# Lecture 3: estimation, inference and prediction in SLR

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#### **Review Question**

For a SLR with a binary categorical predictor variable, what equations are the slope and intercept given by in terms of group means?

A. 
$$\beta_0 = E[Y|X=0]; \beta_1 = E[Y|X=1]$$

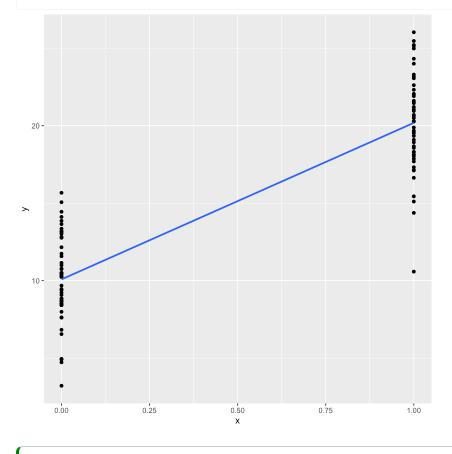
B. 
$$eta_0=E[Y|X=1]$$
;  $eta_1=E[Y|X=0]$ 

C. 
$$eta_0=E[Y|X=0]$$
;  $eta_1=E[Y|X=0]+E[Y|X=1]$ 

D. 
$$eta_0=E[Y|X=0]$$
;  $eta_1=E[Y|X=1]-E[Y|X=0]$ 

plot1

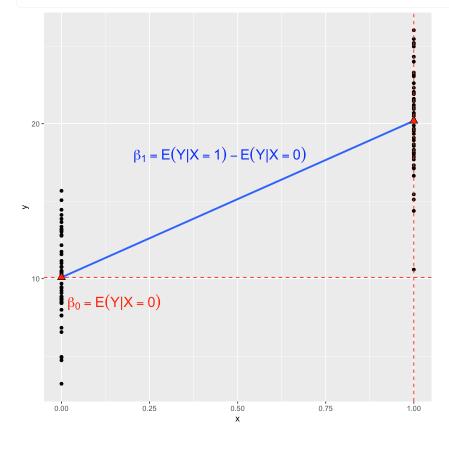
```
`geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y \sim x'
```



plot2

```
geom\_smooth() using formula = 'y ~ x'
```

```
geom_smooth() using formula = 'y ~ x'
```



## **Lecture 3 Learning Objectives**

 Write a computer script to estimate and test regression coefficients with different approaches

- Understand the tidy table
- · Recognize and calculate uncertainty of the estimation
- Choose the approach to obtain or approximate the sampling distribution
- Define and calculate residuals and predictions from the estimated SLR
- Identify hypotheses tested by the [lm] function in R
- · Write a computer script to test hypotheses about the regression coefficients
- Interpret the results of inference (CI and tests) correctly given the data and method used Let  $(X_1,Y_1),(X_2,Y_2),\ldots,(X_n,Y_n)$  be a random sample of size n, where  $X_i$  is the explanatory variable (e.g., size) and  $Y_i$  is the response (e.g., assessed values).

We can model the response we want to predict with a simple linear regression:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

the subscript i indicates the ith observation.

#### 1.1 Notation

We usually use

- ullet capital letters for the random variable: for example the response  $Y_i$
- lowercase letters for their observed value in the sample: for example  $x_i$  is 320 for a house of 320 mts (we measured the house and have its size recorded)
  - I'm not going to make this distinction unless needed
- greek letters for model parameters: for example intercept and slope

for simplicity the subscript  $\boldsymbol{1}$  is drsopped from the name of the explanatory variable

```
— Attaching core tidyverse packages —
                                                                   - tidyverse 2.0.0 -
✓ dplyr
            1.1.4
                        ✓ readr
                                     2.1.5

✓ stringr

✓ forcats
             1.0.0
                                     1.5.1
✓ lubridate 1.9.3

✓ tibble

                                     3.2.1
✓ purrr 1.0.2
                        ✓ tidyr
                                     1.3.1
— Conflicts —
                                                            - tidyverse_conflicts() -
* dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
* dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicted.r-lib.org/>)
Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    combine
```

