

Prediction intervals with R

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> kars = read.table("http://www.utstat.utoronto.ca/~brunner/data/legal/mcars4.data")
> head(kars); attach(kars)
  Cntry lper100k weight length
1    US    19.8   2178   5.92
2 Japan    9.9   1026   4.32
3    US   10.8   1188   4.27
4    US   12.5   1444   5.11
5    US   12.5   1485   5.03
6    US   12.5   1485   5.03
> contrasts(Cntry)
      Japan US
Europ    0  0
Japan    1  0
US       0  1
> fullmodel = lm(lper100k ~ weight + length + Cntry)
> summary(fullmodel)
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Call:

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lm(formula = lper100k ~ weight + length + Cntry)
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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-4.5063	-0.8813	0.0147	1.3043	2.9432

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-5.789215	2.855736	-2.027	0.045441	*
weight	0.005457	0.001472	3.707	0.000352	***
length	2.345968	0.980329	2.393	0.018676	*
CntryJapan	0.506517	0.660158	0.767	0.444826	
CntryUS	-1.487722	0.575633	-2.584	0.011274	*

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Residual standard error: 1.703 on 95 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7431, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7323

F-statistic: 68.71 on 4 and 95 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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> fullmodel$df.residual # n-k-1
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[1] 95
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> ##### Predictions, confidence intervals and prediction intervals #####
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> # Predict litres per 100 km for a Japanese car weighing
> # 1295kg, 4.52m long (1990 Toyota Camry)
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> b = fullmodel$coefficients; b
(Intercept)      weight      length  CntryJapan      CntryUS
-5.789214693  0.005456609  2.345968436  0.506517030 -1.487721833
> ell = c(1,1295,4.52,1,0)
> yhat = sum(ell*b); # ell-prime b
> yhat
[1] 12.38739
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> # Confidence interval for E(ell-prime beta)
> # First the hard way

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$$\ell' \mathbf{b} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\ell' s^2 (X'X)^{-1} \ell}$$

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> tcrit = qt(0.975,df=fullmodel$df.residual) # t_alpha/2
> MSE.XpXinv = vcov(fullmodel)
> ell = as.matrix(ell) # Now it's a column vector
> me95 = tcrit * sqrt( as.numeric(t(ell) %% MSE.XpXinv %% ell) )
> lower95 = yhat - me95; upper95 = yhat + me95
> c(lower95, upper95) # 95% Confidence interval for ell-prime beta
[1] 11.37128 13.40349
>
> # Use the predict function
> # help(predict.lm)
>
> camry1990 = data.frame(weight=1295,length=4.52,Cntry='Japan')
> camry1990
  weight length Cntry
1  1295   4.52 Japan
> predict(fullmodel,newdata=camry1990) # Compare yhat = 12.38739
      1
12.38739
> predict(fullmodel,newdata=camry1990, interval='confidence')
      fit      lwr      upr
1 12.38739 11.37128 13.40349

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> # With 95 percent prediction interval (95 is default)
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$$\ell' \mathbf{b} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{s^2 (1 + \ell' (X'X)^{-1} \ell)}$$

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> predict(fullmodel, newdata=camry1990, interval='prediction')
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      fit      lwr      upr
1 12.38739  8.856608 15.91817
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> # Multiple predictions
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> cadillac1990 = data.frame(weight=1800, length=5.22, Cntry='US')
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> volvo1990 = data.frame(weight=1371, length=4.823, Cntry='Europ')
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> newcars = rbind(camry1990, cadillac1990, volvo1990); newcars
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  weight length Cntry
1  1295   4.520 Japan
2  1800   5.220   US
3  1371   4.823 Europ
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> is.data.frame(newcars)
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[1] TRUE
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> predict(fullmodel, newdata=newcars, interval='prediction')
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      fit      lwr      upr
1 12.38739  8.856608 15.91817
2 14.79091 11.354379 18.22745
3 13.00640  9.481598 16.53121
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