

Chapter 12: Use Case Notebook for Instructors

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Load packages

```
library(bbmle)
```

Use Case: Profit Forecasting using Linear Regression

Forecasting profits, revenues, debt levels, and a whole host of other metrics and analytics is crucial in business. Linear regression provides the most widely used tool kit for forecasting. The dataset gives us a snapshot of annual data for a range of startup companies: research and development spending (R&D Spend), Administration expenses, Marketing Spend, tells us the State the startup is based in, and the Profit generated:

```
df = read.csv("../data/50_Startups.csv")
startups = sample(1:nrow(df),3)
head(df)
```

##	R.D.Spend	Administration	Marketing.Spend	State	Profit
## 1	165349	136898	471784	New York	192262
## 2	162598	151378	443899	California	191792
## 3	153442	101146	407935	Florida	191050
## 4	144372	118672	383200	New York	182902
## 5	142107	91392	366168	Florida	166188
## 6	131877	99815	362861	New York	156991

New Startups

We will randomly select three new startups we want to assess from the dataframe. We will build the regression model based on 47 startups (we will term it training data) and then test how well the model predicts for the three new startups (we will term it the test data):

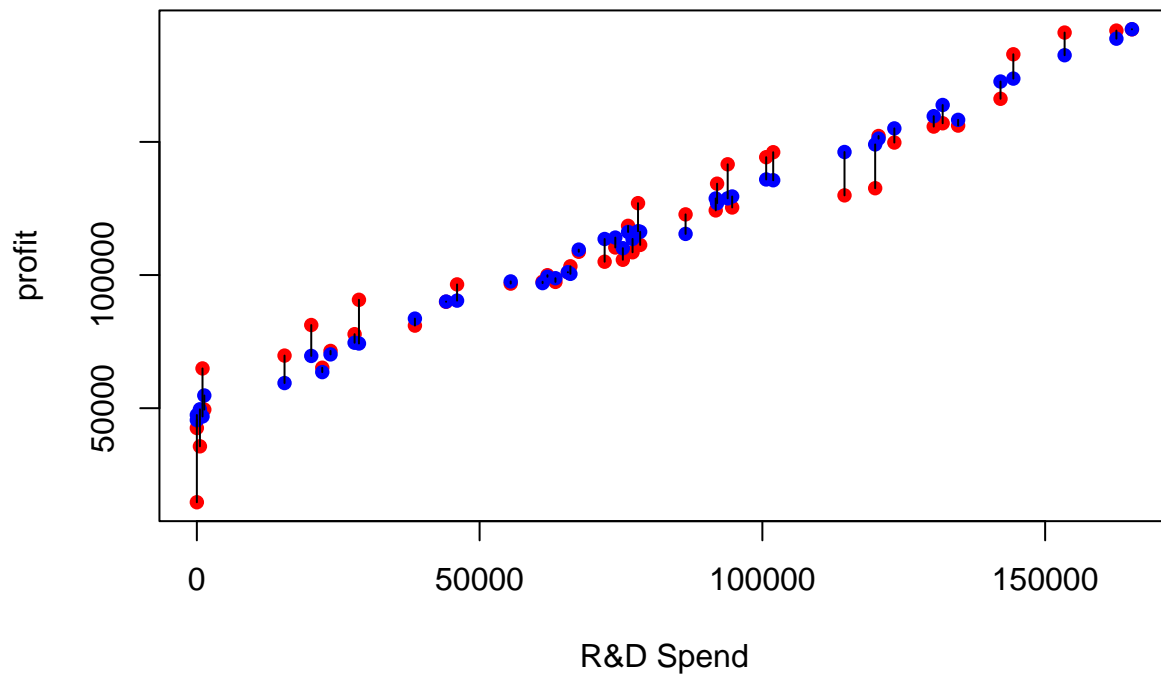
```
df_test = df[startups,]
df_train = df[-startups,]
```

Building the Model

```
reg1 = lm(Profit ~ .-State, data=df_train)
summary(reg1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Profit ~ . - State, data = df_train)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -32765  -4413    -76     6699   18034
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   51352.6134   6832.4708     7.52 0.0000000023 ***
## R.D.Spend       0.8179     0.0479    17.09 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
## Administration -0.0429     0.0541    -0.79      0.43
## Marketing.Spend  0.0246     0.0171     1.44     0.16
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 9410 on 43 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.951, Adjusted R-squared:  0.948
## F-statistic: 280 on 3 and 43 DF, p-value: <0.0000000000000002
```

```
plot(df_train$R.D.Spend,df_train$Profit,col="red",pch=16,xlab="R&D Spend",ylab="profit")
points(df_train$R.D.Spend,reg1$fitted.values,col="blue",pch=16)
segments(df_train$R.D.Spend,df_train$Profit,df_train$R.D.Spend,reg1$fitted.values)
```

