

Lecture 2 - Statistical Learning and Linear Regression



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Outline



- Statistical Learning
- Regression: Data and Notation
- Bivariate Regression Model
- Ordinary Least Squares
- Multivariate Regression Model
- Ridge Regression and the Lasso



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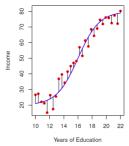
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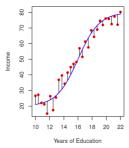
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- Irreducible error: even if we had the perfect f, i.e., $\hat{Y}=f(X)$, there will still be some error in \hat{Y} due to ϵ

Why estimate f? (contd.)



- Inference:
 - Which predictors are associated with the response?
 - Identifying important predictors among a large set of variables.
 - What is the relationship between the response and each predictor?
 - What is the nature of the relationship (linear, non-linear, etc.)?

How do we estimate f? (contd.)



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- Non-parametric approaches:
 - ullet Do not make explicit assumptions about the functional form of f
 - Eg.: K-nearest neighbours, decision trees, support vector machines
- We will cover both during the course

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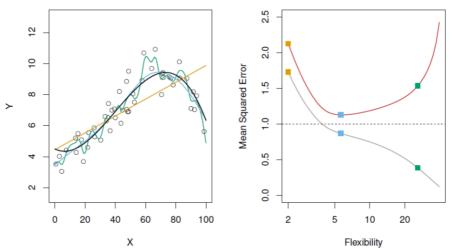
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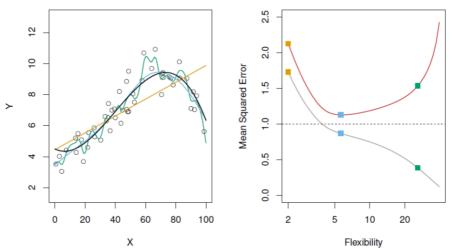




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• Lower training MSE does not guarantee lower test MSE. Why?



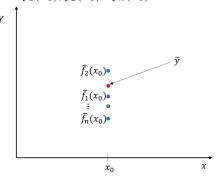
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$$Bias(\hat{f}(x_0)) = (\bar{y} - \bar{f}(x_0))$$

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• Expected test MSE at $x_0 = \left[Bias(\hat{f}(x_0))\right]^2 + Var(\hat{f}(x_0)) + Var(\epsilon)$

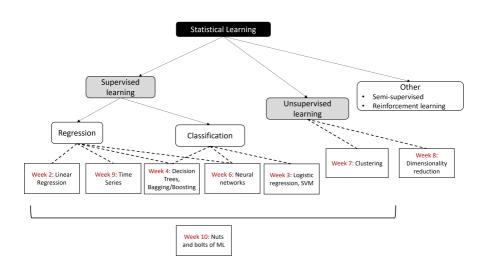
The Bias-Variance tradeoff



- Ideally, we want to minimize both bias and variance to minimize the test MSE
- In reality, there is a tradeoff, reducing one increases the other and vice versa our goal is to strike a balance
- Generally, more complex/flexible models (green curve in the example) have high variance and low bias (small changes in the training data can result in large changes in \hat{f})
- Simpler models (orange line in the example) have a relatively higher bias but smaller variance

Overview of the coming weeks





Playtime!



- Open the "2. Intro_Stat_Learning.ipynb" notebook.
- Expected duration: 20 min

New York City taxi demand problem ¹



- (Almost) All taxi trips in NYC since 2009
- Original files have one trip per line:
 - Pick-up location, time
 - Drop-off location, time
- Research question: predict taxi pick-ups across the city
- Useful to optimize taxi service
 - Similar to many other demand problems (shared modes, public transport, energy, water, goods, communication...)

