

# Simple Linear Regression

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## Simple Linear Regression

A simple linear regression in multiple predictors/input variables/features/independent variables/explanatory variables/regressors/ covariates (many names) often takes the form

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon = \beta\mathbf{x} + \epsilon$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are regression parameters or constant values that we aim to estimate and  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  is a normally distributed error term independent of  $x$  or also called the white noise.

In this case, the model:

$$y = f(x) + \epsilon = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

Therefore, in our model we need to estimate the parameters  $\beta_0, \beta_1$ . The true relationship between the explanatory variables and the dependent variable is  $y = f(x)$ . But our model is  $y = f(x) + \epsilon$ . Here, this  $f(x)$  is the working model with the data. In other words,  $\hat{y} = f(x) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ . Therefore, there should be some error in the model prediction which we are calling  $\epsilon = \|y - \hat{y}\|$  where  $y$  is the true value and  $\hat{y}$  is the predicted value. This error term is normally distributed with mean 0 and variance 1. To get the best estimate of the parameters

$\beta_0, \beta_1$  we can minimize the error term as much as possible. So, we define the residual sum of squares (RSS) as:

$$RSS = \epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 + \cdots + \epsilon_{10}^2 \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{\Downarrow}(\bar{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$(4)$$

Using multivariate calculus we see

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_0} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)(-1) \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_1} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)(-x_i) \quad (6)$$

Setting the partial derivatives to zero we solve for  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_0} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i - 10\hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_1} = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} 2(y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)(-x_i) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)(x_i) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - (\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \bar{y} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) + \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \bar{y} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \bar{y} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 - 10\bar{x}^2 \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \bar{y} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 - 2 \times 10 \times \bar{x}^2 + 10\bar{x}^2 \right) = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - 10\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 - 2 \times 10 \times \bar{x}^2 + 10\bar{x}^2} \\
& \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - 10\bar{x}\bar{y} - 10\bar{x}\bar{y} + 10\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \times 10 \times \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i + 10\bar{x}^2} \\
& \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i - \bar{y} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i \right) - \bar{x} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i \right) + 10\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\
& \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i y_i - x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x} y_i + \bar{x} \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\
& \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have the following

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Simple Linear Regression `slr` is applicable for a single feature data set with continuous response variable.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
```

## Assumptions of Linear Regressions

- **Linearity:** The relationship between the feature set and the target variable has to be linear.
- **Homoscedasticity:** The variance of the residuals has to be constant.
- **Independence:** All the observations are independent of each other.
- **Normality:** The distribution of the dependent variable  $y$  has to be normal.

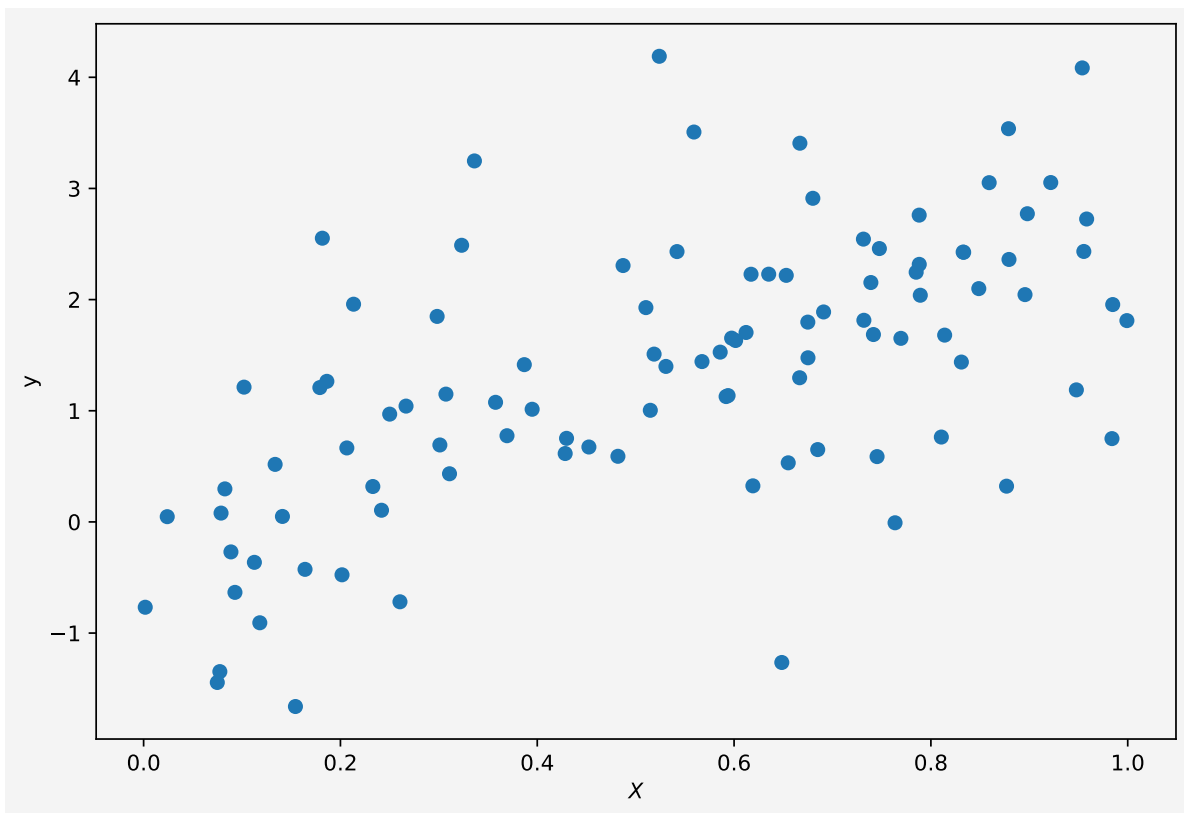
## Synthetic Data

To implement the algorithm, we need some synthetic data. To generate the synthetic data we use the linear equation  $y(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{2} + \xi$  where  $\xi \sim \mathbf{N}(0, 1)$

