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Linear Modelling: Multiple Regression

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Parameter estimation:

Minimise sum of squares of residuals: $\sum_i \varepsilon_i^2 \rightarrow \min$

$$SS_{\text{error}} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \rightarrow \min$$

Solution: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

Compare with the simple case: $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\text{var}(\mathbf{x})}$

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2. Gaussian error model.

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

3. Additive error model.

4. Independence of errors.

$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0$$

5. Homoscedasticity.

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

and...

6. Lack of multicollinearity in the predictors (no highly correlated variables).

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Example: *Predicting timber volume of cherry trees*

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Call:
lm(formula = Volume ~ Girth, data = trees)

Residuals:

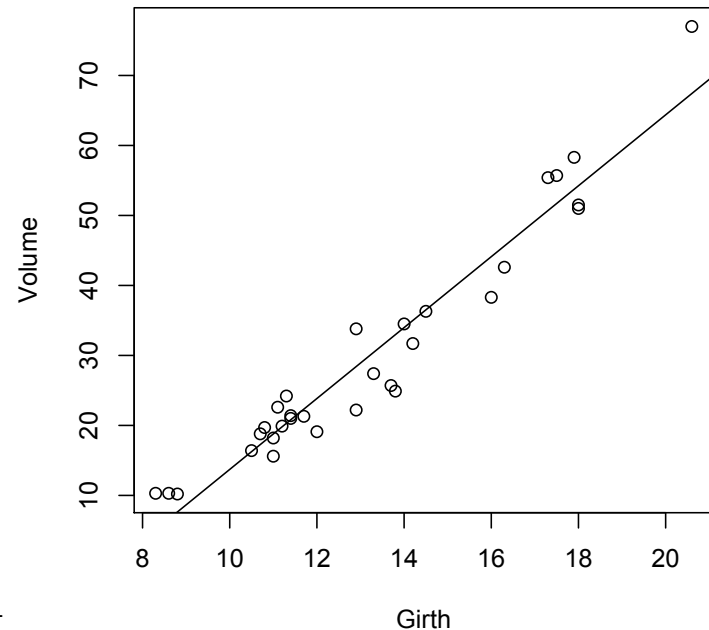
Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-8.065	-3.107	0.152	3.495	9.587

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-36.9435	3.3651	-10.98	7.62e-12 ***
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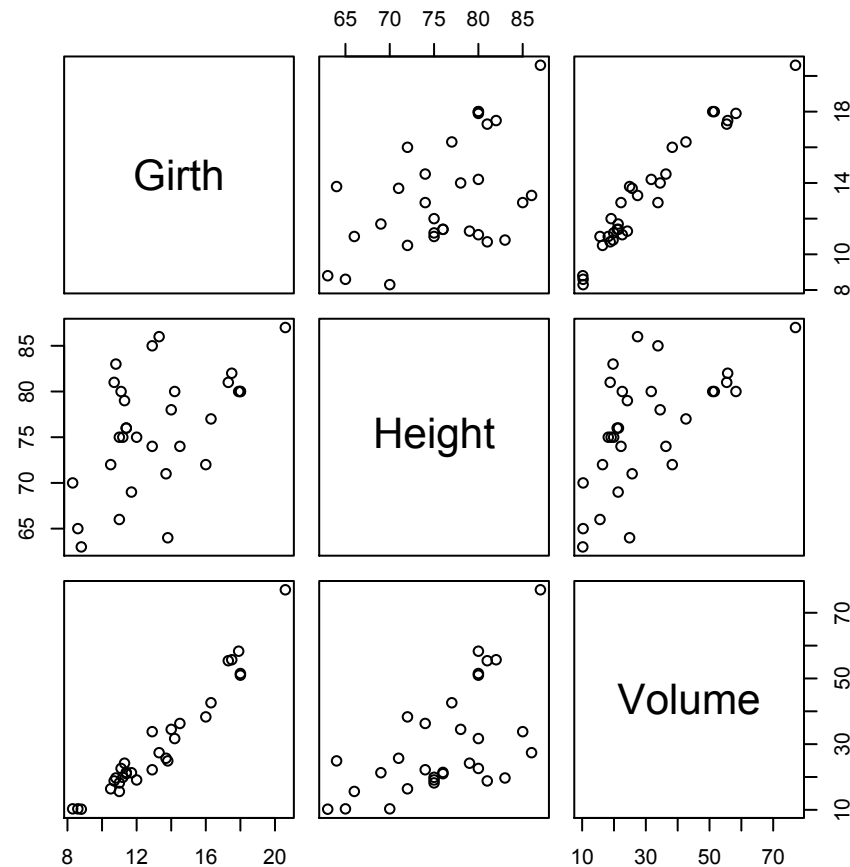
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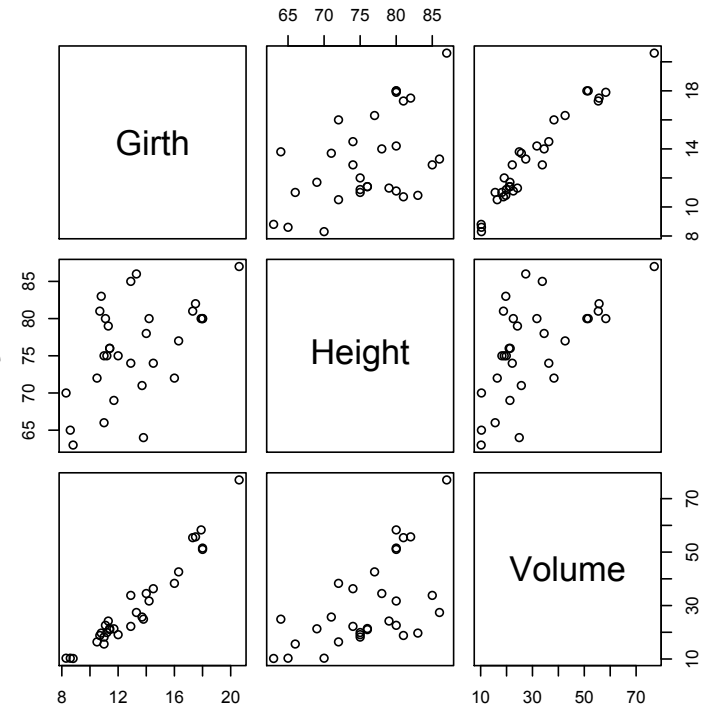
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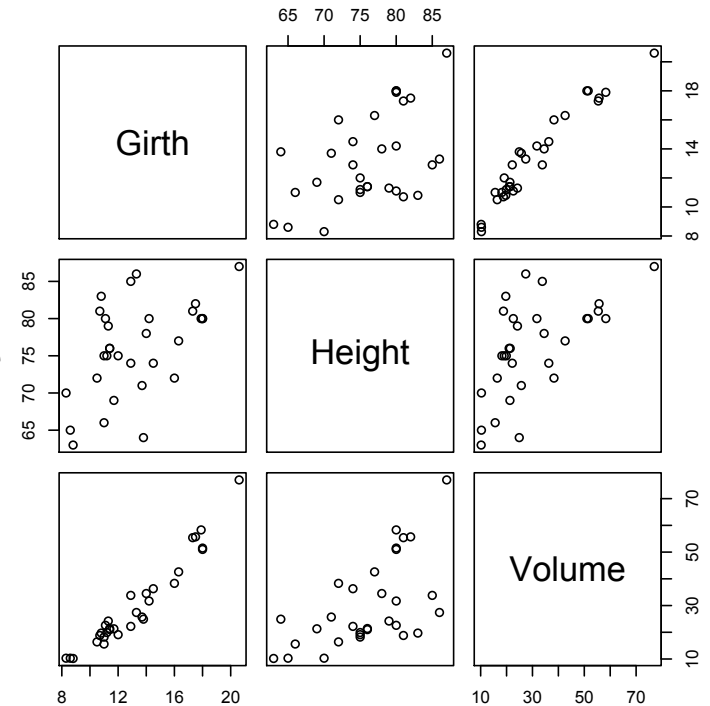
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Multiple regression model:
 R^2 is improved
 Height term is significant
 But less significant than Girth

