

# I. Linear Model

## 1.1 Regression analysis

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Basic methods of regression analysis assume:  
DATA:  $(Y_i, z_i^T)^T \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} (Y_i, z_i^T)^T, i=1, \dots, n$

$$z = (z_1, \dots, z_p)^T \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{response} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{covariates} \end{matrix}$$

$$P(z \in Z) = 1, \quad Z \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

↑ sample space of covariates

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & \dots & z_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_{n1} & \dots & z_{np} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1^T \\ \vdots \\ z_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (z^1, \dots, z^p)$$

covariate matrix

THIS LECTURE:

$Y$ : continuous

$z_j: j=1, \dots, p$  - whatever

## Probabilistic model for the data

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Statistical modelling is based on specifying a probabilistic model for data.

prob. model for data  $\equiv$  joint distribution of  $(Y, Z)^T$

$\equiv$  joint density  $f_{Y,Z}(y,z)$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$   
(with respect to some  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu_Y \times \mu_Z$ )

$$f_{Y,Z}(y,z) = \underline{f_{Y|Z}(y|z)} \cdot f_Z(z)$$

interest of this lecture

$f_Z$ : nuisance

(does not have to be specified for many things)

MAIN INTEREST (here) :  $E(Y|Z)$

$\equiv$  one of characteristics of  $f_{Y|Z}$

## Regressors

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- $E(Y|Z) = \text{function of } Z$
- To model  $E(Y|Z)$ , transformations of  $Z$  might be necessary (Why? wait a minute)

$$t: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k \quad t = (t_0, \dots, t_{k-1})^T$$

(Borel) measurable function

$$X = (X_0, \dots, X_{k-1})^T := (t_0(Z), \dots, t_{k-1}(Z))^T$$
$$= t(Z)$$

$$X_i = (X_{i0}, \dots, X_{ik-1})^T := t(Z_i), \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

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ASSUMPTION :  $E(Y|Z) = m(\underbrace{t(Z)}_X)$

↑  
measurable function

$X, X_i$  : regressor vectors

$m$  : regression function

$$X^j := \begin{pmatrix} X_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ X_{nj} \end{pmatrix}, \quad j=0, \dots, k-1$$

$= j^{\text{th}}$  regressor vector

THIS LECTURE:  $t$  assumed to be known 8  
(for all theory, not in practice)

DATA: Either  $(Y_i, Z_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, Z^T)^T$   
or  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T$

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$$f_{Y,Z}(y,z) \xrightarrow{\text{transf. theorem}} f_{Y,X}(y,x) = f_{Y|X}(y|x) f(x)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $E(Y|X)$

ASSUMPTION (the whole lecture):

$$E(Y|Z=z) = E(Y|X=t(z))$$

for almost all  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$

Hence to model  $E(Y|Z)$  we can also  
model  $E(Y|X)$  using data <sup>(transformed)</sup>  
 $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T, i=1, \dots, n$

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Reminder of the lecture:

If not needed to mention  $t$ ,  
data will directly be represented  
by  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T$ .

## 1.2 Linear model : Basics

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### Def 1.1 Linear model with iid data

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The data  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T, i=1, \dots, n$   
satisfy a linear model if

$$E(Y|X) = X^T \beta, \quad \text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2, \quad (\text{i.i.d.})$$

$$\beta = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{k-1})^T \in \mathbb{R}^k, \quad 0 < \sigma^2 < \infty \text{ unknown par.}$$

$\uparrow$  regression coef.                       $\uparrow$  residual variance

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} \equiv \text{residual std. deviation}$$

• LM: only E and var of  $f_{Y|X}$  is specified

$$f_{X,Y} = f_{Y|X} \cdot f_X$$

- other aspects of  $f_{Y|X}$  not of interest
- $f_X$  not of interest

• regression function  $m(x) = \underline{x^T \beta}, x \in \mathcal{X}$

$\uparrow$   
linear in  $\beta$

$$x = t(z)$$

$\leftarrow$  not neces. linear!

