

## **Prediction Uncertainties: Dealing with Mulcollinearity Caused by High Leverage Collinearity Enhancing Observations in Regression Analysis**

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- Research related to business often uses regression analysis to predict future outcome. The ordinary least squares(OLS) method is the most popular technique in regression analysis due to its optimal properties and ease of computation.
- However, the OLS estimates are much affected when multicollinearity (when two or more independent variables are highly correlated) is present in a data.
- Its result in wrong sign problem, produce large standard errors of regression estimates (Midi, Bagheri and Imon., 2012, Comp. Stat &Simu.).
- Relying on the OLS method may give inefficient estimates and inaccurate predictions and causing uncertainties in predicting future outcomes.
- VIF commonly used diagnostic method to identify multicollinearity.VIF<5 indicate no multicollinearity. VIF between 5 and 10 moderate and severe multicollinearity, VIF>10.

- ◆ Many are not aware that high leverage point which fall far from majority of the explanatory variables, can induce or disrupt multicollinearity pattern in a data. Observations responsible for this are known as high leverage collinearity influential observations (HLCIO) (Bagheri, Midi and Imon, 2012, Comp. Statistics, Simu.& Comp., 2011, Math. Prob in Engineering).
- ◆ HLP that induce multicollinearity are referred as HLC-Enhancing Observations while those that reduce multicollinearity in their presence are called HLC-reducing observations(Midi and Bagheri, 2011, Math Prob in Engineering; Bagheri, Midi and Imon, 2012).
- When multicollinearity is due to highly correlated predictor variables, ridge regression, latent root regression and Jackknife ridge regression can be used to remedy this problems (Hoerl and Kennard, 1970, Singh et al. , 1986).

- $\clubsuit$  Bagheri, Midi and Imon, (2012), Comp. Stat. Simul & Comp. pointed out that when multicollinearity is caused by HLCEO, those suggested method is inappropriate.
- Not much research is done on the remedy of HLCEO. Imon and Khan (2003) suggested deletion of suspected HLPs from the analysis using Generalized potential (GP) method.
- According to Midi et al. (2009), the GP is not successful in detecting genuine HLPs.
- Since HLPs is the caused of multicollinearity, to remedy the problem of HLCEO, the HLPs first need to be correctly identified and their effect on the parameter estimates, need to be reduced.
- Hence, robust methods which are known to be resistant to HLPs need to be employed.

- To develop a method of identification of HLCIO that can change multicollinearity pattern of data: HLC Enhancing and HLC Reducing Observations.
- $\triangle$  To establish a robust method that is resistant to HLPs.

- To propose correct estimation method to remedy the problem of HLCEO so that future outcome can be predicted with at least 95% certainty.
- $\triangle$  To apply the proposed method to real data.
- In statistical Data Analysis-Only one type of outlier.
- ◆ But in Regression, several versions of outliers;

- $\triangleright$  residual outliers –observations with large residuals
- $\triangleright$  vertical outliers –observations outlying in y-coordinate
- $\triangleright$  high leverage points-observations outlying in x-coordinate

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**WANTS** 

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- Two steps is proposed to analyse a dataset for multiple linear regression.
- Step1 : Identify the existence of HLCEO

 Step 2: Apply Generalized-M estimator based on fast improvised GMT estimator for data having HLCEO.





- High leverage points can induce or disrupt multicollinearity.
- Observations responsible for this problem are generally known as collinearity-influential observations.
- Development of collinearity-influential observation diagnostic measures has not been reported extensively in the literature (Hadi, 1988; Sengupta and Behimasankaram, 1997; Bagheri and Midi, 2012, Comp. Stat., Bagheri et al., Math Prob in Eng, 2012, Midi&Bagheri, 2015, Statistics& Operation Research J.).The weakness of Hadi and SengupataBehimasankaram (lack of symmetry and no cutoff points) motivated us to propose another measure, .
	- The proposed high leverage collinearity-influential measures based on DRGP (HLCIM (DRGP)), denoted as

 $\delta_i^{(D)}$  and defined and summarized as:

$$
\delta_i^{(D)} = \begin{cases} \log \frac{k_{(D)}}{k_{(D-i)}} & \text{if } i \in D \quad n(D) \neq 1 \\ \log \frac{k_{(D)}}{k} & \text{if } i \in D \quad n(D) = 1 \\ \log \frac{k_{(D+i)}}{k_{(D)}} & \text{if } i \in R \end{cases}
$$

where D is the group of multiple hlps diagnosed by DRGP(ISE),  $n(D)$  is the size of the D group. $k_{(D-i)}$  indicate the condition number of the *X* matrix without the entire group of D minus the ithhlps where i belongs to D group.

