mtcars Analysis

Overview

The data from mtcars will be looked at and analyzed to determine the relationship between the miles per gallon and the transmission of the car.

Exploratory Analysis

The data is first loaded and converted to factors

```
library(ggplot2)

## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.6.3

require(gridExtra)

## Loading required package: gridExtra

## Warning: package 'gridExtra' was built under R version 3.6.3

data(mtcars)

mtcars$am = as.factor(mtcars$am)

mtcars$cyl = as.factor(mtcars$cyl)

mtcars$gear = as.factor(mtcars$gear)

mtcars$vs = as.factor(mtcars$carb)

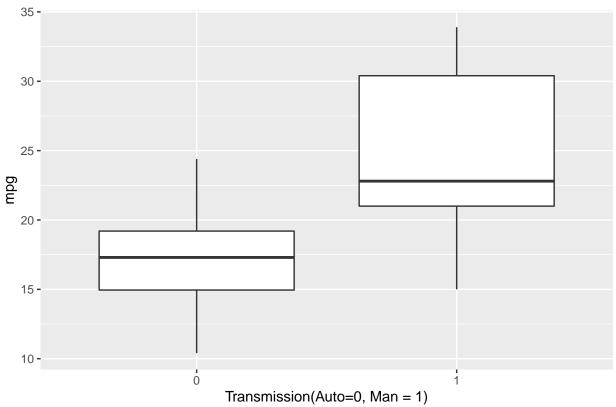
mtcars$vs = as.factor(mtcars$vs)

auto = subset(mtcars, mtcars$am == 0)

man = subset(mtcars, mtcars$am == 1)
```

A quick plot is setup in order to see how the data is distributed amonst transmission and mpg

Transmission vs MPG



As can be seen in the figure above, manual cars appear to have a higher maximum mpg and minimum mpg. The range in mpg widely varies amongst manual cars compared to automatic.

```
t.test(man$mpg, auto$mpg)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: man$mpg and auto$mpg
## t = 3.7671, df = 18.332, p-value = 0.001374
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 3.209684 11.280194
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 24.39231 17.14737
```

In addition, as can be seen in the two item T test of both the manual and automatic transmissions, there is a 95% confidence interval of 3.21-11.28 showing that there is likely to be some difference between manual and automatic transmissions. The p value is low enough to reject the notion that there is no difference between mpg amongst transmissions and that manual is better for mpg than automatic. In addition, the difference in the means can be easily seen with manual have an average mpg of 24.39 and automatic have an anverage of 17.1

##Regression modeling

```
model1 = lm(mpg ~ ., data=mtcars)
summary(model1)
```

```
##
## Call:
##
  lm(formula = mpg ~ ., data = mtcars)
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                10 Median
                                 3Q
                                         Max
   -3.5087 -1.3584 -0.0948
                             0.7745
                                     4.6251
##
##
  Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 22.84336
                           19.99148
                                               0.2711
                                      1.143
## cy16
               -2.64870
                            3.04089
                                     -0.871
                                               0.3975
## cy18
               -0.33616
                            7.15954
                                     -0.047
                                               0.9632
## disp
                0.03555
                            0.03190
                                      1.114
                                               0.2827
## hp
               -0.07051
                            0.03943
                                     -1.788
                                               0.0939
## drat
                                      0.476
                1.18283
                            2.48348
                                               0.6407
               -4.52978
                            2.53875
                                     -1.784
                                               0.0946
## wt
                0.36784
                            0.93540
                                      0.393
                                               0.6997
## qsec
## vs1
                1.93085
                            2.87126
                                      0.672
                                               0.5115
                            3.21355
                                      0.377
## am1
                1.21212
                                               0.7113
                1.11435
                            3.79952
                                      0.293
                                               0.7733
## gear4
                                      0.677
## gear5
                2.52840
                            3.73636
                                               0.5089
                1.03577
                                      0.867
## carb
                            1.19437
                                               0.3995
## car2
               -2.01513
                            2.20142
                                     -0.915
                                               0.3745
## car3
                0.92809
                            3.40346
                                      0.273
                                               0.7888
                            2.89087
                                     -0.697
##
   car4
               -2.01590
                                               0.4963
               -0.70130
                            4.25377
                                     -0.165
                                               0.8713
## car6
                                 NA
                                         NA
                                                   NA
## car8
                      NA
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 2.833 on 15 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8931, Adjusted R-squared: 0.779
## F-statistic: 7.83 on 16 and 15 DF, p-value: 0.000124
```

