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## Föreläsning 14

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# Regression

- **Regression** is a technique used for estimating relationship between variables.
- The regression is said to be **linear** if the relationship is linear.
- Often we want to predict a variable  $Y$  (the dependent variable) in terms of another variable  $X$  (the independent variable).  $X$  is usually not random.
- For a fixed value  $x$  of  $X$ ,  $Y$  may take several values, and hence is a random variable denoted by  $Y|x$  ( $Y$  given that  $X = x$ ). The mean of  $Y|x$  is denoted by  $\mu_{Y|x}$ .

# Linear Regression

- The **linear curve of regression** of  $Y$  on  $X$  is given by

$$\mu_{Y|X} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

- Given a set of data  $(x_i, y_i)$  where  $x_i$  is an observed value of  $X$  and  $y_i$  is the value of  $Y|x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . The simple linear regression model is given by

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

$\epsilon_i$  are called the residuals.

- $\epsilon_i = \mu_{Y|X} - y_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i = 0$ .
- The values  $(x_i, y_i)$  can be illustrated by a scattergram.

- $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are estimated by the method of least-squares which is done by minimizing  $SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2$ .
- Let  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  be estimates for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  respectively. Then,

$$b_1 = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2},$$

and

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{x}$$

## Example

Let  $X$  denote the number of lines of executable SAS code, and let  $Y$  denote the execution time in seconds. The following is a summary information:

$$n = 10 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i = 16.75 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i = 170$$

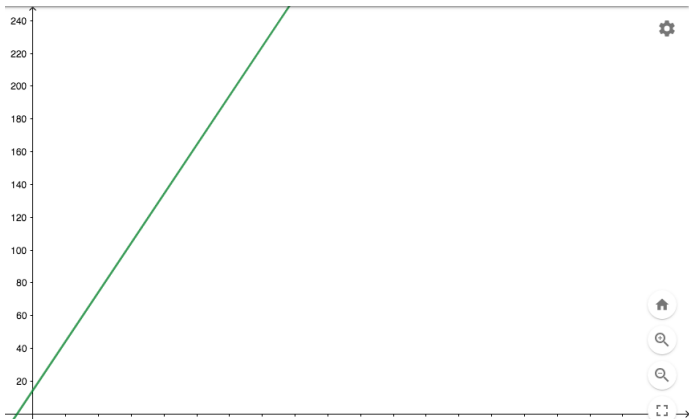
$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i^2 = 28.64 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i^2 = 2898 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i y_i = 285.625$$

Estimate the line of regression.

$$b_1 = \frac{10(285.625) - (16.75)(170)}{10(28.64) - (16.75)^2} = 1.498$$

and

$$b_0 = \frac{170}{10} - 1.498 \frac{16.75}{10} = 14.491$$



## Properties of least-squares estimators

- Since  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$  and  $\epsilon_i$  vary with the data, we can define  $B_0$ ,  $B_1$  and  $E_i$  the corresponding random variables.  $E_i$  is assumed to be normally distributed with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ .
- We assume the following:
  - $Y_i$  are independent and normally distributed.
  - The mean of  $Y_i$  is  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$ .
  - The variance of  $Y_i$  is  $\sigma^2$ .
- We are interested in studying  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  (distribution, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing).

*(Review properties of summation page 388).*

## Distribution of $B_0$ and $B_1$

- Using summation properties, we can prove that  $B_1$  is normally distributed with parameters

$$E[B_1] = \beta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad V[B_1] = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

- $B_0$  is also normally distributed with parameters

$$E[B_0] = \beta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad V[B_0] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sigma^2$$

- Since  $\sigma^2$  is usually unknown, we use an estimate  $s^2$ .
- An unbiased estimator for  $\sigma^2$  is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2}{n-2}$$



## Another way of writing the formulas - summary-p.393

- Let  $S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \left( n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \right) / n$ ,  
 $S_{yy} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \left( n \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^2 \right) / n$  and  
 $S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) =$   
 $\left( n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) / n$ .
- $B_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$  with variance  $V[B_1] = \frac{\sigma^2}{S_{xx}}$ .
- $B_0 = \bar{Y} - B_1 \bar{X}$  with variance  $V[B_0] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \sigma^2}{n S_{xx}}$ .
- $SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 = S_{yy} - b_1 S_{xy}$
- $S^2 = \frac{SSE}{n-2}$ , estimator for  $\sigma^2$ .

