Introduction to Linear Modelling

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Your thoughts about linear regression

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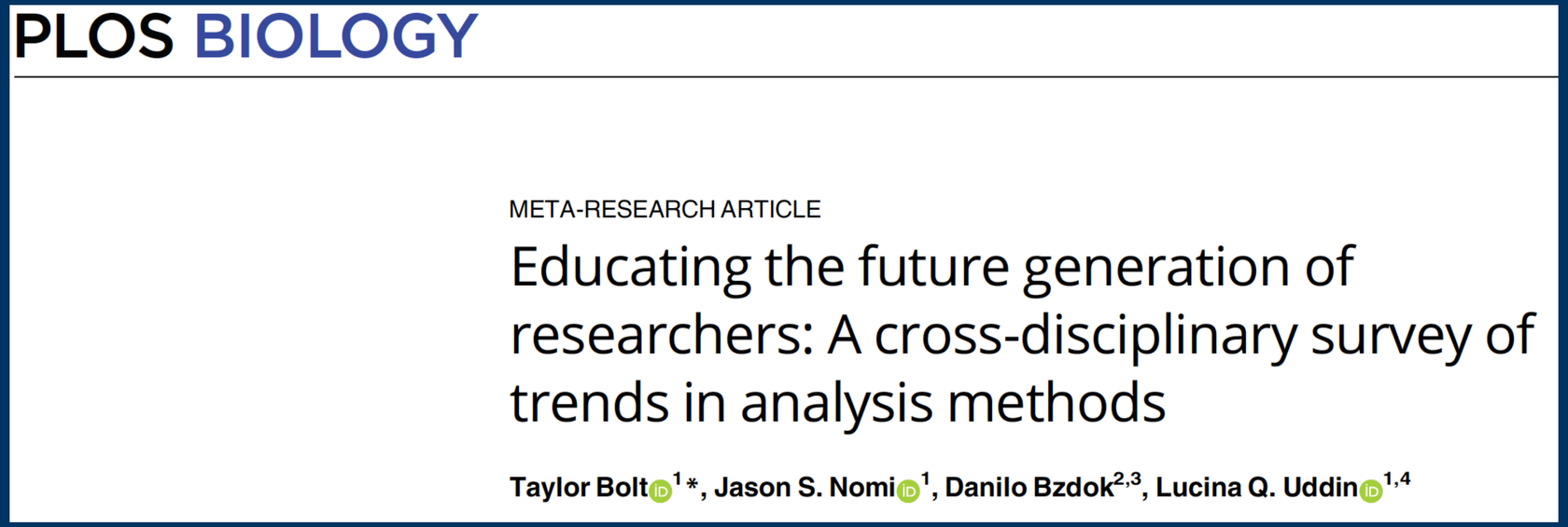

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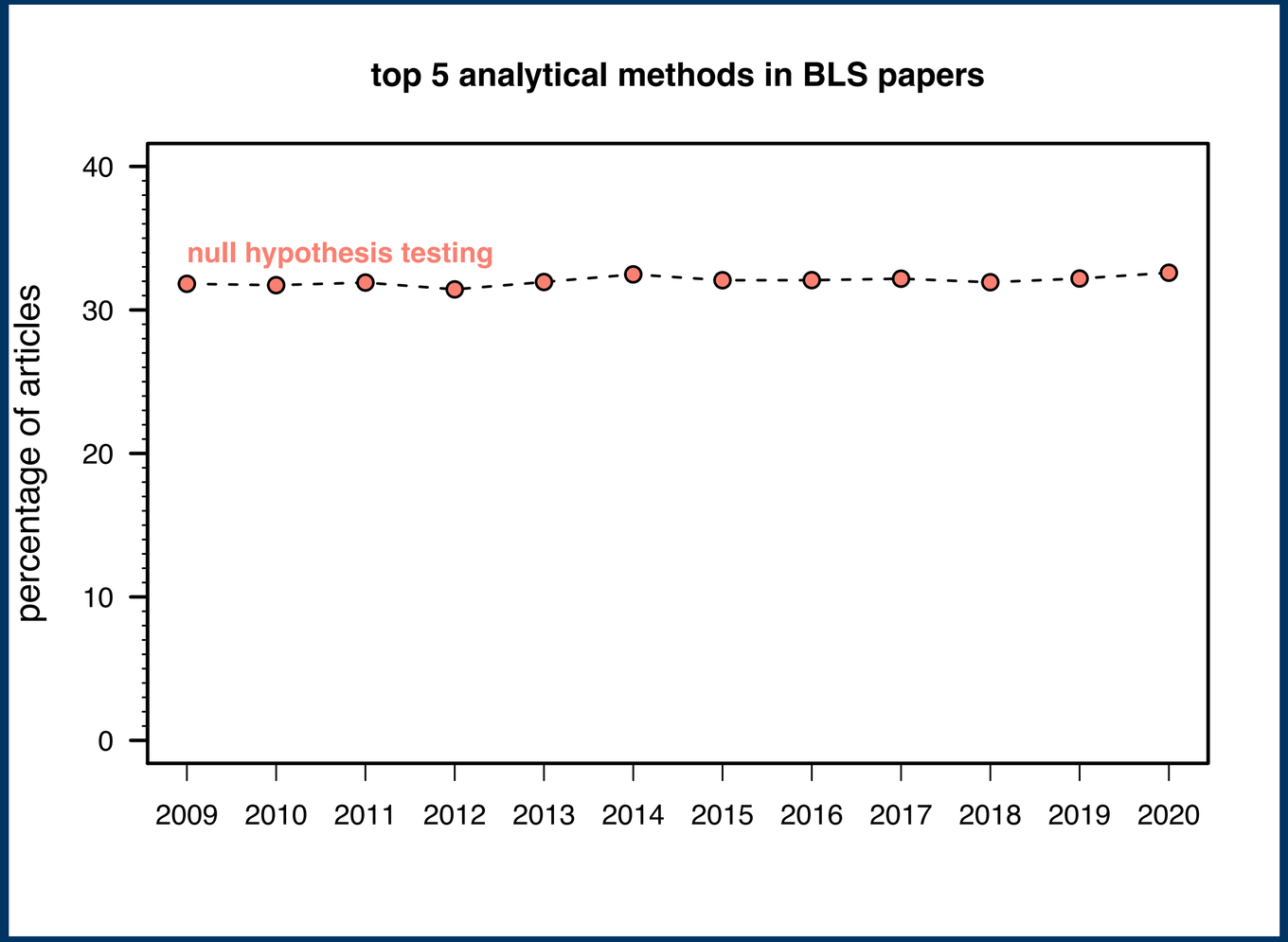

