

# Course 02402 Introduction to Statistics Lecture 8:

## Simple linear regression

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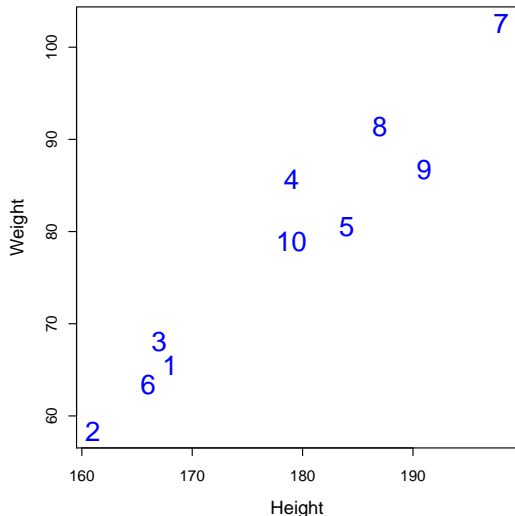
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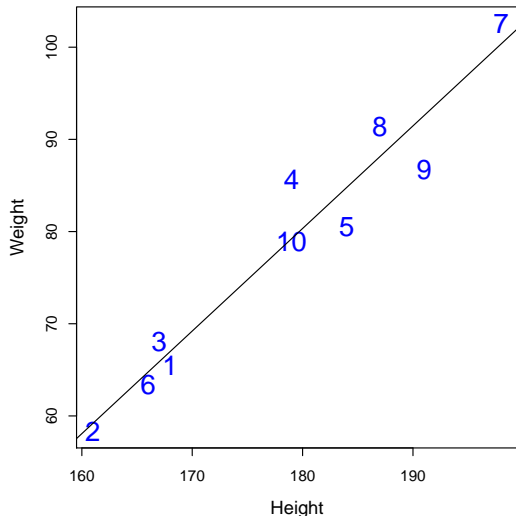
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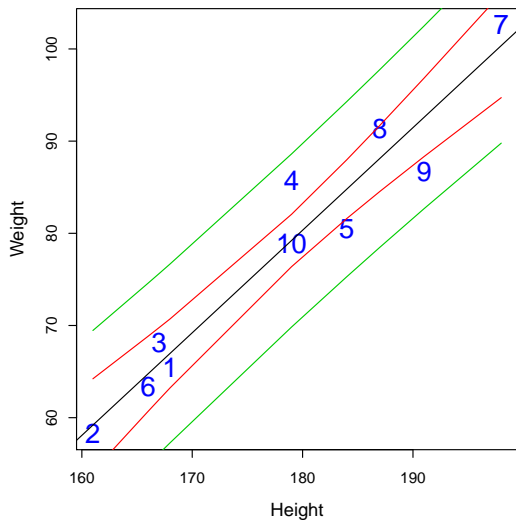


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```
summary(lm(y ~ x))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ x)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.876 -1.451 -0.608  2.234  6.477
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -119.958     18.897   -6.35  0.00022 ***
## x              1.113       0.106   10.50  5.9e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.9 on 8 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.932, Adjusted R-squared:  0.924
## F-statistic: 110 on 1 and 8 DF, p-value: 5.87e-06
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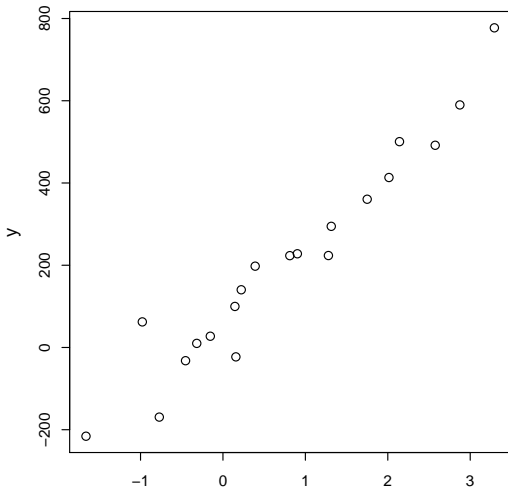
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# A scatter plot of some data

