



Stepwise Analysis in CO\$TAT

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- Example of CO\$TAT Stepwise Analysis
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 - Other advanced topics
- Developing best practices
- Questions





Background



Background and Environment



Assessing the needs of the organization:

- Lots of databases
- Many potential variables means multicollinear data
- May be incomplete data
- Statistical regressions are an acceptable methodology
- Repeatable results
- Decision-makers are informed about statistics



Background and Environment



Assessing the needs of the organization:

- Many first-uses of new CO\$TAT tools
- Review CO\$TAT results from a broad variety of organizations
- Informal best practices among teams
- Tend to be one or two CO\$TAT specialists on a team (more technical)





Challenges Explaining Methodology



Challenges Explaining Methodology (Lessons Learned)



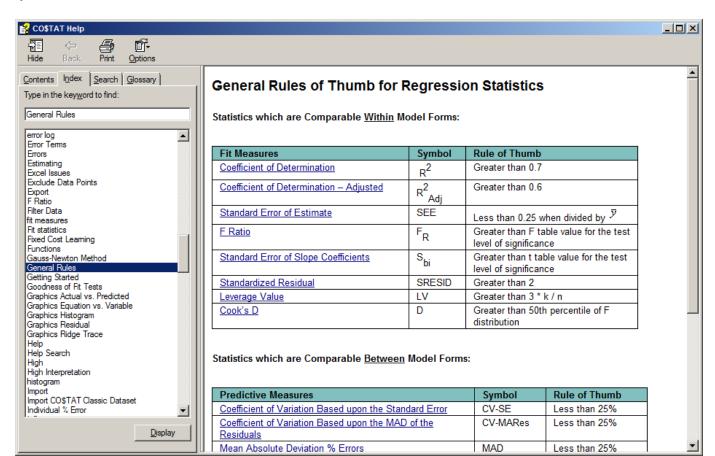
- Decision Makers expect to be able to interpret the coefficients of the CER
- Must be intuitive
- Potentially many steps involved
- Non-linear progression adding variables
- Must be able to show why something didn't work
- Biases



Challenges Explaining Methodology (Guidance Challenges)



- Defense Acquisition University (DAU) recommends comparing all combinations of all variables
- CO\$TAT Rules of Thumb

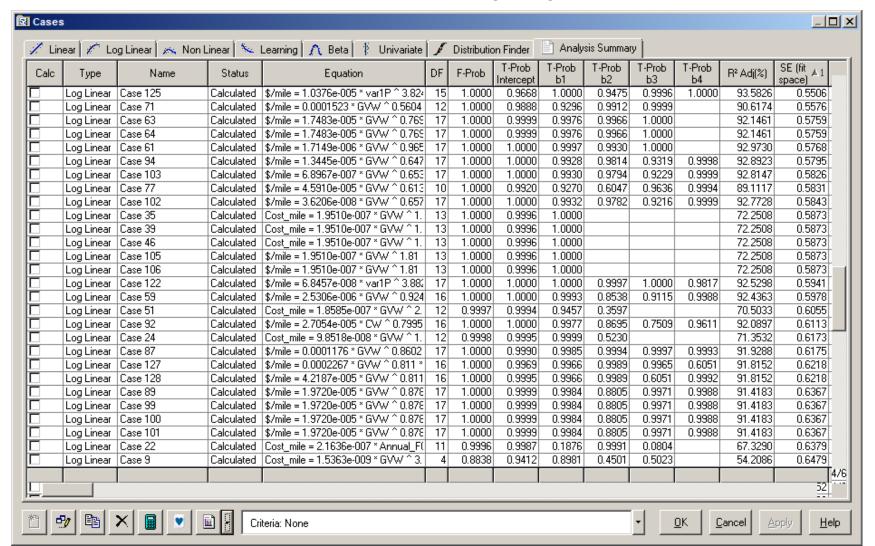




Typical Documentation



CO\$TAT has the Case utility. Can be exported to Excel. Important documentation for showing range of coefficients.

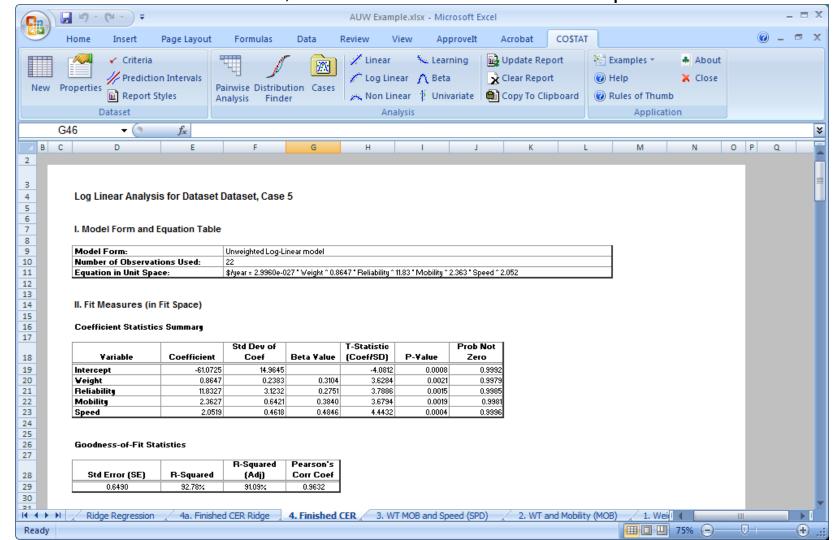




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The documentation exported to ACEIT (shown below) or JIAT is shown here. As a stand-alone document, the file needs some further explanation.