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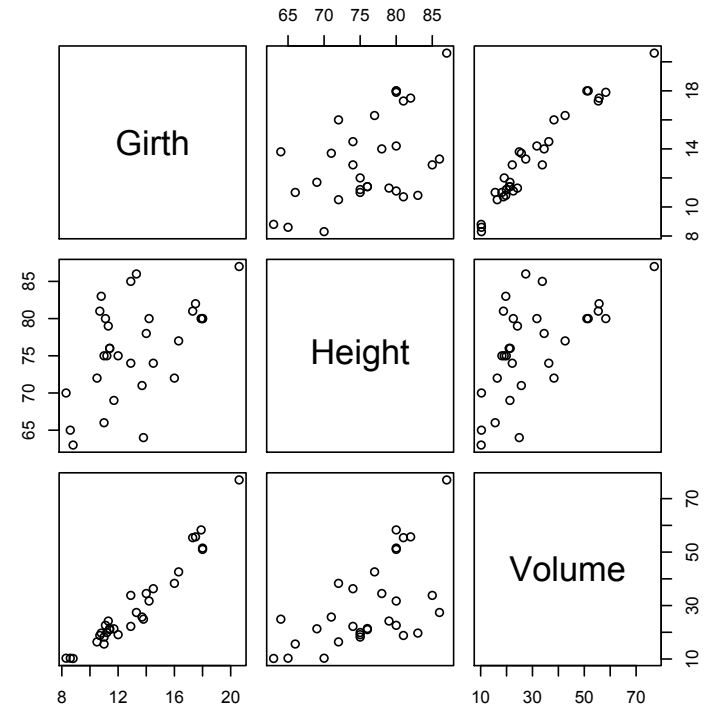
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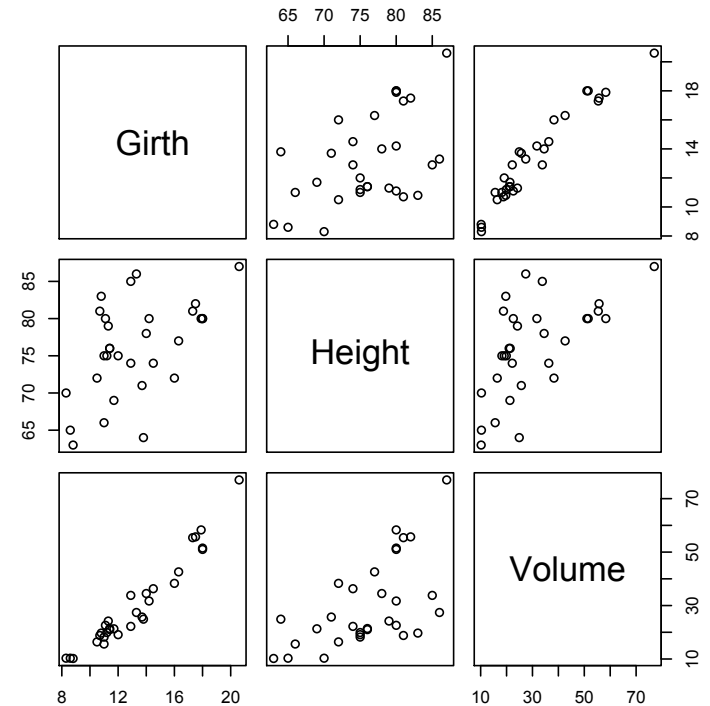
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Include interaction term:

