

Highlights / Key Concepts in NKNW4 Chapter 7

Ideas unique to Multiple Regression - no analogy with Simple Linear Regression.

A number of important sub-topics are introduced in this Chapter (*see also "Chapter 9" notes in c678*)

--Formal tests for Addition/Deletion of 1 or more terms in a regression model (nicely done)

-- Collinearity -- very important -- should be in a chapter by itself!

-- Interaction terms -- again, should be in a chapter by itself ("Effect Modification" in Epidemiology)!

7.1 Extra Sums of Squares

Extra SS if focus on SS_{reg} : *Reduced SS* if focus on $SS_{residual}$:

Same idea whether adding or removing 1 (or more) term(s)

EXAMPLE

Y: % Body Fat (by underwater weighing !!)

X₁ Skinfold Thickness (by calipers:- some discomfort)

X₂ Skinfold Thickness (by tape measure:- painless)

X₃ Midarm Circumference (by tape measure:- painless)

IN COMPACT NOTATION (2 "X" terms)

SSR (short for SS_{Reg})	+	SSE (short for SS_{Error})	=	SST (short for SS_{total})
SSR(X ₁)	+	SSE(X ₁)	=	SST
SSR(X ₁ ,X ₂)	+	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₂)	=	SST

SSR(X ₁ ,X ₂) - SSR(X ₁)	=	SSE(X ₁) - SSE(X ₁ ,X ₂)		
"Extra SSR due to X ₂ "	=	"Reduced SSE due to X ₂ "		
SSR(X ₂ X ₁)				

IN COMPACT NOTATION (3 "X" 's)

SSR(X ₁)	+	SSE(X ₁)	=	SST
SSR(X ₁ ,X ₂)	+	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₁)	=	SST
SSR(X ₁ ,X ₂ ,X ₃)	+	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₁ ,X ₃)	=	SST
=> SSR(X ₁)	=	SST	-	SSE(X ₁)
SSR(X ₂ X ₁)	=	SSE(X ₁)	-	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₂)
SSR(X ₃ X ₁ ,X ₂)	=	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₂)	-	SSE(X ₁ ,X ₂ ,X ₃)

Note: order matters!
 SSR(X₂| X₁) not same
 as SSR(X₁| X₂)

Different decompositions have different meanings

e.g.	a	b	c
	$SSR(X_1)$	$SSR(X_1)$	$SSR(X_3)$
	$SSR(X_2 X_1)$	$SSR(X_3 X_1)$	$SSR(X_2 X_3)$
	$SSR(X_3 X_1, X_2)$	$SSR(X_2 X_1, X_3)$	$SSR(X_1 X_2, X_3)$

These decompositions are referred to as "variables added in order SS" or "Type I SS" (to distinguish them from "variables added last SS" or "Type III SS" used below)

If labeling is not obvious, or if you forget what Type I means (I don't blame you, given the imaginative choice of the label), one way to recognize it for what it is is that Type I SS count each separate contribution just once .. so that the successive Type I SSR's add to the overall SSR.

Graphical Depiction of these decompositions ... see Figure 7.1 on page 265

(I find this diagram so helpful that I scanned it and put it on the www page for c678 -- where we used a different text)

Using SS decomposition in ANOVA Table => Decomposition of Degrees of Freedom

The above decomposition is for the Sums of Squares.

When the decomposition is done one term at a time, the $SSR(X_1)$, $SSR(X_2 | X_1)$, $SSR(X_3 | X_1, X_2)$... and the corresponding $MS(X_1)$, $MS(X_2 | X_1)$, $MS(X_3 | X_1, X_2)$ are the same -- since each divisor involves 1 df.

