Linear Regression

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What is Regression?

Regression: Predict a numerical outcome ("dependent variable") from a set of inputs ("independent variables").

- ✓ Statistical Sense : Predicting the expected value of the outcome.
- ✓ Casual Sense : Predicting a numerical outcome, rather than a discrete one.
- How many units will we sell? (Regression)
- ✓ Will this customer buy our product (yes/no)? (Classification)
- ✓ What price will the customer pay for our product? (Regression)

Regression from a Machine Learning Perspective

- ✓ Scientific mindset : Modeling to understand the data generation process
- ✓ Engineering mindset: *Modeling to predict accurately

Machine Learning: Engineering mindset

Linear Regression Hypothesis

Linearity Assumption:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots$$

y is *linearly* related to each x_i

Each x_i contributes additively to y

unemployment <read.csv('https://github.com/hbchoi/SampleData/raw/master/unemployment.csv')</pre>

unemployment

##		mala unamplaymant	fomale unemployment
##		mate_unemptoyment	female_unemployment
##	1	2.9	4.0
##	2	6.7	7.4
##	3	4.9	5.0
##	4	7.9	7.2
##	5	9.8	7.9
##	6	6.9	6.1
##	7	6.1	6.0
##	8	6.2	5.8
##	9	6.0	5.2
##	10	5.1	4.2
##	11	4.7	4.0
##	12	4.4	4.4
##	13	5.8	5.2

the dataset contains the rates of male and female unemployment in the United States over several years

we assume that **female unemployment rate** *y* is *linearly*related to **male unemployment rate** *x*

$$\widehat{y} = \alpha x$$

where \widehat{y} is estimated outcome y

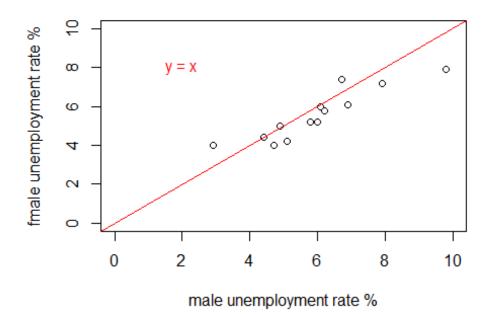
```
# set alpha = 1
alpha <- 1
unemployment$est y <- alpha * unemployment$male unemployment
unemployment$error <- unemployment$female_unemployment - unemployment$est_y</pre>
unemployment
##
      male unemployment female unemployment est y
                                                         error
## 1
                                                    1.0999999
                    2.9
                                         4.0
                                               2.9
## 2
                    6.7
                                         7.4
                                               6.7 0.7000003
## 3
                                         5.0
                                               4.9 0.0999999
                    4.9
## 4
                    7.9
                                         7.2
                                               7.9 -0.7000003
## 5
                    9.8
                                         7.9
                                               9.8 -1.9000001
## 6
                    6.9
                                         6.1
                                               6.9 -0.8000002
## 7
                    6.1
                                         6.0
                                               6.1 -0.0999999
## 8
                    6.2
                                         5.8
                                               6.2 -0.3999996
## 9
                    6.0
                                         5.2
                                               6.0 -0.8000002
## 10
                    5.1
                                         4.2
                                              5.1 -0.9000001
## 11
                    4.7
                                         4.0
                                               4.7 -0.6999998
                    4.4
                                         4.4
                                               4.4 0.0000000
## 12
## 13
                    5.8
                                         5.2
                                               5.8 -0.6000004
## mean of squared error
mse = mean(unemployment$error ** 2)
mse
```

Let us randomly choose any value for $\alpha = 1$ then error will be $y - \hat{y}$

```
## [1] 0.686154
```

```
plot(x=unemployment$male_unemployment,
    y=unemployment$female_unemployment,
    main = 'simple example',
    xlab = 'male unemployment rate %',
    ylab = 'fmale unemployment rate %',
    xlim = c(0,10), ylim = c(0,10))
abline(0, alpha, col = 'red')
text(x= 2, y= 8, 'y = x', col = 'red')
```

