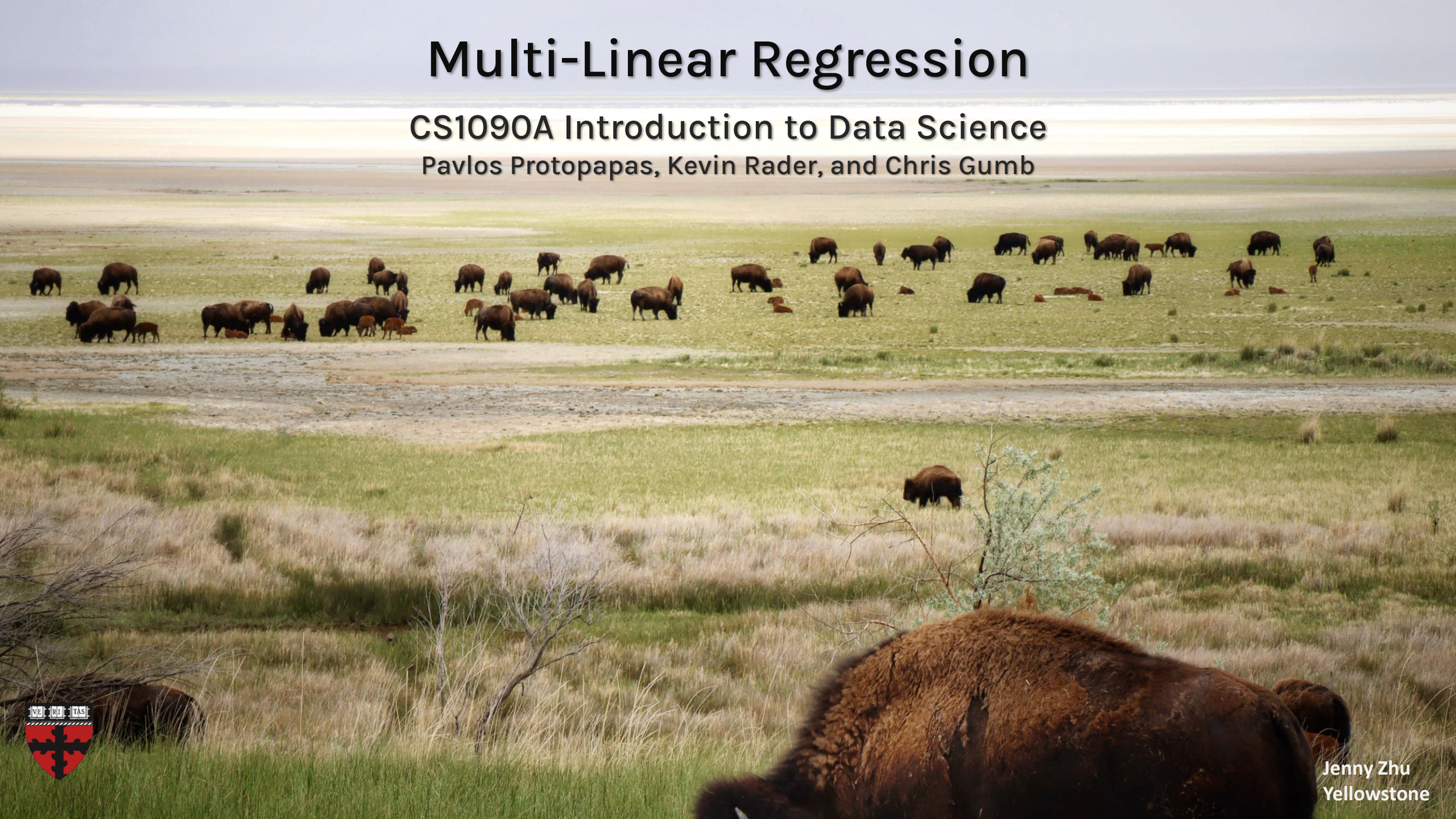


# Multi-Linear Regression

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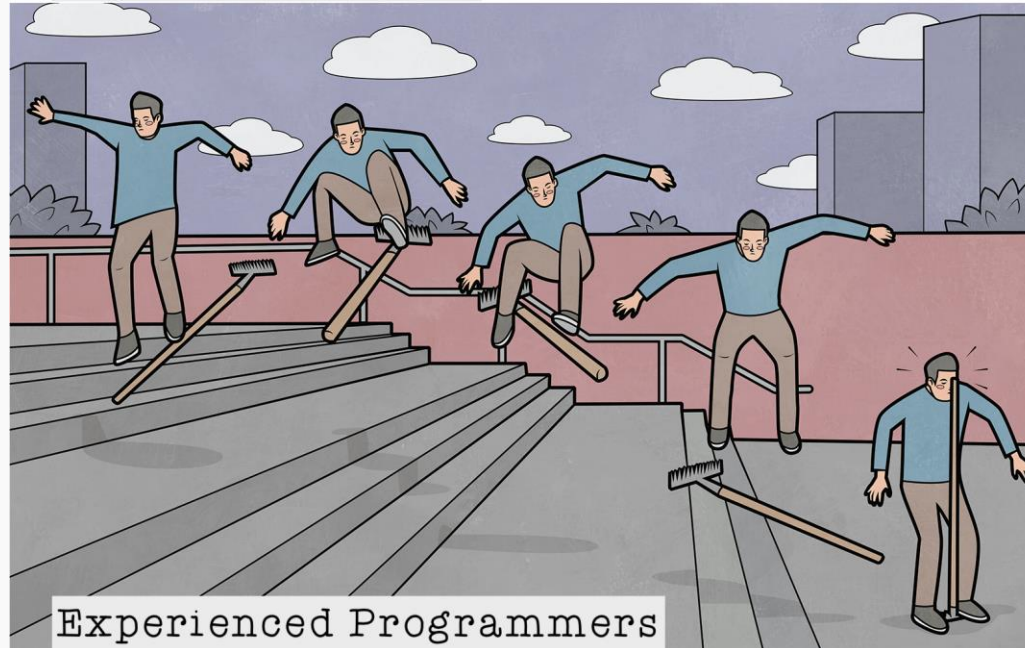
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# Lecture Outline

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Simple Linear Regression

**Multi-linear Regression**

Interpreting Model Parameters

Scaling

Collinearity

Qualitative Predictors



If you have to guess someone's height, would you rather be told

## Options:

- A. Their weight, only
- B. Their weight and biological sex
- C. Their weight, biological sex, and income
