**PH 539: Biostatistical Methods II**

**HOMEWORK 2 (Linear Regression) [Due March 7, 2017]**

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| **PART I (MULTIPLE CHOICE AND FILLIN THE BLANK QUESTIONS):** |

**Question 1 [1 points]:**

Multiple regression analysis involves building models for relating dependent variable y to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or more independent variables.

**Answer:**

**Question 2 [1 points]:**

Many statisticians recommend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for an assessment of model validity and usefulness. These include plotting the residuals, standardized or studentized residuals on the vertical axis versus the independent variable xi or fitted values i on the horizontal axis.

**Answer:**

**Question 3 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are not true?

1. Provided that the model is correct, no residual plot should exhibit distinct patterns.
2. Provided that the model is correct, the residuals should be randomly distributed about 0 according to a normal distribution, so all but a very few standardized residuals should lie between -2 and +2 ( i.e., all but a few residuals are within 2 standard deviations of their expected value 0 ).
3. If we plot the fitted or predicted values on the vertical axis versus the actual values i on the horizontal axis, and the plot yields points close to the 60o line, then the estimated regression function gives accurate predictions of the values actually observed.

**Answer:**

**Question 4 [1 points]:**

Quite frequently, residual plots as well as other plots of the data will suggest some difficulties or abnormality in the data. Which of the following statements are not considered difficulties?

1. A nonlinear probabilistic relationship between x and y is appropriate.
2. The variance of the error term ε (and of Y) is a constant σ2.
3. The error term ε does not have a normal distribution.
4. The selected model fits the data well except for very few discrepant or outlying data values, which may have greatly influenced the choice of the best-fit function.
5. One or more relevant independent variables have been omitted from the model

**Answer:**

**Question 5 [1 points]:**

A multiple regression model has

1. One independent variable.
2. Two dependent variables
3. Two or more dependent variables.
4. Two or more independent variables.
5. One independent variable and one independent variable.

**Answer:**

**Question 6 [1 points]:**

In multiple regression models, the error term ε is assumed to have:

1. A mean of 1.
2. A standard deviation of 1.
3. A variance of 0.
4. Negative values.
5. Normal distribution.

**Answer:**

**Question 7 [1 points]:**

The coefficient of multiple determination R is

1. SSE/SST
2. SST/SSE
3. 1-SSE/SST
4. 1-SST/SSE
5. ( SSE + SST ) /2

**Answer:**

**Question 8 [1 points]:**

The adjusted coefficient of multiple determination is adjusted for

1. The value of the error term ε
2. The number of dependent variables in the model
3. The number of parameters in the model
4. The number of outliers
5. The level of significance α

**Answer:**

**Question 9 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are not true?

1. The way to incorporate a qualitative (categorical) variable with three possible categories into a regression model is to define a single-numerical variable with coded values such as 0, 1, and 2 corresponding to the three categories.
2. Incorporating a categorical variable with c possible categories into a multiple regression model requires the use of c-1 indicator variables.
3. The positive square root of the coefficient of multiple determination is called the multiple correlation coefficient R.

**Answer:**

**Question 10 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are true?

1. The proportion of total variation explained by the multiple regression model is R2=1-SSE/SST; the coefficient of multiple determination.
2. The coefficient of multiple determination R2 is often adjusted for the number of parameters (k+1) in the model by the formula R2a = [(n-1) R2 –k] / [(n – (k+1)].
3. With multivariate data, there is no preliminary picture analogous to a scatter plot to indicate whether a particular multiple regression model will be judged useful.
4. The model utility test in multiple regression involves testing H0: β1 = β2 =….. = βk =0 versus: H1: at least one βi≠ 0 (i = 1, 2, ……, k).
5. All of the above statements are true.

**Answer:**

**Question 11 [1 points]:**

A first-order no-interaction model has the form = 5 + 3X1 + 2X2. As X1 increases by 1-unit, while holding X2 fixed, then Y will be expected to

1. increase by 10
2. increase by 5
3. increase by 3
4. decrease by 3
5. decrease by 6

**Answer:**

**Question 12 [1 points]:**

Incorporating a categorical variable with 4 possible categories into a multiple regression model requires the use of

1. 4 indicator variables
2. 3 indicator variables
3. 2 indicator variables
4. 1 indicator variable
5. no indicator variables at all

**Answer:**

**Question 13 [1 points]:**

The transformation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is used to linearize the function y =α +β ⋅ log(x)

**Answer:**

**Question 14 [1 points]:**

The transformation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the dependent variable y and the transformation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the independent variable x are used to linearize the power function y =αxβ.

**Answer:**

**Question 15 [1 points]:**

The kth -degree polynomial regression model equation is Y = β0 +β1X +β2X2 +....+βkXk +ε, where ε is a normally distributed random variable with E (ε) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Var (ε) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:**

**Question 16 [1 points]:**

The regression coefficient β2 in the multiple regression model Y = β0 +β1X1 +β2X2 +…. +βkXk +ε is interpreted as the expected change in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_associated with a 1-unit increase in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are held fixed.

