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Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

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The state of the art

- Last 2 weeks we talked about simple linear regression, that is finding a best line through a bunch of data, and that's good for models where you have an output (or dependent, Y) variable depending on one input (or explanatory, x) variable.
- But the world is a very complex place, so we may have **more explanatory variables** affecting a dependent variable.
- What do you do if you have got a Y that depends on two or more explanatory (x) variables?

How can we model that?

How can we use linear algebra to find the **best fit**?

How we can **interpret** the obtained results?

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Examples of multiple linear regression problems:

EX 1 - REGIONAL DELIVERY SERVICES

Let's assume that you are a small business owner for Regional Delivery Service, Inc. (RDS) who offers same-day delivery for letters, packages, and other small cargo. You are able to use Google Maps to group individual deliveries into one trip to reduce time and fuel costs. Therefore some trips will have more than one delivery.

As the owner, you would like to be able to estimate how long a delivery will take based on two factors: 1) the total distance of the trip in miles and 2) the number of deliveries that must be made during the trip.

Examples of multiple linear regression problems:

EX 2 - CAKES TRADING COMPANY

A distributor of frozen dessert pies wants to develop a new brand. Before to do that, the general director (GD) needs to evaluate the factors influencing the demand of frozen pies. The company collected data about Pie sales (unit sold per week), the unit price (in \$) and the investment in advertising (in 100\$). At the moment the data are collected for 15 weeks and the company would like to estimate the total number of pies sold per week, based on two factors: 1) the unit price, and 2) the investment in advertising (made in the same week).

Example 1: definition of data and data variables

To conduct your analysis you take a random sample of 10 past trips and record three pieces of information for each trip: 1) total miles traveled, 2) number of deliveries, and 3) total travel time in hours.

milesTraveled, (x_1)	numDeliveries, (x_2)	travelTime(hrs), (y)	
89	4	7	P
66	1	5.4	7
78	3	6.6	
111	6	7.4	1
44	1	4.8	r
77	3	6.4	
80	3	7	1
66	2	5.6	r
109	5	7.3	
76	3	6.4	

Remember that in this case, you would like to be able to predict the total travel time using both the miles traveled and number of deliveries on each trip.

n what way does travel time DEPEND on the first two neasures?

Travel time is the *dependent variable* and miles traveled and number of deliveries are independent variables.

Note: Y = dependent variable; Xi = independent variables OR Y= response variable; Xi = predictor variables OR Y= output variable; Xi = input variables.

Multiple regression is an extension of simple linear regression



Having more independent variables complicates things a bit... Thus we need to make new considerations:

New considerations (1/2)

- Adding more independent variables to a multiple regression procedure does not mean the regression will be "better" or offer better predictions; in fact it can make things worse. This is called OVERFITTING.
- The addition of more independent variables creates more relationships among them. So not only are the independent variables potentially related to the dependent variable, they are also potentially related to each other. When this happens, it is called MULTICOLLINEARITY.
- The ideal is for all of the independent variables to be correlated with the dependent variable but NOT with each other.

New considerations (2/2)

- Because of multicollinearity and overfitting, there is a fair amount of prep-work to do BEFORE conducting multiple regression analysis if one is to do it properly.
 - Correlations
 - Scatter plots
 - Simple regressions

Running the Multiple Regression is the very last step

Multiple regression analysis: many relationship to deal with



We don't have just 2 relationship (independents – dependent)

We may discover also the relationship between the independents: we need to check for that to avoid the multicollinearity \rightarrow we need to guarantee that they are independent to each other

Multiple regression analysis: many relationship to deal with



- As each **independent** variable **is added**, the relationships may become very numerous.
- The ART of doing multiple regression **is deciding which independent variables make the cut** and which do not.
- Some independents variables, or set of independent variables, are better at predicting the dependent variable than other.
- Some contributes nothing.

