

Figure 5.1

Scatter of heights of 465 fathers and sons from Galton's data (many fathers are repeated since they have multiple sons). A jitter has been added to separate the points, and the diagonal dashed line represents exact equality between son and father's heights. The solid line is the standard 'best-fit' line. Each point gives rise to a 'residual' (dashed line), which is the size of the error were we to use the line to predict a son's height from his father's.