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4.1 The Linear Regression Model 140

$$y = \mu_{y|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k} + \varepsilon = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_j$$

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$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_k x_k$$

We will rely on Excel (or SAS or SPSS) to calculate the b's

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$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \left[\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_{ij} \right] \right)^2$$

$$MSE = s^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-k-1} \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{SSE}{n-k-1}}$$

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$SST = SS_{yy}$ just as in simple linear regression

$SSR = SST - SSE$.

This is equal to $\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\left[\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_{ij} \right] - \bar{y} \right)^2$ but $SST - SSE$ is just as

conceptually relevant and easier to compute.

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST}$$

$$R^2 \text{ Adjusted for degrees of freedom} = \bar{R}^2 = \left(R^2 - \frac{k}{n-1} \right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n-k-1} \right)$$

Overall F-Test

We can reject $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$ in favor of H_1 : at least one $\beta_i \neq 0$

at significance level α if $F = \frac{SSR/k}{SSE/(n-k-1)} > F_{\alpha}^{k, n-k-1}$

p-Value for Overall F-test $p = \Pr\left(F^{k, n-k-1} \geq \frac{SSR/k}{SSE/(n-k-1)}\right)$

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