Multiple regression analysis: many relationship to deal with

The ideal is for all the INDEPENDENT VARIABLES to be correlated with the dependent variable, but NOT WITH EACH OTHER

The model

Idea: Examine the linear relationship between 1 dependent (Y) & 2 or more independent (or explanatory) variables (X_i)

Multiple Regression Model with k Independent Variables:



The coefficients of the multiple regression model

are estimated using sample data

Multiple regression equation with k independent variables:





Example using numbers



Interpreting coefficients in MLRM

A numerical example

$$\hat{y} = 27 + 9x_1 + 12x_2$$

 $x_1 = \text{capital investment ($1000s)}$ $x_2 = \text{marketing expenditures ($1000s)}$ $\hat{y} = \text{predicted sales ($1000s)}$

In multiple regression, each coefficient is interpreted as the estimated change in y corresponding to a one unit change in a variable, when all other variables are held constant.

So in this example, \$9000 is an estimate of the expected increase in sales y, corresponding to a \$1000 increase in capital investment (x_1) when marketing expenditures (x_2) are held constant.

Or: for each increase of 1 unit (\$1000) in capital investment, we expect an increase of \$9'000 in sales, when marketing expenditures are held constant.

Using linear algebra to find the best fit

General Parametric Equation:

$$y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

Depends on Statistical Method

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

$$\hat{y} = \widehat{\beta_0} + \widehat{\beta_1} X_1 + \dots + \widehat{\beta_p} X_p$$

For n samples, number of operations = $n \times (p-1)^2$

To deal with a high number of variables and thus a high number of operations, computer tends to perform much easily using matrixes

Using matrixes:

 $y = X\beta + \epsilon \qquad \qquad \widehat{y} = X\widehat{\beta}$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1,1} + \beta_2 X_{1,2} + \dots + \beta_p X_{1,p} + \epsilon_1 \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{2,1} + \beta_2 X_{2,2} + \dots + \beta_p X_{2,p} + \epsilon_2 \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{3,1} + \beta_2 X_{3,2} + \dots + \beta_p X_{3,p} + \epsilon_3 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{n,1} + \beta_2 X_{n,2} + \dots + \beta_p X_{n,p} + \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, using this matrix form, how we can compute the coefficients?

We use exactly the same principle we used for LRM: minimizing the least square, but for this time using matrixes

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\beta} + \mathbf{\epsilon}$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \widehat{y_1} \\ y_2 - \widehat{y_2} \\ y_3 - \widehat{y_3} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ y_n - \widehat{y_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{y_1} \\ \widehat{y_2} \\ \widehat{y_3} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{y} - \widehat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 \longrightarrow RSS = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}$$

$$RSS = e^{T} e$$

$$RSS = (y - \hat{y})^{T} (y - \hat{y})$$

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

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

$$RSS = y^{T} y - y^{T} X\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta} X^{T} y + \hat{\beta}^{T} X^{T} X\hat{\beta}$$

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The aim of the Least Square method is to find out the Beta values that minimize this RSS (Error)

Matrix Differentiation

 $x = m \ge 1 \text{ matrix}$ $A = n \ge m \text{ matrix}; A \perp x$ $y = A \rightarrow \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = 0$ $y = Ax \rightarrow \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = A$ $y = xA \rightarrow \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = A^{T}$ $y = x^{T}Ax \rightarrow \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = 2x^{T}A$

$$RSS = \mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}X^{T}\mathbf{y} + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{T}X^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

$$\frac{\delta(RSS)}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} = \frac{\delta(\mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}X^{T}\mathbf{y} + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{T}X^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta(\mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{y})}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} - \frac{\delta(\mathbf{y}^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} - \frac{\delta(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}X^{T}\mathbf{y})}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} + \frac{\delta(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{T}X^{T}X\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{\delta\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} = 0$$

$$0 - \mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{X} - (\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{y})^{T} + 2\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{T}\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{X} = 0$$

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$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{T} = \mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1} \qquad \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{y}$$

Matrix Approach

We wish to find the vector of least squares estimators that minimizes:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_i^2 = \epsilon' \epsilon = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

