

# STA 235 - Multiple Regression: Statistical Adjustment

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# Quick reminders

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- Slides are posted on the website before the class.
- Required readings are posted in the *Classes* folder at least a week before.
- Check the code for each class.

# Last week

- Quick **multiple regression** review
- Comparing **effect sizes**: Standardizing variables (i.e. all  $\hat{\beta}$ 's in the same scale)
- **Uncertainty quantification** in regression: Adj-R<sup>2</sup> and RSE.



# Today



- **Statistical adjustment in regressions:**
  - How do we interpret coefficients?
  - What are those standard errors?
  - Multicollinearity?
- Regression models with **binary outcomes**

# But first... JITTs!

- (Almost) **everyone** answered the JITT.
- Answers are very useful and **we will use them in today's class**.
- People want **more plots!**
  - *Ask and you shall receive.*

**Remember to ask questions!**

# Multiple Regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \varepsilon$$

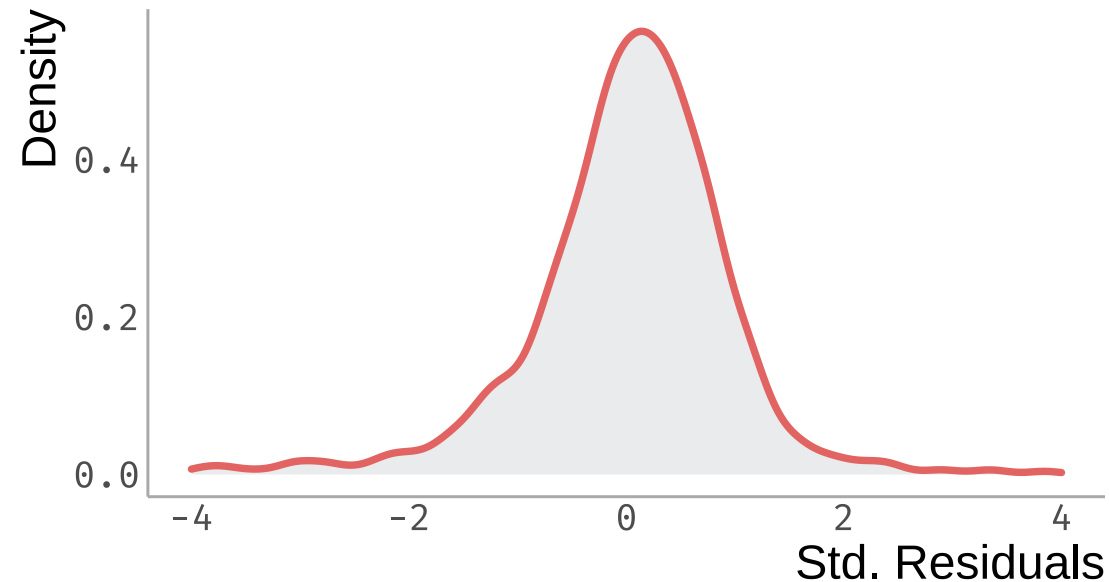
Assumptions of the linear regression model:

- (i) The conditional mean of  $Y$  is **linear** in the  $X_j$  variables
- (ii) The error terms are:
  - normally distributed
  - independent from each other
  - identically distributed (i.e. constant variance)
- Last two assumptions are the ones that we refer to when saying  $\varepsilon \sim iid$

