### Data Analysis

Part I
Correlation Models:
Covariance & Correlation

Part II

Regression Models

(Simple & Multiple) Linear Regression

### Data Analysis – Covariance & Correlation

# Classroom Hands-on

- Open RStudio
- Work with the "CorrCoeff.Rmd" file

#### Line fitting:

- Example of Method of Least Squares
- Revise the material from Bilinear Algebra (homework)

### Data Analysis - Covariance & Correlation

#### **Anscombe's quartet**

- > But just because fitting a line is easy doesn't mean that it always makes sense.
- > Let's take another look at **Anscombe's quartet** to underscore this point.
- ➤ Anscombe's Quartet was developed by statistician Francis Anscombe.
- $\triangleright$  It comprises four datasets, each containing eleven (x, y) —pairs.
- ➤ The essential thing to note about these datasets is that they share the **same descriptive statistics**.
- ➤ But things change completely, and I must emphasize **COMPLETELY**, when they are graphed.
- > Each graph tells a different story irrespective of their similar summary statistics.

### Data Analysis – Covariance & Correlation

#### **Anscombe's quartet**

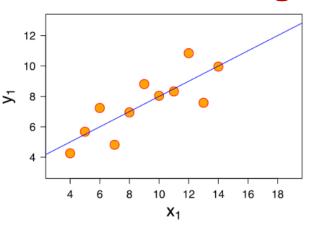
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	14	9,96	14	8,1	14	8,84	8	7,04
	6	7,24	6	6,13	6	6,08	8	5,25
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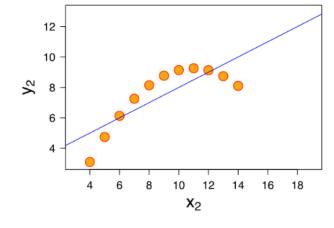
- mean of x = 9
- mean of y = 7.50
- variance of x = 11
- variance of y = 4.13
- The correlation coefficient (how strong a relationship is between 2 variables) between x and y is 0.816 for each dataset.

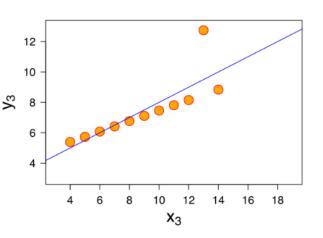
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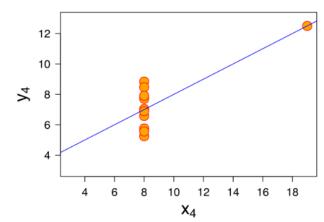
#### **Anscombe's quartet**

When we plot these four datasets on an x/y coordinate plane, we can observe that they show the same **regression lines** as well, but each dataset is telling a different story:









- **Dataset I** appears to have clean and well-fitting linear model.
- Dataset II is not distributed normally.
- In **Dataset III** the distribution is linear, but the calculated regression is thrown off by an outlier.
- **Dataset IV** shows that one outlier is enough to produce a high correlation coefficient.

This quartet emphasizes the importance of **visualization** in Data Analysis. **Looking** at the data reveals a lot of the structure and a clear picture of the dataset.

# Data Analysis - Covariance & Correlation

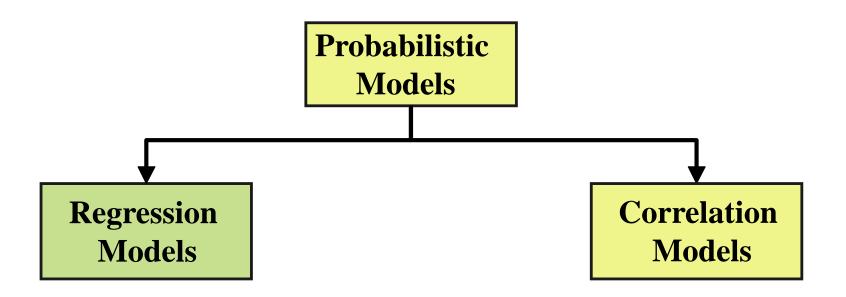
# Classroom Hands-on

- Open RStudio
- Type "Anscombe or knitr::kable(anscombe)" (it's a data set)
- Let's do the simple descriptive statistics on each data set
- Calculate the mean of x and y (there are 4 sets)
- Calculate the SD of x and y (there are 4 sets)
- Calculate the correlation between x and y (there are 4 sets)
- What do you observe?
- Plot the different pairs of x vs y

### Data Analysis

Part II
Regression Models
(Simple & Multiple) Linear Regression

**Types of Probabilistic Models** 



#### **Regression Models**

Answers 'What is the relationship between the variables?'

- Equation used
  - One numerical dependent (response) variable
    - What is to be predicted
  - One or more numerical or categorical independent (explanatory) variables

Used mainly for prediction and estimation

#### **Regression Modeling Steps**

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**Regression Modeling Steps** 

**Model Specification** 

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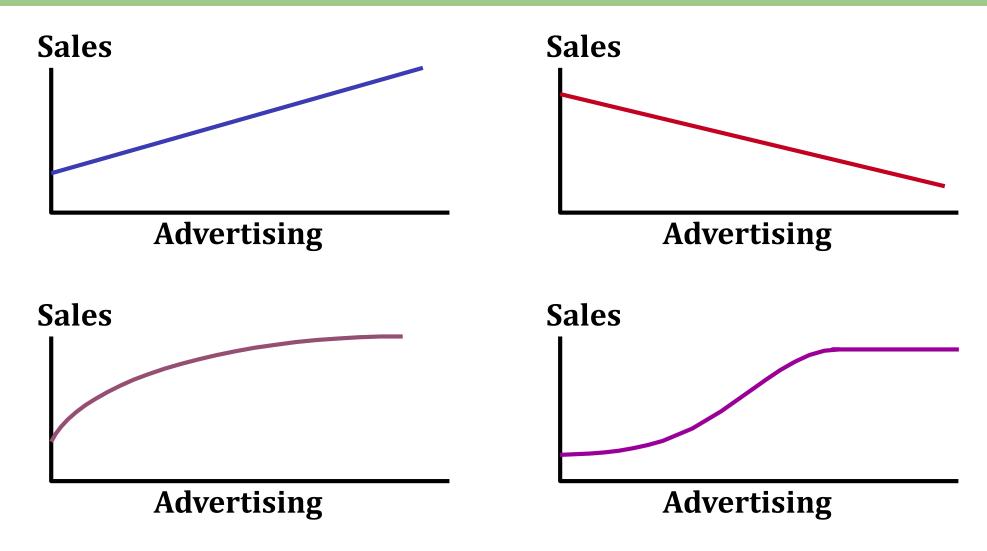
#### **Specifying the Model**

