Correlations and Regression Coefficients

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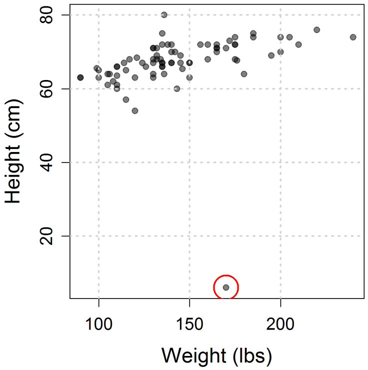

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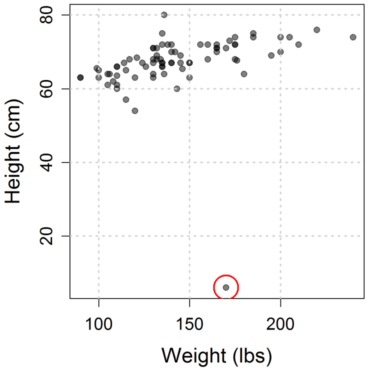

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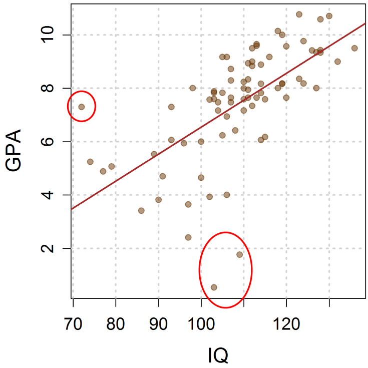


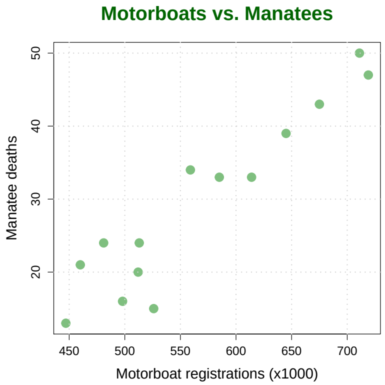
Over- and underachievement

Correlation (r)

Is a measure of the **strength** and **direction** of a **linear** relationship

Manatees and motorboats: Scatterplots

allow us to visually characterize the relationships between *continuous/quantitative* variables.



Identify:

- **direction** (positive/negative),
- **form** (linear/non-linear),
- **strength** (strong/weak)

Of a relationship

R code: scatterplot

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plot(Motorboats, Deaths)
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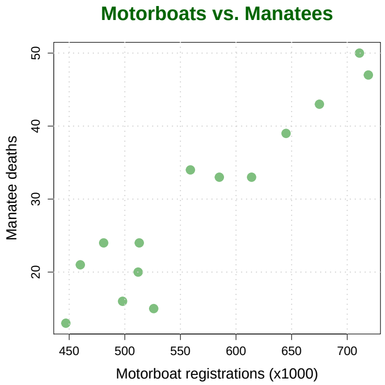
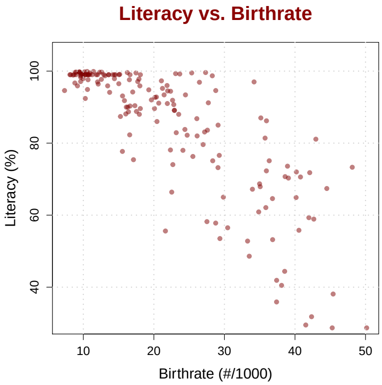
Direction of relationship

Positive relationship

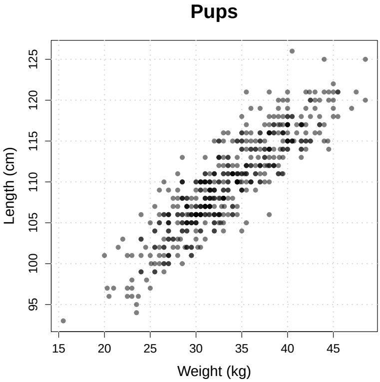


Negative relationship

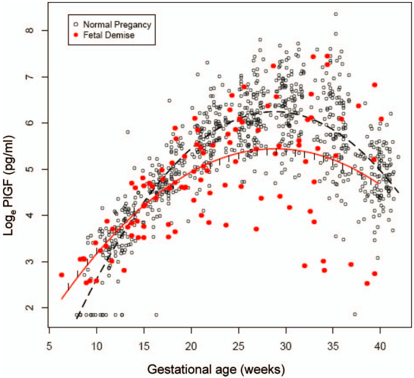


Form of relationship

Linear relationship



Non-linear relationship



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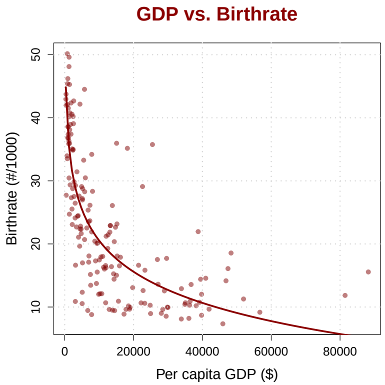

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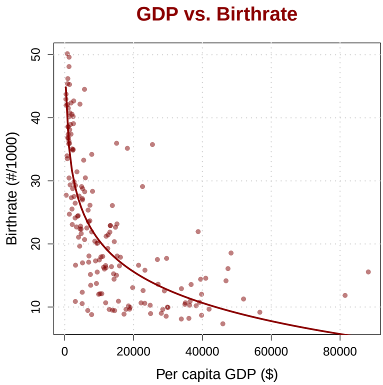
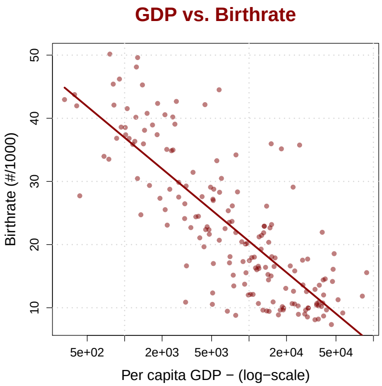


Non-linear ... linearized!



R code:log transformation

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plot(GDP, Birthrate, log="x")
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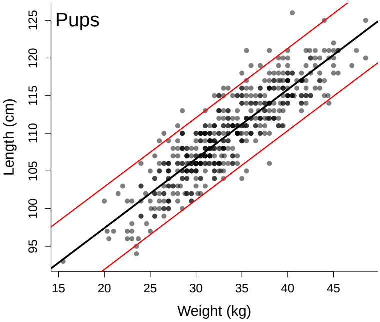
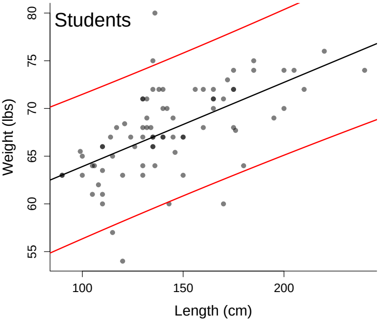
Strength of relationship

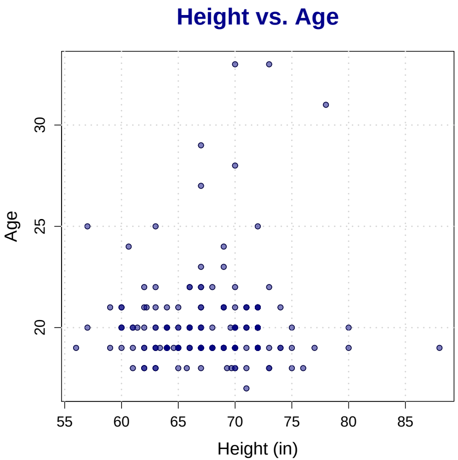
Stronger relationship



Weaker relationship



No relationship



Knowing your height tells me basically nothing about your age.

