

Lecture 13: Midterm Review

EECS 398: Practical Data Science, Winter 2025

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Agenda

- We'll work through the first 8 questions of the Fall 2024 Final Exam:
study.practicaldsc.org/fa24-final.
- I'll post these annotated slides after lecture.
- The solutions + recording for yesterday's review session are also posted.

	Type	Brand	Name	Price	Rating	Num Ingredients	Sensitive
0	Eye cream	PERRICONE MD	PRE:EMPT SERIES™ Brightening Eye Cream	55	4.2	33	1
1	Cleanser	CLINIQUE	Pep-Start 2-in-1 Exfoliating Cleanser	110	3.1	36	0
2	Eye cream	PETER THOMAS ROTH	FIRMx™ 360 Eye Renewal	75	5.0	42	0
3	Treatment	KIEHL'S SINCE 1851	Clearly Corrective™ Dark Spot Solution	500	4.5	24	1
4	Cleanser	PETER THOMAS ROTH	Irish Moor Mud Purifying Cleanser Gel	38	3.6	23	0

one product

$\text{np.count_nonzero}(s) / s.\text{shape}[0]$

Problem 1

An expensive product is one that costs at least \$100.

Problem 1.1

Write an expression that evaluates to the proportion of products in `skin` that are expensive.

$(\text{skin}[\text{"Price"}] \geq 100). \text{mean}()$

equivalent:

$\text{skin}[\text{skin}[\text{"Price"}] \geq 100].\text{shape}[0] / \text{skin}.\text{shape}[0]$

False

True

False

True

False

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$.mean()$

$(155, 7)$

$[0] [1]$

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3	Treatment	KIEHL'S SINCE 1851	Clearly Corrective™ Dark Spot Solution	50	4.5	24	1
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Problem 1.2

Fill in the blanks so that the expression below evaluates to the number of brands that sell **fewer than 5** expensive products.

```
skin.groupby(__(i__)).__(ii__)(___(iii__))["Brand"].nunique()
```

(i):

- "Brand"
- "Name"
- "Price"
- ["Brand", "Price"]

(ii):

- agg
- count
- filter
- value_counts

(iii): (Free response)

function
lambda df: $(df['Price'] \geq 100).sum() < 5$

returns a single True
or a single False

group condition

Tangent: `loc` `df[,]`

`df.loc [which rows do I want? , which columns do I want?]`

e.g. to get the "Price" column out of `skin`,

`skin.loc [: , "Price"]`

`skin["Price"]`

e.g. to get the expensive products

`skin.loc [skin["Price"] >= 100 , ["Price", "Sensitive"]]`

Problem 3

loc: labels, iloc: integer positions

Consider the Series `small_prices` and `vc`, both of which are defined below.

```
small_prices = pd.Series([36, 36, 18, 100, 18, 36, 1, 1, 1, 36])  
          - - + 4 + - . . . -  
vc = small_prices.value_counts().sort_values(ascending=False)
```

In each of the parts below, select the value that the provided expression evaluates to. If the expression errors, select "Error".

0

vc

36

1

4

2

1

3

3

18

2

4

100

1

18

36

100

Error

None of these

`vc.iloc[0]`

4

`vc.loc[0]`

Error

`vc.index[0]`

36

`vc.iloc[1]`

3

`vc.loc[1]`

3

`vc.index[1]`

1

Problem 4

Consider the DataFrames `type_pivot`, `clinique`, `fresh`, and `boscia`, defined below.

```
clinique = skin[skin["Brand"] == "clinique"]
fresh = skin[skin["Brand"] == "fresh"]
boschia = skin[skin["Brand"] == "BOSCIA"]
```

Three columns of `type_pivot` are shown below **in their entirety**.

one row
per unique
type

one row
per unique type

Brand	CLINIQUE	FRESH	BOSCIA
Type			
cleaner	5.0	NaN	2.0
cream	3.0	NaN	2.0
Mask	2.0	4.0	3.0
urizer	2.0	3.0	NaN
protect	1.0	NaN	NaN