R^2 is improved

All terms are significant

Height term is more significant(!)

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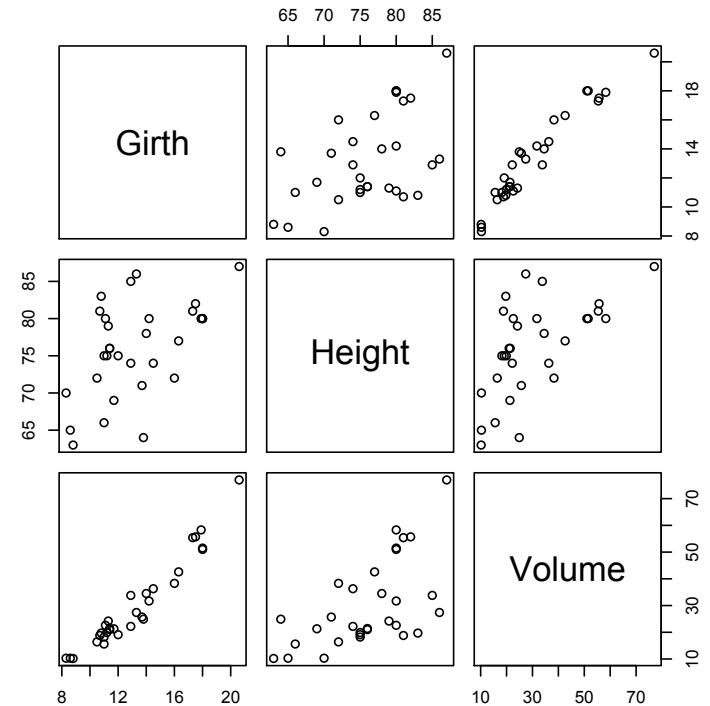
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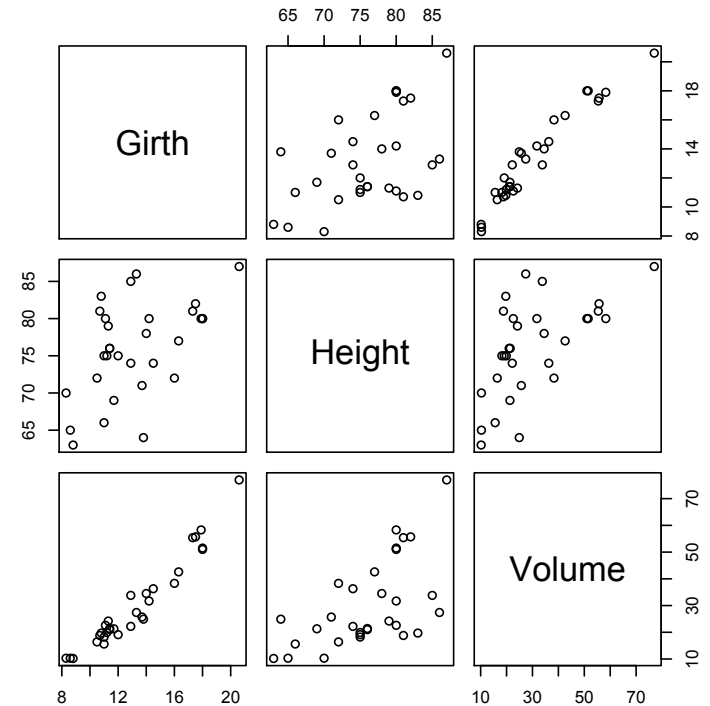
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Log-transform variables:

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Fewer parameters

All terms are significant

Residual standard error!!!