- 1. Define variables
  - Conceptual (e.g., Advertising, price)
  - Empirical (e.g., List price, regular price)
  - Measurement (e.g., \$, Units)
- 2. Hypothesize nature of relationship
  - Expected effects (i.e., Coefficients' signs)
  - Functional form (linear or non-linear)
  - Interactions

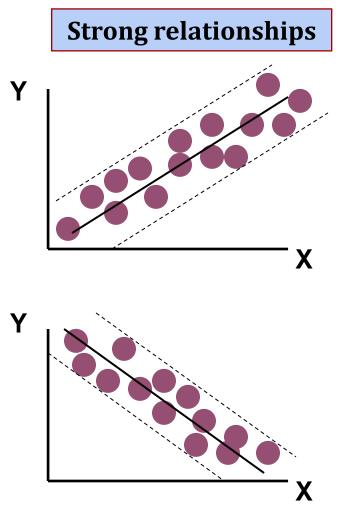
#### Based on:

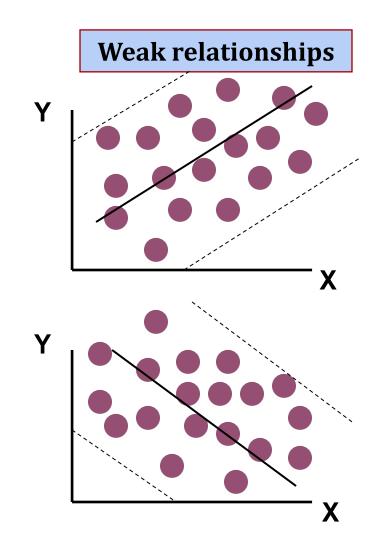
- Theory of field (e.g., Sociology)
- Mathematical theory
- Previous research
- 'Common sense'

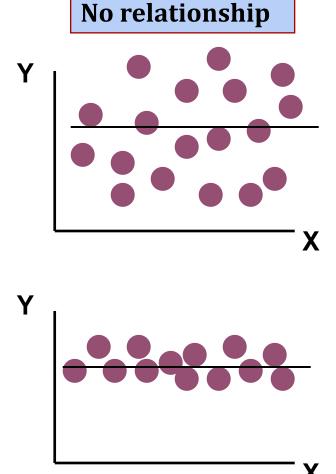
#### Which Is More Logical?



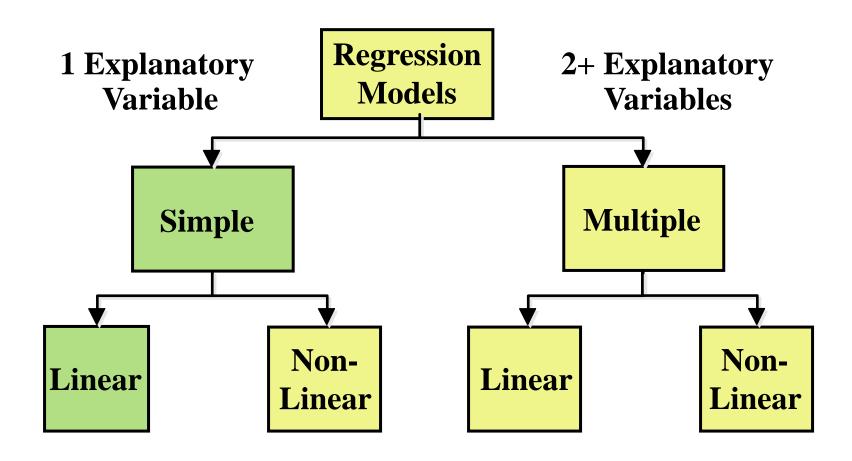
#### **Types of Relationships**





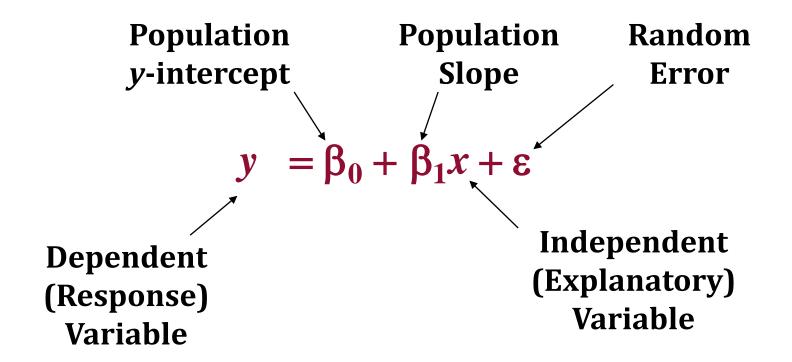


#### **Types of Regression**

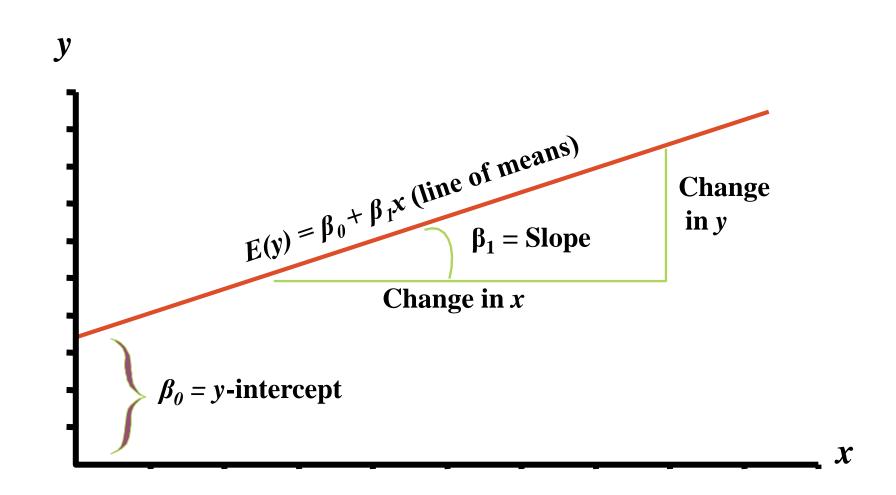


#### **Linear Regression Model**

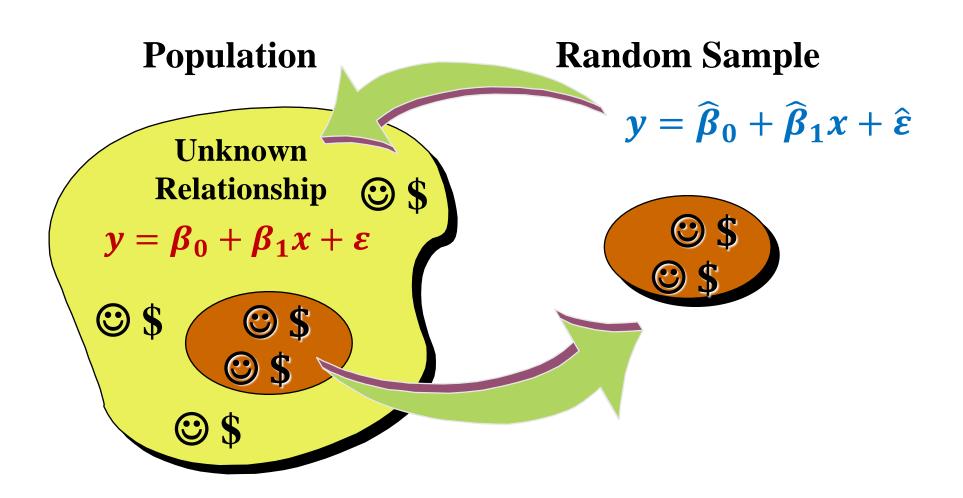
Relationship between variables is a linear function



