

Linear Regression

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Topic: Linear regression

Goals: You understand how to estimate one dependent feature based on the knowledge of one or more independent features. You are able to judge, how accurate this estimate is.

Results: Using linear regression You are able to estimate the price of a house, based on various influencing features like number of (bath-) rooms, number of floors, etc.

Further steps: We'll start with a simple example with one independent variable and then proceed to more complex examples.

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- ▶ How does the blood pressure p of a person depend on the age a of this person. What's the relationship between p and a ? Can we find a function f , such that $p = f(a)$?
- ▶ How does the body mass m of a male person depend on its height h ? Is there a linear dependence? Can we find a function f , such that $m = f(h)$?
- ▶ Driving speed v is related to the gas mileage m , i.e. as driving speed increases, we would expect gas mileage to decrease.
- ▶ Does the price p of a house linearly depend on the number of (bath-) rooms x_1 , floorsize x_2 , number of stores x_3 , location x_4 , etc.? Can we find a function f , such that $p = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots)$?

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Regression analysis

FITS A STRAIGHT LINE TO
THIS MESSY SCATTERPLOT.
X IS CALLED THE
INDEPENDENT OR
PREDICTOR VARIABLE AND
Y IS THE **DEPENDENT** OR
RESPONSE VARIABLE. THE
REGRESSION OR **PREDICTION**
LINE HAS THE FORM

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$



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- ▶ Regression is a very powerful technique for prediction in Machine Learning.
- ▶ Regression is a supervised learning type algorithm.
- ▶ The **prediction of continuous outcomes** (target values), based on a number of predictor (explanatory) variables is called **regression analysis**.
- ▶ Linear Regression assumes a linear relation between predictor variables and target, response or estimated variables.
- ▶ Simple linear regression models have only one predictor.
- ▶ Regression models attempt to minimize the distance measured vertically between the observation point and the model line (or curve).
- ▶ The length of the line segment is called residual, modeling error, or simply error.
- ▶ The negative and positive errors should each cancel out. We want zero overall error. Many lines will satisfy this criterion; but we want the best line!
- ▶ Regression analysis can also be applied to problems where the dependence is nonlinear.

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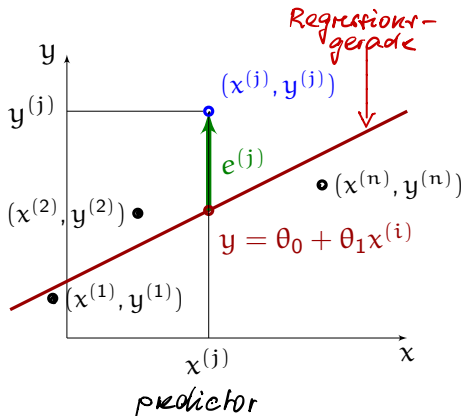
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The best fitting line

Let's assume we are given the n data points $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)})$, $(x^{(2)}, y^{(2)})$, \dots , $(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$. Let's assume the first variable corresponds to a sample of the independent random variable X and the second to the corresponding sample of the dependent random variable Y . We want to know how (if at all) Y depends on X .



Let's determine a straight line, the **hypothesis** (or the model), of the form

$$y = h_{\theta_0, \theta_1}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

Each sample point $(x^{(j)}, y^{(j)})$ has the vertical distance from the straight line, i.e. the **error** (also called **residual**)

$$e^{(j)} = y^{(j)} - \underbrace{(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{(j)})}_{y(x^{(j)})}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

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The best fitting line — the least squares method

Which line fits the sample points best? How do we have to choose the **parameters** of the model, θ_0 and θ_1 ? Idea: let's minimize the sum of the squares of the errors, i.e. let's minimize the **cost function**

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(e^{(j)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[y^{(j)} - \underbrace{\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{(j)}}_{h_{\theta_0, \theta_1}(x^{(j)})} \right]^2$$

From (multivariable) calculus we know, that a necessary condition for $J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$ to be minimal is that the gradient of J (with respect to the parameters θ_0 and θ_1) vanishes, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1} = 0$$

It can be shown, that this leads to the following regression line formula

$$y - \bar{y} = \theta_1 (x - \bar{x})$$

where \bar{x} and \bar{y} are the well known means of the x - and y -values of our sample and θ_1 is the **regression coefficient** of the sample, given by

$$\theta_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}. \quad \text{Furthermore} \quad \theta_0 = \bar{y} - \theta_1 \bar{x}.$$

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The best fitting line (cont.)