simple example



Try different alpha

```
# set alpha = 0.9
alpha <- 0.9
unemployment$est y <- alpha * unemployment$male unemployment
unemployment$error <- unemployment$female unemployment - unemployment$est y
unemployment
##
      male unemployment female unemployment est y
                                                        error
## 1
                    2.9
                                        4.0 2.61 1.38999991
## 2
                    6.7
                                        7.4 6.03 1.37000027
## 3
                   4.9
                                        5.0 4.41 0.58999991
                   7.9
## 4
                                        7.2 7.11 0.08999972
                   9.8
## 5
                                        7.9 8.82 -0.92000008
## 6
                   6.9
                                       6.1 6.21 -0.11000018
                   6.1
                                       6.0 5.49 0.51000009
## 7
                   6.2
## 8
                                       5.8 5.58 0.22000036
                   6.0
                                        5.2 5.40 -0.20000019
## 9
                   5.1
## 10
                                       4.2 4.59 -0.39000011
                   4.7
                                       4.0 4.23 -0.22999983
## 11
                   4.4
                                       4.4 3.96 0.44000001
## 12
## 13
                    5.8
                                       5.2 5.22 -0.02000036
## mean of squared error
mse = mean(unemployment$error ** 2)
mse
## [1] 0.4439385
```

1.2

1.4

1.0

alpha

MSE changes over alpha

```
findMSE <- function(alpha){</pre>
  mse <- mean((unemployment$female unemployment -</pre>
unemployment$male unemployment * alpha ) ** 2)
alpha list \leftarrow seq(0.5,1.5,0.01)
MSE list <- sapply(alpha list, findMSE)</pre>
plot(x=alpha list, y=MSE list, xlab = 'alpha', ylab = 'MSE')
best alpha <- alpha list[which.min(MSE list)]</pre>
best alpha
## [1] 0.92
                                            MSE
                                                 4
```

2

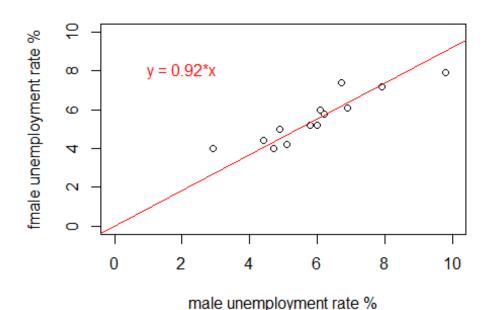
0

0.6

8.0

```
plot(x=unemployment$male_unemployment,
    y=unemployment$female_unemployment,
    main = 'simple example',
    xlab = 'male unemployment rate %',
    ylab = 'fmale unemployment rate %',
    xlim = c(0,10), ylim = c(0,10))
abline(0, best_alpha, col = 'red')
text(x= 2, y= 8, 'y = 0.92*x', col = 'red')
```

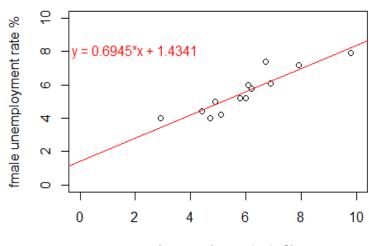
simple example



What's missing?

```
bias term (y intercept)
alpha <- 0.6945
                                                     'red')
beta <- 1.4341
unemployment$est y <- alpha * unemployment$male unemployment + beta
unemployment$error <- unemployment$female unemployment - unemployment$est y
unemployment
##
      male unemployment female unemployment
                                               est y
                                                           error
## 1
                    2.9
                                         4.0 3.44815
                                                      0.55184993
## 2
                    6.7
                                         7.4 6.08725
                                                      1.31275023
                    4.9
                                         5.0 4.83715
                                                      0.16284993
## 3
                    7.9
## 4
                                         7.2 6.92065
                                                      0.27934974
## 5
                    9.8
                                         7.9 8.24020 -0.34020004
## 6
                    6.9
                                         6.1 6.22615 -0.12615016
## 7
                    6.1
                                         6.0 5.67055
                                                      0.32945007
## 8
                    6.2
                                         5.8 5.74000
                                                      0.06000032
                    6.0
## 9
                                         5.2 5.60110 -0.40110019
## 10
                    5.1
                                        4.2 4.97605 -0.77605013
## 11
                    4.7
                                        4.0 4.69825 -0.69824987
                    4.4
                                        4.4 4.48990 -0.08989997
## 12
## 13
                    5.8
                                         5.2 5.46220 -0.26220032
## mean of squared error
mse = mean(unemployment$error ** 2)
mse
## [1] 0.2849011
```

simple example



male unemployment rate %

Formulas

```
> fmla_1 <- temperature ~ chirps_per_sec
> fmla_2 <- blood_pressure ~ age + weight

✓ LHS: outcome
✓ RHS: inputs
✓ use + for multiple inputs

> fmla_1 <- as.formula("temperature ~ chirps_per_sec")

model <- lm(formula, data = data frame)</pre>
```

