

Lecture 2

Multiple Linear Regression: Estimation and Inference

Reading: Faraway, 2014 Chapters 2.1 - 2.6, 3.1 - 3.2; 3.5;
JWHT Chapter 3.1 - 3.2

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Agenda

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Multiple Linear Regression (MLR)

Goal: To model the relationship between two or more predictors (x 's) and a response (Y) by fitting a **linear equation** to observed data:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1} + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Example: Species diversity on the Galapagos Islands. We are interested in studying the relationship between the number of plant species (`Species`) and the following geographic variables: Area, Elevation, Nearest, Scrub, Adjacent.



Data: Species Diversity on the Galapagos Islands

	Species	Endemics	Area	Elevation	Nearest	Scruz	Adjacent
Baltra	58	23	25.09	346	0.6	0.6	1.84
Bartolome	31	21	1.24	109	0.6	26.3	572.33
Caldwell	3	3	0.21	114	2.8	58.7	0.78
Champion	25	9	0.10	46	1.9	47.4	0.18
Coamano	2	1	0.05	77	1.9	1.9	903.82
Daphne.Major	18	11	0.34	119	8.0	8.0	1.84
Daphne.Minor	24	0	0.08	93	6.0	12.0	0.34
Darwin	10	7	2.33	168	34.1	290.2	2.85
Eden	8	4	0.03	71	0.4	0.4	17.95
Enderby	2	2	0.18	112	2.6	50.2	0.10
Espanola	97	26	58.27	198	1.1	88.3	0.57
Fernandina	93	35	634.49	1494	4.3	95.3	4669.32
Gardner1	58	17	0.57	49	1.1	93.1	58.27
Gardner2	5	4	0.78	227	4.6	62.2	0.21
Genovesa	40	19	17.35	76	47.4	92.2	129.49
Isabela	347	89	4669.32	1707	0.7	28.1	634.49
Marchena	51	23	129.49	343	29.1	85.9	59.56
Onslow	2	2	0.01	25	3.3	45.9	0.10
Pinta	104	37	59.56	777	29.1	119.6	129.49
Pinzon	108	33	17.95	458	10.7	10.7	0.03
Las.Plazas	12	9	0.23	94	0.5	0.6	25.09
Rabida	70	30	4.89	367	4.4	24.4	572.33
SanCristobal	280	65	551.62	716	45.2	66.6	0.57
SanSalvador	237	81	572.33	906	0.2	19.8	4.89
SantaCruz	444	95	903.82	864	0.6	0.0	0.52
SantaFe	62	28	24.08	259	16.5	16.5	0.52
SantaMaria	285	73	170.92	640	2.6	49.2	0.10
Seymour	44	16	1.84	147	0.6	9.6	25.09
Tortuga	16	8	1.24	186	6.8	50.9	17.95
Wolf	21	12	2.85	253	34.1	254.7	2.33

How Do Geographic Variables Affect Species Diversity?

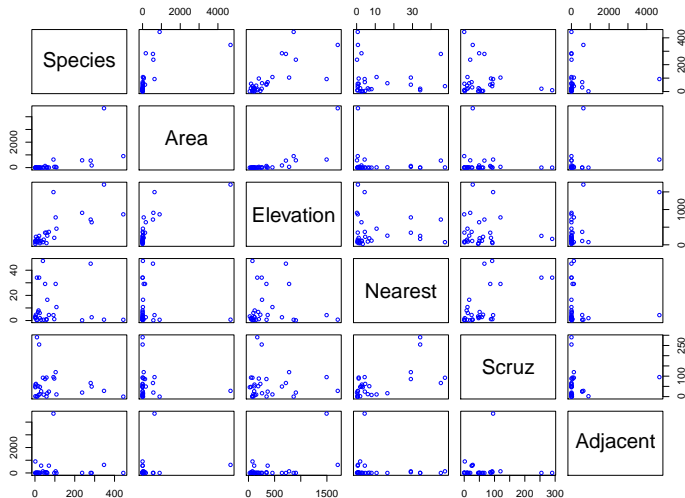
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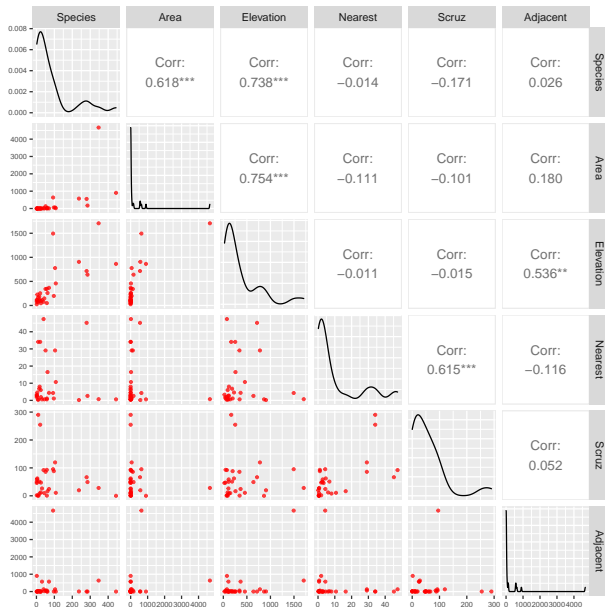
Let's Take a Look at the Correlation Matrix