Problem 4.1

How many rows are in the following DataFrame?

```
clinique.merge(fresh, on="Type", how="inner")
```

j10

Problem 4.2

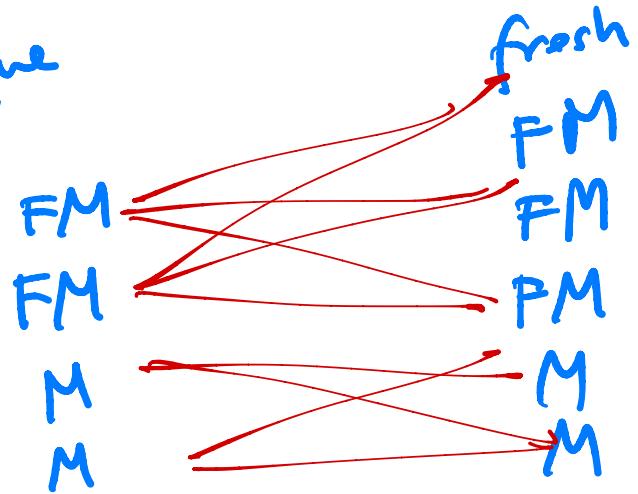
How many rows are in the following DataFrame?

```
(clinique.merge(fresh, on="Type", how="outer")  
    .merge(boscia, on="Type", how="outer"))
```

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -1 \\
 -1 \\
 -3 \\
 \hline
 5 & x & 1 & = & +3 \\
 3 & x & 1 &) & 18 \\
 6 & x & 3 & + & 4 \\
 4 & & \text{nan} & + & 1 \\
 1 & & \text{nan} & + & 1 \\
 \hline
 & & & & 31
 \end{array}$$

intermediate borrow

clinique



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{FM} \quad M \\ & \sim \quad \sim \\ & 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 2 \\ & = 6 + 4 \\ & = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5

Consider a sample of 60 skincare products. The name of one product from the sample is given below:

"our **drops** cream is the best **drops drops** for eye **drops drops** proven formula..."

The total number of terms in the product name above is unknown, but we know that the term **drops** only appears in the name 5 times.

Suppose the TF-IDF of **drops** in the product name above is $\frac{2}{3}$. Which of the following statements are **NOT possible**, assuming we use a base-2 logarithm?

Select all that apply.

- All 60 product names contain the term **drops**, including the one above.
- 14 other product names contain the term **drops**, in addition to the one above.
- None of the 59 other product names contain the term **drops**.
- There are 15 terms in the product name above in total.
- There are 25 terms in the product name above in total.

see study site
solutions
for more
detail

Let T be # of terms in
product name above,
 n be # of documents
with "drops", including

$$\text{TF-IDF}(\text{"drops"}, \text{doc}_{\text{above}}) = \boxed{\frac{5}{T} \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{60}{n} \right) = \frac{2}{3}}$$

the T, n problem boils down to checking if
the T, n in the question satisfy this eq'n.

Problem 6

Suppose `soup` is a BeautifulSoup object representing the homepage of a Sephora competitor.

Furthermore, suppose `prods`, defined below, is a list of strings containing the name of every product on the site.

```
prods = [row.get("prod") for row in soup.find_all("row", class_="thing")]
```

Given that `prods[1]` evaluates to `"Cleansifier"`, which of the following options describes the source code of the site?

- Option 1:

```
<row class="thing">prod: Facial Treatment Essence</row>  
<row class="thing">prod: Cleansifier</row>  
<row class="thing">prod: Self Tan Dry Oil SPF 50</row>  
...
```

needs to be within
`<row prod="___.>"`

- Option 2:

```
<row class="thing" prod="Facial Treatment Essence"></row>  
<row class="thing" prod="Cleansifier"></row>  
<row class="thing" prod="Self Tan Dry Oil SPF 50"></row>
```

- Option 3:

```
<row prod="thing" class="Facial Treatment Essence"></row>  
<row prod="thing" class="Cleansifier"></row>  
<row prod="thing" class="Self Tan Dry Oil SPF 50"></row>  
...
```

- Option 4:

```
<row class="thing">prod="Facial Treatment Essence"</row>  
<row class="thing">prod="Cleansifier"</row>  
<row class="thing">prod="Self Tan Dry Oil SPF 50"</row>  
...
```

Problem 7

Consider a dataset of n values, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n , all of which are positive. We want to fit a constant model, $H(x) = h$, to the data.

Let h_p^* be the optimal constant prediction that minimizes average degree- p loss, $R_p(h)$, defined below.

$$R_p(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|^p$$

For example, h_2^* is the optimal constant prediction that minimizes $R_2(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|^2$.

In each of the parts below, determine the value of the quantity provided. By "the data", we are referring to y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n .