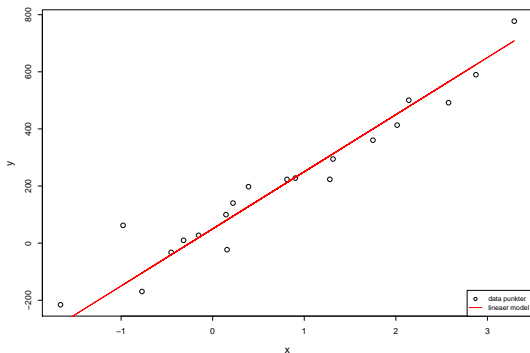
- We have  $n$  pairs of data points  $(x_i, y_i)$



# Express a linear model

- Express a linear model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$



but something is missing in the description of the *random variation*!

# Express a linear regression model

- Express the *linear regression model*

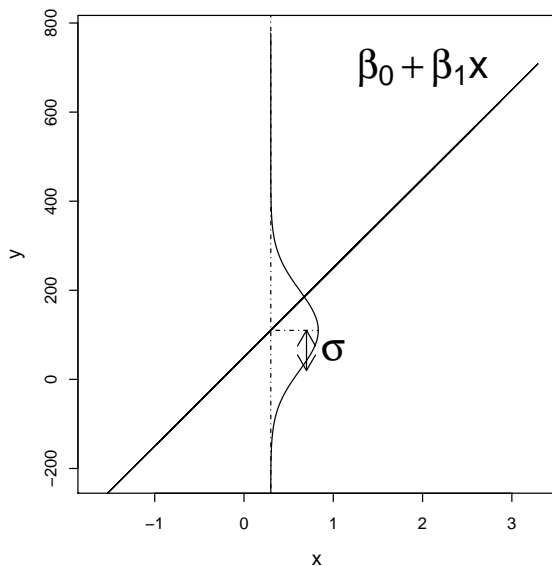
$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

- $Y_i$  is the *dependent variabel*. A random variable.
- $x_i$  er en *explanatory variable*. Given numbers.
- $\varepsilon_i$  is the deviation (error). A random variable.

and we assume

$\varepsilon_i$  is independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) and  $N(0, \sigma^2)$

# Model illustration



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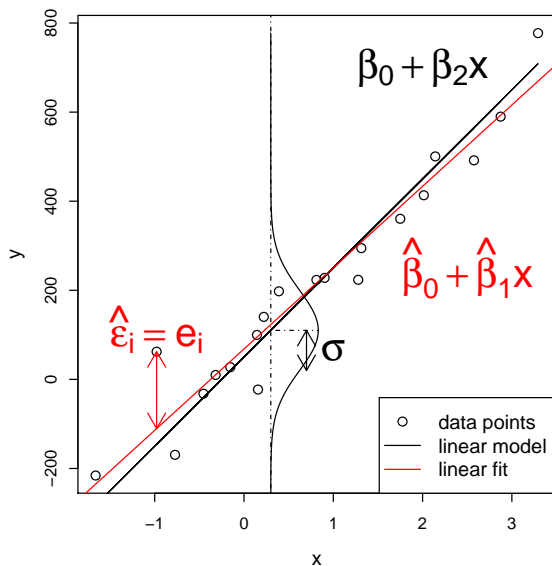
# Least Squares Method

- How can we estimate the parameters  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?
- Good idea: Minimize the variance  $\sigma^2$  of the residuals. It is in almost any way the best choice in this setup.
- But how!?
- Minimize the sum of the Residual Sum of Squares ( $RSS$ )

$$RSS(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^2$$

$\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  minimizes RSS

# Illustration of model, data and fit



## Least squares estimator

Theorem 5.4 (here as estimators as in the book)

The least squares estimators of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are given by

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{S_{xx}}$$

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Don't think too much about this for now!