A preliminary linear model on the mtcars dataset blindly checking the effect other variables would have on the mpg shows that mpg is not highly dependent on any of the independent variables. However, the coffecient of am is about 2.52023 which means that it has a greater weight in determining the mpg, as the value goes higher(car is manual).

```
data(mtcars)
sort(cor(mtcars)[1,])
```

```
##
           wt
                      cyl
                                 disp
                                               hp
                                                         carb
                                                                     qsec
                                                                                 gear
##
   -0.8676594
               -0.8521620
                           -0.8475514
                                      -0.7761684 -0.5509251
                                                               0.4186840
                                                                           0.4802848
##
                                 drat
           am
                       VS
                                              mpg
##
    0.5998324
                0.6640389
                            0.6811719
                                        1.0000000
```

The correlation of the data is checked to see which variables are related to mpg. wt, cyl, disp, and hp all appear to be highly correlated to mpg. disp and cyl appear correlated to one another and would be as higher

cylinders in a engine would be capable of greater displacement. wt and hp would generally be typical logical guesses to indicators of mpg.

```
model2 = lm(mpg ~ am + wt + hp, data=mtcars)
summary(model2)
##
## lm(formula = mpg ~ am + wt + hp, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
               1Q Median
      Min
                                3Q
                                      Max
## -3.4221 -1.7924 -0.3788 1.2249
                                   5.5317
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           2.642659 12.867 2.82e-13 ***
## (Intercept) 34.002875
                           1.376420
                                     1.514 0.141268
## am
               2.083710
## wt
               -2.878575
                           0.904971
                                    -3.181 0.003574 **
              -0.037479
                           0.009605 -3.902 0.000546 ***
## hp
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 2.538 on 28 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8399, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8227
## F-statistic: 48.96 on 3 and 28 DF, p-value: 2.908e-11
anova(model1, model2)
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: mpg ~ cyl + disp + hp + drat + wt + qsec + vs + am + gear + carb +
##
       car
## Model 2: mpg ~ am + wt + hp
```

Model3 is not significantly better than the first model however, it's variables in determining the mpg are individually much more significant to determing the mpg.

F Pr(>F)

-59.888 0.5739 0.8394

Res.Df

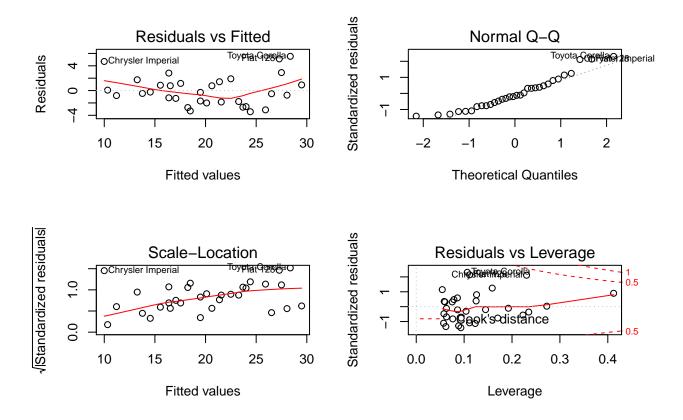
15 120.40

28 180.29 -13

1

2

RSS Df Sum of Sq



In addition, the residuals appear normally distributed on the Q-Q graph, and there are no obvious patterns on the residuals vs fitted on the distribution of residuals.

Summary

The transmission of the car certainly plays a role in the mpg of the car. A 95% T test of the transmission of the cars to mpg shows that they are not the same and is significantly significant. In addition, a model for mpg using the transmission, weight and horsepower for the dependent variables can compensate for about 84% of the variation. It should be noted that it is an extremely small sample size and using data from 1974 and is in no way representative of cars of today.