Here we compute the correlation coefficients between the response (`Species`) and predictors (all the geographic variables)

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> round(cor(gala[, -2]), 3)
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	Species	Area	Elevation	Nearest	Scruz	Adjacent
Species	1.000	0.618	0.738	-0.014	-0.171	0.026
Area	0.618	1.000	0.754	-0.111	-0.101	0.180
Elevation	0.738	0.754	1.000	-0.011	-0.015	0.536
Nearest	-0.014	-0.111	-0.011	1.000	0.615	-0.116
Scruz	-0.171	-0.101	-0.015	0.615	1.000	0.052
Adjacent	0.026	0.180	0.536	-0.116	0.052	1.000

Combining Two Pieces of Information in One Plot



Model 1: Species ~ Elevation

Call:

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lm(formula = Species ~ Elevation, data = gala)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-218.319	-30.721	-14.690	4.634	259.180

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	11.33511	19.20529	0.590	0.56
Elevation	0.20079	0.03465	5.795	3.18e-06 ***

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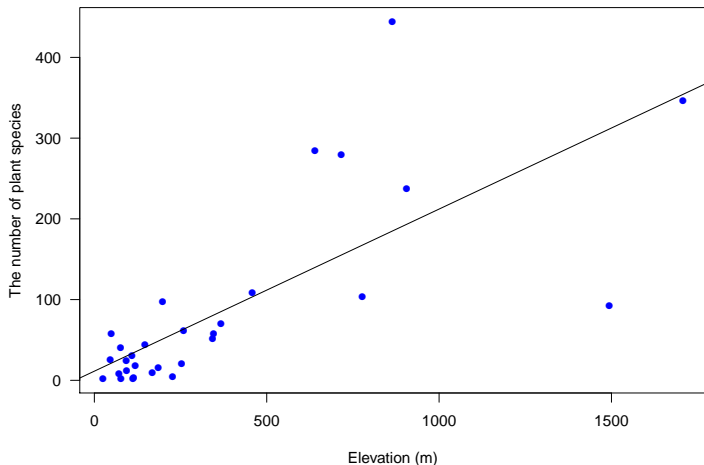
Residual standard error: 78.66 on 28 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.5454, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5291

F-statistic: 33.59 on 1 and 28 DF, p-value: 3.177e-06

Model 1 Fit

$$\hat{y}_i = 11.33511 + 0.20079 \times \text{Elevation},$$
$$\hat{\sigma} = 78.66, R^2 = 0.5454$$



Model 2: Species ~ Elevation + Area

Call:

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lm(formula = Species ~ Elevation + Area, data = gala)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-192.619	-33.534	-19.199	7.541	261.514

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	17.10519	20.94211	0.817	0.42120
Elevation	0.17174	0.05317	3.230	0.00325 **
Area	0.01880	0.02594	0.725	0.47478

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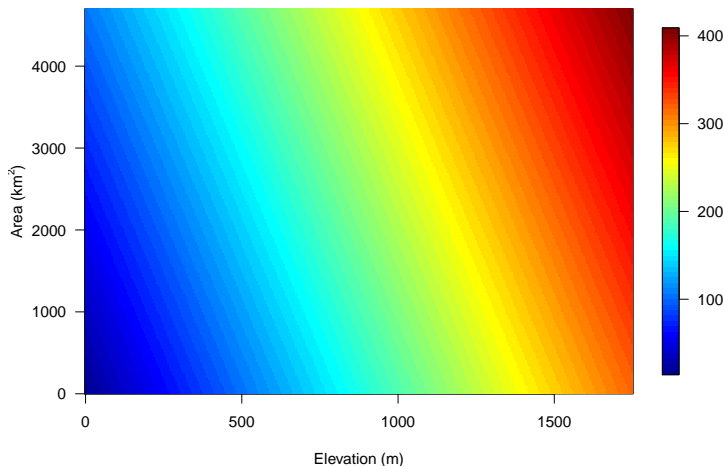
Residual standard error: 79.34 on 27 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.554, Adjusted R-squared: 0.521