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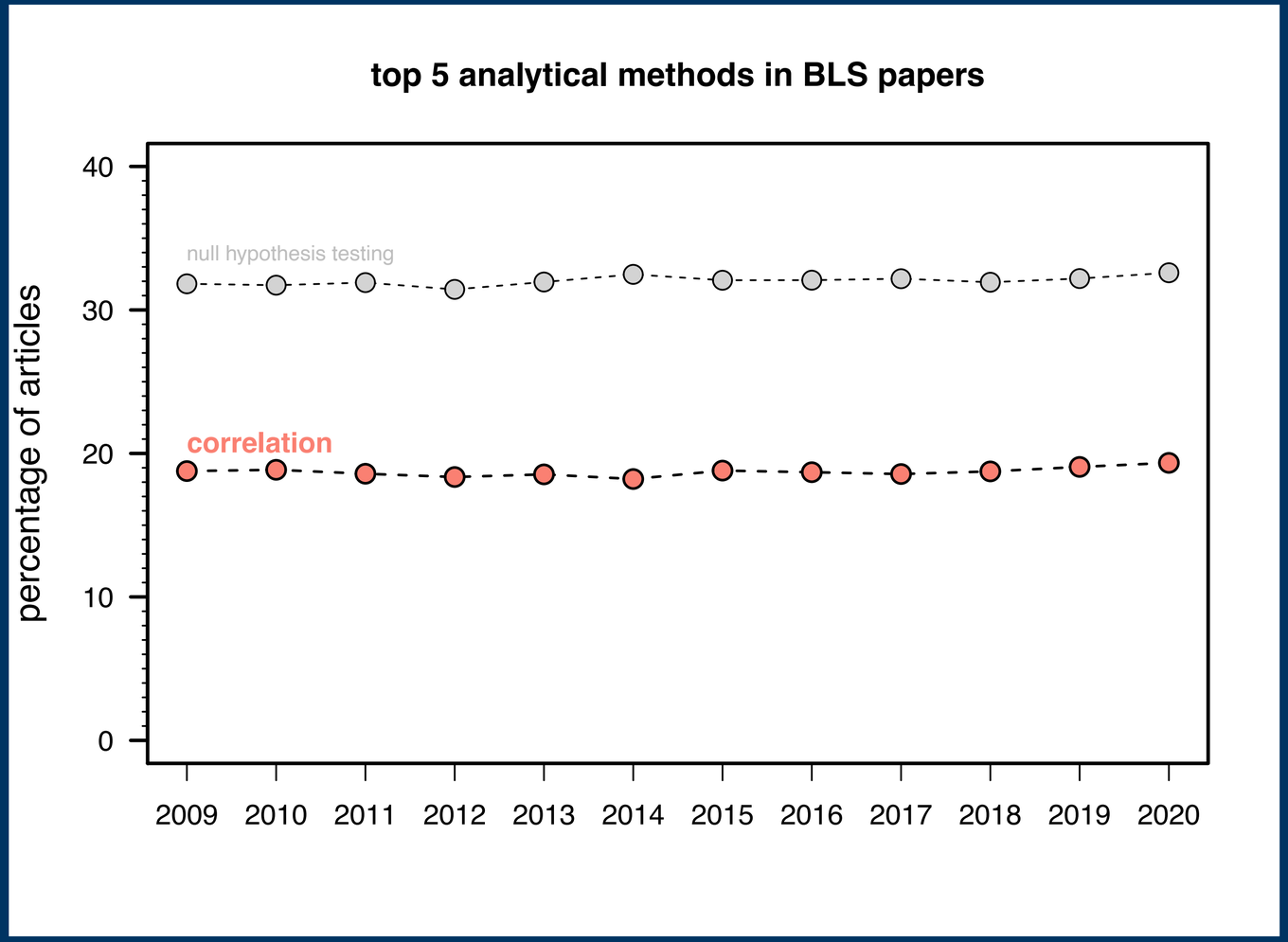

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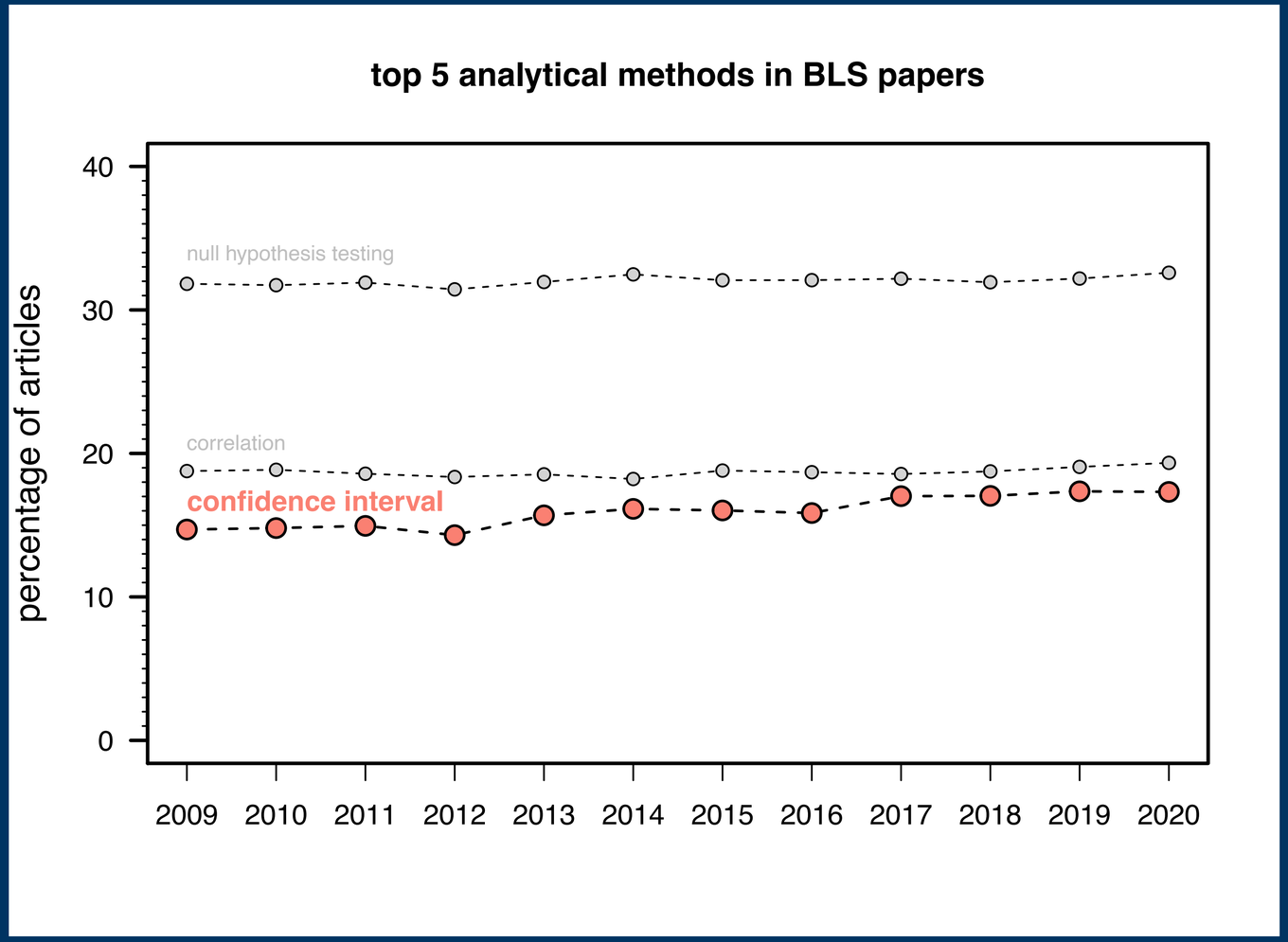

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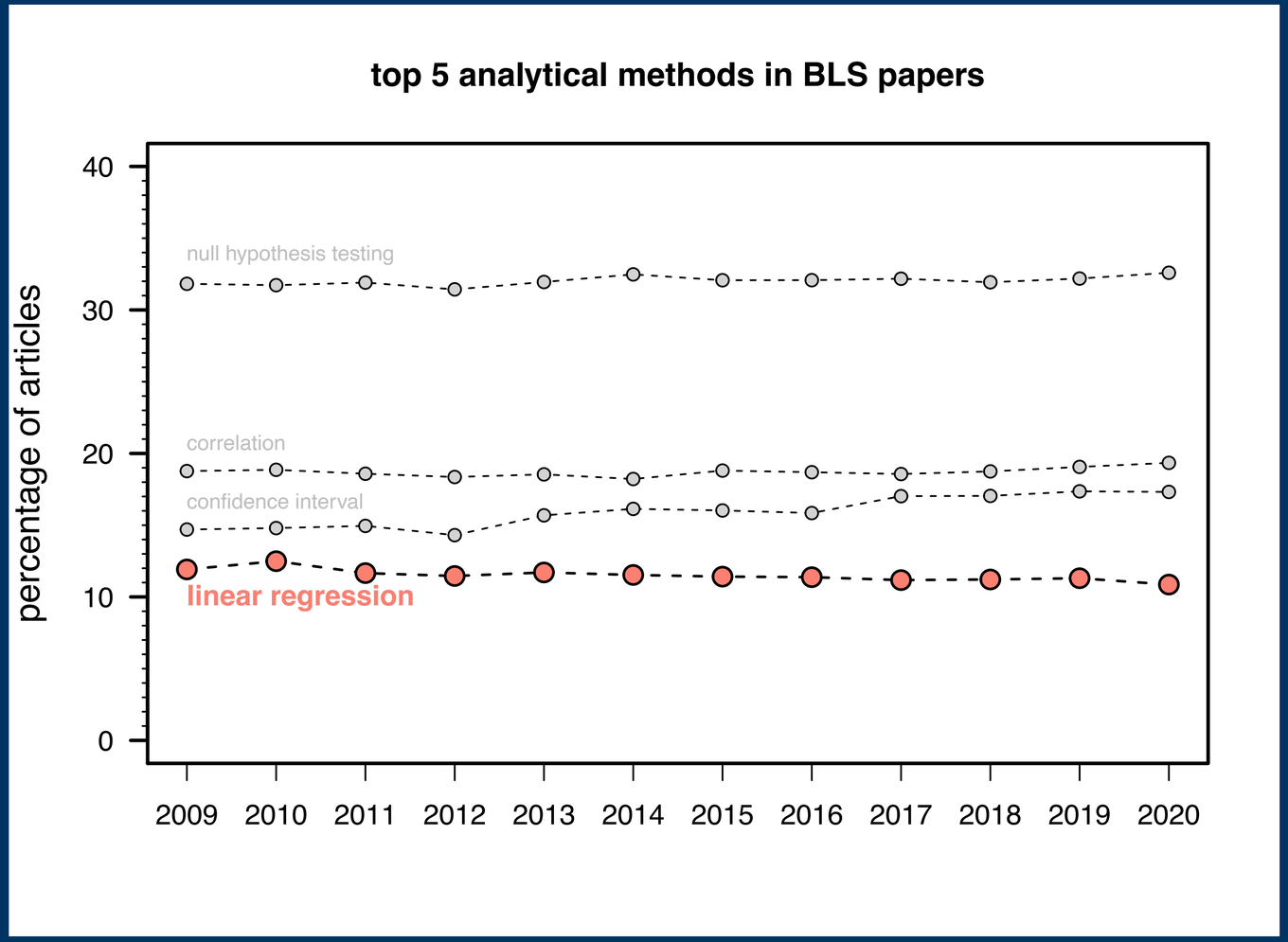

