

The background of the slide is a satellite image showing a large body of water, likely Lake Geneva, surrounded by green forested areas and some urban development. The water is dark blue, and the land is a mix of green and brownish-grey.

## Exercise 7: Regression

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# Welcome our Exercise on Regression

In this graded exercise 7:

- we use a new DEM
- with the same feature types (DoG, Derivatives, Slope, Aspect) from Ex. 6
- while analyzing their relationship to target variables (average temperature and surface temperature) with regression models

Ex 1 (CRYOS) Image measurements, coordinates and distortion model

Ex 2 (ECEO) Keypoint detection, description and matching

Ex 3 (CRYOS) Absolute Orientation (Camera Pose)

Ex 4 (CRYOS) Image Relative Orientation (Two Views)

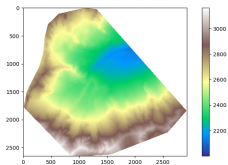
Ex 5 (CRYOS) Image Orientation, Orthophoto and DEM Creation

Ex 6 (ECEO) Feature extraction from the DEM

Ex 7 (ECEO) **Regression**

# Machine Learning Pipeline

elevation model



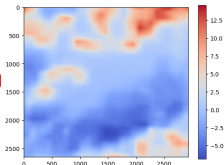
Extract  
something that  
differentiates  
the classes



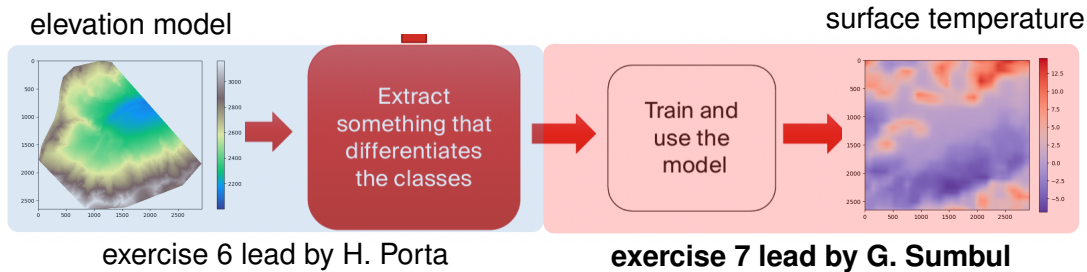
Train and  
use the  
model



surface temperature



# Machine Learning Pipeline





The overall outline is:

1. Setup
2. Data Exploration
3. Univariate Linear Regression
4. Multivariate Linear Regression
5. Feature Selection
6. Non-Linear Regression with Random Forest

# Jupyter Notebook Exercise

Download the notebook from Moodle and open it in your editor of choice

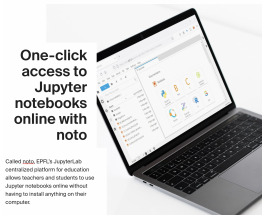
Jupyter



Visual Studio code



EPFL Noto



Google Colab



Instructions are in the notebook. Ask your colleagues and us if you have technical issues or questions.

## 2.3 Extract Tabular Data from Rasters

Each pixel location in the above maps defines one data sample  $(x^i, y^i)$ .

- $x^i$  will be a vector of input features (dem, slope, etc)
- $y^i$  will be either average temperature, or surface temperature.

The overall dataset  $(x^i, y^i)_{i=0}^N$  contains all  $N$  (non-nan) pixels in the above images.

As we do not consider the spatial relationships of pixels to their neighbors, it is easiest to flatten the images and build one long table:

## 3 Univariate Linear Regression

Let's start simple with

1. a single input: elevation (**dem**) and
2. a single target variable: temperature average: (**tave**)

### 3.1 Definition of a Linear Model

We can express any linear relationship with this model:

$$\hat{y} = f_{\beta}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

with average temperature  $y$ , and elevation  $x$ . It has the (unknown) parameters: slope  $\beta_1$  in °C/m and y-intercept  $\beta_0$  in °C.

## 3.2 Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

Let's automate this process of finding  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  with the closed form solution of ordinary least squares:

Overall, we want to find the  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  that minimize the Mean Squared Error:

$$\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1 = \arg \min_{\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1} \text{MSE}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \arg \min_{\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N (f_{\beta}(x^i) - y^i)^2$$

Calculating the derivative of this error with respect to  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ , setting it to zero, and solving for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  brings us to the closed form solution:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\bar{x}\bar{y} - \bar{y}\bar{x}}{\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x}\bar{x}} = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x^i - \bar{x})(y^i - \bar{y})}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x^i - \bar{x})^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N y^i - \hat{\beta}_1 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N x^i = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \quad (2)$$

**TODO** Implement the closed form solution in the cell below:

Note,  $\bar{x}$  indicates the sample mean: In numpy, you can call the `x.mean()` function on any array

### 3.3 Evaluation Metrics

Let's test the accuracy of the prediction by implementing the following accuracy metrics. N refers to the number of samples.

Residual Sum of Squares

$$\text{RSS} = \sum_{i=1}^N (y^i - \hat{y}^i)^2$$

Residual Standard Error

$$\text{RSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-2} \text{RSS}}$$

R<sup>2</sup> Score: Coefficient of Determination

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}}$$

using the Total Sum of Squares (TSS)

$$\text{TSS} = \sum_{i=1}^N (y^i - \bar{y})^2$$

Hint: Make use of numpy's `.mean()`, `.sum()` and `np.sqrt(arr)` functions

## 4.1 Definition of the Linear Model

The linear model is defined for one sample (indexed  $i$ ) as:  $\hat{y}^i = \mathbf{x}^i \hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_0 + x_1^i \hat{\beta}_1 + x_2^i \hat{\beta}_2 + \dots + x_p^i \hat{\beta}_p$  with  $p$  features.

We can also predict the entire dataset with a matrix-vector multiplication  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X} \hat{\beta}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is a vector of  $n$  samples,  $\mathbf{X}$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix, and  $\hat{\beta}$  a vector of  $p$  coefficients.

### 4.1.1 Data Preparation

First, we need to represent the data as matrices and vectors

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & x_2^1 & x_3^1 & \dots & x_p^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 & x_3^2 & \dots & x_p^2 \\ 1 & x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 & \dots & x_p^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \\ 1 & x_1^n & x_2^n & x_3^n & \dots & x_p^n \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \\ y^3 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

**Important:** Notice the 1-column at  $\mathbf{X}$ : we need to add this to have a y-intercept

## 4.2 Solution of Ordinary Least Squares

Identically to the uni-variate case, we are looking for the  $\beta$  coefficient vector that minimizes the Mean Squared Error (MSE)

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \text{MSE}(\beta) = \arg \min_{\beta} \|\overbrace{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta}^{\text{errors } \varepsilon}\|^2$$

Calculating the derivative of this error with respect to  $\beta$ , setting it to zero, and solving for  $\beta$  brings us to the closed form solution:

$$\beta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (1)$$

**TODO** Implement the closed-form solution

for implementation in numpy, you can use:

- `X.T` to transpose a matrix  $\mathbf{X}^T$
- the Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse `np.linalg.pinv` for the inverse  $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$