

Week 3: Correlation and Linear Regression

Unit 1: Correlation as a Statistical Measure

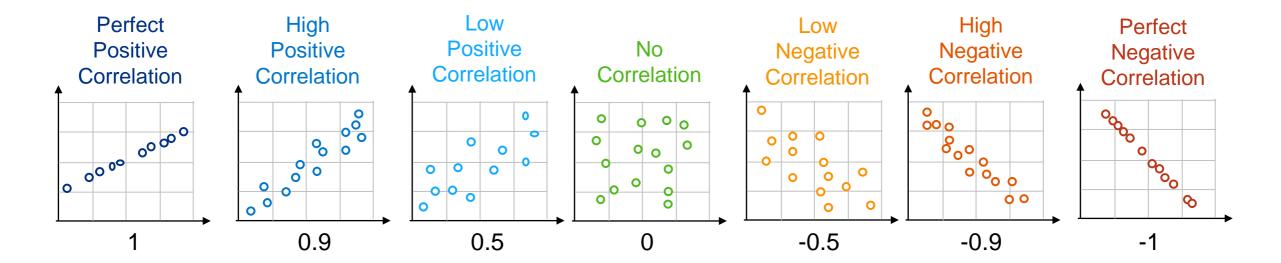




Correlation as a Statistical Measure

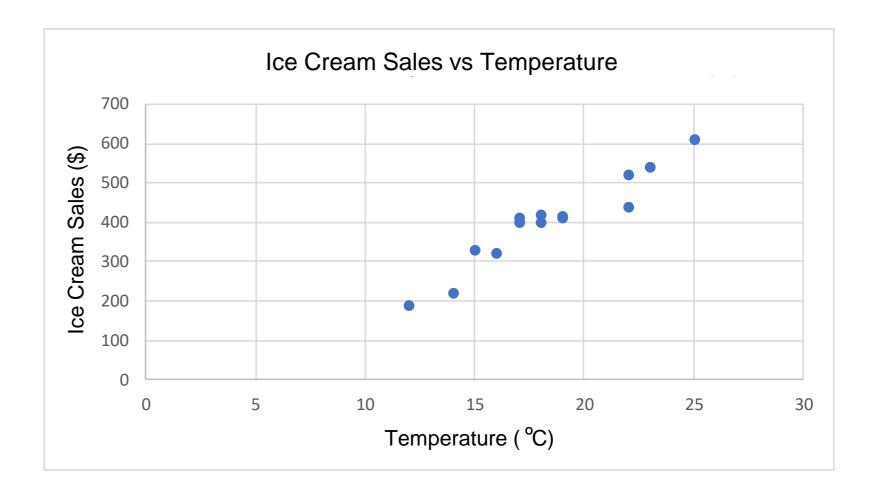
Introduction

- When two sets of data are strongly linked together, we say they have a "high correlation".
- Correlation is positive when the values increase together.
- Correlation is negative when one value decreases as the other increases.



Example

Ice Cream Sales vs Temperature					
Temperature (°C)	Ice Cream Sales (\$)				
25	610				
18	400				
16	320				
22	440				
22	520				
19	410				
18	420				
17	410				
23	540				
14	220				
12	190				
15	330				
17	400				
19	415				



Correlation as a Statistical Measure

Pearson's correlation coefficient

 The Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient is a measure of the strength and direction of the linear relationship between two variables.

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

Where:

x and y are the two variables

 Σ is Sigma, the symbol for "sum up"

 $(x_i - \overline{x})$ is each x-value minus the mean of x

 $(y_i - \overline{y})$ is each y-value minus the mean of y

Correlation as a Statistical Measure

Calculation of correlation

Step 2 –
Subtract mean

Step 3 – Calculate $(x - \bar{x}) \times (y - \bar{y})$, $(x - \bar{x})^2$ and $(y - \bar{y})^2$ for each value

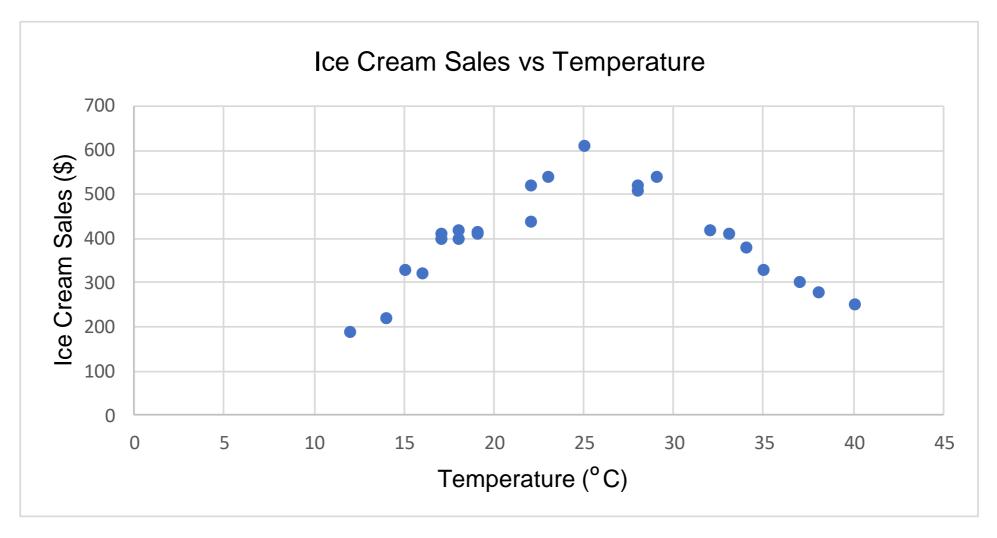
Sales Ice Cream	vs Temperature	for each value				
Temperature (°C)	Ice Cream Sales (\$)	$x-\bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$	$(x - \bar{x}) \times (y - \bar{y})$	$(x-\bar{x})^2$	$(y-\bar{y})^2$
25	610	6.64	208.21	1383.14	44.13	43353.19
18	400	-0.36	-1.79	0.64	0.13	3.19
16	320	-2.36	-81.79	192.78	5.56	6688.90
22	440	3.64	38.21	139.21	13.27	1460.33
22	520	3.64	118.21	430.64	13.27	13974.62
19	410	0.64	8.21	5.28	0.41	67.47
18	420	-0.36	18.21	-6.51	0.13	331.76
17	410	-1.36	8.21	-11.15	1.84	67.47
23	540	4.64	138.21	641.71	21.56	19103.19
14	220	-4.36	-181.79	792.07	18.98	33046.05
12	190	-6.36	-211.79	1346.35	40.41	44853.19
15	330	-3.36	-71.79	240.99	11.27	5153.19
17	400	-1.36	-1.79	2.42	1.84	3.19
19	415	0.64	13.21	8.49	0.41	174.62
18.36	401.79			5166.07	173.21	168280.36
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Step 1 – mean values

