



# *Chapter 4*

*Multiple Linear Regression*  
**Lecture 3**



# STAT210/410 Study Plan

Topic	Weeks covered	Readings	Assessment
<b>Topic 1: Simple Linear regression (SLR)</b>	Wk 1	Chapter 3	Online Quiz due 9 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Topic 2: Multiple Linear Regression (MLR)</b>	Wk2 & 3	Chapter 4	Written Assessment A2 due 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Topic 3: Model building</b>	Wk 4	Chapter 5	
<b>Topic 4: Variable Screening and regression pitfalls</b>	Wk 5	Chapters 6, 7	
<b>Topic 5: Residual Analysis</b>	Wk 6	Chapter 8	Written Assessment A3 due 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Topic 6 Generalised Linear Models (GLMs)</b>	Wk 9 & 10	Chapter 9	
<b>Topic 7: Principles of Experimental Design</b>	Wk 11	Chapter 11	Written Assessment A4 due 11 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Topic 8: ANOVA, contrasts</b>	Wk 12 & 13	Chapter 12	
<b>STAT410 ONLY</b>			
<b>ART: Nonparametric Regression</b>		Section 9.9	Written Assessment ART due 18 <sup>th</sup> May

# Chapter 4 Outline



## Lecture 1

- ❖ Intro to MLR
- ❖ Fitting the model, testing the overall utility of a model
- ❖ Interpreting regression coefficients

## Lecture 2

- ❖ Inferences about the individual  $\beta_i$
- ❖ Multiple Coefficients of determination,  $R^2$  and  $R^2_{adj}$
- ❖ Using the model for estimation and prediction

## Lecture 3

- ❖ An interaction model with quantitative predictors

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- ❖ Models with qualitative predictors

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# Reminder: Multiple Linear Regression Equation

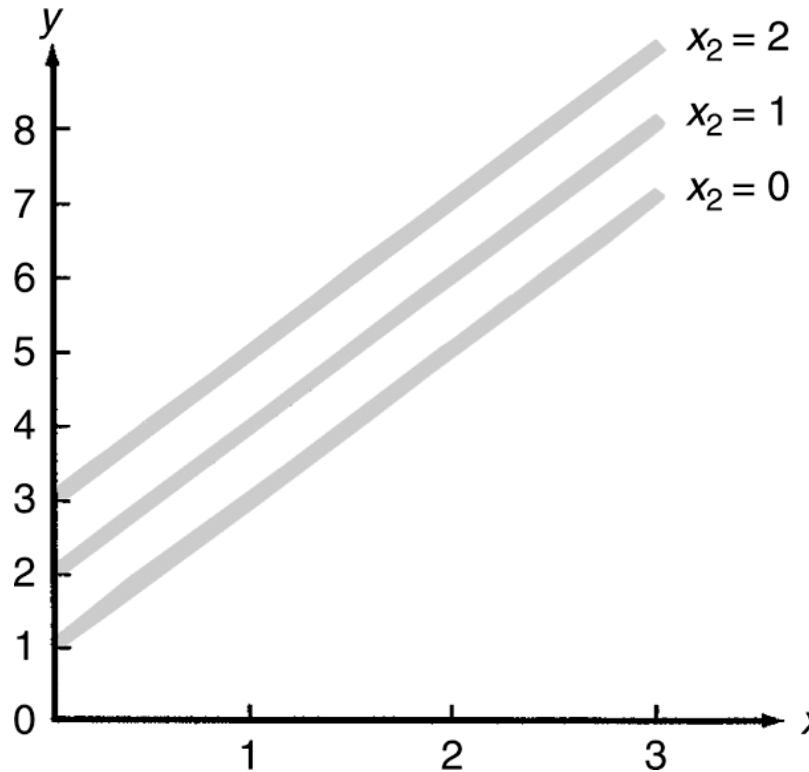


$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_k x_k$$

When there is no interaction:

- A positive  $\beta$  coefficient indicates that the predictor variable increases the response, while the other predictors are constant.
- A negative  $\beta$  coefficient indicates that the predictor variable decreases the response, while the other predictors are constant.

