

Regression with Polynomials and Interactions

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Polynomial Regression

Polynomial Function: Definition

Reminder: a **polynomial function** has the form

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \cdots + a_nx^n \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n a_jx^j \end{aligned}$$

where $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$ are the **coefficients** and x is the **indeterminate** (variable).

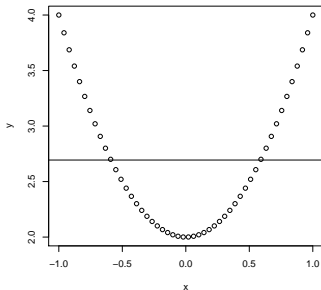
Note: x^j is the **j -th order polynomial** term

- x is first order term, x^2 is second order term, etc.
- The **degree** of a polynomial is the highest order term

Polynomial Function: Simple Regression

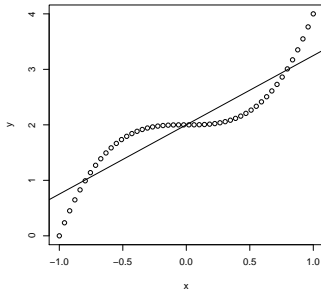
```
> x=seq(-1,1,length=50)
> y=2+2*(x^2)
> plot(x,y,main="Quadratic")
> qmod=lm(y~x)
> abline(qmod)
```

Quadratic



```
> x=seq(-1,1,length=50)
> y=2+2*(x^3)
> plot(x,y,main="Cubic")
> cmod=lm(y~x)
> abline(cmod)
```

Cubic



Model Form (scalar)

The **polynomial regression** model has the form

$$y_i = b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_i^j + e_i$$

for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ where

- $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the real-valued **response** for the i -th observation
- $b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression **intercept**
- $b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression **slope** for the j -th degree polynomial
- $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **predictor** for the i -th observation
- $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ is a Gaussian **error term**

Model Form (matrix)

The polynomial regression model has the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^p \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^p \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 & \cdots & x_3^p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that this is still a linear model, even though we have polynomial terms in the design matrix.

PR Model Assumptions (scalar)

The fundamental assumptions of the PR model are:

- 1 Relationship between X and Y is **polynomial**
- 2 x_i and y_i are **observed random variables** (known constants)
- 3 $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ is an **unobserved random variable**
- 4 b_0, b_1, \dots, b_p are **unknown constants**
- 5 $(y_i | x_i) \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x_i^j, \sigma^2)$
note: **homogeneity of variance**

Note: focus is estimation of the polynomial curve.

PR Model: Assumptions (matrix)

In matrix terms, the error vector is multivariate normal:

$$\mathbf{e} \sim N(\mathbf{0}_n, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

In matrix terms, the response vector is multivariate normal given \mathbf{X} :

$$(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}) \sim N(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

Polynomial Regression: Properties

Some important properties of the PR model include:

- 1 Need $n > p$ to fit the polynomial regression model
- 2 Setting $p = 1$ produces **simple linear regression**
- 3 Setting $p = 2$ is **quadratic polynomial regression**
- 4 Setting $p = 3$ is **cubic polynomial regression**
- 5 Rarely set $p > 3$; use cubic spline instead

Polynomial Regression: OLS Estimation

The ordinary least squares (OLS) problem is

$$\min_{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}\|^2$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Frobenius norm.

The OLS solution has the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$$

which is the same formula from SLR and MLR!

Fitted Values and Residuals

SCALAR FORM:

Fitted values are given by

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{b}_j x_i^j$$

and residuals are given by

$$\hat{e}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

MATRIX FORM:

Fitted values are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$$

and residuals are given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}$$

Estimated Error Variance (Mean Squared Error)

The estimated error variance is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}^2 &= SSE/(n - p - 1) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 / (n - p - 1) \\ &= \|(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}\|^2 / (n - p - 1)\end{aligned}$$

which is an unbiased estimate of error variance σ^2 .

The estimate $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is the **mean squared error** (MSE) of the model.

Distribution of Estimator, Fitted Values, and Residuals

Just like in SLR and MLR, the PR assumptions imply that

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} \sim N(\mathbf{b}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}, \sigma^2\mathbf{H})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H}))$$

Typically σ^2 is unknown, so we use the MSE $\hat{\sigma}^2$ in practice.