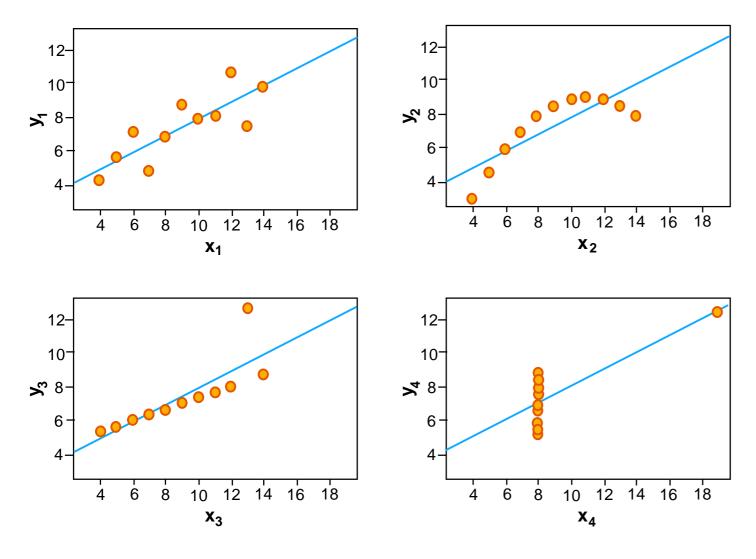
Step 4 - Sum up

Pearson's Correlation Coefficient
$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x})^2\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{5166.07}{\sqrt{173.21 \times 168280.36}} = 0.96$$

Limitations of correlation – Linear relationships only



Limitations of correlation – Data visualization should not be ignored



For all 4 data sets:

Property	Value
Mean of x	9
Sample variance of x	11
Mean of y	7.50
Sample variance of y	4.125
Correlation between x and y	0.816
Linear regression line	y = 3.00 + 0.500x
Coefficient of determination of the linear regression	0.67

Correlation as a Statistical Measure

Summary

- Correlation measures the strength of association between two variables.
- The most common correlation coefficient is called the Pearson productmoment correlation coefficient.
- The sign and the absolute value of a Pearson correlation coefficient describe the direction and the magnitude of the relationship between two variables.
 - The value of a correlation coefficient ranges between -1 and +1.
 - The greater the absolute value of a correlation coefficient, the stronger the linear relationship.
 - The strongest linear relationship is indicated by a correlation coefficient of
 1 or 1.
 - The weakest linear relationship is indicated by a correlation coefficient of 0.
 - A positive correlation indicates that as one variable increases in value, the other variable tends to increase as well.
 - A negative correlation indicates that as one variable increases in value, the other variable tends to reduce in value.
- Remember to use scatter plots to visualize the relationship as well as calculating the correlation coefficient.



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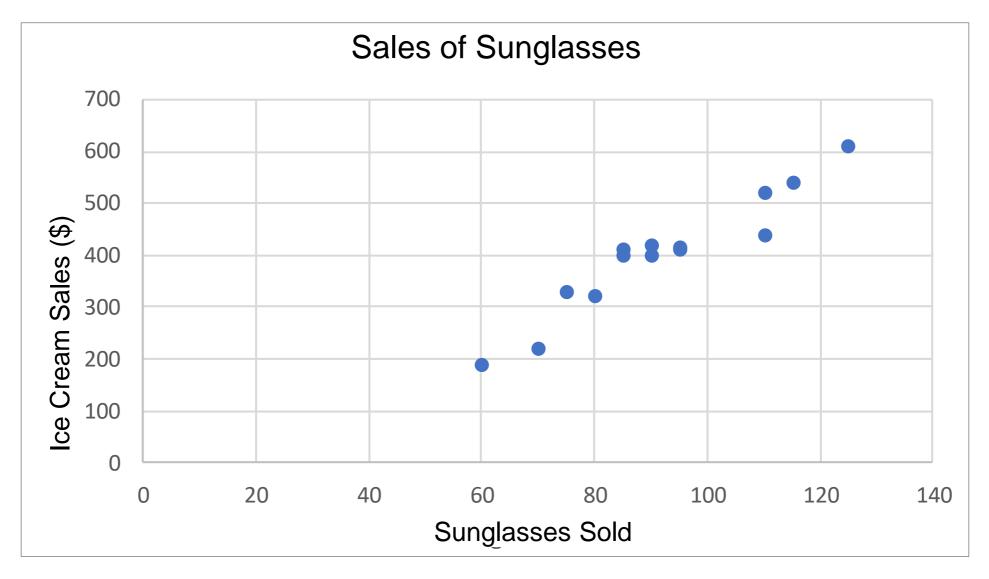
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Unit 2: Correlation Versus Causation





Introduction



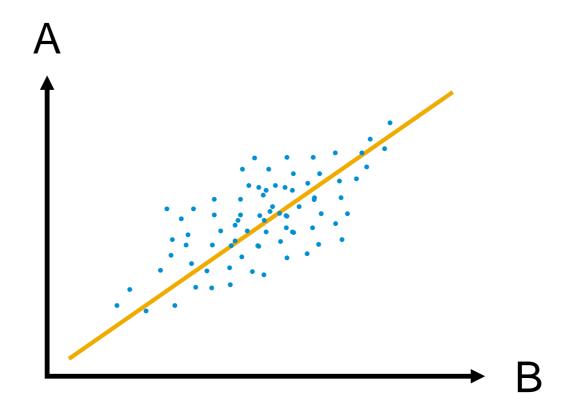
HRT example

Numerous epidemiological studies showed that women taking combined hormone replacement therapy (HRT) also had a lower-than-average incidence of coronary heart disease (CHD), leading doctors to propose that HRT was protective against CHD.

Lawlor DA, <u>Davey Smith G</u>, Ebrahim S (June 2004). "Commentary: the hormone replacement-coronary heart disease conundrum: is this the death of observational epidemiology?". Int J Epidemiol. **33** (3): 464-467.

