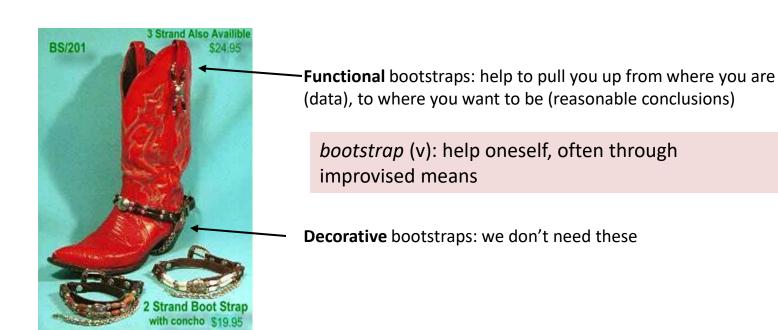


Bootstrapping

- Classical statistical inference relies on
 - Distributional assumptions, e.g., $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$
 - Asymptotic results, e.g., in SEM: $F_{ML} \sim \chi 2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Bootstrapping is a non-parametric approach to inference that substitutes computation for assumptions



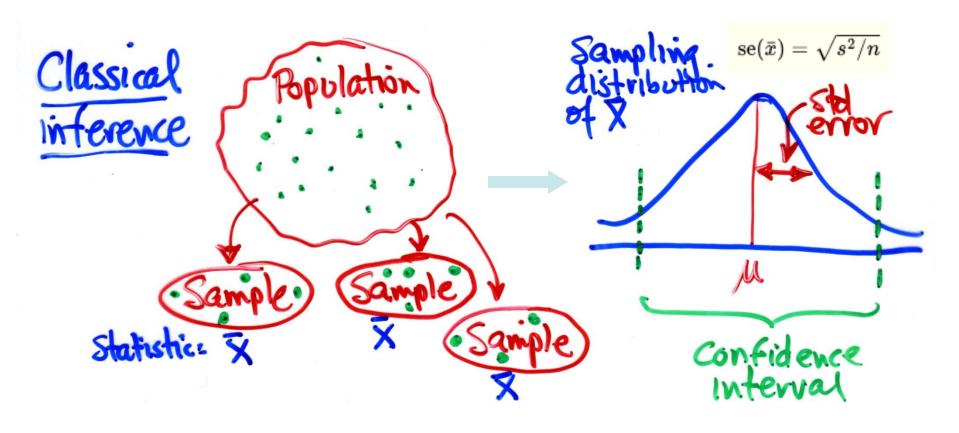
Bootstrapping

- Can provide more accurate inferences when data is badly behaved or n is small
 - linear models, SEM, ...
- Can be applied when no sampling theory is available
 - Tests of equality of ratios: $(y_1/x_1) = (y_2/x_2)$
 - fMRI studies: differences among patterns of brain activation
 - Shoeless Joe Jackson: how did he hit in clutch situations?
- Can be applied to complex data-collection plans (stratified/clustered samples)

More general ideas: Resampling

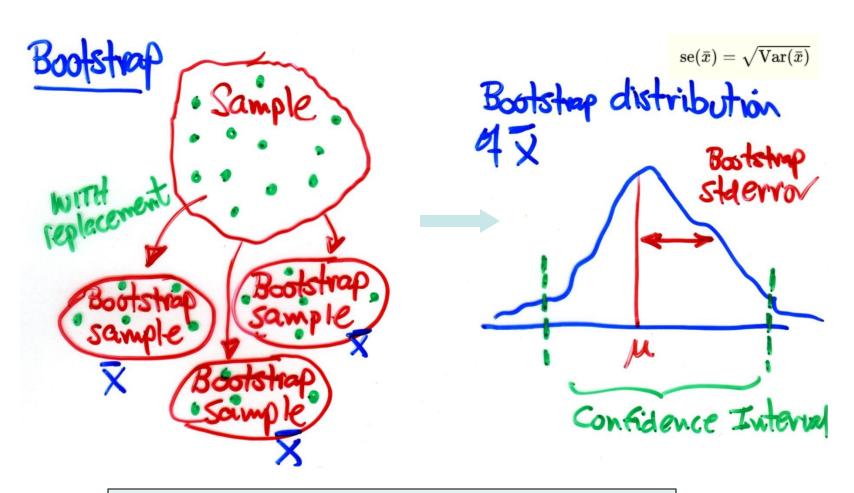
- The bootstrap is an example of the general idea of resampling from an original data set for statistical inference
- Other examples:
 - Jackknife: leave-one-out analysis
 - Cross-validation: choosing optimal model fitting parameters
 - Permutation tests: totally non-parametric
- Uses:
 - Std errors, CIs with small samples
 - Subset selection in linear models
 - Dealing with missing data
 - Complex algorithms: ML neural networks

