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Using Correlation Coefficient to Solve Outliers Problem in Regression Analysis, with Practical Application

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Abstract: A new algorithm is presented on the basis of the partial and multiple correlation coefficient to estimate multiple outliers in the multiple linear regression model. One of the conditions for estimating multiple outliers is the true presence of outliers, which cannot be presented in the form of errors. Regression analysis was applied to a phenomenon, whose results are known in advance (The relationship between Semester GPA and Cumulative GPA). The results were misleading . After checking Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)) assumptions, outliers were identified by scatter plot for the standardized predicted values against Standardized residual, Studentized deleted residual, Cook's D, and Hit Matrix. Influential cases were identified using box plot for overall influence measures (DFFITS, COVRATIO, and Cook's D.). Thereafter, outliers are estimated using the proposed algorithm, which is compared with OLS before discovery outliers, trimmed mean, and weighted least squares (WLS). These methods were compared based on [(P-Value for i), (Adjusted R^2), and assumptions of OLS]. The results proved that the proposed method is a robust solution for outliers estimation. Thus, it is recommended to use the proposed algorithm to estimate multiple outliers for any other similar phenomenon. (For example, the proposed method can be applied to a credit card transaction control system in a bank).

Keywords: Correlation coefficient, Influence measures, Real outliers, Regression analysis.

1 Introduction

The Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) method is the most common way to fit the regression model, but it cannot deal with data that contains of outliers. Therefore, one we cannot firmly stand on regression analysis results because OLS is said make no sense its assumptions. All major software packages (SAS, SPSS, R, MINITAB and STATA) provide both the model estimates and the diagnosis of the model fit. However, the wide popularity for the linear regression creates some problems. The problems of multiple linear regression models arise when there is an outlier in the data. Identifying and estimating outliers are an important provide in building the regression model. If outliers are identified and estimated, they will lead to a different model [1].

Sometimes, when natural phenomena are studied, the effect of one or more independent variables is insignificant. However, it is known that these variables only affect the dependent variable. For example, the balance of any person in the bank depends on only two variables (addition and withdrawal), so the relationship between them is strong. Any behavior other than this expectation is due to one or several outliers. One should be worried about outliers because it can distort estimates of regression coefficients, and produce misleading results. It is possible that another researcher could analyze these data and question these results showing an improved analysis that may contradict these results and undermine the conclusions [2].

In this regard, a new algorithm is presented based on the partial and multiple correlation coefficient to estimate multiple outliers in the multiple linear regression model. One of the conditions for estimating multiple outliers is the true presence of outliers, which cannot be presented in the form of errors. The novelty of this study can be observed by testing the significance of outliers as most of the previous researchers were interested in detecting and addressing the outliers, without checking its significance. The importance of the research is to present a new idea for estimating outliers in independent

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variables and dependent variable using an easy algorithm to obtain the reliable model of prediction, when only these variables affect the dependent variable.

Multiple linear regression models

Multiple linear regression helps predict the values of a dependent variable, by identifying the values of independent variables with statistical significance. It can be expressed in the following form [3,4]:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \ldots + \beta_p x_n + e_n. \tag{1}$$

Fit multiple linear regression model [5];

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_n.$$

Where: \hat{y} : Fitted response. x_n : Independent variables. n: Number of observations. p: Number of model parameters. β_n : Regression coefficient. $e_n : i^{th}$ residual

Estimation of Parameters with OLS models [6,7]:

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\boldsymbol{x}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{x})^{-1}\boldsymbol{x}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{y}.$$
(3)

The goodness-of-fit (OLS) regression [8]

 $R - S_q \rightarrow R^2$ is known as the coefficient of determination. A commonly used measure of goodness of fit of a linear model can be measured as;

Formula
$$\rightarrow R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSError}{SSTotal} = 1 - \frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2}.$$
 (4)

Where: \bar{y} : mean response.

