

# 1 Topic

Topic: Linear regression

## 1.1 Introduction

Formal definition from *Linear Models with R*: Regression analysis is used for explaining or modeling the relationship between a single variable  $Y$ , called the response, output or dependent variable; and one or more predictor, input, independent or explanatory variables,  $X_1 \dots X_p$ . When  $p = 1$ , it is called simple regression but when  $p > 1$  it is called multiple regression or sometimes multivariate regression. (Faraway, J 2009)

An informal interpretation is that linear regression establish a linear relationship between the response variable and independent variable(s) in a data set. It is widely applied in many areas such as sciences, engineering and machine learning.

Mathematically:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_n X_n \quad (1)$$

## 1.2 Solving linear regression problems with least square

One well defined way to solve for  $\beta$  is called the least square method:

Using above definition, we can write:

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

with  $y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$ ,  $\epsilon = [\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n]^T$ ,  $\beta = [\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m]^T$  and:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1m} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

In above expression,  $\epsilon$  is the residual, and one way to obtain best estimation of  $\beta$  is to minimize:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 = \epsilon^T \epsilon \quad (3)$$

The above equation can be rewritten as:

$$(y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) \quad (4)$$

Now, we take the differential of (4) with respect to  $\beta$ , notice that to minimize (4), the gradient should be zero; thus:

$$X^T X \hat{\beta} = X^T y \quad (5)$$

in which  $\hat{\beta}$  is our estimation of  $\beta$ . Rearranging (5) we get:

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \quad (6)$$

This is the normal equation.

### 1.3 example with data

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## 2 Diagnostic and Model Selection

Normally, there are numerous variables in a data set, and some of variables are actually correlated; then one problem is how to establish a rather simple model which could be easily interpret. One popular technique is the *criterion-based Model Selection*. The idea is to choose model with respect to a specific criterion that measures the behavior of fit. In our project, we will introduce three common criterion: the *Akaike information criterion (AIC)*, the *Bayes information criterion (BIC)*, and the *adjusted R square*.

### 2.1 AIC

Before defining AIC, we first define the following values:

Number of independent predictors  $p$ :  $p = \#X_i$

Residual sum of square - RSS:

$$RSS = \hat{\epsilon}^T \hat{\epsilon} = (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) \quad (7)$$

And

$$AIC = n \ln (RSS/n) + 2(p + 1) \quad (8)$$

Pick the model minimizes AIC.

### 2.2 BIC

$$BIC = n \ln (RSS/n) + (p + 1) \ln n \quad (9)$$

Pick the model minimizes BIC.

### 2.3 Adjusted R square

The R square value is defined as:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS} \quad (10)$$

The adjusted R square value is:

$$1 - \frac{n-1}{n-p-1} (1 - R^2) \quad (11)$$

Select a model that maximize the adjusted  $R^2$  value

### 2.4 Examples

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## References

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