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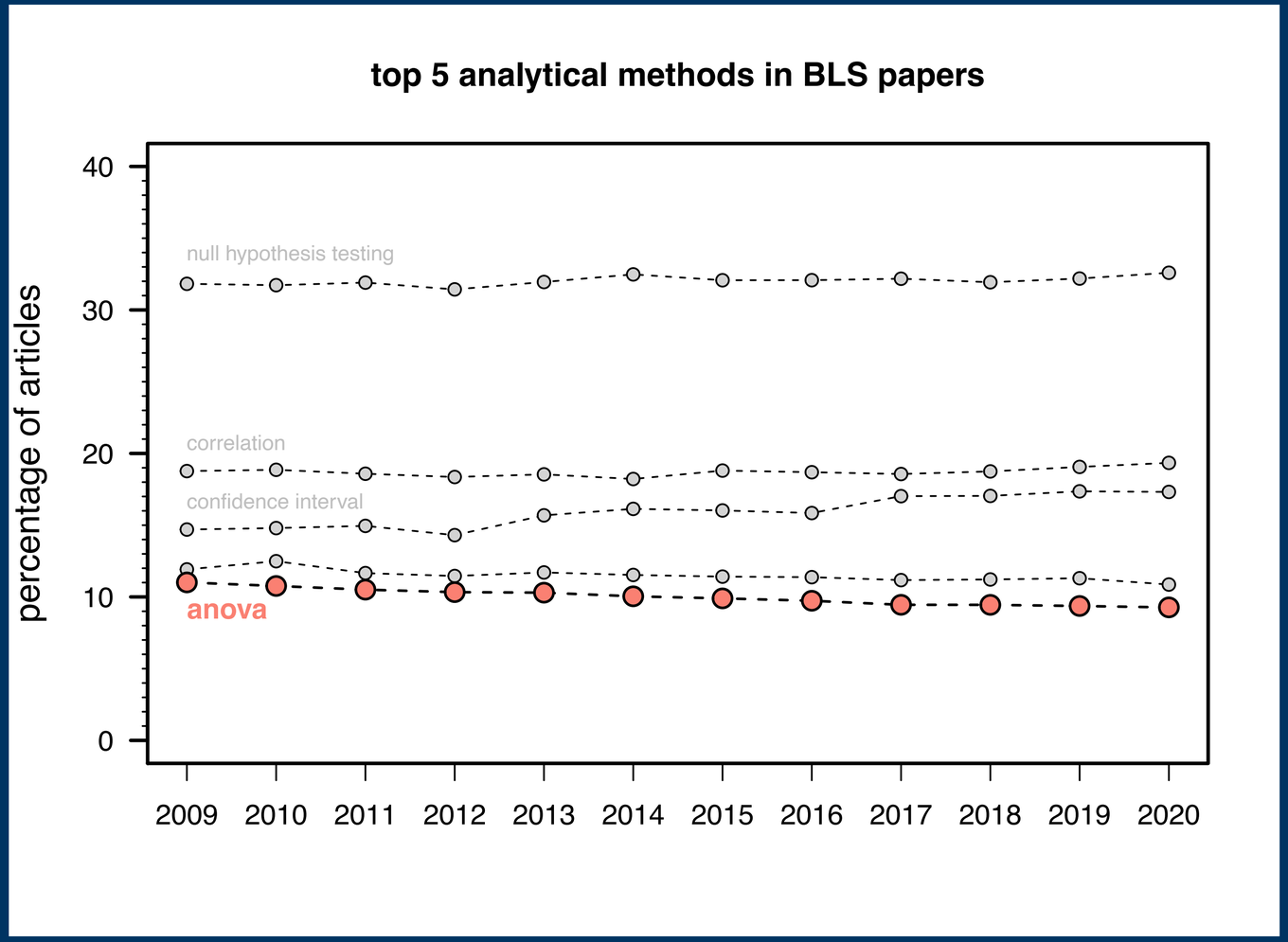
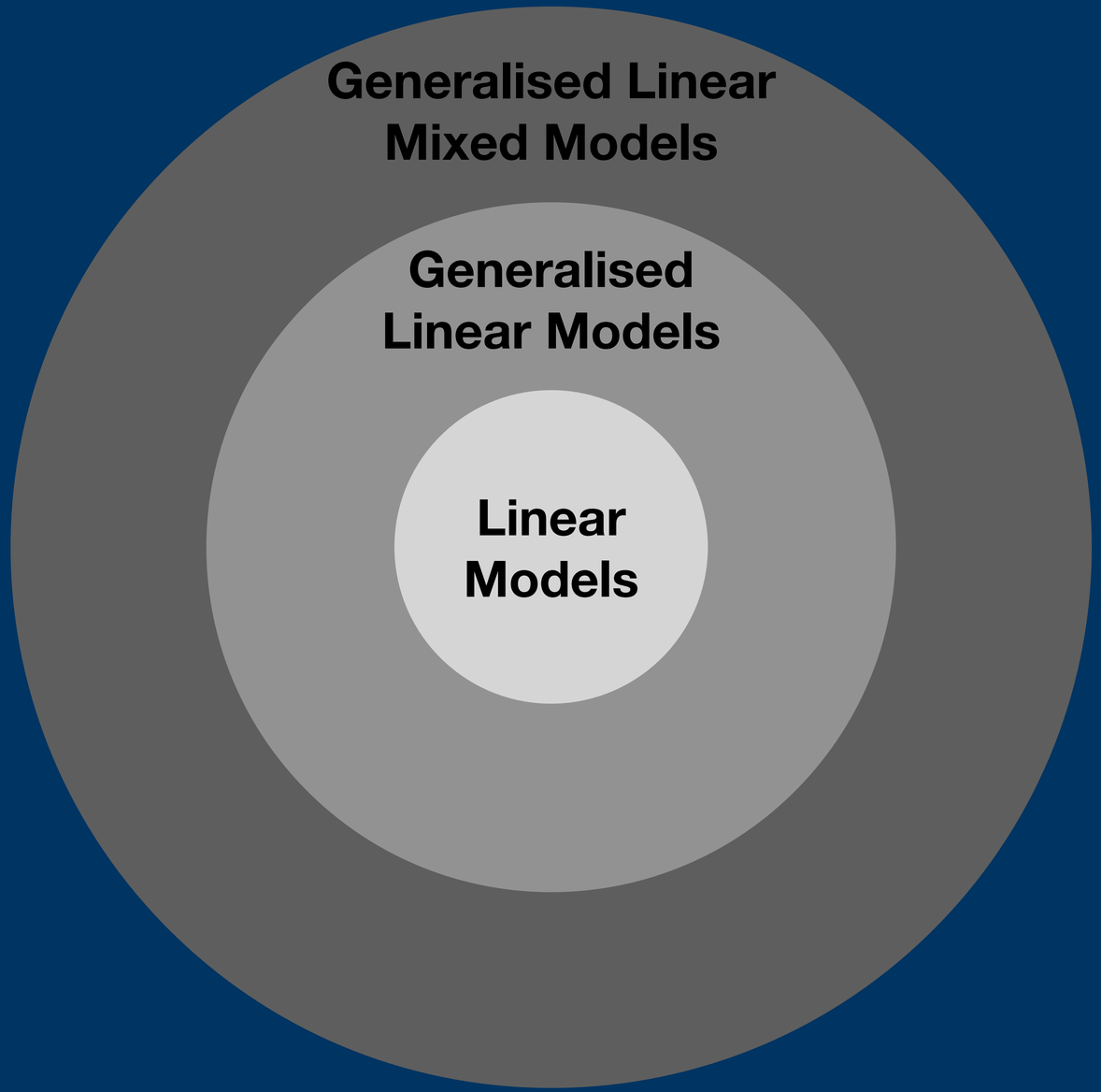