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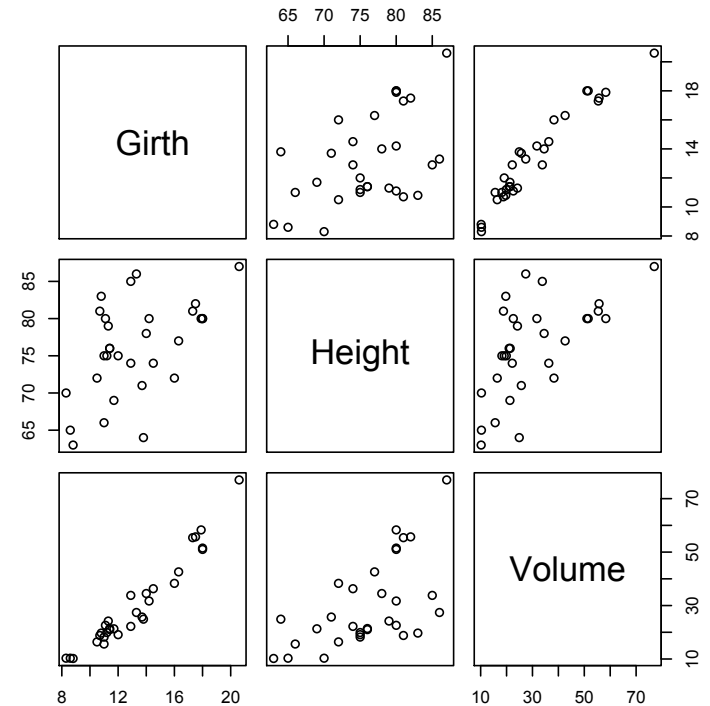
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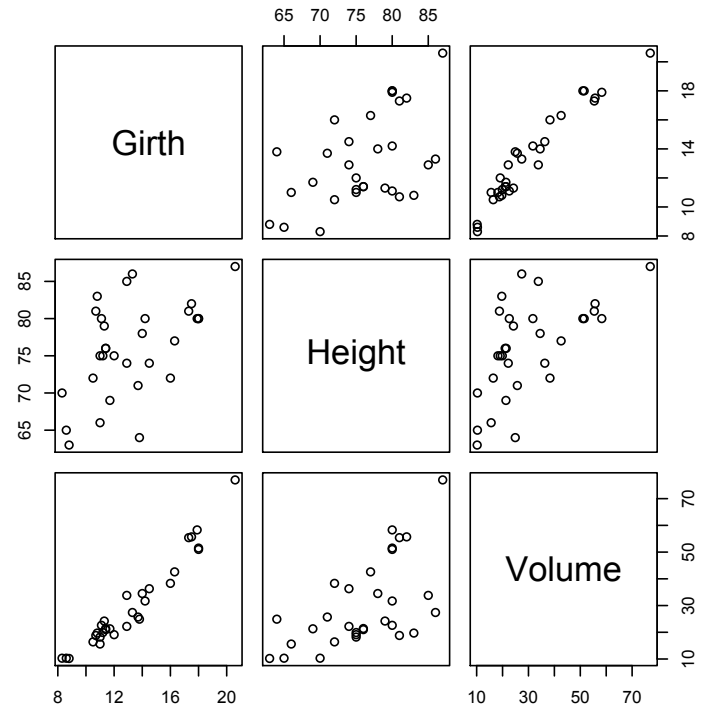
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log(Height)	0.4377	1.7788	0.246	0.808
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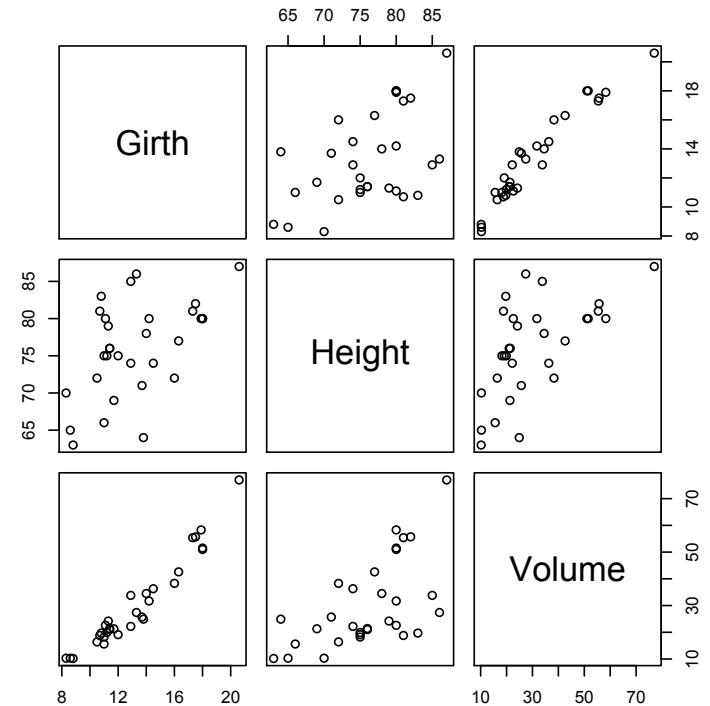
