

# Chapter 3 homework

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## Setup

```
library(tidyverse)
library(here)
library(broom)
```

The course datasets live in your project's `data/` folder. Use `here::here()` so file paths work regardless of where you render from.

```
fitness <- readr::read_csv(here::here("data", "fitness.csv"))
```

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### 1. Is this a “normal” group (resting pulse)?

The dataset `fitness.csv` contains (among other variables) resting pulse rate (`RSTPULSE`) for a sample of men. A commonly cited “normal” resting pulse rate for men is 72. We want to assess whether this sample looks consistent with that reference value.

#### (a) Specify MODEL C, MODEL A, and the null hypothesis

Write both a verbal description and a mathematical statement.

- **MODEL C (compact):** predicts the reference value for every case

$$RSTPULSE_i = 72 + \varepsilon_i$$

In model C, the *RSTPULSE* of each men is predicted as 72.

- **MODEL A (augmented):** estimates the sample mean (one-parameter model)

$$RSTPULSE_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

In Model A, the  $RSTPULSE$  of each men is predicted as  $b_0$  (mean of  $RSTPULSE$ ).

- **Null hypothesis:**  $H_0 : b_0 = 72$  (equivalently, the population mean resting pulse equals 72)

### (b) Estimate both models with `lm()`

A convenient way to fit these with `lm()` is to *re-express* the outcome as a deviation from the null value.

Let  $Y_i = RSTPULSE_i - 72$ . Then:

- MODEL C becomes  $Y_i = 0 + \varepsilon_i$  (0 parameters)
- MODEL A becomes  $Y_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$  (1 parameter)

```
fitness <- fitness |>
  mutate(rst_dev = RSTPULSE - 72)

model_c <- lm(rst_dev ~ 0, data = fitness)
model_a <- lm(rst_dev ~ 1, data = fitness)

summary(model_c)
```

Call:  
`lm(formula = rst_dev ~ 0, data = fitness)`

Residuals:  

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-32.0	-24.0	-20.0	-13.5	4.0

No Coefficients

Residual standard error: 20 on 31 degrees of freedom

```
summary(model_a)
```

```

Call:
lm(formula = rst_dev ~ 1, data = fitness)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-13.742 -5.742 -1.742  4.758 22.258 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) -18.26      1.49   -12.26 3.29e-13 ***  
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 8.294 on 30 degrees of freedom

```

```
broom::tidy(model_a)
```

```

# A tibble: 1 x 5
  term       estimate std.error statistic p.value
  <chr>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>
1 (Intercept) -18.3      1.49    -12.3 3.29e-13

```

```
broom::glance(model_a)
```

```

# A tibble: 1 x 12
  r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value    df logLik    AIC    BIC
  <dbl>        <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1         0          0  8.29      NA      NA     NA -109.  222.  225.
# i 3 more variables: deviance <dbl>, df.residual <int>, nobs <int>

```

### (c) Calculate PRE

Use:

$$\text{PRE} = \frac{\text{SSE}_C - \text{SSE}_A}{\text{SSE}_C}$$

For `lm` objects, you can get SSE (a.k.a. RSS) with `deviance()`.

```

sse_c <- deviance(model_c)
sse_a <- deviance(model_a)

pre <- (sse_c - sse_a) / sse_c
pre

```

[1] 0.8335267

**(d) Write a tentative summary**

In a short paragraph, summarize what you found and what it suggests substantively. (We are not doing a formal test yet—use your judgment.)

- By moving from Model C to Model A, the sum of squared errors reduces by 83.3%, which means Model A predicts much better than Model C. Therefore, it is very likely that we should reject the null hypothesis. Given the estimate of  $b_0$  in Model A is -18.3, the resting pulse rate among men in this sample is lower than the normal rate of 72.
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## 2. Did running increase pulse rate?

Use the same dataset to assess whether running increased pulse rate. The variable RUNPULSE is post-run pulse rate.

Tip: Create a new variable that captures the *change* in pulse rate.

**(a) Specify MODEL C, MODEL A, and the null hypothesis**

Let  $\Delta_i = \text{RUNPULSE}_i - \text{RSTPULSE}_i$ .

- **MODEL C (compact):** no average increase

$$\Delta_i = 0 + \varepsilon_i$$

In model C, the  $\Delta$  of each men is predicted as 0.

- **MODEL A (augmented):** estimate the average increase

$$\Delta_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

In model A, the  $\Delta$  of each men is predicted as  $b_0$ .

- Null hypothesis:  $H_0 : b_0 = 0$ . In other words, the average change in pulse rate is not zero.

