

# Models

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INFO 201

# Today's Objectives

Highlights from "the industry"

Introduce linear modeling

Explore packages for advanced data management

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ABOUT

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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**I'm a data scientist and software engineer with an interest in open source software and data science for social good.**





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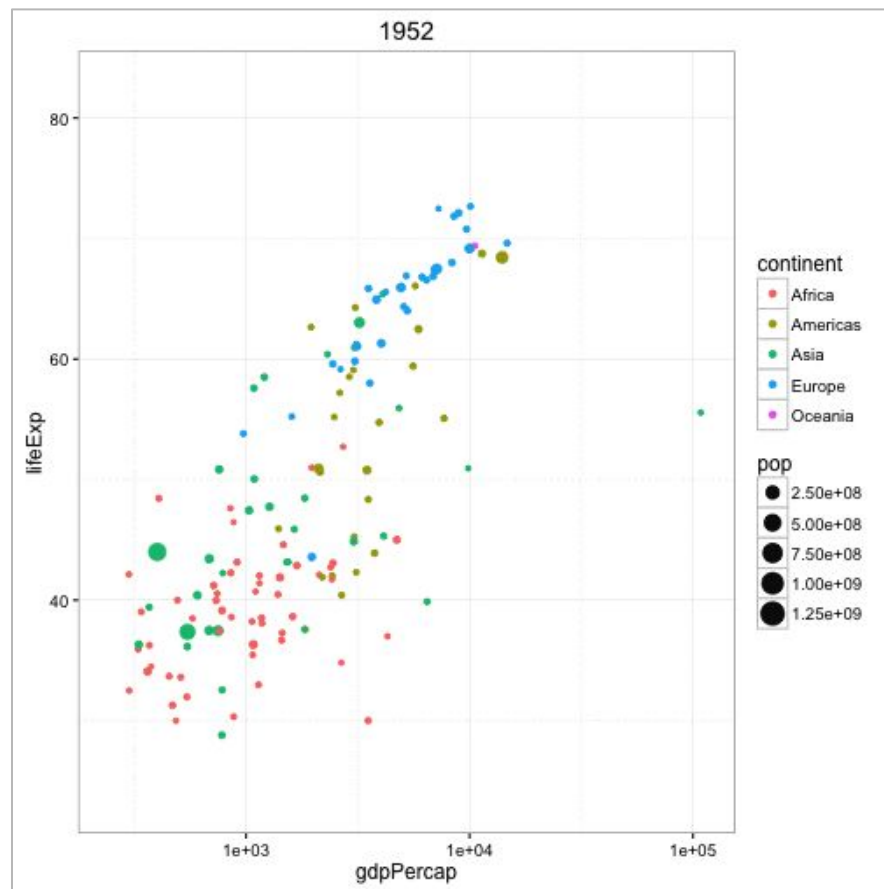


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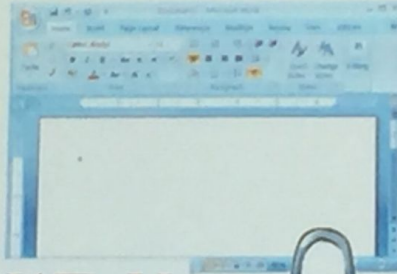
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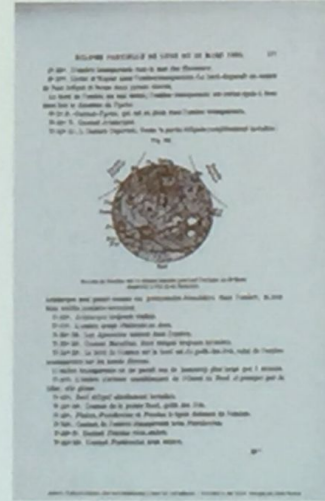
...they produce  
21st century  
research



L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X



...written up on  
20th century  
tools



...packaged in a  
17th century  
format

Attempt to improve research tools + practices

# Linear Modeling

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All models are  
wrong, but some are  
useful.

