

L12 Estimation and prediction

1. Estimator and predictor

(1) Unknown random variable and unknown parameter

Consider model $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_k x_k + \epsilon$ with $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

With $x'_0 = (1, x_{01}, \cdots, x_{0k})$,

$y(x_0) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{0k} + \epsilon \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{0k}, \sigma^2)$,

a future response, is an unknown random variable.

But $E[y(x_0)] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{0k}$ is an unknown parameter.

$y(x_0) = x'_0 \beta + \epsilon$ and $E(y(x_0)) = x'_0 \beta$.

(2) Estimator and predictor

If $E[y(x_0)] = x'_0 \beta$ is estimated by statistic T , then T is an estimator for $E[y(x_0)] = x'_0 \beta$.

If $y(x_0)$ is “estimated” by statistic T , then T is a predictor for $y(x_0)$.

(3) Unbiased estimator and unbiased predictor

T is an unbiased estimator (UE) for $E[y(x_0)]$ if $E(T) = E[y(x_0)]$.

T is an unbiased predictor (UP) for $y(x_0)$ if $E[T - y(x_0)] = 0$.

(4) Equivalency

T is UE for $E[y(x_0)] \iff T$ is UP for $y(x_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{Proof. } T \text{ is UE for } E[y(x_0)] &\stackrel{def}{\iff} E(T) = E[y(x_0)] \iff E(T) - E[y(x_0)] = 0 \\ &\iff E[T - y(x_0)] = 0 \stackrel{def}{\iff} T \text{ is UP for } y(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Ex1: Let $\hat{y}(x_0) = x'_0 \hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{0k}$.

Then $E[\hat{y}(x_0)] = E[x'_0 \hat{\beta}] = x'_0 \beta = E[y(x_0)]$.

So $\hat{y}(x_0)$ is an UE for $E[y(x_0)]$. By (3) $\hat{y}(x_0)$ is also UP for $y(x_0)$.

Comment: $\hat{y}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and $\hat{y}(x_0)$ are predictors for $y_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and $y(x_0)$.

This is why SAS “proc reg; model y=x1 x2/p;” produces $\hat{y}_i, \dots$, and $\hat{y}(x_0)$.

2. Confidence interval and prediction interval

(1) Confidence intervals

Recall: If $(L_1, U_1), (-\infty, U_2)$ and (L_2, ∞) are random intervals such that

$P(L < E[y(x_0)] < U) \geq 1 - \alpha, P(-\infty < E[y(x_0)] < U_2) \geq 1 - \alpha$ and

$P(L_2 < E[y(x_0)] < \infty) \geq 1 - \alpha$, then they are two-sided, lower-sided and upper-sided confidence intervals for $E[y(x_0)]$ with confidence coefficient $1 - \alpha$.

(2) Prediction intervals

If $(L_1, U_1), (-\infty, U_2)$ and (L_2, ∞) are random intervals such that

$P(L < y(x_0) < U) \geq 1 - \alpha, P(-\infty < y(x_0) < U_2) \geq 1 - \alpha$ and

$P(L_2 < y(x_0) < \infty) \geq 1 - \alpha$, then they are two-sided, lower-sided and upper-sided prediction intervals for $y(x_0)$ with confidence coefficient $1 - \alpha$.

(3) A framework

If T and S are two statistics such that $\frac{T - y(x_0)}{S} \sim t(df)$, then $T \pm t_{\alpha/2}(df)S$,

$(-\infty, T + t_{\alpha}(df)S)$ and $(T - t_{\alpha}(df)S, \infty)$ are PIs for $y(x_0)$ with confidence coefficient $1 - \alpha$.

Proof. We show second one.

$$\begin{aligned}
1 - \alpha &= P(-t_\alpha(df) < t(df) < \infty) = P\left(-t_\alpha(df) < \frac{T - y(x_0)}{S} < \infty\right) \\
&= P\left(t_\alpha(df) > \frac{y(x_0) - T}{S} > -\infty\right) = P(T + t_\alpha(df)S > y(x_0) > -\infty) \\
&= P(-\infty < y(x_0) < T + t_\alpha(df)S).
\end{aligned}$$

3. Formulas for PIs for $y(x_0)$

- (1) $\hat{y}(x_0)$ and $S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}$
 $\hat{y}(x_0) = x_0' \hat{\beta} \sim N(x_0' \beta, \sigma^2 x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0)$ and $y(x_0) \sim N(x_0' \beta, \sigma^2)$ are independent.
 So $\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0) \sim N(0, \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0)$
 where $\text{var}(\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)) = \text{var}(\hat{y}(x_0)) + \text{var}(y(x_0)) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0$
 has UE $S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}^2 = \text{MSE} [1 + x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0]$.
 $S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}$ is called the standard error of $\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)$.
- (2) $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}} \sim t(n - p)$
 $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 [1 + x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0]}} \sim N(0, 1^2)$ is independent to $\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n - p)$.
 So $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 [1 + x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0]}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} / (n - p)}} \sim t(n - p)$
 Thus $\frac{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}{S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}} \sim t(n - p)$.