# R example

```

## Simulate a linear model with normally distributed
## errors and estimate the parameters

## FiRST MAKE DATA:
## Generates x
x <- runif(n=20, min=-2, max=4)
## Simulate y
beta0=50; beta1=200; sigma=90
y <- beta0 + beta1 * x + rnorm(n=length(x), mean=0, sd=sigma)

## FROM HERE: as real data analysis, we have th data in x and y:
## A scatter plot of x and y
plot(x, y)

## Find the least squares estimates, use Theorem 5.4
(beta1hat <- sum( (y-mean(y))*(x-mean(x)) ) / sum( (x-mean(x))^2 ))
(beta0hat <- mean(y) - beta1hat*mean(x))

## Use lm() to find the estimates
lm(y ~ x)

## Plot the fitted line
abline(lm(y ~ x), col="red")

```

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## The parameter estimates are random variables

What if we took a new sample?

Would the values of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  be the same?

No, they are random variables!

If we took a new sample we would get another realisation.

What is the (sampling) distribution of the parameter estimators?

in a linear regression model (given normal distributed errors)?

Try to simulate to have a look at this...

Let's go to R!!

- What is the (sampling) distribution of the parameter estimates in a linear regression model (given normal distributed errors)?
- Answer: They are normally distributed (for  $n < 30$  use the  $t$ -distribution) and their variance can be estimated:

### Theorem 5.7 (first part)

$$V[\hat{\beta}_0] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2 \sigma^2}{S_{xx}}$$

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = \frac{\sigma^2}{S_{xx}}$$

$$\text{Cov}[\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1] = -\frac{\bar{x} \sigma^2}{S_{xx}}$$

- The Covariance  $\text{Cov}[\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1]$  we do not use for anything for now..

## Estimates of standard deviations of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$

### Theorem 5.7 (second part)

Where  $\sigma^2$  is usually replaced by its estimate ( $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ). The central estimator for  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{RSS(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)}{n-2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2}{n-2}.$$

When the estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is used the variances also become estimates and we'll refer to them as  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0}^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1}^2$ .

Estimates of standard deviations of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  (equations 5-41 and 5-42)

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{S_{xx}}}; \quad \hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

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# Hypothesis tests for the parameters

- We can carry out hypothesis tests for the parameters in a linear regression model:

$$H_{0,i} : \beta_i = \beta_{0,i}$$

$$H_{1,i} : \beta_i \neq \beta_{1,i}$$

- We use the  $t$ -distributed statistics:

## Theorem 5.11

Under the null-hypothesis ( $\beta_0 = \beta_{0,0}$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta_{0,1}$ ) the statistics

$$T_{\beta_0} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - \beta_{0,0}}{\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0}}; \quad T_{\beta_1} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_{0,1}}{\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1}},$$

are  $t$ -distributed with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom, and inference should be based on this distribution.



- See Example 5.12 for example of hypothesis test.
- Test if the parameters are significantly different from 0

$$H_{0,i}: \beta_i = 0$$

$$H_{1,i}: \beta_i \neq 0$$

- See the results in R

```
## Hypothesis tests on significant parameter

## Generate x
x <- runif(n=20, min=-2, max=4)
## Simulate Y
beta0=50; beta1=200; sigma=90
y <- beta0 + beta1 * x + rnorm(n=length(x), mean=0, sd=sigma)

## Use lm() to find the estimates
fit <- lm(y ~ x)

## See summary - what we need
summary(fit)
```

## Confidence intervals for the parameters

### Method 5.14

$(1 - \alpha)$  confidence intervals for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are given by

$$\hat{\beta}_0 \pm t_{1-\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{1-\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1}$$

where  $t_{1-\alpha/2}$  is the  $(1 - \alpha/2)$ -quantile of a  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom.