- D. Their weight, biological sex, income, and favorite number

# Multi-Linear Regression

Of course, you'd always **want as much data** about a person as possible. Even though height and favorite number may **not** be strongly related, at worst you could just **ignore** the information on favorite number.

We want our models to be able to take in lots of data as they make their predictions.

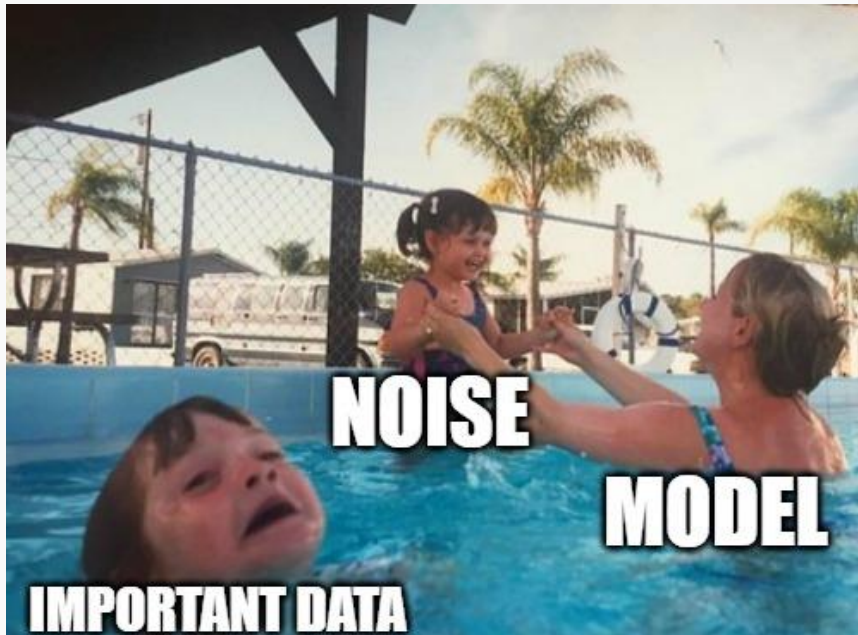
This approach brings up a few questions.



# Multi-Linear Regression

## Data Noise

- Can too much irrelevant data introduce noise and make pattern detection difficult?