Correlation (r)

For any paired sequence of observations:
$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ...(x_n, y_n)$:

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \overline{x}}{s_x} \right) \left(\frac{y_i - \overline{y}}{s_y} \right)$$

What are the units of the correlation?

Correlation: Coffee example

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Vente (large)	2.00	20

Correlation: Coffee scatterplot

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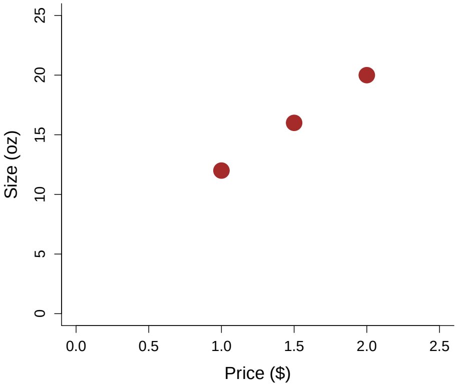

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$r = 1.0$ means PERFECT correlation and a POSITIVE relationship.

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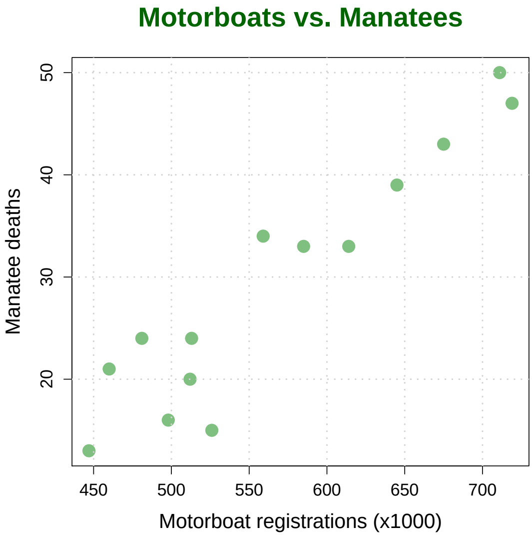

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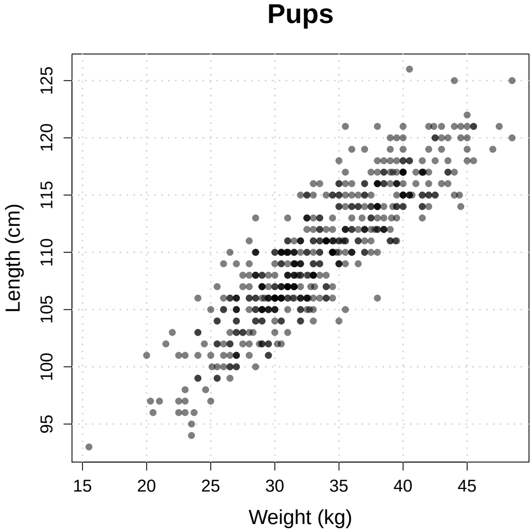

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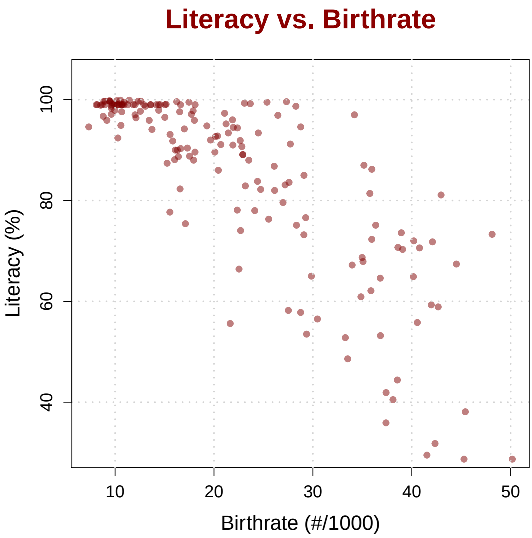

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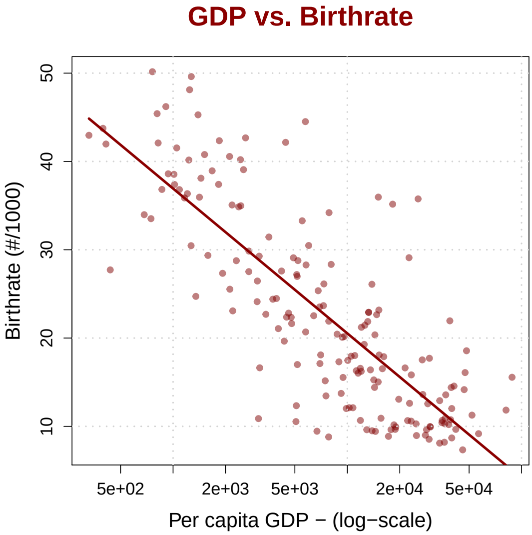

$$r = -0.7986$$

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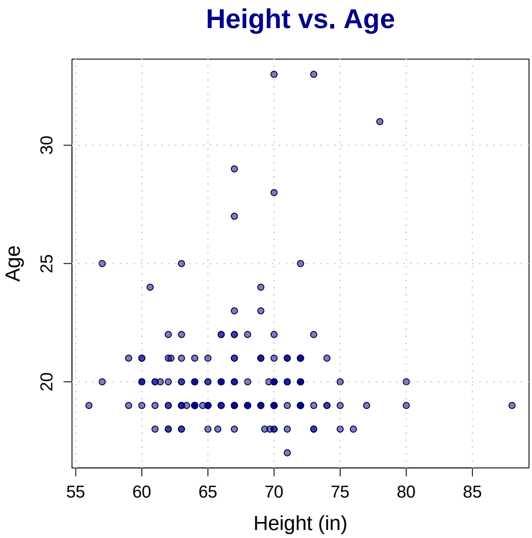

$$r = -0.0625$$

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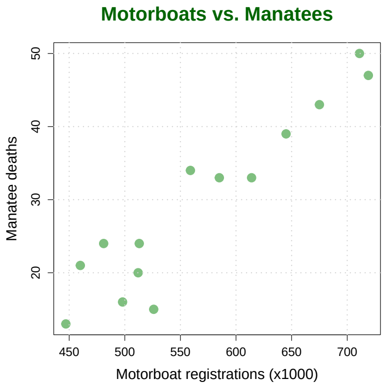

