

# Formalizing Linear Models

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# Announcements

- Complete [Reading 05](#) (if you haven't already done so)
- Project topic ideas **due Wednesday at 11:59p**

# Characterizing relationships with models

# Data & packages

```
library(tidyverse)  
library(broom)
```

```
pp <- read_csv("data/paris_paintings.csv",  
              na = c("n/a", "", "NA"))
```

# Want to follow along?

Go to RStudio Cloud -> make a copy of "Modeling Paris Paintings"



# Height & width

```
(m_ht_wt <- lm(Height_in ~ Width_in, data = pp))
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = Height_in ~ Width_in, data = pp)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
## (Intercept)      Width_in  
##      3.6214      0.7808
```

$$\widehat{Height}_{in} = 3.62 + 0.78 Width_{in}$$

- **Slope:** For each additional inch the painting is wider, the height is expected to be higher, on average, by 0.78 inches.
- **Intercept:** Paintings that are 0 inches wide are expected to be 3.62 inches high, on average.
  - This is a nonsense interpretation!

# The linear model with a single predictor

- We're interested in the  $\beta_0$  (population parameter for the intercept) and the  $\beta_1$  (population parameter for the slope) in the following model:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

- Tough luck, you can't have them...
- So we use the sample statistics to estimate them:

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x$$



# Least squares regression

The regression line minimizes the sum of squared residuals.

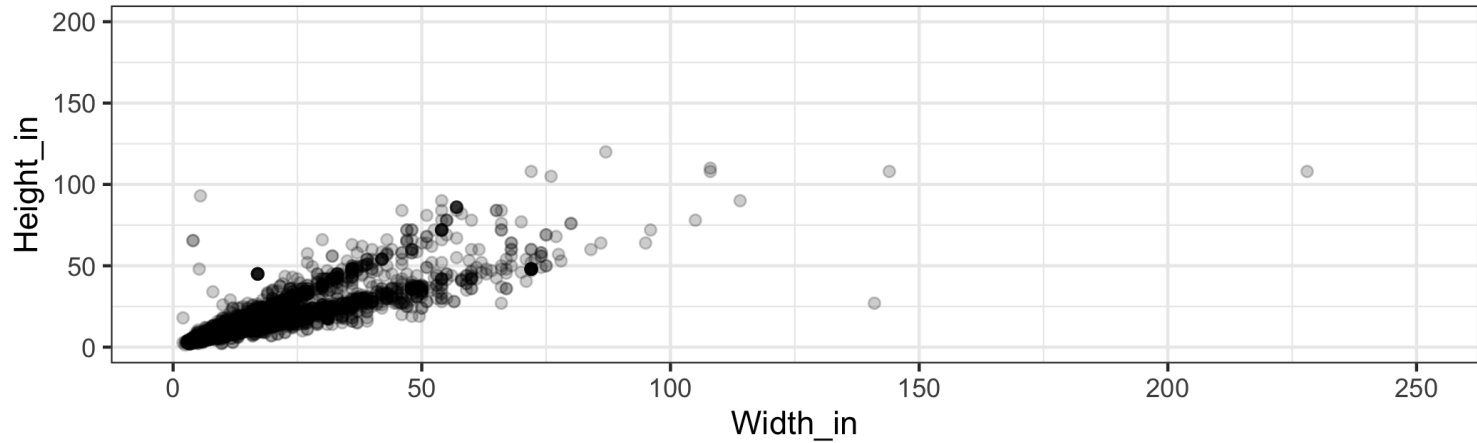
If  $e_i = y - \hat{y}$ ,

then, the regression line minimizes  $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$ .