Classical statistical inference



Here, we rely on statistical theory (CLT) & assumptions (independence, normality, constant variance) to take us to the sampling distribution of the statistic of interest.

Bootstrap



Key idea:

Population is to the sample

AS

Sample is to the bootstrap sample

R Packages

ungevis Tools for visualizing uncertainty with ggplot2

- bootstrapper()
- stat_smooth_draws()
- Animations over bootstrap samples

<u>rsample</u> Tidy resampling methods

- Random, stratified, grouped resampling
- Cross validation (train, test)
- Bootstrapping
 - bootstraps()
 - purr::map() over samples
 - CI methods
 - plots

Bootstrap resampling demo

```
# devtools::install_github("wilkelab/ungeviz")
library(ungeviz)
bs <- bootstrapper(3)  # create 3 draws
(draws <- bs(data.frame(letter = LETTERS[1:4])))</pre>
```

The bootstrapper function creates a function to create bootstrap samples
-- here 3 draws of 4 letters

```
# A tibble: 12 x 6
# Groups: .draw [3]
   .draw .id .original id letter .copies
                                         .row
  <int> <int>
                    1 A
                                           1
 2
 3
 4
            4
 5
 6
 8
 9
                        1 A
            2
10
                        2 B
                                          10
                        3 C
11
                                          11
12
                                          12
            4
```

letter is the data value.

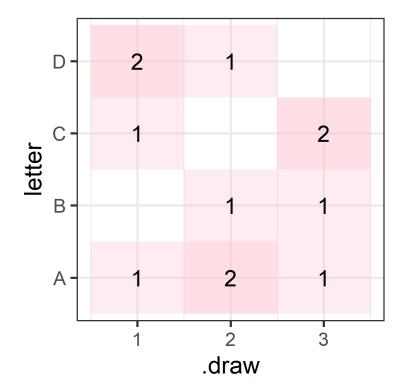
Other variables identify all aspects of the bootstrap

Code: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/friendly/6135/refs/heads/master/R/bootstrap-demo.R

Bootstrap resampling demo

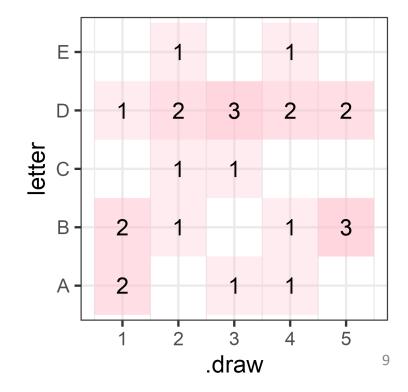
```
ggplot(draws, aes(x=.draw, y=letter)) +
    geom_tile(fill="pink", alpha=0.3) +
    geom_text(aes(label=.copies), size=6)
```

Each tile shows the number of times that letter was picked in a given .draw



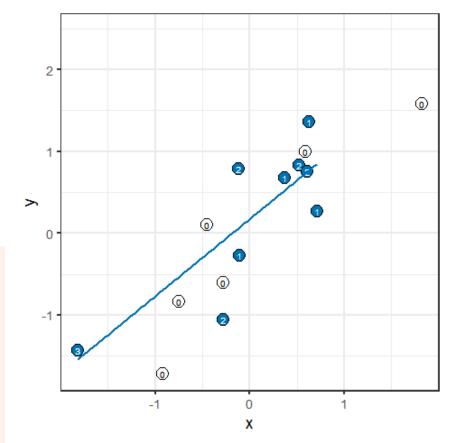
The same for 5 draws of LETTERS[1:5]

```
bs2 <- bootstrapper(5)
draws2 <- bs2(data.frame(letter = LETTERS[1:5]))
```



