

1. In the age of "big data", it is much more common for data scientists to specify their hypotheses *before* collecting data.

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True
False

2. Circular data analyses, or double dipping, is:

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The process of exploring a dataset in an attempt to discover what relationships exist, and then test hypotheses related to that exploration on the same dataset.

Something to be avoided.

A process by which a data scientist can extract the most information from their dataset.

The best way to conduct an exploratory data analysis.

3. Consider a dataset containing three variables, each measured in dollars:

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- Sales of a product (response, Y)
- YouTube advertising budget (predictor, x_1)
- Facebook advertising budget (predictor, x_2)

Suppose that the relationship between the predictors and the response is linear, i.e., $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon$. What is the interpretation of β_2 ?

β_2 is the average change in sales for a one dollar increase in the Facebook advertising budget.

β_2 is the average change in sales for a one dollar increase in the Facebook advertising budget, assuming that the YouTube advertising budget is held constant.

β_2 is the exact change in sales for a one dollar increase in the Facebook advertising budget, assuming that the YouTube advertising budget is held constant.

β_2 is the average change in sales for a one thousand dollar increase in the Facebook advertising budget, assuming that the YouTube advertising budget is held constant.

4. Consider a dataset containing three variables, each measured in dollars:

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- Sales of a product (response, Y)
- YouTube advertising budget (predictor, x_1)
- Facebook advertising budget (predictor, x_2)

Suppose that the relationship between the predictors and the response is linear, but that the predictors x_1 and x_2 are first scaled before modeled. That is:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 z_1 + \beta_2 z_2 + \varepsilon$$

where

- $z_j = \frac{x_j - \text{mean}(x_j)}{\text{sd}(x_j)}$, $j = 1, 2$;
- $\text{mean}(x_j)$ is the sample mean of the predictor x_j ; and
- $\text{sd}(x_j)$ is the sample standard deviation of the predictor x_j .

What is the correct interpretation of β_0 ?

β_0 is the mean/expected sales for the sample average Facebook and YouTube advertising budgets.

β_0 is the mean/expected change in sales.

β_0 is the mean/expected sales when all advertising budgets are zero dollars.

5. Consider a dataset containing three variables, each measured in dollars:

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- Sales of a product (response, Y)
- YouTube advertising budget (predictor, x_1)
- Facebook advertising budget (predictor, x_2)

Which of the following most plausibly describes the statistical units in the dataset?

The set of all companies that sell the product whose sales are quantified in Y .

YouTube advertising budgets.

Dollars.

Facebook Advertising budgets.

Individual companies that sell the product whose sales are quantified in Y .

6. Consider a dataset containing three variables, each measured in dollars:

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- Sales of a product (response, Y)
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- Facebook advertising budget (predictor, x_2)

Which of the following most plausibly describes the population of interest?

- The set of all dollars spent on the product whose sales are quantified in Y .
- The set of all companies that advertise in Facebook.
- The set of all companies that advertise in YouTube.
- The set of all companies that sell the product whose sales are quantified in Y .
- Individual companies that sell the product whose sales are quantified in Y .

7. Which of the following are assumptions of the linear regression model?

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- The existence of a linear relationship between the response variable and the model parameters.
- The existence of a linear relationship between the response variable and the predictor variables.
- The existence of a linear relationship between the response and the random error term.
- Distinct random error terms must be independent.
- Each response measurement is assumed to have the same variance.

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where

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- $\text{mean}(x_j)$ is the sample mean of the predictor x_j ; and
- $\text{sd}(x_j)$ is the sample standard deviation of the predictor x_j .

What is the correct interpretation of β_1 ?

β_1 is the average change in sales for a one standard deviation increase in the YouTube advertising budget, assuming that the Facebook advertising budget is held constant.

β_1 is the average change in sales for a one dollar increase in the YouTube advertising budget, assuming that the Facebook advertising budget is held constant.

β_1 is the average change in sales for a one standard deviation increase in the Facebook advertising budget, assuming that the YouTube advertising budget is held constant.

β_2 is the average change in the YouTube budget for a one standard deviation increase in sales, assuming that the YouTube advertising budget is held constant.