- The standard deviation of the data
- The variance of the data
- The mean of the data
- The median of the data
- The midrange of the data, $\frac{y_{\min} + y_{\max}}{2}$
- The mode of the data
- None of the above

$$h_0^* \text{ minimizes } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|^0$$

$$\min \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - h)^2$$

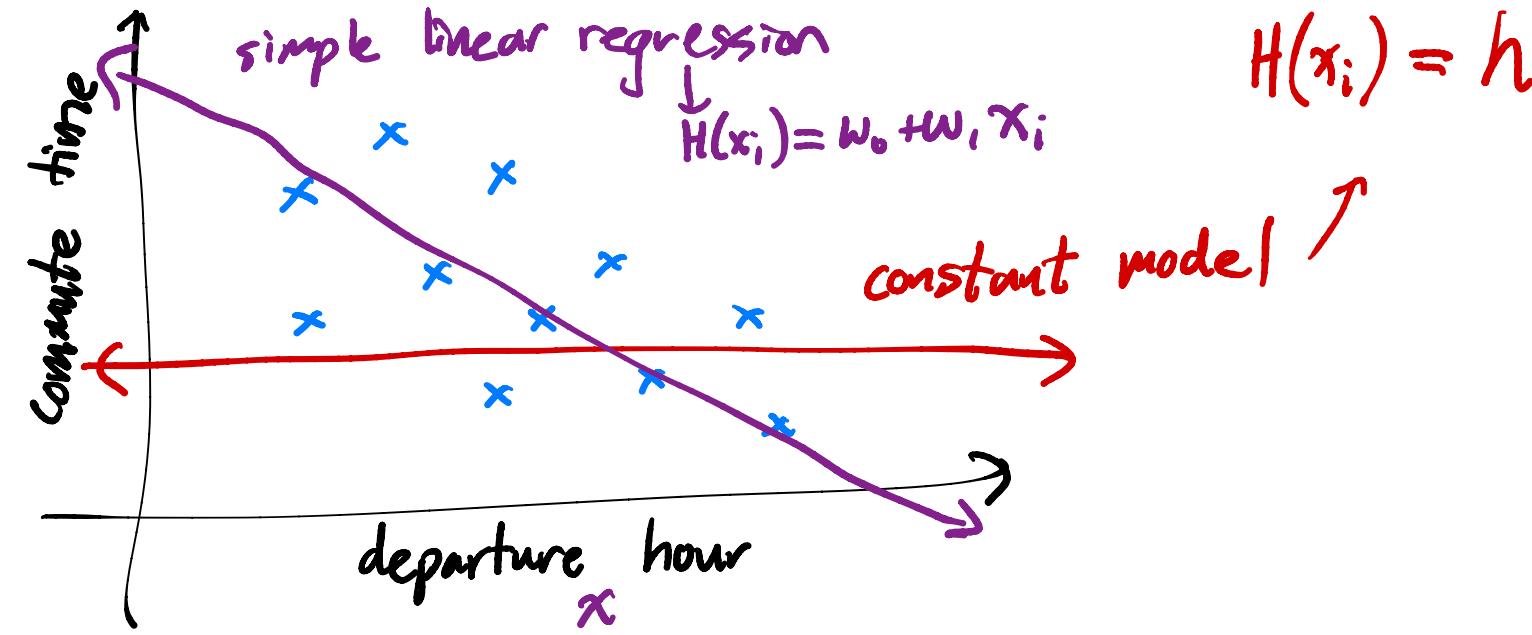
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

h_0^* : mode
 h_1^* : median

$R_1(h_1^*)$: none

h_2^* : mean

$R_2(h_2^*)$: Variance
mean



loss functions are how we find which
 constant line or SLR line to use,
 i.e. how we find parameters h or w_0, w_1 .

Constant model: ignore departure hours, X

$$H(x_i) = h$$

→ how our predictions are made

Given: $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rightarrow$ e.g. $y_1 = 10 \quad y_2 = 50 \quad y_3 = 55$

average loss

Loss function: how wrong an individual prediction is

- squared loss : $(\text{actual} - \text{predicted})^2$

- absolute loss : $|\text{actual} - \text{predicted}|$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left((10-h)^2 + (50-h)^2 + (55-h)^2 \right)$$

find the h^* that minimizes average loss !!!