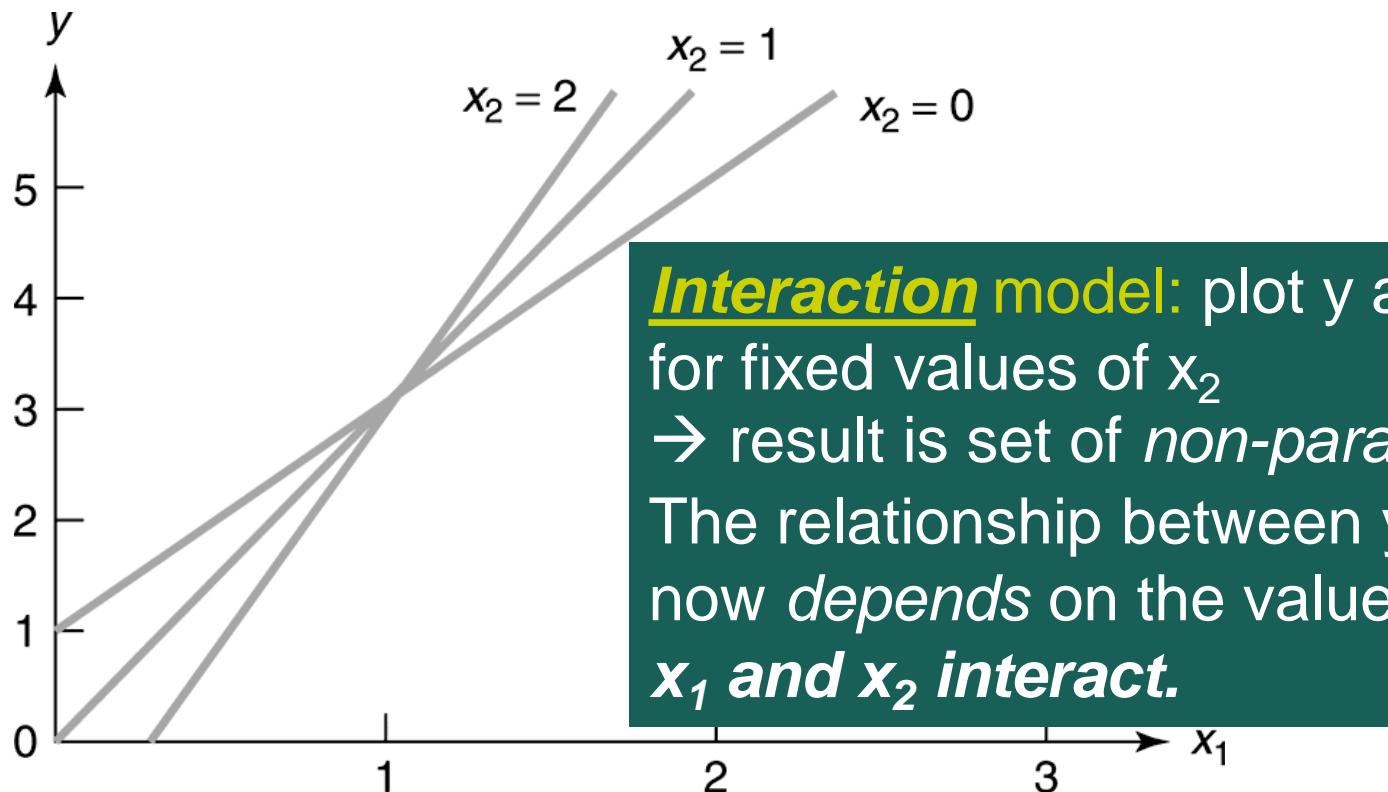
# MLR model with no interaction



**First-order model:** plot  $y$  against  $x_1$  for fixed values of  $x_2$ .  
→ result is set of *parallel* lines.  
The relationship between  $y$  and  $x_1$  does not depend on the values of  $x_2$

**Figure 4.1** Graphs of  $E(y) = 1 + 2x_1 + x_2$  for  $x_2 = 0, 1, 2$

# MLR model with interaction



**Interaction** model: plot  $y$  against  $x_1$  for fixed values of  $x_2$   
→ result is set of *non-parallel* lines.  
The relationship between  $y$  and  $x_1$  now *depends* on the value of  $x_2$ .  
 **$x_1$  and  $x_2$  interact.**

**Figure 4.9:** MLR equation:  $y = 1 + 2x_1 - 1x_2 + x_1x_2$  for  $x_2 = 0, 1, 2$



## An Interaction Model Relating $E(y)$ to Two Quantitative Independent Variables

$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3x_1x_2$$

where

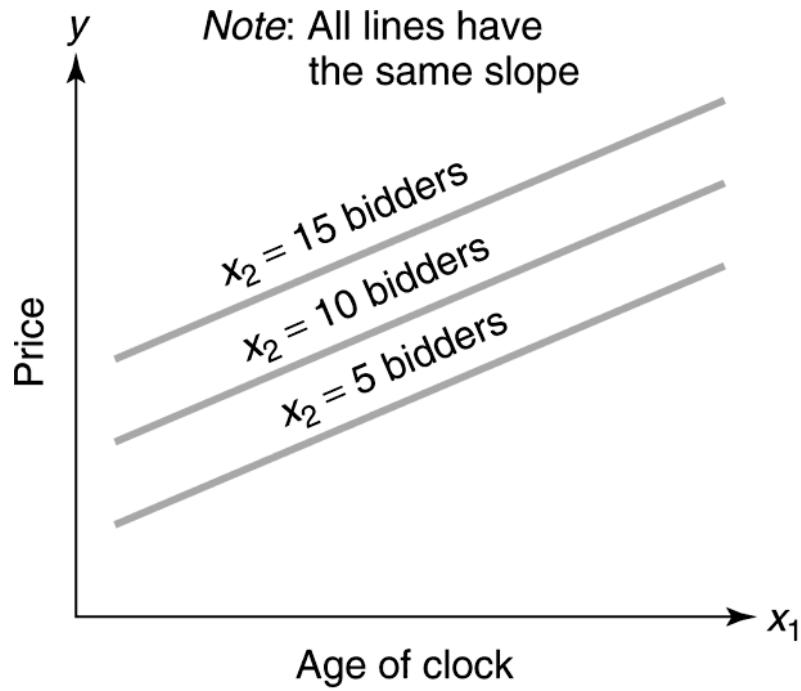
$(\beta_1 + \beta_3x_2)$  represents the change in  $E(y)$  for every 1-unit increase in  $x_1$ , holding  $x_2$  fixed

$(\beta_2 + \beta_3x_1)$  represents the change in  $E(y)$  for every 1-unit increase in  $x_2$ , holding  $x_1$  fixed

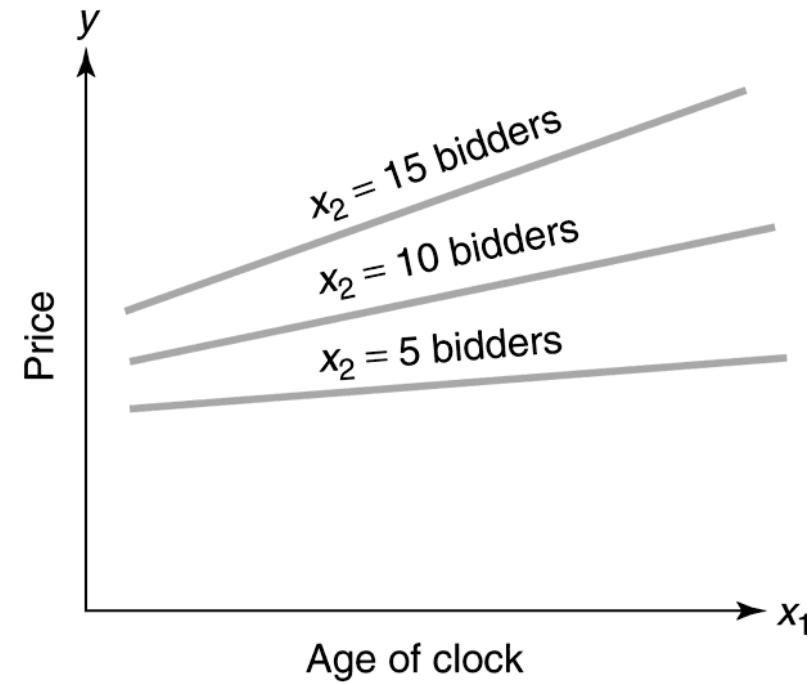
# Figure 4.10 Examples of no-interaction and interaction models



Price of antique clocks sold at auction depends on the age of the clock (108-194 yrs) and the number of bidders (5-15).



