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Regression - practice questions

EXERCISE 1

Data have been collected for 19 observations of two variables, y and x , in order to run a regression of y on x . You are given that $s_y = 10$, $\sum_{i=1}^{19} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = 180$.

- a. Compute the proportion of the variation in y that can be explained by x . [Ans. 0.90]
- b. Compute the standard error of the estimate (s_e). [Ans. 3.25]

EXERCISE 2

Data on y and x were collected to run a regression of y on x . The intercept is included. You are given the following: $\bar{x} = 76$, $\bar{y} = 880$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 6800$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = 14200$, $r_{xy} = 0.72$, $s_e = 20.13$.

- a. What is the value of $\hat{\beta}_1$? [Ans. 2.088]
- b. What is the value of $\hat{\beta}_0$? [Ans. 721.312]
- c. What is the value of $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$? [Ans. 57188]
- d. What is the sample size n ? [Ans. 70]

EXERCISE 3

Consider the following data:

y	x
y_{11}	1
y_{21}	1
y_{31}	1
⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮
y_{n11}	1
y_{12}	0
y_{22}	0
y_{32}	0
⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮
y_{n22}	0

These data concern the regression of y on x , but x here indicates group membership. If $x = 1$ then the corresponding y value belongs to group 1, and if $x = 0$ the corresponding y value belongs to group 2. There are n_1 observations in group 1 and n_2 observations in group 2, a total of $n = n_1 + n_2$ observations. The formulas that we discussed in class on simple regression apply here as well. But there is an interesting result about $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$. It is easy to see that $\bar{x} = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_2}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = n_1$, and $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2 = n_1^2$. Answer the following questions:

- a. Show that $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$.
- b. Show that $\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2$, and $\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y}_2$, where \bar{y}_1 is the sample mean of the y values in group 1 and \bar{y}_2 is the sample mean of the y values in group 2.
- c. For a particular data set it is given that $n_1 = 15$, $n_2 = 10$, $s_y^2 = 0.8$, $\bar{y}_1 = -0.46$, and $\bar{y}_2 = 0.28$. Compute R^2 .

EXERCISE 4

Answer the following questions:

- Consider the simple regression of y on x . Suppose we transform the x values using $x_i = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x}$ and the y values using $y_i = \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y}$. Is it true that the estimated slope is $\hat{\beta}_1 = r$ (correlation coefficient)? Please explain your answer mathematically (use the formulas to show if this is true).
- Refer to question (a). Find $\hat{\beta}_0$?
- Let $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$ be the estimated slope and intercept of the simple regression of y on x . If we multiply the y variable by 5 and the x variable by 4 and we regress $5y$ on $4x$ give the new estimates of the slope and intercept in terms of $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$. Show all your work.
- Refer to question (c). Will R^2 of the regression of $5y$ on $5x$ be the same with the R^2 of the regression of y on x ? Please explain your answer mathematically.
- Suppose in a simple regression of y on x it happens that $\bar{x} = 0$. Find $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$. For the same data set, find the new estimates of $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$ in terms of the old ones if we multiply the x variable by 4.

EXERCISE 5

Answer the following questions:

- You are given the following information on two variables (ppm of Cadmium and Cobalt at 359 spatial locations):

summary(a)

	Cd		Co
Min.	:0.1350	Min.	: 1.552
1st Qu.:	0.6525	1st Qu.:	6.660
Median	:1.1000	Median	: 9.840
Mean	:1.2882	Mean	: 9.439
3rd Qu.:	1.6800	3rd Qu.:	12.100
Max.	:5.1290	Max.	:20.600

var(a\$Cd)

0.7380493

var(a\$Co)

12.73241

#First 3 observations of the data set:

head(a)

	Cd	Co
1	1.570	8.28
2	2.045	10.80
3	1.203	12.00
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.	.	.
.	.	.

Consider the regression of Cd on Co. Compute the leverage value of the first data point. Is it a high leverage point? Explain.

- Data on 6 pairs of x and y gave the following information:
 $\sum_{i=1}^6 x_i = 9.545$, $\sum_{i=1}^6 y_i = 61.668$, $\sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^2 = 15.78468$, $\sum_{i=1}^6 y_i^2 = 719.9573$, $\sum_{i=1}^6 x_i y_i = 96.43722$.
It was discovered that the last pair of x, y values (1.565, 3.508) was not part of the data set and it was deleted. Find $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_0$ after the last pair was deleted from the data set.
- Refer to question (b). Find R^2 using the data set after the last pair was deleted from the data set.