## 1.2 Estimators of regression coefficients

We used the Im function in R to estimate a simple linear regression to model assess\_val and BLDG\_METRE from a random sample

Note: Im estimates the regression coefficients using a method called "least squares". We'll later see the benefits of this estimator.

```
lm_s <- lm(assess_val~BLDG_METRE,data=dat_s)
round(coef(lm_s),2)

dat_s %>% summarise(mean_val = mean(assess_val)) %>%
    round(2)
```

(Intercept): 90.77 BLDG\_METRE: 2.62

A data.frame: 1 × 1

mean\_val

<dbl>
498.67

## 3 important different concepts:

Course	Population Parameter	Estimator	Estimate
	unknown quantity	function of the random sample	real number computed with data
DSCI 552	mean $=\mu=E[Y]$	sample mean = $ar{Y}$	498.67
DSCI 561	slope = $\beta_1$	estimator of the slope = $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$	2.62

We can think that the estimates are a (good) guess about the population parameters based on our data. However, the values of the estimates depend on the random sample used to compute them:

Important: different samples yield different estimates!

Today we will focus on measuring the uncertainty of our estimates and making inference about the population coefficients

## 2.1 The tidy table

We can use the function tidy to see the estimates and the results of hypotheses tests

```
lm_s <- lm(assess_val~BLDG_METRE,data=dat_s)
coef_table <- tidy(lm_s)%>%mutate_if(is.numeric, round, 3)
```

coef\_table

A tibble:  $2 \times 5$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
(Intercept)	90.769	9.793	9.268	0
BLDG_METRE	2.618	0.059	44.514	0

- The first column has the names of the coefficients
- The second column of the table shows the *estimates*: values of the *estimated* coefficients of the regression line (see lect02 for interpretations)
- The last 3 columns has important quantities to assess uncertainty and test hypotheses about the coefficients

## 2.2 The standard errors

Our estimates are based on (a realization of) a random sample!

Question: Would we obtain very different estimates from a different sample?

Let's take another sample and obtain new estimates:

**Important**: In practice, we will rarely take multiple samples!

NOTE: This is NOT bootstrapping! Why?

A data.frame: 2 × 2

estimate	estimate
<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
90.769	87.196
2.618	2.628

and another sample ...

A data.frame:  $2 \times 3$ 

estimate	estimate	estimate
<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
90.769	87.196	142.653
2.618	2.628	2.267

As expected, the estimated coefficients are different! But how different?

The **standard error** measures this variation!

The variation of these estimates from *sample to sample* is measured by their standard deviation, which has a special name: *the standard error* (SE)

But in practice, how can we compute the standard error if we have only 1 sample?

In practice, we have different ways to measure the sample-to-sample variation of the estimated coefficients:

- (i). take multiple samples from the population and compute multiple estimates as we did above, then compute their SE (but this is not a realistic option).
- (ii). use a theoretical result (this is what lm does)
- (iii). use bootstrapping as you did in DSCI 552 for other quantities!

Note: In Regression there are many ways of bootstrapping. In 561, we'll bootstrap from the original sample.

## Standard error in lm

The SE of each coefficient are reported in the 3rd column of the tidy table:

We will see later how lm computes these standard errors

```
coef_table
summary(lm_s)
```

