

Lecture 2

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Why can we also say $E(Y)=Xb$, ignoring conditional expectation?

- ▶ We can alternatively write the simple linear regression model as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + e_i, \quad \text{where } \mathbb{E}(e_i|x_i) = 0.$$

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- ▶ These estimates can be computed by simply differentiating Q with respect to b_0 and b_1 and setting the partial derivatives equal to zero. This gives

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- ▶ The above two equations are known as the normal equations. These can be easily solved to give

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

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$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x},$$

where we used the notation $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$, and $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

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- ▶ Note that for these estimates to make sense, we need $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 > 0$ which means that the x -variables are not all the same.

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