- remember that  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1}$  are found from equations 5-41 and 5-42
- in R we can read off  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_0}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_1}$  under "Std. Error" from "summary(fit)"

# Simulation illustration of CIs

```
## Make confidence intervals for the parameters

## number of repeats
nRepeat <- 100

## Did we catch the correct parameter
TrueValInCI <- logical(nRepeat)

## Repeat the simulation and estimation nRepeat times:
for(i in 1:nRepeat){
  ## Generate x
  x <- runif(n=20, min=-2, max=4)
  ## Simulate y
  beta0=50; beta1=200; sigma=90
  y <- beta0 + beta1 * x + rnorm(n=length(x), mean=0, sd=sigma)

  ## Use lm() to find the estimates
  fit <- lm(y ~ x)

  ## Luckily R can compute the confidence interval (level=1-alpha)
  (ci <- confint(fit, "(Intercept)", level=0.95))

  ## Was the correct parameter value "caught" by the interval? (covered)
  (TrueValInCI[i] <- ci[1] < beta0 & beta0 < ci[2])
}

## How often did this happen?
sum(TrueValInCI) / nRepeat
```

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## Method 5.17 Confidence interval for $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0$

- The confidence interval for  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0$  corresponds to a confidence interval for the line in the point  $x_0$
- Is computed by

$$(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

- The confidence interval will in  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  of the times contain the correct line, that is  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0$

## Method 5.17 Prediction interval for $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0 + \varepsilon_0$

- The prediction interval for  $Y_0$  is found using a value  $x_0$
- This is done *before*  $Y_0$  is observed with

$$(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0) \pm t_{\alpha/2} \cdot \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{S_{xx}}}$$

- The prediction interval will in  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  of the times contain the observed  $y_0$
- A prediction interval is wider than a confidence interval for a given  $\alpha$

# Example of confidence interval for the line

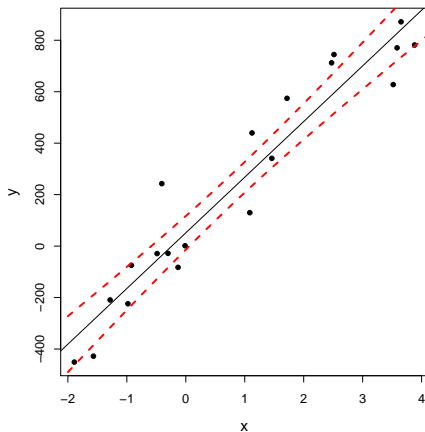
```
## Example of confidence interval for the line

## Make a sequence of x values
xval <- seq(from=-2, to=6, length.out=100)

## Use the predict function
CI <- predict(fit, newdata=data.frame(x=xval),
             interval="confidence",
             level=.95)

## Check what we got
head(CI)

## Plot the data, model fit and intervals
plot(x, y, pch=20)
abline(fit)
lines(xval, CI[, "lwr"], lty=2, col="red", lwd=2)
lines(xval, CI[, "upr"], lty=2, col="red", lwd=2)
```



# Example of prediction interval

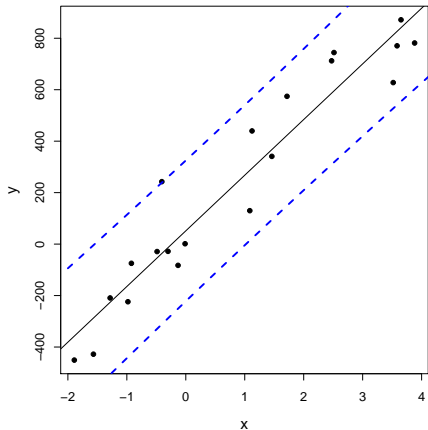
```
## Example with prediction interval

## Make a sequence of x values
xval <- seq(from=-2, to=6, length.out=100)

## Use the predict function
PI <- predict(fit, newdata=data.frame(x=xval),
             interval="prediction",
             level=.95)

## Check what we got
head(CI)

## Plot the data, model fit and intervals
plot(x, y, pch=20)
abline(fit)
lines(xval, PI[, "lwr"], lty=2, col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(xval, PI[, "upr"], lty=2, col="blue", lwd=2)
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# What more do we get from summary?

