Chapter 3

Dealing with numerical data

Previously...

Case	Age	Gender	Nationality	Days to Recover	Education Level	Confirmed At	Recovered At
1	66	Male	Chinese	26	Diploma	23rd, Jan 2020	19th, Feb 2020
2	53	Female	Chinese	14	University	24th, Jan 2020	7th, Feb 2020
3	37	Male	Chinese	27	High School	24th, Jan 2020	21st, Feb 2020
4	36	Male	Chinese	17	University	25th, Jan 2020	12th, Feb 2020
5	56	Female	Chinese	21	Diploma	27th, Jan 2020	18th, Feb 2020
6	56	Male	Chinese	23	Diploma	27th, Jan 2020	20th, Feb 2020
7	35	Male	Chinese	7	High School	27th, Jan 2020	4th, Feb 2020
8	56	Female	Chinese	20	Diploma	28th, Jan 2020	18th, Feb 2020
9	56	Male	Chinese	25	University	29th, Jan 2020	23rd, Feb 2020
10	56	Male	Chinese	10	High School	29th, Jan 2020	9th, Feb 2020
11	31	Female	Chinese	11	University	29th, Jan 2020	10th, Feb 2020
12	37	Female	Chinese	13	University	29th, Jan 2020	12th, Feb 2020

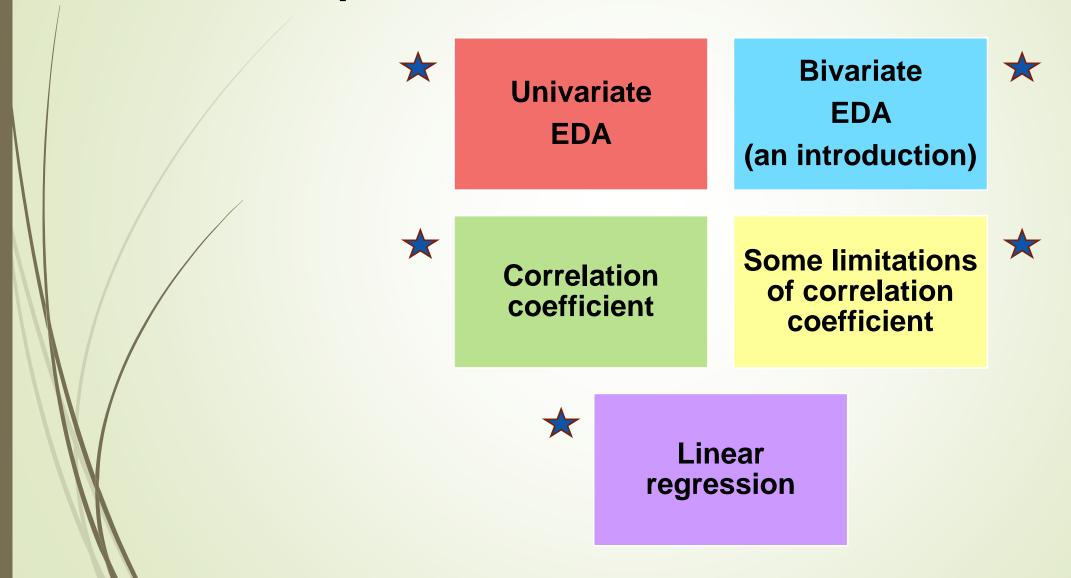
Exploratory Data Analysis

Exploratory Data Analysis:

Process of summarising or understanding the data and extracting insights or main characteristics of the data.



Chapter Outline



Housing data

	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J	К
1	month	town	flat_type	block	street_name	storey_range	floor_area_sqm	flat_model	lease_commence_date	remaining_lease	resale_price 4
2	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	2 ROOM	406	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	10 TO 12	44	Improved	1979	61 years 04 months	232000
3	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	108	ANG MO KIO AVE 4	01 TO 03	67	New Generation	1978	60 years 07 months	250000
4	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	602	ANG MO KIO AVE 5	01 TO 03	67	New Generation	1980	62 years 05 months	262000
5	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	465	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	04 TO 06	68	New Generation	1980	62 years 01 month	265000
6	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	601	ANG MO KIO AVE 5	01 TO 03	67	New Generation	1980	62 years 05 months	265000
7	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	150	ANG MO KIO AVE 5	01 TO 03	68	New Generation	1981	63 years	275000
8	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	447	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	04 TO 06	68	New Generation	1979	61 years 06 months	280000
9	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	218	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	04 TO 06	67	New Generation	1976	58 years 04 months	285000
10	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	447	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	04 TO 06	68	New Generation	1979	61 years 06 months	285000
11	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	571	ANG MO KIO AVE 3	01 TO 03	67	New Generation	1979	61 years 04 months	285000
12	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	534	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	01 TO 03	68	New Generation	1980	62 years 01 month	288500
13	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	233	ANG MO KIO AVE 3	10 TO 12	67	New Generation	1977	59 years 08 months	295000
14	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	235	ANG MO KIO AVE 3	04 TO 06	67	New Generation	1977	59 years 08 months	295000
15	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	219	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	07 TO 09	67	New Generation	1977	59 years 06 months	297000
16	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	536	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	07 TO 09	68	New Generation	1980	62 years 01 month	298000
17	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	230	ANG MO KIO AVE 3	04 TO 06	67	New Generation	1978	60 years	298000
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19	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	624	ANG MO KIO AVE 4	04 TO 06	68	New Generation	1980	62 years 08 months	301000
20	1/1/2017	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	441	ANG MO KIO AVE 10	07 TO 09	67	New Generation	1979	61 years	306000



Problem → Plan → Data



Age?

Time period?

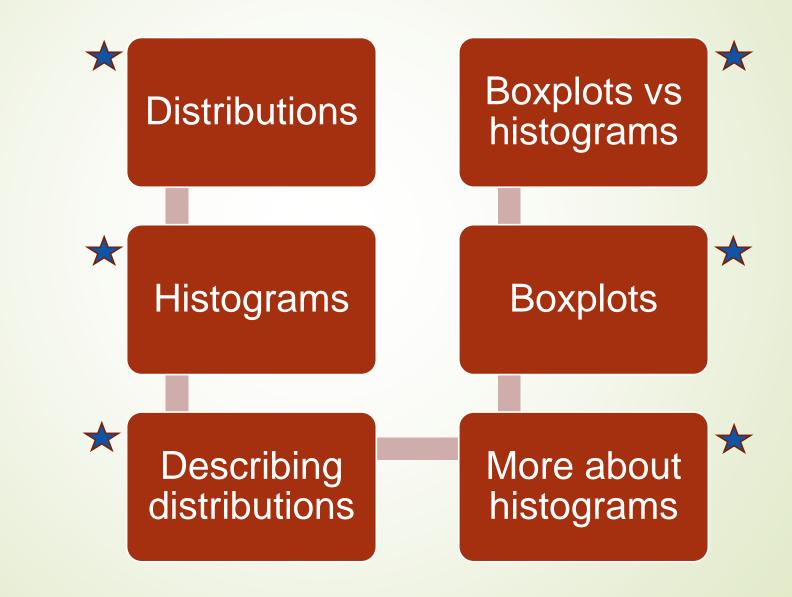
Floor area?

	A	В	C	D
1	month	floor_area_sqm	age	resale_price
2	1/1/2021	45	35	225000
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Univariate Exploratory Data Analysis

Outline of unit



Distributions

	Α	В	C	D
1	month	floor_area_sqm	age	resale_price
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Age	Frequency
2	9
3	8
4	583
5	1105
6	884
7	295
8	255
9	219
10	147

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Any pattern in the data?

Histograms

• Graphical display of a distribution

Quick and easy to grasp

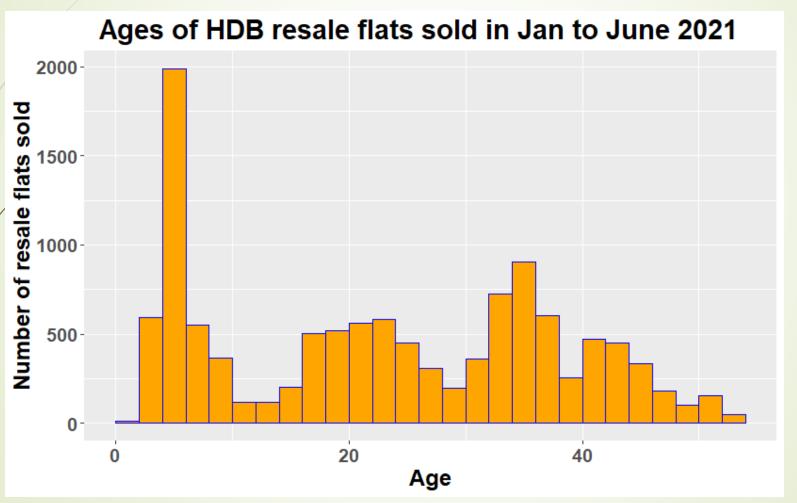
Useful for large data sets

Histograms

Age	Frequency
2	9
3	8
4	583
5	1105
6	884
7	295
8	255
9	219
10	147

Bins	Frequency
0-2	9
2-4	591 (8 + 583)
4-6	1989 (1105 + 884)
6-8	550 (295 + 255)
8-10	336 (219 + 147)

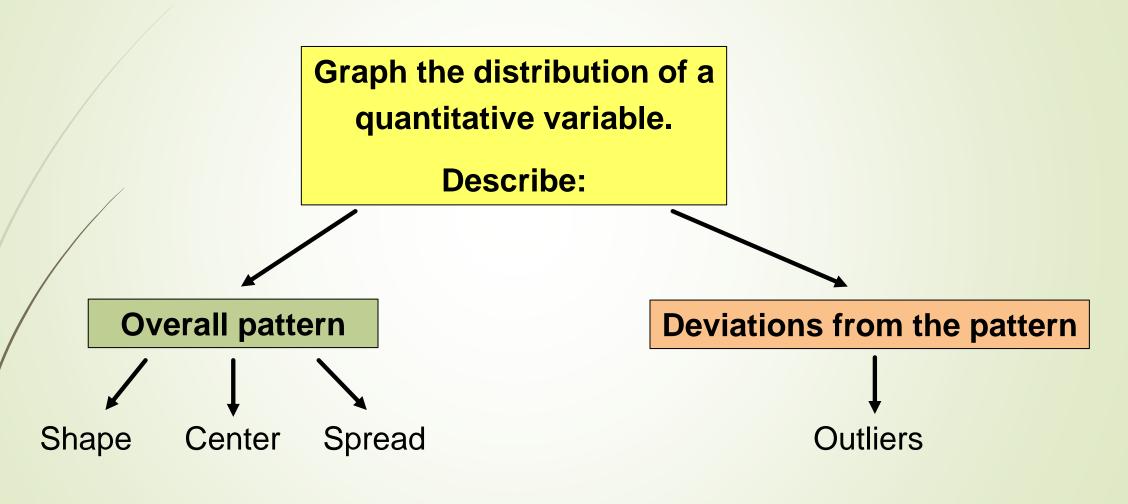
Histograms





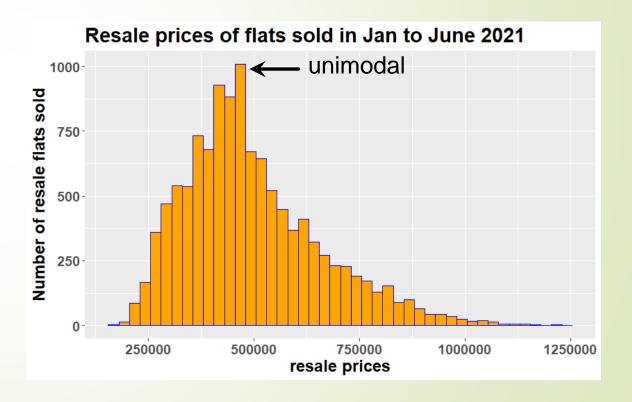
Range 4-6 years:

