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## Lecture 2

Data Fitting


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## Outline

- Confidence in Measurements
- Linear Regression
- Error Propagation
- Quantization Error

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## Confidence in Measurements

- Consider the GPS measurements of my AUV...

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## Confidence in Measurements

- Zoom in, and you can see the AUV when it isn' $\dagger$ moving


What is the AUV's location?

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## Confidence in Measurements

- When we take measurements, we want to know how "good" they are.
- We establish measures of confidence in our measurements
- E.g. confidence limits, standard deviation, variance, etc.

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## Confidence in Measurements

- Lets just consider the case where we want to estimate the actual longitude

$$
\mu_{x}
$$

- Consider $N$ measurements of longitude

$$
x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \ldots x_{N}
$$

## Confidence in Measurements

- For these $N$ measurements, the sample mean is

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i},
$$

- We define the residual error, for each measurement, to be

$$
e_{i}=x_{i}-\bar{x}
$$

## Confidence in Measurements

- We characterize our residual errors using the sample variance:

$$
S^{2} \equiv \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} e_{i}^{2}=\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}
$$

- The sample standard deviation can be defined as:

$$
S=\sqrt{S^{2}}
$$

## Confidence in Measurements

- The sample variance $S^{2}$ characterizes the spread of the measurements.
- We estimate how far the sample mean is from the actual value using the estimated standard error:

$$
E S E=\frac{S}{\sqrt{N}}
$$

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## Confidence in Measurements

- Lets get back to our AUV's GPS measurements of longitude. Here are $N$ measurements:

- The corresponding sample mean, sample variance, and estimated standard error are:

$$
\bar{x}=-120.626368 \quad S=7.71967 E-06 \quad E S E=3.8265 E-07
$$

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## Confidence in Measurements

- We can use the estimated standard error, to determine confidence intervals.
- That is, we can say
$\mu$ is within +/- $\lambda$ of $\bar{x}$
with $P \%$ confidence

$\mu=$ ?

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## Confidence in Measurements

- For example:
actual longitude is within $+/-0.00000075^{\circ}$ of $-120.626368^{\circ}$ with $95 \%$ confidence

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## Confidence in Measurements

- Where does $\lambda=0.00000075$ come from?

$$
\lambda=E S E^{*} t
$$

- "Students $t$ value"
- The value of $t$ relates the confidence interval to the area under a standard distribution

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## Confidence in Measurements

- What is $t$ ?
- Represents the limits of a standard distribution that encapsulates $1-P$ of area under the distribution
- The df are the degrees of freedom, which is the number of samples $N$ minus number of parameters estimated

| SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL FOR TWO-TAILED TEST |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| df | .20 | .10 | .05 | .02 | .01 | .001 |
| 1 | 3.078 | 6.314 | 12.706 | 31.821 | 63.657 | 636.619 |
| 2 | 1.886 | 2.920 | 4.303 | 6.965 | 9.925 | 31.598 |
| 3 | 1.638 | 2.353 | 3.182 | 4.541 | 5.841 | 12.941 |
| 4 | 1.533 | 2.132 | 2.776 | 3.747 | 4.604 | 8.610 |
| 5 | 1.476 | 2.015 | 2.571 | 3.365 | 4.032 | 6.859 |
| 10 | 1.372 | 1.812 | 2.228 | 2.764 | 3.169 | 4.587 |
| 20 | 1.325 | 1.725 | 2.086 | 2.528 | 2.845 | 3.850 |
| 30 | 1.310 | 1.697 | 2.042 | 2.457 | 2.750 | 3.646 |
| 40 | 1.303 | 1.684 | 2.021 | 2.423 | 2.704 | 3.551 |
| 60 | 1.296 | 1.671 | 2.000 | 2.390 | 2.660 | 3.460 |
| 120 | 1.289 | 1.658 | 1.980 | 2.358 | 2.617 | 3.373 |
| $\infty$ | 1.282 | 1.645 | 1.960 | 2.326 | 2.576 | 3.291 |



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## Confidence in Measurements

- Summary:

1. Calculate your meañ $x$
2. Calculate your estimated standard error ESE
3. For a given df and significance level $=1-P$, find $t$ from table
4. Calculate $\lambda=E S E * t$

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## Linear Regression

- Sometimes we measure one variable $x$, but are interested in another variable $y=f(x)$
- Often, $f($ ) is assumed to be linear

$$
y=\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} x
$$

## Linear Regression

- Shark tracking Example...