The resulting least squares estimate is

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$

$$\widehat{y} = X\widehat{\beta} = X(X'X)^{-1}X'y$$
$$e = y - \widehat{y} = y - X(X'X)^{-1}X'y =$$
$$= [I - X(X'X)^{-1}X']y$$

• The least squares function is given by

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_{i}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_{i} - \beta_{0} - \sum_{j=1}^{k} \beta_{j} x_{ij} \right)^{2}$$

• The least squares estimates must satisfy

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_0}\Big|_{\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k} = -2\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\beta}_j x_{ij} \right) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_j}\Big|_{\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k} = -2\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \sum_{j=1}^k \hat{\beta}_j x_{ij}\right) x_{ij} = 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

• The least squares normal Equations are

$$\begin{split} n\hat{\beta}_{0} + \hat{\beta}_{1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1} &+ \hat{\beta}_{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i2} &+ \dots + \hat{\beta}_{k}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{i} \\ \hat{\beta}_{0}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1} + \hat{\beta}_{1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1}^{2} &+ \hat{\beta}_{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1}x_{i2} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_{k}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1}x_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i1}y_{i} \\ \vdots &\vdots &\vdots &\vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_{0}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik} + \hat{\beta}_{1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik}x_{i1} + \hat{\beta}_{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik}x_{i2} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_{k}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik}^{2} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{ik}y_{i} \end{split}$$

• The solution to the normal Equations are the **least** squares estimators of the regression coefficients.

Graphical representation



A case study guides our first interpretation

- A distributor of frozen dessert pies wants to evaluate factors thought to influence demand
 - Dependent variable: Pie sales (units per week)
- Data are collected for 15 weeks



Week	Pie Sales	Price (\$)	Advertising (\$100s)
1	350	5.50	3.3
2	460	7.50	3.3
3	350	8.00	3.0
4	430	8.00	4.5
5	350	6.80	3.0
6	380	7.50	4.0
7	430	4.50	3.0
8	470	6.40	3.7
9	450	7.00	3.5
10	490	5.00	4.0
11	340	7.20	3.5
12	300	7.90	3.2
13	440	5.90	4.0
14	450	5.00	3.5
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Multiple regression equation:

Sales =
$$b_0 + b_1$$
 (Price)
+ b_2 (Advertising)



Regression St	atistics	b	₁ = - 24.975 : sales	will decrease.	b ₂ = 74.131 : s	ales will increase.	
Multiple R	0.72213	0	on average, by 24.975 pies per wook for each \$1 increase in wook for each \$1 increase in				
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Price	-24.97509		10.83213	-2.30565	0.03979	-48.57626	-1.37392
Advertising	74.13096		25.96732	2.85478	0.01449	17.55303	130.70888

Predict sales for a week in which the selling price is \$5.50 and advertising is \$350:



• Reports the proportion of total variation in Y explained by all X variables taken together

$$r^{2} = \frac{SSR}{SST} = \frac{regression sum of squares}{total sum of squares}$$

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 Shows the proportion of variation in Y explained by all X variables adjusted for the number of X variables used and sample size

$$r_{adj}^{2} = 1 - \left[(1 - r^{2}) \left(\frac{n - 1}{n - k - 1} \right) \right]$$

(where n = sample size, k = number of independent variables)

- Penalize excessive use of unimportant independent variables
- Smaller than r²
- Useful in comparing among models

- F Test for Overall Significance of the Model
- Shows if there is a linear relationship between all of the X variables considered together and Y
- Use F-test statistic
- Hypotheses:

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{H}_0: \, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_k = 0 \ (\text{no linear relationship}) \\ & \mathsf{H}_1: \, \text{at least one} \ \beta_i \neq 0 \ (\text{at least one independent} \\ & \text{variable affects Y}) \end{split}$$

