

# Analysis of the LifeSpans dataset

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This file provides an overview of the LifeSpans package as well as some sample analyses.

The **LifeSpans** package contains sex-specific sample sizes and the mean life expectancy of zoo animal species in North American zoos as of January, 2019. This package may be of interest to those who study animals or perhaps become a veterinarian.

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ae_label <- LifeSpans |>
  filter(species == "Elephant, African") |>
  slice(1)
ac_label <- LifeSpans |>
  filter(species == "Condor, Andean") |>
  slice(1)
b_label <- LifeSpans |>
  filter(species == "Bonobo") |>
  slice(1)
hhp_label <- LifeSpans |>
  filter(species == "Parrot, Hawk-headed") |>
  slice(1)

LifeSpans |>
  ggplot(aes(x = malemle, y = femalemle, color = taxon)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth() +
  geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, linetype = "dashed", color = "black") +
  labs(x = "Male Mean Life Expectancy (Years)", y = "Female Mean Life Expectancy (Years)",
  theme(legend.position = "top") +
  geom_text(data = ae_label, aes(label = "African Elephant"), vjust = -0.5, hjust = 0.5, color = "darkgreen") +
  geom_text(data = ac_label, aes(label = "Andean Condor"), vjust = -0.5, hjust = 0.8, color = "darkgreen") +
  geom_text(data = b_label, aes(label = "Bonobo"), vjust = -0.5, hjust = 0.5, color = "darkgreen") +
  geom_text(data = hhp_label, aes(label = "Hawk-Headed Parrot"), vjust = -0.5, hjust = 0.4, color = "darkgreen")
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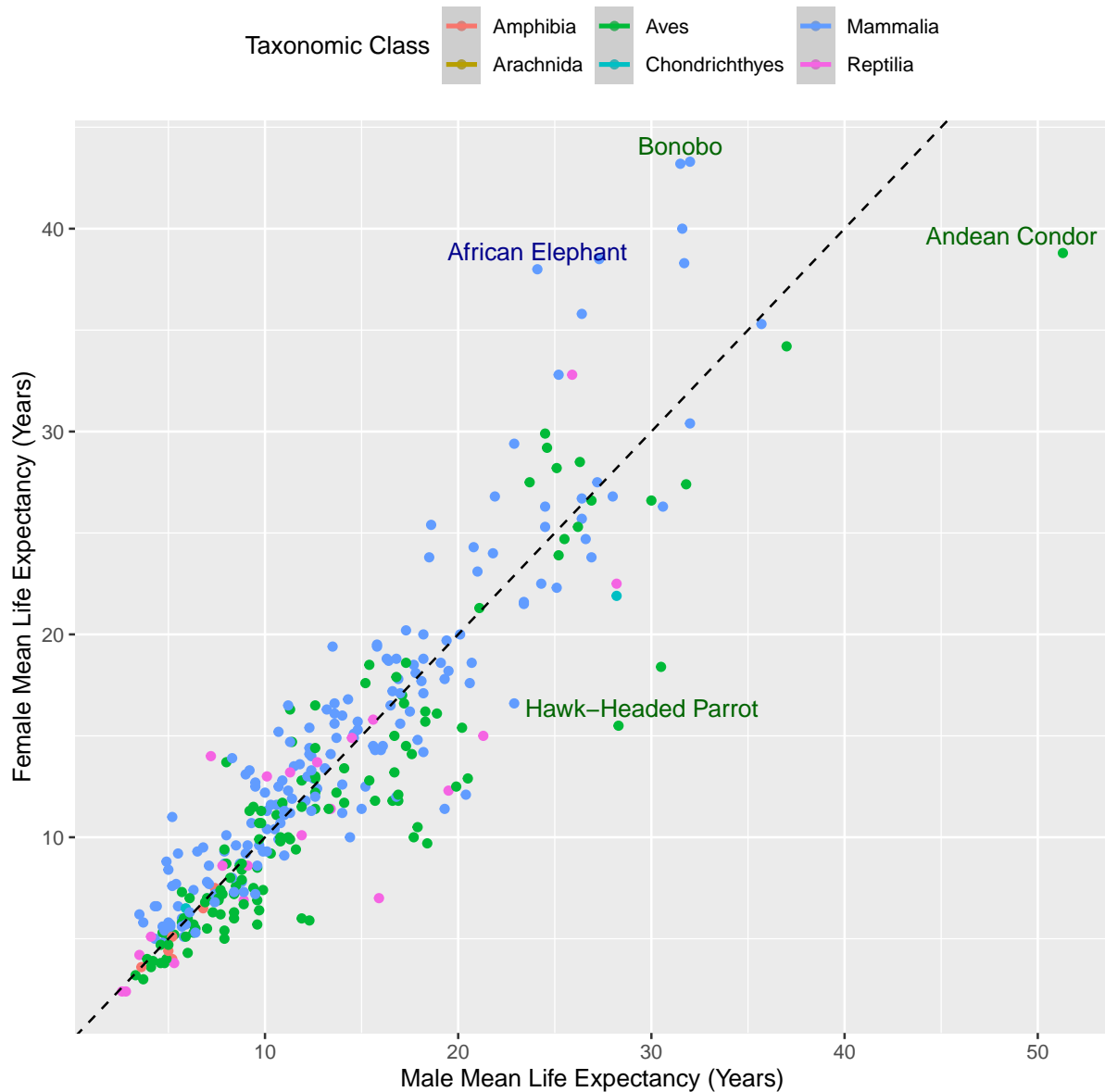


Figure 1: Graph showing the relationship between female mean life expectancy and male life expectancy. The males of some species, like the Andean Condor live more than 10 years longer than their females on average. Conversely, in species like the African Elephant, the females live over 10 years longer than males on average.

We see in Figure 1 that the mean life expectancy of males and females are fairly linear for over 300 zoo animal species. However, there are some species that deviate from this trend. The average female African Elephant, Bonobo, Asian Elephant, and Bornean Orangutan will live over 11 years longer than the average male of their respective species. All of these species are

in the Mammalia taxon. Conversely, the average male Hawk-headed Parrot, Andean Condor, and Southern Cassowary will live over 12 years longer than a female. All of these animals are in the Aves taxonomic class.