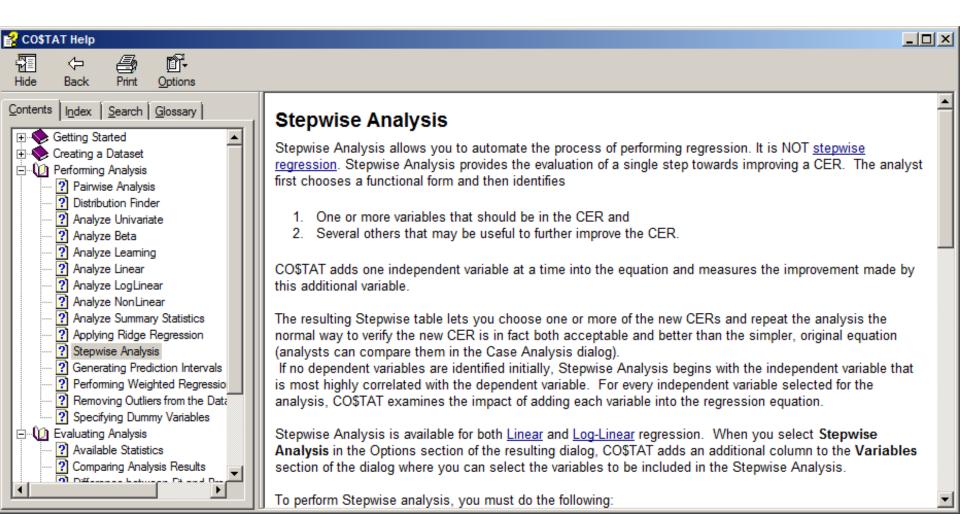


Benefits of the Stepwise Analysis Tool



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- Quicker way to generate results
- Can compare several cases at once
- More compact way to show steps
- Facilitates producing all the documentation in one file with multiple tabs
- Ability to quickly compare transformations