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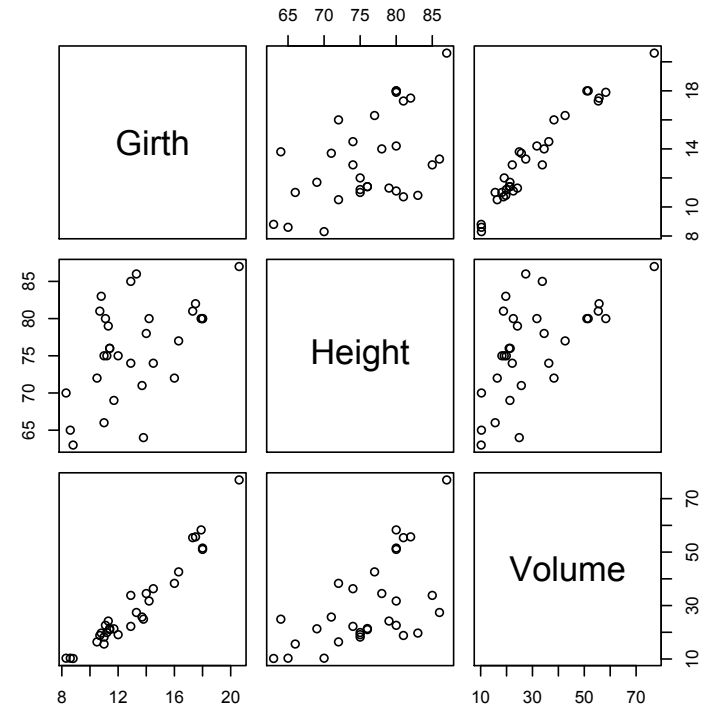
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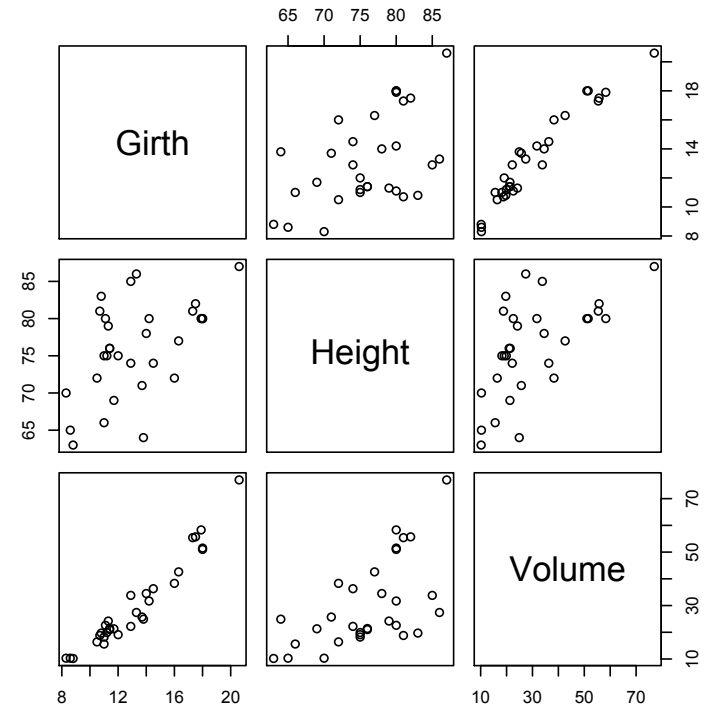
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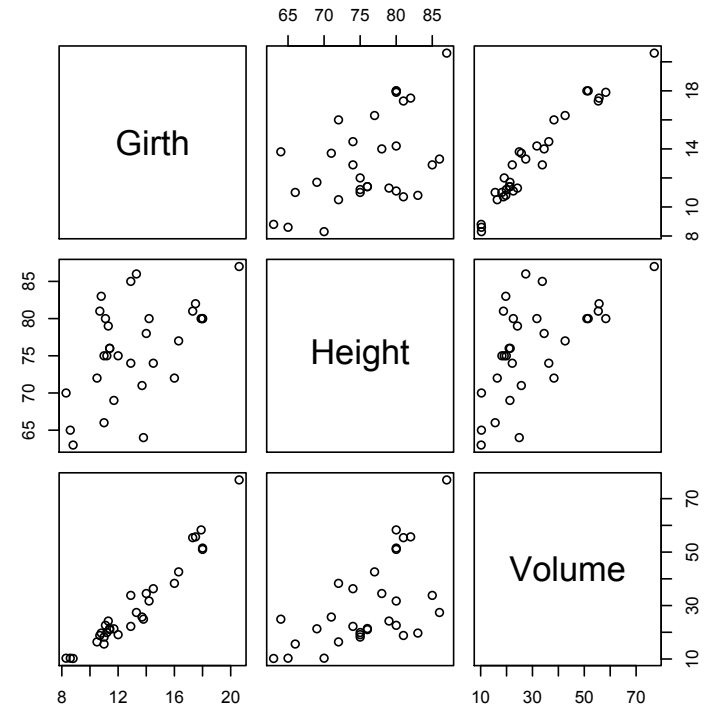
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Volume \propto Girth² x Height