The **regression coefficient** θ_1 can be computed using the following sums:

$$S_{xy} = \sum_{j=1}^n (x^{(j)} - \bar{x})(y^{(j)} - \bar{y}), \quad \text{and} \quad S_{xx} = \sum_{j=1}^n (x^{(j)} - \bar{x})^2.$$

Example (Pressure dependence of volume decrease of leather)

The following pairs of numbers give the decrease of volume y (in %) of leather under the pressure x in (MPa): (4, 2.3), (6, 4.1), (8, 5.7) and (10, 6.9).

Compute the best fitting line, i.e. the regression line.

Solution: $\bar{x} = 7$, $\bar{y} = \frac{19}{4} = 4.75$, $S_{xx} = 20$, $S_{xy} = 15.4$, $\theta_1 = 0.77$, $\theta_0 = -0.64$, $y = 0.77x - 0.64$.

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Proof of the least squares method

- ▶ The least squares estimation of $y^{(i)}$ is $\hat{y}^{(i)} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{(i)}$ (geschätzter y-Wert)
- ▶ Therefore the error in the i -th observation is

$$e^{(i)} = y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)} = y^{(i)} - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x^{(i)}$$

- ▶ Now we use the fact, that $\theta_0 = \bar{y} - \theta_1 \bar{x}$ and find

$$e^{(i)} = y^{(i)} - \bar{y} + \theta_1 \bar{x} - \theta_1 x^{(i)} = (y^{(i)} - \bar{y}) - \theta_1 (x^{(i)} - \bar{x})$$

- ▶ We want to minimize the sum of the squared errors

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSE} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (e^{(i)})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[(y^{(i)} - \bar{y}) - \theta_1 (x^{(i)} - \bar{x}) \right]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \bar{y})^2 - 2\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \bar{y})(x^{(i)} - \bar{x}) + \theta_1^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= S_{yy} - 2\theta_1 S_{xy} + \theta_1^2 S_{xx} = \text{SSE}(\theta_1) \end{aligned}$$

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- Therefore we want

$$\frac{d}{d\theta_1} \text{SSE} = -2S_{xy} + 2\theta_1 S_{xx} = 0 \quad \text{which implies} \quad \theta_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

- We can rewrite this as follows

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \bar{y})(x^{(i)} - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x^2}$$

where we have used the **sample covariance** of the x - and y -values

$$s_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)} - \bar{y})(x^{(i)} - \bar{x})$$

and the **sample variance** of the x -values

$$s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \bar{x})^2$$

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Coefficient of Determination (R-squared)

- The sum of squared errors without regression is called the **total sum of squares** (SST). We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 SST &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \bar{y} \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)} + \hat{y}^{(i)} - \bar{y} \right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)} \right) + \left(\hat{y}^{(i)} - \bar{y} \right) \right]^2 \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)} \right)^2}_{SSE} + \underbrace{2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)} \right) \left(\hat{y}^{(i)} - \bar{y} \right)}_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\hat{y}^{(i)} - \bar{y} \right)^2}_{SSR}
 \end{aligned}$$

