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Definitions

- **Data**
 - “Related items of (chiefly numerical) information considered collectively, typically obtained by scientific work and used for reference, analysis, or calculation”. Some common examples include numbers, characters, images and sounds.
- **Information**
 - “Knowledge communicated concerning some particular fact, subject, or event; that of which one is apprised or told; intelligence, news”.
- **Knowledge**
 - “That which is known; the sum of what is known”.
 - In Computing, Knowledge is “Information in the form of facts, assumptions, and inference rules which can be accessed by a computer program”.

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Data Analysis

- Descriptive statistics
 - Numerical values: median, mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis
 - Graphs: histograms, bar charts, line graphs, boxplots
- Inferential statistics
 - Significance testing, t-test, F-test, etc.
 - ANOVA
 - Estimation (point and interval)
 - Regression
 - ...

Random Variables

- **Distributions and probability density functions (PDFs):**
 - *Discrete:* binomial; Poisson...
 - *Continuous:* normal (Gaussian); uniform (rectangular); triangular; chi-squared; Student's t; F; arc-sin; exponential; Cauchy...
- **Moments:**
 - An ordinary moment of kth order is defined as: $m_k = E(X^k)$
 - A central moment of kth order is defined as: $\mu_k = E[(X - E(X))^k]$, where X is the measurement error; E(X) is the expectation or average value of X; $k=1, 2, \dots$

Most Commonly Used Moments

- The **first-order ordinary moment**, i.e. **arithmetic average**: $m_1 = E(X)$
- The **second-order central moment** is a measure of the **spread** of the measurement errors about the average value: $\mu_2 = \sigma^2 = V[X] = E[(X - E(X))^2]$.
- The **3rd-order central moment**, μ_3 is related to the asymmetry of the distribution, usually characterised by **skewness**, γ_3 , i.e. the ratio of the 3rd order central moment to the third power of the standard deviation: $\gamma_3 = \mu_3 / \sigma^3$. For a normal distribution, $\gamma_3 = \mu_3 = 0$.
- The **4th-order central moment**, μ_4 , is related to the graduation of the distribution, often characterised by the **kurtosis**, γ_4 , i.e. the ratio of the 4th order central moment to the 4th power of the standard deviation: $\gamma_4 = \mu_4 / \sigma^4$. For a normal distribution, $\gamma_4 = 3$.

Univariate Distributions

- A continuous univariate distribution is specified by a probability density function (pdf) $f(x) \geq 0$:

$$P(a < X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx, \quad P(-\infty < X \leq +\infty) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)dx = 1.$$

- Mean μ and variance σ^2 :

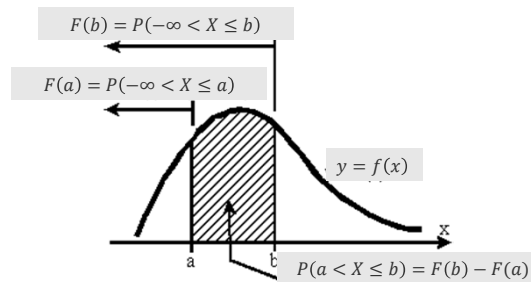
$$\mu = E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx,$$

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x)dx.$$

- Properties:

$$E(a + bX) = a + bE(X),$$

$$V(a + bX) = b^2V(X).$$



Bivariate Distributions

- Bivariate density distribution $f(x, y) \geq 0$

- Covariance

$$V(X, Y) = \text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] = \iint (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y)f(x, y)dxdy$$

$$\text{where } \mu_X = E(X) = \iint xf(x, y)dxdy, \quad \mu_Y = E(Y) = \iint yf(x, y)dxdy.$$

- Measures the strength of linear dependence;
- X and Y are statistically independent if $f(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$;
- $V(X, Y) = 0$ if X and Y are statistically independent.