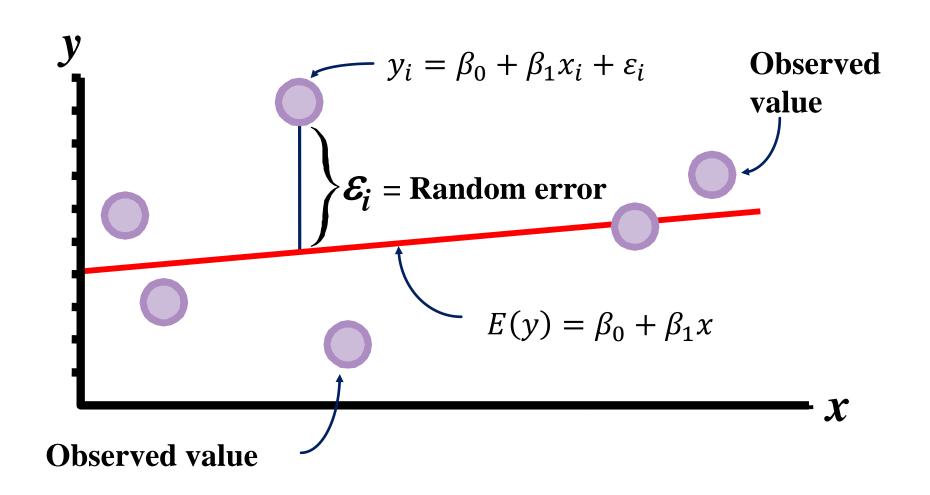
#### **Line of Means**



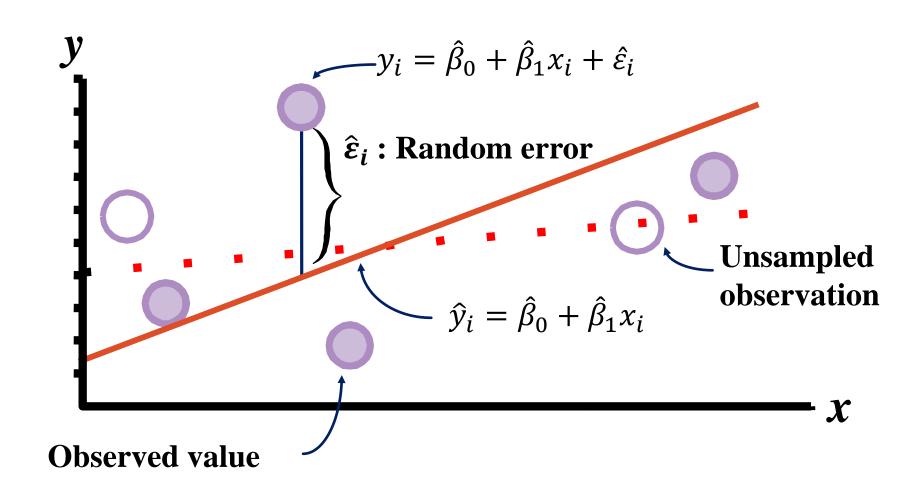
#### **Population & Sample Regression Models**



#### **Population Linear Regression Model**



#### **Sample Linear Regression Model**



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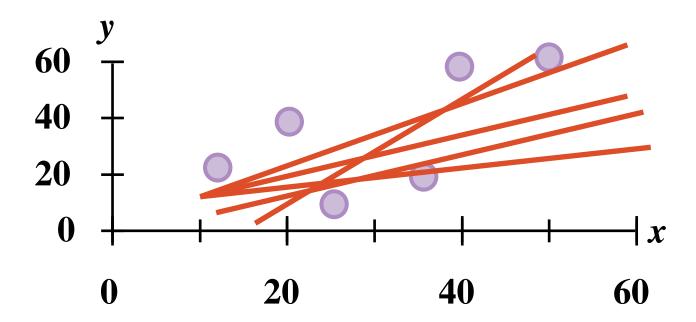
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#### Thinking challenge (we saw it in Bilinear Algebra too)

- How would you draw a line through the points?
- How do you determine which line 'fits best'?



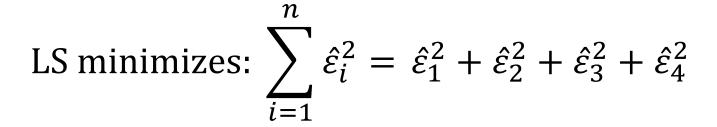
#### **Least Squares**

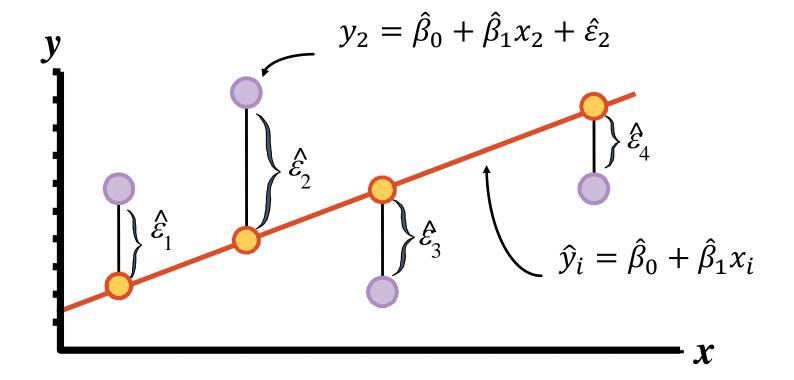
- Best fit means that the difference between **actual** *y* values and **predicted** *y* values are a **minimum**.
  - *But* positive differences off-set negative:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2$$

• Least Squares minimizes the Sum of the Squared Differences/Errors (SSE)

