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# 6. Simple linear regression

Relation between two continuous variables

X =explanatory variable, Y =dependent variable

data: n paired observations  $(x_i, y_i)$ 

### Ex 1: heights of fathers and sons

http://www.scc.ms.unimelb.edu.au/discday/dyk/faso.html

X = father's height, Y = son's height

### 6.1 Least square method

Random response to a known independent variable value

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

random noise  $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  independent of x

model parameters:  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\sigma^2$ 

Regression lines

unknown true line  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ 

fitted line  $y = b_0 + b_1 x$  found from the data  $(x_i, y_i)$ 

Responses

observed  $y_i$  and predicted  $\hat{y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i$ 

Least square method leading to MLEs

find  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  by minimizing SSE =  $\Sigma (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$ 

Least square regression line 
$$y = \bar{y} + r \cdot \frac{s_y}{s_x}(x - \bar{x})$$

sample correlation coefficient 
$$r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{(n-1)s_x s_y}$$
  
 $s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2, s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ 

Least square estimates

slope 
$$b_1 = \frac{n \sum x_i y_i - (\sum x_i)(\sum y_i)}{n \sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2} = r \cdot \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$
  
intercept  $b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{x}$ 

In contrast to correlation coefficient r, regression coefficient  $b_1$  is neither symmetric nor scale free

#### 6.2 Variance estimation

$$SST = SSR + SSE$$

Total sum of squares

$$SST = \Sigma (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = (n - 1)s_y^2$$

Regression sum of squares

$$SSR = \sum (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 = (n-1)b_1^2 s_x^2$$

Error sum of squares

$$SSE = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Corrected MLE of  $\sigma^2$ : sample variance  $s^2 = \frac{\text{SSE}}{n-2}$ 

Coefficient of determination  $r^2 = \frac{\text{SSR}}{\text{SST}}$ proportion of variation in  $y_i$  explained by  $x_i$  variation

### Ex 1: heights of fathers and sons

Point estimates in inches (1 inch = 2.54 cm)

$$\bar{x} = 68, \, s_x = 2.7, \, \bar{y} = 69, \, s_y = 2.7$$

Fitted regresion line  $y = 35 + 0.5 \cdot x$ 

$$r = b_1 \cdot \frac{s_x}{s_y} = 0.5$$

coefficient of determination is 25%

### 6.3 CI and hypothesis testing

Estimates of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are unbiased and consistent

$$b_1 \sim N(\beta_1, \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n-1}), \, \sigma_1^2 = \sigma^2/s_x^2$$

$$b_0 \sim N(\beta_0, \frac{\sigma_0^2}{n-1}), \, \sigma_0^2 = \sigma_1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2$$

negative covariance  $Cov(b_0, b_1) = -\frac{\sigma^2 \cdot \bar{x}}{(n-1) \cdot s_x^2}$ 

Estimated standard errors

$$s_{b_1} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}}, \ s_{b_0} = s_{b_1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2}$$

Exact 
$$100(1-\alpha)\%$$
 CI for  $\beta_i = b_i \pm t_{\alpha/2,n-2} \times s_{b_i}$ 

two t-distributions  $\frac{b_0-\beta_0}{s_{b_0}} \sim t_{n-2}, \frac{b_1-\beta_1}{s_{b_1}} \sim t_{n-2}$ 

Hypothesis testing

test  $H_0$ :  $\beta_1 = \beta_{10}$ , using test statistic  $T = \frac{b_1 - \beta_{10}}{s_{b_1}}$  null distribution  $T \sim t_{n-2}$ 

Model utility test  $H_0$ :  $\beta_1 = 0$  (no relationship) test statistic  $T = b_1/s_{b_1}$ , null distribution:  $T \sim t_{n-2}$ 

## Ex 1: heights of fathers and sons

$$SST = (n-1)s_y^2 = 7851$$

$$SSE = SST(1 - r^2) = 5888.5$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\text{SSE}}{n-2} = 5.47, \ s = 2.34$$

$$s_{b_1} = \frac{s}{s_x \sqrt{n-1}} = 0.026$$

99% CI for  $\beta_1$  is

$$0.5 \pm 2.58 \cdot 0.026 = 0.5 \pm 0.07$$

model utility test:  $T = \frac{b_1}{s_{b_1}} = 18.9$ , reject  $H_0$ 

#### 6.4 Prediction interval

New observation of independent variable for a given  $x_{n+1}$ 

$$Y_{n+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x_{n+1} + \epsilon_{n+1}$$

Expected value of the new observation

true mean 
$$\mu_{n+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x_{n+1}$$
  
estimated mean  $\hat{\mu}_{n+1} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot x_{n+1}$   
 $\operatorname{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{n+1}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} \cdot \frac{(x_{n+1} - \bar{x})^2}{s_x^2}$ 

