

# **Models of Reality**

**From Data to Science**

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# Welcome

*“Life is difficult.” — M. Scott Peck’s, The Road Less Traveled*

This will be a long journey... it's a hell of a time.

# Preface

It's too early to write a preface. I started writing this book a few weeks ago. From my perspective, it will be a good one, but it will take some time. In the meantime, you are welcome to see what's happening here and what I'm writing. Sometimes things will be in the wrong place. This is a normal part of the writing process. Just so you know, I started writing on 15 November 2025.

text<sup>1</sup>

*“The first principle is that you must not fool yourself — and you are the easiest person to fool. So you have to be very careful about that.” —<sup>2</sup>*

*“Hic sunt dracones!” — Hic Sunt Dracones on the Hunt-Lenox Globe (eng. “Here be dragons”)*

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# References

## **Part I**

# **From science to data by models**

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*“I’d like to solve the puzzle.” — Wheel of Fortune*

In 2008, Cadiergues and his team won the Ig Nobel Prize at Harvard University in Cambridge for their work with dog and cat fleas<sup>4</sup>. This book tells the story of what had happened if they won the Nobel Prize in Stockholm instead. The Nobel Prize sparked extensive research in many scientific fields. Fleas became all the rage. Lots of data was collected, fleas were measured, and questions were asked that no one had ever asked before. Let’s check out this data and see what it tells us about fleas. Come along to Adventure Land and get ready to be amazed.

None of this happened in our reality. At least not in our branch of reality, if you believe Everett<sup>5</sup>. But since this book is also about models of reality, we can question the whole of reality and create a new one that fits.

## References

# 1 What is science?

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“Reality is negotiable.” — Tim Ferriss

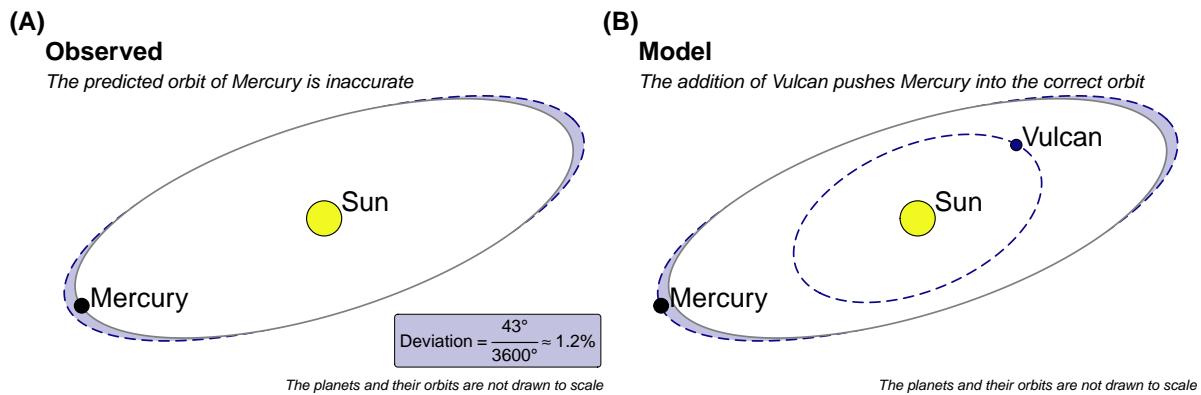


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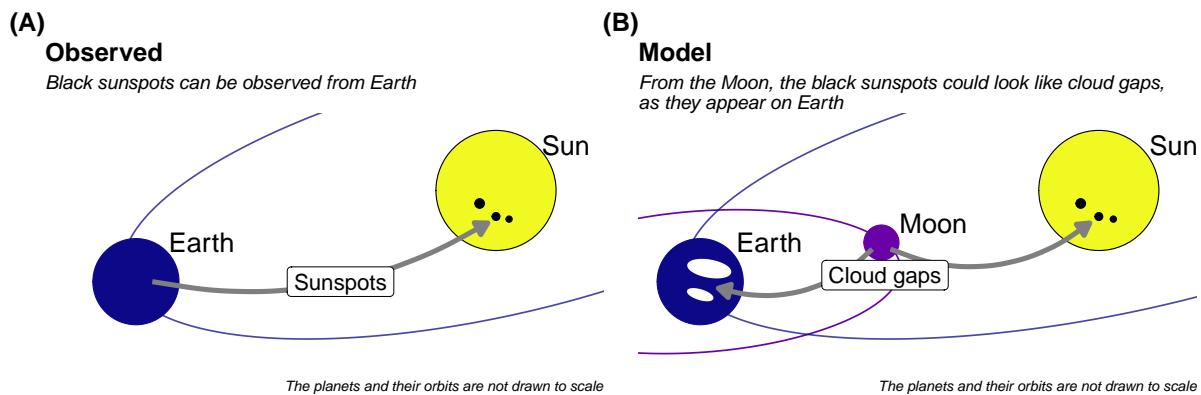


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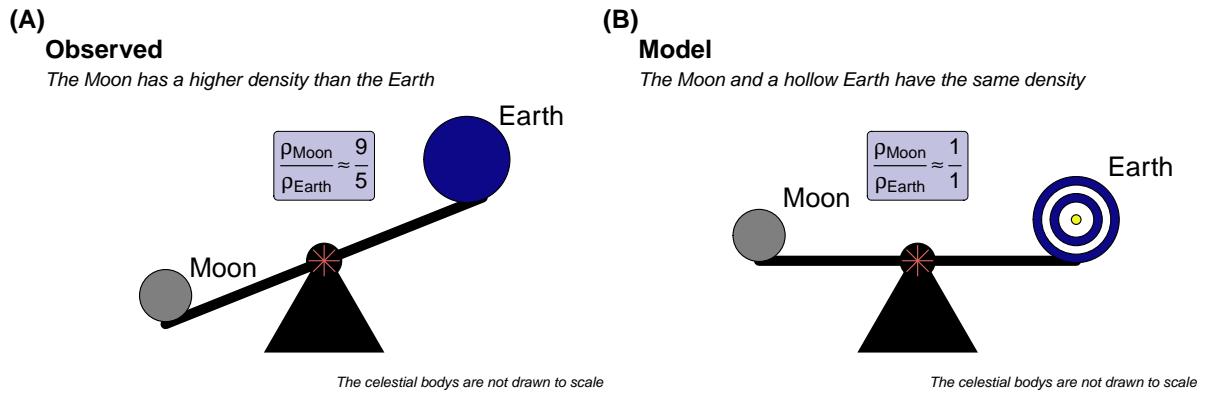


Figure 1.3: foo (A) foo (B) foo

## 1.1 General background

*“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”* —<sup>6</sup>, Clarke’s third law

Full quote

*“Reality is negotiable. Outside of science and law, all rules can be bent or broken, and it doesn’t require being unethical.”* — Tim Ferriss

Idea of hypotheses

Science is guessing and falsification

<sup>7</sup> What is this thing called Science?

<sup>8</sup> What is science

<sup>9</sup> What is science?

<sup>10</sup> Models Demystified: A Practical Guide from Linear Regression to Deep Learning

<sup>11</sup> Statistical Thinking for the 21st Century

<sup>12</sup> The beginning of infinity: Explanations that transform the world

David Deutsch > Quotes

## **1.2 Theoretical background**

## **1.3 R packages used**

## **1.4 Data**

## **1.5 Alternatives**

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

## **1.6 Glossary**

**term** what does it mean.

## **1.7 The meaning of “Models of Reality” in this chapter.**

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## **1.8 Summary**

## **References**

## 2 What is data?

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“The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.” — Ludwig Wittgenstein

### 2.1 General background

### 2.2 Theoretical background

### 2.3 R packages used

### 2.4 Data

```
jump_weight_tbl <- tibble(x = c(0.6, 1, 2.3, 3.5, 5.2, 7.1, 8.4, 9.2, 10),
                           y = 0.15*x^3 - 2.2*x^2 + 8.8*x + 3.2 + rnorm(9, 0, 0.5)) |>
  mutate_all(round, 1) |>
  rename(weight_mg = x, jump_length_cm = y)
```

Table 2.1: foo.

weight_mg	jump_length_cm
0.6	8.5
1.0	9.6
2.3	13.7
3.5	13.2
5.2	11.0
7.1	8.3
8.4	10.9

Table 2.1: foo.

weight_mg	jump_length_cm
9.2	14.3
10.0	21.1

Equation 2.1

$$y = 0.15 \cdot x^3 - 2.2 \cdot x^2 + 8.8 \cdot x + 3.2 \quad (2.1)$$

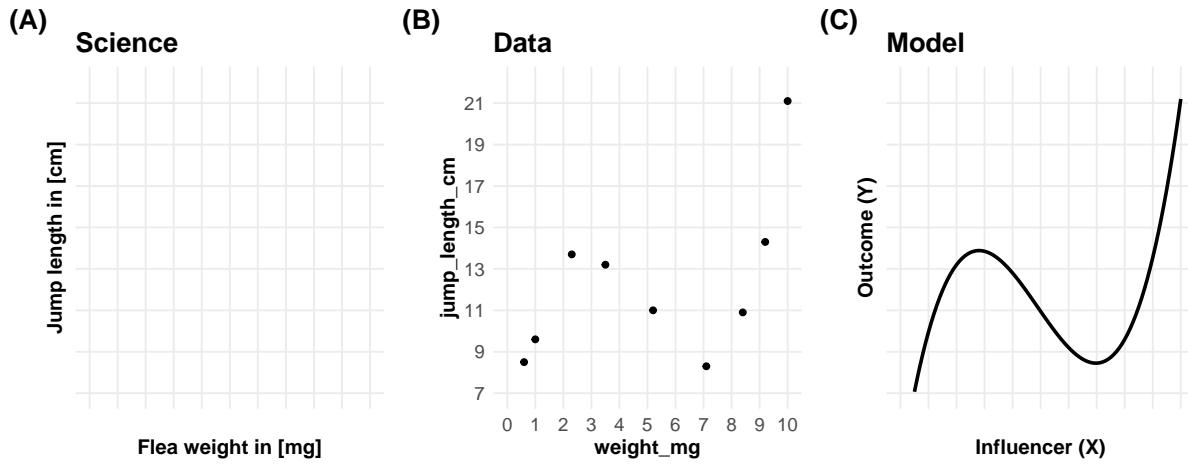


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## 2.5 Alternatives

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## Science with data and model

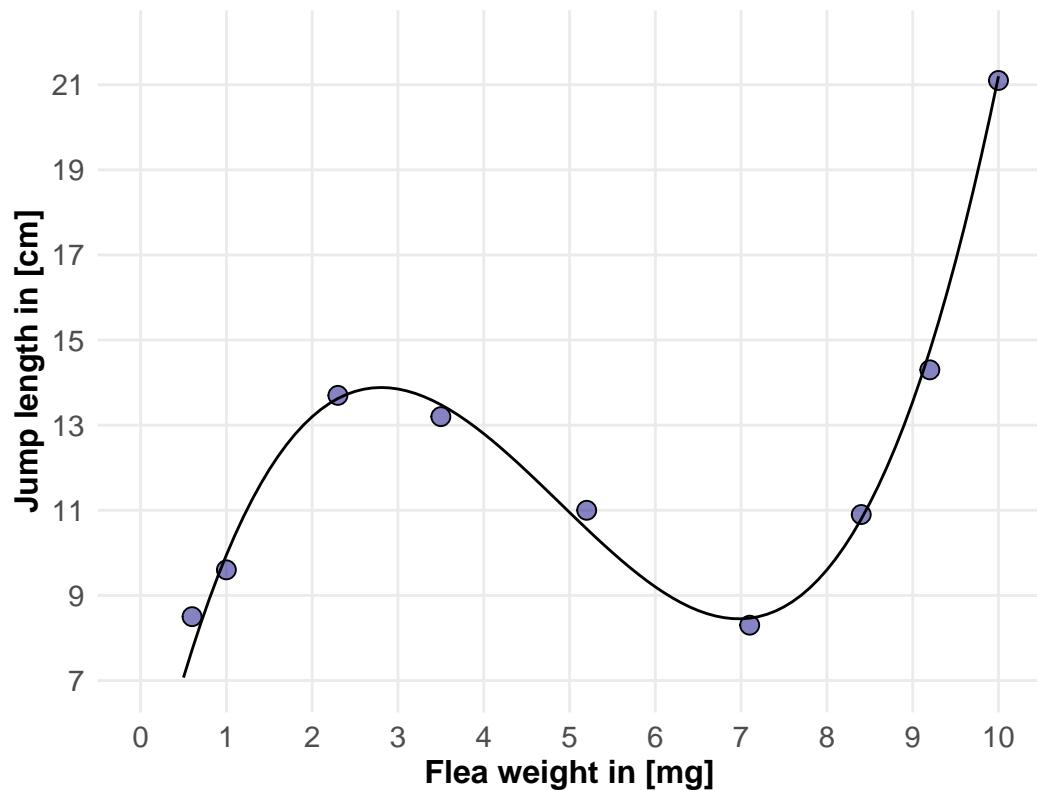


Figure 2.2: foo.

