

# 1 Linear Regression and Correlation

## 1.1 Concepts

1. Often when given data points, we want to find the line of best fit through them. To them, we want to approximate them with a line  $y = ax + b$ . We represent this as a solution where we want to solve for  $a, b$ . In matrix vector form and data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ , this is represented as

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Often, we cannot find a perfect fit (if not all the points lie on the same line). So we want to find the error. One way to find the error is to take the least square error or  $E = \sum (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2$ , the sum of the squares of the error. The choice of  $a, b$  that minimizes this is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}.$$

Written out, we have

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}, b = \bar{y} - a\bar{x},$$

where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  is the average of the  $x$  values and  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  is the average of the  $y$  values.

The **correlation coefficient** of a set of points  $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$  is given by

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}.$$

Another way to represent that the correlation coefficient is the cosine of the angle between the two vectors  $\vec{x} = (x_i - \bar{x})$  and  $\vec{y} = (y_i - \bar{y})$ . So, we can write

$$r = \frac{\vec{x} \circ \vec{y}}{|\vec{x}| |\vec{y}|}.$$

It is always between  $-1$  and  $1$  by Cauchy-Schwarz.

## 1.2 Example

- Find the line of best fit and correlation coefficient of the following data  $\{(-2, -2), (2, 3), (3, 1)\}$ .

## 1.3 Problems

- True    False    The line of best fit always exists.
- True    False    The matrix  $A^T A$  will always be square.
- True    False    The correlation is always between  $-1$  and  $1$ .
- True    False    If the correlation between two sets of data is  $-1$ , then  $y$  is proportional to  $x^{-1}$ .
- True    False    If we shift the data (by for instance adding  $5$  to all of the  $y$  values), then the correlation does not change.
- Consider the set of points  $\{(-2, -1), (1, 1), (3, 2)\}$ . Calculate the line of best fit and the correlation (no need to simplify calculations)
- Consider the set of points  $\{(-2, -1), (1, 1), (3, 2)\}$ . Calculate the square error if we estimate it using the line  $y = x$ . Then calculate the square error if we use the line  $y = 0$ . Which is a better approximation?
- Find the line of best fit and the error of the fit of the points  $\{(-1, 2), (0, -1), (1, 1), (3, 2)\}$  and use it to estimate the value at  $2$ . Calculate the correlation of the data.

## 2 Review Topics

### 2.1 Counting and Probability

- Permutations and Combinations
  - Binomial coefficients
  - Poker-type problems
- Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion (PIE)
  - Complementary Counting
- Pigeonhole principle
- 12-Fold way
  - (In)distinguishable balls and (in)distinguishable boxes
  - Sterling Numbers of the Second kind
  - Partition Numbers

- Probability, Expected Value, Variance, Covariance
  - Random variable picture
  - Probability Mass Functions (PMF)
  - Formulas for expected values
  - Conditional probability
  - Independence
- Bayes' Theorem
- Distributions
  - Uniform Distribution
  - Bernoulli Trials
  - Binomial distribution
  - Hyper-geometric distribution
  - Geometric distribution
  - Poisson distribution
  - Normal distribution
  - $\chi^2$  distribution
  - Expected value and variance of each
- Hypothesis Testing
  - Central Limit Theorem Testing
    - \* Z-Scores
  - $\chi^2$  Testing
  - Independence Testing
  - Null/Alternative Hypotheses
  - Type 1/type 2 errors, significance level, power
- Estimators and Confidence Intervals
  - Estimators for the mean and standard deviation
  - 95% confidence intervals

## 2.2 Differential Equations

- Recurrence Relations
  - Going both forward and backward
  - Writing one in matrix form
  - Finding formulas for first order linear equations
- Identifying the adjectives (linear, homogeneous, etc.)
- Integrating Factors
- Separable Equations
  - Logistic Growth
  - Exponential Growth
  - Partial Fractions
- Second order differential equations
  - Going forward and backward
  - Writing one as a system of linear first order equations
- IVPs/BVPs
- Slope fields
  - Euler's Method
- Linear systems of differential equations

## 2.3 Matrices

- Multiplying matrices, vectors
- Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality
- Determinants
  - Number of solutions and how it depends on the determinant
- Gaussian Elimination
  - Consistent vs Inconsistent systems
  - Finding Inverses
  - Solving matrix-vector equations
- Eigenvalues/eigenvectors

- Linear Regression
  - Least Squares Error
  - Finding line of best fit
- Correlation

## 2.4 Miscellaneous

- Euler's Formula
- Induction
- Sorting Algorithms
  - Bubble Sort
  - Quick Sort
- Stable-matching algorithm

