

CS 2810 Day 1 Jan 18

Data Models

- what it takes to build a good one

Admin

- ask me anything about administration of course

Linearity

Gauss Jordan Elimination (beginning)

What is prob someone in class is exposing the rest of us to covid, right now?

Assume:

- 100 people in this room
- prob contraction is uniform per person
- one who tests positive is contagious for 7 after test

how to get prob contracting covid

"use the average rate in Mass"

- 7 million people in Mass
- 20k new cases a day

$$p = \frac{20k}{7000k} \cdot 7$$



Prob > 0 covid day

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$$1 - (1 - p)^{100} = 86\%$$

Prob NO-ONE HAS covid

ICA 1: Discuss whether you trust the model, and identify 2-3 most important assumptions which you disagree with

Critiques:

(should be lower)

NU covid stats don't match Mass stats

NU is insulated because students interact among themselves (mostly)

NU testing: if you tested positive, you're staying home

(should be higher)

testing rate doesn't count people who are positive, but haven't been tested

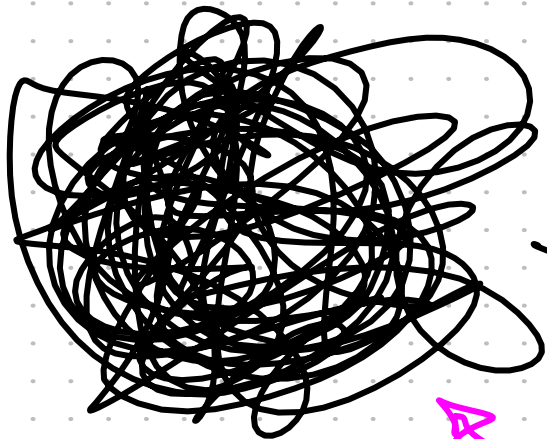
- false negative on testing

mixing globally, we pull covid from all corners of earth (beginning of semester)

(generally wrong, not necessarily that estimate is too high or low)

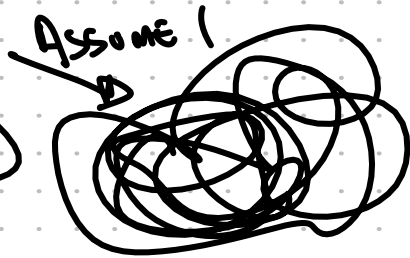
uniform probability of contracting covid

# MATH OF DATA MODELS



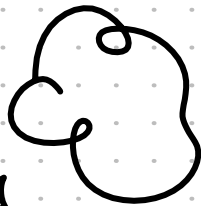
REAL WORLD

COMPLEX  
UNOBSERVABLE  
RELEVANT



ASSUME 1

ASSUME 2



ASSUME 3



MATH MODEL  
SIMPLE (R)  
OBSERVABLE  
LESS  
RELEVANT

Does our Model  
INFORM OPINION  
ON REAL WORLD?

what it takes to build a "good" data model

- a breadth of model models to choose from in one's mental library

  - (we'll learn about many models from linear algebra & prob/stats)

- the ability to be creative / rigorous in making and evaluating assumptions

  - how "false" are my assumptions?

  - is model strong enough to draw conclusions on?

- a keen sense of which aspects of the application we seek to model most accurately

  - "all models are wrong, some are useful"

Linearity (Intuitive Definition: use this one to understand meaning)

A function is linear if

- scaling, applied before or after the function, has equivalent effect
- addition, applied before or after the function, has equivalent effect

