

# Supervised Statistical Learning Notes

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## Statistical Learning

One of the most common applications of the probabilistic models we discussed is for prediction problems. In the corporate world, companies may predict which subscribers will leave the program; in the health care world, doctors may want to know the chances of someone having a specific disease given their diagnostic data; in the social sciences, we may want to predict who the real author behind a speech is. We can solve all of these problems using the probabilistic models we discussed. In fact, the act of developing a predictive model that automatically understands data is known as statistical learning: the machine identifies patterns in the observed data to allow us to predict unknowns. While there are many different flavors of statistical learning, we will approach the field from a probabilistic and statistical perspective. Throughout this section, we will establish likelihood functions for models commonly used in statistical learning, specifically in the areas of supervised and unsupervised learning.

### Definition 0.1: Statistical Learning

**Statistical learning** is the utilization of computational techniques and probabilistic modeling to automatically understand data.

There are a few different subareas of statistical learning. In supervised learning, our goal is to predict some outcome given other observations of that outcome; in other words, the quantity we want to predict is an observed random variable that guides our study of covariation among our data. In unsupervised learning, our goal is to infer the hidden structure of the data; in other words, the quantity we want to predict is a latent variable, and there is no quantity to supervise our study of covariation in our data. And with semi-supervised learning, we have an outcome of interest that is only partially-observed; so some outcomes are latent variables while others are random variables.

## Supervised Learning

In the supervised learning framework, we generally have three steps:

1. find the likelihood given the model and data statements
2. estimate the model's parameters/unknowns
3. we evaluate the model's "performance"

Throughout this section, we will discuss steps 1 and 3 and introduce estimation strategies later since parts 1 and 3 go hand in hand: we must be able to recognize which of the models we propose in step one are most representative of the true data generating process. Step 2 on the other hand is its own problem that we can discuss separately. So, after introducing a few supervised learning methods – namely linear regression and state space models – we discuss the topics of training/testing/validation splitting, cross-validation, and evaluation metrics.

## Linear Regression

Supervised learning is subset into two types of supervised learning: regression, in which the quantity we want to predict is “continuous,” and classification, in which the quantity we want to predict is “discrete.” Both continuous and discrete are in quotes because continuity in the framework of statistical learning is not the same as continuity in the framework of mathematics. In a regression problem, the actual labels associated with our data may in fact be discrete (i.e., take on a limited number of values), but the actual predictions need not be discrete. For example, if we are predicting age, our observed data may simply be whole numbers describing the number of years a person has lived. However, because we do not mind a real-valued prediction (e.g., 21.5633), the problem is a regression problem. The distinction between discrete and continuous is up to the modeler and requires care and precision that comes only from experience.

Let us define quantities  $X_1, \dots, X_m$ —some of which may be random or constant—a single random variable  $Y$ , and a random variable  $\varepsilon$ . In a regression, we assume that the data generating process is some function that combines  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  and  $\varepsilon$  to yield  $Y$ . The following few examples are all possible regressions:

1.  $Y = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j X_j + \varepsilon$  for some constants  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_j$
2.  $Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{10} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_{ij} X_i^j$
3.  $\mathbb{P}(Y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\left(\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j X_j\right)}}$  for some constants  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_j$  assuming  $Y$  only has values 0 and 1.

One of the most common regression models is the linear regression model. In the linear regression model, we assume there exists a linear relationship between input quantities (often referred to as “covariates” or “features” or “independent variables”) and the output quantity (i.e., the quantity we want to predict, often called the “target feature” or the “dependent variable”). Suppose we have  $m$  independent variables; we generally denote these as  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  and the dependent variable as  $Y$ . And we assume that we have  $N$  IID observations. So, for each IID observation  $i$ , there is a set of characteristics that describe that observation, denoted as  $X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots, X_{im}$  and the outcome for that observation  $Y_i$ . In the linear regression set up, these are our only observed quantities. And in our 2x2 table, we also have to consider the variation/constancy of our terms. Even though  $X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}$  are referred to as dependent “variables,” they do not necessarily have to have variation; they can be constants. However, we assume that in a linear regression framework,  $Y$  will always be variable.

Recall that we said there exists a linear relationship between  $Y_i$  and  $X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}$ . This simply means that a one unit increase in some independent variable  $X_j$  will lead to a  $\beta_j$  unit increase in  $Y$ ; depending on the situation, we may want to model  $\beta_j$  may be a constant or a latent variable. So, because there is a linear relationship between  $Y_i$  and  $X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}$ , we can write down this model as

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} \dots + \beta_m X_{im}.$$

Note that we call  $\beta_0$  the “constant,” and is akin to the y-intercept in a traditional linear equation (i.e., the  $b$  term in  $y = mx + b$ ). When  $X_{i1} = X_{i2} = \dots = X_{im} = 0$  (i.e., all our inputs are 0), it is not guaranteed that the y-intercept is also 0. So, we use  $\beta_0$  as a placeholder for the value of  $Y$  when  $X_{i1} = X_{i2} = \dots = 0$ . Similar to the other  $\beta$  terms, we can model  $\beta_0$  as a constant or variable, which we decide based on the situation.