## True/False

1. True    False    Changing the initial conditions for a linear homogeneous recurrence relation does not affect the bases of the exponential functions that appear in the direct formula for the relation.
2. True    False    The difference operator  $\Delta$  takes a sequence and makes a new sequence out of it.
3. True    False    The DE  $y'(t) = 0.04y(t) - 0.09$  can be solved in at least 2 different ways.
4. True    False    Checking that a function  $y(t)$  is a solution to a DE may not be possible since we may not know how to solve the DE.
5. True    False    The equation  $e^x y' = y$  is linear, but  $y' + x^2 e^x y = e^x$  is not linear.
6. True    False    There are IVP's in which the function  $f(t, y)$  is continuous everywhere, but the solutions to the IVP cannot extend beyond a certain interval  $[0, T)$ .
7. True    False    An ODE is both linear and separable exactly when it is of the form  $y' = (y + c)g(t)$  for some function  $g(t)$  and some constant  $c$ .
8. True    False    Solutions to a separable ODE can "go missing" when both sides of the ODE are divided by a function of  $y$ .
9. True    False    All linear ODE's have the property that linear combinations of their solutions are also solutions to them.

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10. True    False    All I.V.P.'s for second order, linear, homogeneous ODE's with constant coefficients are solvable and have a unique solution.
11. True    False    Some B.V.P. for second order, linear, homogeneous ODE's with constant coefficients may have no solutions, a unique solution, or infinitely many solutions, but never any other number of solutions (e.g., exactly 2 solutions).
12. True    False    The DE  $y' = 3y^2$  will have a slope field with same slopes lined up in vertical lines because the equation is autonomous.
13. True    False    If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions to  $y'' - 6y' + 5y = 4x$ , then  $3y_1 - 2y_2$  is also a solution to the DE.
14. True    False    A vector can be represented algebraically as a  $1 \times n$  or an  $n \times 1$  matrix.
15. True    False    The dot product of vectors always yields a non-negative result, but it is the norm of a vector that gives its length.
16. True    False    Two vectors (of same dimensions) are perpendicular if and only if their dot product is 1.
17. True    False    For any two non-zero vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  in the plane (of dimensions  $2 \times 1$ ), we can find the angle  $\alpha$  between them by the formula:  $\alpha = \arccos \frac{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{|\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2|}$
18. True    False    An invertible matrix  $A$  could be of any size, even non-square, as long as its product with its inverse matrix equals the identity matrix.
19. True    False    For any matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  there is another matrix  $B_{m \times n}$  such that  $A + B = 0_{m \times n}$  and this matrix  $B$  is unique.
20. True    False    Diagonal matrices are the only matrices that equal their own transposes.
21. True    False    There are non-square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  for which it is possible to multiply them in either order but then  $AB$  cannot equal  $BA$ .
22. True    False    The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  determines whether the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  will have a unique solution or not, but it cannot distinguish by itself between systems with no solution and with infinitely many solutions.
23. True    False    The system  $D\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix will have a unique solution exactly when  $D$  has a zero entry along the diagonal.
24. True    False    To find the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of a square matrix  $A$  by Gaussian elimination, we reduce the "double matrix"  $(A|I_n)$  by elementary row operations to  $(U|A^{-1})$  for some upper-triangular matrix  $U$ .
25. True    False    The determinant of an upper-triangular matrix  $U$  is equal to the determinant of a diagonal matrix  $D$  with same entries as  $U$  along the diagonal.

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26. True    False    As soon as we see a row like  $(000 \dots 0|0)$  during Gaussian elimination, we know that the system will have infinitely many solutions.
27. True    False    An eigenvector can be the zero-vector but an eigenvalue cannot be 0.
28. True    False    When applying the algorithm to search for eigenvectors of a matrix, we must first find the eigenvalues, even if the problem is not asking for them.
29. True    False    If an eigenvector  $\vec{v}$  for a matrix  $A$  corresponds to eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2018$ , then  $A^{2019}(\vec{v}) = 2019^{2018}$
30. True    False    The reason that we set  $\det B = 0$  where  $B = A - \lambda I$  is to ensure that the system of equations  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has more than just the trivial solution.
31. True    False    No matter what type of problem we are asked to solve, we can always skip finding the eigenvectors and get by with just the finding the eigenvalues.
32. True    False     $A^T A$  cannot be a symmetric matrix if  $A$  is not square.
33. True    False    The sum of the residuals of data points from a line is not a good estimate of the fitness of the line, since this sum could be large, yet the data points could be very close to the line.
34. True    False    The least-square best-fitting line for any number of data points always exists and is unique essentially because there is a (unique) shortest distance from a point to a plane in any dimensions.
35. True    False    If we use more data points to find the best-fiting line, we may increase the overall error  $S$  yet still be able to make better predictions about the data.
36. True    False    The correlation is a number that is always between  $-1$  and  $1$ .