

# Prediction Error Criterion for Selecting of Variables in Regression Model

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## Abstract

This paper is concerned with criteria for selecting of variables in regression model. We propose a prediction error criterion  $C_{pe}$  which is unbiased as an estimator for the mean squared error in prediction  $R_{pe}$ , when the true model is contained in the full model. The property is shown without normality. Such unbiasedness property is studied for other criteria such as cross-validation criterion,  $C_p$  criterion, etc. We will also examine modifications of multiple correlation coefficient from the point of estimating  $R_{pe}$ . Our results are extended to multivariate case.

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# 1. Introduction

In univariate regression model, we want to predict or describe a response variable  $y$  by a subset of several explanatory variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ . Suppose that there are  $n$  observations on  $y$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)'$  denoted by  $y_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\alpha = (x_{\alpha 1}, \dots, x_{\alpha k})'; \alpha = 1, \dots, n$ . In this paper we consider the problem of selecting a model from a collection of candidate models specified by linear regression of  $y$  on subvectors of  $\mathbf{x}$ . We assume that the true model for  $y_\alpha, \alpha = 1, \dots, n$  is as follows:

$$M_0 : y_\alpha = \eta_{\alpha 0} + \varepsilon_{\alpha 0}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.1)$$

where the error terms  $\varepsilon_{10}, \dots, \varepsilon_{n0}$  are mutually independent, and each of them has the same mean 0 and the same variance  $\sigma_0^2$ . The linear regression model including all the explanatory variables is written as

$$M_F : y_\alpha = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{\alpha 1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{\alpha k} + \varepsilon_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.2)$$

where the coefficients  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_j$  are unknown parameters, the error terms  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$  are mutually independent and have the same mean 0 and the same unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . The model is called the full model.

In this paper we are interested in criteria for selecting of models, more concretely for selecting of variables. As a subset of all explanatory variables, without loss of generality we may consider the subset of the first  $j$  explanatory variables  $x_1, \dots, x_j$ . Consider a candidate model

$$M_J : y_\alpha = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{\alpha 1} + \dots + \beta_j x_{\alpha j} + \varepsilon_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.3)$$

where the coefficient  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_j$  are unknown, and the error terms are the same ones as in (1.2).

As a criterion for goodness of a fitted candidate model we consider the prediction errors, more precisely the mean squares errors in prediction. The measure is given by

$$R_{pe} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n E_0[(z_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2], \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\hat{y}_{\alpha J}$  is the usual unbiased estimator of  $\eta_{\alpha 0}$  under  $M_J$ , and  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)'$  has the same distribution as  $\mathbf{y}$  in (1.1) and is independent of  $\mathbf{y}$ . We call  $R_{pe}$  a risk function for  $M_J$ . Here  $E_0$  denotes the expectation with respect to the true model  $M_0$ . It is easy to see that

$$R_{pe} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n E_0[(\eta_{\alpha 0} - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2] + n\sigma_0^2. \quad (1.5)$$

Therefore, the target criterion is essentially the same as the first term of the right-hand side in (1.5). A typical estimation method for (1.4) is to use a cross-validation method (see, e.g., Sone (1974)). The method predicts  $y_\alpha$  by the usual unbiased estimator  $\hat{y}_{(-\alpha)J}$  based on the data set obtained by removing the  $\alpha$ -th observation  $(y_\alpha, \mathbf{x}'_\alpha)$ , and estimates  $R_{pe}$  by

$$C_{cv} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \{y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{(-\alpha)J}\}^2. \quad (1.6)$$

The selection method is to choose the model for which  $C_{cv}$  is minimized. If the errors are normally distributed, we can use a well known *AIC* (Akaike (1973)) which are not discussed here.

In this paper we propose a new criterion

$$C_{pe} = s_J^2 + \frac{2(j+1)}{n-k-1} s_F^2, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $s_J^2$  and  $s_F^2$  are the sums of squares of residuals in the candidate model  $M_J$  and the full model  $M_F$ , respectively.