**(b) Estimate both models with lm()**

```
fitness <- fitness |>
  mutate(pulse_change = RUNPULSE - RSTPULSE)

model_c <- lm(pulse_change ~ 0, data = fitness)
model_a <- lm(pulse_change ~ 1, data = fitness)

summary(model_c)
```

Call:  
`lm(formula = pulse_change ~ 0, data = fitness)`

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
92.0	111.0	116.0	123.5	136.0

No Coefficients

Residual standard error: 116.4 on 31 degrees of freedom

```
summary(model_a)
```

Call:  
`lm(formula = pulse_change ~ 1, data = fitness)`

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-23.9032	-4.9032	0.0968	7.5968	20.0968

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	115.903	1.966	58.95	<2e-16 ***
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```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 10.95 on 30 degrees of freedom
```

```
broom::tidy(model_a)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 5
  term      estimate std.error statistic p.value
  <chr>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>
1 (Intercept) 116.      1.97     59.0 1.40e-32
```

```
broom::glance(model_a)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 12
  r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value    df logLik    AIC    BIC
  <dbl>        <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 0          0         10.9      NA       NA     NA -118.  239.  242.
# i 3 more variables: deviance <dbl>, df.residual <int>, nobs <int>
```

### (c) Calculate PRE

```
sse_c <- deviance(model_c)
sse_a <- deviance(model_a)

pre <- (sse_c - sse_a) / sse_c
pre
```

```
[1] 0.9914419
```

### (d) Write a tentative summary

In a short paragraph, summarize what you found and what it suggests substantively.

- By moving from Model C to Model A, the sum of squared errors reduces by 99.1%, which means Model A predicts much better than Model C. Therefore, it is very likely that we should reject the null hypothesis. Given the estimate of  $b_0$  in Model A is 115.9, the change in pulse rate is higher than 0. In other words, running increased pulse rate.

### 3. Conceptual practice: write models and hypotheses

For each prompt below:

1. Specify MODEL C, MODEL A, and the null hypothesis.
2. State the number of parameters in MODEL C and MODEL A.
3. State the number of **unused-but-potential parameters** in MODEL A (degrees of freedom), using the course definition.

Do **not** write your models generically as “ $Y = \dots$ ”. Use the named dependent variable (e.g., “IQ”, “PTSD score”, etc.). If a prompt implies a *constructed variable*, define it.

#### (a) IQ

IQ tests are designed to have mean 100 and standard deviation 15. You give 6 friends an online IQ test. Are your friends smarter than average?

- **MODEL C (compact):** predicts the IQ of my friends as 100

$$\text{IQ}_i = 100 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 0

- **MODEL A (augmented):** predicts the IQ of my friends as  $b_0$  (mean value)

$$\text{IQ}_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 1

Unused-but-potential parameters (degrees of freedom): 5

- **Null hypothesis:**  $H_0 : b_0 = 100$ . The mean value of my friends’ IQ is 100, or my friends are smart as average.

### (b) PTSD

The army uses a PTSD test; scores above 37 indicate clinical levels of PTSD. A troop of 43 soldiers is tested at the end of deployment. Are these soldiers, on average, suffering from PTSD?

- **MODEL C (compact):** predicts the PTSD score of soldiers as 37

$$\text{PTSD}_i = 37 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 0

- **MODEL A (augmented):** predicts the PTSD score of soldiers as  $b_0$  (mean value)

$$\text{PTSD}_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 1

Unused-but-potential parameters (degrees of freedom): 42

- **Null hypothesis:**  $H_0 : b_0 = 37$ . The mean value of the soldiers' PTSD score is equal to 37, or these soldiers are not suffering from PTSD.

### (c) Chipotle sales

Chipotle wants to know whether sales have rebounded after an E. coli scare. They have sales in 200 markets *before* the scare and *now*. They compute a difference score. Are sales depressed?

- **MODEL C (compact):** predicts the difference score as 0.

$$\text{Score}_i = 0 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 0

- **MODEL A (augmented):** predicts the difference score as  $b_0$  (mean value)

$$\text{Score}_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

Number of parameters: 1

Unused-but-potential parameters (degrees of freedom): 199

- **Null hypothesis:**  $H_0 : b_0 = 0$ . The mean value of the difference score is 0, or the sales are not depressed.
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## 4. With your own data

Please choose a variable from the 2024 General Social Survey. Remember to use `drop_na()` in your pipeline to get rid of missing data.

```
## load gss2024 data
gss2024 <- readRDS(file = here::here("data", "gss2024.rds"))

## select satdemoc (R satisfied with way democracy works in America)
satdemoc <- gss2024 |>
  select(satdemoc) |>
  drop_na() |>
  haven::zap_labels()
glimpse(satdemoc)
```