Finding a model that minimizes MSE

```
fmla <- female_unemployment ~ male_unemployment
unemployment_model <- lm(fmla, data = unemployment)
unemployment_model

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = fmla, data = unemployment)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) male_unemployment
## 1.4341 0.6945</pre>
```

Random

Error

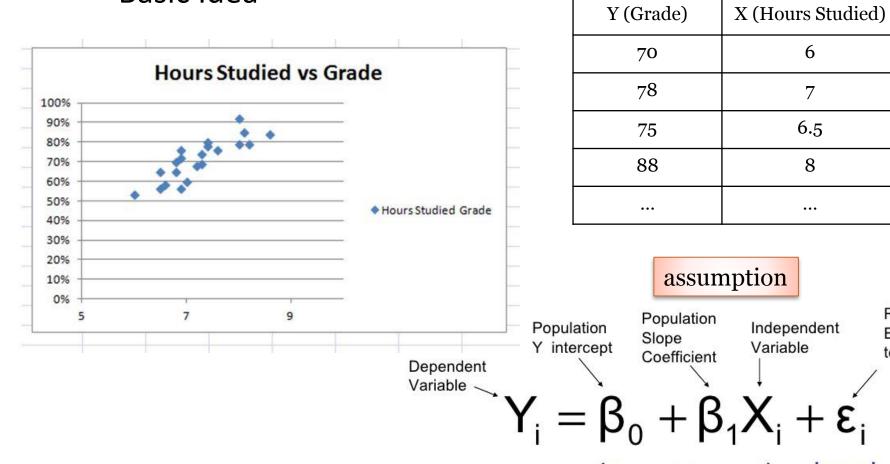
term

Random Error component

Linear component

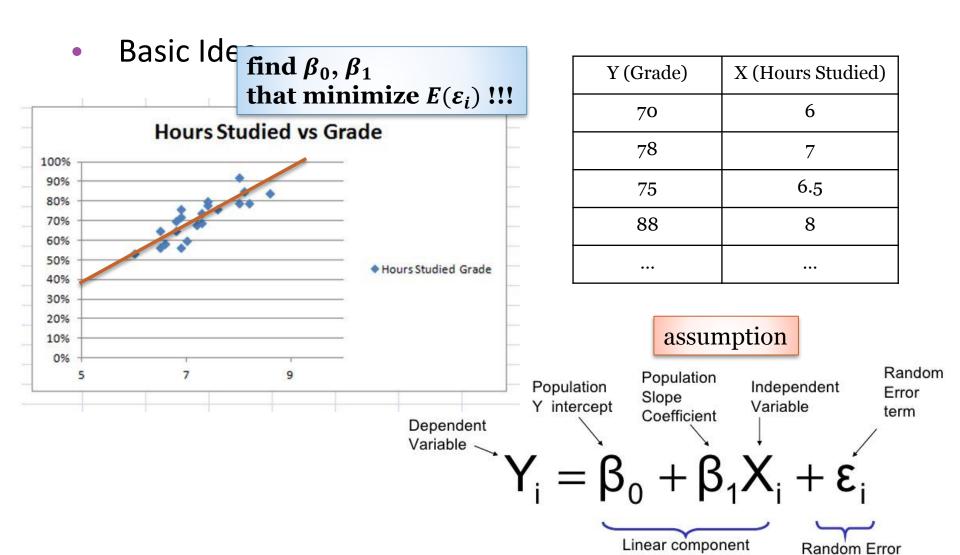
Linear Regression

Basic Idea



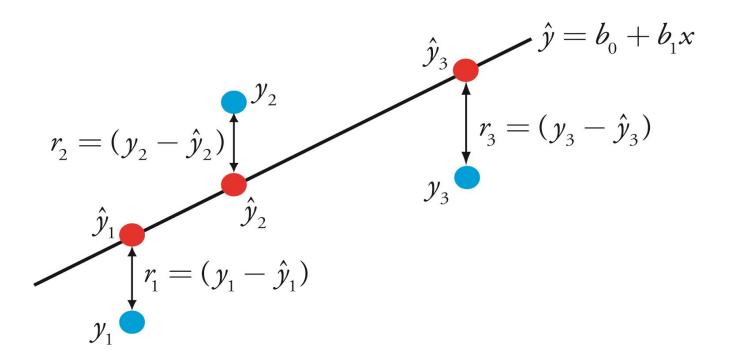
component

Linear Regression



Linear Regression

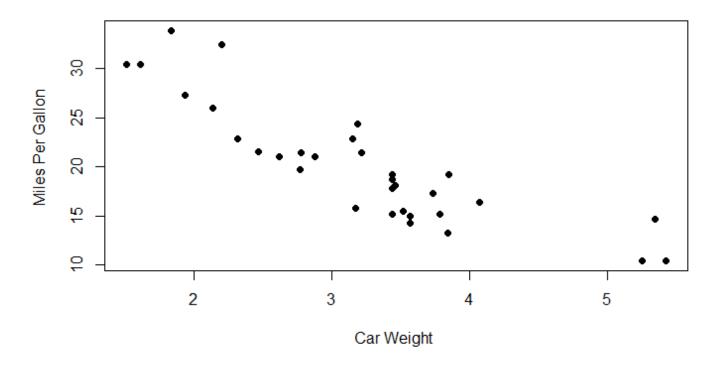
- $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$
- $\varepsilon_i = y_i (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)$
- $\sum \varepsilon_i^2 = \sum \{y_i (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)\}^2 = \sum \{y_i \hat{y}_i\}^2$



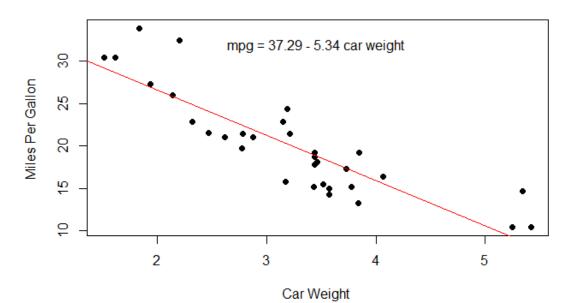
example

```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg,
    main = "Car weight v.s. Fuel efficiency",