¹Full dataset at http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/about/trip_record_data.shtml

New York City taxi demand problem (cont'd)



- Let's further specify the research question: predict taxi pick-ups for different zones in 15 min periods
- We group by zone and time:
 - There are 29 zones³
 - Each zone has its own file
 - Each line is the sum of pick-ups/drop-offs in a 15 minute period

Regression and Notation



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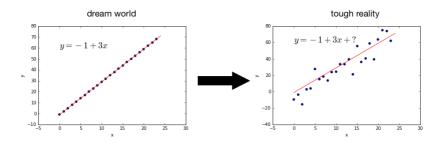
Bivariate Linear Regression Model



ullet A linear relationship between X and Y only means that there should be a function

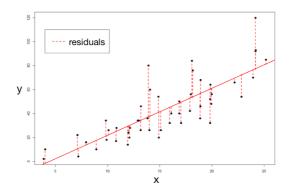
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

• But, unless the data perfectly aligns, this may not work in that exact way! :-(



Linear Regression Model (cont'd)





• The difference between the data and the model prediction is called **residual**

Linear Regression Model (cont'd)



• For each value of Y, the true expression should be:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$$

- The error ϵ is a **random variable**. Usually, we assume $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
- ullet As a consequence, Y is also a random variable
- Thus, another way to put it is

$$Y \sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

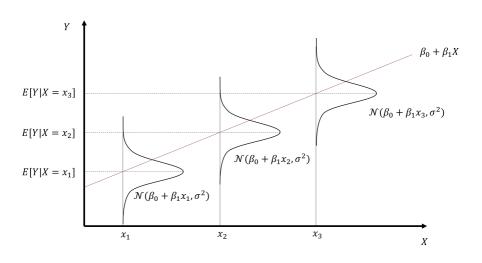
[Response] **distributed as** [mean (depending on x)] + [error]

More compactly

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X, \sigma^2)$$

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Playtime!

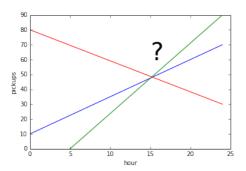


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- Do the Part 1
- Expected duration: 30 min

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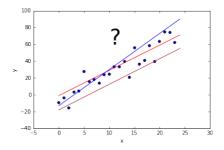
 We seem to believe that there is a (linear) relationship between the value of "hour" variable and "pickups"



Bivariate Linear Regression Model (cont'd)



- Recall that there will be some **error** in our model
- We want to find the model where this error is smallest
 - i.e. one that generates the smallest residuals
- Fine, but which one is it?



Least Squares estimator



• Model:

$$y_j = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_j + \epsilon_j, \forall j = 1, 2, ..., n$$

So,

$$\epsilon_j = y_j - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_j)$$

• Find β_0, β_1 that minimize the sum of squared errors:

$$S = \sum_{j=1}^{n} [y_j - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_j)]^2$$

• At the minimum of S, we have

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_0} = 0$$

and

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Least Squares estimator



- ullet The estimated values are denoted $\hat{oldsymbol{eta}} = [\hat{eta}_0, \hat{eta}_1]^T$
- Closed form expression for $\hat{\beta}$ (derivation in Appendix):

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

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \overline{y}) (x_j - \overline{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \overline{x})^2}$$

where,
$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j, \overline{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} y_j$$

• It defines the **Least Squares estimator** for y, also represented as \hat{y} , with

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$$

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Before we proceed..



Matrix notation - it'll be everywhere! ;-)

Model in Matrix Notation



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Matrix Notation



• The least squares method minimizes S

$$S = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

ullet Closed form expression for **least squares estimates** \hat{eta} (proof in Appendix):

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

- ullet $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{eta}$ -> $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ are the **predictions** for data points \mathbf{X}
- ullet $\hat{\epsilon}=\mathbf{y}-\hat{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{X}\hat{eta}$ -> residuals.

