

Examples of Multiple regression: R=1.0 and R<1.0 Confidence & Concern

Variables included for analysis were first-year GPA and the Analytic, Quantitative, and Verbal subscales of the GRE. Table 1 shows the univariate statistics for each variable and their correlation, as well as the resulting regression model (Formula 1)

SPSS Code to Simulate regression data for 100 cases:

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compute x1 = trunc(normal(10)+50).      ← computed three "predictors"
compute x2 = trunc(abs(normal(2)+4)).
compute x3 = trunc(normal(100)+500).
```

X1	48.930	9.585	← variables will not have exact mean & std
X2	3.770	1.969	- are a sample from the specified population
X3	491.910	93.448	- have had decimals truncated

#1 Confidence Builder -- Properly specified model recaptures errorless criterion

```
compute y1 = 2.0*x1 + 18*x2 + .25*x3.      ← errorless model
```

Variable	Mean	Std
Y1	288.698	43.157

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dependent variable..  y1
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Multiple R	1.00000	Analysis of Variance
R Square	1.00000	
Adjusted R Square	1.00000	F is undefined (no error variation)
Standard Error	0.00000	

```
----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable          B          SE B          Beta          T          Sig T
X3                .25000    5.16275E-10     .54133         .          .
X1                2.00000    5.03660E-09     .44418         .          .
X2                18.00000    2.46530E-08     .82112         .          .
(Constant)      4.010681E-14  3.80284E-07     .              .          .
```

Notice: 1) The regression weights exactly re-capture the construction of Y1.
2) The constant = 0 means that there is no adjustment necessary for the mean of y' to equal mean y.

#2 Confidence Builder - Rescaling y produces predictable changes in weights

compute y2 = y1/5.

← linear transform of errorless model

Variable	Mean	Std
Y2	57.740	8.631

← mean & std 1/5 or Y1

dependent variable.. y2

Multiple R	1.00000	Analysis of Variance
R Square	1.00000	
Adjusted R Square	1.00000	F is undefined (no error variation)
Standard error	0.00000	

```
----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable          B          SE B          Beta          T          Sig T
X3                .05000        .00000        .54133         .           .
X1                .40000        .00000        .44418         .           .
X2                3.60000        .00000        .82112         .           .
(Constant) -1.35551E-14 .00000         .             .           .
```

- Notice:
- 1) linear transformation does not change R^2
 - 2) linear transformation does not change Betas
 - 3) linear transformation predictable changes raw regression weights
 - bs are 1/5 or 1st model – fitting a Y2 with 1/5 the mean & standard deviation

#3 How accurate are the regression weights of an underspecified model ???

Our models are (almost?) always underspecified. So, the variables that are in the model are “trying to make up for” or “trying to do without” the variables that have been left out of the model.

dependent variable.. y1

Multiple R	.84280	←	Model not “perfect” because is “underspecified”
R Square	.71031		
Adjusted R Square	.70434		
Standard Error	23.46633	←	Imperfect prediction leads to residuals

----- Variables in the Equation -----						
Variable	B	SE B	Beta	T	Sig T	
X2	16.75495	1.20550	.76433	13.899	.0000	← weights not “correct”
X1	3.02890	.24762	.45059	8.194	.0000	← weights not “correct”
(Constant)	126.25709	13.61083		9.276	.0000	← adjusting y' mean

Notice: 1) Model less accurate because of underspecification
2) Raw and standardized weights are “off” -- but not horribly

Ran 1000 simulations to see the range of b and Beta values ...

X2	B (18)	12.232 – 22.321	Beta (.82)	.53 – .96
X1	B (2)	.145 – 4.51	Beta (.44)	.35 - .67

#4 How accurate are the regression weights of an properly specified model – with error ???

compute y3 = trunc(y1 + normal(10)). ← error added to model

Usually the criterion is measured “with error” and so, isn’t perfectly predictable

dependent variable.. y3

Multiple R	.96889	← Error added to Y3 reduces fit f regression model
R Square	.93874	
Adjusted R Square	.93683	
Standard Error	11.15072	

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----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable           B           SE B           Beta           T           Sig T
X3                 .25737       .01206         .54211         21.337       .0000
X1                 1.86345     .11767         .40259         15.836       .0000
X2                 17.97213    .57597         .79754         31.203       .0000
(Constant)         1.17546     8.88463                .132         .8950
```

