Exercises for Linear Models with Matrices

1. Suppose we have data $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ and $y_i, \ldots, y_n$, which we model as

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \overset{ind}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2).$$

   (a) Write down the formula for the sum of squares criterion.

   (b) Take the partial derivatives of the sum of squares criterion to derive the normal equations.

   (c) Solve the normal equations to show that the least squares estimates are

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{b}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \overline{y})(x_i - \overline{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x})^2} \\ \widehat{b}_0 &= \overline{y} - \widehat{b}_1 \overline{x} \end{aligned}$$

2. In terms of the estimates $\widehat{b}_0$ and $\widehat{b}_1$, write down the formulas for the fitted values, the residuals, and $\widehat{\sigma}^2$ (the variance estimate).

3. Explain the difference between an estimate and an estimator.

4. Write down how you would explain all of the assumptions of the simple linear model for $y_1, \ldots, y_n$ given $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ to your grandmother (who was a chemical engineer).

5. Suppose we have data $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ and $y_1, \ldots, y_n$. The quantity sxy is given to the left of the equals sign and is always equal to **exactly one** of the three expressions to the right of the equals sign. Circle the correct expression and show why sxy is equal to it.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y}) \quad = \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x}) y_i \qquad \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x}) \overline{y} \qquad \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x}(y_i - x_i)$$

6. Derive a formula for $\mathrm{Cov}(\widehat{B}_0, \widehat{B}_1)$

7. Use the formulas for the variances and covariances of $\widehat{B}_0$ and $\widehat{B}_1$ to derive a simplified expression for the prediction variance $\mathrm{Var}(\widehat{B}_0 + \widehat{B}_1 x_i)$.

8. Suppose we have data $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ and $y_1, \ldots, y_n$. Which of the following equations qualify as statistical models for $y_1, \ldots, y_n$?

$$\begin{aligned} &Y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \overset{ind}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \\ &Y_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i \\ &Y_i = e^{\cos(x_i) + \varepsilon_i}, \quad \varepsilon_i \overset{ind}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \\ &0 \le Y_i \le 10 \end{aligned}$$

9. Under the simple linear model, there is a formula for the least squares estimators of the regression coefficients. Which property of the estimators allows us to conclude that the estimators are normally distributed?

10. Select all that are correct: A confidence interval for the slope b_1 . . .
    (a) contains the slope values that we rejected using a hypothesis test
    (b) contains the slope values that we failed to reject using a hypothesis test
    (c) is a set of plausible values of the slope given the data
    (d) has endpoints that are random variables
11. Name two desirable properties of estimators, and explain why they are desirable.