


Where are we in our discussion of error analysis?

Let's revisit:



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**Statistics Lecture 4:
Error Propagation**

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1. Quick start—Replicate error
2. Reading Error
3. Calibration Error
4. **Error Propagation**

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From Lecture 4—Error Propagation:

Summary: Error Analysis with Real Numbers

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(higher order terms)

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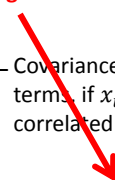
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neglect



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Note: covariance terms are not always zero or small; but they often are. For now, this is fine.

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Error Propagation Worksheet
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					Standard error of calculated quantity f

Note: For some quantities, you will look up the uncertainty; for example the volume of a volumetric flask may be given as 100.00 ± 0.04ml. In these circumstances it is reasonable to assume that the reported uncertainty is ±1.96 σ . For example, if volume is given as 100.00 ± 0.04ml, then 1.96 σ = 2 σ = 0.04. Reference: page 564 of Fritz and Schenk, *Quantitative Analytical Chemistry*, Allyn and Bacon, Boston, 1987.

Handy worksheet for error propagation

www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm3215/ErrorPropagationWorksheet.pdf

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Example 1: What is the uncertainty (95% confidence interval) in $\rho_{bluefluid}$ as determined in the lab?

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$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$:			Formula for f : $\rho_{BF} = \frac{M_F - M_E}{V_{pyc}}$	Representative value of f : (include units) 1.739 g/ml	95% C.I. of f : $(f \pm 2e_{s_f})$ (include units) 1.739 ± 0.007 g/ml
Measured quantities, x_i			$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$	$\frac{s_i}{\sqrt{N}}$ or $\frac{e_{R_i}}{\sqrt{3}}$ or e_{s_i}	$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 e_{x_i}^2$
x_i	Symbol	Representative value			
x_1	M_F	30.800 g	$1/V_{pyc}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-5} g$	$3.3 \times 10^{-11} g^2/ml^2$
x_2	M_E	13.410 g	$-1/V_{pyc}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-5} g$	$3.3 \times 10^{-11} g^2/ml^2$
x_3	V_{pyc}	10.00 ml	$-(M_F - M_E)/V_{pyc}^2$	0.02 ml	$1.21 \times 10^{-5} g^2/ml^2$
x_4					
x_5					
$e_{s_f}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$					$e_{s_f}^2 = 1.21 \times 10^{-5} g^2/ml^2$ units $e_{s_f} = 0.0035 g/ml$
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Excel is an excellent tool for error propagation

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Error propagation Worksheet									
$f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$			f	ρ_{BF}	1.739	g/ml	$2e_s$	0.007	g/ml
	x_i	value		df/dx_i	$(df/dx_i)^2$	e_{xi}	e_{xi}^2	$(df/dx_i)^2 e_{xi}^2$	
	x_1	M_F 30.800	g	0.10	0.010	5.8E-05	3.3E-09	3.33E-11	g^2/ml^2
	x_2	M_E 13.410	g	-0.10	0.010	5.8E-05	3.3E-09	3.33E-11	g^2/ml^2
	x_3	V_{pvc} 10.000	ml	-0.174	0.0302	0.02	4.0E-04	1.210E-05	g^2/ml^2
							e_s^2	1.21E-05	g^2/ml^2
							e_s	0.0035	g/ml

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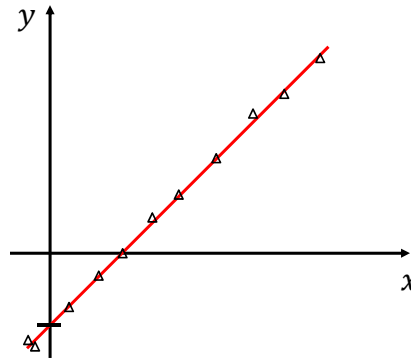
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- Standard error e_f for derived quantities (arrived at from equations), is obtained through **error propagation**, which is a combination of **variances**.
- Replication always improves the **estimation of the mean**. The answer from replicates is more reliable than single values.
- The **prediction interval of the next value of x** should encompass 95% of all measured values. 95% PI: $\bar{x} \pm 2s$ or $\bar{x} \pm t_{0.025, n-1} s$ if $n < 7$
- The weighting values $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i})^2 e_{xi}^2$ indicate the **impact** of individual errors on the final value.
- Estimates** for e_s (particularly those obtained through e_R) may need to be re-evaluated, if unreasonably narrow confidence intervals are identified.