In Section 2 we study unbiasedness properties of  $C_{cv}$  and  $C_{pe}$  as an estimator for their target measure  $R_{pe}$ . It is shown that  $C_{cv}$  is only asymptotically unbiased while  $C_{pe}$  is exactly unbiased when the true model is contained in the full model. In Section 3 we shall make clear a relationship of  $C_{pe}$  with  $C_p$  (Mallows (1973)) and its modification  $C_{mp}$  (Fujikoshi and Satoh (1997)). The latter criteria are closely related to  $C_{pe}$ , since the target measure for  $C_p$  and  $C_{mp}$  is  $R_{pe}/\sigma_0^2$ . In Section 4 we also propose an adjusted multiple correlation coefficient and its monotone transformation given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}^2 &= 1 - \frac{n+j+1}{n-j-1}(1-R^2), \\ \bar{C}_{dc} &= (1-\bar{R}^2)s_y^2 = \frac{n+j+1}{n-j-1}s_J^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $R$  is the multiple correlation coefficient between  $y$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_j)$ , and  $s_y^2/(n-1)$  is the usual sample variance of  $y$ . We show that  $\bar{C}_{dc}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $R_{pe}$  when the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ . In Section 5 we give a multivariate extension of  $C_{pe}$ . A numerical example is given in Section 6.

## 2 Unbiasedness of $C_{cv}$ and $C_{pe}$

A naive estimator for  $R_{pe}$  is obtained by substituting  $y_\alpha$  to  $z_\alpha$  in (1.4), therefore by yielding

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^n (y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2 = s_J^2.$$

Writing the model  $M_J$  as in matrix form, we have

$$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)' = X_J \boldsymbol{\beta}_J + (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)',$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_J = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_j)'$ , and  $X_J$  is the matrix constructed from the first  $j + 1$  columns of  $X = (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n)'$  with  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha = (1 \ \mathbf{x}'_\alpha)'$ . The best linear predictor under the model  $M_J$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J &= (\hat{y}_{1J}, \dots, \hat{y}_{nJ})' \\ &= X_J (X_J' X_J)^{-1} X_J' \mathbf{y} = P_J \mathbf{y}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_J = X_J (X_J' X_J)^{-1} X_J'$  is a projection matrix of the space  $\mathcal{R}[X_J]$  spanned by the column vectors of  $X_J$

**Lemma 2.1** *The risk  $R_{pe}$  for the model  $M_J$  in (1.4) is written as*

$$R_{pe} = E_0(s_J^2) + B_{pe}, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$B_{pe} = 2(j + 1)\sigma_0^2. \quad (2.2)$$

Further,

$$E_0(s_J^2) = (n - j - 1)\sigma_0^2 + \delta_J^2, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\delta_J^2 = \boldsymbol{\eta}'_0 (I_n - P_J) \boldsymbol{\eta}_0$ , and if the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ ,

$$R_{pe} = (n + j + 1)\sigma_0^2. \quad (2.4)$$

### Proof

Note that

$$B_{pe} = E_0[(\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)'(\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J) - (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)'(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)].$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_0 [(z - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)'(z - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \{z - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 - P_J(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + (I - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\}' \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \{z - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 - P_J(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + (I - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\} \right] \\
&= n\sigma_0^2 + (j+1)\sigma_0^2 + \delta_J^2, \\
& \mathbb{E}_0 [(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)'(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \{\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 - P_J(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + (I - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\}' \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \{\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 - P_J(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + (I - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\} \right] \\
&= n\sigma_0^2 - (j+1)\sigma_0^2 + \delta_J^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $s_J^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})'(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})$ . Therefore, from the above results our conclusions are obtained.

**Theorem 2.1** *Suppose that the true model  $M_0$  is contained in the full model  $M_F$ . Then, the criterion  $C_{pe}$  defined by (1.7) is an exact unbiased estimator for  $R_{pe}$ .*

**Proof**

From Lemma 2.1 we have

$$R_{pe} = \mathbb{E}_0(s_J^2) + 2(j+1)\sigma_0^2.$$

Note that  $s_F^2 = \mathbf{y}'(I_n - P_F)\mathbf{y}$ , where  $P_F = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ . Since the true model  $M_0$  is contained in the full model  $M_F$ ,  $P_F\boldsymbol{\eta}_0 = \boldsymbol{\eta}_0$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(s_F^2) &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)'(I_n - P_F)(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\text{tr}(I_n - P_F)(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0)'] \\
&= \text{tr}(I_n - P_F)\sigma_0^2 = (n - k - 1)\sigma_0^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

The theorem follows from (2.1), (2.3) and (2.5).