## **2.8 Summary**

### **References**

# 3 What is a model?

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

Imagine you are standing on a globe but still believe it is flat. You are standing on solid ground, with boiling rocks a few kilometers below you. A few kilometers above, you cannot breathe anymore. You are not moving, but the Earth is moving at speeds of up to 828,000 km/h, depending on the reference point. Your reality is a serious misinterpretation.

## 3.1 General background

Table 3.1: Table of terms used in the statistical modelling. The terms in bold are used here. Depending on the scientific background, the usage of these terms can vary widely.

Symbol	Name Application	Description
$y$	<b>out-</b> <b>come,</b> re- sponse, end- point, de- pen- dent vari- able	<i>The right-hand side (abbr. RHS) of the model. Describing the values measured in an experiment or study.</i>

Symbol	Name Application	Description
$x$	<b>in-</b> <b>flu-</b> <b>encer,</b> in- flu- en- tial vari- able, risk fac- tor, fixed ef- fect, in- de- pen- dent vari- able	<i>The left-hand side (abbr. LHS) of the model. Describing the influential variables in an experiment or study.</i>
$z$	<b>ran-</b> <b>dom</b> <b>ef-</b> <b>fect</b>	<i>A factor that provides a description of an grouping variable, which is not part of the controlled experimental setting.</i>
$x$	<b>ex-</b> Explanation <b>plana-</b> <b>tor,</b> ex- plana- tory vari- able	<i>The influencer is used to describe or explain the outcome.</i>
$x$	<b>pre-</b> Prediction <b>dic-</b> <b>tor,</b> pre- dic- tive vari- able	<i>The influencer is used to predict the outcome.</i>

Symbol	Name Application	Description
$x$	<b>fo-</b> Main effect <b>cal</b> <b>ex-</b> <b>plana-</b> <b>tor,</b> <b>fo-</b> <b>cal</b> <b>pre-</b> <b>dic-</b> <b>tor,</b> fo- cal vari- able	<i>In a model with multiple influencers, the focal variable is the variable of primary interest.</i>
$c$	<b>co-</b> Continuous $x$ <b>vari-</b> ate, co- vari- able	<i>The influencer is a numeric variable with continuous values.</i>
$f_A$	<b>fac-</b> Categorical $x$ <b>tor</b> <b>A,</b> fac- to- rial vari- able, cat- e- gori- cal vari- able	<i>The influencer is discrete, functioning as a grouping variable, such as an experimental group or a treatment.</i>
$A.1$ to $A.j$	<b>lev-</b> Factor $f_A$ <b>els,</b> groups, treat- ment groups	<i>The discrete groups included in one factor <math>A</math>.</i>

A sentence why we use  $y$  and not  $x$  for mean and other stuff.

<sup>13</sup> What is a statistical model?

<sup>14</sup> What do we mean by a statistical model?

<sup>15</sup> What Is the Purpose of Statistical Modeling?

<sup>16</sup> Where do statistical models come from? Revisiting the problem of specification

<sup>17</sup> Statistical modelling

## 3.2 Theoretical background

### Model notation

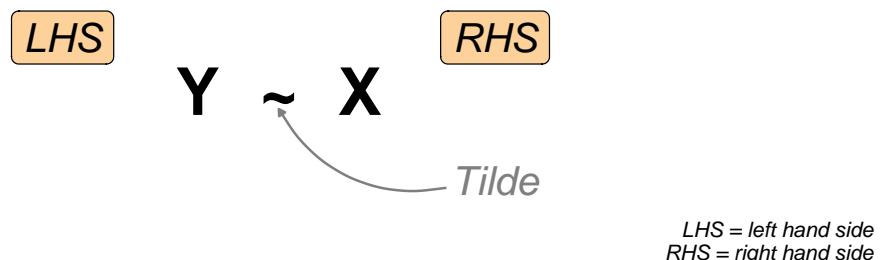


Figure 3.1: foo

### Data, model, and error

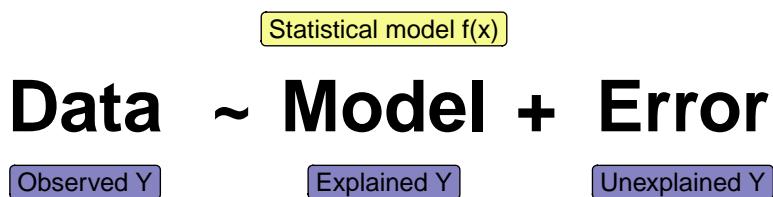


Figure 3.2: foo

```
[1] "#0D0887FF" "#6A00A8FF" "#B12A90FF" "#E16462FF" "#FCA636FF" "#F0F921FF"
```

```
[1] "#0D088780" "#6A00A880" "#B12A9080" "#E1646280" "#FCA63680" "#F0F92180"
```

