## Assumptions and normal distributions

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## **Summary stats**

#### Mean

Sum divided by count

#### Median

Half of values fall above and below the median

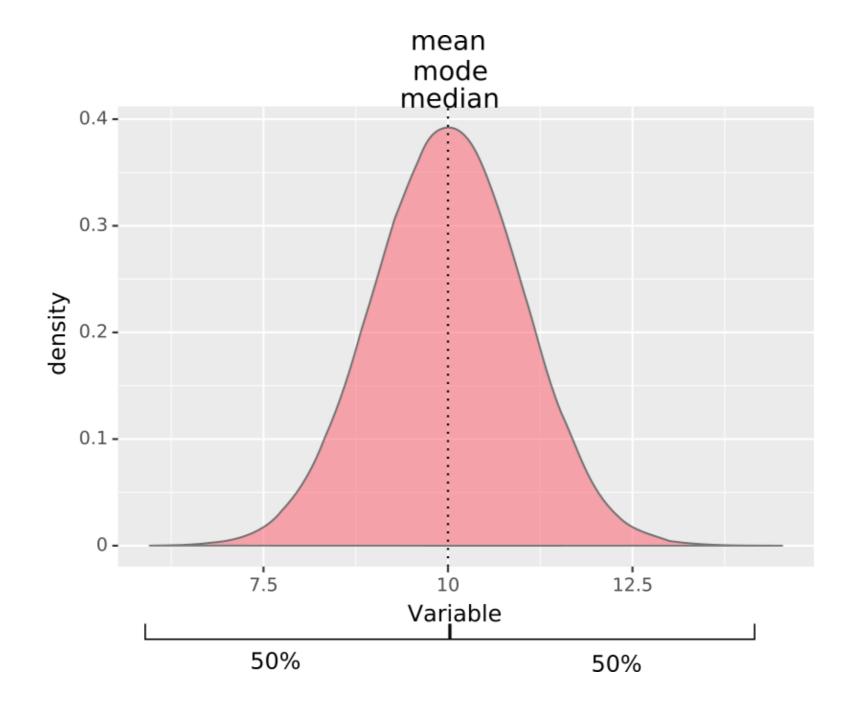
#### Mode

Value that occurs most often

#### Standard deviation

Measure of variability

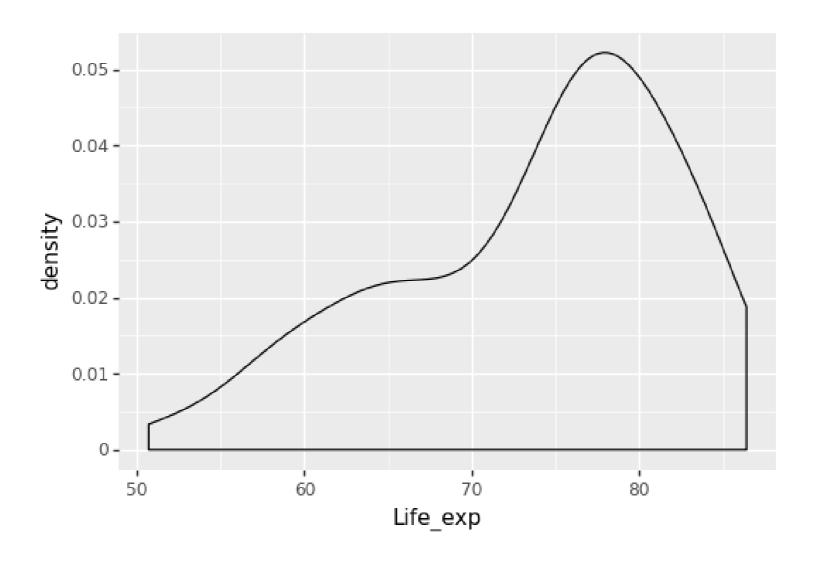
## Normal distribution





## Sample distribution

```
print(p9.ggplot(countrydata)+ p9.aes(x= 'Life_exp')+ p9.geom_density(alpha=0.5))
```



## Accessing summary stats

Mean

print(countrydata.Life\_exp.mean())

