

# Simple Linear Regression

- Or, linear regression with one predictor variable.
- All the big questions about relationships!
- Setup:
  - ▶  $Y$ : Response variable  
(a.k.a., outcome variable, dependent variable).
  - ▶  $X$ : Predictor variable  
(a.k.a., covariates, independent variable).
- Simple.
- Linear.

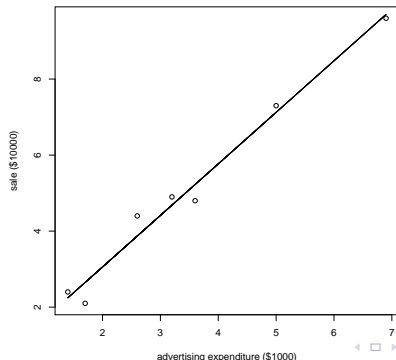
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- Observed data:  $(X_i, Y_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ .
  - ▶ Observational data.
  - ▶ Experimental data.
  - ▶ Caution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Uses:
  - ▶ Description.
  - ▶ Control (e.g., effective dose level).
  - ▶ Prediction (e.g., disease risks).
- Scope of the model:
  - ▶ By design.
  - ▶ By data range.
  - ▶ Caution: \_\_\_\_\_

## Data Example: advertising

From a random sample of 7 small businesses, the following data were collected on  $X$ , advertising expenditures (\$1000) and  $Y$ , sales (\$10000).

Company	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$X$	3.2	1.4	2.6	6.9	3.6	1.7	5.0
$Y$	4.9	2.4	4.4	9.6	4.8	2.1	7.3



# Objectives

- The question of interest is: What is the relationship between the amount of advertising expenditures ( $X$ ) and the sales ( $Y$ )?
  - ▶ The relationship is apparently positive.
  - ▶ The relationship appears to be linear.
  - ▶ How to quantify or assess linear relationship?
- In general, the objectives are to:
  - ▶ Describe the relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - ▶ Estimate the expected  $Y$  for a given value of  $X$ .
  - ▶ Predict a new  $Y$  for a given value of  $X$ .

# Linear Line Fit

- The main idea behind simple linear regression is to fit data with a straight line:
- Recall equation for a straight line  $y = mx + b$ .
  - ▶ Here  $\beta_0$  is an intercept and  $\beta_1$  is a slope (rise/run).
- We will discuss the statistical model later.
- An immediate goal is to find  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  for the best fitting line.
  - ▶ The approach is least squares.

# Method of Least Squares

- Find  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  that minimize the sum of squares:

where  $Y_i$  is the observed value.

- We will show the best fitting line has slope and intercept:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i - \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)^2}, \\ \hat{\beta}_0 &= \end{aligned}$$

# Method of Least Squares

- In the advertising example,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = 24.40, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = 107.42, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i = 154.07$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = 35.50, \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2 = 222.03.$$

- Thus

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{154.07 - 24.40 \times 35.50/7}{107.42 - 24.4 \times 24.40/7} = \frac{30.33}{22.37} = 1.356$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = 35.50/7 - 1.356 \times 24.40/7 = 0.345$$

- We may also predict  $Y$  at say  $X = x_0$  for  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$\hat{Y} = 0.345 + 1.356x_0$$

# Simple Linear Regression Model

- How to account for uncertainty in the fitted line and variation?
  - ▶ Model  $Y$  as a random variable.
  - ▶ Regard  $X$  as fixed, although  $X$  could be random.
  - ▶ Consider the model of  $Y$  conditional on  $X$  such that

where  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are fixed unknown parameters representing intercept and slope, characterizing the relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

- The model is called **“linear”** because it is linear in the *parameters*, **not because it is linear in  $X$**



# Formal Statement of Model

The formal simple linear regression model is:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- $Y_i$  is the value of the  $i$ th response variable.
- $X_i$  is the known value of the  $i$ th predictor variable.
- $\epsilon_i$  is the  $i$ th random error component such that

$$\epsilon_i \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2).$$

- i.i.d. means “independent, identically distributed”

