

# Quantitative Methods

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Review II

# Chapter 5

The Standard Deviation as a Ruler and the Normal Model

# How Many Standard Deviations Above?

- The standard deviation helps us compare.
- Chernova's long jump was more than 1 standard deviation better than the mean.
- Ennis's winning time in the 200 m was more than 2 standard deviations faster than the mean.

	Long Jump	200 m
Mean (all contestants)	5.91 m	24.48 s
SD	0.56 m	0.80 s
<i>n</i>	35	36
Chernova	6.54 m	23.67 s
Ennis	6.48 m	22.83 s

Is there an even more precise way to calculate these?

# The z-Score

- In general, to find the distance between the value and the mean in standard deviations:
  1. Subtract the mean from the value.
  2. Divide by the standard deviation.

$$z = \frac{y - \bar{y}}{s}$$

- This is called the **z-score**.

# The z-score

- The **z-score** measures the distance of the value from the mean in standard deviations.
- A **positive z-score** indicates the value is **above** the mean.
- A **negative z-score** indicates the value is **below** the mean.
- A **small z-score** indicates the value is **close** to the mean when compared to the rest of the data values.
- A **large z-score** indicates the value is **far** from the mean when compared to the rest of the data values.

# How Many SDs from Mean?

- Chernova's long jump

$$z = \frac{6.54 - 5.91}{0.56} \approx 1.1$$

- Ennis's 200 m run

$$z = \frac{22.83 - 24.48}{0.80} \approx -2.1$$

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- Ennis's winning time is a little more impressive.
- Judges could assign points based on standard deviations from mean and this system would have a correlation of 0.99 with the one currently used!

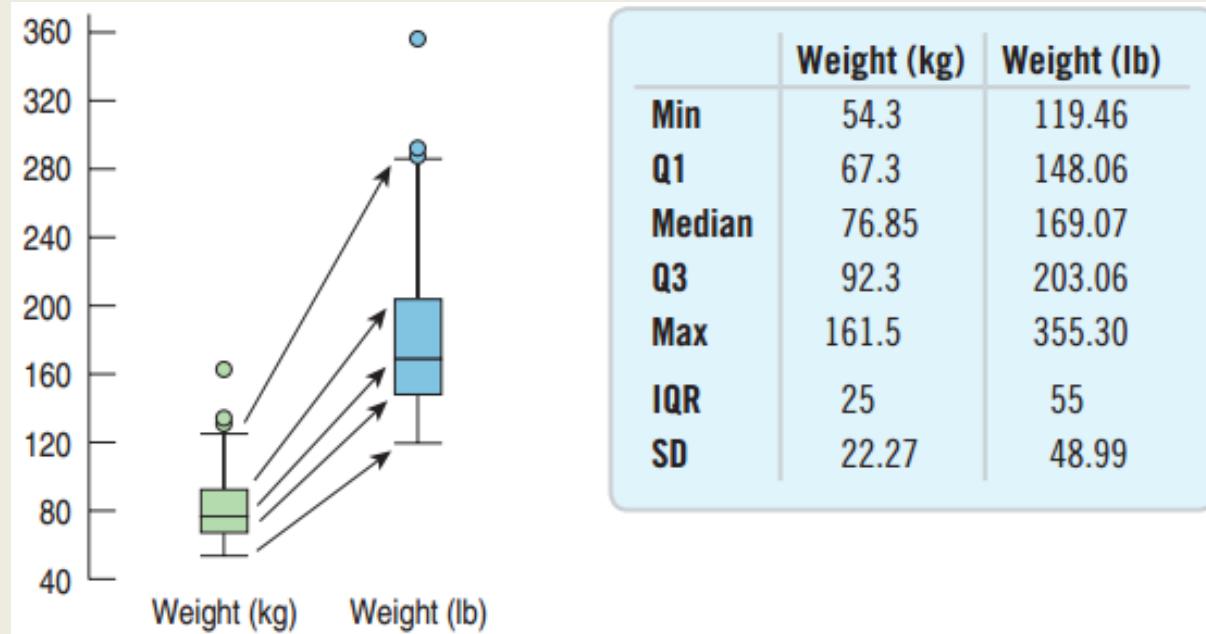
# How Many SDs from Mean?

- $-1 < z < 1$ : Not uncommon
- $z = \pm 3$ : Rare
- $z = 6$ : Shouts out for attention!

# Shifting

- If the same number is subtracted or added to all data values, then:
  - The measures of the spread – standard deviation, range, and IQR – are all unaffected.
  - The measures of position – mean, median, and mode – are all changed by that number.

# Rescaling



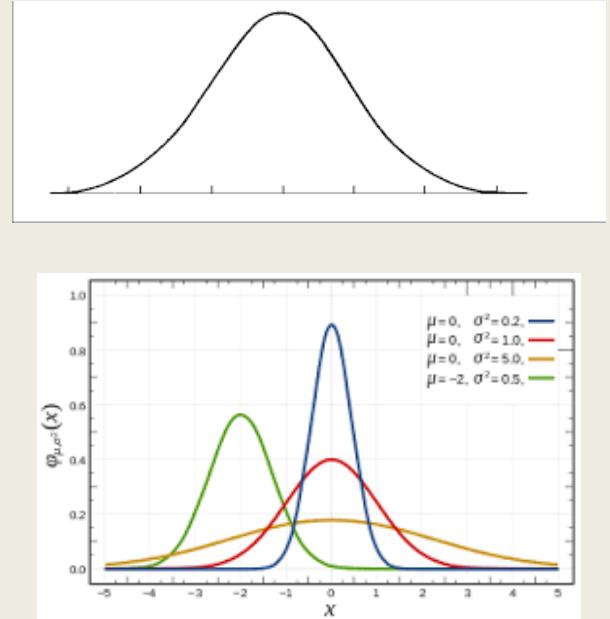
- When we multiply (or divide) all the data values by a constant, all measures of position and all measures of spread are multiplied (or divided) by that same constant.

# Can we apply a Normal Model to our data?

- When **quantitative** data is provided, first make a **histogram** to make sure that the distribution is **symmetric** and **unimodal**.

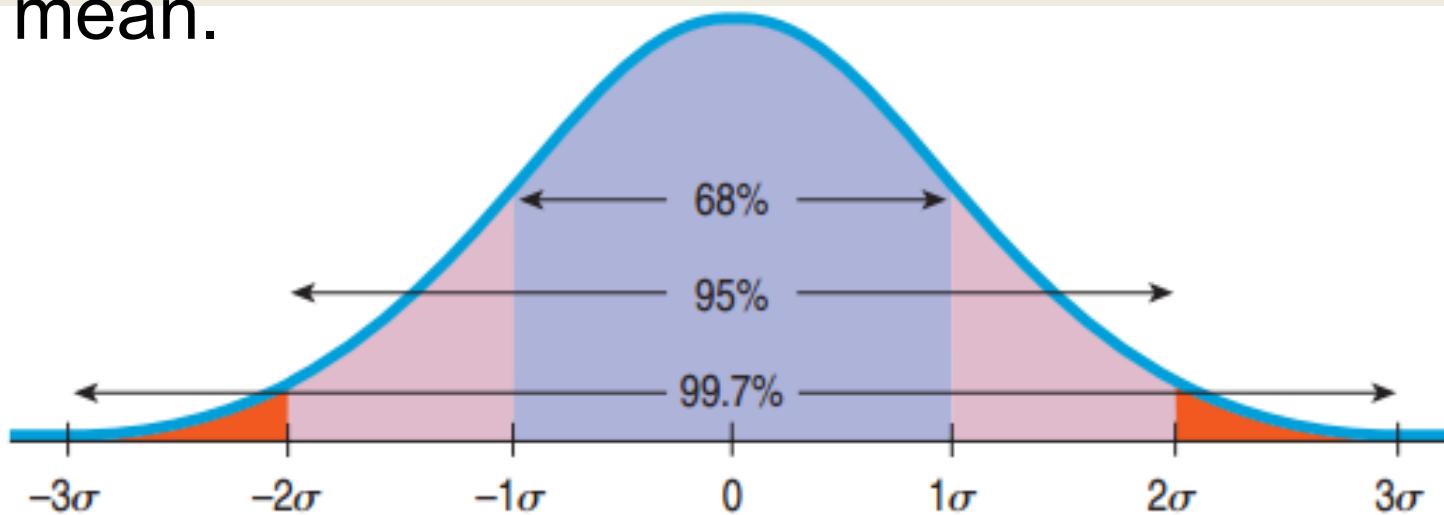
# The Normal Model

- Bell Shaped: unimodal, symmetric
- A Normal model for every mean
- and standard deviation.
- $\mu$  (read “mew”) represents the population mean.
- $\sigma$  (read “sigma”) represents the population standard deviation.
- $N(\mu, \sigma)$  represents a Normal model with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .