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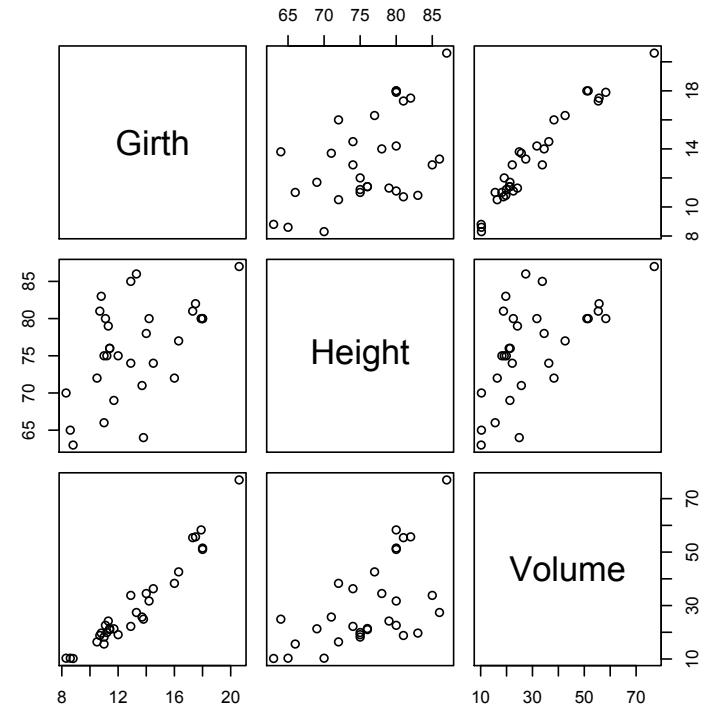
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Constrain parameters:

No R^2

Intercept is significant

Again, can't compare RSE...