73.68201058201058

Mode

print(countrydata.Life\_exp.mode())

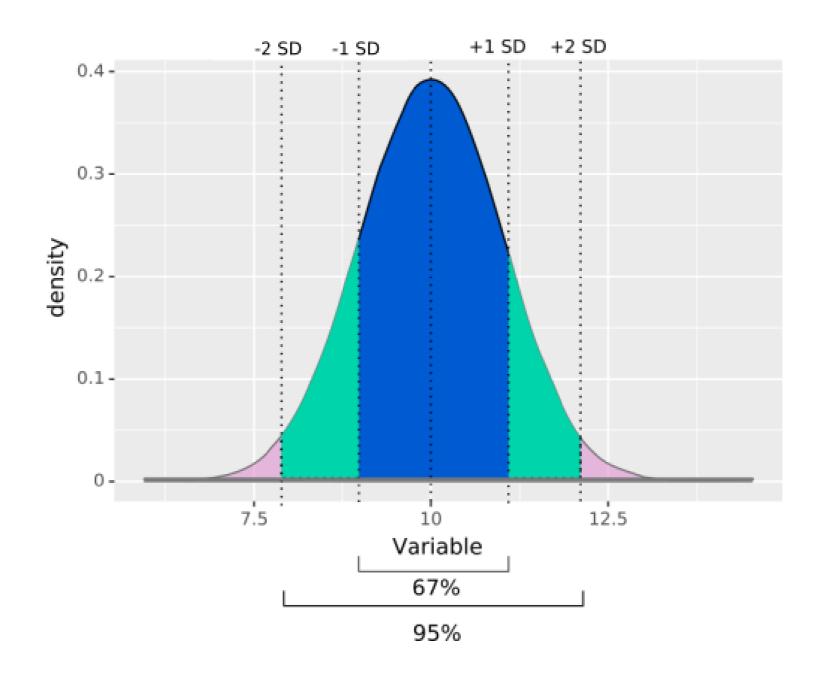
78.4

#### Median

print(countrydata.Life\_exp.median())

76.0

## Normal distribution



## Q-Q (quantile-quantile) plot

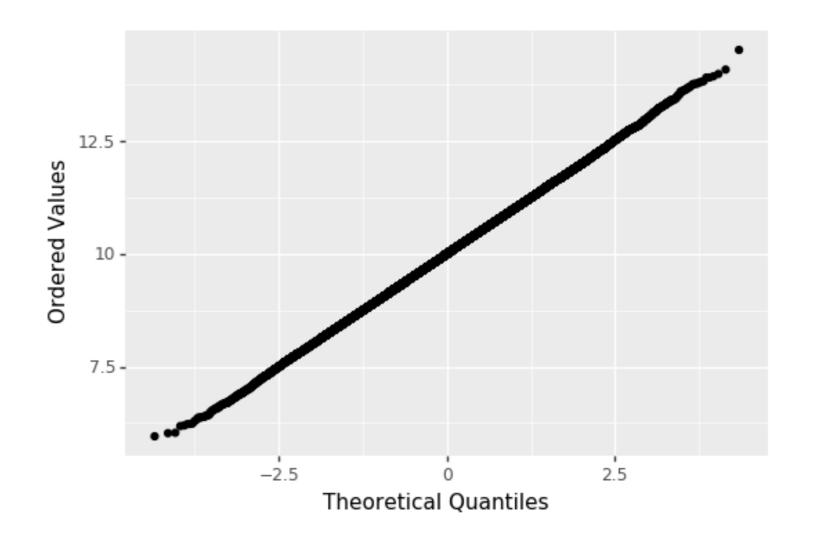
Normal probability plot

#### Use

- Distribution fit expected (normal) distribution?
- Graphical method to assess normality

