

Linear regression:  
 What is a linear function?  
 In general we have:

$$y = a * x + b$$

Where b is our bias, a our slope and y our output value.

However, in Machine Learning one uses different letters:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 * x$$

We would call them Beta-hat. The beta hat indicated with 0 is still the same bias and the other one is also the same slope, just different names. But we change y to y-hat because we say it's a predictor.

But how would one train a model like this and how can we optimize it?

We need:

- a dataset
- a training algorithm with a formula to minimize analytically (usually we minimize a cost function/error measure)
- an error measure, for our wrong predictions and to look how good our model predicts. In general we look how much difference there is between the real and predicted values.

Our observed dataset contains x values and y values. We later want to predict a y value for any input x.

index	x	y	x_hat	y_hat	error	error^2
0	1	1	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
1	2	2	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
2	3	3	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
3	4	4	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
4	5	5	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
5	6	6	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0
6	7	7	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
7	8	8	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
8	9	9	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
9	10	10	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0

Now we have our data set we can move on to our training algorithm.

We now have to calculate our betas, bias and slope.

We do that by minimizing the error measure and solve after beta: Residual Sum of Squares(RSS)

Keep in mind: N is the size of the dataset, c.f. indices of our x,y columns above.

$$RSS = \sum_{n=0}^N (y_n - \hat{y}_n)^2$$

It results into a least squares problem by minimizing it after beta0 and beta1

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \bar{x})(y_n - \bar{y})}{\sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

Furthermore, I need to mention that xbar is the mean of all x. Which would be the sum over all x divided by x.

$$MEAN = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N x$$

And last we use the Mean Squared Error measure to see how good our model is by using the sum of dividing our predicted y\_hat(x) from the real y-value we have in our dataset and then squaring it up.

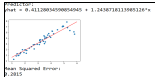
$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N (y_n - \hat{y})$$

But since this would be a lot of work to do hand-written we instead can use Python to compute all those things.

## Code

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1. """
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3. """
4. #used for calculating the solution of the predictor
5. def predictor(beta0, beta1, x):
6.     return beta0 + beta1 * x
7.
8. import pandas as pd
9. import numpy as np
10. import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
11. #read dataset
12. dataset = pd.read_csv("tutorial3.dat", sep = " ",
13. names= ["x", "y"])
14. #compute  $\beta_1$ 
15. xmean = np.mean(dataset["x"])
16. ymean = np.mean(dataset["y"])
17. numerator = 0
18. denominator = 0
19. #calculate numerator and denominator of the formula
20. for i, row in dataset.iterrows():
21.     numerator += ((row["x"] - xmean) * (row["y"] - ymean))
22.     denominator += (row["x"] - xmean)**2
23. #fraction
24. beta1 = numerator / denominator
25. #compute  $\beta_0$  using the formula given
26. beta0 = ymean - beta1 * xmean
27.
28. print("Predictor:")
29. print("yhat = " + str(beta0) + " + " + str(beta1) + "*x")
30.
31. #plot our data
32. plt.scatter(dataset["x"],dataset["y"])
33. #plot predictor function
34. x = np.linspace(1,6, 100)
35. y = beta0 + beta1 * x
36. plt.plot(x,y, color = "red")
37. plt.show()
38.
39. #Calculate Mean Squared error using the formula
40. MSE = 0
41. for i, row in dataset.iterrows():
42.     MSE += (row["y"] - predictor(beta0, beta1, row["x"])) **2
43. MSE = MSE / len(dataset)
44. print("Mean Squared Error:")
45. print(np.around(MSE,4))
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In the end we get the following result:



For this specific dataset we see that linear regression performs quite good.