Linear regression as a foundation for more complex models



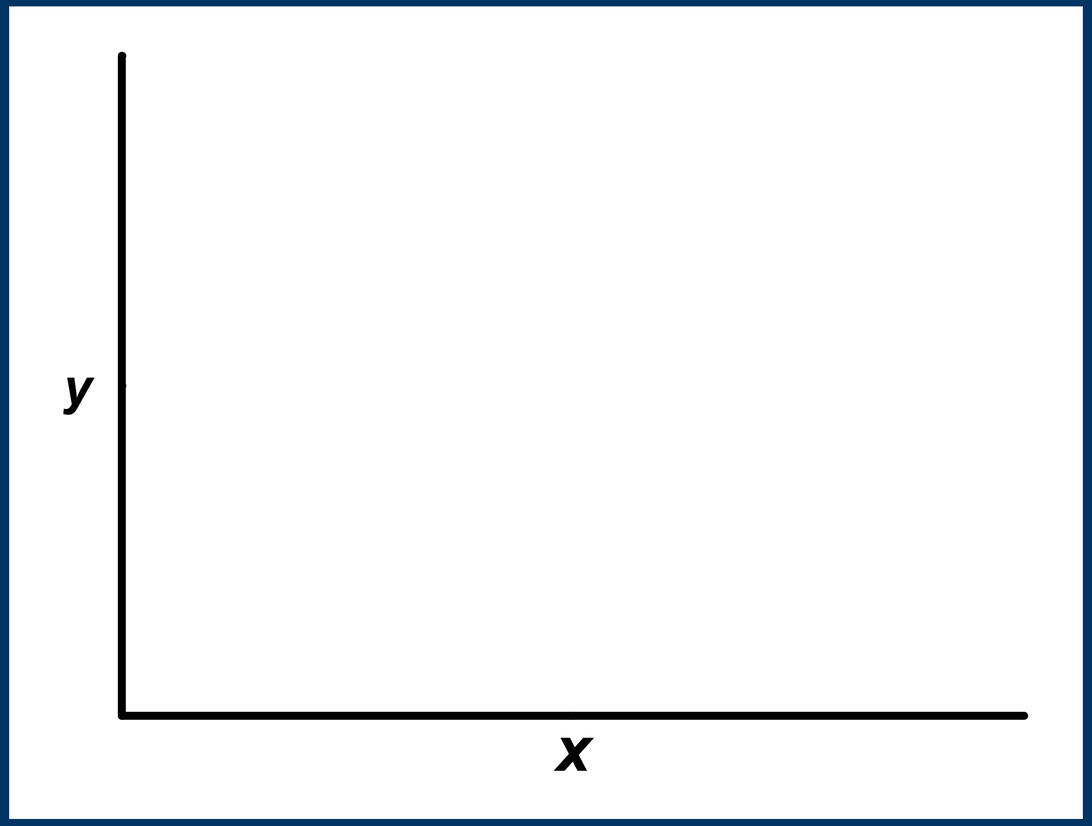
Objectives

Touch-base on simple linear regression

- How to estimate parameters?
- How to interpret the results?
- How to be cautious in reporting?

Use R to conduct data analysis

Study of the relationship between x and y



Simple linear regression

$$y = a + bx$$

$y =$ response variable

dependent variable

outcome variable

$x =$ explicative variable

independent variable

covariate/predictor

feature

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a = intercept

b = slope

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Footnote

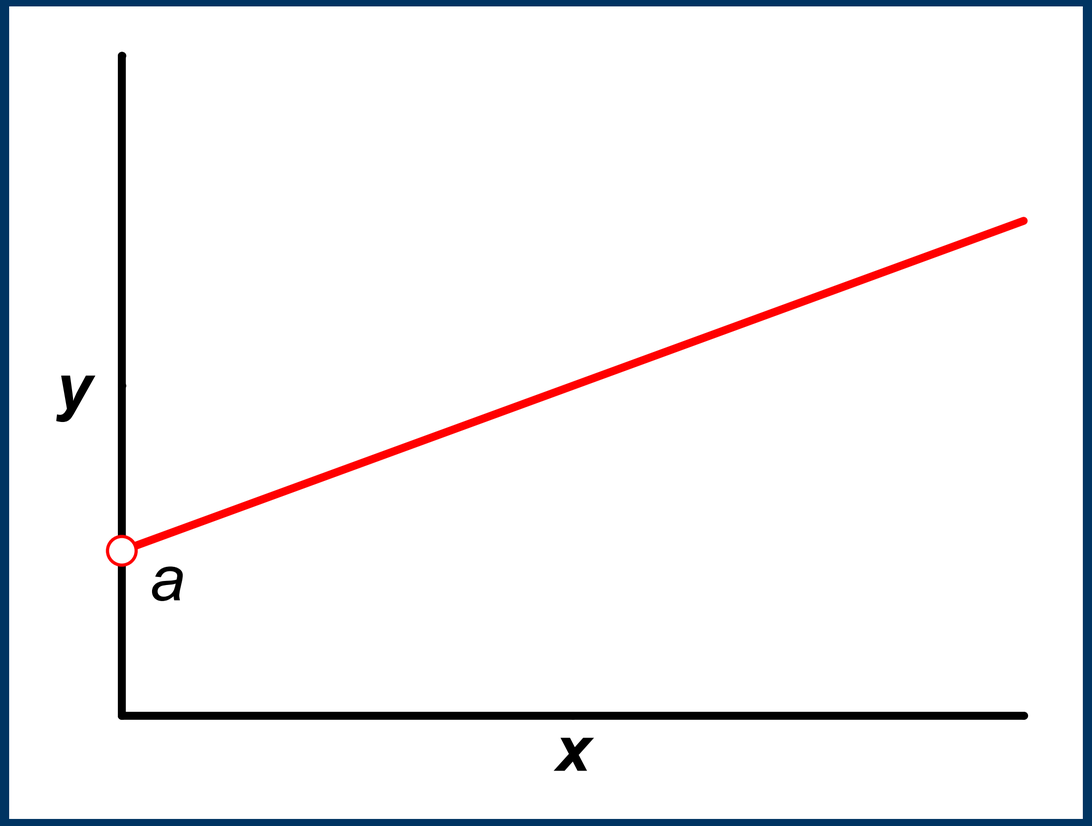
$$y = \alpha + \beta x$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