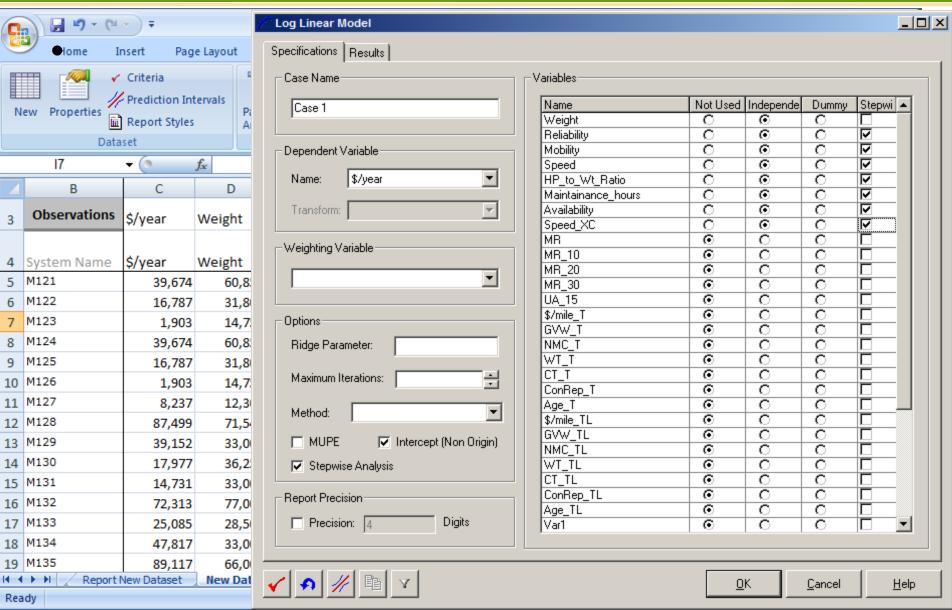




Example of Stepwise Analysis

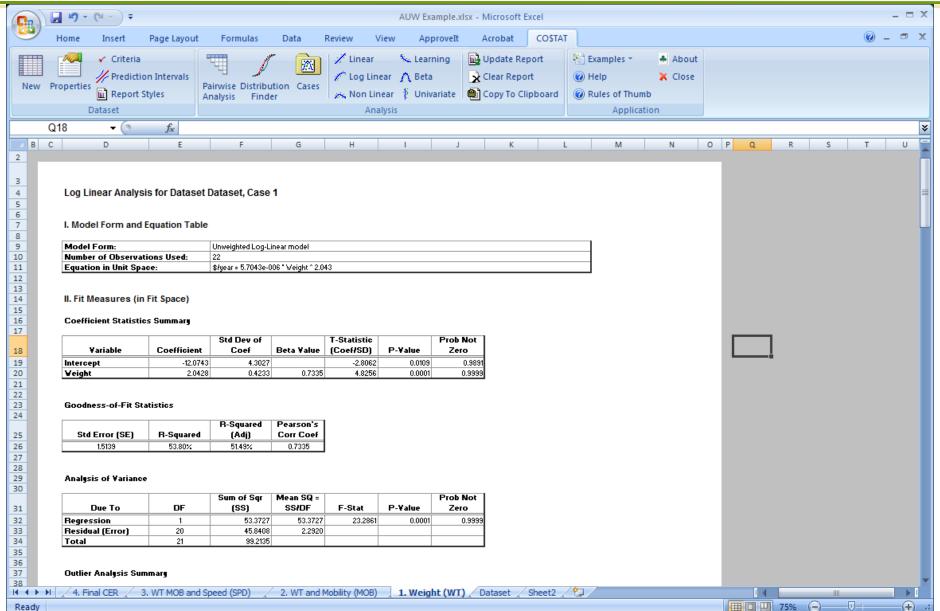












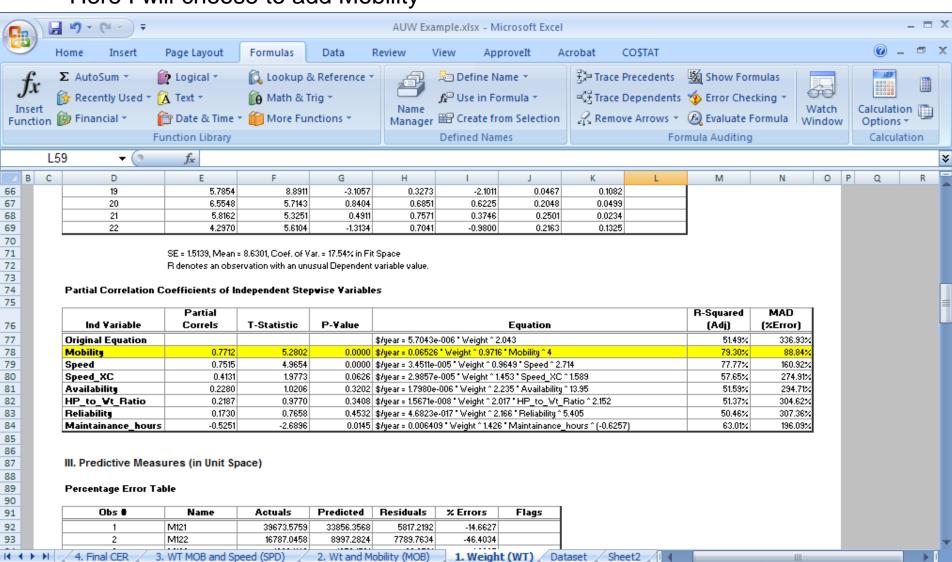




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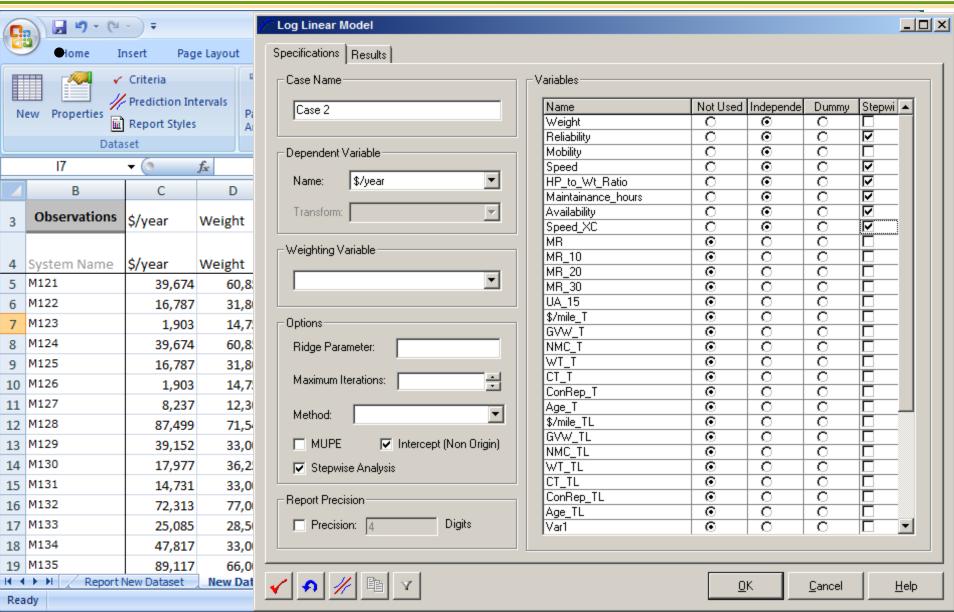
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Here I will choose to add Mobility