LM with intercept :  $t_0(z) = 1$

$$X = (1, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})^T \rightarrow \text{intercept term}$$

$$m(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_{k-1} x_{k-1}$$

## Interpretation of regres. coefs.

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$$x = (x_0, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_{k-1})^T \in \mathcal{X}$$

$$x^{j(+1)} := (x_0, \dots, \underline{x_j+1}, \dots, x_{k-1})^T \in \mathcal{X}$$

clearly:  $E(Y|X = \underline{x^{j(+1)}}) - E(Y|X = x) = \underline{\beta_j}$

$$x^{j(+\delta)} := (x_0, \dots, x_j + \delta, \dots, x_{k-1})^T \in \mathcal{X}$$

$$E(Y|X = \underline{x^{j(+\delta)}}) - E(Y|X = x) = \underline{\delta \cdot \beta_j}$$

ii) change in  $E(Y|\dots)$  does not depend on  $x_j$

iii) change in  $E(Y|\dots)$  does not depend on the remaining regressors

$\beta_j \equiv$  effect of the  $j$ th regressor

! interpretation depends on units of  $x_j$ !

LM with intercept:

it makes sense only if  $(1, 0, \dots, 0)^T \in \mathcal{X}$ :

$$E(Y|X = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T) = \beta_0$$

# Linear model with general class

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DATA (as assumed by now) :  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T$

NOTATION:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_{i1}^T \\ \vdots \\ X_{in}^T \end{pmatrix} \text{ row } i = \text{vector of regressors for observation } i$$

model matrix

$$= (X^0, X^1, \dots, X^{k-1})$$

column  $j = j^{\text{th}}$  regressor

$Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^T$ ,  $X$  are (assumed to be) random

→ their (joint) density

$$f_{Y,X}(y, x) = f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{if iid}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n f_{Y_i|X_i}(y_i|x_i) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n f_X(x_i)$$

LM implies some properties of  $f_{Y|X}$

Lemma 1.1 Conditional mean and covariance matrix of the response vector

Let  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$  satisfy

a linear model, i.e.  $E(Y|X) = X^T \beta$ ,  $\text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2$

for some  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$ .

Then  $E(Y|X) = X\beta$ ,  $\text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n$ .

Proof: trivial...

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iid assumption not really needed,  
 many results can be derived just  
 from assuming WEAKER

$$E(Y|X) = X\beta, \quad \text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n.$$

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The data  $(Y, X)$  satisfy a linear model  
 if  $E(Y|X) = X\beta$ ,  $\text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n$ ,  
 where  $\beta = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{k-1})^T \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  
 $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$  are unknown parameters.

NOTATION

- $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T, \quad i=1, \dots, n$   
 $Y|X \sim (X^T\beta, \sigma^2) \quad \equiv \text{LM with iid data}$
- $Y|X \sim (X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n) \quad \equiv \text{LM with general data}$

↓

here, in  $f_{Y, X}(y, x) = \underbrace{f_{Y|X}(y|x)}_{\text{not neces.}} \cdot \underbrace{f_X(x)}_{\text{not neces.}}$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f_{Y|X}(y_i, x_i) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n f_X(x_i)$$



## Rank of the model

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Regressor vectors  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  ( $\equiv$  model matrix  $X$ )