Multicollinearity: Problem

Note that x_i , x_i^2 , x_i^3 , etc. can be highly correlated with one another, which introduces **multicollinearity** problem.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x = runif(100)*2
> X = cbind(x, xsq=x^2, xcu=x^3)
> cor(X)
```

| | x | xsq | xcu |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| x | 1.0000000 | 0.9703084 | 0.9210726 |
| xsq | 0.9703084 | 1.0000000 | 0.9866033 |
| xcu | 0.9210726 | 0.9866033 | 1.0000000 |

Multicollinearity: Partial Solution

You could mean-center the x_i terms to reduce multicollinearity.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x = runif(100)*2
> x = x - mean(x)
> X = cbind(x, xsq=x^2, xcu=x^3)
> cor(X)
```

| | x | xsq | xcu |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|
| x | 1.00000000 | 0.03854803 | 0.91479660 |
| xsq | 0.03854803 | 1.00000000 | 0.04400704 |
| xcu | 0.91479660 | 0.04400704 | 1.00000000 |

But this doesn't fully solve our problem...

Orthogonal Polynomials: Definition

To deal with multicollinearity, define the set of variables

$$z_0 = a_0$$

$$z_1 = a_1 + b_1 x$$

$$z_2 = a_2 + b_2 x + c_2 x^2$$

$$z_3 = a_3 + b_3 x + c_3 x^2 + d_3 x^3$$

where the coefficients are chosen so that $z_j' z_k = 0$ for all $j \neq k$.

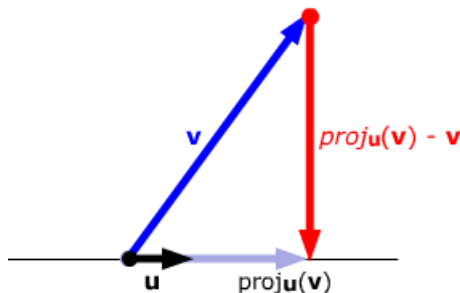
The transformed z_j variables are called **orthogonal polynomials**.

Orthogonal Polynomials: Orthogonal Projection

The **orthogonal projection** of a vector $\mathbf{v} = \{v_i\}_{n \times 1}$ on to the line spanned by the vector $\mathbf{u} = \{u_i\}_{n \times 1}$ is

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \mathbf{u}$$

where $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{v}$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{u}$ denote the inner products.



<http://thejuniverse.org/PUBLIC/LinearAlgebra/LOLA/dotProd/proj.html>

Orthogonal Polynomials: Gram-Schmidt

Can use the **Gram-Schmidt process** to form orthogonal polynomials.

Start with a linearly independent design matrix $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3]$ where $\mathbf{x}_j = (x_1^j, \dots, x_n^j)'$ is the j -th order polynomial vector.

Gram-Schmidt algorithm to form columnwise orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Z} that spans the same column space as \mathbf{X} :

$$\mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_0}(\mathbf{x}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_0}(\mathbf{x}_2) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_1}(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_0}(\mathbf{x}_3) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_1}(\mathbf{x}_3) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{z}_2}(\mathbf{x}_3)$$

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions

Simple R function to orthogonalize an input matrix:

```
orthog <- function(X, normalize=FALSE){  
  np = dim(X)  
  Z = matrix(0, np[1], np[2])  
  Z[,1] = X[,1]  
  for(k in 2:np[2]){  
    Z[,k] = X[,k]  
    for(j in 1:(k-1)){  
      Z[,k] = Z[,k] - Z[,j]*sum(Z[,k]*Z[,j]) / sum(Z[,j]^2)  
    }  
  }  
  if(normalize){ Z = Z %*% diag(colSums(Z^2)^-0.5) }  
  Z  
}
```

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions (continued)

```
> set.seed(123)
> X = cbind(1, runif(10), runif(10))
> crossprod(X)
           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] 10.000000  5.782475  5.233693
[2,]  5.782475  4.125547  2.337238
[3,]  5.233693  2.337238  3.809269
> Z = orthog(X)
> crossprod(Z)
           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] 1.000000e+01 -4.440892e-16 -4.440892e-16
[2,] -4.440892e-16  7.818448e-01 -1.387779e-17
[3,] -4.440892e-16 -1.387779e-17  4.627017e-01
> Z = orthog(X, norm=TRUE)
> crossprod(Z)
           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] 1.000000e+00 -1.942890e-16 -2.220446e-16
[2,] -1.942890e-16  1.000000e+00  1.387779e-17
[3,] -2.220446e-16  1.387779e-17  1.000000e+00
```