Formula
$$\rightarrow Adj.R^2 = 1 - \frac{MSError}{MSTotal} = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2}\right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n-p-1}\right).$$
 (5)

Formula
$$\rightarrow PredR^2 = 1 - \frac{PRESS}{SSTotal} = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\frac{e_i}{1-h_i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2}\right).$$
 (6)

Where:

 h_i : i^{th} diagonal element of $x(x'x)^{-1}x'$.

Unusual and Influential observations

Some definitions are presented to be reviewed.

Outliers

However, young and educated people tend to select their wives from different tribes, groups and clans. The groom or his family should present a dowry (bride-price), which usually consists of jewelry or any valuable thing, to the bride. This is an obligatory duty for the groom or his family towards the bride according to Islamic teachings. No marriage would be considered legal without this dowry, regardless of its value. The husband, according to Islamic teachings, is in charge of his family and must be the one who assumes the family's financial burdens even if his wife is employed or rich unless she makes concessions. For Muslims, Sharia remains largely un-codified, allowing for plural interpretations.

Extreme values are in the y-direction relative to the fitted regression line, or as an observation that has a large residual [9, 10, 11]. Rousseeew [12] explained how the single outlier changed from the direction of the lower squares. Huber [13] explained the effect of outliers on the OLS estimates by destroying the least squares.

Leverage

Extremes values are in the x- direction, or as an observation with high leverage. These values will pull the regression line towards it and can have a large effect on regression coefficients [14].

Influential observations

Influential observations can change the slope of the line, nd extensively affect the fit of the model. On the other hand, an observation is said to be influential if removing the observation substantially changes the estimate of regression coefficients [15, 16].

Identification of unusual observations

To identify unusual observations, the study has used diagnostic measures, which include Residuals, standardized residual, Studentized Deleted Residuals, leverage values, and Cook's D [17, 18]. Formulas of diagnostic measures are , as follows:

Residuals are the distance between observed values and the predicted values [19,20]. The residual is defined as: $e_i = y_i - y_i$

Standardized residual (ZRESID) [21]

$$r_i = \frac{e_i}{\sqrt{S^2(1-h_i)}}.\tag{7}$$

Studentized Deleted Residuals [22]

$$t_i = e_i \left(\frac{n - p - 1}{S(1 - h_i) - e_i^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(8)

Leverages values (hi) of the ith observation as [23]:

$$h_i = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)S_x^2}.$$
(9)

Cook's distance

It combines information on the residual and leverage [24]. It identifies influential cases as it considers changes in all residuals when a case is omitted. It is calculated from the following relationship:

$$D_{i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_{j} - \hat{y}_{j(i)})^{2}}{(k+1)S^{2}} = \frac{e_{i}^{2}}{pS^{2}} [\frac{h_{i}}{(1-h_{i})^{3}}] = \frac{(b-b_{(i)})'x'x(b-b_{(i)})}{pS^{2}}.$$
(10)

Where

 $b_{(i)}$: coefficient vector calculated after deleting the ith observation.

DFFITS [25];

$$DFFITS = \frac{\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_{i(i)}}{\sqrt{S_{(i)}^2 h_{ii}}} = e_i \left(\frac{n - p - 1}{S^2 (1 - h_i) - e_i^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{h_i}{i - h_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = t_i \left(\frac{h_i}{i - h_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(11)

Where $y_{i(i)}$: Fitted value calculated without the ith observation

COVRATIO [26]

$$COVRATIO_{i} = \frac{\det[(X'_{(i)}X_{(i)})^{-1}S^{2}_{(i)}]}{\det[(X'X)^{-1}S^{2}]} = (\frac{1}{1-h_{ii}})(\frac{S^{2}_{(i)}}{S^{2}})^{p}$$
(12)

Where:

 $det[(X'_{(i)}X_{(i)})^{-1}S^2_{(i)}]$: Determinant of the coefficient covariance matrix with observation i. $det[(X'X)^{-1}S^2]$: Determinant of the covariance matrix for the full model.



$$DFBETAS \rightarrow = rac{p_k - p_{k(i)}}{\sqrt{S_{(i)}^2 C_{kk}}}$$

Where:

 C_{kk} : is the j^{th} diagonal element of $(x^{i}x)^{-1}$. $\beta_{k(i)}$: Regression coefficient computed without using j^{th} observation.

