

Tutorial overview

In this tutorial, we show how to perform a regression analysis.

Our dataset consists in engine cars description. We want to predict “mpg” consumption from cars characteristics such as weight, horsepower, ...

In this tutorial, we use the following components:

TAB	Operator (Component)	Comment
Data visualization	View dataset	View the dataset in a grid
Feature selection	Define status	Define attributes status
Regression	Multiple linear regression	Perform the regression analysis

Loading the dataset

➤ Open the existing stream diagram

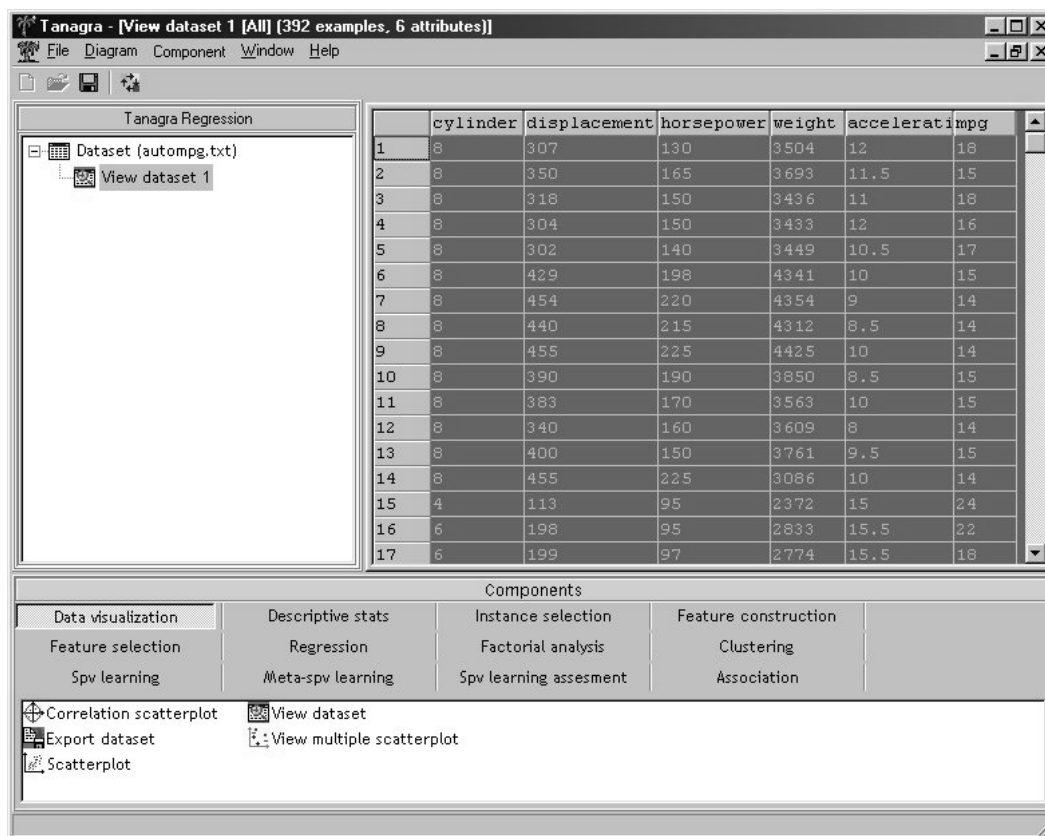
1 – Choose *File/Open...* in the TANAGRA main menu.

2 – Get « autompg.bdm » which is in the « Dataset » sub-directory.

➤ Add a component for data visualization

1 – Add **View dataset** to the diagram. Click on DATA VISUALIZATION components tab, select **View dataset** component. Drag this component over the diagram and drop on the “Dataset” node.