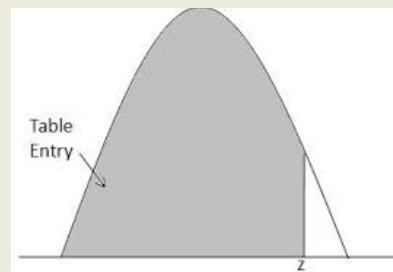
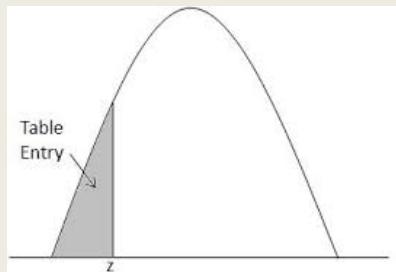
# The 68-95-99.7 Rule

- 68% of the values fall within 1 standard deviation of the mean.
- 95% of the values fall within 2 standard deviations of the mean.
- 99.7% of the values fall within 3 standard deviations of the mean.



# What if $z$ is not $-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ , or $3$ ?

- We will use a table. It gives you the percentile to the **left**



- **Example:** Where do you stand if your SAT math score was **680**?  $\mu = 500$ ,  $\sigma = 100$
- Note that the  $z$ -score is not an integer:

$$z = \frac{680 - 500}{100} = 1.8$$

# The Z table

Look for the z-score on the table: 1.8

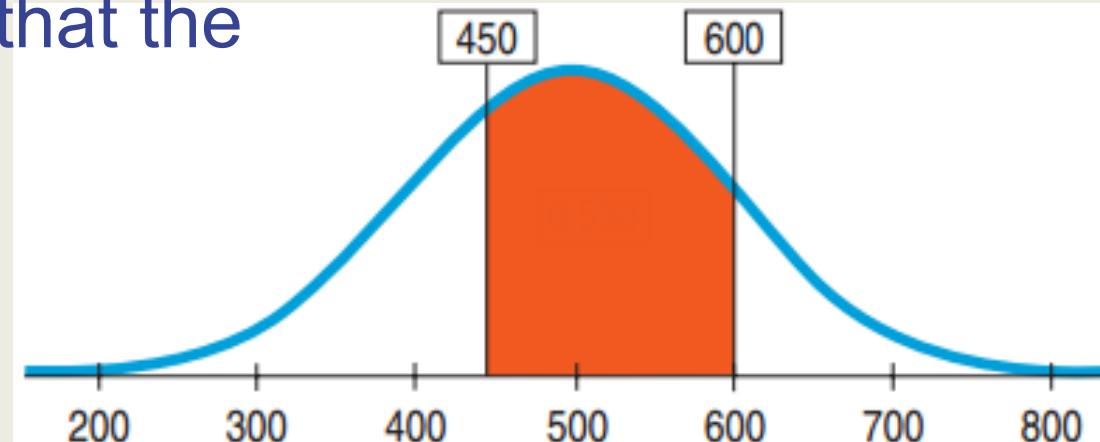
Look for the second decimal place: in this case, 0  
( $1.8=1.80$ )

Result: 0.9641

96.4% of SAT scores are below 680.

# A Probability Involving “Between”

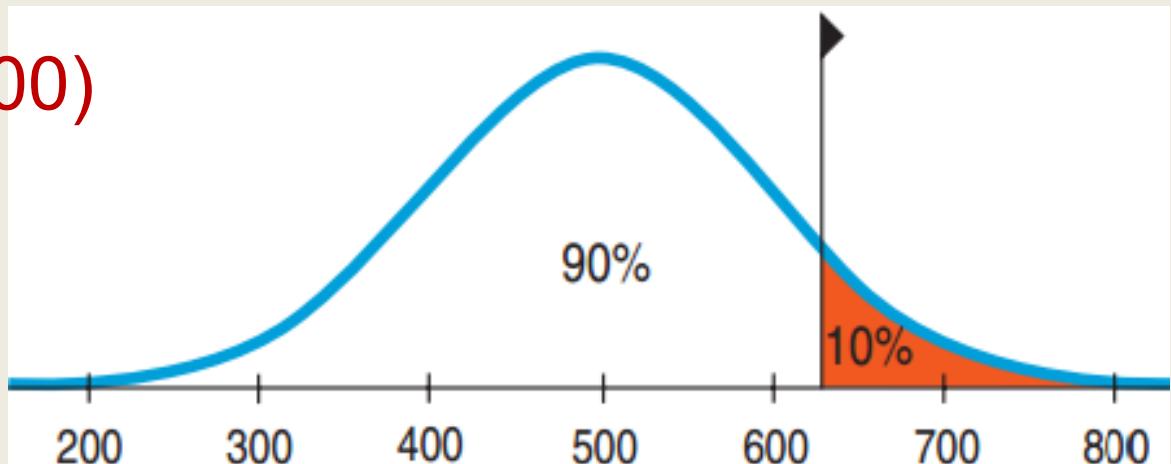
- What is the proportion of SAT scores that fall between 450 and 600?  $\mu = 500$ ,  $\sigma = 100$
- **Plan:** Probability that  $x$  is between 450 and 600  
= Probability that  $x < 600$  – Probability that  $x < 450$
- **Variable:** We are told that the Normal model works.  
 $N(500, 100)$





# From Percentiles to Scores - z in Reverse

- Suppose a college admits only people with SAT scores in the top 10%. How high a score does it take to be eligible?  $\mu = 500$ ,  $\sigma = 100$
- **Plan:** We are given the probability and want to go backwards to find  $x$ .
- **Variable:**  $N(500, 100)$





# Underweight Cereal Boxes

- Based on experience, a manufacturer makes cereal boxes that fit the Normal model with mean **16.3** ounces and standard deviation **0.2** ounces, but the label reads **16.0** ounces. What fraction will be underweight (less than  $x < 16.0$ )?



- Plan:** Find Probability that  $x < 16.0$
- Variable:**  $N(16.3, 0.2)$



# Underweight Cereal Boxes Part II

- Lawyers say that **6.7%** is too high and recommend that at most **4%** be underweight. What should they set the mean at?  $\sigma = 0.2$

# Underweight Cereal Boxes Part III

- The CEO vetoes that plan and sticks with a mean of 16.2 ounces and 4% weighing under 16.0 ounces. She demands a machine with a lower standard deviation. What standard deviation must the machine achieve?
- **Plan:** Find  $\sigma$  such that Probability  $x < 16.0 = 0.04$ .
- **Variable:**  $N(16.2, ?)$