It is well known (see, e.g. Allen (1971, 1974), Hocking (1972), Haga et al. (1973)) that  $C_{cv}$  can be written as

$$C_{cv} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{(-\alpha)J})^2 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left( \frac{y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J}}{1 - c_\alpha} \right)^2,$$

where  $c_\alpha$  is the  $(\alpha, \alpha)$ th element of  $P_J$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{cv} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{c_\alpha}{1 - c_\alpha} \right\}^2 \\
&= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (y_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2 + (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)' D_a (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J) \\
&= s_J^2 + \hat{B}_{cv},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D_a &= \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n), \\
a_\alpha &= 2 \frac{c_\alpha}{1 - c_\alpha} + \left( \frac{c_\alpha}{1 - c_\alpha} \right)^2, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n, \\
\hat{B}_{cv} &= (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J)' D_a (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_J).
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2** *The bias  $B_{cv}$  when we estimate  $R_{pe}$  by the cross-validation criterion  $C_{cv}$  can be expressed as*

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{cv} &= E_0(C_{cv}) - R_{pe} \\
&= \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{c_\alpha^2}{1 - c_\alpha} \right) \sigma_0^2 + \tilde{\delta}_J^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

where  $\tilde{\delta}_J^2 = \{(I_n - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\}' D_a \{(I_n - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0\}$ . In particular, when the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ , we have

$$B_{cv} = \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{c_\alpha^2}{1 - c_\alpha} \right) \sigma_0^2. \tag{2.8}$$

**Proof**

We can write  $\hat{B}_{cv}$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{B}_{cv} &= \{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\}' D_a \{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\} \\
&= \text{tr}\{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\}' D_a \{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\} \\
&= \text{tr} D_a \{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\} \{(I_n - P_J)\mathbf{y}\}' \\
&= \text{tr} D_a \{(I_n - P_J)\{(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\} \\
&\quad \times \{(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0) + \boldsymbol{\eta}_0\}' (I_n - P_J)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(\hat{B}_{cv}) &= \text{tr} D_\alpha \{ (I_n - P_J) \{ \sigma_0^2 I_n + \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \boldsymbol{\eta}_0' \} (I_n - P_J) \\
&= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left\{ 2 \frac{c_\alpha}{1 - c_\alpha} + \left( \frac{c_\alpha}{1 - c_\alpha} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - c_\alpha) \sigma_0^2 + \tilde{\delta}_J^2 \\
&= \left\{ 2(j + 1) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{c_\alpha^2}{1 - c_\alpha} \right\} \sigma_0^2 + \tilde{\delta}_J^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The required result is obtained from the above result, Lemma 2.1 and (2.6).

It is natural to assume that  $c_i = O(n^{-1})$ , since  $0 \leq c_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n c_i = k$ . Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{c_j^2}{1 - c_j} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \bar{c}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 = O(n^{-1}).$$

This implies that  $B_{cv} = O(n^{-1})$  and hence  $C_{cv}$  is asymptotically unbiased when the true model is contained in the candidate model. On the other hand,  $C_{pe}$  is exactly unbiased under a weaker condition, i.e. when the true model is contained in the full model.