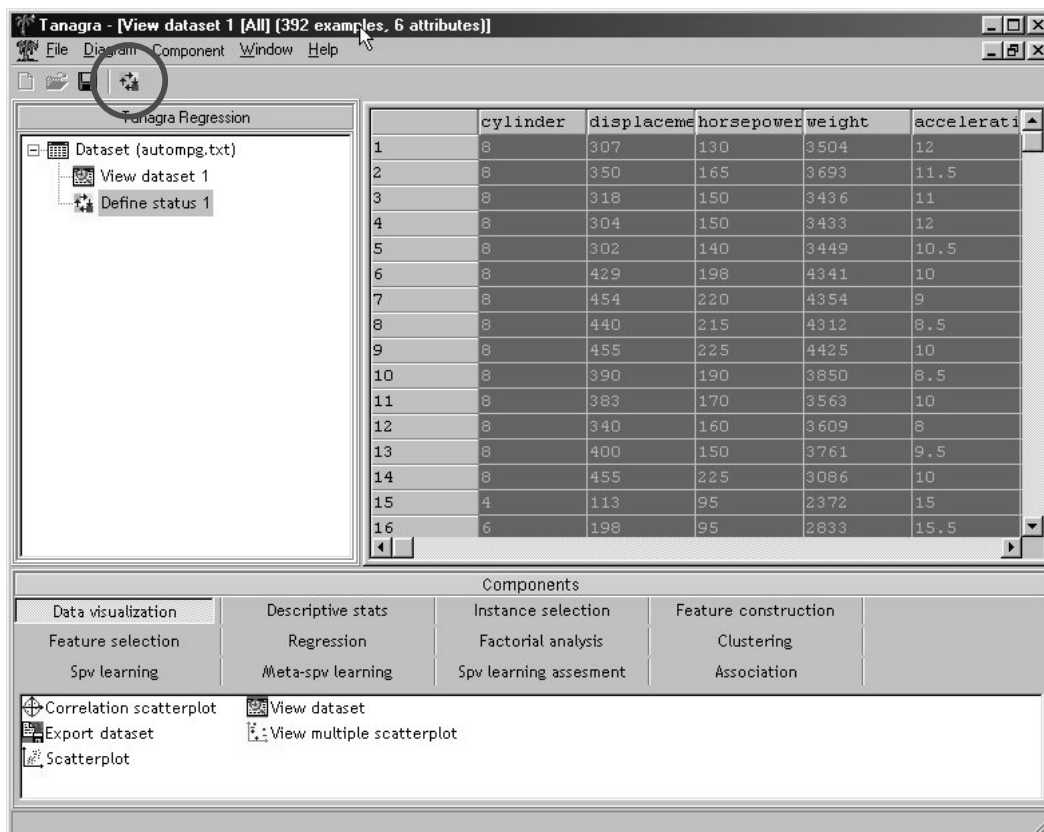
2 – Select the “View dataset” component in the diagram (if it is not already selected) and right click to show the popup menu. Choose the *View* command, dataset will be visible in the right frame.



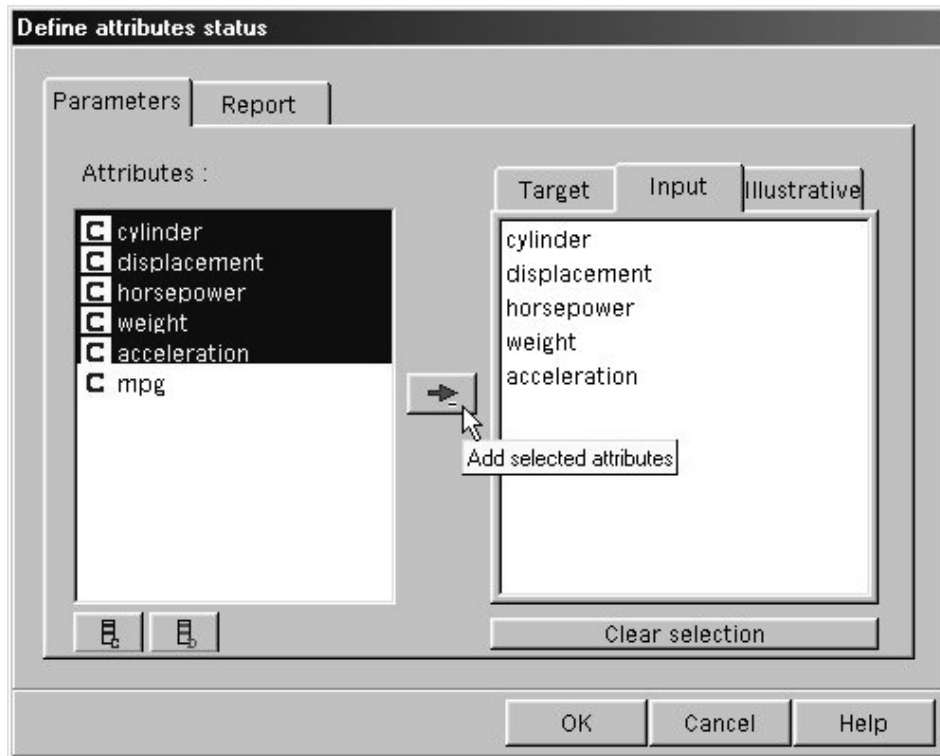
There are 392 cars in the dataset, described with 6 continuous attributes: number of cylinder, displacement, horsepower, weight, acceleration and consumption (miles per gallon).