    xlab = 'Car Weight', ylab = 'Miles per Gallon', pch = 19)
```

Car weight v.s. Fuel efficiency



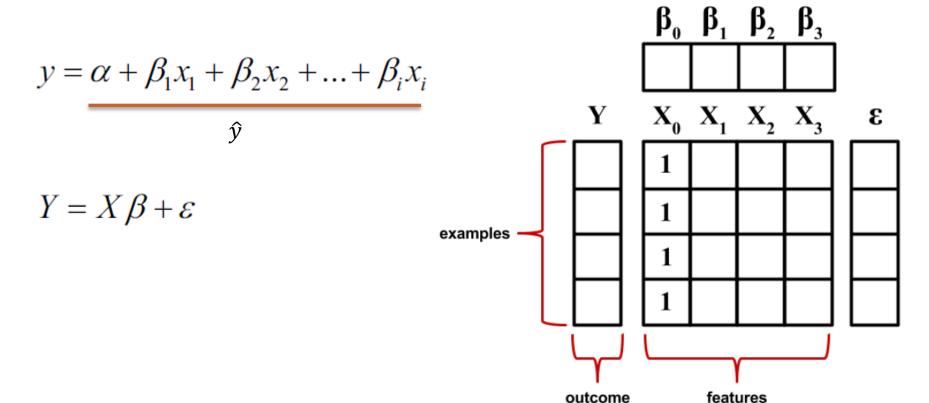
example



Multi-variable case

Basic Idea

e.g. E(Weight Reduction) = $C_1 \times Cal$. Consumption + $C_2 \times Cal$. taken



Predicting Medical Expenses using Linear Regression

Insurance company needs to collect more in yearly premiums than it spends on medical care to its beneficiaries.

Insurance company attempts to accurately forecast medical expenses.

Medical expenses are difficult to estimate because the most costly conditions are rare and seemingly random.

Still, some conditions are more prevalent for certain segments of the population.

e.g. lung cancer is more likely among smokers than non-smokers, and heart disease may be more likely among the obese.

The goal is to use patient data to estimate the average medical care expenses.

These estimates could be used to create actuarial tables which set the price of yearly premiums higher or lower depending on the expected treatment costs.