Orthogonal Polynomials: R Functions (continued)

Can also use the default `poly` function in R.

```
> set.seed(123)
> x = runif(10)
> X = cbind(1, x, xsq=x^2, xcu=x^3)
> Z = orthog(X, norm=TRUE)
> z = poly(x, degree=3)
> Z[,2:4] = Z[,2:4] %*% diag(colSums(z^2)^0.5)
> Z[1:3,]
```

| | [,1] | [,2] | [,3] | [,4] |
|------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| [1,] | 0.3162278 | -0.3287304 | -0.07537277 | 0.5363745 |
| [2,] | 0.3162278 | 0.2375627 | -0.06651752 | -0.5097714 |
| [3,] | 0.3162278 | -0.1914349 | -0.26206273 | 0.2473705 |

```
> cbind(Z[1:3,1], z[1:3,])
```

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| [1,] | 0.3162278 | -0.3287304 | -0.07537277 | 0.5363745 |
| [2,] | 0.3162278 | 0.2375627 | -0.06651752 | -0.5097714 |
| [3,] | 0.3162278 | -0.1914349 | -0.26206273 | 0.2473705 |

Real Polynomial Data

Auto-MPG data from the UCI Machine Learning repository:

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Auto+MPG>

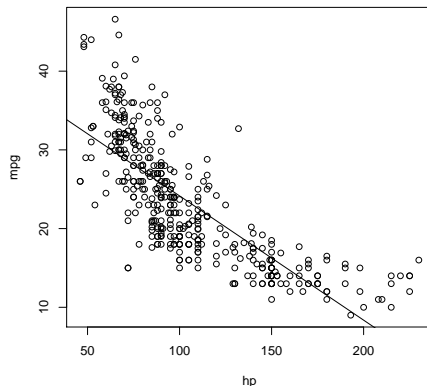
Have variables collected from $n = 398$ cars from years 1970–1982.

| | |
|----------|---------------------|
| mpg | miles per gallon |
| cylinder | number of cylinders |
| disp | displacement |
| hp | horsepower |
| weight | weight |
| accel | acceleration |
| year | model year |
| origin | origin |
| name | make and model |

Best Linear Relationship

Best linear relationship predicting `mpg` from `hp`.

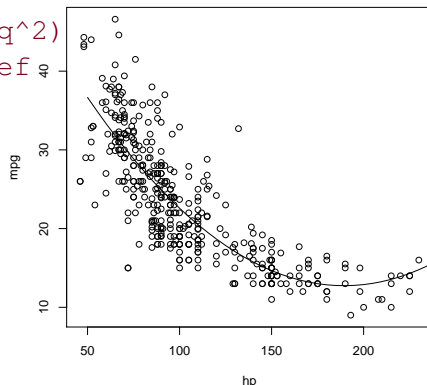
```
> plot(hp,mpg)
> linmod = lm(mpg ~ hp)
> abline(linmod)
```



Best Quadratic Relationship

Best quadratic relationship predicting `mpg` from `hp`.

```
> quadmod=lm(mpg~hp+I(hp^2))  
> hpseq=seq(50,250,by=5)  
> Xmat=cbind(1,hpseq,hpseq^2)  
> hphat=Xmat%*%quadmod$coef  
> plot(hp,mpg)  
> lines(hpseq,hphat)
```



Best Cubic Relationship

Check for possible cubic relationship:

```
> cubmod = lm(mpg ~ hp + I(hp^2) + I(hp^3))
> summary(cubmod)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = mpg ~ hp + I(hp^2) + I(hp^3))
```

Residuals:

| | Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|--|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | -14.7039 | -2.4491 | -0.1519 | 2.2035 | 15.8159 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-------------|------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| (Intercept) | 6.068e+01 | 4.563e+00 | 13.298 | < 2e-16 *** |
| hp | -5.689e-01 | 1.179e-01 | -4.824 | 2.03e-06 *** |
| I(hp^2) | 2.079e-03 | 9.479e-04 | 2.193 | 0.0289 * |
| I(hp^3) | -2.147e-06 | 2.378e-06 | -0.903 | 0.3673 |

```
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Residual standard error: 4.375 on 388 degrees of freedom
(6 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.6882, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6858

F-statistic: 285.5 on 3 and 388 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Orthogonal versus Raw Polynomials

Compare orthogonal and raw polynomials:

