

# Regression analysis\_Homework Assignment 1

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Douglas C. Montgomery, (2012). Introduction to Linear Regression Analysis, 5th ed.

**1. (#2.23) Consider the simple linear regression model  $y = 50 + 10x + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is NID(Normally and Independently Distributed)(0, 16). Suppose that  $n = 20$  pairs of observations are used to fit this model.**

**Generate 500 samples of 20 observations, drawing one observation for each level of  $x = 0.5, 1, 1.5, \dots, 10$  for each sample.**

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library(tidyverse)
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# generate 500 samples with 19 observations in each sample
set.seed(9999)
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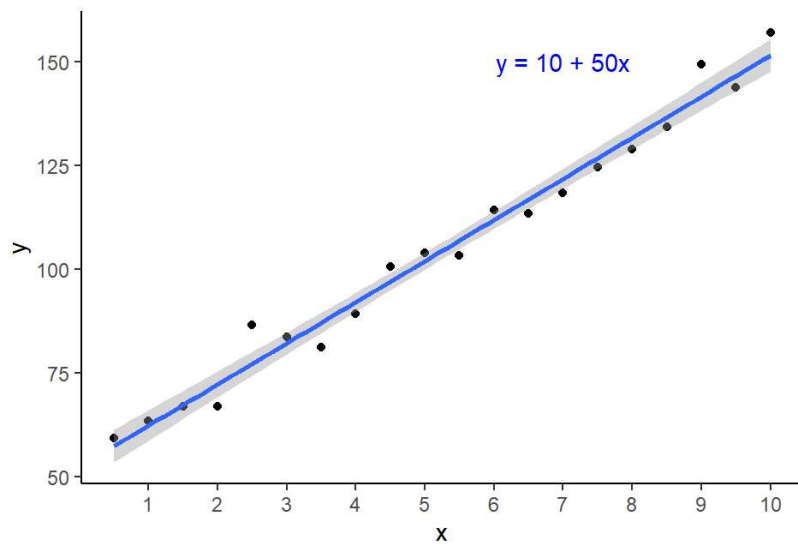
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nReplicate <- 500
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getObservation <- function(){
  beta <- c(50, 10)
  sigma <- 4
  x <- seq(0.5, 10, by = 0.5)
  y <- rnorm(n = length(x),
            mean = beta[1]+beta[2]*x,
            sd = sigma)
  sample <- tibble(x = x, y = y)
}
```

```
samples <- replicate(nReplicate, getObservation(), simplify = FALSE)
```

```
# draw one observation
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```
samples[[1]] %>%
  ggplot(aes(x, y)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
    annotate("text", x = 7, y = 150,
            label = "y = 10 + 50x", color = "blue") +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = 1:10) +
    theme_classic()
```



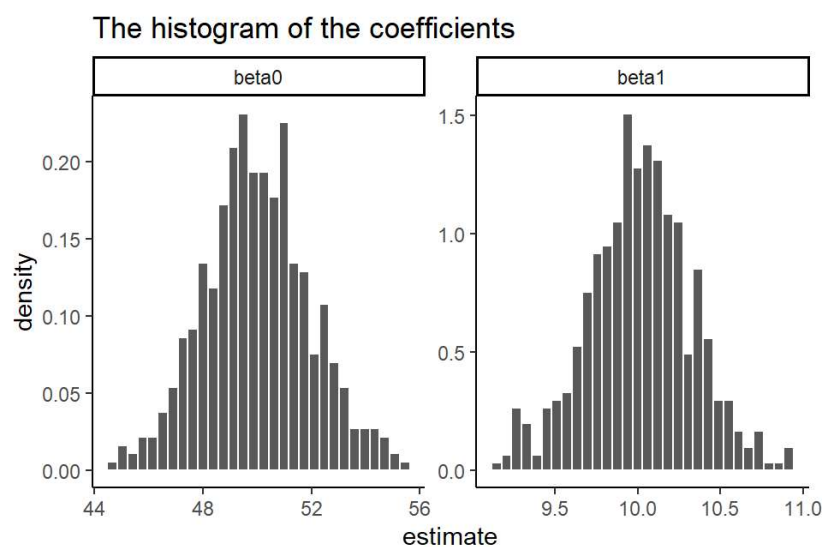
a. For each sample compute the least - squares estimates of the slope and intercept. Construct histograms of the sample values of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ . Discuss the shape of these histograms.

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fitlms <- lapply(samples, function(.sample){lm(y ~ 1 + x, data = .sample)})

coefs <- lapply(fitlms, broom::tidy) %>% bind_rows(.id = "replicate")

coefs_labeller <- labeller(term = c(`(Intercept)` = "beta0", x = "beta1"))

coefs %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = estimate)) +
    geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), color = "white") +
    facet_wrap(~ term, scales = "free", labeller = coefs_labeller) +
    labs(title = "The histogram of the coefficients") +
    theme_classic()
```



The both histograms are bell shape. The distribution of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  is centered around 50 and the one of  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is centered around 10.