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \in \text{Domain}(f)$

$$f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$$

↑  
SCALE  
BEFORE  
FUNC

↑  
SCALE  
AFTER  
FUNC

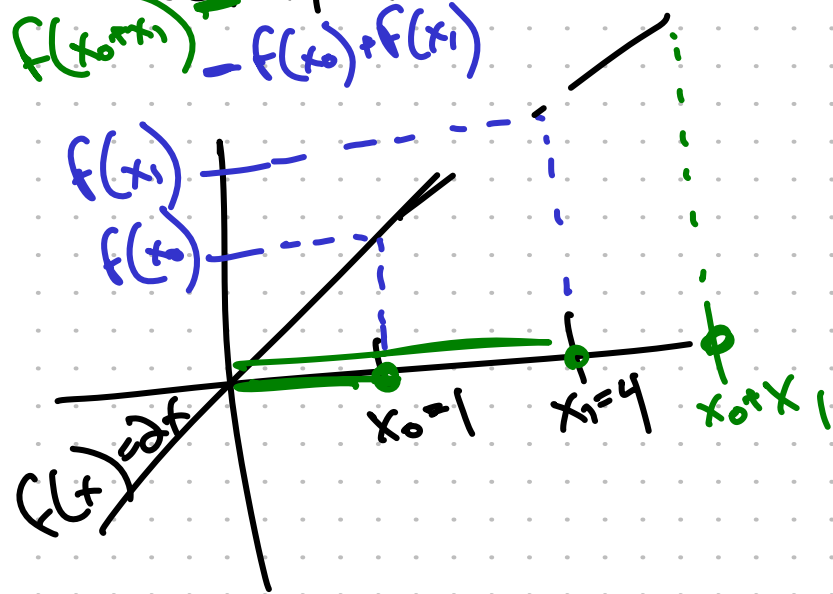
$x, y \in \text{Domain}(f)$

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

↑  
ADD  
BEFORE  
FUNC

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ADD  
AFTER  
FUNC

## LINEARITY PICTURE



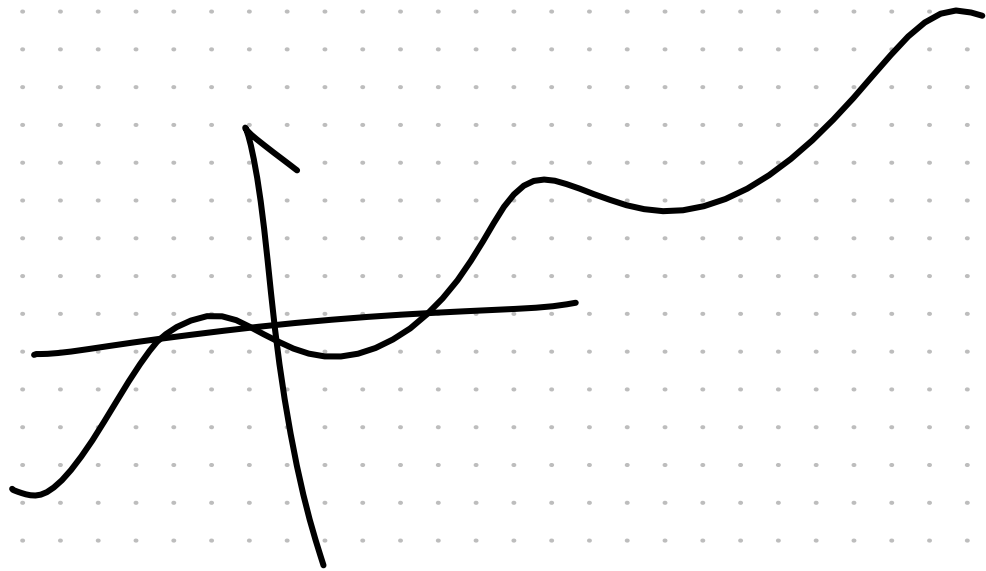
## ADDITION BEFORE FNC

$$f(x_0 + x_1) = f(1+4) = f(5) = 10$$

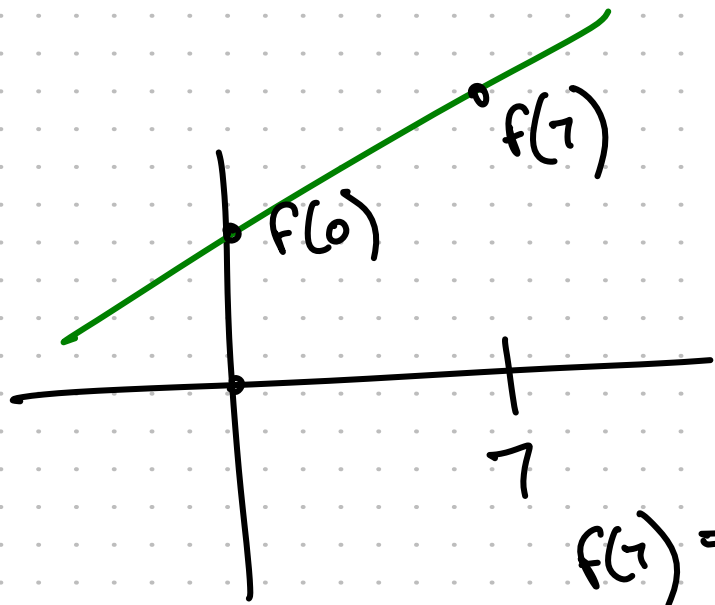
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## ADDITION AFTER FNC

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0) + f(x_1) &= f(1) + f(4) \\ &= 0 + 8 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$







$f(0)$

$$f(7) = f(0+7) \stackrel{?}{=} f(0) + f(7)$$

$$0 = f(0)$$

Linearity (working definition: useful to prove something is / is not linear)

A function is linear if:

for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  ← SCALARS  
 $x, y \in \text{DOMAIN}(F)$  ← INPUTS TO F

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)$$

GOAL: PROVE A FUNCTION IS LINEAR

$$f(x) = 10x$$

CHOOSE  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$       CHOOSE  $x, y \in \text{DOMAIN}(f)$   
 $= \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha x + \beta y) &= 10(\alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha 10x + \beta 10y \\ &= \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) \end{aligned}$$

GOAL: PROVING SOMETHING IS NON-LINEAR

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 1 \quad x = y = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha x + \beta y) &= f(1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1) \\ &= f(2) \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) &= 1 \cdot 1^2 + 1 \cdot 1^2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

so there exists alpha, beta, x, y with  
 $f(\alpha x + \beta y) \neq \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)$