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and
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"Extra Sums of Squares" to test coefficients of Multiple Regression

From Cochran's Theorem [partitioning SS; each $(1/2)$ MS ~ indep. central/non-central X^2]

Single [H_0 : this β 's = 0]

$t^* = b / SE[b]$ with df = df for residuals (e's) when this X & other X's in the model

or (*equivalently*, since $t^{*2} = F^*$)

$$F^* = \frac{SSR[\text{this X} \mid \text{other X's}] / 1 \text{ df}}{SSE[\text{this X \& other X's}] / \text{df for e's if this X \& other X's}} = \frac{MSR[\text{this X} \mid \text{other X's}]}{MSE[\text{this X \& other X's}]}$$

Several β 's [H_0 : these β 's = 0]

$$F^* = \frac{SSR[\text{these X's} \mid \text{other X's}] / \# \text{ of these X's}}{SSE[\text{these \& other X's}] / \text{df for E if these X's \& other X's}} = \frac{MSR[\text{these X's} \mid \text{other X's}]}{MSE[\text{these \& other X's}]}$$

All β 's [H_0 : all the β 's = 0]

$$F^* = \frac{SSR[\text{all these X's}] / \# \text{ of X's}}{SSE[\text{these X's}] / \text{df for e's if these X's}} = \frac{MSR[\text{ these X's}]}{MSE[\text{ these X's}]}$$

IN GENERAL [H_0 : set of (linear) constraints on the β 's]

$$F^* = \frac{SSR[\text{constrained } \beta \text{'s}] / \# \text{ of constraints}}{SSE[\text{no constraints}] / \text{df for e's if no constraints}} = \frac{MSR["\text{due to"} \text{ constrained } \beta \text{'s}]}{MSE[\text{no constraints}]}$$

i.e.

$$F^* = \frac{\{SS_{Reg}[\text{larger model}] - SS_{Reg}[\text{smaller model}]\} / \# \text{ of constraints}}{SSE[\text{no constraints}] / \text{df for e's in larger model}} = \frac{MSR["\text{due to"} \text{ constrained } \beta \text{'s}]}{MSE[\text{larger model}]}$$

Q: Why use the MSE from the larger model as the denominator of each test?

Even if some terms in larger model are unnecessary, this MSE is an unbiased estimator of σ^2 [].

7.4 Coefficients of Partial Determination

Recall: Coefficient of Multiple Determination:

Reduction in Var(Y) through use of X_1, X_2, \dots

$$r^2_{Y \text{ with } X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots} = \frac{\text{Var}[Y] - \text{Var}[Y | X_1 X_2 \dots]}{\text{Var}[Y]} = \frac{\text{SSR}[X_1 X_2 \dots]}{\text{SSE}[\text{model with just } b_0]}$$

By analogy: Coefficient of Partial Determination (by X_1 -- after already fitting X_2):

Reduction in Var(residual Y | X_2)

$$\begin{aligned} r^2_{Y \text{ with } X_1 \text{ given } X_2} &= \frac{\text{Var}[Y | X_2] - \text{Var}[Y | X_1 X_2]}{\text{Var}[Y | X_2]} \\ &= \frac{\text{SSR}[X_1 | X_2]}{\text{SSE}[\text{model with just } \{X_0 \text{ and } X_1\}]} \end{aligned}$$

likewise...

$$\begin{aligned} r^2_{Y \text{ with } X_2 \text{ given } X_1} &= \frac{\text{Var}[Y | X_1] - \text{Var}[Y | X_1 X_2]}{\text{Var}[Y | X_1]} \\ &= \frac{\text{SSR}[X_2 | X_1]}{\text{SSE}[\text{model with just } \{X_0 \text{ and } X_2\}]} \end{aligned}$$

note:

$$r^2_{Y \text{ with } X_1 \text{ given } X_2} = r^2_{Y' \text{ with } X_1'}$$

where Y' = residual of Y after regressing Y on X_2 , and

X_1' = residual of X_1 after regressing X_1 on X_2 .

