HW 23

Problem 1

For n=1040 male college soccer players, the correlation between height and weight is about r=0.75. The sample means for heights and weights are about $\bar{x}=71$ in and $\bar{y}=166$ lbs, and the sample standard deviations are about $s_x=2.5$ in and $s_y=16$ lbs.

- (a) Find the least squares regression line for predicting weight from height. What proportion of the variability in weights is explained by a linear fit on height?
- (b) Find the fitted weight for a 66 in play and for a 76 in player. Explain how these fitted values illustrate the regression towards the mean effect in an answer that involves standard deviations relative to the respective means.
- (c) Use the sample correlation and standard deviation of the weights to find the root mean squared error for the simple regression model. Explain what this number represents in this context.

Problem 2

Consider the no-intercept linear regression model

$$Y_i \mid X_i = x_i \sim N(\beta x_i, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

We should include an intercept in the model even if we believe the mean response when x=0 should be 0, however working with the no-intercept model can help understand the more complicated model since here β is a scalar rather than a vector.

- (a) Show that the least squares estimate for β is $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i} x_{i} Y_{i}}{\sum_{i} x_{i}^{2}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$, where \mathbf{X} is the $n \times 1$ matrix (vector) of x_{i} values and \mathbf{Y} is the $n \times 1$ vector of Y_{i} values.
- (b) Write the joint log-likelihood of (β, σ^2) and explain why the MLE for β is the same as the least squares estimate for β .
- (c) Find the mean and variance of $\hat{\beta}$.

Problem 3