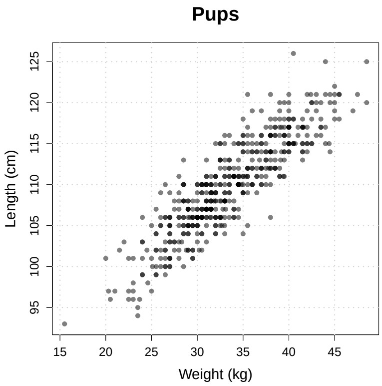

Standardized scatterplots

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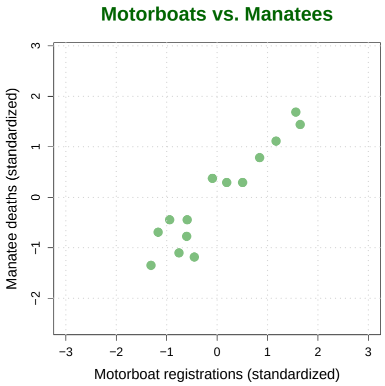

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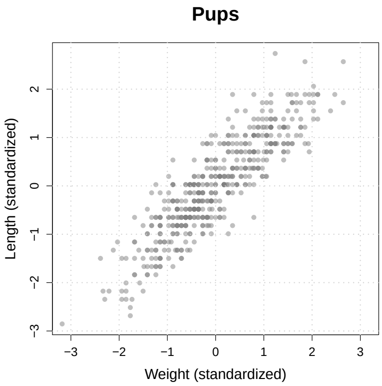

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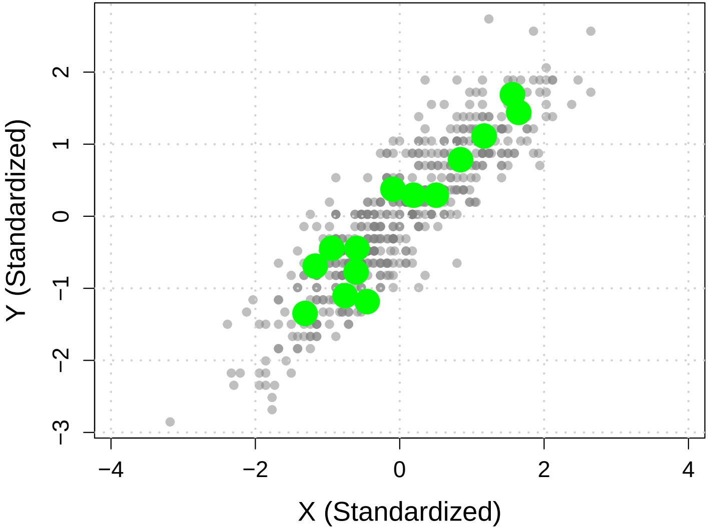

Summary statistics and Parameters

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sample mean	$\overline{x}$	mean	μ
sample s.d.	s_x	s.d.	σ
correlation coefficient	r	corr.	ρ

Bivariate normal distribution

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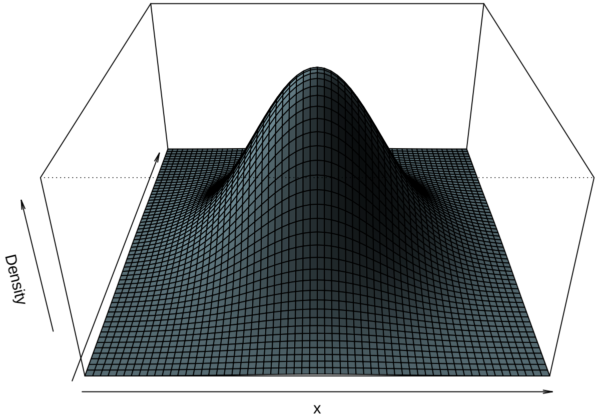

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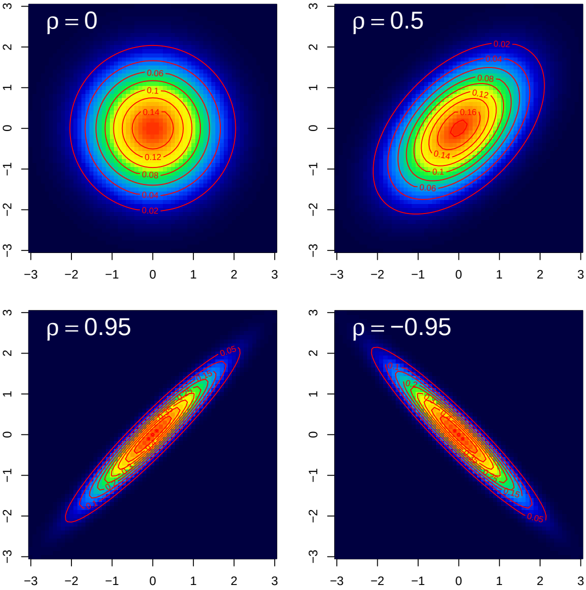

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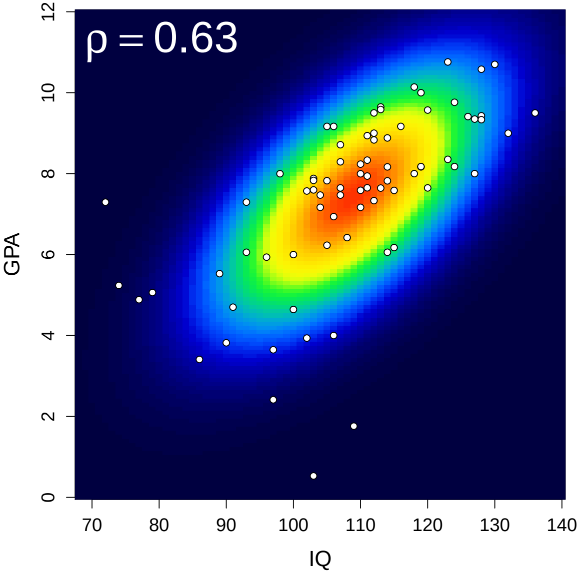

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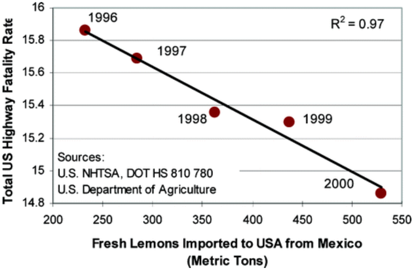
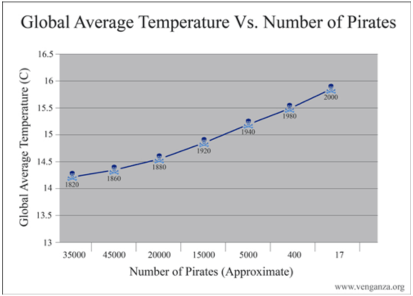
Correlation does not imply Causation!