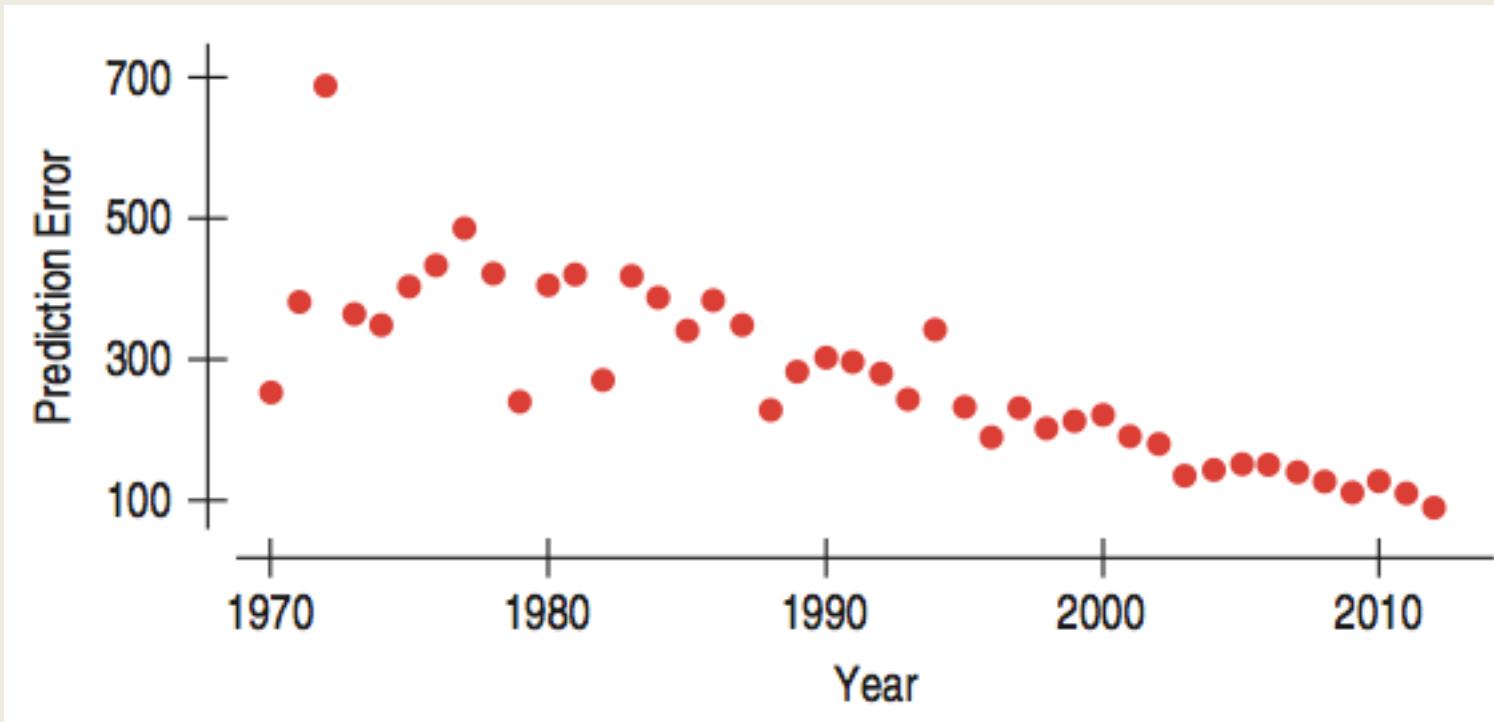
# Underweight Cereal Boxes Part III

- What standard deviation must the machine achieve?  $N(60.2, ?)$
- From before,  $z = -1.75$
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# Chapter 6

Scatterplots, Association, and Correlation

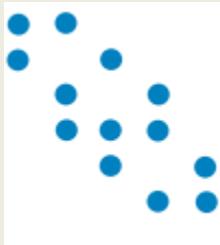
# Scatterplot of Hurricane Predictions



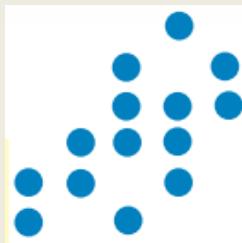
- **Scatterplots** exhibit the relationship between two variables.
- Used for detecting patterns, trends, relationships, and extraordinary values

# The Direction of the Association

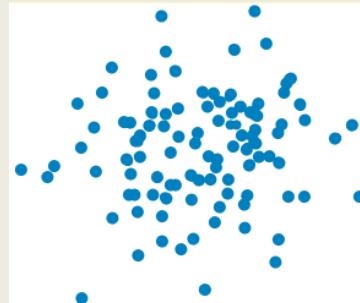
- **Negative Direction:** As one goes up, the other goes down.



- **Positive Direction:** As one goes up, the other goes up also.



- **No Direction:**



# Form

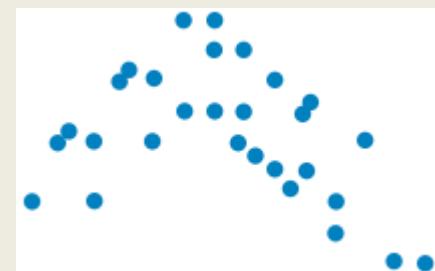
- **Linear:** The points cluster near a straight line.



- **Gently curves in a direction.** May be able to straighten with a transformation.

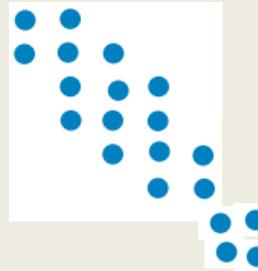


- **Curves up and down.** Difficult to straighten

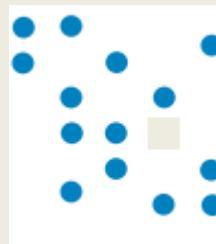


# Strength of the Relationship

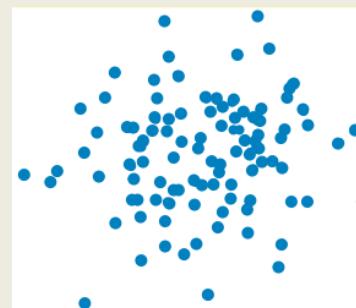
- Strong Linear Relationship:



- Moderate Linear Relationship:

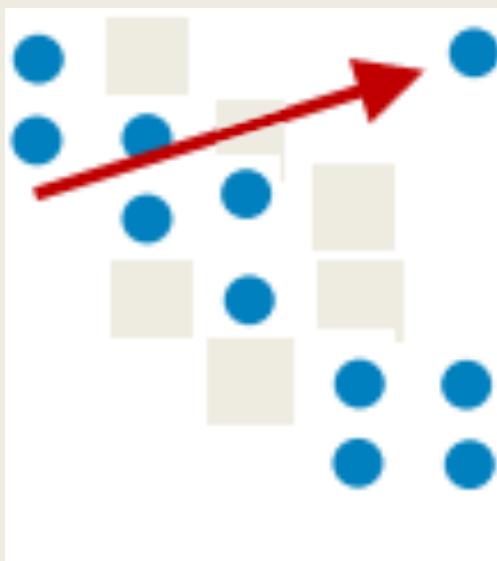


- No Linear Relationship:



# Outliers

- An **outlier** is a point on a scatterplot that stands away from the overall pattern of the scatterplot.
- Outliers are almost always interesting and always deserves special attention.



# Roles of Variables

- **Response Variable (y):** The variable of interest. It is what we want to predict.
- **Explanatory or Predictor Variable (x):** The variable that we use to provide information or a prediction of the response variable.
- Choosing the response variable and the explanatory variable depends on how we think about the problem.

# Properties of Correlation

- $r > 0$  → positive association
- $r < 0$  → negative association
- $-1 \leq r \leq 1$ , with  $r = -1$  only if the points all lie exactly on a negatively sloped line and  $r = 1$  only if the points all lie exactly on a positively sloped line.
- Interchanging  $x$  and  $y$  does not change the correlation.
- $r$  has no units.

# Assumptions and Conditions for Correlation

- To use  $r$ , there must be a true underlying **linear relationship** between the two variables.
- The variables must be **quantitative**.
- The pattern for the points of the scatterplot must be **reasonably straight**.
- Outliers can strongly affect the correlation. Look at the scatterplot to make sure that there are **no strong outliers**.

# Correlation ≠ Causation

- Causation is a possibility, but more must be done to prove causation.
- The causation could be in reverse ( $y$  causes  $x$ )
- A **lurking variable** may cause both.
  - Number of gray hairs and number of wrinkles are strongly correlated, but dyeing hair black does not undo wrinkles. Age is the lurking variable that causes both to increase.

