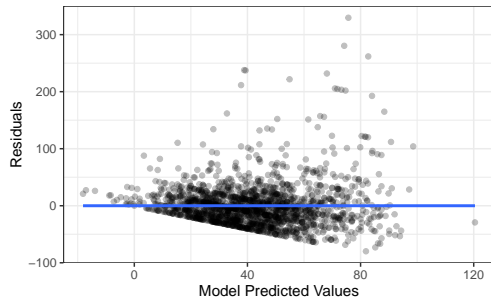Practice fitting, evaluating and making point estimates using multiple linear regression models (ch 6)

Justin Leinaweaver (Spring 2022)

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	age	education	exercise	height
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education	-0.15	1	0.18	0.11
exercise	-0.33	0.18	1	0.22
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For Today - Make Predictions (w/ 95% PIs)

Establish a baseline prediction for a hypothetical person who is 25 (Age), Education 13, Exercise 1, Height 67

Then calculate the predicted income if:

1. Finish college? (16)

2. Finish grad school? (18)

3. Increase exercise to 1x / week? (4)

4. Increase exercise to 3x / week? (7)

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Finish College	-28.7	46.1	120.9
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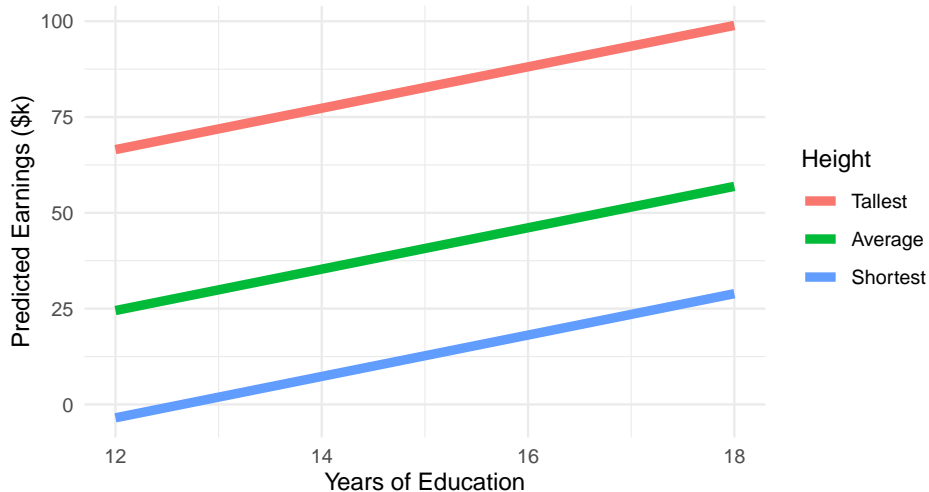Assumes a 25 year old who is 5ft 7in and doesn't exercise
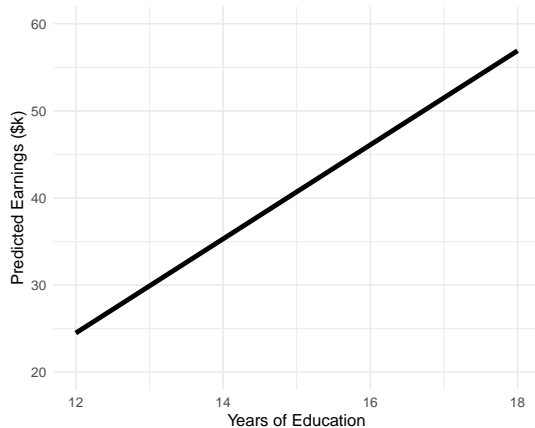
Predicted Earnings ($k) vs Years of Education

Average Height (5'7")		Tallest Height (6'10")	
Education	Prediction	Education	Prediction
12	$24.5	12	$66.5
13	$29.9	13	$71.9
14	$35.3	14	$77.3
15	$40.7	15	$82.7
16	$46.1	16	$88.1
17	$51.5	17	$93.5
18	$56.9	18	$98.9

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Assumes a 25 year old who doesn't exercise

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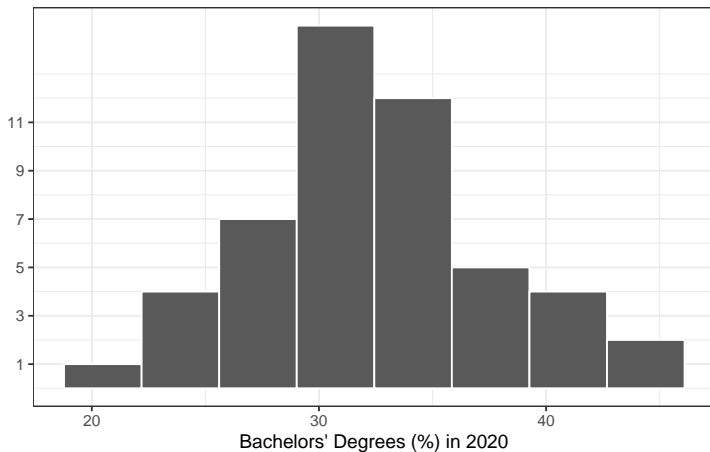
What is the "best" model of bachelor's degree completion in dataset 1?

1. Choose the logical predictors

2. Fit a simple OLS regression to each predictor

3. Fit a multiple regression with the "best" of those

4. Evaluate the model using all five steps

5. Use the model to make predictions

What is the "best" model of bachelor's degree completion in dataset 1?

Outcome
- Bachelors' Degrees

Predictors to Consider
- GDP (Billions), GDP (Rate), Homeownership, Manufacturing employment, Minimum wage, Population, Rental Vacancy Rate, State Tax Rate on Wages, Unemployment

Common Regression Mistakes (Wheelan ch12)

1. Linear regression on nonlinear relationships

2. Correlation does not equal causation

3. Reverse causality

4. Omitted variable bias (too few variables)

5. Highly correlated explanatory variables (multicollinearity)

6. Extrapolating beyond the data

7. Data mining (too many variables)