# Module 10: Linear Regression

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### Agenda

- Oxygen uptake example
- ► Linear regression
- ► Multiple Linear Regression
- Ordinary Least Squares
- ► An application to swimmers

### Oxygen uptake experiment

Exercise is hypotheized to relate to  $O_2$  uptake

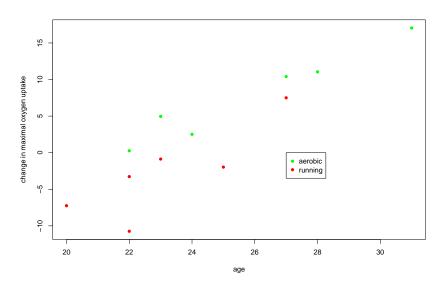
What type of exercise is the most beneficial?

Experimental design: 12 male volunteers.

- 1.  $O_2$  uptake measured at the beginning of the study.
- 2. 6 men take part in a randomized aerobics program
- 3. 6 remaining men do a running program
- 4.  $O_2$  uptake measured at end of study

#### Data

# Exploratory Data Analysis



# Data analysis

```
y= change in oxygen uptake (scalar) x_1= exercise indicator (0 for running, 1 for aerobic) x_2= age How can we estimate p(y\mid x_1,x_2)?
```

#### Linear regression

Assume that smoothness is a function of age.

For each group,

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_2 + \epsilon$$

Linearity means linear in the parameters ( $\beta$ 's).

We could also try the model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_2 + \beta_2 x_2^2 + \beta_3 x_2^3 + \epsilon$$

which is also a linear regression model.

#### **Notation**

- $\triangleright$   $X_{n \times p}$ : regression features or covariates (design matrix)
- $\triangleright$   $x_i$ : *i*th row vector of the regression covariates
- $\mathbf{y}_{n\times 1}$ : response variable (vector)
- $\triangleright$   $\beta_{p\times 1}$ : vector of regression coefficients

# Notation (continued)

$$m{X}_{n imes p} = \left( egin{array}{cccc} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ x_{i1} & x_{i2} & \dots & x_{ip} \\ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{array} 
ight).$$

- ► A column of x represents a particular covariate we might be interested in, such as age of a person.
- ▶ Denote  $x_i$  as the ith row vector of the  $X_{n \times p}$  matrix.

$$x_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_{i1} \\ x_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{ip} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Notation (continued)

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{n\times 1} = X_{n\times p}\beta_{p\times 1} + \epsilon_{n\times 1}$$

### Regression models

How does an outcome y vary as a function of the covariates which we represent as  $X_{n \times p}$  matrix?

- ► Can we predict  $\mathbf{y}$  as a function of each row in the matrix  $X_{n \times p}$  denoted by  $\mathbf{x}_i$ .
- $\blacktriangleright$  Which  $x_i$ 's have an effect?

Such a question can be assessed via a linear regression model  $p(\mathbf{y} \mid X)$ .

### Multiple linear regression

Consider the following:

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_{i1} + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_{i2} + \beta_3 \mathbf{x}_{i3} + \beta_4 \mathbf{x}_{i4} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$

where

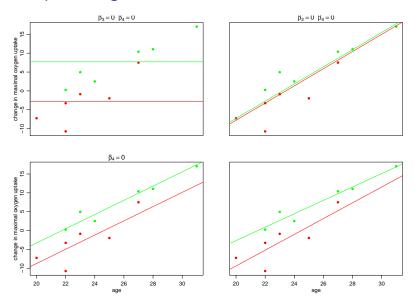
$$x_{i1} = 1$$
 for subject  $i$  (1)  
 $x_{i2} = 0$  for running; 1 for aerobics (2)  
 $x_{i3} =$ age of subject  $i$  (3)  
 $x_{i4} = x_{i2} \times x_{i3}$  (4)

Under this model,

$$E[\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{x}] = \beta_1 + \beta_3 \times \text{age if } x_2 = 0$$

$$E[\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{x}] = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) + (\beta_3 + \beta_4) \times \text{age if } x_2 = 1$$

# Least squares regression lines



### Multivariate Setup

Let's assume that we have data points  $(x_i, y_i)$  available for all i = 1, ..., n.

y is the response variable

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

 $\triangleright$   $x_i$  is the *i*th row of the design matrix  $X_{n \times p}$ .