Lim and Habshah (Computational Statistics,2016) (see also Habshah, Norazan et al. (2009), J. of Applied Stat., Mazlina & Habshah (2015), Pak. J of Statistics) formulated fast diagnostic robust generalized potential (DRGP-ISE) to detect multiple high leverages. It consists of two steps. Step 1) suspect high leverage points are determined by the robust  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ 

Robust Mahalanobis Distance based on Index Set Equality:

$$
RMD_i = \sqrt{(X - T_R(X))^{T} C_R(X)^{T}(X - T_R(X))}
$$

where  $T_R(X)$  and  $C_R(X)$  are robust locations and covariance estimtes of the ISE, respectively. A set of 'good' cases 'remaining' in the analysis denoted by *R* and deleted by D



The running time of MVE ,MCD and even Fast MCD is still very long. To reduce the running time, we proposedusing Index Set Equality (ISE) which is another new technique from fast MCD. Denoting  $I_{old} = \{\pi_{(1)}^{old}, \pi_{(2)}^{old}, ..., \pi_{(h)}^{old}\}\$ as the index set that correspond to the sample items in  $H_{old}$  when their Mahalanobis Distance squares are arranged in increasing order and  $I_{new} = \{\pi_{(1)}^{new}, \pi_{(2)}^{new}, \dots, \pi_{(h)}^{new}\}$ the index set that correspond to the sample items in *Hnew*. The ISE is summarized as follows; *h*  $\bm{I}_{old} =$   $\{\bm{\pi}_{(1)}^{old}, \bm{\pi}_{(2)}^{old}, ..., \bm{\pi}_{(n)}^{old}\}$ *h*  $\bm{I}_{new} =$  {  $\pi^{new}_{(1)}, \pi^{new}_{(2)}, ..., \pi^{new}$ 

**Step 1**: Select an arbitrarily a subset  $H_{old}$  containing h different observations. **Step 2**: Calculate the average vector  $\overline{T}_{\text{Hold}}$  and covariance matrix  $C_{\text{Hold}}$  of all observations belong to *Hold*. **Step 3:** Compute  $d_{old}^2(i) = (t_i - \overline{T}_{Hold})^T C_{Hold}^{-1}(t_i - \overline{T}_{Hold})$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ . **Step4**: Arrange  $d_{old}^2(i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ . in increasing order  $d_{old}^2(\pi(1)) \le d_{old}^2(\pi(2)) \le .... \le d_{old}^2(\pi(n))$  where  $\pi$  is permutation equal to  $\{1,2,...,n\}$ . **Step5**: Construct  $H_{new} = \{t_{\pi(1)}, t_{\pi(2)}, ..., t_{\pi(h)}\}$ **Step 6**: If  $I_{new} \neq I_{old}$  let  $H_{old} := H_{new}$  and  $C_{Hold} := C_{Hnew}$ , compute  $\overline{T}_{Hnew}$  and let then go to step $(3)$ . Otherwise, the process is stopped.

The running time of ISE is much faster than fast MCD because ISE only involves a comparison of two index sets.

Step 2) Diagnostic Approach used to confirm the suspected groups

$$
p_{ii}^* = \begin{cases} w_{ii}^{(-D)} & \text{for } i \in D \\ \frac{w_{ii}^{(-D)}}{1 - w_{ii}^{(-D)}} & \text{for } i \in R \end{cases}
$$

Where

$$
w_{ii}^{(-D)} = X_i^T (X_R^T X_R)^{-1} X_i
$$

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 $\triangleleft$  An observation is considered as HLps if  $p^*_{ii}$  is large :

 $p^*$ <sub>*ii*</sub> > Median ( $p^*$ <sub>*ii*</sub>) + c MAD ( $p^*$ <sub>*ii*</sub>)

Where *c* can be taken as a constant value of 2 or 3.