(a) No interaction between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$



(b) Interaction between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

**Exercise:** Give a practical interpretation of the two scenarios.

# Multiple Linear Regression Equation for an interaction

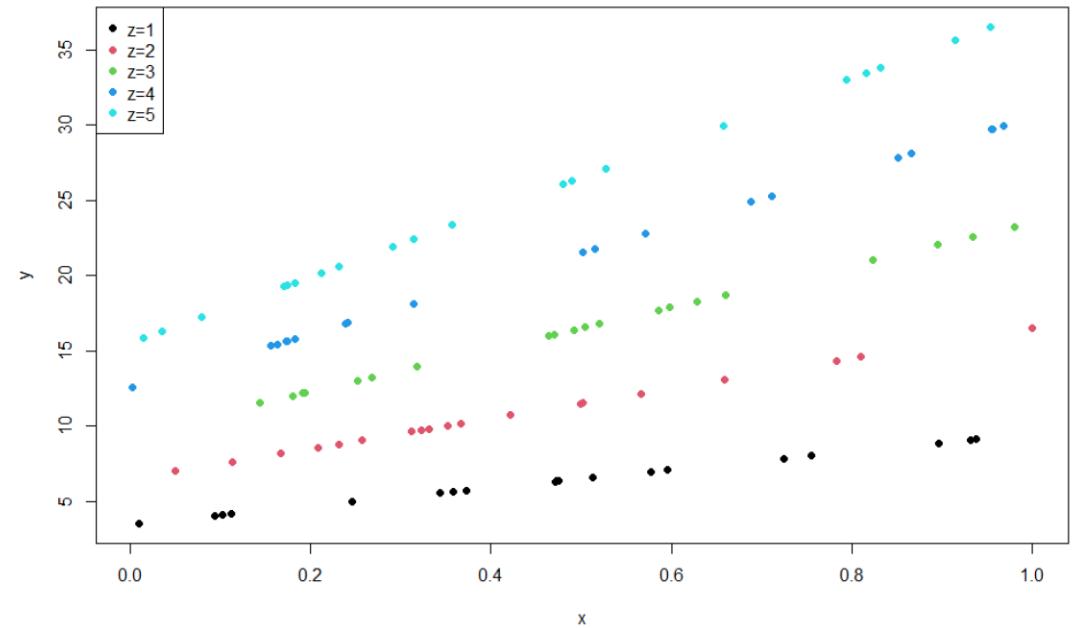


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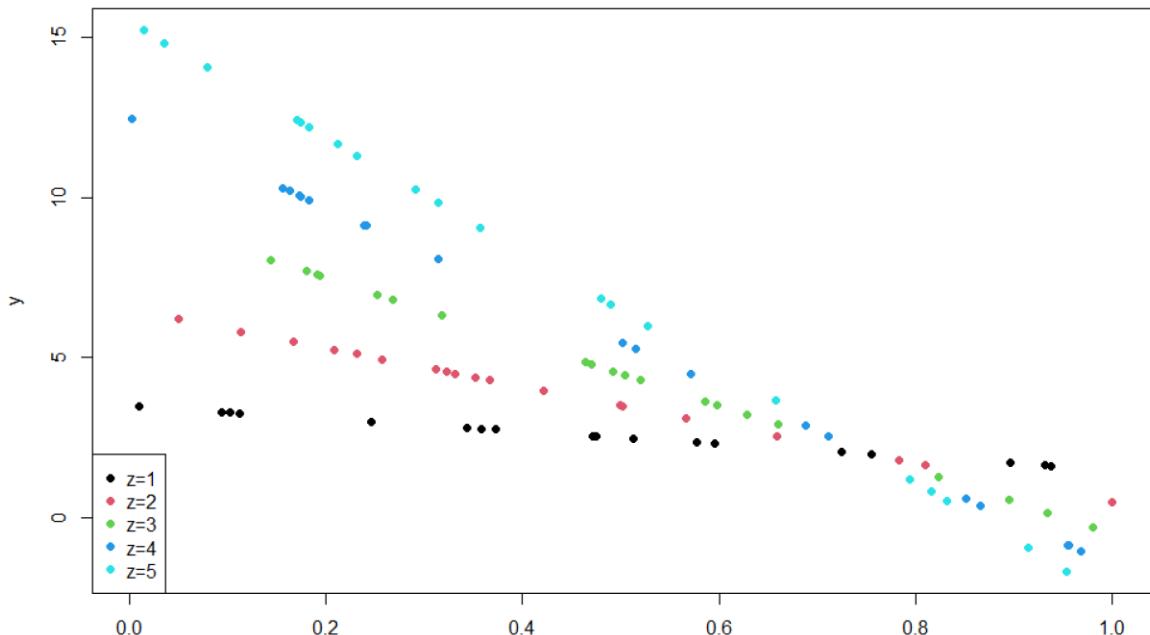
When there is an interaction:

- The change in the two variables is now different depending on the interaction with the other variable.
- **Positive interaction:** influence of the first variable increases with the second OR slope becomes more positive with higher values of the second variable.
- **Negative interaction:** influence of the first variable decreases with the second OR slope becomes more negative with higher values of the second variable.