- Correlation coefficient

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \text{corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y},$$

$$-1 \leq \rho_{X,Y} \leq 1.$$

Multivariate Distributions

- Given random vectors $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^T$, $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)^T$,
- Covariance matrix
$$V(\mathbf{X}) = \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) = E[(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))^T]$$
 - $V(\mathbf{X})$ is the $n \times n$ matrix with $V_{jk} = V(X_j, X_k)$.
- The Correlation matrix is a scaled version of the covariance matrix with $C_{jk} = \frac{V_{jk}}{\sqrt{V_{jj}V_{kk}}}$.
- Cross-covariance matrix
$$V(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = E[(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))(\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y}))^T]$$

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Law of Propagation of Uncertainty (LPU)

- Given $X=(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ with mean $E(X)=\mathbf{x}=(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and variance matrix V
- If Y is a linear combination of X , i.e.:

$$Y=c_1X_1+c_2X_2+\dots+c_nX_n=\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{X}$$

where $\mathbf{c}=(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$ are known constants

then:

$$y=E(Y)=c_1E(X_1)+c_2E(X_2)+\dots+c_nE(X_n)=c_1x_1+c_2x_2+\dots+c_nx_n=\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}$$

and

$$u^2(y) = V(Y) = \mathbf{c}^T V \mathbf{c}$$

- If $V(X_i, X_j)=0$, $i \neq j$, then

$$u^2(y) = V(Y) = c_1^2 V(X_1) + c_2^2 V(X_2) + \dots + c_n^2 V(X_n) = c_1^2 u_1^2 + c_2^2 u_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2 u_n^2$$

Examples

- Sum of two independent variables

Assume $E(X_1) = x_1, V(X_1) = u_1^2, E(X_2) = x_2, V(X_2) = u_2^2$,

X_1 and X_2 are independent $\rightarrow V(X_1, X_2)=0$,

and

$$V_x = V(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{X} = X_1 + X_2 = [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$E(Y) = \mathbf{c}^T E(\mathbf{X}) = [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 + x_2,$$

and

$$u^2(y) = V(Y) = \mathbf{c}^T V_x \mathbf{c} = [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = u_1^2 + u_2^2.$$

- Difference of two independent variables

$$Y = X_1 - X_2, E(Y) = x_1 - x_2, V(Y) = u_1^2 + u_2^2.$$

LPU, Multivariate Case

- Given $\mathbf{X}=(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^T$ with mean $E(\mathbf{X})=\mathbf{x}$ and variance matrix V
- If $\mathbf{Y}=(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)^T=C\mathbf{X}$,

then

$$\mathbf{y}=E(\mathbf{Y})=CE(\mathbf{X})=C\mathbf{x}$$

and

$$u^2(\mathbf{y}) = V(\mathbf{Y}) = CVC^T$$

Example

- Measurements with a common systematic effect

Given $x_1 = a + \delta + \epsilon_1$, $x_2 = a + \delta + \epsilon_2$, and

$$E(\delta) = E(\epsilon_1) = E(\epsilon_2) = 0, V(\delta) = \beta^2, V(\epsilon_1) = V(\epsilon_2) = \sigma^2$$

- Let $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} a + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \delta \end{bmatrix}$
- Assume the effects are independent, so their variance matrix is

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying LPU,

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} a,$$

$$V_X = CVC^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 + \beta^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 + \beta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

LPU, Nonlinear Case

- Assume $Y=f(\mathbf{X})$, $E(\mathbf{X})=\mathbf{x}$, $V(\mathbf{X})=V_x$
- Find the sensitivity coefficient (partial derivative):

$$c_j = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(\mathbf{x})$$

Then

$$E(Y) \approx f(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$u^2(y) = V(Y) \approx \mathbf{c}^T V_x \mathbf{c}^T$$

- For multivariate case, if $\mathbf{Y}=f(\mathbf{X})$ and $C_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$, then