```
> quadomod = lm(mpg ~ poly(hp, degree=2))
```

```
> summary(quadomod)$coef
```

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| (Intercept) | 23.44592 | 0.2209163 | 106.13030 | 2.752212e-289 |
| poly(hp, degree = 2)1 | -120.13774 | 4.3739206 | -27.46683 | 4.169400e-93 |
| poly(hp, degree = 2)2 | 44.08953 | 4.3739206 | 10.08009 | 2.196340e-21 |

```
> summary(quadomod)$coef
```

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| (Intercept) | 56.900099702 | 1.8004268063 | 31.60367 | 1.740911e-109 |
| hp | -0.466189630 | 0.0311246171 | -14.97816 | 2.289429e-40 |
| I(hp^2) | 0.001230536 | 0.0001220759 | 10.08009 | 2.196340e-21 |

Orthogonal Polynomials from Scratch

We can reproduce the same significance test results using `orthog`:

```
> widx = which(is.na(hp)==FALSE)
> hp = hp[widx]
> mpg = mpg[widx]
> X = orthog(cbind(1, hp, hp^2))
> quadomod = lm(mpg ~ X[,2] + X[,3])
> summary(quadomod)$coef
```

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| (Intercept) | 23.445918367 | 0.2209163488 | 106.13030 | 2.752212e-289 |
| X[, 2] | -0.157844733 | 0.0057467395 | -27.46683 | 4.169400e-93 |
| X[, 3] | 0.001230536 | 0.0001220759 | 10.08009 | 2.196340e-21 |

Interactions in Regression

Interaction Term: Definition

MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + e_i$$

where

- $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the real-valued **response** for the i -th observation
- $b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the regression **intercept**
- $b_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **main effect** of the first predictor
- $b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **main effect** of the second predictor
- $b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **interaction effect**
- $e_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ is a Gaussian **error term**

Interaction Term: Interpretation

An **interaction** between X_1 and X_2 means that the relationship between X_1 and Y differs depending on the value of X_2 (and vice versa).

Pro: model is more flexible (i.e., we've added a parameter)

Con: model is (sometimes) more difficult to interpret.

Nominal Variables

Suppose that $X \in \{x_1, \dots, x_g\}$ is a **nominal variable** with g levels.

- Nominal variables are also called **categorical variables**
- Example: $\text{sex} \in \{\text{female}, \text{male}\}$ has two levels
- Example: $\text{drug} \in \{A, B, C\}$ has three levels

To code a nominal variable (with g levels) in a regression model, we need to include $g - 1$ different variables in the model.

- Use **dummy coding** to absorb g -th level into intercept
- $$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in } j\text{-th level} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
for $j \in \{1, \dots, g - 1\}$

Nominal Interaction with Two Levels

Revisit the MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1x_{i1} + b_2x_{i2} + b_3x_{i1}x_{i2} + e_i$$

and suppose that $x_{i2} \in \{0, 1\}$ is a nominal predictor.

If $x_{i2} = 0$, the model is: $y_i = b_0 + b_1x_{i1} + e_i$

- b_0 is expected value of Y when $x_{i1} = x_{i2} = 0$
- b_1 is expected change in Y for 1-unit change in x_{i1} (if $x_{i2} = 0$)

If $x_{i2} = 1$, the model is: $y_i = (b_0 + b_2) + (b_1 + b_3)x_{i1} + e_i$

- $b_0 + b_2$ is expected value of Y when $x_{i1} = 0$ and $x_{i2} = 1$
- $b_1 + b_3$ is expected change in Y for 1-unit change in x_{i1} (if $x_{i2} = 1$)

Real Estate Data Description

Using house price data from Kutner, Nachtsheim, Neter, and Li (2005).

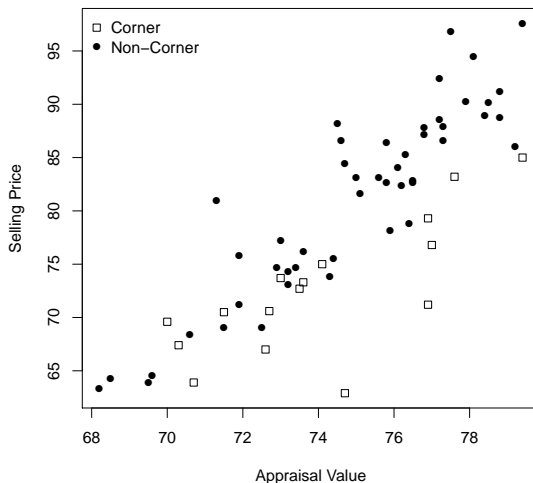
Have three variables in the data set:

- `price`: price house sells for (thousands of dollars)
- `value`: house value before selling (thousands of dollars)
- `corner`: indicator variable (=1 if house is on corner of block)

Total of $n = 64$ independent observations (16 corners).

Want to predict selling `price` from appraisal `value`, and determine if the relationship depends on the `corner` status of the house.

Real Estate Data Visualization



Real Estate Data Visualization (R Code)

