

# Multiple Linear Regression

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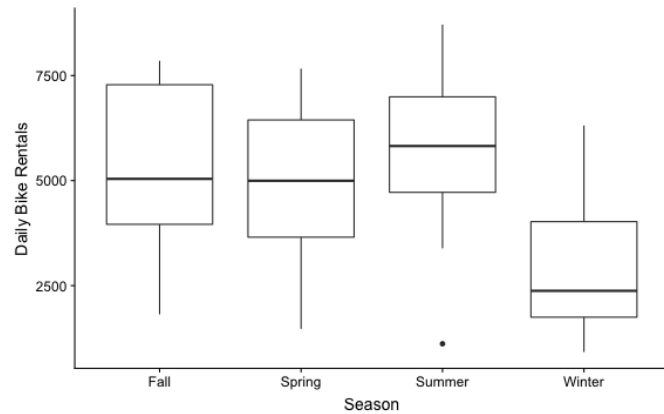
# Announcements

- [HW 02](#) due Wed, Feb 12 at 11:59p
- [Reading for today](#).
- [Reading for Monday](#).

# Today's Agenda

- ANOVA
- Introducing multiple linear regression

# ANOVA



```
## # A tibble: 4 x 4
##   season      n  mean    sd
##   <chr> <int> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Fall      25 5180. 1848.
## 2 Spring     23 4924. 1889.
## 3 Summer     27 5739. 1662.
## 4 Winter     25 2779. 1465.
```

# ANOVA for Capital Bike Share

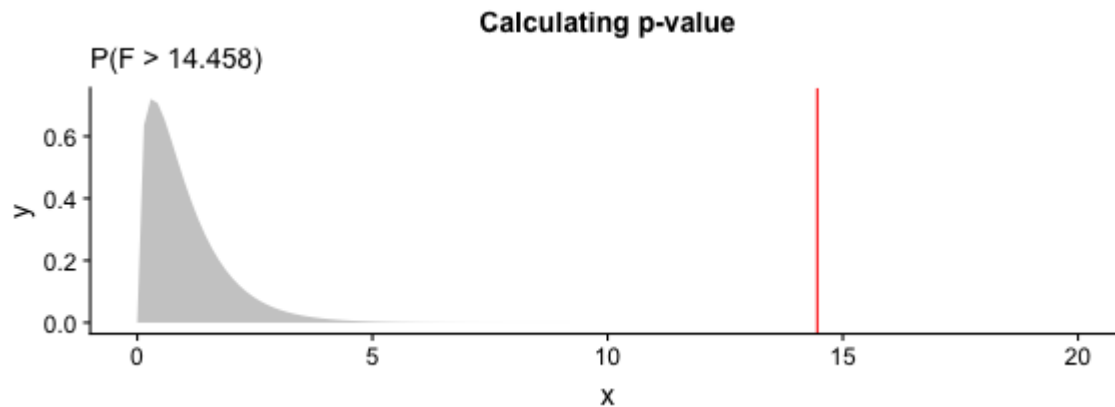
$$H_0 : \mu_W = \mu_{Sp} = \mu_{Su} = \mu_F$$

$H_a$  : at least 1  $\mu_i$  is not equal to the others

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
season	3	128202929	42734310	14.458	0
Residuals	96	283747246	2955700	NA	NA

# Calculate p-value

- Calculate the p-value using an F distribution with  $K - 1$  and  $n - K$  degrees of freedom.
  - We use F distribution since the test statistic is the ratio of two variances.
- In the Capital Bike Share example, the p-value is calculated from the F distribution with 3 and 96 degrees of freedom.



# Assumptions for ANOVA

- **Normality:**  $y_{ij} \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$
- **Constant variance:** The population distribution for each group has a common variance,  $\sigma^2$
- **Independence:** The observations are independent from one another
  - This applies to observation within and between groups
- We can typically check these assumptions in the exploratory data analysis