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) \approx f(\mathbf{x})$$

and

$$V_y = V(\mathbf{Y}) \approx C V_x C^T$$

Exercise 1: Comparison of two gauge blocks

- Suppose two gauge blocks of the same material and nominal length L_0 are measured. Calculate the 2x2 variance matrix V_L associated with their lengths

$L = (L_1, L_2)^T$ for data:

$$z_1 = 100.000\ 090\ \text{mm},\ z_2 = 100.000\ 050\ \text{mm},$$

$$u(z_1) = u(z_2) = u(z) = 0.000\ 050\ \text{mm},$$

$$t_1 = 20.5\ ^\circ\text{C},\ t_2 = 20.3\ ^\circ\text{C},$$

$$u(t_1) = u(t_2) = u(t) = 0.1\ ^\circ\text{C},$$

$$c = 10 \times 10^{-6}\ \text{m}\ \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$u(c) = 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

- Use V_L to calculate the uncertainties associated with $L_1 \pm L_2$.

Exercise 2.1: Mass calculations

- The mass of a cylindrical artefact is given by

$$M = \pi \rho h r^2,$$

where

ρ is the density at 20 °C,

r is the radius,

h is the height.

- Express the uncertainty associated with M in terms of the uncertainties associated with ρ , r and h .

Exercise 2.2: Taking into account temperature

- In Exercise 2.1, suppose r and h are measured at temperature t and that the coefficient of thermal expansion is c . Express the uncertainty associated with M in terms of the uncertainties associated with ρ , r , h , t and c .

- Determine the 2×2 variance matrix V_M for the masses M_1 and M_2 of two cylindrical artefacts made from the same material from the following data:

$r_1 = 25.005$ mm is the radius measured at temperature $t_1 = 20.5^\circ\text{C}$,

$h_1 = 63.510$ mm is the height measured at temperature t_1 ,

$r_2 = 25.020$ mm is the radius measured at temperature $t_2 = 20.8^\circ\text{C}$,

$h_2 = 63.515$ mm is the height measured at temperature t_2 ,

$\rho = 8000$ kg m⁻³,

$c = 10 \times 10^{-6}$ m K⁻¹,

$u(r_1) = u(r_2) = u(h_1) = u(h_2) = 0.001$ mm,

$u(t_1) = u(t_2) = 0.1$ °C,

$u(\rho) = 0.05$ kg m⁻³,

$u(c) = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ K⁻¹.

- Use V_M to evaluate the uncertainties associated with $M_1 \pm M_2$.

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Functional Models

$$y = \varphi(\mathbf{x}),$$
$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$$

where

y is the response (or dependent) variable.

\mathbf{x} are covariates (or independent variables).

φ is the function describing how y varies with (depends on) \mathbf{x} .

Typically, values of \mathbf{x} are controlled or known accurately, and the response y is measured subject to measurement uncertainty.

Functional Model: example 1

- The length of a gauge block depends on temperature:

$$y = \varphi(T, L, c) = L(1 + c(T - T_0))$$

- In generic notation,

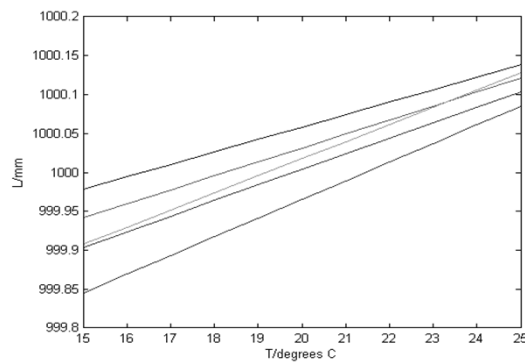
$$y = \varphi(x, \mathbf{a}) = a_1 + a_2(x - T_0)$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)^T, a_1 = L, a_2 = Lc.$$

- The parameters \mathbf{a} are used to define the class (or *space*) of models that could describe the dependence of length on temperature.

