## MA329 Statistical linear models 23-24

**Assignment 1** (Due date: Oct 9, 11pm. For late submission, each day costs 10 percent)

1. (50 marks, don't use R outcome directly) The following table gives the data on daytime eruption of OLD Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park on August 1, 1978. The variables are x =duration of an eruption and y =interval to the next eruption (both in minutes).

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$x$ 4.4 3.9 4.0 4.0 3.5 4.1
$y$ 78 74 68 76 73 84
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- (a) Construct and comment a scatterplot of the data.
- (b) Find the least squares line from the data and plot it on your scatterplot.
- (c) What is your linear regression model? State the necessary assumptions.
- (d) Test the hypothesis that the duration of an eruption has no effect of the interval to the next eruption when a linear model is used (use  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). State the null and alternative hypotheses. Draw the appropriate test conclusions.
- (e) Find a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_1$  (the slope of the linear regression model). Interpret your results.
- (f) Find the coefficient of determination for the linear regression model. Interpret your result.
- (g) Find a prediction of the time to the next eruption when the Geyser eruption lasts for 4 minutes and its 95% interval.

## 2. (20 marks)

- (a) Define a simple linear regression model and derive MLE (maximum likelihood estimation) for all the unknown parameters
- (b) Comments on the difference between MLE and LSE (least square estimation)