Linear regression: Part 1



Recap

Normal distribution

Maximum likelihood estimation

Ground hogs

Zombies







Lecture Outline

What are linear models?

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- EX1: Why and when for regression
- EX2: What is a best line?

How to find the best line?

- EX3: Trying fitting a line 1

Maximum likelihood and regression

- EX4: Trying fitting a line in R



Chapter 4 – The New Statistics with R

Chapter 17 – The Analysis of Biological Data (2nd Edition)

Chapter 1.6 – Generalized linear models with examples in R

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parameters error

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$$u_i = \alpha + \beta X_i$$



 μ_i = mean of group *i*



Regression (this week) $\hat{Y}_i = \alpha + \beta X_i$



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 \hat{Y}_i = estimated y value



Summary linear models

Includes all: t-test, anova, and regression

Use the same mathematics and equation (model)

Interpretation will change based on type of variables

What we will do for the rest of the course

What is linear regression?



Exercise 1: Part A

https://www.math.ntnu.no/emner/ST2304/2020v/Week05/ Regression_module.html

Estimate relationship between temperature and lay date









Estimate difference in times for humans and zombies



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More about the model



Exercise 2: What is the 'best' line?

- Take a look at the four datasets below.
- For each: draw a 'best' line on white boards.







Explanatory



We want a model that represents how these data were generated



Begin with a line – represents a relationship



But there is also variation around this line



Explanatory

Our model

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

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What is a 'best' line?

Many different lines could be fitted to the same data

Can try to do it by eye

But also a mathematical way

Exercise 3: Try fitting a line

Go through Part B of exercise module

Using abline():

abline(a=0, b=1)

abline(a=0, b=2)

Sum of squares:



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Your data best = 3423.242





In Part B tried to find best line by trying things

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Find values of parameters that make the data most likely

Finding a best line with maximum likelihood estimation

Maximum likelihood

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Three parameters that need to be estimated:

 $\alpha \quad \beta \quad \sigma^2$

Variance is important too, even if we don't always interpret it



Maximum likelihood estimate also = 3.02

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How to find the best line? minimize the sum of squares

Maximum likelihood and regression we get to the best line by using maximum likelihood estimation and Im() function

Now a bit on functions