Possible Behaviours

$$y = a_1 + a_2(x - T_0)$$



Functional Model: example 2

- Newton's law of cooling:

$$y = \varphi(t, T_0, T_b, k) = T_b + (T_0 - T_b)e^{-kt}$$

- Functional model involves three parameters T_b, T_0, k

- In generic notation,

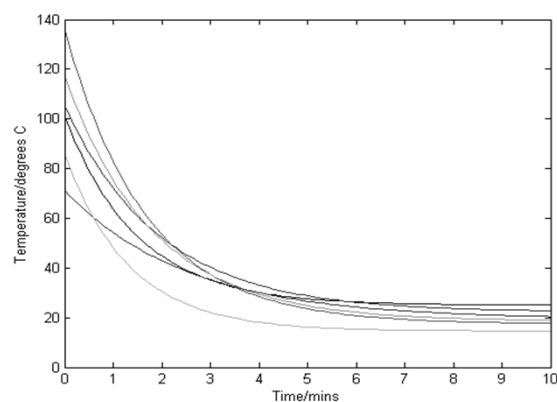
$$y = \varphi(x, \mathbf{a}) = a_1 + (a_2 - a_1)e^{-a_3x},$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)^T$$

- The parameters \mathbf{a} are used to define the class (or space) of models that could describe the dependence of temperature on time.

Possible Behaviours

$$y = a_1 + (a_2 - a_1)e^{-a_3x}$$



Mechanistic and Empirical Models

- Mechanistic models are based on the underlying physics governing the behaviour of the process, e.g.

$$T = T_b + (T_0 - T_b)e^{-kt}$$

- They explain behaviour.
- Parameters have a physical meaning.

- Empirical models are based on experience or data, e.g. Polynomials $\varphi(x, \mathbf{a}) = \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i x^i$ and Fourier series

- They describe (summarise) behaviour.
- Parameters may have no intrinsic meaning.

What is a Linear Model?

- A linear model is linear in the parameters \mathbf{a} .
- In practice, a linear model is usually defined as a linear combination of *basis functions*

$$\varphi(x, \mathbf{a}) = a_1 \varphi_1(x) + a_2 \varphi_2(x) + \dots + a_n \varphi_n(x)$$

- For a linear model, $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial a_i}$ is independent of \mathbf{a}
- Examples

- polynomials

$$\varphi(x, \mathbf{a}) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n,$$

- Fourier series

$$\varphi_0(x) = 1, \varphi_{2i-1} = \frac{\cos 2\pi i x}{L}, \varphi_{2i} = \frac{\sin 2\pi i x}{L}$$

Nonlinear Model

- For a nonlinear model, $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial a_i}$ is **not** independent of \mathbf{a}

- Examples: Newton's law of cooling

$$\varphi(t, T_0, T_b, k) = T_b + (T_0 - T_b)e^{-kt}$$

In this case, $\mathbf{a} = (T_b, T_0, k)^T$, $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial a_i}$ are:

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial T_b} = 1 - e^{-kt}, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial T_0} = e^{-kt}, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial k} = -t(T_0 - T_b)e^{-kt}$$

Fitting a Model to Measured Data

- Given data (x_i, y_i) , $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ and functional model $y = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$
- Model predictions $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{a}) = [\varphi(x_1, \mathbf{a}), \dots, \varphi(x_m, \mathbf{a})]^T$
- $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)^T$ is a fixed point or vector in \mathbb{R}^m
- $\mathbf{a} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{a})$ is a surface in \mathbb{R}^m
- Choose \mathbf{a} such that $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{a})$ is as close as possible to \mathbf{y}
- $\min_{\mathbf{a}} E(\mathbf{a}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{a})\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - \varphi(x_i, \mathbf{a})]^2$

Geometrical Interpretation

- Data vector $\mathbf{y}=(y_1,\dots,y_m)^T$ defines a fixed point in \mathcal{R}^m
- Mapping $\mathbf{a}\mapsto\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{a})$ defines an n -dimensional surface $S(\mathbf{a})$ in \mathcal{R}^m
- Best-fit parameter values $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ define the point $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\hat{\mathbf{a}})$ on the surface $S(\mathbf{a})$ closest to \mathbf{y}
- Parameter estimation method is a method of associating with a data vector \mathbf{y} a unique point on the surface $S(\mathbf{a})$