- *George Box*

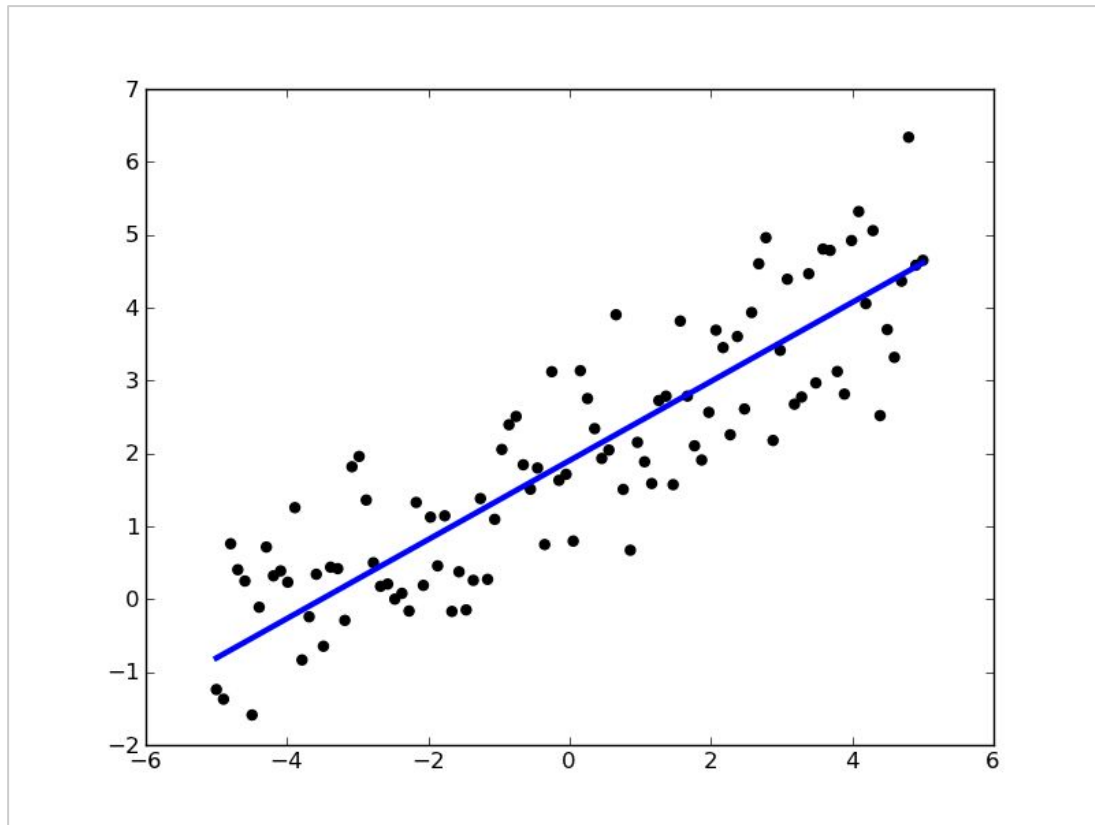
# Linear Models

Assess the relationship between (1) dependent variable and (1+) independent variables

Allow you to describe association between features in your data

Assume a **linear** relationship (given a unit increase in X, expect a unit increase in Y)