```
X=np.random.random(100)
y=2*X+0.5+np.random.randn(100)
```

Note that we used two random number generators, `np.random.random(n)` and `np.random.randn(n)`. The first one generates  $n$  random numbers of values from the range (0,1) and the second one generates values from the standard normal distribution with mean 0 and variance or standard deviation 1.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(9,6))
plt.scatter(X,y)
plt.xlabel('$X$')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.gca().set_facecolor('#f4f4f4')
plt.gcf().patch.set_facecolor('#f4f4f4')
plt.show()
```



## Model

We want to fit a simple linear regression to the above data.

```
slr=LinearRegression()
```

Now to fit our data  $X$  and  $y$  we need to reshape the input variable. Because if we look at  $X$ ,

X

```
array([0.17909053, 0.10204002, 0.65502301, 0.98399936, 0.66687881,
       0.45247821, 0.30720094, 0.56739152, 0.24174443, 0.11255791,
       0.36925249, 0.52399167, 0.13363344, 0.87687124, 0.59390243,
       0.78502843, 0.23290842, 0.95539584, 0.21333819, 0.92178666,
       0.3231584 , 0.18162161, 0.18620201, 0.48718241, 0.99916521,
       0.68004138, 0.95827014, 0.73143017, 0.09281234, 0.74529393,
       0.30103776, 0.35763128, 0.83278155, 0.59190062, 0.8980076 ,
       0.95380686, 0.74160128, 0.26666554, 0.5420169 , 0.61911437,
       0.73190229, 0.33615537, 0.61217397, 0.20160602, 0.81061291,
       0.61724709, 0.94782324, 0.98474521, 0.39480036, 0.78922069,
       0.48196753, 0.74765354, 0.42976208, 0.11807051, 0.07746642,
       0.69095973, 0.08873284, 0.8592124 , 0.78817248, 0.29825539,
       0.51040382, 0.73900621, 0.42837409, 0.514877 , 0.26048834,
       0.8139761 , 0.67508888, 0.83096608, 0.76357585, 0.78809893,
       0.15427795, 0.5858911 , 0.8793441 , 0.51871873, 0.31083898,
       0.59750894, 0.25004744, 0.60155242, 0.08258834, 0.84867079,
       0.14106236, 0.87886162, 0.83330256, 0.76951108, 0.68498518,
       0.67492983, 0.16402461, 0.89562741, 0.38683786, 0.02400288,
       0.63518135, 0.66663107, 0.07868824, 0.55921728, 0.20650629,
       0.07486824, 0.53075654, 0.00164944, 0.64849301, 0.65302329])
```

It is a one-dimensional array/vector but the `slr` object accepts input variable as matrix or two-dimensional format.

```
X=X.reshape(-1,1)
X[:10]
```

```
array([[0.17909053],
       [0.10204002],
       [0.65502301],
       [0.98399936],
       [0.66687881],
       [0.45247821],
       [0.30720094],
       [0.56739152],
       [0.24174443],
       [0.11255791]])
```