Regression illustration

Animated plot, by .draw:

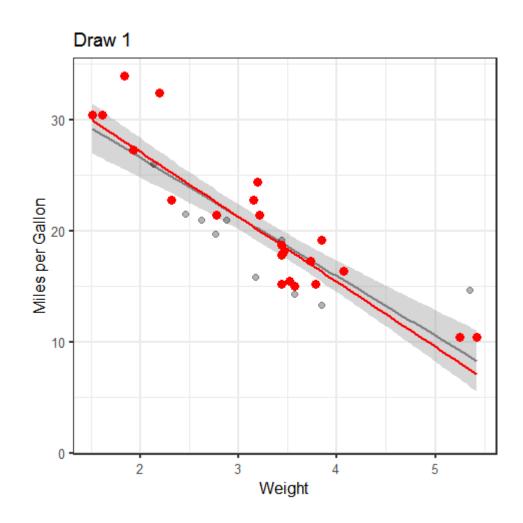


Bootstrapped confidence bands

The same method can be used to illustrate the uncertainty around the regression line, as reflected in the confidence band

However, the std conf. band is calculated using classical normal theory

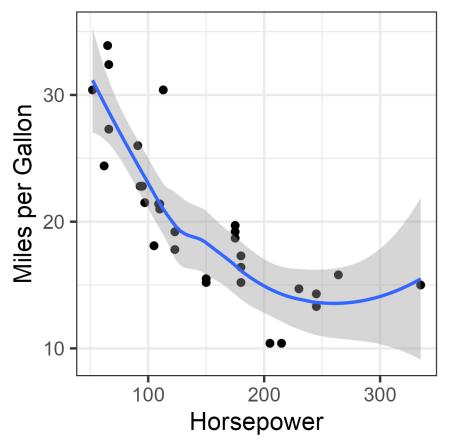
The bootstrapped fits trace out an empirical confidence band.



Non-linear relations: smoothing

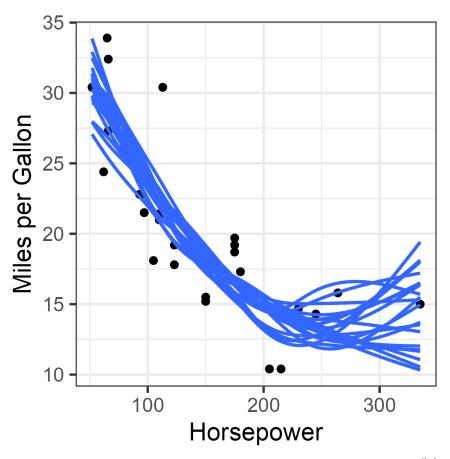
We know how to use loess to estimate a non-parametric smoothed curve There is also theory that allows calculation of a (approx.) confidence envelope