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Now, how do we determine **uncertainty** from numbers that we obtain as parameters in a curve-fit?

i	x_i	y_i
1	x_1	y_1
2	x_2	y_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n



$$y = mx + b$$

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Uncertainty in Least Squares Curve Fitting: Excel's LINEST

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Reference:

- www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm3215/UncertaintySlopeInterceptOfLeastSquaresFit.pdf

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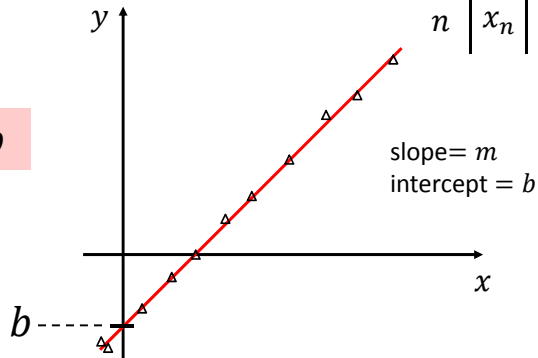
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Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

Question: For a dataset of n data pairs x_i, y_i that is expected to show a linear relationship between y and x , what are the parameters m and b of the equation for the line?

i	x_i	y_i
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n	x_n	y_n

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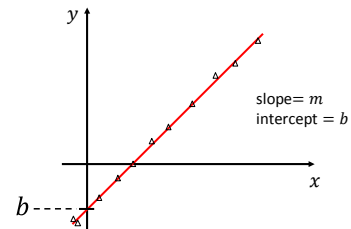
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Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

Solution:

- Assume you know the x_i with certainty ("ordinary" least squares)
- Guess a **line**, $\hat{y} = mx + b$
- Create a measure of the error between the *guess* and the *data* (**error measure should always be positive, so square it**)
- Add these individual error measures to calculate a *sum of squared errors*, SS_E
- Use *calculus* to find the values of m and b that result in the **least** sum of squared error.



i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
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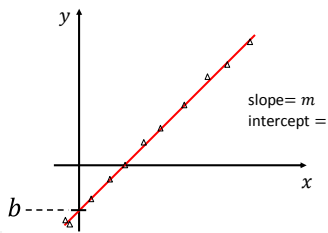
$$\hat{y}_i = mx_i + b$$

$$SS_E \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

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Result:

$$\hat{m} = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$$

$$\hat{b} = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2 (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$$

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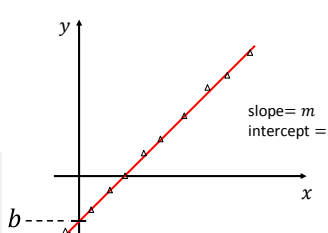
$y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$

Least squares slope = \hat{m}
Least squares intercept = \hat{b}

In Excel:
 \hat{m} = SLOPE(y-range, x-range)
 \hat{b} = INTERCEPT(y-range, x-range)

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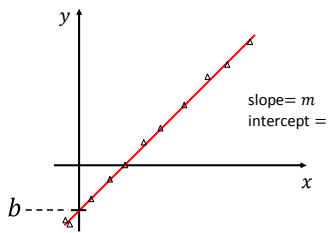
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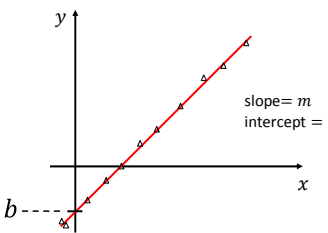
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Answer:

slope = $\hat{m} \pm 2e_s$
Intercept = $\hat{b} \pm 2e_s$

But what is e_s ?