### 3 Relation of $C_{pe}$ with $C_p$ and $C_{mp}$

We can write  $C_p$  criterion (Mallows (1973, 1995)) as

$$\begin{aligned}
C_p &= \frac{s_J^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} + 2(j + 1) \\
&= (n - k - 1) \frac{s_J^2}{s_F^2} + 2(j + 1),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is the usual unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  under the full model, and is given by  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = s_F^2 / (n - k - 1)$ . The criterion was proposed as an estimator for the standardized mean square errors in prediction given by

$$\tilde{R}_{pe} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} (z_\alpha - \hat{y}_{\alpha J})^2 \right] = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \mathbb{E}_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} (\eta_{\alpha 0} - \hat{y}_\alpha)^2 \right] + n. \tag{3.2}$$

Mallows (1973) originally proposed

$$\frac{s_J^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} + 2(j + 1) - n$$

as an estimator for the first term in the last expression of (3.2). In this paper we call (3.1)  $C_p$  criterion. Fujikoshi and Satoh (1997) proposed a modified  $C_p$  criterion defined by

$$C_{mp} = (n - k - 3) \frac{s_J^2}{s_F^2} + 2(j + 2). \quad (3.3)$$

They show that  $C_{mp}$  is an exact unbiased estimator for  $\tilde{R}_{pe}$  when the true model is contained in the full model and the errors are normally distributed. As we have seen,  $C_{pe}$  has the same property for its target measure  $R_{pe}$ . However, it may be noted that the normality assumption is not required for  $C_{pe}$  criterion. Among these three criteria, there are the following close relationships given by

$$C_{pe} = \frac{s_F^2}{n - k - 1} C_p, \quad (3.4)$$

$$C_{mp} = C_p + 2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_J^2}{s_F^2} \right). \quad (3.5)$$

This means that these three criteria choose the same model while they have different properties such that they are unbiased estimators for the target measures  $R_{pe}$  and  $\tilde{R}_{pe}$ , respectively.

## 4 Modifications of multiple correlation coefficient

Let  $R$  be the multiple correlation coefficient between  $y$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_j)$  which may be defined by

$$R^2 = 1 - s_J^2 / s_y^2.$$

As an alternative criterion for selection variables, we sometime encounter the multiple correlation coefficient  $\tilde{R}$  adjusted for the degree of freedom given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}^2 &= 1 - \frac{s_J^2 / (n - j - 1)}{s_y^2 / (n - 1)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{n - 1}{n - j - 1} (1 - R^2) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

The criterion chooses the model which  $\tilde{R}^2$  is maximized. We consider a transformed criterion defined by

$$\tilde{C}_{dc} = (1 - \bar{R}^2) s_y^2 = \frac{n - 1}{n - j - 1} s_J^2, \quad (4.2)$$



which may be regarded as an estimator of  $R_{pe}$ . However, as we shall see later,  $\tilde{C}_{dc}$  is not unbiased even when the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ . In this paper we propose an adjusted multiple correlation coefficient given by

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{n+j+1}{n-j-1}(1-R^2) \quad (4.3)$$

whose determination coefficient is defined by (1.8). The unbiasedness property is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1** *Consider an adjusted multiple correlation coefficient  $\tilde{R}_a$  defined by*

$$\tilde{R}_a^2 = 1 - a(1 - R^2)$$

*and the corresponding determination coefficient defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{dc;a} &= s_y^2(1 - \tilde{R}_a^2) \\ &= as_J^2 \end{aligned}$$

*as in (4.2), where  $a$  is a constant depending the sample size  $n$ . Then we have*

$$E(\tilde{C}_{dc;a}) = R_{pe} + B_{dc;a},$$

*where*

$$B_{dc;a} = \{(a-1)(n-j-1) - 2(j+1)\}\sigma_0^2 + (a-1)\delta_J^2$$

*with  $\delta_J^2 = \boldsymbol{\eta}'_0(I_n - P_J)\boldsymbol{\eta}_0$ . Further, if the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ ,  $\delta_J^2 = 0$ , and  $\tilde{C}_{dc;a}$  is an unbiased estimator if and only if*

$$a = \frac{n+j+1}{n-j-1}.$$

**Proof**

We decompose  $\tilde{C}_{dc;a}$  as

$$\tilde{C}_{dc;a} = s_J^2 + (a-1)s_J^2.$$

Applying (2.1) and (2.3) in Lemma 2.1 to each term of the decomposition,

$$E_0(\tilde{C}_{dc;a}) = R_{pe} - 2(j+1)\sigma_0^2 + (a-1)\{(n-j-1)\sigma_0^2 + \delta_J^2\}$$

which implies the first result and hence the remainder result.