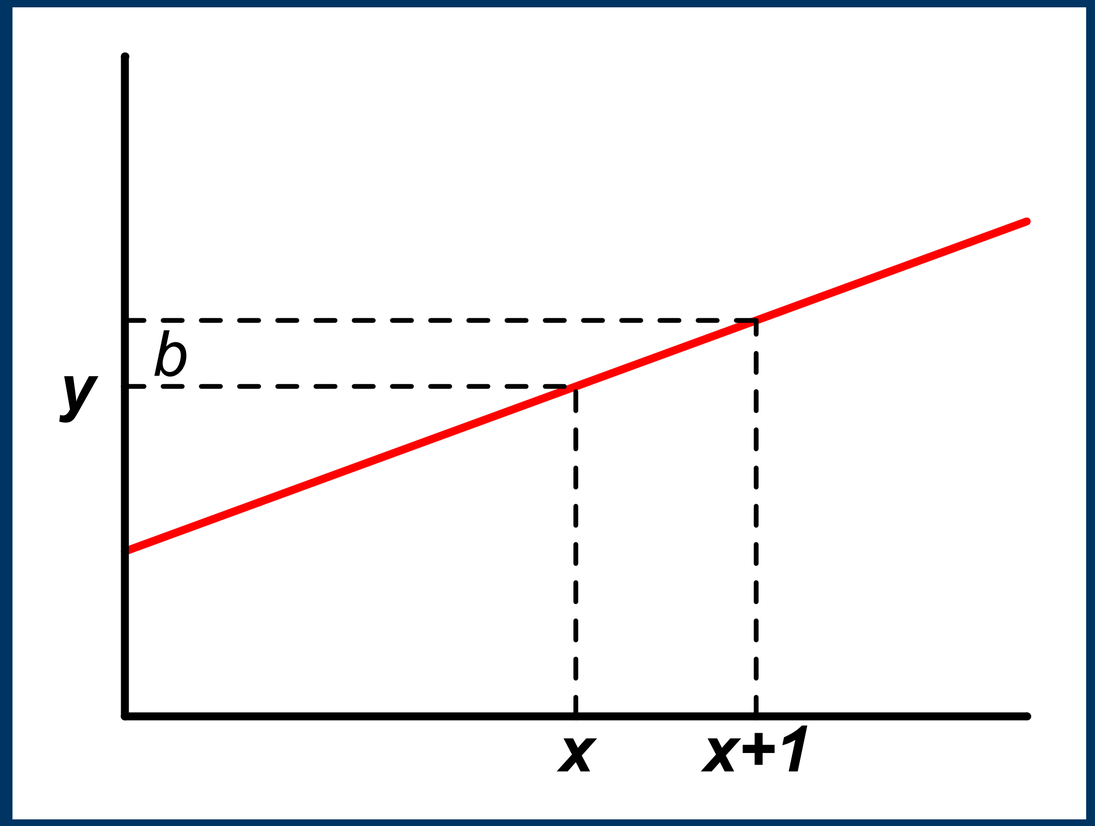
Statisticians/Mathematicians

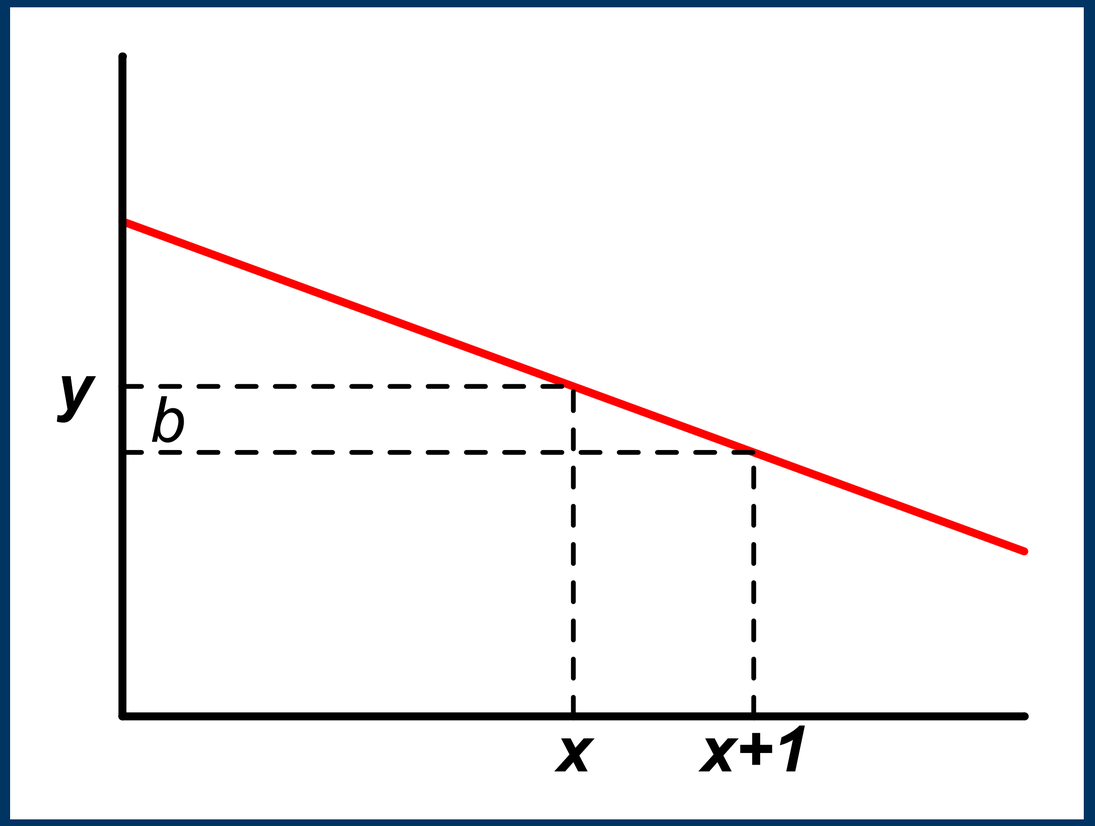
What is the advantage of writing the equation like this?

What does the intercept represent?



What does the slope represent?