#### **Least Squares graphically**





#### **Coefficient Equations**

Prediction Equation: 
$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$$

Slope:

$$\hat{\beta}_{1} = \frac{SS_{xy}}{SS_{xx}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} y_{i} - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i})}{n}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2} - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i})^{2}}{n}}$$

y-intercept:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

#### **Least Squares - Thinking Challenge**

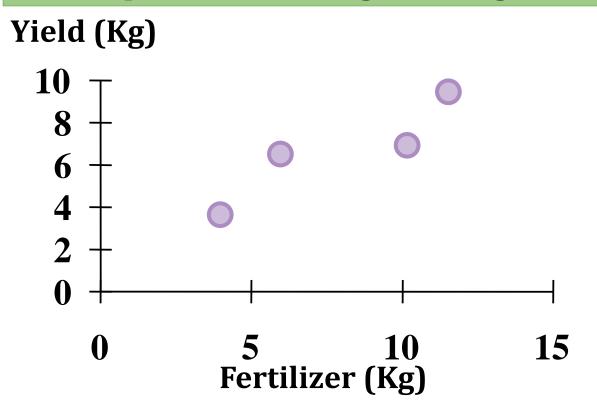
You're an economist for the county cooperative. You gather the following data:

Fertilizer (Kg)	Yield (Kg)
4	3.0
6	<b>5.5</b>
<b>10</b>	6.5
<b>12</b>	9.0

Find the **least squares line** relating crop yield and fertilizer.



#### Least Squares - Thinking Challenge: Scattergram Crop Yield vs. Fertilizer

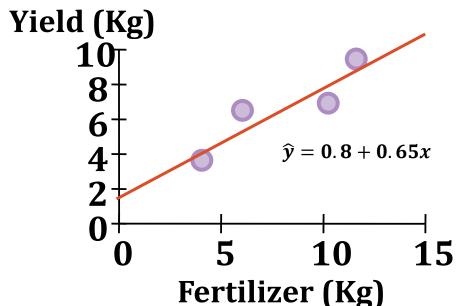


$x_i$	$y_i$	$x_i^2$	$y_i^2$	$x_i y_i$
4	3.0	16	9.00	12
6	5.5	36	30.25	33
10	6.5	100	42.25	65
12	9.0	144	81.00	108
32	24.0	296	162.50	218

#### **Least Squares - Thinking Challenge: Parameter Estimation Solution**

$$\hat{\beta}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} y_{i} - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i})}{n}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2} - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i})^{2}}{n}} = \frac{218 - \frac{(32)(24)}{4}}{296 - \frac{(32)^{2}}{4}} = 0.65$$
Yield (Kg)

$$\hat{y} = 0.8 + 0.65x$$



- 1. Slope  $(\hat{\beta}_1)$ 
  - Crop Yield (y) is expected to increase by 0.65 Kg for each 1 Kg increase in Fertilizer (x).
- 2. Y-Intercept  $(\hat{\beta}_0)$ 
  - Average Crop Yield (y) is expected to be 0.8 Kg when no Fertilizer (x) is used.

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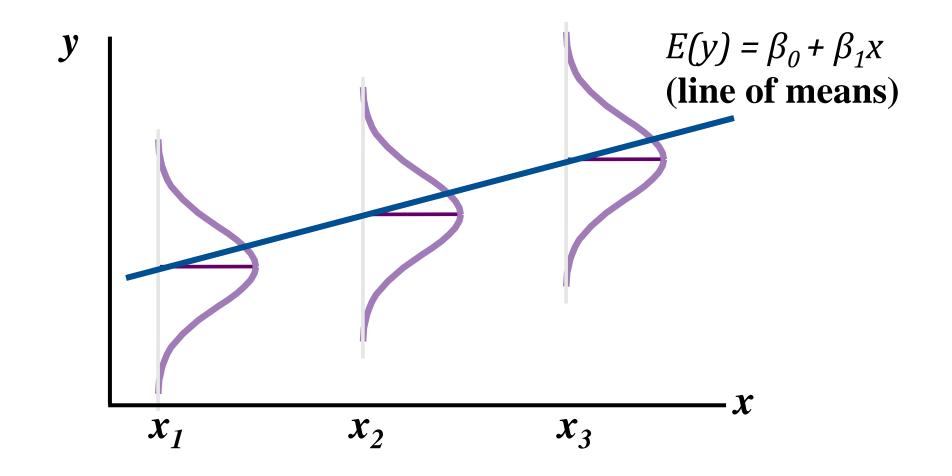
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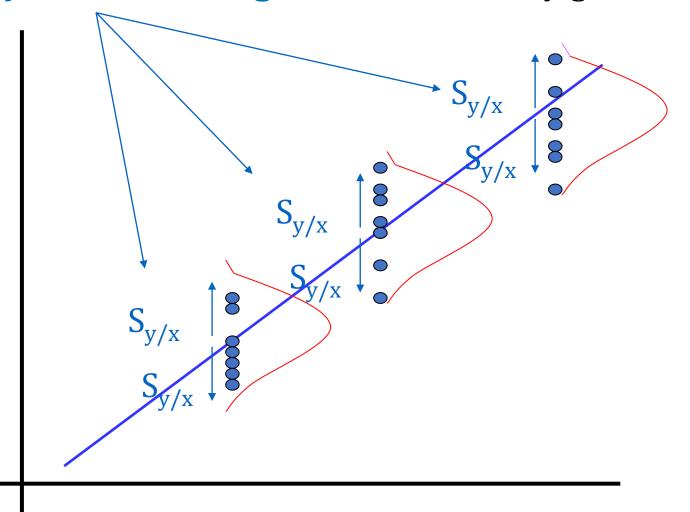
#### **Linear Regression Assumptions**

- I. Mean of probability distribution of error,  $\varepsilon$ , is 0.
- II. Probability distribution of error has constant variance.
- III. Probability distribution of error,  $\varepsilon$ , is normal.
- IV. Errors are independent.

**Linear Regression Assumptions: Error Probability Distribution** 



The **standard error** of y given x is the **average variability around the regression line** at any given value of x.

