



# Adding a numerical explanatory variable

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# Adding a second numeric explanatory variable

• Mathematical:

$$\hat{bwt} = \hat{eta}_0 + \hat{eta}_1 \cdot gestation + \hat{eta}_2 \cdot age$$

• Syntactical:

lm(bwt ~ gestation + age, data = babies)



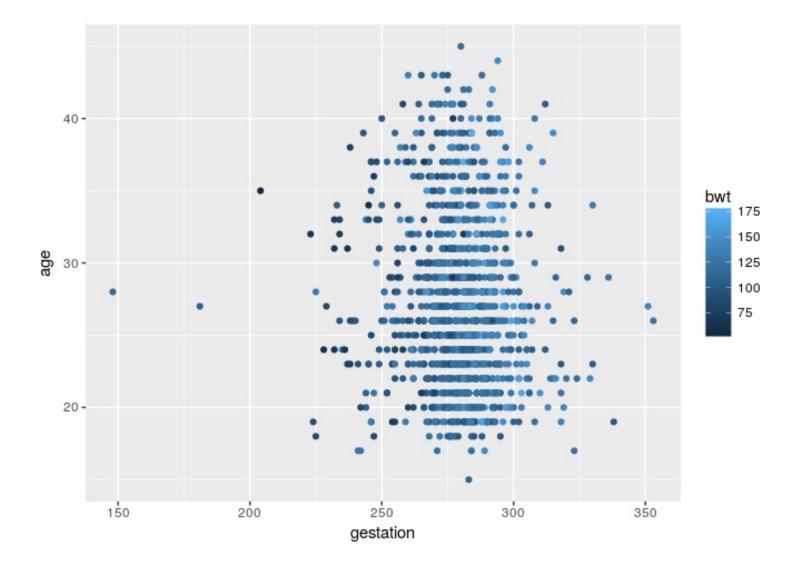
# No longer a 2D problem

```
# doesn't work
ggplot(data = babies, aes(x = gestation, y = age, z = bwt)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = 0)
```

# Data space is 3D

```
data_space <- ggplot(babies, aes(x = gestation, y = age)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = bwt))

data_space</pre>
```





# Tiling the plane

```
grid <- babies %>%
  data_grid(
    gestation = seq_range(gestation, by = 1),
    age = seq_range(age, by = 1)
)

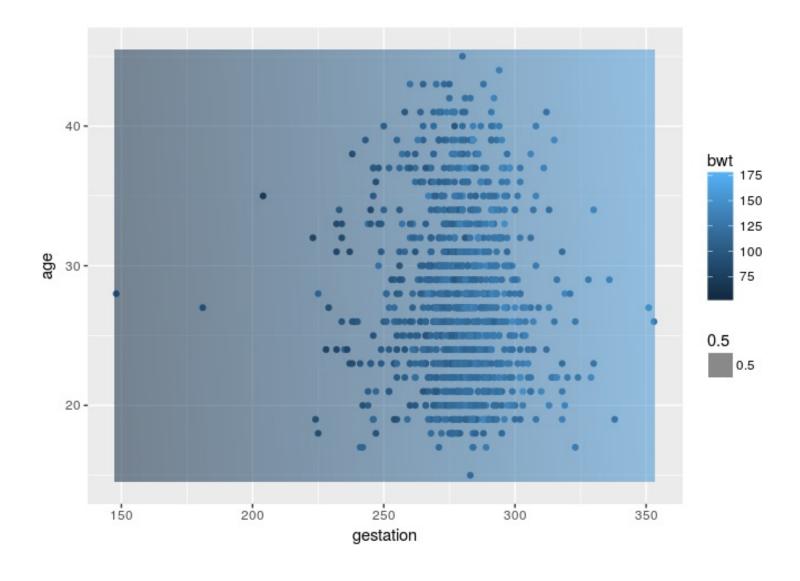
mod <- lm(bwt ~ gestation + age, data = babies)

bwt_hats <- augment(mod, newdata = grid)</pre>
```

