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Regression performance metrics

Now the output variable y is continuously valued.

For each input x_i , the model estimates

$$\hat{y_i} = y_i - \epsilon_i$$

where ϵ_i is an error term, also called the **residual**.

RSS Definition: Residual sum of squares (RSS), also called sum of squared residuals (SSR) and sum of squared errors (SSE):

$$RSS(\pmb{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2$$

RSS increases with n (with more data).

Relative forms of RSS

• RSS per sample, called the **mean squared error** (MSE):

$$\frac{RSS}{n}$$

Normalized RSS (divide RSS per sample, by sample variance of y):

$$\frac{\frac{RSS}{n}}{s_y^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y_i})^2}$$

Ratio of average error of your model to average error of prediction by mean.

R^2: coefficient of determination

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{RSS}{n}}{s_y^2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y_i})^2}$$

- What proportion of the variance in y is "explained" by our model?
- $R^2 pprox 1$ model "explains" all the variance in y
- - $R^2 \approx 0$ model doesn't "explain" any of the variance in y
- Depends on the sample variance of y can't be compared across datasets

R^2: illustration

MSE: mean squared error