**Answer:**

**Question 17 [1 points]:**

A dichotomous variable, one with just two possible categories, can be incorporated into a regression model via a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ variable x whose possible values 0 and 1 to indicate which category is relevant for any particular observations.

**Answer:**

**Question 18 [1 points]:**

A multiple regression model with k predictors will include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regression parameters, because β0 will always be included.

**Answer:**

**Question 19 [1 points]:**

In many multiple regression data sets, the predictors X1, X2, ..., Xk are highly interdependent. When one of the Xis values can be predicted very well from the other predictor values, for at least one predictor, the data is said to exhibit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:**

**Question 20 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are not true?

1. The exponential function y =αeβ x is intrinsically linear.
2. The power function y =αxβ can be linearized by the transformations y′ = log(y) and x′ = log(x).
3. The function y =α +γ xβ is intrinsically linear.

**Answer:**

**Question 21 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are true?

1. In general, it is not only permissible for some independent or predictor variables to the mathematical functions of others, but also of often highly desirable in the sense that the resulting model may be much more successful in explaining variation in y than any model without such predictors.
2. Polynomial regression is indeed a specific case of multiple regression.
3. The coefficient βk in the multiple regression model Y = β0 +β1X1 +β2X2 +…. +βkXk +ε is interpreted as the expected change in Y with a 1-unit increase in Xk , when X1, X2, …, Xk-1 are held fixed.
4. All of the above statements are true.
5. None of the above statements are true.

**Answer:**

**Question 22 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are true?

1. The forward selection method, an alternative to the backward elimination method, starts with no predictors in the model and consider fitting in turn the model with only X1 , only X2 ,….., and finally only Xk .
2. The stepwise procedure most widely used is a combination of forward selection (FS) method and backward elimination (BE) method.
3. The stepwise procedure starts by adding variables to the model, but after each addition it examines those variables previously entered to see whether any is a candidate for elimination.
4. All of the above statements are true.
5. None of the above statements are true

**Answer:**

**Question 23 [1 points]:**

Which of the following statements are true?

1. The idea behind the stepwise procedure is that with forward selection, a single variable may be more strongly related to y than either of two or more other variables individually, but the combination of those variables may make the single variable subsequently redundant.
2. When the predictors X1, X2, ..., Xk are highly interdependent, the data is said to exhibit multicollinearity.
3. There is unfortunately no consensus among statisticians as to what remedies are appropriate when sever multicollinearity is present. One possibility involves continuing to use a model that includes all the predictors but estimating parameters by using something other than least squares (Ridge regression as an example).
4. All of the above statements are true.
5. None of the above statements are true.

**Answer:**

**Question 24 [1 points]:**

Which of the following shouldn’t be used as a criterion for model selection:

1. LRT
2. AIC
3. BIC
4. R2
5. Radj2
6. Mallows' Cp

**Answer:**

**Question 25 [1 points]:**

For the model Y = β0 +β1X1 +β2X2 +β3X1X2 +ε, if β3 was found to be significant then the main effects shouldn’t be interpreted?

1. Yes
2. No

**Answer:**

**PART II (STATA):**

**Question 1 [45 points (3 points for each part)]:**

Data were collected on 252 men. The body density dataset includes the following 15 variables listed from left to right:

1. Density determined from underwater weighing
2. Percent body fat from Siri's (1956) equation
3. Age (years)
4. Weight (kg)
5. Height (cm)
6. Neck circumference (cm)
7. Chest circumference (cm)
8. Abdomen 2 circumference (cm)
9. Hip circumference (cm)
10. Thigh circumference (cm)
11. Knee circumference (cm)
12. Ankle circumference (cm)
13. Biceps (extended) circumference (cm)
14. Forearm circumference (cm)
15. Wrist circumference (cm)

For analysis purposes, six predictor variables were considered:

1. Age
2. Weight
3. Height
4. Chest
5. Hip
6. Forearm

The response variable of interest is BodyFat. The goal of the study was to determine the relationship between body fat and the six independent variables. Data could be downloaded from: <http://www.mathalpha.com/PH-539/BodyFat.dta>

**FULL MODEL:**

1. From the full model, one obtains F (6, 245) = 54.49 and R2=0.5716. Show the ANOVA and Parameters’ estimates Tables for the full model and show how the given overall F-value and R2 can be obtained from the MS and SS? Interpret R2?

**Answer:**

1. Construct the matrix of scatterplots between the dependent variable and all independent variables and comment on the linearity assumption of the conducted multiple linear regression model?

**Answer:**

1. Use the very same graph in (b) to comment on the presence of multicollinearity in these data? Please confirm your answer by looking at the VIF values from the conducted model? Was the assumption of lack of multicollinearity violated in this model? If it did, what remedial measure will you take (show it)?

**Answer:**

1. Conduct some residuals diagnostics tests and use graphs to comment on the possible violation of the two assumptions of constancy of the errors variance and normality of the error terms in the Full model? (use the Studentized residuals) A desired graph would be 2x2 which includes a histogram with fitted normal curve, QQ-PLOT, residuals against the fitted values and a box-plot of the residuals.