The last component of the linear regression model is the “error” term, which is the source of variation in our model. Recall that  $\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}$  could all be constants, so let us assume this to be the case. Then, since the sum of constants is constant, that would mean that  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_m X_{im}$  is also constant. However, we know that  $Y$  is a random variable. So, in order to represent the random variation in  $Y_i$ , we introduce the term  $\varepsilon_i = Y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_m X_{im})$ . And generally, rather than imposing a probability distribution on  $Y_i$ , we impose a distribution on  $\varepsilon_i$ . So, there exists a deterministic relationship between  $Y_i$  and  $\varepsilon_i$ ; in other words, if we know  $Y_i$  and all other quantities but  $\varepsilon_i$ , we can compute  $\varepsilon_i$ . Likewise, if we know  $\varepsilon_i$  and all other quantities, we can compute  $Y_i$ . And now, we can rewrite  $\varepsilon_i$  to have  $Y_i$  on one side of the equation and everything else on the other side to yield

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \dots + \beta_m X_{im} + \varepsilon_i.$$

Now, we can represent the linear regression formulation as a model statement and data statement:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ & X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im} \sim \mathbb{P}(X_1, \dots, X_m) \text{ if we are modeling } X_1, \dots, X_m \text{ as variables} \\ & \beta_0, \dots, \beta_m \sim \mathbb{P}(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \text{ if we are modeling } \beta_0, \dots, \beta_m \text{ as variables} \\ & Y_i | \beta_0, \dots, \beta_1, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}, \varepsilon_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_m X_{im} + \varepsilon_i. \end{aligned} \quad \sim \mathbb{P}(\varepsilon)$$

And recall that we only observe  $Y_i$  and  $X_{i1}, \dots, X_{im}$  for all of our  $N$  IID observations. So our data table would look as follows:

Table 1: Linear Regression Data Statement

Obs#	$Y$	$X_1$	$X_2$	$\dots$	$X_m$
1	$y_1$	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$\dots$	$x_{1m}$
2	$y_2$	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$\dots$	$x_{2m}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$N$	$y_N$	$x_{N1}$	$x_{N2}$	$\dots$	$x_{Nm}$

Using these quantities, we can there set up our 2x2 table and calculate the likelihoods. Let us consider a few examples:

**Example 1** Suppose we are given data on a person’s income, represented with  $Y$ , and age, denoted by  $X$ , for  $N$  individuals with the following probabilistic model:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ & \varepsilon_i \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2) \\ & Y_i | X_i, \alpha, \beta, \varepsilon_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + \varepsilon_i. \end{aligned}$$

Let us find the 2x2 table and the likelihood for this model.

First, notice that we have data on a person’s income and their age. So, we only observe the realizations of the random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  as  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  and the constants  $X_1, \dots, X_N$ . Even though  $Y_i$ ’s distribution is not defined, because there exists a deterministic relationship between  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $Y_i$ , we know that  $Y_i$  is a random variable. And since there is no deterministic relationship between  $X_i$  and another random variable and the distribution of  $X_i$  is not explicitly defined,  $X_i$  must be a constant. Additionally, the values for  $\sigma^2, \alpha, \beta$  are all not observed and do not have probability distributions imposed. So they are unknown constants. Then, the 2x2 table would look as follows:

	Observed	Unobserved
Variable	$y_1, \dots, y_N$	
Constant	$X_1, \dots, X_N$	$\alpha, \beta, \sigma^2$

And now we can calculate the likelihood. Since we do not have any latent variables, our proper and complete likelihoods are equivalent. So, the likelihood – which represents the probability of our random variables being their realizations given the model’s constants – is then

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N).$$

Since  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  are IID random variables, their joint distribution is the product of their marginal distributions. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood} &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1 | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \dots \mathbb{P}(Y_N = y_N | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N). \end{aligned}$$

However, here we may run into a problem: we never explicitly defined the distribution of  $Y_i$ . Instead, we can write  $\varepsilon_i = y_i - \alpha - \beta X_i \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Since  $Y_i$  and  $\varepsilon_i$  are deterministically related,  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) = \mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_i = y_i - \alpha - \beta X_i | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood} &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1 | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \dots \mathbb{P}(Y_N = y_N | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_i = y_i - \alpha - \beta X_i | \alpha, \beta, \sigma^2, X_1, \dots, X_N) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \alpha - \beta X_i)} \end{aligned}$$

As we discussed earlier, models are simplified representations of some real world process. In Example 1, we assume that age is the only variable that can explain variation in income, but we know many other features may be involved in deciding someone’s income, such as education, industry, experience, and location. Let us now consider a linear regression example with multiple variables now.