Define status of attributes for regression

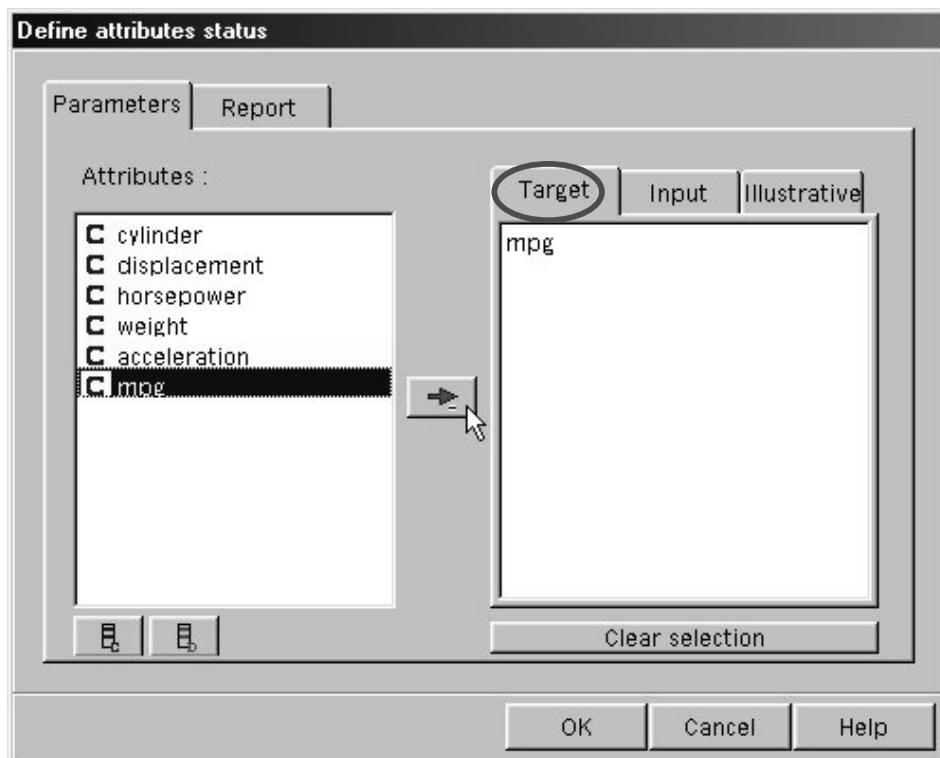
1 – Click on the “Dataset” component in the diagram and add a **Define Status** component with the shortcut in the tool bar. A dialog box appears automatically, you may define the status of each attribute.



2 – Ensure that “Input” tab is selected, choose the five first attributes of the list, and click on the arrow button to add them to the “Input” list. These attributes are “exogenous” attributes of the analysis.