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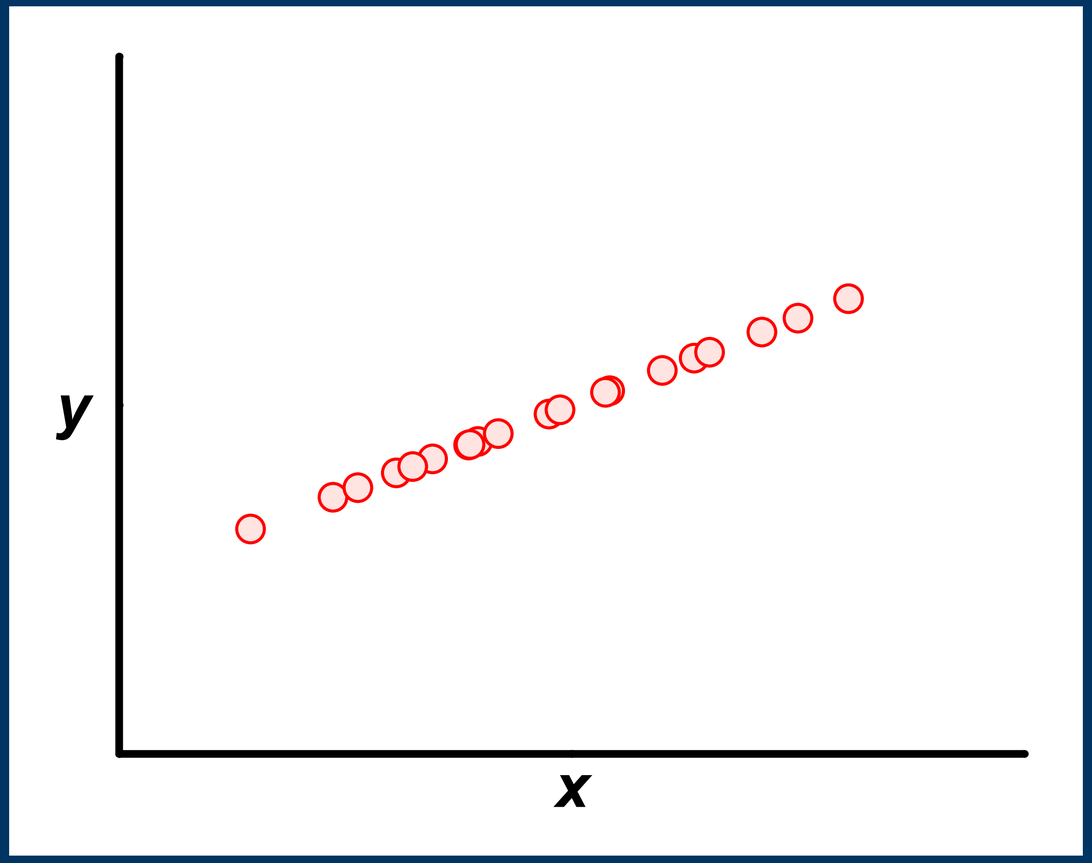
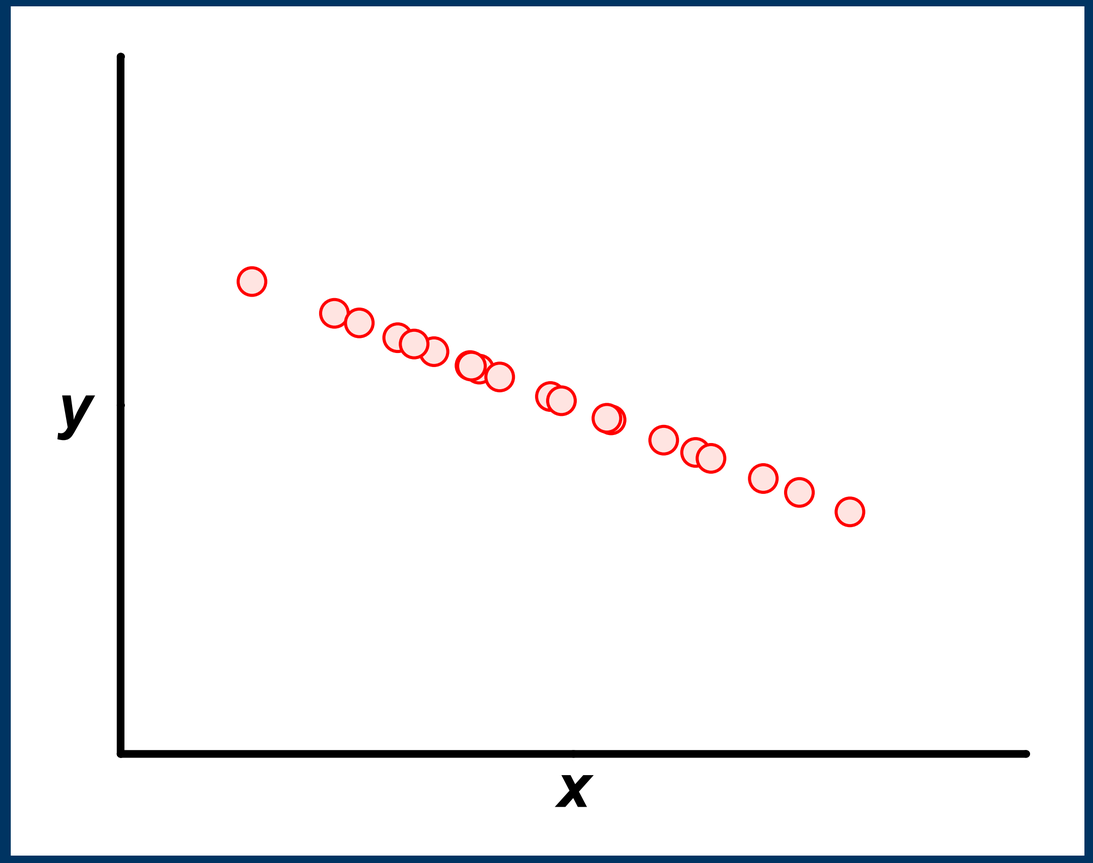
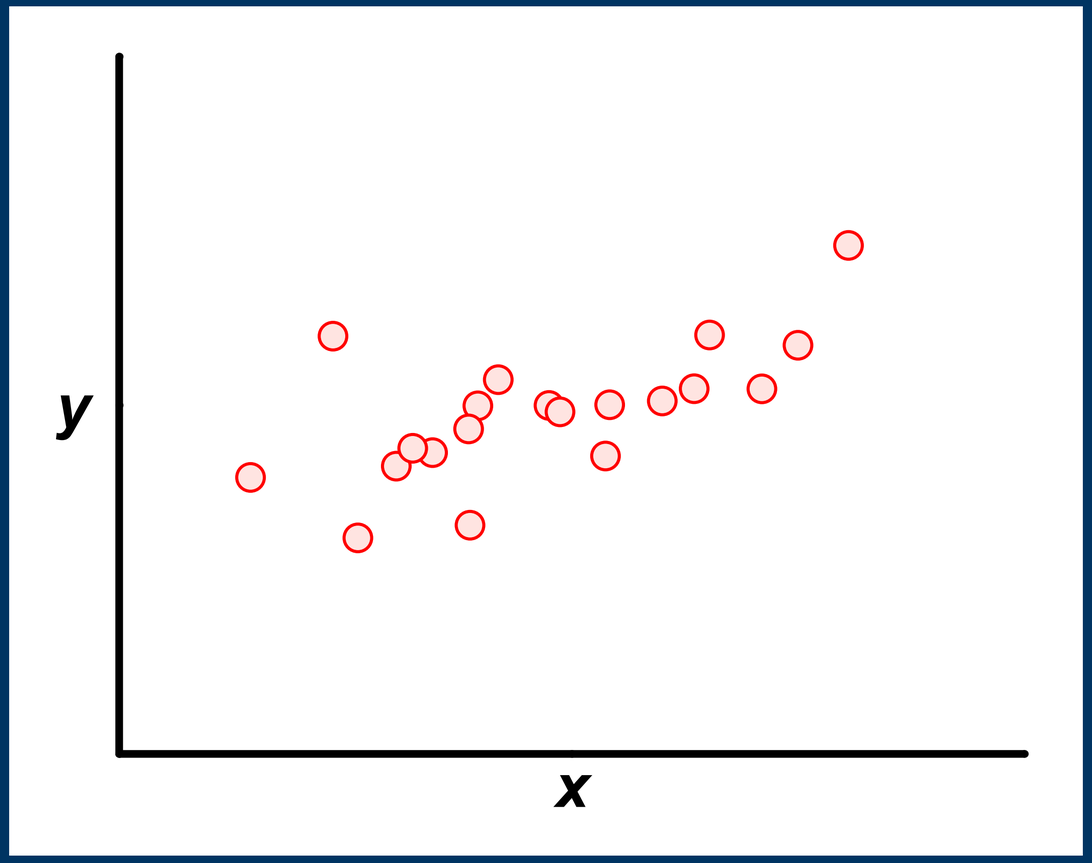
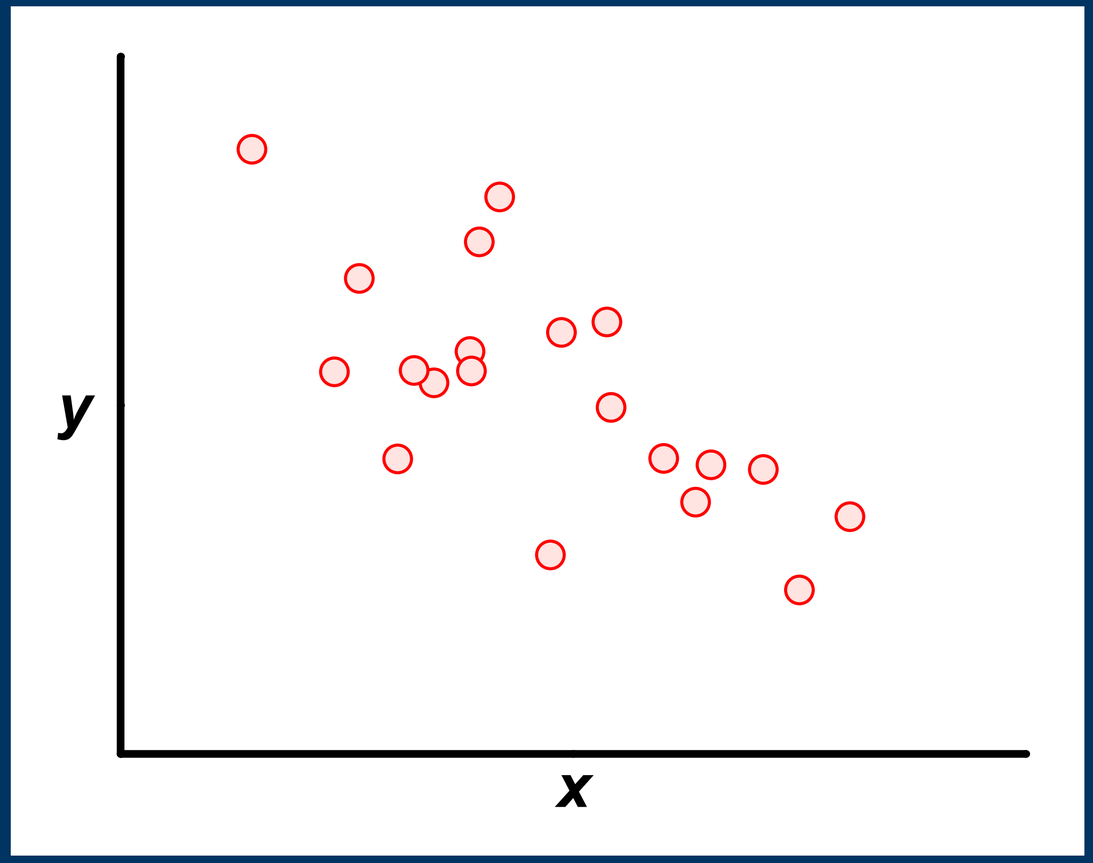