Ordinary Least Squares



- The error terms are assumed to satisfy:

 - $2 Var(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ (constant)
 - $Ov(\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k) = 0, \ \forall j \neq k$
- Ordinary Least Squares Model:

$$\mathbf{Y}_{(n\times1)} = \mathbf{X}_{(n\times2)(2\times1)} + \mathbf{\epsilon}_{(n\times1)}$$

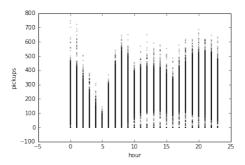
$$E(\epsilon) = 0$$
 and $Cov(\epsilon) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{(n \times n)}$

Back to our example



Back to our problem: predicting taxi pick-ups in NYC

ullet Our x is "hours" and our y is "pickup". The corresponding plot:



Back to our example



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In [12]:
           1 x= np.c_[np.ones(len(f)),f['hour']]
           y = np.array(f['pickups'], ndmin=2).T
           3 print (x.shape, y.shape)
          (262848, 2) (262848, 1)
In [14]:
           1 regr=linear model.LinearRegression(fit intercept=False)
           2 regr.fit(x, y)
Out[14]: LinearRegression(fit_intercept=False)
In [15]:
           1 plt.scatter(f['hour'], y, s=0.1)
           2 plt.plot(f['hour'], regr.predict(x),color='blue',linewidth=3)
           3 plt.xlabel("Hour")
           4 plt.ylabel("Pickups")
           5 plt.show()
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back to our example



• Is this model accurate enough?

Why is "average error" an (almost) irrelevant measure?

- Is there other data we can use to improve?
 - We need to get multivariate!

Playtime!



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Multivariate Linear Regression Model



• Multivariate linear regression model (linear in the parameters β_i)

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_r X_r + \varepsilon$$

where,

Y — number of taxi pick-ups in a period of 15 minutes (**dependent variable**)

 X_1 — hours

 X_2 — minutes

. . .

(predictor variables)

• ε — error term

Formulation



ullet For n independent observations with r predictor variables

$$y_1 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{11} + \dots + \beta_r x_{1r} + \varepsilon_1$$

$$y_2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{21} + \dots + \beta_r x_{2r} + \varepsilon_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_n = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{n1} + \dots + \beta_r x_{nr} + \varepsilon_n$$

Errors terms

$$E(\varepsilon_j) = 0$$
, $Var(\varepsilon_j) = \sigma^2(const)$
 $Cov(\varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_k) = 0, j \neq k, \forall j, k = 1, ..., n$

Matrix Notation



$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1r} \\ 1 & x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2r} \\ 1 & x_{31} & \cdots & x_{3r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{nr} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_r \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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Multivariate Linear Regression



• The least squares method minimizes S

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• Derivation in the appendix



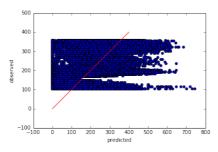
- Let's now try a model with two variables:
 - hours
 - minutes
- Result:

$$pickups = 102.6 + 10.9*hours + 0.038*minutes$$
 (previously, the best one was
$$pickups = 103.5 + 10.9*hours.$$

• Not much of a difference?



• A 45 degree plot (observed VS predicted):



Horrible! How are the error statistics?

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• Our model is (still) pretty bad!... :-(



• Hmm, after all, how correlated are our variables?...



• "hours" seems to have a little correlation (0.6), but "minutes" is practically zero! ...what a surprise... |-O



- If we want to predict to the near future (for example, 15 minutes ahead), we actually have some information!
- For example, we should know the value for now, and 15 minutes ago. Why don't
 we use it?

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + \beta_2 Y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

- These variables are often called lagged
- This is a simple type of **time series** linear model!



 After some data wrangling, we can get a new dataframe, with the extra information

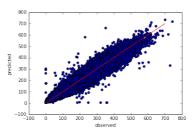
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	4	2009-01-01	1	0	245	223	215	
	5	2009-01-01	1	15	182	245	223	
	6	2009-01-01	1	30	181	182	245	

• The estimated model is

$$pickups = 5.3 + 0.97*pickups_lag1 + 0.005*pickups_lag2$$



• 45 degree plot of the new model:



• Much better! And the statistics are:

Much better too! Can you improve this further?