## Data, model, and error

Linear regression

$$\text{Data} \sim \text{Model} + \text{Error}$$

Observed Y

Coefficients:  $\beta_0, \beta_1$

Residuals

Figure 3.3: foo

### Simple linear model

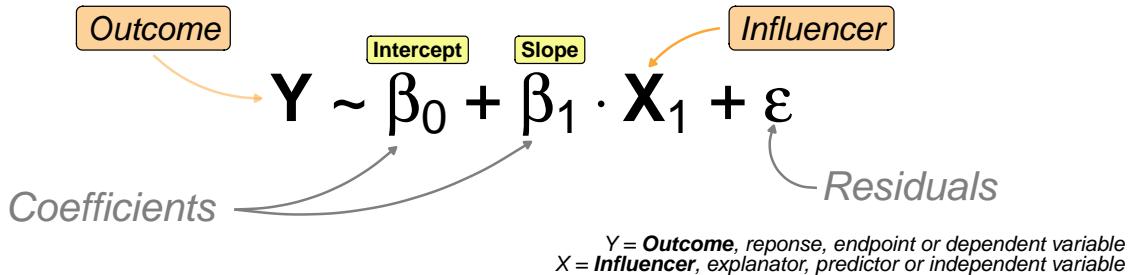


Figure 3.4: foo

### Multiple linear model

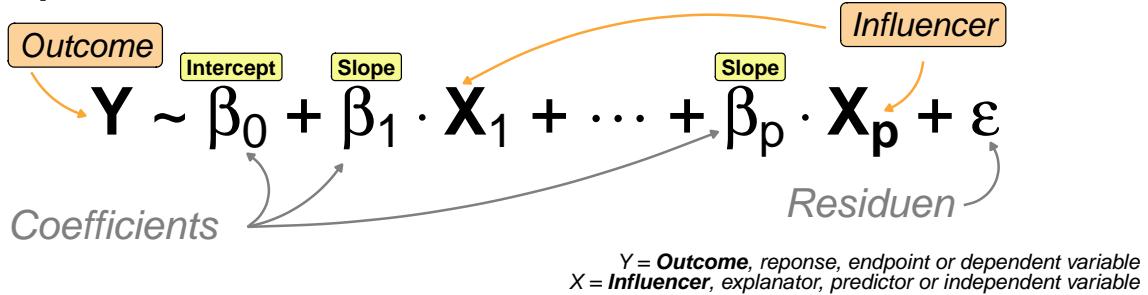


Figure 3.5: foo

## Model notation in R

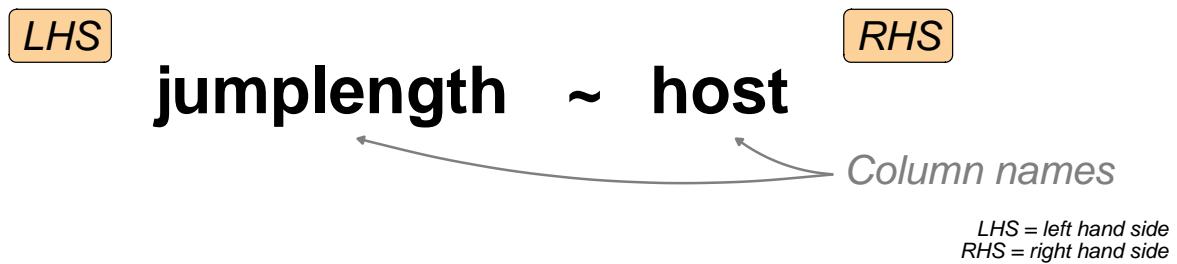


Figure 3.6: foo

## Model notation in R

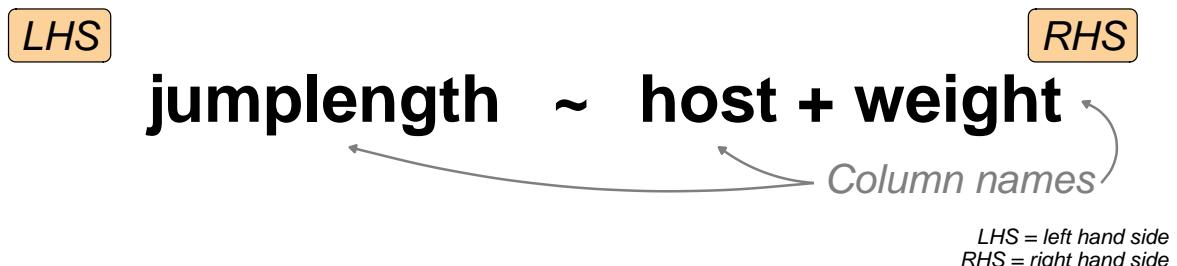


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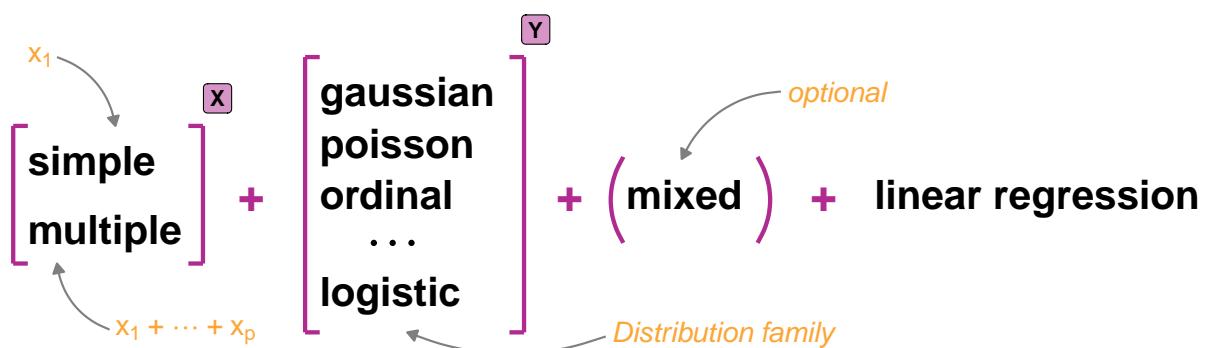
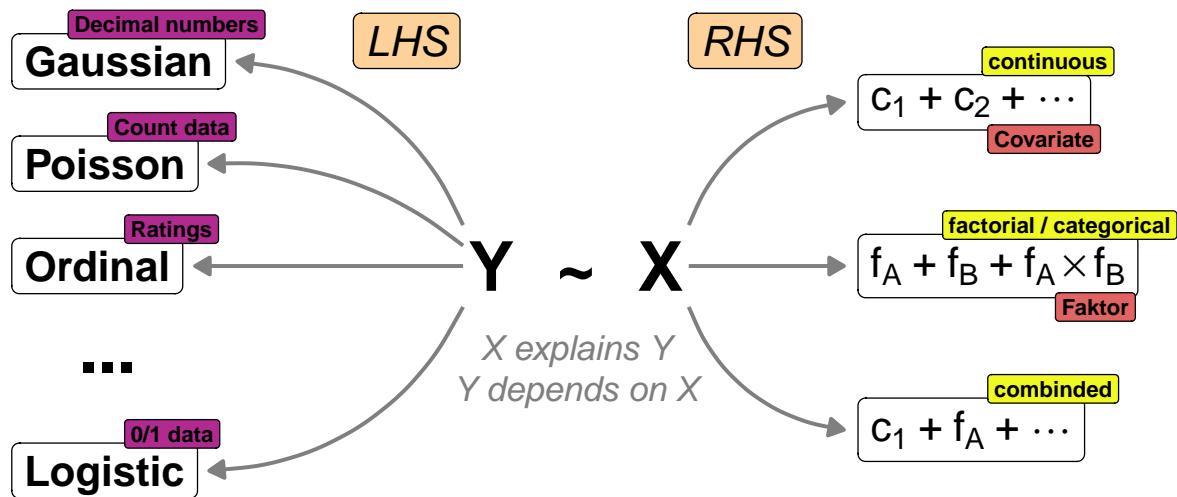


Figure 3.8: foo



*LHS = left hand side  
RHS = right hand side*

Figure 3.9: foo

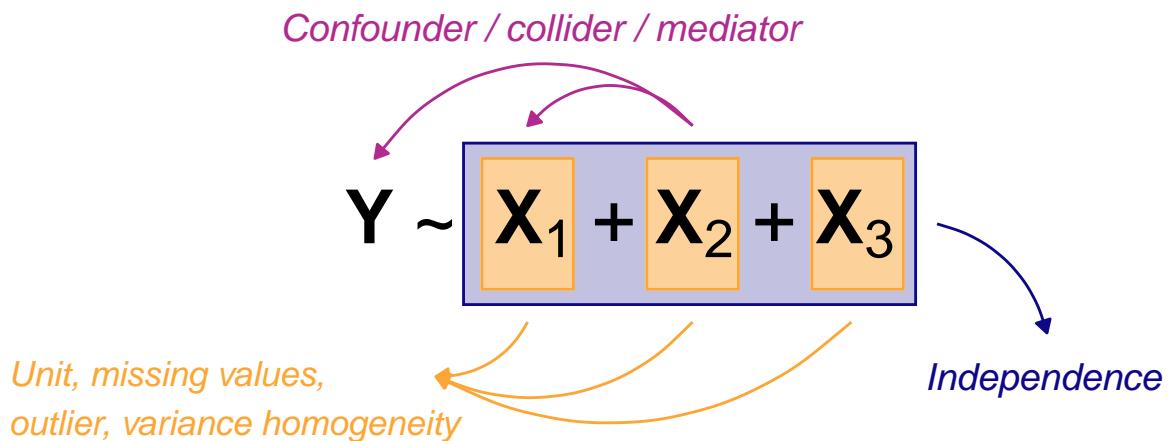


Figure 3.10: foo

### **3.3 R packages used**

### **3.4 Data**

### **3.5 Alternatives**

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

### **3.6 Glossary**

**term** what does it mean.

### **3.7 The meaning of “Models of Reality” in this chapter.**

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### **3.8 Summary**

### **References**

## **Part II**

# **Tales of data**

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*“X-Factor, the unfathomable. We live in a world where dreams and reality are closely intertwined, where facts often seem like figments of the imagination that we cannot explain. Can you distinguish between truth and lies? Yours, Jonathan Frakes.” — German intro of Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction*

Once upon a time Cadiergues and his team won the Nobel Prize in Stockholm for their work with dog and cat fleas<sup>4</sup>. This sparked a time of increased scientific research on fleas of all types of hosts, with scientists studying them in great detail. A wealth of research questions remained to be addressed, while funding opportunities lay in wait. We now have the great opportunity to use open-source data to revisit all the exciting findings in flea research. What are our main research topics and questions that we want to cover?

Unfortunately, none of this ever happened in our branch of reality. But it might happen in countless other branches<sup>5</sup>.

## **References**

# 4 Body weight of fleas

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 4.1 General background

## 4.2 Theoretical background

## 4.3 R packages used

## 4.4 Data

### 4.4.1 Linear

```
jump_weight_tbl <- tibble(x = abs(rnorm(21, 3, 4)),
                           y = 10 + 1.2 * x + rnorm(21, 0, 2)) |>
  mutate_all(round, 1) |>
  rename(weight = x, jumplength = y)
```

### 4.4.2 Non-linear

```
jump_weight_non_linear_tbl <- tibble(x = abs(rnorm(32, 3, 4)),
                                         y = 0.15*x^3 - 2.2*x^2 + 8.8*x + 3.2 + rnorm(32, 0, 1))
  rename(weight = x, jumplength = y)
```

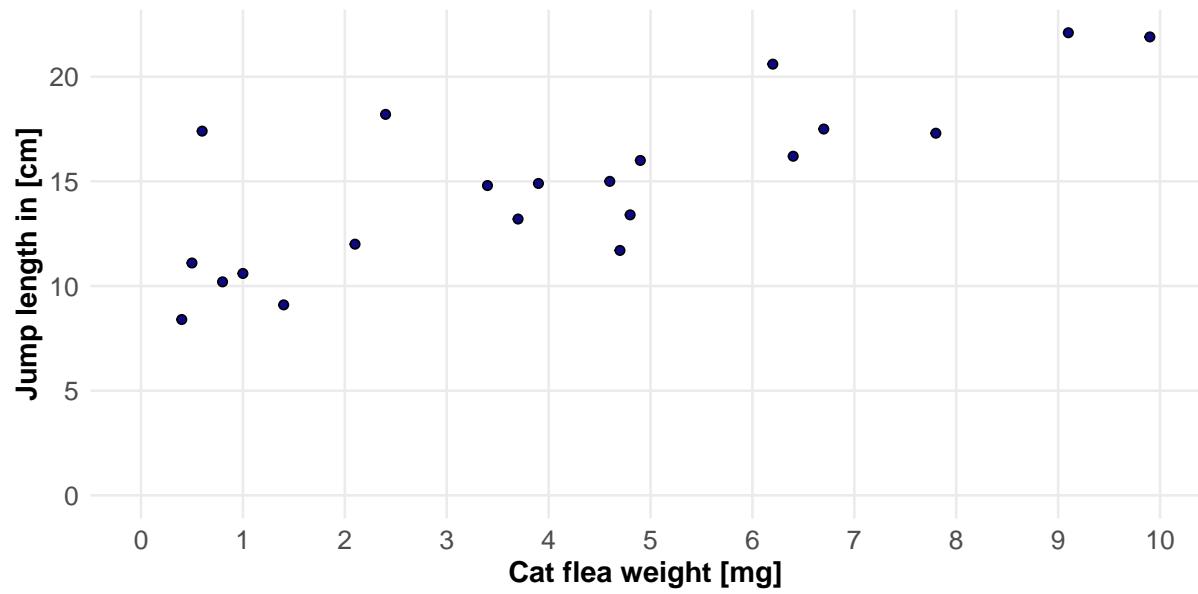


Figure 4.1: foo (A) foo (B) foo

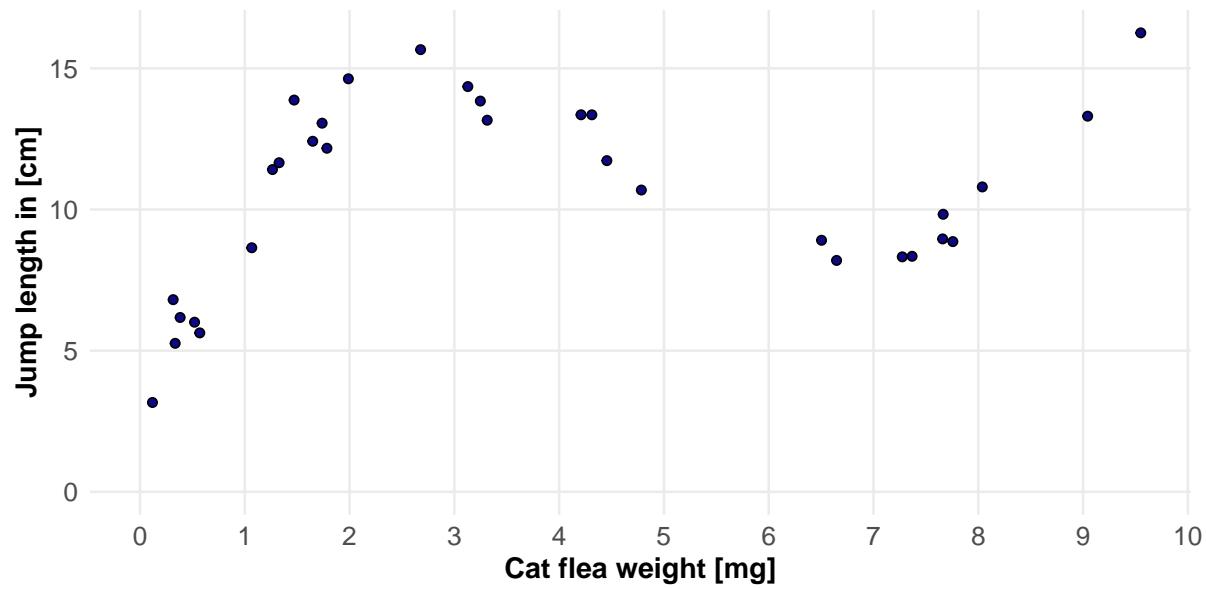


Figure 4.2: foo (A) foo (B) foo

## **4.5 Alternatives**

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

## **4.6 Glossary**

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## **4.8 Summary**

## **References**

# 5 Fleas of animals

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 5.1 General background

What is a data grid?