# Visualizing residuals

Height vs. width of paintings

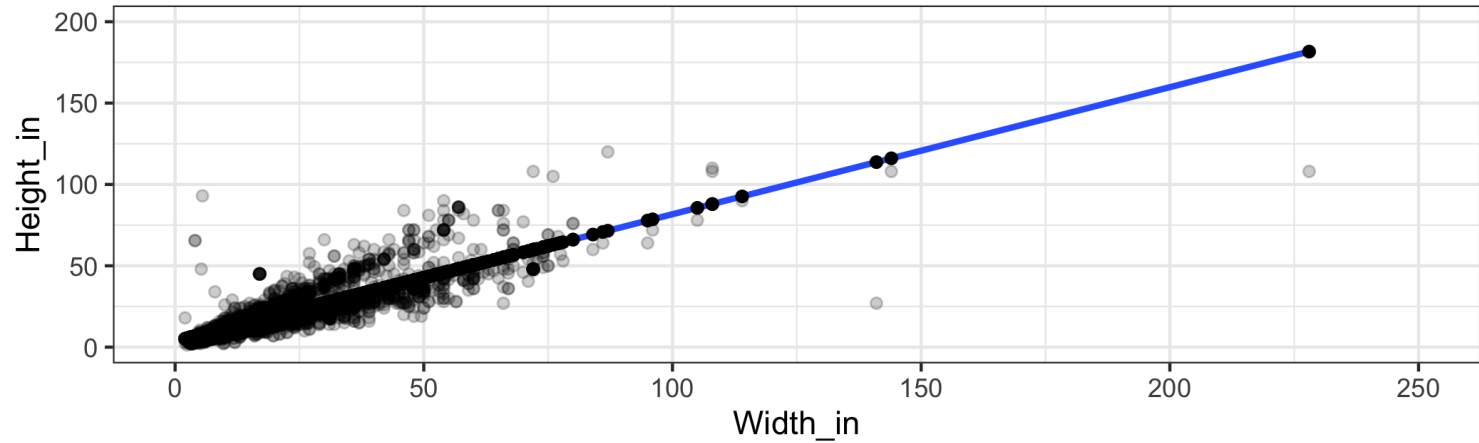
Just the data



# Visualizing residuals (cont.)

Height vs. width of paintings

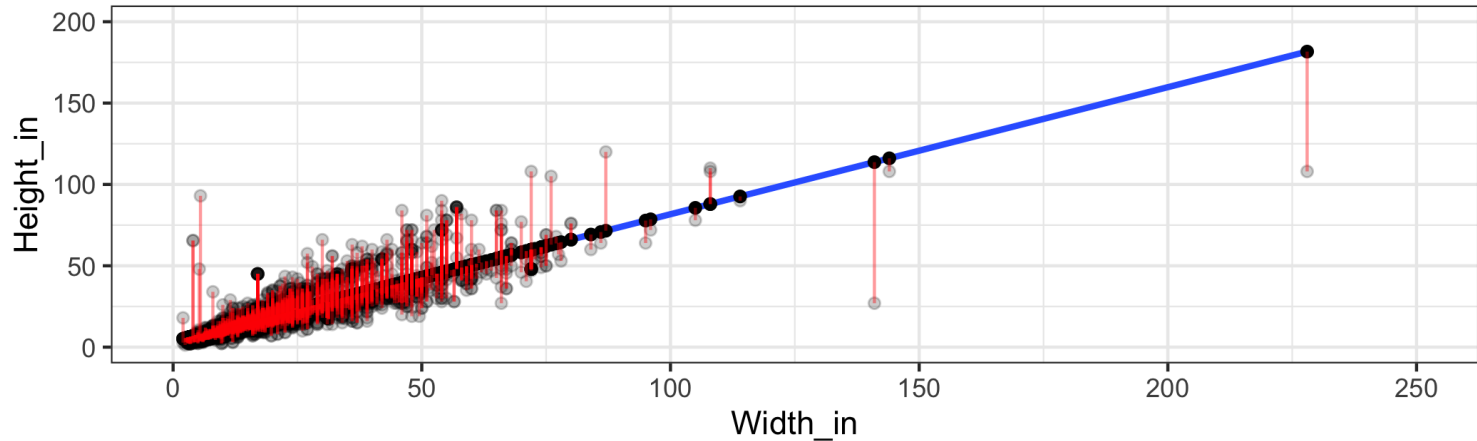
Data + least squares regression line



# Visualizing residuals (cont.)

Height vs. width of paintings

Data + least squares regression line + residuals



# Properties of the least squares regression line

- The slope has the same sign as the correlation coefficient:

$$b_1 = r \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$

- The regression line goes through the center of mass point, the coordinates corresponding to average  $x$  and average  $y$ :  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1\bar{x}$$

# Properties of the least squares regression line

- The sum of the residuals is zero:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 0$$

- The residuals and  $x$  values are uncorrelated.

