

AP Statistics: Linear Regression

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General Notes

- Equation: $\hat{y} = a + bx$
 - $b = \text{Slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$
- **Line of Best Fit:** Minimal residual (vertical distance between line and points)
- **r:** Shows correlation (not causation)
 - Sign of $r =$ Sign of b (Slope)
 - The closer r is to ± 1 , the stronger r is
- **r^2 :** Correlation of determination (convert to a percentage)
- **LSLR:** Least squares regression line
- **Extrapolation:** Extending the LSLR to values outside the range of data used to generate it

Interpretations

- Slope (b)
 - For each $[x]$, the $[y]$ increases/decreases on average by $[b]$
- Correlation Coefficient (r)
 - There is a [*strong/weak*], [*positive/negative*], and [*linear/non-linear*] relationship between $[x]$ and $[y]$
 - As $[x]$ increases, it appears that $[y]$ [*increases/decreases*].
- Correlation of determination (r^2)
 - $r^2\%$ variation in $[y]$ can be explained by a linear relationship with $[x]$
- Put all interpretations in the context of the problem!

Residuals

- $y - \hat{y}$
- If the graph of the residuals shows a pattern, a non-linear model should be used

- “Since the residual graph [does/does not] show a pattern, a [linear/nonlinear] model should be used”
- Positive residual = Underestimate;
Negative residual = Overestimate

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	0.137 ₁	0.126 ₂	1.09 ₃	0.289 ₄
Wind velocity	0.240 ₅	0.019 ₆	12.63 ₇	0.000 ₈
S = 0.237 ₉		R-Sq = 0.873 ₁₀		R-Sq (adj) = 0.868 ₁₁

Table

- When presented with a table (like the one seen in the image), you DO NOT need: 2, 3, 4, 9, 11
- Line of best fit: $\hat{y} = 1 + 5x$
- 6 is the standard deviation of the slope (SE_b)
- 7 is the t-score of the slope
- 8 is the p-value of 7
- 9 is the standard deviation of the residuals

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Confidence Intervals

- Step 1: Conditions
 - “The scatterplot shows a somewhat linear trend”
 - “A residual plot shows no pattern”
 - “All points are independent and random”
 - If the problem states that the conditions are satisfied, you can write: “The stem of the problem states the conditions are satisfied.”
- Step 2: Formula
 - List the formula, substitution, unrounded answer, and degrees of freedom
 - Formula: $b \pm t^*(SE_b)$
 - d.f. = $n - 2$
- Step 3: Interpretation
 - “Based on these samples, we are _% confident that for every [x], [y] will [increase/decrease] between [lower value] and [upper value]”

Hypothesis Testing

- Step 1: Hypothesis
 - $H_0: \beta = 0$ (There is no linear relationship between $[x]$ and $[y]$)
 - $H_a: \beta \neq 0$ (There is linear relationship between $[x]$ and $[y]$)
 - Step 2: Conditions
 - “The scatterplot shows a somewhat linear trend”
 - “A residual plot shows no pattern”
 - “All points are independent and random”
 - If the problem states that the conditions are satisfied, you can write: “The stem of the problem states the conditions are satisfied.”
 - Step 3: Formula
 - List the formula, substitution, unrounded answer, and degrees of freedom
 - Formula: $t = \frac{b - \beta}{SE_b}$
 - d.f. = $n - 2$
 - Step 4: P Value
 - $2P(t > \text{or } < _) = _$
 - Step 5: Conclusion
 - “Assuming H_0 is true, since the p value [*p value*] is [*greater/less*] than $\alpha = _$, we [*fail to reject/reject*] H_0 ”
 - “We [*have/do not have*] sufficient evidence to suggest H_a , that there is a linear relationship between $[x]$ and $[y]$ ”
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