In a not-so-perfect world





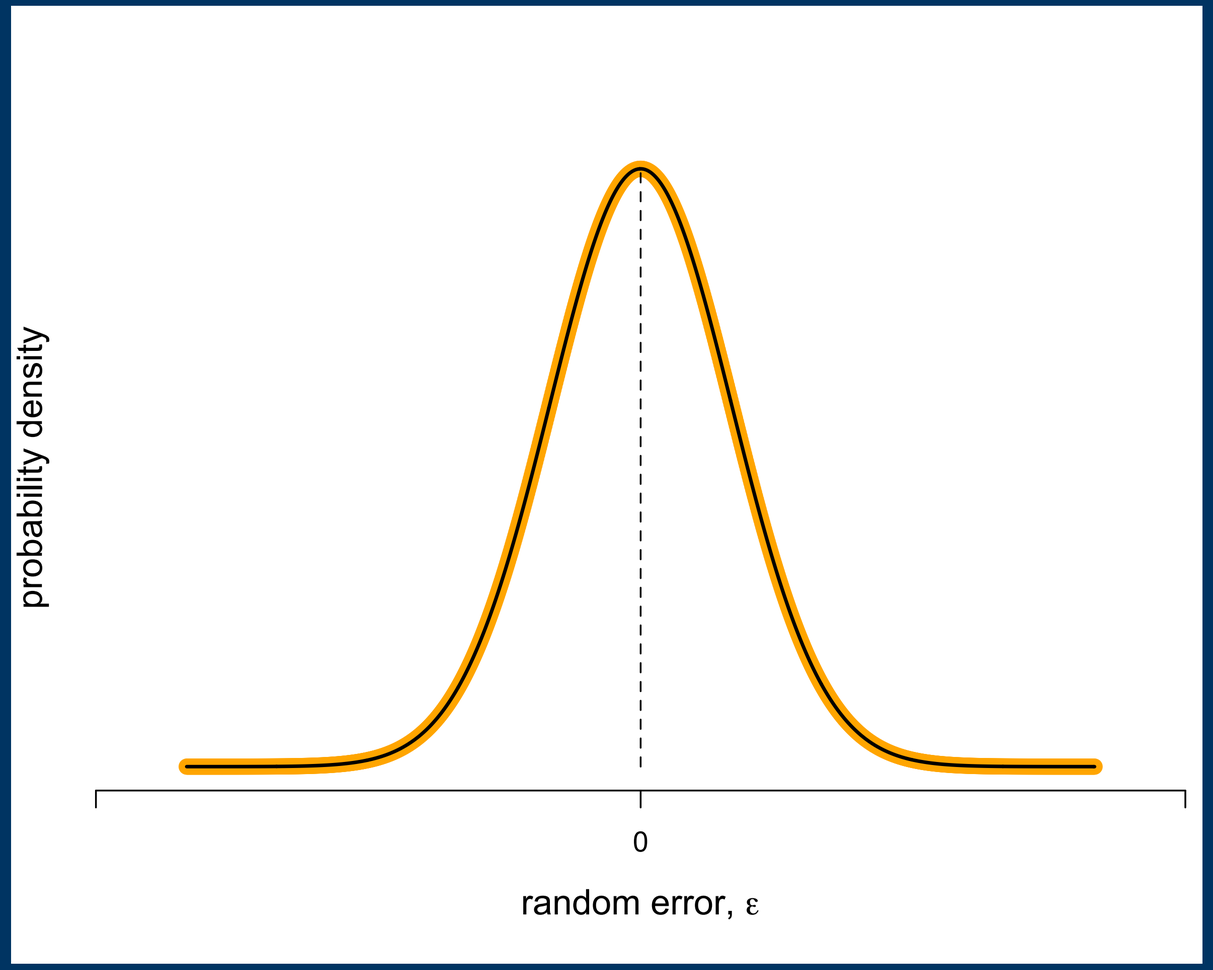
Introducing uncertainty/randomness

$$y_i = a + bx_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \ldots, n$$

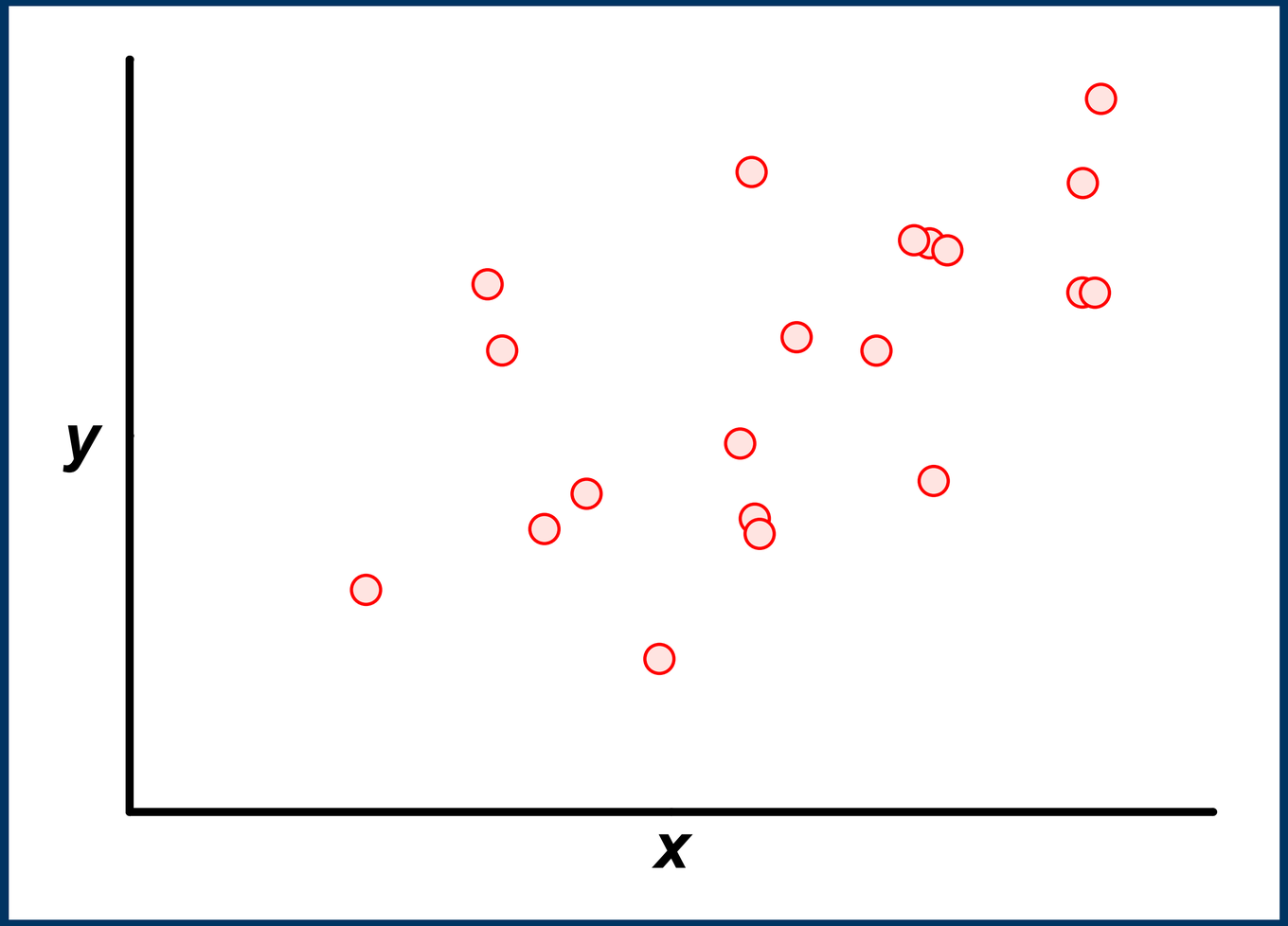
$$\epsilon_i \rightsquigarrow N(\mu = 0, \sigma)$$

Random error

What is the source of this random error?



How to estimate *a* and *b*?



