# **Statistical Data Analysis**

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# Best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE)

#### Linear estimator

**Def:** A linear estimator has the form

$$\hat{\beta}^L = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p+1)\times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p+1)\times n}$ .

**Example:** The LS-estimator:

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y} \tag{2}$$

is a linear estimator with b = 0 and  $\textbf{A} = (\textbf{X}^{\top}\textbf{X})^{-1}\textbf{X}^{\top}$ 

#### **Gauss-Markov**

**Theorem:** The LS-estimator is BLUE. This means that the LS-estimator has minimal variance among all linear and unbiased estimators  $\hat{\beta}^L$ 

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_j) \le Var(\hat{\beta}_j^L), \quad j = 0, \dots, p.$$
 (3)

Furthermore, for an arbitrary linear combination  $\mathbf{c}^{\top}\hat{\beta}$  it holds that

$$Var(\mathbf{c}^{\top}\hat{\beta}) \le Var(\mathbf{c}^{\top}\hat{\beta}^{L}) \tag{4}$$

**Def:** The coefficient of determination is defined by

$$R^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}}$$
 (5)

and measures the proportion of variability in y that is accounted for by the statistical model from the overall variation in y.

**Lemma:** The method of least squares yields the following geometrical results:

- The fitted values  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  are orthogonal to the residuals  $\hat{\epsilon}$ , i.e.,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\top}\hat{\epsilon}=0$ .
- The columns of **X** are orthogonal to the residuals  $\hat{\epsilon}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{X}^{\top}\hat{\epsilon}=0$
- The residuals are zero on average, i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\hat{\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_i = 0 \tag{6}$$

• The mean of the estimated values

$$\hat{\bar{y}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{y}_{i} = \bar{y} \tag{7}$$

**Lemma:** The following decomposition holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_i^2$$
 (8)

**Lemma:** The coefficient of determination  $R^2$  can be transformed into

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^{2}}{\mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{y} - n\bar{y}^{2}}$$
(9)

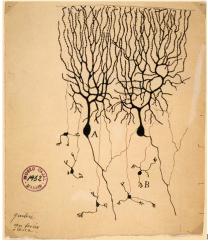
**Def:** The corrected coefficient of determination  $\bar{R}^2$  is defined by

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{n-1}{n-p-1}\right)(1-R^2) \tag{10}$$

**Connection to Neural Networks** 



# Motivation from biology



By Santiago Ramn y Cajal in 1899 see

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# Neuron