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## Linear Regression

- We usually must estimate the coefficients $\beta_{0}$ and $\beta_{1}$. from a data set:

$$
\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \ldots\left(x_{N}, y_{N}\right)
$$

- Our model becomes

$$
\hat{y}=\widehat{\beta}_{0}+\widehat{\beta}_{1} x
$$

## Linear Regression

- To estimate $\beta_{0}$ and $\beta_{1}$ we minimize the sum of squared errors:

$$
S S E=\sum_{i=1}^{N} e_{i}^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left[y_{i}-\left(\hat{\beta}_{0}+\hat{\beta}_{1} x_{i}\right)\right]^{2}
$$

- This minimization results in

$$
\hat{\beta}_{0}=\bar{y}-\hat{\beta}_{1} \bar{x} \quad \hat{\beta}_{1}=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)\left(y_{i}-\bar{y}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}
$$

## Linear Regression

- How much confidence do we have in $\hat{\beta}_{0}$ and $\widehat{\beta}_{1}$ ?

$$
S_{e}=\sqrt{\frac{\operatorname{SSE}}{N-2}}=\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} e_{i}^{2}}{N-2}} .
$$

## Linear Regression

- How much confidence do we have in $\hat{\beta}_{0}$ and $\widehat{\beta}_{1}$ ?

$$
\begin{gathered}
S_{\beta_{0}}=S_{e} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}+\frac{\bar{x}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}} . \quad S_{\beta_{1}}=S_{e} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}} . \\
\lambda_{\beta 0}=t S_{\beta 0}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Linear Regression

- How much confidence do we have in $y$ ?

$$
\begin{gathered}
S_{y}=S_{e} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}+\frac{(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}} \\
\lambda_{y}=t S_{y}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Linear Regression

- Quick Summary:
- Given a set of $(x, y)$ pairs, we can calculate

1. The coefficient estimates $\hat{\beta}_{0,} \hat{\beta}_{1}$ of the linear regression
2. The confidence limits $\lambda_{\beta 0}, \lambda_{\beta 1}$ on the coefficients
3. The confidence limits $\lambda_{y}$ on the $y$ values

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## Error Propagation

- Given a function $F(x, y, z, \ldots$ ), and known error in variables $x, y, z, \ldots$, what is the error in $F$ ?


## Error Propagation

- Lets assume that errors are small and that we can make a first order Taylor series approximation:

$$
F-F_{\text {true }}=\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\left(x-x_{\text {true }}\right)+\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\left(y-y_{\text {true }}\right)+\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\left(z-z_{\text {true }}\right)+\cdots .
$$

## Error Propagation

- For errors $\varepsilon=x-x_{\text {true }}$, that are systematic, known, and small, we can rewrite as:

$$
\varepsilon_{F}=\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \varepsilon_{x}+\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \varepsilon_{y}+\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \varepsilon_{z}+\cdots .
$$

## Error Propagation

- If errors of $x, y, z, \ldots$ are independent random variables, then standard errors are assumed related by:

$$
\varepsilon_{F}=\sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)^{2} \varepsilon_{x}^{2}+\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)^{2} \varepsilon_{y}^{2}+\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\right)^{2} \varepsilon_{z}^{2}+\ldots}
$$

## Error Propagation

- Example:
- We model the range to a shark tag $\rho$ as a function of the strength of the received acoustic signal $s$.

$$
\rho=K_{s} s^{a}
$$

where
$a<1$ is constant


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## Error Propagation

- Example cont':
- If we know the sample variance $S_{s}{ }^{2}$ in signal strength measurements, and the variance $S_{K}{ }^{2}$ in $K_{s^{\prime}}$, we can calculate the corresponding variance in range $S_{\rho}{ }^{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{\rho}^{2} & =(d \rho / d s)^{2} S_{s}^{2}+\left(d \rho / d K_{s}\right)^{2} S_{K}^{2} \\
& =\left(a K_{s} s^{a-1}\right)^{2} S_{s}^{2}+\left(s^{a}\right)^{2} S_{K}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Quantization Error

- Lets revisit the static AUV plot of positions...


We have $\sim 0.1$ meter resolution

## Quantization Error

- We often witness finite precision in our sensors.
- If the sample standard deviation $S$ of our measurements is much larger than the quantization error (e.g. 10 times greater), we can ignore the quantization error.
- For the GPS longitude measurements which have $S>1$ meter, we can ignore the quantization error.


## Summary

- We can calculate confidence intervals for parameters being measured
- We can construct linear models relating two parameters, along with their confidence intervals
- We can approximate how the error of one parameter affects a function of that parameter
- We can check that the quantization error is insignificant

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To the Rescue



## Quantization Error

- DMM Example:
- For a 12 bit DAQ , set to $+/-5 \mathrm{~V}$, the quantization range $q$ is:

$$
q=10 \mathrm{~V} * 1 / 2^{12}=0.027 \mathrm{~V}
$$

- The standard deviation of measurements within $q$ is

$$
S_{q}=q / \sqrt{12}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { If } S>10 S_{q^{\prime}} \text { ignore } S_{q} \\
& \text { If } S_{q}>S>10 S_{q^{\prime}} \text { let } S_{\text {used }}^{2}=S^{2}+S_{q}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