There are entire courses (at UW!) on linear modeling

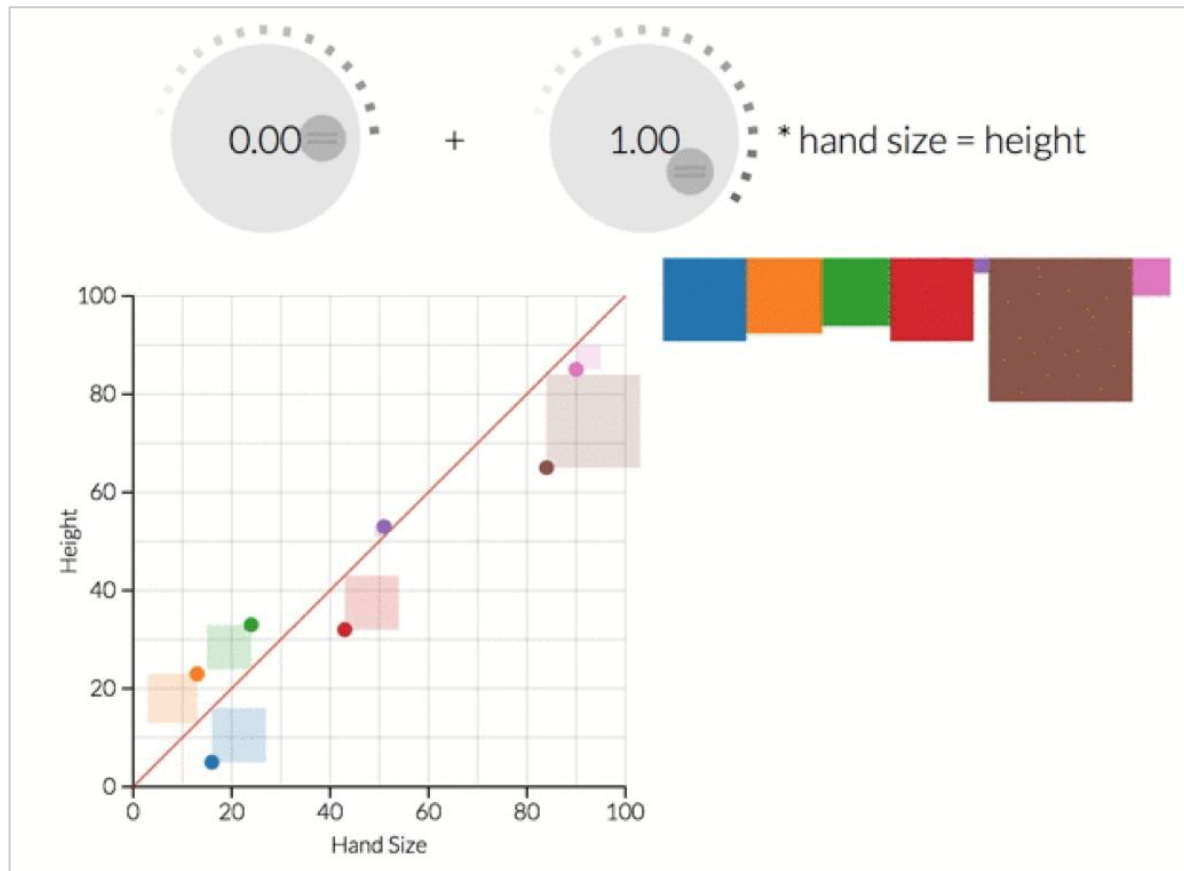


*Find a function that describes the relationship between two variables by minimizing the squared distance between data and function*

$$Y = mx + b$$

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Minimizing squared  
distance???



Minimizing squared distance!

# Generic

```
my.model <- lm(dep.var ~ ind.var, data=data)
```

# Example

```
library(gapminder)
```

```
lifeExp.model <- lm(lifeExp ~ year, data = gapminder)
```

# Better yet

```
gapminder$yearsElapsed <- gapminder$year - 1952
```

```
lifeExp.model <- lm(lifeExp ~ yearsElapsed, data = gapminder)
```

# Managing Models

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# A terrible idea...?

Intentionally store dataframes in columns of dataframes

Helps keep data organized

Built on the idea that each row is a unit of analysis

Enables dataframe manipulation across rows (filter, select, etc.)

Might be a terrible idea



```
install.packages('wesanderson')
install.packages('purrr')
install.packages('listviewer')
library(wesanderson)
library(purrr)
library(listviewer)

# Investigate with the structure (str) command
str(wesanderson)

# View with the jsonedit function (listviewer package)
jsonedit(wesanderson)

# Store names as a dataframe
wes.df <- data.frame(title=names(wesanderson))

# Add colors to dataframe
wes.df <- wes.df %>%
  mutate(colors = wesanderson,
         num.colors = map(colors, length)
  )
```

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Using the map functionality

module 15 exercise-1

# Upcoming...

**No lab** this week

**Have a great break!**