## 5.2 Theoretical background

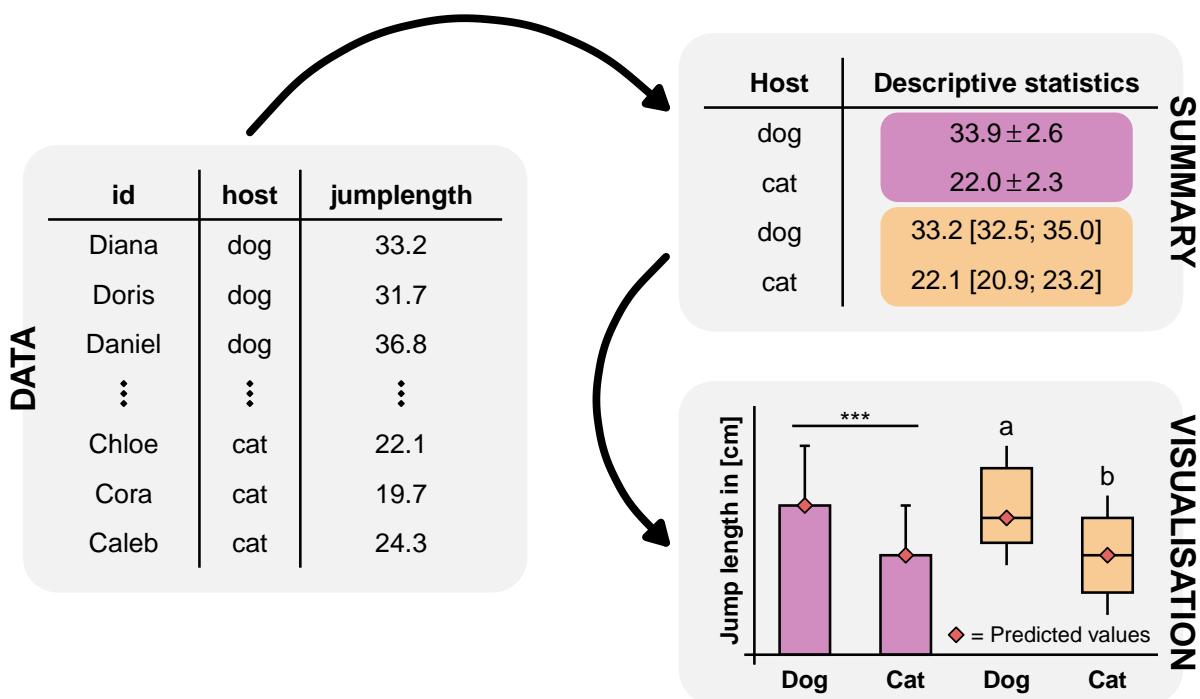


Figure 5.1: foo

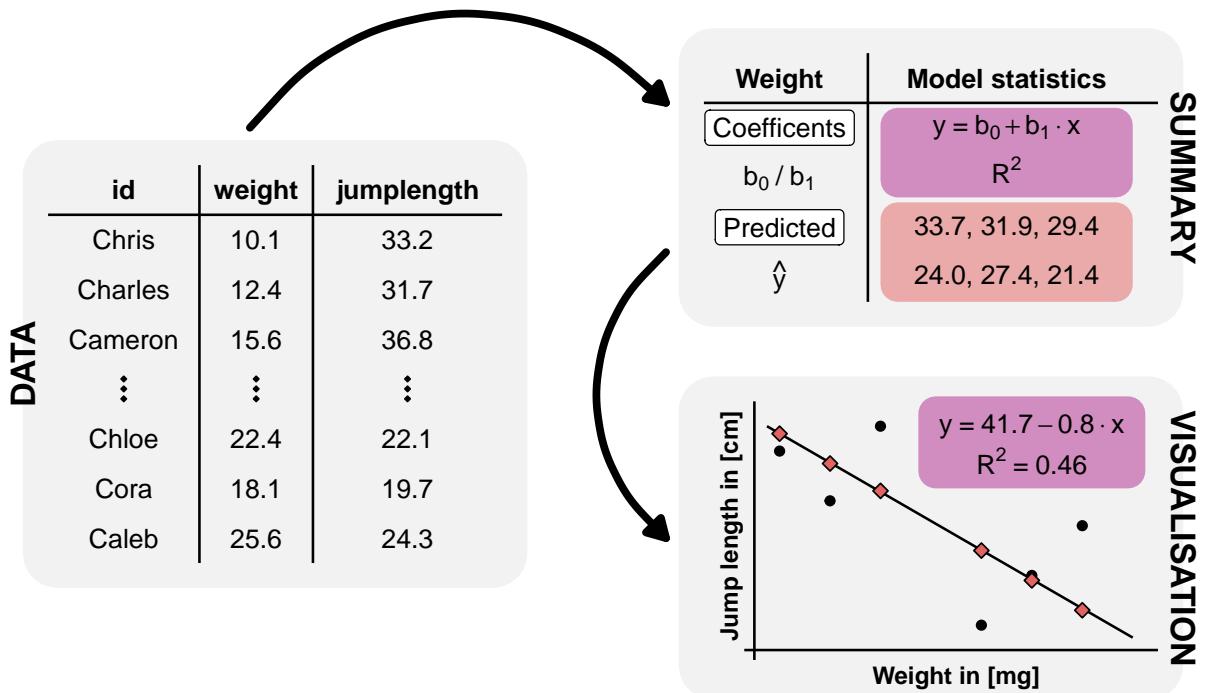


Figure 5.2: foo

## 5.3 R packages used

```
pacman::p_load(tidyverse, conflicted)
```

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## 5.4 Data

Small data and grid

### 5.4.1 Jump performances of fleas

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*C. felis* jump was  $19.9 \pm 9.1\text{cm}$  with a range from 2 to 48cm

*C. canis* jump was longer  $30.4 \pm 9.1\text{cm}$  with a range from 3 to 50cm

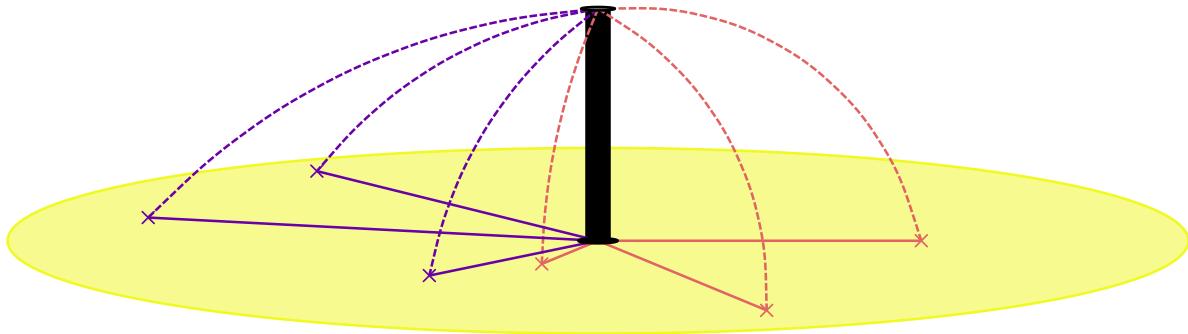


Figure 5.3: foo (A) foo (B) foo

```
jump_flea_grid <- expand_grid(host = c("cat", "dog")) |>
  mutate(mean = c(19.9, 30.4),
        sd = c(9.1))
```

```
jump_flea_tbl <- jump_flea_grid |>
  rowwise() |>
  mutate(jumplength = lst(rnorm(7, mean, sd))) |>
  unnest(cols = jumplength) |>
  mutate(host = as_factor(host))
```

```
jump_flea_tbl |>
  group_by(host) |>
  summarise(mean(jumplength),
            sd(jumplength)) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 2)
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 3
  host `mean(jumplength)` `sd(jumplength)`
  <fct>          <dbl>         <dbl>
1 cat             21.2          7.3
2 dog             33.0          6.57
```

```
jump_animals_grid <- expand_grid(host = c("cat", "fox", "rat", "dog")) |>
  mutate(mean = c(19.9, 35.2, 15.2, 30.4),
        sd = c(9.1, 10.3, 4.6, 9.1))
```

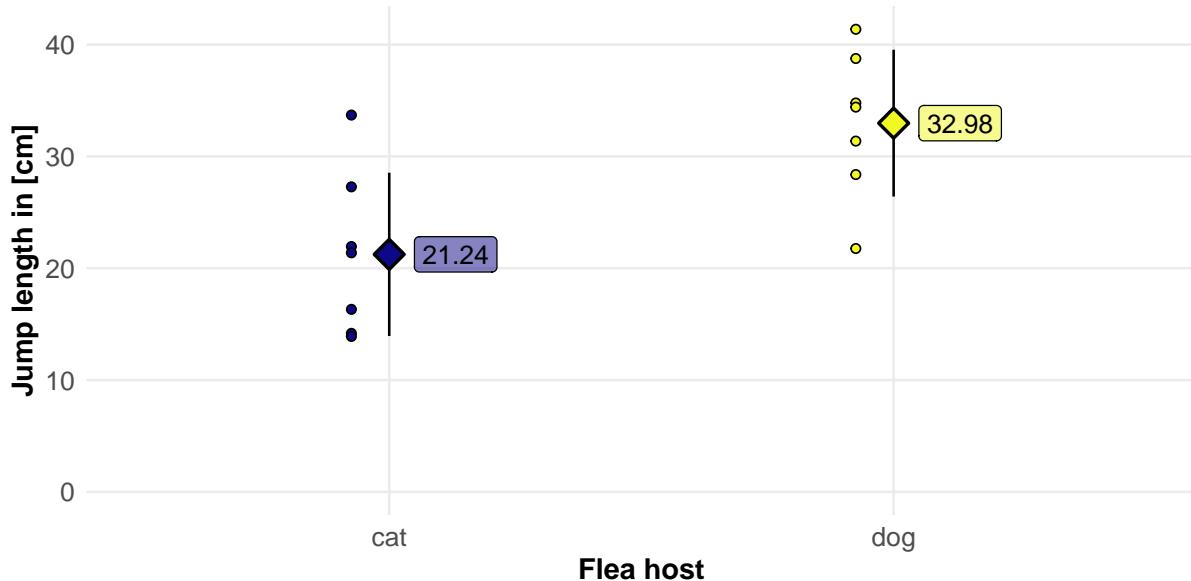


Figure 5.4: foo (A) foo (B) foo

```
jump_animals_tbl <- jump_animals_grid |>
  rowwise() |>
  mutate(jumplength = lst(rnorm(7, mean, sd))) |>
  unnest(cols = jumplength) |>
  mutate(host = as_factor(host))
```

```
jump_animals_tbl |>
  group_by(host) |>
  summarise(mean(jumplength),
            sd(jumplength)) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 2)
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 3
  host `mean(jumplength)` `sd(jumplength)`
  <fct>          <dbl>        <dbl>
1 cat            21.2         9.36
2 fox            34.6        10.2 
3 rat            13.4         2.51 
4 dog            34.0        17.4
```

