

14.5: Testing for significance

→ Model: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$

→ $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ means \bullet x is not a ^{significant} variable

\bullet $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$ is not a significant Model.

$H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0$ means \bullet x is a significant variable

\bullet $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$ is a significant variable

Assuming: 1. $E(\varepsilon) = 0$

2. $\text{var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2$

3. ε indep

4. ε Normal.

Two-tail test

→ test-statistic:

\bullet t-test: $t = \frac{b_1}{s_{b_1}}$ where $s_{b_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{MSE}}{(n-1) S_x^2}}$

with $df = n - 2$.

→ Rejection Rule:

Reject H_0 if $|t| \geq t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$.

→ Mean square Error (estimate of σ^2).

$$S^2 = \text{MSE} = \frac{\text{SSE}}{n-2}$$

→ Standard Error of the estimate:

$$S = \sqrt{\text{MSE}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{SSE}}{n-2}}$$

→ Model:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$$

→ sampling distribution of b_1 :

- $E(b_1) = \beta_1$

- $\sigma_{b_1} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{(n-1) S_x^2}}$ standard deviation.

- Distribution of b_1 is Normal.

→ Estimated standard distribution of b_1 :

$$S_{b_1} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{(n-1) S_x^2}}$$

→ $(1-\alpha)$ CI for b_1 :

$$b_1 \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} S_{b_1}$$

→ F-test :

ANOVA Table.

Source of Variation	df	SS	MS	F
Regression	1	SSR	MSR	$F = \frac{MSR}{MSE}$
Error	$n-2$	SSE	MSE	
Total	$n-1$	SST	-	

- Mean square Regression (MSR) = SSR
- Mean square Error (MSE) = $SSE / (n-2)$
- Test statistic $F = MSR / MSE$
- Reject H_0 if $F \geq F_{\alpha}$ with $df_1=1$ and $df_2=n-2$
 - $p\text{-value} < \alpha$

Recall the example in section 14.3 :

$$\hat{y} = 0.2 + 2.6x, \quad SSR = 67.6, \quad SSE = 12.4, \quad SST = 80, \quad n = 5$$

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

1. use t-test :

$$t = \frac{b_1}{S_{b_1}} = \frac{2.6}{0.64} = 4.06$$

$$\text{But } S_{b_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{(n-1)s_x^2}} = \frac{2.03}{\sqrt{4(2.5)}} = \frac{2.03}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.64$$

$$\text{But } s = \sqrt{MSE} = \sqrt{\frac{SSE}{n-2}} = \sqrt{\frac{12.4}{5-2}} = 2.03$$

Cont: $\alpha = 0.05$

→ Reject ??

$$\alpha = 0.05 \rightsquigarrow \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.025$$

$$df = n - 2 = 3$$

t $t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ with $df = 3 \rightsquigarrow t_{0.025}$ with $df = 3$

$$t_{0.025} = 3.182$$

$|t| = 4.06 \geq 3.182 = t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ so we Reject H_0 ($\alpha = 0.05$)

so $\beta_1 \neq 0$ ($\alpha = 0.05$),

→ so The Model $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$ is significant. ($\alpha = 0.05$)

→ The variable X is significant ($\alpha = 0.05$)

question: Try to make the same conclusion using a 95% CI for β_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} 0.95 \text{ CI} &= b_1 \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} S_{b_1} \\ &= 2.6 \pm (3.182)(0.64) \\ &= 2.6 \pm 2.04 \\ &= [0.56, 4.64] \end{aligned}$$

② By F-test :

Source of Variation	df	SS	MS	F
Regression	1	67.6	67.6	$\frac{67.6}{4.13} = 16.37$
Error	3	12.4	4.13	
Total	4	80	-	

→ Find $F_{\alpha} \Rightarrow F_{0.05}$ with $df_1 = 1$, $df_2 = 3$

$$F_{0.05} = 10.13$$

$\Rightarrow F > F_{\alpha}$ so we reject H_0 ($\alpha = 0.05$)

$$\beta_1 \neq 0 \quad (\alpha = 0.05)$$

→ The variable X is significant variable ($\alpha = 0.05$)

∴ The Model $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$ is significant ($\alpha = 0.05$)