Math 158 – Spring 2016 Jo Hardin warm-up # 3

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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 (make a sketch of the appropriate area), 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)
               18856
                       18856 41.487 2.083e-10 ***
gained
            1
                              23.963 1.195e-06 ***
            1
               10891
                       10891
mage
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:

$$\begin{split} E[Y] &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 gained + \beta_2 smoke + \beta_3 mage + \beta_4 gained \cdot smoke \\ H_0: & \beta_2 = \beta_4 = 0 \\ H_a: & \text{not } H_0 \end{split}$$

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

$$F^* = \frac{\frac{SSE(R) - SSE(F)}{(n-3) - (n-5)}}{\frac{SSE(F)}{n-5}}$$
  
=  $\frac{\frac{351780 - 346389}{2}}{449}$   
= 6.00  
p-value =  $P(F_{2,772} \ge 6)$   
=  $1 - pf(6, 2, 772)$   
= 0.002595839

There is strong evidence that  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_4$  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 *conditional* on gained and mage being in the model.