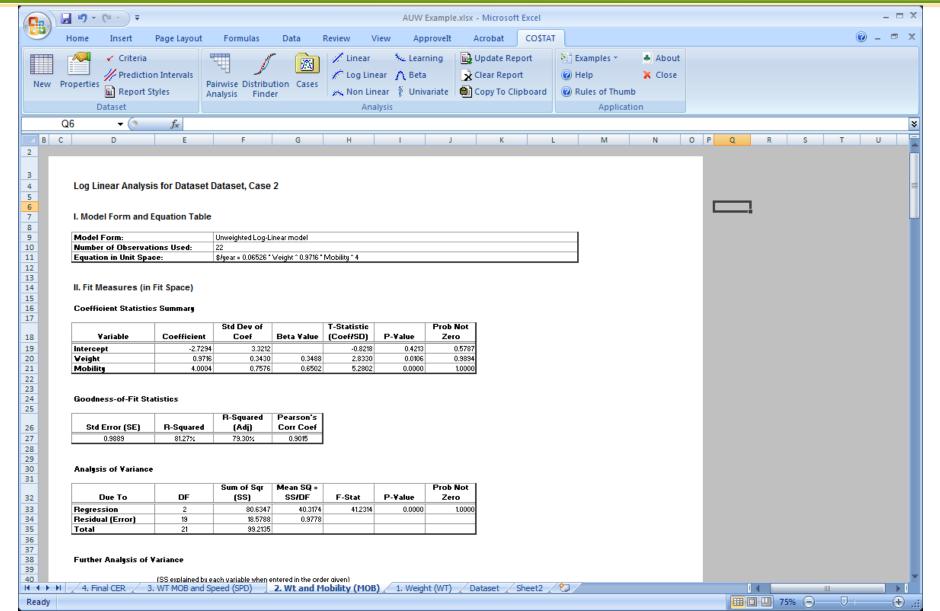








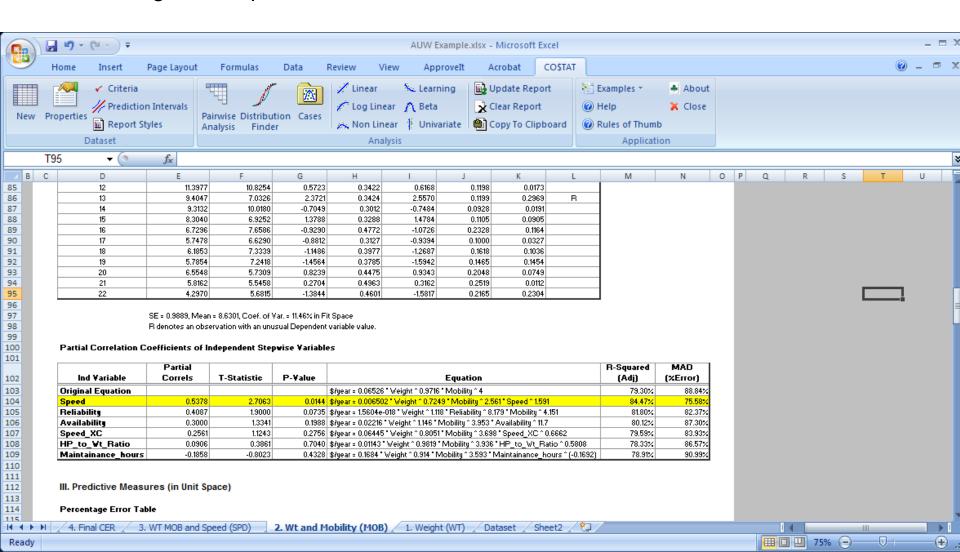






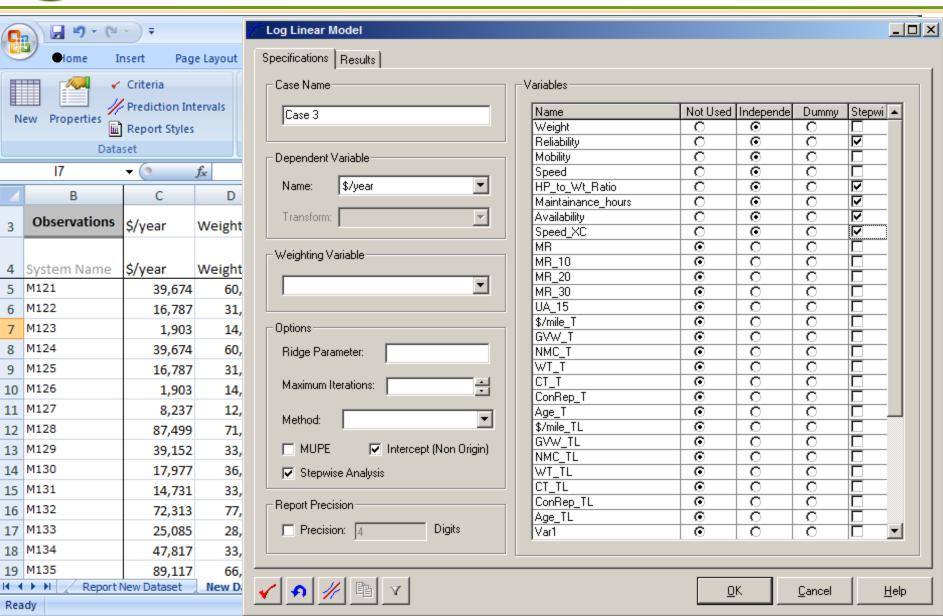


Next I might add speed



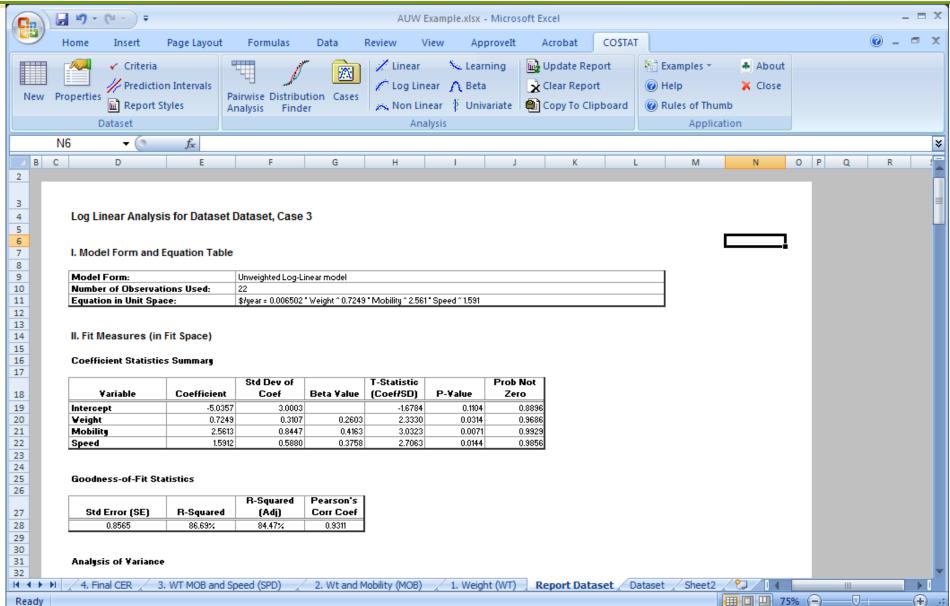
















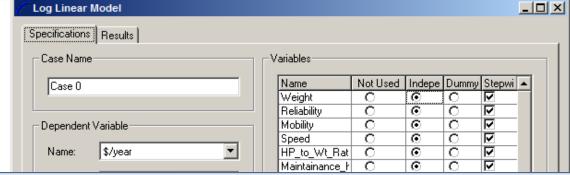
- Multiple criteria for stopping
 - No further improvement possible
 - Degrees of freedom
 - Multicollinearity
 - Too many variables (variables lose meaning)
 - How will the results be used
- Stopping criteria is a best practices and peer review topic

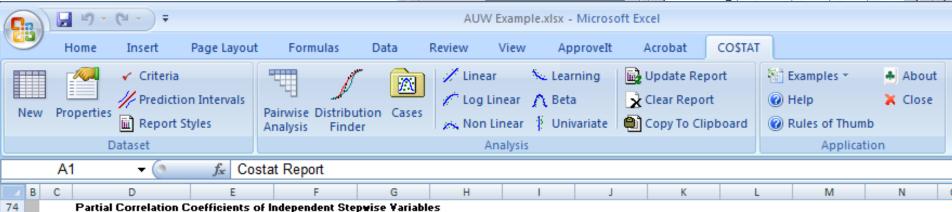


CO\$TAT Stepwise Analysis (Note: Step 0)



Step 0: When no independent variables are selected, CO\$TAT will automatically "recommend" the best base variable.