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(Later we will correct the "2" for small n)
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Answer: $e_s = e_{sf}$

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$e_{sf}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$					$e_{sf}^2 =$ $e_{sf} =$ units

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Error limits on \hat{m}
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Answer: $e_s = e_{sf}$

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Measured quantities, x_i			$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$	$\frac{s_i}{\sqrt{N}}$ or $\frac{e_{x_i}}{\sqrt{3}}$ or e_{x_i}	$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 e_{x_i}^2$
x_i	Symbol	Representative value			
x_1	y_1		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_1}$	$s_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_1}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_2	y_2		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_2}$	$s_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_2}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_3	y_3		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_3}$	$s_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_3}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_4	y_4		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_4}$	$s_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_4}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_5	\vdots		\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
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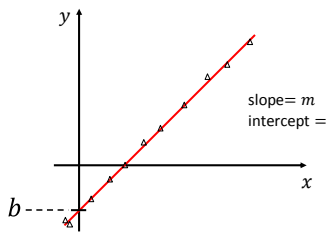
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					$e_{s_f} = s_m$ units

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x_3	y_3		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_3}$	$S_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_3}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_4	y_4		$\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_4}$	$S_{y,x}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{m}}{\partial y_4}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_5	\vdots		\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
$e_{s_f}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$					$e_{s_f}^2 = s_m^2$
					$e_{s_f} = s_m$ units

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$S_{y,x}^2$
The variance of y , given x

$$S_{y,x}^2 \equiv \left(\frac{1}{n-2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

(from the definition of variance)

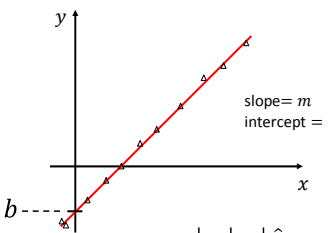
The variance of the mean value of y at a given x

In Excel:
 $S_{y,x} = \text{STEYX}(\text{y-range}, \text{x-range})$

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What are the error limits on \hat{m} ?
Answer:

$$\text{slope} = \hat{m} \pm 2s_m$$

$$s_m^2 = \frac{S_{y,x}^2}{SS_{xx}}$$

(final result of the algebra indicated on previous slide)

i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

for $n - 2 \leq 6$:
slope = $\hat{m} \pm t_{0.025, n-2} s_m$

In Excel:

- $s_m^2 = \frac{(\text{STEYX}(\text{y-range}, \text{x-range}))^2}{(\text{DEVSQ}(\text{x-range}))}$, or
- use LINEST

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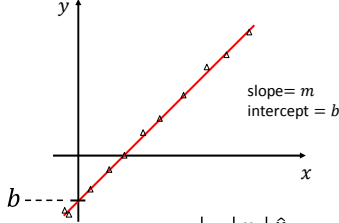
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What are the error limits on \hat{b} ?

Answer:

intercept = $\hat{b} \pm 2e_s$

?



slope = m
intercept = b

i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

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Error limits on \hat{b}

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Answer: $e_s = e_{sf}$

$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$:		Formula for f :	Representative value of f : (include units)	95% C.I. of f : ($f \pm 2e_{sf}$) (include units)
		$\hat{b} = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2 (\sum_{i=1}^n y_i) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$	$\hat{b} =$	$\hat{b} = \pm (2)(s_b)$
Measured quantities, x_i			$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$	$e_{x_i} = \frac{s_i}{\sqrt{N}}$ or $\frac{e_{R_i}}{\sqrt{3}}$ or e_{s_i}
x_i	Symbol	Representative value		$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 e_{x_i}^2$
x_1	y_1		$\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_1}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_1}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_2	y_2		$\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_2}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_2}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_3	y_3		$\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_3}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_3}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_4	y_4		$\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_4}$	$\left(\frac{\partial \hat{b}}{\partial y_4}\right)^2 s_{y,x}^2$
x_5	\vdots		\vdots	\vdots
$e_{s_f}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$				$e_{s_f}^2 = s_b^2$ $e_{s_f} = s_b$ units

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What are the error limits on \hat{b} ?

