

# Hw 1 hints & Basic concepts of linear regression

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$$Y_i = \boxed{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i} + \boxed{\varepsilon_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

↓  
Functional(constant)
↘ random error

- Statistical model: a model including **random component** with **assumptions** concerning the generation of *sample* data
- Response variables: Y variable, a **random** variable
- Explanatory/Predictor variables: X variables, assumed as known **constants**
- Parameters/regression coefficients:  $\beta_0, \beta_1$ , *unknown constants*
- Assumption about random error  $\varepsilon_i$  :

Model 1.1:  $\varepsilon_i$  is a random error term with mean  $E\{\varepsilon_i\} = 0$  and variance  $\sigma^2\{\varepsilon_i\} = \sigma^2$ ;  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\varepsilon_j$  are uncorrelated so that their covariance is zero (i.e.,  $\sigma\{\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j\} = 0$  for all  $i, j; i \neq j$ )  
 $i = 1, \dots, n$

Model 1.24:  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  ⇒  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0, \quad Var(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$   
⇒  $E(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + E(\varepsilon_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \quad Y_i = E(Y_i) + \varepsilon_i$   
 $Var(Y_i) = Var(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$

$$\& \quad P(-\sigma < \varepsilon_i < \sigma) = P(-1 < Z < 1) = 0.68$$

## The Goals of linear regression:

- Inference: quantify **the strength of the relationship** between the response(Y) and the explanatory variables(X), i.e., is this effect significant?

↔ Estimate and make inference on  $\beta_1$ !

- Prediction: make a **prediction of the response**(Y) given additional values of the predictor variables(X), i.e., what would be the new response of an instance?

↔ Predict  $Y$  and measure its uncertainty!

- $Y_i = E(Y_i) + \varepsilon_i$ ,  $E(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$  can be predicted value of  $Y_i$ , but they are *unknown* constants
- Estimate the *unknown* parameters, denote their estimators as  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$
- $\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$  is estimated  $E(Y_i)$  = “estimated mean”
- Overall,  $\hat{Y}_i$  is also called “**predicted value**” of  $Y_i$