# How can we check these assumptions?

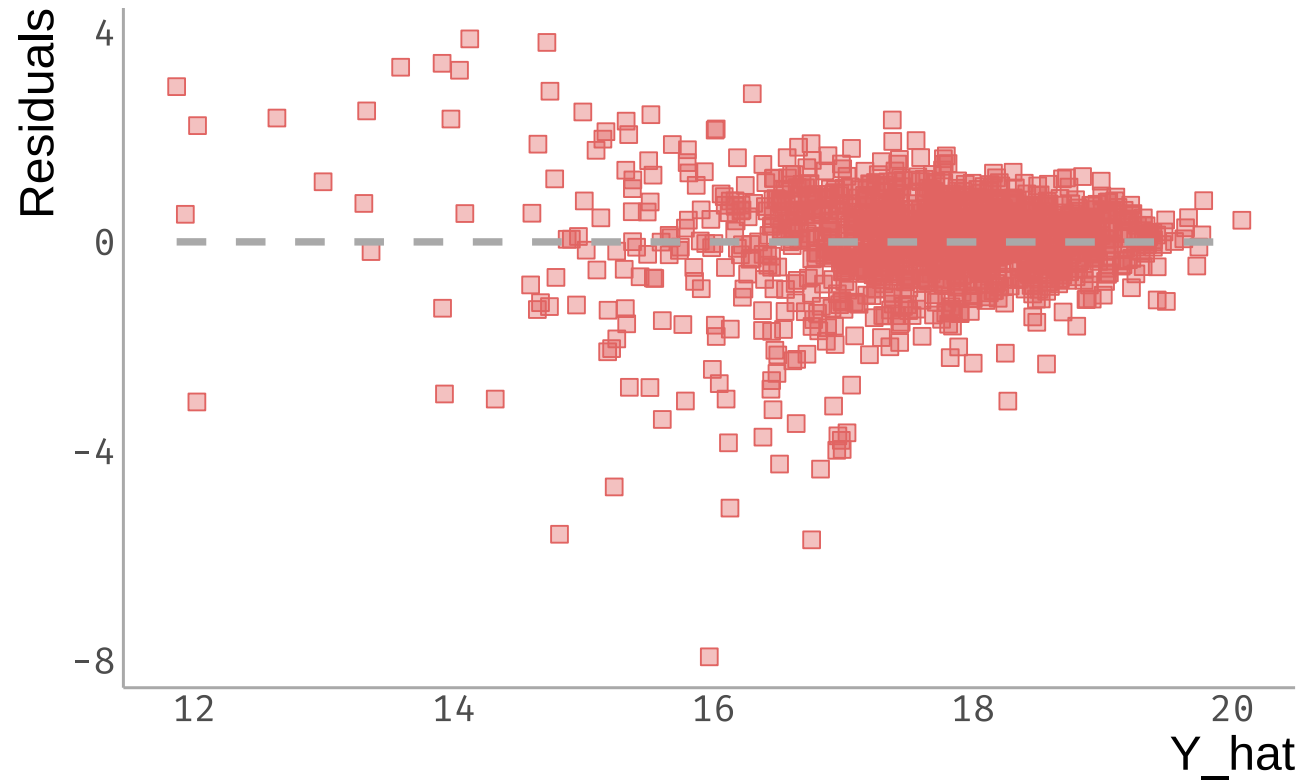
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**Important to understand R output!**

# Let's look at some data

- I have some data for price and sales of product 1, but also I'm tracking the prices of its competitor, product 2.
- The data looks like this:

##		p1	p2	Sales
##	1	5.14	5.20	144.49
##	2	3.50	8.06	637.25
##	3	7.28	11.68	620.79
##	4	4.66	8.36	549.01
##	5	3.58	2.15	20.43
##	6	5.17	10.15	713.01

# Let's fit a model

$$Sales_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 p1_i + \beta_2 p2_i + \varepsilon_i$$

```
summary(lm(Sales ~ p1 + p2, data = sales))
```