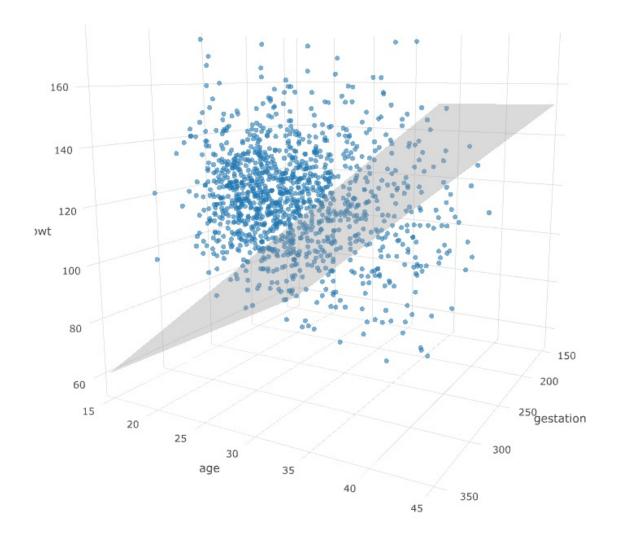


# Tiles in the data space

```
data_space +
  geom_tile(data = bwt_hats, aes(fill = .fitted, alpha = 0.5)) +
  scale_fill_continuous("bwt", limits = range(babies$bwt))
```



#### 3D visualization







# Let's practice!





# Conditional interpretation of coefficients

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# Two slope coefficients

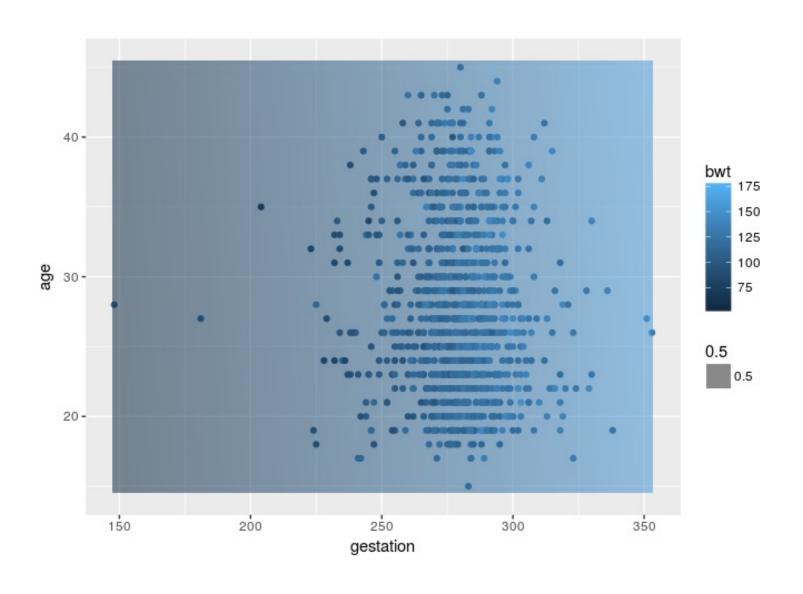
```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age, data = babies)

## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) gestation age
## -15.5226 0.4676 0.1657
```



