

Lesson 19: Chapter 10 Section 2

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We call these the total sum of squares (SST), the sum of squares due to the model (SSM), and the sum of squares due to deviations from the model, i.e. due to errors, (SSE), respectively. They have degrees of freedom $n-1$, 1, and $n-2$ respectively. We denote them DFT, DFM, and DFE.

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Sum of squares represent variation present in the responses. They are calculated by summing square deviations. **Analysis of variance** partitions the total variation between two sources.

$$SST = SSM + SSE$$

The **degrees of freedom** are associated with each sum of squares.

$$DFT = DFM + DFE$$

The **mean squares** are $\frac{\text{sum of squares}}{\text{degrees of freedom}}$.

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It was mentioned before that r^2 — the square of linear correlation coefficient, sometimes called the coefficient of determination — is the ratio of the explained variation to the total variation. This is because:

$$r^2 = \frac{SSM}{SST}.$$

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To test the hypothesis $H_0 : \rho = 0$, compute the t test statistic

$$t = \frac{r\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}},$$

where n is the sample size and r is the sample correlation. In terms of the $t(n-2)$ random variable, the P -value for the test of H_0 against

$$H_a : \rho > 0 \quad \text{is} \quad P(T > t)$$

$$H_a : \rho < 0 \quad \text{is} \quad P(T < t)$$

$$H_a : \rho \neq 0 \quad \text{is} \quad 2P(T > |t|)$$

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