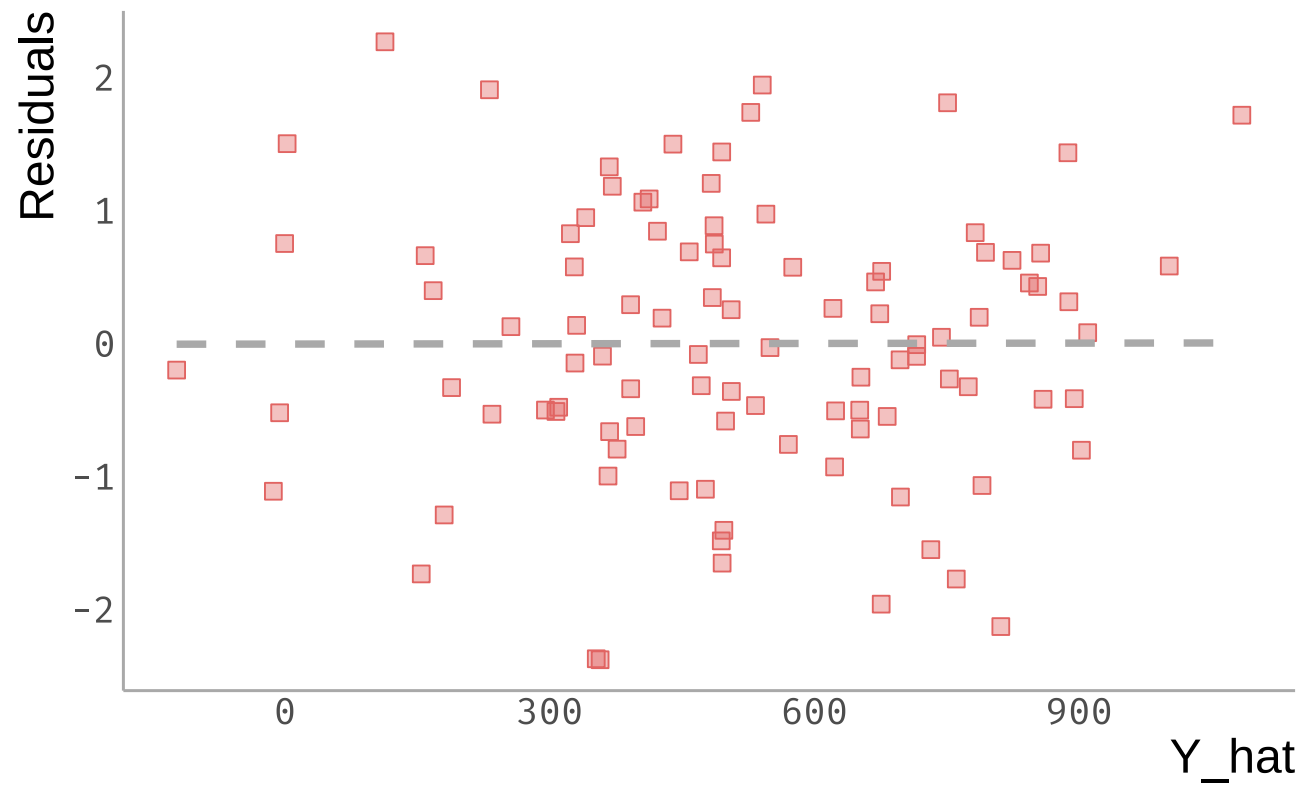
```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sales ~ p1 + p2, data = sales)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -66.916 -15.663  -0.509   18.904   63.302
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   115.717     8.548   13.54  <2e-16 ***
## p1            -97.657     2.669  -36.59  <2e-16 ***
## p2             108.800     1.409   77.20  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 28.42 on 97 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.9871,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.9869
## F-statistic: 3717 on 2 and 97 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

# Do assumptions hold?

$$\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

```
sales_fitted <- augment(lm(Sales ~ p1 + p2, data = sales))  
ggplot(data = sales_fitted, aes(x = .std.resid)) +  
  geom_density()
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# Do assumptions hold? (cont.)



