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• The F-statistic is F-distributed with (p-1,n-p) degrees of freedom ($F_{p-1,n-p}$)

• An F-distribution is the ratio of two independent χ^2 distributions

• Assumes normal distribution of iid residuals with constant σ_ε • F = explained variance/unexplained variance

• Calculate the p-value from the F-distribution and compare it with your significance level α • P-value = probability that the model explains the variance in y no better than by chance

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• For a two-parameter model, the F-test is the same as asking if the confidence interval of the slope includes zero (t-test with DF = n-2) $-F = [b_1/SE(b_1)]^2$ for this case

• Don't over-interpret the test results

- A small p-value doesn't necessarily imply a good fit of model to data, only that at least one model parameter is non-zero

- A large p-value doesn't necessarily mean that the response variable is not dependent on the predictor variables, only that this model is not significant

Training vs. Predicting

• We build a model by fitting it to data

- We "train" or calibrate a model using a given data set

- The residual standard deviation is a measure of how well the model fits this data set

- If we add more fitting parameters to the model, we always get a better fit

• The real test, however, is how well we match a new data set, one not used in the training

- Called validation of the model

- The residual standard deviation for validation data will almost always be higher than for the training data





