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Review

- Recall the simple linear regression (SLR) model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim i.i.d. N(0, \sigma^2),$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$.

- The least-squares (LS) estimates:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2},$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X},$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2.$$

- What are the sampling distributions of $\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$, and $\hat{\sigma}^2$?

Sampling distribution of SLR estimation

Under a simple linear regression model,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{MVN} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Furthermore, let $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$ be the residual mean square. Then

$$\frac{(n-2)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}^2,$$

and is independent of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$.

This section is to prove the theorem, i.e., the sampling distribution of $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)^T$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$.

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Random Vector and Matrix

- A **random vector** or a **random matrix** contains elements that are random variables.
- SLR: The response variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n can be written in the form of a random vector

$$\mathbf{Y}_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Alternative notation: $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)'$.

Expectation of Random Vector/Matrix

- The expectation of an $n \times 1$ random vector \mathbf{Y} is

$$E(\mathbf{Y})_{n \times 1} = [E(Y_i) : i = 1, \dots, n] = \begin{bmatrix} E(Y_1) \\ \vdots \\ E(Y_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

- SLR: What is $E(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$?

Since $E(Y_i|\mathbf{X}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$E(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- In general, the expectation of an $n_1 \times n_2$ random matrix \mathbf{Y} is

$$E(\mathbf{Y})_{n_1 \times n_2} = [E(Y_{i'j'}) : i = 1, \dots, n_1; j' = 1, \dots, n_2].$$

Variance-Covariance Matrix of Random Vector

- The **variance-covariance matrix** of an $n \times 1$ random vector \mathbf{Y} is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) &= E[(\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y}))(\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y}))'] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(Y_1) & \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_n) \\ \cdots & \text{Var}(Y_2) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(Y_2, Y_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \text{Var}(Y_n) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Note: $\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y})$ is symmetric.
Why? $\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_{i'}) = \text{Cov}(Y_{i'}, Y_i)$.
- SLR: What is $\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$?

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}.$$

Variance-Covariance Matrix of Random Vector

- The random errors $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ can be written in the form of a random vector

$$\varepsilon_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- SLR: What is $E(\varepsilon)$?

$$E(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1}.$$

- SLR: What is the variance-covariance matrix of ε ?

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}.$$

Multivariate Normal Distribution

- Let $\mathbf{Y}_{n \times 1} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)'$ follow a **multivariate normal distribution** with mean

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{n \times 1} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)'$$

and variance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n \times n} = [\sigma_{ii'}^2 : i = 1, \dots, n; i' = 1, \dots, n].$$

- We denote this by

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{MVN}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

- The probability density function is

$$f(\mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\},$$

where $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|$ is the determinant of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

Preliminaries (Rencher and Schaali, Chapter 4.4)

Properties of random vectors

For \mathbf{Y} ($n \times 1$ random vector), \mathbf{A} ($n \times n$ non-random matrix), and \mathbf{b} ($n \times 1$ non-random vector), we have

$$\begin{aligned}E(\mathbf{AY} + \mathbf{b}) &= \mathbf{AE}(\mathbf{Y}) + \mathbf{b} \\ \text{Var}(\mathbf{AY} + \mathbf{b}) &= \mathbf{A}\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y})\mathbf{A}'\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Derivative

For $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ($p \times 1$ vector of parameters), \mathbf{c} ($p \times 1$ vector of variables), and \mathbf{C} ($p \times p$ **symmetric** matrix of variables), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial(\boldsymbol{\theta}'\mathbf{c})}{\partial\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= \mathbf{c} \\ \frac{\partial(\boldsymbol{\theta}'\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= 2\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\theta}\end{aligned}$$

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Notation

- Let $\mathbf{Y}_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}$ denote the $n \times 1$ vector of response variables.
- Let $\mathbf{X}_{n \times p} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & X_{11} & \cdots & X_{p-1,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{1} & X_{1n} & \cdots & X_{p-1,n} \end{bmatrix}$ denote the $n \times p$ design matrix of predictor variables.
- Let $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$ denote the $n \times 1$ vector of random errors.
- Let $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{p \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{p-1} \end{bmatrix}$ denote the $p \times 1$ vector of regression coefficients.

Linear Regression in Matrix Terms

- The linear regression model in matrix terms is

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{MVN}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

- Equivalently, we have

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{MVN}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

Why? Since $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1}$ and $\text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}$.

