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Recall that the general form for a linear regression model is:

We can think about this model as having two components, a linear predictor $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_2 x_{2,i} + \dots + \beta_n x_{n,i}$ and a random mechanism that perturbs us from the plane, ϵ_i .

However, sometimes, we might believe that the relationship between our covariates and response variable is not linear. This can be done for a few different reasons, perhaps the best reason is if we have some previous knowledge that suggests x and y have a nonlinear relationship. For example, if we remember the differential equation for radio active decay we had:

$$Y'(t) = -kY(t)$$

Which yielded a solution of:

$$Y(t) = Ce^{-kt}$$

Where C depended on the initial conditions, say $C = 3$ was the initial amount of substance. Then we had a non linear relationship between Y and t . If we measured time and amount of radioactive substance we would have to account for measurement error and perhaps we could fit the statistical model:

Therefore it might make sense to talk about a general form for statistical models of:

This model has two components, signal, and noise. While the best case is we are using a scientific mechanism to define the form of $f(x_i)$, in other cases we might just observe that clearly x_i and y_i don't have a linear relationship, so we might explore other forms of $f(x_i)$.

The simplest function outside of a linear relationship is if we assume $f(x_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_2 x_{1,i}^2$. Or $x_{1,i}$ and y_i have a quadratic relationship. This is, what our text calls, a **polynomial statistical model**. While the relationship between $x_{1,i}$ and y_i is non-linear here, fitting the model can be achieved in the exact same way as a linear regression model. To see this, let's consider the Kentucky Derby data

```
ky.dat<-read.table("http://www.isi-stats.com/isi2/data/KYDerby18.txt",header=T)
ky.dat %>% ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=Time))+geom_point()
```

That's kinda weird... But as it turns out, the distance changed in 1896, so we're comparing apples to oranges. Let's look at speed vs year

```
ky.dat %>% ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=speed))+geom_point()
```

Is there a story to the data? Unusual observations?

This isn't uncommon in athletic performance. We might think about there being a cap on the fastest a horse can possibly run. So it might make sense to fit a quadratic model. The model will be:

We can fit this by:

```
ky.dat <- ky.dat %>% mutate(Year.sq=Year^2)
poly.lm<-lm(speed~Year+Year.sq,data=ky.dat)
summary(poly.lm)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = speed ~ Year + Year.sq, data = ky.dat)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.9131 -0.3167  0.0314  0.3986  1.1499
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -9.888e+02  1.230e+02  -8.036 3.37e-13 ***
## Year         1.030e+00  1.265e-01   8.146 1.81e-13 ***
## Year.sq      -2.587e-04  3.249e-05  -7.964 5.02e-13 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6024 on 141 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7522, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7487
## F-statistic: 214 on 2 and 141 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

To check the fit we can look at:

```
ky.dat %>% ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=speed))+geom_point()+
  geom_line(aes(x=Year,y=.fitted),data=poly.lm,lwd=2,color="red")
```

Fit looks decent.

To check assumption on ϵ_i we have:

```
poly.lm %>% ggplot(aes(x=.fitted,y=.resid))+geom_point()
```

Any concerns?

The fitted or predicted model is:

If we want to predict from this model, we could do:

```
predict(poly.lm,data.frame(Year=2019,Year.sq=2019^2),interval="prediction")
```

```
##          fit      lwr      upr
## 1 36.65162 35.42299 37.88026
```

Let's look at this:

```
pred.df<-data.frame(y1=35.4,y2=37.8,x1=2019,x2=2019)
ky.dat %>% ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=speed))+geom_point()+
  geom_line(aes(x=Year,y=.fitted),data=poly.lm,lwd=2,color="red")+
  geom_segment(aes(x = x1, y = y1, xend = x2, yend = y2),lwd=2,colour = "blue", data = pred.df)
```

One concern we might have is colinearity or a relationship between our predictors. To examine this we again look at a pairs plot:

```
sub.df<-data.frame(speed=ky.dat$speed,Year=ky.dat$Year,Year.sq=ky.dat$Year.sq)
ggpairs(sub.df)
```

To fix this issue we can use what are called Orthogonal Polynomials. The scope of this is a bit beyond the course, but how this works is, our intercept is equal to 1, our first polynomial is equal to $\frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}}$.

The second polynomial is found via recursion:

$$P_2(x) = (x - \alpha_1)x + \frac{\sum(x^2)}{n}$$

Which is then scaled by its l2 norm.

Once this is done, these new covariates retain the polynomial shape of the raw polynomials, but are now uncorrelated with each other. This is done in R using `poly()`

```
orth.lm<-lm(speed~poly(Year,2),data=ky.dat)
summary(orth.lm)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = speed ~ poly(Year, 2), data = ky.dat)
##
```

```
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.9131 -0.3167  0.0314  0.3986  1.1499
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    35.8926     0.0502  714.959 < 2e-16 ***
## poly(Year, 2)1    11.5029     0.6024   19.094 < 2e-16 ***
## poly(Year, 2)2    -4.7979     0.6024   -7.964 5.02e-13 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6024 on 141 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7522, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7487
## F-statistic: 214 on 2 and 141 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
ky.dat %>% ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=speed))+geom_point()+
  geom_line(aes(x=ky.dat$Year,y=.fitted),data=orth.lm,lwd=2,color="red")
```

Fit is the exact same

```
predict(orth.lm,data.frame(Year=2019,Year.sq=2019^2),interval="prediction")
```

```
##          fit      lwr      upr
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```

Prediction is the same

```
new.df<-data.frame(speed=ky.dat$speed,v1=model.matrix(orth.lm)[,2],v2=model.matrix(orth.lm)[,3])
ggpairs(new.df)
```

Our book discusses standardizing our covariates which does something similar, but orthogonal polynomials are probably more common in practice. We can also add a cubic term to the model:

```
ky.dat <- ky.dat %>% mutate(Year.3=Year^3)
poly3.lm<-lm(speed~Year+Year.sq+Year.3,data=ky.dat)
```

Does this appear to significantly improve the fit?

```
orth3.lm<-lm(speed~poly(Year,3),data=ky.dat)
summary(orth3.lm)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = speed ~ poly(Year, 3), data = ky.dat)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.91024 -0.34659  0.02968  0.36472  1.26550
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    35.8926     0.0497  722.193 < 2e-16 ***
## poly(Year, 3)1    11.5029     0.5964   19.287 < 2e-16 ***
## poly(Year, 3)2    -4.7979     0.5964   -8.045 3.31e-13 ***
## poly(Year, 3)3    -1.1729     0.5964   -1.967  0.0512 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
## Residual standard error: 0.5964 on 140 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7589, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7537
## F-statistic: 146.9 on 3 and 140 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

If we want to account for track condition we note that there's a ton of levels:

```
levels(ky.dat$condition)
```

```
## [1] "dusty" "fast" "good" "heavy" "muddy" "sloppy" "slow"
## [8] "wetfast"
```

After adjusting for year, we could fit:

```
condition.lm<-lm(speed~Year+Year.sq+condition,data=ky.dat)
```

To see if this matters we can compare the smaller (nested) model via:

```
anova(poly.lm,condition.lm)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: speed ~ Year + Year.sq
## Model 2: speed ~ Year + Year.sq + condition
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F    Pr(>F)
## 1      141 51.172
## 2      134 23.553  7    27.619 22.448 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```