Chosen:

- constant model, $H(x_i) = h$
- squared loss, $(\text{actual} - \text{predicted})^2$

average
squared
loss

$$R_2(h) = \frac{1}{n} \left[(y_1 - h)^2 + (y_2 - h)^2 + \dots + (y_n - h)^2 \right]$$

empirical Risk (aka average loss)

Goal: we want best predictions

\Rightarrow to do that, we choose the parameter that
minimizes $R_2(h)$

$$\Rightarrow h^* = \text{Mean}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

- if we choose squared loss : $h^* = \text{Mean}$
- if we choose abs loss : $h^* = \text{Median}$
 - :

variance, standard deviations

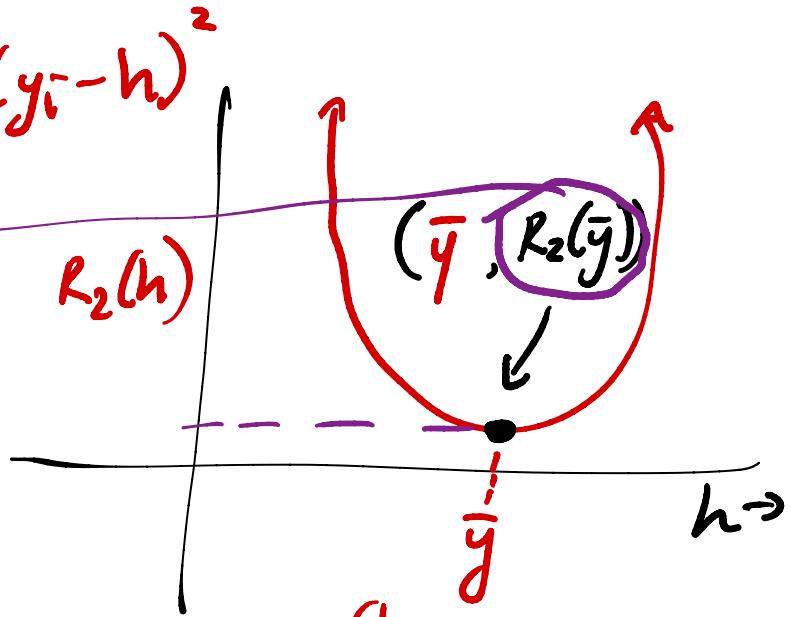
$$R_2(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - h)^2$$

$$R_2(\bar{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

variance of y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n

$$R_2(\bar{y}) = \text{variance of } y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$$

$$\sqrt{R_2(\bar{y})} = \text{standard deviation of } y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$$



(because mean minimizes $R_2(h)$)

$$R_p(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|^p$$

$$R_0(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - h|^\circ$$

$$\chi^\circ = 1$$

0° undefined, but assume $0^\circ = 0.$

either 0 or 1

$$[1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3]$$

$$h=0 \rightarrow \text{all wrong} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^6 (1) = 1$$

$$h=1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ right, } 4 \text{ wrong} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \cdot (4) = \frac{4}{6}$$

$$h^*=2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ right, } 3 \text{ wrong} \rightarrow \frac{3}{6}$$

$$h^*=3 \rightarrow \frac{5}{6}$$

Now, suppose we want to find the optimal constant prediction, h_U^* , using the "Ulta" loss function, defined below.

$$\text{L}_U(y_i, h) = \frac{100}{(y_i - h)^2}$$

y_i are all positive!

$$\text{L}_U(y_i, h) = (y_i - h)^2$$

Problem 7.6

To find h_U^* , suppose we minimize average Ulta loss (with no regularization). How does h_U^* compare to the mean of the data, M ?

$h_U^* > M$

$h_U^* \geq M$

$h_U^* = M$

$h_U^* \leq M$

$h_U^* < M$

Lu big when y_i is big

Lu small when y_i small (close to 0)

Big penalty when y_i is a large number

if all y_i are the same, $h_u^* = M$

e.g.