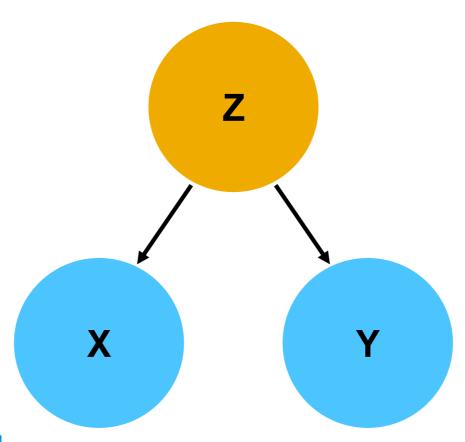


Cause and effect



See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Correlation_does_not_imply_causation

Spurious relationships



- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confounding
- http://www.virmanimath.com/start-page-2012-2013/ap-stats-2012-2013/chapter-2/apstatonlineclass/confounding-and-lurking-variables

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10U4VBPWVUi0M6Mc-vdgjbkPaVsQKIHV-ONQc_T9Nlb4/edit#slide=id.p20

Detecting spurious relationships

In experimental research, spurious relationships can often be identified by "controlling" for other factors, including those that have been theoretically identified as possible confounding factors.



Summary

- Correlation is a statistical measure (expressed as a number) that describes the size and direction of a linear relationship between two variables.
- Causation indicates that one event is the result of the occurrence of the other event, i.e. there is a causal relationship between the two events. This is also referred to as "cause and effect."
- For A to cause B, we tend to say that, <u>at a minimum</u>, A must precede B, the two must covary (vary together), and no competing explanation can better explain the covariance of A and B. Taken alone, however, these three requirements cannot prove cause they are necessary but not sufficient.
- Lurking and confounding variables can make it difficult to conclude that it was the explanatory variables alone that affected the observed changes in the response variable.



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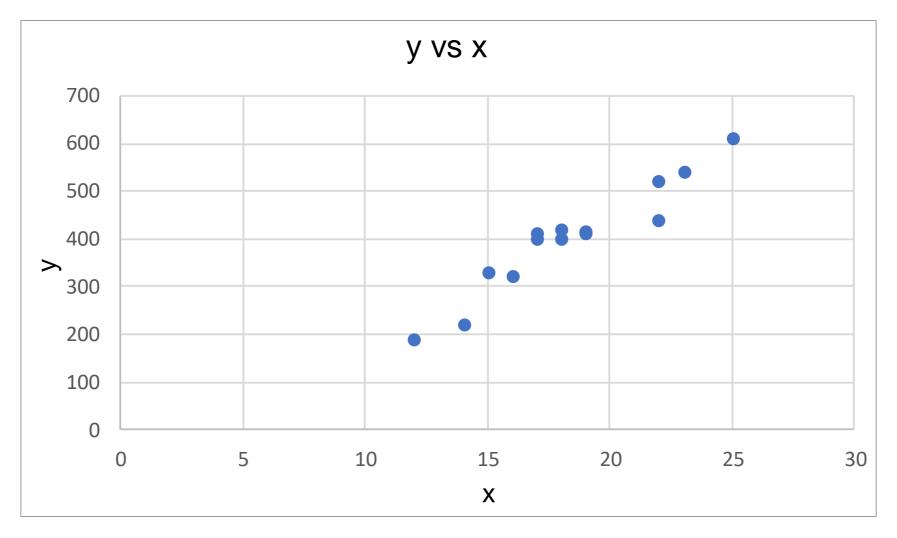
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Unit 3: Scatter Plots and Line of Best Fit

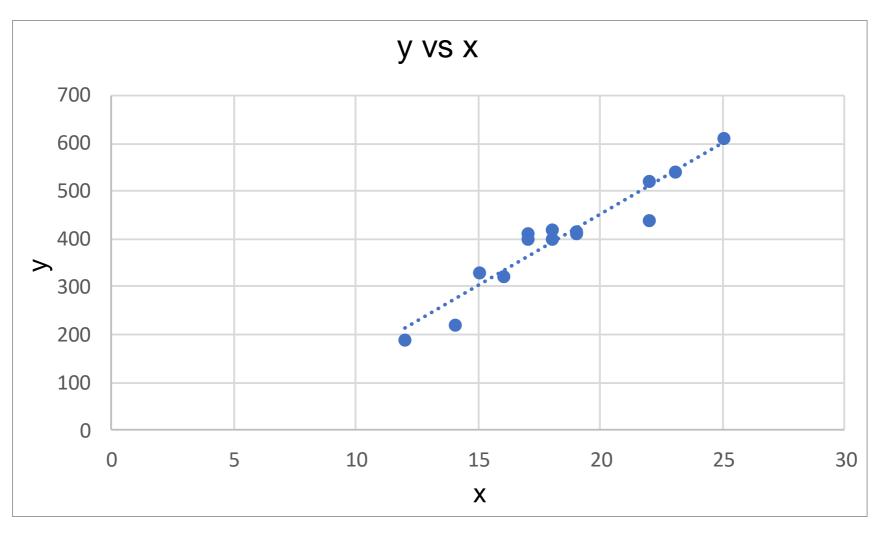




Scatter plots



Line of best fit



Scatter Plots and Line of Best Fit

Line of best fit

• The equation of a **line**:

$$y = mx + b$$

• The **slope**:

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (xi - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

The *y*-intercept:

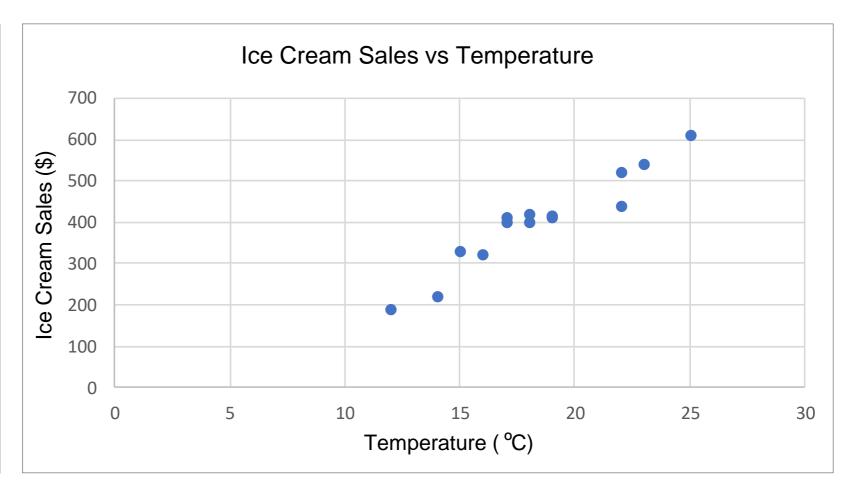
$$b = \bar{y} - m\bar{x}$$

where:

m is the slope b is the y-intercept n is the number of observations x is the set of x-values of the observations y is the set of y-values of the observations \bar{x} is the mean of the x-values