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Fitting with Linear Models Using Least Squares Method (1)

- $y_i = \varphi(x_i, \mathbf{a}) = a_1\varphi_1(x_i) + a_2\varphi_2(x_i) + \dots + a_n\varphi_n(x_i)$
- $E(\mathbf{a}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{a})\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - \varphi(x_i, \mathbf{a})]^2$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - a_1\varphi_1(x_i) - a_2\varphi_2(x_i) - \dots - a_n\varphi_n(x_i)]^2$$
- Let $\frac{\partial E}{\partial a_1} = \sum_{i=1}^m -2\varphi_1(x_i)[y_i - a_1\varphi_1(x_i) - a_2\varphi_2(x_i) - \dots - a_n\varphi_n(x_i)] = 0$,
 we have:

$$a_1 \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_1(x_i) \varphi_1(x_i) + \dots + a_n \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_1(x_i) \varphi_n(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_1(x_i) y_i$$
- Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a_2} = \sum_{i=1}^m -2\varphi_2(x_i)[y_i - a_1\varphi_1(x_i) - a_2\varphi_2(x_i) - \dots - a_n\varphi_n(x_i)] = 0$$

 we have:

$$a_1 \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_2(x_i) \varphi_1(x_i) + \dots + a_n \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_2(x_i) \varphi_n(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \varphi_2(x_i) y_i$$

Fitting with Linear Models Using Least Squares Method (2)

- The solution is defined by the normal equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_i \varphi_1(x_i)\varphi_1(x_i) & \sum_i \varphi_1(x_i)\varphi_2(x_i) & \dots & \sum_i \varphi_1(x_i)\varphi_n(x_i) \\ \sum_i \varphi_2(x_i)\varphi_1(x_i) & \sum_i \varphi_2(x_i)\varphi_2(x_i) & \dots & \sum_i \varphi_2(x_i)\varphi_n(x_i) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_i \varphi_n(x_i)\varphi_1(x_i) & \sum_i \varphi_n(x_i)\varphi_2(x_i) & \dots & \sum_i \varphi_n(x_i)\varphi_n(x_i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i \varphi_1(x_i)y_i \\ \sum_i \varphi_2(x_i)y_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_i \varphi_n(x_i)y_i \end{bmatrix}$$
- Factor form

$$\sum_i \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x_i) \\ \varphi_2(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n(x_i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x_i) \\ \varphi_2(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n(x_i) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_i y_i \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x_i) \\ \varphi_2(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n(x_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Least Squares Method Using Matrix-vector Form (1)

- Standard linear model:

$$y_i = \varphi(x_i, \mathbf{a}) + \epsilon_i = a_1\varphi_1(x_i) + a_2\varphi_2(x_i) + \dots + a_n\varphi_n(x_i) + \epsilon_i = \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{a} + \epsilon_i, i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$E(\epsilon_i) = 0, V(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$$

- In matrix-vector form

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad E(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \mathbf{0}, V(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

where

$$\mathbf{c}_i^T = [\varphi_1(x_i), \varphi_2(x_i), \dots, \varphi_n(x_i)],$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1^T \\ \mathbf{c}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_m^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(x_1) & \varphi_2(x_1) & \dots & \varphi_n(x_1) \\ \varphi_1(x_2) & \varphi_2(x_2) & \dots & \varphi_n(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1(x_m) & \varphi_2(x_m) & \dots & \varphi_n(x_m) \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- $E(\mathbf{y}) = E(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a} + E(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$,
- $V(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

Linear Least Squares Method Using Matrix-vector Form (2)

- Least-squares fit, the solution $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ minimizes

$$E(\mathbf{a}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}\|^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a})$$