In general, we have

$$E_0(\bar{C}_{dc}) = R_{pe} + \frac{2(j+1)}{n-j-1}\delta_J^2, \quad (4.4)$$

and the order of the bias is  $O(n^{-1})$ . Haga et al. (1973) proposed an alternative adjusted multiple correlation coefficient  $\hat{R}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}^2 &= 1 - \frac{(n+j+1)s_J^2/(n-j-1)}{(n+1)s_y^2/(n-1)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{(n-1)(n+j+1)}{(n+1)(n-j-1)}(1-R^2). \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding determination coefficient is

$$\hat{C}_{dc} = \frac{(n-1)(n+j+1)}{(n+1)(n-j-1)}s_J^2.$$

From (2.4) we can see (see Haga et al.(1973)) that if the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ , then

$$E[(n+j+1)s_J^2/(n-j-1)] = R_{pe} = R_{pe}(J).$$

In particular, if  $J$  is the empty set  $\phi$ ,

$$E[(n+1)s_y^2/(n-1)] = R_{pe}(\phi).$$

Theorem 3.1 implies that  $\hat{C}_{dc}$  is not unbiased as an estimator of  $R_{pe}$  even when the true model is contained in the model  $M_J$ . In fact

$$\begin{aligned} E_0(\hat{C}_{dc}) &= R_{pe} - \frac{n+2}{n+1}\sigma_0^2 + \frac{2jn}{(n+1)(n-j-1)}\delta_J^2 \\ &= R_{pe} - \frac{n+2}{n+1}\sigma_0^2, \text{ if } M_0 \text{ is contained in } M_J. \end{aligned}$$

## 5 Multivariate version of $C_{pe}$

In this section we consider a multivariate linear regression model of  $p$  response variables  $y_1, \dots, y_p$  and  $k$  explanatory variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ . Suppose that we have an sample of  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_p)'$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)'$  of size  $n$  given by

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha = (y_{\alpha 1}, \dots, y_{\alpha p})', \quad \mathbf{x}_\alpha = (x_{\alpha 1}, \dots, x_{\alpha k})'; \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n.$$

A multivariate linear model is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
M_F: Y &= (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)' \\
&= (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n)'(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\beta})' + (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_n)' \\
&= X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},
\end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

where the error terms  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_n$  are mutually independent, and each of them has the same mean vector  $\mathbf{0}$  and the same unknown covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . The linear regression model based on the subset of the first  $j$  explanatory variables can be expressed as

$$M_J; Y = X_J\boldsymbol{\beta}_J + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \tag{5.2}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_J = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_0, \boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\beta}_j)'$ . The true model for  $Y$  is assumed to be

$$\begin{aligned}
M_0; Y &= (\boldsymbol{\eta}_{10}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{n0})' + (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{10}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{n0})' \\
&= \mathcal{Y}_0 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0,
\end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

where the error terms  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{10}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{n0}$  are mutually independent, and each of them has the same mean vector  $\mathbf{0}$  and the same covariance matrix  $\Sigma_0$ .

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J}$  be the best linear unbiased estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\alpha 0}$  under a candidate model  $M_J$ . The criterion (1.4) for goodness of a fitted candidate model is extended as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{pe} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \text{E}_0[(\mathbf{z}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J})'(\mathbf{z}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J})] \\
&= \text{E}_0[\text{tr}(Z - \hat{Y}_J)'(Z - \hat{Y}_J)],
\end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

where  $\hat{Y}_J = (\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1J}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{nJ})'$ , and  $Z = (\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n)'$  is independent of the observation matrix is distributed as in (5.3), and  $\text{E}_0$  denotes the expectation with respect to the true model (5.3). Then we can express  $R_{pe}$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{pe} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \text{E}_0[(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\alpha 0} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J})'(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\alpha 0} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J})] + n\text{tr}\Sigma_0 \\
&= \text{E}[\text{tr}(\mathcal{Y}_0 - \hat{Y})(\mathcal{Y}_0 - \hat{Y})] + n\text{tr}\Sigma_0.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