```
> house=read.table("~/Desktop/notes/data/houseprice.txt",header=TRUE)
> house[1:3,]
  price value corner
1  78.8  76.4      0
2  73.8  74.3      0
3  64.6  69.6      0
4  76.2  73.6      0
5  87.2  76.8      0
6  70.6  72.7      1
7  86.0  79.2      0
8  83.1  75.6      0
> plot(house$value,house$price,pch=ifelse(house$corner==1,0,16),
+       xlab="Appraisal Value",ylab="Selling Price")
> legend("topleft",c("Corner","Non-Corner"),pch=c(0,16),bty="n")
```

Real Estate Regression: Fit Model

Fit model with interaction between `value` and `corner`

```
> hmod = lm(price ~ value*corner, data=house)
> hmod
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = price ~ value * corner, data = house)
```

Coefficients:

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------------|
| (Intercept) | value | corner | value:corner |
| -126.905 | 2.776 | 76.022 | -1.107 |

Real Estate Regression: Significance of Terms

```
> summary(hmod)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = price ~ value * corner, data = house)
```

Residuals:

| Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| -10.8470 | -2.1639 | 0.0913 | 1.9348 | 9.9836 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| (Intercept) | -126.9052 | 14.7225 | -8.620 | 4.33e-12 | *** |
| value | 2.7759 | 0.1963 | 14.142 | < 2e-16 | *** |
| corner | 76.0215 | 30.1314 | 2.523 | 0.01430 | * |
| value:corner | -1.1075 | 0.4055 | -2.731 | 0.00828 | ** |

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Residual standard error: 3.893 on 60 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8233, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8145

F-statistic: 93.21 on 3 and 60 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

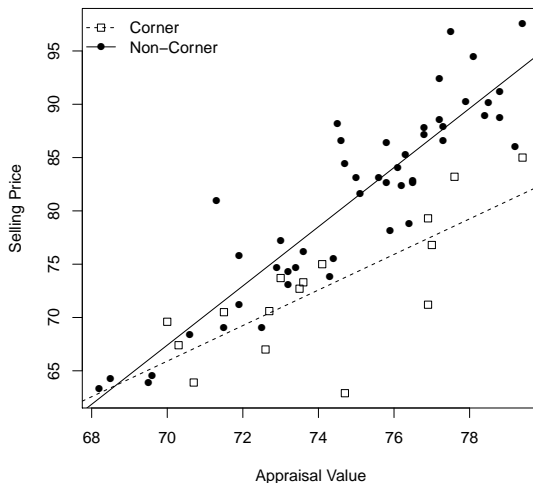
Real Estate Regression: Interpreting Results

```
> hmod$coef
```

| (Intercept) | value | corner | value:corner |
|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| -126.905171 | 2.775898 | 76.021532 | -1.107482 |

- $\hat{b}_0 = -126.90$ is expected selling price (in thousands of dollars) for non-corner houses that were valued at \$0.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 = -126.90 + 76.022 = -50.878$ is expected selling price (in thousands of dollars) for corner houses that were valued at \$0.
- $\hat{b}_1 = 2.776$ is the expected increase in selling price (in thousands of dollars) corresponding to a 1-unit (\$1,000) increase in appraisal value for non-corner houses
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3 = 2.775 - 1.107 = 1.668$ is the expected increase in selling price (in thousands of dollars) corresponding to a 1-unit (\$1,000) increase in appraisal value for corner houses

Real Estate Regression: Plotting Results



Real Estate Regression: Plotting Results (R Code)

