

# Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) Study Notes

MLR – response variable Y is related to MORE THAN ONE EXPLANATORY VARIABLE

$$\text{FIRST ORDER MODEL: } y = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3x_3 + \varepsilon$$

Highest exponent of any X = 1

(Order is determined by highest exponent of the INDEPENDENT VARIABLES)

$$\text{SECOND ORDER MODELS: } y = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2^2 + \beta_3x_3 + \varepsilon$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3x_1x_2 + \varepsilon$$

“cross-product” or “Interaction” terms

These are LINEAR models because their  $\beta$  parameters are linear, (not the independent variables).

i.e. these are NOT LINEAR MODELS:  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2^2x_2 + \varepsilon$  ;  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_0e^{\beta_1x_1} + \varepsilon$

## Steps in MLR

- 1) In general too challenging to scatterplot by hand, go to step 2
- 2) STATE MODEL (i.e.  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3x_3 + \varepsilon$ ), AND ASSUMPTIONS:
  - a.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  are **OBSERVED WITHOUT ERROR** (it is ok if they are RELATED)
  - b.  $y$ 's and errors ( $\varepsilon$ ) are **INDEPENDENTLY DISTRIBUTED** so that:  
mean of  $y = E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \dots, \beta_kx_k$   
in other words,  $E(\varepsilon) = 0$
  - c.  $y$ 's (or  $\varepsilon$ 's) have **CONSTANT VARIANCE**,  $\sigma^2$  for any value of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  etc.
  - d. Response variables ( $y$ ) and errors ( $\varepsilon$ ) are **NORMALLY DISTRIBUTED**:  
 $y \cong N(E(y), \sigma^2)$  or  $\varepsilon \cong N(0, \sigma^2)$  for every value of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$
- 3) Use the sample to find the least squares fitted line:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2x_2 + \hat{\beta}_3x_3$
- 4) Perform RESIDUAL ANALYSIS to check for any violations of the assumptions
- 5) test whether a a LINEAR relationship exists (F-TEST MODEL)
- 6) If Linear relationship exists (or in the case of F-Partial test, if parameters:
  - a. Calculate  $r^2$  to determine how much variability belongs to regression vs error
  - b. Calculate  $r^2$ -adjusted to determine how good the model is
    - i. If the model is not good, perform **CRITERION TESTS** to determine which parameters to keep
    - ii. Go back to step 5 and Test the PARTIAL model vs the FULL model in F-PARTIAL (or F-DROP) test.
  - c. If  $H_0$  for FULL MODEL F-TEST is REJECTED (i.e. a Linear relationship exists), use  $\hat{y}$  to estimate  $E(y)$ , or prediction of future value. (Plug numbers found for parameters into equation)

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**Interpretation of Parameters: (only true if all x's are independent and FIRST ORDER MODEL)**

$\beta_0$  = y-intercept

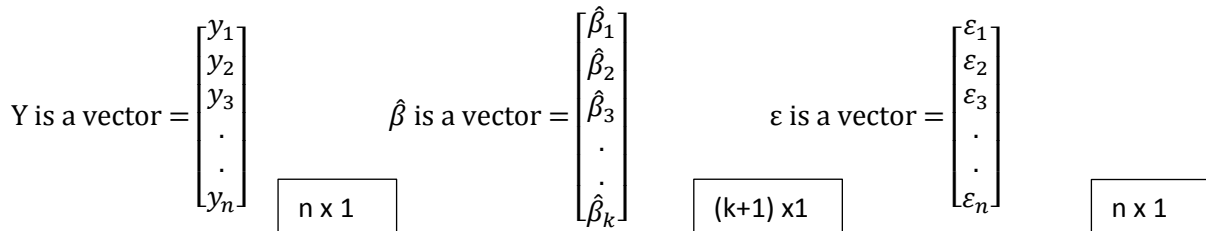
$\beta_j, (j=1,k)$  are **PARTIAL SLOPES** and represent the CHANGE IN THE AVERAGE VALUE OF y for a UNIT CHANGE in  $x_j$ , holding all other x's constant.

**Least Squares Method for MLR**

$$SSE = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \dots, \beta_k x_{ik}))^2$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \epsilon \rightarrow Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad \text{Matrix notation}$$

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k x_k + \epsilon \rightarrow \hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta} \quad \text{Matrix notation}$$



x is a DESIGN MATRIX or MATRIX of CONSTANTS:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{14} & \dots & x_{1k} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} & x_{24} & \dots & x_{2k} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} & x_{34} & \dots & x_{3k} \\ x_{41} & x_{42} & x_{43} & x_{44} & \dots & x_{4k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & x_{n3} & x_{n4} & \dots & x_{nk} \end{bmatrix}$$
n x (k+1)