2 Proposed Work

In this section, the researcher has investigated the proposed method using a real data set. Influential observations should be examined carefully both in the dependent variable and independent variables. An algorithm was suggested to estimate the influential outliers in x_i , depending on the partial correlation coefficient between x_i and y, and the total mean for independent variables. Then, it can estimate the influential outliers in y, depending on the multiple correlation coefficient between x_i and y.

Estimating the outliers in the independent variables

If x_i is an independent variable; regression coefficient is insignificant and an independent variable contains one or multiple outliers, then the algorithm will be as follows: The partial correlation coefficient (R_{yx_i}) is calculated in a simple linear regression for the variable that contains an outlier observation. Calculating the sum of the averages of the independent variables for the same observation $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x}_{im}$, adopts the following formula:

$$x_{i_m}^* = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \bar{x}_{i_m}(R_{yx_m})$$
(14)

Where: $x_{i_m}^*$: Estimating outlier. *m*: Outlier observed. \bar{x}_{i_m} : Average independent variables for outlier (m).

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Estimating the outliers in the dependent variable

If y_i is a dependent variable which contains one or multiple outliers, then the algorithm will be as follows:

$$y_j^* = \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{x}_{ij} (R_{yx_i})$$

Where: y_j^* : Outlier estimation. R_{yx_i} : Multiple correlation coefficient. \bar{x}_{ij} : Average independent variables for outlier (j).

3 Empirical Results

Data independent variables used in this study are represented as (x_i) ;

The semester average for level 1 (x_1)

The semester average for level 2 (x_2)

The semester average for level 3 (x_3)

The semester average for level 4 (x_4)

The semester average for level 5 (x_5)

The semester average for level 6 (x_6)

Dependent Variable(y): Cumulative Grade Point Average -GPA.

The Minitab program outputs are given below (Table 1).

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Var.	Mean	St. Dev	Var.	Min	Max	Trimmed Mean	M-Est
у	3.290	0.817	0.667	2.00	4.92	3.2702	3.2417
x_1	3.159	1.080	1.167	1.00	4.95	3.1767	3.2228
x_2	3.440	0.869	0.754	1.88	4.91	3.4437	3.4601
<i>x</i> ₃	3.379	1.034	1.069	1.53	5.00	3.3914	3.4306
<i>x</i> ₄	3.251	0.948	0.899	1.23	5.00	3.2534	3.2346
<i>x</i> ₅	3.166	0.965	0.931	1.05	5.00	3.1621	3.1554
<i>x</i> ₆	3.149	0.972	0.944	1.00	4.85	3.1710	3.1894

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for data

Through descriptive statistics, the absence of unusual values is observed. The smallest value was 1 and the highest value was 5, indicating that there were no errors in data collection or input. Trimmed mean shows smaller or larger means compared to the real mean. The difference difference between real mean and trimmed mean indicates the distortion in data due the presence of outliers. The M-estimator tells us about mean which is not affected by outliers.

Model Summ	lary			
S	R-sq	R-sq(adj	R-sq(pred)	
0.422	76.08%	73.32%	68.80%	
Model Summ	ary and Coefficien	ts		
Term	Coef (β_i)	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value
Constant	0.550	0.238	2.31	.025
x_1	0.089	0.071	1.25	.217
x_2	0.110	0.102	1.08	.286
X3	0.315	0.095	3.32	.002
X_4	0.106	0.110	0.96	.341
<i>X</i> 5	0.152	0.097	1.56	.124
X ₆	0.061	0.083	0.73	.468
Regression Ec	quation:			
$\mathbf{y} = 0.55$	$+0.089 x_1 + 0.1$	$1x_2 + 0.315x_3 +$	$0.106x_4 + 0.152x_4$	$x_5 + 0.061 x_6$

Table 2: Fitting the regression model using (OLS) before regression diagnosis

Table (2) shows that the Semester average for the third level has a p-value less than the 0.05. This result indicates that this variable has a statistically significant effect on the cumulative average. However, the p-value for the other semesters averages indicates that there is not a statistically significant effect on the cumulative average. Although, the Cumulative average of the student is affected only by the Semesters averages, the value for proportion of total variation explained by regression ($Ad_{j}.R2 = 73.32\%$) was medium. Consequently, these results are misleading. This makes the study try to find a solution to this contradiction.