Going on to more X's ...

$$r^2_{Y \text{ with } X_4 \text{ given } X_1, X_2 \text{ and } X_3} = \frac{\text{SSR}[X_4 | X_1 X_2 X_3]}{\text{SSE}[\text{model with } X_1 X_2 X_3]}$$

Coefficients of Partial Correlation (Square Root of Coefficient of Partial determination)

(Useful to those who think in correlations rather than regression coefficients)

$r_{Y \text{ with } X_4 \text{ given } X_1, X_2 \text{ and } X_3}$

$$= \text{sign}[b_4 \text{ in model of } Y \text{ on } X_1 \text{ to } X_4] \times \sqrt{r^2 \text{ of } Y \text{ with } X_4 \text{ given } X_1 \text{ to } X_3}$$

(see eqns. 7.41 & 7.42 on how to calculate them from lower order partial correlation coefficients)

7.5 Standardized Multiple Regression Model

- relevant also for Simple Regression model:- eliminates b's in different $Y/X_1, Y/X_2, \dots$ units (so don't have to worry if X_1 is in cm or inches or metres, X_2 in Kg or lbs or grams-- or \$'s)
- issues of numerical accuracy no longer quite as relevant with high-precision facilities (accuracy issues if X's of very different magnitudes, or highly correlated so $\det[\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}]$ close to 0)

Correlation Transformation

- transform each X variable so that each entry in $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ matrix is a correlation of 2 X's, i.e.

$$X' = \frac{X - \bar{X}}{\sqrt{(X - \bar{X})^2}} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{X}'^T \mathbf{X}' \text{ matrix} = \text{correlations of pairs of X's}$$

(text formula makes transf. unrec. complex)

- transform Y variable in same way, i.e.

$$Y' = \frac{Y - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{(Y - \bar{Y})^2}} \quad \dots \quad \text{(text formula makes transf. unrec. complex)}$$

- fit model $Y' = \beta_1' X_1' + \beta_2' X_2' + \dots + e'$ (*no intercept* since $\text{ave}[Y']$ now = 0)

work back ...

$$k = k' \frac{SD[Y]}{SD[X_k]}$$

$$0 = \bar{Y} - (\beta_1' X_1 + \beta_2' X_2 + \dots)$$

$\mathbf{X}'^T \mathbf{X}'$ matrix = correlation matrix of original X's = \mathbf{R}_{XX}

$\mathbf{X}'^T \mathbf{Y}'$ vector = correlation of Y with each original X = \mathbf{R}_{YX}

LS Solution for \mathbf{b}' , the column vector $(\beta_1', \beta_2', \dots)^T$

$$\mathbf{b}' = (\mathbf{R}_{XX})^{-1} \mathbf{R}_{YX}$$

For worked example, see text

7.6 Multicollinearity and its Effects (see also item from Graybill on Ill-Conditioning)

Meaning: (high) intercorrelation among some or all of the X terms in a multiple regression

Implications:

- easiest to understand by examining just 2 Xs and just the two extremes:
- see "Confounding[in pictures and numbers]" in Chapter 8 material in c678 www page;
- see also the "hammock" spreadsheet

X1 & X2 uncorrelated

• b_1 (X1-only model) = b_1 (X1 & X2 model)

• $SSR(X1) = SSR(X1 | X2)$

and vice versa (can fit b_1 and b_2 "marginally")

uncorrelated estimates of β_1 and β_2

X1 & X2 perfectly (+ or -) correlated

b_1 (X1 only model) doesn't have same meaning or value as b_1 (X1&X2 model)

$SSR(X1 | X2) = SSR(X2 | X1) = 0$

different (b_1, b_2) pairs give same fit (see Fig 7.2 in NKNW4)

cannot "separate" β_1 and β_2 estimates:- (b_1, b_2) are unstable

- ($b_1+ve, b_2 -ve$) in one sample
- ($b_1-ve, b_2 +ve$) in another

Like hammock, fitted surface rests on a "knife-edge"

BUT: can make predictions within (X1,X2) data region

In practice, inter-correlations of X's (and effects of these) are usually somewhere in between. but, more difficult to "see" if more than 2 X's. (**Large SE's for b's can be a warning**)

Chapter 9 will describe methods for detecting multicollinearity in "higher-D" X data. Chapter 10 explains remedial methods (including "Ridge Regression").