Estimated s.e. of 
$$\hat{\mu}_{n+1}$$
:  $s_{n+1} = s\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_{n+1} - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$ 

Exact  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  CI for the mean  $\mu_{n+1}$ 

$$b_0 + b_1 \cdot x_{n+1} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-2} \cdot s_{n+1}$$

Exact 
$$100(1-\alpha)\%$$
 prediction interval for  $Y_{n+1}$   
 $b_0 + b_1 \cdot x_{n+1} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-2} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 + s_{n+1}^2}$ 

Two sources of prediction uncertainty

$$Var(Y_{n+1} - \hat{\mu}_{n+1}) = Var(\hat{\mu}_{n+1}) + \sigma^2$$

### Ex 2: my son's height

Estimated mean height of my son  $\hat{\mu}_{n+1} = 35 + 0.5 \cdot 72 = 71$  estimated s.e. of  $\hat{\mu}_{n+1}$ :  $s_{n+1} = 0.11$ 

95% CI for the mean height of my son =  $71 \pm 0.22$ 

95% PI for the height of my son is

 $71 \pm 4.6$  or between 169 cm and 192 cm actual heights 68.9 (175 cm) and 71.6 (182 cm)

# 7. Chi-square tests

approximate tests for discrete and categorical data

# 7.1 Pearson's chi-square test: simple $H_0$

One sample from population distribution assigning probabilities  $(p_1, \ldots, p_J)$  to j distinct values (cells)

Test a simple  $H_0$  against complimentary  $H_1$ 

$$H_0: (p_1, \ldots, p_J) = (p_1^0, \ldots, p_J^0)$$

$$H_1: (p_1, \ldots, p_J) \neq (p_1^0, \ldots, p_J^0)$$

Observed counts  $(O_1, \ldots, O_J) \sim \operatorname{Mn}(n; p_1, \ldots, p_J)$ 

Chi-square test statistic: 
$$X^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{J} \frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j}$$
 expected counts  $E_j = \mathrm{E}(O_j | H_0) = np_j^0$ 

Approximate null distribution of  $X^2$  is  $\chi^2_{J-1}$ 

GLRT: reject  $H_0$  for large values of  $2\Delta \approx X^2$ 

Critical values for  $\chi^2$ -distribution with df = m,  $\alpha = 5\%$ 

### Ex 1: gender ratio

Saxony 1889: n = 6115 families with 12 children

data:  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_n$  numbers of boys in each family

J = 13 cells, observed cell counts  $O_1, \ldots, O_{13}$ 

Model M<sub>1</sub>: number of boys in a family  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(12, 0.5)$ 

simple 
$$H_0$$
:  $p_j = \binom{12}{j-1} \cdot 2^{-12}, j = 1, \dots, 13$ 

$$X^2 = 249.2$$
, df = 12,  $\chi^2_{12}(0.005) = 28.3$ , reject  $H_0$ 

у	cell j	$O_j$	$E_j$ for $M_1$	$\frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j}$	$E_j$ for $M_2$	$\frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j}$
0	1	7	1.5	20.2	2.3	9.6
1	2	45	17.9	41.0	26.1	13.7
2	3	181	98.5	69.1	132.8	17.5
3	4	478	328.4	68.1	410.0	11.3
4	5	829	739.0	11.0	854.2	0.7
5	6	1112	1182.4	4.2	1265.6	18.6
6	7	1343	1379.5	1.0	1367.3	0.4
7	8	1033	1182.4	18.9	1085.2	2.5
8	9	670	739.0	6.4	628.1	2.8
9	10	286	328.4	5.5	258.5	2.9
10	11	104	98.5	0.3	71.8	14.4
11	12	24	17.9	2.1	12.1	11.7
12	13	3	1.5	1.5	0.9	4.9

### 7.2 Pearson's chi-square test: composite $H_0$

Composite  $H_0$ :  $(p_1, \ldots, p_J) = (p_1(\lambda), \ldots, p_J(\lambda))$ unknown parameter  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r)$ ,  $\dim(\Omega_0) = r$ Expected cell counts

$$E_j = n \cdot p_j(\hat{\lambda})$$
 with  $\hat{\lambda} = \text{MLE of } \lambda$  under  $H_0$ 

Approximate null distribution of 
$$X^2$$
 is  $\chi^2_{J-1-r}$ 

$$df(X^2) = \#\{cells\} - \#\{samples\}$$

-#{independent parameters estimated from the data}

### Ex 1: gender ratio

Test a more flexible model M<sub>2</sub>: 
$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(12, p)$$
  
composite  $H_0$ :  $p_j = \binom{12}{j-1} \cdot p^{j-1} \cdot q^{13-j}, j = 1, \dots, 13$ 

