

# Linear Regression

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## Part I

# Simple Linear Regression



# Chapter 1

## Linear Regression with One Predictor Variable

### 1.1 Simple Linear Regression Model with Distribution of Error Term Unspecified

#### Formal Statement of Model

The model can be stated as follows:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i \quad (1.1)$$

where:

- $Y_i$  is the value of the response variable in the  $i$ th trial
- $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are parameters
- $X_i$  is a known constant, namely, the value of the predictor variable in the  $i$ th trial
- $\epsilon_i$  is a random error term with mean  $E\{\epsilon_i\} = 0$  and variance  $\sigma^2\{\epsilon_i\} = \sigma^2$ ;  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are **uncorrelated** so that their covariance is zero (i.e.,  $\sigma\{\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j\} = 0$  for all  $i, j; i \neq j$ )

#### Important Features of Model

1.  $Y_i$  is a random variable with sum of two components. The constant term  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$ , and the second term  $\epsilon_i$ .
2. Since  $E(\epsilon_i) = 0$ , then we have

$$E(Y_i) = E(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1$$

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Which means:

$$E(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i \quad (1.2)$$

Therefore, the regression function for the model in is

$$E(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X \quad (1.3)$$

3. The variance of  $Y$  is

$$\sigma^2(Y) = \sigma^2(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2 \quad (1.4)$$

### Alternative Versions of Regression Model

Let  $X_0$  be a constant identically equal to 1. Then, we can rewrite (1.1) as follows:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 X_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i, \text{ where } X_0 = 1 \quad (1.5)$$

To leave model (1.1) unchanged, we write :

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(X_i - \bar{X}) + \beta_1 \bar{X} + \epsilon_i$$

Thus the alternative model is:

$$Y_i = \beta_0^* + \beta_1(X_i - \bar{X}) + \epsilon_i \quad (1.6)$$

where:

$$\beta_0^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{X} \quad (1.6a)$$

## 1.2 Estimation of Regression Function

### Method of Least Squares

The criterion  $Q$  is defined as:

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

given the observations  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ . We set

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_0} &= -2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_1} &= -2 \sum X_i (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ \beta_0 &= \bar{Y} - \beta_1 \bar{X} \end{aligned}$$

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### 1.3 Estimation of Error Term Variance $\sigma^2$

The sum of squares  $SSE$  has  $n - 2$  degree of freedom. Hence, the appropriate mean square, denoted by  $MSE$  or  $s^2$ , is

$$s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}{n - 2}$$

It can be shown that:

$$E(s^2) = \sigma^2$$

Which means that the  $MSE$  is an unbiased estimator for regression in (1.1)

### 1.4 Definition of Linear Models

#### Definition 1.4.1

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 \log(X_2) + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 + \epsilon$$

is a linear model.

#### Definition 1.4.2

$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

is the residual of the response variable  $y_i$ . (Be careful to the **order**).

We want to minimize the sum of squared error, which is:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

The quantity called *coefficient of determination* is denoted by  $R^2$ :

$$R^2 = \frac{SSE(\bar{y}) - SSE(\hat{y})}{SSE(\bar{y})}$$

where  $SSE(\hat{y})$  is the unexplained variation of  $y$ .

$SSE(\bar{y})$  is the total variation of  $y$ .

Remarks:

1.  $0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$  and  $R^2 = 1$  if perfect.
2.  $R^2$  is unit-less and can be sensitive to extreme  $x$  values.

A numerical measurement of the strength of the linear association is *Pearson correlation coefficient*:

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{(n - 1)s_x s_y}$$

where  $n$  is the sample size and  $s_x$ ,  $s_y$  are sample variance.

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## 1.5 The standard assumption

Given model  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon_i$ , we assume that  $E(\epsilon_i) = 0$  and  $Var(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ .

**Definition 1.5.1** *A regression model is a formal means for expressing two essential ingredients of a statistical relation:*

1.  $Y \sim u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$
2. *The means of these distribution vary in some systematic ways as a function of  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$*

**Estimating  $\sigma^2$ :** An unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  is  $MSE$ :

$$MSE = s^2 = \frac{SSE}{n - p}$$

where  $n$  is the sample size and  $p$  is the number of parameters.

**Root Mean Square Error:**

$$RMSE = s = \sqrt{MSE}$$

R calls  $s$  the '**residual standard error**'.