- We can show, that the middle term vanishes. The first term represents the **sum of the squared errors** (SSE) and the last term is the **sum of squares explained by regression** (SSR). Therefore we can write

$$SST = SSE + SSR$$

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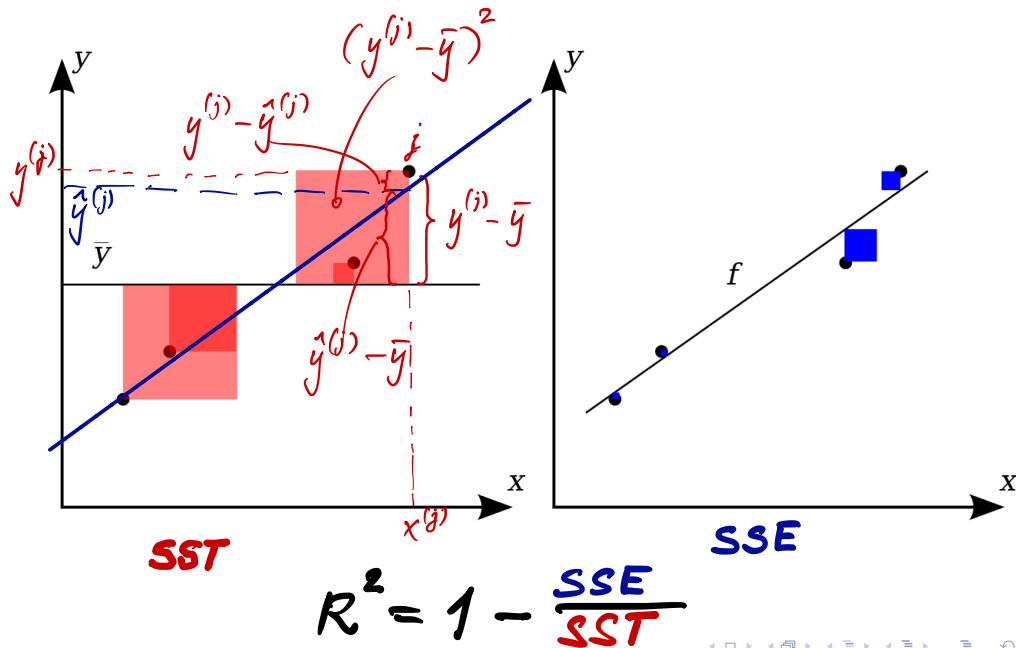
- $$0 \leq R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST} = \frac{SST - SSE}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST} \leq 1$$

- ### Example (Pressure dependence ... (cont.))

↑ R-squared

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Coefficient of Determination - graphical visualization



(Pearson) Correlation Coefficient

The Pearson Correlation Coefficient r is a measure of the correlation between two quantitative variables X and Y . It is defined by

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y}.$$

Here we used the **sample variances**

$$s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

and the **sample covariance**

$$s_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

Note the difference between capital S_{xy} , as used above, and small caps s_{xy} (the latter is the former divided by $n-1$).

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(Pearson) Correlation Coefficient (cont.)

- ▶ The correlation coefficient measures the strength of the linear relationship between two variables x and y .
- ▶ Correlation always lays between -1 and 1 , i.e. $-1 \leq r \leq 1$.
- ▶ Points that fall on a straight line with positive slope have a correlation of 1 .
- ▶ Points that fall on a straight line with negative slope have a correlation of -1 .
- ▶ Points that are not linearly related have a correlation of 0 .
- ▶ The farther the correlation is from 0 , the stronger the linear relationship.
- ▶ The correlation does not change if we change units of measurement, i.e. if we standarize the variables.

Example (Pressure dependence ... (cont.))

Compute the Pearson correlation coefficient r .

Solution: $r = 0.9961$.

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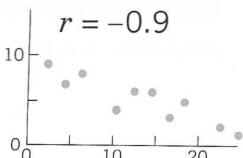
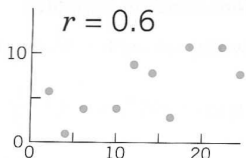
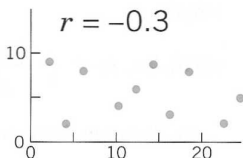
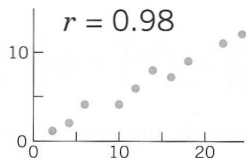
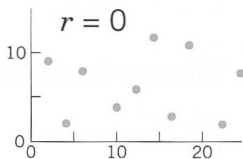
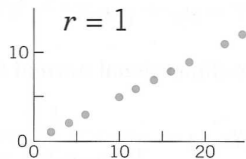
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(Pearson) Correlation Coefficient (cont.)