Partial Correlation Coefficients of Independent Stepwise Variables

	Partial				R-Squared	MAD	
Ind Variable	Correls	T-Statistic	P-Value	Equation	(Adj)	(%Error)	
Mobility				This variable was the most highly correlated, and has been used for the regression	72.03%	118.865	
Speed	0.5909	3.1929	0.0048	\$/year = 2.157 "Mobility " 3.063 " Speed " 1.994	80.84%	87.08	
Veight	0.5449	2.8330	0.0106	\$/year = 0.06526 "Weight ^ 0.9716 "Mobility ^ 4	79.30%	88.847	
Speed_XC	0.4142	1.9836	0.0619	\$/year = 43.7 " Mobility " 4.351 " Speed_XC " 1.178	75.61%	96.18%	
Reliability	0.2067	0.9209	0.3686	\$/year = 3.0889e-007 * Reliability * 4.798 * Mobility * 5.47	71.82%	123,415	
Availability	0.0374	0.1631	0.8722	\$/year = 829.1 " Mobility " 5.295 " Availability " 1.621	70.60%	120.215	
HP_to_Vt_Ratio	0.0345	0.1506	0.8819	\$/year = 362.6 "Mobility " 5.247 "HP_to_Wt_Ratio " 0.2632	70.60%	118.825	
Maintainance_hours	-0.2632	-1.1890	0.2491	\$/year = 1461 * Mobility * 4.472 * Maintainance_hours * (-0.2798)	72.60%	119.55%	

Weight (WT)

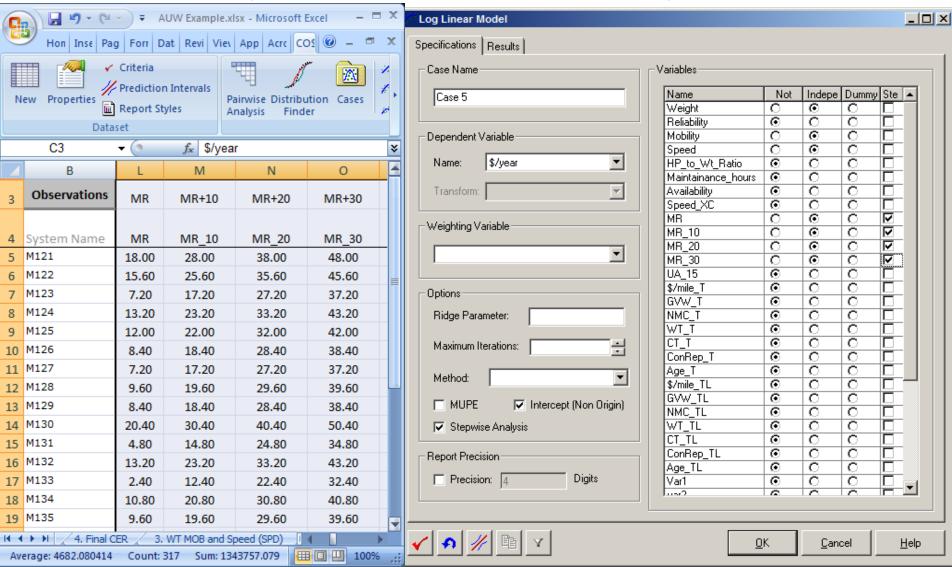
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CO\$TAT Stepwise Analysis (Transforms)



Ability to compare variable transforms quickly

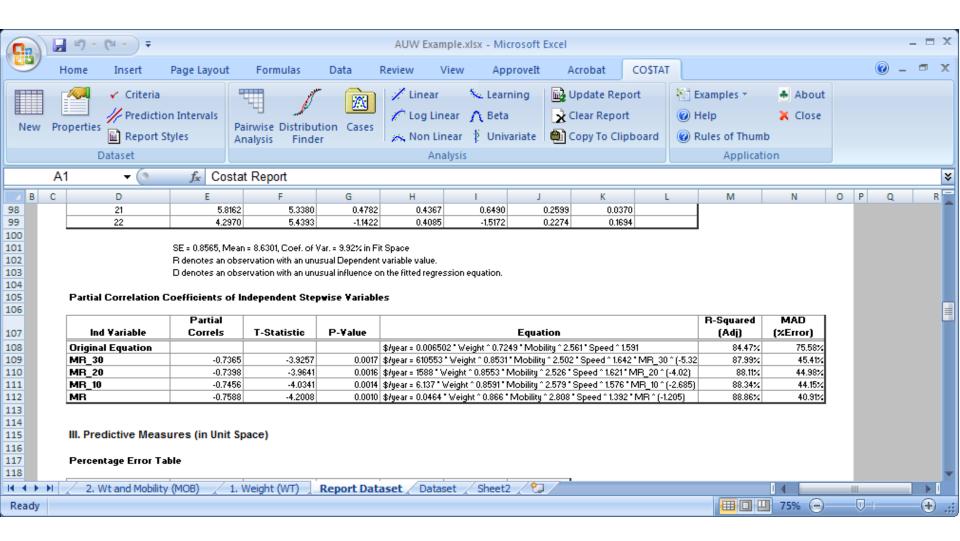




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Advanced Topics



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Developing best practices for advanced topics:

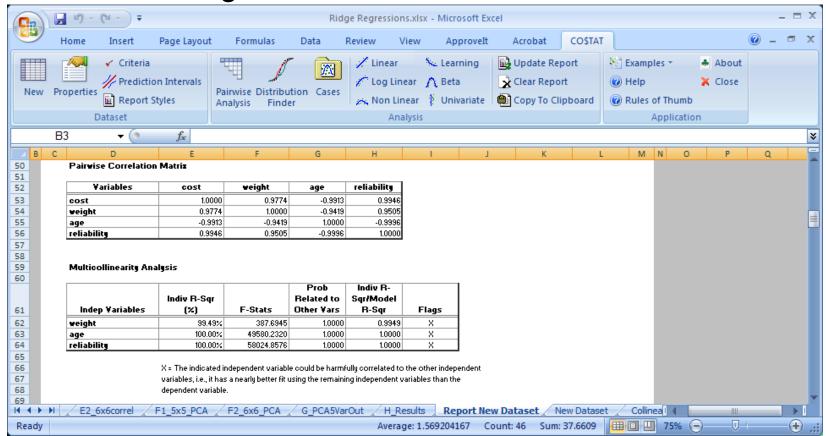
- Handling Multicollinearity
- Missing Data
- Other advanced topics



Handling Multicollinearity



- True multicollinearity can be avoided
- Residual multicollinearity can be explained
- Should be investigated even when there are no CO\$TAT flags





Handling Multicollinearity



Consider:

- ACEIT recommendations
- ACEIT Flags
- Defense Acquisition University (DAU) guidance?
- What level of Multicollinearity is OK?
- Is the estimated system in the range of the data?
- Should the coefficients in the CER stand alone?
- What are the predicted values?



Handling Multicollinearity (Lessons Learned)



Techniques:

- Get more data points
- Use fewer variables
- Get better explanatory variables
- Consider meaningful transforms and combinations of the variables
- Ridge Regression
- Principal Component Analysis



Handling Multicollinearity (Explain away)



In this example, we can make a case that the exponent of GVW is meaningful.

Calc	Туре	Name	Status	Equation	DF	F-Prob	T-Prob Intercept	T-Prob b1	T-Prob b2	T-Prob b3	T-Prob b4	R² Adj(%)	SE (fit ≱1 space)
	Log Linear	Case 125	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.0376e-005 * var1P ^ 3.824	15	1.0000	0.9668	1.0000	0.9475	0.9996	1.0000	93,5826	0.5506
	Log Linear	Case 71	Calculated	\$/mile = 0.0001523 * GVW ^ 0.5604	12	1.0000	0.9888	0.9296	0.9912	0.9999		90.6174	0.5576
	Log Linear	Case 63	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.7483e-005 * GVW ^ 0.765	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9976	0.9966	1.0000		92.1461	0.5759
	Log Linear	Case 64	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.7483e-005 * GVW ^ 0.765	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9976	0.9966	1.0000		92.1461	0.5759
	Log Linear	Case 61	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.7149e-006 * GVW ^ 0.965	17	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9930	1.0000		92.9730	0.5768
	Log Linear	Case 94	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.3445e-005 * GVW ^ 0.647	17	1.0000	1.0000	0.9928	0.9814	0.9319	0.9998	92.8923	0.5795
	Log Linear	Case 103	Calculated	\$/mile = 6.8967e-007 * GVW ^ 0.653	17	1.0000	1.0000	0.9930	0.9794	0.9229	0.9999	92.8147	0.5826
	Log Linear	Case 77	Calculated	\$/mile = 4.5910e-005 * GVW ^ 0.613	10	1.0000	0.9920	0.9270	0.6047	0.9636	0.9994	89.1117	0.5831
	Log Linear	Case 102	Calculated	\$/mile = 3.6206e-008 * GVW ^ 0.657	17	1.0000	1.0000	0.9932	0.9782	0.9216	0.9999	92.7728	0.5843
	Log Linear	Case 35	Calculated	Cost_mile = 1.9510e-007 * GVW ^ 1.	13	1.0000	0.9996	1.0000				72.2508	0.5873