A tibble: 2 × 5

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
(Intercept)	90.769	9.793	9.268	0
BLDG_METRE	2.618	0.059	44.514	0

```
Call:
lm(formula = assess_val ~ BLDG_METRE, data = dat_s)
Residuals:
   Min
            10 Median
                            30
                                  Max
-649.08 -61.17 -9.55
                         38.08 855.62
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 90.7687
                        9.7935
                                9.268
                                        <2e-16 ***
BLDG_METRE
             2.6176
                        0.0588 44.514
                                        <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 109.3 on 998 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.665,
                              Adjusted R-squared:
F-statistic: 1981 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

## Bootstrapping

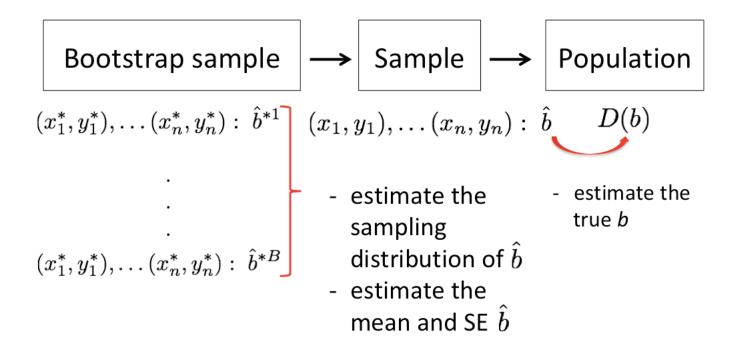
The term **bootstrapping** originates from the phrase "to pull oneself up by one's bootstraps", which refers to completing a seemingly impossible task with no external help.

In Statistics, bootstrapping refers to sampling from our original sample with replacement (also called **resampling with replacement**) to generate a **many estimates** and measure the sample-to-sample variation.

**Important**: Sampling **with replacement** means that each time we choose an observation from the sample, we return it before randomly selecting another. Resampling with replacement is required to get samples of equal size to the original sample to approximate the sampling variation.

The idea is to use the original sample as an *estimate* of the unknown population. The single sample acts as the "bootstraps" that we can use to "pull ourselves up" and estimate the SE.

## Again, note that we are sampling from the sample, not from the population!



## The population is to the sample as the sample is to the bootstrap sample

```
set.seed(0561)

B = 1000

lm_boot <- replicate(B, {
    sample_n(dat_s, size = nrow(dat_s), replace = TRUE) %>%
        lm(assess_val~BLDG_METRE,data=.) %>%
        .$coef
})