(3) Formulas for PIs for $y(x_0)$

$\hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n - p) S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}$	is a $1 - \alpha$ PI for $y(x_0)$
$(-\infty, \hat{y}(x_0) + t_\alpha(n - p) S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)})$	is a $1 - \alpha$ lower-sided PI for $y(x_0)$
$(\hat{y}(x_0) - t_\alpha(n - p) S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)}, \infty)$	is a $1 - \alpha$ PI for $y(x_0)$

$$\hat{y}(x_0) = x_0' \hat{\beta} = \begin{cases} \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{0k} & \text{With intercept} \\ \hat{\beta}_1 x_{01} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{0k} & \text{Without intercept} \end{cases}$$

$$S_{\hat{y}(x_0) - y(x_0)} = \sqrt{\text{MSE} [1 + x_0' (X'X)^{-1} x_0]}$$

L13 Partial F-test

1. Intervals

- (1) $1 - \alpha$ P.I. for $y(x_0)$

$$\hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-p)s_{\hat{y}(x_0)-y(x_0)}.$$

Attach x_0 to data then

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proc reg;
    model y=x1 x2 x3/cli alpha=0.10;
run;
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Presentation:

$$\hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{0.05}(17)s_{\hat{y}(x_0)-y(x_0)} = dd \pm dd \times \sqrt{MSE + dd^2} = (dd, dd)$$

is a 90% PI for $y(x_0)$.

- (2) $1 - \alpha$ C.I. for $E(y(x_0))$

$$\hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-p)s_{\hat{y}(x_0)}. \text{ Attach } x_0 \text{ to data then}$$

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proc reg;
    model y=x1 x2 x3/clm alpha=0.10;
run;
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Presentation:

$$\hat{y}(x_0) \pm t_{0.05}(17)s_{\hat{y}(x_0)} = dd \pm dd \times dd = (dd, dd)$$

is a 90% CI for $E[y(x_0)]$.

- (3) $1 - \alpha$ C.I. for β_i

$$\hat{\beta}_i \pm t_{\alpha/2}(n-p)s_{\hat{\beta}_i}.$$

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proc reg;
    model y=x1 x2 x3/clb alpha=0.10;
run;
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Presentation:

$$\hat{\beta}_i \pm t_{0.05}(17)s_{\hat{\beta}_i} = dd \pm dd \times dd = (dd, dd)$$

is a 90% CI for β_i .

- (4) $1 - \alpha$ C.I. for σ^2

$$\left(\frac{SSE}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-p)}, \frac{SSE}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-p)} \right)$$

Proof. Note that $\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-p)$. So

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \alpha &= P\left(\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-p) < \chi^2(n-p) < \chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-p)\right) \\ &= P\left(\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-p) < \frac{SSE}{\sigma^2} < \chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-p)\right) \\ &= P\left(\frac{SSE}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(n-p)} < \sigma^2 < \frac{SSE}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(n-p)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Presentation:

$$\left(\frac{SSE}{\chi_{0.05}^2(24)}, \frac{SSE}{\chi_{0.95}^2(24)} \right) = \left(\frac{dd}{dd}, \frac{dd}{dd} \right) = (dd, dd)$$

is a 90% CI for σ^2 .

2. ANOVA for $H_0 : \beta_{k-q+1} = \dots = \beta_p = 0$

(1) SS

Model with $x_1, \dots, x_k$ has SSE, $SSE(x_1, \dots, x_k) = y'(I - H)y$, for the variation in y unexplained by $x_1, \dots, x_k$ with $DF = n - p$

Model with $x_1, \dots, x_{k-q}$ has SSE_r , $SSE(x_1, \dots, x_{k-q}) = y'(I - H_r)y$, for the variation in y unexplained by $x_1, \dots, x_{k-q+1}$ with $DF = n - (p - q)$.

$SSH = SSE_r - SSE = y'(H - H_r)y$ is for the variation in y explained by $x_{k-q+1}, \dots, x_k$ with $DF = [n - (p - q)] - (n - p) = q$, the number of β_i in H_0 .

(2) F -distribution

It can be shown that under H_0 , $F = \frac{MSH}{MSE} = \frac{SSH/q}{SSE/(n-p)} \sim F(q, n - p)$.

(3) ANOVA

Source	SS	DF	MS	F	p
Hypothesis (N)	SSH	q	MSH	MSH/MSE	$P(F(q, n - p) > F_{ob})$
Error (D)	SSE	n-p	MSE		
Error (R)	SSE_r	n-(p-q)			

3. Partial F-test

(1) α -level LRT

For model with x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_4 = 0$ vs $H_a : \beta_i \neq 0$ for some $i = 2, 4$

Test statistic: $F = \frac{MSH}{MSE}$

Reject H_0 if $F > F_\alpha(2, n - p)$.

(2) p -value approach

For model with x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_4 = 0$ vs $H_a : \beta_i \neq 0$ for some $i = 2, 4$

Test statistic: $F = \frac{MSH}{MSE}$

p -value: $P(F(2, n - p) > F_{ob})$.

(3) Get ANOVA for the test

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proc reg;
  model y=x1 x2 x3 x4;
run;
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$\Rightarrow SSE, MSE$

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proc reg;
  model y=x1 x3;
run;
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$\Rightarrow SSE_r$

$SSH = SSE_r - SSE$ $MSH = SSH/2$.