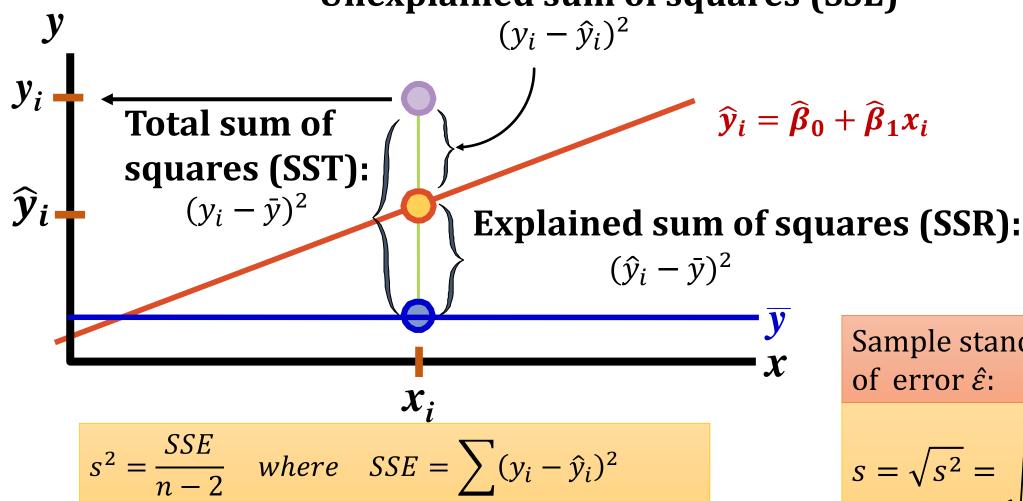


### **Linear Regression Assumptions: Random Error Variation**

- Variation of actual y from predicted y,  $\hat{y}$
- Measured by standard error of regression model
  - Sample standard deviation of  $\hat{\varepsilon}$ : s
- Affects several factors
  - Parameter significance
  - Prediction accuracy

### **Linear Regression Assumptions: Variation Measures**

### **Unexplained sum of squares (SSE)**



Sample standard deviation of error  $\hat{\varepsilon}$ :

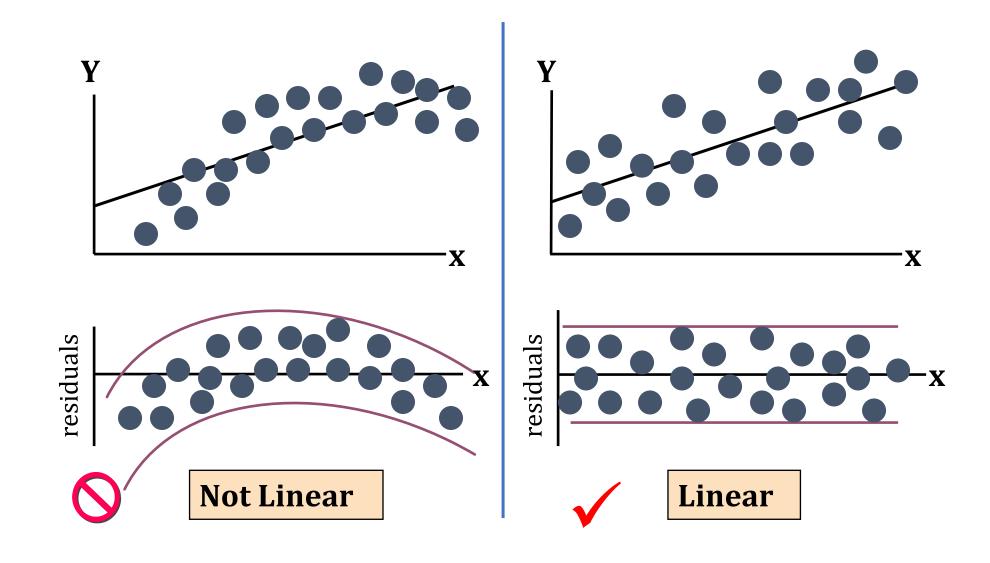
$$s = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{\frac{SSE}{n-2}}$$

### **Linear Regression Assumptions: Residual Analysis**

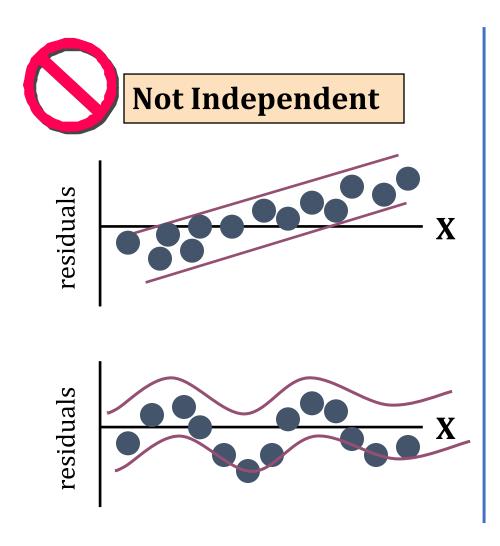
$$e_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i$$

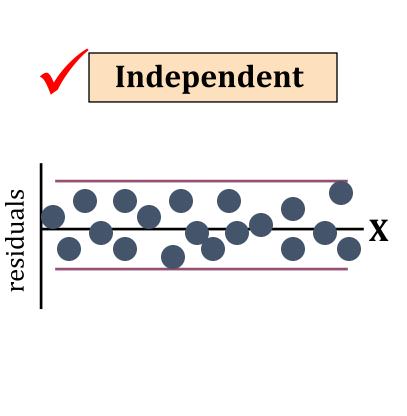
- The **residual** for observation i,  $e_i$  is the difference between its observed and predicted value
- Check the assumptions of regression by examining the residuals
  - Examine for linearity assumption
  - Evaluate independence assumption
  - Evaluate normal distribution assumption
  - Examine for constant variance for all levels of X (homoscedasticity)