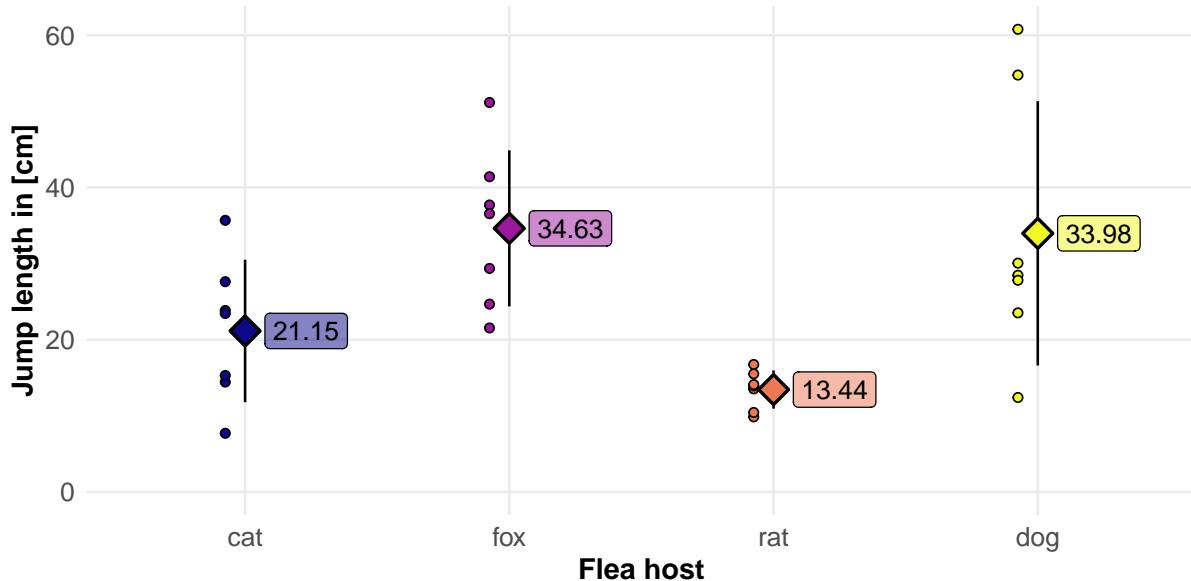


Figure 5.5: foo (A) foo (B) foo

#### 5.4.2 Measurements on animal fleas

- Jump length in [cm] called `jump_length`
- Number of hairs on each leg called `count_leg_left` and `count_leg_right`
- Ratings of each flea, as listed in the catalog of the Fédération Internationale de la Beauté des Puces (FIBP) called `rating` on a Likert scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the strongest expression.
- The infection status with the flea cold is called `infected`, with a value of 0/1 for no/yes.

```
tibble(jumplength = rnorm(7, 5, 1),
       countleg_left = rpois(7, 4),
       countleg_right = rpois(7, 4),
       countleg = (countleg_left + countleg_right)/2,
       rating = sample(1:5, 7, replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.2, 0.1)),
       infectd = rbinom(7, prob = 0.5, size = 1))
```

```
# A tibble: 7 x 6
  jumplength countleg_left countleg_right countleg rating infectd
        <dbl>        <int>         <int>     <dbl>   <int>     <int>
1      6.17          4            8       6       3       1
2      5.03          5            5       5       4       0
3      6.51          6            1       3.5      3       0
4      4.38          2            1       1.5      3       1
```

5	2.62	0	3	1.5	3	0
6	6.64	3	3	3	2	0
7	3.82	3	3	3	3	0

### 5.4.3 Fleas in urban and rural habitats

Why so complex?

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```
jump_habitat_grid <- expand_grid(host = 1:3, site = 1:2) |>
  mutate(mean_host = c(19.9, 19.9, 30.4, 30.4, 15.2, 15.2),
        mean_site = c(5, 0, 5, 0, 5, -5),
        mean = mean_host + mean_site,
        sd = c(9.1, 9.1, 9.1, 9.1, 4.6, 4.6))
jump_habitat_grid
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 6
  host   site mean_host mean_site   mean     sd
  <int> <int>    <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1     1     1      19.9      5  24.9  9.1
2     1     2      19.9      0  19.9  9.1
3     2     1      30.4      5  35.4  9.1
4     2     2      30.4      0  30.4  9.1
5     3     1      15.2      5  20.2  4.6
6     3     2      15.2     -5  10.2  4.6
```

```
jump_habitat_raw_tbl <- jump_habitat_grid |>
  rowwise() |>
  mutate(jumplength = lst(rnorm(7, mean, sd))) |>
  unnest(cols = jumplength)
```

```
jump_habitat_tbl <- jump_habitat_raw_tbl |>
  select(host, site, jumplength) |>
  mutate(host = factor(host, labels = c("cat", "dog", "rat")),
        site = factor(site, labels = c("urban", "rural"))) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 2)
```

```

jump_habitat_tbl |>
  group_by(host, site) |>
  summarise(mean(jumplength),
            sd(jumplength)) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 2)

```

```

# A tibble: 6 x 4
# Groups:   host [3]
  host    site `mean(jumplength)` `sd(jumplength)`
  <fct> <fct>           <dbl>             <dbl>
1 cat     urban          21.8              9.26
2 cat     rural          23.6              7.23
3 dog     urban          35.2              9.1 
4 dog     rural          27.9              12.8 
5 rat     urban          19.2              1.85 
6 rat     rural          12.8              3.74

```

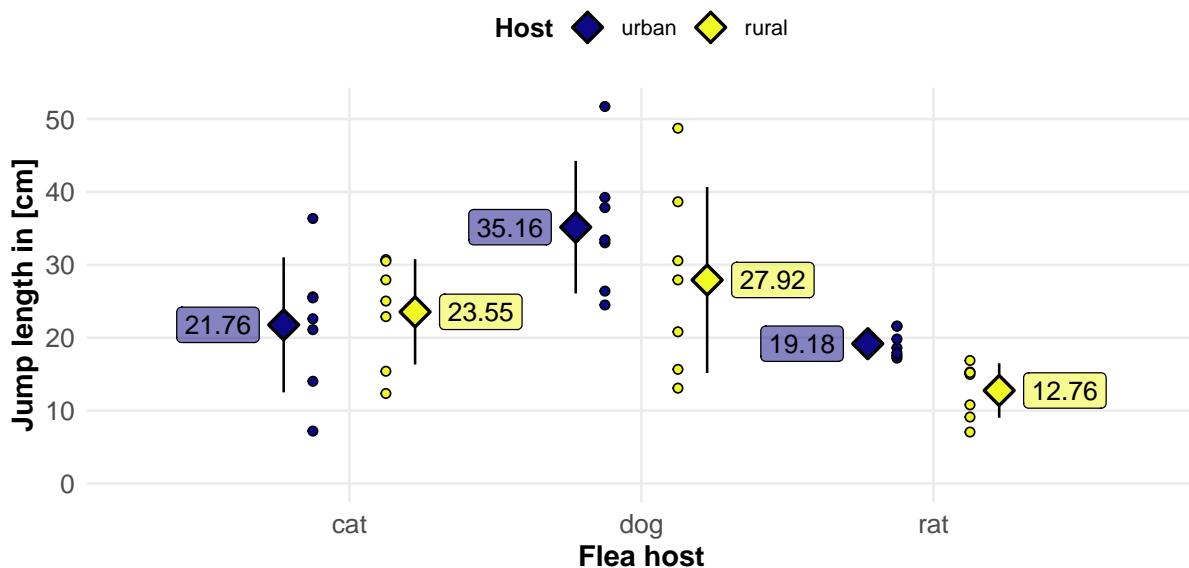


Figure 5.6: foo (A) foo (B) foo

## 5.5 Data availability

The data is available as txt-Files under <https://github.com/jkruppa/biodatascience>.

## 5.6 Alternatives

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

### 5.6.1 Why linear is a bad idea?

```
jump_flea_tbl <- tibble(host = rep(0:1, each = 7),  
                         jump_length = 19.9 + 10.5 * host + rnorm(14, 0, 9.1)) |>  
  mutate(host = factor(host, labels = c("cat", "dog")))
```

### 5.6.2 Why is a tibble() bad idea?

```
jump_animals_tbl <- tibble(cat = rnorm(n = 7, mean = 19.9, sd = 9.1),  
                           fox = rnorm(n = 7, mean = 35.2, sd = 10.3),  
                           rat = rnorm(n = 7, mean = 15.2, sd = 4.6),  
                           dog = rnorm(n = 7, mean = 30.4, sd = 9.1)) |>  
  pivot_longer(cols = cat:dog, values_to = "jump_length", names_to = "host") |>  
  mutate(host = as_factor(host))
```

## 5.7 Glossary

**term** what does it mean.

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## 5.9 Summary

## References

# 6 Eating habits of fleas

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 6.1 General background

Based on standard methods in flea research and experimental entomology, as well as a similar published experiment, the following three types of food for adult cat fleas are possible, representing different nutritional conditions:

Blood: This is the natural and optimal food source for adult fleas. Often, defibrinated or anticoagulated animal blood (e.g. bovine blood, rabbit blood) is used for this purpose, which is offered in special in vitro feeding systems (e.g. through a membrane). Expectation: Fleas that are optimally nourished should show the greatest jumping distance.

Sugar water: Often serves as a ‘control feed’ or as a feed that provides energy (sugar) but lacks essential nutrients (such as proteins from blood). Expectation: Jumping distance could be reduced due to the lack of blood and thus the proteins important for reproduction, which could impair physiological fitness.

Ketchup - a nutrient-poor or unsuitable food: This option is used to simulate poor, incomplete or stressful nutritional conditions. In a similar documented experiment, ketchup (a combination of sugar, vinegar and minimal other substances, but no blood) was used as the third feed. Expectation: It can be assumed that fleas will show the shortest jumping distance under these conditions, as they lack both essential nutrients and the necessary energy.

## 6.2 Theoretical background

## 6.3 R packages used

## 6.4 Data

### 6.4.1 Linear

```
jump_weight_feeding_tbl <- expand_grid(f = c(0, 1),
                                         x = abs(rnorm(21, 5, 4))) |>
  mutate(y = 10 + 1.2 * x + 10 * f + rnorm(42, 0, 2),
         f = factor(f, labels = c("sugar_water", "blood"))) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 1) |>
  rename(weight = x, jumplength = y, feeding = f)
```

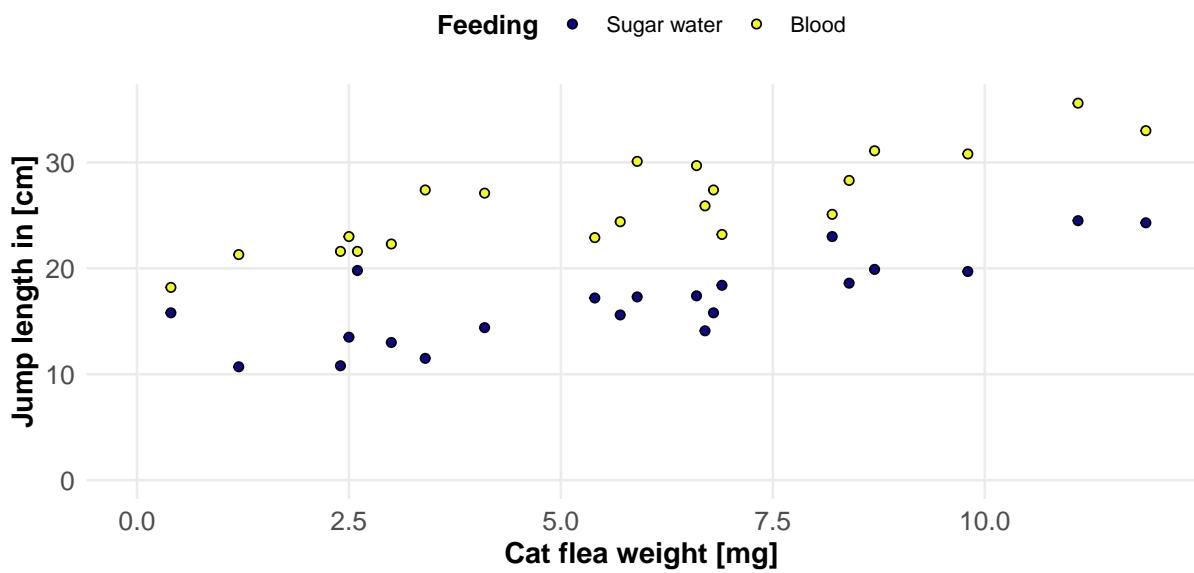


Figure 6.1: foo (A) foo (B) foo

### 6.4.2 Non linear