# Height & landscape features

```
(m_ht_lands <- lm(Height_in ~ factor(landsALL), data = pp))
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = Height_in ~ factor(landsALL), data = pp)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##           (Intercept)  factor(landsALL)1  
##           22.680           -5.645
```

$$\widehat{Height}_{in} = 22.68 - 5.65 \text{ landsALL}$$

# Height & landscape features (cont.)

- **Slope:** Paintings with landscape features are expected, on average, to be 5.65 inches shorter than paintings that without landscape features.
  - Compares baseline level (**landsALL** = **0**) to other level (**landsALL** = **1**).
- **Intercept:** Paintings that don't have landscape features are expected, on average, to be 22.68 inches tall.



# Categorical predictor with 2 levels

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 3
##   name      price landsALL
##   <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 L1764-2    360         0
## 2 L1764-3     6         0
## 3 L1764-4    12         1
## 4 L1764-5a     6         1
## 5 L1764-5b     6         1
## 6 L1764-6     9         0
## 7 L1764-7a    12         0
## 8 L1764-7b    12         0
```

# Relationship between height and school

```
(m_ht_sch <- lm(Height_in ~ school_pntg, data = pp))
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = Height_in ~ school_pntg, data = pp)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##      (Intercept)  school_pntgD/FL  school_pntgF  school_pntgG  
##           14.000           2.329           10.197           1.650  
##  school_pntgI  school_pntgS  school_pntgX  
##           10.287           30.429           2.869
```

- When the categorical explanatory variable has many levels, they're encoded to **dummy (indicator) variables**.
- Each coefficient describes the expected difference between heights in that particular school compared to the baseline level.

# Categorical predictor with >2 levels

Show 10 entries

Search:

	school_pntg	D_FL	F	G	I	S	X
1	A	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	D/FL	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	F	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	G	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	I	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	S	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	X	0	0	0	0	0	1

Showing 1 to 7 of 7 entries

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# Correlation does not imply causation!

Remember this when interpreting model coefficients

# Prediction with models

# Predict height from width

On average, how tall are paintings that are 60 inches wide?

$$\widehat{Height}_{in} = 3.62 + 0.78 \text{ Width}_{in}$$

