

### 3. Review

#### Meaning of conditional expectation

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Consider the model  $Y|\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}, 1)$ , where  $\mathbf{X}$  is a  $p$ -dimensional random variable. Here,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is a fixed constant. Indicate whether the following statements are true, or false.

$\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}]$  is a constant random variable.

☒ True ✖

☐ False ✔

If  $\mathbf{X}_i$ 's are iid Gaussian, then the conditional mean,  $\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}]$  is Gaussian random variable. (Assume  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is a real-valued vector).

☒ True ✔

☐ False

The expected value of  $Y$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$  is a non-constant random variable, if we assume that each  $\mathbf{X}_i$  has mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ .

☐ True

☒ False ✔

#### Solution:

- False. Note that the conditional mean is equal to  $\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$ , which indeed is a random variable.
- True. Note that  $\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i$  is a sum of iid Gaussian random variables, and is itself a Gaussian random variable.
- False. Note that  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X}]] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}] = \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \boldsymbol{\mu}$ , which is constant, using the law of iterated expectations.

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## Generalizing Two Components of Linear Models

in two different directions.

So the first component was this random component.

So the response variable was assumed to be continuous.

And y given x was assumed to be Gaussian, with mean  $\mu$  of x.

And the second component was that the

Components of a linear model



The two model components (we are going to relax) are

- 1. Random component: the response variable  $Y$  is continuous and  $Y|X = x$  is *Gaussian* with mean  $\mu(x)$ .
- 2. Regression function:  $\mu(x) = x^T \beta$ . *Linear*



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Previously, we encountered the idea of a **regression function** . More precisely, given a pair of random variables  $\mathbf{X}, Y$ , we can write down the function  $\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x})$  defined to be

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbb{E}[Y \mid \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}].$$

In the Linear Regression unit, the assumption was that  $\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x})$  was a linear function of  $\mathbf{x}$ . For example, in the one-variable case, we assumed  $\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) = a + b\mathbf{x}$ ; and for higher dimensions,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

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