- $\frac{dE}{d\mathbf{a}} = 0$, i.e.

$$2(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a})^T (-\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}^+ \mathbf{y}$$

- Matrix $\mathbf{C}^+ = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^T$ is the pseudo-inverse of \mathbf{C}
 $\mathbf{C}^+ \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}$

Geometrical Interpretation

- The columns \mathbf{c}_j ($j=1,\dots,n$) and \mathbf{y} are vectors or points in \mathbb{R}^m .
- The linear combinations $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{a} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{c}_j = a_1 \mathbf{c}_1 + \dots + a_n \mathbf{c}_n$ of the vectors \mathbf{c}_j defines points in the n -dimensional linear subspace \mathcal{C} defined by these column vectors.
- The linear least square solution defines the point $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$ on linear subspace \mathcal{C} closest to \mathbf{y} .
- The vector $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ from \mathbf{y} to $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$ must be orthogonal to the plane and perpendicular to every \mathbf{c}_j : $\mathbf{c}_j^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}) = 0, j=1,\dots, n$.
- In matrix notation,

$$\mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}) = 0$$

or

$$\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{a}$$

- \mathbf{C} is known as the observation matrix.

Statistics Associated with the Least Squares Linear Model Fit

- $\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{C}^+ \mathbf{y}$, with $\mathbf{C}^+ = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^T$, $E(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$, $V(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$
- Applying LPU,

$$E(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) = \mathbf{C}^+ E(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{C}^+ \mathbf{C} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$V(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) = \mathbf{C}^+ V(\mathbf{y}) (\mathbf{C}^+)^T = (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^T \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1}$$
- If \mathbf{y} is a random draw from a distribution with expectation $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{a}$ and variance $\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$, then $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ is a random draw from a distribution with expectation \mathbf{a} and variance $\sigma^2 (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1}$.
- If $m \gg n$, then the central limit theorem implies that

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} \in N(\mathbf{a}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1})$$

Statistics Associated with Other Calculations

- Model predictions at x_i

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = C\hat{\mathbf{a}},$$

$$V(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = CV(\hat{\mathbf{a}})C^T = \sigma^2 C(C^T C)^{-1} C^T$$

- Vector of residuals

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{y} - C\hat{\mathbf{a}} = (I - CC^+) \mathbf{y}$$

$$V_r = (I - CC^+) V_y (I - CC^+)^T = \sigma^2 (I - C(C^T C)^{-1} C^T)$$

- Model prediction at a new point \mathbf{x}

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{c}^T \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{c}^T = [\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x), \dots, \varphi_n(x)]$$

$$V(\hat{y}) = \mathbf{c}^T V(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{c} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{c}^T (C^T C)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

Posterior Estimate of σ

- If

$$\mathbf{y} = C\mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, C: m \times n, \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \in N(0, \sigma^2 I)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = (C^T C)^{-1} C^T \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{y} - C\hat{\mathbf{a}}$$

Then

$$\sum_i r_i^2 = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r} \in \chi_{m-n}^2, E(\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}) = m - n$$

- Posterior estimate of σ , $V(\hat{\mathbf{a}})$:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}}{m - n},$$

$$V(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 (C^T C)^{-1}$$

Exercise

Modify Matlab scripts `r_line_fit_A.m` to fit a quadratic $y = a + bx + cx^2$ (or cubic) to data.

What is the formula for

$$\sum_i u^2(r_i)$$

the sum of squares of the uncertainties associated with the residuals, in terms of σ , m and n ?
Can you think/prove why this formula applies?

Coefficient of Determination, R^2

- R^2 measures how well the regression model approximates the real data points. An R^2 of 1 indicates that the regression line fits the data perfectly.

- $R^2 = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}$

where $TSS(\text{total SS}) = \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2$, $ESS(\text{Explained SS}) = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$,
 $RSS(\text{Residual SS}) = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}$, $TSS = ESS + RSS$.

