

Simple regression using Least Squares Method

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Part I

Linear Regression

Given N known points, by the Least Squares Method, the linear function that best describes their growth is given by

$$\begin{cases} a \sum_{i=1}^n 1 + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \end{cases}$$

What can be written as

$$\begin{cases} an + b \sum x = \sum y & (r_1) \\ a \sum x + b \sum x^2 = \sum xy & (r_2) \end{cases}$$

Starting by r_1 , we isolate A:

$$a = \frac{\sum y - b \sum x}{n} \quad (1)$$

Now we can replace A on r_2 , to find B:

$$\left(\frac{\sum y - b \sum x}{n} \right) \sum x + b \sum x^2 = \sum xy$$

Simplifying, and isolating B, we will get

$$b = \frac{n \sum xy - \sum x \sum y}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) allows to get the value of B directly.

Now, using r_1 , we isolate B:

$$b = \frac{\sum y - an}{\sum x} \quad (3)$$

Then, we replace B on r_2 to find A:

$$a \sum x + \left(\frac{\sum y - an}{\sum x} \right) \sum x^2 = \sum xy$$

Finally, we simplify this, isolating A, finding a equation to directly get A:

$$a = \frac{\sum xy - \sum y \sum x^2}{\sum x + n \sum x^2} \quad (4)$$

Now, by using equations (2) and (4) we can find the coefficients to a linear function $y=ax+b$, that describes (in the best way possible) the growth of the given points.

Part II

Logarithmic Regression

Same as linear regression, but instead of using x, we will use $\ln(x)$. And the function will now be $y = a \ln(x) + b$.

Part III

Exponential Regression

Same as linear regression, but instead of using y, we will use $\ln(y)$. And when we find the coefficient B, it actually will be the $\ln(b)$, so we just need to calculate ℓ^b . The function will be $y = b * \ell^{ax}$.

Part IV

Potence regression

Again, the same as linear regression, but instead of y we, use $\ln(y)$ and instead of x, we use $\ln(x)$. The value found to B is actually the $\ln(b)$, so we get the real B calculating ℓ^b . The function will be bx^a .