```

jump_weight_non_linear_tbl <- expand_grid(f = c(0, 1),
                                         x = abs(rnorm(42, 2.5, 2.5))) |>
  mutate(y = 25 - 4*f - 21 * exp(-0.2 * x^2 - 1.1 * f) + rnorm(84, 0, 1),
         f = factor(f, labels = c("sugar_water", "blood"))) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 1) |>
  rename(weight = x, jumplength = y, feeding = f)

```

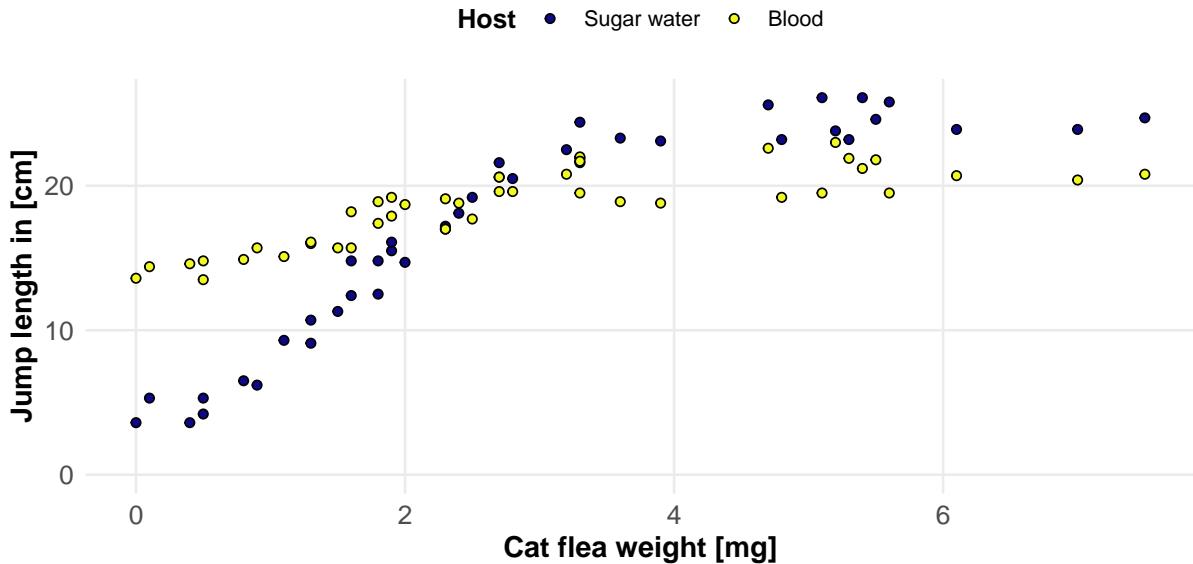


Figure 6.2: foo (A) foo (B) foo

#### 6.4.3 International study

Degree of Urbanization of the United nations (rural as low-dense areas, town as semi-dense areas, cities as high-dense areas)

ODer das ganze mal mit Bodylength?

```

n_obs <- 41
jump_international_grid <- expand_grid(country = 1:9) |>
  mutate(mean_country = rnorm(9, 0, 4)) |>
  expand_grid(site = 1:3) |>
  mutate(mean_site = rnorm(27, 0, 4)) |>
  expand_grid(rep = 1:n_obs) |>
  mutate(bodyweight = abs(rnorm(n = (9*3*n_obs), 2.5, 2.5)),
         jumplength = 10 + 1.5 * bodyweight + mean_country + mean_site + rnorm(n = (9*3*n_obs),

```

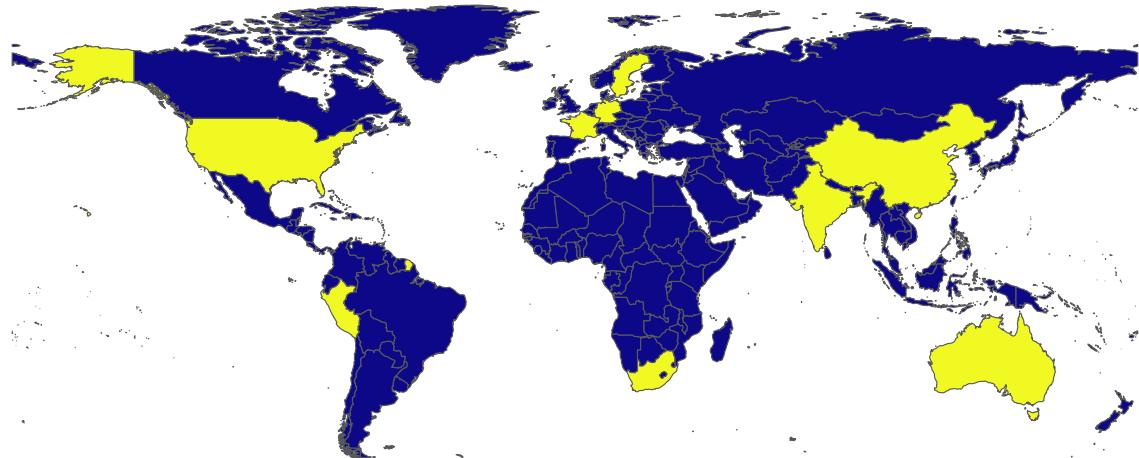


Figure 6.3: foo (A) foo (B) foo

DE = Germany FR = France IN = India US = United States CN = China AU = Australia  
PE = Peru SE = Sweden ZA = South Africa

```
jump_international_tbl <- jump_international_grid |>
  select(bodyweight, country, site, jumplength) |>
  mutate(country = factor(country, labels = c("DE", "FR", "AU",
                                              "IN", "US", "CN",
                                              "PE", "SE", "ZA")),
         site = factor(site, labels = c("rural", "semi-dense", "city"))) |>
  mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 2)
```

```
library(lme4)
```

Warning: package 'lme4' was built under R version 4.4.1

Loading required package: Matrix

Warning: package 'Matrix' was built under R version 4.4.1

Attaching package: 'Matrix'

The following objects are masked from 'package:tidyর':

expand, pack, unpack

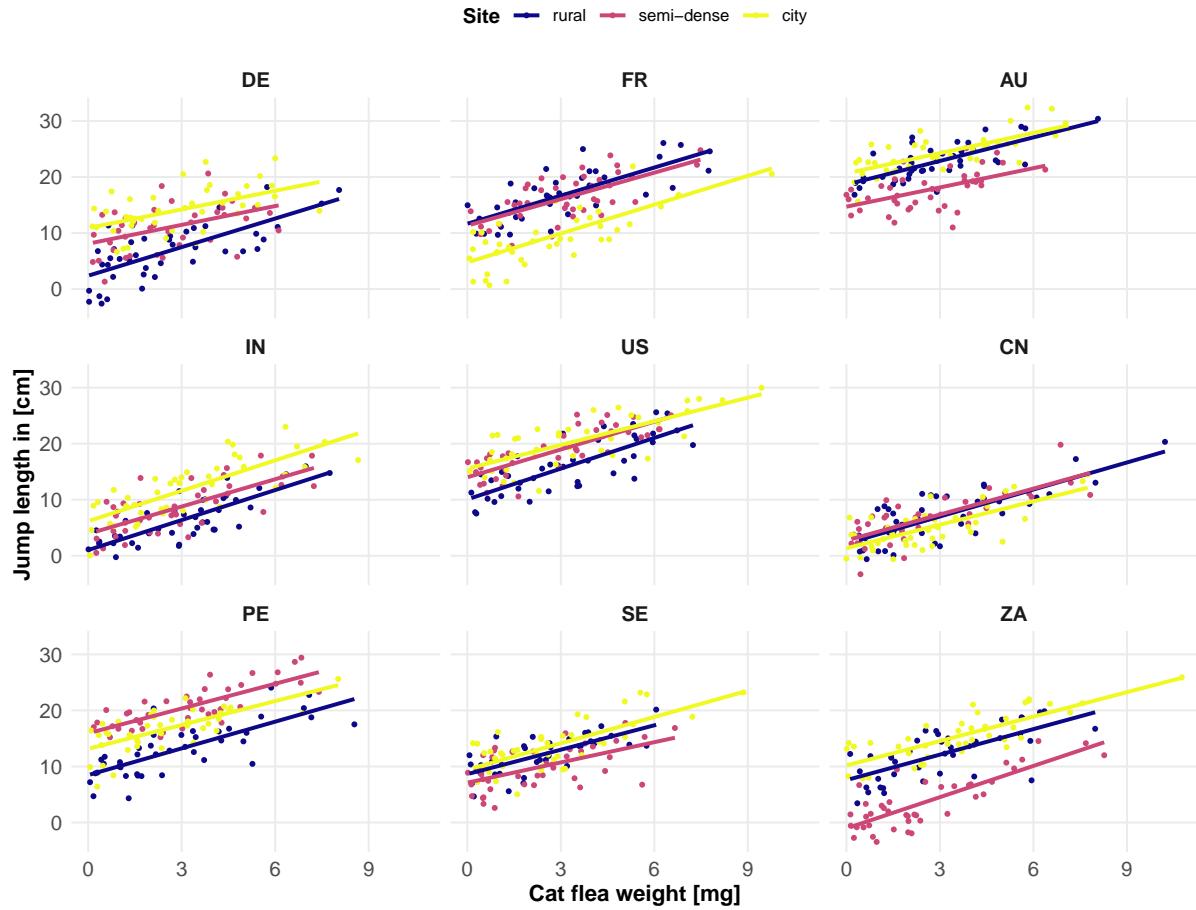


Figure 6.4: foo (A) foo (B) foo

```
lmer(jumplength ~ bodyweight + (site|country), data = jump_international_tbl)
```

```
Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
Formula: jumplength ~ bodyweight + (site | country)
Data: jump_international_tbl
REML criterion at convergence: 5640.55
Random effects:
Groups   Name        Std.Dev. Corr
country  (Intercept) 5.321
          sitessemi-dense 4.306    -0.34
          sitecity       4.251    -0.35  0.36
Residual           2.926
Number of obs: 1107, groups: country, 9
Fixed Effects:
(Intercept)  bodyweight
             8.811      1.532
```

```
c("#OD0887FF", "#5402A3FF", "#8B0AA5FF", "#B93289FF",
  "#DB5C68FF", "#F48849FF", "#FEBC2AFF", "#F0F921FF")
```

```
[1] "#OD0887FF" "#5402A3FF" "#8B0AA5FF" "#B93289FF" "#DB5C68FF" "#F48849FF"
[7] "#FEBC2AFF" "#F0F921FF"
```

## 6.5 Alternatives

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

