

## 2. Polynomial Regression

Suppose that we observe ten points  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_{10}, Y_{10})$  where  $X_1 = 1, X_2 = 2, \dots, X_{10} = 10$ . We believe that the data is governed by a polynomial relationship:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 X_i^2 + \epsilon_i$$

where  $\epsilon_i$  are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , and  $\sigma^2 = 0.1$ .

(a)

1.0/1 point (graded)

Treat the expression for  $Y_i$  on the right hand side as a linear function of  $1, X_i$  and  $X_i^2$ , plus the noise variable  $\epsilon$ .

What is the design matrix  $\mathbb{X}$ ? Recall that the desired setup for linear regression in this course is  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbb{X}\beta + \epsilon$ , where both  $\beta$  and  $\epsilon$  are column vectors, so carefully consider what the size of the matrix  $\mathbb{X}$  is.

(Enter your answer as a matrix. For instance, to enter the  $3 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , type `[[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]]`. Your answer may be a large matrix.)

$\mathbb{X} =$



Answer: `[[1,1,1],[1,2,4],[1,3,9],[1,4,16],[1,5,25],[1,6,36],[1,7,49],[1,8,64],[1,9,81],[1,10,100]]`

STANDARD NOTATION

**Solution:**

By the conventions specified in the problem (setup of linear regression) the  $i$ th row of  $\mathbb{X}$  are the entries  $1, X_i$  and  $X_i^2$ . To verify, notice that this yields a  $10 \times 3$  matrix, which is compatible with multiplication by  $\beta$ , a  $3 \times 1$  matrix, from the right.

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(b)

1.0/1 point (graded)

Calculate the matrix  $\mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X}$ . Since the values of each  $X_i$  happen to be integers, your answer should also have integer entries.

(Enter your answer as a matrix. For instance, to enter the  $3 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , type `[[1,2],[3,4],[5,6]]`.)

$\mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X} =$



Answer: `[[10,55,385],[55,385,3025],[385,3025,25333]]`

STANDARD NOTATION

**Solution:**

One ought to directly plug in the answer from the previous part into a calculator or compute by hand. In either case, one ends up with the  $3 \times 3$  matrix

$$\mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 55 & 385 \\ 55 & 385 & 3025 \\ 385 & 3025 & 25333 \end{pmatrix}$$

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(C)

3/3 points (graded)  
Calculate the least squares estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  for  $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)$  given the data:

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$y$	1	3	5	8	11	14	18	21	25	28

Round each entry of your final answer to the nearest **0.01**.

$\hat{\beta}_0 =$

-1.433333

✔ Answer: -1.43

$\hat{\beta}_1 =$

2.007576

✔ Answer: 2.01

$\hat{\beta}_2 =$

0.098485

✔ Answer: 0.10

**Solution:**

By plugging directly into the formula  $(\mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X})^{-1} \mathbb{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$ , one obtains the approximate answer

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.43 \\ 2.01 \\ 0.10 \end{pmatrix}$$

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