Applied Statistical Methods - Exercise 5

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Problem 1: Interactions

Use the following dataset on Breed, Breast Circumference and Body Weight and fit a fixed linear effects model with Body Weight as response and Breed and Breast Circumference as predictors and include an interaction term between the two predictors. Compute the expected difference in Body Weight for two animals which differ in Breast Circumference by \$1cm\$ for everyBreed⁴.

The dataset is available under

[1] "https://charlotte-ngs.github.io/asmss2023/data/asm_bw_flem.csv"

Problem 2: Simulation

Use the following values for intercept and regression slope for Body Weight on Breast Circumference to simulate a dataset of size N. What is the number for N that has to be chosen such that the regression analysis of the simulated data gives the same result as the true regression slope.

The true values are:

- Intercept: -1070
- Regression slope: 8.7
- Residual standard error: 12

Hints

- Start with N = 10, simulate a dataset and analyse the data with lm()
- If the result (rounded to 1 digits after decimal point) is not the same then double the size of the dataset, hence use, ${\cal N}=20$
- Continue until you get close to the true value.
- Assume that the random residuals follow a normal distribution with mean zero and standard devation equal to 12
- Take breast circumference to be normally distributed with a mean of 180 and a standard deviation of 2.6
- Use a linear regression model with an intercept to model expected body weight based on breast circumference.