Assumptions of the OLS estimator

Many graphical methods and numerical tests have been developed over the years for regression diagnostics [27]. Statistical software facilitates accessibility to many of these methods. To fully check the assumptions of the regression, a normal P-P (probability plot), and a scatterplot. , consider the following assumptions:

Linearity

The relationships between the predictors and the response variable should be linear. Checking the linearity assumption is not so straightforward in the case of multiple regression. The most straightforward thing to do is to plot the dependent variable against each of the independent variables. Next, the study fitted the best fit line, the Loess curve to see if any nonlinear relationship could be detected. A scatterplot is a good means to identify how well a straight line fits the data (Figure 1).

Multicollinearity

Severe multicollinearity is problematic because it can increase the variance of the regression coefficients, and so make them unstable. To verify the absence of multiple linearity, Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) was used. The values of the inflation factor should be less than 10 (Figure 2).

Figure 2, shows that the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) is less than 10. This is an evidence of the absence of multiple linear correlations between independent variables. This is also confirmed by the matrix plot.



Fig. 1: Checking Linearity supposition.

From the loess curve, it appears that the relationship of fitted value against residuals is roughly linear around zero. It is estimated that the linearity assumption is satisfied.



Figure (2)

Fig. 2: Checking multicollinearity suppositions

Homogeneity of variance

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The residuals variance should be constant. The study has used the Levenes test and scatter plot for fitted values against residues [28,29] (Figure 3).

Figure 3 shows that there are points around zero, which is scattered uniformly. There is a clear indication that the residuals are homogeneous. This is confirmed by the Levenes test.

Normality

One of the common aspects to determine the normality of the data is the acceptance of the data through normal distribution. In this regard, a probability plot of residuals and the histogram will be used to identify the normality of the





Fig. 3: Checking Homogeneity of variance for residuals

given data. However, a statistical test is preferred, which is not entirely relied on graphs when testing the normality [30] (Figure 4).



Fig. 4: Checking Normality of The residuals .

The resulting probability plot shows that the points do not cluster around the line. This indicates that the residues are not distributed according to normal distribution. The histogram of the residuals indicates that some highly extreme residuals are worthy of investigation, where extreme values can be observed at the tail end of the distribution from right and left. This is confirmed by the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test (KS = 0.010 < 0.05).

Independence

If the residuals are randomly distributed around zero, it means that there is no autocorrelation. Also Durbin-Watson statistic was used where a rule of values of 1.5 < D - W < 2.5 indicates that there is no autocorrelation [31] (Figure 5).



Fig. 5: Checking Independence of residuals



Fig. 6: The auto and partial correlation function for stability model

The data are moving away from zero, especially in the middle, indicating that there is auto-correlation in the data. The value for D-W) shows that there is autocorrelation.

Checking the Stability of the Regression Model

The auto and partial correlation function were used for checking the stability of the regression model (Figure 6). The auto and partial correlation of the estimated model lies column within the area of confidence. This means that the model is stationary. Accordingly, the model has achieved all the assumptions of (OLS), except for two hypotheses (normality and independence of residuals). Thus, it should be ensured that the data must be entered correctly.



In the beginning, , one should get familiar with the data file and look for errors to collect and input data using box plot and Moses test [32] (Table 3). The box plot shows that there are no outliers in the data as confirmed by Moses' test. This indicates that there are no errors in data collection. Also, it shows that the median is not in the middle of the data for most variables. This indicates that there is a Skewness in the distribution of the variables.



