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Mathematical Statistics (37262) –
 Class 7 Preparation Work
 SOLUTIONS

1.

i) $\bar{x} = \frac{-5-4-3-2-1}{5} = -3$ and $\bar{y} = \frac{-0.8-1.1-1.4+1.8+3.0}{5} = 0.3$.

y	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	1.8	3.0
x	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
$y - \bar{y}$	-1.1	-1.4	-1.7	1.5	2.7
$x - \bar{x}$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$(y - \bar{y})(x - \bar{x})$	2.2	1.4	0	1.5	5.4
$(x - \bar{x})^2$	4	1	0	1	4

We now have $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{10.5}{10} = 1.05$

and $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{y} - \beta\bar{x} = -0.3 - 1.05(-3) = 3.45$.

ii) We define $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.8 \\ -1.1 \\ -1.4 \\ 1.8 \\ 3.0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$

and $\mathbf{V}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 & 0.125 & 0.0625 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 & 0.125 \\ 0.25 & 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ 0.125 & 0.25 & 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.0625 & 0.125 & 0.25 & 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

We therefore have

$$\mathbf{V}_n^{-1} = \frac{4}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1.25 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 1.25 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.5 & 1.25 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{V}_n^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{V}_n^{-1} \mathbf{Y}) \approx \begin{pmatrix} 3.494 \\ 0.9885 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that, although this second model “fits less well” in (as in greater sum of squared residuals compared to the initial model), it may well be a better model if the initial assumption of independent residuals was incorrect.

2. i)

As we have ten observations for each city, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{30} x_{Ai} = \sum_{i=1}^{30} x_{Bi} = \sum_{i=1}^{30} x_{Ci} = 10$$

The sample means across each city are

$\bar{y}_A = 173.2$, $\bar{y}_B = 174.2$ and $\bar{y}_C = 170.9$. The overall sample mean is therefore

$$\bar{y} = \frac{5183}{30} \approx 172.767$$

We therefore obtain a model of

$$y_i = 172.767 + 0.433x_A + 1.433x_B - 1.867x_C + \varepsilon_i$$

ii)

$$SST = (179 - 172.767)^2 + (185 - 172.767)^2 + \dots + (179 - 172.767)^2 \\ \approx 3251.367$$

and

$$SSE = (179 - 173.2)^2 + (185 - 173.2)^2 + \dots + (179 - 170.9)^2 \\ \approx 3194.1$$

$$\text{so } SSR = SST - SSE \approx 3251.367 - 3194.1 \approx 57.267.$$

Our F -statistic for testing the null hypothesis that $\beta_A = \beta_B = \beta_C = 0$ is then

$$F = \frac{\frac{SSR}{2}}{\frac{SSE}{21}} \approx 0.242. \quad P(F_{2,27} > 0.242) \approx 0.787 \text{ hence we do not reject the}$$

null hypothesis. There is no reason to believe that the population heights differ between the three cities.

(Note the 2 degrees of freedom in the numerator, since we have 4 parameters to estimate but 2 constraints – the mean and also the fact that $x_A + x_B + x_C = 1$.)

This becomes more clear when we consider that we could consider the model as $y_i = \alpha + \beta_A x_{Ai} + \beta_B x_{Bi} + \beta_C x_{Ci} + \varepsilon_i$ or

$y_i = (\alpha + \beta_A) + (\beta_B - \beta_A)x_{Bi} + (\beta_C - \beta_A)x_{Ci} + \varepsilon_i$, which is more clearly three parameters – $(\alpha + \beta_A)$, $(\beta_B - \beta_A)$ and $(\beta_C - \beta_A)$.)