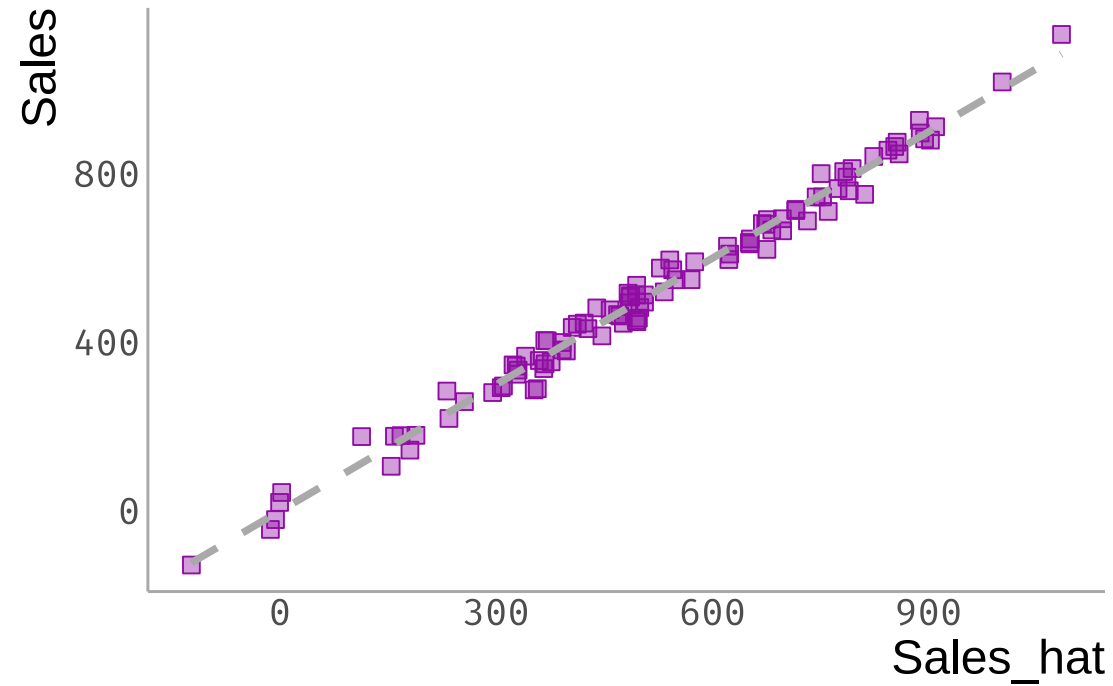


# Let's go back to our model

$$Sales_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 p1_i + \beta_2 p2_i + \varepsilon_i$$

	Model 1
(Intercept)	115.717***
	(8.548)
p1	-97.657***
	(2.669)
p2	108.800***
	(1.409)
Num.Obs.	100
F	3717.292
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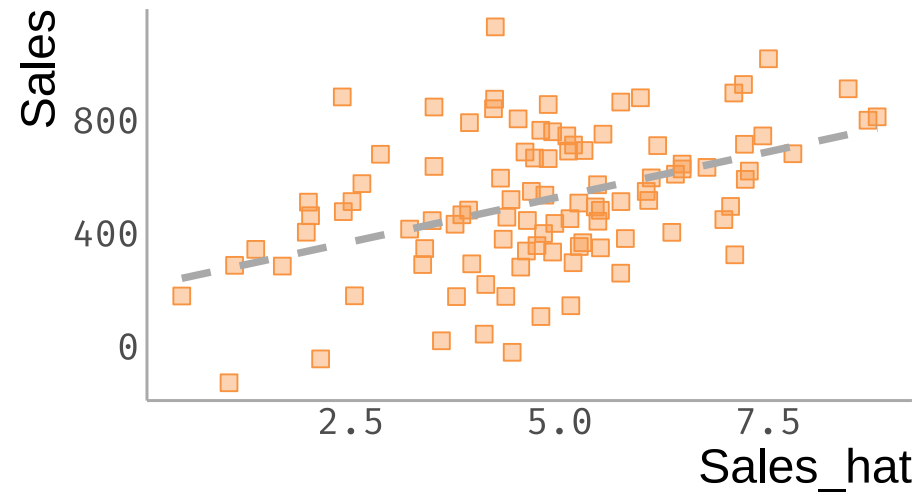
# How is the prediction working?