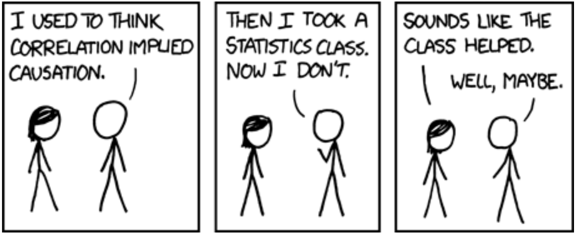
All calculating **correlations** does is suggest the strength and direction of the relationship between two variables.





It is easy to find numbers that are related due to **confounding** or **hidden** variable (note in these examples above the crucial hidden variable of TIME).

Or does it?



I USED TO THINK CORRELATION IMPLIED CAUSATION.
THEN I TOOK A STATISTICS CLASS. NOW I DON'T.
SOUNDS LIKE THE CLASS HELPED.
WELL, MAYBE.

Part II: Linear regression models

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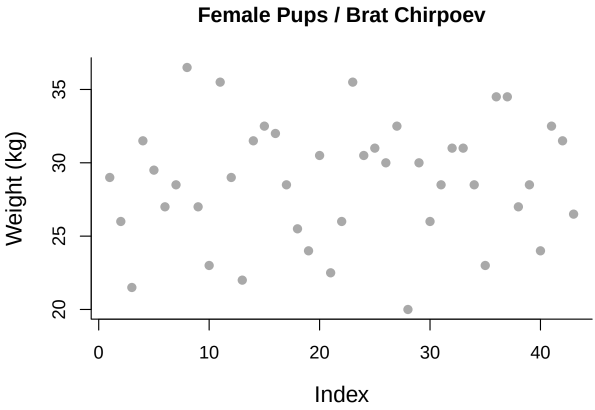

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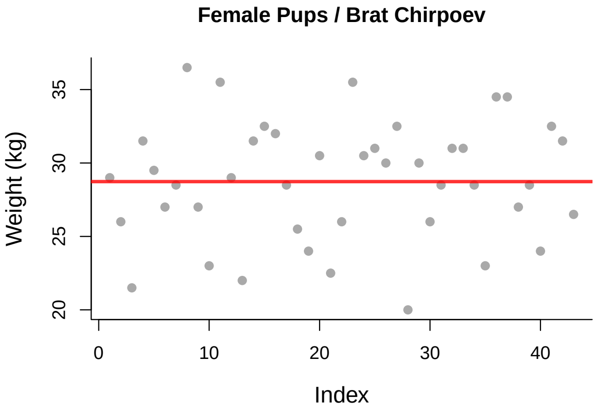

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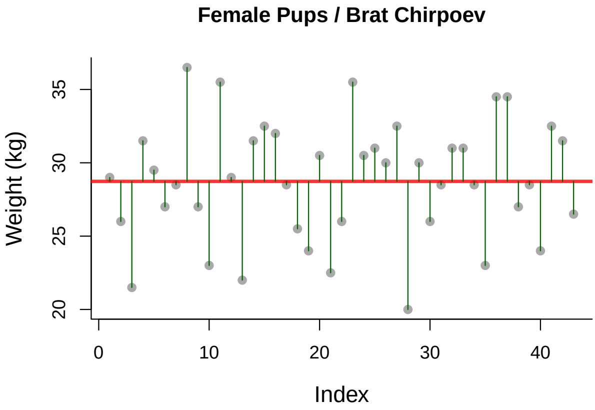
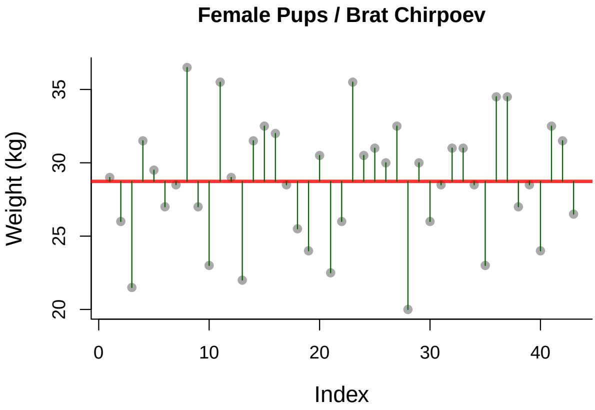


$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \qquad s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \overline{X})^2$$

Formulating a model



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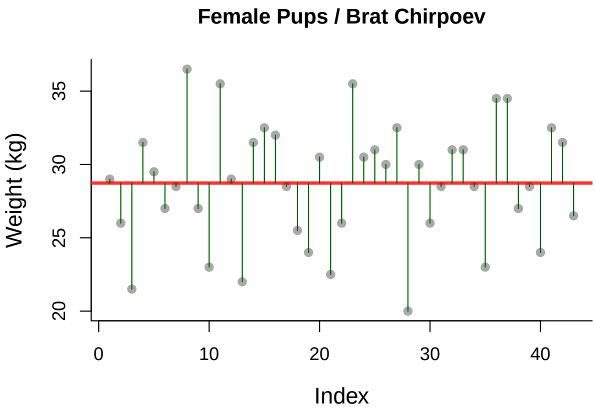

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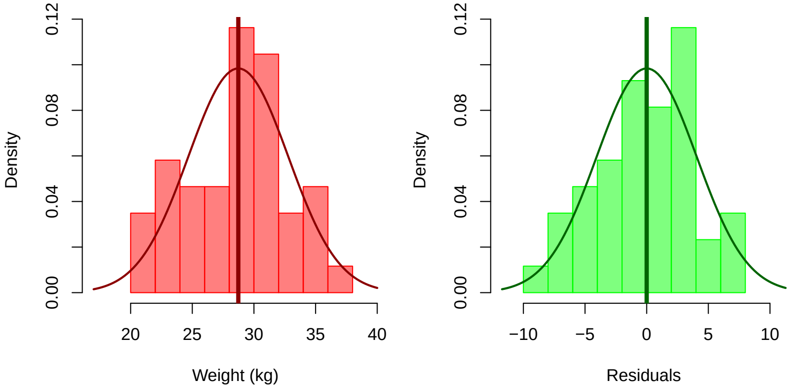
ϵ's are called the **deviations** or the **residuals**

Histogram of residuals



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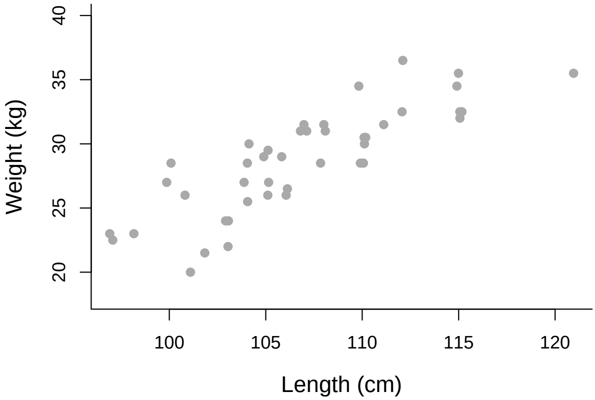