Y is the VECTOR of RESPONSE variables

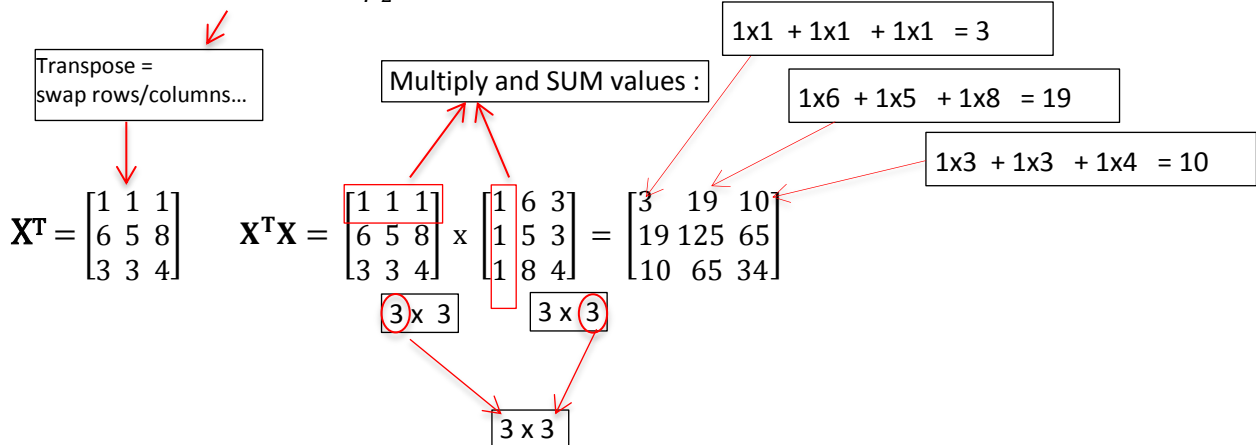
$\hat{\beta}$  is the vector of PARAMETER ESTIMATES

Normal equations can be written as  $(X^T X)\hat{\beta} = X^T Y \rightarrow \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} (X^T Y)$

**Must solve k+1 normal equations**

eg.  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \epsilon$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 30 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_0 \\ \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$



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To calculate INVERSE  $(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ , use IDENTITY MATRIX:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 19 & 10 \\ 19 & 125 & 65 \\ 10 & 65 & 34 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 4 & -15 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \\ -15 & -5 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 30 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 86 \\ 548 \\ 289 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 25 + 1 \times 30 + 1 \times 31 &= 86 \\ 6 \times 25 + 5 \times 30 + 8 \times 31 &= 548 \\ 3 \times 35 + 3 \times 30 + 4 \times 31 &= 289 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 4 & -15 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \\ -15 & -5 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 86 \\ 548 \\ 289 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_0 &= 7 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 &= -5 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T = [7 \quad -5 \quad 16]$$

regression line:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{y} = 7 - 5x_1 + 16x_2 + \varepsilon$

$$\text{SSR} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{Y}) = [7 \quad -5 \quad 16] \times \begin{bmatrix} 86 \\ 548 \\ 289 \end{bmatrix} = (7 \times 86) + (-5 \times 548) + (16 \times 289) = 2486$$

**FITTED LEAST SQUARES REGRESSION EQUATION (know this!):  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$**

AKA: LEAST SQUARES FITTED EQUATION or LEAST SQUARES REGRESSION EQUATION or LEAST SQUARES PREDICTION EQUATION

For a model with INTERACTION TERMS: I.E.

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 x_1 x_2 + \varepsilon$$

where  $x_2 = 1$  if type A

$x_2 = 0$  if type B

The regressions are as follows:

For type A:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2(1) + \hat{\beta}_3 x_1(1) + \varepsilon$  OR  $\hat{y} = (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_2) + (\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_3) x_1 + \varepsilon$

For type B:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2(0) + \hat{\beta}_3 x_1(0) + \varepsilon$  OR  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \varepsilon$

Therefore:  $\hat{\beta}_0 \rightarrow$  the **INTERCEPT** of line A

Therefore:  $\hat{\beta}_1 \rightarrow$  the **SLOPE** of line A

Therefore:  $\hat{\beta}_2 = (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_2) - \hat{\beta}_0 \rightarrow$  the difference in **y-INTERCEPTS** between type A and B lines

Therefore:  $\hat{\beta}_3 = (\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_3) - \hat{\beta}_1 \rightarrow$  the difference in **SLOPES** between type A and B lines  
(crossproduct interaction terms are always diff in slope)

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## ANOVA

Source of variation	df	SS	MS	F
Regression	k	SSR	MSR = SSR/df	MSR/MSE
Error	n-(k+1)	SSE	MSE = SSE/df	
Total	n-1			

k = number of parameters (not including  $\beta_0$ )

n = number of measurements in the sample

### **F-TEST: FULL MODEL – testing the LINEAR RELATIONSHIP significance**

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_k = 0 \quad H_a: \text{At least one of the } \beta\text{'s is } \neq 0$$

The degrees of freedom for **FULL F-TEST** are  $F_{\alpha}(df_{SSR}, df_{SSE})$ .