Multiple Regression:

Example: *Predicting timber volume of cherry trees*

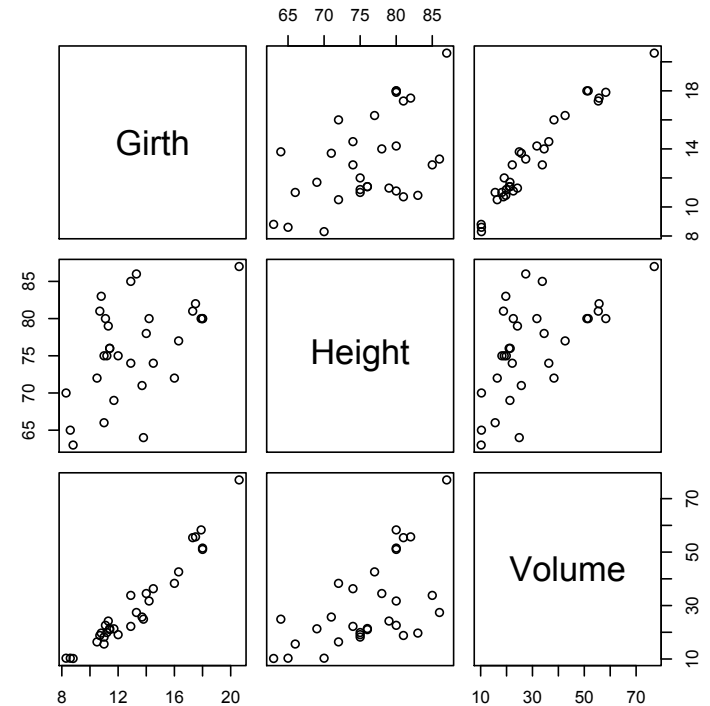
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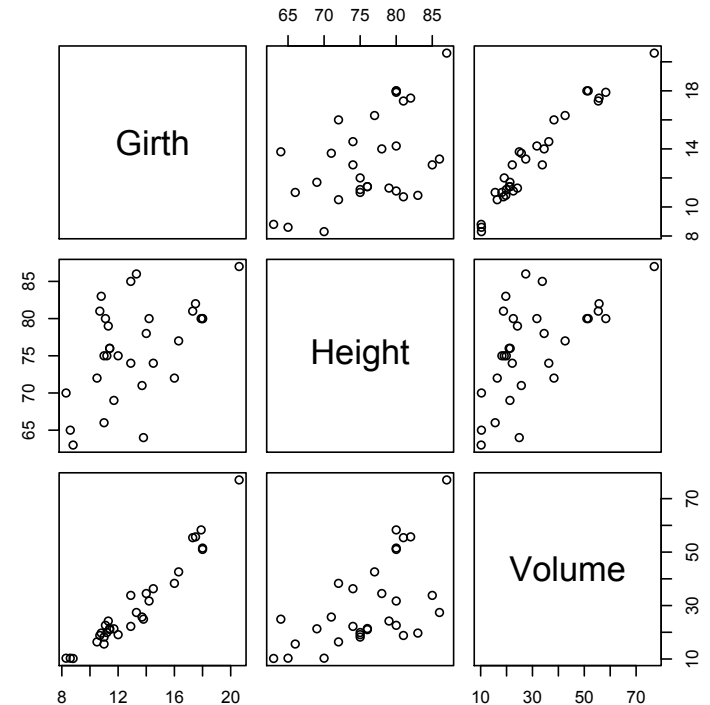
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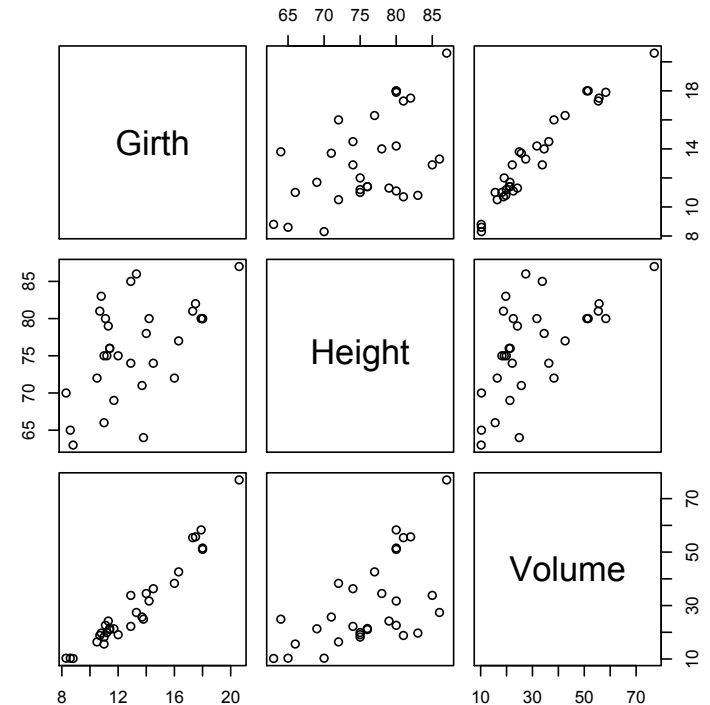
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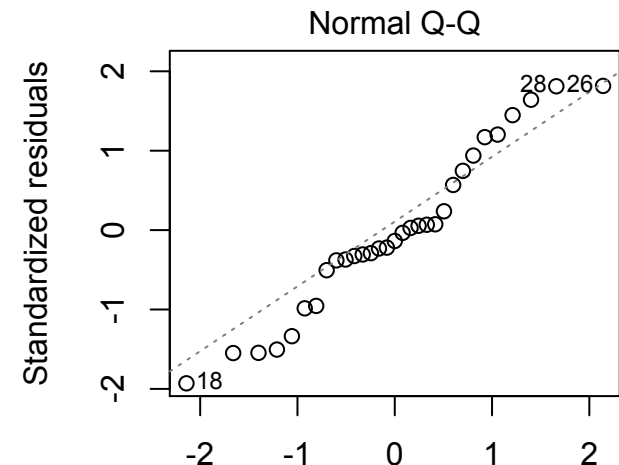
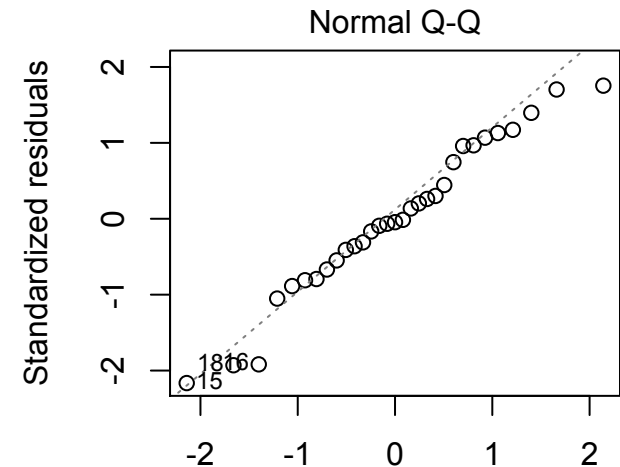
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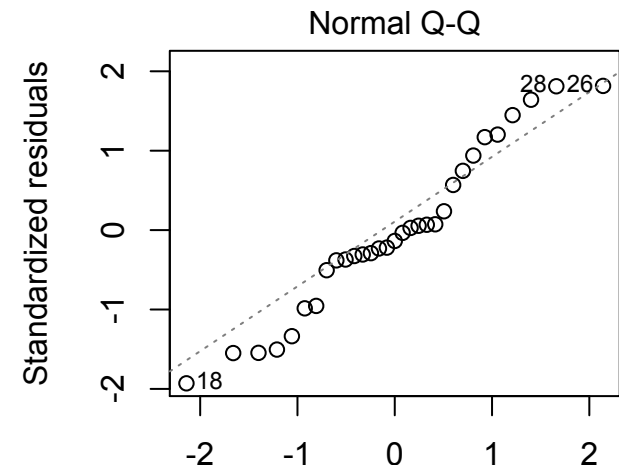
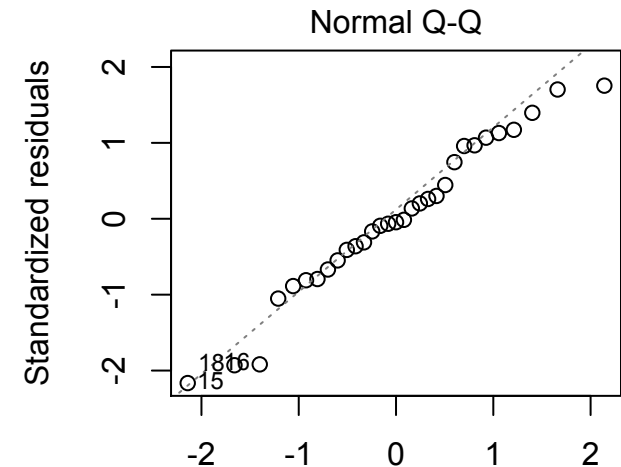
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Model Selection: Choosing the best model

