

LINEAR REGRESSION PROOF by James Lee

Say we have n points on a coordinate plane.

Error $n = y_n - (mx + b)$

The objective is to minimize the squared error from each of these points to the line.

I want to find the values of m and b that define this line so that it minimizes the squared error.

Error is the vertical distance between a given point and the line.

$$SE_{line} = (y_1 - (mx_1 + b))^2 + (y_2 - (mx_2 + b))^2 + \dots + (y_n - (mx_n + b))^2$$

Find m and b that minimizes the SE_{line} !!!

$$\text{Squared Error line} = (y_1 - (mx_1 + b))^2 + (y_2 - (mx_2 + b))^2 + \dots + (y_n - (mx_n + b))^2$$

$$= y_1^2 - 2y_1(mx_1 + b) + (mx_1 + b)^2$$

$$+ y_2^2 - 2y_2(mx_2 + b) + (mx_2 + b)^2$$

$$+ y_3^2 - 2y_3(mx_3 + b) + (mx_3 + b)^2$$

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$$+ y_n^2 - 2y_n(mx_n + b) + (mx_n + b)^2$$

$$= (y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2) - 2m(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_ny_n) + m^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2) + 2mb(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) + nb^2$$

*****Key things to know *****

$$\frac{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2}{n} = \bar{y}^2 \iff y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2 = n\bar{y}^2$$

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$$SE_{line} = n\bar{y}^2 - 2m(n\bar{x}\bar{y}) - 2bn\bar{y} + m^2n\bar{x}^2 + 2mb\bar{x} + nb^2$$

The following equation above is the surface equation (in 3-dimension)

There are values m and b that minimizes SE_{line}

- 1) We have to find the partial derivative with respect to m and set it equal to 0
- 2) We have to find the partial derivative with respect to b and set it equal to 0