2, 3, 70

$$R_2(h) = \frac{1}{3} \left[(2-h)^2 + (3-h)^2 + (70-h)^2 \right]$$

$$R_u(h) = \frac{1}{3} \left[2(2-h)^2 + 3(3-h)^2 + \underbrace{70(70-h)^2}_{\text{to make this small}} \right]$$

to make this small
we make $(70-h)^2$
small, i.e. bring
 h closer to 70

Now, to find the optimal constant prediction, we will instead minimize **regularized** average Ulta loss, $R_\lambda(h)$, where λ is a non-negative regularization hyperparameter:

$$R_\lambda(h) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(y_i - h)^2 \right) + \lambda h^2$$

objective function

It can be shown that $\frac{\partial R_\lambda(h)}{\partial h}$, the derivative of $R_\lambda(h)$ with respect to h , is:

$$\frac{\partial R_\lambda(h)}{\partial h} = -2 \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(y_i - h) - \lambda h \right) = 0$$

Problem 7.7

Find h^* , the constant prediction that minimizes $R_\lambda(h)$. Show your work, and put a around your final answer, which should be an expression in terms of y_i , n , and/or λ .

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(y_i - h) - \lambda h = 0$$

not in the sum!

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i^2 - hy_i) - \lambda h = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} (\sum y_i^2 - \sum hy_i) - \lambda h = 0$$

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$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i (y_i - h) - \lambda \tilde{h} = 0$$

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$$\frac{1}{n} (\sum y_i^2 - \sum hy_i) - \lambda h = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} (\sum y_i^2 - h \sum y_i) - \lambda h = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum y_i^2 - h \frac{\sum y_i}{n} - \lambda h = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum y_i^2 = \left(\frac{\sum y_i}{n} + \lambda \right) h$$

$$h^* = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum y_i^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum y_i + \lambda}$$

$$h^* = \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sum y_i + n\lambda}$$

final answer

$L(y_i, h(x_i)) = \text{(some loss function)}$

$$R(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, h(x_i))$$

$h(x_i) = h$

Problem 8

3

Suppose we want to fit a simple linear regression model (using squared loss) that predicts the number of ingredients in a product given its price. We're given that:

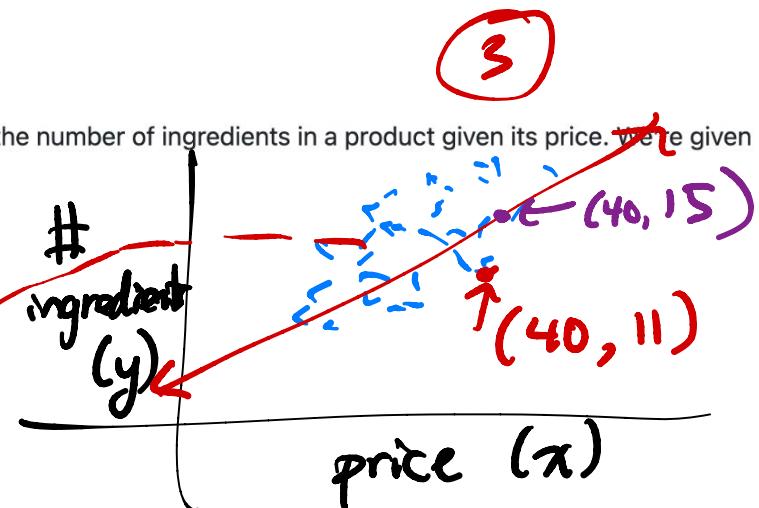
- The average cost of a product in our dataset is \$40, i.e. $\bar{x} = 40$.
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The intercept and slope of the regression line are $w_0^* = 11$ and $w_1^* = \frac{1}{10}$, respectively.

Problem 8.1

Suppose Victor's Veil (a skincare product) costs \$40 and has 11 ingredients. What is the squared loss of our model's predicted number of ingredients for Victor's Veil? Give your answer as a number.

intercept slope



$$\text{squared loss} = (\underset{\text{actual}}{11} - \underset{\text{predicted}}{15})^2 = (11 - 15)^2$$

$$H(x_i) = 11 + \frac{1}{10} x_i$$

$$H(40) = 11 + \frac{1}{10} \cdot 40 = 11 + 4 = 15$$

predicted # of ingredients

$$= \boxed{16}$$

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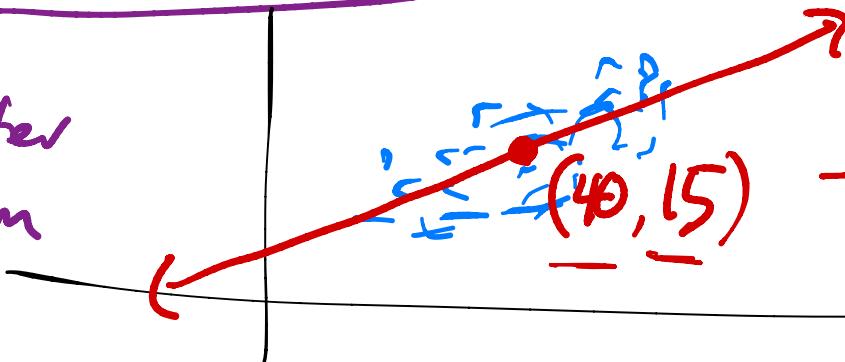
Problem 8.2

Is it possible to answer part (a) above **just** by knowing \bar{x} and \bar{y} , i.e. **without** knowing the values of w_0^* and w_1^* ?

