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Consider the regression model handouts concerning the birth weight data. Carry out an (one!) F test to evaluate whether, when mother’s age and weight are both in the model, the smoking main effect and smoking**gained* interaction are simultaneously not needed. Note that you need to write out your null and alternative hypotheses, p-value, conclusion, and summary in the context of the problem.

You might need the following output:

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> anova(lm(tounces ~ gained + mage))
Analysis of Variance Table

Response: tounces
      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
gained  1  18856   18856  41.487 2.083e-10 ***
mage    1  10891   10891  23.963 1.195e-06 ***
Residuals 774 351780      454
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Signif. codes:  0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1  1
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Solution:

Consider the following model:

$$E[Y] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \textit{gained} + \beta_2 \textit{smoke} + \beta_3 \textit{mage} + \beta_4 \textit{gained} \cdot \textit{smoke}$$

$$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_4 = 0$$

$$H_a : \text{not } H_0$$

Our test statistic is calculated using the SSE from the full and reduced models:

$$F^* = \frac{\frac{SSE(R) - SSE(F)}{(n-3) - (n-5)}}{\frac{SSE(F)}{n-5}}$$

$$= \frac{351780 - 346389}{2}$$

$$= 449$$

$$= 6.00$$

$$\text{p-value} = P(F_{2,772} \geq 6)$$

$$= 1 - pf(6, 2, 772)$$

$$= 0.002595839$$

There is strong evidence that β_2 and β_4 are not simultaneously zero. That is, we should not remove both smoking and the *gained***smoking* interaction from the model that predicts baby’s birth weight in ounces.