Unit 7: Multiple linear regression
1. Introduction to multiple linear regression

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Announcements

- Problem set 6 is due tonight at 11:55 pm
- Performance Assessment 6 is due tonight at 11:55 pm
- Readiness Assessment 7 is today
- Lab 8 is due Thursday at 12:45 pm

(1) In MLR everything is conditional on all other variables in the model

- All estimates in a MLR for a given variable are conditional on all other variables being in the model.
- **Slope:**
  - Numerical x: *All else held constant*, for one unit increase in x_i, y is expected to be higher / lower on average by b_i units.
  - Categorical x: *All else held constant*, the predicted difference in y for the baseline and given levels of x_i is b_i.

Data from the ACS

A random sample of 783 observations from the 2012 ACS.

1. income: Yearly income (wages and salaries)
2. employment: Employment status, not in labor force, unemployed, or employed
3. hrs_work: Weekly hours worked
4. race: Race, White, Black, Asian, or other
5. age: Age
6. gender: gender, male or female
7. citizens: Whether respondent is a US citizen or not
8. time_to_work: Travel time to work
9. lang: Language spoken at home, English or other
10. married: Whether respondent is married or not
11. edu: Education level, hs or lower, college, or grad
12. disability: Whether respondent is disabled or not
13. birth_qrtr: Quarter in which respondent is born, jan thru mar, apr thru jun, jul thru sep, or oct thru dec

Activity: MLR interpretations

1. Interpret the intercept.
2. Interpret the slope for hrs_work.
3. Interpret the slope for gender.

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>|t|)
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raceblack	-7998.99	6191.83	-1.29	0.20
raceasian	29909.80	9154.92	3.27	0.00
raceother	-6756.32	7240.08	-0.93	0.35
age	565.07	133.77	4.22	0.00
genderfemale	-17135.05	3705.35	-4.62	0.00
citizenyes	-12907.34	8231.66	-1.57	0.12
time_to_work	90.04	79.83	1.13	0.26
langother	-10510.44	5447.45	-1.93	0.05
marriedyes	5409.24	3900.76	1.39	0.17
educollege	15993.85	4098.99	3.90	0.00
edugrad	59658.52	5660.26	10.54	0.00
disabilityyes	-14142.79	6639.40	-2.13	0.03
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(2) Categorical predictors and slopes for (almost) each level

- Each categorical variable, with k levels, added to the model results in $k-1$ parameters being estimated.
- It only takes $k-1$ columns to code a categorical variable with k levels as 0/1s.

Citizen: yes / no ($k=2$)
Baseline: no

Respondent	citizen:yes
1, Citizen	1
2, Not-citizen	0

Race: ($k=4$)
Baseline: White

Respondent	race:black	race:asian	race:other
1, White	0	0	0
2, Black	1	0	0
3, Asian	0	1	0
4, Other	0	0	1

Clicker question

All else held constant, how do incomes of those born January thru March compare to those born April thru June?

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All else held constant, those born Jan thru Mar make, on average,

(a) \$2,043.42 less (b) \$2,043.42 more (c) \$4978.12 less (d) \$4978.12 more

than those born Apr thru Jun.

(3) Inference for MLR: model as a whole + individual slopes

- Inference for the model as a whole: F-test, $df_1 = p$, $df_2 = n - k - 1$
  $H_0:\ \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0$
  $H_A:$ At least one of the $\beta_i \neq 0$
- Inference for each slope: T-test, $df = n - k - 1$
  - HT:
    $H_0:\ \beta_1 = 0$, when all other variables are included in the model
    $H_A:\ \beta_1 \neq 0$, when all other variables are included in the model
  - CI: $b_1 \pm T^{\star}_{df} SE_{b_1}$

Model output

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Coefficients:
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)            -15342.76   11716.57  -1.309 0.190760
hrs_work                 1048.96     149.25   7.028 4.63e-12 ***
raceblack               -7998.99    6191.83  -1.292 0.196795
raceasian               29909.80    9154.92   3.267 0.001135 **
raceother               -6756.32    7240.08  -0.933 0.351019
age                       565.07     133.77   4.224 2.69e-05 ***
genderfemale           -17135.05    3705.35  -4.624 4.41e-06 ***
citizenyes             -12907.34    8231.66  -1.568 0.117291
time_to_work               90.04      79.83   1.128 0.259716
langother              -10510.44    5447.45  -1.929 0.054047 .
marriedyes               5409.24    3900.76   1.387 0.165932
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edugrad                 59658.52    5660.26  10.540  < 2e-16 ***
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Residual standard error: 48670 on 766 degrees of freedom
  (60 observations deleted due to missingness)
Multiple R-squared:  0.3126,^^IAdjusted R-squared:  0.2982
F-statistic: 21.77 on 16 and 766 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
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Clicker question

True / False: The F test yielding a significant result means the model fits the data well.

a. True
b. False

Clicker question

True / False: The F test not yielding a significant result means individual variables included in the model are not good predictors of y.

a. True
b. False

Significance also depends on what else is in the model

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Model 2:      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   -22498.2     8216.2  -2.738  0.00631
hrs_work        1149.7      145.2   7.919 7.60e-15
raceblack      -7677.5     6350.8  -1.209  0.22704
raceasian      38600.2     8566.4   4.506 7.55e-06
raceother      -7907.1     7116.2  -1.111  0.26683
age              533.1      131.2   4.064 5.27e-05
genderfemale  -15178.9     3767.4  -4.029 6.11e-05
marriedyes      8731.0     3956.8   2.207  0.02762 <----
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(4) Adjusted R^2 applies a penalty for additional variables

- When any variable is added to the model R^2 increases.
- But if the added variable doesn't really provide any new information, or is completely unrelated, adjusted R^2 does not increase.