Sample Dataset

load(url('https://github.com/hbchoi/SampleData/raw/master/insurance.RData'))

- age: This is an integer indicating the age of the primary beneficiary (excluding those above 64 years, since they are generally covered by the government).
- sex: This is the policy holder's gender, either male or female.
- bmi: This is the **body mass index** (**BMI**), which provides a sense of how over or under-weight a person is relative to their height. BMI is equal to weight (in kilograms) divided by height (in meters) squared. An ideal BMI is within the range of 18.5 to 24.9.
- children: This is an integer indicating the number of children / dependents covered by the insurance plan.
- smoker: This is yes or no depending on whether the insured regularly smokes tobacco.
- region: This is the beneficiary's place of residence in the U.S., divided into four geographic regions: northeast, southeast, southwest, or northwest.

Data Exploration

3rd Ou.:16640

:63770

Max.

##

```
str(insurance)
## 'data.frame': 1338 obs. of 7 variables:
   $ age
         : int 19 18 28 33 32 31 46 37 37 60 ...
             : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 1 ...
   $ sex
##
##
   $ bmi
             : num 27.9 33.8 33 22.7 28.9 ...
   $ children: int 0 1 3 0 0 0 1 3 2 0 ...
   $ smoker : Factor w/ 2 levels "no", "yes": 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ region : Factor w/ 4 levels "northeast", "northwest", ...: 4 3 3 2 2 3 3 2 1 2 ...
##
   $ charges : num 16885 1726 4449 21984 3867 ...
##
summary(insurance)
                                                   children
                                                               smoker
##
         age
                        sex
                                     bmi
           :18.00
                  female:662 Min.
                                                       :0.000
##
    Min.
                                       :15.96
                                                Min.
                                                               no:1064
    1st Qu.:27.00
                    male :676
                                1st Qu.:26.30
                                                1st Qu.:0.000
                                                               yes: 274
##
    Median :39.00
                                Median :30.40
                                                Median :1.000
##
##
         :39.21
                                       :30.66
                                                Mean :1.095
    Mean
                                Mean
    3rd Ou.:51.00
                                3rd Qu.:34.69
                                                3rd Qu.:2.000
##
##
    Max.
         :64.00
                                Max.
                                       :53.13
                                                Max.
                                                      :5.000
##
          region
                       charges
##
    northeast:324
                    Min. : 1122
##
    northwest:325
                    1st Qu.: 4740
                    Median: 9382
##
    southeast:364
    southwest:325
##
                    Mean
                           :13270
##
```

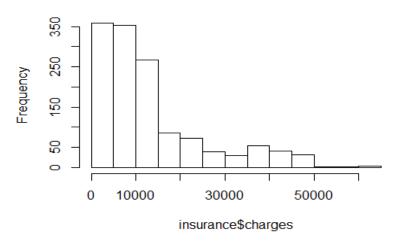
Data Exploration

- charges
 - amount of medical expenses charged by the customer continuous value
 - regression

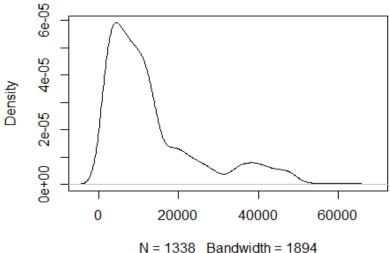
hist(insurance\$charges)

plot(density(insurance\$charges))

Histogram of insurance\$charges



density.default(x = insurance\$charges)



Data Preparation

```
set.seed(2018)
ncustomer <- nrow(insurance)
rgroup <- runif(ncustomer)

# data partition to Learn a prediction model
train.df <- subset(insurance, rgroup <= 0.8)

# hold-out data for testing
test.df <- subset(insurance, rgroup > 0.8)

dim(train.df)

## [1] 1088     9

dim(test.df)

## [1] 250     9
```

- We partition the dataset into two groups with ratio of 8:2
 - train.df for building prediction model
 - test.df is to evaluate our model

Linear Regression

Multiple regression modeling syntax

using the 1m() function in the stats package

Building the model:

```
m \leftarrow lm(dv \sim iv, data = mydata)
```

- dv is the dependent variable in the mydata data frame to be modeled
- iv is an R formula specifying the independent variables in the mydata data frame to use in the model
- data specifies the data frame in which the dv and iv variables can be found

The function will return a regression model object that can be used to make predictions. Interactions between independent variables can be specified using the * operator.

