

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ScribingPrediction Intervals

1. See pickup truck sales example (pickup.R).

- 1 standard deviation from the regression line will cover about 65% of the data
- 2 standard deviations from the regression line will cover about 95% of the data

2. See mammalsleep.R

- We fit the model on the log-log scale and then predicted the interval (standard deviations of residuals) on the log scale. However, we want the interval on the original scale
- The intervals curve just like the line of best fit after undoing the transformation because of the power law
- Key feature: the interval fans out- the greater  $x$ , the greater the absolute error. This happens because the errors on the original scale are multiplicative, while the errors on the log-log scale are additive.
- When calculating prediction intervals, undo the transformation **last!**

3. Equations

original scale =

$$y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i + e_i$$

future  $x$ :  $x^*$

point estimate:  $\hat{y}^* = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x^*$

$$y^* = \hat{y}^* + e^*$$

$\hat{\sigma}_e$  = st. dev. of residuals       $a$  = conservatism parameter

$$y^* = \hat{y}^* \pm a \cdot \hat{\sigma}_e$$

transformation:

$$\log y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \log x_i + e_i$$

$$y_i = e^{\hat{\beta}_0} \times x_i^{\hat{\beta}_1} e^{e_i} \rightarrow$$

lower line:  $\log y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \log x_i - \hat{\sigma}_e$

upper line:  $\log y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \log x_i + \hat{\sigma}_e$

original scale:

lower:  $y_i = e^{\hat{\beta}_0} x_i^{\hat{\beta}_1} e^{-\hat{\sigma}_e}$

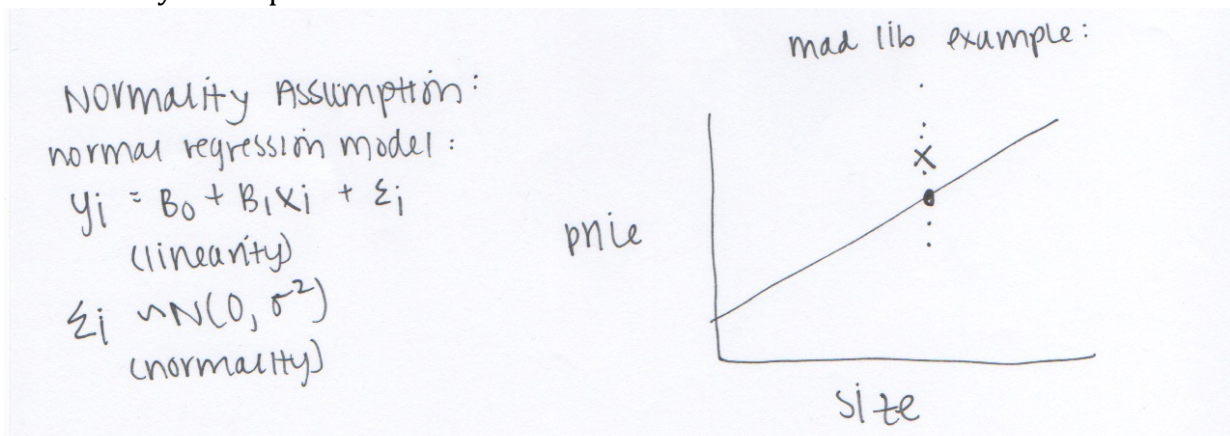
upper:  $y_i = e^{\hat{\beta}_0} x_i^{\hat{\beta}_1} e^{\hat{\sigma}_e}$

## Normal (Gaussian) Linear Regression Model

### 1. Key concepts

- Sampling distribution
- Standard error
- Bootstrapping
  - Fishing example from Monday: our sample acts as the entire population
  - Sample from sample with replacement, which allows for ties and omissions
  - Always use the same sample size as the original sample, because the variation will mimic real samples of the population.

### 2. Normality assumption



- Mad Lib house example- small factors (smell, view, etc) affect the price of the house, causing the price to “nudge” up or down
  - The aggregation of these “nudges” are the residual
  - Each “nudge” has the same probability of moving up or down, so can be considered a binomial distribution
  - Binomial distribution look like normal distributions according to the normality assumption and the central limit theorem
- Example of the normal (Gaussian) distribution: minnows vs. shark
  - A school of minnows is an aggregation of each individual minnow's movements

### 3. Using the normal distribution to model prediction intervals

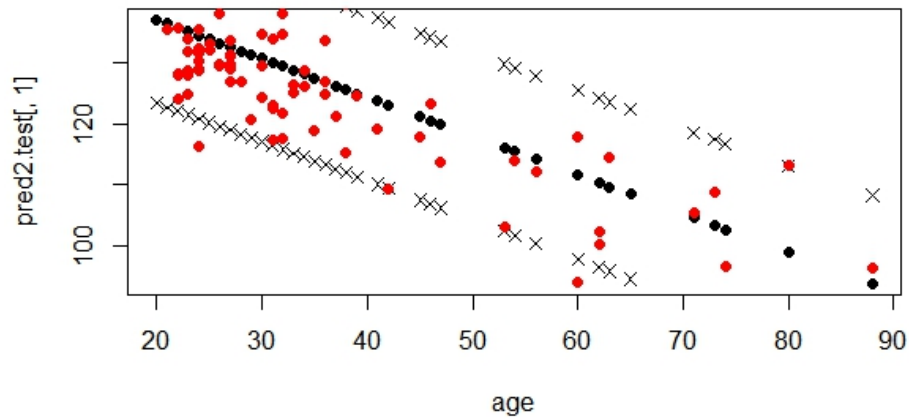
Handwritten notes:

$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$        $\sigma^2$ : residual variance  
 $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$        $\sigma$ : residual st. dev.

$\begin{pmatrix} (x_1, y_1) \\ (x_2, y_2) \\ \vdots \\ (x_N, y_N) \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1 \end{matrix} \right.$  (least squares est.)

sampling dist:  $\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N(\beta_1, \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2)$

- See creatinine.R and creatinine.csv
  - Find the standard error using bootstrapping or the summary function, which uses the normality assumption
  - Prediction interval:



**\*Important take-away from today:** assumption of a normal distribution yields uncertainty estimates, which give us an idea about residuals and prediction intervals.