$$\underset{\text{jointly}}{\sim} f_X(X_1, \dots, X_n) = f_X(x)$$

### ASSUMPTIONS

- $n > k$

- $P(\text{rank}(X) = r) = 1$

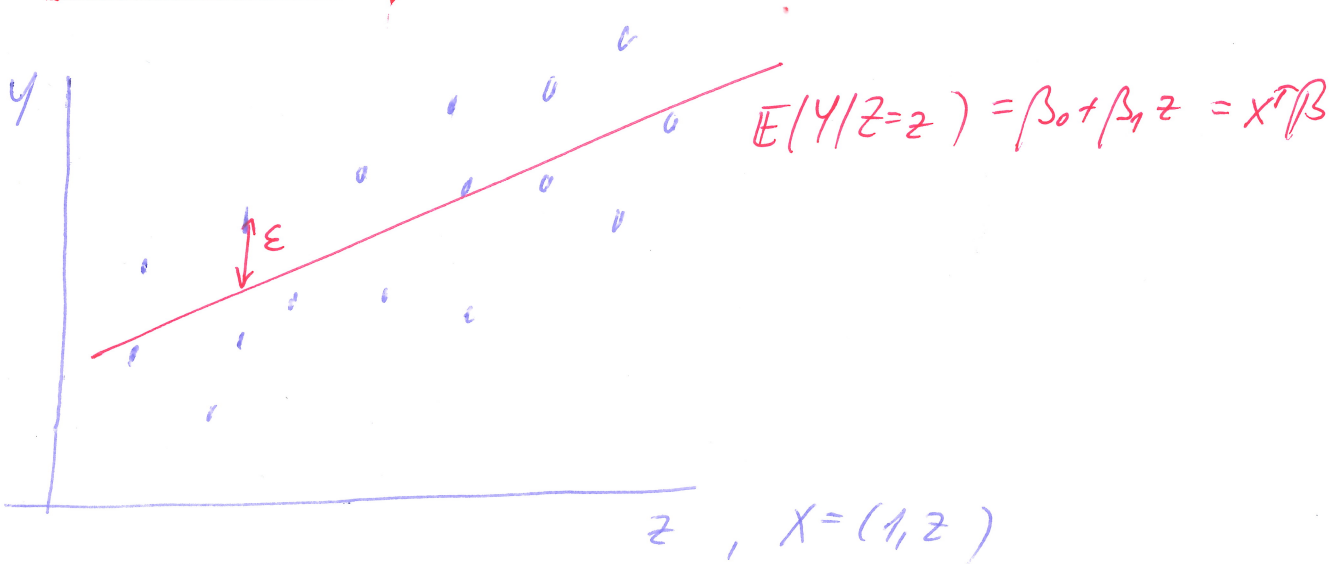
↓ for some  $r \leq k$   
column rank

### Def 1.3 Full-rank model

A full-rank linear model is such a linear model where  $r = k$ .

$\equiv$  columns of  $X$  are (a.s.) linearly independent vectors

In most practical situations, full-rank models are sufficient. In the rest of lecture, we will mostly (always) assume that  $r = k$ .



$$\varepsilon_i := Y_i - X_i^T \beta, \quad i=1, \dots, n \quad \equiv \text{error terms}$$

$$\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)^T = Y - X\beta \quad \equiv \text{error term vector}$$

Lemma 1.2 Moments of the error terms

Let  $Y|X \sim (X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(\varepsilon|X) &= 0_n, & E(\varepsilon) &= 0_n \\ \text{var}(\varepsilon|X) &= \sigma^2 I_n, & \text{var}(\varepsilon) &= \sigma^2 I_n. \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

- $E(\varepsilon|X) = E(Y - X\beta|X) = E(Y|X) - E(X\beta|X) = X\beta - X\beta = 0_n$

- $\text{var}(\varepsilon|X) = \text{var}(Y - X\beta|X) = \text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n$

- $E(\varepsilon) = E(E(\varepsilon|X)) = E(0_n) = 0_n$

- $\text{var}(\varepsilon) = E(\text{var}(\varepsilon|X)) + \text{var}(E(\varepsilon|X)) = E(\sigma^2 I_n) + \text{var}(0_n) = \sigma^2 I_n \quad \square$

NOTE:  $(Y_i, X_i^T)^T$  i.i.d.  $(Y, X^T)^T$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim (0, \sigma^2)$$

## Distributional assumptions

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To derive some results, we will have to assume more than just

$$E(Y|X) = X\beta, \quad \text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n.$$

Sometimes, we will assume

$$(Y_i, X_i^T)^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (Y, X^T)^T, \quad Y|X \sim N(X^T\beta, \sigma^2)$$



which implies  $Y|X \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n)$

## Fixed or random covariates

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Sometimes, covariates are not random, they are pre-specified by the analyst (designed experiments, ...)

If interest in  $Y|X$  or  $Y/X$ , it is not really necessary to distinguish whether  $X$  is random or not.

$$X \sim f_X(x) \equiv \text{nuisance for us}$$

## Limitations of a linear model

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~~was~~ If linear model applied to some dataset, it is assumed ( $\equiv$  it is believed) that

$$(1) \quad E(Y|Z=z) = E(Y|X=t(z)) = \\ = \text{linear function of } X=t(z)$$

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$$(2) \quad \text{var}(Y|X=x) = \sigma^2 = \text{const}$$

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$$\text{var}(Y|X) = \sigma^2 I_n \equiv \text{diagonal matrix} \\ \equiv \text{uncorrelated obs.}$$

$$(3) \quad Y|X \sim N(\quad)$$

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Sometimes: interest in modelling also other features of  $f_{Y|X}$  than just  $E$  and  $\text{var}$ .