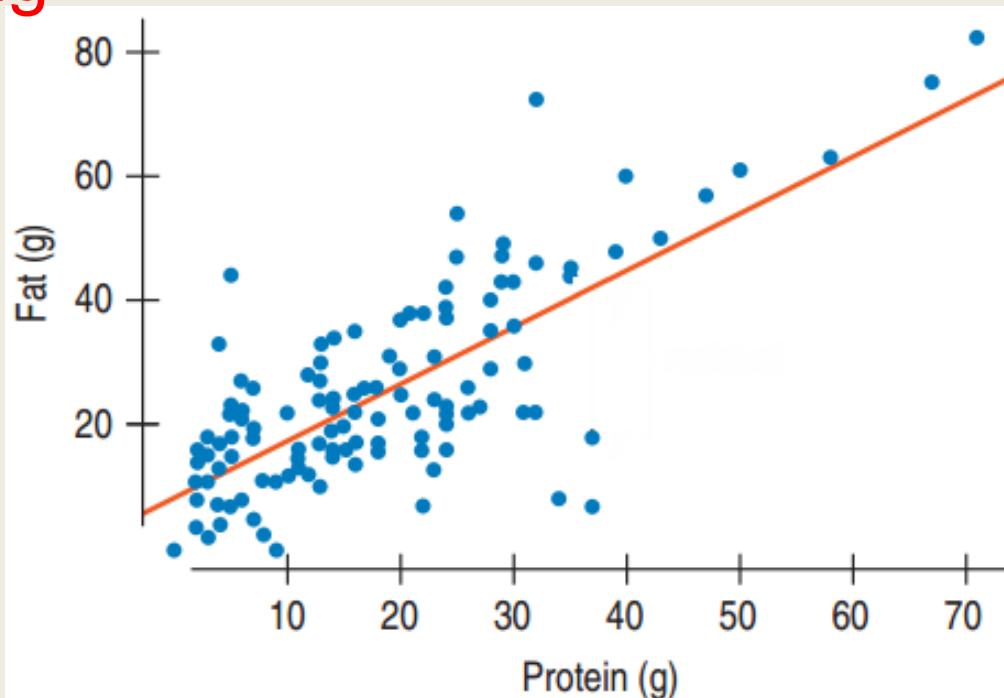
# Chapter 7

## Linear Regression

# The Linear Model

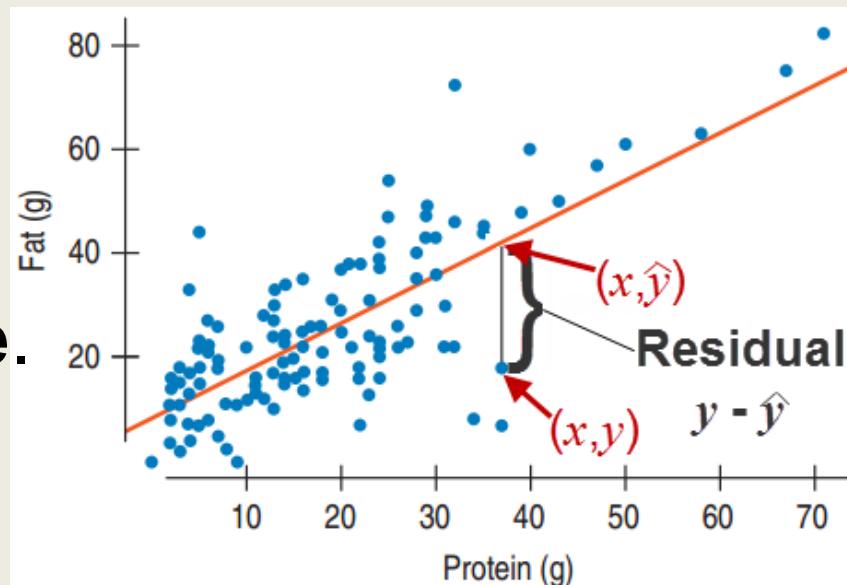
## Fat and Protein at Burger King

- The correlation is 0.76.
- This indicates a strong linear fit, but how do we choose the line?
- The line should be “closest” to the points.



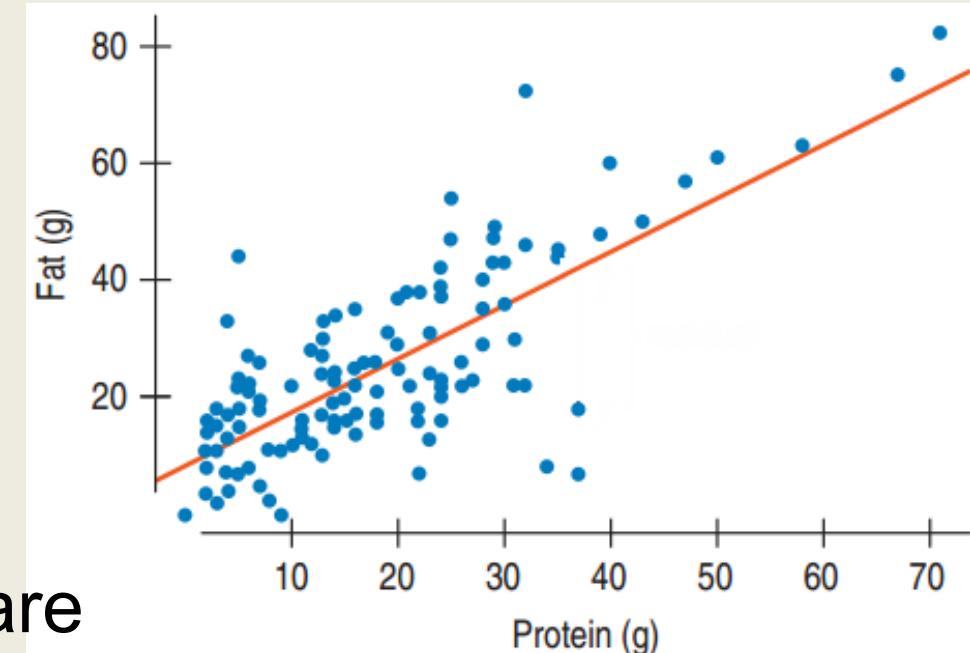
# The Residual

- $\hat{y}$  is the value on the line
- It is called the **predicted value**.
- For each point  $(x, y)$  look at the point  $(x, \hat{y})$  on the line with the same  $x$ -coordinate.
- The **residual** is defined by  $y - \hat{y}$
- The **residual** is the difference between the observed value and the predicted value.



# The Line of Best Fit

- The best fitting line will have small residuals.
- High negative residuals are just as “bad” as high positive residuals.
- Squaring all residuals makes them all positive.
- The **line of best fit** is the line for which the sum of the squares of the residuals is the smallest, also called the **least squares line**.



# What's the equation of the Line of Best Fit?

## Line from Algebra

- $y = mx + b$

## Line of Best Fit

- $\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x$
- $b_1$  is the slope: how rapidly  $\hat{y}$  changes with respect to  $x$ .
- $b_0$  is the  $y$ -intercept: The value of  $\hat{y}$  when  $x$  is 0.

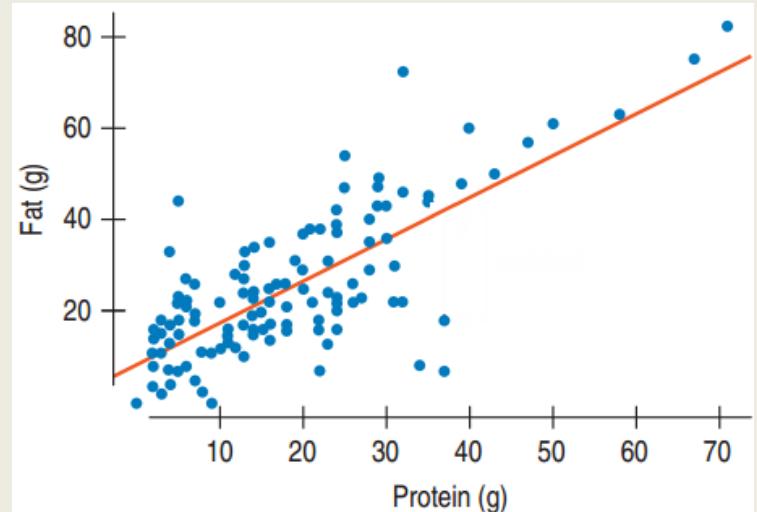
# Interpreting the Line of Best Fit

## Protein and Fat

- $\hat{Fat} = 8.4 + 0.91 Protein$
- What's the slope? What does it mean?
- Slope = 0.91: A Burger King item with one more gram of protein is expected to have 0.91 additional grams of fat.
- What's the y-intercept? What does it mean?
- y-intercept = 8.4: A Burger King item with no grams of protein is expected to have 8.4 grams of fat. In reality the two items with no protein also have no fat.

# Slope and Correlation

Formula 
$$b_1 = r \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$



- Since the standard deviations are always positive, the slope and the correlation always have the same sign.
- The **correlation** has no units, but the **slope** has units of **y** per units of **x**.
- For the Burger King example, the units for the slope are grams of fat per grams of protein.