compute y4 = trunc(y1 + normal(50)). ← more error added to model

dependent variable.. y3

Multiple R	.63446	← more error leads to poorer fit
R Square	.40254	
Adjusted R Square	.38387	
Standard Error	48.54283	← more residuals

```
----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable           B           SE B           Beta           T           Sig T
X3                 .21521       .05251         .32519         4.098       .0001
X1                 .73573       .51226         .11403         1.436       .1542
X2                 18.23383    2.50740         .58046         7.272       .0000
(Constant)         70.85608    38.67778                1.832       .0701
```

Ran 1000 simulations to see the range of b and Beta values ...

X3	B (.25)	-1.1 – 3.6	Beta (.54)	-.23 – .83
X1	B (2)	-.214 – 5.21	Beta (.44)	-.19 – .78
X2	B (18)	12.232 – 22.321	Beta (.82)	.23 – .97

#5 Reality #1 - Criterion measured with Error & an Under-specified model

Equation Number 6 Dependent Variable.. Y4

Multiple R	.54589
R Square	.29800
Adjusted R Square	.28353
Standard Error	52.34670

dependent variable.. y4

```
----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable           B           SE B           Beta           T           Sig T
X2                 17.16205     2.68914     .54634         6.382     .0000
X1                  .76061       .55236     .11788         1.377     .1717
(Constant)        179.54230    30.36188                    5.913     .0000
```

Notice: Again, the regression weights “adjust” in an effort to reproduce a variable that is composed of variables other than the predictors + error. Also, again there is “differential accuracy” of those adjusted weights, with the contribution of x1 being under estimated.

Ran 1000 simulations to see the range of b and Beta values ...

X2	B (18)	11.446 – 25.329	Beta (.82)	.483 – .98
X1	B (2)	-2.156 – 7.495	Beta (.44)	-.15 - .587

#6 Reality #2 - Criterion measured with Error & an Over-specified model

```
compute x4 = trunc(normal(25)+100).
```

← build a new & independent predictor

Dependent Variable.. Y4

```
Multiple R          .54589
R Square           .29800
Adjusted R Square  .28353
Standard Error     52.34670
```

```
----- Variables in the Equation -----
Variable           B           SE B           Beta           T           Sig T
X3                 .28521       .04251       .41519         4.098       .0001
X2                 21.56705    2.68914     .44634         6.382       .0000
X1                 .02061       .55236       .01788         1.377       .1717
X4                 3.12645     .56445       .15228         5.538       .0000 ← !!!!!!!
(Constant)        179.54230   30.36188                    5.913       .0000
```

Notice: Again, the regression weights “adjust” in an effort to reproduce a variable that is composed of variables other than the predictors + error.

Ran 1000 simulations to see the range of b and Beta values ...

```
X3   B (.25)  -0.1 – 3.9           Beta (.54)  -.13 – .88
X2   B (18)  9.446 – 25.329    Beta (.82)  .283 – .98
X1   B (2)   -5.136 – 9.235    Beta (.44)  -.15 - .587
X4   B (0)   -6.476 – 8.395    Beta (.0)   -.35 - .487
```

#7 Reality #3 - Criterion measured with Error & a Mis-specified model

Dependent Variable.. Y4

Multiple R .54589
 R Square .29800
 Adjusted R Square .28353
 Standard Error 52.34670

----- Variables in the Equation -----					
Variable	B	SE B	Beta	T	Sig T
X2	21.56705	2.68914	.44634	6.382	.0000
X1	.02061	.55236	.01788	1.377	.1717
X4	-2.12645	.56445	.15228	-4.538	.0000
(Constant)	179.54230	30.36188		5.913	.0000

← !!!!!!!

Notice: Again, the regression weights “adjust” in an effort to reproduce a variable that is composed of variables other than the predictors + error.

Ran 1000 simulations to see the range of b and Beta values ...

X2	B (18)	8.34 – 25.329	Beta (.82)	.381 – .967
X1	B (2)	-3.146 – 5.213	Beta (.44)	-.20 - .467
X4	B (0)	-5.296 – 7.695	Beta (.0)	-.38 - .527