- Can you guess the slope?

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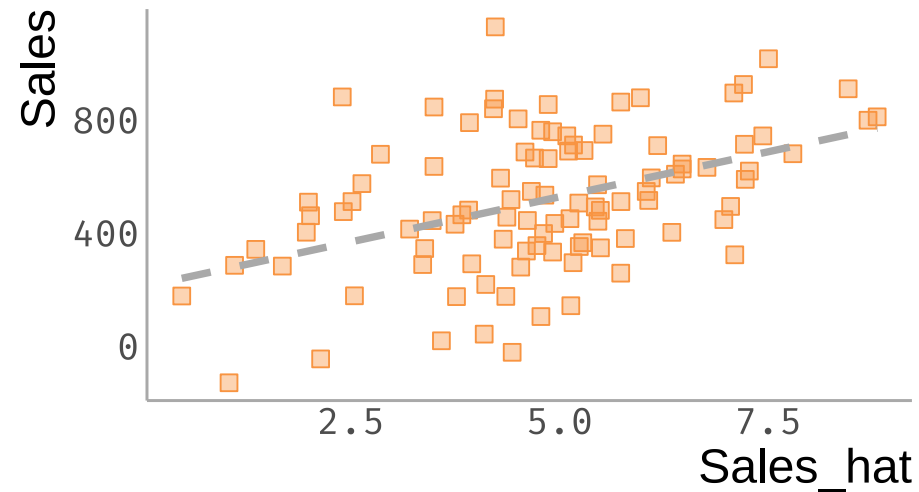
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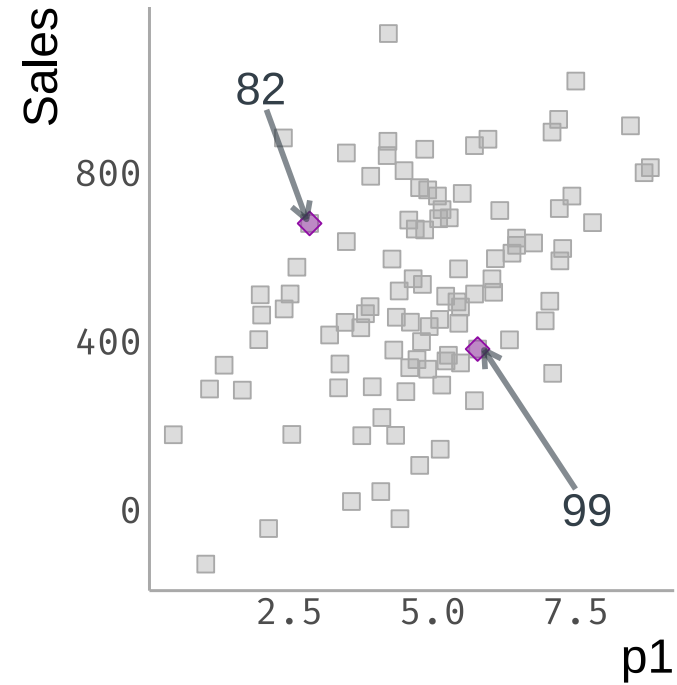
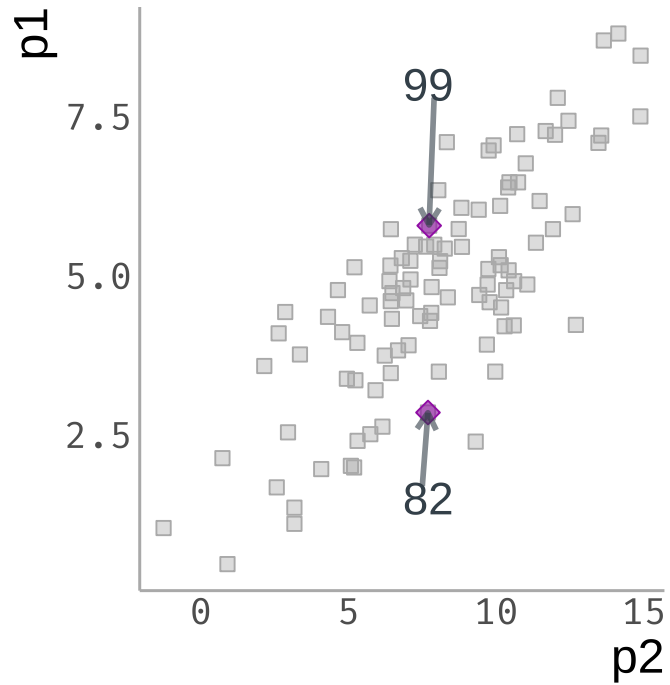
