

DESCRIPTIVE PROPERTIES

of the estimated linear model

- 1) the mean of the response at the observed locations (x_1, \dots, x_n) is equal to the mean of the predicted values at those locations

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{y}_i \quad (\bar{y} = \bar{\hat{y}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\hat{y}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{y}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \left(n \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} \\ &= \underbrace{\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}}_{\hat{\beta}_1} + \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

- 2) the estimated regression line passes for the point (\bar{x}, \bar{y})

i.e. $\bar{y} = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}$

compute \hat{y} at \bar{x} : $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} + \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = \bar{y}$

- 3) the sample mean of the residuals is equal to zero

i.e. $\bar{e} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i) = 0$

$$\bar{e} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 x_i) = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = \bar{y} - \bar{y} + \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = 0$$

INFERENCEAL PROPERTIES

of the estimated linear model

(now we need those assumptions on the errors)

$\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are the estimates (they are not random variables, they are numbers).

we study the properties of the corresponding ESTIMATORS $\hat{\beta}_1 = \hat{\beta}_1(Y)$, $\hat{\beta}_2 = \hat{\beta}_2(Y)$

(the random variable is $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$, and the estimators $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ a transformation of Y .)

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

we can compute $E[\hat{\beta}_1]$ $E[\hat{\beta}_2]$
 $var(\hat{\beta}_1)$ $var(\hat{\beta}_2)$

EXPECTED VALUES AND VARIANCE

- Let's start with $\hat{\beta}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_2 &= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i - \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})}{\underbrace{\left[\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2 \right]}_{w_i}} \cdot y_i \end{aligned}$$

$= 0$ since $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\bar{x} = n\bar{x} - n\bar{x} = 0$

$= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot y_i$ is a linear combination of y_1, \dots, y_n

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}_2] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i E[y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i) = \\ &= \beta_1 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}_A + \beta_2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}_B = \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2} = 0$$

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i (x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} var(\hat{\beta}_2) &= var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i \right) \stackrel{\text{since } cov(y_i, y_k) = 0}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n var(w_i y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 var(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\left[\sum_{h=1}^n (x_h - \bar{x})^2 \right]^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

- Turning now to $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i \cdot \bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i y_i \quad \text{linear combination}$$

$$E[\hat{\beta}_1] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n v_i y_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i E[y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i) = \beta_1 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i}_C + \beta_2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i x_i}_D = \beta_1$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n} - w_i \bar{x} \right) = 1 - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$$

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n} - w_i \bar{x} \right) x_i = \bar{x} - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} var(\hat{\beta}_1) &= var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i y_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n var(v_i y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 var(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \sigma^2 = \\ &= \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n} - w_i \bar{x} \right)^2 = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + w_i^2 \bar{x}^2 - \frac{2}{n} \bar{x} w_i \right) = \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \bar{x}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 - \frac{2}{n} \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \right) = \\ &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

REMARKS

- $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are UNBIASED estimators (i.e. $E[\hat{\beta}_1] = \beta_1$; $E[\hat{\beta}_2] = \beta_2$)

- if σ^2 increases $\Rightarrow var(\hat{\beta}_1)$ and $var(\hat{\beta}_2)$ increase (fixing the rest)

- if $\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ increases $\Rightarrow var(\hat{\beta}_1)$ and $var(\hat{\beta}_2)$ decrease

\downarrow
 I can estimate the line better if the x_i 's are well spread out

- $var(\hat{\beta}_1)$ and $var(\hat{\beta}_2)$ depend on σ^2 (unknown) \rightarrow can we estimate it? \odot

ESTIMATE of σ^2

Recall that σ^2 is the (common) variance of the errors e_1, \dots, e_n . However, these are not observable quantities.

The corresponding sample quantities (observable) are the RESIDUALS $e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$, $i=1, \dots, n$. (note: they are not an estimate of the errors)

Idea to estimate σ^2 : we estimate it using the sample variance of the residuals, i.e.

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (e_i - \bar{e})^2$$

we have seen that $\bar{e} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$

We can consider the corresponding estimator $\hat{\Sigma}^2$ to study its properties

$$\hat{\Sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 x_i)^2$$

It can be shown that $E[\hat{\Sigma}^2] = \frac{n-2}{n} \sigma^2$ it is a BIASED estimator of σ^2

- if n is large, the bias is small

indeed, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E[\hat{\Sigma}^2] = \sigma^2$ asymptotically unbiased

we can define an unbiased version $S^2 = \frac{n}{n-2} \hat{\Sigma}^2 = \frac{n}{n-2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 x_i)^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 x_i)^2$

\odot once we compute the estimate of σ^2 , S^2 ,

we can plug it into $var(\hat{\beta}_1)$ and $var(\hat{\beta}_2)$ to obtain an estimate of these quantities

$$\hat{var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = S^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)$$

$$\hat{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \frac{S^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$