# Robustness to Assumptions

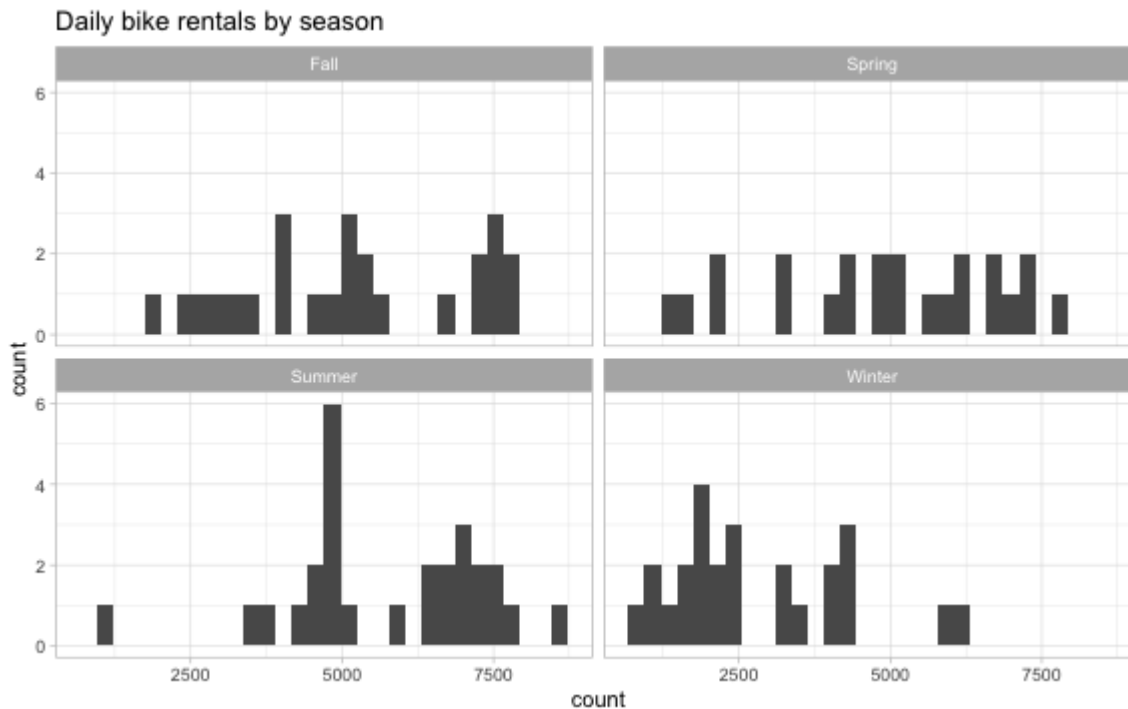
- **Normality:**  $y_{ij} \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$ 
  - ANOVA relatively robust to departures from Normality.
  - Concern when there are strongly skewed distributions with different sample sizes (especially if sample sizes are small,  $< 10$  in each group)
- **Independence:** There is independence within and across groups
  - If this doesn't hold, should use methods that account for correlated errors

# Robustness to Assumptions

- **Constant variance:** The population distribution for each group has a common variance,  $\sigma^2$ 
  - Critical assumption, since the pooled (combined) variance is important for ANOVA
  - **General rule:** If the sample sizes within each group are approximately equal, the results of the F-test are valid if the largest variance is no more than 4 times the smallest variance (i.e. the largest standard deviation is no more than 2 times the smallest standard deviation)

# Capital Bike Share: Normality

```
ggplot(data = bikeshare, aes(x = count)) +  
  geom_histogram() +  
  facet_wrap(~season) +  
  labs(title = "Daily bike rentals by season") +  
  theme_light()
```



# Capital Bike Share: Constant Variance

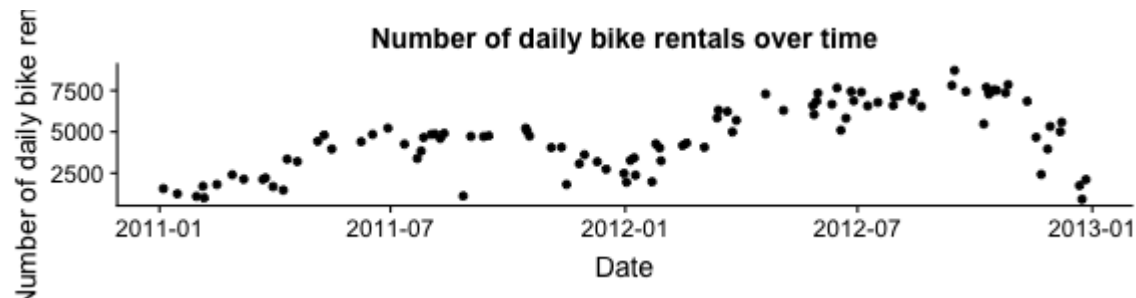
```
bikeshare %>%  
  group_by(season) %>%  
  summarise(sd = sd(count))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2  
##   season    sd  
##   <chr>  <dbl>  
## 1 Fall    1848.  
## 2 Spring 1889.  
## 3 Summer 1662.  
## 4 Winter 1465.
```

The largest variance  $1889^2$  is 1.663 times the smallest variance  $1465^2$ , so the constant variance assumption is satisfied.