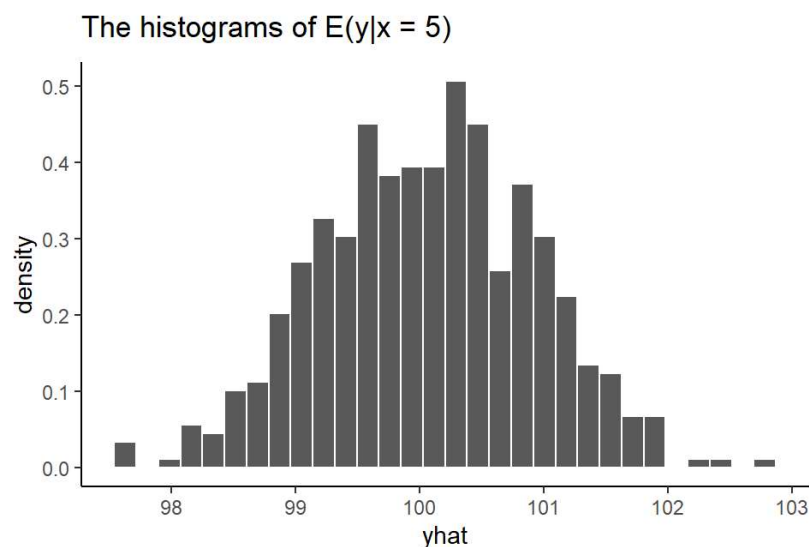
b. For each sample, compute an estimate of  $E(y|x = 5)$ . Construct a histogram of the estimates you obtained. Discuss the shape of the histogram.

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predictsAt5 <- lapply(fitlms, function(.fitlm){
  data.frame(yhat = predict(.fitlm, data.frame(x = 5)))
}) %>%
  bind_rows(.id = "replicate")

ggplot(predictsAt5, aes(x = yhat)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), color = "white") +
  labs(title = expression(paste("The histograms of  $E(y|x = 5)$ "))) +
  theme_classic()

```



The histogram of the conditional expectation estimator  $\hat{E}(y|x = 5) \equiv \hat{\mu}_{y|x=5}$  is also like bell shape, and it is centered around 100.

**c. For each sample, compute a 95% CI on the slope. How many of these intervals contain the true value  $\beta_1 = 10$ ? Is this what you would expect?**

```

coef_cis <- lapply(fitlms, function(.fitlm){
  as.data.frame(confint(.fitlm, "x", level = 0.95))
}) %>%
  bind_rows(.id = "replicate")

coef_cis %>%
  mutate(contain10 = (`2.5 %` ≤ 10) & (10 ≤ `97.5 %`)) %>%
  summarise(confidence = mean(contain10))

```

	confidence
1	0.94

It finds that 94% of our 500 CI's, which were constructed from samples respectively, for  $\beta_1$  cover 10. This result is close to our expectation at 95%.

**d. For each estimate of  $E(y|x = 5)$  in part b, compute the 95% CI. How many of these intervals contain the true value of  $E(y|x = 5) = 100$ ? Is this what you would expect?**

```

predictsAt5_cis <- lapply(fitlms, function(.fitlm){
  data.frame(predict(.fitlm, data.frame(x = 5), interval = "confidence"))
}) %>%
  bind_rows(.id = "replicate")

predictsAt5_cis %>%
  mutate(contain100 = (lwr ≤ 100) & (100 ≤ upr)) %>%
  summarise(confidence = mean(contain100))