```
> plot(house$value, house$price, pch=ifelse(house$corner==1,0,16),  
+       xlab="Appraisal Value", ylab="Selling Price")  
> abline(hmod$coef[1],hmod$coef[2])  
> abline(hmod$coef[1]+hmod$coef[3],hmod$coef[2]+hmod$coef[4],lty=2)  
> legend("topleft",c("Corner", "Non-Corner"),lty=2:1,pch=c(0,16),bty="n")
```

Note that if you input the (appropriate) coefficients, you can still use the `abline` function to draw the regression lines.

Depression Data Description

Using depression data from Daniel (1999) **Biostatistics: A Foundation for Analysis in the Health Sciences**.

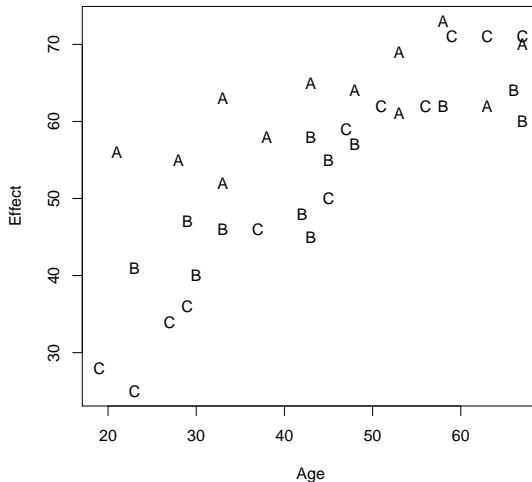
Total of $n = 36$ subjects participated in a depression study.

Have three variables in the data set:

- `effect`: effectiveness of depression treatment (high=effective)
- `age`: age of the participant (in years)
- `method`: method of treatment (3 levels: A, B, C)

Predict effectiveness from participant's age and treatment method.

Depression Data Visualization



Depression Data Visualization (R Code)

```
> depression=read.table("~/Desktop/notes/data/depression.txt",header=TRUE)
> depression[1:8,]
  effect age method
1     56  21      A
2     41  23      B
3     40  30      B
4     28  19      C
5     55  28      A
6     25  23      C
7     46  33      B
8     71  67      C
> plot(depression$age,depression$effect,xlab="Age",ylab="Effect",type="n")
> text(depression$age,depression$effect,depression$method)
```

Depression Regression: Fit Model

Fit model with interaction between age and method

```
> dmod = lm(effect ~ age*method, data=depression)
```

```
> dmod$coef
```

| (Intercept) | age | methodB | methodC | age:methodB | age:methodC |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 47.5155913 | 0.3305073 | -18.5973852 | -41.3042101 | 0.1931769 | 0.7028836 |

Note that R creates two indicator variables for method:

- $x_{iB} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in treatment method B} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $x_{iC} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{-th observation is in treatment method C} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Depression Regression: Significance of Terms

```
> summary(dmod)
```

```
Call:
```

```
lm(formula = effect ~ age * method, data = depression)
```

```
Residuals:
```

| | Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| | -6.4366 | -2.7637 | 0.1887 | 2.9075 | 6.5634 |

```
Coefficients:
```

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| (Intercept) | 47.51559 | 3.82523 | 12.422 | 2.34e-13 | *** |
| age | 0.33051 | 0.08149 | 4.056 | 0.000328 | *** |
| methodB | -18.59739 | 5.41573 | -3.434 | 0.001759 | ** |
| methodC | -41.30421 | 5.08453 | -8.124 | 4.56e-09 | *** |
| age:methodB | 0.19318 | 0.11660 | 1.657 | 0.108001 | |
| age:methodC | 0.70288 | 0.10896 | 6.451 | 3.98e-07 | *** |

```
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```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 3.925 on 30 degrees of freedom
```

```
Multiple R-squared:  0.9143, Adjusted R-squared:  0.9001
```

```
F-statistic: 64.04 on 5 and 30 DF,  p-value: 4.264e-15
```

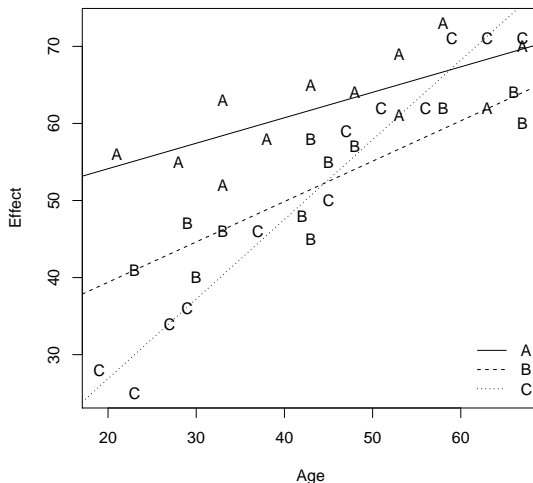
Depression Regression: Interpreting Results

