

two results from the normal equations.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2 = Q$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_0} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_1} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) = 0$$

take away the -2 factor.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) = 0$$

for the second equation,

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

so we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \varepsilon_i = 0.$$

this means that the errors and the predictors are uncorrelated.

So we need to have uncorrelatedness of  $X$  and  $\varepsilon$  to use LS. So in fact independence of  $X$  and  $\varepsilon$  is more than necessary. Just  $X$  uncorrelated with  $\varepsilon$  is

enough.

Now if you look at  
the first equation.

$$\sum y_i - n\beta_0 - \beta_1 \sum x_i = 0$$

so

$$\frac{\sum y_i}{n} - \beta_0 - \beta_1 \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = 0$$

$$\bar{y} - \beta_0 - \beta_1 \bar{x} = 0.$$

$$\therefore \beta_0 = \bar{y} - \beta_1 \bar{x}.$$

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$$\therefore \underline{SSE} = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)$$

the integer  $n-2$  is called  
the degree of freedom.  
 $n$  : number of observations  
 $2$  : number of parameters  
( $\beta_0, \beta_1$ )

Under the Analysis of Variance  
framework,  $\frac{SSE}{n-2}$  is also known  
as the Error Mean Square (MSE)  
which is of great importance in  
testing statistical hypothesis.