7.7 Polynomial Regression

(Use of higher powers of X (or products of two or more X's) as terms in a multiple regression)
Can be helpful for fitting Response Functions of a single X, or a Response Surface for 2 X's.

- INSIGHT (in SAS) has a dangerously-simple interface for fitting a polynomial in a single X.
- Polynomial regression is simply a multiple regression where the terms are powers of same basic X variable; BUT one needs to be extra careful about overfitting and about extrapolation This will remind me to relate one physician's use of a fitted polynomial of time (fitted in the original Lotus 1-2-3 software) to monitor (and ?? anticipate) a patient's White Blood Cell (WBC) count over time.
- *On a related note:* concerning Fig1 of the article "**Changes in Alcohol Consumption With Age**" in Can J Public Health Vol. 82, July/August 1991 pp231-4 elsewhere on this www page. (see also excerpts from article)

RESULTS (from text of the article)

Measures of consumption (based on a total of 3,304 interviews)

The top panel of Figure 1 shows mean alcohol consumption in drinks per month for males, females and all respondents by age. The middle panel presents in a similar manner the frequency of drinking occasions per month, and the bottom panel shows the quantity (mean number of drinks consumed per drinking occasion).

*These figures were derived by rank ordering all respondents by age. **Each data point represents the mean of successively older groups of 25 respondents.** Plotting data in this fashion provides information on the relative density of observations according to age and sex. **In order to reduce the scatter which could obscure trends, a 4253H, twice compound smoother with endpoint adjustment was used. This consists of a series of running median smoothers and the Hanning running weighted average smoother applied twice.***

The top panel shows an age-related decline in total alcohol consumption per month for all respondents. This line has a slope of -0.12. It is clear from these figures that the age-related decrease seen in the top panel is largely due to a decrease in quantity which shows a rather steady decline with age (slope = -0.26), rather than any change in frequency, which has a slope of only -.04. The correlation between frequency and dose is -0.11 which is small, but statistically significant ($p < 0.0001$).

- I question the choice of "smoothing" that the authors carried out. Although they are non-parametric, *they look like high order polynomials that seem to "follow" every little random twist and turn in the raw data.* To my eye, the patterns in the bottom panel are quite linear--- the "join the dots" approach (even with each dot being a running median) over-accentuates the random components -- what one wants first is the BIG PICTURE .. the clear downwards "close to linear" trend. I believe the little ups and downs along the way are random noise -- and that they are being over-emphasized. I cannot imagine that the population medians actually behave like this.

- Polynomial models are often used for prediction. Thus, the meaning of individual 's is less critical than when they are associated with different X's. Nevertheless, they are a good example of **the benefits of "centering" X variables in any multiple regression**, and of the **induced collinearity if one uses "raw" powers of X, or -- for that matter --products of two different X variables**. If X is a positive RV, then X^2 can be strongly correlated with it.

7.8 Regression Models involving Interactions

See also: *www material, Session 5, course 678: Interaction(Effect Modification) in Regression*

Definitions ...

Interaction (statistical)

- "Non-additivity" of "effects" in regression
- need for product term in regression analysis (miettinen)
- note that need for product term may be scale-dependent (e.g. Y vs $\log Y$ scale)

(Effect) Modification (epidemiological)

- Inconstancy of a parameter of a relation over other subject characteristic (miettinen)
- "Different slopes for different folks" (jh)

Modifier (of a relation)

- A characteristic (of individuals) on which a parameter of a relation depends (osm)

Examples... (first 4 are on course 678 *www page*)

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|---|---|
| Equation for Ideal Weight as function of Height | - modification by Gender |
| Average Earnings as function of Education / Age | - modification by Gender |
| Decline in Bone Density with Age | - Different in 19th and 20th Centuries |
| Hit further with aluminum than wood baseball bat? | - Depends on <i>where on bat</i> one hits |
| Changes over time in injury rates | - Different in intervsn. & ref. areas? |

