

Algebra for Least Squares

1. Function to minimize w.r.t. β_0, β_1

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

2. Minimize this by maximizing $-Q$
3. Find partials and set both equal to zero

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dQ}{d\beta_0} &= 0 \\ \frac{dQ}{d\beta_1} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Normal Equations

1. The result of this maximization step are called the normal equations. b_0 and b_1 are called point estimators of β_0 and β_1 respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum Y_i &= nb_0 + b_1 \sum X_i \\ \sum X_i Y_i &= b_0 \sum X_i + b_1 \sum X_i^2\end{aligned}$$

Goal: select values of β_0, β_1 that minimize Q and label them as b_0, b_1

$$(i): \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_0} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)(-1) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = nb_0 + b_1 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$(ii): \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)(-X_i) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i = b_0 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + b_1 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

or

This is a system of two equations and two unknowns. The solution is given by . . .

Solving (by multiplying (i) by $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and (ii) by n and taking (ii) - (i)):

$$n \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = b_1 \left(n \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2 \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}{n} = b_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2}{n} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$b_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}{n}}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2}{n}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} = \frac{SS_{XY}}{SS_{XX}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})}{SS_{XX}} Y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i Y_i$$

From (i): $b_0 = \bar{Y} - b_1 \bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}(X_i - \bar{X})}{SS_{XX}} \right) Y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n l_i Y_i$

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Fitted Values and Residuals

True Regression Function: $E\{Y\} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ (Unknown, since $\beta_0, \beta_1 \equiv$ parameters)

Estimated Regression Function (Fitted): $\hat{Y} = b_0 + b_1 X$

For the i^{th} observation: $\hat{Y}_i = b_0 + b_1 X_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

Residuals: Differences between observed and fitted (predicted) values:

$$e_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i = Y_i - (b_0 + b_1 X_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Properties of Residuals:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 0 \quad (\text{From LS eq (i)})$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i e_i = 0 \quad (\text{From LS eq (ii)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_0 + b_1 X_i) e_i = b_0 \sum_{i=1}^n e_i + b_1 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i e_i = 0$$