## Ethical Considerations

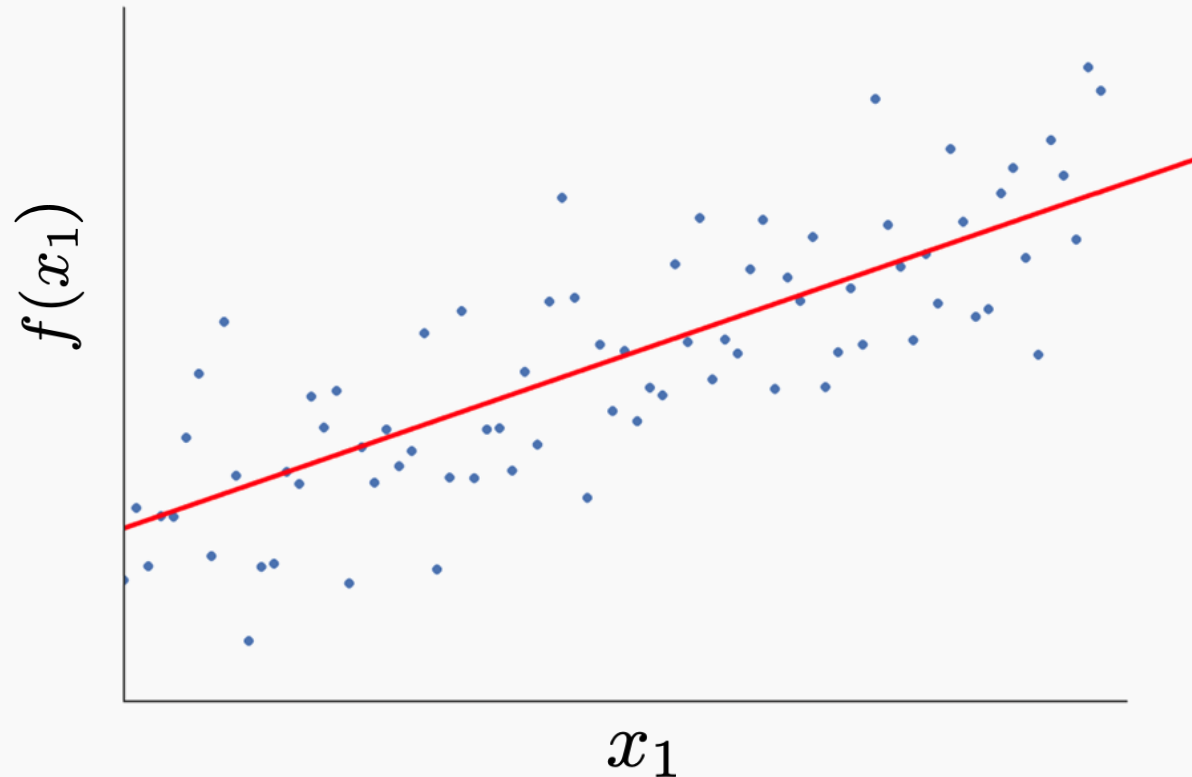
- Are there privacy concerns related to collecting more data than needed?



# Simple Linear Regression

In simple linear regression, we assume a simple basic form for  $f$ :

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$



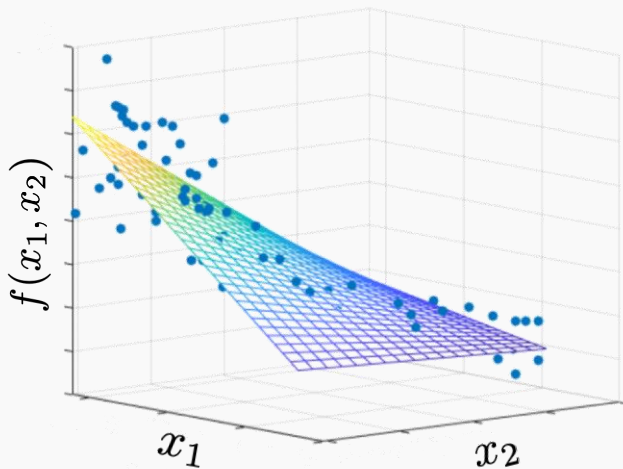
With this we are assuming that the relationship between our predictor and response variable is linear

# Linear Regression in n-D

In **practice**, it is unlikely that any response variable  $y$  depends solely on one predictor  $\mathbf{x}$ . Rather, we expect that  $y$  is a function of **multiple** predictors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$ .

Using the notation we introduced last part,

$$\mathbf{y} = y_1, \dots, y_n, \quad X = \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_j = x_{1j}, \dots, x_{nj}$$



In **multiple** linear regression, we assume a **similar form** for  $f$  as in simple linear regression. We can assume a simple form for  $f$  a **multilinear** form:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_p$$



# Response vs. Predictor Variables

## ***The Design Matrix***

***n*** observations

TV	
230.1	
44.5	
17.2	
151.5	
180.8	

$x_1$

y:  
The response variable

sales
22.1
10.4
9.3
18.5
12.9

# Response vs. Predictor Variables

## ***The Design Matrix***

***n*** observations

TV	radio	newspaper
230.1	37.8	69.2
44.5	39.3	45.1
17.2	45.9	69.3
151.5	41.3	58.5
180.8	10.8	58.4
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$

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# Multi-Linear Regression, example

For our data

$$\textit{Sales} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times \textit{TV} + \beta_2 \times \textit{Radio} + \beta_3 \times \textit{Newspaper}$$

In linear algebra notation

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} \textit{Sales}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \textit{Sales}_n \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \textit{TV}_1 & \textit{Radio}_1 & \textit{News}_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \textit{TV}_n & \textit{Radio}_n & \textit{News}_n \end{pmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$y = X\beta$$

# Multi-linear Regression - only consider 2 predictors

For simplicity we consider only two predictors

$$y = X\beta$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# RECAP: Transpose of a matrix

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

In transpose, rows become columns and columns become rows.

$$X^T = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{21} & \dots \\ x_{12} & x_{22} & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

1	4
2	5
3	6

(n,2)

1	2	3
4	5	6

(2,n)

You can perform transpose over numpy objects by calling  
**np.transpose()** or **ndarray.T**



