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19.4 Pre-test and post-test: 100 students are given a pre-test, then a treatment or control is randomly assigned to each, then they get a post-test. Given the following regression model:

$$post - test = \alpha + b * pre - test + \theta * z + error$$

where $z = 1$ for treated units and θ for controls. Further suppose that `pre_test` has mean 40 and standard deviation 15. Suppose $b = 0.7$ and $\theta = 10$ and the mean for `post_test` is 50 for the students in the control group. Further suppose that the residual standard deviation of the regression is 10.

- a) Determine α

The mean of the `post_test` score is 50, and the mean of the `pre_treatment` score is 40, so the effect size $\alpha = 50 - 40 = 10$

- b) What is the standard deviation of the post-test scores for the students in the control group?

It should be $10 + \text{the error}$.

- c) What are the mean and standard deviation of the post-test scores in the treatment group?

$$posttest = 10 + 0.7(40) + 10(1) + error$$

$$posttest = 48$$

The mean will be 48 and the standard deviation will be the error. **19.5**

Causal inference using logistic regression: Suppose you have fit a model:

```
fit <- stan_glm(y ~ z + age + z:age, family=binomial(link="logit"), data=mydata)
```

with binary outcome `y`, treatment indicator `z`, and age measured in years. Give R code to produce an estimate and standard error of average treatment effect in a large population, given a vector `n_pop` of length 82 that has the number of people in the population at each age from 18 through 99:

```
predictions$effect <- predict(fit, n_pop)

avg_effect <- mean(predictions$effect)

st_err <- sd(predictions$effect)/length(n_pop)
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