For $r = 1$ the samples perfectly lie on a line.

For $|r|$ close to one, they lie close to a line.

For r close to zero, the samples are totally uncorrelated, i.e. they lie in a *cloud*.

Depending on the absolute value of r we classify

$|r| = 0 \rightarrow$ uncorrelated,

$0 < |r| \leq 0.5 \rightarrow$ weakly correlated,

$0.5 < |r| \leq 0.8 \rightarrow$ correlated,

$0.8 < |r| \leq 1 \rightarrow$ strongly correlated.

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- ▶ Since $SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y^{(i)})^2 + \theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} - \theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x^{(i)} y^{(i)}$ can only be obtained after calculating two regression parameters from the data, SSE has $n - 2$ degrees of freedom.
- ▶ SST has $n - 1$ degrees of freedom, since one parameter must be calculated from the data before SST can be computed.
- ▶ SSR has 1 degree of freedom, since $SSR = SST - SSE$ and the corresponding equation for the degrees is $\deg(SSR) = (n - 1) - (n - 2) = 1$.
- ▶ The **mean square error (MSE)** is defined by

$$MSE = \frac{SSE}{(n - 2)}$$

- ▶ and its **standard deviation** is the square root of MSE.
- ▶ The regression coefficients θ_0 and θ_1 are estimates from a single sample of size n . Using another sample would lead to different regression coefficients. Let's assume the β_0 and β_1 are the true parameters of the population. That is $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$

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- ▶ The standard deviations of the parameters θ_0 and θ_1 of the sample are

$$s_{\theta_0} = \sqrt{\text{MSE}} \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \right]^{1/2} : \text{std-Abw. von } \theta_0$$

95% conf. interval

$\rightarrow \alpha = 0.05$

$$s_{\theta_1} = \frac{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)})^2 - n\bar{x}^2 \right]^{1/2}} : \text{std-Abw. von } \theta_1$$

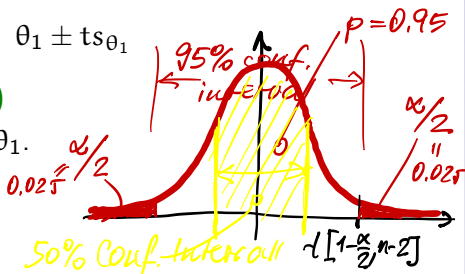
- ▶ The $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence intervals for θ_0 and θ_1 can be computed using $t[1 - \alpha/2; n - 2]$, i.e. the $1 - \alpha/2$ quantile of a Student-t variate with $n - 2$ degrees of freedom. The confidence intervals are:

$$\theta_0 \pm t_{s_{\theta_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_1 \pm t_{s_{\theta_1}}$$

Example (Pressure dependence ... (cont.))

Compute the confidence intervals for θ_0 and θ_1 .

Solution: $t_q = 4.302$, $\text{Conf}(\theta_0) = [-2.16, 0.876]$ $\text{Conf}(\theta_1) = [0.564, 0.976]$.



Disk I/O and CPU-Time

Example (Disk I/O and CPU-Time)

The number of disk I/O's and processor times of 7 programs were measured as (14, 2), (16, 5), (27, 7), (42, 9), (83, 20), (50, 13), (39, 10).