**Linear Regression Assumptions: Residual Analysis for Linearity** 



Linear Regression Assumptions: Residual Analysis for Independence



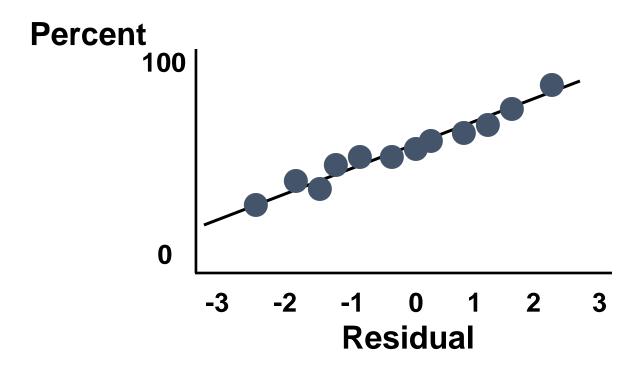


### **Linear Regression Assumptions: Checking for Normality**

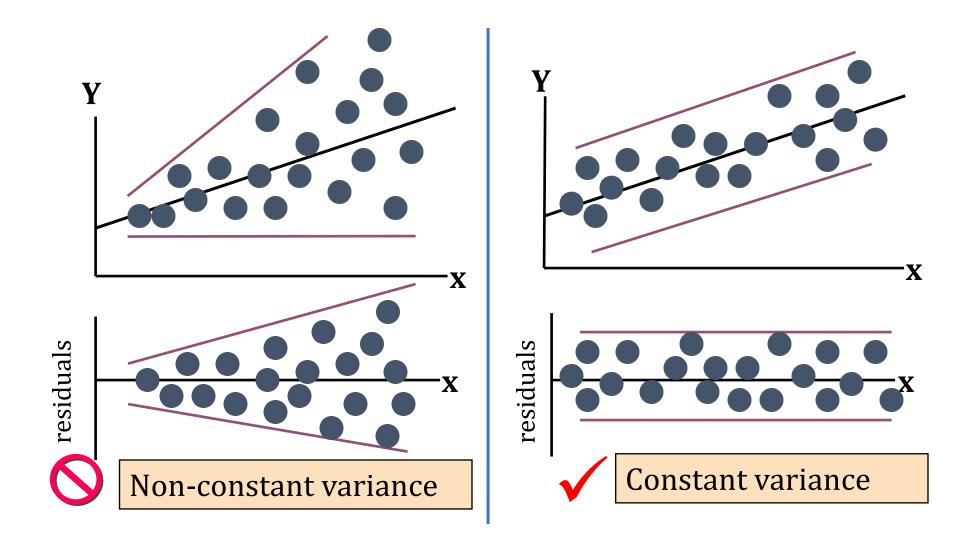
- Examine the Stem-and-Leaf Display of the Residuals
- Examine the Boxplot of the Residuals
- Examine the Histogram of the Residuals
- Construct a Normal Probability Plot of the Residuals

### **Linear Regression Assumptions: Residual Analysis for Normality**

When using a normal probability plot, normal errors will approximately display in a straight line



Linear Regression Assumptions: Residual Analysis for Equal Variance



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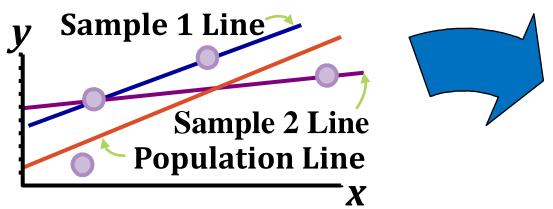
### **Linear Regression: Evaluate the Model - Testing for Significance**

### **Test of Slope Coefficient**

- Shows if there is a linear relationship between *x* and *y*
- Involves population slope  $\beta_1$
- Hypotheses
  - $H_0$ :  $\beta_1 = 0$  (No Linear Relationship)
  - $H_a$ :  $\beta_1 \neq 0$  (Linear Relationship)
- Theoretical basis is sampling distribution of slope
- ☐ The **p-values** help determine whether the relationships that you observe in your sample also exist in the larger **population**.
- ☐ The p-value for each independent variable tests the **null hypothesis** that the variable has **no correlation** with the dependent variable.
- ☐ If there is no correlation, there is no association between the changes in the independent variable and the shifts in the dependent variable. In other words, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that there is an effect at the population level.

**Linear Regression: Evaluate the Model – Testing for Significance** 

### **Sampling Distribution of Sample Slopes**



All Possible Sample Slopes

**Sample 1: 2.5** 

**Sample 2:** 1.6

**Sample 3: 1.8** 

**Sample 4: 2.1** 

Very large number of sample slopes

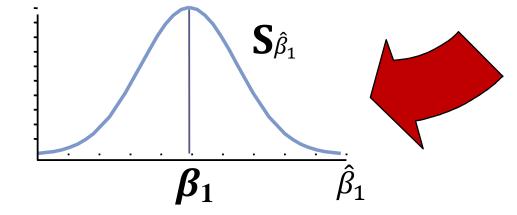
### Slope Coefficient Test Statistic

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{S_{\widehat{\beta}_1}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{SS_{xx}}}},$$

$$df = n - 2$$

where

$$SS_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i)^2}{n}$$



**Sampling Distribution** 

### **Linear Regression: Evaluate the Model - Testing for Significance**

#### **Example**

You're a marketing analyst for a toy company.

You find  $\hat{\beta}_0 = -0.1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0.7$  and s = 0.6055.

Is the relationship **significant** at the **0.05** level of significance?

<u>Ad \$</u>	Sales (Units)
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	4

$$S_{\widehat{\beta}_1} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{SS_{xx}}} = \frac{0.6055}{\sqrt{55 - \frac{(15)^2}{5}}} = 0.1914$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{S_{\hat{\beta}_1}} = \frac{0.70}{0.1914} = 3.657$$

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Sample standard deviation of  $\hat{\varepsilon}$ 

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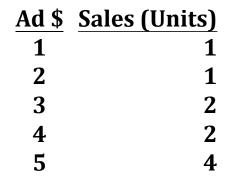
- H0:  $\beta_1 = 0 / \text{Ha}$ :  $\beta_1 \neq 0$
- $\alpha = 0.05$ , df = 5 2 = 3• Critical Value(s):
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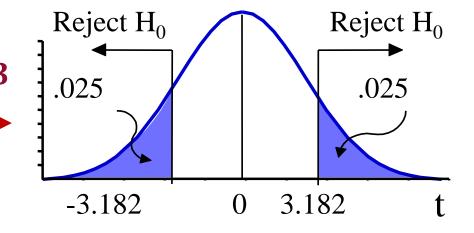
#### **Decision:**

Reject at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

#### **Conclusion:**

There is evidence of a relationship.





 $H_0$ :  $\beta_1 = 0$  (No Linear Relationship)  $H_a$ :  $\beta_1 \neq 0$  (Linear Relationship)

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### **Prediction With Regression Models**

- **□**Types of predictions
  - **≻**Point estimates
  - ➤ Interval estimates

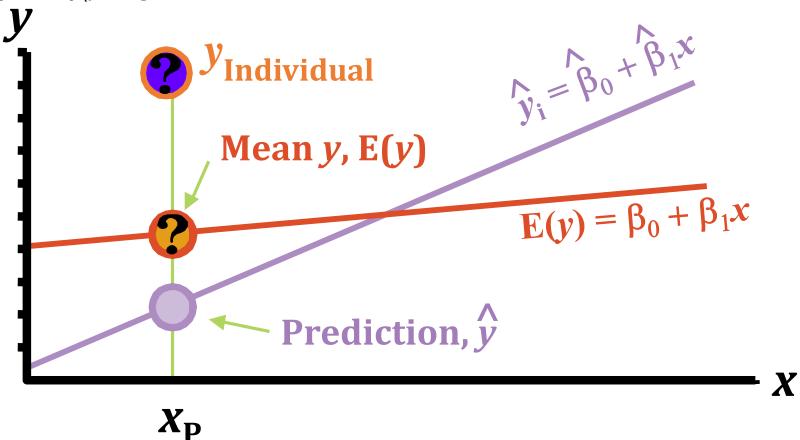
### **□**What is predicted

- Population mean response E(y) for given x
  - Point on population regression line
- $\triangleright$  Individual response  $(y_i)$  for given x