**Example 2** Suppose we are given the following data for person each person  $i$ : income ( $Y_i$ ), age ( $X_{i,age}$ ), education ( $X_{i,edu}$ ), industry ( $X_{i,ind}$ ), years of experience ( $X_{i,exp}$ ), and location ( $X_{i,loc}$ ). For notational simplicity, let  $\sum \beta_j X_{i,j}$  represent  $\beta_{edu}X_{i,edu} + \beta_{ind}X_{i,ind} + \beta_{exp}X_{i,exp}$ . Now, suppose we have the following data generating process:

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$X_{i,age} \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\varepsilon_i \sim \text{Normal}(0, \gamma^2)$$

$$Y_i | X_{i,age}, X_{i,edu}, X_{i,ind}, X_{i,exp}, X_{i,loc}, \beta_0, \beta_{age}, \beta_{edu}, \beta_{ind}, \beta_{exp}, \beta_{loc}, \varepsilon_i = \beta_0 + \beta_{age}X_{i,age} + \sum \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i.$$

Notice, this model statement is very similar to that in Example 1, but with a few differences: obviously, we have more quantities of interest. But additionally, the variable for age now is normally distributed, so it is an observed variable rather than a constant in our  $2 \times 2$  table. Additionally, because we do not assume that any of the other terms come from a distribution, we can classify all other terms as constants.

In order to find the likelihood, let us write out our  $2 \times 2$  table:

	<i>Observed</i>	<i>Unobserved</i>
<b>Variable</b>	$y_1, \dots, y_N, X_{1,age}, \dots, X_{N,age}$	
<b>Constant</b>	$X_{1,edu}, \dots, X_{N,edu}, X_{1,ind}, \dots, X_{N,ind}, X_{1,exp}, \dots, X_{N,exp}$	$\beta_0, \beta_{age}, \beta_{edu}, \beta_{ind}, \beta_{exp}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2$

First, we know the likelihood is the proper probability of observing the given data given the model's constants:

$$Likelihood = \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age}, \dots, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \dots, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2).$$

Now, because each of our  $N$  observations are IID, we can rewrite the likelihood of  $N$  observations as the product of the likelihoods of each observation:

$$\begin{aligned} Likelihood &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age}, \dots, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \dots, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \dots \mathbb{P}(Y_N = y_N, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by Bayes rule, we can rewrite  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age})$  as  $\mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | X_{i,age} = x_{i,age}) \mathbb{P}(X_{i,age} = x_{i,age})$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} Likelihood &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age}, \dots, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \dots, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \dots \mathbb{P}(Y_N = y_N, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \beta_{age}, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \gamma^2) \mathbb{P}(X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \mu, \sigma^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $Y_i$  are deterministically related, the Transformation Theorem tells us the distribution of  $Y_i \sim Normal(\beta_0 + \beta_{age}\mu + \sum \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i, \gamma^2)$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} Likelihood &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_N = y_N, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age}, \dots, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \dots, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 = y_1, X_{1,age} = x_{1,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{1,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \dots \mathbb{P}(Y_N = y_N, X_{N,age} = x_{N,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{N,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \beta_{age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \mu, \sigma^2, \gamma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \beta_{age}, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \gamma^2) \mathbb{P}(X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \mathbb{P}(Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_{age}X_{i,age} + \sum \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i | \beta_{age}, X_{i,age} = x_{i,age}, \sum \beta_j X_{i,j}, \gamma^2) \mathbb{P}(X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \mu, \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N Normal(Y_i | \beta_0 + \beta_{age}\mu + \sum \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i, \gamma^2) Normal(X_{i,age} = x_{i,age} | \mu, \sigma^2). \end{aligned}$$

In Example 2, we discussed how to derive the likelihood of a linear regression model with multiple independent variables because income is likely a factor of several variables. But many times it is very difficult to account for all the possible features in the true data generating process, and our model will therefore have some omitted variables. In other words, there exist quantities that we did not include in our model that may explain variation in our dependent variable. When we assume the omitted quantities are constants and we include a term in our regression for them, we refer to the model as a fixed effects linear regression model. And when we assume the omitted quantities are variable, we refer to the model as a random effects linear regression model. Let us consider an example of a random effects model.