lm_boot <- data.frame(boot_intercept = lm_boot[1,], boot_slope = lm_boot[2,])
head(lm_boot)</pre>
```

#### A data.frame: $6 \times 2$

	boot_intercept	boot_slope
	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	96.10288	2.564221
2	81.23126	2.675242
3	104.65828	2.531112
4	84.15074	2.679590
5	92.91517	2.613855
6	75.28920	2.714372

#### Summary of results

A data.frame:  $2 \times 4$ 

	estimate	std.error	B_avg	B_se
	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
intercept	90.769	9.793	90.301	14.431
slope	2.618	0.059	2.621	0.106

- lm estimates are close to the average of the bootstrapped estimates
  - this is expected since the average of the bootstrapped estimates is an estimate of the true  $\beta_j$  and least square estimates are unbiased!
- lm standard errors are not so close to those estimated by bootstrapping
  - · asymptotic assumptions may not be good in our case

## 2.3 The sampling distribution

 $\hat{eta}_0$  and  $\hat{eta}_1$  are estimators of the true population coefficients

these are functions of the random sample, so they are also random variables!

As any other random variable, they have a distribution: the sampling distribution!

We will see later in the course that in many cases we can assume that the sampling distribution is the Normal distribution

We need the distribution of the estimator  $\hat{\beta}_1$  (the sampling distribution) to compute probability statements.

**Example**: is the estimated slope significantly different from zero? What are the chances, if there was really no association between the variables, of obtaining an estimate as large or larger than the one that we observe in our data?

How can we derive or at least approximate the sampling distributions?

- (i). take multiple samples from the population (not a realistic option)
- (ii). use a theoretical result (this is what Im does)
- (iii). use bootstrapping

## (ii) Using theoretical results

Theoretical results are based on assumptions about the distribution of the error terms!

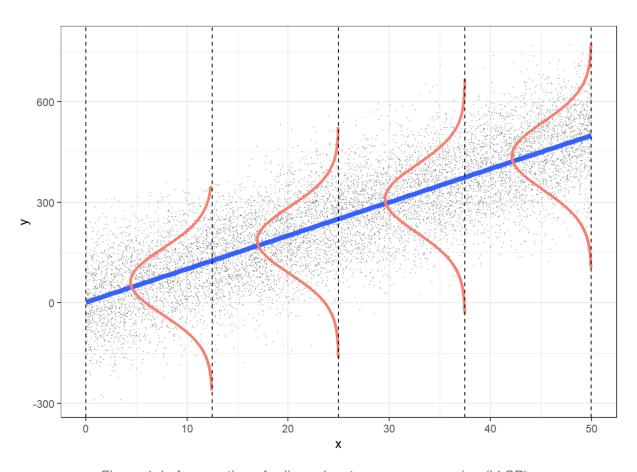


Figure 1.1: Assumptions for linear least squares regression (LLSR).

From Beyond Multiple Linear Regression (BMLR), Applied Generalized Linear Models and Multilevel Models in R, by Paul Roback and Julie Legler

From the figure in BMLR, an additional assumption was made:

ASSUMPTION 2: the conditional distribution of the error terms is Normal, and so is the conditional distribution of the response!

This assumption is not always needed in the analysis of the regression line. However, it guarantees that the linear model is a good fit to the data.

An important consequence of this assumption is that if the conditional distribution of the error terms is Normal *then* the sampling distribution is *also* Normal!

Recall: the sampling distribution is the distribution of the estimators of the regression coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_j$ 

#### **Important**: CLT to the rescue:

If the assumption is not true but the conditional distribution of the error terms is nice enough (under certain conditions), and if the sample size is large, then the sampling distribution can be approximated by a Normal distribution! (this is an asymptotic result, large n theory!)

lm uses this theoretical result to compute p-values and confidence intervals!

coef\_table

A tibble:  $2 \times 5$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
(Intercept)	90.769	9.793	9.268	0
BLDG_METRE	2.618	0.059	44.514	0

• Since  $\sigma^2$ , the variance of the error term is unknown and estimated from the data, the distribution of the resulting statistic is a Student's t-distribution with n-p degrees of freedom (df), where n is the sample size and p the number of parameters (in our case p=2, we will cover more on this topic next week)

#### (iii). Bootstrapping

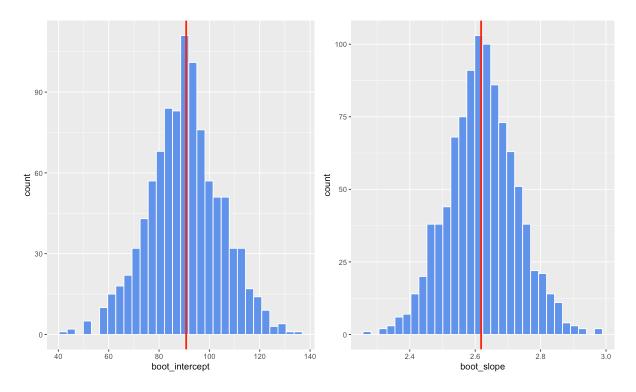
Again: the idea is to use the original sample as an estimate of the unknown population.

We generate *many* estimates and look at their distribution to approximate the *sampling* distribution

```
#from bootstrapping
B_hist_slope <- ggplot(lm_boot, aes(x = boot_slope)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, color = "white", fill = "cornflowerblue") +
    geom_vline(aes(xintercept = coef_table$estimate[2]), col = "red", linewidt

B_hist_int <- ggplot(lm_boot, aes(x = boot_intercept)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 30, color = "white", fill = "cornflowerblue") +
    geom_vline(aes(xintercept = coef_table$estimate[1]), col = "red", linewidt")</pre>
```