# The $y$ -Intercept

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x$$

The  $y$ -intercept and the slope are related by

$$\bar{y} = b_0 + b_1 \bar{x}$$

- The point corresponding to the means of  $x$  and  $y$ :  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  will always lie on the line of best fit.
- Given the mean of  $x$ , the mean  $y$ , and the slope, we can find the  $y$ -intercept:

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{x}$$

# Finding the Regression Equation

PROTEIN

$\bar{X} = 18.0$  gr,  $s_x = 13.5$  gr

FAT

$\bar{y} = 24.8$  gr,  $s_y = 16.2$  gr

$r = 0.76$

# Conditions for Using Regression

The line of best fit is also called the **least squares line** or the **regression line**. Only use the regression line to make predictions if:

- The variable must be **Quantitative**.
- The relationship is **Straight Enough**.
- There should be no **Outliers**.

Finally, always check if the prediction is **reasonable**.

# Residuals Revisited

- The **residual** is the difference between the  $y$  value of the data point and the  $\hat{y}$  value found by plugging the  $x$  value into the least squares equation.

$$\text{Residual} = y - \hat{y}$$

- To find the residual:
  1. Plug  $x$  into the least squares equation to get  $\hat{y}$  .
  2. Subtract what you get from  $y$  to produce the residual.

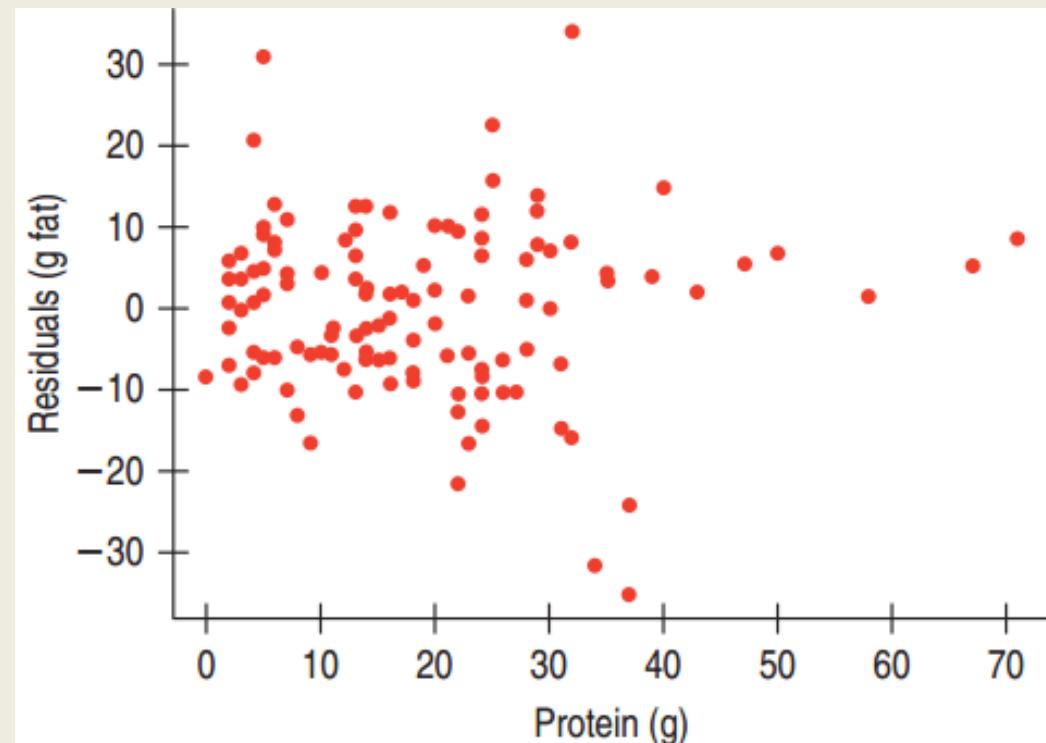
# Residual Example

$$\text{Residual} = y - \hat{y}$$

- That data that compared central pressure and maximum wind speed had  $\hat{y} = 1024.464 - 0.968x$
- Hurricane Katrina's central pressure was  $x = 920$  millibars and the maximum wind speed was  $y = 150$  knots.
- Plugging in 920 gives  
$$\hat{y} = 1024.464 - 0.968(920) = 133.90$$
- The residual is  
$$\text{Residual} = 150 - 133.90 = 16.1 \text{ kts}$$

# A Good Regression Model: Residual plot

- The regression model is a good model if the **residual scatterplot** against has no interesting features.
  - No direction
  - No shape
  - No bends
  - No outliers
  - No identifiable pattern



# Comparing the Variation of $y$ with the Variation of the Residuals

## $r = -1$ or $1$

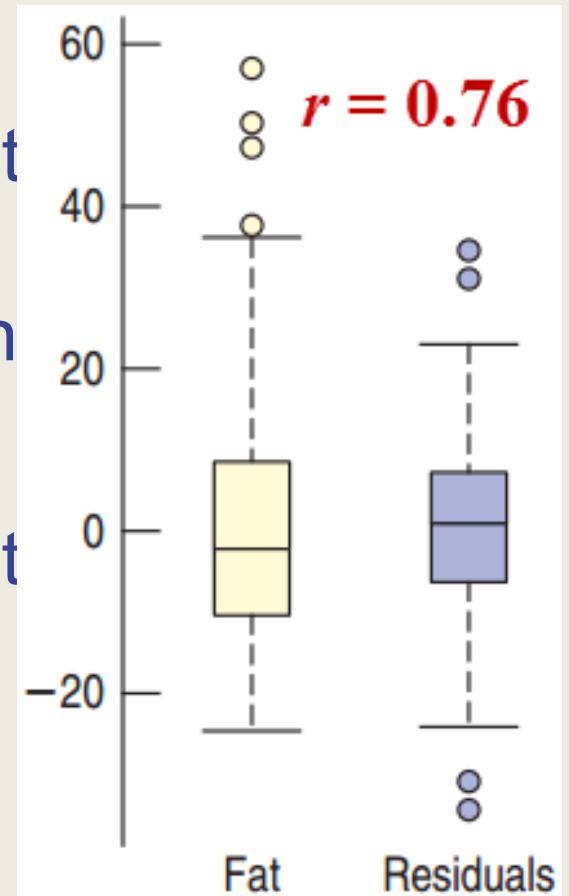
- **Perfect Correlation:** all points on a straight line
- The residuals are all  $0$ . There is no variation of the residuals.

## $r = 0$

- **No Correlation:** we always predict the same value (the mean)
- The regression line is horizontal through the mean.
- The residuals are the  $y$  values minus the mean.
- The variation of the residuals would be the same as the variation of the original  $y$  values.

# Variation of $y$ and the Variation of the Residuals

- $R^2 = 0.76^2 = 0.58$
- 58% of the variability in fat content in Burger King's menu items is accounted for by the variation in protein content.
- 42% of the variability in fat content is left in the residuals.
- Other factors such as how the food is prepared account for this remaining variability.



# When is $R^2$ Big Enough

- $R^2$  provides us with a measure of how useful the regression line is as a prediction tool.
- If  $R^2$  is close to 1, then the regression line is useful.
- If  $R^2$  is close to 0, then the regression line is not useful.
- What “close to” means depends on who is using it.
  - **Good Practice:** Always report  $R^2$  and let the researcher decide.