# RECAP: Inverse of a matrix

When we multiply a number by its reciprocal we get 1.

$$n * \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

When we multiply a matrix by its inverse, we get the Identity Matrix

$$A A^{-1} = I$$

```
In [16]: x = np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
...:
...: #Inverse array x
...: invX = np.linalg.inv(x)
...: print(invX)
...:
...: #Verifying
...: print(np.dot(x, invX))
[[-2.   1. ]
 [ 1.5 -0.5]]
[[1.00000000e+00  1.11022302e-16]
 [0.00000000e+00  1.00000000e+00]]
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**`numpy.linalg.inv()`** is used to calculate the inverse of a matrix  
(if it exists!)

# Multi-Linear Regression

The model takes a simple algebraic form:  $y = X\beta$

We will again choose the **MSE** as our loss function, which can be expressed in vector notation as

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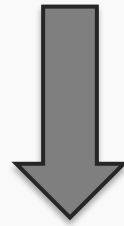
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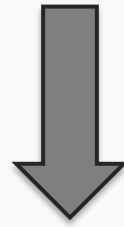


Dropping  $\frac{1}{n}$  because it won't change the results.

$$MSE(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{1}{n} \{ (y_1 - \beta_0 - x_{11}\beta_1 - x_{12}\beta_2)^2 + (y_2 - \beta_0 - x_{21}\beta_1 - x_{22}\beta_2)^2 + \dots \}$$

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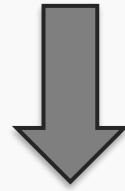
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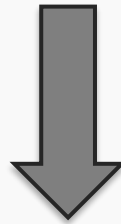
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \end{pmatrix} = -2 \boldsymbol{X}^T (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

For optimization, we set the values of the partial derivative to zero, i.e.,  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \end{pmatrix} = 0$

# MSE minimization in 3D

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$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \right) = 0 & \quad \Rightarrow \quad -2X^T (y - X\boldsymbol{\beta}) = 0 \\ & \quad \Rightarrow \quad X^T (y - X\boldsymbol{\beta}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# MSE minimization in 3D

$$X^T(y - X\beta) = 0$$

Which gives us,

$$X^T Y - X^T X \beta = 0$$

Multiplying on both sides with  $(X^T X)^{-1}$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X \beta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$



# RECAP: Multi-Linear Regression

The model takes a simple algebraic form:  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$

We will again choose the **MSE** as our loss function, which can be expressed in vector notation as

$$\text{MSE}(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2$$

Minimizing the MSE using vector calculus yields,

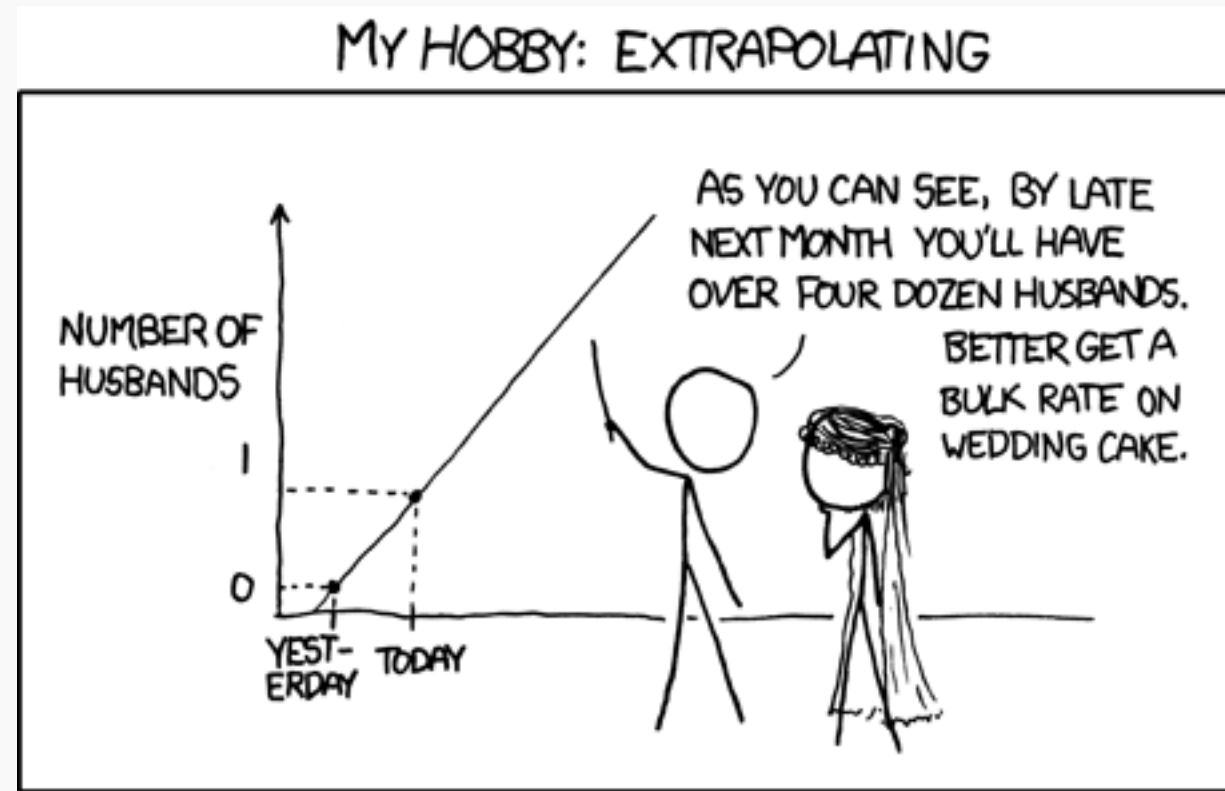
$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \text{MSE}(\beta).$$

# Multi-Linear Regression

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```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> X = ...
>>> y = ...
>>> X_sq = X.T @ X
>>> X_inv = np.linalg.inv(X_sq)
>>> beta_hat = X_inv @ (X.T @ y)
```





