

This assignment is due at the beginning of class on **Monday, March 14, 2005**. You must submit all problems. You are encouraged to form study groups and collaborate with others on this assignment. However, the final work you submit must be your own. A piece of advice: *the assignments are worth very little in the computation of your final grade. It is better to suffer through not understanding something now, rather than copying from a friend just for the sake of completion. You will not have that luxury on the exams.* YOUR ASSIGNMENT MUST BE STAPLED AND PROBLEM NUMBERS CLEARLY LABELLED. UNSTAPLED ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! DO NOT CROWD YOUR WORK. DO NOT WRITE IN MULTIPLE COLUMNS. Note that if there are answers in the back of the book, then you need to be especially certain to explain your answer.

Throughout this assignment, the “bar” notation for the mean has its usual meaning:

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i.$$

**1.** Consider the usual linear regression model  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$  where the random variable  $\varepsilon$  has mean 0. Let  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  be the usual least squares estimates (as given in the shaded box on page 539 of our textbook). In other words,  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  and the estimated trend line is  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ . As usual, let  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  be observations of the random variable  $Y$ , and let the  $i$ th error (or residual) be denoted  $y_i - \hat{y}_i$ .

- Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i) = 0$ . (This is why we consider the *squared* residuals when doing least squares.)
- Show that the estimated trend line passes through the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

**2.** Do the following exercises from Wackerly, et al.

- #11.1, page 540 (Be neat and careful, and carry out all of your calculations by hand.)
- #11.6, page 542

**3.** Suppose that  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$  are independent and identically distributed random variables, each with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Suppose further that the random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are defined by

$$Y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Prove that  $\bar{Y}$  is the least squares estimate of  $\mu$ .