**Rejection Region:** When **F-TEST**  $\geq$  **F-TABLE** ( $df_{SSR}, df_{SSE}$ )

**If we reject  $H_0$**  we can conclude that at the  $\alpha*100$  level of significance **there is evidence that the model is significant** – i.e. that there is a **linear relationship between y and at least one of the x's**.

### **F-TEST: PARTIAL MODEL – testing the significance of VARIABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MODEL**

$$H_0: \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0 \text{ (}\beta\text{'s dropped)} \quad H_a: \text{At least one of the } \beta\text{'s is } \neq 0$$

The degrees of freedom for **PARTIAL F-TEST** are ( $df_{SSR(REduced)}$ ,  $df_{SSE(FULL)}$ ).

**Rejection Region:** When **F-PARTIAL**  $\geq$  **F-TABLE** ( $\alpha, (df_{SSR(REduced)}, df_{SSE(FULL)})$ )

**If we reject  $H_0$**  we can conclude that at the  $\alpha*100$  level of significance **there is evidence that the PARAMETERS** in question (dropped in the reduced model) **contribute to the model**.

### **T-TEST: Test for SPECIFIC PARAMETER CONTRIBUTION to the MODEL**

$$\text{For } \beta_k \text{ contribution to the model: } H_0: \beta_k = 0 \quad H_a: \beta_k \neq 0$$

**Rejection Region:** When **|t-TEST|**  $>$  **t-TABLE**<sub>( $\alpha/2, n-(k+1)$ )</sub>

**If we reject  $H_0$**  we can conclude that at the  $\alpha*100$  level of significance **there is evidence that the PARAMETER** tested **contributes to the model**.

### **$r^2$ and $r^2$ -adjusted**

$r^2$  – explains what percentage of the variation in the data is due to **REGRESSION (vs error)**

**$r^2$ -adjusted** – tests the **fitness of the model** - if lower than  $r^2$  and/or if prior t-test shows that parameters do not contribute, we can conclude the model isn't very good. If  $r^2$ -adjusted is close to 1 then the model is likely pretty good.

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## METHODS FOR CHOOSING MODEL PARAMETERS

### MAXIMUM $r^2$ CRITERION

- 1) Calculate  $r^2$  for every model version. Take model with 2<sup>nd</sup> highest  $r^2$  (i.e. full is usually highest – take next highest), unless there is a HUGE jump, in which case, take FULL
- 2) If two models have similar  $r^2$  then calculate  $r^2$ -adjusted and take the one with the higher value. ( $r^2$ -adjusted DROPS if unimportant vars are in the model)
- 3) since  $r^2 = SSR/TSS$ , you can quickly determine that the model with the largest SSR will have the highest  $r^2$

### MINIMUM MSE CRITERION

Min MSE = MAX  $r^2 \rightarrow TSS = SSR+SSE$  Therefore the one with the max  $r^2$  will have the minimum SSE  
(when I have high SSR, I will have low SSE)  
Equivalent to MAX  $r^2$

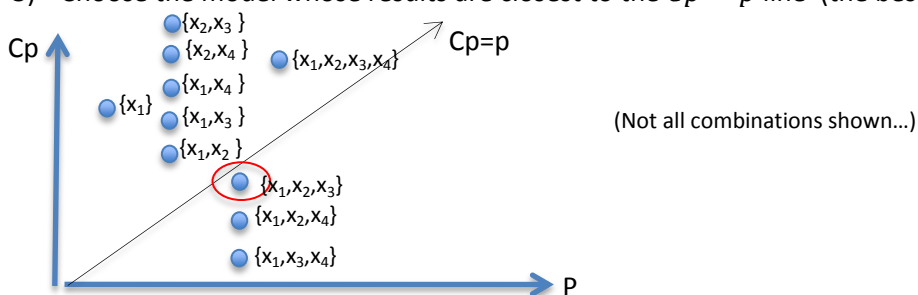
### MALLOWS $C_p$ CRITERION

Measures difference of a fitted regression line ( $\hat{y}$  from  $y$ ) from the TRUE model, along with RANDOM ERROR

$$C_p = \frac{SSE_p}{MSE_f} - (n - 2p) \quad \text{where } p \text{ is the number of parameters in the model, including } \beta_0$$

and  $SSE_p$  is the SSE of the model with  $p$  parameters.

- 1) Calculate  $C_p$  for every possible model combination (arduous!)
- 2) **Plot  $p$  vs  $C_p$**
- 3) Choose the model whose results are closest to the  $C_p = p$  line (the best fitting)



### RESIDUAL ANALYSIS

Plot of  $y_i$  vs  $e_i \rightarrow$  tests violations of INDEPENDENCE  
Plot of  $x_i$  vs  $e_i \rightarrow$  tests violations of CONSTANT VARIANCE  
Histogram of errors  $\rightarrow$  tests violations of NORMALITY