# Digestion Time

# Interpreting Model Parameters

# Lecture Outline

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Simple Linear Regression

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In a simple linear regression model, you have the equation  $Y=5+3X$ . What does the coefficient 3 represent?

## Options

- A. The predicted value of  $Y$  when  $X=0$
- B. The change in  $Y$  for a one-unit change in  $X$
- C. The amount by which  $Y$  varies randomly around the line
- D. None of the above

# Interpreting Model Parameters in Simple Linear Regression

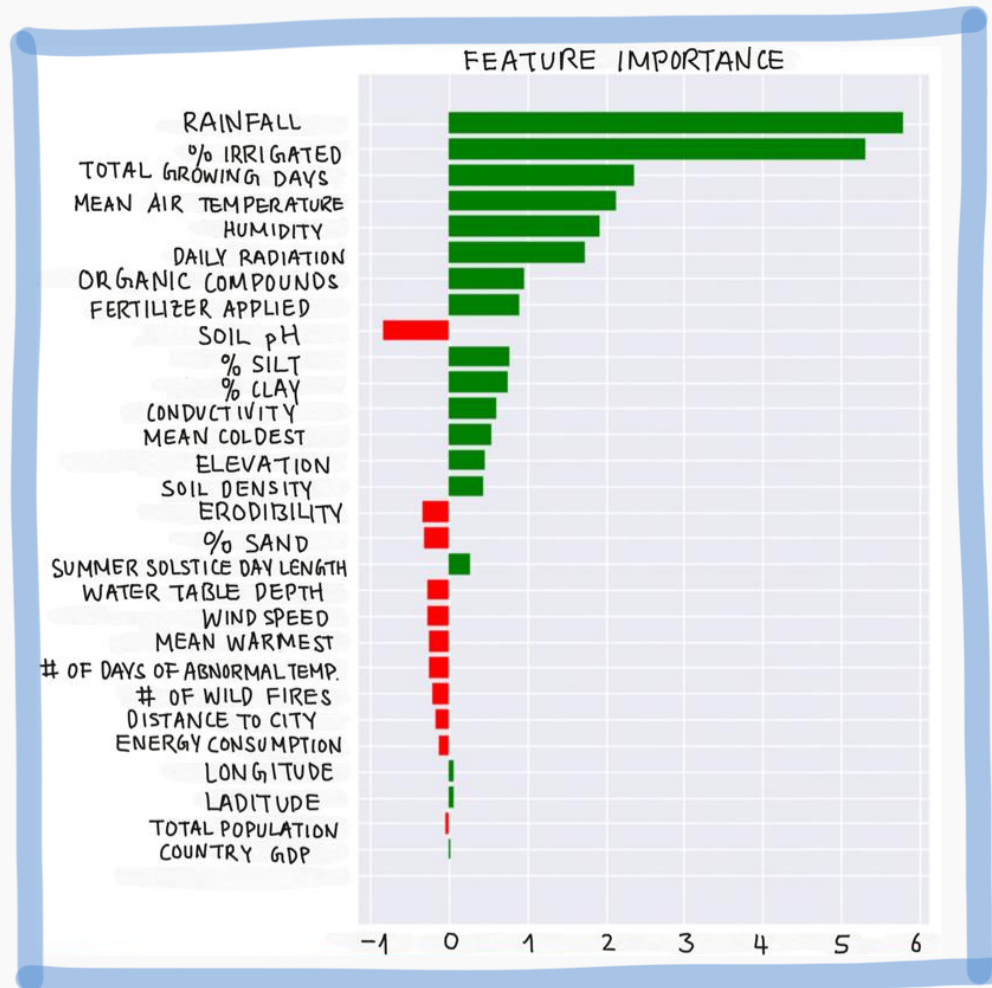
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## Interpretation

- $\beta_0$ : Predicted value of  $Y$  when  $X=0$
- $\beta_1$ : Change in  $Y$  for a one-unit change in  $X$

# Interpreting multi-linear regression

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When we have a large number of predictors:  $X_1, \dots, X_J$ , there will be a large number of model parameters,  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_J$ .