	Log Linear	Case 39	Calculated	Cost_mile = 1.9510e-007 * GVW ^ 1.	13	1.0000	0.9996	1.0000				72.2508	0.5873
	Log Linear	Case 46	Calculated	Cost_mile = 1.9510e-007 * GVW ^ 1.	13	1.0000	0.9996	1.0000				72.2508	0.5873
	Log Linear	Case 105	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9510e-007 * GVW ^ 1.81	13	1.0000	0.9996	1.0000				72.2508	0.5873
	Log Linear	Case 106	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9510e-007 * GVW ^ 1.81	13	1.0000	0.9996	1.0000				72.2508	0.5873
	Log Linear	Case 122	Calculated	\$/mile = 6.8457e-008 * var1P ^ 3.882	17	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	1.0000	0.9817	92.5298	0.5941
	Log Linear	Case 59	Calculated	\$/mile = 2.5306e-006 * GVW ^ 0.924	16	1.0000	1.0000	0.9993	0.8538	0.9115	0.9988	92.4363	0.5978
	Log Linear	Case 51	Calculated	Cost_mile = 1.8585e-007 * GVW ^ 2.	12	0.9997	0.9994	0.9457	0.3597			70.5033	0.6055
	Log Linear	Case 92	Calculated	\$/mile = 2.7054e-005 * CW ^ 0.7995	16	1.0000	1.0000	0.9977	0.8695	0.7509	0.9611	92.0897	0.6113
	Log Linear	Case 24	Calculated	Cost_mile = 9.8518e-008 * GVW ^ 1.	12	0.9998	0.9995	0.9999	0.5230			71.3532	0.6173
	Log Linear	Case 87	Calculated	\$/mile = 0.0001176 * GVW ^ 0.8602	17	1.0000	0.9990	0.9985	0.9994	0.9997	0.9993	91.9288	0.6175
	Log Linear	Case 127	Calculated	\$/mile = 0.0002267 * GVW ^ 0.811 *	16	1.0000	0.9969	0.9966	0.9989	0.9965	0.6051	91.8152	0.6218
	Log Linear	Case 128	Calculated	\$/mile = 4.2187e-005 * GVW ^ 0.811	16	1.0000	0.9995	0.9966	0.9989	0.6051	0.9992	91.8152	0.6218
	Log Linear	Case 89	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9720e-005 * GVW ^ 0.878	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9984	0.8805	0.9971	0.9988	91.4183	0.6367
	Log Linear	Case 99	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9720e-005 * GVW ^ 0.878	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9984	0.8805	0.9971	0.9988	91.4183	0.6367
	Log Linear	Case 100	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9720e-005 * GVW ^ 0.878	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9984	0.8805	0.9971	0.9988	91.4183	0.6367
	_	Case 101	Calculated	\$/mile = 1.9720e-005 * GVW ^ 0.878	17	1.0000	0.9999	0.9984	0.8805	0.9971	0.9988	91.4183	0.6367
	Log Linear	Case 22	Calculated	Cost_mile = 2.1636e-007 * Annual_F(11	0.9996	0.9987	0.1876	0.9991	0.0804		67.3290	0.6379
	Log Linear	Case 9	Calculated	Cost_mile = 1.5363e-009 * GVW ^ 3.	4	0.8838	0.9412	0.8981	0.4501	0.5023		54.2086	0.6479
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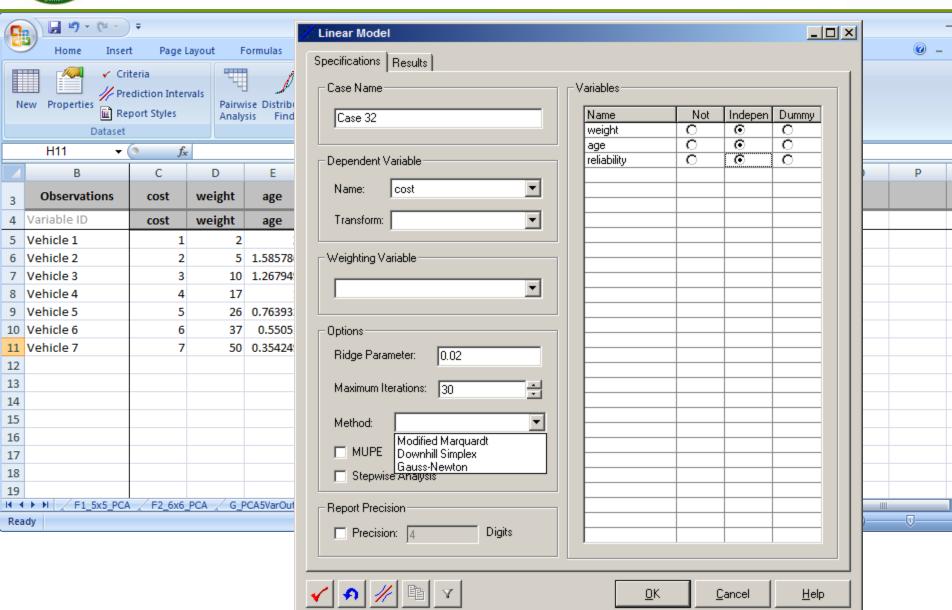