In a cross-validation for the multivariate prediction error (5.5),  $\mathbf{y}_\alpha$  is predicted by the predictor  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(-\alpha)J}$  based on the data set obtained by removing the  $\alpha$ th observation  $(\mathbf{y}_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\alpha)$ , and  $R_{pe}$  is estimated by

$$C_{cv} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(-\alpha)J})'(\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(-\alpha)J}). \tag{5.6}$$

By the same way as in the univariate case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{cv} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(-\alpha)J})' (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(-\alpha)J}) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{1 - c_\alpha} \right)^2 (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J})' (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\alpha J}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, our main interest is an extension of  $C_{pe}$  to multivariate case. Let  $S_J$  and  $S_F$  be the matrices of sums of squares and products under the candidate model  $M_J$  and the full model  $M_F$ , respectively. These matrices are given by

$$\begin{aligned} S_J &= (Y - \hat{Y}_J)'(Y - \hat{Y}_J) = Y'(I_n - P_J)Y, \\ S_F &= (Y - \hat{Y}_F)'(Y - \hat{Y}_F) = Y'(I_n - P_F)Y, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{Y}_J = X_J(X_J'X_J)^{-1}Y = P_JY, \quad \hat{Y}_F = X_F(X_F'X_F)^{-1}Y = P_FY.$$

As an estimator of (5.5), we consider

$$C_{pse} = \text{tr}S_J + \frac{2(j+1)}{n-k-1} \text{tr}S_F. \quad (5.7)$$

Then the following result is demonstrated.

**Theorem 5.1** *Suppose that the true model  $M_0$  is contained in the full model  $M_F$ . the  $C_{pe}$  in (5.7) is an unbiased estimator of the multivariate prediction error  $R_{pe}$  in (5.5).*

**Proof**

By an argument similar to one as in Lemma 2.1, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} E_0[(Z - \hat{Y}_J)'(Z - \hat{Y}_J)] &= (n + j + 1)\Sigma_0 + \Delta_J, \\ E_0[(Y - \hat{Y}_J)'(Y - \hat{Y}_J)] &= (n - j - 1)\Sigma_0 + \Delta_J, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_J = \mathcal{Y}'_0(I_n - P_J)\mathcal{Y}_0$ . Further, since the true model is contained in the full model,

$$E(S_F) = (n - k - 1)\Sigma_0,$$

which implies the required result.

The  $C_p$  and  $C_{mp}$  criteria in univariate case have been extended ( Fujikoshi and Satoh (1997) ) as

$$C_p = (n - k - 1)\text{tr}S_J S_F^{-1} + 2p(j + 1),$$

$$C_{mp} = (n - k - p - 2)\text{tr}S_J S_F^{-1} + 2p(j + 1) + p(p + 1),$$

respectively. The results in Section 2 may be extended similarly, but its details are omitted here.

## 6 Numerical example

Consider Hald's example on examining the heat generated during the hardening of Portland cement. The following variables were measured (see, e.g., Flury and Riedwy (1988)).

- $x_1$  = amount of tricalcium aluminate,
- $x_2$  = amount of tricalcium silicate,
- $x_3$  = amount of tetracalcium alumino ferrite
- $x_4$  = amount of dicalcium silicate,
- $y$  = heat evolved in calories.

The observations with the sample size  $n = 13$  are given in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1. Data of the cement hardning example

$\alpha$	$x_{\alpha 1}$	$x_{\alpha 2}$	$x_{\alpha 3}$	$x_{\alpha 4}$	$y$
1	7	26	6	60	78.5
2	1	29	15	52	74.3
3	11	56	8	29	104.3
4	11	31	8	47	87.6
5	7	52	6	33	95.9
6	11	55	9	22	109.2
7	3	71	17	6	102.7
8	1	31	22	44	72.5
9	2	54	18	22	93.1
10	21	47	4	26	115.9
11	1	40	23	34	83.8
12	11	66	9	12	113.3
13	10	68	8	12	109.4