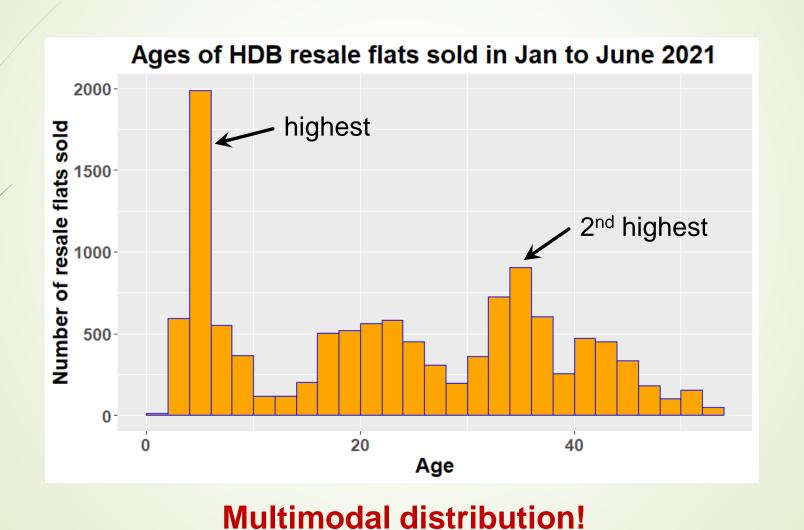
- Most frequent
- 17% of flats sold

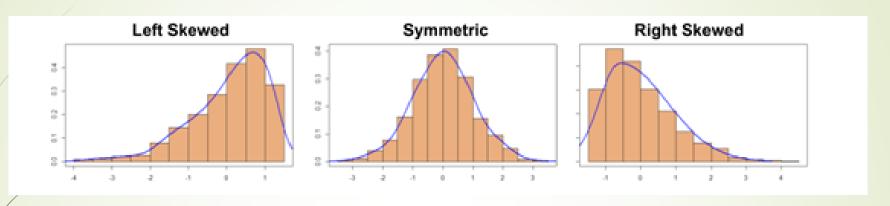


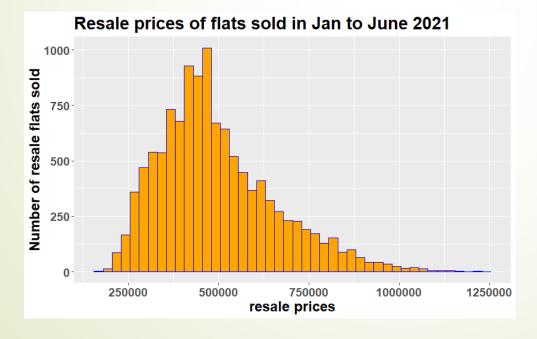
Shape of a distribution: peaks and skewness

	Α	В	C	(D)
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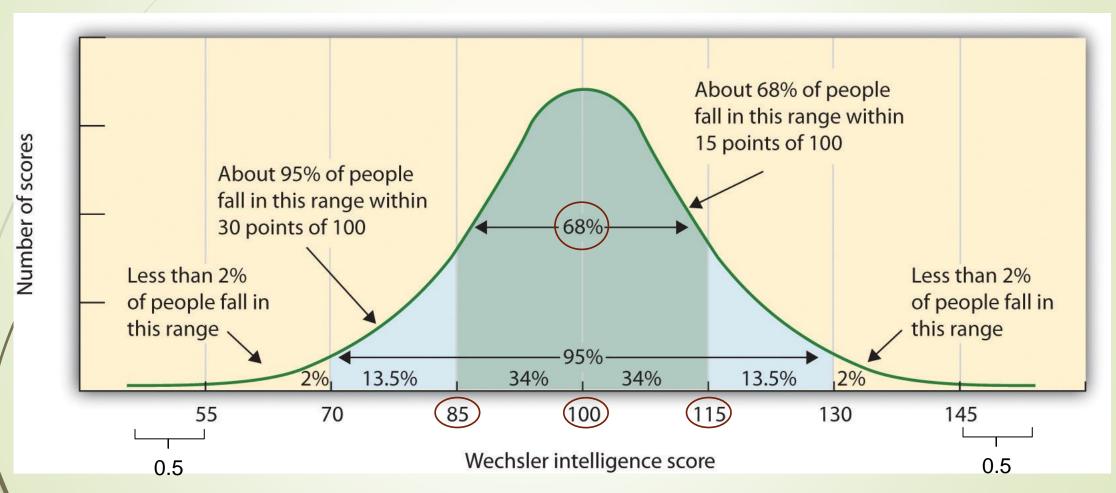




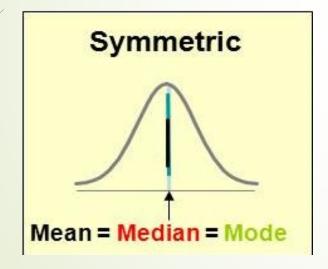


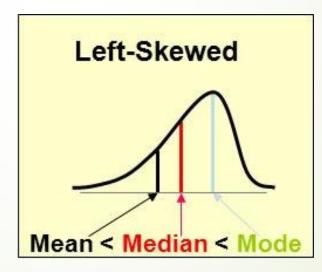
Right skewed:

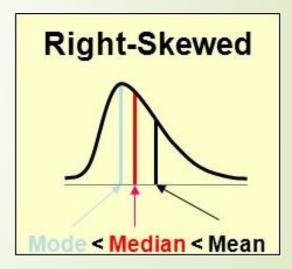
Very few flats sold at very high prices.



Center of a distribution: mean, median and mode

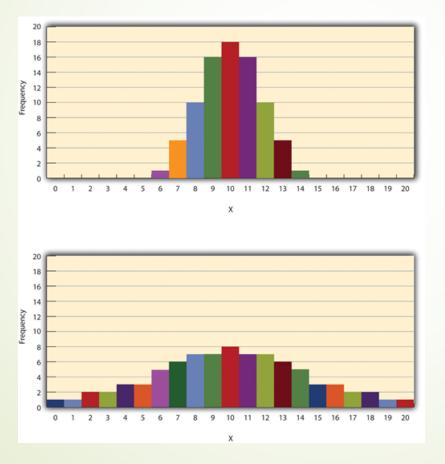








Spread of a distribution: range and standard deviation

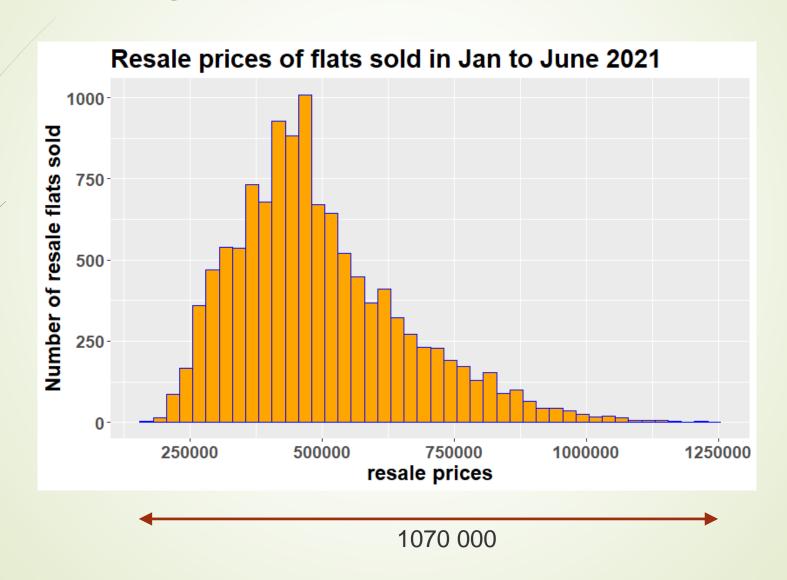


Low variability

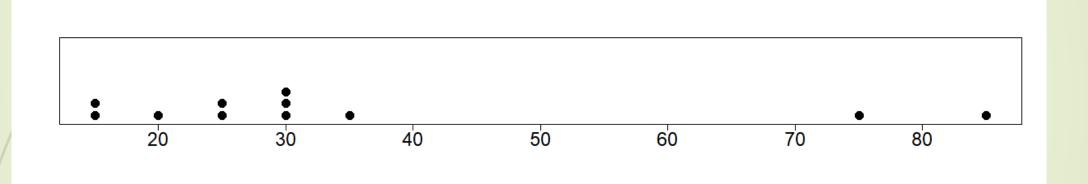
s = 1.69

High variability

s = 4.30



Outliers: observations that fall well above or well below the overall bulk of data



Examining data for outliers can be useful in

- identifying strong skew in a distribution
- identifying possible data collection or data entry errors
- providing interesting insight into the data

Without Outlier

4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7

Mean = 5.45

Median = 5

Mode = 5

Standard Deviation = 1.04

With Outlier

4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 300

Mean = 30

Median = 5.5

Mode = 5

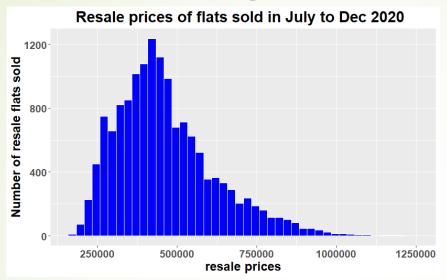
Standard Deviation = (85.03)

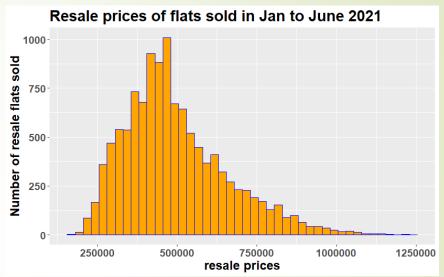
Note: It may be good practice to repeat analysis with and without the outlier(s).



