

# Introduction to Linear Models

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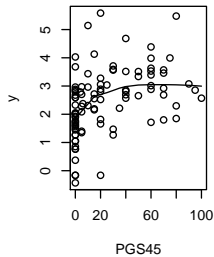
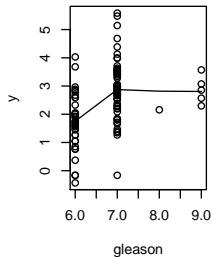
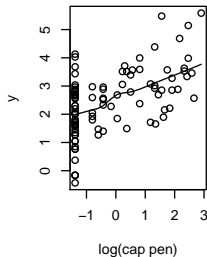
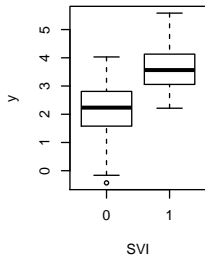
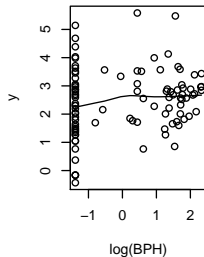
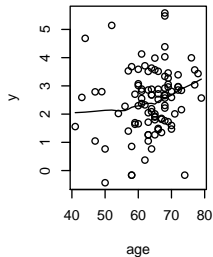
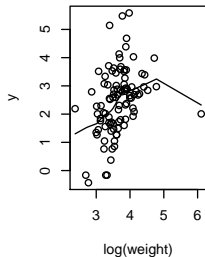
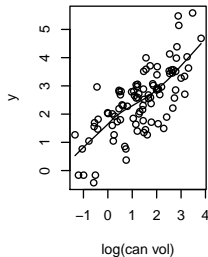
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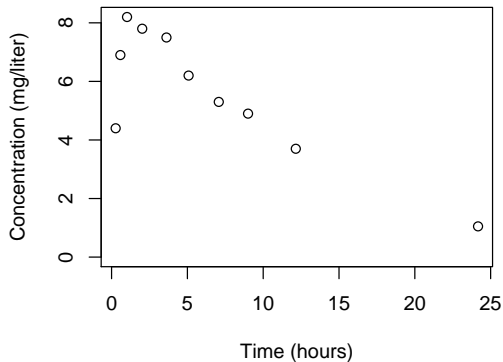
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# Nonlinear Models

Mean function may be an intrinsically nonlinear function of  $t$

$$E[Y_i] = f(t_i, \theta)$$





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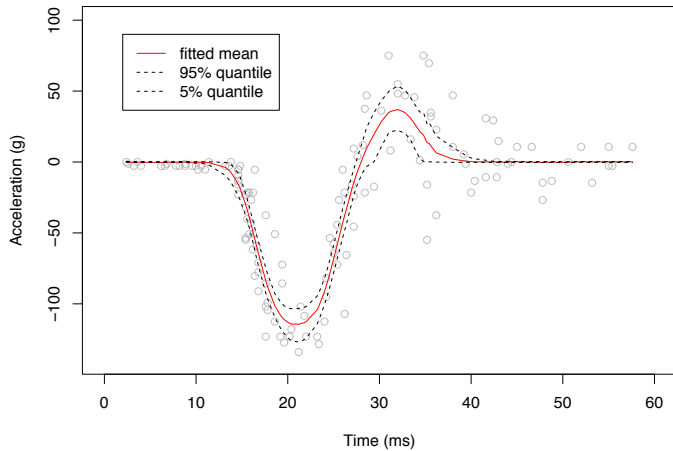
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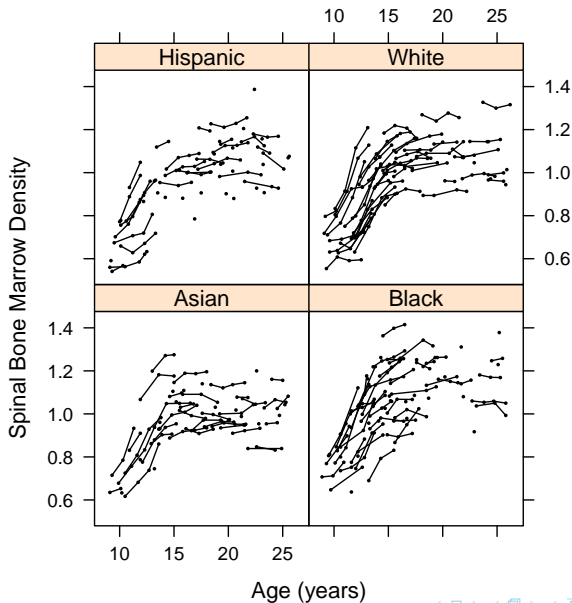
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# Hierarchical Models - Spinal Bone Density





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*All models are wrong, but some may be useful* (George Box)



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# Philosophy

- ▶ for many problems frequentist and Bayesian methods will give similar answers (more a matter of taste in interpretation)
- ▶ For small problems, Bayesian methods allow us to incorporate prior information which provides better calibrated answers
- ▶ for problems with complex designs and/or missing data Bayesian methods are often easier to implement (do not need to rely on asymptotics)
- ▶ For problems involving hypothesis testing or model selection frequentists and Bayesian methods can be strikingly different.
- ▶ Frequentist methods often faster (particularly with “big data”) so great for exploratory analysis and for building a “data-sense”
- ▶ Bayesian methods sit on top of Frequentist Likelihood

Important to understand advantages and problems of each perspective!