#### **Basis**

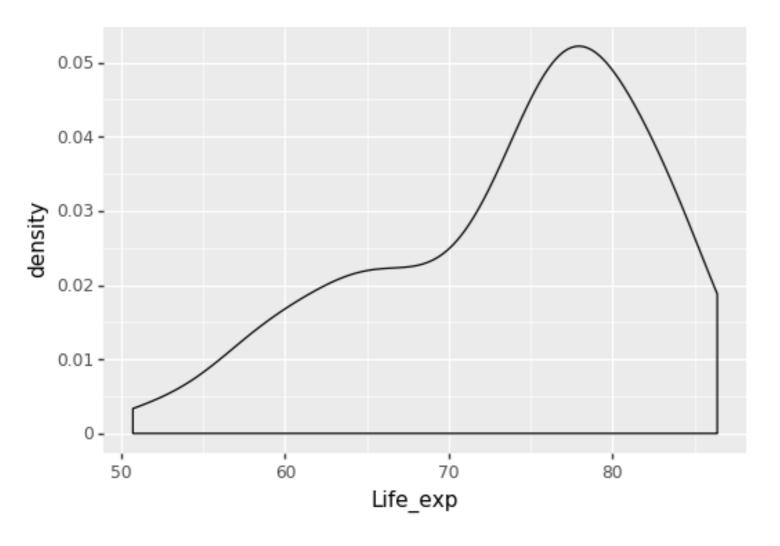
 Compare quantiles of data with theoretical quantiles predicted under distribution



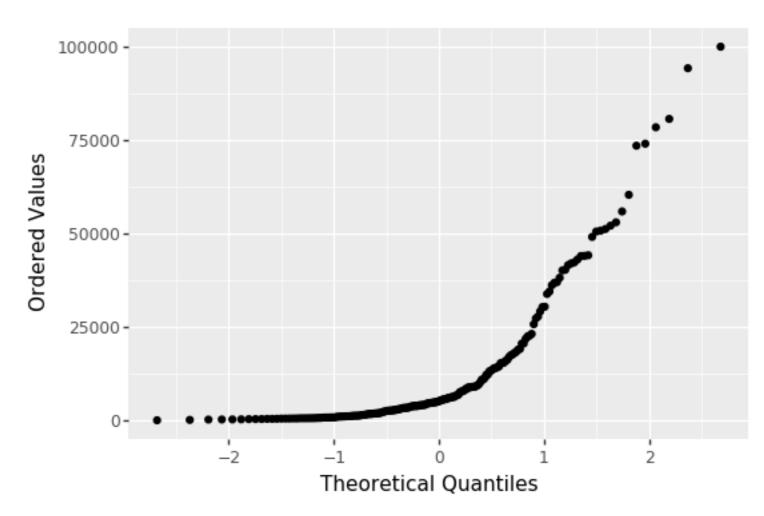
## Creating a Q-Q plot

## Q-Q plot for sample

#### **Distribution**



#### Q-Q plot



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## Testing for normality

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## Testing for normality

#### Normal distribution

- Mean, median, and mode are equal
- Symmetrical
- Crucial assumption of certain tests