Answer:

$$\text{intercept} = \hat{b} \pm 2s_b$$

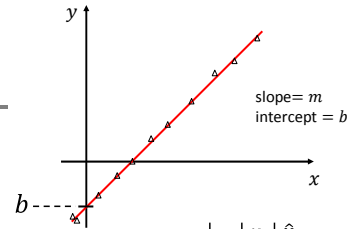
$$s_b^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{SS_{xx}} \right) \quad (\text{final result of the algebra indicated on previous slide})$$

for $n - 2 \leq 6$:

$$\text{intercept} = \hat{b} \pm t_{0.025, n-2} s_b$$

In Excel:

- Calculate s_b^2 from STEYX(y-range, x-range) and DEVSQ(x-range) and the formula above, or
- use LINEST



i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

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Obtaining Uncertainty Measures on Slope and Intercept of a Least Squares Fit with Excel's LINEST

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Most of us are familiar with the Excel graphing feature that puts a trendline on a graph. For example, some experimental data of temperature versus time are shown in Figure 1. The trendline was reported as follows: Right click on data on chart, Add trendline, Linear, Display Equation on chart, Display R-squared value on chart. The trendline function, however, does not give us the values of the variances that are associated with the slope and intercept of the linear fit. If we wish to report the slope within a chosen confidence interval (95% confidence interval), for example, we need the values of the variance of the slope, s_b^2 . Excel has a function that provides this statistical measure, it is called LINEST. In this handout, we give the basics of using LINEST.

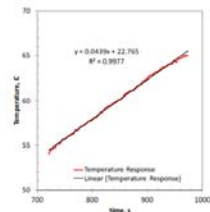
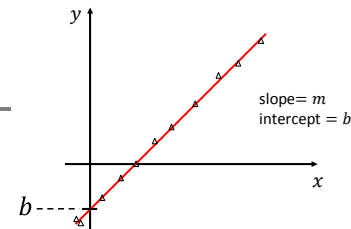


Figure 1. Temperature read from a thermocouple as a function of time. The trendline feature of Excel has been used to fit a line to the data, the equation for the line and the coefficient of determination R^2 values are shown on the graph.

www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/cm3215/UncertaintySlopeInterceptOfLeastSquaresFit.pdf

(the appendix has some derivations, if you're interested)



For instructions on how to use Microsoft Excel's LINEST function, see the handout on the web:

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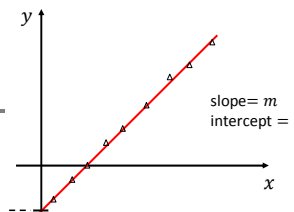
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What are the error limits on a value of y obtained from the equation $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$?

at x_p ,

$$y_p = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2e_s$$

?



i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
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\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

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Error limits on $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$
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$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$:	Formula for f :	Representative value of f : (include units)	95% C.I. of f : ($f \pm 2e_{sf}$) (include units)
	$y_p = \hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}$	$y_p =$	$y_p = \pm(2)(s_{y_p})$

Answer: $e_s = e_{sf}$

Measured quantities, x_i			$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$	$e_{x_i} = \frac{s_i}{\sqrt{N}}$ or $\frac{e_{R_i}}{\sqrt{3}}$ or e_{s_i}	$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 e_{x_i}^2$
x_i	Symbol	Representative value			
x_1	\hat{m}		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{m}} = x_p$	s_m	$(x_p s_m)^2$
x_2	x_p		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial x_p} = \hat{m}$	0	0
x_3	\hat{b}		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{b}} = 1$	s_b	s_b^2
x_4					
x_5					