Mean = 496870.4Median = 468000

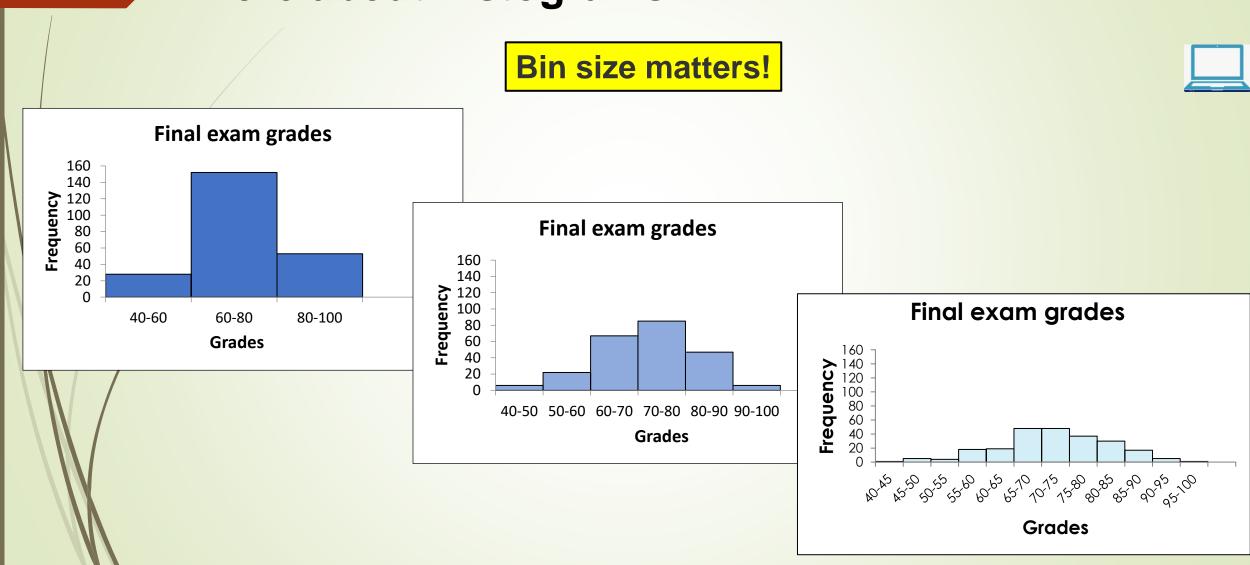


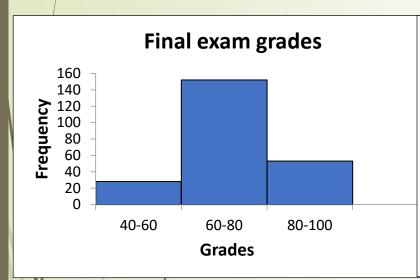


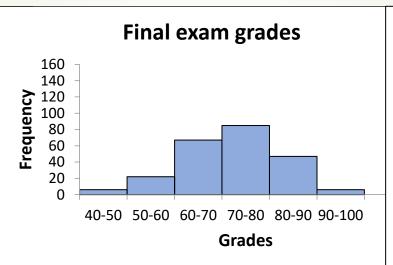


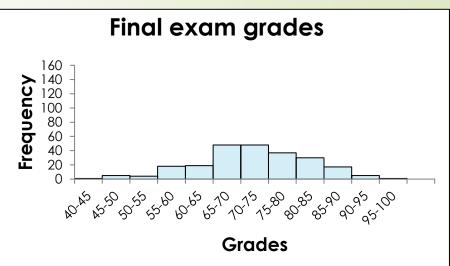
resale_price (jul	y to Dec 2020)	resale_price (Jan to June 2021)	
Mean	462826.8108	Mean	496870.412
Standard Error	1290.60473	Standard Error	1502.279126
Median	435000	Median	468000
Mode	400000	Mode	420000
Standard Deviation	155955.0436	Standard Deviation	162106.9861
Sample Variance	24321975624	Sample Variance	262/8674930
Kurtosis	1.067523787	Kurtosis	0.82677618
Skewness	0.964942209	Skewness	0.904035777
Range	1098000	Range	1070000
Minimum	160000	Minimum	180000
Maximum	1258000	Maximum	1250000
Sum	6758197092	Sum	5785559077
Count	14602	Count	11644







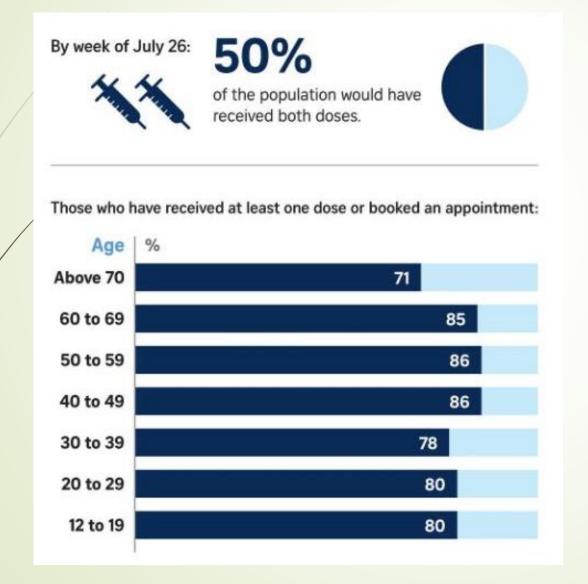




General advice:

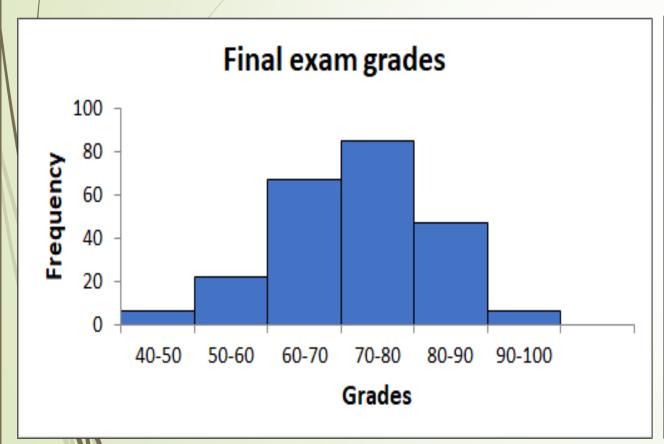
- Avoid histograms with large bin widths that group data into only a few bins.
- Avoid histograms with very small bin widths that group data into too many bins.
- Construct histograms with different bin sizes to see which one is the most useful for our purpose.

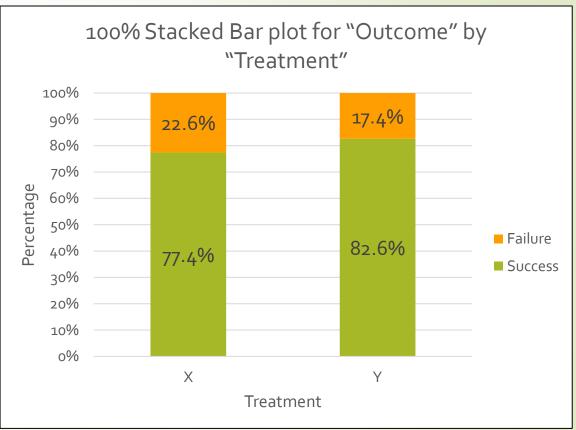
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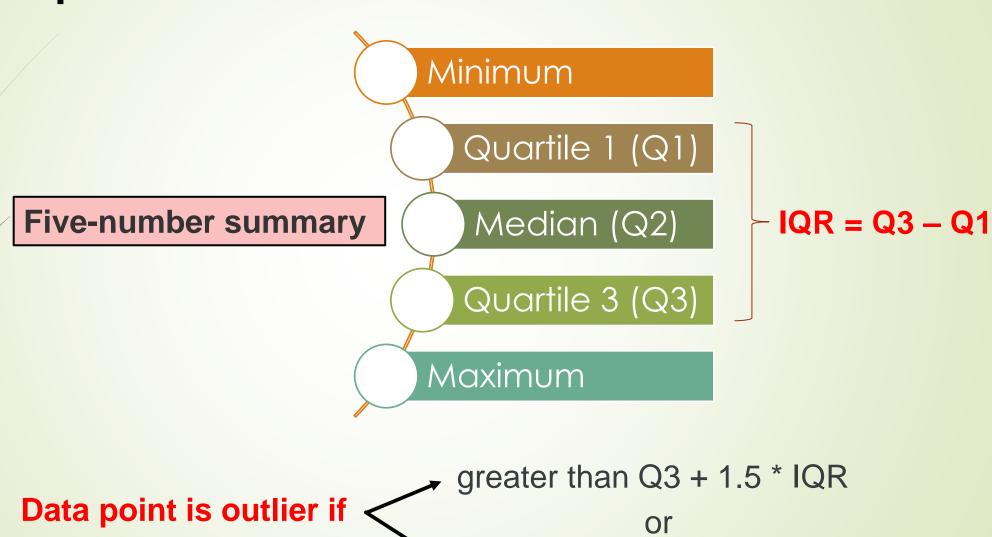


Histogram or bar graph?

