

STA 302f13 Assignment Eleven¹

Please bring your printout for Question 6 to the quiz. The other questions are just practice for the quiz, and are not to be handed in.

1. For this question, the *uncentered* regression model refers to

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{ik} + \epsilon_i,$$

and the *centered* regression model refers to

$$Y_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1(x_{i1} - \bar{x}_1) + \cdots + \alpha_k(x_{ik} - \bar{x}_k) + \epsilon_i.$$

- (a) Give $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k$ in terms of β_0, \dots, β_k .
 - (b) Give β_0, \dots, β_k in terms of $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k$.
 - (c) When fitting the uncentered model by ordinary least squares, the quantity $Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{i1} - \cdots - \beta_k x_{ik})^2$ reaches its unique minimum when $\beta_0 = \hat{\beta}_0, \beta_1 = \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \beta_k = \hat{\beta}_k$. Show that this same minimum is reached for the centered model when $\alpha_0 = \bar{Y}, \alpha_1 = \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \alpha_k = \hat{\beta}_k$.
 - (d) Why is it clear that you could estimate β_1, \dots, β_k by centering Y as well as the X variables, and then fitting a regression through the origin?
2. Consider again the **furnace** data set described in Assignment 10. The model will have Y = average energy consumption with vent damper in and vent damper out, and the independent variables are age of house (X_1), chimney area (X_2) and furnace type (4 categories). There should be no interactions in your model, and *this time the covariates X_1 and X_2 are centered*.
 - (a) Write $E[Y|\mathbf{X}_c]$ for your model. Of course only X_1 and X_2 are centered.
 - (b) Make a table with four rows, showing *estimated* expected energy consumption (\hat{Y}) for houses of average (sample mean) age and average (sample mean) chimney area. There is one estimate for each furnace type. Give your answer in terms of $\hat{\beta}$ values based on your model.

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3. As in Assignment 10, the performance of High School History students is the dependent variable in a regression with the following variables:

X_1 Equals 1 if the class uses the discovery-oriented curriculum, and equals 0 if the class uses the memory-oriented curriculum.

X_2 Average parents' education for the classroom

X_3 Average parents' income for the classroom

X_4 Number of university History courses taken by the teacher

X_5 Teacher's final cumulative university grade point average

Y Class median score on the standardized history test.

The variables X_2 through X_5 are centered this time.

- (a) Write the equation for a regression model that includes interaction terms allowing the possibility that the two regression planes (one for the discovery-oriented curriculum and one for the memory-oriented curriculum) are not parallel.
- (b) Make a table with two rows, showing the expected performance for each curriculum type.
- (c) In terms of the β coefficients of your model, what null hypothesis would you test to answer each of the following questions?
 - i. Are the two regression planes parallel?
 - ii. Holding the covariates constant at their sample mean values, is average performance different for the two curriculum type?
- (d) Write the above two null hypotheses in matrix form as $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{t}$.
- (e) In terms of $\hat{\beta}$ values, give the estimated expected performance for students in classes that are average on X_2 through X_5 . Give one answer for the discovery-oriented curriculum and one for the memory-oriented curriculum.

4. In the usual univariate multiple regression model, the \mathbf{X} is an $n \times (k+1)$ matrix of known constants. But of course in practice, the independent variables are often random, not fixed. Clearly, if the model holds *conditionally* upon the values of the independent variables, then all the usual results hold, again conditionally upon the particular values of the independent variables. The probabilities (for example, p -values) are conditional probabilities, and the F statistic does not have an F distribution, but a conditional F distribution, given $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$.
- Show that the least-squares estimator $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$ is conditionally unbiased. You've done this before.
 - Show that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is also unbiased unconditionally.
 - A similar calculation applies to the significance level of a hypothesis test. Let F be the test statistic (say for an F -test comparing full and reduced models), and f_c be the critical value. If the null hypothesis is true, then the test is size α , conditionally upon the independent variable values. That is, $P(F > f_c | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \alpha$. Find the *unconditional* probability of a Type I error. Assume that the independent variables are discrete, so you can write a multiple sum.
5. Consider the following model with random independent variables. Independently for $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= \alpha + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ik} + \epsilon_i \\ &= \alpha + \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}_i + \epsilon_i, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \begin{pmatrix} X_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{ik} \end{pmatrix}$$

and \mathbf{X}_i is independent of ϵ_i .

Here, the symbol α is used differently than in Question 1. This time it's the intercept of an uncentered model; and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ does not include the intercept. The "independent" variables $\mathbf{X}_i = (X_{i1}, \dots, X_{ik})'$ are not statistically independent. They have the symmetric and positive definite $k \times k$ covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x = [\sigma_{ij}]$, which need not be diagonal. They also have the $k \times 1$ vector of expected values $\boldsymbol{\mu}_x = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)'$.

- Let $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}$ denote the $k \times 1$ matrix of covariances between Y_i and X_{ij} for $j = 1, \dots, k$. Calculate $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} = C(\mathbf{X}_i, Y_i)$, obtaining $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x \boldsymbol{\beta}$.
- Solve the equation above for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ in terms of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{xy}$.
- Using the expression you just obtained and letting $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_x$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{xy}$ denote matrices of *sample* variances and covariances, what would be a reasonable estimator of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ that you could calculate from sample data?

- (d) To see that your “reasonable” (Method of Moments) estimator is actually the usual one, first verify that the matrix $\frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c$ is a sample variance-covariance matrix. Show some calculations. What about $\frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{Y}_c$?
- (e) In terms of $\widehat{\Sigma}_x$ and $\widehat{\Sigma}_{xy}$, what is $\widehat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{X}_c)^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_c \mathbf{Y}_c$?
6. Please return to the Census Tract data of Assignments Seven and Ten. This time, fit a regression model in which crime rate is a function of just `docs` and `region`, but `docs` is centered and there are interactions in the full model. Remember that for `region`, 1=Northeast, 2=North Central, 3=South and 4=West. Make Northeast the reference category.
- (a) Estimate the expected crime rate for each region when the number of doctors is held constant at the sample mean level. Your answer is a set of four numbers.
- (b) Carry out tests to answer the following questions. In each case, be able to give the value of the test statistic (t or F), the p -value, state a conclusion in plain, non-technical language — except for the last one, where the answer is just Yes or No.
- i. For census tracts with an average (sample mean) number of doctors, is there a difference in expected crime rate between the Northeast and West regions?
 - ii. For census tracts with an average (sample mean) number of doctors, is there a difference in expected crime rate between the Northeast and South regions?
 - iii. For census tracts with an average (sample mean) number of doctors, is there a difference in expected crime rate between the North Central and South regions?
 - iv. For census tracts with an average (sample mean) number of doctors, is there a difference in expected crime rate between the North Central and West regions?
 - v. For census tracts with an average (sample mean) number of doctors, is there a difference in expected crime rate between the South and West regions?
 - vi. Are the regression lines for the Northeast and South regions parallel?
 - vii. Is there evidence that the regression lines for the four regions are not parallel?

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