

Statistics and Data Analysis

Regression Analysis (1)

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1. The “Bike_Month” sheet contains the numbers of monthly public bike rentals in a city and other related information. The data were collected for two years.
 - (a) Draw a line chart to depict the trend and fluctuation for monthly rentals. Qualitatively describe the trend and seasonal effect.
 - (b) Construct a simple linear regression model for *instant* and *cnt*. What is your regression line?
 - (c) Check R^2 and the p -value and make some interpretations.
 - (d) Predict monthly rentals for the next year with the model.

2. Consider the daily rental data contained in the “Bike_day” sheet.
- (a) Construct a regression model for *instant* and *cnt*. Do you still see an increasing trend?
 - (b) Recall that we have a regression line for *instant* and *cnt* for monthly rentals. Is the line for daily rentals flatter or steeper than that for monthly rentals? Why?
 - (c) Add the column *holiday* into the regression model in (a). In average what is the impact of being a holiday?
 - (d) Remove *holiday* and add the column *workingday* into the regression model in (a). In average what is the impact of being a working day? Compare the result with *holiday*.

3. Consider the daily rental data contained in the “Bike_day” sheet.
- (a) How do *temp*, *atemp*, *hum*, and *windspeed* affect *cnt*?
 - (b) If you used a regression model with the five variables listed in (a), what are the potential drawbacks?
 - (c) Try to take away *temp* and do the analysis again.
 - (d) Try to add *instant* and do the analysis again.

4. Consider the daily rental data contained in the “Bike_day” sheet.
- (a) Construct a regression model with $temp$ as the only independent variable and cnt as the dependent variable. Interpret and validate your model.
 - (b) Some people suggest that $temp$ should have a nonlinear impact on cnt . Does this fit your intuition? Draw a scatter plot to help you judge the intuition.
 - (c) To capture the nonlinear relationship, let’s add a variable $temp^2$ as our second independent variable. Construct the regression model, interpret it, and validate it.
 - (d) Does adding $temp^2$ improves the model?
 - (e) Let’s visualize the two regression models.

