

likelihood-ratio testing approach

joint pdf: $|2\pi\sigma^2\mathbf{I}|^{n/2} \exp[-(\mathbf{Y}-\mathbf{X}\beta)^T(\sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}-\mathbf{X}\beta)/2]$ p. 4-9

If $L(\beta, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{Y})$ is the likelihood function under Normality assumption, the likelihood-ratio test statistics is:

$\Lambda \uparrow \leftrightarrow 2 \log(\Lambda) \uparrow$
 $\Lambda = \max_{\beta, \sigma^2 \in \Omega} L(\beta, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{Y}) / \max_{\beta, \sigma^2 \in \omega} L(\beta, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{Y}) \geq 1$

The test should be rejected if the ratio is too large.

Because

$L(\hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2 | \mathbf{Y}) \propto \hat{\sigma}^{-2n}$, (exercise)

$\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = OLS$ estimator
 we reject the null if

$(\hat{\sigma}_\omega^2 / \hat{\sigma}_\Omega^2)^{2/n} = \hat{\sigma}_\omega^2 / \hat{\sigma}_\Omega^2 > \text{a constant}$

which is equivalent to

$\hat{\epsilon}_\omega \triangle \hat{\epsilon}_\Omega$
 $RSS_\omega / RSS_\Omega > \text{a constant}$

or $(RSS_\omega / RSS_\Omega) - 1 > \text{the constant} - 1$

which equals $(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / RSS_\Omega > \text{a constant}$

we get the same test statistic suggested by the geometric view.

Q: why not use RSS_ω / RSS_Ω as the test statistic? (Hint: can you identify the null distribution of RSS_ω / RSS_Ω ? note that $\hat{\epsilon}_\Omega$ is not orthogonal to $\hat{\epsilon}_\omega$.)

Q: how to discover the distribution of the test statistic under null hypothesis? and how to decide the constant? → critical value null distribution

suppose dimension (# of parameters) of Ω is p and $\dim(\omega) = q < p$

Under the null $H_0: \omega$, This holds only under $H_0(\omega)$

asymptotic null distribution of LRT: under H_0 $2 \log(\Lambda) \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{p-q}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / \sigma^2 \sim \chi^2_{p-q}$ ← LNp.4-7

F distribution (and t distribution) is a unit-free distribution

$RSS_\Omega / \sigma^2 \sim \chi^2_{n-p}$ ← LNp.4-4

and they are independent. ← LNp.4-7

This holds under $H_0 \& H_A(\Omega)$

So, we have $F = \frac{(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (p - q)}{RSS_\Omega / (n - p)} \sim F_{p-q, n-p}$ ← null distribution

Therefore, reject if $F > F_{p-q, n-p}(\alpha)$ (usually check if p-value $< \alpha$)

General form: because the degree of freedom of residuals in a model is the number of observations minus the number of parameters (in β), this test statistics can be written as:

can be applied to $H_0: \mathbf{A}\beta = \mathbf{c}$ ($\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$)
 $F = \frac{(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)}{RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega} \sim F_{df_\omega - df_\Omega, df_\Omega}$
 where $df_\omega = \dim(\omega^\perp) = n - q$ and $df_\Omega = \dim(\Omega^\perp) = n - p$

The test is widely used in regression and ANOVA. The beauty of this approach is you only need to know the general form.

❖ Reading: Faraway (2005, 1st ed.), 3.1

❖ Further reading: Seber (1977), Linear Regression Analysis, 4.1

• Example 1: test of all predictors **Recall. the 2 models in the calculation of R^2**

➤ **Q:** are any of the predictors g_i 's useful in predicting the response?

- Ω : $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 g_1 + \dots + \beta_{p-1} g_{p-1} + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$
- ω : $y = \beta_0 + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = 1$, $df_\omega = n - 1$

▪ H_0 : $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_{p-1} = 0$ H_1 : at least one of $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p-1}$ is not zero

▪ RSS_Ω : $\hat{\epsilon}_n^T \hat{\epsilon}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_{i,\Omega})^2$ RSS_ω : $(Y - \bar{y}\mathbf{1})(Y - \bar{y}\mathbf{1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

▪ (the overall F) $F = \frac{(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)}{RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega} = \frac{[\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 - \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2] / (p-1)}{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 / n - p}$

$R^2 \uparrow$
 $F \uparrow$

they are functionally related.

cf. $R^2 = 1 - \frac{RSS_\Omega}{RSS_\omega} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p-1}{n-p} F}$

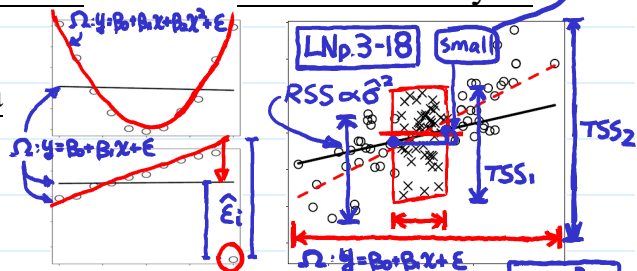
IF F extremely significant, then R^2 must be large?