```
> dmod$coef
```

| (Intercept) | age | methodB | methodC | age:methodB | age:methodC |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 47.5155913 | 0.3305073 | -18.5973852 | -41.3042101 | 0.1931769 | 0.7028836 |

- $\hat{b}_0 = 47.516$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method A who are 0 y/o.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 = 47.516 - 18.598 = 28.918$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method B who are 0 years old.
- $\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_3 = 47.516 - 41.304 = 6.212$ is expected treatment effectiveness for subjects in method C who are 0 years old.
- $\hat{b}_1 = 0.331$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method A
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_4 = 0.331 + 0.193 = 0.524$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method B
- $\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_5 = 0.331 + 0.703 = 1.033$ is the expected increase in treatment effectiveness corresponding to a 1-unit (1 year) increase in age for treatment method C

Depression Regression: Plotting Results



Depression Regression: Plotting Results

```
> plot(depression$age,depression$effect,xlab="Age",ylab="Effect",type="n")
> text(depression$age,depression$effect,depression$method)
> abline(dmod$coef[1],dmod$coef[2])
> abline(dmod$coef[1]+dmod$coef[3],dmod$coef[2]+dmod$coef[5],lty=2)
> abline(dmod$coef[1]+dmod$coef[4],dmod$coef[2]+dmod$coef[6],lty=3)
> legend("bottomright",c("A","B","C"),lty=1:3,bty="n")
```

Interactions between Continuous Variables

Revisit the MLR model with two predictors and an interaction

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{i1} + b_2 x_{i2} + b_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + e_i$$

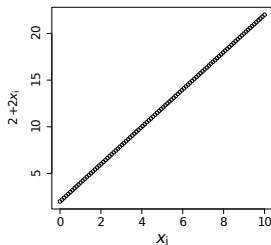
and suppose that $x_{i1}, x_{i2} \in \mathbb{R}$ are both continuous predictors.

In this case, the model terms can be interpreted as:

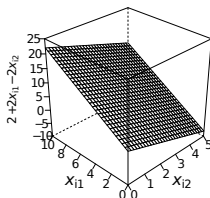
- b_0 is expected value of Y when $x_{i1} = x_{i2} = 0$
- $b_1 + b_3 x_{i2}$ is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i1} holding x_{i2} fixed (i.e., conditioning on x_{i2})
- $b_2 + b_3 x_{i1}$ is expected change in Y corresponding to 1-unit change in x_{i2} holding x_{i1} fixed (i.e., conditioning on x_{i1})

Visualizing Continuous*Continuous Interactions

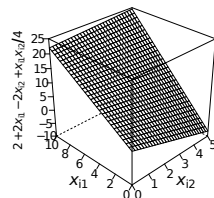
Simple regression



Multiple regression (additive)



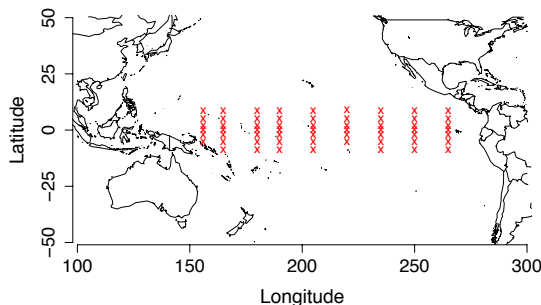
Multiple regression (interaction)



Oceanography Data Description

Data from UCI Machine Learning: <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/>

- Data originally from TAO project: <http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/tao/>
- Note that I have preprocessed the data a bit before analysis.



Oceanography Data Description (continued)

Buoys collect lots of different data:

```
> elnino[1:4,]
      obs year month day   date latitude longitude zon.winds mer.winds humidity air.temp ss.temp
4297 4297   94     1   1 940101    -0.01    250.01     -4.3       2.6      89.9    23.21    23.37
4298 4298   94     1   2 940102    -0.01    250.01     -4.1        1      90     23.16    23.45
4299 4299   94     1   3 940103    -0.01    250.01      -3       1.6     87.7    23.14    23.71
4300 4300   94     1   4 940104     0.00    250.00      -3       2.9     85.8    23.39    24.29
```

We will focus on predicting the sea surface temperatures (`ss.temp`) from the `latitude` and `longitude` locations of the buoys.

Oceanography Regression: Fit Additive Model

Fit additive model of latitude and longitude