- Adjusted R^2 :

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{RSS}{m-n}}{\frac{TSS}{m-1}} = 1 - (1 - R^2) \frac{m-1}{m-n}$$

- \bar{R}^2 can reduce the influence of m on the value of R^2 .

Significance Testing of Single Parameter

- Hypothesis:

$$H_0: a_i = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$H_1: a_i \neq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

- Calculate t statistic:

$$t(\hat{a}_i) = \frac{\hat{a}_i - a_i}{S(\hat{a}_i)} = \frac{\hat{a}_i}{S(\hat{a}_i)} \sim t(m-n)$$

where $S(\hat{a}_i) = \sqrt{v_{ii}}$, c_{ii} is the i th element on diagonal of $V(\hat{\mathbf{a}})$.

- Choose a suitable significance level, e.g. $\alpha=0.05$ (Confidence level= $1-\alpha=0.95=95\%$)
- If $|t(\hat{a}_i)| > t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(m-n)$, reject H_0 . a_i has significance influence y . Otherwise, accept H_0 , a_i should be excluded in the model.

Prediction Interval

- Model prediction at a new point \mathbf{x}

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}^T = [\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x), \dots, \varphi_n(x)]$$

$$V(\hat{y}) = \mathbf{c}^T V(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{c} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

- Since $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \hat{y} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$

$$V(y) = V(\hat{y}) + \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 (1 + \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{c})$$

- $\frac{y - \hat{y}}{S(y)} = \frac{y - \hat{y}}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{c}}} \sim t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(m-n)$

- The prediction interval (confidence level $(1-\alpha)\%$) is thus

$$[\hat{y} - S(y) t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(m-n), \hat{y} + S(y) t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(m-n)]$$

Example: Straightline Fit

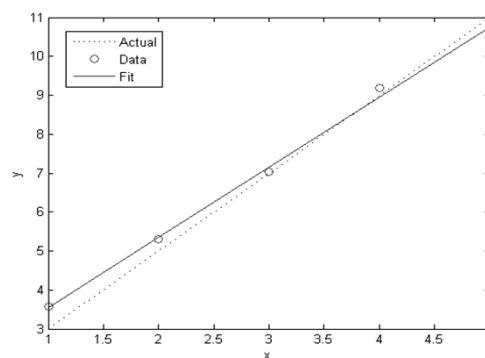
$$y_i = a + bx_i + e_i,$$

$$e_i \in N(0, \sigma^2), i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

C is a $m \times 2$ observation matrix:

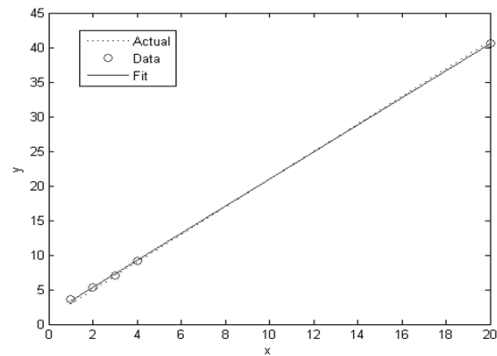
$$C(i, 1:2) = [1 \ x_i]$$

Data Set A



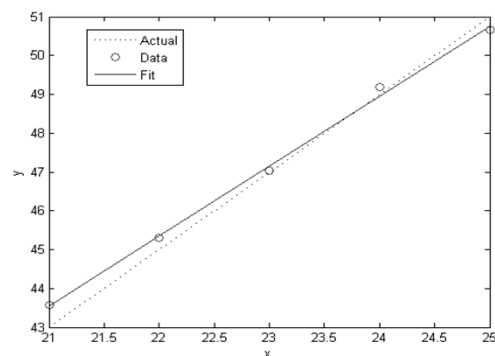
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0.1581	-0.9045	1.0000	