➤ **Q:** What's the "meaning" of H_0 ? Let's consider the following two questions:

▪ If H_0 is not rejected, what can you conclude? is it the end of the analysis?

Ans: No. Check assumptions, such as linearity, outlier, or if enough data are collected, Do not conclude too soon that no real relationship exist between Y and X_1, \dots, X_p .

implicit assumption: only the models in $\Omega = H_0 \cup H_1$ are considered in the test

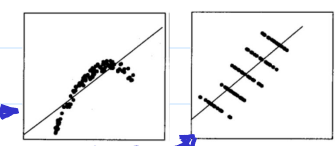


▪ If H_0 is rejected, does it mean the alternative model is the best choice?

Ans: No. Check if some predictors can be dropped, if other predictors might be added, ...

$\therefore H_1$: "at least one" not zero

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• Example 2: testing just one predictor

➤ **Q:** Can one particular predictor, say $g_i(x)$, be dropped from the model?

Under H_0, ω

▪ Ω : $y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_i g_i + \dots + \beta_{p-1} g_{p-1} + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$

$\hat{\beta}_i \sim \text{normal}$

▪ ω : $y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_{p-1} g_{p-1} + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = p - 1$, $df_\omega = n - p + 1$

$E(\hat{\beta}_i) = \beta_i$

$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(X_n^T X_n)_{ii}}$

▪ H_0 : $\beta_i = 0$ ($\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}$, for $j \neq i$) H_1 : $\beta_i \neq 0$ ($\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}$, for $j \neq i$)

$se(\hat{\beta}_i)$

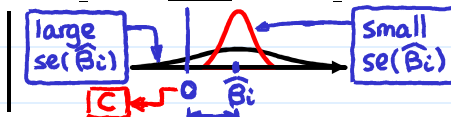
▪ $F = \frac{(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)}{RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega} \sim F_{df_\omega - df_\Omega, df_\Omega}$

$= \sqrt{\frac{(X_n^T X_n)_{ii}^{-1} \cdot \frac{RSS_\Omega}{n-p}}{\sigma^2}}$

indep.

➤ alternative method t -test: $t_i = \hat{\beta}_i / se(\hat{\beta}_i) \sim t_{n-p}$ [Note. $t_i^2 \sim F_{1, n-p}$, and $t_i^2 = F$]

$t_i^2 = \left(\frac{\hat{\beta}_{i,n}}{\sqrt{(X_n^T X_n)_{ii}^{-1} \hat{\sigma}_n^2}} \right)^2 = F \leftarrow \frac{RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega}{(X_n^T X_n)_{ii}^{-1} \hat{\sigma}_n^2}$



➤ **Q:** What is the "meaning" of H_0 ? It seems only β_i appears in null, does H_0 say anything about other β_j 's, where $j \neq i$?

Note. all g_j 's, where $j \neq i$, are included in both ω and Ω .

Ans: when all other predictors are included in the model, whether g_i is helpful in interpreting the response variation. **implicit assumption**

➤ **Q:** When "other predictors" are changed, can we always get the same result for the test of g_i ? **Ans. NO**, but why? \rightarrow if $cor(g_i, g_j) \approx 1 \Rightarrow g_i, g_j$ can do same job

➤ **Q:** When can rejecting/accepting $H_0: \beta_i = 0$ "almost irrelevant" to whether other predictors appear in the models or not? **Ans.** When orthogonality exists (LNp.5-8, future lecture)

check graph in LNp4-7

➤ **Hint.** what will happen if g_i is orthogonal to all g_j 's, where $j \neq i$? under this condition, $\hat{\beta}_i$ independent of all $\hat{\beta}_j$'s? try give it a geometric interpretation.

• Example 3: testing a pair of predictors

➤ Q: Suppose the t -tests for β_j and β_k are both insignificant, can you remove both g_j and g_k from the model? when can and when cannot? and why? (Hint: what's the null in the 2 t -tests?)