Expected cell counts for model M<sub>2</sub>

$$E_j = 6115 \cdot {12 \choose j-1} \cdot \hat{p}^{j-1} \cdot \hat{q}^{13-j}$$
 based on MLE  

$$\hat{p} = \frac{\text{number of boys}}{\text{number of children}} = \frac{1 \cdot 45 + 2 \cdot 181 + \dots + 12 \cdot 3}{6115 \cdot 12} = 0.4808$$

Observed test statistic

$$X^2 = 110.5$$
, df = 11,  $\chi^2_{11}(0.005) = 26.76$ 

Reject  $H_0$  at 0.5% level

observed variation is larger than expected possible explanation : p differs from family to family

### 7.3 Chi-square test of independence

One sample cross-classified for two factors observed counts  $||n_{jk}|| \sim \operatorname{Mn}(n_{\cdot\cdot\cdot}; ||p_{jk}||)$  matrix  $J \times K$  marginal distributions  $(p_1, \ldots, p_{J\cdot})$  and  $(p_{\cdot 1}, \ldots, p_{\cdot K})$  Test of independence

$$H_0: ||p_{jk}|| = ||p_{j\cdot} \times p_{\cdot k}|| \text{ (independence)}$$

$$H_1: ||p_{jk}|| \neq ||p_{j\cdot} \times p_{\cdot k}||$$
 (dependence)

$$X^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{J} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{(n_{jk} - E_{jk})^2}{E_{jk}}, E_{jk} = \frac{n_{j.} \times n_{.k}}{n_{..}}$$

$$E_{jk} = n..\hat{p}_{j.}\hat{p}_{.k}$$
 based on MLEs  $\hat{p}_{j.} = \frac{n_{j.}}{n..}, \hat{p}_{.k} = \frac{n_{.k}}{n..}$   
df =  $JK - 1 - [(J - 1) + (K - 1)] = (J - 1)(K - 1)$ 

Chi-square test with df = 1 the approximate null distribution of  $\sqrt{X^2}$  is N(0,1)

#### Ex 2: marital status and education

 $H_0$ : no relationship between educational level and marital status of women Contingency table of cross-classification:

Education	Married Once	Married $\geq 2$	Total
College	550 (523.8)	61(87.2)	$n_1 = 611$
No College	681(707.2)	144(117.8)	$n_2 = 825$
Total	$n_{\cdot 1} = 1231$	$n_{\cdot 2} = 205$	n.=1436

$$X^2=16.01,\,\mathrm{df}=1,\,\sqrt{16.01}=4.001,\,\mathrm{P}<0.1\%$$
 dependence: educated women marry smarter

# 7.4 Chi-square test of homogeneity

Data: K independent samples of sizes  $n_{\cdot k}$ ,  $k = 1, \ldots, K$  from K population distributions  $(p_{1k}, \ldots, p_{Jk})$ 

Observed counts

$$(n_{1k},\ldots,n_{Jk}) \sim \operatorname{Mn}(n_{\cdot k};p_{1k},\ldots,p_{Jk})$$

Homogeneity means all K distributions are equal

$$H_0: (p_{1k}, \ldots, p_{Jk}) = (p_{1l}, \ldots, p_{Jl}) \text{ for all } (k, l)$$

$$H_1: p_{jk} \neq p_{jl}$$
 for some  $(j, k, l)$ 

Single MLE for K parameters  $p_{j1}, \ldots, p_{jK}$  under  $H_0$  pooled sample proportion  $\hat{p}_{jk} = n_{j.}/n$ ..

The same  $X^2$  and df as with independence test expected cell counts  $n_{\cdot k} \times \hat{p}_{jk} = n_{j\cdot} \times n_{\cdot k}/n_{\cdot k}$ .

$$df = JK - K - (J - 1) = (J - 1)(K - 1)$$

Ex 3: attitude toward small cars

Personality type:	Cautious	Midroad	Explorer	Total
Favorable	79(61.6)	58(62.2)	49(62.2)	186
Neutral	10(8.9)	8(9.0)	9(9.0)	27
Unfavorable	10(28.5)	34(28.8)	42(28.8)	86
Total	99	100	100	299

df = 
$$(3-1)(3-1) = 4$$
,  $\chi^2_{4,0.005} = 14.86$   
 $X^2 = 27.24$ , reject  $H_0$  at 0.5% level

Homogeneity = equality of conditional distributions = independence

### 7.5 Grouping together small cells

Chi-square test is an approximate test use (rather conservative) rule of thumb: all expected counts  $E_j$  should not be less than 5 Combine small cells and reduce the number of cells when calculating df

### Ex 5: numerical example

Grouped data calculation:

$$df = (3-1)(2-1) = 2, \chi^2_{2,0.10} = 4.61, X^2 = 0.25$$