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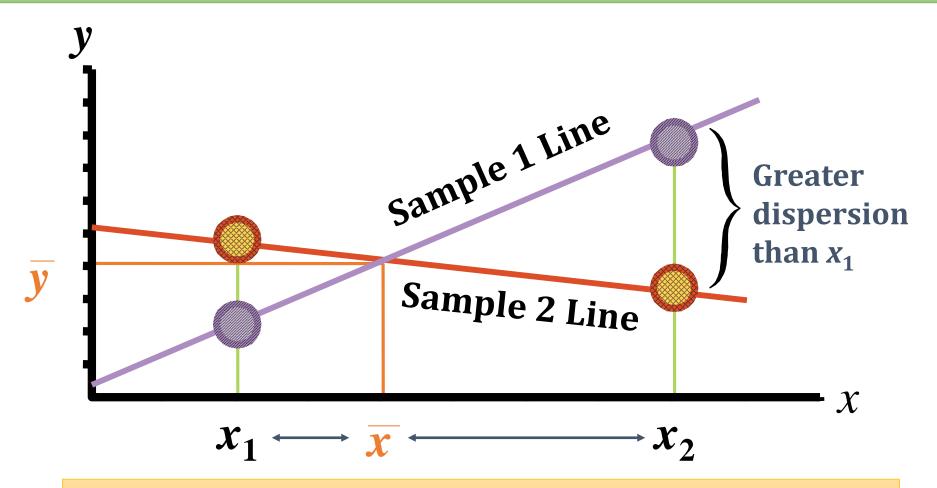
### Confidence Interval Estimate for Mean Value of y at $x = x_p$

$$\hat{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2} s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}}} \qquad \text{df} = n - 2$$

### **Factors Affecting Interval Width**

- 1. Level of confidence  $(1 \alpha)$ 
  - Width increases as confidence increases
- 2. Data dispersion (*s*)
  - Width increases as variation increases
- 3. Sample size
  - Width decreases as sample size increases
- 4. Distance of  $x_p$  from mean  $\bar{x}$ 
  - Width increases as distance increases

**Prediction With Regression Models - Why Distance from Mean?** 



The closer to the mean, the less variability.
This is due to the variability in estimated slope parameters.

#### **Prediction With Regression Models**

#### **Confidence Interval Estimate - Example**

You're a marketing analyst for a toy company.

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Find a **95%** confidence interval for the **mean** sales when advertising is **\$4**.

$x_i$	$y_i$	$x_i^2$	$y_i^2$	$x_i y_i$
_1_	1	1	1	1
2	1	4	1	2
3	2	9	4	6
4	2	16	4	8
5	4	25	16	20
15	10	55	26	37

$$\hat{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2} s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$\hat{y} = -0.1 + (0.7)(4) = 2.7$$

$$2.7 \pm (3.182)(0.6055) \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{(4-3)^2}{10}}$$

$$1.645 \le E(Y) \le 3.755$$

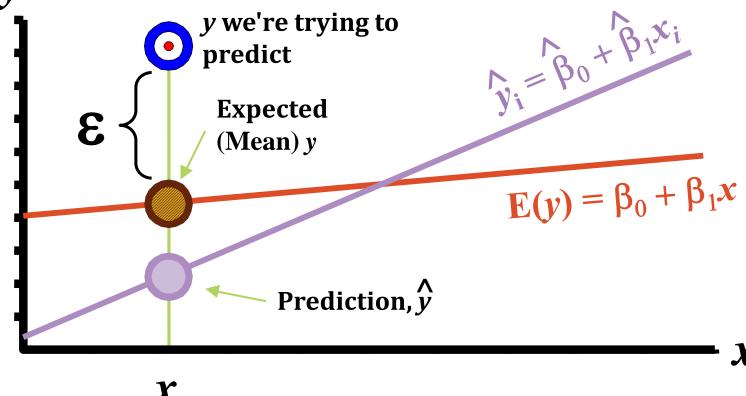
Ad \$ Sales (Units)

### **Prediction With Regression Models - What is predicted**

### **Prediction** Interval Estimate for Mean Value of y at $x = x_p$

$$\hat{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2} S \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}}} y$$

$$df = n - 2$$



#### **Prediction With Regression Models**

#### **Prediction Interval Estimate - Example**

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Predict the sales when advertising is \$4. Use a 95% prediction interval...

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4	2	
5	4	

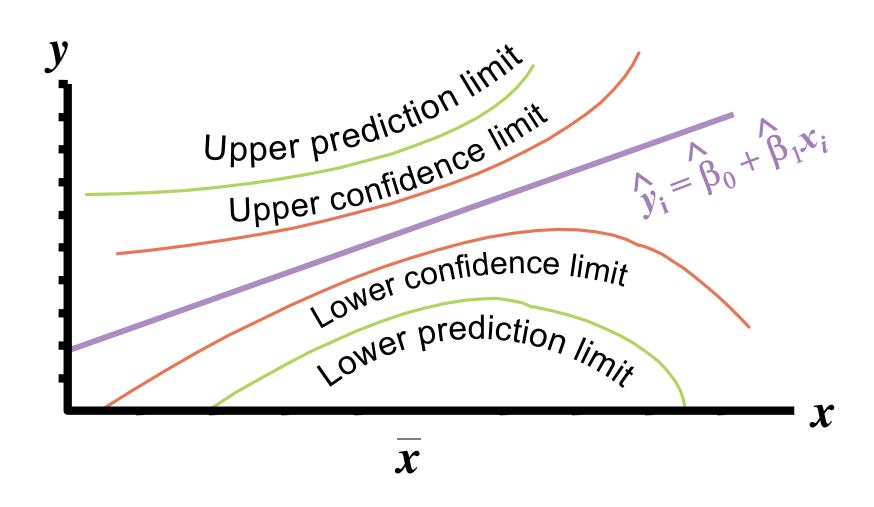
$x_i$	$y_i$	$x_i^2$	$y_i^2$	$x_i y_i$
_1_	1	1	1	1
2	1	4	1	2
3	2	9	4	_6_
4	2	16	4	8
5	4	25	16	20
15	10	55	26	37

$$-\hat{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2} s \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}}} / \frac{x \text{ to be predicted}}{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}}} / \frac{\hat{y} = -0.1 + (0.7)(4) = 2.7}{1 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{(4-3)^2}{10}} / \frac{1}{5} + \frac{(4-3)^2}{10}$$

$$2.7 \pm (3.182)(0.6055) \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{10}{10}}$$

$$0.503 \le y_4 \le 4.897$$

#### **Confidence vs Prediction Intervals**



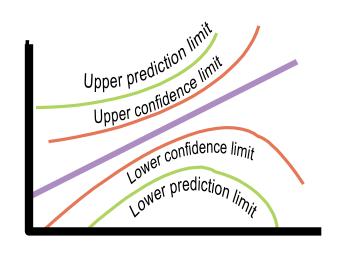
#### **Confidence vs Prediction Intervals**

### **Confidence intervals** $\rightarrow$ how well you have determined the mean.

Assume that the data really are randomly sampled from a Gaussian distribution. If you do this many times, and calculate a confidence interval of the mean from each sample, you'd expect about 95% of those intervals to include the true value of the population mean. The key point is that the **confidence interval** tells you about the *likely location of the true population parameter*.