Identifying outliers using the residuals

The goal is to detect the cases which have large residuals (outliers), and the cases whose removal (influential cases), creates a different model. The distinction between these two kinds of cases is not always obvious. Both types of points are of great concern. There is a total of 59 residuals (Figure 7) [33].



Fig. 7: Identifying outliers using Several Measures

The scatter plot in Figure 7 shows standardized predicted values against standardized residua and Studentized deleted residual. The results indicate that some of extreme residuals are worthy of investigation, where the cases 32,33, 34, 36, and 37 are problematic. However, it is noted that the case no6 is suspicious and it is confirmed by the scatter plot for standardized predicted values against Cook's Distance and hat matrix.



Significance test of outliers

The study has used Grubbs' test and Dixon' test (Figure 8). The results showed that the cases diagnosed as outliers through the Grubbs' test had a significant effect on the regression coefficients. However, the cases that have been diagnosed as outliers through the Dixon's test did not have any effect.

	O u tlie	r Plot of	Residu	al			Outlier Plot of Residual				
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					10	.0.5	0.0	0.5	10		



Identifying Influential Observations in (y and x_i)

To identify whether outliers are influential or not, not necessarily that all outliers' observations are influential. In this regard, box plot will be used by overall measures of influence (DFFITS, COVRATIO, and Cook's D) to discover influential cases in y, and (DFBETA) to discover influential cases in xi [34]. The cases which form a star are influential, while the cases which form a circle are influentiall (Figure 9-13).



Fig. 9: Box plot for overall measures to identify influential cases in y and xi

Application of the proposed algorithm

The multiple correlation between independent and dependent variables is used to find the partial correlation coefficient. The sum of the averages of the independent variables are presented below (Table 4-6).

Table 4: Partia	l and multiple	correlation and	Sum of the aver	rages (x_i)
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Var.	x_1		<i>x</i> ₂		<i>x</i> ₃	<i>x</i> ₄	<i>x</i> 5	x 6	(x_i)
У	0.653		0.719		0.822	0.751	0.748	0.633	0.872
Sum of th	e averag	ges (x_i)							
Cases	\overline{x}_{i_6}	$\overline{x}_{i_{25}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{28}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{29}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{32}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{33}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{36}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{37}}$	$\overline{x}_{i_{41}}$
$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \overline{x}_{im}$	3.0	3.8	2.6	2.34	2.47	3.48	3.74	3.04	2.57

 Table 5: Fitting the regression model using the proposed algorithm

Model Summ	ary			
S	R-sq	R-sq (adj)	R-sq (pred)	
0.198	94.64%	94.02%	93.31%	
Model Summ	ary and Coefficien	ts		
Term	Coef (β_i)	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value
Constant	0.2490	0.1040	2.40	0.020
x_1	0.1030	0.0360	2.86	0.006
x_2	0.1231	0.0476	2.59	0.013
<i>X</i> ₃	0.1938	0.0424	4.57	0.000
X4	0.2526	0.0518	4.87	0.000
<i>x</i> ₅	0.1043	0.0499	2.09	0.041
Xó	0.1405	0.0463	3.03	0.004
Regression Ec	quation:			
y = 0.249	$+0.103 x_1 + 0.12$	$31x_2 + 0.1938x_3 +$	$0.2526x_4 + 0.104$	$3x_5 + 0.1405 x_6$

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Fig. 10: Checking hypothesis (OLS) after using the proposed algorithm

S	R-sq	R-sq (adj)	R-sq (pred)	
0.205	94.64%	93.79%	92.97%	
Model Sumn	nary and Coefficie	nts		
Term	Coef (β_i)	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value
Constant	0.1860	0.1210	1.54	0.129
x_1	0.1314	0.0369	3.56	0.001
x_2	0.1372	0.0516	2.66	0.011
X3	0.1895	0.0504	3.76	0.000
X4	0.2458	0.0582	4.23	0.000
X5	0.1092	0.0522	2.09	0.042
X6	0.1204	0.0467	2.58	0.013
Regression E	quation:			