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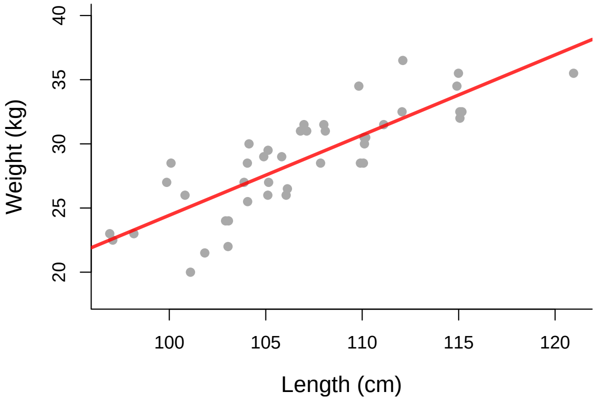

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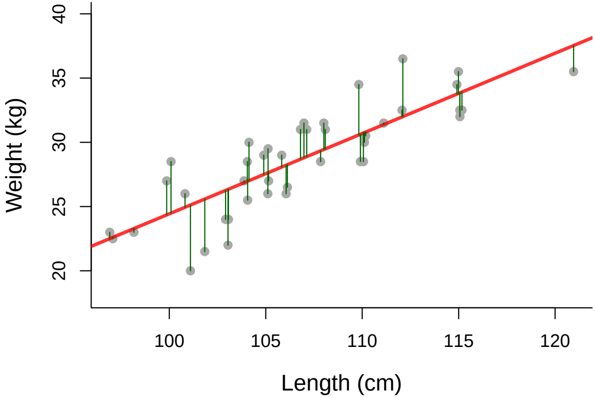

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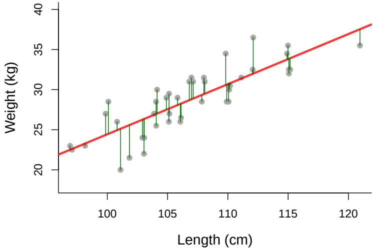
The Model



Linear model: $Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + \epsilon$.

α is the **intercept**

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- units: same as Y

β is the **slope**

- tells how much Y will increase with each increment of X
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A review of lines

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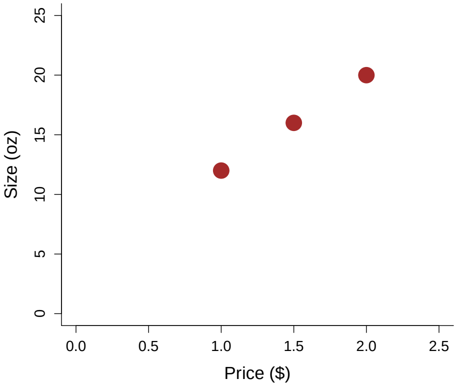

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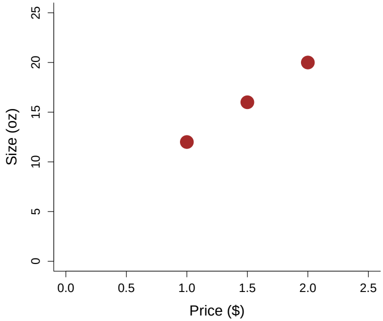

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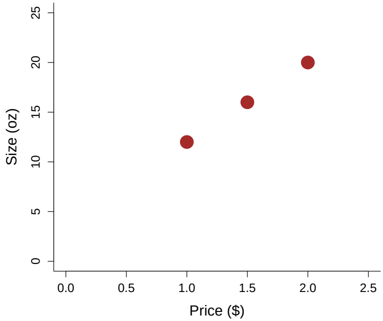

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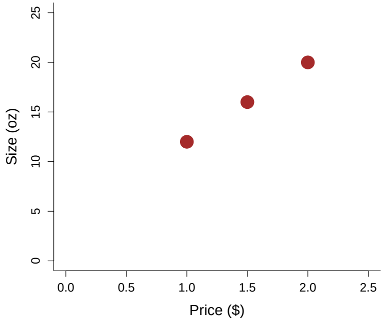

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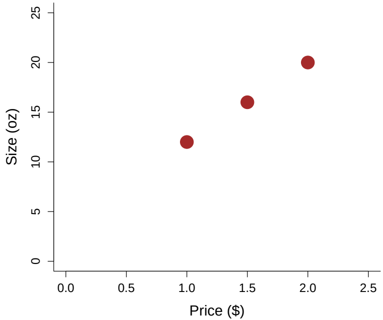

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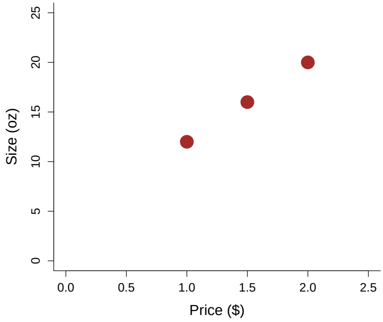

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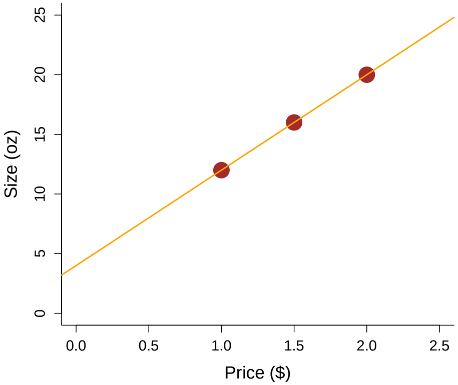

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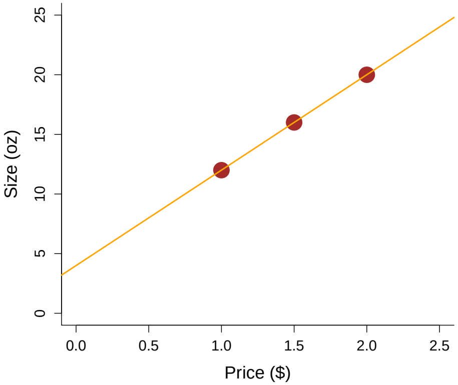

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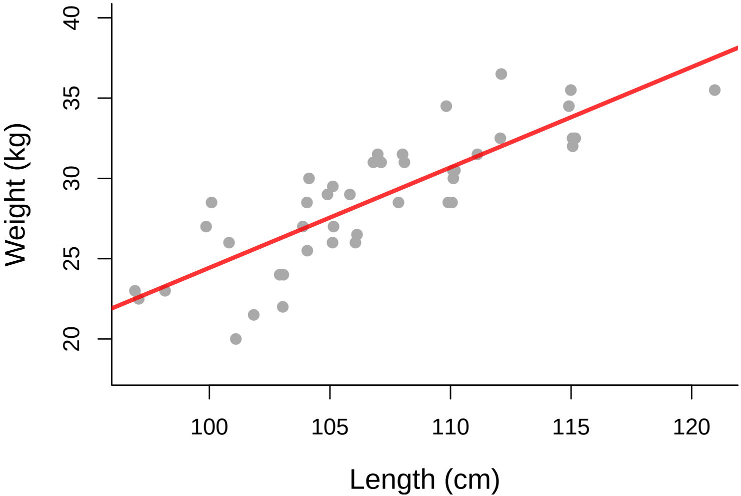