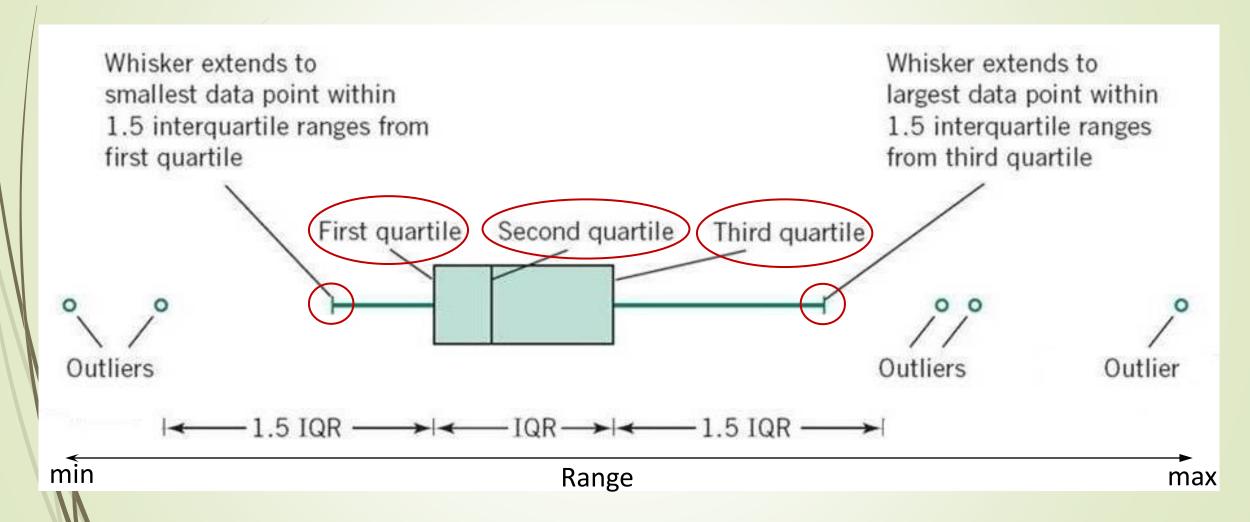
Histograms vs bar graphs

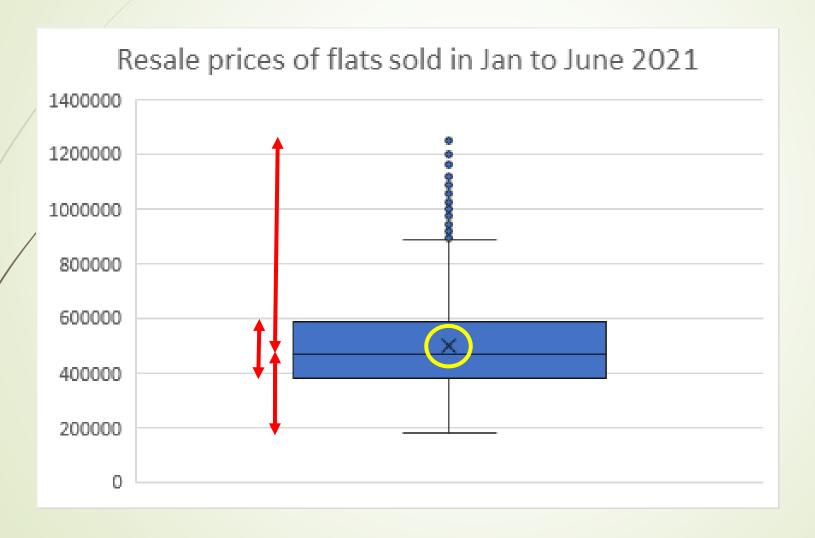






less than Q1 - 1.5 * IQR



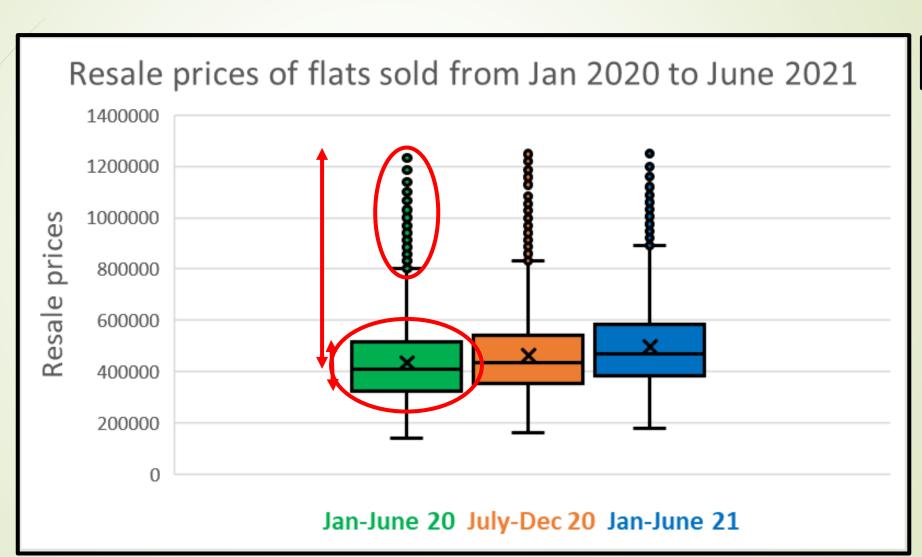


Shape?

Center?

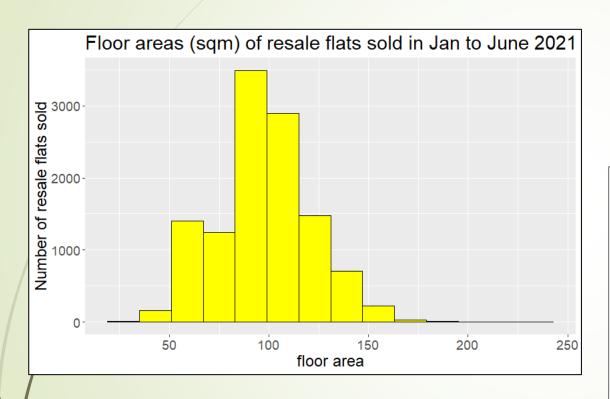
Spread?

 $IQR = 204\,000$

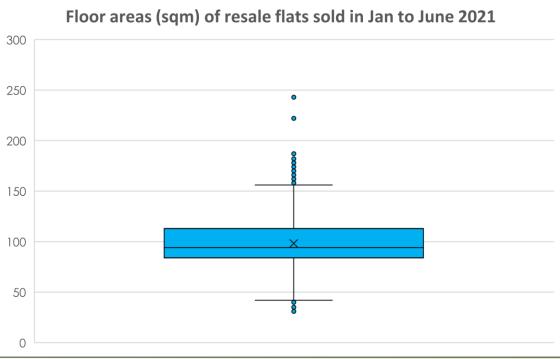




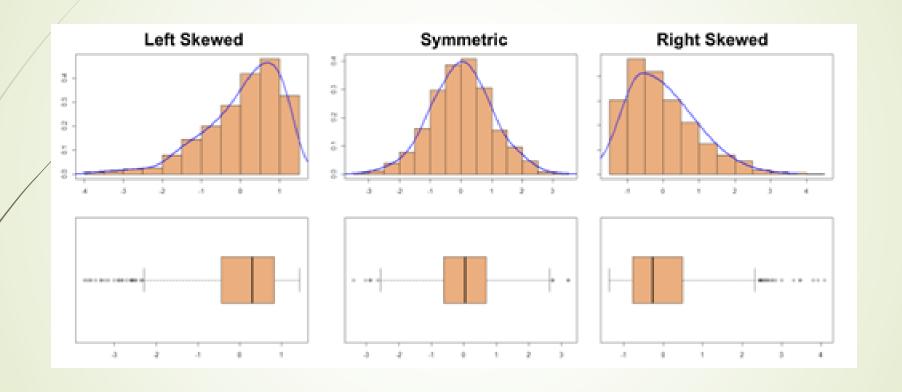
Exercise



Is IQR a robust statistic?

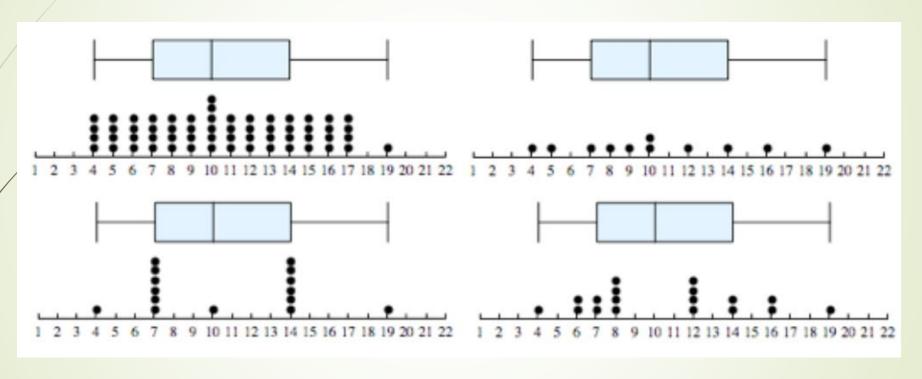


Boxplots vs histograms



Shape? Comparison of data? Outliers? Number of points?

Boxplots vs histograms



Graphics



Bivariate
Exploratory
Data Analysis
(an introduction)

Previously...

Type of Research Questions	Examples
Make an estimate about the population	What is the average number of hours that students study each week?
wake an estimate about the population	What proportion of all Singapore students is enrolled in a university?
Test a claim about the population	Is the average course load for a university student greater than 20 units?
	Does the majority of students qualify for student loans?
	In university X, do female students have a higher GPA score than male students?
Compare two sub-populations	Are student athletes more likely than non-athletes to do final year projects?
Investigate a relationship between two variables in the population	Is there a relationship between the average number of hours students spend each week on Facebook and their GPA?
	Does drinking coffee help students pass the math exam?

Outline of unit

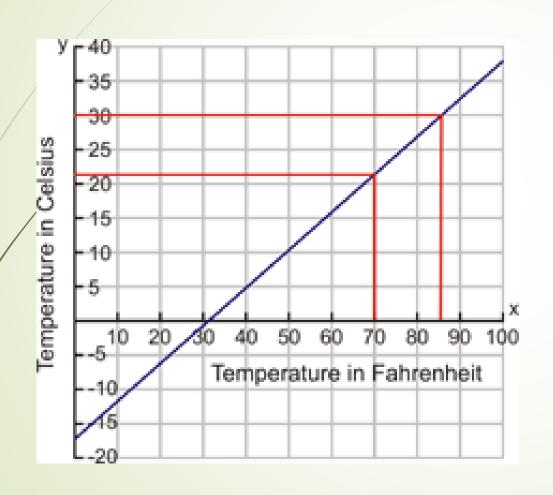
Deterministic relationship

Interpreting scatter plots

Association

Bivariate data and scatter plot

Deterministic relationship



Degree Celsius = (Fahrenheit – 32) x (5/9)

Deterministic relationship

The Stuffed Chicken Breast Recipe Everyone Will Love





Temperature in degrees

 $= (Fahrenheit - 32) \times (5/9)$

 $= (450 - 32) \times (5/9)$

= 232.22

Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit and soak 12 toothpicks in water. Place each
chicken breast on a cutting board and cut a slit ¾ way through. Place the prepared
chicken breasts in a high-rimmed baking sheet.

Association

Statistical relationship

- Natural variability exists in measurements of two variables.
- Average value of one variable can be described given the value of the other variable.



Association

Large study finds clear association between fitness and mental health

New research from a large study demonstrates that low cardiorespiratory fitness and muscle strength have a significant association with worse mental health.



Late Receipt / Softy Weep

DOES BETTER FITNESS
MAKE A PERSON MENTALLY
HEALTHIER?

OR

DOES BETTER MENTAL
HEALTH MAKE A PERSON
EXERCISE MORE AND BECOME
FITTER?

OR

THE ASSOCIATION IS DUE TO OTHER REASONS?

Association

TGA says there is 'no likely association' between COVID-19 vaccine and recent deaths of two men in NSW



The TEA says current enigency does not suggest a link between the death of two men in New South Water and the COVID-19 recover they received beforehand. Source: Provid.



Do not jump to conclusions easily!

Bivariate data and scatter plot

Bivariate data

"2 variables" data

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A picture is worth 1000 words!