Ice cream sales example

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See: https://www.varsitytutors.com/hotmath/hotmath_help/topics/line-of-best-fit

Scatter Plots and Line of Best Fit

Ice cream sales example

1. Calculate the mean of the x-values:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{25 + 18 + 16 + 22 + 22 + 19 + 18 + 17 + 23 + 14 + 12 + 15 + 17 + 19}{14} = 18.36$$

2. Calculate the mean of the y-values:

$$\bar{y} = \frac{610 + 400 + 320 + 440 + 520 + 410 + 420 + 410 + 540 + 220 + 190 + 330 + 400 + 415}{14} = 401.79$$

Ice cream sales example

le			Step 3		Step 4	
	Sales Ice Cream vs Temperature					
i	Temperature (°C)	Ice Cream Sales (\$)	$x-\bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$	$(x - \bar{x}) \times (y - \bar{y})$	$(x-\bar{x})^2$
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	Step 1 \bar{x}	$lacktriangle$ Step 2 $ar{y}$				

Scatter Plots and Line of Best Fit

Ice cream sales example

5. Calculate the slope:

$$m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (xi - \bar{x})(yi - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$
$$m = \frac{5166.07}{173.21} = 29.82$$

6. Calculate the y-intercept:

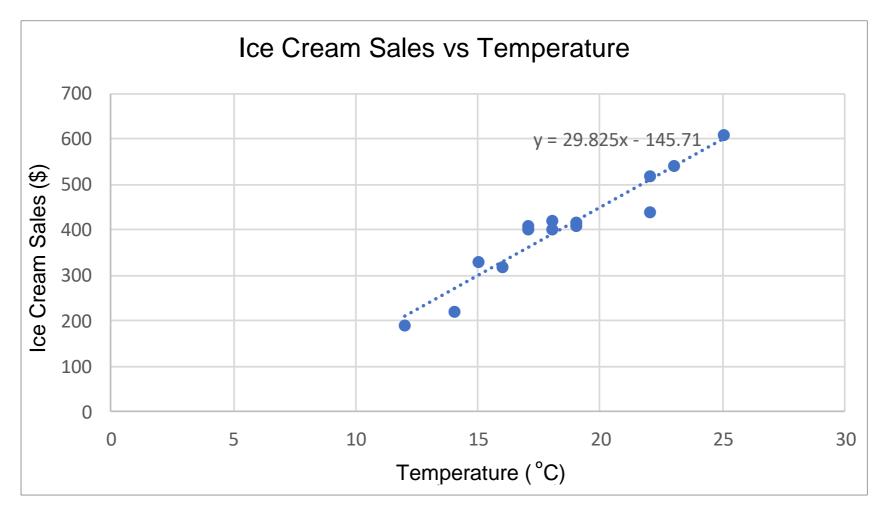
$$b = \bar{y} - m\bar{x}$$

 $b = 401.79 - (29.82 \times 18.36) = -145.71$

Therefore the line of best fit is:

$$y = 29.82x - 145.71$$

Ice cream sales example



For MS Excel instructions, see:

https://support.office.com/en-ie/article/add-a-trend-or-moving-average-line-to-a-chart-fa59f86c-5852-4b68-a6d4-901a745842ad

Scatter Plots and Line of Best Fit

Summary

- A scatter plot can be used to show the relationship between two variables.
- The line of best fit is the line that describes the relationship between the two variables, where the sum of the squares of the residual errors between the individual data values and the line is at its minimum.
- Therefore, it is the best possible straight line that fits the data.
- Slope (m) and y-intercept (b) are the two values needed to define the equation of a straight line y = mx + b.



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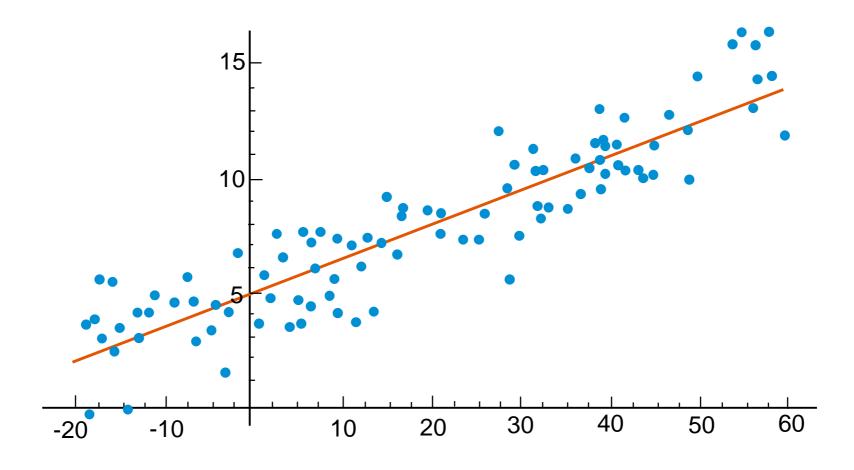
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Unit 4: Linear Regression





Introduction



Uses

Prediction or forecasting

Fit a predictive model to an observed data set of target and explanatory variables

Make predictions of the target values

Explain variation in target

Quantify the strength of the relationship between the target and explanatory variables

Determine if some explanatory variables have no linear relationship with the target

Linear Regression

Least squares

Residual = Fitted Value – Observed Value

	Sales Ice Crear	n vs Temperature		•
	Temperature (°C)	Ice Cream Sales (\$)	Regression	
i	х	У	y = 29.82x - 145.71	Residual
1	25	610	600.0	-10.0
2	18	400	391.2	-8.8
3	16	320	331.5	11.5
4	22	440	510.5	70.5
5	22	520	510.5	-9.5
6	19	410	421.0	11.0
7	18	420	391.2	-28.8
8	17	410	361.4	-48.6
9	23	540	540.3	0.3
10	14	220	271.9	51.9
11	12	190	212.2	22.2
12	15	330	301.7	-28.3
13	17	400	361.4	-38.6
14	19	415	421.0	6.0