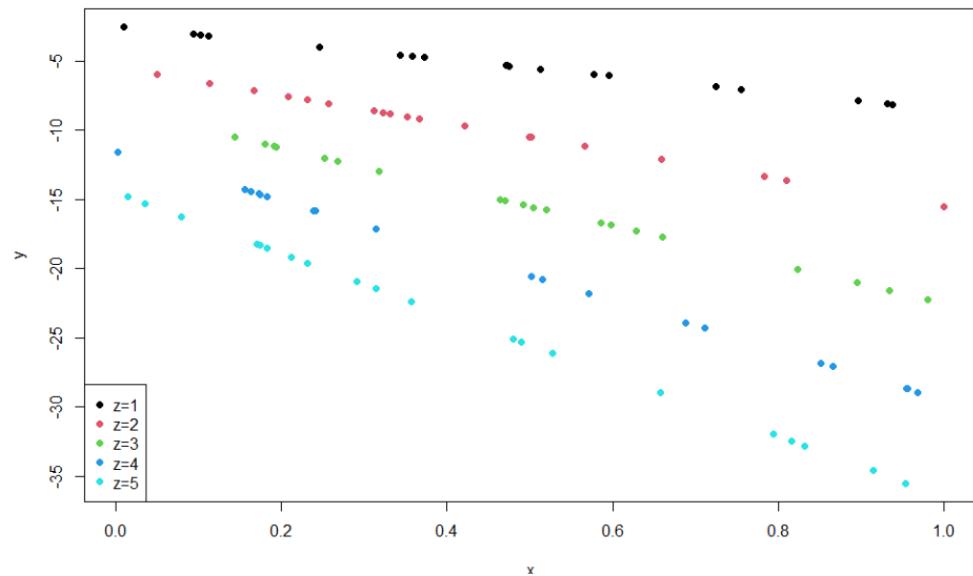
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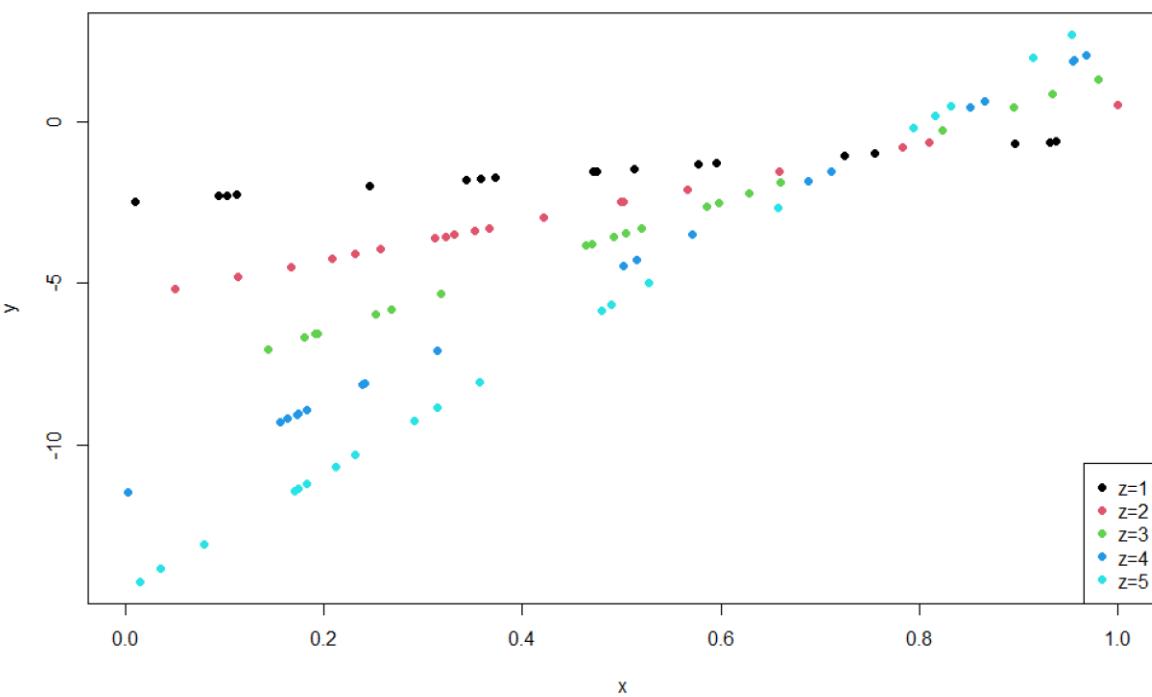
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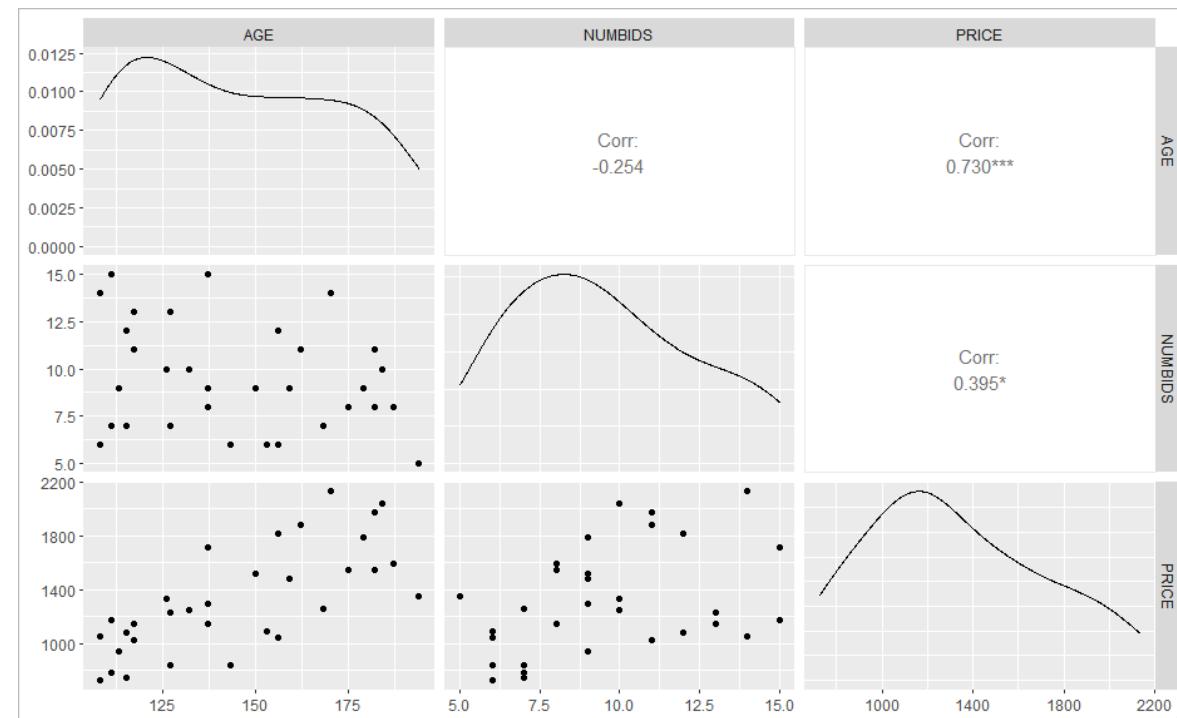