Bivariate data and scatter plot

Bivariate Data Analysis

Scatter plots

Get an idea of the pattern

Correlation coefficients

Check for linear relationship

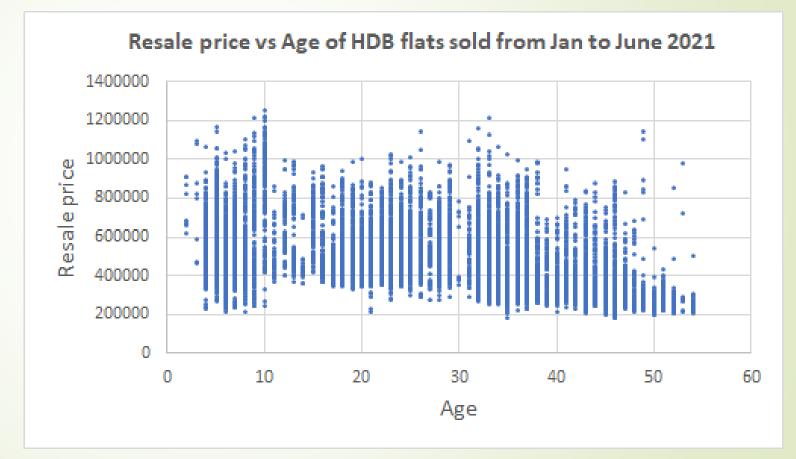
Regression analysis

 Fit a line or curve to data

Bivariate data and scatter plot

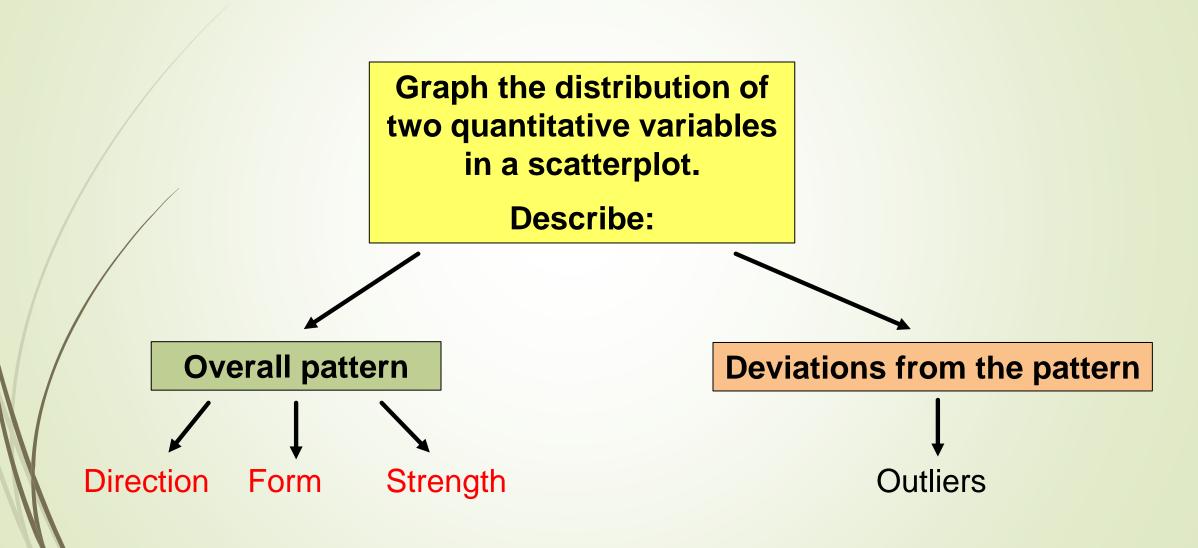
Independent (explanatory)

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	C	D	
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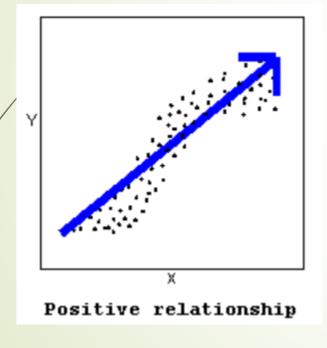


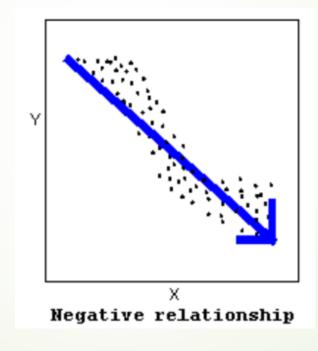


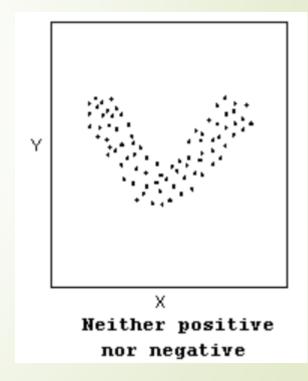


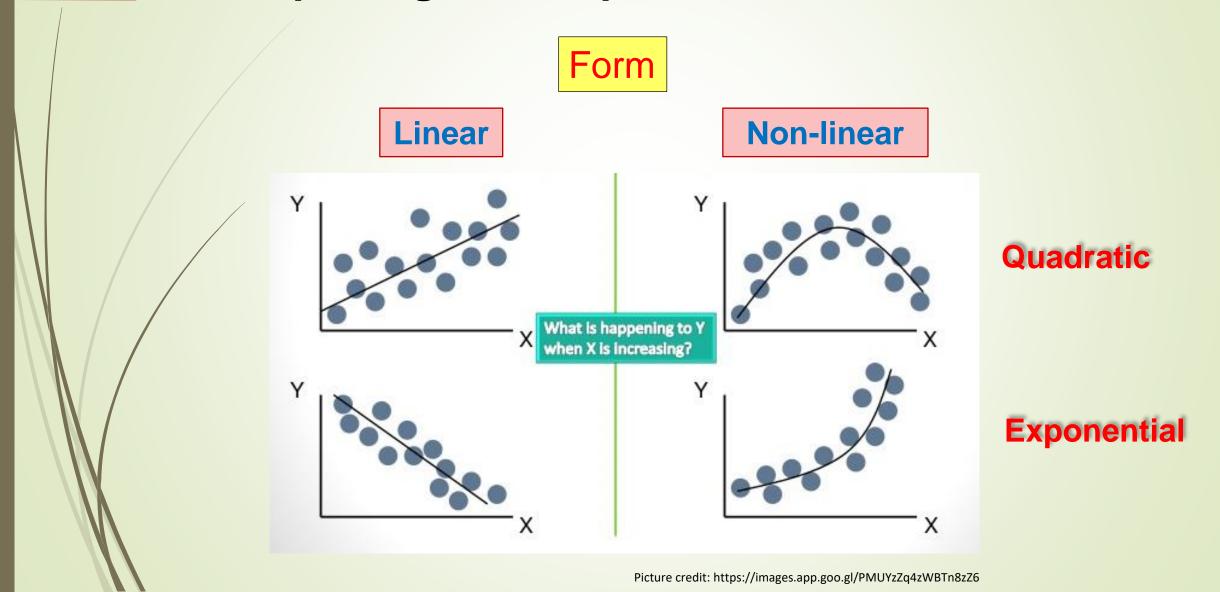


Direction

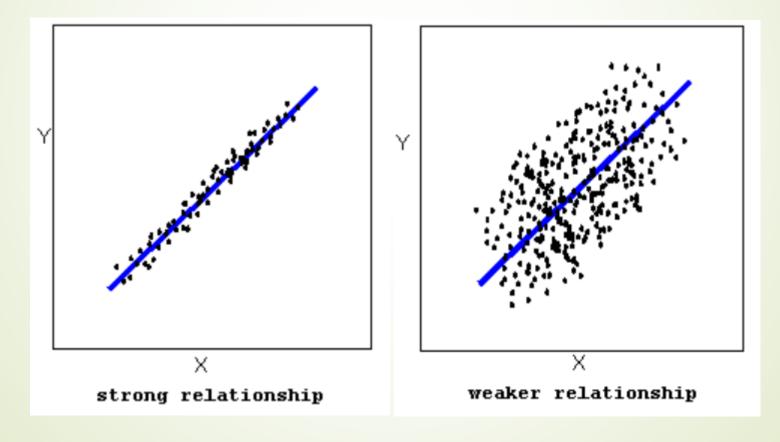








Strength





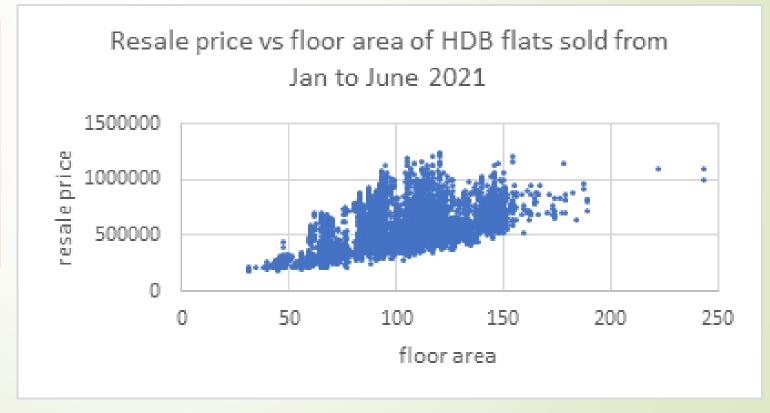
Direction?

Form?

Strength?

Outliers

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In summary...

- ☐ Deterministic relationship between two variables
- ☐ Association between two variables
- □ Bivariate data and scatter plots
- ☐ How to interpret scatter plots?

Correlation Coefficient

Learning Objectives

- By the end of this unit, you should be able to do the following:
- 1. Interpret correlation coefficient
- Understand and apply properties of correlation coefficient

Question

 How do we measure quantitatively the relationship

between the flats' resale price and age?

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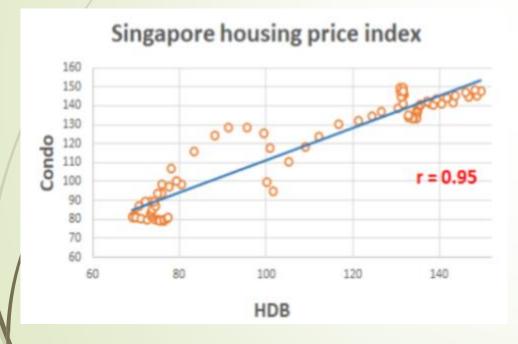
Correlation Coefficient

- Correlation coefficient is a measure of linear association
- Range is between -1 and 1
- It summarizes direction and strength of linear association

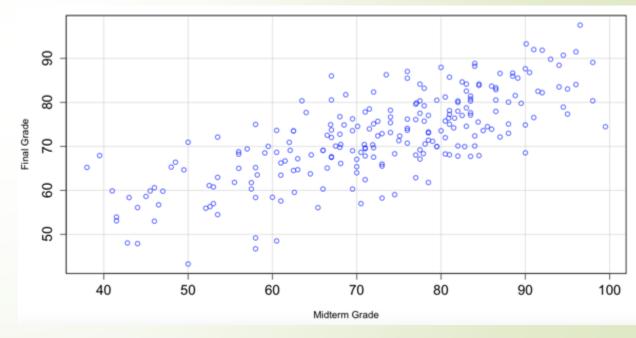
- ightharpoonup r > 0 o positive association
- $r < 0 \rightarrow$ negative association
- $r = 0 \rightarrow \text{no linear association}$
- $ightharpoonup r = 1 \rightarrow \text{perfect positive association}$
- $r = -1 \rightarrow \text{perfect negative association}$

Some Examples (r > 0)

Correlation between Singapore housing price index of HDB and condo



Correlation between students' midterm grade and final grade (r = 0.75).