Why all the fuss about defining a "linear" equation?

TLDR:

many real world things are linear, some that may not seem linear can be re-cast as linear

- with this class of equalities, it is possible to either ...
  - find all solutions of a set of equalities
  - find value which gets "closest" (line of best fit)

- the infinite linear function outputs are all defined by the linear system's behavior on a set of basis inputs

- all linear functions can be expressed as matrix multiplications

## Solving system of linear equations

definition: system of linear equations is a set of linear function equations  
solutions satisfy all equalities

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ 2x - y + 3z = 3 \quad \times \\ x - 2y - z = 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{is} \\ x=1 \quad y=-1 \quad z=1 \\ 1 - 1 = 0 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 1 + 3 \neq 3 \\ 2 + 1 + 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{A SOLUTION?} \\ \text{No} \end{array}$$

## 1CA 2

Solve the previous linear system using any method known from your algebra experience

$$x + y = 0$$

$$2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$x - 2y - z = 3$$

Thinker:

How might you teach a computer to solve every possible linear system?

(no matter what coefficients are given to  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  and constant they're equal to, your method provides a solution)

# SOLVING LINEAR SYSTEM

$$r_0: x + y = 0$$

$$r_1: 2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$r_2: x - 2y - z = 3$$

① SCALE A ROW

$$2x + 2y = 0$$

$$2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$x - 2y - z = 3$$

$$r_0' = 2r_0$$

$$r_1' = r_1 + r_0$$

② SUM TWO ROWS

$$x + y = 0$$

$$3x + 3z = 3$$

$$x - 2y - z = 3$$

WE "TRANSFORM SYSTEM TO ANOTHER SYSTEM WITH THE

SAME SOLUTION)

$$r_0' = r_1$$

$$r_1' = r_0$$

③ SWAP TWO ROWS

$$2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$x + y = 0$$

$$x - 2y - z = 3$$