

# STA286 Lecture 34 Probably a Waste of Time to Have Prepared

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## some data

There's a "classic" dataset with the weights of the bodies (kg) and brains (g) of 62 animals.

Here's a glance at the data:

Index	Brain	Body
1	3.38	44.50
2	0.48	15.50
3	1.35	8.10
4	465.00	423.00
5	36.33	119.50
6	27.66	115.00
7	14.83	98.20
8	1.04	5.50
9	4.19	58.00
10	0.42	6.40
11	0.10	4.00
12	0.92	5.70

## main results

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \quad \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}} \quad MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n-2}$$

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1}{\sqrt{MSE/S_{xx}}} \sim t_{n-2}$$

The “canonical” regression hypothesis test is  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  versus  $H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$ .

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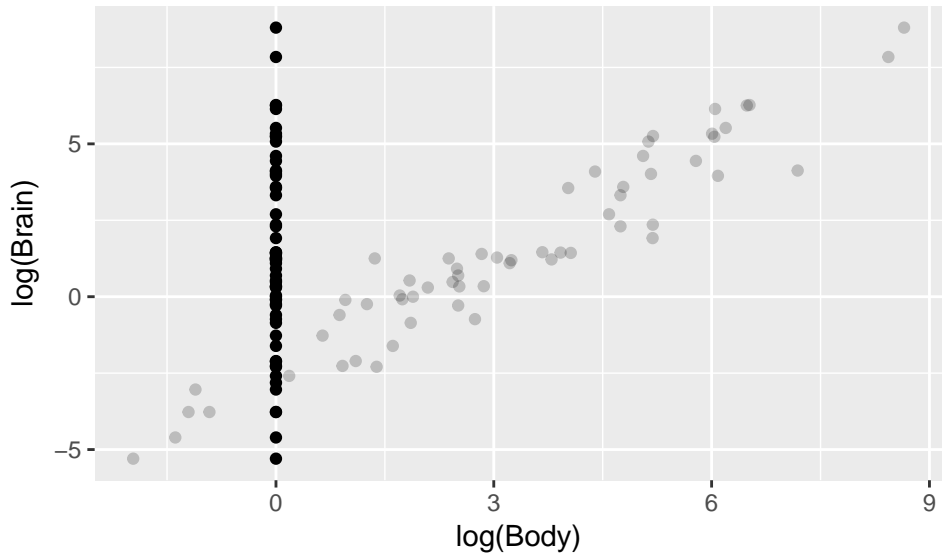
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Also on the output is  $\sqrt{MSE}$  itself: 0.886