#### Approach

Test for normality



## Shapiro-Wilk test

#### **Basis**

- Test for normality
- Based on same logic as Q-Q plot

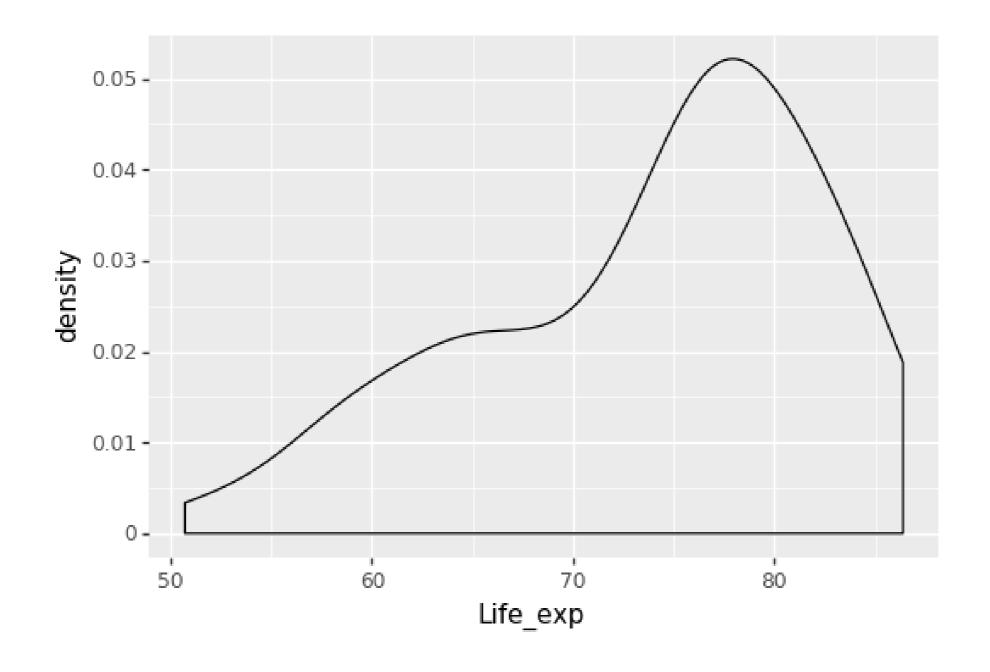
#### Use

- 1) Test normality of each sample
- 2) Choose test/approach
- 3) Perform hypothesis test

```
from scipy import stats

shapiro = stats.shapiro(my_sample)
print(shapiro)
```

## Shapiro-Wilk test example





## Implementing a Shapiro-Wilk test

```
from scipy import stats
shapiro = stats.shapiro(countrydata.Life_exp)
print(shapiro)
```

(0.39991819858551025, 6.270842690066813e-26)

## **Test assumptions**

#### Tests based on assumption of normality

- Student's t-test (one and two-sample)
- Paired t-test
- ANOVA

#### Normality test

Test by group



## Normality and test choice

#### Sample size & sample mean

• Large sample size: sample mean approaches population mean

#### Small sample sizes

Important that normality assumption not violated

#### Large sample sizes

• Importance of normality is relaxed

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# Non-parametric tests: Wilcoxon rank-sum test

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## When assumptions don't hold

- Tests are based on assumptions about data
- Normality: assumption underlying t-test

#### Violation of assumptions

Test no longer valid

#### **Approach**

- Non-parametric tests
- "Looser" constraints

## Parametric vs non-parametric tests

#### **Parametric tests**

- Make many assumptions
- Population modeled by distribution with fixed parameters (eg: normal)

#### Sensitivity

Higher

#### **Hypotheses**

More specific

#### Non-parametric tests

- Make few assumptions
- No fixed population parameters
- Used when data doesn't fit these distributions

#### Sensitivity

Lower

#### **Hypotheses**

• Less specific



## Wilcoxon rank-sum vs t-test

#### Student's t-test

Parametric

#### **Hypothesis**

mean sample A == mean sample B?