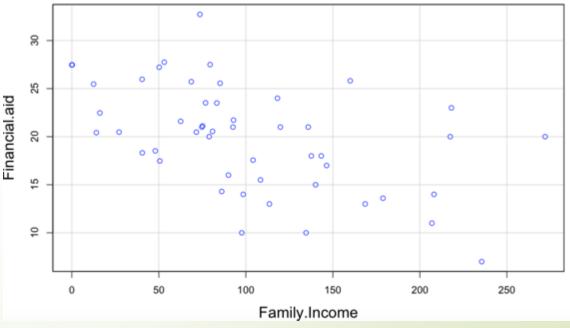


Some Examples (r < 0)

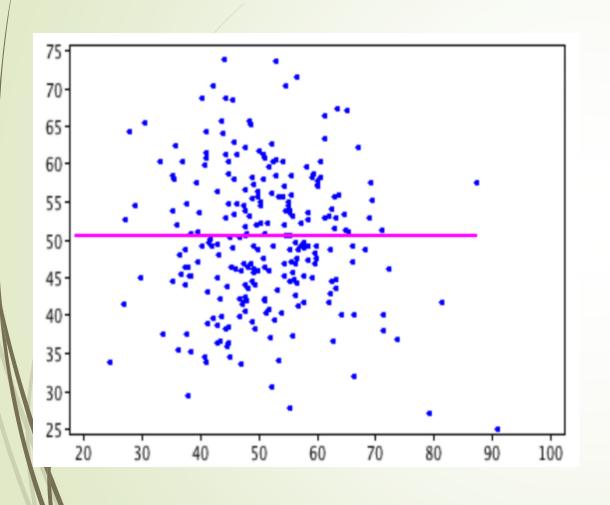
Correlation between gold and oil price

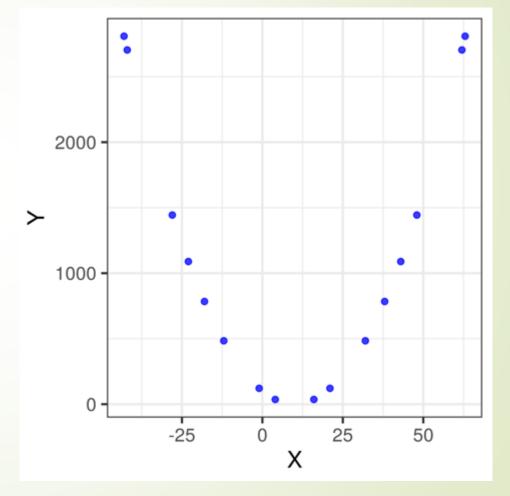


Correlation between financial aid and family income of students (r = -0.49).

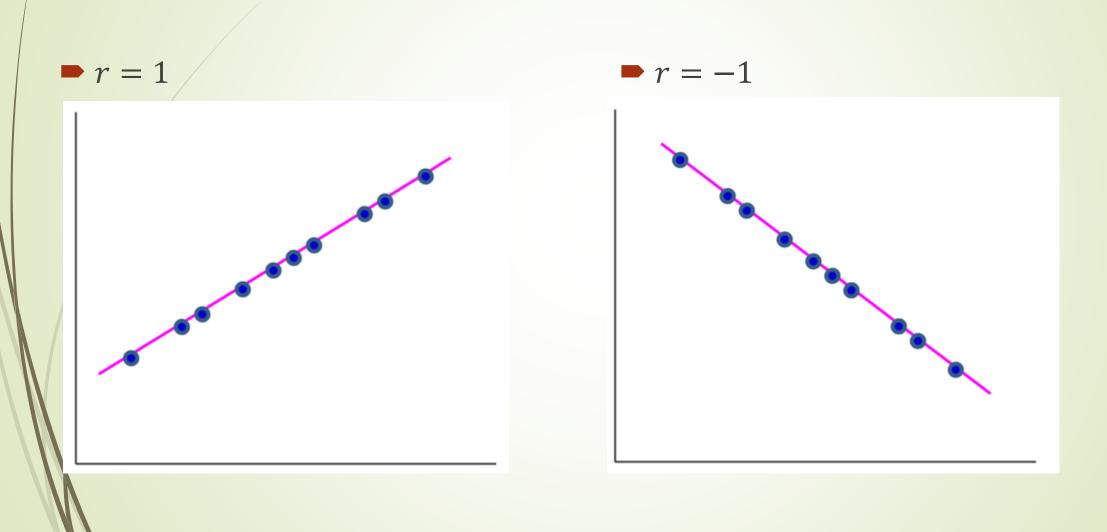


Some Examples r=0

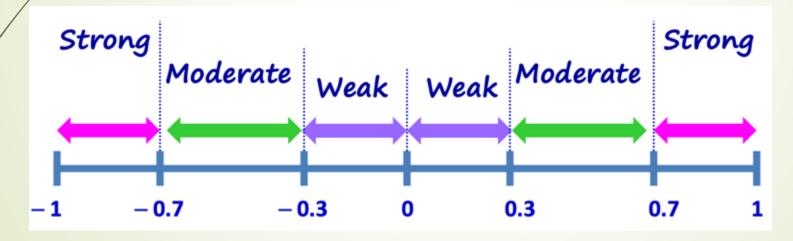




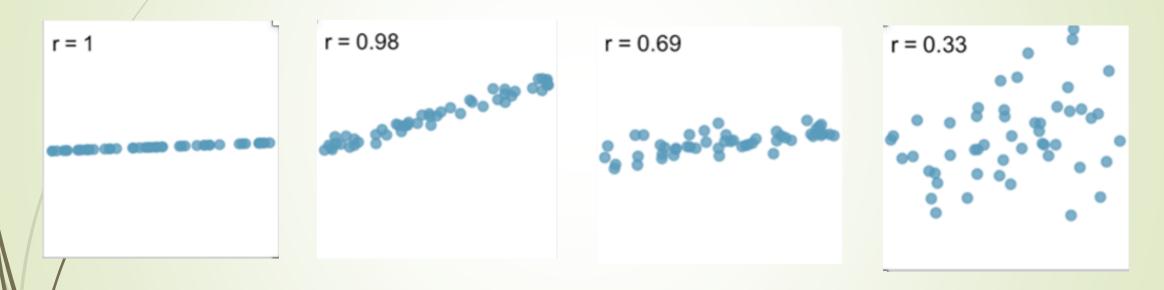
Some Examples



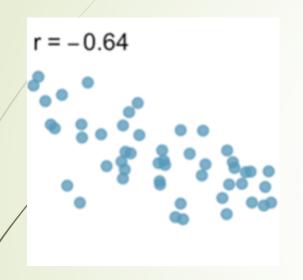
- \blacksquare The magnitude of r tells us about the strength of linear association
- The closer the value of r is to 1 or -1, the stronger the linear association
- The closer the value is to 0, the weaker the linear association
- Some rule of thumb

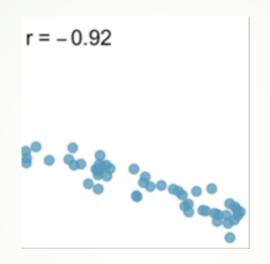


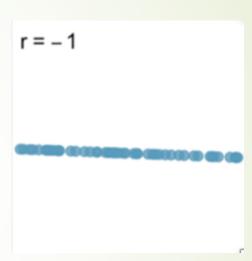
As the value of r gets closer to 1 or -1, the data falls more closely to a straight line.



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How to compute correlation coefficient?

- First, convert each data point into its standard unit
- $SU_X = \frac{X average(X)}{s_X} \text{ and } SU_Y = \frac{Y average(Y)}{s_Y} \text{ where } s_X \text{ is the standard deviation of } X \text{ and } s_Y \text{ is the standard deviation of } Y$
- Second, r value is just the sum of product of X and Y in standard units divided by n-1, where n is the number of data points.
- Note that you are not expected to compute the correlation coefficient by hand.

Example

$$X = 9 \rightarrow \frac{9 - 5.5}{3.03} = 1.16$$

$$Y = 41 \rightarrow \frac{41 - 25.1}{15.65} = 1.02$$

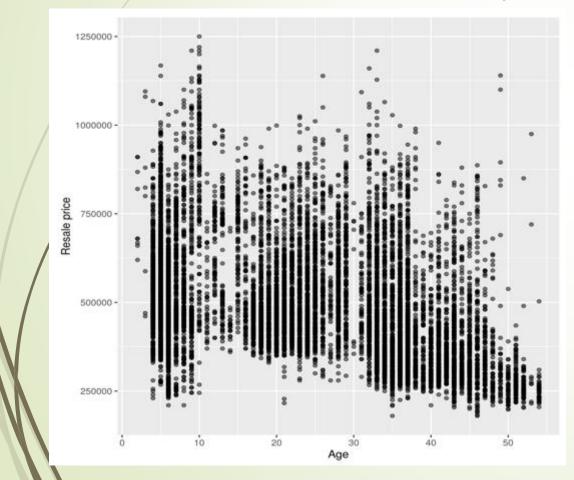
/	X	Υ		
	9	41	Average of X	5.5
	4	17	Average of Y	25.1
	5	28	Standard deviation of X	3.03
	10	50	Standard deviation of Y	15.65
	6	39		
	3	26		
	7	30		
	2	6		
	8	4		
	1	10		

Χ	Υ	X (standard unit)	Y (standard unit)	Product
9	41	1.16	1.02	1.17
4	17	-0.50	-0.52	0.26
5	28	-0.17	0.19	-0.03
10	50	1.49	1.59	2.36
6	39	0.17	0.89	0.15
3	26	-0.83	0.06	-0.05
7	30	0.50	0.31	0.15
2	6	-1.16	-1.22	1.41
8	4	0.83	-1.35	-1.11
1	10	-1.49	-0.96	1.43

$$r = \frac{1}{9}(1.17 + 0.26 + \dots + 1.43) = 0.64$$

Example (HDB data set)

The scatter plot of HDB resale price vs age and the correlation coefficient between resale price and age





Correlation

Data : housing Method : Pearson

Variables : age, resale_price

Null hyp. : variables x and y are not correlated

Alt. hyp. : variables x and y are correlated

Correlation matrix:

age

resale_price -0.36

Questions to ponder

- The correlation coefficient between the resale price and the age of HDB flats is -0.36.
- Question: What happens to this value if we
- 1. Interchange the y and the x axes?
- 2. Increase the resale price by 10 000 SGD for every data point?
- 3. Convert the resale prices to be in USD?