Making predictions:

```
p <- predict(m, test)</pre>
```

- m is a model trained by the lm() function
- test is a data frame containing test data with the same features as the training data used to build the model.

The function will return a vector of predicted values.

Example:

Model Training

lm(charges ~ . , train.df)

```
ins_model <- lm(charges ~ age + sex + bmi + children + smoker + region,</pre>
train.df)
ins model
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = charges ~ age + sex + bmi + children + smoker +
##
       region, data = train.df)
##
## Coefficients:
##
       (Intercept)
                                              sexmale
                                                                    bmi
                                 age
        -11873, 286
                             260.667
                                                 3.119
                                                                325,453
##
          children
                           smokeryes regionnorthwest regionsoutheast
##
                           23792.886
                                             -284.157
                                                               -852,897
##
           550.785
## regionsouthwest
##
         -1135,678
# or you could try
```

Prediction and Testing

```
train.df$pred <- predict(ins_model, newdata = train.df)</pre>
test.df$pred <- predict(ins model, newdata = test.df)</pre>
# performance on train.df
calcRMSE(train.df$charges, train.df$pred)
## [1] 6076.743
calcR2(train.df$charges, train.df$pred)
## [1] 0.7483358
# performance on test.df
calcRMSE(test.df$charges, test.df$pred)
## [1] 5903.393
calcR2(test.df$charges, test.df$pred)
## [1] 0.7608449
```

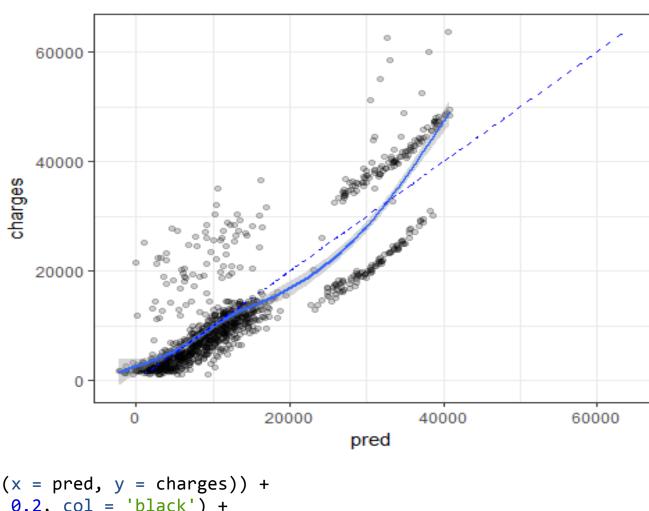
```
calcRMSE <- function(label, estimation){
  return(sqrt(mean((label - estimation) ** 2)))
}
calcR2 <- function(label, estimation){
  RSS = sum((label - estimation) ** 2)
  SStot = sum((label - mean(label)) ** 2)

  return(1-RSS/SStot)
}</pre>
```