Observed Value

Fitted Value

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordinary_least_squares

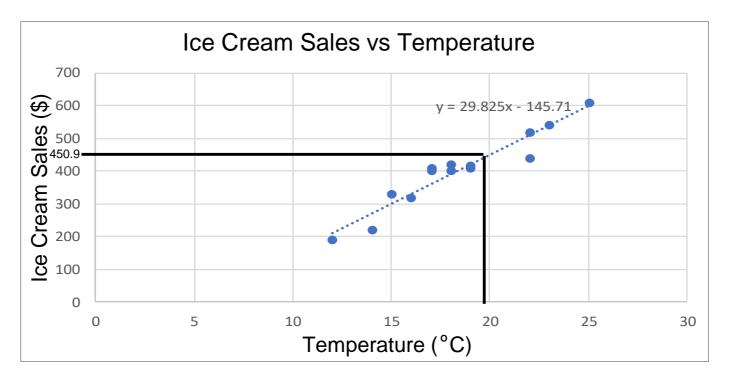
Forecast future values

In the example, the linear regression model is:

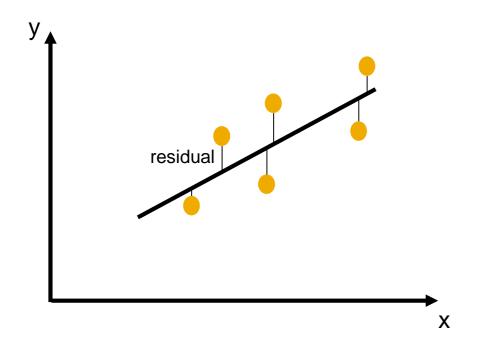
Sales (\$) =
$$29.82 \times \text{Temperature (°C)} - 145.71$$

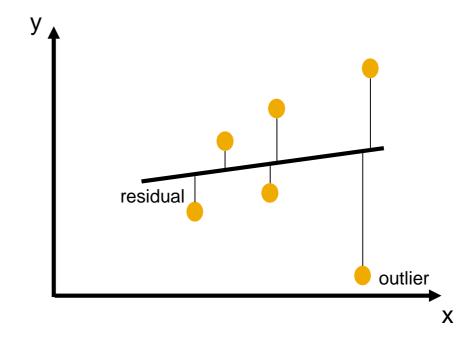
Therefore, if the temperature tomorrow is forecasted to be 20°C, then the store can expect to sell:

 $(29.82 \times 20) - 145.71 = 450.9 worth of ice cream tomorrow



Least squares and outliers





Linear Regression

Assumptions

Linear relationship
between the
explanatory and
target variables

No or low "multicollinearity"

No "auto-correlation"

Homoscedastic

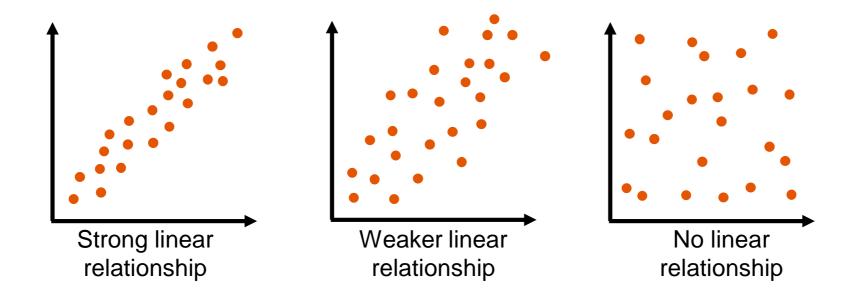
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Assumption 1 – Linear relationship

This rule constrains the model to one type:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon$$

The linearity assumption can be tested with scatter plots:

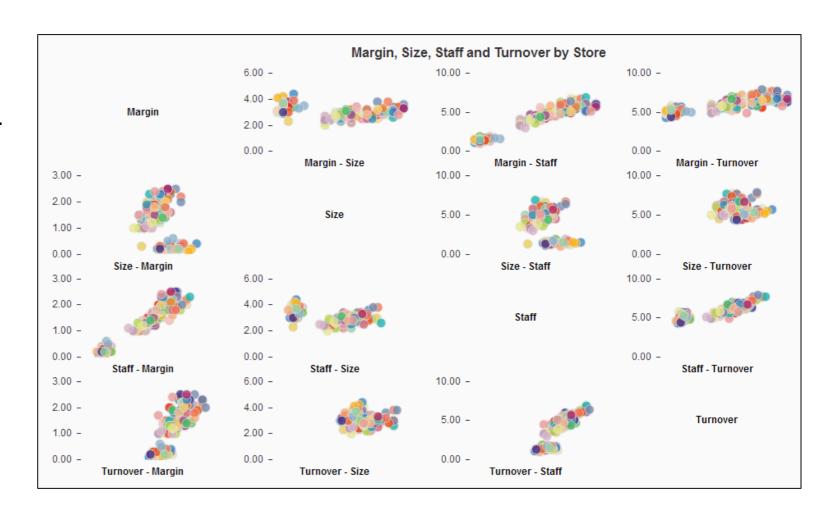


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Assumption 2 – No or low multicollinearity

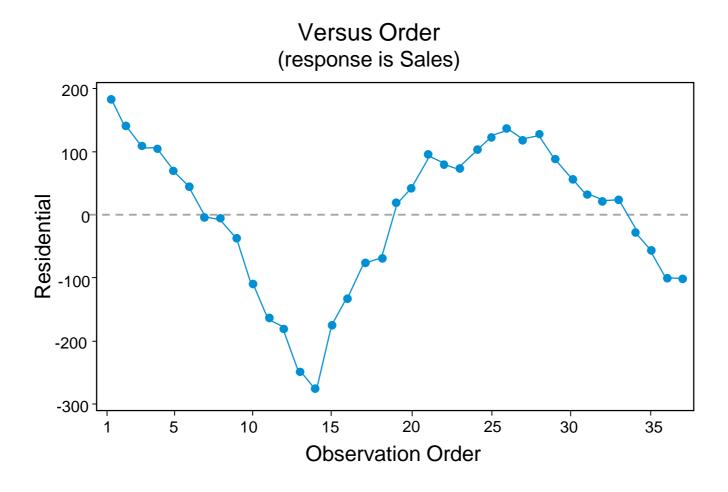
- This visualization shows the scatter plot matrix in SAP Lumira.
- In this example, there are four variables that are plotted against each other.
- It is a powerful way of visualizing the correlation between variables and identifying patterns and groups in the data.



