

Linear Regression Models

Segment 1 – Simple Linear Regression Model

Topic 2 – Simple Linear Regression Model (SLRM) and its Assumptions

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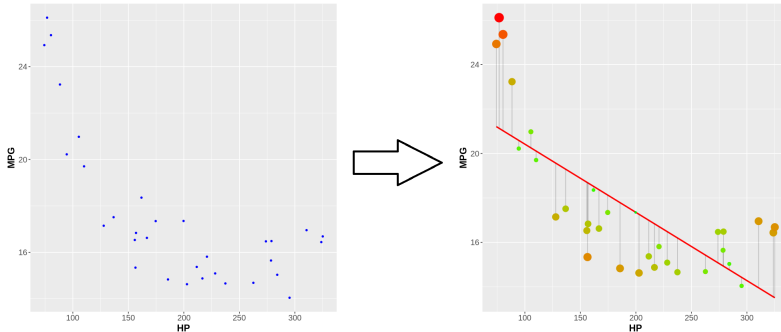
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Given a dataset (*random samples from the population*), find a straight line that *fits* the data (*response variable and a single predictor*) well in an *average sense*:



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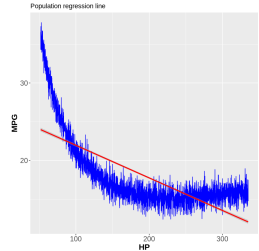
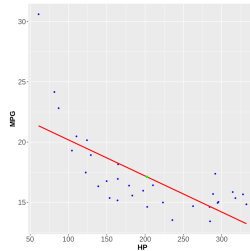
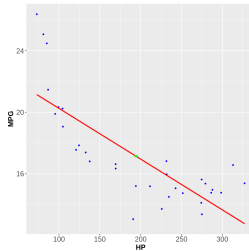
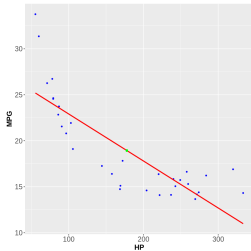
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Note that the straight line of best fit will depend on the dataset but there is only one unique straight line of best fit for the entire population data:



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- Solving this results in the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{y}_n - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}_n, \\ \hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{s_{xy}}{s_{xx}}, \end{aligned}$$

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where

$$s_{xy} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_1^{(i)} - \bar{x}_n \right) \left(y^{(i)} - \bar{y}_n \right)}_{\text{sample covariance-like measure}}$$

$$s_{xx} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_1^{(i)} - \bar{x}_n \right)^2}_{\text{sample variance-like measure in the predictor}},$$

$$\bar{x}_n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_1^{(i)}}_{\text{sample mean of predictors}} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y}_n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)}}_{\text{sample mean of responses}}.$$

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- Later, for the purpose of constructing hypotheses tests and confidence intervals for the least squares estimates, we will also assume that $\varepsilon^{(i)}$ is normally distributed.