orthogonality exists

strong collinearity

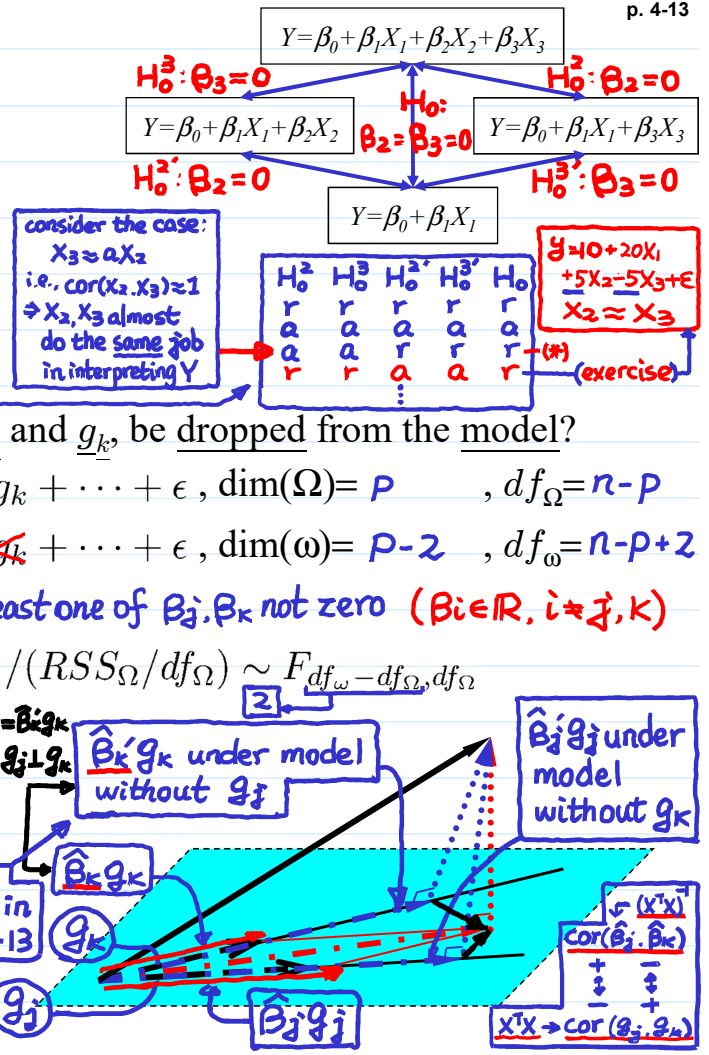
➤ Q: What combinations of acceptance/rejection you will see in these tests?

➤ Q: Can two particular predictors, say g_j and g_k , be dropped from the model?

- $\Omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_k g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$
- $\omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_k g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = p - 2$, $df_\omega = n - p + 2$
- $H_0: \beta_j = \beta_k = 0$ ($\beta_i \in \mathbb{R}, i \neq j, k$) H_1 : at least one of β_j, β_k not zero ($\beta_i \in \mathbb{R}, i \neq j, k$)
- $F = [(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)] / (RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega) \sim F_{df_\omega - df_\Omega, df_\Omega}$

➤ Q: When the data accept $H_{0,i}: \beta_j = 0$ and $H_{0,k}: \beta_k = 0$, but reject $H_0: \beta_j = \beta_k = 0$, how can you explain the contradictory results? how is it related to orthogonality and collinearity?

➤ It can be generalized to more than two predictors. How? (exercise)



• Example 4: testing a subspace/subset ω

➤ Q: how to test $H_0: \beta_j + \beta_k = 1$? $\Rightarrow \beta_k = 1 - \beta_j$ (ω : a subset of Ω)

- $\Omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_k g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$
- $\omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + (1 - \beta_j) g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = p - 1$, $df_\omega = n - p + 1$

check graph in Lnp 4-8

$y^* = y - g_k = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j (g_j - g_k) + \dots + \epsilon$
 \Rightarrow get $\hat{\beta}, \hat{\epsilon}, \hat{y}^*$ ($\hat{y} = \hat{y}^* + g_k$) using OLS

min $\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$
 $= \sum_i [y_i - g_{ki} - (\hat{\beta}_j - \hat{\beta}_k) g_{ji}]^2$
 $= \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i^*)^2$

▪ $F = [(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)] / (RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega) \sim F_{df_\omega - df_\Omega, df_\Omega}$
 $\Rightarrow \hat{y}^* \perp \hat{\epsilon}$

➤ Q: how to test $H_0: \beta_j = \beta_k$? $\Rightarrow \beta_j - \beta_k = 0$ (ω : subspace of Ω)

- $\Omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_k g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$
- $\omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_j g_k + \dots + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = p - 1$, $df_\omega = n - p + 1$
- $F = [(RSS_\omega - RSS_\Omega) / (df_\omega - df_\Omega)] / (RSS_\Omega / df_\Omega) \sim F_{df_\omega - df_\Omega, df_\Omega}$

➤ Q: how to test $H_0: \beta_j = c$, c : a known constant, say $\beta_j = 10$? (ω : a subset of Ω)

- $\Omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_{p-1} g_{p-1} + \epsilon$, $\dim(\Omega) = p$, $df_\Omega = n - p$
- $\omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + c g_j + \dots + \beta_{p-1} g_{p-1} + \epsilon$, $\dim(\omega) = p - 1$, $df_\omega = n - p + 1$

