

# Answers: Introduction to linear regression

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## Summary

Answers to questions relating to the guide on introduction to linear regression.

*These are the answers to [Questions: Introduction to linear regression](#).*

**Please attempt the questions before reading these answers!**

## Q1

1.1.  $\alpha$  is the  $y$ -intercept of the regression line  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \alpha + \beta x$ .

1.2.  $\beta$  is the gradient of the regression line  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \alpha + \beta x$ .

## Q2

2.1. A residual is the difference between the observed value  $y_i$  and the estimated value  $\mathbb{E}(Y_i)$ .

2.2. It minimizes the squared sum of the residuals to find the optimal regression line for a sample of data.

## Q3

3.1. Here,  $\hat{\alpha} = 146.6853$ .

3.2. Here,  $\hat{\beta} = 1.7044$ .

3.3.  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \alpha + \beta x = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x = 146.6853 + 1.7044x$

3.4. The  $R^2$  coefficient of determination is 0.2691, which suggests that the response variable is not well modelled by a linear model of the explanatory variable.

Please note that for this question, the following R code was used. It is recommended that you use [Calculator: Simple linear regression](#) or statistical software like this to do these calculations, as these can be very tedious to do by hand.

```

confectionery = data.frame(customers=c(43,54,65,42,68,49,
63,57,71,47,75,67),sweets=c(188,197,215,217,233,244,254,256,
274,286,291,300))
model=lm(sweets~customers,data=confectionery)
summary(model)

plot(confectionery$customers, confectionery$sweets,
      pch = 19, col = "#3f68b6",
      xlab = "Number of customers",
      ylab = "Sweets sold")

abline(model, col = "#db4315", lwd = 2)

```

### Code output:

Call:

```
lm(formula = sweets ~ customers, data = confectionery)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-42.471	-30.181	3.121	14.471	59.208

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	146.6853	52.7694	2.780	0.0195 *
customers	1.7044	0.8882	1.919	0.0839 .

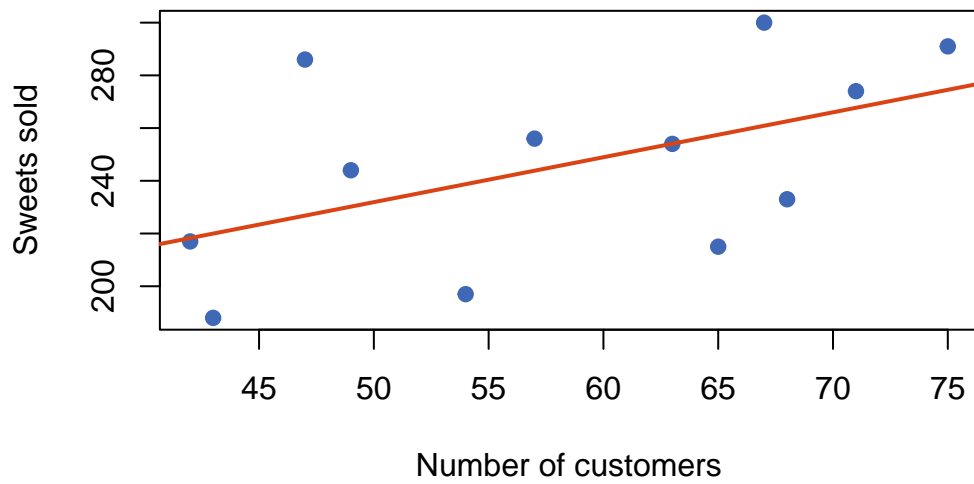
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Residual standard error: 33.36 on 10 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.2691, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1961

F-statistic: 3.683 on 1 and 10 DF, p-value: 0.08395



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