Data Set B



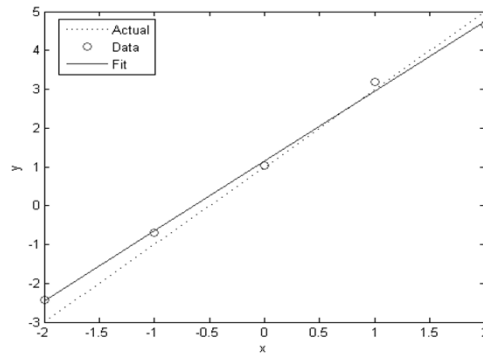
ua		Ca	
0.2933	1.0000	-0.6470	
0.0316	-0.6470	1.0000	

Data Set C



ua		Ca	
3.6435	1.0000	-0.9981	
0.1581	-0.9981	1.0000	

Data Set D



ua	Ca	
0.2236	1.0000	0
0.1581	0	1.0000

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Least Squares Approximation with Nonlinear Models

- Model: $y = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$, e.g.

$$\varphi(t, T_0, T_b, k) = T_b + (T_0 - T_b)e^{-kt}$$

- Data: $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

- Least squares parameter estimates $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ minimizes

$$E(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i^2(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{f},$$

$$f_i(\mathbf{a}) = y_i - \varphi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}), \mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)^T$$

Geometrical Interpretation

- $\mathbf{a} \mapsto \varphi(\mathbf{a})$ is a n -surface in \mathbb{R}^m .
- We look for the point on the surface closest to \mathbf{y} .
- At the solution $\varphi(\hat{\mathbf{a}})$, the vector $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{y} - \varphi(\hat{\mathbf{a}})$ is orthogonal to the surface at $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$.
- The tangent plane at $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ is

$$\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \approx \varphi(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) + J^T(\mathbf{a} - \hat{\mathbf{a}}), J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial a_j}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}),$$

- so $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ must solve

$$J^T(\mathbf{a})\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{a}) = J^T(\mathbf{a})(\mathbf{y} - \varphi(\mathbf{a})) = 0.$$

- Linear case: $C^T(\mathbf{y} - C\mathbf{a}) = 0$.

Nonlinear Least Squares Method

- The gradient of the objective function is

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(2 \mathbf{f}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \right) = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{f},$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial a_j}.$$

- The Hessian matrix:

$$H = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{a}^2} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{J}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{a}} + \mathbf{f}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{G},$$

$$G_{jk} = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i \frac{\partial^2 f_i}{\partial a_j \partial a_k}$$

- The necessary condition $\mathbf{g} = 0$, i.e.

$$\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0},$$

or $\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}.$

Nonlinear Least Squares Method (Newton method)

- Newton method to find the zero of function $g(a) = 0$
- Given estimate a , linearise $g(a + \Delta a) \approx g(a) + g'(a)\Delta a$
- Given an initial a , we try to find Δa such that $g(a + \Delta a) = 0$, hence

$$g'(a)\Delta a = -g(a)$$

- Multivariate case:

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{a} + \Delta \mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{a}) + H\Delta \mathbf{a}$$

$$H\Delta \mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{g}$$

- Solve the above equation in LS sense to find $\mathbf{p} = \Delta \mathbf{a} = -H \backslash \mathbf{g}$
- Update $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_{k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}_k + \mathbf{p}.$

Nonlinear Least Squares Method (Gauss-Newton method)

- Use Newton's algorithm

$$H\Delta\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{g}$$

- Approximate the Hessian matrix (when f_i is small):

$$H = J^T J + G \approx J^T J$$

- Hence

$$J^T J \Delta\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{g} = -J^T \mathbf{f}$$

- Normal equations for $J\Delta\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{f}$
- Solve the above equation in LS sense to find $\mathbf{p} = \Delta\mathbf{a} = -J \backslash \mathbf{f}$ (using QR factorisation, $J = QR$)
- Update $\hat{\mathbf{a}}_{k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}_k + \mathbf{p}$.
- Uncertainty $V(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) \approx \sigma^2 (J^T J)^{-1}$

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