

# 1 Linear Models

## 1.6 Types of errors

Errors come from: imprecise data, mistakes in the model, computational precision,... We know two types of errors:

- **Absolute** error = approximate value - correct value

$$\Delta x = \bar{x} - x$$

- **Relative** error =  $\frac{\text{absolute err}}{\text{correct value}}$

$$\delta x = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

**1.2** Mathematical model is **linear**, when the function  $F$  is a linear function of the parameters:

$$F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p) = a_1 \phi_1(x) + \dots + a_p \phi_p(x)$$

where  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  are functions of a specific type.

**1.3 Least squares method** Given points

$$\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}, x_i \in R^n, y_i \in R$$

the task is to find a function  $F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p)$  that is good fit for the data. The values of the parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_p$  should be chosen so that the equations

$$y_i = F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p), i = 1, \dots, m$$

are satisfied or, if this is not possible, that the error is as small as possible.

We use **Least squares method** to determine that the sum of squared errors is as small as possible.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (F(x_i, a_1, \dots, a_p) - y_i)^2$$

## 1.4 Systems of linear equations

A system of linear equations in the matrix form is given by  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where:

- $A$  is the matrix of coefficients of order  $m \times n$  where  $m$  is the number of equations and  $n$  is the number of unknowns,
- $\vec{x}$  is the vector of unknowns and
- $\vec{b}$  is the right side vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & \phi_2(x_1) & \dots & \phi_p(x_1) \\ \phi_1(x_2) & \phi_2(x_2) & \dots & \phi_p(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(x_n) & \phi_2(x_n) & \dots & \phi_p(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix}$$

**1.5 Existence of solutions** in linear equations

Let  $A = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n]$ , where  $\vec{a}_i$  are vector representing the columns of  $A$ . For any vector

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{the product } A\vec{x} \text{ is a linear combination}$$

$A\vec{x} = \sum_i x_i a_i$ . The system is **solvable** iff the vector  $\vec{b}$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ , that

is it is in the column space of  $A$ ,  $\vec{b} \in C(A)$ . By adding to the columns of  $A$  we obtain the extended matrix of the system:

$$[A|\vec{b}] = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n | b]$$

The system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is solvable iff the rank of  $A$  equals the rank of the extended matrix  $[A|\vec{b}]$ , i.e.:

$$\text{rank } A = \text{rank } [A|\vec{b}] =: r$$

The solution is unique if the rank of the two matrices equals num of unknowns ( $r = n$ ).

## 1.6 Properties of squared matrices

Let  $A \in R^{n \times n}$  be a square matrix. The following conditions are equivalent and characterize when a matrix  $A$  is **invertible** or **non-singular**:

- The matrix  $A$  has an inverse
- $\text{rank } A = n$
- $\det(A) \neq 0$
- The null space  $N(A) = \{\vec{x} : A\vec{x} = 0\}$  is trivial
- All eigenvalues of  $A$  are nonzero
- For each  $\vec{b}$  the system of equations  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has precisely one solution

**1.7 Generalized inverse** of a matrix  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  is a matrix  $G \in R^{m \times n}$  such that

$$AGA = A$$