A NEW publication: "Finnish Statistics for Dummies".

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Anon. wrote: (18 mintes after RF's post):

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> > Anon. wrote (only 4 minutes after RF's post):
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> > > > Anon. wrote: (5 minutes after RF's post):
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> > > > > Reef Fish wrote:
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> > > > > > <snip>
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> Yes, you're right. They're not. That's why the intercept still exists
> even though it has a point estimate of zero.

Anon O'Hara forgot to mention −− ALWAYS, regardless of what
the data is −− that intercept will ALWAYS be zero.

That is a correct fact. But I can"t find no appropriate place to
put it other than in a new book "Finnish Statistics for Dummies"
since I had already a version "Portuguese Statistics for Dummies".

In Finnish Statistics, if you know there is something nonexistent
in a model (because its estimate will ALWAYS be ZERO no
matter what the data is), you can call that a "parameter" that is
known to be always zero.

Thus, if the TRUE model is Y = b X + e

You can parametrize it as

Y* = ao + a1 X + ... ap Xp + bX + e

even though you know a priori that a0, a1, ..., ap will ALL
be identically zero so that the estimated model will be
the same as
Y + 0 + 0 + ... 0 + b^X,

This result cannot be found even in the Portuguese Statistics
book. The more advanced topics will be how you can estimate
the standard errors of these KNOWN zeros, from data on X.

But that may have to wait till the next chapter.

> If there is no intercept parameter to estimate, and you
> decided to put a zero there doesn't mean that it has been
> estimated.

Indeed...

> but it will have a standard error about it, because
> it's still being estimated.

... that is what I wrote.
−−
Bob O'Hara

And thus Bob O'Hara has succeeded in inaugurating the
First Edition of "Finnish Statistics for Dummies" with the same
philosophy and practice as "Portuguese Statistics for Dummies"
whose existence was credited to Luis A. Afonso.

In ALL posts whose subjects contain

"Finnish Statistics" or "Finnish Statistics for Dummies"

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−− Reef Fish Bob.

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