```
3.62 + 0.78 * 60
```

```
## [1] 50.42
```

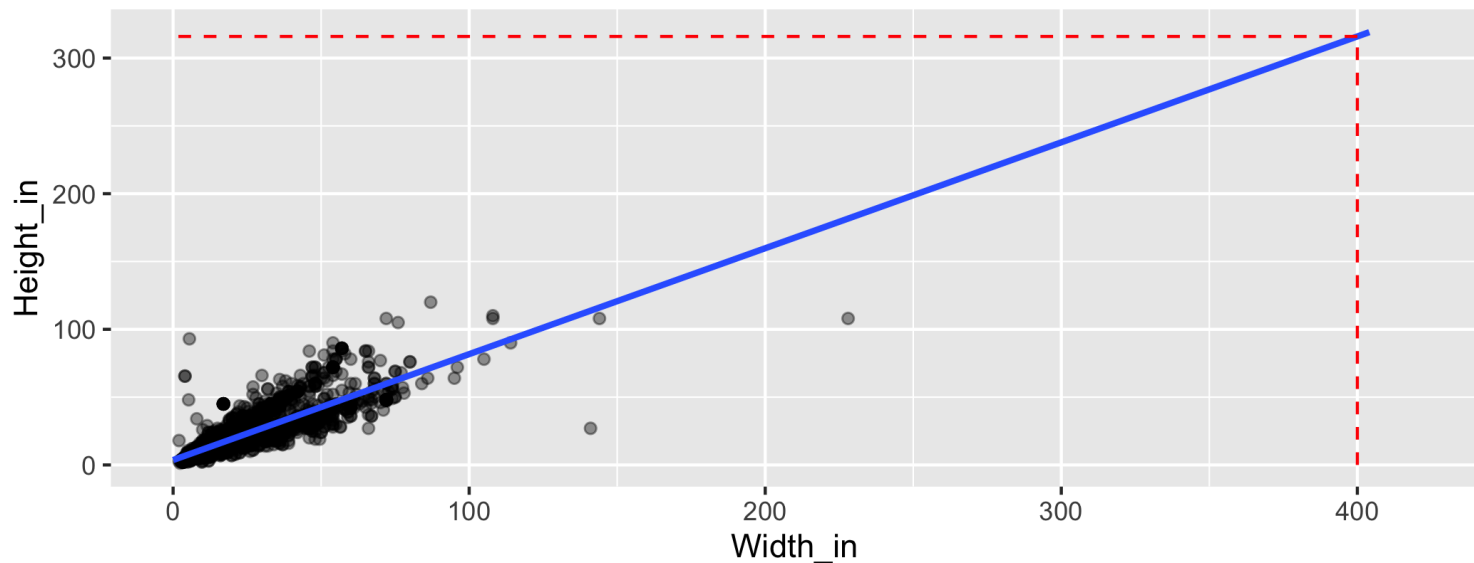
"On average, we expect paintings that are 60 inches wide to be 50.42 inches high."

**Warning:** We "expect" this to happen, but there will be some variability. (We'll learn about measuring the variability around the prediction later.)

# Prediction vs. extrapolation

On average, how tall are paintings that are 400 inches wide?

$$\widehat{Height}_{in} = 3.62 + 0.78 Width_{in}$$



# Watch out for extrapolation!

"When those blizzards hit the East Coast this winter, it proved to my satisfaction that global warming was a fraud. That snow was freezing cold. But in an alarming trend, temperatures this spring have risen. Consider this: On February 6th it was 10 degrees. Today it hit almost 80. At this rate, by August it will be 220 degrees. So clearly folks the climate debate rages on."<sup>1</sup>  
Stephen Colbert, April 6th, 2010

[1] OpenIntro Statistics. "Extrapolation is treacherous." OpenIntro Statistics.



# Measuring model fit

# Measuring the strength of the fit

- The strength of the fit of a linear model is most commonly evaluated using  $R^2$ .
- It tells us what percent of variability in the response variable is explained by the model.
- The remainder of the variability is explained by variables not included in the model.
- $R^2$  is sometimes called the coefficient of determination.

# Obtaining $R^2$ in R

- Height vs. width

```
glance(m_ht_wt)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 11
##   r.squared adj.r.squared sigma statistic p.value    df logLik   AIC
##   <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl> <int>  <dbl> <dbl>
## 1    0.683        0.683  8.30      6749.     0     2 -11083. 22173.
## # ... with 3 more variables: BIC <dbl>, deviance <dbl>, df.residual <int>
```

```
glance(m_ht_wt)$r.squared # extract R-squared
```

```
## [1] 0.6829468
```

Roughly 68% of the variability in heights of paintings can be explained by their widths.

# Tidy regression output

Let's revisit the model predicting heights of paintings from their widths:

```
m_ht_wt <- lm(Height_in ~ Width_in, data = pp)
```

# Not-so-tidy regression output

- You might come across these as you read work from others, but we'll try to stay away from them
- Not because they are wrong, but because they don't result in tidy data frames as results.

# Not-so-tidy regression output (1)

Option 1:

```
m_ht_wt
```

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = Height_in ~ Width_in, data = pp)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
## (Intercept)      Width_in  
##      3.6214      0.7808
```