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) = E(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) = \text{Var}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}.$$

Least Squares Method

- Recall that the least squares method for 2-covariates SLR minimizes

$$Q(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)^2$$

- In general, the least-square for p -covariates can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\beta) &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) \\ &= \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - \beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{X}\beta + \beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta \\ &= \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - 2\beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} + \beta'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta \end{aligned}$$

Normal Equations

- Let

$$\left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta}\right)_{p \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_0} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_{p-1}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Differentiate Q with respect to β to obtain:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta} = -2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} + 2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta.$$

- Set the equation above to $\mathbf{0}_{p \times 1}$ and obtain a set of normal equations:

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}.$$

Estimated Regression Coefficients $\hat{\beta}$

- Let $\hat{\beta}_{p \times 1}$ denote the least squares estimate of β .
- Thus the least squares estimate of β is

$$\hat{\beta} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'}_{\text{non-random}} \mathbf{Y}$$

assuming that the matrix $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ is nonsingular and thus invertible.

- What is the distribution of \mathbf{Y} ?
- What is the distribution of $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{p-1})'$?

Mean and Variance of $\hat{\beta}$

- Recall that $\hat{\beta} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'}_{\text{non-random}} \mathbf{Y}$
- What is the expectation of $\hat{\beta}$?

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta = \beta$$

- What is the variance-covariance matrix of $\hat{\beta}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) &= \text{Var}((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y})\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- In the special case for simple linear regression with $p = 2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0) & \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) \\ \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_0) & \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the distribution of $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)'$?

We have proved the first part of the following theorem.

Sampling distribution of SLR estimators

Under a simple linear regression model,

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Furthermore, let $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$ be the residual mean square. Then

$$\frac{(n-2)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}^2,$$

and is independent of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$.

- How to use the above result to perform the hypothesis testing?

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0, \quad \text{v.s.} \quad H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

Sampling distribution of $\hat{\beta}_1$

- We have known that

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N\left(\beta_1, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}\right) \iff \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

- But, we do not know σ^2 . A natural (unbiased) estimator of σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2,$$

and $\frac{(n-2)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$ by previous theorem.

- Consider the test statistic

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}} \sim T_{n-2}, \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$$

- The denominator is also referred to as the estimated standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$.

Hypothesis Testing for β_1

A test of interest is:

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0.$$

- The test statistic is:

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{\widehat{\text{se}}(\hat{\beta}_1)}, \quad \text{where } \widehat{\text{se}}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}$$

- Under the $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$,

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{\widehat{\text{se}}(\hat{\beta}_1)} \sim T_{n-2}$$

- p-value = $2 \times P(T_{n-2} > |t^*|)$, where t^* is the observed test statistic by plugging the data.
- Similar procedure for CI.

Example: Wetland Species Richness

- In the wetland species richness example, the summary statistics are:

$$\bar{x} = 0.5210, \bar{y} = 7.9483, n = 58$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = -10.7775, \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 2.3316$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = 479.03, \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = 528.84$$

- The least squares estimated slope is:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{-10.7775}{2.3316} = -4.622$$

- The least squares estimated intercept is:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = 7.9483 - (-4.622) \times 0.5210 = 10.357$$

- The estimated error variance is:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{479.03}{56} = 8.554$$

Example: Wetland Species Richness

- The estimated standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$ is:

$$\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta}_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8.554}{2.3316}} = 1.915$$

- Note that $t_{n-2, \alpha/2} = t_{56, 0.025} = 2.003$. Thus, a 95% CI for β_1 is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{n-2, \alpha/2} s\{\hat{\beta}_1\} &= -4.622 \pm 2.003 \times 1.915 \\ &= -4.622 \pm 3.836 \\ &= [-8.459, -0.785].\end{aligned}$$

- Interpretation:

The 95% CI for β_1 is $[-8.459, -0.785]$.

Example: Wetland Species Richness

- To test whether there is a linear relationship between the # of species and the percent forest cover:

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0.$$

- The observed test statistic is

$$t^* = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{-4.622}{1.915} = -2.413.$$

- Compared with T_{56} , the p-value is

$$2 \times P(T_{56} > 2.413) = 0.0191.$$

- Interpretation: Reject H_0 at $\alpha = 0.05$ level. There is moderate evidence that there is a linear relationship between # of species and percent forest cover.