# *Grandfather clocks example*



Price of antique clocks sold at auction depends on the age of the clock (108-194 yrs) and the number of bidders at the auction (5-15).

```
gfclocks.df <- read.table("GFCLOCKS.txt", header=T)  
ggpairs(gfclocks.df, columns = 1:3)
```



# *Grandfather clocks example*



## Fitting a MLR without interaction

```
mod1<-lm(PRICE ~ AGE + NUMBIDS, data = gfclocks.df)
summary(mod1)
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-1338.951	173.809	-7.70	1.7e-08
AGE	12.741	0.905	14.08	1.7e-14
NUMBIDS	85.953	8.729	9.85	9.3e-11

Residual standard error: 133 on 29 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.892, Adjusted R-squared: 0.885

F-statistic: 120 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 9.22e-15

# Grandfather clocks example



## Fitting a MLR with an interaction term

```
mod2<-lm(PRICE ~ AGE*NUMBIDS, data = gfclocks.df)
summary(mod2)
```

$$\text{Price} = 320 + 0.88\text{Age} - 93.3\text{Numbids} + 1.3\text{Age}\cdot\text{Numbids}$$

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	320.458	295.141	1.09	0.2868
AGE	0.878	2.032	0.43	0.6690
NUMBIDS	-93.265	29.892	-3.12	0.0042
AGE:NUMBIDS	1.298	0.212	6.11	1.4e-06

AGE:NUMBIDS is the interaction between AGE and NUMBIDS

Residual standard error: 88.9 on 28 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.954, Adjusted R-squared: 0.949

F-statistic: 193 on 3 and 28 DF, p-value: <2e-16

If an interaction term is significant then do **not** test the “main effects” (AGE and NUMBIDS).

However, these *main effect terms must be kept in the model* (even if the p-value is not significant).

# Predicting from the model



$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 x_1 x_2$$

$$\text{Price} = 320 + 0.88 * \text{Age} - 93.3 * \text{Numbids}$$

+ 1.3 \* \text{Age} \* \text{Numbids}

?

**Exercise:** Predict mean price when age of clock is 100 yrs and no. of bidders is 10

Positive  $\beta$  interaction coefficient = steeper slope for larger Age or Numbids values.



# Coding an interaction model in R

## Model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2$$

In R:

```
mod1<-lm(y~x1*x2, data = data.df)
```

where

$$x_1 * x_2 = x_1 + x_2 + x_1 : x_2$$

That is,  $x_1 * x_2$  gives the *main effect* of  $x_1$ , the *main effect* of  $x_2$  and the *interaction* of the two ( $x_1 : x_2$ )



# Coding an interaction model in R

## Model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2$$

Other options:

```
mod1<-lm(y~(x1+x2)^2, data = data.df)
```

Where  $^2$  says include second order interaction term for variables in the brackets.

```
mod1<-lm(y~x1+x2+x1:x2, data = data.df)
```

# Coding an interaction model in R



## Model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2$$

```
mod1<-lm(y~x1*x2, data=data.df)
```

Always test the significance of the *interaction first*.

- If it is significant then do ***not*** test the main effects.
- If the interaction is ***not significant*** then *remove* the term and fit the main effects model only:

```
mod2<-lm(y~x1+x2, data = data.df)
```

# View an interaction in R



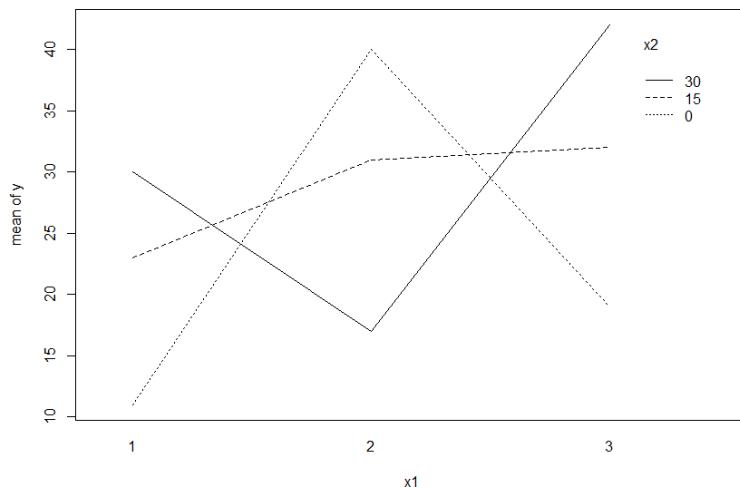
Variable plotted on x-axis is listed first ( $x_1$ )

“Trace” variable ( $x_2$ ) is listed second

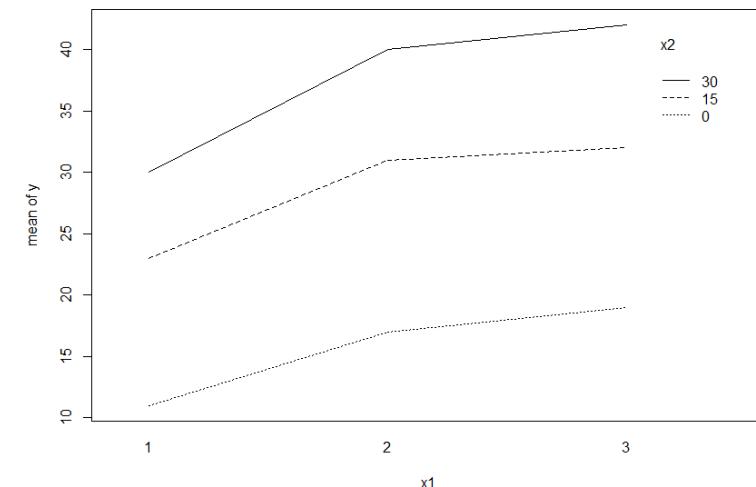
```
with (data.df, interaction.plot(x1, x2, y))
```

data.df contains the variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

Variable plotted on y-axis (response,  $y$ ) is listed last



Non-parallel lines suggest interaction



Parallel lines suggest NO interaction

# Why fit an interaction?



- Residuals not following constant variance with a mean of zero and/or not normally distributed.
- Want to investigate an interaction
  - In the literature
  - Common sense
  - You're curious
- Assignment question asks you to...



# Steps to Fitting Multiple Linear Regression

## 1. Exploratory analysis:

- Look at correlations between variables
- Later this will also include looking at multicollinearity as well.

## 2. Fit main effects model and look at output

- summary and ANOVA (include equation)
- Check Global usefulness (F stat and associated p-value)
- Check if each predictor is useful (t-value and associated p-value for each variable)

## 3. Refit a model with only useful predictors

- Include interaction term?

## 4. Check residuals to make sure none of the conditions for the residuals are violated

## 5. Interpret final model output

- adjusted R<sup>2</sup>
- what predictors are fitted and if they are all still significant
- include final equation
- Influence of predictors on response

# Example: Cereal



# Variables:

- **Energy:** the kilojoules contained in a recommended serving
- **Protein:** measured in grams
- **Fat:** measured in grams
- **Fibre:** dietary fibre, measured in grams
- **Carbs:** carbohydrates, measured in grams



# Questions?

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Multiple Linear Regression

# Reminder: Multiple Linear Regression Equation



## General Form of the Multiple Regression Model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon$$

where  $y$  is the dependent variable

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  are the independent variables

$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_k x_k$  is the deterministic portion  
of the model

$\beta_i$  determines the contribution of the independent variable  $x_i$

*Note:* The symbols  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  may represent higher-order terms for quantitative predictors (e.g.,  $x_2 = x_1^2$ ) or terms for qualitative predictors.



## A Model Relating $E(y)$ to a Qualitative Independent Variable with Two Levels

$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

where

$$x = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if level A} \\ 0 & \text{if level B} \end{cases}$$

*Interpretation of  $\beta$ 's:*

$$\beta_0 = \mu_B \text{ (Mean for base level)}$$

$$\beta_1 = \mu_A - \mu_B$$



## A Model Relating $E(y)$ to a Qualitative Independent Variable with Three Levels

$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$$

where

$$x_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if level A} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases} \quad x_2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if level B} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases} \quad \text{Base level = Level C}$$

*Interpretation of  $\beta$ 's:*

$$\beta_0 = \mu_C \text{ (Mean for base level)}$$

$$\beta_1 = \mu_A - \mu_C$$

$$\beta_2 = \mu_B - \mu_C$$



## Chick weight gain

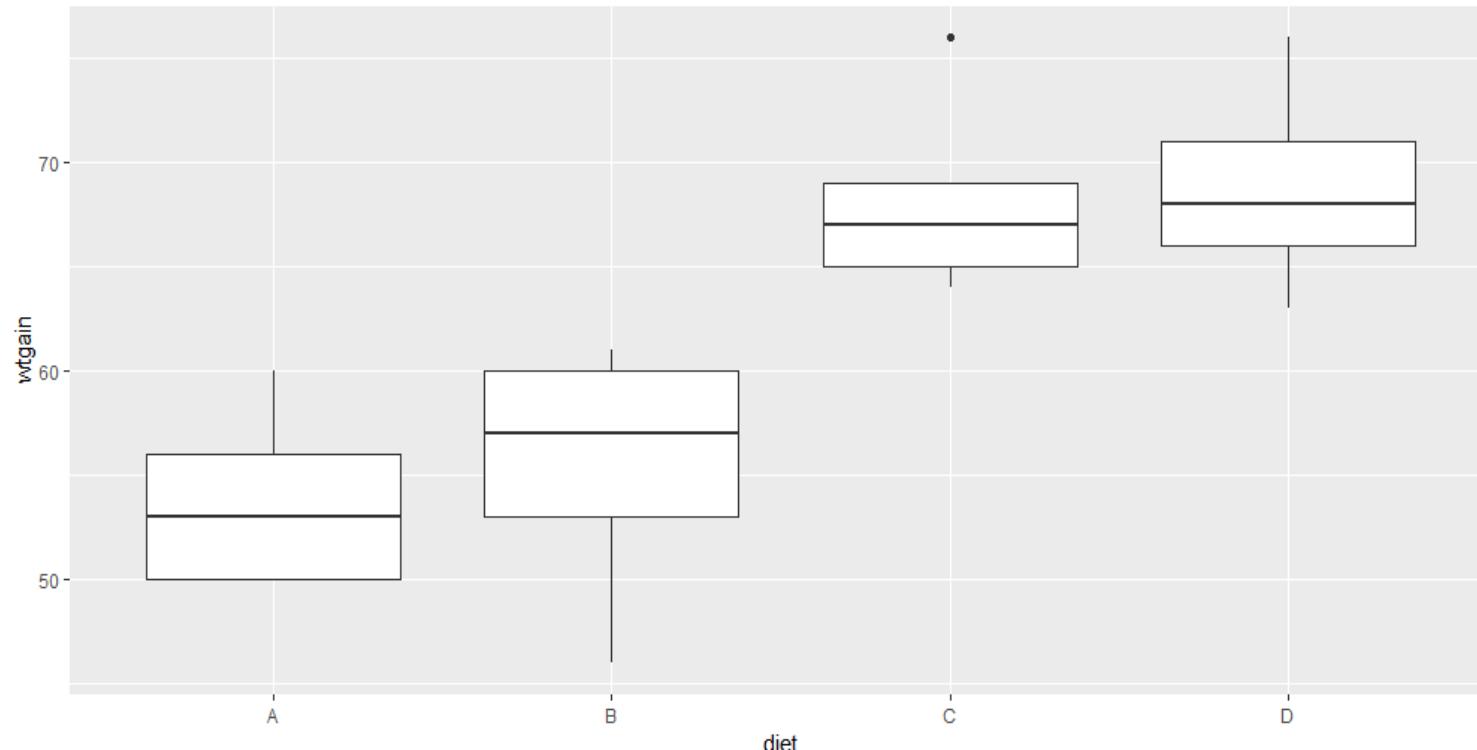
The following data are weight gains of chicks fed on different diets, and the mean weight gain of each diet.

Diet						Mean
A	60	50	50	53	56	53.8
B	46	60	61	53	57	55.4
C	64	67	76	69	65	68.2
D	66	63	71	68	76	68.8



# Exploratory Plot