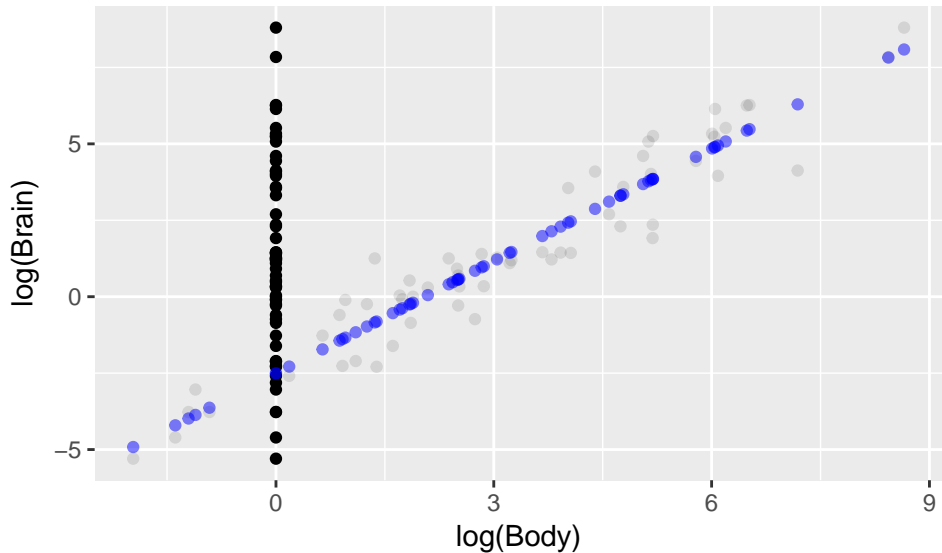


the rest of the information depends on a “sum of squares” result

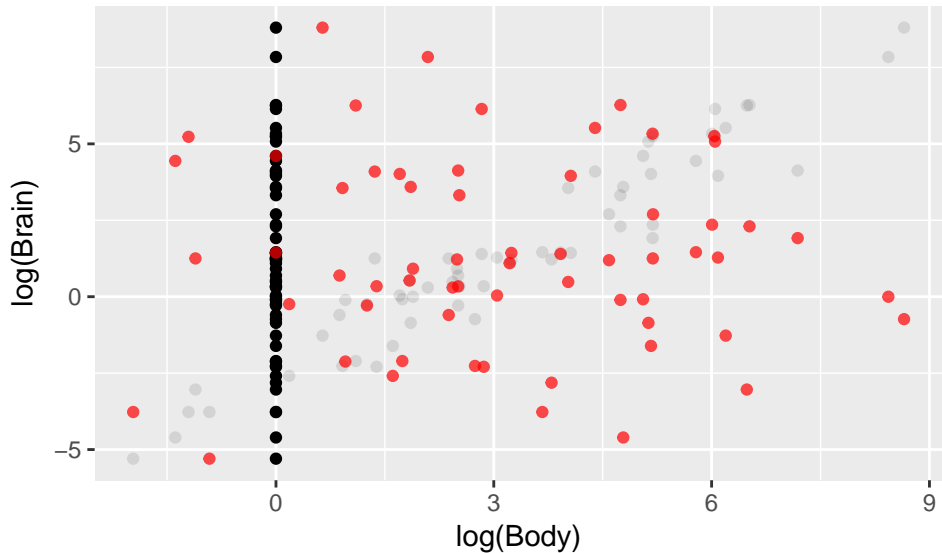
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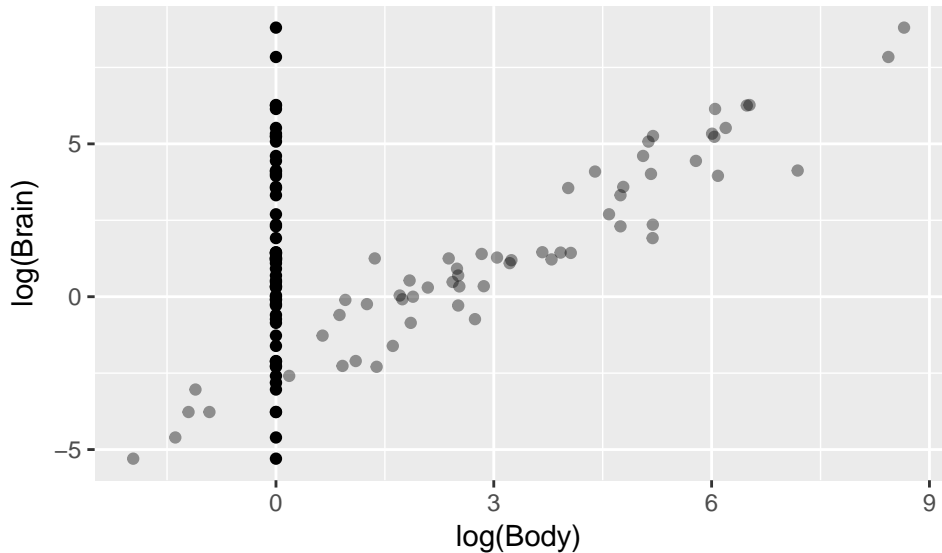
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Consider the numerator only. We can split it into three pieces:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i + \hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})(y_i - \hat{y}_i)\end{aligned}$$

the last term is always 0

The sum of the residuals  $y_i - \hat{y}_i$  is always 0.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y}) (y_i - \hat{y}_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i - \bar{y}) (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \\&= (\hat{\beta}_0 - \bar{y}) \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)}_{\text{always 0}} + \hat{\beta}_1 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i))}_{\text{Solution of } \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_1} = 0} \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

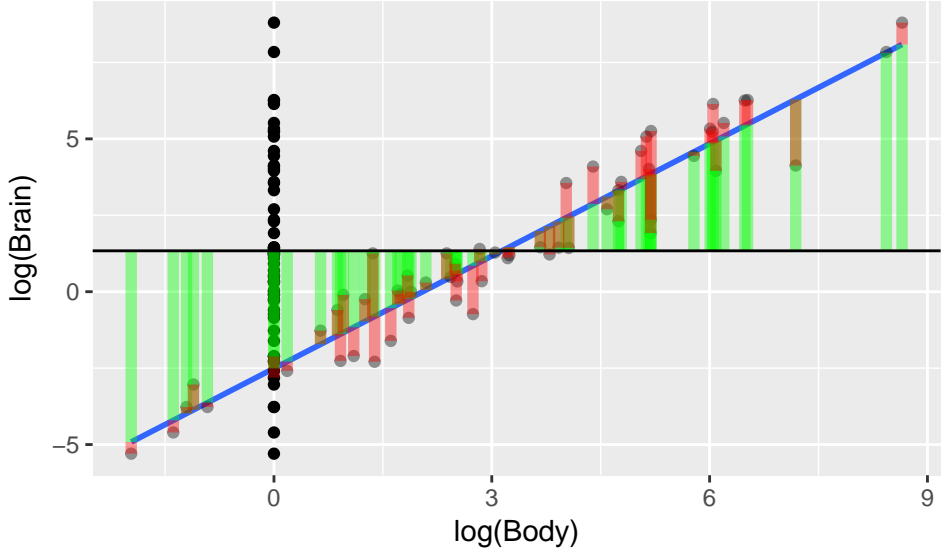
Note: this was a nice slide.



## the sum of squares decomposition

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the sum of squares decomposition - graphically



an “index” of strength of fit

The first thing we can do with the SS decomposition is divide through by  $SST$ :

$$1 = \frac{SSR}{SST} + \frac{SSE}{SST}$$

We define  $R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SST}$ . It is “the proportion of variation explained by the regression”.

It is bounded between 0 and 1, where 1 is a perfect fit and 0 is no relationship at all.\*

\*Only linear relationships under consideration.

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Another way to test  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  is by using an  $F$  distribution, which is the ratio of  $\chi^2$  distributions. In this case:

$$\frac{SSR/1}{SSE/(n-2)} \sim F_{1,n-2}$$

In the case of simple regression, this is equivalent to the  $t$  distribution version of the test.

the output again

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## Coefficients:
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -2.5091     0.1841  -13.6   <2e-16
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The most common bad idea done by engineers, lawyers, doctors, and various hucksters and wannabes goes by the odd term “ecological fallacy”.

This is what happens when you have more than one  $y$  value at each  $x$  value, and you do the following reasonable-sounding thing: 1. at each  $x$  value, calculate the average of the  $y$  values. 2. fit the regression with the average  $y$  values versus the  $x$  values.



## log-log body/brain residuals versus fitted values