```
options(repr.plot.width=10, repr.plot.height=6)
grid.arrange(B_hist_int,B_hist_slope, ncol=2)
# It is not a coincidence that these distributions have a bell shape
```



#### 2.4 Confidence Intervals

## (ii). CI using asymptotic theory

The Im function uses results from asymptotic theory to construct confidence intervals

• Mathematical result: if  $\hat{\beta}$  follows a Normal distribution and estimating the  $SE(\hat{\beta})$ , classical CI are computed using the t-distribution with n-p degrees of freedom (df)

A tibble:  $2 \times 7$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.h
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<d< th=""></d<>
(Intercept)	90.768749	9.79347555	9.268288	1.132776e- 19	71.550582	109.986
BLDG_METRE	2.617547	0.05880332	44.513599	2.897913e- 239	2.502155	2.732

## (iii). CI using bootstrapping

We can also use the repeated estimates from bootstrapping to construct confidence intervals!

We computed bootstrap SE and a bootstrap sampling distribution!

Let's focus on the slope here.

There are 2 type of bootstrap CI:

1. **Bootstrap-normal-theory CI**: Assumes that the estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  follows a Normal distribution but uses the bootstrap standard error (SE\*( $\hat{\beta}$ ))

$$\hat{eta} \pm z_{lpha/2} \mathrm{SE}^*(\hat{eta})$$

2. Bootstrap-percentile CI: Uses percentiles from the bootstrap sampling distribution

$$(\hat{b}^*_{lpha/2},\hat{b}^*_{1-lpha/2})$$

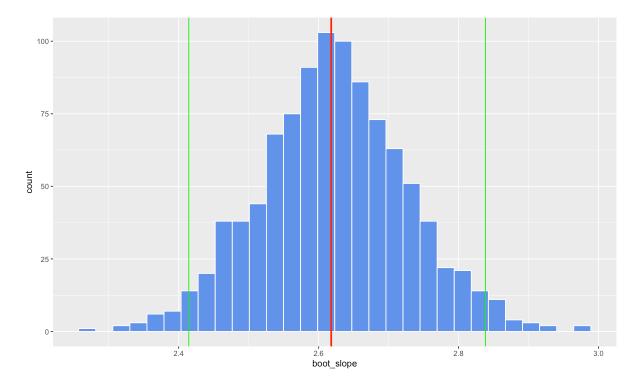
In our example:

```
slope_s <- coef_table %>% filter(term=="BLDG_METRE") %>% pull(estimate)
slope_B <- lm_boot %>% select(boot_slope) %>% unlist()
(slope_s + qnorm(0.025) * sd(slope_B)) %>% round(2)
(slope_s - qnorm(0.025) * sd(slope_B)) %>% round(2)
```

2.41

2.83

The bootstrap-normal-theory CI is (2.41, 2.83)



```
quantile(slope_B,0.025) %>% round(2)
quantile(slope_B,0.975) %>% round(2)
```

**2.5%:** 2.41 **97.5%:** 2.84

The **bootstrap-percentile** confidence interval is (2.41, 2.84)

#### Question

Suppose we computed a 95% confidence interval for the slope  $\beta_1$  and found it to be (-0.5, 1.88).

What does this tell us from an inferential perspective?

- **A.** There is a 95% chance that the slope is between -0.5 and 1.88.
- **B.** Since this interval contains 0, at the 5% signficance level we do not have sufficient evidence that  $\beta_1$  is different from 0.
- **C.** Since the interval barely contains 0, the slope is significant at the 5% significance level. *Is the assessed value of a property related to its size??*

We can test hypotheses about the true regression coefficients! As a default, Im tests if the intercept and the slope are 0:

•  $H_0: \beta_0 = 0$  (null) vs  $H_A: \beta_0 \neq 0$  (default alternative)

usually not of interest

•  $H_0: eta_1 = 0$  (null) vs  $H_A: eta_1 
eq 0$  (default alternative)

we can use this test to answer to the question above

#### The tidy table

A tibble:  $2 \times 5$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
(Intercept)	90.769	9.793	9.268	0
BLDG_METRE	2.618	0.059	44.514	0

As you learned in DSCI\_552, you can construct a test statistic as:

$$test\ statistic = \frac{statistic\text{-parameter}_0}{standard\ error\ of\ the\ statistic}$$

In our case, and under the null hypothesis:  $\$t = rac{\hat{eta}}{SE(\hat{eta})}\$$ 

and this statistic has an (asymptotic) t-distribution with n-p degrees of freedom (df)

"asymptotic" is an approximation achieved with large sample size

```
statistic <- tidy(lm_s)$estimate/tidy(lm_s)$std.error
round(statistic[2],3)

tidy(lm_s)