Understanding the R output

```
> fit=lm(iris$Petal.Width~iris$Petal.Length)
> summary(fit)
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Call:
lm(formula = iris\$Petal.Width ~ iris\$Petal.Length)

Residuals:

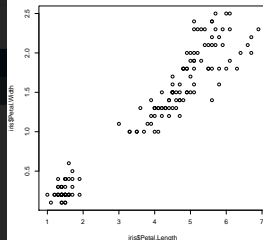
| | Min | 1Q | Median | 3Q | Max |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| | -0.56515 | -0.12358 | -0.01898 | 0.13288 | 0.64272 |

Coefficients:

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t) |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------|
| (Intercept) | -0.363076 | 0.039762 | -9.131 | 4.7e-16 *** |
| iris\$Petal.Length | 0.415755 | 0.009582 | 43.387 | < 2e-16 *** |

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Residual standard error: 0.2065 on 148 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9271, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9266
F-statistic: 1882 on 1 and 148 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16



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and is independent of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$. (Proof in next lecture)

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Estimation of $\mathbb{E}(Y_h)$

- X_h = the level of X for which we want to estimate the **mean response**.
- X_h could be observed or not, but should be within the range of $\{X_i\}$.
- $\mu_h = \mathbb{E}(Y_h) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_h$ = the mean response at X_h .
- The estimate of μ_h is

$$\hat{\mu}_h = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_h.$$

- $\hat{\mu}_h \sim N(\mu_h, \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_h))$. Why?

Estimation of $\mathbb{E}(Y_h)$

- The variance of $\hat{\mu}_h$ is

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_h) = \sigma^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(X_h - \bar{X})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right\}. \quad (\text{proof?})$$

- The **estimated** variance of $\hat{\mu}_h$ is

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\mu}_h) = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(X_h - \bar{X})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right\}.$$

- It can be shown that

$$\frac{\hat{\mu}_h - \mu_h}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\mu}_h)}} \sim T_{n-2}.$$

- A $(1 - \alpha)$ CI for μ_h is

$$\hat{\mu}_h \pm t_{n-2, \alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\mu}_h)}.$$

Example: Wetland Species Richness

- The **estimated mean** number of species at $x_h = 0.10$ is

$$\hat{\mu}_h = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_h = 10.357 - 4.622 \times 0.10 = 9.895.$$

- The estimated variance of $\hat{\mu}_h$ is

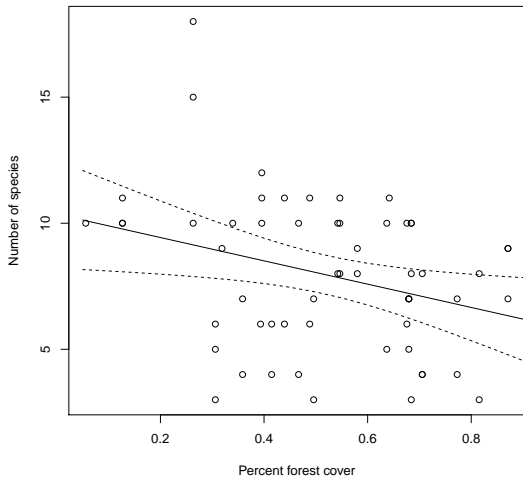
$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\mu}_h) &= \hat{\sigma}^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(\mathbf{x}_h - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right\} \\ &= 8.554 \left\{ \frac{1}{58} + \frac{(0.10 - 0.521)^2}{2.331} \right\} = 0.80.\end{aligned}$$

- The 95% CI for the mean number of species at $X_h = 0.10$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mu}_h \pm t_{n-2, \alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\mu}_h)} &= 9.895 \pm 2.003 \times \sqrt{0.80} \\ &= 9.895 \pm 1.789 = [8.105, 11.684].\end{aligned}$$

- Interpretation:

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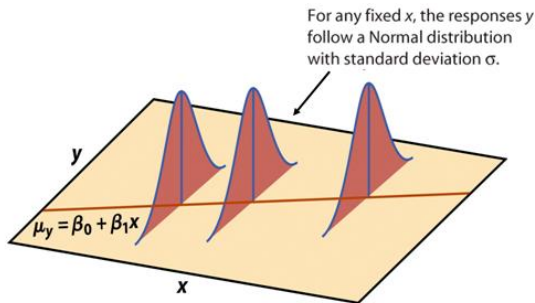
- The fitted regression line is $\hat{y} = 10.357 - 4.622x$.
- The estimated error variance is $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{479.03}{56} = 8.554$.
- Questions of interest:
 - 1 What is the **population mean number** of species for a 10% forest cover around the wetland?
 - 2 What is the number of species for a 10% forest cover around **a wetland yet to be sampled**?
- In both cases, the **estimated/predicted** value is:
$$\hat{y} = 10.357 - 4.622 \times 0.10 = 9.895.$$
- **Q: Which quantity has larger uncertainty?**

Estimation vs. Prediction

Simple linear regression model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

- mean response at $X = 0.1$: $\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times 0.1$
- “new” response at $X = 0.1$: $\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times 0.1 + \varepsilon$
- sub-population vs. single observation



Estimation vs. Prediction

Consider a simple model (with covariate $\mathbf{0}$)

$$Y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma^2).$$

- ① Then, **estimate** μ by

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{Y}$$

- What is $\text{Var}(\hat{\mu})$?

$$\text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

- ② Also, **predict** a new observation Y by

$$\hat{Y}_{(\text{new})} = \bar{Y}$$

- What is the variance of the prediction error?

$$\text{Var}(Y_{(\text{new})} - \hat{Y}_{(\text{new})}) = \text{Var}(Y_{(\text{new})}) + \text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \sigma^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$