$$e_{s_f}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$$

$e_{s_f}^2 = s_{y_p}^2$	units
$e_{s_f} = s_{y_p}$	units

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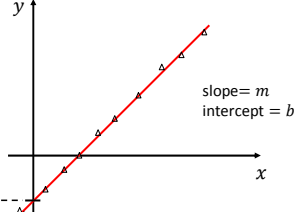
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x_i	Symbol	Representative value					
x_1	\hat{m}		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{m}} = x_p$	s_m	$(x_p s_m)^2$		
x_2	x_p		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial x_p} = \hat{m}$	0	0		
x_3	\hat{b}		$\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{b}} = 1$	s_b	s_b^2		
x_4							
x_5							
But, \hat{m} and \hat{b} are not independent (both are calculated from the y_i).							
$e_{s_f}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 e_{x_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 e_{x_2}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}\right)^2 e_{x_3}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4}\right)^2 e_{x_4}^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_5}\right)^2 e_{x_5}^2$						$e_{s_f}^2 = s_{y_p}^2$	
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Error limits on $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$ Ordinary, <i>Least Squares</i> , Linear Regression						Answer: $e_s = e_{sf}$	
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x_4							
x_5							
$+2 \left(\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{m}}\right) \left(\frac{\partial y_p}{\partial \hat{b}}\right) \text{Cov}(\hat{m}, \hat{b})$							
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Answer:

at x_p , $y_p = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2s_{y_p}$

$$s_{y_p}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$$

(final result of the algebra indicated on previous slide see Appendix B of the handout.)

for $n - 2 \leq 6$,
replace "2" with $t_{0.025, n-2}$

Use this for error limits on the fit (95% CI).

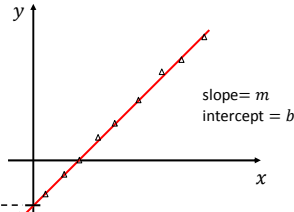
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n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

In Excel:

- $s_{y,x} = \text{STEYX}(y\text{-range}, x\text{-range})$
- $SS_{xx} = \text{DEVSQ}(x\text{-range})$
- $\bar{x} = \text{AVERAGE}(x\text{-range})$

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What are the error limits on a predicted next value of y obtained from the equation $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$?

Answer:

at x_p , we predict a new measurement of y will fall in the prediction interval:

$$y_{\hat{p}} = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2e_s$$

?

i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
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n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

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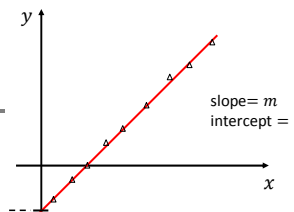
Answer:

at x_p , we predict a new measurement of y will fall in the prediction interval:

$$y_{\hat{p}} = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2e_s$$

?

The new measurement $y_{\hat{p}}$ will have the same scatter as the source measurements and is less certain than the prediction of the mean value y_p at x_p .



i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

Solve with same approach as we have been using: write the equation to calculate the quantity, then propagate the error.

(See Appendix B of the handout.)

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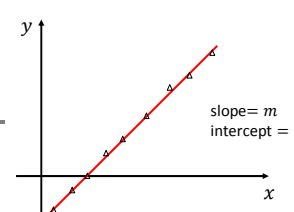
What are the error limits on a predicted next value of y obtained from the equation $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$?

Answer:

at x_p , we predict a new measurement of y will fall in the prediction interval:

$$y_{\hat{p}} = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2s_{y_{\hat{p}}}$$

$$s_{y_{\hat{p}}}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$$



i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
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\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

(See Appendix B of the handout.)

for $n - 2 \leq 6$,
replace "2" with $t_{0.025, n-2}$

Use this for predicting next likely y (95% PI).

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Confidence interval for the fit:

$$y_p = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2s_{y_p}$$

$$s_{y_p}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$$

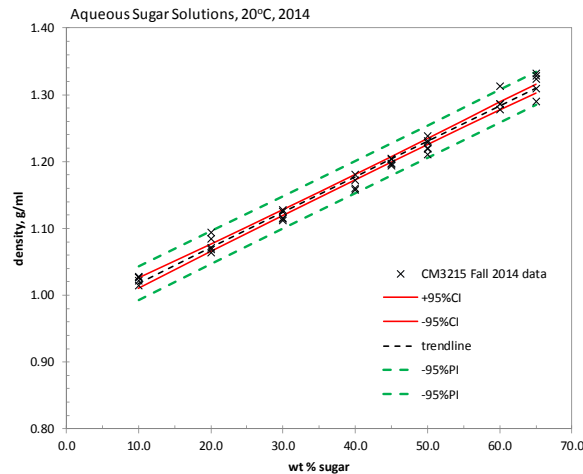
(for large n , the mean of y at each point is well predicted (CI is narrow))

