

# Nested Models

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$$M_A : y = \underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_{q-1} x_{q-1} + \beta_q x_q + \dots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1}}_{\dim(M_A)=p} + \varepsilon$$

want to test the following null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \beta_q = \dots = \beta_{p-1} = 0$$

# The F-Test

**Theory** Under  $M_0$  (and normality of all  $y_i$ ),

$$\frac{(\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_0\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A\|^2)/(p - q)}{\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A\|^2/(n - p)} \sim F_{(p-q, n-p)}.$$

So reject  $M_0$  in favor of  $M_A$  if LHS is large, when measured by an *F*-distribution.

## Ockham's Razor

Latin: Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitate.  
—William of Ockham (1285–1349)

English: Pluralities should not be posited without necessity.

## Just A Little More Detail

**Numerator** By Ockham's razor, “makes sense” to focus on the difference

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_0\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A\|^2.$$

**Denominator** Needs to be “orthogonal” to numerator for *F*-distribution, but projection geometry “clearly” shows

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_0\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A\|^2 = \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A\|^2$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A \perp \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_A.$$

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### Simple Example

Consider the set of nested models below.

$$M_0 : y = \alpha + \varepsilon \quad \text{vs} \quad M_A : y = \alpha + \beta x + \varepsilon$$

Let  $T_\beta$  be the  $t$ -statistic for testing  $\beta = 0$  and  $F_\beta$ , the  $F$ -statistic for testing  $M_0$  against  $M_A$ . Then,  $T_\beta^2 = F_\beta$ .

## Details

$$M_A \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}\bar{x}, \quad \hat{\beta} = \dots \Rightarrow \hat{y}_i^{(A)} = \hat{y}_i = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x_i$$

$$M_0 \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} = \bar{y}, \quad \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{y}_i^{(0)} = \bar{y}$$

$$T_\beta = \frac{\hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \quad \text{whereas} \quad F_\beta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n-2}}$$

$$\text{suffices if } \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 = \hat{\beta}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$\Downarrow$ 
 $\Uparrow$

$$\text{indeed } \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x_i)}_{\hat{y}_i} - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}\bar{x})}_{\hat{\alpha}} + \hat{\beta}x_i - \bar{y})^2$$

## $T$ - and $F$ -Tests $\Leftrightarrow$ LRT

**Example** In the same spirit as Exercise 7.2 (p. 128), can show, for

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2),$$

(a) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \right] + \hat{\beta}^2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right],$$

(b) 
$$2 \log \Lambda(\beta) = n \log \left[ 1 + \frac{(T(\beta))^2}{n-2} \right] \rightarrow (T(\beta))^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\Lambda(\beta)$  and  $T(\beta)$  are respectively the LR- and  $t$ -statistics for testing  $H_0 : \beta = 0$ . [*Remark: If you try it, remember that the MLEs of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma^2$  are different with and without the restriction  $\beta = 0$ .*]

# $K$ -Fold Cross Validation

1. randomly partition the data set into  $K$  groups,  $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_K$
2. **for** each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

$$\hat{\theta}^{(-\mathcal{G}_k)} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i \notin \mathcal{G}_k} [y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i; \theta)]^2$$

$$\text{err}(k) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_k} \left[ y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-\mathcal{G}_k)} \right]^2 = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_k} \left[ y_i - f \left( \mathbf{x}_i; \hat{\theta}^{(-\mathcal{G}_k)} \right) \right]^2$$

**end for**

3. assess the overall **prediction error** of model  $f$  as

$$\text{Err}(f) = \text{err}(1) + \text{err}(2) + \dots + \text{err}(K)$$

**Remark** Do this for a number of candidate models and choose the one with smallest “Err.” Usually implemented w/  $K = 2, 5, 10$ .



# Leave-One-Out CV

**Special Case**  $K = n$  (aka **n-fold CV**)

$$\mathcal{G}_1 = \{1\}, \quad \mathcal{G}_2 = \{2\}, \quad \dots, \quad \mathcal{G}_n = \{n\}$$

**Theorem** For  $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) =$  linear regression model (in fact, any model such that  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$  for some  $\mathbf{H}$  not depending on  $\mathbf{y}$ ),

$$y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} = \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \mathbf{H}_{ii}}.$$

**Remark** Can do leave-one-out ( $n$ -fold) CV without iteration.

# Proof

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 & \hat{y}_1^{(-i)} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{y}_i & \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{y}_n & \hat{y}_n^{(-i)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{H}_{i1} & \cdots & \mathbf{H}_{ii} & \cdots & \mathbf{H}_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \cancel{\hat{y}_i} \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{H}_{ij} y_j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{H}_{ij} y_j - \mathbf{H}_{ii} y_i + \mathbf{H}_{ii} \hat{y}_i^{(-i)}$$

$$y_i - \text{LHS} = y_i - \text{RHS}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} = y_i - \hat{y}_i + \mathbf{H}_{ii}(y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-i)})$$

# Generalized Cross Validation

$$\text{CV} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-i)} \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \mathbf{H}_{ii}} \right)^2$$

$$\text{“average } \mathbf{H}_{ii} \text{”} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{H}_{ii} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{H}) = \frac{p}{n}$$

$$\text{GCV} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - p/n} \right)^2$$

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a penalty on model size

# Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

**Exercise** If  $\sigma^2$  is **known**, the so-called **Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)** for evaluating a linear regression model can be equivalently expressed by

$$\text{AIC} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + 2p\sigma^2,$$

which, again, puts a **penalty** on model **size**. Use the **Taylor approximation**,  $1/(1 - u)^2 \approx 1 + 2u$  for  $u$  small, to explain why GCV and AIC are “more or less” equivalent to each other when  $n$  is relatively large.

**Remark** Usually, one ends up with similar answers when choosing a model according to either CV, GCV, or AIC.