Now we fit the data to our model

```
slr.fit(X,y)
slr.predict([[2],[3]])
```

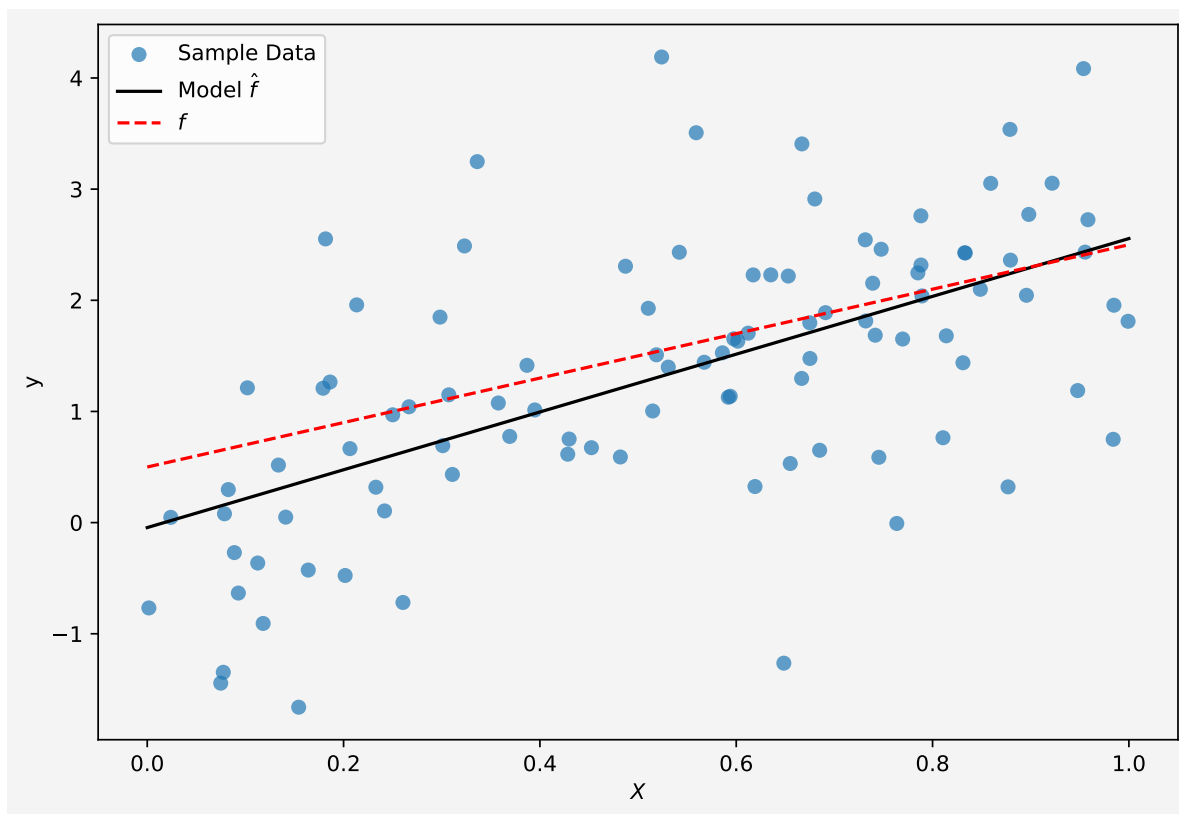
```
array([5.15521126, 7.75518389])
```

We have our  $X = 2, 3$  and the corresponding  $y$  values are from the above cell output, which are pretty close to the model  $y = 2x + \frac{1}{2}$ .

```
intercept = round(slr.intercept_,4)
slope = slr.coef_
```

Now our model parameters are: intercept  $\beta_0 = -0.0447$  and slope  $\beta_1 = \text{array}([2.59997263])$ .

```
plt.figure(figsize=(9,6))
plt.scatter(X,y, alpha=0.7,label="Sample Data")
plt.plot(np.linspace(0,1,100),
         slr.predict(np.linspace(0,1,100).reshape(-1,1)),
         'k',
         label='Model  $\hat{f}$ ')
)
plt.plot(np.linspace(0,1,100),
         2*np.linspace(0,1,100)+0.5,
         'r--',
         label=' $f$ ')
)
plt.xlabel('$X$')
plt.ylabel('$y$')
plt.legend(fontsize=10)
plt.gca().set_facecolor('#f4f4f4')
plt.gcf().patch.set_facecolor('#f4f4f4')
plt.show()
```



So the model fits the data almost perfectly.

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