F-statistic: 16.77 on 2 and 27 DF, p-value: 1.843e-05

Model 2 Fit

$$\hat{y}_i = 17.10519 + 0.17174 \times \text{Elevation} + 0.01880 \times \text{Area},$$
$$\hat{\sigma} = 79.34, R^2 = 0.554$$



Model 3: Species ~ Elevation + Area + Adjacent

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Call:
lm(formula = Species ~ Elevation + Area + Adjacent, data = gala)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-124.064	-34.283	-8.733	27.972	195.973

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-5.71893	16.90706	-0.338	0.73789
Elevation	0.31498	0.05211	6.044	2.2e-06 ***
Area	-0.02031	0.02181	-0.931	0.36034
Adjacent	-0.07528	0.01698	-4.434	0.00015 ***

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Residual standard error: 61.01 on 26 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.746, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7167

F-statistic: 25.46 on 3 and 26 DF, p-value: 6.683e-08

“Full Model”

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lm(formula = Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scruz + Adjacent,  
    data = gala)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-111.679	-34.898	-7.862	33.460	182.584

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	7.068221	19.154198	0.369	0.715351
Area	-0.023938	0.022422	-1.068	0.296318
Elevation	0.319465	0.053663	5.953	3.82e-06
Nearest	0.009144	1.054136	0.009	0.993151
Scruz	-0.240524	0.215402	-1.117	0.275208
Adjacent	-0.074805	0.017700	-4.226	0.000297

(Intercept)

Area

Elevation ***

Nearest

Scruz

Adjacent ***

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Residual standard error: 60.98 on 24 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7658, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7171

F-statistic: 15.7 on 5 and 24 DF, p-value: 6.838e-07

Similar to SLR, we will discuss

- Estimation
- Inference
- Diagnostics and Remedies

We will also discuss some new topics

- Model Selection
- Multicollinearity

Multiple Linear Regression in Matrix Notation

Given the actual data, we can write MLR model as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{1,1} & x_{2,1} & \cdots & x_{p-1,1} \\ 1 & x_{1,2} & x_{2,2} & \cdots & x_{p-1,2} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{1,n} & x_{2,n} & \cdots & x_{p-1,n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{p-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}$$

It will be more convenient to put this in a matrix representation as:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Error Sum of Squares (SSE) = $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \beta_j x_j))^2$
can be expressed as:

$$(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Next, we are going to find $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{p-1})$ to minimize SSE as our estimate for $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p-1})$

Estimating Regression Coefficients

We apply method of least squares to minimize $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$ to obtain $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$

- The resulting least squares estimate is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

(see LS_MLR.pdf for the derivation)

- Fitted values:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$$

- Residuals:

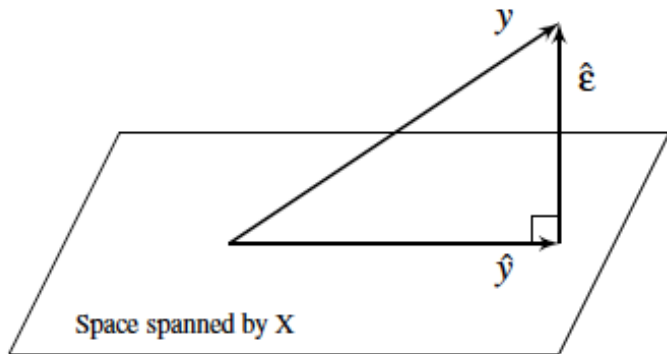
$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}$$

- Similar as we did in SLR

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}}{n - p} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{n - p} \\ &= \frac{\text{SSE}}{n - p} \\ &= \text{MSE}\end{aligned}$$

Geometrical Representation of the Estimation β

Projecting the observed response y into a space spanned by X



Source: Linear Model with R 2nd Ed, Faraway, p. 15

Partitioning Sums of Squares

- Total sums of squares in response

$$SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- We can rewrite SST as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i + \hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}_{\text{"Error": SSE}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}_{\text{Model: SSR}} \end{aligned}$$