Now we consider all the candidate models except the constant model, and denote the models obtained by using  $\{x_1\}, \{x_1, x_2\}, \dots$ , by  $M_1, M_{1,2}, \dots$ , respectively. The number of such models is

$${}_4C_1 + {}_4C_2 + {}_4C_3 + {}_4C_4 - 1 = (1 + 1)^4 - 1 = 2^4 - 1 = 15.$$

For each of all the candidate models, we computed the values of the following basic quantities and criteria in Table 6.2:

- $R^2$ ; squares of multiple correlation coefficients,
- $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ; the usual unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ ,
- $C_p$ ; Mallows  $C_p$  criterion,
- $C_{mp}$ ; modified  $C_p$  criterion,
- $C_{cv}$ ; cross validation criterion,
- $C_{pe}$ ; prediction error criterion,
- $C_{dc}$ ; determination coefficients,
- $\hat{C}_{dc}$ ; modified determination coefficient,
- $\bar{C}_{dc}$ ; adjusted determination coefficient.

Table 6.2. The values of  $R^2$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ,  $C_p$ ,  $C_{mp}$ ,  $C_{cv}$ ,  $C_{pe}$ ,  $C_{dc}$ ,  $\hat{C}_{dc}$  and  $\bar{C}_{dc}$

models	$R^2$	$\hat{\sigma}^2$	$C_p$	$C_{mp}$	$C_{cv}$	$C_{pe}$	$C_{cd}$	$\hat{C}_{dc}$	$\bar{C}_{dc}$
$M_1$	0.5339	115.1	215.5	164.7	1699.6	1289.6	0.5084	0.5447	0.6355
$M_2$	0.6663	82.4	155.5	119.6	1202.1	930.3	0.3641	0.3901	0.4551
$M_3$	0.2859	176.31	328.2	249.1	2616.4	1963.3	0.7791	0.8347	0.9738
$M_4$	0.6745	80.4	151.7	116.8	1194.2	907.8	0.3551	0.3804	0.4438
$M_{12}$	0.9787	5.8	15.7	15.3	93.9	93.8	0.0256	0.0292	0.0341
$M_{13}$	0.5482	122.7	211.1	61.8	2218.1	1263.0	0.5422	0.6197	0.7229
$M_{14}$	0.9725	7.5	18.5	17.4	121.2	110.7	0.0330	0.0378	0.0441
$M_{23}$	0.8470	41.5	75.4	60.1	701.7	451.3	0.1836	0.2098	0.2448
$M_{24}$	0.6801	86.9	151.2	116.9	1461.8	904.8	0.3839	0.4388	0.5119
$M_{34}$	0.9353	17.6	35.4	30.0	294.0	211.6	0.0777	0.0888	0.1035
$M_{123}$	0.9823	5.3	16.0	16.0	90.0	96.0	0.0236	0.0287	0.0335
$M_{124}$	0.9823	5.3	16.0	16.0	85.4	95.8	0.0236	0.0286	0.0334
$M_{134}$	0.9813	5.6	16.5	16.4	94.5	98.7	0.0250	0.0303	0.0354
$M_{234}$	0.9728	8.2	20.3	19.3	146.9	121.7	0.0362	0.0440	0.0513
$M_{1234}$	0.9824	6.0	18.0	18.0	110.3	107.7	0.0264	0.0340	0.0397

All the three criteria  $C_p$ ,  $C_{mp}$  and  $C_{pe}$  choose the model  $M_{12}$  as an optimum model. However, the other four criteria  $C_{cv}$ ,  $C_{dc}$ ,  $\hat{C}_{dc}$  and  $\bar{C}_{dc}$  choose a larger model  $M_{124}$  which contains  $M_{12}$  as an optimum model. Each of the three criteria  $C_{dc}$ ,  $\hat{C}_{dc}$  and  $\bar{C}_{dc}$  are almost the same for models  $M_{123}$  and  $M_{124}$ . As being noted in Section 3 the three criteria  $C_p$ ,  $C_{mp}$  and  $C_{pe}$  always choose the same model as an optimum model. In general, the criteria  $C_{cv}$ ,  $C_{dc}$ ,  $\hat{C}_{dc}$  and  $\bar{C}_{dc}$  shall have a tendency of choosing a large model in the comparison with the criteria  $C_p$ ,  $C_{mp}$  and  $C_{pe}$ .

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