

## Normal-normal regression

$$\mathbf{x} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} y & x \end{pmatrix}' \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_y & \mu_x \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_y^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Joint distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y, x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{\sigma_y^2 \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(\sigma_y^2 \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2)} \begin{bmatrix} y - \mu_y & x - \mu_x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & -\sigma_{xy} \\ -\sigma_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y - \mu_y \\ x - \mu_x \end{bmatrix}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{\sigma_y^2 \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu_y)^2 \sigma_x^2 - 2(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) \sigma_{xy} + (x - \mu_x)^2 \sigma_y^2}{2(\sigma_y^2 \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2)}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Marginal distribution of  $x$ :

$$f(x) = N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right\}$$

Conditional distribution of  $y$  given  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(y|x) &= \frac{f(y, x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x}{2\pi \sqrt{\sigma_y^2 \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_{xy}^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu_y)^2 \sigma_x^2 + (x - \mu_x)^2 \sigma_y^2 - 2(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) \sigma_{xy} + (x - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2 \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)} + \frac{(x - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu_y)^2 \sigma_x^2 + (x - \mu_x)^2 \sigma_y^2 - 2(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) \sigma_{xy} - (x - \mu_x)^2 \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}{2\sigma_x^2 \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu_y)^2 - 2(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y) \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x^2} + (x - \mu_x)^2 \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^4}}{2\left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[(y - \mu_y) - (x - \mu_x) \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x^2}\right]^2}{2\left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}\right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[y - \left(\mu_y - \mu_x \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x^2} + x \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x^2}\right)\right]^2}{2\left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

or, in other words,

$$y|x \sim N\left[\mu_y - \frac{\sigma_{yx}}{\sigma_x^2} \mu_x + \frac{\sigma_{yx}}{\sigma_x^2} x, \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)\right]$$

or, more simply,

$$y|x \sim N\left[(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x), \left(\sigma_y^2 - \frac{\sigma_{xy}^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right)\right]$$

where

$$\beta_0 = \mu_y - \beta_1 \mu_x$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{yx}}{\sigma_x^2}$$

So

$$E(y|x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

exactly (not as an approximation)