Looking at the values of  $\beta$ 's is impractical, so we visualize these values in a feature importance graph.

The feature importance graph shows which predictors has the most impact on the model's prediction.



In a multiple linear regression model, how does scaling the predictor variables affect the interpretation of feature importance based on the  $\beta$  coefficients?

## Options

- A. Scaling the predictors makes it easier to directly compare the importance of each feature based on their  $\beta$  coefficients.
- B. Scaling the predictors makes all the features equally important.
- C. Scaling the predictors increases the magnitude of  $\beta$  coefficients for less important features.
- D. Scaling the predictors eliminates the need for  $\beta$  coefficients for feature importance.



# Scaling

# Understanding Scaling: Standardization & Normalization

Scaling transforms your data so that it fits within a specific range or distribution.

## Standardization (Z-Score)

Transforms data to have mean = 0 and standard deviation = 1

$$\frac{X - \text{mean}}{\text{std}}$$

## Normalization (Min-Max Scaling)

Rescales data to range between 0 and 1

$$\frac{X - \min}{\max - \min}$$

## Why Scale?

- Makes algorithms sensitive to feature scales perform better
- Facilitates easier interpretation and analysis



**For More In-depth** check my notes and examples on EdStem!

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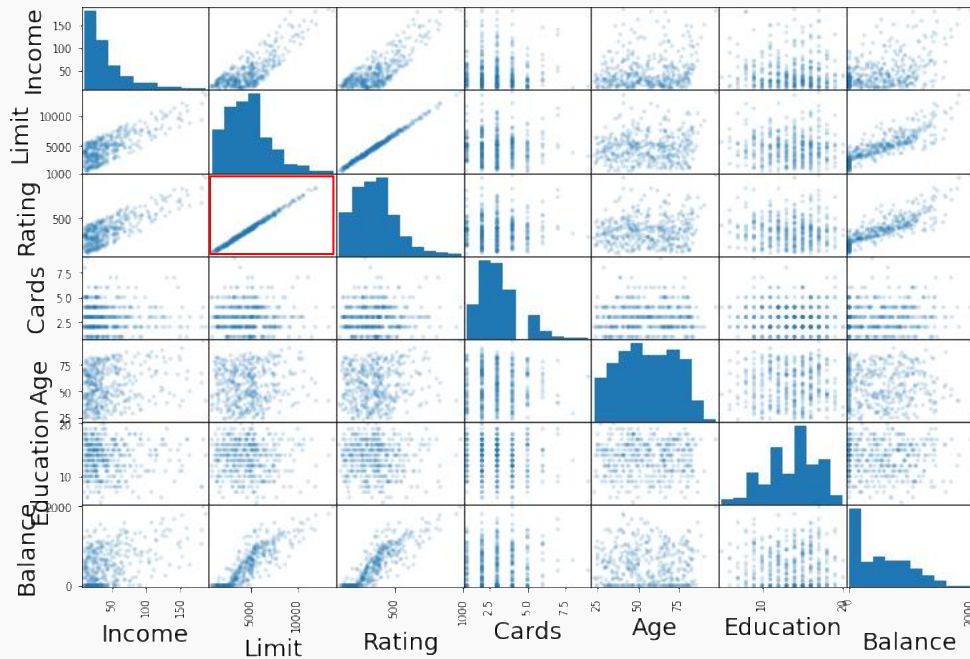
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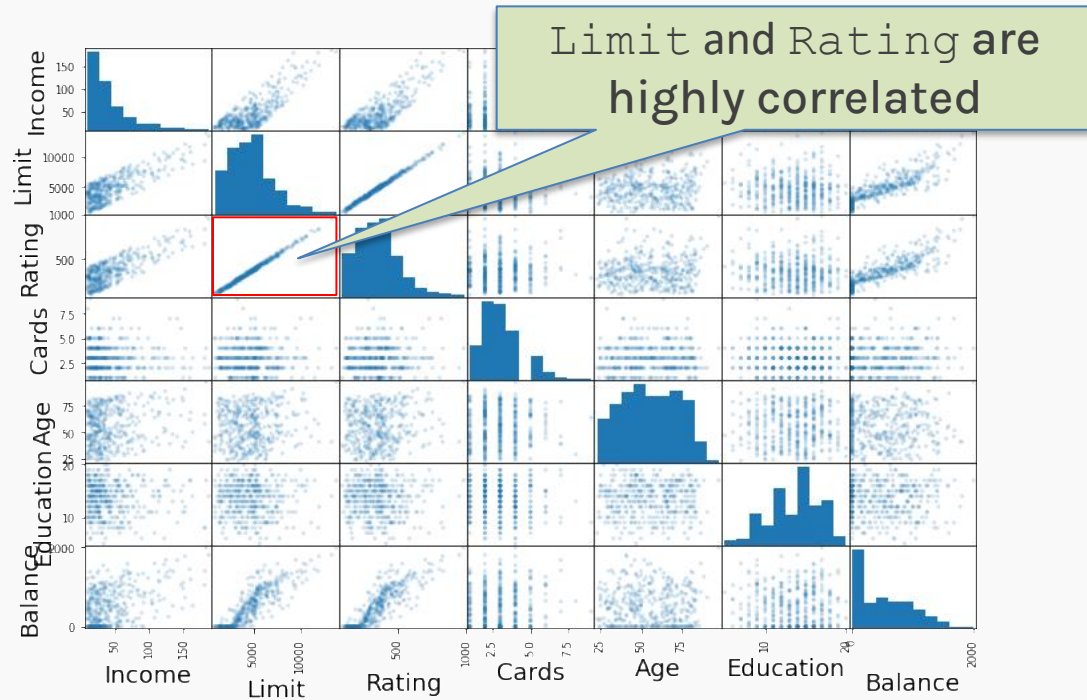
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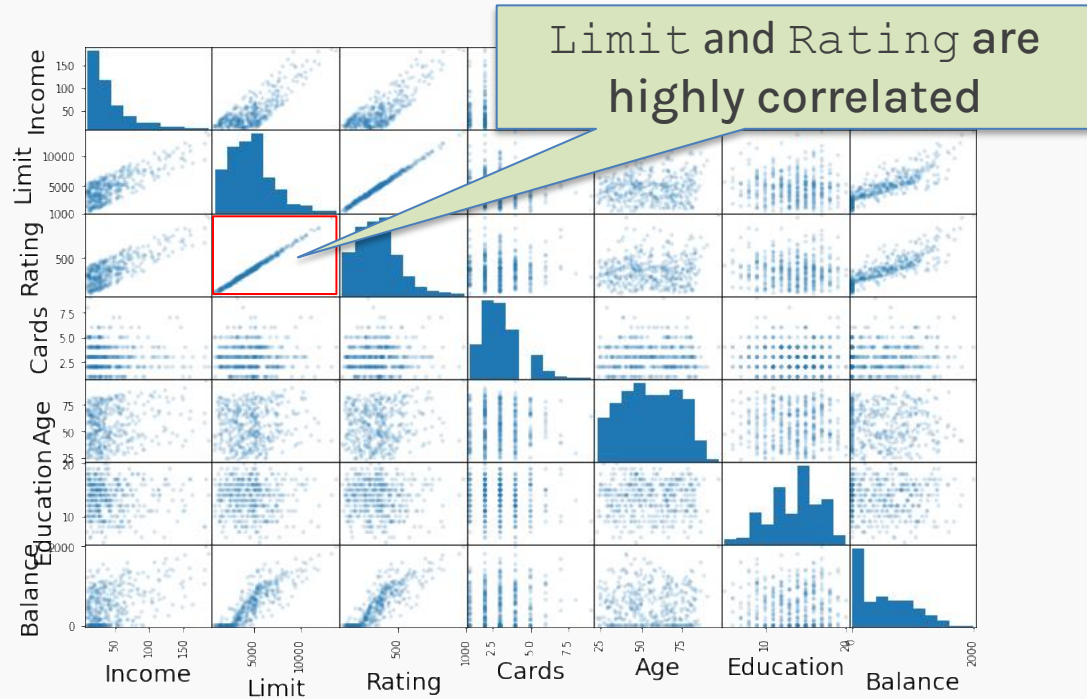
Cards do not seem to be correlated with anything yet, but its coefficient value changed significantly. WHY?