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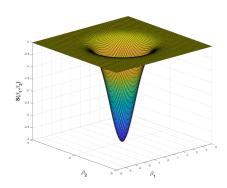
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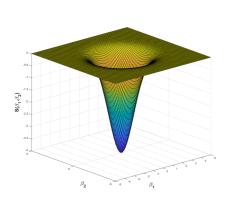


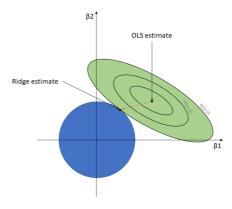


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Picture from https://towardsdatascience.com/ridge-regression-for-better-usage-2f19b3a202db

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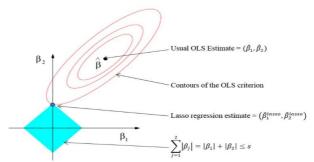
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Implementing Ridge regression and the Lasso



- ullet You can try ridge regression using $sklearn.linear_model.Ridge$
- ullet You can try the Lasso using $sklearn.linear_model.Lasso$
- Choose λ with cross-validation

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APPENDIX

On maximum likelihood estimation



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- ullet The goal of ML estimation is to estimate the parameters $\hat{ heta}$
- The ML estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is the one that maximizes the probability of the data given the parameters.

The likelihood principle



• The "probability" of observing y given x is given by the conditional density

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}) = D(\theta)$$

• If the N observations are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.), the probability of $y_1, y_2, ..., y_N$ (given x) is

$$p(y_1, y_2, ..., y_N | \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n)$$

• The likelihood function for the sample is defined as:

$$L(\theta) = p(y_1, y_2, ..., y_N | \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} p(y_n | \mathbf{x}_n) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} L_n(\theta)$$

- where $L_n(\theta)$ is called the likelihood contribution for observation n.
- The Maximum Likelihood Estimator is the value $\hat{\theta}$ that maximizes $L(\theta)$

ML estimator



• Typically easier to estimate log-likelihood:

$$logL(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} logL_n(\theta)$$

- Typical calculus function maximization process
 - **1** differentiate in order of θ
 - 2 set to zero
 - 3 solve equation

Example with Linear Regression



• Model is:

$$y_n = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n + \epsilon_n$$
, with $n = 1, 2, ..., N$

• The "probability" of observing y_n given the model is:

$$p(y_n|\mathbf{x}_n) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(y_n - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

Since the observations are i.i.d., we have

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• The log becomes:

$$logL(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2}log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(y_n - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T\mathbf{x}_n)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

ullet We differentiate in order of eta and σ

$$\frac{\partial logL(\theta)}{\beta} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{x}_n(y_n - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n)}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial log L(\theta)}{\sigma} = -\frac{T}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(y_n - \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n)^2}{\sigma^4}$$

Example with Linear Regression



• Now we equate to 0, and (after a bit of algebra) obtain the **same** solution for β as in OLS:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \Big(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T\Big)^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_n y_n = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

• And approximately the same for σ , letting $\hat{\epsilon_n} = (y_n - \hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_n)$:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\hat{\epsilon_n}^2}{\sigma^4} = \frac{N}{2\sigma^2} \implies \hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{\epsilon_n}^2}$$

Derivation of OLS Estimates



• Residual for the jth observation for an estimate β :

$$y_j - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{j1} - \dots - \beta_r x_{jr}$$

• OLS minimizes the residual sum of squares

$$S \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{n} (y_j - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{j1} - \dots - \beta_r x_{jr})^2$$
$$= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Derivation of OLS Estimates (cont.)



Rewrite S

$$S = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^{T} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) = (\mathbf{y}^{T} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^{T}\mathbf{X}^{T}) (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$
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$$= \mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{y} - 2\mathbf{y}^{T}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^{T}\mathbf{X}^{T}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

• First order condition $\frac{\partial S}{\partial \pmb{\beta}} = -2 \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} + 2 \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \pmb{\beta} = 0$

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