Compute the regression line, the coefficient of determination R^2 , the Pearson correlation coefficient r

Solution: $\theta_0 = -0.0083$, $\theta_1 = 0.2438$, $\text{CPU-time} = -0.0083 + 0.2438 (\# \text{ Disk I/O's})$, $\text{SSE} = 5.87$, $\text{SST} = 205.71$, $R^2 = 0.9715$ (regression explains 97% of CPU-time's variation), $\text{MSE} = 1.17$, $s_{\theta_0} = 0.8311$, $s_{\theta_1} = 0.0187$, with $t[0.95; 5] = 2.015$ we find $\text{Conf}(\theta_0) = [-1.683, 1.666]$ and $\text{Conf}(\theta_1) = [0.2061, 0.2814]$.

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SkinCancerMortalityUSA1950.txt. From ILIAS.

- ▶ Is there a linear relationship between the Mortality and the Latitude of a US-state?
- ▶ Compute the corresponding regression line in the form $\hat{y} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$.
- ▶ Compute SSE and SST.
- ▶ Compute R-squared and the correlation coefficient r .
- ▶ Compute MSE.
- ▶ Compute 95% confidence intervals for θ_0 and θ_1 .

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Standardization or rescaling variables

If the independent variables are of vastly different size and dispersity, standardize them. This is done as follows: Given the original, independent (random) variable X and the sample $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ we

- compute the sample mean and the sample standard deviation

$$\hat{\mu}_x = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \hat{\sigma}_x = s_x = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_x)^2$$

- and then the standardized (or normalized) variable

$$x'_i = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_x} (x_i - \hat{\mu}_x) = \frac{1}{s_x} (x_i - \bar{x})$$

The standardized (or normalized) variable $X' = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_x} (X - \hat{\mu}_x)$ has mean zero (0) and standard deviation one (1).

Note: the sample mean and standard deviation are always marked with the hat symbol (^) to distinguish it from the real mean and standard deviation of the underlying probability distribution (which we don't know). The subscript x is meant to specify the variable under consideration.

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In Regression the following assumptions have been made:

- ▶ The true relationship between the response variable y and the predictor variable x is linear.
- ▶ The predictor variable x is non-stochastic and is measured without error.
- ▶ The model errors $e^{(i)}$ are statistically independent
- ▶ and identically distributed (i.i.d) with zero mean and a constant deviation.

Some (visual) Tests:

- ▶ A good visual test of the validity of these assumptions is the scatter plot of $e^{(i)}$ versus the predicted response $\hat{y}^{(i)}$. The error should not substantially change with $\hat{y}^{(i)}$.
- ▶ Plot the residuals as a function of the number of experiments n . The residual should not depend on n .
- ▶ Prepare a normal quantile-quantile plot of errors. If it is linear, the assumptions are satisfied.

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Suppose we want to predict the weight of a weightlifter based on the training hours per week and the delivery of protein.

Description:

i	y	$x^{(1)}$	$x^{(2)}$
1	93	2	1.1
2	106	2	1.9
3	146	4	2
4	140	5	1.5
5	151	6	1.3
6	158	7	2.1
7	130	4	1.8
8	159	5	2.5

i number of observation

y weight in kg

$x^{(1)}$ Training h/Week

$x^{(2)}$ Supply of protein g/kg/d

We assume the relation (hypotesis, model)

$$y = h_{\theta}(x_1, x_2) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2.$$

The parameters of our model are $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$ which we abbreviated using $\theta = (\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2)$.

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The model is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 93 \\ 106 \\ 146 \\ 140 \\ 151 \\ 158 \\ 130 \\ 159 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1.1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1.9 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 1.5 \\ 1 & 6 & 1.3 \\ 1 & 7 & 2.1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1.8 \\ 1 & 5 & 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\theta} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)} \\ e^{(2)} \\ e^{(3)} \\ e^{(4)} \\ e^{(5)} \\ e^{(6)} \\ e^{(7)} \\ e^{(8)} \end{bmatrix}}_e$$

$$140 = 1 \cdot \theta_0 + 5 \cdot \theta_1 + 1.5 \theta_2 + e^{(4)}$$

short: $y = X\theta + e.$

It can be shown that the solution which minimizes the sum of the squared errors is given by:

$$\theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = \begin{bmatrix} 55.7 \\ 11.1 \\ 17.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the model is $y = 55.7 + 11.1x_1 + 17.5x_2.$

Multiple Regression (cont.)