Comments on NKNW4 (and most statisticians') terminology:

"regression model is not additive, or. equivalently, it contains an **interaction effect** "

"non-additive" is a more informative phrase; it avoids possible over-interpretation of the word interaction; it highlights the non constancy (over X_2) of effect of X_1 on (a specific function of) μ_Y . It also plays down the interpretation of phrases like "... interaction effect is of a *reinforcement or synergistic* type" or "of an *interference or antagonistic* type". (p311)

Oxford English Dictionary ...

interact:- "to act reciprocally, to act on each other"

interaction:- "reciprocal action, action of persons or things on each other"

Interpretation of models that include interaction (product) terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y | X_1, X_2] &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 \\
 &= (\beta_0 + \beta_2 X_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_3 X_2) X_1 \dots \text{if wish to think of } E[Y] \text{ vs } X_1 \\
 &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1) + (\beta_2 + \beta_3 X_1) X_2 \dots \text{if wish to think of } E[Y] \text{ vs } X_2
 \end{aligned}$$

mathematically symmetric in X_1 and X_2 (although seldom so in practice)

Interpretation ...

If one of the two X's is the natural "modifier" of the "Y - other X" relation, easier to refer to modifier by another symbol (M) and write equation as

$$E[Y | X, M] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 M + \beta_3 X M$$

$$= (\beta_0 + \beta_2 M) + (\beta_1 + \beta_3 M) X$$

Don't try to interpret the β_3 "in isolation". And, although the several different (M-specific) X-Y relations can be represented in a single equation, remember that they must be separated out when describing them.. i.e.

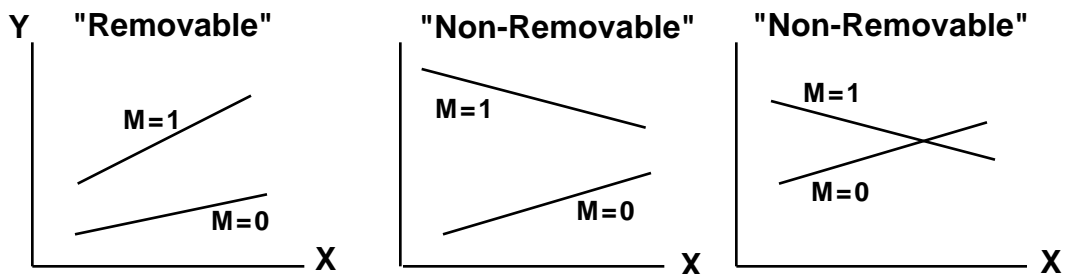
interaction <---> "Different Y vs X story" for each level of M
 "no single summary that applies to all levels of M"

Think of β_3 for product term as "additional Y-X slope for each unit difference in M"

If β_3 for product term is small (in sense that Y-X slope isn't that different from one end of the M range to the other) , then the Y-X slope obtained by dropping M from model is not that misleading

("105 lbs. + 5.5 lbs. for every inch over 5 feet" ... for adults of either sex??)

"Removable" vs. "Non-Removable" Interactions



X & M both Binary => β_3 associated with XM product is a "double difference"

$$[\bar{y}_{X=1} - \bar{y}_{X=0}]_{M=1} - [\bar{y}_{X=1} - \bar{y}_{X=0}]_{M=0}$$