Prediction interval:

$$y_{\hat{p}} = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2s_{y_{\hat{p}}}$$

$$s_{y_{\hat{p}}}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$$

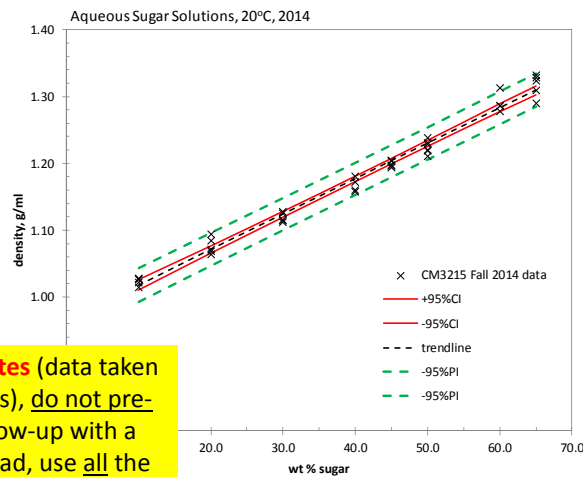
(Notice that $\approx 95\%$ of the data points fall within the PI; that's what it means to be a PI.)



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Note: if your data are **replicates** (data taken repeatedly at chosen x values), do not pre-average the y -data and follow-up with a least-squares curve fit. Instead, use all the replicates as individual values, and let LINEST find the least squared error among all points.

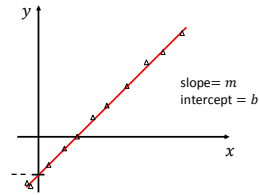
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Summary:

Uncertainty Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

- The **Ordinary Least Squares Linear Regression** method provides the equations needed to obtain model parameters **slope** and **intercept**.
- The equations for the parameters may be used with error propagation to obtain the variances associated with the parameters
- 95% confidence intervals on the parameters are constructed with $\pm 2e_s$ for large n
- For $n - 2 \leq 6$, the 95% CI is constructed as $\pm t_{0.025, n-2} e_s$
- We can construct 95% CI on the mean value of y at a chosen x . These CI are used for **error range** on the fit.
- We can construct 95% prediction intervals (PI) on a next value of y at a chosen x . These are used for bracketing likely observed next values of y .



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n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

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Excel Summary:

Uncertainty Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

- \bar{x} = AVERAGE(range)
 - s^2 = VAR.S(range)
 - s = STDEV.S(range)
 - n = COUNT(range)
 - SS_{xx} = DEVSQ(x-range)
 - \hat{m} = SLOPE(y-range, x-range)
 - \hat{b} = INTERCEPT(y-range, x-range)
 - $s_{y,x}$ = STEYX(y-range, x-range)
 - LINEST (see handout)
 - LOGEST (look it up)
- $s_m^2 = \frac{s_{y,x}^2}{SS_{xx}}$
 - $s_b^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$

}

Use for CI error bars on y-values

 - $s_{y_p}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$
 - $s_{y_{\hat{p}}}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$

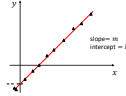
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Use for PI on next value of y

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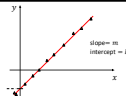
Excel Handy List:
Uncertainty Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

- $\hat{y}(x_p) = \text{TREND}(\text{known-}y\text{'s}, \text{known-}x\text{'s}, x_p)$ for y and x related by $y = mx + b$
- $\hat{y}(x_p) = \text{GROWTH}(\text{known-}y\text{'s}, \text{known-}x\text{'s}, x_p)$ for y and x related by $y = ae^{bx}$

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i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n



One final piece of advice:
Uncertainty Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression

Often, you can **transform** your data to make it linear, allowing you to use linear regression. For example, if you know the y -data vary as the square root of the x -data, then

y versus \sqrt{x}

will be linear. If data plotted with log-log scaling (using scatterplot) look quadratic, then

log y versus log x

will be quadratic, and we can use trendline to obtain a fit:

$\log y = a(\log x)^2 + b(\log x) + c$

Transforming data can greatly broaden our ability to fit empirical models to data.

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Done!

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