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104.59	7075	514	4	71	11	Male	No	No	Asian	580
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55.882	4897	357	2	68	16	Male	No	Yes	Caucasian	331

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55.882	4897	357	2	68	16	Male	No	Yes	Caucasian	331



You have a dataset with a column named 'Student' containing values 'Yes' and 'No'. How would you encode this column as a binary variable?

## Options

- A. Replace 'No' with 0 and 'Yes' with 1
- B. Replace 'No' with 1 and 'Yes' with 2
- C. Replace 'No' with 1 and 'Yes' with 0
- D. Replace 'No' with 'N' and 'Yes' with 'Y'

# Qualitative Predictors

If the predictor takes only two values, then we create an **indicator** or **dummy variable** that takes on two possible numerical values.

For example, for the sex column, we create a new variable:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is female} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is male} \end{cases}$$

We then use this variable as a predictor in the regression equation.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is female} \\ \beta_0 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is male} \end{cases}$$



What is interpretation of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?  
Select all that apply.

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is female} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is male} \end{cases}$$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

## Options

- A.  $\beta_0$  represents the expected value of **balance** for **males**.
- B.  $\beta_0$  represents the difference in **balance** between **males** and **females**.
- C.  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$  represents the expected in **balance** for **females**.
- D.  $\beta_1$  the average **difference** in **balance** between **females** and **males**.

# More than two levels: One hot encoding

Often, the qualitative predictor takes more than two values (e.g. ethnicity in the credit data).

In this situation, a single dummy variable cannot represent all possible values.