Adjusted R^2

$$R^2_{adj} = 1 - \left(\frac{SS_{Error}}{SS_{Total}} \times \frac{n-1}{n-k-1} \right)$$

where n is the number of cases and k is the number of sloped estimated in the model.


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Analysis of Variance Table

Response: income
              Df     Sum Sq    Mean Sq  F value    Pr(>F)
hrs_work       1 3.0633e+11 3.0633e+11 129.3025 < 2.2e-16 ***
race           3 7.1656e+10 2.3885e+10  10.0821 1.608e-06 ***
age            1 7.6008e+10 7.6008e+10  32.0836 2.090e-08 ***
gender         1 4.8665e+10 4.8665e+10  20.5418 6.767e-06 ***
citizen        1 1.1135e+09 1.1135e+09   0.4700   0.49319
time_to_work   1 3.5371e+09 3.5371e+09   1.4930   0.22213
lang           1 1.2815e+10 1.2815e+10   5.4094   0.02029 *
married        1 1.2190e+10 1.2190e+10   5.1453   0.02359 *
edu            2 2.7867e+11 1.3933e+11  58.8131 < 2.2e-16 ***
disability     1 1.0852e+10 1.0852e+10   4.5808   0.03265 *
birth_qrtr     3 3.3060e+09 1.1020e+09   0.4652   0.70667
Residuals    766 1.8147e+12 2.3691e+09
Total        782 2.6399e+12
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$$R^2_{adj} = 1 - \left(\frac{1.8147e+12}{2.6399e+12} \times \frac{783-1}{783-16-1} \right) \approx 1 - 0.7018 = 0.2982$$

Clicker question

True / False: For a model with at least one predictor, R^2_{adj} will always be smaller than R^2.

(a) True

(b) False

Clicker question

True / False: Adjusted R^2 tells us the percentage of variability in the response variable explained by the model.

(a) True

(b) False

(5) Avoid collinearity in MLR

- Two predictor variables are said to be collinear when they are correlated, and this *collinearity* (also called *multicollinearity*) complicates model estimation.

  Remember: Predictors are also called explanatory or independent variables, so they should be independent of each other.
- We don't like adding predictors that are associated with each other to the model, because often times the addition of such variable brings nothing to the table. Instead, we prefer the simplest best model, i.e. *parsimonious* model.
- In addition, addition of collinear variables can result in unreliable estimates of the slope parameters.
- While it's impossible to avoid collinearity from arising in observational data, experiments are usually designed to control for correlated predictors.

(6) Model selection criterion depends on goal: significance vs. prediction

- If the goal is to find the set of statistically predictors of $y \longrightarrow$ use p-value selection.
- If the goal is to do better prediction of $y \longrightarrow$ use adjusted R^2 selection.
- Either way, can use *backward elimination* or *forward selection*.
- Expert opinion and focus of research might also demand that a particular variable be included in the model.

Clicker question

Using the p-value approach, which variable would you remove from the model first?

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(a) race:other
(b) race
(c) time_to_work
(d) birth_qrtr:apr thru jun
(e) birth_qrtr

Clicker question

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raceblack	-7636.32	6177.50	-1.24	0.22
raceasian	29944.35	9137.13	3.28	0.00
raceother	-7212.57	7212.25	-1.00	0.32
age	559.51	133.27	4.20	0.00
genderfemale	-17010.85	3699.19	-4.60	0.00
citizenyes	-13059.46	8219.99	-1.59	0.11
time_to_work	88.77	79.73	1.11	0.27
langother	-10150.41	5431.15	-1.87	0.06
marriedyes	5400.41	3896.12	1.39	0.17
educollege	16214.46	4089.17	3.97	0.00
edugrad	59572.20	5631.33	10.58	0.00
disabilityyes	-14201.11	6628.26	-2.14	0.03

(a) married
(b) race
(c) race:other
(d) race:black
(e) time_to_work

(7) Conditions for MLR are (almost) the same as conditions for SLR

Important regardless of doing inference

- Linearity ⟶ randomly scattered residuals around 0 in the residuals plot

Important for doing inference

- Nearly normally distributed residuals ⟶ histogram or normal probability plot of residuals
- Constant variability of residuals (*homoscedasticity*) ⟶ no fan shape in the residuals plot
- Independence of residuals (and hence observations) ⟶ depends on data collection method, often violated for time-series data
- Also important to make sure that your explanatory variables are not *collinear*

Clicker question

Which of the following is the appropriate plot for checking the homoscedasticity condition in MLR?

(a) scatterplot of residuals vs. $\hat{y}$
(b) scatterplot of residuals vs. x
(c) histogram of residuals
(d) normal probability plot of residuals
(e) scatterplot of residuals vs. order of data collection

Summary of main ideas

1. In MLR everything is conditional on all other variables in the model
2. Categorical predictors and slopes for (almost) each level
3. Inference for MLR: model as a whole + individual slopes
4. Adjusted R^2 applies a penalty for additional variables
5. Avoid collinearity in MLR
6. Model selection criterion depends on goal: significance vs. prediction
7. Conditions for MLR are (almost) the same as conditions for SLR