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If the effect of one predictor variable depends on the value of another,

One way to approximate this is by including a third variable

which is the product of the other two multiplied by each other.

Examples: Alcohol & barbiturates, Poison & antidote, Soil & Fertilizer acidity

4.9 Using Dummy Variables to Model Qualitative Independent Variables 183

Turn one qualitative predictor with c categories into $c-1$ binary variables.

Choose one category is "all zeros"

the choice does not affect predictive power, but can affect clarity

4.10 The Partial F-Test: Testing the Significance of a Portion of a Regression Model 193

Suppose we have two competing models of the same dependent variable y :

The "complete model"

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_g X_g + \beta_{g+1} X_{g+1} + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \varepsilon = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j X_j$$

and the "reduced model"

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_g X_g + \varepsilon = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^g \beta_j X_j$$

The complete model has all the predictors in the reduced model plus more besides

$H_0 : \beta_{g+1} = \beta_{g+2} = \dots = \beta_k = 0$ is the hypothesis that the complete model

does not add any real explanatory model over and above the reduced model.

We can reduce H_0 in favor of H_1 : at least one of $\beta_{g+1}, \beta_{g+2}, \dots, \beta_k \neq 0$

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

p-Value for Partial F-test $p = \Pr\left(F_{\alpha}^{k-g, n-k-1} \geq \frac{(SSE_r - SSE_c)/(k-g)}{SSE_c/(n-k-1)}\right)$