Yes; the values of w_0^* and w_1^* don't impact the answer to part (a).

No; the values of w_0^* and w_1^* are necessary to answer part (a).

proof after
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Fact: the regression line

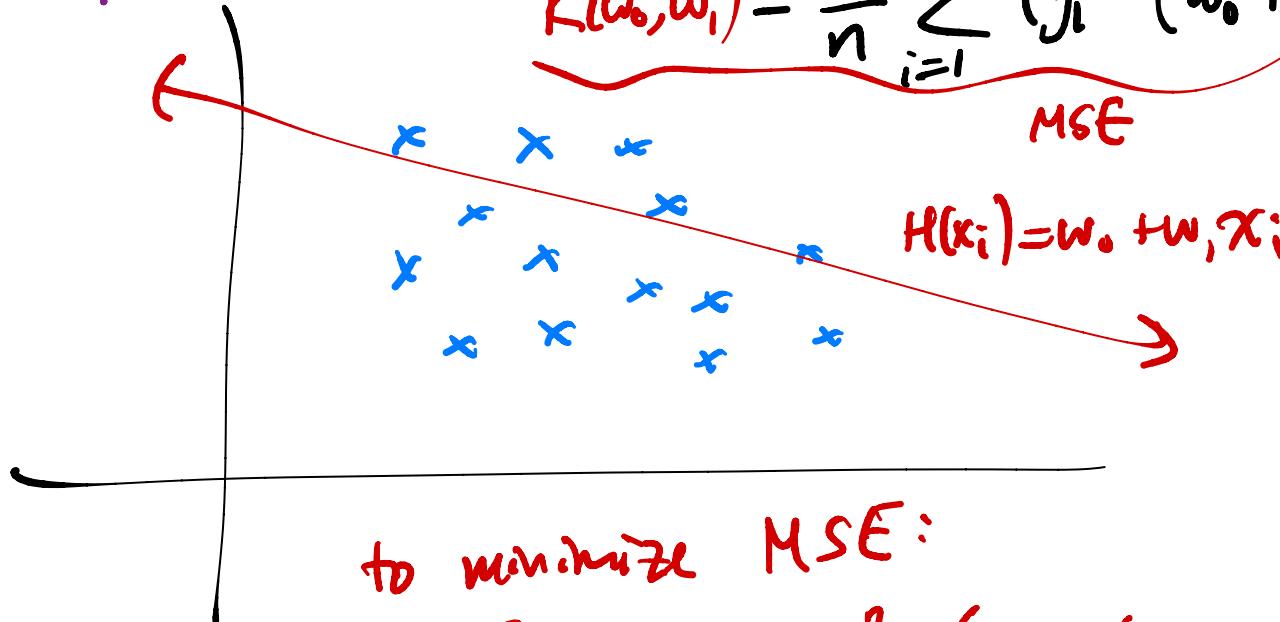
ALWAYS passes
through the
point

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

→ always true if
 w_0^*, w_1^* minimize
mean sq. error

Simple linear regression

$$R(w_0, w_1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i))^2$$



set to 0

to minimize MSE:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial w_0} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)) = \overbrace{0}^{\text{solve for } w_0, w_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial w_1} = -\frac{2}{n} \sum (y_i - (w_0 + w_1 x_i)) x_i = 0$$

$$\underbrace{w_0^*}_{\text{intercept}} = \bar{y} - \underbrace{w_1^*}_{\text{slope}} \bar{x}$$

$$\underbrace{w_1^*}_{\text{slope}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) x_i}$$

$$= r \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} SD y \\ SD x \end{matrix}$$

correlation coefficient

$$w_0^* = \bar{y} - w_1^* - \bar{x}$$

$$w_1^* = r \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$$

$$h(x_i) = w_0^* + w_1^* x_i$$

$$h(\bar{x}) = \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

$$= \bar{y}$$