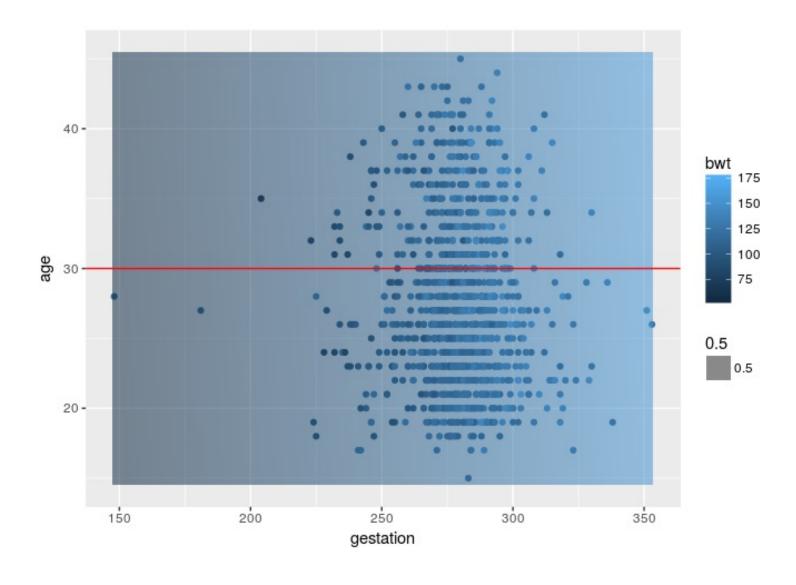
# Tiled plane

model\_space



# Tiled plane plus first slope

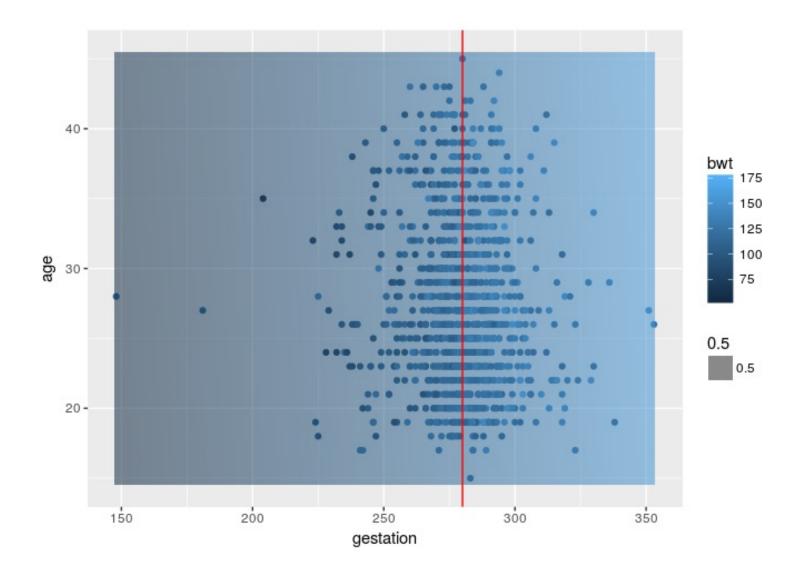
```
model_space +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 30, color = "red")
```





# Tiled plane plus second slope

```
model_space +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 280, color = "red")
```





# Coefficient interpretation

```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age, data = babies)

## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) gestation age
## -15.5226 0.4676 0.1657
```





# Let's practice!





# Adding a third (categorical) variable

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## How could we forget about smoking?

• Mathematical:

$$\hat{bwt} = \hat{eta}_0 + \hat{eta}_1 \cdot gestation + \hat{eta}_2 \cdot age + \hat{eta}_3 \cdot smoke$$

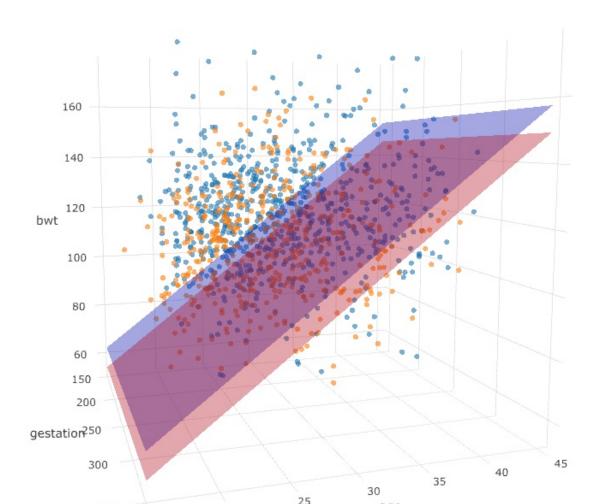
• Syntactical:

```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age + smoke, data = babies)
```

## Geometry

- 1 numeric + 1 categorical:
  - parallel lines
- 2 numeric:
  - a plane
- 2 numeric + 1 categorical:
  - parallel planes!

#### Drawing parallel planes in 3D





## Coefficient interpretation

```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age, data = babies)
   ## Coefficients:
   ## (Intercept)
                     gestation
                                        age
   ##
         -15.5226
                        0.4676
                                     0.1657
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age + smoke, data = babies)
   ## Coefficients:
   ## (Intercept)
                     gestation
                                        age
                                                   smoke
                        0.4455
                                     0.1069
   ##
           -4.6037
                                                 -8.0143
```





# Let's practice!





# **Higher dimensions**

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#### Adding more variables

Mathematical:

$$\hat{bwt} = \hat{eta}_0 + \hat{eta}_1 \cdot gestation + \hat{eta}_2 \cdot age + \hat{eta}_3 \cdot smoke + \hat{eta}_4 \cdot height + \hat{eta}_5 \cdot weight + \hat{eta}_6 \cdot parity$$

• Syntactical:

```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age + smoke + height + weight + parity, data = babies)
```

Syntactical (same model, but note order of coefficients)

```
lm(bwt ~ . - case, data = babies)
```



# Higher dimensional geometry

• (Parallel) hyperplanes, etc.



#### Interpretation in large models

```
lm(bwt ~ gestation + age + smoke + height + weight + parity, data = babies)
   ## Coefficients:
      (Intercept)
                     gestation
                                                   smoke
                                                               height
                                        age
                                    -0.00895
                                                 -8.40073
   ##
         -80.41085
                       0.44398
                                                              1.15402
   ##
           weight
                     parity
          0.05017
   ##
                      -3.32720
```





# Let's practice!