• Test statistic:

$$F_{STAT} = \frac{MSR}{MSE} = \frac{\frac{SSR}{k}}{\frac{SSE}{n-k-1}}$$

where
$$F_{STAT}$$
 has numerator d.f. = k and
denominator d.f. = $(n - k - 1)$

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Errors (residuals) from the regression model:

$$\mathbf{e}_{i} = (\mathbf{Y}_{i} - \mathbf{Y}_{i})$$

Assumptions:

- Independence of errors
 - Error values are statistically independent
- Normality of errors
 - Error values are normally distributed for any given set of X values
- Equal Variance (also called Homoscedasticity)
 - The probability distribution of the errors has constant variance

- These residual plots are used in multiple regression:
 - Residuals vs. \hat{Y}_i
 - Residuals vs. X_{1i}
 - Residuals vs. X_{2i}
 - Residuals vs. time (if time series data)

Use the residual plots to check for violations of regression assumptions

- Use t tests of individual variable slopes
- Shows if there is a linear relationship between the variable X_j and Y holding constant the effects of other X variables
- Hypotheses:

 $- H_0$: β_j = 0 (no linear relationship) $- H_1$: β_j ≠ 0 (linear relationship does exist between X_i and Y)

(continued)

$$\begin{split} H_0: \beta_j &= 0 \text{ (no linear relationship)} \\ H_1: \beta_j \neq 0 \text{ (linear relationship does exist} \\ & \text{between } X_j \text{ and } Y \text{)} \end{split}$$

Test Statistic:

$$t_{STAT} = \frac{b_j - 0}{S_{b_j}}$$

$$(df = n - k - 1)$$

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Multicollinearity (also collinearity) occurs when two or more explanatory variables of the multiple regression model are highly correlated

In the presence of multicollinearity the coefficients estimates can change with high variability as a consequence of small changes in the data (<u>low efficiency</u>).

Perfect multicollinearity $\Rightarrow X$ matrix is singular and cannot be inverted \Rightarrow least square estimates cannot be computed

One way to detect multicollinearity is by computing the variance inflaction factors

$$VIF(\mathbf{\beta}_j) = \frac{1}{(1 - R_j^2)}$$
 $j = 1, 2, ..., k$

 R_j^2 : coefficient of determination of the regression of X_j on all the other explanatory variables

A VIF greater than or equal to 5 indicates a multicollinearity problem

In the presence of multicollinearity one or more explanatory variables should be removed by the model

Example: VIF(Price)=VIF(Advertising)= $1/(1-R_1^2)= 1/(1-0.0009264^2) \cong 1$ Price and Advertising are almost uncorrelated \Rightarrow absence of collinearity Regression analysis general procedure

- Specification of the multiple regression model
- Test the significance of the multiple regression model
- Test the significance of the regression coefficents
- Discuss adjusted r²
- Use residual plots to check model assumptions

Exercises using R

In class exercise

Open R Using the dataset "torta", perform a MLRM

Central question:

Are the total sales affected by price and advertising?

Note: Price is expressed in \$ Advertise is expressed in 100\$

Problem 1 - Passito

- Perform a multiple regression analysis for predicting LIKE_PAS as function of LIKE_AROMA, LIKE_SWEET, LIKE_ALCOHOL and LIKE_TASTE
- Predict the value of LIKE_PAS when LIKE_AROMA=LIKE_ALCOHOL=5
 LIKE_TASTE=LIKE_SWEET=6

Problem 2 - Hotel

- Perform a multiple regression analysis for predicting *Price* as function of *Cleanliness* and *Courtesy*
- Predict the value of *Price* when *Cleanliness*=80 and *Courtesy*=40

Problem 3 - Mall

- Perform a multiple regression analysis for predicting *Product_assortment* as function of *Temp_Level*, *Brightness*, *Salesman* and *Music_volume*
- Predict the value of Product_assortment when Temp_Level=-50, Brightness=20, Salesman=30 and Music_volume=-70

Problem 4 - Students

- Perform a multiple regression analysis for predicting *Econometrics* as function of *Statistics* and *Mathematics*
- Predict the value of *Econometrics* when *Statistics=8* and *Mathematics=7*