Consider the regression coefficients

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}_{p \times 1}$$

### Normal Regression Model

The Normal regression model specifies that

- $\triangleright$   $E[Y \mid x]$  is linear and
- the sampling variability around the mean is independently and identically (iid) drawn from a normal distribution

$$Y_i = \beta^T x_i + \epsilon_i \tag{5}$$

$$\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} Normal(0, \sigma^2)$$
 (6)

We can specify a simple Bayesian model as the following:

$$\mathbf{y} \mid X, \beta, \sigma^2 \sim MVN(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$$
  
 $\beta \sim MVN(0, \tau^2 I)$ 

# Normal Regression Model (continued)

This specifies the density of the data:

$$p(y_1,\ldots,y_n\mid x_1,\ldots x_n,\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2) \tag{7}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(\mathbf{y}_i \mid \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)$$
 (8)

$$(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2\}$$
 (9)

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - X\beta)^T (\sigma^2)^{-1} I(\mathbf{y} - X\beta)\}$$
 (10)

# **Ordinary Least Squares**

We estimate the coefficients  $\hat{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  by least squares:

$$\hat{eta} = \mathop{\mathrm{arg\,min}}_{eta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \| oldsymbol{y} - X \hat{eta} \|_2^2$$

This gives

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{y}$$

(Check: does this match the expressions for univariate regression, without and with an intercept?)

The fitted values are

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T\mathbf{y}$$

This is a linear function of  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = H\mathbf{y}$ , where  $H = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T$  is sometimes called the hat matrix

# Ordinary Least squares estimation

Let SSR denote sum of squared residuals.

$$\min_{\beta} SSR(\hat{\beta}) = \min_{\beta} \|\boldsymbol{y} - X\hat{\beta}\|_{2}^{2}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial SSR(\hat{\beta})}{\partial d\hat{\beta}} = \frac{\partial (\mathbf{y} - X\hat{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - X\hat{\beta})}{\partial d\hat{\beta}} \tag{11}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\hat{\beta}^T X^T \mathbf{y} + \hat{\beta}^T (X^T X)\hat{\beta}}{\partial d\hat{\beta}} \tag{12}$$

$$= -2X^T \mathbf{y} + 2X^T X\hat{\beta} \tag{13}$$

This implies  $-X^T y + X^T X \hat{\beta} = 0 \implies \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ .

Called the ordinary least squares estimator. When is it unique?

# Ordinary Least squares estimation

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y.$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E[(X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y] = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E[Y] = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X \beta.$$

$$Var(\hat{\beta}) = Var\{(X^{T}X)^{-1}X^{T}Y\}$$

$$= (X^{T}X)^{-1}X^{T}\sigma^{2}I_{n}X(X^{T}X)^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^{2}(X^{T}X)^{-1}$$
(15)
$$= (16)$$

$$\hat{\beta} \sim MVN(\beta, \sigma^2(X^TX)^{-1}).$$

### Recall data set up

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```
(x3 < - x2) \#age
    [1] 23 22 22 25 27 20 31 23 27 28 22 24
(x2 <- x1) #aerobic versus running
    [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1
(x1<- seq(1:length(x2))) #index of person
   [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
(x4 < - x2*x3)
```

[1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 31 23 27 28 22 24

### Recall data set up

```
(X \leftarrow cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4))
        x1 x2 x3 x4
##
##
    [1,] 1 0 23 0
    [2,] 2 0 22 0
##
    [3,] 3 0 22 0
##
##
    [4,] 4 0 25 0
    [5,] 5 0 27 0
##
##
    [6,] 6
            0 20 0
##
    [7,] 7 1 31 31
##
    [8,] 8 1 23 23
##
    [9,] 9 1 27 27
## [10,] 10 1 28 28
## [11,] 11 1 22 22
## [12,] 12 1 24 24
```

#### OLS estimation in R

```
## using the lm function
fit.ols<-lm(y~ X[,2] + X[,3] +X[,4])
summary(fit.ols)$coef</pre>
```