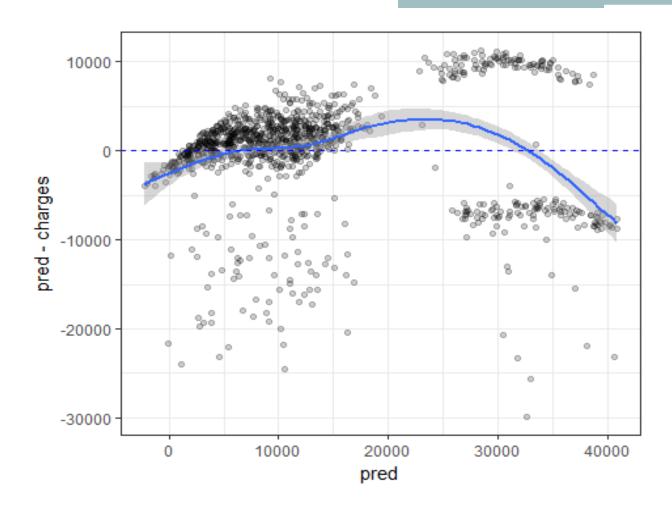
```
summary(ins model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = charges ~ age + sex + bmi + children + smoker +
      region, data = train.df)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                         Max
                                 3Q
## -11311.7 -2767.7 -985.7 1322.0 29912.3
##
## Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                 -11873.286 1114.946 -10.649 < 2e-16 ***
                    260.667
                               13.333 19.551 < 2e-16 ***
## age
## sexmale
                      3.119 371.576 0.008 0.993304
                    325.453 32.285 10.081 < 2e-16 ***
## bmi
                    550.785 154.311 3.569 0.000374 ***
## children
               23792.886 460.478 51.670 < 2e-16 ***
## smokeryes
## regionnorthwest -284.157 529.943 -0.536 0.591928
## regionsoutheast -852.897 534.558 -1.596 0.110890
## regionsouthwest -1135.678 533.061 -2.130 0.033357 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 6102 on 1079 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7483, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7465
## F-statistic: 401.1 on 8 and 1079 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Visualization

library(ggplot2)

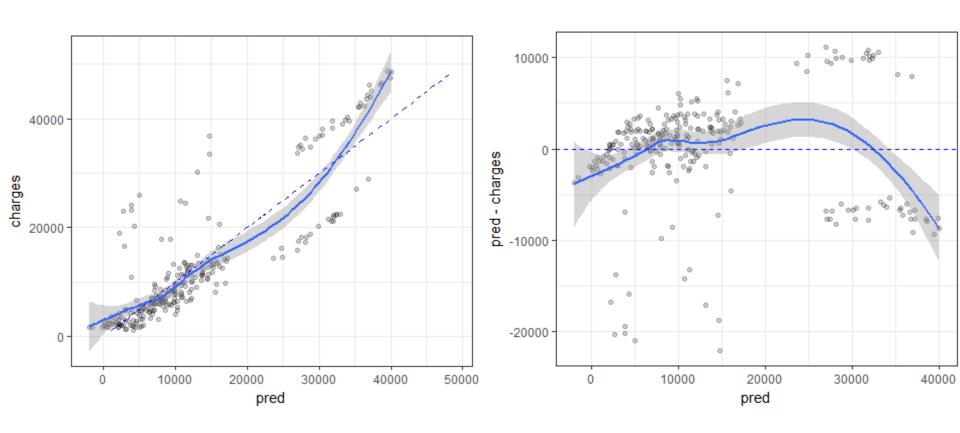


```
ggplot(train.df, aes(x = pred, y = charges)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.2, col = 'black') +
  geom_smooth()+
  geom_line(aes(x = charges, y = charges), col = 'blue', linetype = 2)
```



```
ggplot(train.df, aes(x = pred, y = pred - charges)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.2, col = 'black') +
  geom_smooth()+
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0, col = 'blue', linetype = 2)
```

Test dataset



Improvement

Adding non-linear relationships

```
e.g. charges \sim age + I(age ^{\circ} 2)
```

Converting Num. var. into a binary indicator (or range variable)

```
e.g. insurance$bmi30 <- ifelse(insurance$bmi >= 30, 1, 0)
```

Improvement

Adding Interaction

The simultaneous influence of two variables on the outcome is not additive

```
plant_height ~ bacteria + sun + bacteria:sun
or equivalently
plant_height ~ bacteria*sun
```

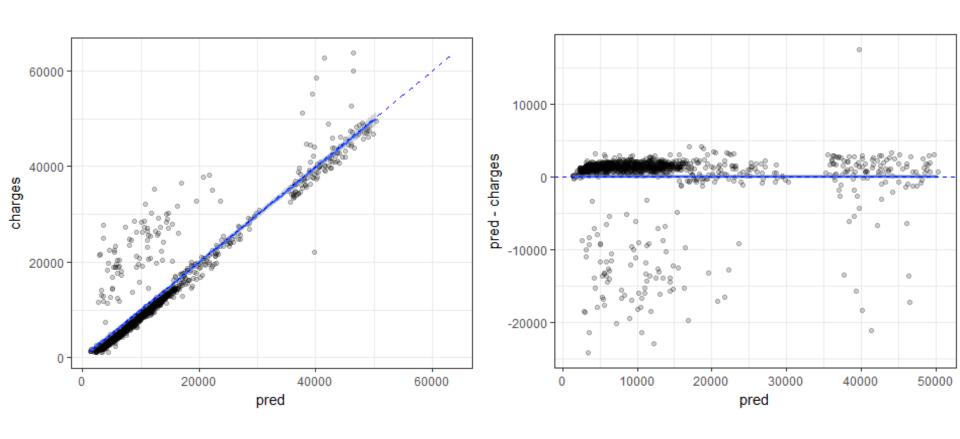
- ✓ Change in height is more (or less) than the sum of the effects due to sun/bacteria
- ✓ At higher levels of sunlight, 1 unit change in bacteria causes more change in height

