# How to learn MATLAB:

```
while ~understood
  pain();
  ((lookup_Google) || (ask_classmate) ...
    || (ask TA) || (ask prof)) ...
    && pray && (try again)
   if code runs(); break; end
   take break(5);
end
printf("YEAH !!!!\n";
function take break(minutes);
  make coffee();
  for i=1:minutes;
      sip coffee();
  end
end
```

# Announcements

- It's half time! (#13 out of 26 classes)
- Midterm:
  - Next week Thursday
  - During class time
  - 1h in-class exam
  - No books, computers, notes, etc.
  - In N108 and probably another room
- A new HW (way easier!) this Thursday.

# A particularly bad experience

Clobber your script by saving data:



Nothing bad seems to happen when I run it (MATLAB should give a warning), but if I load the script again I get this (gibberish from a binary file):



Use a distinct name for your data files, and never give it a .'m' extension. With no extension given in the save() command, MATLAB will add '.mat'

# Linear regression

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- Given a data set of one independent and one dependent variable.
- For example: position vs time x(t), stock price P(t), deflection versus force F(x), temperature versus time, etc.
- There are reasons to believe that there is a linear relationship between the dependent and independent variable: y(x)=a<sub>0</sub>+a<sub>1</sub>x
- But the dependent variable data are noisy.
- We want to find the 'best' fit to the data: linear regression, linear fit, or trend line.



The noise is only in the y data. We also assume that the noise has a Gaussian (normal, random) distribution.



#### Observations of the force of air resistance on a skier in a wind tunnel



 $F = c_d v^2$ 

http://www.firsttracksonline.com/2011/10/11/canadian-ski-racers-train-in-wind-tunnel/



Objective: fit a curve (a line) to our data

×	y y
4.00	3.58
5.00	3.52
6.00	7.39
7.00	6.50
8.00	6.92
9.00	8.87
10.00	8.89
11.00	9.03
12.00	10.88
13.00	10.89
14.00	10.36
15.00	9.46



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 $e = y - a_o - a_1 x$ 

Strategy 1: Minimize the sum of the errors



Strategy 1 doesn't work!

Strategy 2: Minimize the sum of squares of the errors

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - a_0 - a_1 x)^2$$



Squaring the errors removes the sign difference - it not longer matters whether the line fit is above or below the data - just how far away it is.

Strategy 2 should work better

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To find the best-fit line: figure out what  $a_{\alpha}$  and  $a_{1}$  such that the sum of the squared errors is its smallest (least) value:

 $F(a_0, a_1) =$ 



The 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative of this entire eqn w/respect to  $a_o$  and  $a_1$  will always be positive

We need to find this minimum point

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### Linear Least-Squares Regression Example

Velocity (m/s)	Force (N)	
5.00 10.00 20.00 30.00 40.00 50.00 60.00	5.66 24.16 105.53 315.51 577.42 1225.83 1170.81	x→ Velocity (m/s) y → Force (N) N = 7

$$a_{1} = \frac{N\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}y_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_{i}}{N\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}^{2} - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}\right)^{2}} = \frac{1165376.8 - 736357.8}{63875.0 - 46225.0} = 24.3$$

 $a_o = 489.27 - 746.6 = -257.3$ 

#### Linear Least-Squares Regression Example



Question: how good is our fit?

Goodness of fit

Recall that we had previously defined our 'residuals' about the line fit:



We could also simply examine the variance of the data:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{y}^{2} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}$$

Key point: We can fit a line to any set of data, whether there is a linear trend or not. If there is a linear trend, then we would expect there to be a difference between the residuals about the line fit and the variance of the data.

Normalized  
goodness of fit:  
$$r^{2} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{y}^{2} - s_{r}}{\hat{\sigma}_{y}^{2}}$$

#### Linear Least-Squares Regression Goodness of fit $r^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_y^2 - s_r}{\hat{\sigma}_y^2}$ $0 \le r^2 \le 1$ coefficient of determination: Note: we call r the correlation coefficient perfect fit Our previous example 1500 Ο 1000 F (N) $y = a_o + a_1 x$ 0 500 *r*<sup>2</sup>=0.44 $a_1 = 24.3$ 0 $\cap$ 0 $a_o = -257.3$ -500 L 10 20 30 40 50 60 v (m/s)

What if we want to fit a different curve (i.e. something that is not a line)



Does a negative drag force make sense?



Should we really be trying to fit a line to our data?

$$F = c_d v^2$$

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Take the base-10 log of this equation:  $F = c_d v^2$ 



What if we want to fit a different curve (i.e. something that is not a line)



Still the skier's data: much better fit. Also, it's not really the second power of the velocity, but v to the 2.25 power!

$$a_1 = 2.25$$
  
 $a_0 = -0.84$   
 $r^2 = 0.97$ 

The more general case of a power law:

$$y = Ax^B$$
$$A = 10^{a_o}$$
$$B = a_1$$

# More generalizations

- Simple linear relation:  $y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x$
- A power law: take log of x and y first, then fit the line:

 $y(x) = a_0 x^{a_1} \to log(y(x)) = log(a_0) + a_1 log(x)$ 

- A exponential law: take log first, then fit the line:  $y(x) = a_0 e^{a_1 x} \rightarrow log(y(x)) = log(a_0) + a_1 x$
- Multi-dimensional regression, multiple independent variables:  $y(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N) = a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + ... + a_N x_N$

Same approach, but leads to system of N linear equations  $\rightarrow$  later.

# Example: The Gutenberg-Richter law



Here, note that M = a/b is off to the left (these data are for quakes that happen less than once per year).

What's the magnitude of the once per year quake for each dataset?

Use of these plots: predicting how often big ones occur (we need to know the maximum size)

Southern California earthquake data R. Stein and T. Hanks, USGS

# Pitfalls



The data sets in the Anscombe's quartet are designed to have approximately the same linear regression line (as well as nearly identical means, standard deviations, and correlations) but are graphically very different. This illustrates the pitfalls of relying solely on a fitted model to understand the relationship between variables.