```
summary(fit)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ x)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -184.7  -96.4  -20.3   86.6  279.1
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)      51.5         31.1   1.66   0.12
## x                216.3         15.2  14.22 3.1e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 126 on 18 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.918, Adjusted R-squared:  0.914
## F-statistic: 202 on 1 and 18 DF, p-value: 3.14e-11
```

## summary(lm(y~x)) wrap up

- Residuals:           Min           1Q    Median           3Q           Max:  
The residuals': Minimum, 1. quartile, Median, 3. quartile, Maximum

- Coefficients:  
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) "stars"

The coefficients':

Estimate            $\hat{\sigma}_{\beta_i}$             $t_{obs}$             $p$ -value

- The test is  $H_{0,i} : \beta_i = 0$  vs.  $H_{1,i} : \beta_i \neq 0$
  - The stars is showing the size categories of the  $p$ -value
- Residual standard error: XXX on XXX degrees of freedom  
 $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  printed is  $\hat{\sigma}$  and  $\nu$  degrees of freedom (used for hypothesis test)
- Multiple R-squared:   XXX  
Explained variation  $r^2$
- The rest we do not use in this course

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# Explained variation and correlation

- Explained variation in a model is  $r^2$ , in summary "Multiple R-squared"
- Found as

$$r^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

where  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$

- The proportion of the total variability explained by the model

# Explained variation and correlation

- The correlation  $\rho$  is a measure of *linear relation* between two random variables
- Estimated (i.e. empirical) correlation

$$\hat{\rho} = r = \sqrt{r^2} \operatorname{sgn}(\hat{\beta}_1)$$

where  $\operatorname{sgn}(\hat{\beta}_1)$  is:  $-1$  for  $\hat{\beta}_1 \leq 0$  and  $1$  for  $\hat{\beta}_1 > 0$

- Hence:
  - Positive correlation when positive slope
  - Negative correlation when negative slope

# Test for significance of correlation

- Test for significance of correlation (linear relation) between two variables

$$H_0 : \rho = 0$$

$$H_1 : \rho \neq 0$$

is equivalent to

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

where  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is the estimated slope in a simple linear regression model

# R Illustration

```
## Generates x
x <- runif(n=20, min=-2, max=4)
## Simulate y
beta0=50; beta1=200; sigma=90
y <- beta0 + beta1 * x + rnorm(n=length(x), mean=0, sd=sigma)

## Scatter plot
plot(x,y)

## Use lm() to find the estimates
fit <- lm(y ~ x)

## The "true" line
abline(beta0, beta1)
## Plot of fit
abline(fit, col="red")

## See summary
summary(fit)

## Correlation between x and y
cor(x,y)

## Squared becomes the "Multiple R-squared" from summary(fit)
cor(x,y)^2
```



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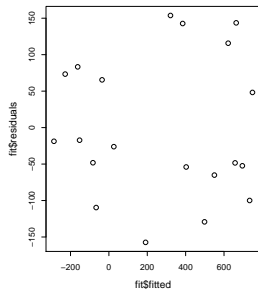
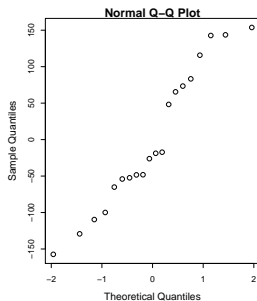
# Residual Analysis

## Method 5.26

- Check normality assumption with qq-plot.
- Check (non)systematic behavior by plotting the residuals  $e_i$  as a function of fitted values  $\hat{y}_i$

# Residual Analysis in R

```
fit <- lm(y ~ x)
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
qqnorm(fit$residuals)
plot(fit$fitted, fit$residuals)
```



OR: Wally plot again!

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