# Leverage and Influential Points

- A data point whose  $x$ -value is far from the mean of the rest of the  $x$ -values is said to have high **leverage**.
- Leverage points have the potential to pull strongly on the regression line.
- A point is **influential** if omitting it from the analysis changes the model enough to make a meaningful difference.
- Influence is determined by
  1. The residual
  2. The leverage

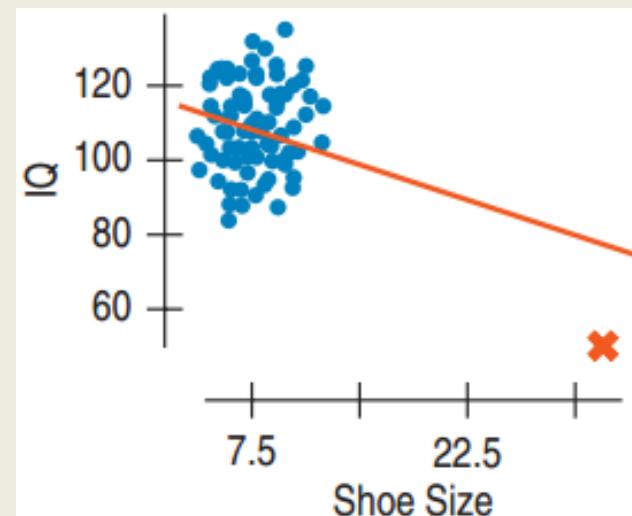
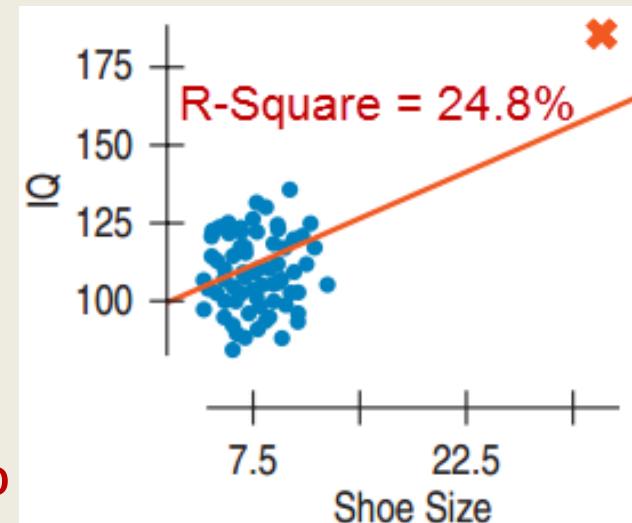
# Shoe Size and IQ: Bozo the Genius Clown

## Model that Includes Bozo

- Almost all the variation accounted for by the model is from one point.
- After removing the outlier  $R^2 = 0.7\%$
- Bozo is an **influential** point.

What if Bozo had an IQ of 50?

- The slope would go from **0.96** IQ point/shoe size to **-0.69**



# Chapter 11

Sample Surveys

# Idea 1: Examine a Part of the Whole

## The Goal

- Learn about the entire group of individuals (called the **population**)

## The Problem

- It is usually impossible to collect data on the entire population.

## The Compromise

- Collect data on a smaller group of individuals (called a **sample**) selected from the population.

## Idea 2: Randomize

Can we list the characteristics of the population and ensure we represent them all without bias?

- Race, age, ethnicity, income, marital status, work type, family size, ...
- The list would go on forever. There are more types of people than the number of people.

Randomizing can lead to a representative sample.

- Randomizing protects us from the influences of all the features of the population.
- On average, the sample will look like the population.

# Idea 3: It's the Sample Size

If you need 100 students to get a random sample at the university, how many Americans would you need to achieve the same level of randomness from the entire U.S.A.?

- Answer: 100
- It is the number of individuals, not the percent of individuals that matters.
- The number of individuals in the sample is called the **sample size**.

# Representative Sampling

Since we can't take a true census, we want to compute statistics that reflect the parameters.

- A sample that does the above is called a representative sample.
- Biased samples tend to not be representative.
  - The statistic tends to be much higher or much lower than the parameter.

# Random But Not Representative

## Random

- Suppose there are **100** men and **100** women in a class. Flip a coin.
  - **Heads:** Choose the 100 men.
  - **Tails:** Choose the 100 women.
- Every student has an equally likely chance of being chosen. Randomness was achieved.
- This will **not** produce a **representative sample**.

# Simple Random Sampling

## SRS

- Order the students from 1 to 200.
- Use a computer to randomly select 20 numbers from 1 to 200.
- Select the students with the chosen numbers.

Simple Random Sampling (SRS) is when every combination has an equally likely chance to be selected.

- SRS is the standard which all other sampling techniques are measured.
- Statistical theory is based on SRS.

# Sampling Frame and Sampling Variability

The **sampling frame** is the list of all individuals from which the sample is drawn.

The sample to sample differences are called the **sampling variability** (or sampling error).

# Mistakes

- Voluntary Response Sample
- Convenience Sampling
- Use a bad sampling frame
- Undercoverage
- Non response bias
- Response bias

# Chapter 12

## Experiments and Observational Studies

# Observational Studies

## Observational Studies

- Researchers don't assign choices.
- Passively observe participants
- Good for discovering relationships related to rare outcomes
- Bad for establishing cause-and-effect relationships
- Tough to handle lurking variables

# How Experiments Work

- Identify the explanatory variable(s), called the **factor(s)**.
- Identify the **response variable**.
- Select **subjects** or **participants** (if human) or **experimental units** (if not human).
- Decide on the **levels** to choose for each factor.
  - Music program or no music program
  - Sleep hours: 4, 6, or 8
- The combination of specific levels from all factors that a subject receives is called its **treatment**.

# Assigning Participants to Treatments

- Don't let them choose.
- Don't assign based on what's best for each.
- **Randomly** assign participants into groups. Each group receives a different treatment.
- Only through **random assignment** can a cause-and-effect relationship be established.
- What ethical dilemmas might this introduce?

# Control and Randomization

## 1. Control

- Make all conditions as similar as possible for all treatment groups.
- Control allows us to isolate the one thing that is being studied. Helps avoid lurking variables

## 2. Randomize

- Equalizes the effects of variation that we cannot control
- Distributes the uncontrollable factors equally

**Control what you can, randomize the rest.**

# Replicate and Block

## Replicate

- Apply each treatment to a number of subjects.
- Repeat the entire experiment on an entirely different population of experimental units.

## Block

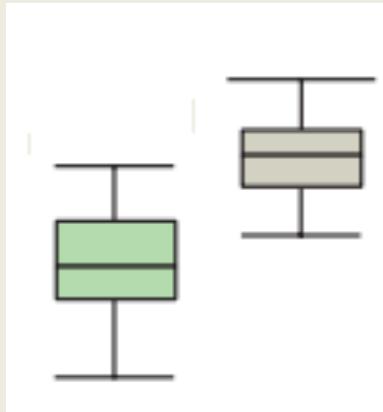
- Group similar individuals together and randomize within each of these blocks.
- Blocking helps account for the variability due to the difference between blocks.

# Statistical Significance

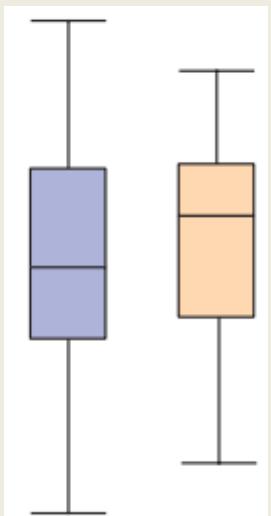
A difference is called **statistically significant** if the difference is greater than what we would expect from random chance... when repeating the same experiment over and over

- Flip a coin 100 times:
  - 54 heads is not statistically significant since it would not be surprising to observe this outcome.
  - 94 heads is statistically significant since it would be surprising to observe this outcome.

# Statistical Significance



**Statistically significant** since the medians of each are outside the typical values of the other.



**Not statistically significant** since the medians of each are within the typical values of the other.

# Random Samples and Random Treatments

- **Surveys** use a random group of participants.
- **Experiments** find a homogeneous group, separate them into random subgroups for treatment.
- Experiments do not use a random sample from the general population.
- Beware of stating that the participants from the experiment represent the larger population.

# Control Groups and Control Treatments

## Control

- Does eating ten carrots a day help you lose weight?
- Find 200 participants and randomly select 100 of them to eat ten carrots a day.
- The other 100 are the control group.
- Not eating ten carrots a day is the control treatment.

# Blinding

- **Single-blinding** involves the participants not knowing whether they are in the control or treatment group.
- **Double-blinding** means neither the participant nor the person handing out the soda knows the label.

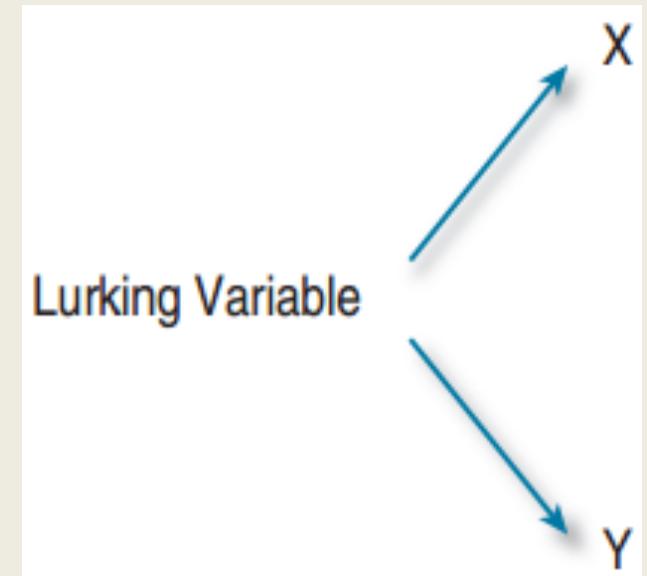
# Placebos

- A **placebo** is a “fake” treatment that looks like the treatment being tested.
- Just telling a patient that they are being treated can aid recovery.
- This is called the **placebo effect**.
- Use a placebo for effective blinding.

