

## Sum of Squared Errors - Sanity Check

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Given a line equation:

$$y = b + mx$$

where  $b$  is the intercept, and  $m$  is the slope. We change this into the form:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x \quad (1)$$

and define an error function:

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $y_i$  is the  $i$ th observation of  $y$ , and corresponds to the input  $x_i$ , and  $\hat{y}_i$  is the corresponding prediction. Substituting (1) in (2):

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2$$

We want to minimize the error  $E$  and can see it is a function of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  so give it a more descriptive name:

$$SSE(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \quad (3)$$

We take two derivatives, one with respect to  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and the other with respect to  $\hat{\beta}_1$ . Since our error function consists of two functions, one outside function (exponentiation) and one inside function, we apply the chain rule for a general case:

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

For  $\hat{\beta}_0$  we have:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)$$

We apply the derivative sum rule - the derivative of the sum is equal to the sum of the derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \cdot (-1) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i \end{aligned}$$

Since we are trying to minimize:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} SSE(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$$

we set the result to zero and solve for  $\hat{\beta}_0$ :

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i = 0$$

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = n\bar{y}$$

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$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \tag{4}$$

For  $\hat{\beta}_1$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i) \cdot (-x_i) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 x_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

Setting result equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned}
-2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 x_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i^2 &= 0 \\
-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i^2 &= 0 \\
-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\hat{\beta}_0$  from (4):

$$\begin{aligned}
-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + (\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 &= 0 \\
-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 &= 0 \\
-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \hat{\beta}_1 (\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) &= 0 \\
\hat{\beta}_1 (\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) &= -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
\hat{\beta}_1 (\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) &= \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = n\bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\bar{y} n\bar{x} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\bar{x} n\bar{x} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

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$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \quad (5)$$

Removing n term from nominator in (5):

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y} - n\bar{x}\bar{y} + n\bar{x}\bar{y} \\
n\bar{x}\bar{y} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n\bar{x}\bar{y} - n\bar{x}\bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
\bar{x} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \bar{y} - n\bar{x}\bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y} - n\bar{x}\bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x}n\bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
\bar{y} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x}n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y} - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x} y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}\bar{y} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i - x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x} y_i + \bar{x}\bar{y}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in (5):

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \quad (6)$$

Removing n term from denominator in (6):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2n\bar{x}^2 + n\bar{x}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\bar{x}n\bar{x} + n\bar{x}^2 \\
 n\bar{x} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\bar{x}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2\bar{x}x_i + \bar{x}^2) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in (6):

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad (7)$$

Solving for example given in class:

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x = [2 4 10] % average speed on freeway
y = [75 45 35] % patrol cars deployed

xbar = (2 + 4 + 10) / 3 % 5.33333333333
ybar = (75 + 45 + 35) / 3 % 51.6666666667

// beta hat subscript 1 ~ slope
m = ((2 - xbar)(75 - ybar) + ...
      (4 - xbar)(45 - ybar) + ...
      (10 - xbar)(35 - ybar)) / ...
      ((2 - xbar)^2 + (4 - xbar)^2 + (10 - xbar)^2) % -4.23076923077

// beta hat subscript 0 ~ intercept
b = ybar - -4.23076923077 * xbar % 74.2307692308

% line of best fit
% y = 74.2307692308 - 4.23076923077 * x

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% prediction y for x = 5
% y = 53.0769230769mph

% MATLAB solution for b and m
glmfit([2 4 10], [75 45 35]) % coefficient estimates
ans =

    74.2308
   -4.2308

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## Second Partial Derivative Test

To find out if  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is a local minimum, local maximum, a saddle point or cannot be determined, we need to compute the second order partial derivatives, and the mixed second order partial derivative of the error function with respect to  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ . The point  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is a local minimum if:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} > 0$$

The point  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is a local maximum if:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} < 0$$

The point  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is a saddle if:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 < 0$$

The Second Derivative Test is indeterminate if:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 = 0$$

Returning to the forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} SSE(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) &= 0 \\
-2 \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} SSE(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) &= 0 \\
-2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_0 x_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\beta}_1 x_i^2 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain the second order partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} &= 2n \\
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2
\end{aligned}$$

and the mixed second order partial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 &= (2n) \cdot \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) - \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \\
&= (2n) \cdot \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \\
&= (2n) \cdot \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \\
&= (2n) \cdot (2n \bar{x} n \bar{x}) - (2n \bar{x} 2n \bar{x}) \\
&= (2n) \cdot (2n \bar{x} n \bar{x}) - (4n^2 \bar{x}^2) \\
&= (2n) \cdot (2n^2 \bar{x}^2) - (4n^2 \bar{x}^2) \\
&= 4n^3 \bar{x}^2 - 4n^2 \bar{x}^2
\end{aligned}$$

Since:

$$\begin{aligned}
& n > 0 \\
& 4n^3 \bar{x}^2 > 4n^2 \bar{x}^2 \\
& \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0 \hat{\beta}_1} \right)^2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0^2} > 0
\end{aligned}$$

the point  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is a local minimum.