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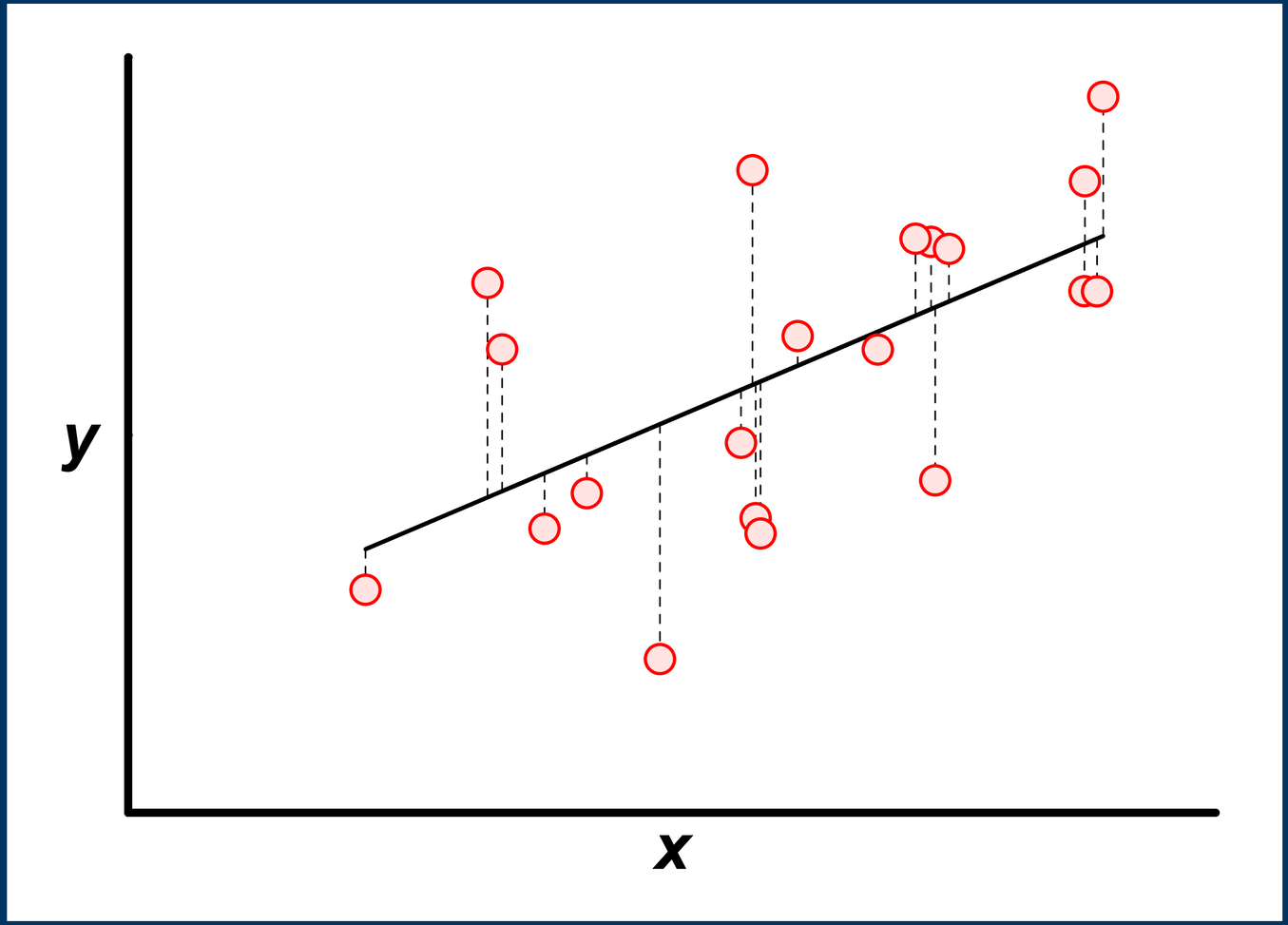

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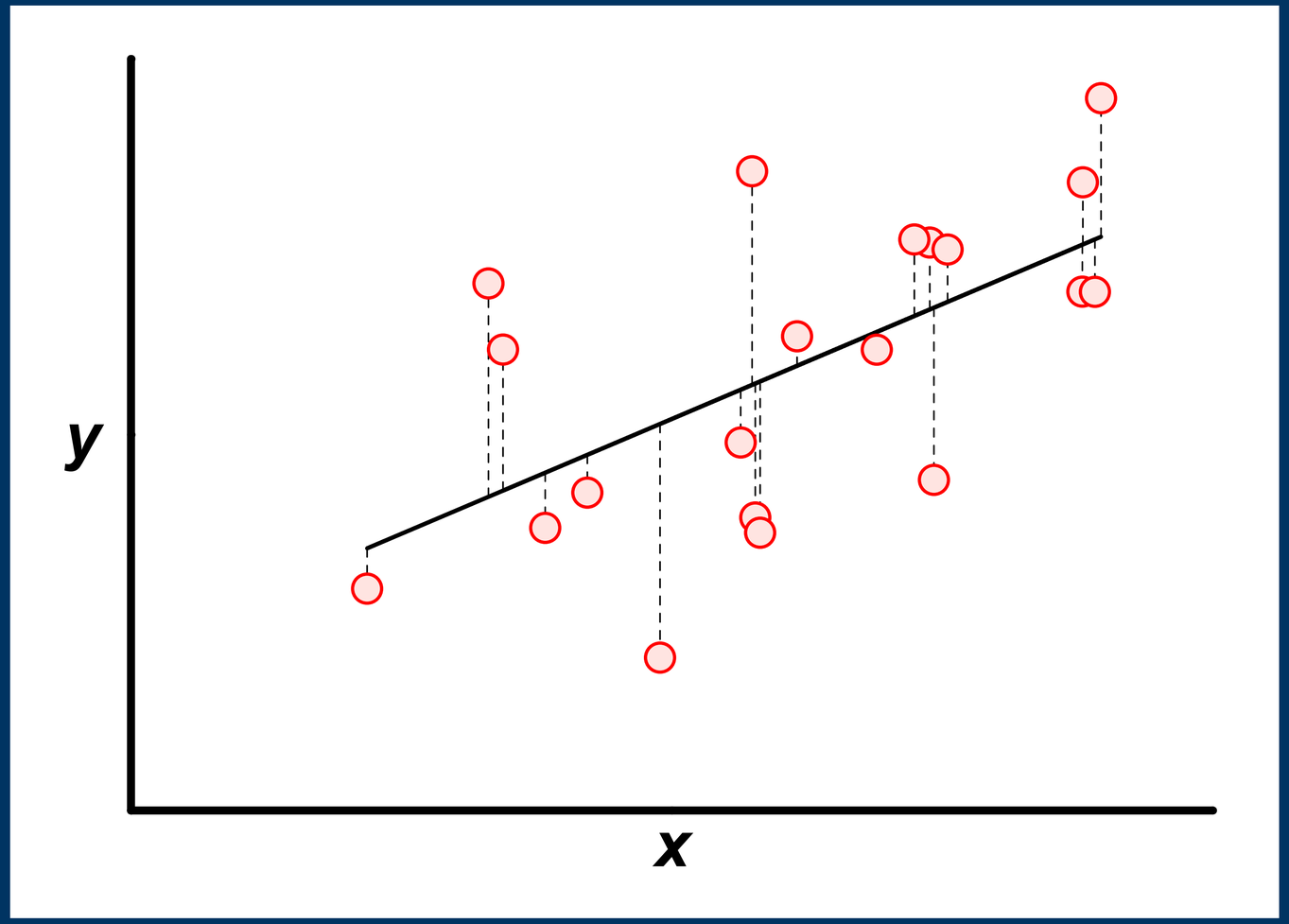

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{a,b}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)^2$$

Inference of interest (in large samples)

$H_0 : a = 0$ versus $H_1 : a \neq 0$

$$t = \frac{\hat{a}}{se\left(\hat{a}\right)} \mid H_0 \rightsquigarrow N\left(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1\right)$$

$H_0 : b = 0$ versus $H_1 : b \neq 0$

$$t = \frac{\hat{b}}{se\left(\hat{b}\right)} \mid H_0 \rightsquigarrow N\left(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1\right)$$

p-value < 0.05, reject H_0

p-value ≥ 0.05, not reject H_0

0.05 is the **significance level of the test**

Warnings

Technical warning

Be aware of the model assumptions and their validity in the data

Interpretative warnings

Be aware of the dangers of extrapolating

Be aware of the dangers of inferring causality

It is R time!