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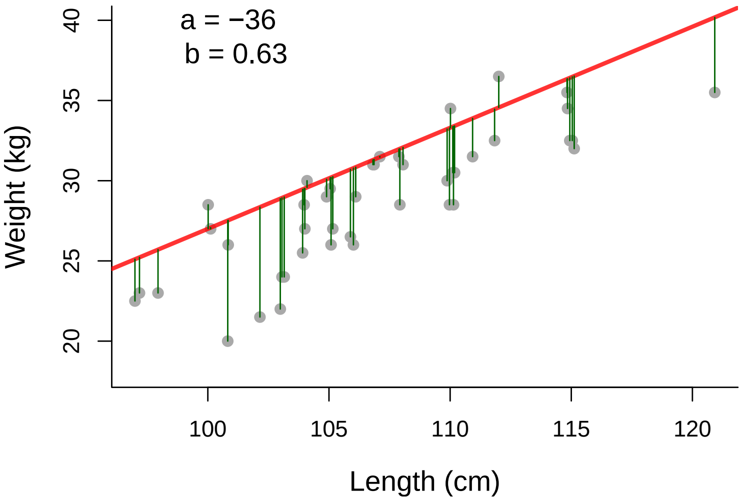

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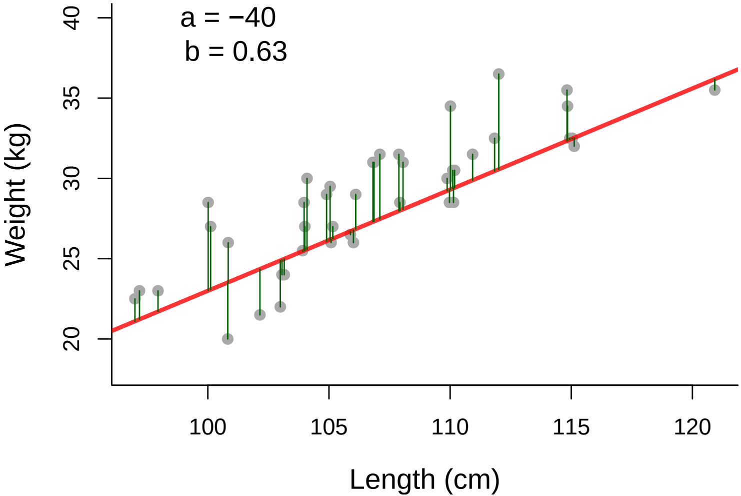

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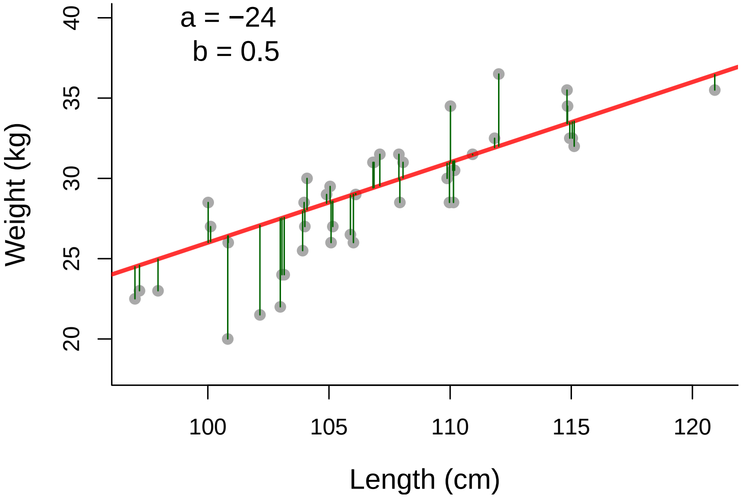

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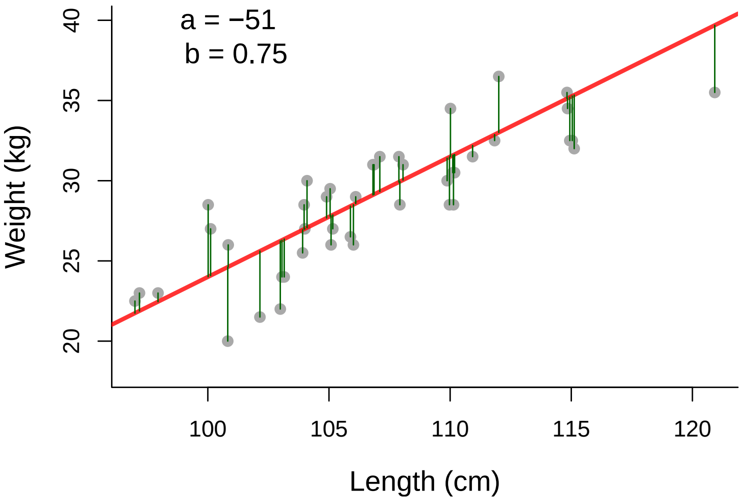

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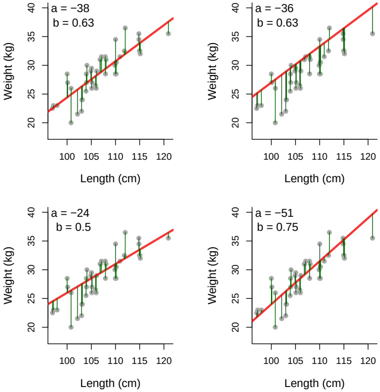

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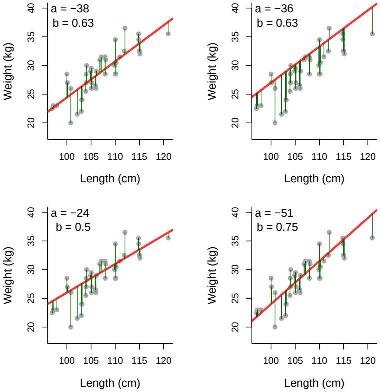

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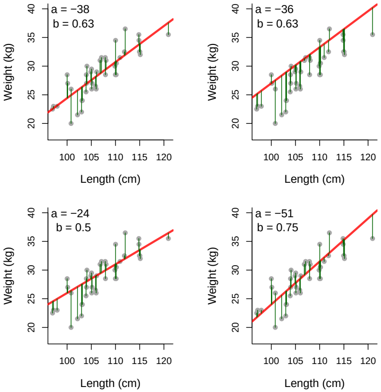