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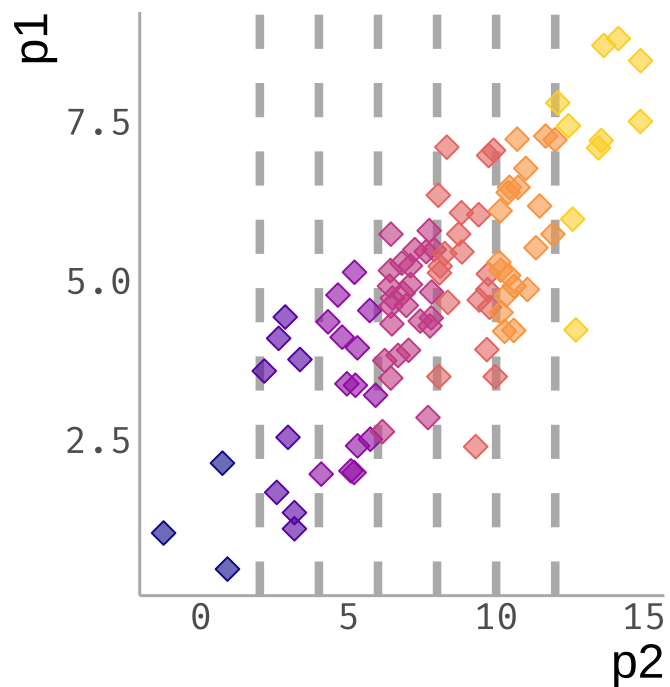
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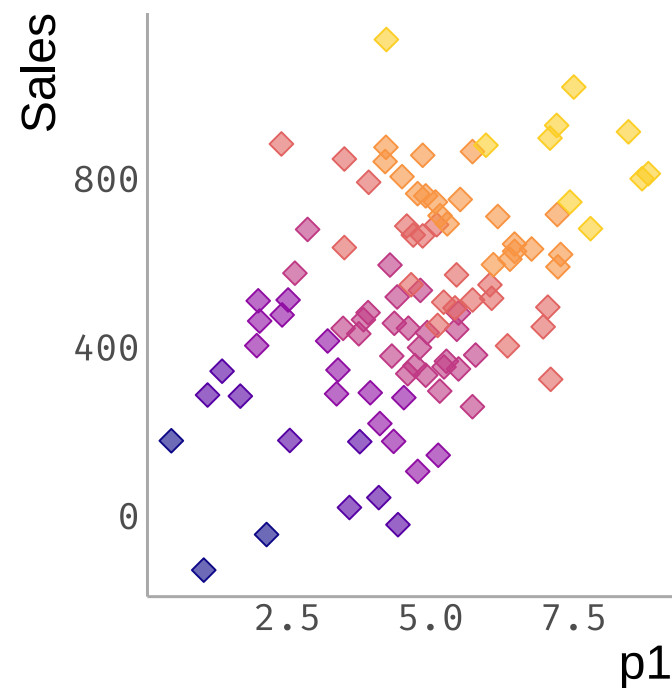
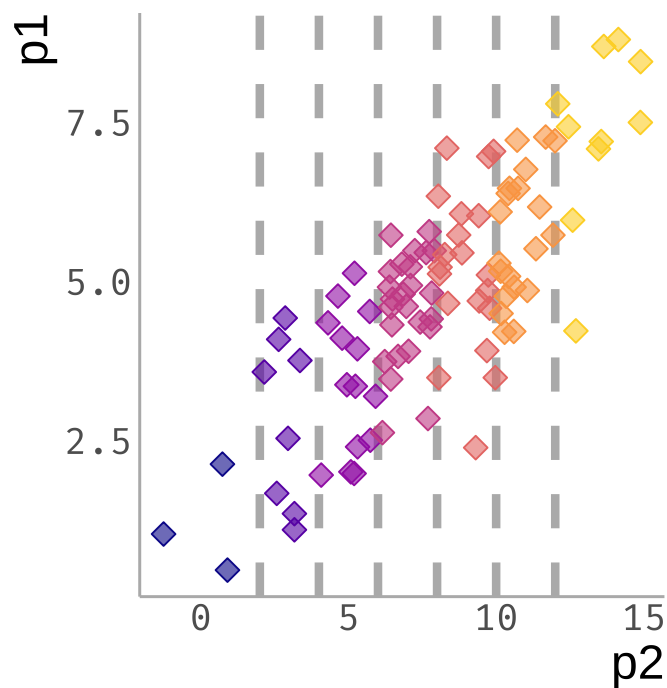
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# Conclusions?