# Not-so-tidy regression output (2)

Option 2:

```
summary(m_ht_wt)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Height_in ~ Width_in, data = pp)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -86.714  -4.384  -2.422   3.169  85.084
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  3.621406   0.253860   14.27  <2e-16 ***
## Width_in     0.780796   0.009505   82.15  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 8.304 on 3133 degrees of freedom
## (258 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6829,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.6828
## F-statistic: 6749 on 1 and 3133 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



# Review

What makes a data frame tidy?

1. Each variable forms a column.
2. Each observation forms a row.
3. Each type of observational unit forms a table.

# Tidy regression output

Achieved with functions from the broom package:

- **tidy**: Constructs a data frame that summarizes the model's statistical findings: coefficient estimates, *standard errors*, *test statistics*, *p-values*.
- **augment**: Adds columns to the original data that was modeled. This includes predictions and residuals.
- **glance**: Constructs a concise one-row summary of the model. This typically contains values such as  $R^2$ , adjusted  $R^2$ , and *residual standard error that are computed once for the entire model*.

# Tidy your model's statistical findings

```
tidy(m_ht_wt)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   term          estimate std.error statistic  p.value
##   <chr>          <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)    3.62      0.254     14.3 8.82e-45
## 2 Width_in      0.781     0.00950     82.1 0.
```

```
tidy(m_ht_wt) %>%
  select(term, estimate)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   term          estimate
##   <chr>          <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)    3.62
## 2 Width_in      0.781
```

# Augment data with model results

New variables of note (for now):

- **.fitted**: Predicted value of the response variable
- **.resid**: Residuals

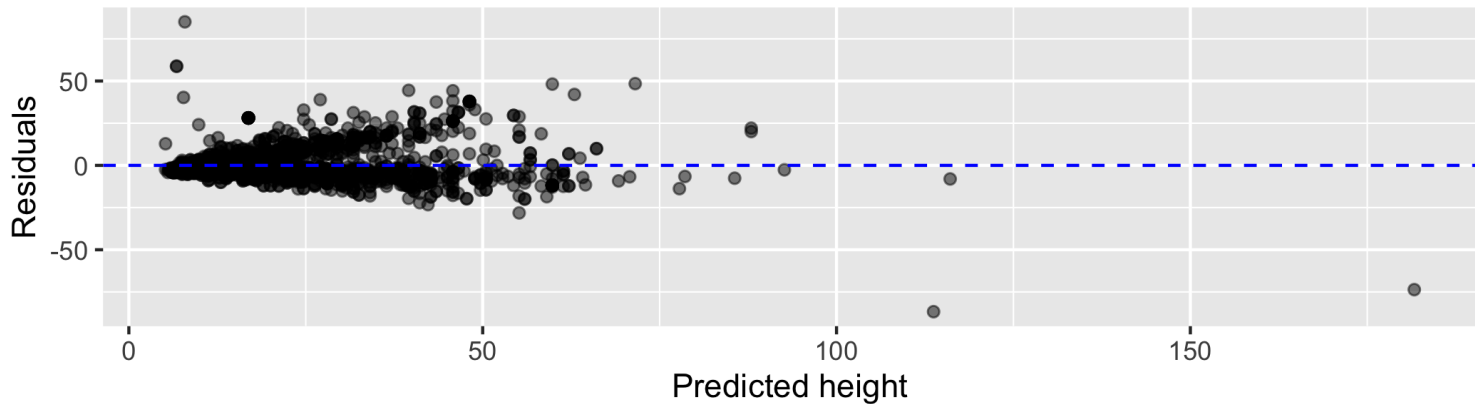
```
augment(m_ht_wt) %>%  
  slice(1:5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 10  
##   .rownames Height_in Width_in .fitted .se.fit .resid   .hat .sigma  
##   <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>  
## 1 1          37      29.5      26.7     0.166     10.3    3.99e-4    8.30  
## 2 2          18       14      14.6     0.165      3.45    3.96e-4    8.31  
## 3 3          13       16      16.1     0.158     -3.11    3.61e-4    8.31  
## 4 4          14       18      17.7     0.152     -3.68    3.37e-4    8.31  
## 5 5          14       18      17.7     0.152     -3.68    3.37e-4    8.31  
## # ... with 2 more variables: .cooksd <dbl>, .std.resid <dbl>
```

Why might we be interested in these new variables?

# Residuals plot