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▪ alternative method t -test: $t_j = (\hat{\beta}_j - c) / se(\hat{\beta}_j) \sim t_{n-p}$
 check the t -test in Lnp 4-12

➤ Q: Can we apply the method to test $H_0: \beta_j \beta_k = 1$? $\Rightarrow \beta_k = 1/\beta_j$

- $\Omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + \beta_k g_k + \dots + \epsilon$
- $\omega: y = \beta_0 + \dots + \beta_j g_j + \dots + (1/\beta_j) g_k + \dots + \epsilon$ ← not a linear model

• Some note & concerns about hypothesis testing

➤ The previous testing method can be applied to $H_0: A\beta=c$, where A is a known $(p-q) \times p$ matrix of rank $p-q$, and c is a known $(p-q) \times 1$ vector.

examples:

Ex1: $H_0: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \beta = 0$

Ex2: $H_0: (0 \dots 0 \overset{i\text{th}}{1} 0 \dots 0) \beta = 0$

Ex3: $H_0: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \beta = 0$

Ex4:

$\beta_j + \beta_k = 1$
 $H_0: [0 \dots 0 \overset{j\text{th}}{1} 0 \dots 0 \overset{k\text{th}}{1} 0 \dots 0] \beta = 1$

$\beta_j = \beta_k \Rightarrow \beta_j - \beta_k = 0$
 $H_0: [0 \dots 0 \overset{j\text{th}}{1} 0 \dots 0 \overset{k\text{th}}{-1} 0 \dots 0] \beta = 0$

full model matrix

Q: what are ω and Ω ?

$\Omega: X\beta, \beta$ unrestricted, $\omega: X\beta, \beta$ subject to $A\beta=c$

➤ Q: Suppose (1) the model is correct and (2) the estimators of β are mutually independent. When $H_0: \beta_i=0$ is accepted, does it really mean that β_i is exactly zero?

one-sample problem

e.g.: $y_i = \mu + \epsilon_i; \epsilon_i's \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2); \mu \approx 0$, but not zero

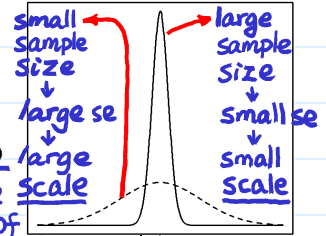
$H_0: \mu = 0$

Ⓐ \bar{y} estimate $\rightarrow \mu$

Ⓑ $\bar{y} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) \Rightarrow n \uparrow, \text{Var}(\bar{y}) \downarrow 0$

Ⓒ test statistic

$Z = \frac{\bar{y} - 0}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{y})}}$



$\bar{y} - 0 \approx \epsilon$ very small

Note: that's why we usually don't say "accept H_0 ", but say "sample size isn't large enough to reject H_0 ".

n small, $\bar{y} = 0.001$, Z small \rightarrow accept
 n large, $\bar{y} = 0.001$, Z large \rightarrow reject
 Q: reasonable?

➤ When sample size, n , is much larger than the number of parameters, p , it's very possible that every tests are significant (even though R^2 is very low) - check LNp.4-11

play a role like the scale of a ruler

➤ Statistical significance may not be equivalent to practical/physical significance. p. 4-16

example: ① temperature on some day: μ_1 , temperature on next day: μ_2 , $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.001^\circ\text{C}$ - not physically significant.

② Test $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ (under 2-sample model or one-sample model) when n is very large \Rightarrow reject H_0 - statically significant.

■ Q: why inequivalent? Hint: what are the numerator & denominator in the t-test? Does the denominator represents a scale of physical significance?

■ for datasets with large n , it is easy to get statistically significant results on β_i 's, but the magnitudes of some (all) β_i 's may be quite small and therefore, not physically important. \therefore models in Ω^c are considered impossible

➤ The inference depends on the correctness of the model $\Omega: Y = X\beta + \epsilon$ we use. The assumptions about the model can be checked, but there will be always some element of doubt. (Q: what you can do?)

① Check with experts ② Collect more data to validate ③ Other supports

➤ The data may suggest more than one possible models which may lead to contradictory results, e.g, when strong collinearity exists. (Q: what you can do?)

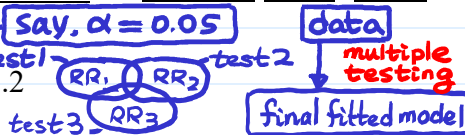
not from the current analyzed data

report all "good" fitted model.

LNp.4-13 a.a,r,r,r

Situation encountered: The information contained in the data is insufficient to distinguish which of the "good" models is better.

➤ What is the true significant level of several tests, each with significant level α ?



- ❖ Reading: Faraway (2005, 1st ed.), 3.2
- ❖ Further reading: D&S, 9.1

Example. results of all t-tests of $H_0: \beta_i=0 \leftrightarrow$ overall F-test