A larger  $p_1$  is associated with a larger  $p_2$ , and overall, with more sales!

If we keep  $p_2$  constant, a larger  $p_1$  is associated with lower sales.



# Let's look at more data: Beer limit

- From the JITT assignment, we have `beers` data
  - `nbeer`: Number of beers before getting tipsy
  - `height`, `weight`, `age`
  - `female`: Whether the student is female or not

##	nbeer	weight	height	age	female
## 1	12	192	72	26	0
## 2	12	160	66	27	0
## 3	5	155	65	25	0
## 4	5	120	66	28	0
## 5	7	150	67	28	0
## 6	13	175	71	31	0

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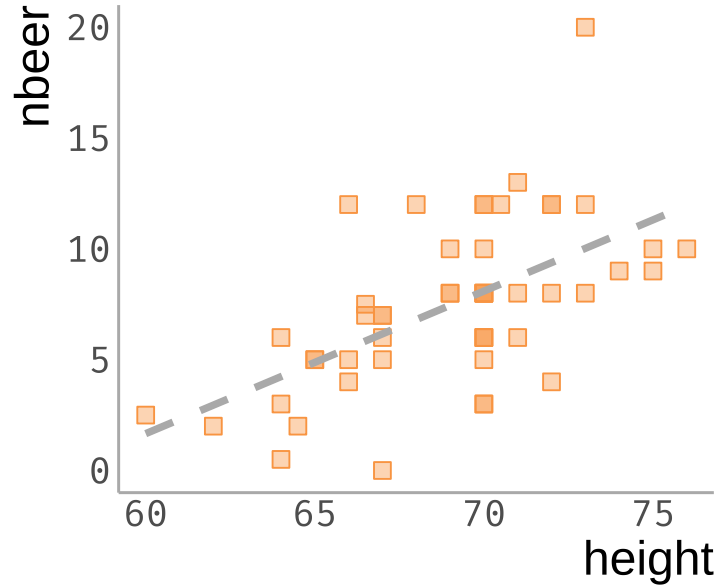
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summary(lm(nbeer ~ height, data = beers))
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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = nbeer ~ height, data = beers)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -6.164 -2.005 -0.093  1.738  9.978
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -36.9200     8.9560  -4.122 0.000148 ***
## height       0.6430     0.1296   4.960 9.23e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.109 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3389,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.3251
## F-statistic: 24.6 on 1 and 48 DF,  p-value: 9.23e-06
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##
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## (Intercept) -11.18709   10.76821  -1.039  0.304167
## weight       0.08530    0.02381   3.582  0.000806 ***
## height       0.07751    0.19598   0.396  0.694254
## ---
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##
## Residual standard error: 2.784 on 47 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4807,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.4586
## F-statistic: 21.75 on 2 and 47 DF,  p-value: 2.056e-07
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```
M <- cor(beers)