```
m_ht_wt_aug <- augment(m_ht_wt)
ggplot(m_ht_wt_aug, mapping = aes(x = .fitted, y = .resid)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0, color = "blue", lty = 2) +
  labs(x = "Predicted height", y = "Residuals")
```



What does this plot tell us about the fit of the linear model?

# Glance to assess model fit

```
glance(m_ht_wt)
```

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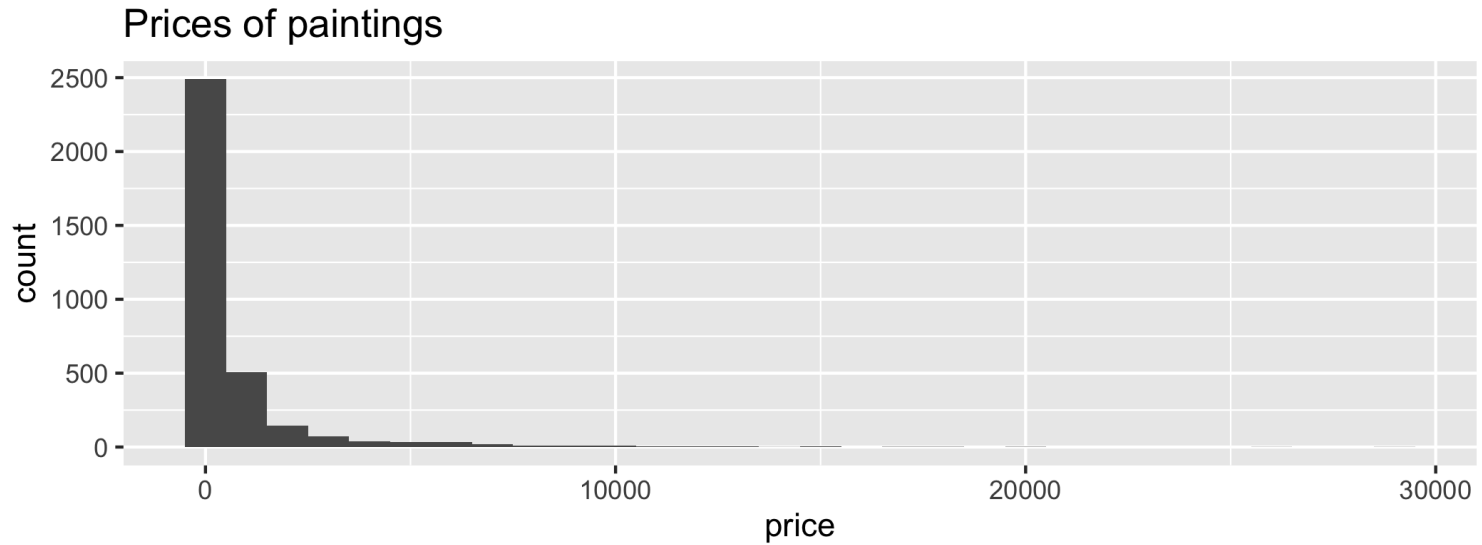
```
glance(m_ht_wt)$r.squared
```