# Capital Bike Share: Independence

- Recall that the data is 100 randomly selected days in 2011 and 2012.
- Let's look at the counts in date order to see if a pattern still exists



Though the days were randomly selected, it still appears the independence assumption is violated.

- Additional methods may be required to fully examine this data.

# Why not just use the model output?

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high
(Intercept)	5180.200	343.843	15.066	0.000	4497.677	5862.723
seasonSpring	-256.591	496.726	-0.517	0.607	-1242.585	729.402
seasonSummer	558.911	477.178	1.171	0.244	-388.279	1506.101
seasonWinter	-2400.760	486.267	-4.937	0.000	-3365.993	-1435.527

- The model coefficients and associated hypothesis test / confidence interval are interpreted in relation to the baseline level
  - The coefficients, test statistics, confidence intervals, and p-values all change if the baseline category changes (more on this later!)
- An ANOVA test gives indication if any category has a significantly different mean regardless of the baseline
  - The sum of squares, mean squares, test statistic, and p-value stay the same even if the baseline changes

# Muddiest Point

- Go to <http://bit.ly/sta210-sp20-anova-q> and write one question you have about simple linear regression or ANOVA.
- Use **NetId@duke.edu** for your email address.
- You are welcome (and encouraged!) to discuss these questions with 1 - 2 people around you, but **each person** must submit a response.

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# Multiple Linear Regression



# House prices in Levittown (sec. 1.4)

- Public data on the sales of 85 homes in Levittown, NY from June 2010 to May 2011
- Levittown was built right after WWI and was the first planned suburban community built using mass production techniques

## Questions:

- What is the relationship between the characteristics of a house in Levittown and its sale price?
- Given its characteristics, what is the expected sale price of a house in Levittown?

# Data

```
glimpse(homes)
```

```
## Observations: 85
```

```
## Variables: 7
```

```
## $ bedrooms      <dbl> 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 4, .
```

```
## $ bathrooms      <dbl> 1.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0, 2.5, 2.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.
```

```
## $ living_area     <dbl> 1380, 1761, 1564, 2904, 1942, 1830, 1585, 941, 1481.
```

```
## $ lot_size        <dbl> 6000, 7400, 6000, 9898, 7788, 6000, 6000, 6800, 600.
```

```
## $ year_built      <dbl> 1948, 1951, 1948, 1949, 1948, 1948, 1948, 1951, 194.
```

```
## $ property_tax    <dbl> 8360, 5754, 8982, 11664, 8120, 8197, 6223, 2448, 90.
```

```
## $ sale_price      <dbl> 350000, 360000, 350000, 375000, 370000, 335000, 295.
```

# Variables

## Predictors

- **bedrooms**: Number of bedrooms
- **bathrooms**: Number of bathrooms
- **living\_area**: Total living area of the house (in square feet)
- **lot\_size**: Total area of the lot (in square feet)
- **year\_built**: Year the house was built
- **property\_tax**: Annual property taxes (in U.S. dollars)