ggcorrplot(M, method = "circle", outline.color = "white", ggtheme = ggplot2::theme_bw,
           colors = viridis(3))
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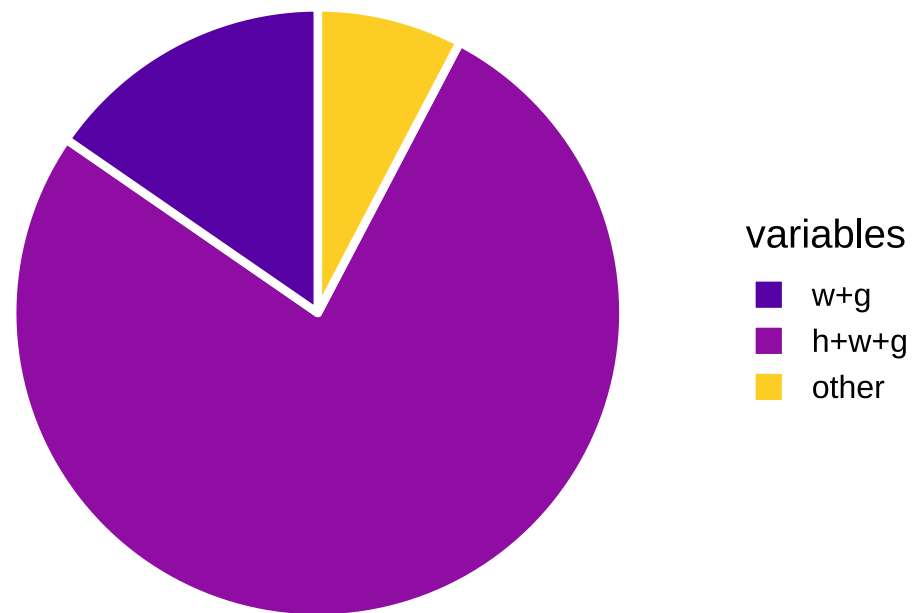
Can I add both binary variables **US\_born** and **Foreign\_born** to a regression?



# Does gender matter?

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
(Intercept)	-7.021***	-11.187	-7.830**	-12.067
	(2.213)	(10.768)	(3.013)	(11.084)
weight	0.093***	0.085***	0.097***	0.090***
	(0.014)	(0.024)	(0.018)	(0.027)
height		0.078		0.079
		(0.196)		(0.198)
female			0.528	0.536
			(1.320)	(1.333)
R2	0.479	0.481	0.481	0.482
R2 Adj.	0.468	0.459	0.459	0.449
* p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01				

# Some of your answers in the JITT Assignment



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## lm(formula = nbeer ~ weight * female, data = beers)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##      (Intercept)          weight          female  weight:female  
##      -7.790193         0.097234         0.225748         0.002465
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```

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##  
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##  
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## (Intercept)      weight  I(weight^2)  
##   0.1078784   -0.0016255    0.0003033
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```
table(beers$year)
```

```
##  
## freshmen    junior    senior sophmore  
##          7         14         14         15
```

```
lm(nbeer ~ weight + factor(year), data = beers)
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = nbeer ~ weight + factor(year), data = beers)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##           (Intercept)           weight factor(year)junior  
##           -6.85394           0.09237           -0.35244  
## factor(year)senior factor(year)sophmore  
##           -0.03144           0.07474
```



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All of them matter!

# References

- Hanck, C. et al. (2020). "Econometrics with R". *The Multiple Regression Model*