Lecture 37 Simple Linear Regression - The Idea

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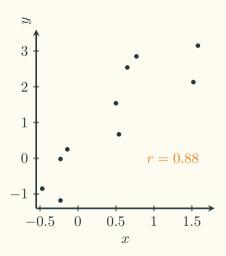
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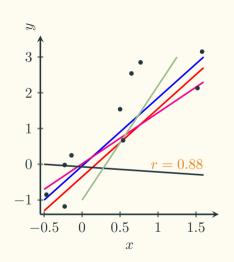
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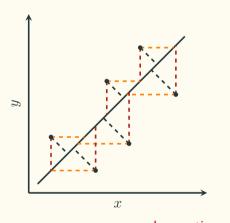


Linear Regression





Best Fit Line



Our goal: minimise the "difference" between the data points and the line.

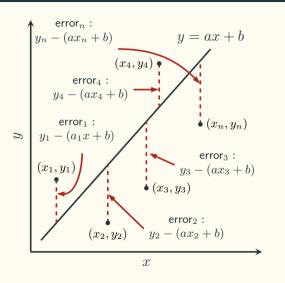
Deming regression, PCA etc.

Errors-in-variables models

Ordinary least squares (OLS) regression

In practice: minimise squared distance.

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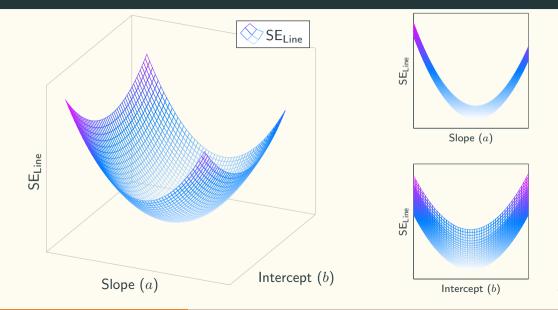
Squared error against the line (SE_{line}):

$$SE_{line} = [y_1 - (ax_1 + b)]^2 + [y_2 - (ax_2 + b)]^2 + [y_3 - (ax_3 + b)]^2 + [y_4 - (ax_4 + b)]^2 + \vdots$$

$$[y_n - (ax_n + b)]^2$$

Find a,b to minimise this sum of squares

The Best Fit Line



$\overline{\mathsf{Min}}$ imise \overline{SE}_{line}

$$SE_{line} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i - (ax_i + b)]^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i^2 - 2y_i(ax_i + b) + (ax_i + b)^2]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i^2 - 2ax_iy_i - 2by_i + a^2x_i^2 + 2abx_i + b^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 - 2a\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_iy_i - 2b\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i + a^2\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 + 2ab\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + nb^2$$

Minimise SE_{line}

$$SE_{line} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2\right) \cdot a^2 + 2\left(b\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i\right) \cdot a + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 - 2b\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i + nb^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial SE_{line}}{\partial a} = \left(2\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2\right) \cdot a + 2\left(b\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i\right)$$

$$SE_{line} = n \cdot b^2 + \left(2a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 2\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) \cdot b + \left(a^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial SE_{line}}{\partial b} = 2n \cdot b + \left(2a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 2\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)$$

Minimise SE_{line}

Let
$$\frac{\partial SE_{line}}{\partial a} = 0 \Rightarrow \left(2\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2\right) \cdot a + 2\left(b\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n \cdot \overline{x^2} \cdot a + b \cdot n \cdot \overline{x} - n \cdot \overline{x}\overline{y} = 0$$

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 $\Rightarrow n \cdot b + a \cdot n \cdot \bar{x} - n \cdot \bar{y} = 0$
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$$\begin{cases} a \cdot \overline{x^2} + b \cdot \overline{x} - \overline{xy} = 0 \\ 1 - \overline{xy} = 0 \end{cases}$$

To minimise
$$SE_{line} \text{, we need:} \quad \begin{cases} a \cdot \overline{x^2} + b \cdot \bar{x} - \overline{xy} = 0 \\ b + a \cdot \bar{x} - \bar{y} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a \cdot \frac{\overline{x^2}}{\bar{x}} + b = \frac{\overline{xy}}{\bar{x}} \\ a \cdot \bar{x} + b = \bar{y} \end{cases} \quad \text{are on the best fit line } !$$

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$$\begin{cases} a \cdot \frac{\overline{x^2}}{\bar{x}} + b = \frac{\overline{xy}}{\bar{x}} \\ a \cdot \bar{x} + b = \bar{y} \end{cases} \Rightarrow a \left(\bar{x} - \frac{\overline{x^2}}{\bar{x}} \right) = \bar{y} - \frac{\overline{xy}}{\bar{x}} \Rightarrow a = \frac{\bar{y} - \overline{xy}/\bar{x}}{\bar{x} - \overline{x^2}/\bar{x}} = \frac{\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} - \overline{xy}}{(\bar{x})^2 - \overline{x^2}}$$

• More widely used form:
$$a = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{Cov(x,y)}{Cov(x,x)}$$

Two Forms of The Slope

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i y_i - \bar{x} \cdot y_i - \bar{y} \cdot x_i + \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i - \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$

$$= n \cdot \overline{x} \overline{y} - \bar{x} \cdot n \cdot \bar{y} - \bar{y} \cdot n \cdot \bar{x} + n \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$

$$= n \cdot \overline{x} \overline{y} - n \cdot \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[x_i^2 - 2 \cdot \bar{x} \cdot x_i + (\bar{x})^2 \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - 2 \cdot \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\bar{x})^2$$
$$= n \cdot \bar{x} - 2n \cdot (\bar{x})^2 + n \cdot (\bar{x})^2 = n \cdot \bar{x} - n \cdot (\bar{x})^2$$

Relationship Between The Slope & Pearson's \boldsymbol{r}

best fit line: y = ax + bx

Using OLS regression:

$$\begin{cases}
a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\
b = \bar{y} - a \cdot \bar{x}
\end{cases}$$

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

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

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

$$= r \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2/(n - 1)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{x})^2/(n - 1)}} = r \cdot \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$
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