```
diet.df <- read.table("diet.txt", header=T)  
# declare variable as qualitative/ factor  
# optional if levels coded alphabetically  
diet.df$diet <- factor(dietdf$diet)  
  
library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(diet.df, aes(x=diet, y=wtgain)) +  
    geom_boxplot()
```





# Hypotheses

- $H_0: \mu_A = \mu_B = \mu_C = \mu_D$ , i.e., mean weights are the same
- $H_a$ : not ALL the treatment means are equal.
- The test of the null hypothesis  $H_0: \mu_A = \mu_B = \mu_C = \mu_D (= \mu)$
- asks the question:
- Is the model with a ***common mean*** for all diets adequate? That is,
  - $Y_{ij} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
  - or
  - Is more than one mean needed to represent the data?



# Indicator (dummy variables)

$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$$

where

Base level = Level A (diet A)

$x_1 = 1$  if level B, 0 otherwise

$x_2 = 1$  if level C, 0 otherwise

$x_3 = 1$  if level D, 0 otherwise

Diet	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
A	0	0	0
B	1	0	0
C	0	1	0
D	0	0	1

If regression model contains a constant (intercept), then for a factor with  $k$  levels,  $k-1$  indicator variables will uniquely define the  $k$  levels.

The way the indicator variables can be defined is **not** unique, but the 0-1 coding above is default in R



$$E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$$

For reference (baseline) level, Diet A, ( $x_1=x_2=x_3=0$ )

$$E(y) = \mu_A = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * 0 + \beta_2 * 0 + \beta_3 * 0$$

$$\mu_A = \beta_0$$



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$$\mu_A = \beta_0$$

Diet B, ( $x_1=1$ ,  $x_2=x_3=0$ )

$$E(y) = \mu_B = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * 1 + \beta_2 * 0 + \beta_3 * 0$$

$$\mu_B = \beta_0 + \beta_1$$



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Diet B, ( $x_1=1, x_2=x_3=0$ )

$$E(y) = \mu_B = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * 1 + \beta_2 * 0 + \beta_3 * 0$$

$$\mu_B = \beta_0 + \beta_1$$

Diet C, ( $x_1=0, x_2=1, x_3=0$ )

$$E(y) = \mu_C = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * 0 + \beta_2 * 1 + \beta_3 * 0$$

$$\mu_C = \beta_0 + \beta_2$$



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$$\mu_C = \beta_0 + \beta_2$$

Diet D, ( $x_1=x_2=0, x_3=1$ )

$$E(y) = \mu_D = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * 0 + \beta_2 * 0 + \beta_3 * 1$$

$$\mu_D = \beta_0 + \beta_3$$

# Interpreting the coefficients



$$\beta_0 = \mu_A$$

$$\beta_1 = \mu_B - \mu_A$$

$\beta_1$  is the ***difference in mean weight gain*** between chicks fed diet B and Diet A

Similarly:

$$\beta_2 = \mu_C - \mu_A$$

$$\beta_3 = \mu_D - \mu_A$$



# Regression coefficients

$$\beta_0 = \text{mean wtgn for diet A} = 53.8$$