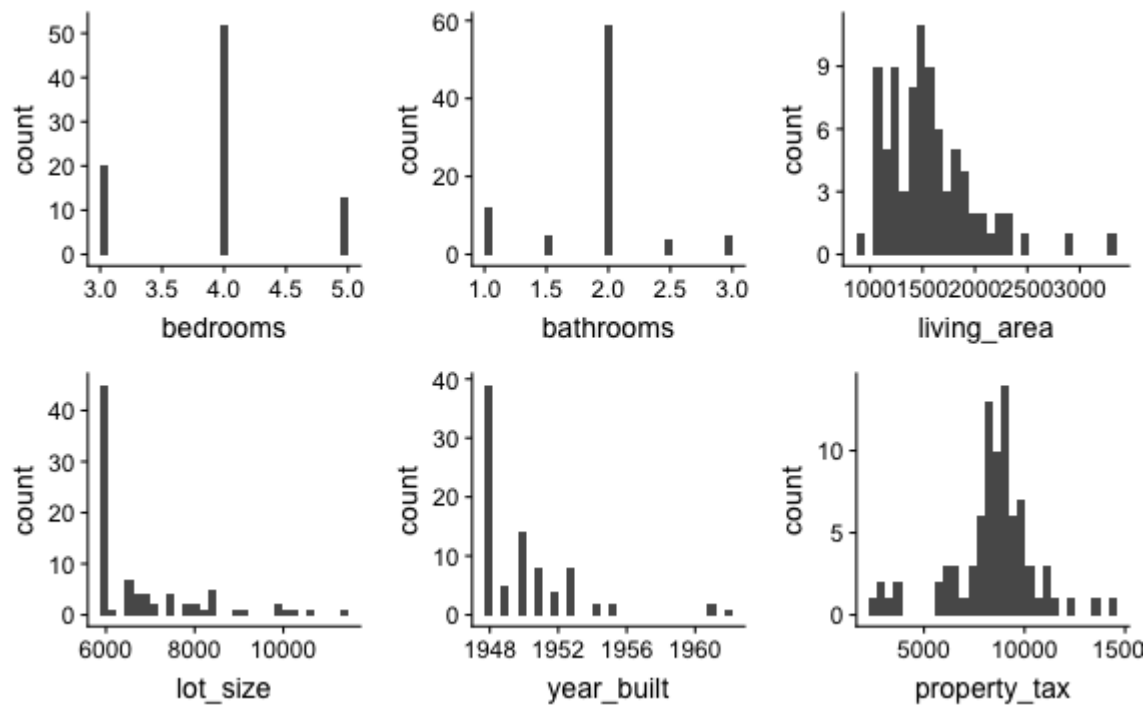
## Response

- **sale\_price**: Sales price (in U.S. dollars)

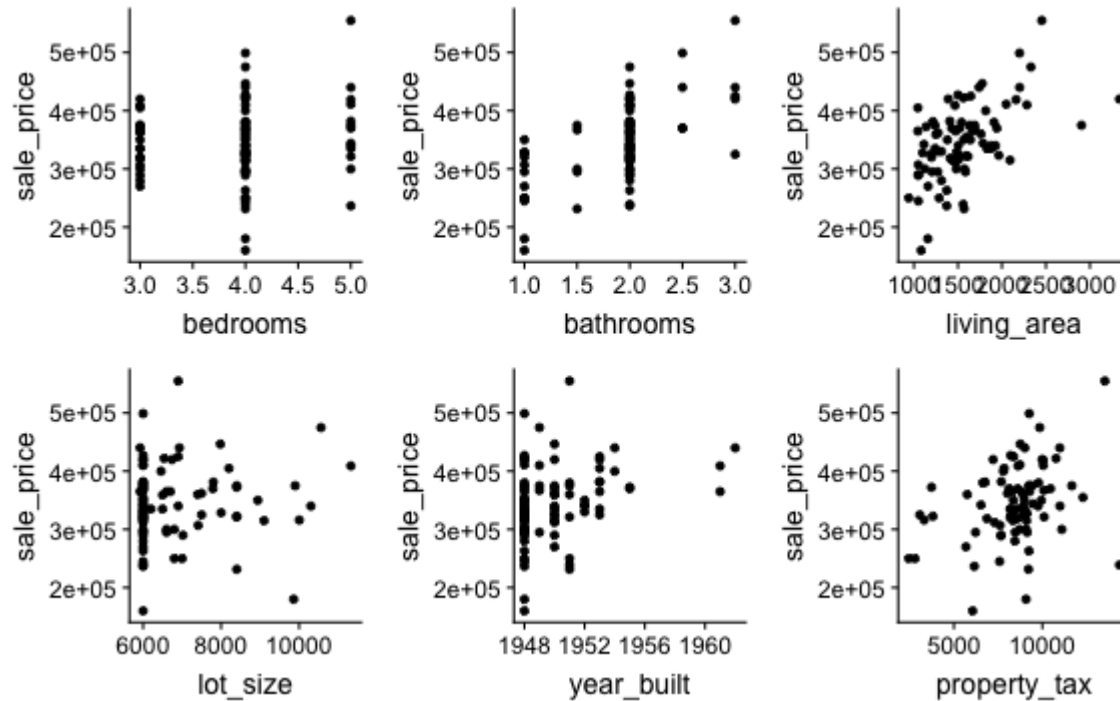
# EDA: Response variable



# EDA: Predictor variables



# EDA: Response vs. Predictors



What is a disadvantage to fitting a separate model for each predictor variable?