See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multicollinearity



Assumption 3 – No autocorrelation

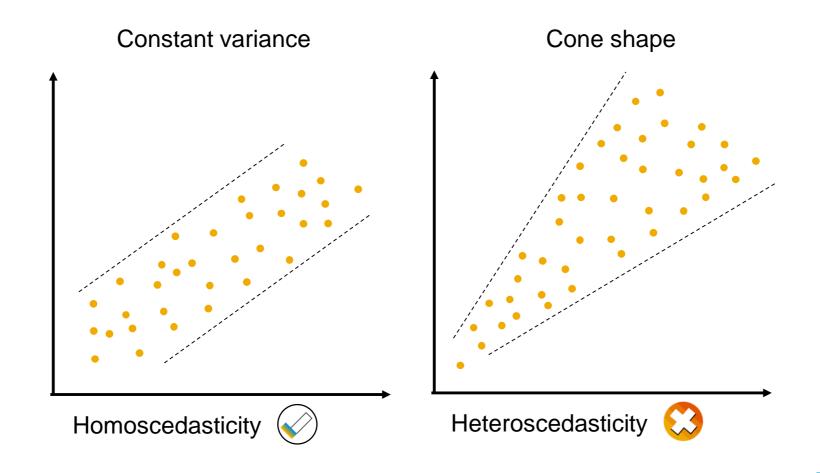


In this example, there appears to be a cyclical pattern with a positive correlation.

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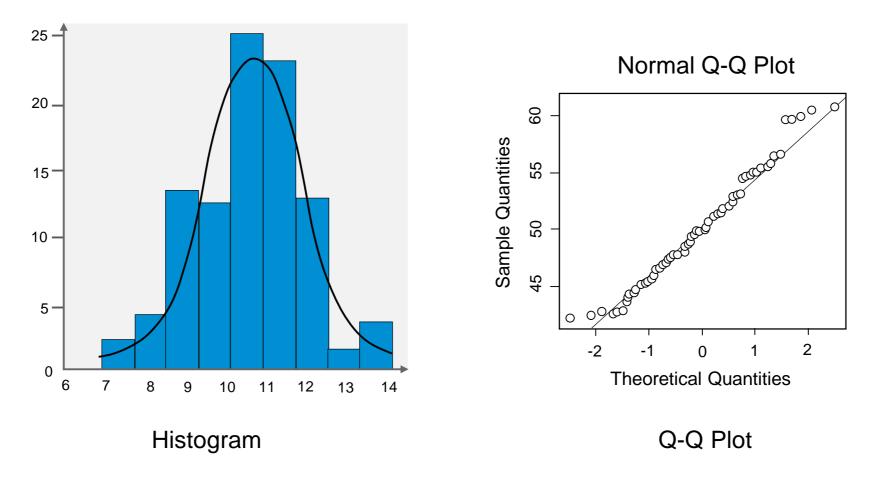
Assumption 4 – Homoscedasticity



See Appendix

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heteroscedasticity

Understanding the distribution of the explanatory variables



See: https://www.theanalysisfactor.com/the-distribution-of-independent-variables-in-regression-models/ and https://www.researchgate.net/post/Should_I_transform_non-normal_independent_variables_in_logistic_regression-models/

Linear Regression

Summary

- Linear regression is an approach to modeling the linear relationship between a target variable and one or more explanatory variables.
- Simple linear regression has one explanatory variable and multiple linear regression has more than one explanatory variable.
- In summary, your linear regression model should produce residuals that have a mean of zero, have a constant variance, and are not correlated with themselves or other variables. If these assumptions are true, then the ordinary least squares regression procedure will create the best possible estimates.



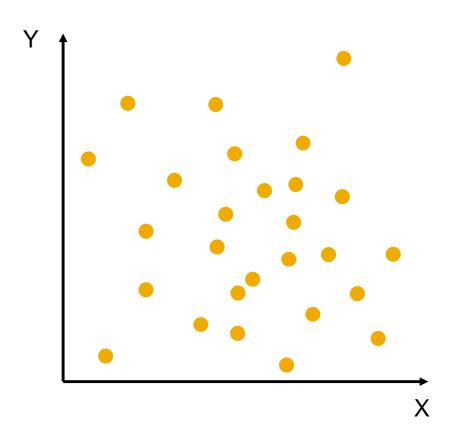
Linear Regression

Appendix – Assumption 1 – Linear relationship

- Linear regression requires the relationship between the explanatory and target variables to be linear.
- This assumption addresses the functional form of the model. The regression model is linear when all terms in the model are either the constant or a parameter multiplied by an explanatory variable.
- You build the model equation only by adding the terms together. This rule constrains the model to one type:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon$$

- In this equation, the betas (βs) are the parameters that the ordinary least squares process estimates, and epsilon (ε) is the random error.
- The linearity assumption can be tested with scatter plots.



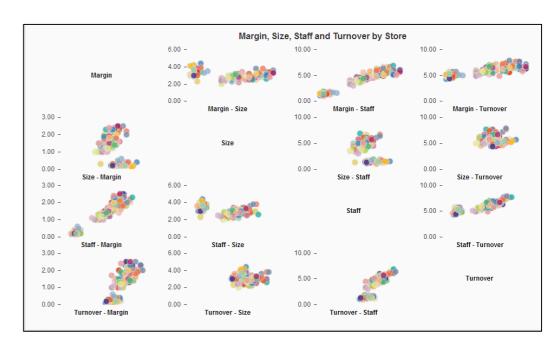
This scatter plot example shows there is **no** linear relationship between the target (Y) variable and the explanatory (X) variable.

Appendix – Assumption 2 – No or low multicollinearity

- Multicollinearity occurs when the explanatory variables are highly correlated with each other.
- Multicollinearity may be analyzed in a variety of ways. For example:
 - 1. Correlation matrix compute the matrix of Pearson's correlation coefficients for each explanatory variable.
 - 2. Tolerance the tolerance (T) measures the influence of one explanatory variable on all the other independent variables. It is calculated by regressing the explanatory variable of interest onto the remaining explanatory variables included in the regression analysis. Then the tolerance is used to calculate the "variance inflation factor".

Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) = 1/Tolerance

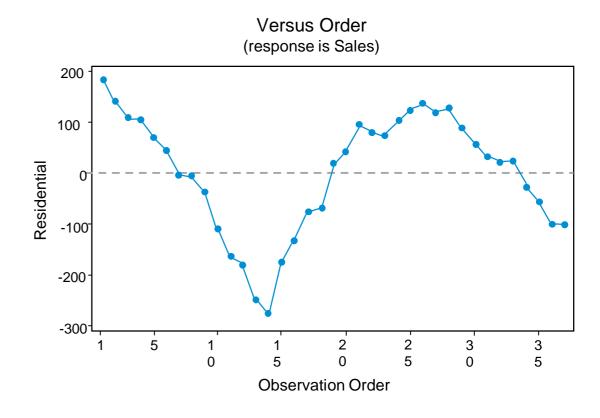
- With VIF > 10 there is an indication that multicollinearity may be present. With VIF > 100 there is definitely multicollinearity among the variables.
- If multicollinearity is found in the data the simplest way to address the problem is to remove one of the correlated variables! However, there are a range of more sophisticated techniques available.