```
> eladd = lm(ss.temp ~ latitude + longitude, data=elnino)
> summary(eladd)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = ss.temp ~ latitude + longitude, data = elnino)
```

Residuals:

| Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| -7.6055 | -0.7229 | 0.1261 | 0.9039 | 5.0987 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|-------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|
| (Intercept) | 35.2636388 | 0.0305722 | 1153.45 | <2e-16 *** |
| latitude | 0.0257867 | 0.0010006 | 25.77 | <2e-16 *** |
| longitude | -0.0357496 | 0.0001445 | -247.33 | <2e-16 *** |

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Residual standard error: 1.48 on 86498 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4184, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4184

F-statistic: 3.112e+04 on 2 and 86498 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Oceanography Regression: Fit Interaction Model

Fit model with interaction between latitude and longitude

```
> elint = lm(ss.temp ~ latitude*longitude, data=elnino)
> summary(elint)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = ss.temp ~ latitude * longitude, data = elnino)
```

Residuals:

| | Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| | -7.5867 | -0.6496 | 0.1000 | 0.8127 | 5.0922 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|
| (Intercept) | 3.541e+01 | 2.913e-02 | 1215.61 | <2e-16 | *** |
| latitude | -5.245e-01 | 5.862e-03 | -89.47 | <2e-16 | *** |
| longitude | -3.638e-02 | 1.377e-04 | -264.22 | <2e-16 | *** |
| latitude:longitude | 2.618e-03 | 2.752e-05 | 95.13 | <2e-16 | *** |

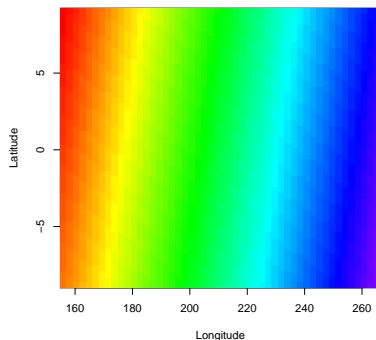
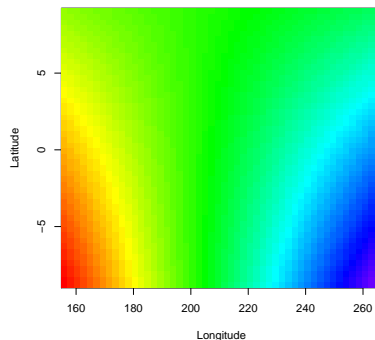
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.408 on 86497 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4735, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4735

F-statistic: 2.593e+04 on 3 and 86497 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Oceanography Regression: Visualize Results

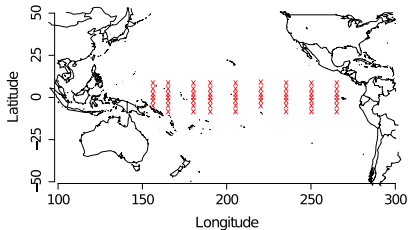
Additive Prediction**Interaction Prediction**

Oceanography Regression: Visualize (R Code)

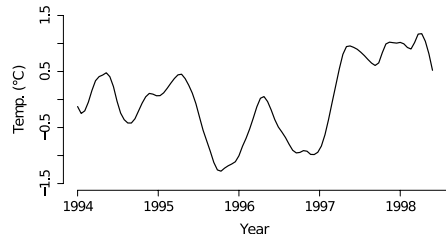
```
> newdata=expand.grid(longitude=seq(min(elnino$longitude),max(elnino$longitude),length=50),
+                      latitude=seq(min(elnino$latitude),max(elnino$latitude),length=50))
> yadd=predict(eladd,newdata)
> image(seq(min(elnino$longitude),max(elnino$longitude),length=50),
+        seq(min(elnino$latitude),max(elnino$latitude),length=50),
+        matrix(yadd,50,50),col=rev(rainbow(100,end=3/4)),
+        xlab="Longitude",ylab="Latitude",main="Additive Prediction")
> yint=predict(elint,newdata)
> image(seq(min(elnino$longitude),max(elnino$longitude),length=50),
+        seq(min(elnino$latitude),max(elnino$latitude),length=50),
+        matrix(yint,50,50),col=rev(rainbow(100,end=3/4)),
+        xlab="Longitude",ylab="Latitude",main="Interaction Prediction")
```

Oceanography Regression: Smoothing Spline Solution

a) Buoy Locations



b) Main Effect: Temporal



c) Main Effect: Spatial