# Lurking and Confounding

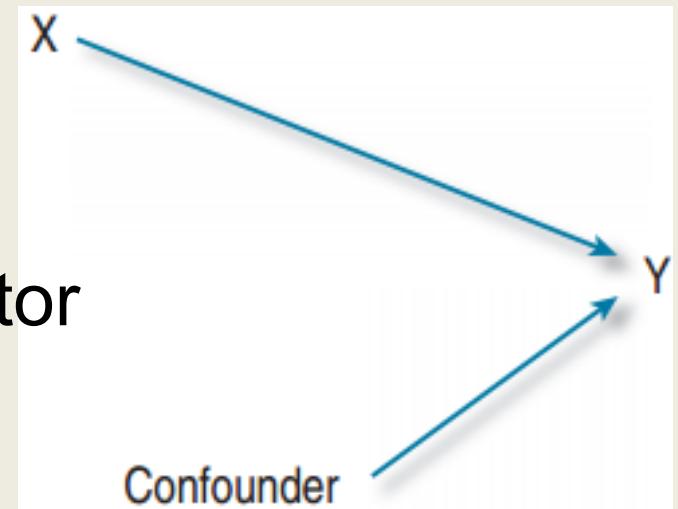
## Lurking Variable

- Associated with both  $x$  and  $y$
- Makes it appear that  $x$  causes  $y$



## Confounding Variable

- Associated in a noncausal way with a factor
- Affects the response
- Can't tell if the cause was the factor or confounding variable



# Formula sheet

$$\text{Range} = \text{Max} - \text{Min}$$

$$\text{IQR} = Q3 - Q1$$

$$\text{Outlier Rule-of-Thumb: } y < Q1 - 1.5 \times \text{IQR} \text{ or } y > Q3 + 1.5 \times \text{IQR}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum y}{n}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (y - \bar{y})^2}{n - 1}}$$

$$z = \frac{y - \bar{y}}{s} \text{ (data based)}$$

$$r = \frac{\sum z_x z_y}{n - 1}$$

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x \quad \text{where } b_1 = r \frac{s_y}{s_x} \text{ and } b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{x}$$

$$P(\mathbf{A}) = 1 - P(\mathbf{A}^C)$$

$$P(\mathbf{A} \text{ or } \mathbf{B}) = P(\mathbf{A}) + P(\mathbf{B}) - P(\mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{B})$$

$$P(\mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{B}) = P(\mathbf{A}) \times P(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A})$$

$$P(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{B})}{P(\mathbf{A})}$$

$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \text{ are independent, } P(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}) = P(\mathbf{B})$$

# Random Phenomena Vocabulary

## Trial

- Each occasion in which we observe a random phenomena (the thing that is happening)

## Outcome

- The value of the trial for the random phenomena (what could happen)

## Event

- The combination of the specific trial's outcomes (what actually happened)

## Sample Space

- The collection of all possible outcomes

# Flipping Two Coins

## Trial

- The flipping of the two coins

## Outcome

- Heads or tails for each coin flip

## Event

- HT, for example

## Sample Space

- $S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

# The Law of Large Numbers

- If you flip a coin once, you will either get 100% heads or 0% heads.
- If you flip a coin 1000 times...
- ...you will probably get close to 50% heads.

The **Law of Large Numbers** states that for many trials, the proportion of times an event occurs settles down to one number.

- This number is called the **empirical probability**.

# The Nonexistent Law of Averages

## Wrong

- If you flip a coin 6 times and get 6 heads, then you are due for a tail on the next flip.
- You put 10 quarters in the slot machine and lose each time. You are just a bad luck person, so you have a smaller chance of winning on the 11<sup>th</sup> try.
- There is no such thing as the Law of Averages for short runs.

# Theoretical Probability



# American Roulette

- 18 Red, 18 Black, 2 Green
  - If you bet on Red, what is the probability of winning?

# Theoretical Probability

- $P(A) = \frac{\text{\# of outcomes in A}}{\text{\# of possible outcomes}}$

- $P(\text{red}) = \frac{18}{38}$

# Rules: 1, 2 and 3

Rule 1:  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

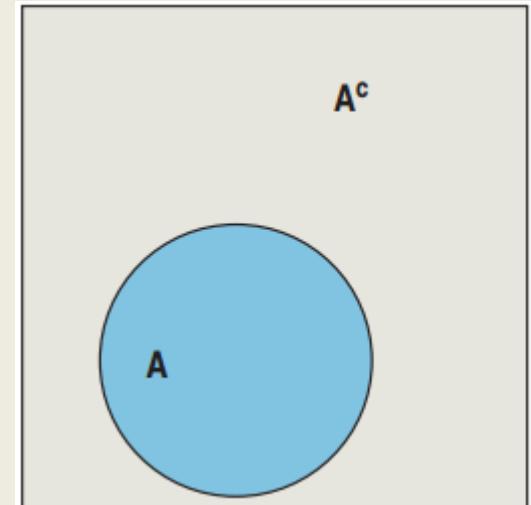
That's how we define probability

Rule 2:  $P(S) = 1$

The set of all possible outcomes has probability 1

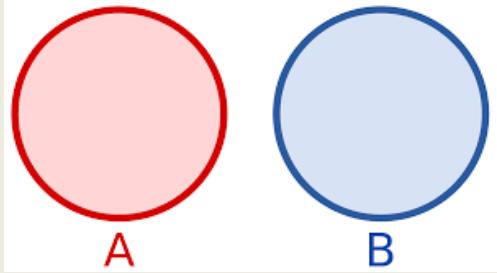
The Rule of Complements:  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$

$A^c$  is the event of “A not happening”.



# Events

## Disjoint



## Independent and Dependent

### Independent Events

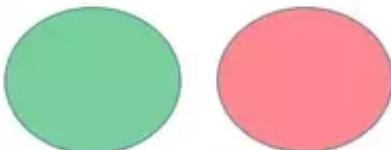
Two or more events that occur in a sequence. If the outcome of any event **does not** affect the possible outcomes of the other event(s), then the events are independent.

### Dependent Events

Two or more events that occur in a sequence. If the outcome of any event **changes** the possible outcomes of the other event(s), then the events are dependent.

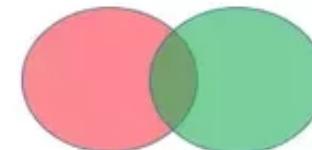
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#### Disjoint events



Dependent events

#### Overlapping events

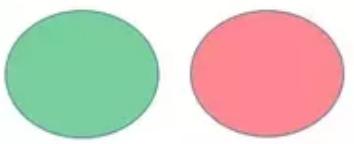


Potentially independent events

# Events

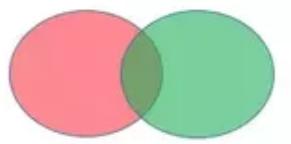
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Disjoint events



Dependent events

Overlapping events



Potentially independent events

	Disjoint	Overlapping
Dependent	YES	YES
Independent	DOES NOT EXIST	YES

# Rule 4: The Addition Rule

Suppose

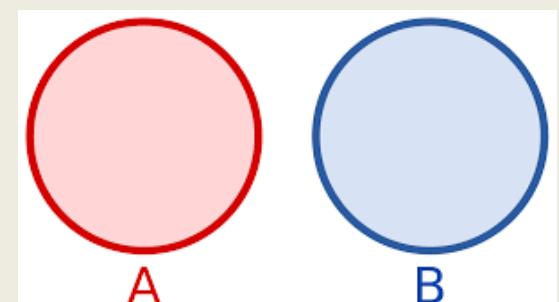
$$P(\text{sophomore}) = 0.2 \text{ and } P(\text{junior}) = 0.3$$

- Find  $P(\text{sophomore OR junior})$
- Solution:  $0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5$
- This works because sophomore and junior are **disjoint events**. They have no outcomes in common.

