Consider a dataset $D=(\pmb{x_i},\pmb{y_i})^N$ of N data points, where $\pmb{x_i}=(\pmb{x_{i1}},\pmb{x_{i2}},\cdots,\pmb{x_{iM}})$ is a feature vector with M features, and $\pmb{y_i}$ is the target, i.e., the response, variable. Let $\pmb{x_j}$ denote the jth variable in feature space. A typical linear regression model can then be expressed mathematically as:

$$y=oldsymbol{eta_0}+oldsymbol{eta_1x_1}+oldsymbol{eta_2x_2}+\cdots+oldsymbol{eta_Mx_M}$$
 prediction vector

This model assumes that the relationships between the target variable y_i and features x_j are linear and can be captured in slope terms $\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_M$.