### Definition 0.2: Fixed Effects Linear Regression

Let  $Y_i$  be our dependent variable for observation  $i$  with  $m$  independent variables  $X_{i,1}, \dots, X_{i,m}$ . Our model is known as a **fixed effects linear regression** if it has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\quad \varepsilon_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ &\quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m \\ &\quad X_{i,j} \sim \mathbb{P}(X_{i,j}|\theta) \text{ (if } X_{i,j} \text{ is variable)} \\ &Y_i|\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_j, \theta, X_{i,1}, \dots, X_{i,m} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i + \alpha_i. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\alpha_i$  represents all the constant variation in  $Y_i$  uncaptured by the traditional linear regression model for individual  $i$ .

### Definition 0.3: Random Effects Linear Regression

Let  $Y_i$  be our dependent variable for observation  $i$  with  $m$  independent variables  $X_{i,1}, \dots, X_{i,m}$ . Our model is known as a **random effects linear regression** if it has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ &\quad \varepsilon_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ &\quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m \\ &\quad X_{i,j} \sim \mathbb{P}(X_{i,j}|\theta) \text{ (if } X_{i,j} \text{ is variable)} \\ &\quad \alpha_i \sim \mathbb{P}(\alpha) \\ &Y_i|\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_j, \theta, X_{i,1}, \dots, X_{i,m} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j X_{i,j} + \varepsilon_i + \alpha_i. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\alpha_i$  represents all the variation in  $Y_i$  uncaptured by the traditional linear regression model for individual  $i$ .

**Example 3** Suppose we administer a survey to 100 people asking about their incomes and ages, denoted as  $Y_i$  and  $X_i$  respectively for individual  $i$ . Suppose respondents 1 to 97 answered all questions, persons 98 and 99 only reported age, and person 100 reported only age but not income. In other words, our data set would read as follows:

Table 2: Missing Survey Data Statement

Obs#	$Y$	$X$
1	$y_1$	$x_1$
2	$y_2$	$x_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
97	$y_{97}$	$x_{97}$
98	$y_{98}$	?
99	$y_{99}$	?
100	?	$x_{100}$

We also assume that the true data generating process is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 100 \\ \varepsilon_i &\sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2) \\ X_i &\sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \gamma^2) \\ Y_i | \varepsilon_i, X_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  come from probability distributions,  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  are random variables. So,  $X_1, \dots, X_{100}$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{100}$  are random variables. However, because  $X_{98}, X_{99}, Y_{100}$  are missing from the dataset, these are latent variables. Because we have these latent variables that explain variation in our model, this is akin to the random effects linear regression we just introduced.

So, our 2x2 table would read as follows:

	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Unobserved</b>
<b>Variable</b>	$X_1, \dots, X_{97}, X_{100}, Y_1, \dots, Y_{99}$	$X_{98}, X_{99}, Y_{100}$
<b>Constant</b>		$\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2$

As usual, from the 2x2 table, we want to derive the proper likelihood, which is the probability of our observed variables given our constant terms:

$$\text{Likelihood} = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{97} = x_{97}, X_{100} = x_{100}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{99} = y_{99} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2).$$

Notice, in the proper likelihood, the latent variables do not exist. But we need the information from those quantities to capture the entire model's process. We can do this by taking advantage of marginalizing distributions (i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \int_B \mathbb{P}(A, B) dB$  for some random variables  $A$  and  $B$ ). So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood} &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{97} = x_{97}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{99} = y_{99} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{100} = x_{100}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{100} = y_{100} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can take advantage of the independence of these values and write out the joint likelihood as the product of individual likelihoods:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood} &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{97} = x_{97}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{99} = y_{99} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{100} = x_{100}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{100} = y_{100} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i, Y_i = y_i | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100}. \end{aligned}$$

And now, by Bayes' Rule we can rewrite the joint probability of  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood} &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{97} = x_{97}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{99} = y_{99} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{100} = x_{100}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{100} = y_{100} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i, Y_i = y_i | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\ &= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | X_i = x_i, \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i | \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Y_i$  is a linear combination of two normally distributed random variables ( $\varepsilon_i$  and  $X_i$ ),  $Y_i \sim \text{Normal}(\beta_0 +$

$\beta_1\mu, \sigma^2$ ). So, we can rewrite the likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned}
Likelihood &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{97} = x_{97}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{99} = y_{99} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) \\
&= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_{100} = x_{100}, Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{100} = y_{100} | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\
&= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i, Y_i = y_i | \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\
&= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | X_i = x_i, \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i | \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100} \\
&= \int_{X_{98}} \int_{X_{99}} \int_{Y_{100}} \prod_{i=1}^{100} Normal(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \sigma^2 | X_i = x_i) Normal(X_i = x_i | \mu, \gamma^2) dX_{98} dX_{99} dY_{100}.
\end{aligned}$$