** - Rear axle ratio
- **wt** - Weight (lb/1000)
- **qsec** - 1/4 mile time
- **vs** - V/S
- **am** - Transmission (0 = automatic, 1 = manual)
- **gear** - Number of forward gears
- **carb** - Number of carburetors

Analysis.

There are 10 variables that can affect **mpg**, but exploritary analysis(in appendix) showed that if we consider only **cyl**, **qsec** and **wt** we will get model that explains 84% of the data (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.8336$, overall P-value < 0.001).

Main factors that affect milage:

- For every change in 1000lb, **mpg** decreases by 3.9165 miles/gallon
- For every 1 second increase in time to cover quarter mile distance car's milage can cover extra 1.2259 miles/gallon.
- Type of the transmission has big impact on the milage. Same car but with manual transmission will be able to cover 2.9358 miles more per gallon.

Qualitatively these results are not surprising. First of all, Some variables among these 10 in the dataset depend on each other, say more cylinders will lead to more horsepower which correspondingly will decrease mpg value. On the other hand if car is light and powerful one can expect that **qsec** variable will decrease.

Counclusion

Our analysis, based on the **mtcars** dataset showed that cars with manual transmission are more effective. Rate of change of the conditional mean is 2.93 miles/gallon and we are 95% confident that this value is between 0.05 and 5.82 gallons per mile.

Appendix

```
data(mtcars)#load data

fit.full <- lm(mpg ~ ., data=mtcars)
fit.best <- step(fit.full, direction="backward")
```

```
## Start:  AIC=70.9
## mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear + carb
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - cyl   1    0.0799 147.57 68.915
## - vs    1    0.1601 147.66 68.932
## - carb  1    0.4067 147.90 68.986
## - gear  1    1.3531 148.85 69.190
## - drat  1    1.6270 149.12 69.249
## - disp  1    3.9167 151.41 69.736
## - hp    1    6.8399 154.33 70.348
## - qsec  1    8.8641 156.36 70.765
## <none>              147.49 70.898
## - am    1   10.5467 158.04 71.108
## - wt    1   27.0144 174.51 74.280
##
## Step:  AIC=68.92
## mpg ~ disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear + carb
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - vs    1    0.2685 147.84 66.973
## - carb  1    0.5201 148.09 67.028
## - gear  1    1.8211 149.40 67.308
## - drat  1    1.9826 149.56 67.342
## - disp  1    3.9009 151.47 67.750
## - hp    1    7.3632 154.94 68.473
## <none>              147.57 68.915
## - qsec  1   10.0933 157.67 69.032
## - am    1   11.8359 159.41 69.384
## - wt    1   27.0280 174.60 72.297
##
## Step:  AIC=66.97
## mpg ~ disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + am + gear + carb
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - carb  1    0.6855 148.53 65.121
## - gear  1    2.1437 149.99 65.434
## - drat  1    2.2139 150.06 65.449
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## - disp  1    3.6467 151.49 65.753
## - hp    1    7.1060 154.95 66.475
## <none>              147.84 66.973
## - am    1   11.5694 159.41 67.384
## - qsec  1   15.6830 163.53 68.200
## - wt    1   27.3799 175.22 70.410
##
## Step:  AIC=65.12
## mpg ~ disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + am + gear
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - gear  1     1.565 150.09 63.457
## - drat  1     1.932 150.46 63.535
## <none>              148.53 65.121
## - disp  1    10.110 158.64 65.229
## - am    1    12.323 160.85 65.672
## - hp    1    14.826 163.35 66.166
## - qsec  1    26.408 174.94 68.358
## - wt    1    69.127 217.66 75.350
##
## Step:  AIC=63.46
## mpg ~ disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + am
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - drat  1     3.345 153.44 62.162
## - disp  1     8.545 158.64 63.229
## <none>              150.09 63.457
## - hp    1    13.285 163.38 64.171
## - am    1    20.036 170.13 65.466
## - qsec  1    25.574 175.67 66.491
## - wt    1    67.572 217.66 73.351
##
## Step:  AIC=62.16
## mpg ~ disp + hp + wt + qsec + am
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - disp  1     6.629 160.07 61.515
## <none>              153.44 62.162
## - hp    1    12.572 166.01 62.682
## - qsec  1    26.470 179.91 65.255
## - am    1    32.198 185.63 66.258
## - wt    1    69.043 222.48 72.051
##
## Step:  AIC=61.52
## mpg ~ hp + wt + qsec + am
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - hp    1     9.219 169.29 61.307
## <none>              160.07 61.515
## - qsec  1    20.225 180.29 63.323
## - am    1    25.993 186.06 64.331
## - wt    1    78.494 238.56 72.284
##
## Step:  AIC=61.31
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```
## mpg ~ wt + qsec + am
##
##        Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## <none>              169.29 61.307
## - am    1    26.178 195.46 63.908
## - qsec  1   109.034 278.32 75.217
## - wt    1   183.347 352.63 82.790
```

```
#fitted coefficients for best mdoel
summary(fit.best)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ wt + qsec + am, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -3.4811 -1.5555 -0.7257  1.4110  4.6610
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   9.6178     6.9596   1.382 0.177915
## wt           -3.9165     0.7112  -5.507 6.95e-06 ***
## qsec          1.2259     0.2887   4.247 0.000216 ***
## am            2.9358     1.4109   2.081 0.046716 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.459 on 28 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8497, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8336
## F-statistic: 52.75 on 3 and 28 DF,  p-value: 1.21e-11
```

```
#confidence interval of the bestfit
confint(fit.best, "am", level=0.95)
```