#### Assumptions

• Relies on normality

#### Sensitivity

Higher

#### Wilcoxon rank-sum test

Non-parametric

#### **Hypothesis**

• random sample A > random sample B

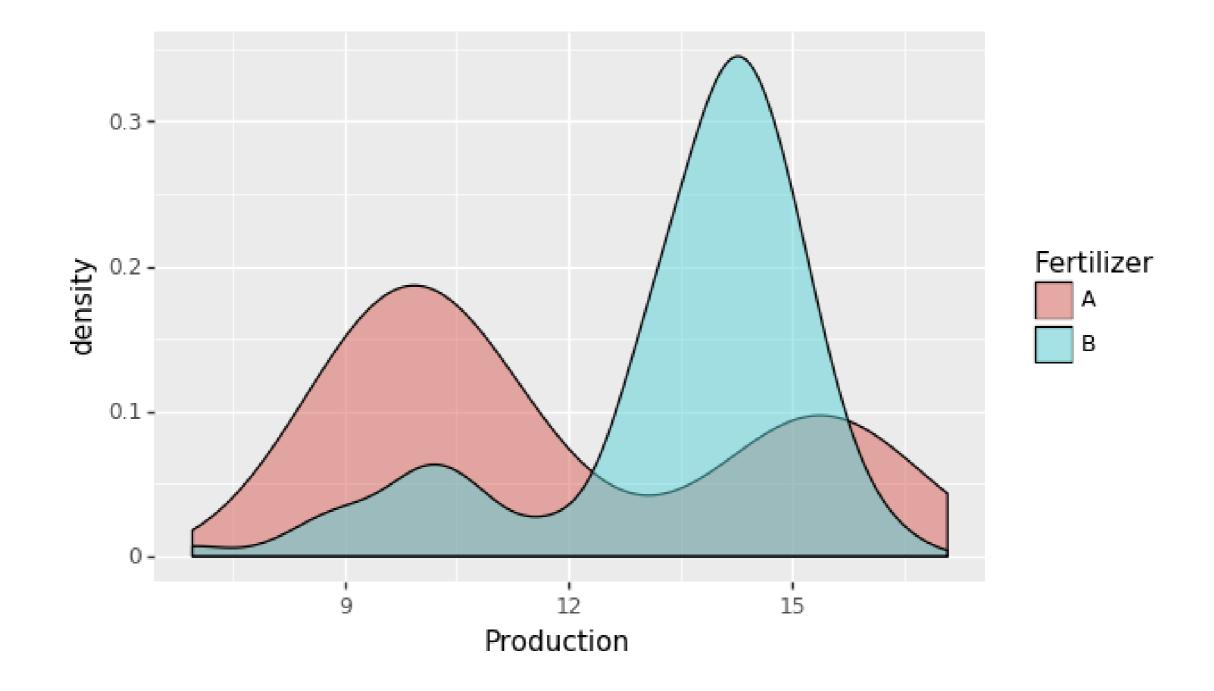
#### **Assumptions**

No sensitive to distribution shape

#### Sensitivity

Slightly lower

## Wilcoxon rank-sum test example



## Implementing a Wilcoxon rank-sum test

```
from scipy import stats

Sample_A = df[df.Fertilizer == "A"]
Sample_B = df[df.Fertilizer == "B"]

wilc = stats.ranksums(Sample_A, Sample_B)
print(wilc)
```

RanksumsResult(statistic=16.085203659039184, pvalue=3.239851573227159e-58)

## Wilcoxon signed-rank test

- Non-parametric equivalent to paired t-test
- Tests if ranks differ across pairs

2017 yield	2018 yield
60.2	63.2
12	15.6
13.8	14.8
91.8	96.7
50	53
45	47

## Wilcoxon signed-rank test example

```
from scipy import stats

yields2018= [60.2, 12, 13.8, 91.8, 50, 45,32, 87.5, 60.1,88 ]
yields2019 = [63.2, 15.6, 14.8, 96.7, 53, 47, 31.3, 89.8, 67.8, 90]

wilcsr = stats.wilcoxon(yields2018, yields2019)
print(wilcsr)
```

WilcoxonResult(statistic=1.0, pvalue=0.00683774356850919)

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# More nonparametric tests: Spearman correlation

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## Correlation

#### **Basis**

- Relate one continuous or ordinal variable to another
- Will variation in one predict variation in the other?

