

## CSC-591: Foundations of Data Science

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## Changes in grading

- Midterm-1 : 15%
- Midterm-2 : 25%
- Final : 30%
- Midterm-2: (~20-30% from Midterm-1 topics).

## Residuals

- Least-squares line:

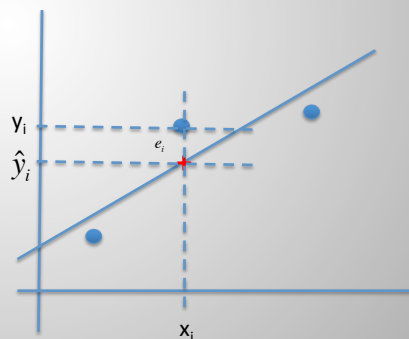
$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x$$

- Residual,  $e_i$  = observed response – predicted response

$$e_i = y_i - b_0 - b_1x_i$$

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

$$SSE = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$



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## Properties of Residuals

- Sum of residuals is 0
- Sum of squared residuals is minimum (this is the constraint to be satisfied in deriving least squares estimators of the regression parameters)
- Sum of the weighted residuals is zero when residual in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  trial is weighted by  $x_i$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i = 0$$

Likewise,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{y}_i e_i = 0$$

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- What are you supposed observe in the residual plot?

**No patterns**

## Properties of Residuals

- Large residuals are indicative of bad predictions in the sample. A large residual could be a typo, where the researcher entered this observation wrongly. Alternatively, it could be an **influential observation**, or an outlier which behaves differently from the other data points in the sample and therefore, is further away from the estimated regression line than the other data points.
- Heteroscedasticity
  - there are sub-populations that have different variabilities from others

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## Assumptions

- The errors have zero mean, i.e.,  $E(e_i) = 0$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - This assumption is needed to insure that on the average we are on the true line.
- What happens if  $E(e_i) \neq 0$

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## Assumptions

- The errors have a constant variance, i.e.,  $\text{var}(e_i) = \sigma^2$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - This insures that every observation is equally reliable.
- The errors are not correlated, i.e.,  $E(e_i e_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - Knowing the  $i$ -th disturbance does not tell us anything about the  $j$ -th disturbance, for  $i \neq j$ .

## Assumptions

- The  $e_i$ 's are independent and identically distributed  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ 
  - This assumption allows us to derive distributions of estimators and other test statistics.
  - E.g., one can easily see that  $\beta_{OLS}$  is a linear combination of the  $e_i$ 's.

## Multiple Regression Analysis

- $Y_i = \alpha + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Ki} + e_i \quad i=1,2,\dots,n$

## Assumptions

- No perfect multicollinearity, i.e., the explanatory variables are not perfectly correlated with each other.
  - This assumption states that, no explanatory variable  $X_k$  for  $k = 2, \dots, K$  is a perfect linear combination of the other  $X$ 's.
  - If this assumption is violated, then one of the equations in OLS becomes redundant and we would have  $K - 1$  linearly independent equations in  $K$  unknowns. This means that we cannot solve uniquely for the OLS estimators of the  $K$  coefficients.

## Dummy Variables

- Consider

- $EARN = \alpha_M \text{ MALE} + \alpha_F \text{ FEMALE} + e$

- Which gives  $\alpha_M$  = “average earnings of the males in the sample” and  $\alpha_F$  = “average earnings of the females in the sample.” Notice that there is no intercept in this equation, this is because of what is known in the literature as the “dummy variable trap.” Briefly stated, there will be perfect multicollinearity between MALE, FEMALE and the constant.