## Inferences on $\beta_1$

- Since  $B_1 \sim N(\beta_1, \sigma^2/S_{xx})$ , then  $\frac{B_1 - \beta_1}{\sigma/\sqrt{S_{xx}}} \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- Since  $\sigma^2$  is usually unknown, we estimate it by  $S^2$ . In this case,  $\frac{B_1 - \beta_1}{S/\sqrt{S_{xx}}}$  follows a  $T$  distribution with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom.
- A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval on  $\beta_1$  is given by

$$B_1 \pm t_{\alpha/2} S / \sqrt{S_{xx}}$$

- In hypothesis testing ( $H_1 : \beta_1 \neq \beta_1^0$ , or  $\beta_1 < \beta_1^0$  or  $\beta_1 > \beta_1^0$ ), the test statistic is

$$T = \frac{B_1 - \beta_1^0}{S / \sqrt{S_{xx}}}$$

*(Usually we take  $\beta_1^0 = 0$  if we want to study if there is any significance relation between  $X$  and  $Y$ )*

## Example

Consider the previous example and suppose we want to see if there is a relation between  $X$  and  $Y$  with a significance level  $\alpha = 5\%$ . There is a relation between  $X$  and  $Y$  if and only if  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ , which is our alternative hypothesis. Let  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ . We have a two tailed test  $b_1 = 1.498$ ,

$S_{xx} = \left( n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \right) / n = 0.584$   $S_{yy} = 8$  and  $S_{xy} = 0.875$ . Therefore,  $SSE = 8 - 1.498(0.875) = 6.69$  and  $s^2 = SSE/8 = 0.84$  The test statistic is

$$T = \frac{b_1 - 0}{\sqrt{S^2/S_{xx}}} = \frac{1.498}{\sqrt{0.84/0.584}} = 1.25$$

$t_{0.025} = 2.306$ . Hence, we do not reject the hypothesis. We cannot conclude that there is a relation between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

## Inferences on $\beta_0$

- Since  $B_0 \sim N(\beta_0, \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / nS_{xx})$ , then

$$\frac{B_0 - \beta_0}{\sigma \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / nS_{xx}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

- After estimate  $\sigma^2$  by  $s^2$ , we get that

$$\frac{B_0 - \beta_0}{s \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / nS_{xx}}}$$

follows a  $T$  distribution with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom.

## Inferences on $\beta_0$

- A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval on  $\beta_1$  is given by

$$B_0 \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / n S_{xx}}$$

- The test statistic for hypothesis testing is

$$T = \frac{B_0 - \beta_0^0}{S \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 / n S_{xx}}}$$

## Example

A 95% C.I. on  $\beta_0$  in our previous example is given by

$$14.491 \pm 2.306 \sqrt{0.84(28.64)/5.84}$$

$$(14.491 - 4.68, 14.491 + 4.68)$$

$$(9.81, 19.181)$$

We are 95% sure that the true regression line crosses the  $y$ -axis between the points  $y = 9.81$  and  $y = 19.81$ .

## Inferences about estimated mean and single predicted value

- Given a new value  $x$  of  $X$ , we want to estimate the values  $\mu_{Y|x}$  and  $Y|x$ .
- A point estimate for  $\mu_{Y|x}$  and  $Y|x$  is given by

$$\hat{Y}|x = \hat{\mu}_{Y|x} = b_0 + b_1x$$

- A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  C.I. on  $\mu_{Y|x}$  is given by

$$\hat{\mu}_{Y|x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

- A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  C.I. on  $Y|x$  is given by

$$\hat{Y}|x \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$