**Answer:**

1. Does the full model suffer from outlying or influential points? For influential outliers, use the cut-off 6/n instead of 4/n.

**Answer:**

**REDUCED MODEL:**

1. What reduced model is suggested by the backward selection method and forward selection method respectively? Please write down the prediction equation.

**Answer:**

1. What is for the reduced model and does it have any meaningful interpretation in this particular example? Please interpret the other parameters’ estimates of the reduced model?

**Answer:**

**COMPARE FULL MODEL WITH REDUCED MODEL**

1. Stata the R2 for the full model and R2 for the reduced model? Is the R2 for the full model larger than the R2 for the reduced model? Why? Does the reduced model has a larger adjusted R2 than the full model? Which model is more adequate?

**Answer:**

**CONFOUNDING VARIABLES**

1. Let’s consider the reduced model and assume that Hip is the primary predictor variable for Body Fat. An investigator decided to add Ankle circumference (cm) to the reduced model even though it wasn’t significant by claiming that it’s a possible confounder. Is the claim of this investigator justified? [hint: run the reduced model with and without Knee and study the change happens to the parameter coefficient for Hip]

**Answer:**

**INTERACTION**

1. Firstly, please construct a new variable and call it **BMI** according to the formula: **Weight/(Height/100)^2**

Secondly, create a dummy variable for BMI and call it BMI\_dummy such that it takes on the value 1 if the BMI>=25 and the value 0 if the BMI<25 [in here, 1 indicates overweight/obese and 0 indicates underweight/Normal]. What is the distribution of the newly constructed variable (show the contingency table)

**Answer:**

1. Conduct a multiple regression model to predict Body Fat by using the predictors: Chest, Age, Height, Hip, Ankle, and BMI\_dummy. Provide the ANOVA table and Parameters’ estimates table for this model. What is the prediction equation for this model?

**Answer:**

1. What is the predicted mean Body Fat for a randomly selected subject with the following values:

**Chest Age Height Hip Ankle BMI\_dummy**

99.1 35 167.64 99.2 21.7 1

**Answer:**

1. Please interpret the coefficient 2.869 for the variable BMI\_dummy?

**Answer:**

1. Considering the very same model in (k), please check whether BMI\_dummy has a significant interaction with Hip? Provide the ANOVA and Parameters’ estimates tables.

**Answer:**

1. Give an interpretation for the interaction term? Does your interpretation support the finding that a wide hip circumference is a protective factor among overweight/obese subjects? Explain

**Answer:**

1. Is the model with interaction more adequate than the model without interaction?

**Answer:**

**PART III (STATA+TEXTBOOK):**

**Question 1 [25 points]:**

**3.27 Exercises 2-10 only (pages 155-156) using the 3.ex.Funding.dta data set.**

**For this part, you only need to run the following provided syntax and answer the questions accordingly:**

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clear all

use "C:\Users\Fares\Documents\PH539\homeworks\3.ex.Funding.dta"

graph matrix dollars incid preval hospdays mort yrslost disabil

reg dollars incid preval hospdays mort yrslost disabil

/\*Backward selection: pr(probability for removal)\*/

stepwise, pr(.1): regress dollars incid preval hospdays mort yrslost disabil

/\*\*\*\*3\*\*\*\*\*/

gen logdollars=log(dollars)

gen logincid=log(incid)

gen logpreval=log(preval)

gen loghospdays=log(hospdays)

gen logmort=log(mort)

gen logyrslost=log(yrslost)

gen logdisabil=log(disabil)

/\*Forward stepwise selection\*/

stepwise, pr(0.2) pe(0.1) forward: regress logdollars logincid logpreval loghospdays logmort logyrslost logdisabil

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/\*Backward stepwise selection\*/

stepwise, pr(0.2) pe(0.1): regress logdollars logincid logpreval loghospdays logmort logyrslost logdisabil

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regress logdollars logmort loghospdays logdisabil logyrslost

/\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*6\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*/

regress logdollars logmort loghospdays logdisabil logyrslost

predict y\_hat, xb

predict ti, rstu

twoway scatter ti y\_hat, yline(-2 0 2) title("Std. Residuals vs. Fitted values")

/\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*7\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*/

predict hii, hat /\*leverage\*/

predict di, cook /\*Cook's distance\*/

predict deltab1, dfbeta(logmort)

list disease deltab1 di ti hii if deltab1 > 0.5, clean

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twoway scatter logdollars logmort [aweight=deltab1]

twoway scatter logdollars loghospdays [aweight=deltab1]

twoway scatter logdollars logdisabil [aweight=deltab1]

twoway scatter logdollars logyrslost [aweight=deltab1]

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drop if \_n==26

regress logdollars logmort loghospdays logdisabil logyrslost

/\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*10\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*/

predict deltab2, dfbeta(loghospdays)

predict deltab3, dfbeta(logdisabil)

predict deltab4, dfbeta(logyrslost)

list disease deltab1 di ti hii if deltab2 > 0.5 | deltab3 > 0.5 | deltab4 > 0.5, clean