# **Bodyfat Analysis**

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# Background

Thesis Statement:

An analysis of the male bodyfat database:

Using a linear model to infer and predict the male bodyfat based on three factors.

Target:

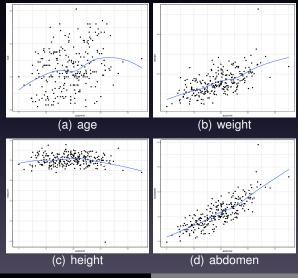
A simple, convenient, and robust model.

Data Description:

BODYFAT	DENSITY	AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	ADIPO	SITY	NECK	CHEST
12.6	1.0708	23	154.25	67.75	5	23.7	36.2	93.1
6.9	1.0853	22	173.25	72.25	5	23.4	38.5	93.6
24.6	1.0414	22	154.00	66.25	5	24.7	34.0	95.8
ABDOME	N HIP	THIGH	KNEE	ANKLE	BICEPS	FORE	ARM	WRIST
85	.2 94.5	59.0	37.3	21.9	32.0		27.4	17.1
83	.0 98.7	58.7	37.3	23.4	30.5		28.9	18.2

### **Model Selection**

Is the linear model good enough to catch the trend on bodyfat?



# **Data Processing**

false record:

	BODYFAT	AGE	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	ADIPOSITY
182	0	40	118.5	68	18.1

check outliers:



### Variable Selection

Select the variables based on stepwise method and elastic net.

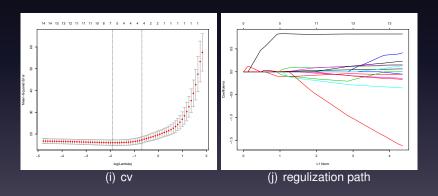
Stepwise:

$$lnL(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2}ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2$$

- AIC:  $2k-2ln(\hat{L})$  ABDOMEN WEIGHT WRIST BICEPS AGE
- BIC:  $ln(n)k 2ln(\hat{L})$ ABDOMEN WEIGHT WRIST

### Variable Selection

• elastic net:  $\hat{\beta} = argmin_{\beta}(||y-X\beta||^2 + \lambda(1-\alpha)||\beta||^2 + \lambda\alpha||\beta||_1)$ 



#### Final Model

Variables:

WEIGHT ABDOMEN WRIST

trained model:

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Bodyfat = -23.994 - 0.087*Weight(lb) + 0.885*Abdomen(cm) - 1.282*Wrist(cm)
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- Residual standard error: 3.981
- R<sup>2</sup>: 0.7292
- p-value: < 2.2e-16</li>
- Rule of Thumb:

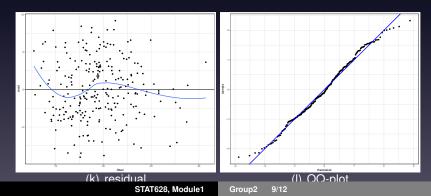
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Bodyfat = -24 - 0.1*Weight(lb) + 0.9*Abdomen(cm) 
- 1.3*Wrist(cm)
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# Diagnostic

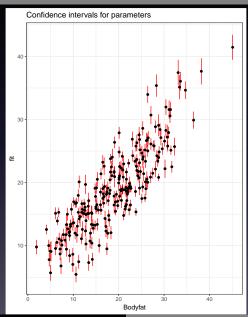
VIF:

Variables	VIF		
Weight	5.6178		
Abdomen	4.1857		
Wrist	2.0988		

• Residuals:



# Prediction



## Summary

- Strength:
  - 1.easy to implement2.not need a lot of information
- Weakness:

lack of accuracy (relatively large residuals)

• Illustrative example:

Weight: 136.75lb, Abdomen: 77.0cm, Wrist: 16.5cm

Estimated Bodyfat: 10.15

Confidence Interval: (9.05,11.25)

# **Appendix**

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