```
Rows: 3,163
Columns: 1
$ satdemoc <dbl> 2, 1, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 2, 4, 2, 1, 2, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3~
```

### (a) Describe your dataset

Include enough detail that someone else can understand what you have.

- (a.1) What are the units of analysis and how many are there?

The units of analysis are individuals. There are 3163 individuals (the sample size n is 3163).

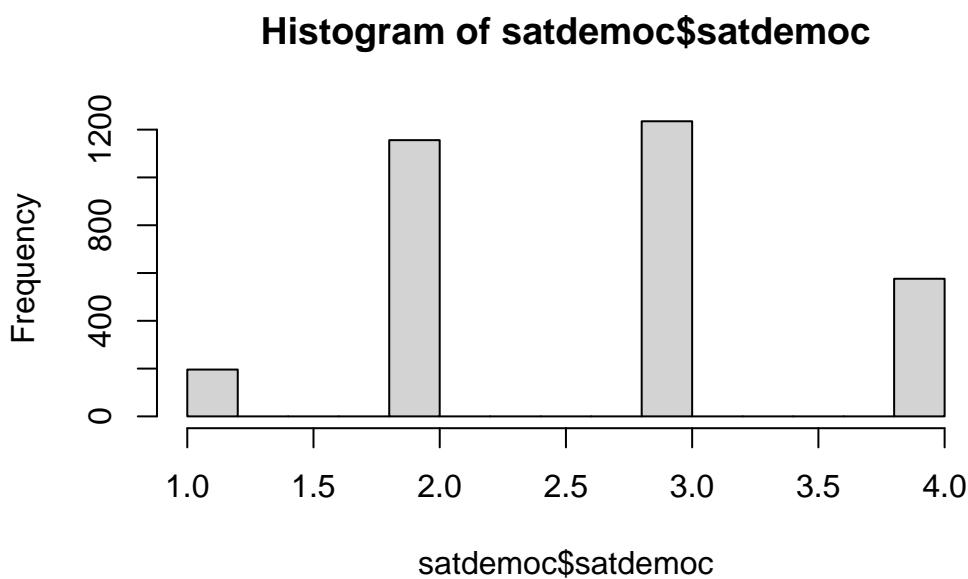
- (a.2) What is the dependent variable ( $Y$ )? How is it measured? What does its distribution look like? (A histogram and/or descriptives are fine.)

```
# If you have data loaded, you can start with something like:
satdemoc |>
  summarize(
    n = n(),
    mean_y = mean(satdemoc, na.rm = TRUE),
    sd_y = sd(satdemoc, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 3
  n    mean_y   sd_y
  <int>    <dbl>  <dbl>
1 3163     2.69  0.837
```

The dependent variable  $Y$  is satisfaction with way democracy works in America. It is measured in a four-point scale, where 1 = very satisfied, 2 = fairly satisfied, 3 = not very satisfied, 4 = not at all satisfied.

```
hist(satdemoc$satdemoc)
```



In terms of distribution, most observations are at 2 and 3, while fewer are at 1 and 4. In other words, most people prefer mild answers over extreme expressions about their satisfaction with the way democracy works in America.

### (b) Propose a one-parameter question

Think of a question that can be tested with a MODEL C with **0 parameters** and a MODEL A that uses **1 parameter** to estimate central tendency. Write the research question in plain language.

**Research Question:** Whether American people are satisfied with the way democracy works in the United States in general?

### (c) Specify MODEL A, MODEL C, and the null hypothesis

Write both a verbal description and a mathematical statement (use  $\varepsilon_i$  for error).

- **MODEL C (compact):** predicts the satisfaction score as 2.5 (neutral).

$$\text{Satisfy}_i = 2.5 + \varepsilon_i$$

- **MODEL A (augmented):** predicts the satisfaction score as  $b_0$  (mean value)

$$\text{Satisfy}_i = b_0 + \varepsilon_i$$

**Null hypothesis:**  $H_0 : b_0 = 2.5$ . The mean value of the satisfaction score is equal to 2.5, or American people are neutral to the way democracy works on average.

### (d) Estimate both models with `lm()`

```
# Replace Y with your dependent variable and adapt as needed.  
# If your null value is mu0, you can use the same deviation trick as in Question 1:  
satdemoc <- satdemoc |>  
  mutate(satdemoc_dev = satdemoc - 2.5)  
  
sat_model_c <- lm(satdemoc_dev ~ 0, data = satdemoc)  
sat_model_a <- lm(satdemoc_dev ~ 1, data = satdemoc)  
  
summary(sat_model_c)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = satdemoc_dev ~ 0, data = satdemoc)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.5	-0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5

No Coefficients

Residual standard error: 0.8592 on 3163 degrees of freedom

```
summary(sat_model_a)

Call:
lm(formula = satdemoc_dev ~ 1, data = satdemoc)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-1.6927 -0.6927  0.3073  0.3073  1.3073 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept)  0.19270   0.01489   12.94   <2e-16 ***  
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.8374 on 3162 degrees of freedom
```

### (e) Calculate PRE

```
sat_sse_c <- deviance(sat_model_c)
sat_sse_a <- deviance(sat_model_a)
sat_pre <- (sat_sse_c - sat_sse_a) / sat_sse_c
sat_pre
```

```
[1] 0.05030462
```

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## Submission

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