```
expand_grid(obs = c(1, 3, 2)) |>
  rowwise() |>
  mutate(foo = list(expand_grid(1:obs))) |>
  unnest(cols = c(foo))
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 2
  obs `1:obs`
  <dbl> <int>
1     1     1
2     3     1
3     3     2
4     3     3
5     2     1
6     2     2
```

## **6.6 Glossary**

**term** what does it mean.

## **6.7 The meaning of “Models of Reality” in this chapter.**

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## **6.8 Summary**

## **References**

## **Part III**

# **Speaking to data**

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*“What problem have you solved, ever, that was worth solving where you knew all the given information in advance? No problem worth solving is like that. In the real world, you have a surplus of information and you have to filter it, or you don’t have sufficient information and you have to go find some.” — [Dan Meyer in Math class needs a makeover](#)*

Here comes the preface text

# 7 Programing in the 21st century

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 7.1 General background

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## 7.2 Theoretical background

## 7.3 R packages used

## 7.4 Data

## 7.5 Alternatives

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

## 7.6 Glossary

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## **7.8 Summary**

### **References**

# **Part IV**

# **Hypothesis testing**

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# 8 Statistical testing

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 8.1 General background

“Statistik ist: Wenn der Jäger am Hasen einmal links und einmal rechts vorbeischießt, dann ist der Hase im Durchschnitt tot.” — Mike Krüger, German comedian

Statistics is: When the hunter misses the rabbit once to the left and once to the right, on average the rabbit is dead.

Statistics means: If the hunter misses the rabbit once to the left and once to the right, then on average, the rabbit's a goner.

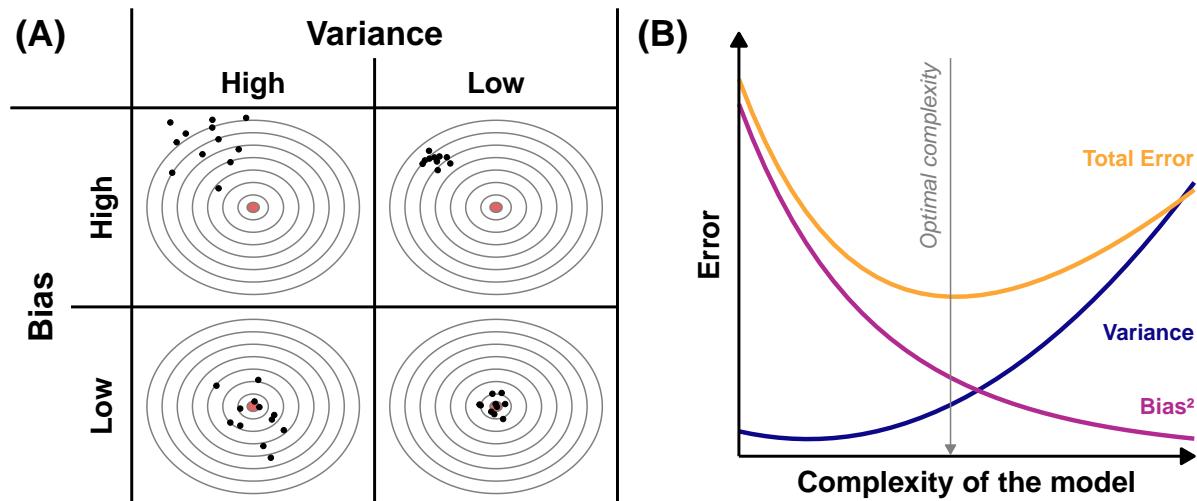


Figure 8.1: foo

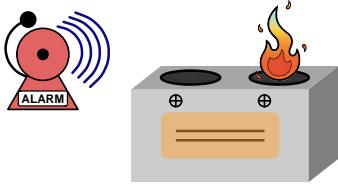
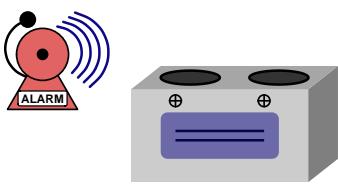
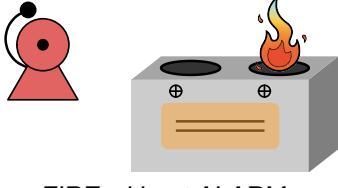
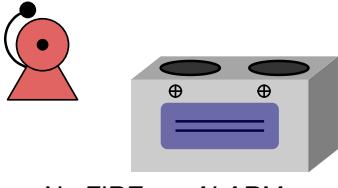
		Unknown truth in the population	
		Null is false / effect	Null is true / no effect
Decision by a statistical test	Reject Null / effect	 <p>ALARM with FIRE <b>Power / True positive</b> <math>1 - \beta = 80\%</math> <i>We believe in this to be high.</i></p>	 <p>ALARM without FIRE <b>Type I error / False positive</b> <math>\alpha = 5\%</math> <i>We control this in our testing.</i></p>
	Keep Null / no effect	 <p>FIRE without ALARM <b>Type II error / False negative</b> <math>\beta = 20\%</math> <i>We cannot control this in our testing.</i></p>	 <p>No FIRE, no ALARM <b>True negative</b> <math>1 - \alpha = 95\%</math> <i>We are rarely interested in.</i></p>

Figure 8.2: foo

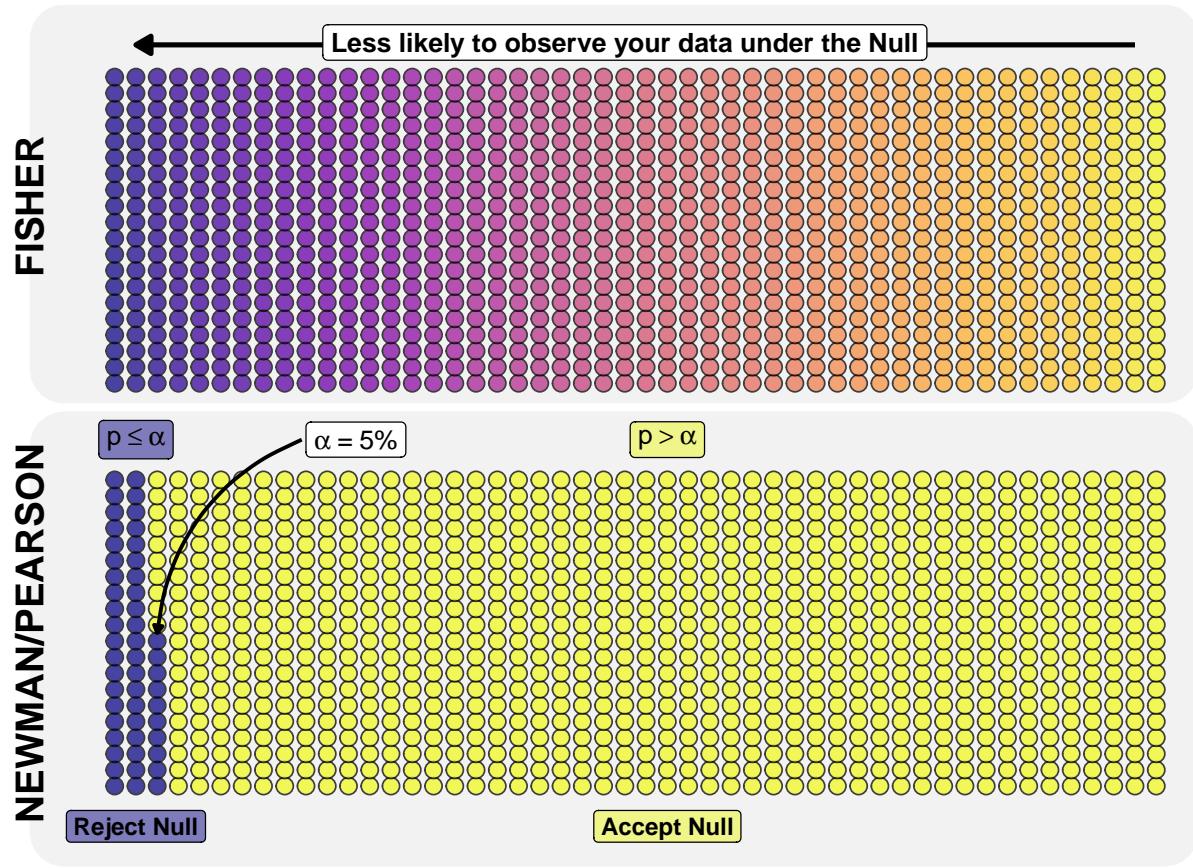


Figure 8.3: foo

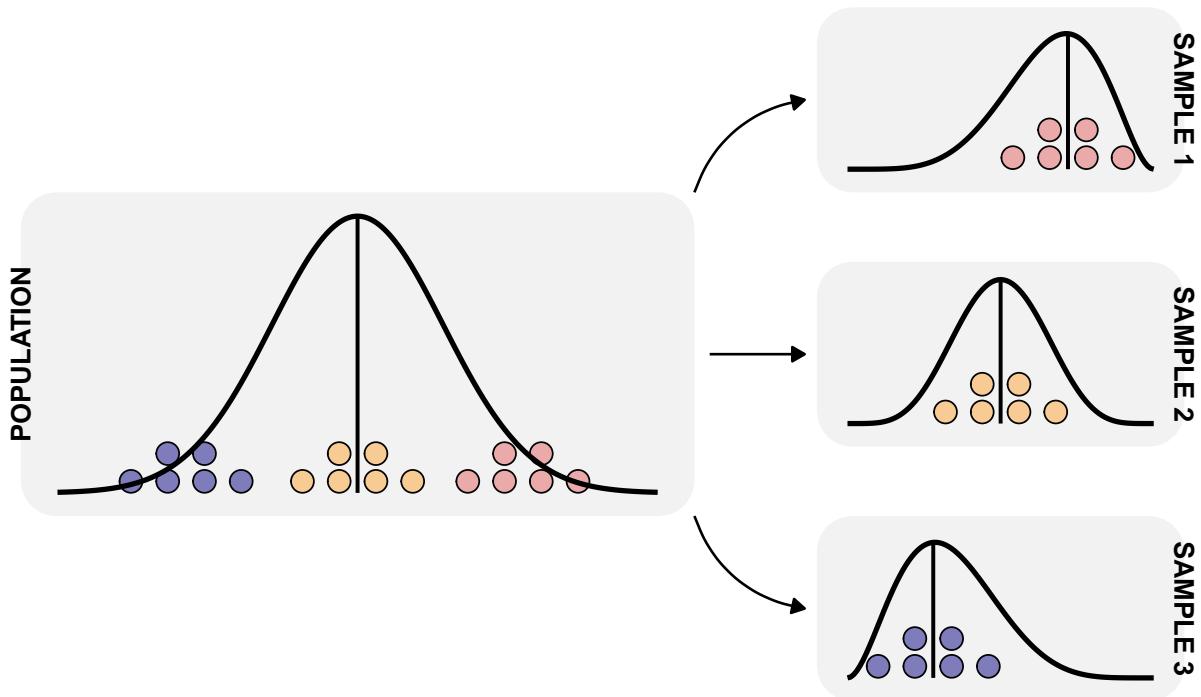


Figure 8.4: foo

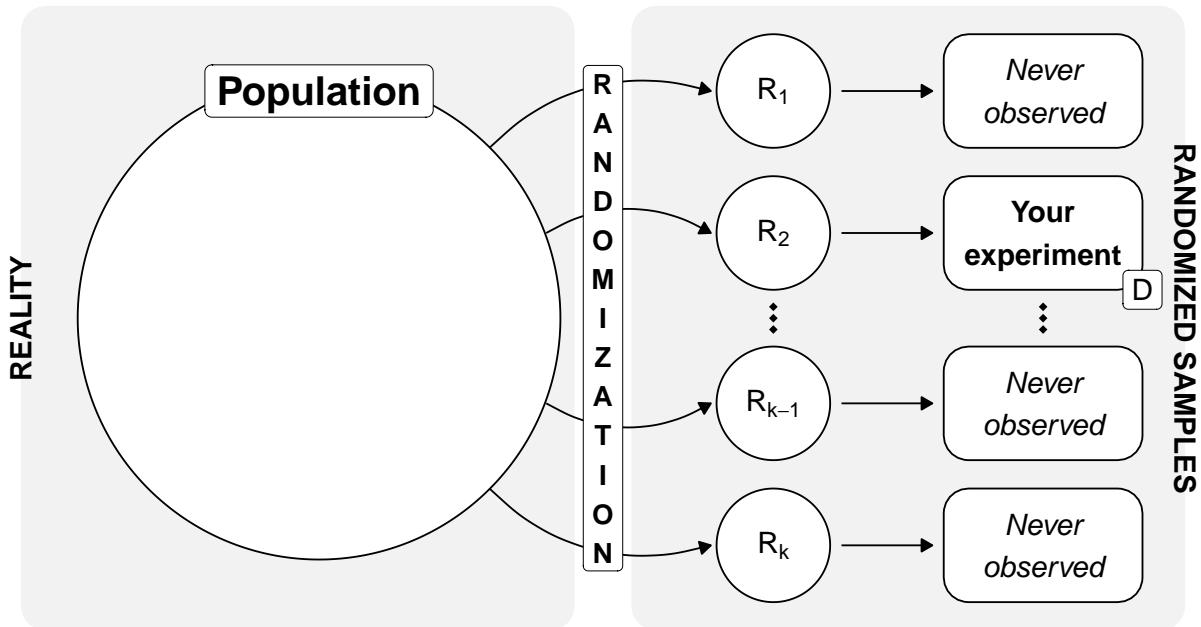


Figure 8.5: foo

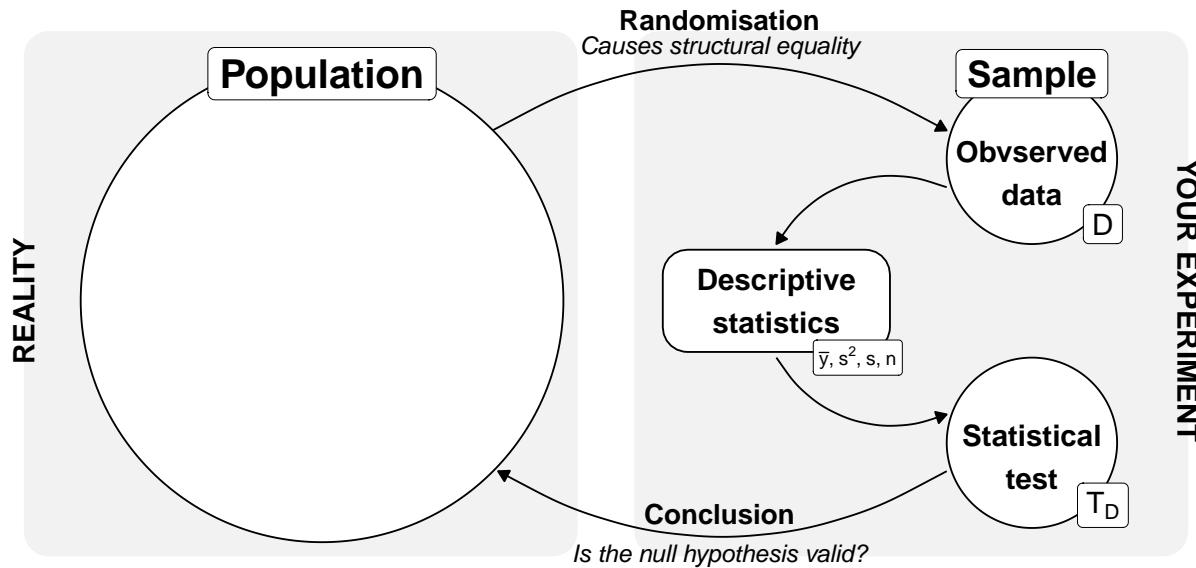


Figure 8.6: foo

## 8.2 Theoretical background

### 8.2.1 Fisher's approach: The 'significance test'

Fisher saw statistics as a tool for inductive reasoning (learning from data for science).

- Only ONE hypothesis: There is only the null hypothesis ( $H_0$  e.g., 'no effect'). An alternative does not formally exist.
- The measure (p-value): The p-value is a continuous measure of the strength of evidence against the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .
  - $p = 0.01$  Strong evidence against the null hypothesis.
  - $p = 0.20$  No evidence against the null hypothesis.