2*pt(44.514, df=1000-2,lower.tail=FALSE)</pre>
```

#### 44.514

A tibble:  $2 \times 5$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
(Intercept)	90.768749	9.79347555	9.268288	1.132776e-19
BLDG_METRE	2.617547	0.05880332	44.513599	2.897913e-239

#### 2.88063098544645e-239

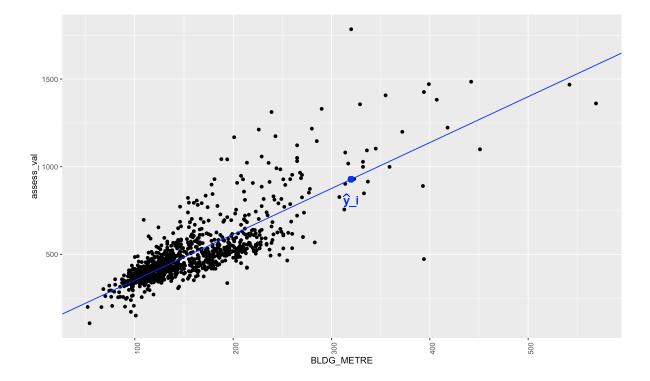
In the following plot, the blue dot,  $\hat{y}$ , is the *predicted* assessed value for a house of size 320 (on the estimated regression line)

$$\hat{y}_i = 90.769 + 2.618 imes x_i$$

Note: we put a "hat" on  $\boldsymbol{y}$  to indicate that it's a predicted value using the regression line

```
options(warn = -1)

dat_s %>% ggplot(aes(BLDG_METRE, assess_val)) + theme(axis.text.x = element_te
    geom_point()+
    geom_abline(intercept=coef(lm_s)[1],slope=coef(lm_s)[2], col = "blue")+
    geom_point(aes(x=320,y=predict(lm_s,data.frame(BLDG_METRE=320))), color="b
    geom_text(aes(x=320,y=predict(lm_s,data.frame(BLDG_METRE=320))-120,label=T
```



The predictor is also a random variable since it's a function of the estimated coefficients!

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{eta}_0 + \hat{eta}_1 imes x_i$$

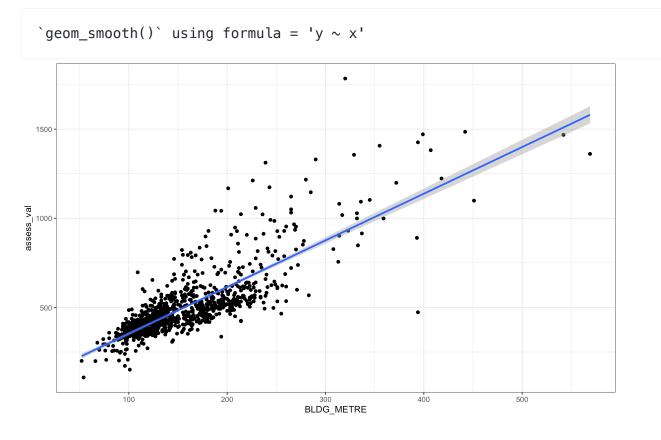
So we can measure the uncertainty of our prediction using standard errors or even computing confidence intervals!(we'll see more about this later)

```
y_hat <- as.data.frame(predict(lm_s, se.fit = TRUE))
head(y_hat, 3)[,1:2]</pre>
```

A data.frame:  $3 \times 2$ 

	fit	se.fit
	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	666.6292	5.116616
2	344.6708	4.889902
3	323.7305	5.233297

```
dat_s %>% ggplot(aes(BLDG_METRE,assess_val)) +
   geom_point() + theme_bw() +
   geom_smooth(method = "lm", se=TRUE)
```



#### Question

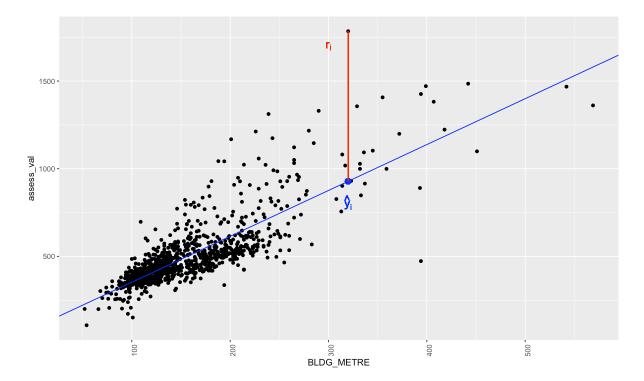
True or False: Suppose we estimate a SLR with a continuous response and a continuous explanatory variable. Then the values predicted with the estimated model lie on the estimated regression line.

#### A. True

#### B. False