```
mod1<-lm(wtgain~diet, data= diet.df);  
summary(mod1)
```

Coefficients:

		Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	$\beta_0$	53.80	2.27	23.72	6.8e-14
dietB	$\beta_1$	1.60	3.21	0.50	0.62472
dietC	$\beta_2$	14.40	3.21	4.49	0.00037
dietD	$\beta_3$	15.00	3.21	4.68	0.00025

## Exercise:

Interpret the coefficient of dietB ( $\beta_1$ ) dietC ( $\beta_2$ ) and dietD ( $\beta_3$ ), and calculate the estimated mean wt gain for chicks fed Diets C and D



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$\beta_1$ =difference in mean wtgn between diet B and diet A  
Hence mean wt gn for diet B = 53.8+1.6= 55.4



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$\beta_2$ =difference in mean wtgn between diet C and diet A  
Hence mean wt gn for diet B = 53.8+14.4= 68.2



# Regression coefficients

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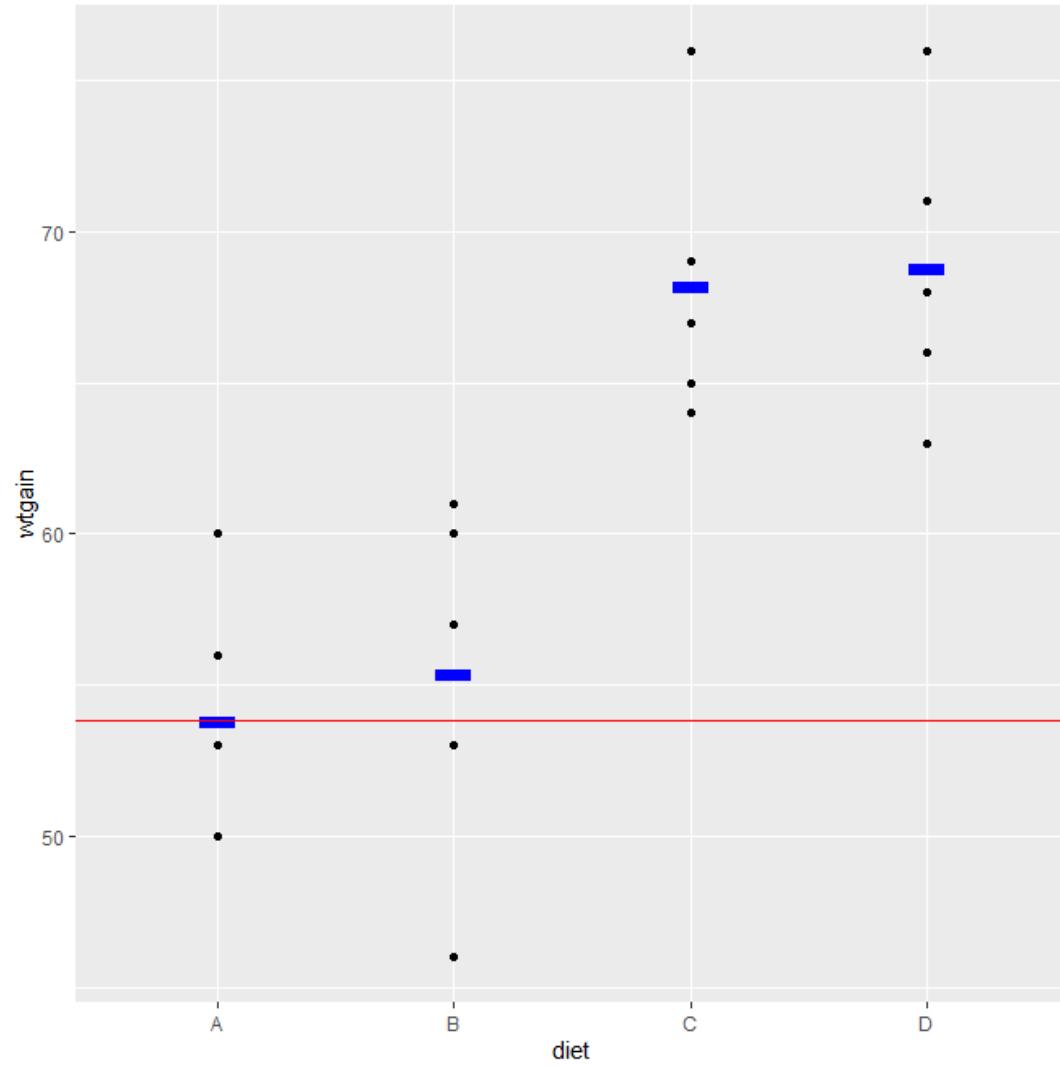
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$\beta_3$ =difference in mean wtgn between diet D and diet A  
Hence mean wt gn for diet B = 53.8+15= 68.8

# Thinking about our $\beta$ s graphically



# Interpreting Confidence Intervals



```
mod1<-lm(wtgain~diet, data= diet.df)  
confint(mod1)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	49.0	58.6
dietB	-5.2	8.4
dietC	7.6	21.2
dietD	8.2	21.8

The confidence interval for the intercept in the model is the mean weight gain of diet A.

With 95% confidence mean weight gain for chicks fed diet A is between 49.0 and 58.6 g.

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The confidence interval for diet B in the model is the difference in mean weight gain between diet A and diet B.

With 95% confidence mean weight gain for chicks fed diet B is 5.2 g lower to 8.4g higher than chicks fed diet A.

# Interpreting Confidence Intervals



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dietD	8.2	21.8

The confidence interval for diet C in the model is the difference in mean weight gain between diet A and diet C.

With 95% confidence mean weight gain for chicks fed diet C is 7.6 g and 21.2g higher than chicks fed diet A.

# Interpreting Confidence Intervals



```
mod1<-lm(wtgain~diet, data= diet.df)  
confint(mod1)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	49.0	58.6
dietB	-5.2	8.4
dietC	7.6	21.2
dietD	8.2	21.8

The confidence interval for diet D in the model is the difference in mean weight gain between diet A and diet D.

**Q. Interpret confidence interval for diet D?**

# Interpreting Confidence Intervals



```
mod1<-lm(wtgain~diet, data= diet.df)  
confint(mod1)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	49.0	58.6
dietB	-5.2	8.4
dietC	7.6	21.2
dietD	8.2	21.8

```
mod1<-lm(wtgain~diet-1, data=diet.df)  
confint(mod1)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
dietA	49.0	58.6
dietB	50.6	60.2
dietC	63.4	73.0
dietD	64.0	73.6



# Questions?



# Chapter 4 Recap

- ❖ MLR: fitting multiple qualitative, quantitative variables and interactions
- ❖ General Equation for MLR:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_k x_k$$

- ❖ Fitting a MLR model, testing the overall utility of a model using F-test
- ❖ Interpreting regression coefficients  $\beta_i$
- ❖ Inferences about the individual  $\beta_i$  using t-test and p-value
- ❖ Interpreting  $R^2_{\text{adj}}$
- ❖ Using the model for estimation and prediction