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(hp, mpg)) +
  geom_point(size = 2) +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess") +
  labs(x = "Horsepower",
     y = "Miles per Gallon")
```



Resampling: smooth draws

Instead, resampling methods generate outcome draws from a smooth fit using mgcv::gam(). The collection of draws provide an empirical confidence envelope

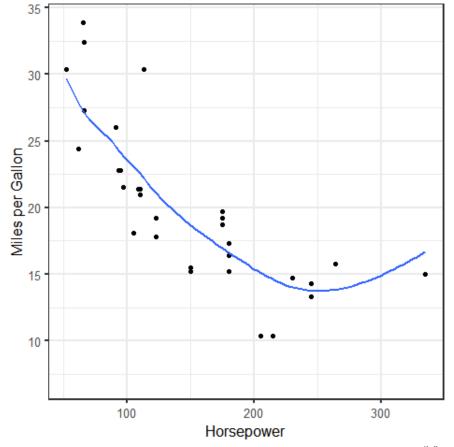


Resampling: smooth draws

Animation shows how the collection of sampled smooths develop over time. The animation transitions over draws (.draw)

shadow_trail() keeps the previous curves

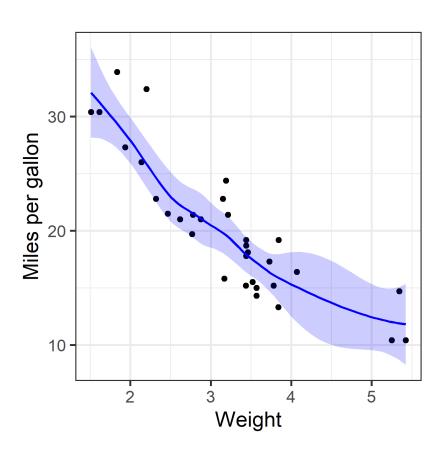
```
plt +
transition_states(stat(.draw)) +
enter_fade() +
exit_fade(alpha=0.8) +
shadow_trail()
```



Bootstrapping models

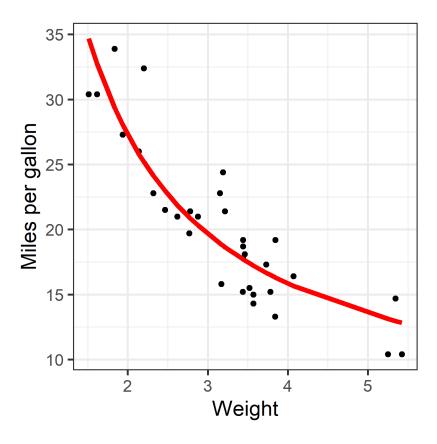
Rather than fitting a nonparametric smoothed curve, we might want to fit a parametric but nonlinear model, perhaps for substantive interpretation

loess: nonparametric



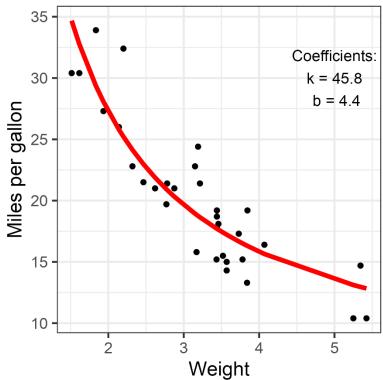
An inverse relation:

$$y = \frac{k}{x} + b$$



Nonlinear model: nls()

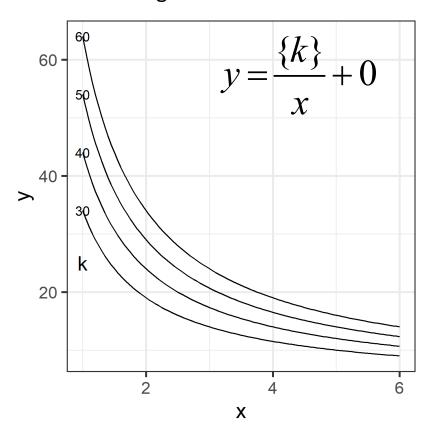
This uses stats::nls() to fit nonlinear models There is also a {nlstools} package (that does bootstrapping)



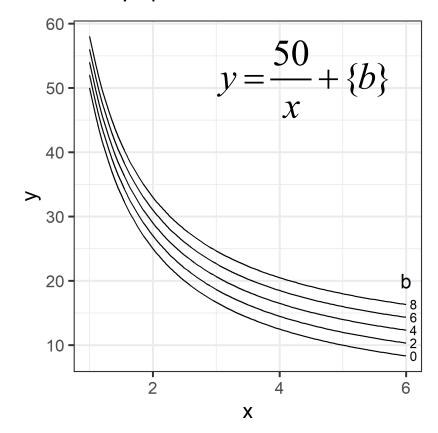
Inverse model

What are the parameters in this model?

k: starting value



b: asymptote



rsample package