Partitioning Total Sums of Squares: A Graphical Illustration

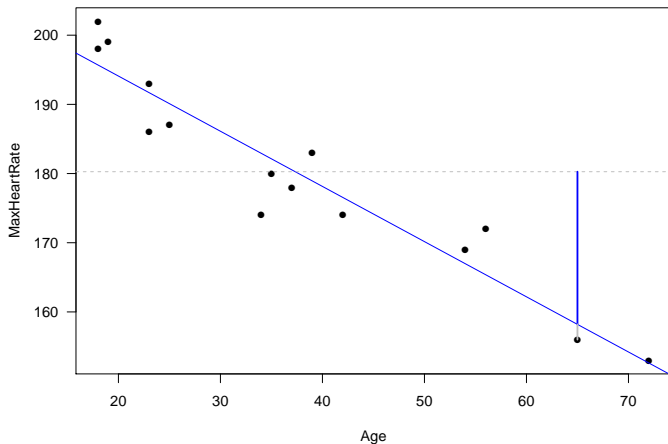
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ANOVA Table & F-Test

To answer the question: Is there a relationship between the response and predictors?

Source	df	SS	MS	F Value
Model	$p - 1$	SSR	$MSR = SSR/(p - 1)$	MSR/MSE
Error	$n - p$	SSE	$MSE = SSE/(n - p)$	
Total	$n - 1$	SST		

- F-Test: Tests if the predictors $\{x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}\}$ collectively help explain the variation in Y
 - $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_{p-1} = 0$
 - $H_a : \text{at least one } \beta_k \neq 0, \quad 1 \leq k \leq p - 1$
 - $F^* = \frac{MSR}{MSE} = \frac{SSR/(p-1)}{SSE/(n-p)} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} F_{p-1, n-p}$
 - Reject H_0 if $F^* > F_{1-\alpha, p-1, n-p}$

Testing Individual Predictor

- We can show that $\hat{\beta} \sim N_p(\beta, \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}) \Rightarrow$
 $\hat{\beta}_k \sim N(\beta_k, \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_k}^2)$

- Perform **t-test**:

- $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$ vs. $H_a : \beta_k \neq 0$
- $\frac{\hat{\beta}_k - \beta_k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_k)} \sim t_{n-p} \Rightarrow t^* = \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_k)} \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} t_{n-p}$
- Reject H_0 if $|t^*| > t_{1-\alpha/2, n-p}$

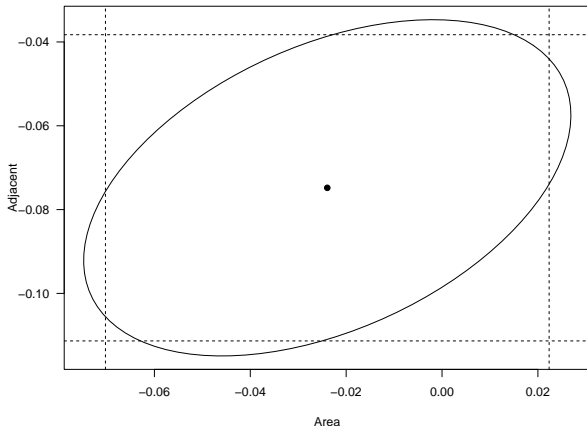
- Confidence interval for β_k :

$$\hat{\beta}_k \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, n-p} SE(\hat{\beta}_k)$$

Confidence Intervals and Confidence Ellipsoids

Comparing with individual confidence interval, confidence ellipsoids can provide additional information when inference with multiple parameters is of interest. A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence ellipsoid for β can be constructed using:

$$(\hat{\beta} - \beta)^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \leq p \hat{\sigma}^2 F_{p, n-p}^{\alpha}.$$



Quantifying Model Fit using Coefficient of Determination R^2

- Coefficient of determination R^2 describes proportional of the variance in the response variable that is predictable from the predictors

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}, \quad 0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

- R^2 increases with the increasing p , the number of the predictors
 - Adjusted R^2 , denoted by $R^2_{\text{adj}} = 1 - \frac{SSE/(n-p)}{SST/(n-1)}$ attempts to account for p

Suppose the true relationship between response Y and predictors (x_1, x_2) is

$$Y = 5 + 2x_1 + \varepsilon,$$

where $\varepsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ and x_1 and x_2 are independent to each other. Let's fit the following two models to the "data"

$$\text{Model 1: } Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \varepsilon^1$$

$$\text{Model 2: } Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon^2$$

Question: Which model will "win" in terms of R^2 ?

