

# THE R FUNCTION *lm* ()

## Meets most of the preceding needs

- “linear model” – linear in the coefficients. These are OK:  
 $(V = A + Bx^3 + C \ln(x) + D \sin y + E f(x, y, z))$
- R call: `F <- lm`  
 $(V \sim I(x^3) + I(\ln(x)) + \sin(y) + I(f(x, y, z)) + \exp(x))$
- not linear:  $V = a \exp(bx)$  – but  $v' = \ln V = a' + bx$  is linear
- If you use `lm (V~A*B)` this will be interpreted as  $V \sim A + B + AB$  so use `I( )`, even for  $x^2$ : `I(x^2)`

## Simple example:

Fitting to a speed run to find  $\alpha = c_0 + c_1(\text{ADIFR}/\text{QCF})$

Method:  $\alpha_{\text{Ref}} = \theta - w_p / V \sim I(\text{ADIFR}/\text{QCF})$

## comment re terminology

you fit an equation to data (not fit data)