```
set.seed(27)
boots <- bootstraps(mtcars, times = 500)</pre>
boots
# Bootstrap sampling
# A tibble: 500 x 2
  splits
                  id
  t) <chr>
 1 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap001
 2 <split [32/12]> Bootstrap002
 3 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap003
4 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap004
 5 <split [32/11]> Bootstrap005
6 <split [32/14]> Bootstrap006
7 <split [32/11]> Bootstrap007
8 <split [32/8]> Bootstrap008
9 <split [32/11]> Bootstrap009
10 <split [32/13]> Bootstrap010
# ... with 490 more rows
```

Generate 'times' bootstrapped samples

{rsample} provides a more general approach, allowing cross-validation

For bootstrapping, each split[n/m] contains:

[n] sample with replacement[/m] items **not** selected in thatsample

rsample package



Schema for bootstrapping using the rsample package

```
set.seed(42)
boots <- bootstraps(data, times = 2000)</pre>
# specify the model
mod \leftarrow as.formula(y \sim x1 + x2 + x3)
# function to fit for one <split>
fit <- function(split, ...) {</pre>
 glm(mod, data = analysis(split))
# run the bootstrap
boot models <- boots |>
mutate(model = map(splits, fit),
       coefs = map(model, tidy))
# Confidence intervals
int pctl(boot models, coefs)
int_bca(boot_models, coefs)
int t(boot models, coefs)
```

Generate 'times' bootstrapped samples, indexed by splits

Scheme to fit the model for one bootstrap sample. analysis() extracts the data.

Generates a **nested** data structure containing <model>, <coefs> for each split

Functions to calculate confidence intervals from the bootstrapped models

Running the bootstrap

```
fit_nls<- function(split) {
    nls(mpg ~ k / wt + b,
        data= analysis(split),
        start = list(k = 1, b = 0))
}</pre>
```

Create a helper function to fit an nls() model on each bootstrap sample.

rsample::analysis() extracts that sample.

Use purrr::map() to apply this function to all the bootstrap samples at once. Similarly, create a column of tidy coefficients

```
boot_coefs <-
  boot_models |>
  unnest(coef_info)
```

Extract the coefficients for all models

Bootstrapped coefficients

The result is a nested data frame of coefficient statistics for each bootstrap sample

```
> boot coefs
# A tibble: 1,000 x 8
  splits
                 id
                             model term estimate std.error statistic
  t>
                             t> <chr>
                                            <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
                 <chr>>
                                                      3.49
1 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap001 <nls> k
                                            47.1
                                                              13.5
                                                                    2.74e-14
2 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap001 <nls>
                                             3.60
                                                      1.23 2.92 6.62e- 3
3 <split [32/12]> Bootstrap002 <nls> k
                                            50.0
                                                      5.64 8.87 6.95e-10
4 <split [32/12]> Bootstrap002 <nls>
                                             3.29
                                                      2.09
                                                              1.57 1.26e- 1
5 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap003 <nls>
                                            42.0
                                                      4.38 9.59 1.20e-10
6 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap003 <nls>
                                             5.89
                                                      1.51 3.89 5.20e- 4
7 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap004 <nls> k
                                            56.7
                                                      5.01
                                                             11.3
                                                                    2.36e-12
8 <split [32/10]> Bootstrap004 <nls>
                                             1.49
                                                      1.75 0.852 4.01e- 1
9 <split [32/11]> Bootstrap005 <nls> k
                                            48.6
                                                      3.22
                                                              15.1
                                                                    1.48e-15
10 <split [32/11]> Bootstrap005 <nls> b
                                                      1.22
                                                              2.46 1.98e- 2
                                             3.01
# ... with 990 more rows
```

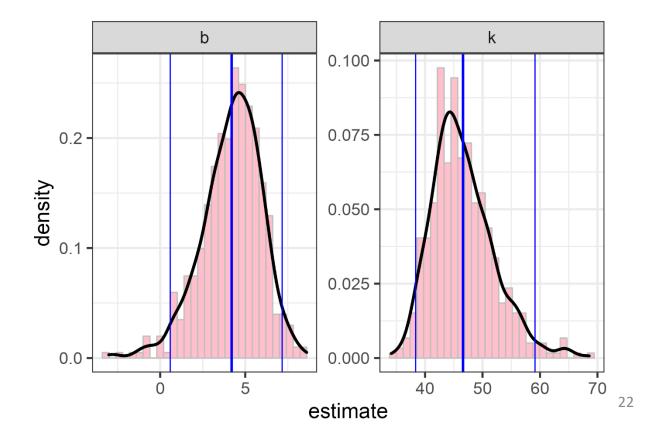
From this we can find confidence intervals (& test hypotheses)

Percentile intervals use the (.025, .975) quantiles, but require >1000 samples

Bootstrapped distributions

Plots of bootstrapped coefficients show their shape

-- not quite normal as assumed by std theory



Scatterplot of coefficients

Finally, a fancy scatterplot of the joint distribution of the (b, k) estimates

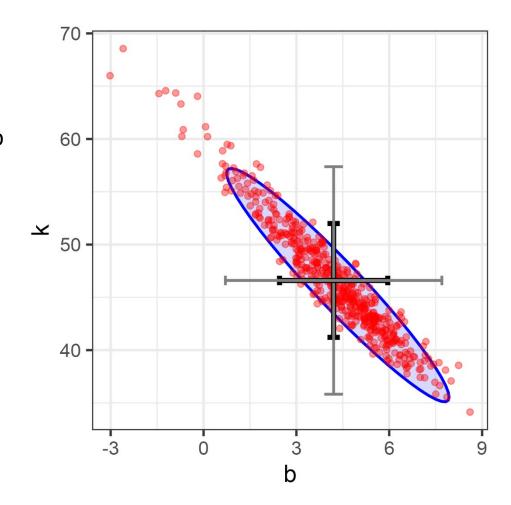
How did I do this?

Processing:

- 1. spread coefs -> wide to plot k ~ b
- 2. find means, se of b & k

Plotting:

- ellipse: stat_ellipse()
- 2. geom point() after ellipse!
- 3. geom_errorbar(): se * (1, 2)