#### **Pearson correlation**

Based on a linear model

#### **Pearson correlation**

- Parametric
- Based on raw values
- Sensitive to outliers

#### **Assumes:**

• Linear, monotonic relationship

#### **Effect measure**

• Pearson's r

#### **Spearman correlation**

- Non-parametric
- Based on ranks
- Robust to outliers

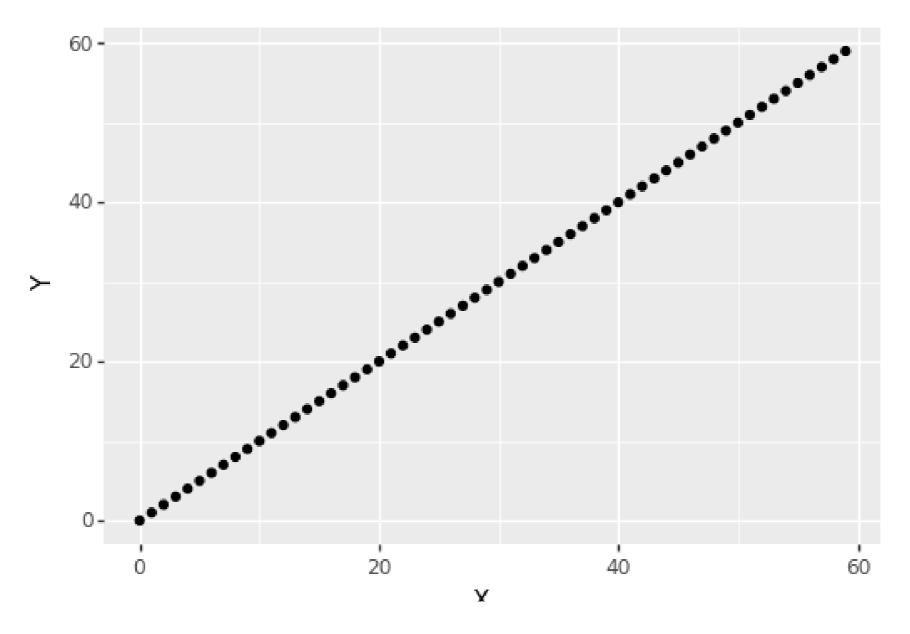
#### **Assumes:**

Monotonic relationship

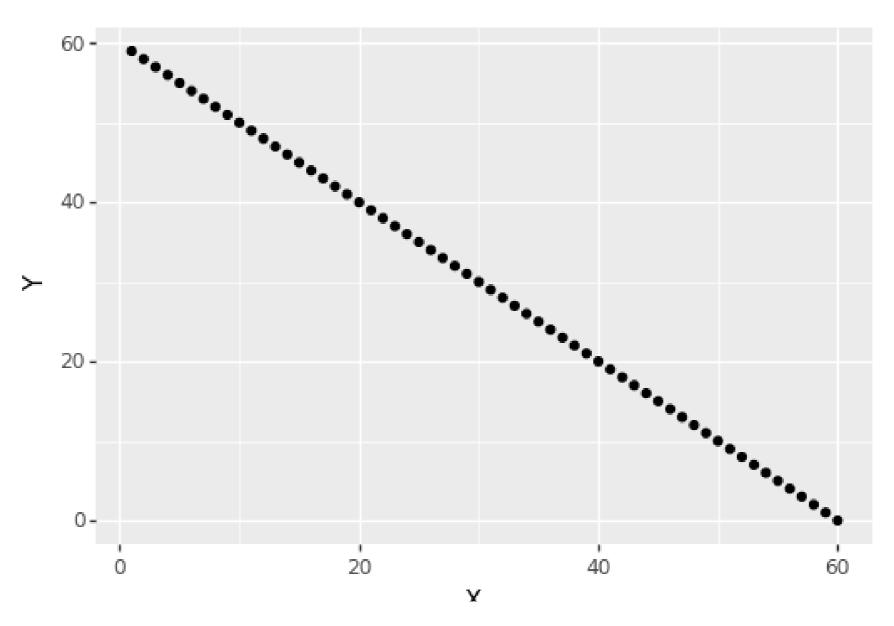
#### **Effect measure**

Spearman's rho

Pearson's r: 1, Spearman's rho = 1

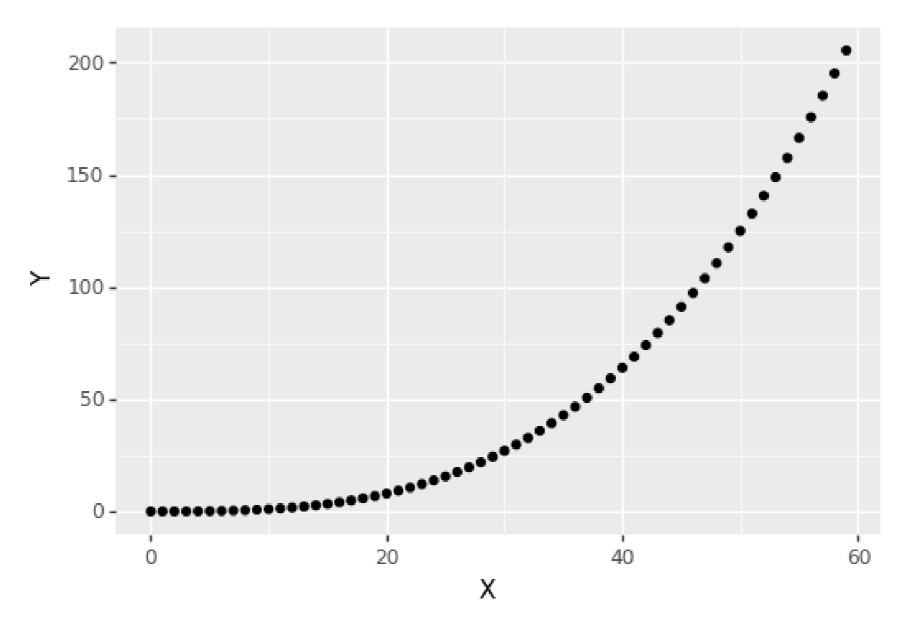


Pearson's r: -1, Spearman's rho = -1