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##         2.5 %   97.5 %
## am 0.04573031 5.825944
```

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par(mfrow=c(2, 2))
plot(fit.best)
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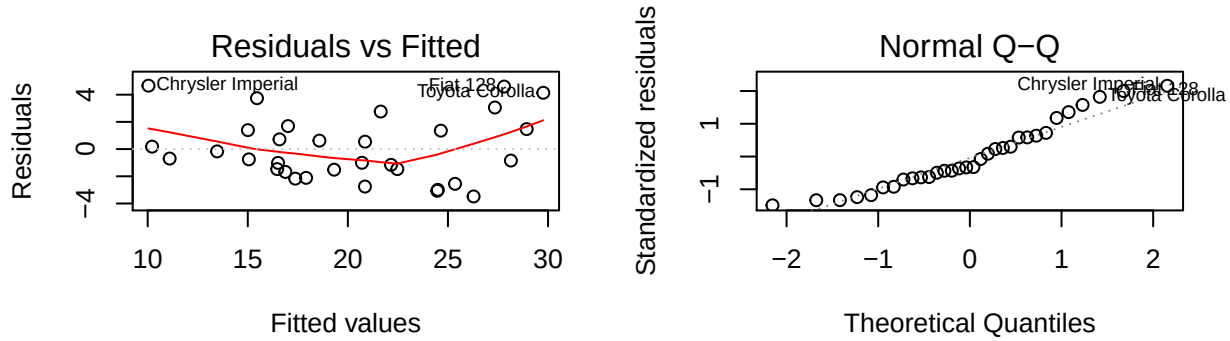

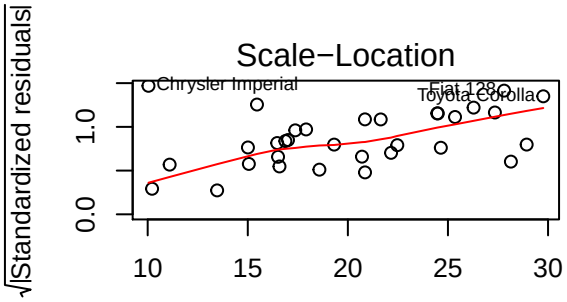

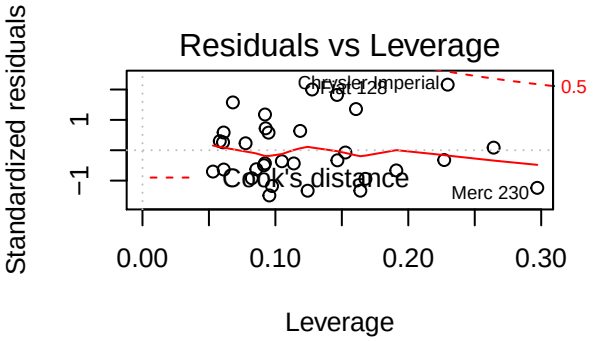


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boxplot(mpg ~ am, data = mtcars, col = "red", ylab = "miles/gallon", names=c("Automatic", "Manual"))
```