This visualization shows the scatter plot matrix in SAP Lumira. In this example, there are four variables that are plotted against each other. It is a powerful way of visualizing the correlation between variables and identifying patterns and groups in the data.

Appendix – Assumption 3 – No autocorrelation

- Linear regression analysis requires that there is little or no "autocorrelation" in the residuals. This means that the error terms must be uncorrelated so that one observation of the error term should not predict the next observation.
- Autocorrelation occurs when the residuals are not independent of each other, in other words, when the value of y(x+1) is not independent of the value of y(x).
- For instance, if the error for one observation is positive and that increases the probability that the following error is positive, then there is a positive correlation.
- You can assess if this assumption is violated by graphing the residuals in the order that the data was collected. You hope to see a randomness in the plot.



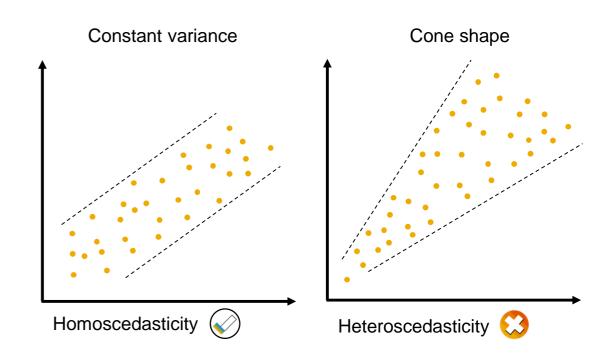
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Linear Regression

Appendix – Assumption 4 – Homoscedasticity

- The variance of the errors should be consistent for all observations. This means that the variance does not change for each observation or for a range of observations.
- The scatter plot is good way to check whether the data is homoscedastic (which simply means that the residuals are equal across the regression line).
- You can check this assumption by plotting the residuals against the fitted values. Heteroscedasticity appears as a cone shape where the spread of the residuals increases in one direction.
- The following scatter plots show examples of data that is not homoscedastic (i.e., it is heteroscedastic).



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heteroscedasticity

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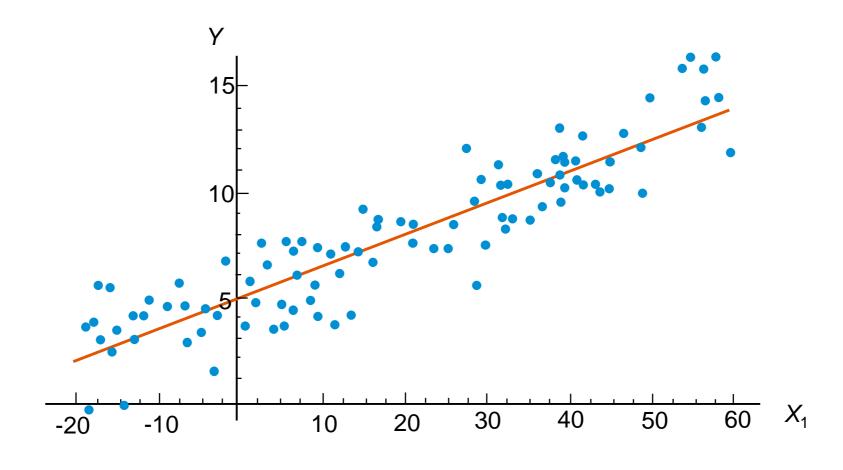
Week 3: Correlation and Linear Regression

Unit 5: Interpreting Results





Reminder



$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon$$

Example using R

_	price [‡]	bedrooms [‡]	bathrooms [‡]	sqft_living $^{\scriptsize \scriptsize $	sqft_lot [‡]	floors [‡]
1	221900	3	3	1180	5650	1
2	538000	3	3	2570	7242	2
3	180000	2	2	770	10000	1
4	604000	4	4	1960	5000	1
5	510000	3	3	1680	8080	1
6	1230000	4	4	5420	101930	1
7	257500	3	3	1715	6819	2
8	291850	3	3	1060	9711	1
9	229500	3	3	1780	7470	1
10	323000	3	3	1890	6560	2
11	662500	3	3	3560	9796	1
12	468000	2	2	1160	6000	1
13	400000	3	3	1370	9680	1

"house_train_data" is available from openSAP

Import data into RStudio

sqft_living price bathrooms bedrooms Min. : 0.000 Min. : 0.000 : 75000 1st Qu.: 320000 1st Qu.: 3.000 1st Qu.: 3.000 1st Qu.: 1420 Median : 450000 Median : 3.000 Median : 3.000 Median: 1910 : 539458 : 3.369 : 3.369 : 2080 Mean Mean Mean Mean 3rd Qu.: 640000 3rd Qu.: 4.000 3rd Ou.: 4.000 3rd Qu.: 2550 :7700000 :10.000 :10.000 :13540 Max. Max. Max. Max. floors sqft_lot Min. 520 Min. :1.000 5050 1st Ou.:1.000 1st Ou.: Median : 7616 Median :1.000 Mean : 15092 :1.447 Mean There are 17384 rows 3rd Qu.:2.000 3rd Qu.: 10665 :1651359 Max. :3.000 Max. and 6 columns in the

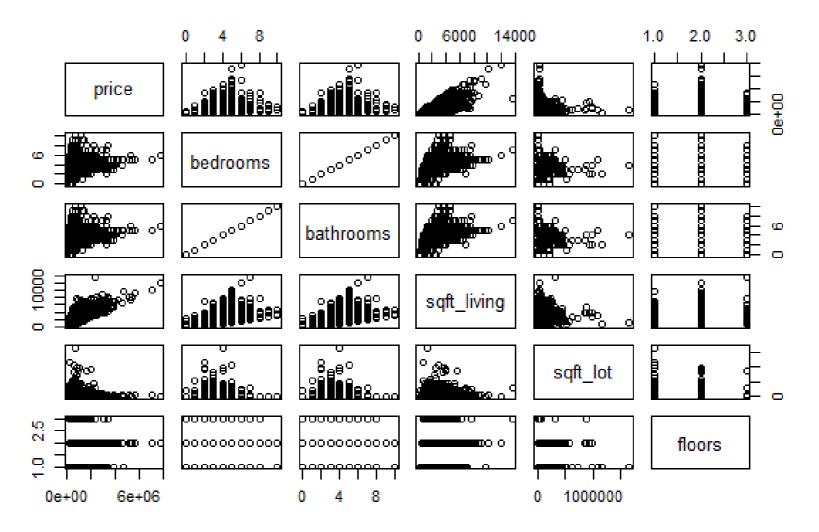
data set.