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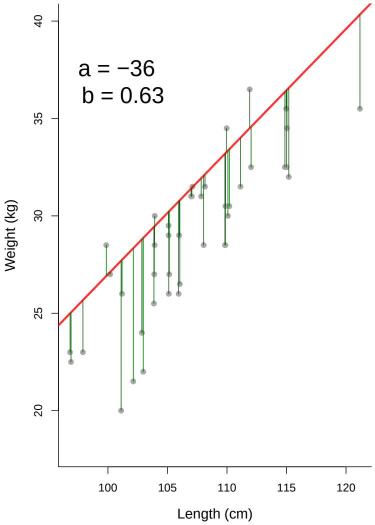

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29	30.78	-1.78
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27	27	0
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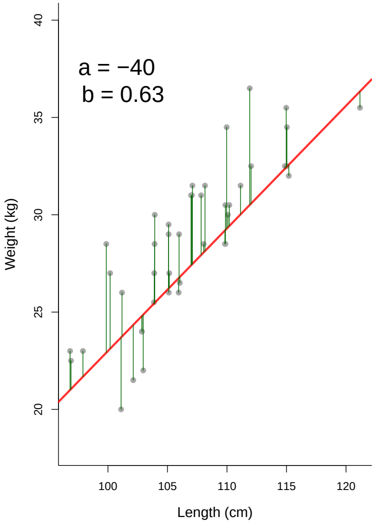

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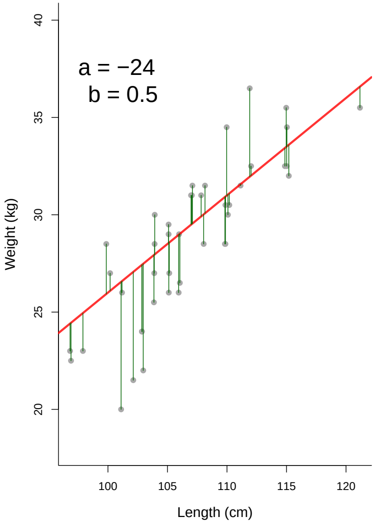

W (data)	W (model)	Residuals
29	29	0
26	26.5	-0.5
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31.5	30	1.5
29.5	28.5	1
27	26	1
28.5	31	-2.5
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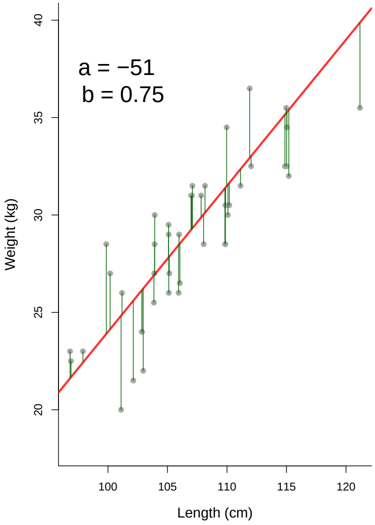

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29	28.5	0.5
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29.5	27.75	1.75
27	24	3
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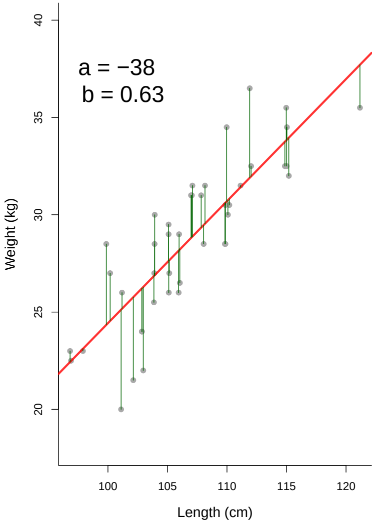

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29	28.19	0.81
26	25.06	0.94
21.5	25.68	-4.18
31.5	29.45	2.05
29.5	27.57	1.93
27	24.43	2.57
28.5	30.7	-2.2
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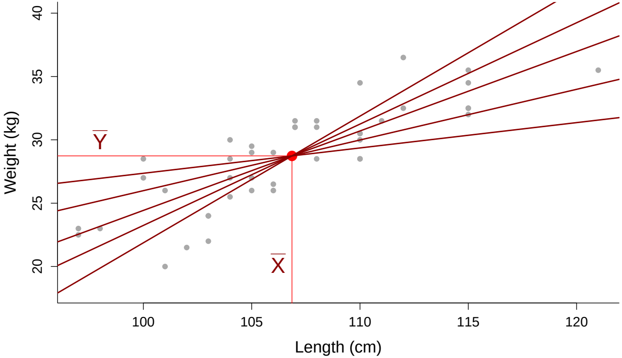

Implies that the regression line goes through $\overline{X}$ and $\overline{Y}$.

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Plug in $a = \overline{Y} - b\overline{X}$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_i - (\overline{Y} - b\overline{X} + bX_i))X_i &= 0 \\ \sum(Y_iX_i - \overline{Y}X_i) - b\sum(X_i^2 - \overline{X}X_i) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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Rewrite (with some algebra):

$$b = \frac{\sum(Y_i X_i - \overline{Y} X_i - \overline{X} Y_i + \overline{XY})}{\sum(X_i^2 - 2X_i \overline{X} + \overline{X}^2)}$$

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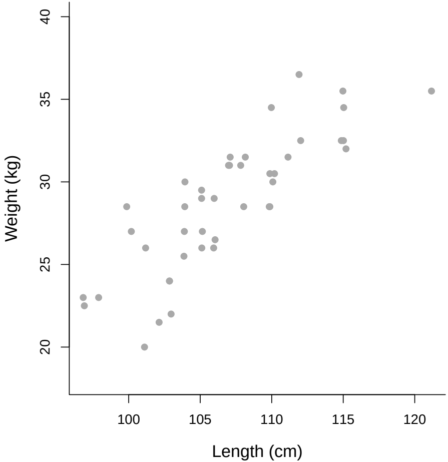

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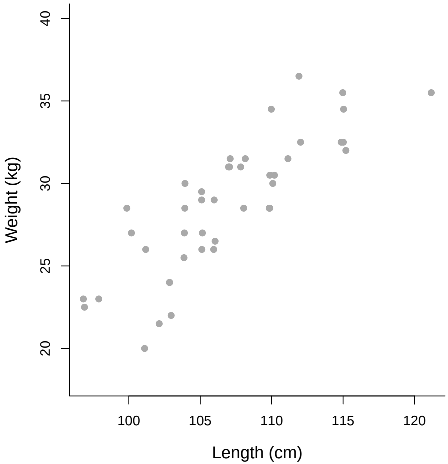

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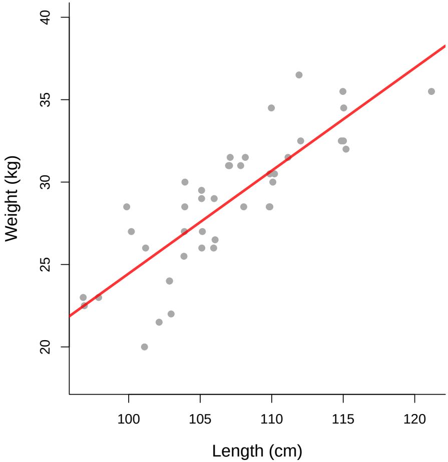