Given n data points, i.e. training examples $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$, $(i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ where $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = [1, x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_m^{(i)}]$ are m predictors (plus one dummy variable), i.e. features (independent variables) and $y^{(i)}$ is the response or estimated (dependent) variable. Here the model is

$$y^{(i)} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1^{(i)} + \theta_2 x_2^{(i)} + \dots + \theta_m x_m^{(i)} + e^{(i)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \theta_k x_k^{(i)} + e^{(i)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Using the parameter vector $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m]^T$ and the (extended) predictor vector $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = [1, x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_m^{(i)}]$ we can write the last equation as

Skalar $y^{(i)} = \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \boldsymbol{\theta} + e^{(i)}$ *Skalar*

(m+1) x 1-matrix
1 x (m+1)-matrix

where the first product is the usual scalar product of the extended predictor vector and the parameter vector.

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Using $\mathbf{y} = [y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, y^{(3)}, \dots, y^{(n)}]^T$, $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, $\mathbf{e} = [e^{(1)}, e^{(2)}, e^{(3)}, \dots, e^{(n)}]^T$ and

$n \times 1$ -matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{x}^{(1)} & - \\ - & \mathbf{x}^{(2)} & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{x}^{(n)} & - \end{bmatrix}$$

vorherige Zeilenvektoren

we can write

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{y}}_{\begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{X}}_{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{x}^{(1)} & - \\ - & \mathbf{x}^{(2)} & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{x}^{(n)} & - \end{bmatrix}} \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{e}}_{\begin{bmatrix} e^{(1)} \\ e^{(2)} \\ e^{(3)} \\ \vdots \\ e^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}}$$

Or short $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{e}$ which implies $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}$.

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(cost)

The target function is

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(e^{(i)} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}]
 \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact, that $\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y})^T = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}$ because this quantity is a number. A necessary condition for $J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ to be minimal with respect to the variation of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0} \iff (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \boldsymbol{\theta} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}.$$

If $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ exists, the solution finally is $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$. Proof follows!

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Without proof we state, that for a symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}$$

and for any constant vector \mathbf{c} :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}^T.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} + 2\boldsymbol{\theta}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$$

The transpose of this is the conjecture.

If $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ exists, we can write $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$ (In Octave/Matlab: `pinv(X'*X)*X'*y`).

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Example

Solve the corresponding example in the exercises!

Exploring and visualizing datasets

See the corresponding Jupyter Notebook!

(Sample) covariance versus (sample) correlation

The sample covariance between a pair of standardized features (or predictors) is in fact their sample correlation coefficient. To show this, let's first standardize the features x and y :

$$x' = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{s_x} \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \frac{y - \bar{y}}{s_y}$$

Here \bar{x} and \bar{y} are the sample means and s_x and s_y are the sample standard deviations of x and y , respectively. Since the sample covariance of x and y is given by

$$s_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \bar{x})(y^{(i)} - \bar{y})$$

the sample covariance between the standardized features (which have means equal to zero) is

$$s'_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x^{(i)} - \bar{x}}{s_x} - 0 \right) \left(\frac{y^{(i)} - \bar{y}}{s_y} - 0 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}s'_{xy} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x^{(i)} - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left(\frac{y^{(i)} - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{s_x s_y} \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x^{(i)} - \bar{x}) (y^{(i)} - \bar{y}) \\&= \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y} \\&= r \\&= \text{Corr. Coeff.}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Students are able to perform simple linear regression.
- ▶ Students know about the goodness of the linear regression fit.
- ▶ Students understand the coefficient of determination or R-squared.
- ▶ Students know the relation between R-squared and the correlation coefficient.
- ▶ Students can compute the confidence intervals for the regression coefficients θ_0 and θ_1 .
- ▶ Students know how to compute multiple regression
- ▶ Students know how to do this by hand and by using python inside a Jupyter notebook.

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