

# Regression as Conditional Expectation

recall :

linear regression model :

$$Y = \beta_0 \cdot 1 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \beta^T X + \varepsilon$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_p \end{pmatrix}$$

Conditional expectation:



$$E(Y | X=x)$$

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$$= E(\beta^T X + \varepsilon \mid X=x)$$

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$$= E(\underbrace{\beta^T x}_{\text{not random}} \mid X=x) + E(\varepsilon \mid X=x)$$

assume:  
 $X, \varepsilon$  stoch.  
independent

$$= \underbrace{\beta^T x}_{\text{not random}} + \underbrace{E(\varepsilon)}_{=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y | X=x) = \beta^T x$$

$\Rightarrow$  the regression function  $m(x) = \beta^T x$   
can be written as the conditional  
expectation of  $Y$  given  $X=x$

data set : credit\_subset.csv  
with  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$

problem: linear regression requires  
that  $Y$  is a continuous variable

$\Rightarrow$  Could we derive

$$E(Y | X=x) = ?$$

$$Y \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow Y \sim B(1, p)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y) = p$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y | X=x) = p_x$$

now:

different  $p$   
for every  $x$

idea:

$$E(Y | X=x) = F(\beta^T x)$$

$$\text{where } F(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u}}$$

cdf of the standard  
logistic distribution

in R: `plogis`

also: any other cdf would be  
possible

(the main issue is that

$$E(Y | X=x) \in [0, 1])$$