Let's conduct a **Monte Carlo** simulation to study this

- 1 Generating a large number (e.g., $M = 500$) of “data sets”, where each has exactly the same $\{x_{1,i}, x_{2,i}\}_{i=1}^n$ but different values of response $\{y_i = 5 + 2x_{1,i} + \varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n$
- 2 Fitting model 1: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \varepsilon^1$ (true model) and model 2: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon^2$, respectively for each simulating data set and calculating their R^2 and R_{adj}^2
- 3 Summarizing $\{R_j^2\}_{j=1}^M$ and $\{R_{adj,j}^2\}_{j=1}^M$ for model 1 and model 2

An Example of Model 1 Fit

```
> summary(fit1)
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Call:

```
lm(formula = y ~ x1)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.6085	-0.5056	-0.2152	0.6932	2.0118

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	5.1720	0.1534	33.71	< 2e-16 ***
x1	1.8660	0.1589	11.74	2.47e-12 ***

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Residual standard error: 0.8393 on 28 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8313, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8253

F-statistic: 138 on 1 and 28 DF, p-value: 2.467e-12

An Example of Model 2 Fit

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> summary(fit2)
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Call:

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lm(formula = y ~ x1 + x2)
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Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-1.3926	-0.5775	-0.1383	0.5229	1.8385

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	5.1792	0.1518	34.109	< 2e-16 ***
x1	1.8994	0.1593	11.923	2.88e-12 ***
x2	-0.2289	0.1797	-1.274	0.213

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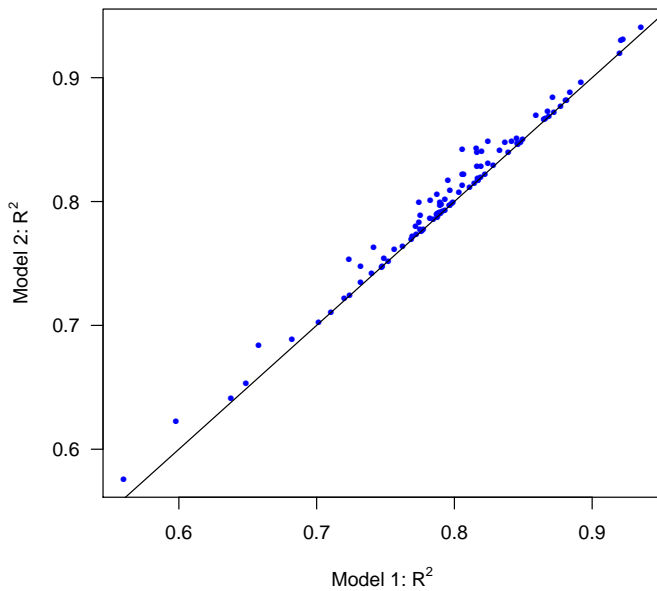
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Residual standard error: 0.8301 on 27 degrees of freedom

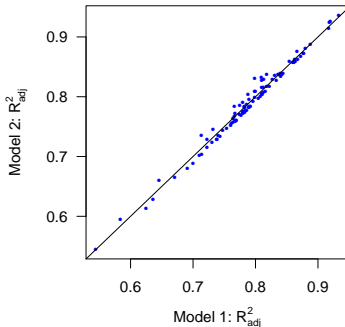
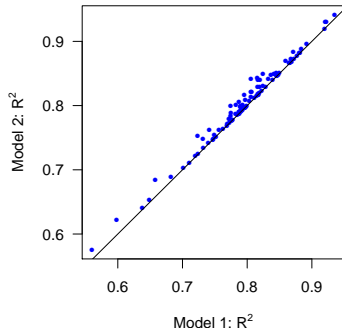
Multiple R-squared: 0.8408, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8291

F-statistic: 71.32 on 2 and 27 DF, p-value: 1.677e-11

R^2 : Model 1 vs. Model 2



R_{adj}^2 : Model 1 vs. Model 2



Takeaways:

- R^2 always pick the more “complex” model (i.e., with more predictors), even the simpler model is the true model
- R_{adj}^2 has a better chance to pick the “right” model

This slides cover:

- Parameter Estimation of MLR
- Inference: F-test and t-test; Confidence intervals
- Assessing Model Fit: R^2 and R^2_{adj}