 Step 3:The proposed high leverage collinearity-influential measures based on DRGP (HLCIM (DRGP)), denoted as  $\delta_i^{(D)}$  and defined and summarized as:

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\delta_i^{(D)} = \begin{cases}\n\log \frac{k_{(D)}}{k_{(D-i)}} & \text{if } i \in D \quad n(D) \neq 1 \\
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The well-known Hawkins, Bradu, and Kass (1984) data is used to show the merit of our proposed method.This artificial three-predictor data set contains 75 observations with 14 high leverage points (cases 1-14); cases 1-10 bad hlp, cases 11-14 good hlp.

#### **Table 1. Collinearity-influential measures for Hawkins-Bradu-Kass data**



### Classical Variance Inflation Factor

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Marquardt [11] developed a diagnostics method which is known as variance inflation factor (CVIF) to detect multicollinearity in a data. The CVIF is the most popular method to identify multicollinearity and it is given by:

$$
VIF_{j} = \frac{1}{1 - R_{j}^{2}}, \qquad j = 1, 2, ..., p
$$
 (1)

where  $R_i^2$  is the coefficient of multiple determination when is regressed on other  $X_{(p-1)}$ variables in the model, using the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) method.  $VIF<sub>max</sub> \in (5,10)$  moderate multicollinearity among all of predictors  $VIF<sub>max</sub> \ge 10$  severe multicollinearity (Belsley et al. [1]).

## **Table 2. Collinearity diagnostics for Hawkins-Bradu-Kass data**



For the general linear regression model with the usual assumptions, the GM

estimator is defined as a solution of normal equations which is given by,

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \pi_i \psi \left( \frac{y_i - x_i^t \hat{\beta}}{\hat{\sigma} \pi_i} \right) x_i = 0
$$

Where  $\psi = \rho'$  is a derivative of redescending function (weight function) and  $\pi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$  is the initial weight element of the diagonal matrix *W*,  $\hat{\sigma}$  is the scale estimate, and *S* is the vector of parameters estimates.



Coakley and Hettmansperger (1993) proposed GM6 estimator which employs Robust Mahalanobis Distance (RMD) based on Minimum Volume Ellipsoid (MVE) or Minimum Covariance Determinant (MCD) to identify high leverage points and subsequently initial weight of this GM estimator is formulated based on RMD which is given by:

$$
\pi_{i} = \min\left[1, \left(\frac{\chi^{2}_{(0.95,p)}}{RMD^{2}}\right)\right], i = 1, 2, ..., n
$$



The weakness of this initial weight function

- 1. it tends to swamp some low leverage points (Bagheri and Habshah, Transaction in Statistics,2015), some of good leverages (GLPs) will be given low weights. Hence, the efficiency of the GM6 estimator tends to decrease with the presence of good leverage points. GLPs have no effect or have very little effect on parameter estimates and may contribute to the precision of parameter estimation(Rousseeuw, and Van Zomeren, 1990). On the other hand, BLPs have high impact on the regression estimates. This is the reason why the GM6-estimate is less efficient.

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2. GM6 estimator takes too much computing time.



Hence, Midi, Shelan et al. (2021) propose a relatively easy and fast method to detect bad leverage points and outliers. Then only minimize the weights of bad leverage points and outliers.

The propose method is based on the procedure of constructing diagnostic plot of Alguraibawi, Midi and Imon (Math Problem Engineering, 2015)(see also Midi & Bagheri, 2015, Statistics& Operation Research J) for classifying observations into outliers, good and bad leverage points, with slight modification to make it fast by employing RMD based on Index Set Inequality (ISE).