```
options(warn = -1)

dat_s %>% ggplot(aes(BLDG_METRE, assess_val)) + theme(axis.text.x = element_te
    geom_point()+
    geom_abline(intercept=coef(lm_s)[1],slope=coef(lm_s)[2], col = "blue")+
    geom_point(aes(x=320,y=predict(lm_s,data.frame(BLDG_METRE=320))), color="b
    geom_text(aes(x=320,y=predict(lm_s,data.frame(BLDG_METRE=320))-120,label=T
    geom_segment(x=320, y=predict(lm_s,data.frame(BLDG_METRE=320)),xend=320,ye
    geom_text(aes(x=300,y=1700,label=TeX(r"($r_i$)", output = "character")), c
```



The red line,  $r_i$  represents the  $i^{th}$  residual (the difference between the observed and predicted observations)

$$r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

Note: both the fitted.values and the resid can be obtained using the fuction augment

head(augment(lm\_s), 3)

A tibble:  $3 \times 8$ 

.co	.sigma	.hat	.resid	.fitted	BLDG_METRE	assess_val
<	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>
1.5730	109.2580	0.002192155	-130.62916	666.6292	220	536
5.3996	109.3335	0.002002193	25.32916	344.6708	97	370
3.1674	109.3363	0.002293276	-5.73046	323.7305	89	318

When estimating the regression equation, we minimize the sum of squared errors (SSE), defined as

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2$$

• Note that the sum of the residuals is always 0 (i.e.,  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = 0$ ).

#### **Question:**

#### True or false?

A positive residual means that we overestimated the observed data with the regression line.

- A. TRUE
- **B.** FALSE

#### In-class Exercise

Suppose we are interested in investigating the association between daily hours exercised (x) and hours of sleep at night (y) and observed participants exercising anywhere from 0-2.5 hours a day. We estimated the regression model to be  $\hat{y}_i = 6 + 1.5x_i$ .

i) How many hours of sleep would you predict for a person who exercises 1.5 hours a day on average?

- ii) An individual in the study who exercised 1.5 hours a day was found to sleep for 7.75 hours a night. What is the residual of this observation?
- iii) Could we reliably make a prediction for a person who exercised 3 hours a day? Why or why not?

#### **Additional Details**

### Resampling

In our case study, we can resample from the population over and over again: take a sample, obtain the regression estimates, repeat.

This will give us an idea of the uncertainty in our estimation.

Play with N in the code below to understand the asymptotic approximation used by 1m

However in practice, this is not feasible!

```
set.seed(5613)

B <- 1000
N <- 1000
lm_est <- replicate(B, {
    sample_n(dat, N, replace = TRUE) %>%
        lm(assess_val~BLDG_METRE,data=.) %>%
        .$coef
})

lm_resamp <- data.frame(est_intercept = lm_est[1,], est_slope = lm_est[2,])
head(lm_resamp)</pre>
```

A data.frame:  $6 \times 2$ 

	est_intercept	est_slope
	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	129.00792	2.315975
2	52.63497	2.891406
3	113.85761	2.434709
4	87.06021	2.601496
5	98.27328	2.545676
6	97.33844	2.579989

lm\_resamp %>% summarise(se\_int = sd(est\_intercept), se\_slope = sd(est\_slope))

A data.frame: 1 × 2

se_int	se_slope		
<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>		
23.35457	0.1593693		

tidy(lm\_s)

A tibble:  $2 \times 5$ 

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
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(Intercept)	90.768749	9.79347555	9.268288	1.132776e-19
BLDG_METRE	2.617547	0.05880332	44.513599	2.897913e-239