
Building the Regression Model

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Outline





Data Collection and preparation

- How the data are collected? (Design, Nature of the study)
- Data consistency. (Plots and numerical summaries, logical relations)
- Is this data analysis-ready? (Format checking, file conversion, etc.)
- **GIGO** (Garbage In; Garbage Out.)

Objectives

- Reduction of explanatory or predictor variables
Find parsimonious model with good explanatory/prediction power. Trade-off.
 - Model refinement and selection
Choosing from many "good" models, checking the adequacy of the models, sensitivity of the models, fixing the weak spots.
 - Model Validation
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Selection-I.1

- $R_p^2 = 1 - \frac{SSE_p}{SSTO}$.

Selection-I.2

- AIC: Akaike's information criterion

$$\text{AIC}_p = -2 \ln \text{likelihood} + 2p \propto n \ln \text{SSE}_p - n \ln n + 2p.$$

ID models with smaller AIC.



Selection-III

General Linear Test Approach Given $Y | \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_2$
Should $\mathbf{X}_3, \dots, \mathbf{X}_5$ be added?.

Testing H_0 : Reduced vs H_1 : Full

- Fit the *full* model ($Y | \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_5$) and get $SSE(F)$, df_F
- Fit the *reduced* model ($Y | \mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_2$) and get $SSE(R)$, df_R

- Calculate

$$F = \frac{SSE(R) / df_R}{SSE(F) / df_F} \sim F_{df_R, df_F}$$

Then perform a α level test.

Comments

- No easy, clear-cut way to ID the best model
 - Usually, many "good" models rather than one best model
 - Respect the hierarchy of models
 - Higher order terms < lower order terms
($X^4 < X^1$)
 - Interaction terms < main effect terms
($X_1X_2 < X_1$ or X_2)
 - Chapter 10 Variable Selection of Faraway, J. (2002).
Also his Chapter 11 is highly recommended
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Improper functional form of a predictor

- Goal: Detect the suitable form of Y vs X_q while X_1, \dots, X_{q-1} in the model.
- Partial Regression Plots:
 $e(Y | X_1, \dots, X_{q-1})$ vs. $e(X_q | X_1, \dots, X_{q-1})$.
 - $e(Y | X_1, \dots, X_{q-1})$: residual of Y regresses on X_1, \dots, X_{q-1}
 - $e(X_q | X_1, \dots, X_{q-1})$: residual of X_q regresses on X_1, \dots, X_{q-1}
- Why bother?

Outliers-I

The model (fitted) shouldn't be affected by just a few points.

- LSE is EXTREMELY sensitive to outliers. ExampX0.
- Detection: Residual-based tests and plots towards outlying Y. Why? What to expect?

Semistudentized residual: Same scale (Naive).

$$\mathbf{e}_i^* = \frac{e_i}{\sqrt{MSE}}, \quad \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{Y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_i$$

Studentized residual: In the same scale (Refined).

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \frac{e_i}{\sqrt{MSE(1-h_{ii})}} \text{ since}$$

$$\mathbf{Cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{Cov}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}), \quad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'.$$

Deleted Residuals: With or Without You. Outlying Y.

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{Y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{i(i)}$$

Outliers-II

- Studentized Deleted Residual:

$$t_i = \frac{d_i}{s(d_i)} \text{ where } s(d_i) = \sqrt{\text{MSE}_{(i)}(1 - h_{ii})}$$

- Hat matrix Leverage values \rightarrow Outlying **X**

$$0 \leq h_{ii} \leq 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii} = p.$$

Influential obs

- $(\text{DFFITs})_i = \frac{\widehat{Y}_i - \widehat{Y}_{i(i)}}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}_{(i)} h_{ii}}}$ Flag: If $|\text{DFFITs}| > 1$ for
small/medium [13433] > 1

Multicollinearity: VIF

- Problems of MLCL: X , Extra SSR, $s(\hat{\cdot})$, nonsignificance
- Informal Diagnosis
 - Sensitive incl/exclud of X or data
 - Nonsignificance on important predictors
 - Wrong sign of estimated
 - Large coefficient in r_{XX} , Large R^2 among X
 - Wide confidence intervals of
- Variation Inflation Factor (TL^{-1}) VIF_k diagonal entry of r_{XX} .

$$(VIF)_k = (1 - R_k^2)^{-1},$$

R_k^2 : R^2 of X_k regressing on the other X 's.

Flag: Larger than 10 or $\gg VIF$

Model Validation

- Estimation/Fit the past; Predict the future
- Consistency with New Data
- Comparison with theoretical expectation, earlier empirical and simulation results
- Cross-Validation: Use of a holdout sample to check the model and predictive ability.

What's next?