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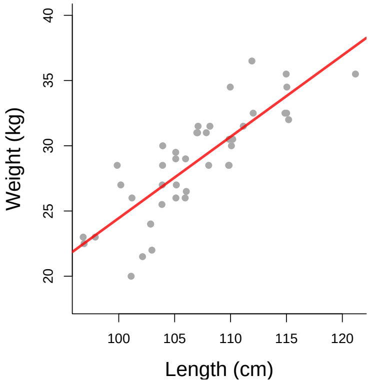

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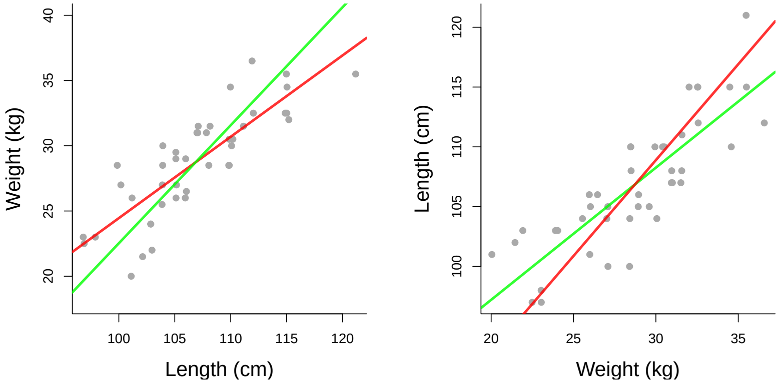

But the relationship is simple:

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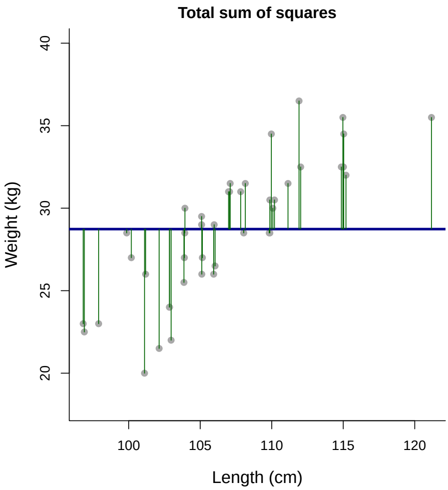

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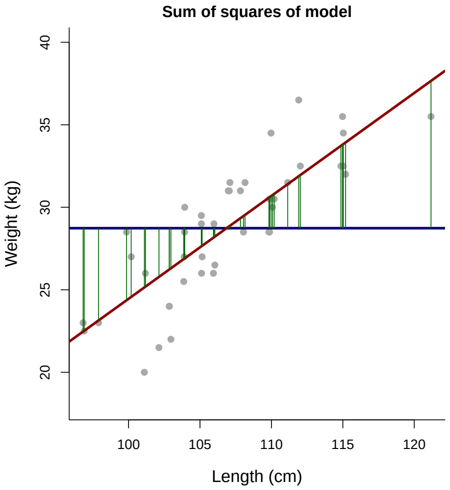

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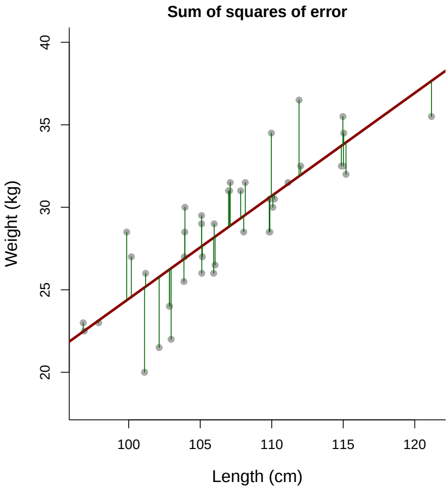

Decomposing the total variance

- We **decompose** the total variation into "explained" and "unexplained" components. So:

$$\text{Total sum of squares} = \text{Regression sum of squares} + \text{Error sum of squares}$$
$$SS_{total} = SS_{model} + SS_{error}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_i - \overline{Y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(\widehat{Y} - \overline{Y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_i - \widehat{Y})^2$$

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after plugging in a and b and lots of (not so fun) algebra

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Linear regression: Pup Example

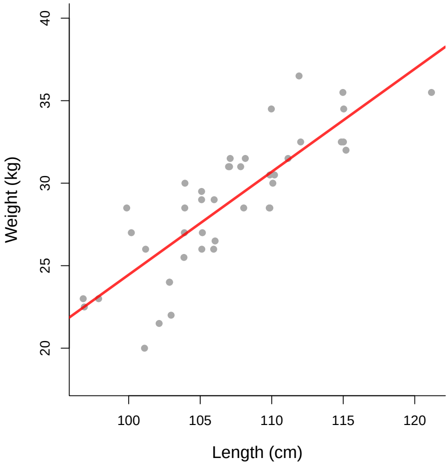
Summary statistics:

$\overline{x} = 106.9$; $s_x = 5.38$
$\overline{y} = 28.7$; $s_y = 4.06$
$r_{xy} = 0.83$

Coefficient of determination:

$r^2 = 0.83^2 = 0.689$

So we conclude: "About 70% of the observed variation in weight is explained by a linear regression against length."

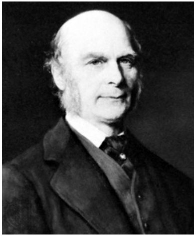


Review of Measures of Association

Name	Definition	Comments
Correlation coefficient	$r_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum \left(\frac{X_i - \overline{X}}{s_x} \right) \left(\frac{Y_i - \overline{Y}}{s_y} \right)$	Unitless, Range: $(-1, 1)$ $r_{xy} = r_{yx}$
Coefficient of determination	$r_{xy}^2 = 1 - \frac{SS_{error}}{SS_{total}} = \frac{SS_{model}}{SS_{total}}$	Unitless, Range: $(0, 1)$ $r_{xy}^2 = r_{yx}^2$
Regression coefficient	$b(Y\|X) = \frac{\sum(X_i - \overline{X})(Y_i - \overline{Y})}{\sum(X_i - \overline{X})^2}$	Units: u_y / u_x Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$ $b(Y\|X) \neq b(X\|Y)$ $b(Y\|X) = b(X\|Y) \frac{s_y^2}{s_x^2}$

Historical roots of Linear Regression

Linear regression owes much to Sir Francis Galton (1822 1911), a half-cousin of Charles Darwin and one of a generation of basically brilliant English Victorian polymaths. He made important contributions to anthropology, geography, meteorology, genetics, psychometrics and statistics.



Galton was really, really into counting and quantifying things. He noted that 'exceptional' parents produce more 'mediocre' children (and, interestingly, vice versa!). Hence the idea of 'regression' (as in regression to mediocrity). This slightly misleading name has stuck to a very useful statistical tool to this day.

His contributions were truly many and diverse (note: the questionnaire! the dog whistle! forensic fingerprinting! the Galton-Watson stochastic process!) Fortunately, some of his greatest passions, *eugenics* and *phrenology*, never got too far off the ground.