

STAT 425 Note 01

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Introduction to Regression Analysis

Regression Analysis

It is a “tool” used to examine the relationship between a *Dependent Variable* or *Response* Y , and one (or more) *Independent Variables* or *Regressors* or *Predictors* X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p .

Simple Linear Regression

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

β_0 is the *intercept*; β_1 is the *slope*. One Response \mathcal{Y} ; One Predictor \mathcal{X} The data come in pairs:

$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & y_n \end{array}$$

Y is a RANDOM VARIABLE that has a distribution for every level of the independent variable.

Simple Linear Regression Model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

where the **intercept** β_0 , the **slope** β_1 , and the **error variance** σ^2 are the *model parameters*.

The **errors** $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ are assumed to

- have **mean zero**: $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$
- be **uncorrelated**: $Cov(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0, i \neq j$
- be **homoscedastic**: $Var(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ does not depend on i .