- Already in CO\$TAT
- Applies a penalty to sum of squares based on the sum of squares of the coefficients
- Can be used to reduce the effects of multicollinearity, such as counterintuitive coefficients

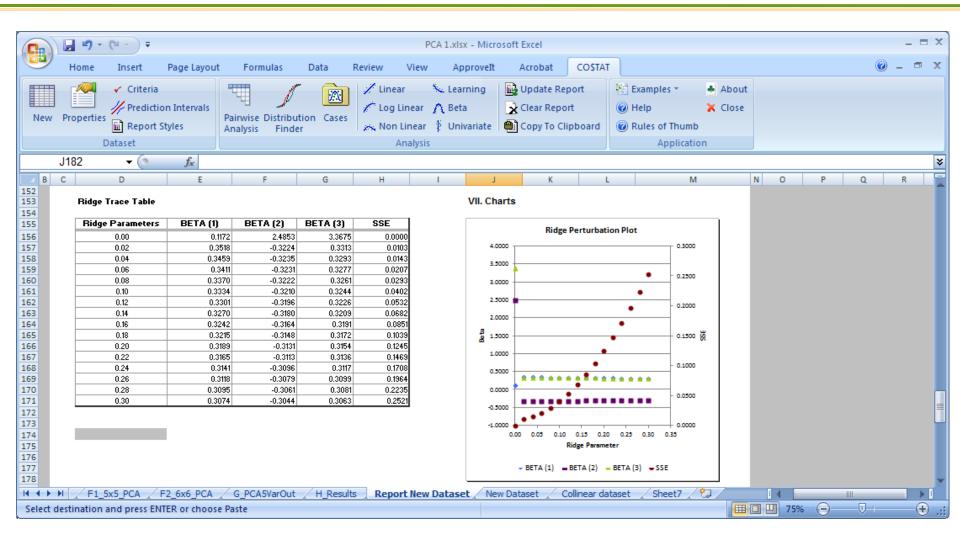








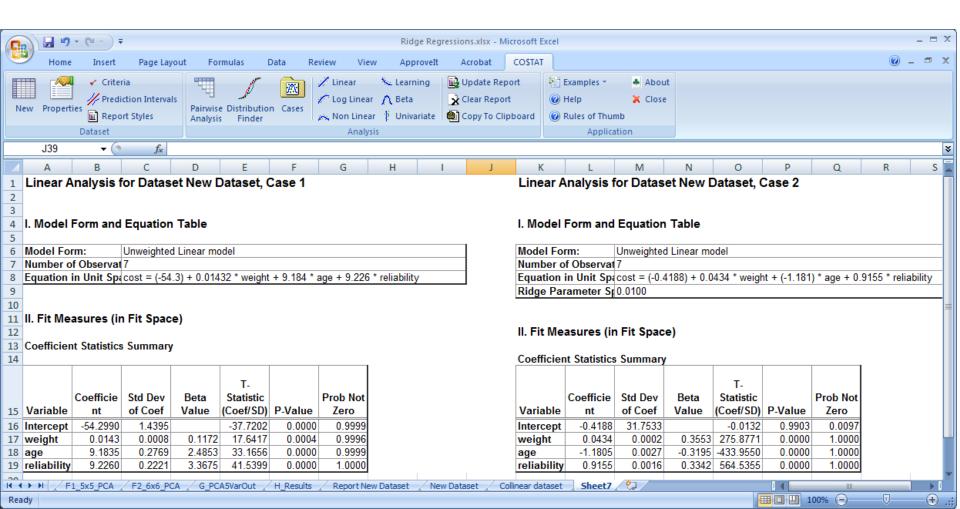








This example shows the somewhat dramatic effects on the regression with the application of a Ridge Parameter (Case 2). Notice the coefficients in the equation.





Handling Multicollinearity – Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



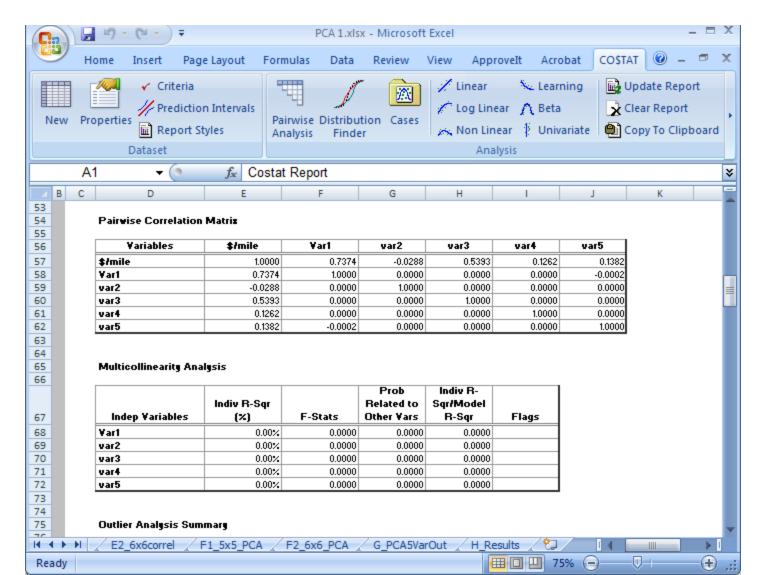
- Transforms the variables into new orthogonal variables
- Computationally tricky (requires calculating eigenvalues of the pairwise correlation matrix)
- New variables lose meaning, but the cumulative loading of each variable can be used to recommend suitable variable bases



Handling Multicollinearity – Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Transformed variables have no pairwise correlation.

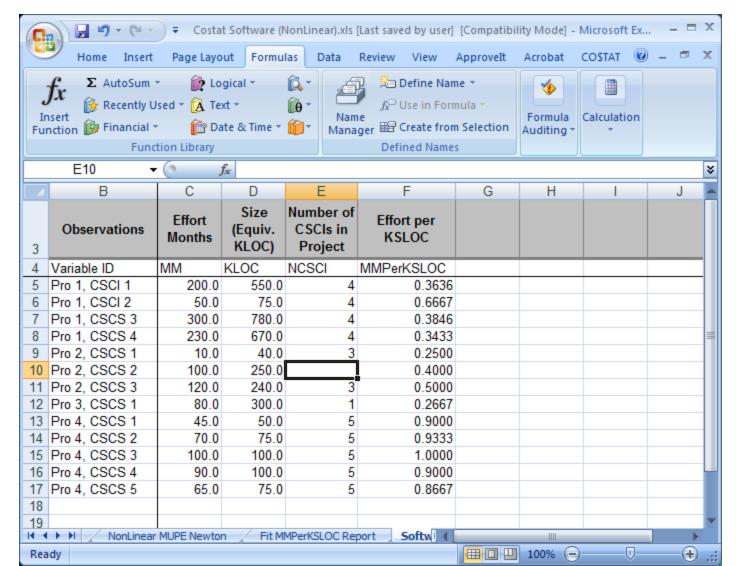




Incomplete Data



An example from CO\$TAT examples.





Incomplete Data



- Most users believe in throwing out the observation or disregarding the variable
- As is, CO\$TAT treats the missing point as a 0
- Other techniques are available
- On a limited basis, the data can still be used acceptably
- Working on techniques and best practices for this case



Other Advanced Topics



- Sensitivity analysis
 - Input data
 - Omission of a data point
 - Communicating sensitivity results
- Pooled Regression and Dummy Variables (tomorrow)
- Using Minimum-Unbiased-Percentage Error (CO\$TAT feature)





Developing Best Practices



Developing Best Practices



- Best Practices in CO\$TAT is extremely challenging
- Rules are difficult to quantify
- Best practices should consist of a series of "world-class" well-documented illustrations
- Target experienced users
- Data sources and documentation of data sources is critical
- Use peer reviews



Summary



- CO\$TAT Stepwise Analysis tool benefits the analyst
 - Time and effectiveness
 - Documentation
 - Defending results
- Consider building best practices for Stepwise Analysis
 - General guidance
 - Advanced topics (expand the analyst toolset)
- Peer review is a critical component of best practices



Questions