The proposed GM-FIMGT estimator is almost similar to that of Dhhan, Midi, Sohel (Journal of Appl Stat. 2016). The only different is the calculation of the initial weight function. Their weight is based on support vector regression method. The algorithm of our proposed GM estimator is summarized as follows:

- Step 1: Use the LTS method as an initial estimator to achieve a high breakdown of 50% with a  $n^{-1/2}$  rate of convergence, and calculate the residuals  $(r_i)$ .
- Step 2: Based on the residuals in Step 1, compute the estimated scale  $(\sigma)$  of the residuals,  $s = (1.4826)($ the median of the largest  $(n-p)$ of the  $|r_i|$ ).
- Step 3: Using the estimated residuals  $(r<sub>i</sub>)$  and the estimated scale (s), find the standardized residuals (e<sub>i</sub>), where,  $e_i = r_i/s$
- *Step 4*: Compute the initial weight based on FMGT (4), where  $\pi_i = min$  [1,  $\frac{CPPMGT}{FMCT}$ ].
- Step  $5$ : Employ the initial weight (step 4) and the standardized residuals (step 3) to achieve a bounded influence function for bad leverage points,  $t_i = e_i/w_i$ .
- *Step 6*: Use the weighted residuals  $(t_i)$  in first iteration WLS to estimate the parameters of the regression based on  $\hat{\beta} = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$ , where the weight  $w_i$  is small for large residuals to get good efficiency (Tukey weight function is used in this chapter).
- *Step* 7: Calculate the new residuals  $(r_i)$  from WLS and repeat steps (2-6) until the parameters converge.



**Classification Step I**: Identify the suspected vertical outliers by using the robust Reweighted Least Squares (RLS) based on Least Median of Squares (LMS). Denote these suspected outliers by *L* set.

**Classification Step II**: Identify the suspected high leverage points (HLP) by using Diagnostic Robust Generalized Potential based on Index Set Inequality (DRGP (ISE)) proposed by Lim and Midi (2015).

whereby, the Robust Mahalanobis Distance that they employed is based on Index Set Inequality (ISE). Denote this set of suspected HLPs by *H set*.

Rohayu (2013) has proved that the ISE provides the same final location and scale estimator as that obtained by using MCD if the same initial subset is employed.

It has been shown by Lim and Midi (2015) that ISE is much faster than the commonly used method, namely MVE or MCD.



**Classification Step III**: From steps 1 and 2, observations that correspond to the union of *L* set and *H* set will be considered as deletion group/set*, D* and the remaining data are labeled *as R set.*

**Classification Step IV**: Fit the remaining R set using OLS method to estimate the regression coefficients  $(\hat{\beta}_R)$ , residuals ( $\hat{\epsilon}_{i,R}$ ), hat values  $(w_{i,R}^*)$  standard deviation ( $\hat{\sigma}_{R}$ ) and standard deviation with the i<sup>th</sup> case deleted . The Fast Improvised Generalized Studentized Residuals (FIMGT) (a slight modification of Imon's MGT (2005) is then defined as follows;

$$
\text{FIMGt}_{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{\widehat{\epsilon}_{i,R}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{R-i}\sqrt{1 - w_{ii,R}^*}} & \text{for } i \in R\\ \frac{\widehat{\epsilon}_{i,R}}{\widehat{\sigma}_{R}\sqrt{1 + w_{ii,R}^*}} & \text{for } i \notin R \end{cases}
$$

The observations are declared as vertical outliers if they have values of FIMGT greater than its cutoff point ( $CP_{\text{FMGT}}$ ). The  $CP_{\text{FMGT}}$  is defined as follows:

 $CP_{\text{FMGT}} = \text{Median}(\text{FMGT}) + c \text{ MAD}(\text{FMGT}_i)$ 

where c is equals to 2 or 3.

Alguraibawi et al. (2015) then suggested a rule for classifying observations as follows,

- ñ. Regular Observation (RO): An Observation is declared as a "RO" if  $|FMGTi \leq CP_{\text{EMGT}}$ and $p_{ii}^* \leq M$ edian  $(p_{ii}^*)$  + c MAD  $(p_{ii}^*)$
- Vertical Outlier (VO): An Observation is declared as a "VO" if Ш.  $|FMGt_i| > CP_{\text{EMCT}}$ and $p_{ii}^* \leq M$ edian  $(p_{ii}^*)$  + c MAD  $(p_{ii}^*)$
- GLPs: An Observation is declared as a GLP if iii.  $|FMGt_i| \leq CP_{FMCT}$ and $p_{ii}^* > Median(p_{ii}^*) + c MAD(p_{ii}^*)$
- BLPs: An Observation is declared as a BLP if ïv - $|FMGt_i| > CP_{FMGT}$ and $p_{ii}^* > Median(p_{ii}^*) + c MAD(p_{ii}^*)$ Figure 1: DRGP against Fast Generalized Student zed Residuals