# Assumptions of Random Error $\{\epsilon_i\}$

- 1 Mean  $E(\epsilon_i) = 0$ .
- 2 Variance  $Var(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ .
- 3  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are uncorrelated with  $Cov(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .
- 4  $\epsilon_i$  follows a normal distribution.
  - ▶ Actually, normality is not required to justify least squares. Independence with mean zero suffices. However, normality is needed to permit maximum likelihood estimation of  $\beta_0, \beta_1$

# Implications of Assumptions on $\{Y_i\}$

- $Y_i$  is random variable with (conditional on  $X$ ):

- 1 mean of  $Y$

$$E(Y_i) =$$

- 2 variance of  $Y$ :

$$Var(Y_i) =$$

- 3 correlation of  $Y_i$  and  $Y_j$

$$Cov(Y_i, Y_j) =$$

- 4  $Y_i \sim$

# Model Parameters

- The model parameters are  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\sigma^2$ .
- $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ : Regression coefficients (population parameters).
- $\beta_0$ : Intercept. When the model scope includes  $X = 0$ ,  $\beta_0$  can be interpreted as the mean of  $Y$  at  $X = 0$ .
- $\beta_1$ : Slope. Interpreted as the change in the mean of  $Y$  per unit increase in  $X$ .
- $\sigma^2$ : Variance of the error term.

# Estimation of Model Parameters

- Our goal is to estimate these model parameters by estimators  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ , based on data.
- Two methods:
  - ▶ Least squares (LS).
  - ▶ Maximum likelihood (ML).
- Additional notation:
  - ▶ Let  $\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_i$  denote the  $i$ th fitted value.
  - ▶ Let  $e_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i$  denote the  $i$ th residual.

## Estimation of $\beta_0$ and $\beta_1$

- Both LS and ML give the same estimator for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ :
  - ▶ Why?

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$
$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}.$$

- Note that  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are denoted as  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  in KNNL.

# Least Squares (LS) Estimation

- Consider the criterion:
- The LS estimators of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are those values,  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , that minimize  $Q$ , for the given observed data  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ .

# LS Derivation

- Differentiate  $Q$  with respect to  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ :
  
- Set above gradient equal to 0 and let the solutions to these two equations be  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ .
- Let  $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1)'$ . Since  $\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'}$  is positive definite,  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  minimize  $Q$ .
  - ▶ Why?



# LS Derivation

- Let the gradient equal to zero, we obtain a set of **normal equations**:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- That is,

# LS Derivation

- From (1),

$$\hat{\beta}_0 =$$

- Plugging  $\hat{\beta}_0$  into (2), we obtain

- Thus,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 =$$

# Gauss-Markov Theorem

Under the simple linear regression model (**without having to assume normality**), the LS estimators  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are **unbiased** and have **minimum variance among all linear unbiased estimators** of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ .

**This result will be proven later.**

# Properties of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ by Gauss-Markov Theorem

①  $E(\hat{\beta}_0) =$

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②  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are linear estimators because

③ The variances are the minimal

## Estimation of $\sigma^2$

- LS and ML give **different estimators** for  $\sigma^2$ .
- Define an error sum of squares (SSE):
  
- The LS estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is the error mean square (MSE):
  
- The ML estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is:
  
- Which estimator is better?

# Maximum Likelihood (ML) Estimation

- In a general setting, let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \sim \text{iid}$  with probability density function  $f(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ .
- With  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$ , the likelihood function for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

- Find the value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  that maximizes  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$ .
- Intuitively, one would want to find the value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  that makes the data most likely.
- Equivalently, find the value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  that maximizes the log-likelihood

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y}) = \log \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y}) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

# ML Derivation

- Let  $\boldsymbol{\theta} =$
- Since  $Y_i \sim$  , we have  $f(y_i; \boldsymbol{\theta})$
  
- Thus the likelihood function is  $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$

and the log-likelihood function  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$  is

# ML Derivation

- Set the first-order partial derivatives equal to 0:

$$0 = \frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta_0} = \frac{2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta_1} = \frac{2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i) X_i$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)^2.$$

- Solve for the parameters and obtain the ML estimates:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{n}$$

- Note that  $E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{n-2}{n} \sigma^2$ .



# Properties of Fitted Regression Line

- $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 0$ .
- $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$  is a minimum.
- $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i$ .
- $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i e_i = 0$ .
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i e_i = 0$ .
- The regression line always goes through  $(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})$ .