### Prediction intervals $\rightarrow$ where you can expect to see the next data point sampled.

Assume that the data really are randomly sampled from a Gaussian distribution. Collect a sample of data and calculate a prediction interval. Then sample one more value from the population. If you do this many times, you would expect that next value to lie within that prediction interval in 95% of the samples. The key point is that the **prediction interval** tells you about the *distribution of values, not the uncertainty in determining the population mean*.



### **Multiple Linear Regression**

More than one independent variable can be used to explain variance in the dependent variable, as long as they are not linearly related. A multiple regression takes the form:

$$y = A + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_k X_k + \varepsilon$$

where k is the number of variables, or parameters.

The parameters in the linear regression model are very easy to interpret.

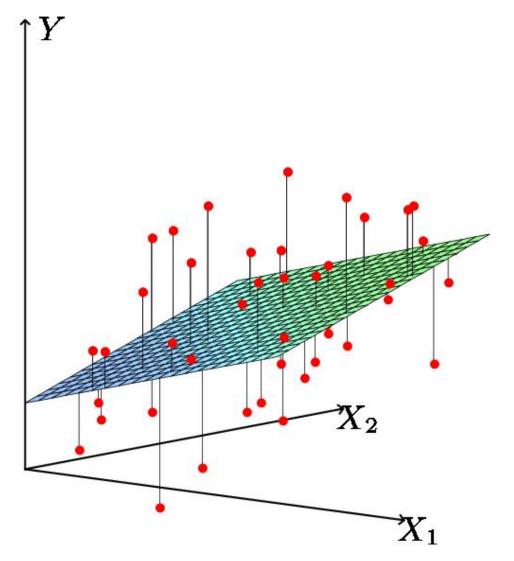
- $\triangleright \beta_0$  is the intercept (i.e. the average value for y if all the X's are zero),
- $\triangleright \beta_j$  is the slope for the *j*-th variable  $X_j$
- $\triangleright \beta_j$  is the average increase in y when  $X_j$  is increased by one and all other X's are held constant.

### **Least Squares Fit**

➤ We estimate the parameters using least squares i.e. minimize:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \mathop{\mathring{a}}_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \hat{Y}_{i})^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \mathop{\mathring{a}}_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \hat{b}_{0} - \hat{b}_{1}X_{1} - \dots - \hat{b}_{p}X_{p})^{2}$$



### Relationship between population and least squares lines

Population line

Least Squares line

$$Y_{i} = b_{0} + b_{1}X_{1} + b_{2}X_{2} + \dots + b_{p}X_{p} + e$$

$$\hat{Y}_{i} = \hat{b}_{0} + \hat{b}_{1}X_{1} + \hat{b}_{2}X_{2} + \dots + \hat{b}_{p}X_{p}$$

- We would like to know  $\beta_0$  through  $\beta_p$  i.e. the population line. Instead we know  $\hat{\beta}_0$  through  $\hat{\beta}_p$  i.e. the least squares line.
- $\triangleright$  Hence we use  $\hat{\beta}_0$  through  $\hat{\beta}_p$  as guesses for  $\beta_0$  through  $\beta_p$  and  $\hat{Y}_i$  as a guess for  $Y_i$ . The guesses will not be perfect just as  $\hat{X}$  s not a perfect guess for  $\mu$ .

## Data Analysis - Correlation & Linear Regression

Blog article: Introduction to Linear Regression and Polynomial Regression

https://towardsdatascience.com/introduction-to-linear-regression-and-polynomial-regression-f8adc96f31cb

# Supporting material: Video Session

- **P Values, clearly explained:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9OIYA8He8
- Covariance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtaqvPAeEJY
- **Pearson's Correlation:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ\_z8KWkhXE
- **R-squared explained:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AQKmw14mHM
- **Fitting a line to data,:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaFPbb66DxQ
- Linear Models Pt. 1 Linear Regression: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk2CQITm\_eo
- Linear Models Pt. 2 t-tests and ANOVA: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF5\_btOaCig
   (Pt. 2 → also for next lecture where ANOVA is introduced)
- Linear Models Pt.3 Design Matrices: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqLGvwi-5Pc
- **Linear Models Pt.4 Design Matrix in R :** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hrr2anyK\_5s

## Data Analysis –Correlation & Linear Regression

### Geometric Interpretation of the Correlation between Two Variables

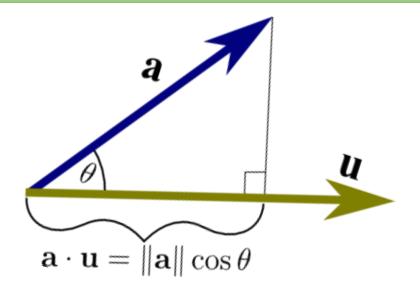
**Vectors and angles** 
$$a = (a_1, a_2, ... a_n)$$

**Euclidean norm in R<sup>n</sup>:** 

$$||a|| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2}.$$



$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i$$



$$a \cdot b = \|a\| \cdot \|b\| \cdot \cos(a, b) \longrightarrow \cos(a, b) = \frac{a \cdot b}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|}$$

## Data Analysis - Correlation & Linear Regression

#### Some statistics

Let *X*: random variable and *n*: size of a random sample

Expected value: 
$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_{i} X_i p_i$$
 where  $p_i$ : probability of  $i$  —th event

average value of 
$$X$$
:  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ 

Measure the scatter of the random variable  $\rightarrow$  variance:

$$\sigma^{2}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^{2}] = \sum_{i} (X_{i} - \mu)^{2} p_{i}$$

From variance  $\rightarrow$  standard deviation:  $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2(X)}$ 

## Data Analysis - Correlation & Linear Regression

#### Some statistics

"Standardization":  $x = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ 

A measure of the relationship between two random variables is the covariance:

$$\sigma_{X,Y} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)].$$

Correlation coefficient (normalized covariance):

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\sigma_{X,Y}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]}{\sqrt{E[(X - \mu_X)^2]E[(Y - \mu_Y)^2]}} \longrightarrow \rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \bar{x})(Y_i - \bar{y})]}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{y})^2}}.$$

If we set 
$$x_i = X_i - \bar{x}$$
 and  $y_i = Y_i - \bar{y}$ :  $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}} = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \cdot \|x\|} = \cos(x, y)$ 

Formal identity between the correlation coefficient and the cosine of the angle between 2 random vectors.