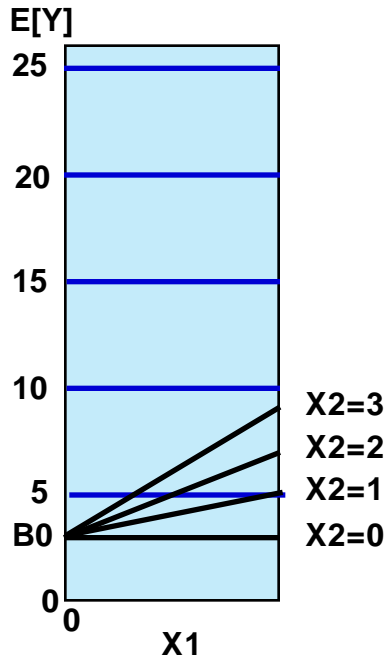
Statistical precision/power to measure/detect a double difference considerable lower than that to measure a single difference. We often end up not being able to adequately statistically test if X differences in response are M-specific, and so depend on analogy or other outside information judgment when deciding whether to report them separately (M-specifically).

Warning in most textbooks: if put product term in model, then must also include each component of the product (i.e. X_1 and X_2 as well as $X_1 X_2$)

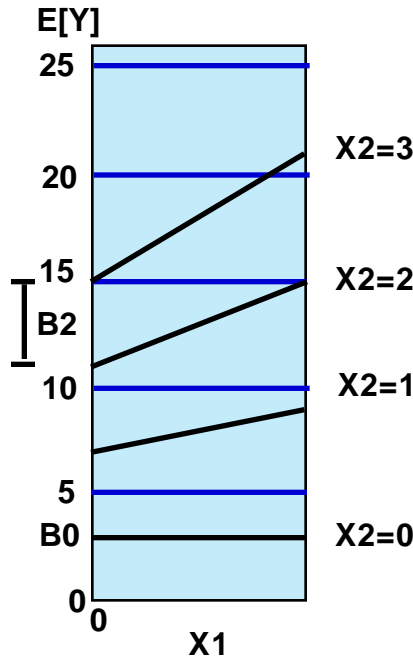
Absolutely must? No. BUT be careful to interpret coefficients carefully! Helps to draw the lines e.g.

$E[Y | X_1, X_2] =$

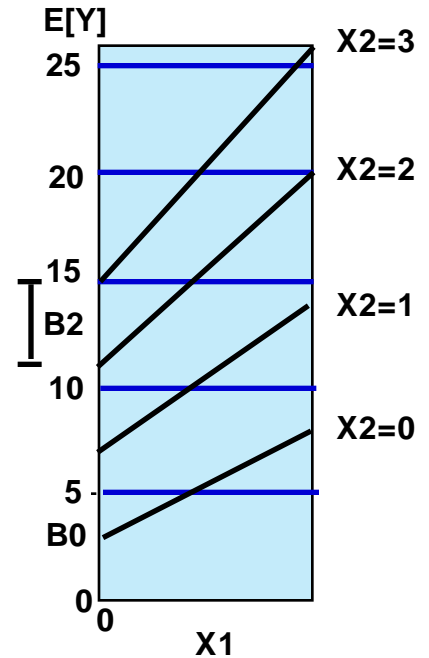
$B_0 + B_3 X_1 X_2$



$B_0 + B_2 X_2 + B_3 X_1 X_2$



$B_0 + B_1 X_1 + B_2 X_2 + B_3 X_1 X_2$



Product Terms to test change in Y level or Y-time slope (or both) when changes introduced (serially)

Examples

- Prescriptions filled before and after the introduction of the Quebec Drug Plan
- Motor vehicle fatality rates before/after change back to 65 mph limits
- Asthma deaths before/after removal of certain asthma drug in New Zealand
- Numbers of Marriage Licences issued before/after HIV tests became mandatory
- What Does It Take to Heat a New Room? (see datasets on 697 www page)

Product Terms to test change in Y level or Y-time slope (or both) when changes introduced (parallel groups)

Example

- The Lidkoping Accident Prevention Programme -- a community approach to preventing childhood injuries in Sweden (see www material in "datasets" in course 626)

Reducing Collinearity of Product Term and its Components ... by Centering

Example

- The Lidkoping Accident Prevention Programme (X=Time M = Program)

7.9 Constrained regression

- See text