

ASSIGNMENT 2 : LINEAR REGRESSION

Link for dataset: [Assignment 2 dataset](#)

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Part 1: The Datasets

You will be provided with two synthetic datasets:

1. Plot the two datasets A and B separately and note down their shapes.
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Part 2: Tasks

1. Linear Modeling

- Using `scipy.optimize.minimize`, define a linear objective function ($y = mx + c$) and fit it to both the datasets.
- **Challenge:** Even though the data isn't a line, the optimizer will still find the "best" straight line. Your task is to find those optimal parameters (m and c).

2. Visualization

- For each dataset, plot the original data points as a scatter plot.
- Overlay the "Best Fit Line" found by your linear regression.

3. Statistical Analysis & Residuals

For both datasets, calculate and report:

- **The Point Balance:** How many points are above the line vs. below the line?
 - **Mean Distance:** The average vertical distance of points on either side of your line.
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Part 3: Discussion Questions

1. **Underfitting:** Do you think the fitting is good enough, what do you think is a better way to fit things for these?