Properties of r

- ightharpoonup r is not affected by the following operations:
- 1. Interchange of two variables
- 2. Adding a number to all values of a variable
- 3. Multiplying a positive number to all values of a variable
- Example: in the HDB data set, if the resale price is converted to US dollars, the correlation coefficient remains unchanged

Example (HDB data set)

Define new variables:
Newprice=resale_price+10 000
ResalepriceUSD=resale_price in USD



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Correlation matrix:

age resale_price newprice
resale_price -0.36
newprice -0.36 1.00
resalepriceUSD -0.36 1.00 1.00
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Summary

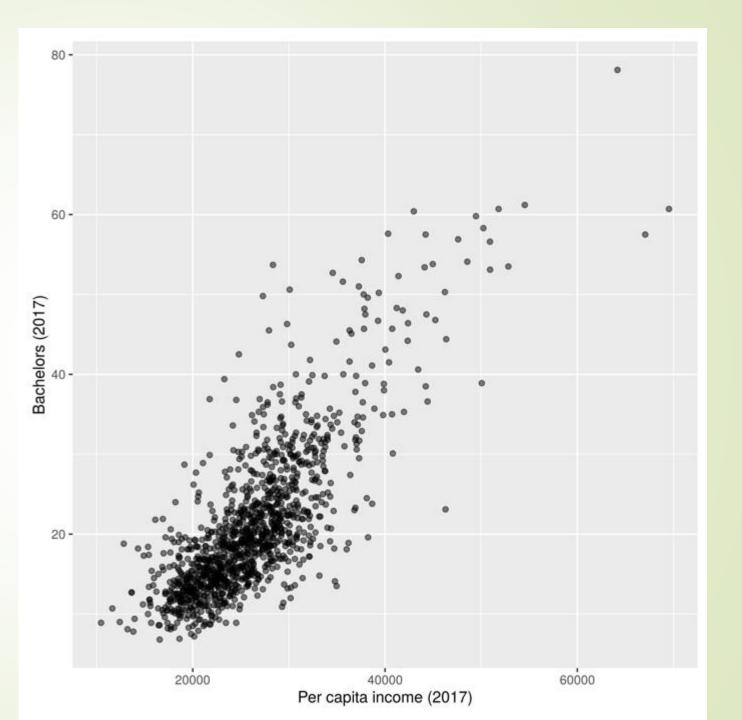
- We have learnt
- 1. How to interpret r value and what it tells us about association between two variables
- 2. Properties of r

Some
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Coefficient

Learning Objectives

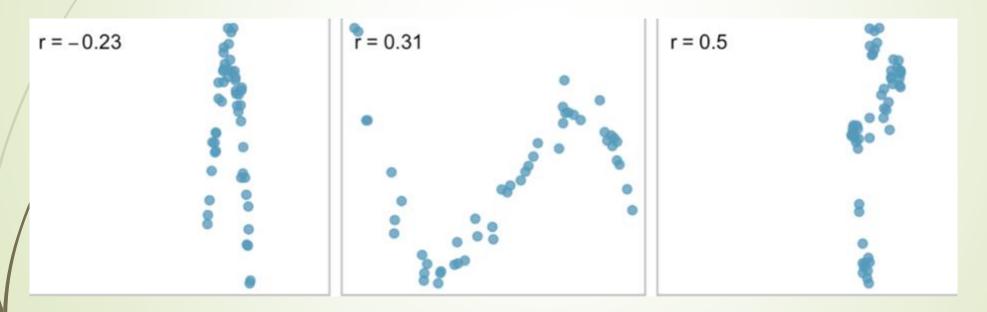
- By the end of this unit, you should be able to
- Identify some limitations of correlation coefficient
- Identify outliers and how it affects correlation coefficient

- Correlation does not imply causation.
- There might be a third variable correlated to Bachelors and per capita income.



Non-linear association

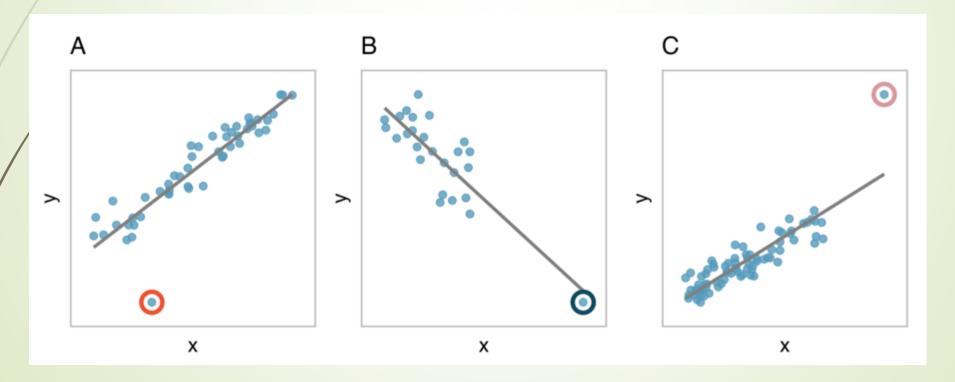
- ightharpoonup r only measures linear association between two variables.
- \blacksquare Always look at the scatter plot and not only at the r value.



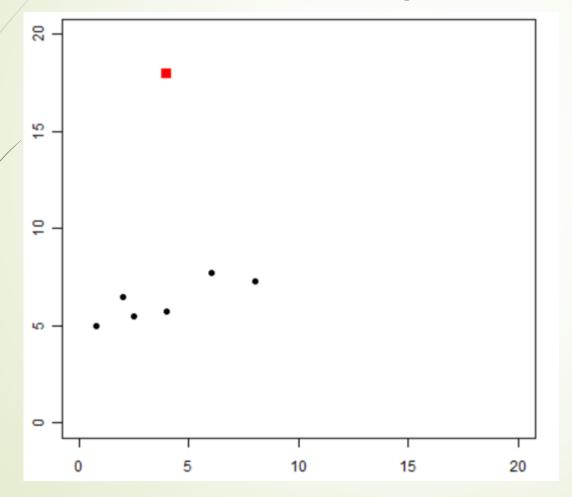
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Outliers

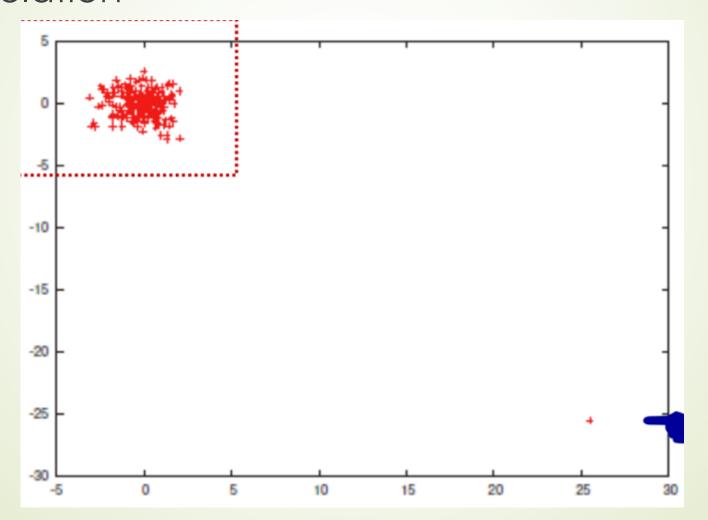
- Outliers are observations that fall far from the main bulk of points.
- How do outliers affect the correlation coefficient?



Outliers may decrease the strength of the correlation

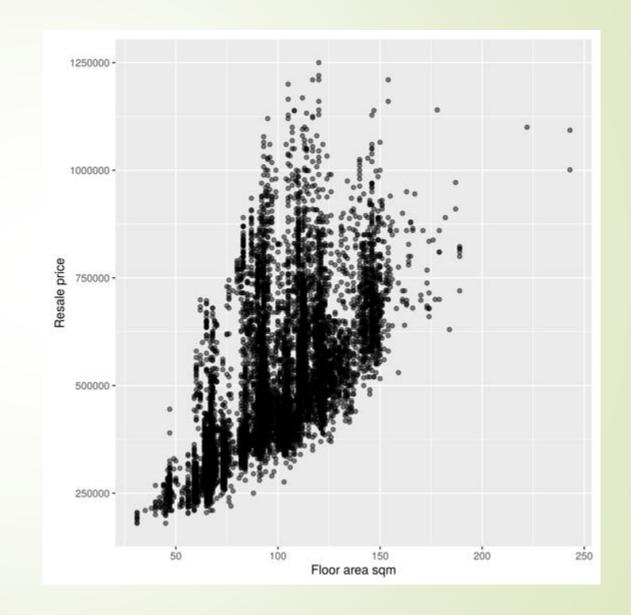


Outliers may increase the strength of the correlation



Example (HDB data set)

What happens when we remove the outliers in the scatter plot?



Example (HDB data set)

Before removing the outliers

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Correlation matrix:
floor_area_sqm
resale_price 0.63
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After removing the outliers

Correlation matrix:
floor_area_sqm
resale_price 0.62



Summary

- We have learnt
- 1. Correlation does not imply causation
- 2. Correlation coefficient does not measure nonlinear association
- 3. How outliers affect correlation coefficient

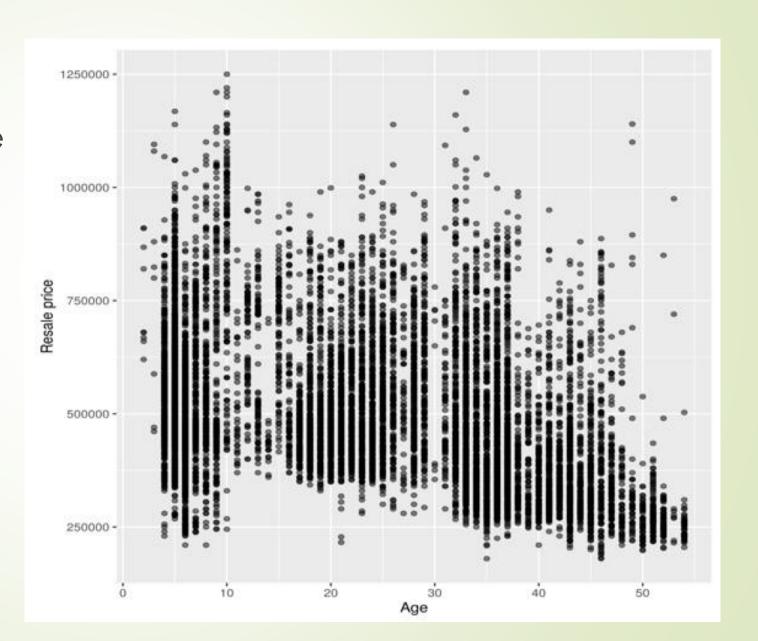
Linear Regression

Learning Objectives

- By the end of this unit, you should be able to
- 1. Use linear regression to make prediction
- 2. Understand the idea behind linear regression
- 3. Apply linear regression for non-linear model

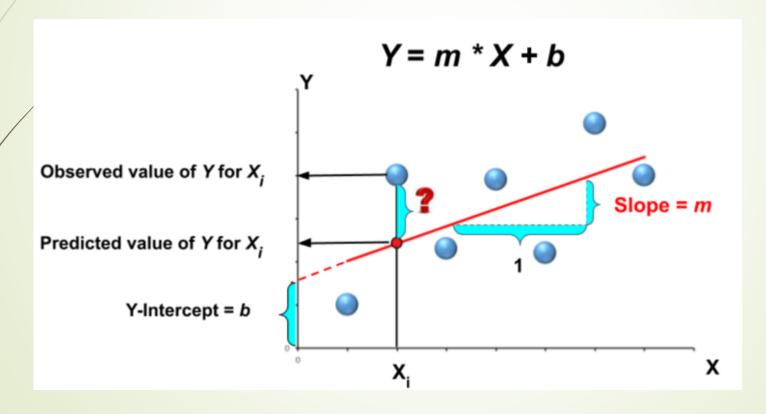
Question

How to predict the resale price of HDB flat based on its age?



Linear regression

■ We model the relationship by a straight line Y = mX + b.