Data Summary results
using the R command
>summary(house_train_data)

For RStudio download see: https://www.rstudio.com/

For an introduction to RStudio see: https://datascienceplus.com/introduction-to-rstudio/

Visualize the data



This is a simple visualization using the R command: >plot(house_train_data)

Building the linear regression model

- Fit a multiple linear regression model with price as the target variable and the other variables as the explanatory variables.
- The R command is:

>results=lm(price~bedrooms+bathrooms+sqft_living+sqft_lot+floors,data=(house_train_data))

>results

Results of the linear regression model

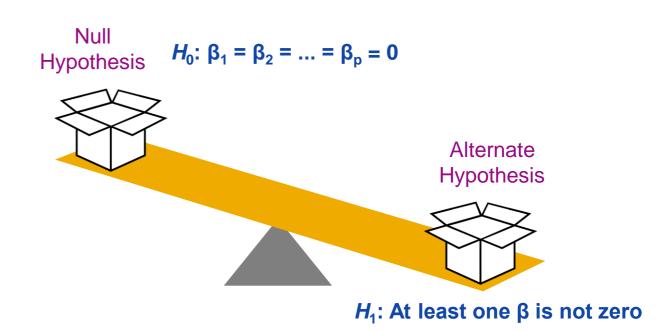
• The output gives the parameters for the linear regression model that is built:

This output indicates that the fitted value is given by:

$$\hat{y} = 1.169e^5 - 6.710e^4x_1 + 3.281e^2x_3 - 3.883e^{-1}x_4 - 1.934e^4x_5$$

Rejecting the null hypothesis

- The "null hypothesis" is represented by H_0 : $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots \beta_p = 0$
- When you "test the null hypothesis" it means you are assessing the probability that there is <u>no</u> relationship between the explanatory variables and the target variable.
- You then either accept or reject this null hypothesis.

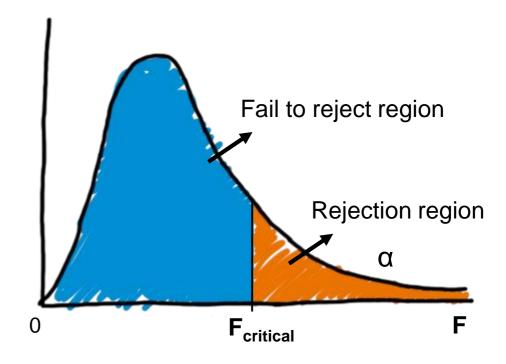


See: https://stattrek.com/regression/slope-test.aspx

Rejecting the null hypothesis

- The F-Test and F-statistic refers to the test statistic used to decide whether the model as a whole has statistically significant predictive capability.
- The R command is:
 - > summary(results)

Residual standard error: 258300 on 17379 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.5127, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5126 F-statistic: 4571 on 4 and 17379 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16



Learn more about the F-statistic here: http://statisticsbyjim.com/regression/interpret-f-test-overall-significance-regression/ and http://statisticsbyjim.com/regression/interpret-f-test-overall-significance-regression/ and https://statistics/f-statistic-value-test/

Example F values here: https://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/eda3673.htm

Significance of individual variables

The results show that the variable "bedrooms" is significant (controlling for the other explanatory variables) with a p < 2.2e-16 (which is less than 0.05).

```
Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1.169e+05 8.670e+03 13.478 < 2e-16 ***
bedrooms
           -6.710e+04 2.696e+03 -24.894 < 2e-16 ***
bathrooms
                   NA
                             NA
                                     NA
                                              NA
sqft_living 3.281e+02 2.841e+00 115.484 < 2e-16
sqft_lot -3.882e-01 4.824e-02 -8.048 8.98e-16
floors
           -1.934e+04 3.816e+03 -5.068 4.06e-07
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 258300 on 17379 degrees of freedom
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R-squared

- R-squared is the percentage of the target variable variation that is explained by a linear model.
- R-squared is always between 0 and 100% (if there is an intercept value):
 - 0% indicates that the model explains none of the variability of the target data around its mean.
 - 100% indicates that the model explains all the variability of the target data around its mean.

Multiple R-squared: 0.5127, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5126

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coefficient_of_determination

Interpreting regression coefficients

```
Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singulariti
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                       8.670e+03 13.478 < 2e-16
            1.169e+05
bedrooms
                       2.696e+03 -24.894 < 2e-16
            -6.710e+04
bathrooms
                    NA
                               NA
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                                                NA
                       2.841e+00 115.484
sqft_living
             3.281e+02
            -3.882e-01
                                   -8.048
                        4.824e-02
floors
                                   -5.068 4.06e-07
            -1.934e+04 3.816e+03
```

Multicollinearity

There is an error identified in the output:

```
Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
```

The R command to produce the correlation matrix is:

```
> cor(house_train_data)
```

```
bedrooms
                                   bathrooms sqft_living
                                                             saft_lot
price
            1.00000000 0.31283767 0.31283767
                                               0.7029343
                                                          0.088236721
bedrooms
            0.31283767 1.00000000 1.00000000
                                               0.5910598
                                                          0.030179053
bathrooms
            0.31283767 1.00000000 1.00000000
                                               0.5910598
                                                          0.030179053
sqft_living 0.70293434 0.59105983 0▶59105983
                                               1.0000000
                                                          0.166967283
sqft_lot
            0.08823672 0.03017905 0.03017905
                                               0.1669673
                                                          1.000000000
floors
            0.23296365 0.16065981 0.16065981
                                               0.3521290 -0.007346747
                  floors
price
             0.232963645
bedrooms
             0.160659811
                                       Perfect positive
bathrooms
             0.160659811
                                      correlation
sqft_living 0.352129048
sqft_lot
            -0.007346747
floors
             1.000000000
```

Summary

- Multiple linear regression is used to describe data and to explain the relationship between one target variable and two or more explanatory variables
- The analysis requires you to analyze the correlation and directionality of the data, train (fit) the model, and then evaluate the validity and usefulness of the model.
- This unit introduced you to some of the results that are generated that will help you evaluate your model. You must assess these very carefully so that you can be sure that your model is valid.
- Remember that it is also very important that you check and confirm that the basic assumptions for linear regression that were discussed in the previous unit hold true.



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