```
## [1] 0.6829468
```

The  $R^2$  is 68.29%.

# Exploring linearity

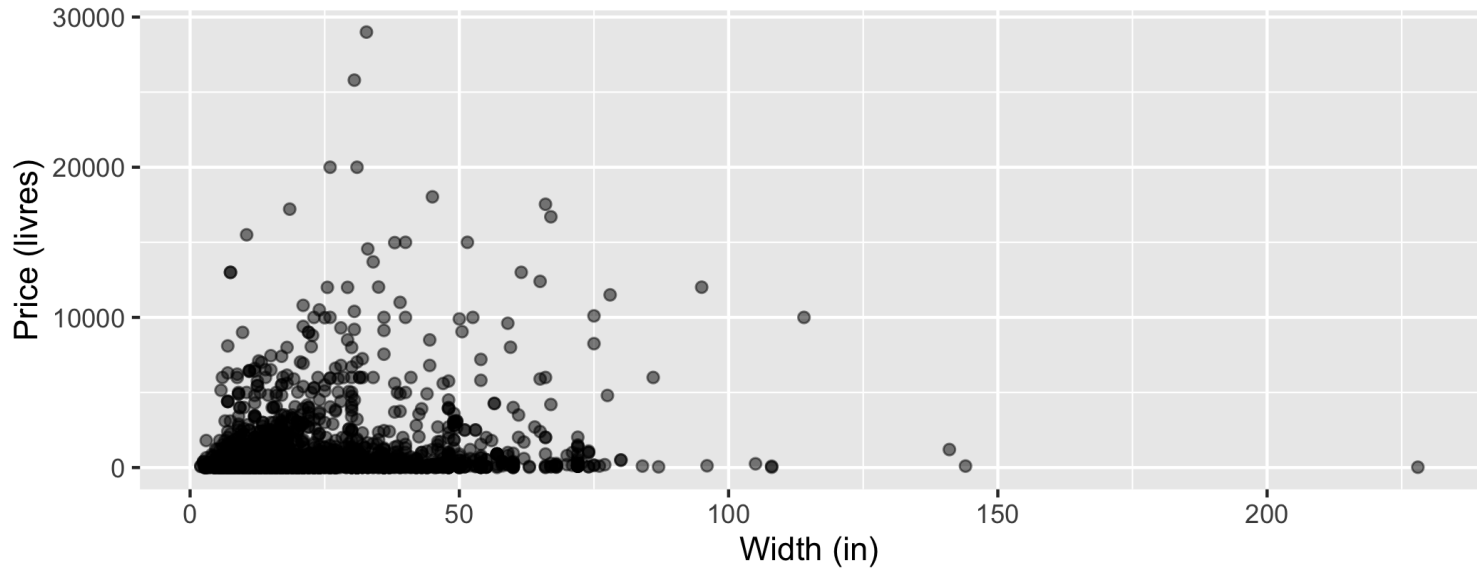
# Data: Paris Paintings





# Price vs. width

Describe the relationship between price and width of painting.

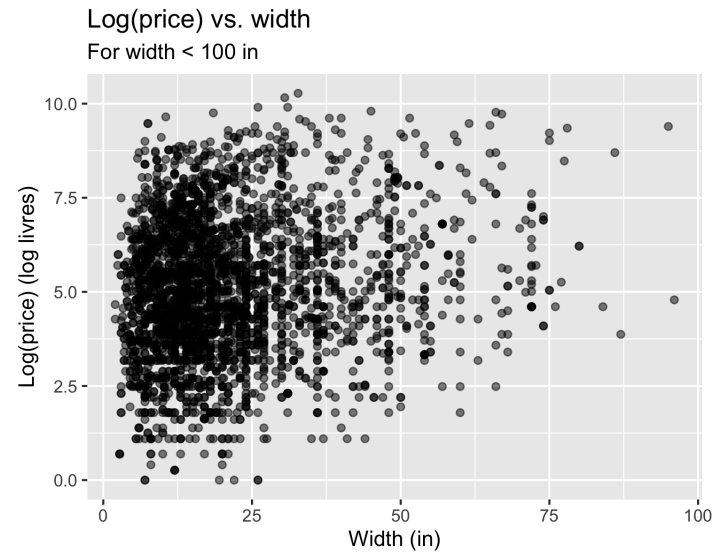
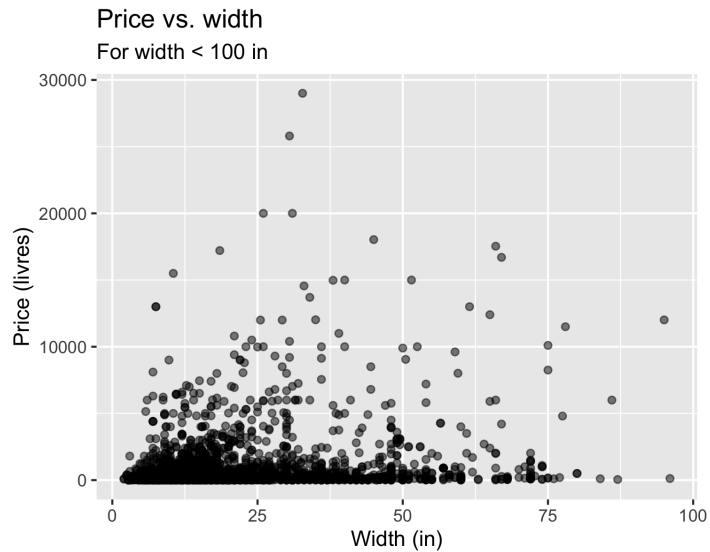


# Let's focus on paintings with `Width_in` < 100