We create **additional** dummy variable as:

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We then use these variables as predictors, the regression equation becomes:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \beta_2 x_{i,2} = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is Asian} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_2 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is Caucasian} \\ \beta_0 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is AfricanAmerican} \end{cases}$$

**Question:** What is the interpretation of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$ ?

# Beyond linearity

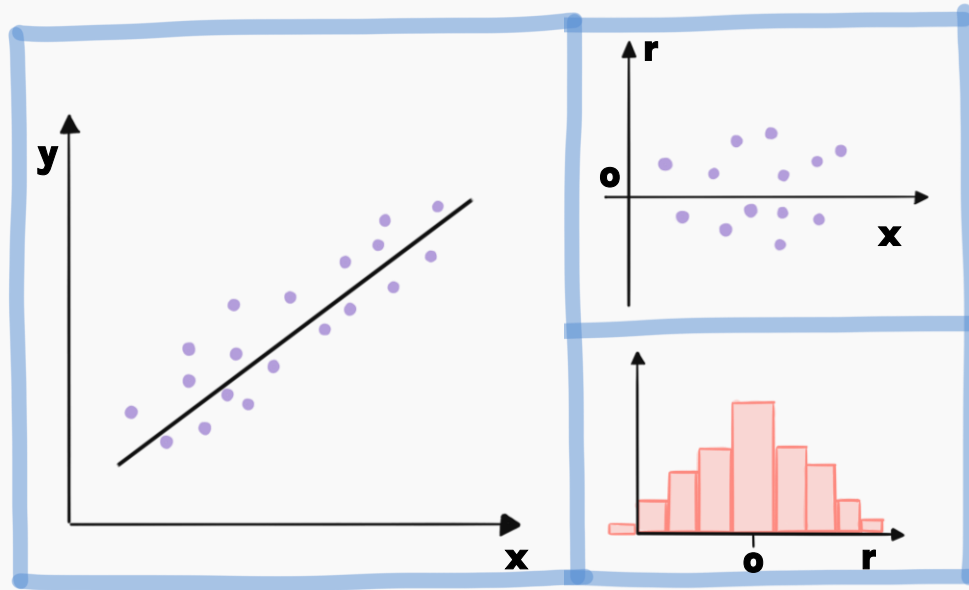
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So far, we assumed:

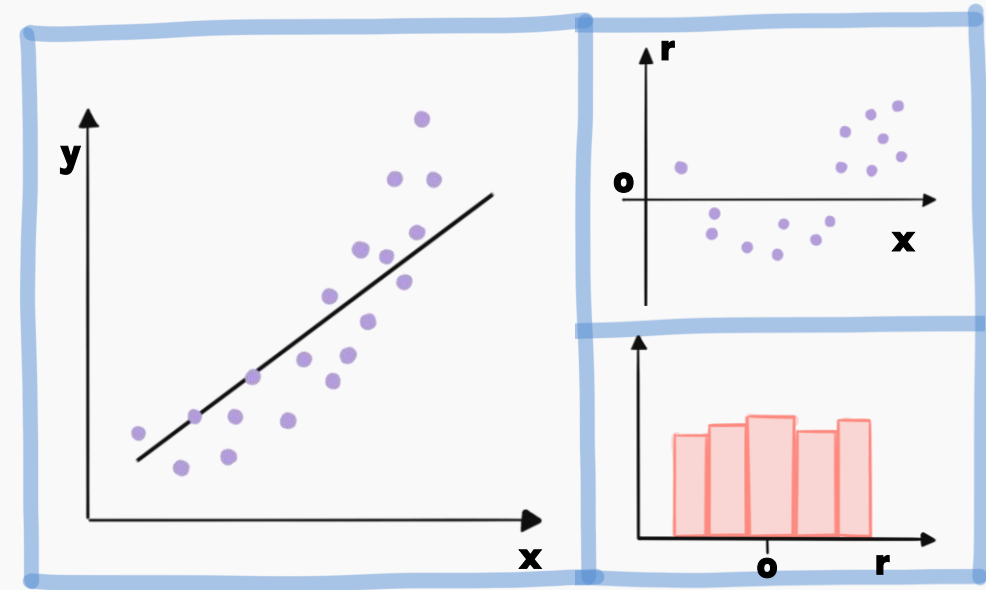
- linear relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$
- the residuals  $r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$  were **uncorrelated** (taking the average of the square residuals to calculate the MSE implicitly assumed uncorrelated residuals)

These assumptions need to be verified using the data. This is often done by **visually inspecting the residuals.**

# Residual Analysis



Linear assumption is correct. There is no obvious relationship between residuals and  $x$ . Histogram of residuals is **symmetric** and **normally distributed**.



Linear assumption is incorrect. There is an obvious relationship between residuals and  $x$ . Histogram of residuals is symmetric but **not normally distributed**.

Note: For multi-regression, we plot the residuals vs predicted,  $\hat{y}$ , since there are too many  $x$ 's and that could wash out the relationship.