#### **DRGP**

It is clearly seen from the above table, that the vertical outliers and bad leverage points are detected based on our proposed FIGMT method. Alguraibawi et al. (2015) have shown that the MGT is very successful in detecting the bad high leverage points and vertical outliers. According to Dhhan, Sohel, Midi (2016) and Rashid, Midi, Dhann (2021;IEEE Access), the effective of the weight function depends on the efficient diagnostic method of identifying outliers. Therefore, the initial estimate of our propose GM-FGMT is given by,

$$
\pi_i = \min\left[1, \left(\frac{\text{CP}_{\text{FMGT}}}{\text{FIGMT}}\right)\right], i = 1, 2, ..., n
$$

where  $CP_{\text{EMCT}}$  was defined above.

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- The Aircraft dataset, which is taken from Gray (1985) is used to illustrate the merit of our proposed plot. This dataset contains 23 cases with four predictor variables (Aspect ratio, Lift-to-drag ratio, Weight of the plane, and Maximal thrust) and the response variable is the Cost.



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**Figure 1: The Studentized OLS res. vs. MD for the Aircraft data**





Figure 2: The Standardized LMS Figure 3: The Mod. Generalized studentized **res. vs. RMD for the Aircraft data res. vs. DRGP for the Aircraft data**





A real examples and Simulation Study are carried out in this section to assess the performance of our proposed method.

#### **Simulation Study**

Consider linear regression model;

$$
y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \varepsilon_i
$$

Where the error terms  $\epsilon$  distributed as  $N(0,1)$ . The *X variables are generated* from  $N(0,1)$ . In order to create good and bad leverage points, certain clean observations are replaced with contaminated data. To create bad leverage points, the first 100(α/2) % for both *X* and *Y* variables are replaced by contaminated observations generated from N(1,10). To create good leverage points, the last  $100(\alpha/2)$  % observations of *X's* variables are replaced with contaminated observations distributed as N(1,10).

#### **REMEDY HLCEO-SE and Ratio of the estimated Ridge, GM6, MM and GM-FIMGT for clean generated data set**





#### **REMEDY HLCEO SE and Ratio of the estimated OLS, Ridge, GM6, MM and GM-FIMGT for contamination generated data**



## **Commercial Properties Dataset**

This dataset is taken from Neter et al. (2004). This data set is non collinear and contained 81 observations with three explanatory variables, namely, age , operating expenses and taxes. The dependent variable is the rental rates. Neter et al. (2004) noted that this data set has 19 HLPs. However, this dataset is not HLCIO. In order to investigate the effect of HLPs on non-collinearity pattern among the explanatory variables, we created severe multicollinearity in this dataset by adding HLCIOs. The first observations for each of the two explanatory variables was kept fixed with values 300.





#### **Table 1**: VIF values and Person correlation of coefficients (r) for original and modified Commercial properties dataset







#### **Table 2:** Standard deviations of the estimates of Original (modified) Commercial dataset



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 The main aim of this presentation is to show that HLPs can change the multicollinearity pattern of data (HLCIO): HLCEO and HLCRO.

- HLCIOM diagnostic measure can be used to detect HLCIO.
- The OLS method performs poorly for data having HLCEO.
- Ridge regression, latent root regression and Jackknife Ridge regression are incorrect remedial measure for multicollinearity problem caused by HLCEO.
- In this regard using either OLS, Ridge regression, latent root regression and Jackknife Ridge regression will give inefficient estimates, inaccurate prediction, misleading conclusion, and hence lead to prediction uncertainties.

**K** For HLCEO-suggest using GM-FIMGT, HLCRO suggest using Jackknife Ridge FIMGT to avoid

Suggest to use GM-FIMGT for data having HLCEO to avoid prediction uncertainties.

incorrect interpretation, incorrect remedial measures and misleading conclusion.

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