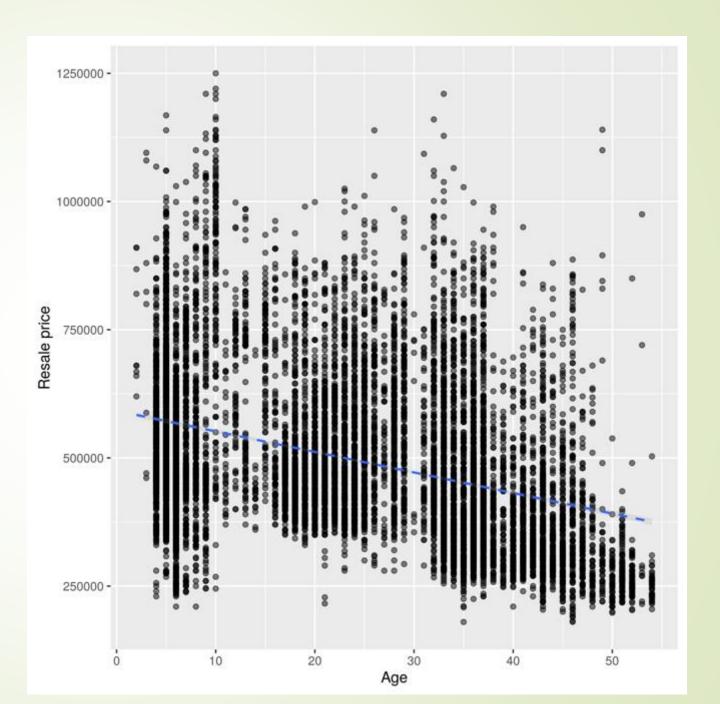


Example (HDB data set)

 The regression line for the HDB resale price is

$$y = -4007x + 591857.$$



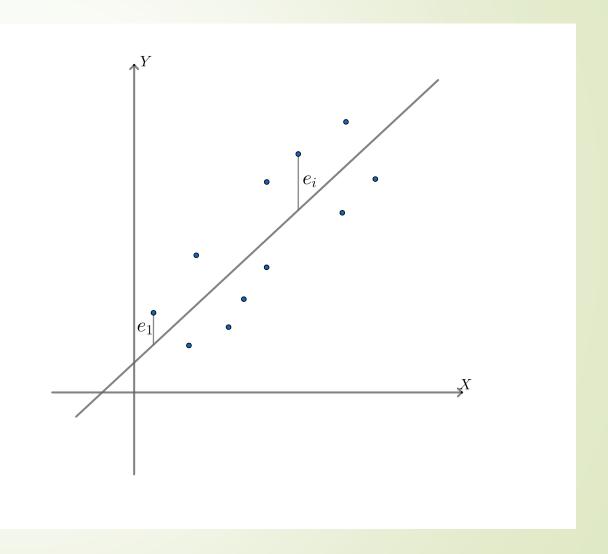


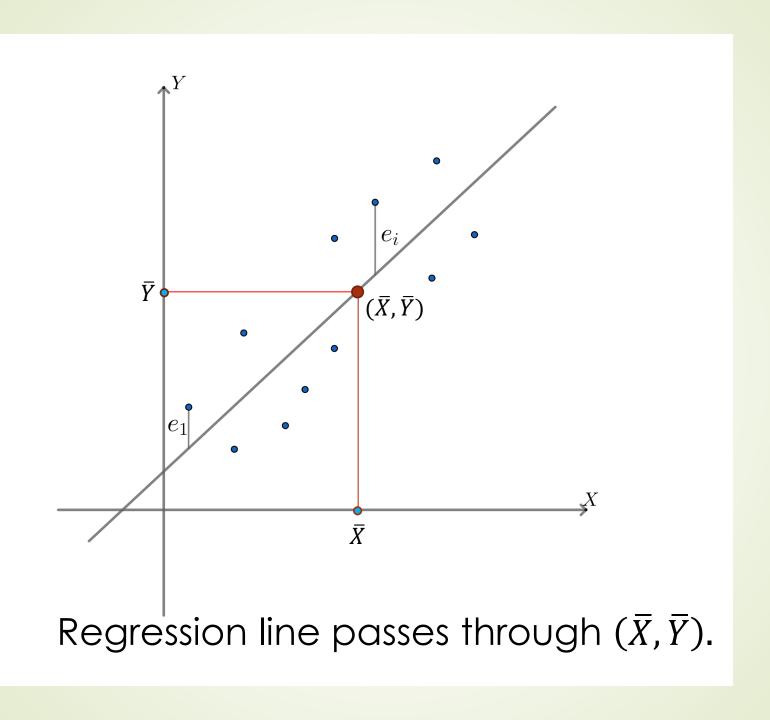
How to find regression line?

- Determine the best fit line for our data
- We use least square method

How to find regression line?

- Define the i-th residual of the observation: e_i = difference between the observed outcome and predicted outcome.
- Want to minimise $e_1^2 + \cdots + e_n^2$ where n=no of data points
- https://gallery.shinyapps.io/sim ple_regression/



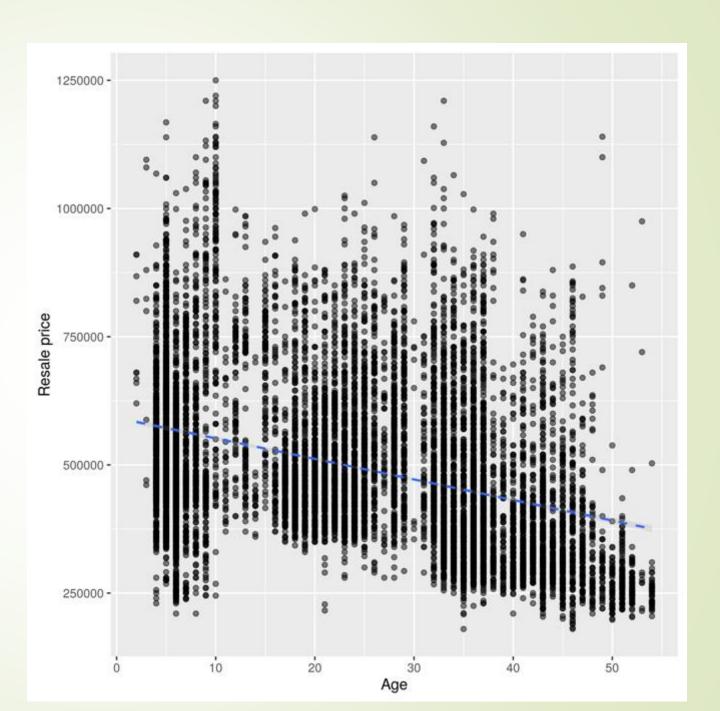


Slope vs Correlation Coefficient

The slope of the regression line and correlation coefficient is related by $m = \frac{s_y}{s_x}r$, where s_y is the standard deviation for y and s_x is the standard deviation for x.

Extrapolation

 Prediction of HDB resale price beyond the observed range of HDB ages is dangerous.



Linear regression on non-linear models

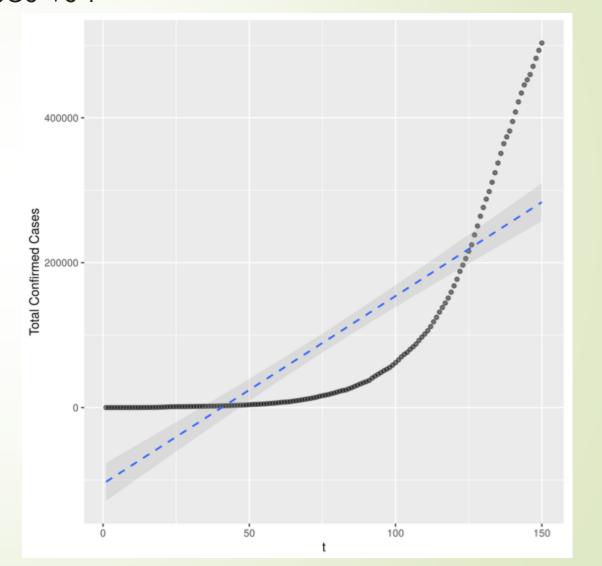
 Total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa since 5 March 2020

t	total confirmed cases	
76	17200	
77	18003	
78	19137	
79	20125	
80	21343	
81	22583	
82	23615	
83	24264	
84	25937	
85	27403	
86	29240	
87	30967	
88	32683	
89	34357	
90	35812	
91	37525	
92	40792	
93	43434	
94	45973	
95	48285	
96	50879	

Total number of confirmed cases vs t

Correlation coefficient = 0.81



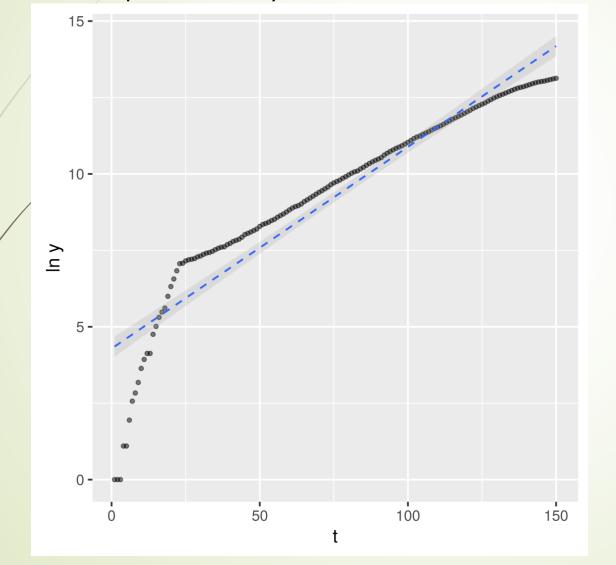


How to model?

- Model the relationship above as $y = cb^t$.
- Want to find c and b using linear regression model.
- First step: plot $\ln y \vee s t$.

t	total confirmed cases	In total
76	17200	9.7526647
77	18003	9.7982937
78	19137	9.8593789
79	20125	9.9097181
80	21343	9.9684791
81	22583	10.024953
82	23615	10.069637
83	24264	10.096749
84	25937	10.163426
85	27403	10.218408
86	29240	10.283293
87	30967	10.340677
88	32683	10.39461
89	34357	10.444561
90	35812	10.486038
91	37525	10.532763
92	40792	10.616241
93	43434	10.678998
94	45973	10.73581
95	48285	10.784876
96	50879	10.837206

Scatter plot of In y vs t





- ightharpoonup Apply In to $y = cb^t$.
- Compare with Y = mX + k
- We obtain $m = \ln b$ and $k = \ln c$
- ightharpoonup So, $b = e^m$ and $c = e^k$.

Back to the COVID example

- ightharpoonup find regression line for $\ln y$ vs t.
- We find $\ln y = 4.287 + 0.066t$.
- \blacksquare Last step: express y in terms of t.
- $y = e^{4.287}e^{0.066t}$.

In summary...

Through our attempt to answer the research question:

What factors may affect the popularity and pricing of resale flats in Singapore?

- We used univariate and bivariate EDA to explore how age, resale price and floor area can affect the number of flats sold
- Described how age, floor area and time period may affect the pricing of resale flats sold.
- Introduced correlation coefficient as a quantitative measure of linear association between two variables
- Presented a linear regression model to do predictions using data