STAT512 Applied Regression Analysis

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Course Description  The objective of this course is to help students learn to do data analysis using linear regression for modelling the relationship between a scalar response (or dependent variable) and one or more explanatory variables (or independent variables). Regression analysis is a fundamental method of statistical modeling, which is important on its own and provides a framework for understanding other methods of data analysis as well. This course is not mathematically advanced, but covers a large volume of material. It requires calculus and matrix algebra. This course is recommended for graduate students and for serious undergraduates from all areas.

Prerequisites  STAT503 or STAT 511

Topics to be covered:

0. Introduction to R.

1. Scatterplots and Regression: scatterplots, mean functions, variance functions, scatterplot matrices.

2. Simple Linear Regression: least square estimates, analysis of variance, coefficient of determination, confidence intervals and tests.

3. Multiple Regression: least square estimates, analysis of variance, prediction and fitted values.

4. Interpretation of Main Effects: understanding parameter estimates, more on $R^2$, dropping regressors.

5. Complex Regressors: Factors, many factors, polynomial regression, splines, principal components, missing data.


8. Transformations: power transformations, Box-Cox method, general transformation methods, additive models

9. Regression Diagnosis: Residuals, curvature, nonconstant variance, outliers, influence of cases, normality assumption.
10. Variable selection: stepwise regression, regularized methods, cross-validation


Texts/references:


Exams  Homework (20%), Group Project (15%), Midterm (25%), Final (40%). The final percentages needed for a particular grade are as follows: 90-100=A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 55-69 = D, < 54 = F. The minimum score needed for a given letter grade could be lowered if necessary but will not be raised. +/- grades are only given in special circumstances.

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