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Addendum to "Cross-validating Regression Models in Marketing Research"

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In our paper, "Cross-Validating Regression Models in Marketing Research," which appeared in the Vol. 12, No. 4, Fall 1993 issue of *Marketing Science*, pp. 415-427, we develop a formal statistical test for cross-validating regression models under the simple random splitting framework. In this framework, a data set is divided into two subsets, an estimation sample and a validation sample. In particular, Theorem 1 of this paper (p. 418) presents a statistic for testing whether the differences between the actual values of a dependent variable in the validation sample and the values predicted for the same validation sample by a regression model estimated on the estimation sample are "small enough" to believe that the proposed model is "correct." We then use this statistic to investigate what proportions of a data set should be optimally allocated to the estimation and validation samples.

As published, the statistic is

$$f = \frac{\frac{q}{N_2}}{\frac{s}{N_1 - k_1}},$$

where N_1 and N_2 are the sizes of the estimation and validation samples and k_1 is the number of independent variables in the regression model. The original publication neglected to present definitions for q and s . We present these now:

$$q = \mathbf{u}'[\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{X}_{21}(\mathbf{X}'_{11}\mathbf{X}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_{21}]^{-1}\mathbf{u}, \text{ and}$$

$$s = \mathbf{y}'_1\{\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}_{11}(\mathbf{X}'_{11}\mathbf{X}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_{21}[\mathbf{X}_{21}(\mathbf{X}'_{11}\mathbf{X}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_{21}]^{-1} \\ \times \mathbf{X}_{21}(\mathbf{X}'_{11}\mathbf{X}_{11})^{-1}\mathbf{X}_{11}\}\mathbf{y}_1.$$

The \mathbf{X} terms define the values of the independent variables for the estimation (\mathbf{X}_{11}) and validation (\mathbf{X}_{21}) samples; \mathbf{y}_1 represents the dependent variable values for the estimation sample and \mathbf{u} represents the prediction errors in the validation sample.

We apologize for any inconvenience and invite anyone to request the unabridged working paper for a more detailed development of the results than that which appears in the original publication.¹

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