

# An Introduction Statistical Analysis for Business and Industry: A problem solving approach

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## Simple linear Regression

Study of relationship between pairs of continuous variables which aims to produce a simple prediction formula, based on historical data, to predict the value of one of the variables, given a new value for the other, allowing for uncertainty due to chance variation.

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon \quad \text{Simple linear regression model}$$

$\epsilon$  represent uncertainty in relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ . It is normally distributed with mean 0 and  $St. \sim$

## The method of least squares

Mathematical optimization technique which chooses a line which is closest in a sort of average sense to the points in scatter plot.

Finding the line which fits as closely as possible to all the points on the scatterplot could be interpreted as finding the values of  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  which minimize the set of deviations.

The method of least squares finds values of  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  which minimize the sum of squares of these deviations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - b_0 - b_1 X_i)^2$$

Different and manipulate to optimize the resulting line is called the fitted line, it is the line which best fits the data.

$$b_0 = \bar{Y} - b_1 \bar{X}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

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### Interpreting the Fitted line

The numbers are estimate for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_0$  - Estimated Regression Coefficients

$b_1$  is the estimated change in  $y$  when  $x$  increased by 1.  
When  $x=0$ ,  $y$  value is  $y$  intercept.

We can use these values of  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  to predict future  $y$  value

There are 2 sources of prediction error.

- First, the fitted line is based on data which was subject to change (cause of variation)
- Second, the fitted line predicts a  $y$  value corresponding to a point on the line, while an actual value will deviate from the line because of chance (cause of variation)

### Estimating $\sigma$

Standard deviation provides an estimate of the "error" present.  
Get all of fitted values by:  $\hat{y}_1 = b_0 + b_1 x_1, \dots, \hat{y}_n = b_0 + b_1 x_n$

The deviation of "observed from fitted" is  $e_1 = y_1 - \hat{y}_1, \dots, e_n = y_n - \hat{y}_n$

The  $e_i$  are called **residual values** and may be thought of as estimated error.

An estimate for the error present Standard deviation may be based on the sample Standard deviation of these residuals:

$$MSE \hat{\sigma}^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2}{n-2}}$$

Differ from conventional SD in 2 ways

- Average of the residuals  $\bar{e}$  is not subtracted from each residual before squaring. This is because the average is always 0, a result from least squares method.
- There are  $n$  residuals involve two estimated parameter values

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$b_0$  and  $b_1$ , 2 "degrees of freedom" are lost, hence divisor of  $n-2$  not  $n$ .

### Confidence Interval:

CI can be computed for  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  by formula:

$$b_i \pm 2 \times S.E.(b_i)$$

### Correlation Coefficient:

Given  $n$  pairs of values  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  the correlation coefficient  $r$  is defined as:

$$r = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_x S_y}$$

Where:  $S_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$   
which is standard deviation of  $X$  values,

and  $S_y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$   
which is S.D. of  $Y$  values.

and  $S_{xy} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$   
which is referred to as Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

In fact:  $r = \beta_1 \times \frac{S_x}{S_y}$  or  $\beta_1 = r \times \frac{S_y}{S_x}$

We immediately see that a zero value for  $r$ , implying  $b_1 = 0$ , means that there is no linear relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

When  $r$  is high, knowledge of the value of  $X$  narrows the range of variation in  $Y$  and vice versa.

Prediction is perfect when  $r = 1$ .  $r$  cannot exceed 1 in magnitude.