The Addition Rule

- If **A** and **B** are disjoint events, then

$$P(A \text{ OR } B) = P(A) + P(B)$$



# Rule 5: The Multiplication Rule

The probability that an Atlanta to Houston flight is on time is 0.85.

- If you have to fly every Monday, find the probability that your first two Monday flights will be on time.

Multiplication Rule: For **independent** events **A** and **B**:

$$P(A \text{ AND } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

- $P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ on time AND } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ on time})$   
=  $P(1^{\text{st}} \text{ on time}) \times P(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ on time})$   
=  $0.85 \times 0.85$   
= 0.7225

# Red Light AND Green Light AND Yellow Light

Find the probability that the light will be red on Monday, green on Tuesday, and yellow on Wednesday.

- The multiplication rule works for more than **2** events.
- $P(\text{red Mon. AND green Tues. AND yellow Wed.})$   
 $= P(\text{red Mon.}) \times P(\text{green Tues.}) \times P(\text{yellow Wed.})$   
 $= 0.61 \times 0.35 \times 0.04$   
 $= 0.00854$

# At Least One Red Light

Find the probability that the light will be red at least one time during the week.

- Use the Complement Rule.

- $P(\text{at least 1 red})$

$$= 1 - P(\text{no reds})$$

$$= 1 - (0.39 \times 0.39 \times 0.39 \times 0.39 \times 0.39 \times 0.39 \times 0.39)$$

$$\approx 0.9986$$

# Chapter 14

Probability Part 2

# The General Addition Rule

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

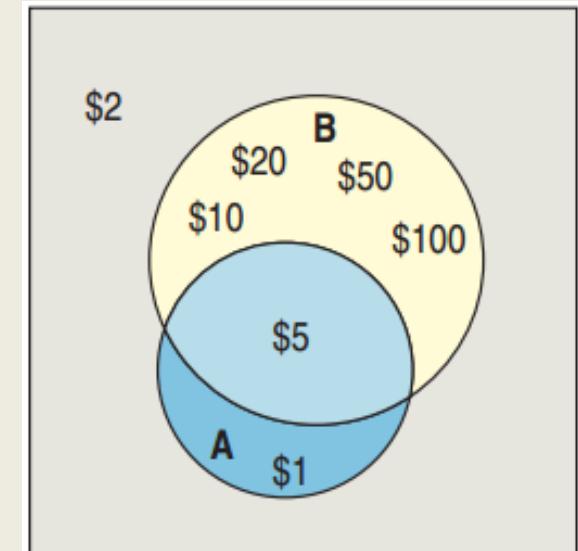
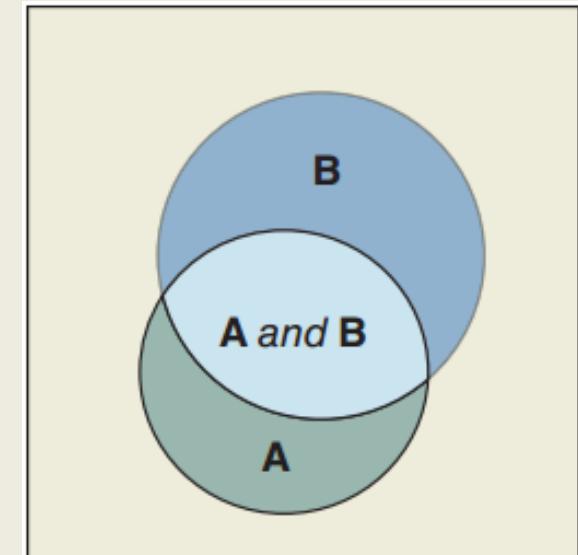
- **The General Addition Rule**

**in words:** Add the probabilities of the two events and then subtract the probability of their intersection.

$P(\text{odd amount or bill with a building})$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$= P(\{\$1, \$5\}) + P(\{\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100\}) - P(\{\$5\})$$



# Facebook or Twitter?

71% use Facebook, 18% Twitter, 15% both

- What is the probability that a randomly selected person:

1. Uses either Facebook or Twitter?
2. Uses either Facebook or Twitter, but not both?
3. Doesn't use Facebook or Twitter?

- Plan:
  - $A = \{\text{uses Facebook}\}$
  - $B = \{\text{uses Twitter}\}$





# Contingency Table

A table that displays the results of two categorical questions is called a **contingency table**.

Sex	Goals			Total
	Grades	Popular	Sports	
Boy	117	50	60	227
Girl	130	91	30	251
Total	247	141	90	478

- $P(\text{girl}) = 251/478 = 0.525$
- $P(\text{girl and popular}) = 91/478 = 0.190$
- $P(\text{sports}) = 90/478 = 0.188$

# Conditional Probability

- What if we knew the chosen person was a girl? Would that change the probability that the girl's goal was sports?
- Yes! We write  $P(\text{sports} \mid \text{girl})$
- Only look at Girl row:  $P(\text{sports} \mid \text{girl}) = 30/251 = 0.120$
- Find the probability of selecting a boy given the goal is grades.
- $P(\text{boy} \mid \text{grades}) = 117/247 = 0.474$

Sex	Grades	Goals			Total
		Popular	Sports		
		50	60		
Boy	117			227	
Girl	130	91	30	251	
Total	247	141	90	478	

# Conditional Probability Formula

Probability of **B** Given **A**:

$$\bullet P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$$

• Example:

$$P(\text{girl} | \text{popular}) = \frac{P(\text{girl and popular})}{P(\text{popular})}$$

$$= \frac{91/478}{141/478}$$

$$= \frac{91}{141} = 0.65$$

Sex	Goals			Total
	Grades	Popular	Sports	
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# The General Multiplication Rule

- For **A and B independent**, we had:

$$P(\mathbf{A \text{ and } B}) = P(\mathbf{A}) \times P(\mathbf{B})$$

- Rearranging the conditional probability equation, we get the **General Multiplication Rule**:

$$P(\mathbf{A \text{ and } B}) = P(\mathbf{A}) \times P(\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A})$$

- Equivalently,

$$P(\mathbf{A \text{ and } B}) = P(\mathbf{B}) \times P(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B})$$

# Definition of Independence

- Events **A** and **B** are **independent** if knowing **A** happened does not change the probability of **B**. In symbols:  
**A and B are independent**  $\leftrightarrow P(B | A) = P(B)$
- Equivalent formulas for **independence**:
  - $P(A | B) = P(A)$
  - $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

# Grades and Girl Independent?

Sex	Goals				Total
	Grades	Popular	Sports		
	Boy	117	50	60	227
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- Determine if the “goal of good grades” and gender are independent.
- Are the “goal of sports” and gender independent?

# Independent ≠ Disjoint

Disjoint events cannot be independent.

- Consider the events:
  - Course grade A
  - Course grade B
  - Disjoint: You can't get both.
  - Not independent:  $P(A | B) = 0 \neq P(A)$
  - A and B are disjoint (also called mutually exclusive) but not independent.

## Conditional probability

Probability of **B** Given **A**:

$$P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$$

# Events

DEFINITIONS	OR ADDITION more general → P $P(A \text{ or } B) =$	AND MULTIPLICATION more restrictive → P $P(A \text{ and } B) =$
<b>Disjoint dependent</b> (mutually exclusive) $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$	Addition rule $P(A) + P(B)$ because $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0$	NA
<b>Overlapping independent</b> $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$ $P(B   A) = P(B)$ $P(A   B) = P(A)$	General addition rule $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$  If specified as exclusionary: $P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \text{ and } B)$	Multiplication rule $P(A) \times P(B)$ because $P(B   A) = P(B)$ $P(A   B) = P(A)$
<b>Overlapping dependent</b> $P(A \text{ and } B) \neq P(A) \times P(B)$ $P(B   A) \neq P(B)$ $P(A   B) \neq P(A)$	General addition rule $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$  If specified as exclusionary: $P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \text{ and } B)$	General multiplication rule $P(A) \times P(B   A)$ $P(B) \times P(A   B)$

# Midterm

Midterm tomorrow during class time

Have calculator, z-table

Exam: 40 questions total

A few questions are worth more than one point

Problems: boxplots, contingency table, z-scores, regression, probability

Best way to study: **review HW and class exercises**

**Review lectures slides**

How to approach exam: time yourself (3 min per point)

Final grades will be curved