Occam's Razor:

Among competing hypotheses, the one with the fewest assumptions should be selected

Parsimonious modelling:

Only choose a more complex model if the benefits are sufficiently substantial

We want:

1. The model that fits the data the best
2. Not to suffer from excessive overfitting

Objective solution: use information criteria

Model Selection: Choosing the best model

Akaike's Information Criterion:

$$AIC = 2k - 2\log(\hat{L})$$

k : number of parameters

\hat{L} : maximum of the likelihood function.

The model with the smallest AIC is deemed the best.

Other information criteria exist.

Notably Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), which more heavily penalises parameters.
Careful with small sample sizes... corrections exist.

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	R ²	AIC
$y = \alpha + \beta x + \varepsilon$	0.9353	181.6
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$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2 + \varepsilon$	0.9756	155.5
$\log(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x_1) + \beta_2 \log(x_2) + \varepsilon$	0.9777	-62.71
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$\log\left(\frac{y}{x_1^2 x_2}\right) = \beta_0 + \varepsilon$	NA	-66.34
$y = \beta_1 x_1^2 x_2 + \varepsilon$	0.9950	146.6

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Sometimes selecting the best model can be difficult (time consuming & subjective)

Especially when there are a huge number of independent variables

Stepwise Regression – automatically selects “the best” model:

- Start from a given model
- Add or remove terms one at a time
- Score model (AIC)
- Repeat until optimal solution is found

Two options:

- Forward selection – start from simple model and add terms one at a time
- Backward elimination – start from a complex model and remove terms one at a time

Warning:

These strategies can lead to different models being selected

Neither strategy guarantees the optimal solution, but they are quick

Stepwise Regression:

Example: *Swiss fertility and socioeconomic indicators*

Regress Fertility against all available indicators:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	66.91518	10.70604	6.250	1.91e-07	***
Agriculture	-0.17211	0.07030	-2.448	0.01873	*
Examination	-0.25801	0.25388	-1.016	0.31546	
Education	-0.87094	0.18303	-4.758	2.43e-05	***
Catholic	0.10412	0.03526	2.953	0.00519	**
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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 7.165 on 41 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7067, Adjusted R-squared: 0.671

F-statistic: 19.76 on 5 and 41 DF, p-value: 5.594e-10

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Residual standard error: 7.168 on 42 degrees of freedom

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- Compared to before stepwise regression, R^2 is lower, and RSE is higher
- AIC favoured the model with fewer parameters.

Non-linear models:

Motivating example: *Predicting timber volume of cherry trees*

$$y = \beta_0 x_1^{\beta_1} x_2^{\beta_2} + \epsilon$$

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Can't solve using standard regression approaches.

Instead, use a library that can estimate parameters for non-linear models, e.g. “nls” in R.

Con's:

- May require initial parameter estimates
- May not find globally optimal solution – depends on initial parameter estimates
- May not converge at all
- Slower – iterative approach
- Becomes slower and less reliable as the function becomes more complex

Pro's:

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beta2	-0.58432	0.08242	-7.09	8.44e-08 ***

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Residual standard error: 4.216 on 29 degrees of freedom

Number of iterations to convergence: 10

Achieved convergence tolerance: 8.673e-06

AIC = 181.1

Note: poor parameter interpretation

Final Message:

Linear regression is well-suited to dealing with continuous data...

However it is also suited to:

- Discrete data (e.g. Poisson, Binomial)
- Categorical data (indicator variables, factors)
- Binary data (e.g. Bernoulli)

We have already seen a linear model be used to estimate the mean...

Consider similarities to other techniques:

One-sample Student's t-test:

$$Y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i$$

Two independent sample t-test:

One-way ANOVA:

$$Y_{i(g)} = \mu + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{i(g)}$$

Two-way ANOVA:

$$Y_{i(gk)} = \mu + \delta_g + \delta_k + \delta_{gk} + \varepsilon_{i(gk)}$$

These are all linear models! The only difference is in the questions we ask...

Linear modelling is extremely flexible.

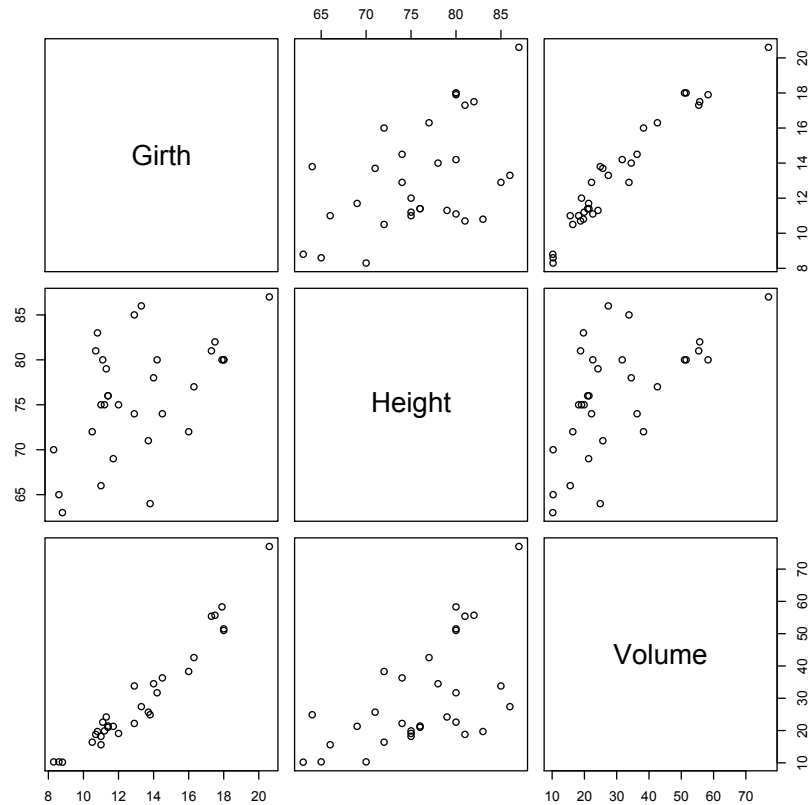
What to use and when:

	Multiple regressors	Non-Gaussian error model	Non-linear model	Autocorrelated data
Simple regression				
Multiple regression	✓			
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Time series analysis				✓

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Call:

```
lm(formula = log(Volume) ~ log(Girth) + log(Height), data = trees)
```

Residuals:

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-0.168561	-0.048488	0.002431	0.063637	0.129223

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Shapiro-Wilk normality test

confint(m1)

##

data: residuals(m1)

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W = 0.97013, p-value = 0.5225

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