- The result: One rejects the null hypothesis  $H_0$  or one does not make a judgement. One never 'accepts' the null hypothesis (one simply has not found enough evidence to reject it).
- Objective: Gain knowledge through individual experiments.

### 8.2.2 Neyman-Pearson's approach: The 'hypothesis test'

Neyman and Pearson sharply criticised Fisher. They said, 'You can't reject anything if you don't know what to accept instead.' They saw statistics as a decision-making process (behaviourism).

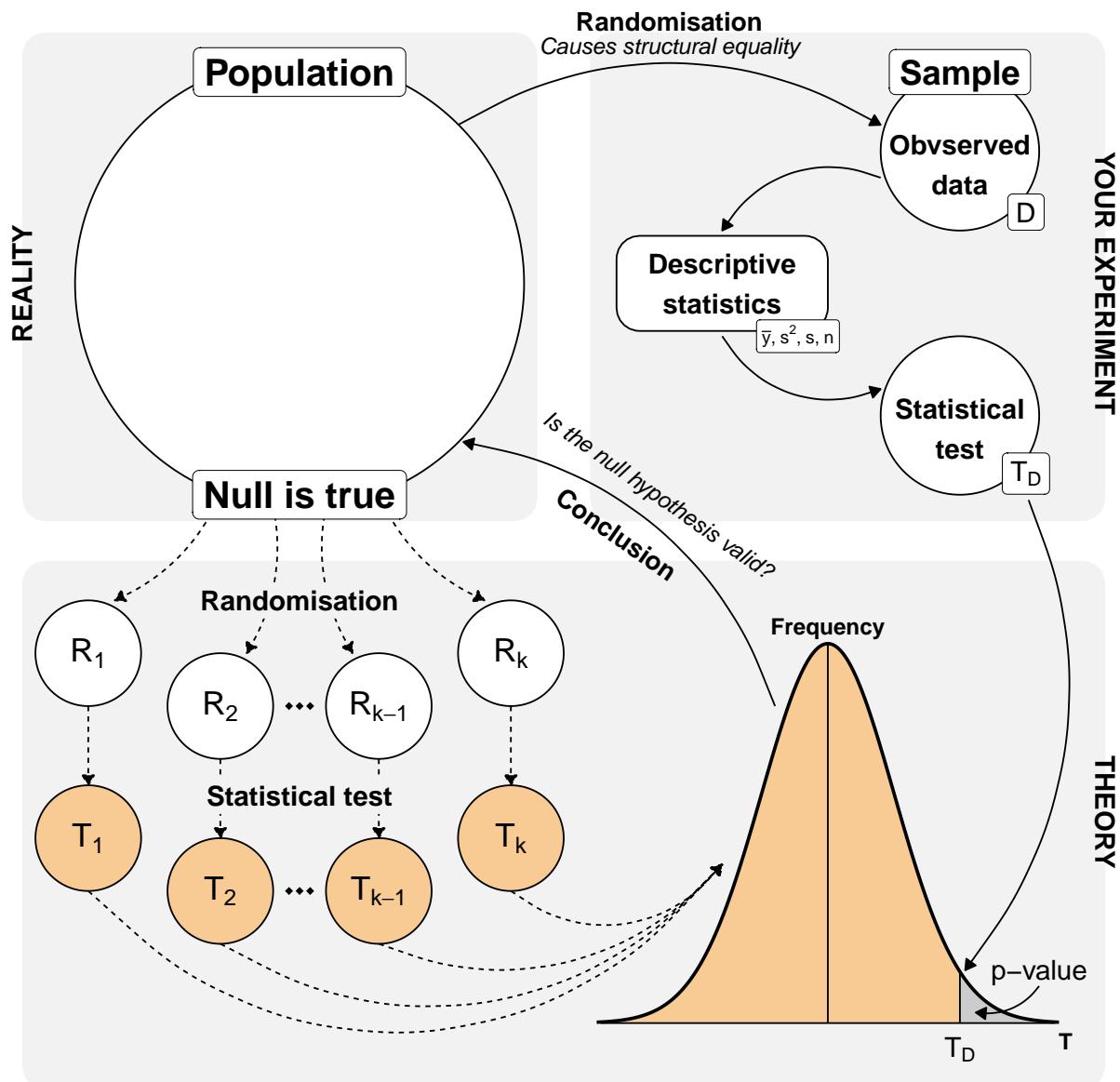


Figure 8.7: foo

- TWO hypotheses: There is the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) AND a specific alternative hypothesis ( $H_A$ ).
- Type 1 and 2 errors: Before the experiment begins, the following is determined:
  - $\alpha$  (alpha): How often am I allowed to incorrectly find an effect? (e.g. 5%)
  - $\beta$  (Beta): How often am I allowed to mistakenly overlook a real effect? (Power/test strength).
- The result: A tough decision. ‘Accept  $H_0$ ’ or ‘Reject  $H_0$ ’ (or Accept  $H_A$ ).
- Goal: Minimisation of losses over many repeated experiments (as in industrial production).

Neymans philosophy: We are not looking for the ‘truth’ in individual cases, but rather we behave in such a way that we are wrong as rarely as possible in 1000 decisions.

### **8.2.3 Today's 'hybrid chaos'**

Modern textbooks and software (such as SPSS or R) often use a hybrid that historically makes no sense:

- We define  $\alpha = 5\%$  (Neyman-Pearson).
- We calculate an exact p-value (Fisher).
- We report the p-value as evidence (Fisher), but use it for a hard yes/no decision (Neyman-Pearson).
- We talk about ‘power’ (Neyman-Pearson), but often only test against a non-specific alternative.

This mishmash often leads to misunderstandings, such as that a  $p = 0.001$  indicates a ‘stronger effect’ than  $p = 0.049$  (Fisher thinking), even though in Neyman-Pearson logic at  $\alpha = 5\%$ , one would have to make exactly the same decision in both cases (‘Reject  $H_0$ ’).

## **8.3 R packages used**

## **8.4 Data**

## **8.5 Alternatives**

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

## **8.6 Glossary**

**term** what does it mean.

## **8.7 The meaning of “Models of Reality” in this chapter.**

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## **8.8 Summary**

## **References**

## **Part V**

# **Template Preface**

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# 9 Template chapter

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## 9.1 General background

## 9.2 Theoretical background

## 9.3 R packages used

## 9.4 Data

## 9.5 Alternatives

Further tutorials and R packages on XXX

## 9.6 Glossary

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## **9.8 Summary**

## **References**

# A Why does it look like this?

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“A quote.” — Dan Meyer

## A.1 Used R packages

This is a printout of the `init.R` file, which can be found on GitHub

```
pacman::p_load(tidyverse, ggforce, viridis, knitr, patchwork)
```

## A.2 Used theme of the visualizations

```
theme_book <- function() {
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
    plot.title = element_text(size = 16, face = "bold"),
    plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 12, face = "italic"),
    plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic"),
    axis.title = element_text(size = 12, face = "bold"),
    axis.text = element_text(size = 11),
    legend.title = element_text(face = "bold"))
}
```

## A.3 Used color palettes

```
col_pal <- \n, alpha) plasma(n = n, alpha = alpha)
c6_pal <- col_pal(6, 1)
```

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