# Multiple Regression Model

We will calculate a multiple linear regression model with the following form:

$$\text{sale\_price} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{bedrooms} + \beta_2 \text{bathrooms} + \beta_3 \text{living\_area} \\ + \beta_4 \text{lot\_size} + \beta_5 \text{year\_built} + \beta_6 \text{property\_tax}$$

Similar to simple linear regression, this model assumes that at each combination of the predictor variables, the values **sale\_price** follow a Normal distribution



# Regression Model

- Recall: The simple linear regression model assumes

$$y|x \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \sigma^2)$$

- Similarly: The multiple linear regression model assumes

$$y|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_p x_p, \sigma^2)$$

For a given observation  $(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip}, y_i)$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \epsilon_i \quad \epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

# Regression Model

- At any combination of  $x'$ s, the true mean value of  $y$  is

$$\mu_y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p$$

- We will use multiple linear regression to estimate the mean  $y$  for any combination of  $x'$ s

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_p x_p$$

# Regression Output

```
price_model <- lm(sale_price ~ bedrooms + bathrooms + living_area  
                  data = homes)  
  
tidy(price_model, conf.int = TRUE) %>%  
  kable(format = "markdown", digits = 3)
```

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high
(Intercept)	-7148818.957	3820093.694	-1.871	0.065	-14754041.291	456403.376
bedrooms	-12291.011	9346.727	-1.315	0.192	-30898.915	6316.893
bathrooms	51699.236	13094.170	3.948	0.000	25630.746	77767.726
living_area	65.903	15.979	4.124	0.000	34.091	97.715
lot_size	-0.897	4.194	-0.214	0.831	-9.247	7.453
year_built	3760.898	1962.504	1.916	0.059	-146.148	7667.944
property_tax	1.476	2.832	0.521	0.604	-4.163	7.115

# Interpreting $\hat{\beta}_j$

- An estimated coefficient  $\hat{\beta}_j$  is the expected change in  $y$  to change when  $x_j$  increases by one unit holding the values of all other predictor variables constant.
- *Example:* The estimated coefficient for **living\_area** is 65.90. This means for each additional square foot of living area, we expect the sale price of a house in Levittown, NY to increase by \$65.90, on average, holding all other predictor variables constant.

# Hypothesis Tests for $\hat{\beta}_j$

- We want to test whether a particular coefficient has a value of 0 in the population, given all other variables in the model:

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0$$

$$H_a : \beta_j \neq 0$$

- The test statistic reported in R is the following:

$$\text{test statistic} = t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{SE(\hat{\beta}_j)}$$

- Calculate the p-value using the  $t$  distribution with  $n - p - 1$  degrees of freedom, where  $p$  is the number of terms in the model (not including the intercept).

# Confidence Interval for $\beta_j$

The  $C$  confidence interval for  $\beta_j$

$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t^* SE(\hat{\beta}_j)$$

where  $t^*$  follows a  $t$  distribution with  $(n - p - 1)$  degrees of freedom

- **General Interpretation:** We are  $C$  confident that the interval LB to UB contains the population coefficient of  $x_j$ . Therefore, for every one unit increase in  $x_j$ , we expect  $y$  to change by LB to UB units, holding all else constant.

# Confidence interval for `living_area`

Interpret the 95% confidence interval for the coefficient of `living_area`.

# Caution: Large sample sizes

If the sample size is large enough, the test will likely result in rejecting  $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$  even  $x_j$  has a very small effect on  $y$

- Consider the **practical significance** of the result not just the statistical significance
- Use the confidence interval to draw conclusions instead of p-values



# Caution: Small sample sizes

If the sample size is small, there may not be enough evidence to reject  $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$

- When you fail to reject the null hypothesis, **DON'T** immediately conclude that the variable has no association with the response.
- There may be a linear association that is just not strong enough to detect given your data, or there may be a non-linear association.

# Prediction

- We calculate predictions the same as with simple linear regression
- **Example:** What is the predicted sale price for a house in Levittown, NY with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1050 square feet of living area, 6000 square foot lot size, built in 1948 with \$6306 in property taxes?

```
-7148818.957 - 12291.011 * 3 + 51699.236 * 1 +  
65.903 * 1050 - 0.897 * 6000 + 3760.898 * 1948 + 1.476 * 6306
```

```
## [1] 265360.4
```

The predicted sale price for a house in Levittown, NY with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1050 square feet of living area, 6000 square foot lot size, built in 1948 with \$6306 in property taxes is **\$265,360**.

# Intervals for predictions

- Just like with simple linear regression, we can use the **predict** function in R to calculate the appropriate intervals for our predicted values

```
x0 <- data.frame(bedrooms = 3, bathrooms = 1, living_area = 1050,  
                 lot_size = 6000, year_built = 1948,  
                 property_tax = 6306)  
predict(price_model, x0, interval = "prediction")
```

- Go to <http://bit.ly/sta210-sp20-pred> and use the model to answer the questions
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# Cautions

- **Do not extrapolate!** Because there are multiple explanatory variables, you can extrapolation in many ways
- The multiple regression model only shows **association, not causality**
  - To show causality, you must have a carefully designed experiment or carefully account for confounding variables in an observational study