```
train.df$bmi30 <- ifelse(train.df$bmi >= 30, 1, 0)
test.df$bmi30 <- ifelse(test.df$bmi >= 30, 1, 0)
ins_model <- lm(charges \sim age + I(age^2) + sex + bmi + children + bmi30)
* smoker + region, train.df)
ins model
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = charges ~ age + I(age^2) + sex + bmi + children +
##
       bmi30 * smoker + region, data = train.df)
##
## Coefficients:
                                            I(age^2)
##
       (Intercept)
                                                               sexmale
                                age
                             24.543
          -613,136
                                               3.099
                                                              -297,927
##
                           children
##
               bmi
                                               bmi30
                                                             smokeryes
##
           105.989
                            672.386
                                           -1150.657
                                                             13301,273
## regionnorthwest regionsoutheast regionsouthwest bmi30:smokeryes
                                           -1394.706
##
          -309.922
                           -614.716
                                                             20175.516
```

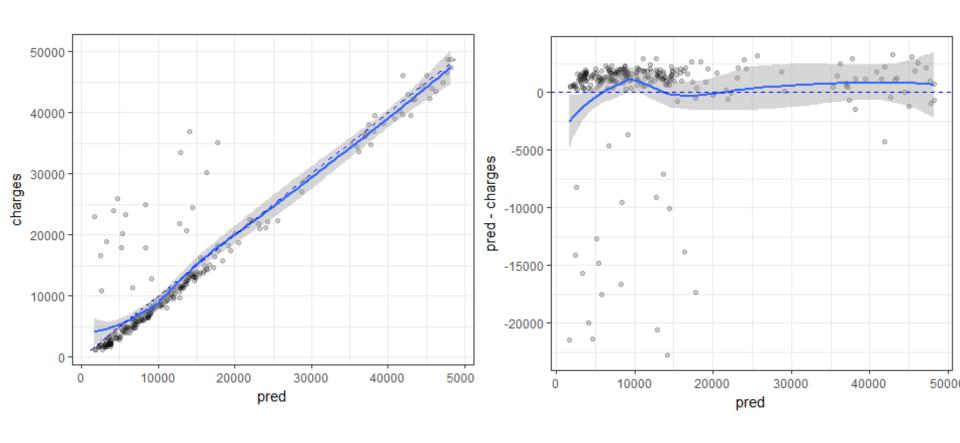
```
summary(ins model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = charges ~ age + I(age^2) + sex + bmi + children +
      bmi30 * smoker + region, data = train.df)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 10 Median
                                  30
                                          Max
## -17553.0 -1706.4 -1246.2 -670.6 24255.5
##
## Coefficients:
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                   -613.1359 1533.2402 -0.400 0.689313
                     24.5432
                               66.9946 0.366 0.714179
## age
## I(age^2)
                     3.0987
                                0.8377 3.699 0.000227 ***
## sexmale
                   -297.9265 270.2113 -1.103 0.270461
## bmi
                    105.9893 38.0656 2.784 0.005457 **
## children
                    672.3862 117.5630 5.719 1.38e-08 ***
## bmi30
                  -1150.6569 465.0201 -2.474 0.013498 *
## smokeryes
                  13301.2726 481.9281 27.600 < 2e-16 ***
## regionnorthwest -309.9223 385.1832 -0.805 0.421223
## regionsoutheast -614.7161 389.1414 -1.580 0.114476
## regionsouthwest -1394.7060 387.4405 -3.600 0.000333 ***
                              666.8048 30.257 < 2e-16 ***
## bmi30:smokeryes 20175.5159
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4434 on 1076 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8675, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8661
## F-statistic: 640.3 on 11 and 1076 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
train.df$pred <- predict(ins model, newdata = train.df)
test.df$pred <- predict(ins model, newdata = test.df)</pre>
# performance on train.df
calcRMSE(train.df$charges, train.df$pred)
## [1] 4409.541
calcR2(train.df$charges, train.df$pred)
## [1] 0.8674846
# performance on test.df
calcRMSE(test.df$charges, test.df$pred)
## [1] 4528.097
calcR2(test.df$charges, test.df$pred)
## [1] 0.8592956
```

Visualization on Training Data



Visualization on Test Data



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