```
pp_wt_lt_100 <- pp %>%  
  filter(Width_in < 100)
```

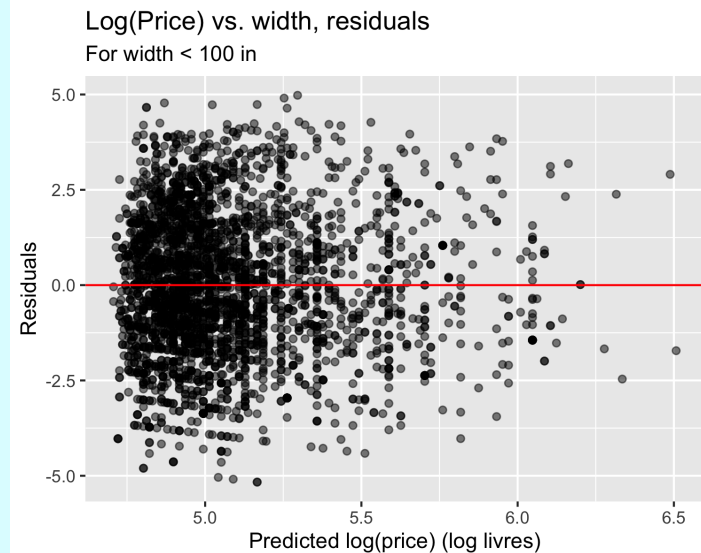
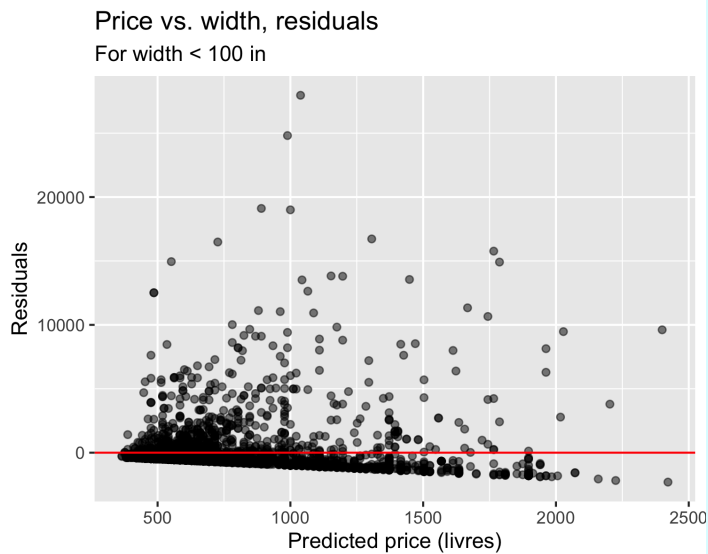
# Price vs. width

Which plot shows a more linear relationship?



# Price vs. width, residuals

Which plot shows a residuals that are uncorrelated with predicted values from the model?



What's the unit of residuals?

# Transforming the data

- We saw that **price** has a right-skewed distribution, and the relationship between price and width of painting is non-linear.
- We also observed signs of the model violation, non-constant variance.
- In these situations a transformation applied to the response variable ( $y$ ) may be useful.
  - The most common transformation is the log transformation ( $\log(y) = \ln(y)$ )
- This is beyond the scope of the course, but I'm happy to provide guidance if you want to try modeling a response that requires transformation in your final project