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confidence
1      0.974

```

It finds that 97.4% in our 500 CI's for  $\hat{E}(y|x = 5)$  cover 100. This result is close to our expectation at 95%.

**2. (#2.25) Consider the simple linear regression model  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$ , with  $E(\varepsilon) = 0$ ,  $Var(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2$ , and  $\varepsilon$  uncorrelated.**

**a. Show that  $Cov(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = -x\sigma^2/S_{xx}$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 Cov(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) &= Cov(\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}, \hat{\beta}_1) \\
 &= Cov(\bar{y}, \hat{\beta}_1) - Cov(\hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}, \hat{\beta}_1) \\
 &= 0 - \bar{x} Var(\hat{\beta}_1) \quad (\text{by part b}) \\
 &= -\bar{x} \sigma^2 / S_{xx}
 \end{aligned}$$

**b. Show that  $Cov(\bar{y}, \hat{\beta}_1) = 0$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 Cov(\bar{y}, \hat{\beta}_1) &= Cov\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i}{n}, \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(x_j - \bar{x})y_j}{S_{xx}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{nS_{xx}} \sum_{i,j} (x_j - \bar{x}) Cov(y_i, y_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $y_i$ 's are mutually independent,  $Cov(y_i, y_j) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $Cov(y_i, y_i) = Var(y_i) = Var(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Cov(\bar{y}, \hat{\beta}_1) &= \frac{\sigma^2}{nS_{xx}} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x}) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**3. (#2.27) Suppose that we have fit the straight-line regression model  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1$  but the response is affected by a second variable  $x_2$  such that the true regression function is  $E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$ .**

**a. Is the least-squares estimator of the slope in the original simple linear regression model unbiased?**

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\hat{\beta}_1) &= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)y_i}{S_{xx}}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)}{S_{xx}} E(y_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)}{S_{xx}} (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i}) \\
 &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)x_{2i}}{S_{xx}}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1) = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)x_{1i} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)(x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1) = S_{xx}$ . In this situation, the original estimator  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is a biased estimator for  $\beta_1$ .

**b. Show the bias in  $\hat{\beta}_1$**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias}_{\beta_1}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= E(\hat{\beta}_1) - \beta_1 \\ &= (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)x_{2i}}{S_{xx}}) - \beta_1 \\ &= \beta_2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)x_{2i}}{S_{xx}} \end{aligned}$$

**4. (#2.32) Consider the simple linear regression model  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$  where the intercept  $\beta_0$  is known.**

**a. Find the least-squares estimator of  $\beta_1$  for this model. Does this answer seem reasonable?**

The least-squares criterion is

$$LS(\beta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2$$

The least-square estimators of  $\beta_1$ , say  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , must satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{d\beta_1} LS(\beta_1) \Big|_{\hat{\beta}_1} \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) x_i \end{aligned}$$

one has

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

It seems reasonable because  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is depended on  $x_i$  and pure  $y_i^* = y_i - \beta_0$  effect, which minus the intercept effect. And this regression line must go through the point  $(0, \beta_0)$ .

**b. What is the variance of the slope  $(\hat{\beta}_1)$  for the least-squares estimator found in part a?**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \text{Var} \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0) x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \text{Var}(y_i) \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

**c. Find a  $100(1 - \alpha)$  percent CI for  $\beta_1$ . Is this interval narrower than the estimator for the case where both slope and intercept are unknown?**

We can get that  $E(SS_{RES}) = E(\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2) = (n - 1)\sigma^2$ , so let  $MS_{RES} = \frac{SS_{RES}}{n-1}$  be an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ . If we assume  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are independently and normally distributed with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ , and it can be shown that  $\frac{(n-1)MS_{RES}}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

Furthermore,  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is a linear combination of  $\{y_i\}$ , so  $\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N(E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1, \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2})$ .

Therefore, the test statistic

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{MS_{RES} / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}} \\
&= \frac{\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)MS_{RES}\sigma^2}{n-1}}} \\
&\sim \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{\chi_{n-1}^2}{n-1}}} \sim t_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

follows a  $t_{n-1}$  distribution. One has

$$\begin{aligned}
1 - \alpha &= \Pr(t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} < T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{MS_{RES} / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}} < t_{\alpha/2, n-1}) \\
&= \Pr(\hat{\beta}_1 - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}} < \beta_1 < \hat{\beta}_1 - t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}) \\
&= \Pr(\hat{\beta}_1 - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}} < \beta_1 < \hat{\beta}_1 + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}})
\end{aligned}$$

So the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI for  $\beta_1$  is  $\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}$ .

On the other hand, the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI of  $\beta_1$  for the case where both unknown slope and intercept is

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-2} \sqrt{\frac{MS_{RES}^*}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}, \text{ where } MS_{RES}^* = \frac{SS_{RES}}{(n-2)} > \frac{SS_{RES}}{(n-1)} = MS_{RES}. \text{ One can check that } t_{\alpha/2, n-2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-2}} > t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1}} \quad \forall \alpha, n \geq 2.$$

Finally, the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI for  $\beta_1$  when  $\beta_0$  is known is narrower than one when  $\beta_0$  &  $\beta_1$  are unknown.

**5. (#2.33) Consider the least-squares residuals  $e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , from the simple linear regression model. Find the variance of the residuals  $Var(e_i)$ . Is the variance of the residuals a constant? Discuss.**

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(e_i) &= Var(y_i - \hat{y}_i) \\
&= Var(y_i) + Var(\hat{y}_i) - 2Cov(y_i, \hat{y}_i) \\
&= \sigma^2 + Var(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) - 2Cov(y_i, \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \\
&= \sigma^2 + Var(\bar{y} + \hat{\beta}_1(x_i - \bar{x})) - 2Cov(y_i, \bar{y} + \hat{\beta}_1(x_i - \bar{x}))
\end{aligned}$$

Since from Exercise 2.25 part (b), we know  $Cov(\bar{y}, \hat{\beta}_1) = 0$ . Therefore, the variance of the residual  $e_i$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(e_i) &= \sigma^2 + Var(\bar{y}) + (x_i - \bar{x})^2 Var(\hat{\beta}_1) - 2[Cov(y_i, \bar{y}) + (x_i - \bar{x})Cov(y_i, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})y_i}{S_{xx}})] \\
&= \sigma^2 + \sigma^2(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}) - 2[\frac{1}{n} Var(y_i) + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}} Var(y_i)] \quad (\text{since } y_i's \text{ are independent}) \\
&= \sigma^2 + \sigma^2(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}) - 2\sigma^2(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}) \\
&= \sigma^2(1 - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}})
\end{aligned}$$

We can find that the variance of the residual  $e_i$  which depends on the  $x_i$  is not a constant. The  $Var(e_i)$  is decreasing as the distance  $|x_i - \bar{x}|$  increases.