

Partial Derivatives of the

Loss Functions (OLS & LAD)



$$\hat{y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i \quad \text{OLS} \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)^2$$

Using the chain rule,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial b_1} ((y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)^2) = \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial b_1}$ , where  $u = y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i$ ;

and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u} (u^2) = 2u$ : we get  $2(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial b_1} (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i) \right)$

Differentiate the sum term by term and factor out constants:

$$2(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)(-x_i) \Rightarrow \text{Therefore, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)}_{r_i} x_i = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i$$


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$u = y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u} (u^2) = 2u$ : we get  $2(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial b_0} (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i) \right)$

Differentiate the sum term by term and factor out constants:  $2(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)(-1)$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_0} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)}_{r_i} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i$$



$$\text{LAD} \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_i \Rightarrow L = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i|$$

$$L = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i) & \text{if } y_i > \hat{y}_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (-y_i + b_0 + b_1 x_i) & \text{if } y_i \leq \hat{y}_i \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_0} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)}{\partial b_0} = -1 & \text{if } y_i > \hat{y}_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial (-y_i + b_0 + b_1 x_i)}{\partial b_0} = 1 & \text{if } y_i \leq \hat{y}_i \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_i)}{\partial b_1} = -x_i & \text{if } y_i > \hat{y}_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial (-y_i + b_0 + b_1 x_i)}{\partial b_1} = x_i & \text{if } y_i \leq \hat{y}_i \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_0}$  can be simplified and written as  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_0} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(r_i)$

similarly  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1}$  can be simplified and written as  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(r_i) \cdot x_i$