```
# 1. pivot wider
boot_coefs_wide <- boot_coefs %>%
  select(id, term, estimate) %>%
  tidyr::pivot_wider(
          names_from = term,
          values_from = estimate)
```

```
> boot coefs wide
# A tibble: 500 \times 3
  id
                   k
  <chr>
               <dbl> <dbl>
 1 Bootstrap001 47.1 3.60
 2 Bootstrap002 50.0 3.29
 3 Bootstrap003 42.0 5.89
4 Bootstrap004 56.7 1.49
 5 Bootstrap005 48.6 3.01
 6 Bootstrap006 42.7 4.46
 7 Bootstrap007 49.1 3.56
8 Bootstrap008 49.6 3.19
9 Bootstrap009 51.8 2.66
10 Bootstrap010 54.0 1.94
# ... with 490 more rows
```

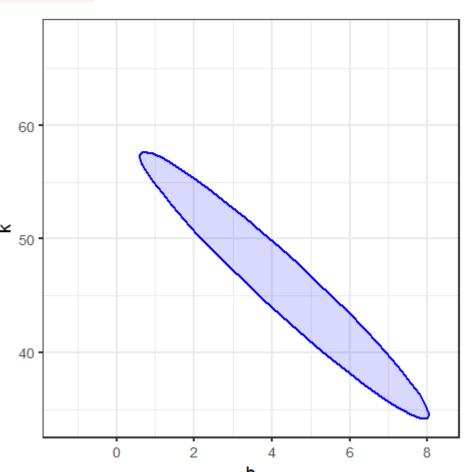
```
# 2. find means , se of b & k
mean_se <- boot_coefs_wide %>%
   summarise(
    sk = sd(k),    sb = sd(b),
    k = mean(k),    b = mean(b))
```

```
> mean_se, digits=4
        sk        sb        k        b
1 5.511 1.737 46.37 4.204
```

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Error bars

Redraw error bars at m ± 2 sd, but thinner



Visualize the fitted curves

Use augment() to visualize the uncertainty in the fitted curve

Use sample_n() to plot only 200

```
ggplot(boot_aug, aes(wt, mpg)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = .fitted, group = id),
      alpha = 0.1) +
  geom_line(data=mtcars,
      aes(x = wt, y = predict(nlsfit)), color="red") +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "Weight", y = "Miles per gallon")
```