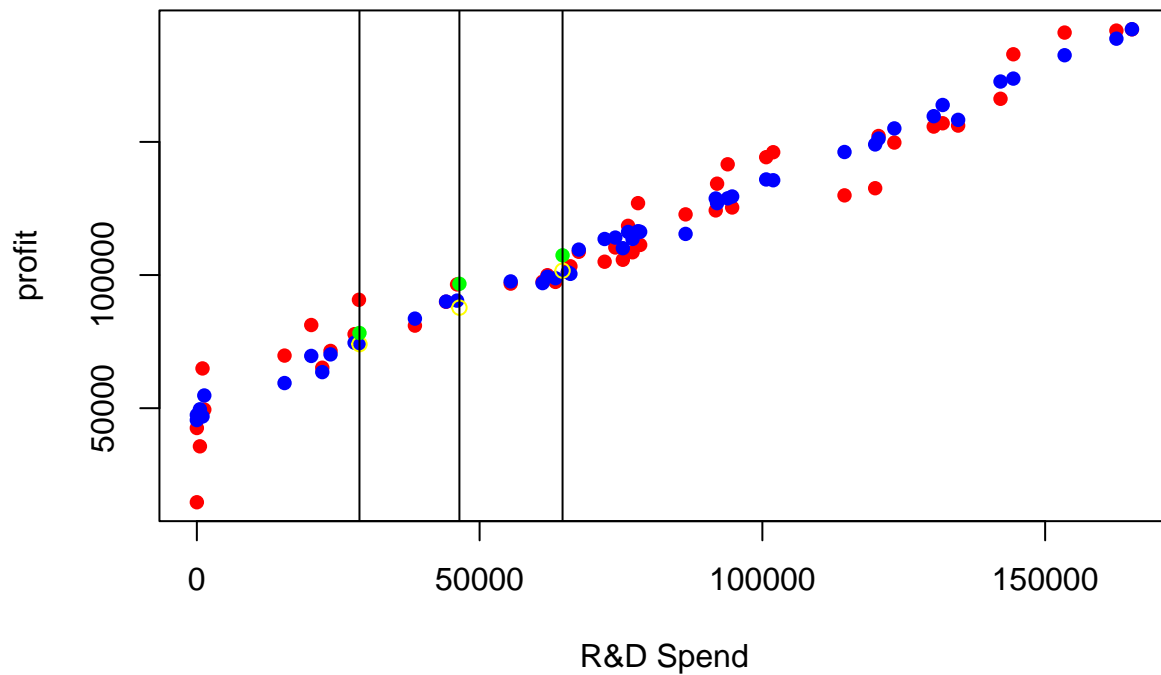


Forecast Startup Profits

```
df_test$prediction = predict.lm(reg1,df_test)
df_test
```

##	R.D.Spend	Administration	Marketing.Spend	State	Profit	prediction
## 35	46426	157694	210798	California	96713	87746
## 26	64665	139553	137963	California	107404	101648
## 41	28754	118546	172796	California	78240	74037

```
plot(df_train$R.D.Spend,df_train$Profit,col="red",pch=16,xlab="R&D Spend",ylab="profit")
points(df_train$R.D.Spend,reg1$fitted.values,col="blue",pch=16)
#segments(df_train$R.D.Spend,df_train$Profit,df_train$R.D.Spend,reg1$fitted.values)
points(df_test$R.D.Spend,df_test$prediction,col="yellow",pch=)
points(df_test$R.D.Spend,df_test$Profit,col="green",pch=16)
#segments(df_test$R.D.Spend,df_test$Profit,df_test$R.D.Spend,df_test$prediction,lwd = 5)
abline(v = df_test$R.D.Spend)
```



Dealing with Categorical Data

```
library(caret)
```

```
## Loading required package: ggplot2
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```
dummy = dummyVars(" ~ .", data=df)
final_df = data.frame(predict(dummy, newdata=df))
head(final_df)
```

```
##   R.D.Spend Administration Marketing.Spend StateCalifornia StateFlorida
## 1   165349         136898         471784             0             0
## 2   162598         151378         443899             1             0
## 3   153442         101146         407935             0             1
## 4   144372         118672         383200             0             0
## 5   142107          91392         366168             0             1
## 6   131877          99815         362861             0             0
##   StateNew.York Profit
## 1             1 192262
## 2             0 191792
## 3             0 191050
## 4             1 182902
## 5             0 166188
## 6             1 156991
```