Simple linear regression

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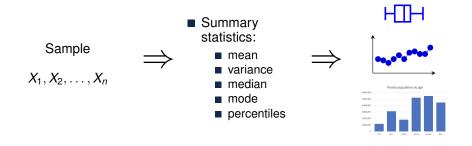
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Inferential statistics

From sample:

$$X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$$

Infer

To a population:

$$\mu, \sigma, p$$

Point estimation:

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- bias.
- variance.
- MSE.

Interval estimation:

Confidence interval

- unknown mean, var., proportion.
- confidence level 1α .

Hypothesis test:

$$H_0$$
 or H_1

- one or two populations.
- mean, variance, proportion.
- \blacksquare α, β, P -values.



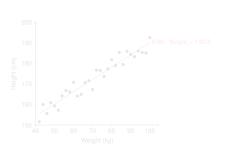


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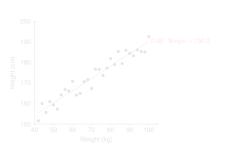
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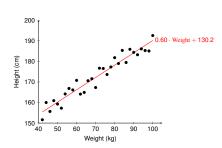


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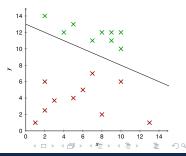
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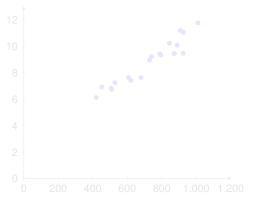




Example

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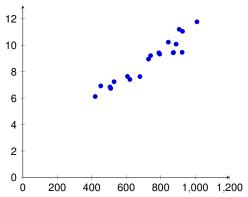
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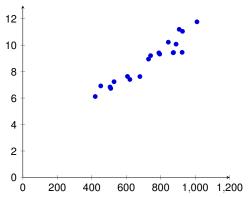






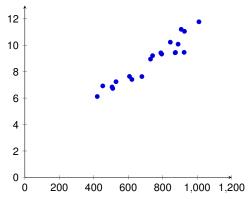
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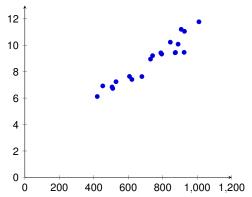
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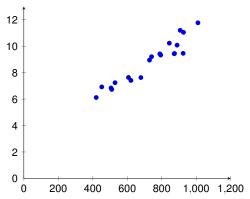




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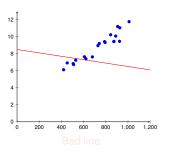


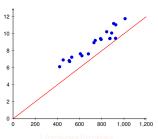


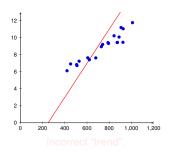


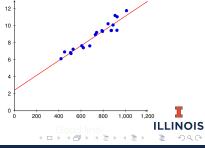
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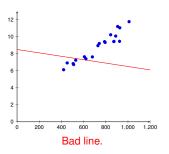


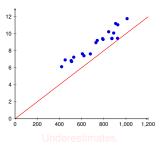


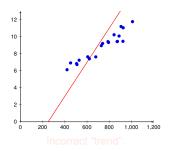


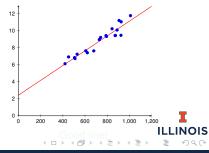


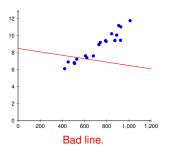


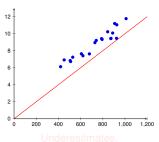


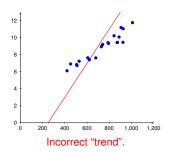


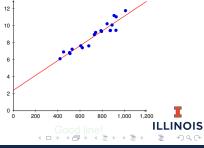


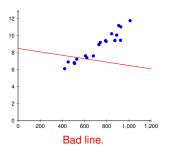


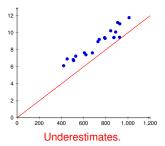


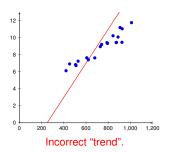


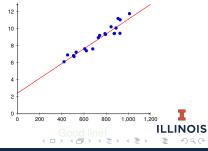


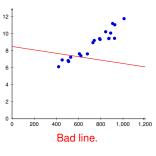


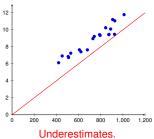


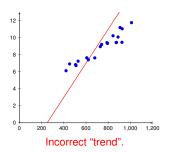


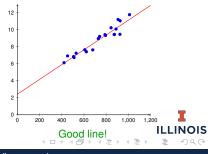












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