Table 6: Fitting the regression model after (OLS) after deleted outliers

Table 7. Fitting the	regression mode	using weighted	least squares (WLS)
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Model Sumn	nary	31		
S	R-sq	R-sq (adj)	R-sq (pred)	
1.31523	94.36%	93.71%	91.72%	
Model Sumn	nary and Coefficie	nts		
Term	Coef (β_i)	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value
Constant	0.5300	0.1470	3.61	0.001
x_{I}	0.1000	0.0278	3.60	0.001
x_2	0.0691	0.0446	1.55	0.127
<i>X</i> ₃	0.3038	0.0525	5.79	0.000
X_4	0.1418	0.0569	2.49	0.016
X5	0.0952	0.0435	2.19	0.033
x_6	0.1323	0.0451	2.93	0.005
Regression E	quation:			

 $\mathbf{y} = 0.53 + 0.10 x_1 + 0.0691 x_2 + 0.3038 x_3 + 0.1418 x_4 + 0.0952 x_5 + 0.1323 x_6$

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Fig. 11: Checking the hypothesis of (OLS) after delete outliers Fitting the regression model using weighted least squares (WLS) (Table 7) [35].



Fig. 12: Checking the hypothesis of (OLS) after using (WLS) Fitting the regression model using Trimmed Mean (Table 8) [36].

S	R-sq	R-sq (adj0	R-sq (pred)	
0.181	95.17%	94.62%	93.79%	
Model Summ	ary and Coefficien	ts		
Term	Coef (β_i)	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value
Constant	0.1630	0.1060	1.54	0.130
x _I	0.1440	0.0324	4.44	0.000
x2	0.1546	0.0452	3.42	0.001
X3	0.1665	0.0408	4.08	0.000
X4	0.2226	0.0519	4.29	0.000
X5	0.1256	0.0458	2.74	0.008
Хó	0.1310	0.0412	3.18	0.002
Regression Ec	uation:			

Table 8: Fitting the regression model using Trimmed Mean



Fig. 13: Checking the hypothesis of (OLS) after using Trimmed Mean

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lable	9:	Comparison	of estin	nation	methods

Method	Sig.	β_1	β_2	β ₃	β_4	β ₅	β_6	$R^2 \%$	Norm.	D.W
OLS	P-Value	0.217	0.286	0.002	0.341	0.124	0.468	73.32	0.01	2.860
WLS	P-Value	0.001	0.127	0.000	0.016	0.033	0.005	93.71	0.01	2.853
Delete	P-Value	0.001	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.042	0.013	93.79	0.01	2.080
Outliers										
Trimmed	P-Value	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.002	94.62	0.023	2.125
Mean										
Proposed method	P-Value	0.006	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.004	94.02	0.060	1.956

Significance of regression coefficients was achieved using three methods (i.e. Proposed Method, Delete Outliers, Trimmed Mean). In addition, the highest coefficient of determination was (94.62%), using trimmed mean method. However the removal of outliers can be dangerous because it may end up destroying some of the most important information in the data. The hypothesis of the independence of residues was achieved in three methods (Proposed Method, Delete Outliers, Trimmed Mean). Only the normality hypothesis for residues was achieved using the proposed algorithm (Table 9).

4 Conclusion

The present paper adopted MATLAB, SPSS, and EVIEWS to perform the computations. All methods of estimation were compared using three standards (The significance of regression coefficients (P-Value β_i), adjusted determination coefficient (Adj. R^2), and achieving the assumptions of OLS]. They were applied to a real data. No method could correctly treat outliers 100%. The results of this study proved that the proposed method is a robust solution for outliers' estimation. Most importantly, the method is a solution for estimating significant multiple outliers in the data set. The study has found that the proposed algorithm can obtain highly efficient estimates of regression coefficients. Thus, we recommend diagnosing outliers before doing analysis and using the proposed algorithm to estimate multiple outliers in regression model.

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