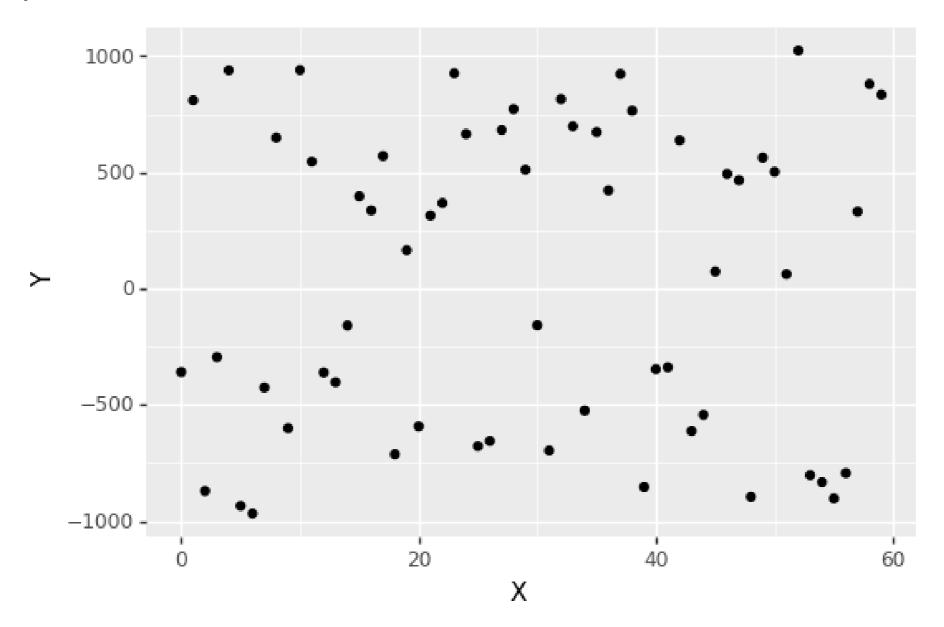




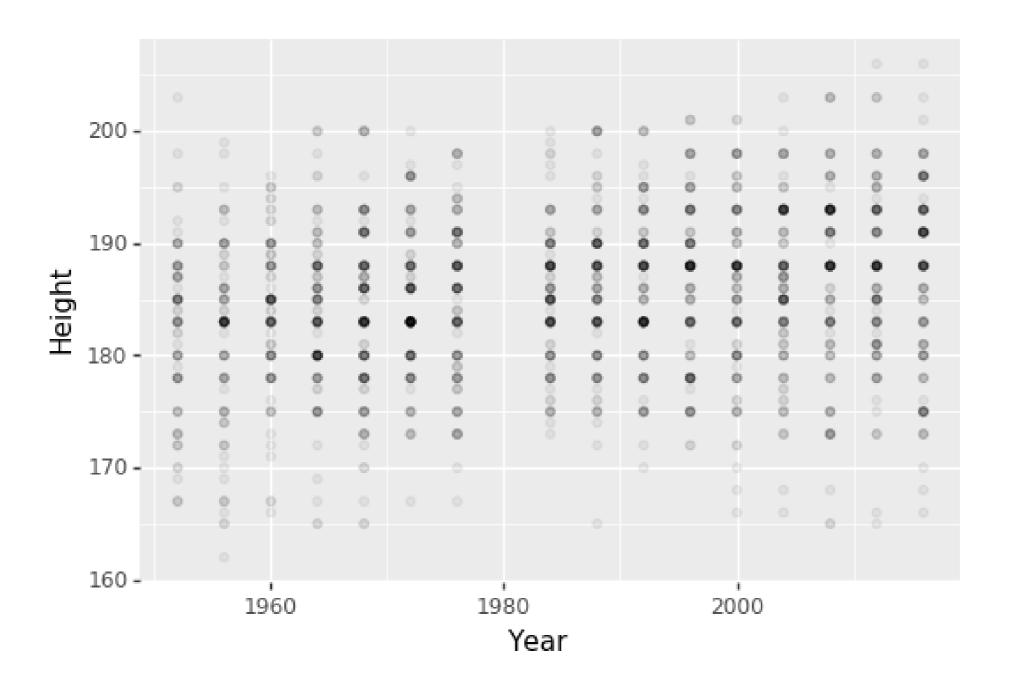
Pearson's r: 0.915, Spearman's rho = 1



Pearson's r: 0.0429, Spearman's rho = 0.0428



## Spearman correlation example





## Implementing a Spearman correlation

```
from scipy import stats
pearcorr = stats.pearsonr(oly.Height, oly.Weight)
print(pearcorr)
```

(0.6125605419882442, 7.0956520885987905e-190)

```
spearcorr = stats.spearmanr(oly.Height, oly.Weight)
print(spearcorr)
```

SpearmanrResult(correlation=0.728877815423366, pvalue=1.4307959767478955e-304)



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## Summary

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## What you've learned

#### Chapter 1

Exploratory data analysis & hypothesis testing

#### Chapter 2

Dealing with multiple factors

#### Chapter 3

Type I and II errors and the power-sample size-effect size relationship

#### Chapter 4

Dealing with assumptions of tests

## Uncertainty is a theme of statistics

#### Uncertainty is always present

• We can't expect absolute certainty

#### Approach

- Quantify our uncertainty
- Assess likelihood of competing hypotheses
- Methods may rest on unproven assumptions

# Embrace uncertainty!

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