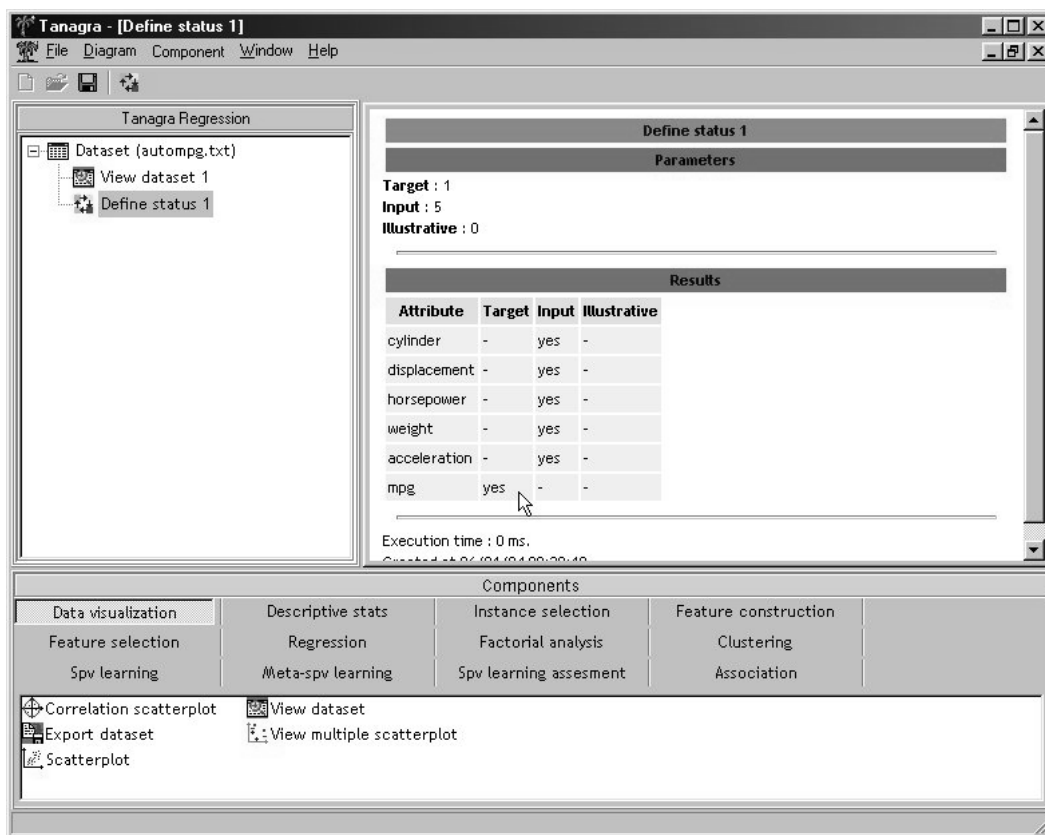


3 – Activate the “Target” tab. Select “mpg” attribute and add this one to the target list. This attribute is the “endogenous” attribute; we want to predict its values from exogenous ones.



4 – Click on the OK button to validate this selection and close this dialog box.

5 – Double-click this **Define Status** component, you can verify on the right side of the window your attribute selection.



Perform the regression analysis

1 – Add **Multiple linear regression component** (REGRESSION TAB) to the stream diagram, after the node «Define status 1».

2 – There is no parameter to specify in this analysis, select *View* in the popup menu of “Multiple linear regression 1” to run the analysis. Results appear in the right frame.

Multiple linear regression 1

Parameters

Regression parameters

Include intercept yes

Results

Global results

Predicted attribute	mpg
Number of observations	392
Residual error	4.24705542
Coefficient of determination	0.70769263
Adjusted coef of determination	0.70390627
Variance ratio (explained/resid.)	F= 186.90556 with Prob(>F) = 0.0000

Coefficients

Parameter	Est.value	Std.dev.	t Student	Prob(> t)
constant	46.2643	2.6694	17.3313	0.0000
cylinder	-0.3979	0.4105	-0.9693	0.3330
displacement	-0.0001	0.0091	-0.0092	0.9927
horsepower	-0.0453	0.0167	-2.7162	0.0069
weight	-0.0052	0.0008	-6.3515	0.0000
acceleration	-0.0291	0.1258	-0.2314	0.8171

Components: Data visualization, Descriptive stats, Instance selection, Feature construction, Feature selection, **Regression**, Factorial analysis, Clustering

Coefficient of determination is rather good (0.70), the most significant attributes seem to be “horsepower” and “weight”. I think nevertheless that there is a very strong colinearity between the exogenous attributes, it would be necessary to study more in detail this regression.