```
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -51.2939459 12.2522126 -4.1865047 0.003052321
## X[, 2] 13.1070904 15.7619762 0.8315639 0.429775106
## X[, 3] 2.0947027 0.5263585 3.9796120 0.004063901
## X[, 4] -0.3182438 0.6498086 -0.4897500 0.637457484
```

# Multivariate inference for regression models

$$\mathbf{y} \mid \beta \sim MVN(X\beta, \sigma^2 I) \tag{17}$$
$$\beta \sim MVN(\beta_0, \Sigma_0) \tag{18}$$

The posterior can be shown to be

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{X} \sim MVN(\boldsymbol{\beta}_n, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n)$$

where

$$\beta_n = E[\beta \mid \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \sigma^2] = (\Sigma_o^{-1} + (X^T X)^{-1} / \sigma^2)^{-1} (\Sigma_o^{-1} \beta_0 + \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} / \sigma^2)$$

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Remark: If 
$$\Sigma_o^{-1} << (X^T X)^{-1}$$
 then  $eta_n pprox \hat{eta}_{ols}$ 

If 
$$\Sigma_o^{-1} >> (X^T X)^{-1}$$
 then  $\beta_n \approx \beta_0$ 

# Posterior inference applied to Oxygen uptake

To continue the rest of the oxygen uptake example, please refer to 9.2 in Hoff (commentary and code). Pages 157 - 159 in Hoff.

# Linear Regression Applied to Swimming

- ▶ We will consider Exercise 9.1 in Hoff very closely to illustrate linear regression.
- The data set we consider contains times (in seconds) of four high school swimmers swimming 50 yards.
- ▶ There are 6 times for each student, taken every two weeks.
- ► Each row corresponds to a swimmer and a higher column index indicates a later date.

#### Data set

```
read.table("https://www.stat.washington.edu/~pdhoff/Book/Da
```

```
## V1 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6
## 1 23.1 23.2 22.9 22.9 22.8 22.7
## 2 23.2 23.1 23.4 23.5 23.5 23.4
## 3 22.7 22.6 22.8 22.8 22.9 22.8
## 4 23.7 23.6 23.7 23.5 23.5 23.4
```

# Full conditionals (Task 1)

We will fit a separate linear regression model for each swimmer, with swimming time as the response and week as the explanatory variable. Let  $Y_i \in \mathbb{R}^6$  be the 6 recorded times for swimmer i. Let

$$X_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ \dots & \\ 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the design matrix for swimmer *i*. Then we use the following linear regression model:

$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{N}_6 \left( X \beta_i, \tau_i^{-1} \mathcal{I}_6 \right)$$
  
 $\beta_i \sim \mathcal{N}_2 \left( \beta_0, \Sigma_0 \right)$   
 $\tau_i \sim \mathsf{Gamma}(a, b).$ 

Derive full conditionals for  $\beta_i$  and  $\tau_i$ .

# Solution (Task 1)

The conditional posterior for  $\beta_i$  is multivariate normal with

$$\mathbb{V}[\beta_{i} \mid Y_{i}, X_{i}, \underline{\tau_{i}}] = (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} + \tau X_{i}^{T} X_{i})^{-1} \\
\mathbb{E}[\beta_{i} \mid Y_{i}, X_{i}, \underline{\tau_{i}}] = (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} + \underline{\tau_{i}} X_{i}^{T} X_{i})^{-1} (\Sigma_{0}^{-1} \beta_{0} + \underline{\tau_{i}} X_{i}^{T} Y_{i}).$$

while

$$au_i \mid Y_i, X_i, eta \sim \mathsf{Gamma}\left(a+3\,,\; b+rac{(Y_i-X_ieta_i)^T(Y_i-X_ieta_i)}{2}
ight).$$

These can be found in in Hoff in section 9.2.1.

#### Task 2

Complete the prior specification by choosing  $a, b, \beta_0$ , and  $\Sigma_0$ . Let your choices be informed by the fact that times for this age group tend to be between 22 and 24 seconds.

# Solution (Task 2)

Choose a = b = 0.1 so as to be somewhat uninformative.

Choose  $\beta_0 = [23 \ 0]^T$  with

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

This centers the intercept at 23 (the middle of the given range) and the slope at 0 (so we are assuming no increase) but we choose the variance to be a bit large to err on the side of being less informative.

# Gibbs sampler (Task 3)

Code a Gibbs sampler to fit each of the models. For each swimmer i, obtain draws from the posterior predictive distribution for  $y_i^*$ , the time of swimmer i if they were to swim two weeks from the last recorded time.

# Posterior Prediction (Task 4)

The coach has to decide which swimmer should compete in a meet two weeks from the last recorded time. Using the posterior predictive distributions, compute  $\Pr\{y_i^* = \max(y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*, y_4^*)\}$  for each swimmer i and use these probabilities to make a recommendation to the coach.

► This is left as an exercise.