Unit 9 Regression and Correlation

"Assume that a statistical model such as a linear model is a good first start only"

- Gerald van Belle

Is higher blood pressure in the mom associated with a lower birth weight of her baby? Simple linear regression explores the relationship of <u>one</u> <u>continuous outcome</u> (Y=birth weight) with <u>one continuous predictor</u> (X=blood pressure). At the heart of statistics is the fitting of models to observed data followed by an examination of how they perform.

-1- "somewhat useful"

The fitted model is a sufficiently good fit to the data if it permits exploration of hypotheses such as "higher blood pressure during pregnancy is associated with statistically significant lower birth weight" and it permits assessment of confounding, effect modification, and mediation. These are ideas that will be developed in BIOSTATS 640 Unit 2, *Multivariable Linear Regression*.

-2- "more useful"

The fitted model can be used to predict the outcomes of future observations. For example, we might be interested in predicting the birth weight of the baby born to a mom with systolic blood pressure 145 mm Hg.

-3- "most useful"

Sometimes, but not so much in public health, the fitted model derives from a physical-equation. An example is Michaelis-Menton kinetics. A Michaelis-Menton model is fit to the data for the purpose of estimating the actual rate of a particular chemical reaction.

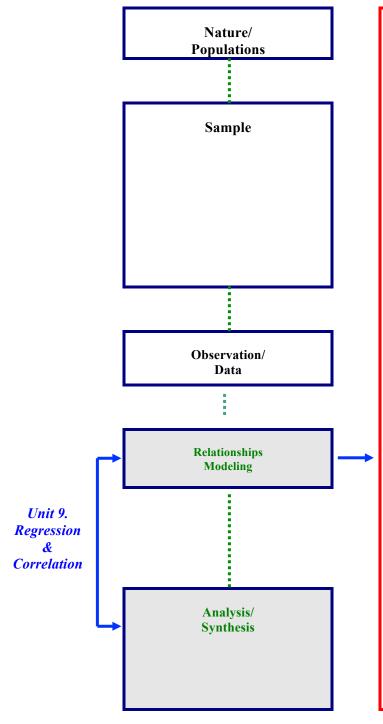
Hence – "A linear model is a good first start only..."

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1. Unit Roadmap



Simple linear regression is used when there is one response (dependent, Y) variable and one explanatory (independent, X) variables and both are continuous.

Examples of explanatory (independent) – response (dependent) variable pairs are height and weight, age and blood pressure,

-1- A simple linear regression analysis begins with a scatterplot of the data to "see" if a straight line model is appropriate:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$
 where

Y =the response or dependent variable X =the explanatory or independent variable.

-2- The sample data are used to estimate the parameter values and their standard errors.

 β_1 = slope (the change in y per 1 unit change in x)

 β_0 = intercept (the value of y when x=0)

-3- The fitted model is then compared to the simpler model $y = \beta_0$ which says that y is not linearly related to x.

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2. Learning Objectives

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When you have finished this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain what is meant by <u>independent</u> versus <u>dependent variable</u> and what is meant by a linear relationship;
- Produce and interpret a scatterplot;
- Define and explain the <u>intercept</u> and <u>slope</u> parameters of a linear relationship;
- Explain the theory of least squares estimation of the intercept and slope parameters of a linear relationship;
- <u>Calculate by hand</u> least squares estimation of the <u>intercept</u> and <u>slope</u> parameters of a linear relationship;
- Explain the theory of the analysis of variance of simple linear regression;
- Calculate by hand the analysis of variance of simple linear regression;
- Explain, compute, and interpret R² in the context of simple linear regression;
- State and explain the assumptions required for estimation and hypothesis tests in regression;
- Explain, compute, and interpret the overall F-test in simple linear regression;
- <u>Interpret the computer output</u> of a simple linear regression analysis from a package such as R, Stata, SAS, SPSS, Minitab, etc.;
- Define and interpret the value of a Pearson Product Moment Correlation, r;
- Explain the relationship between the <u>Pearson product moment correlation r</u> and the linear regression <u>slope parameter</u>; and
- <u>Calculate by hand</u> confidence interval estimation and statistical hypothesis testing of the Pearson product moment correlation r.

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3. Definition of the Linear Regression Model

Unit 8 considered <u>two</u> <u>categorical</u> (*discrete*) variables, such as smoking (yes/no) and low birth weight (yes/no). It was an introduction to chi-square tests of association.

Unit 9 considers two continuous variables, such as age and weight. It is an introduction to simple linear regression and correlation.

A wonderful introduction to the intuition of linear regression can be found in the text by Freedman, Pisani, and Purves (Statistics. WW Norton & Co., 1978). The following is excerpted from pp 146 and 148 of their text:

"How is weight related to height? For example, there were 411 men aged 18 to 24 in Cycle I of the Health Examination Survey. Their average height was 5 feet 8 inches = 68 inches, with an overall average weight of 158 pounds. But those men who were one inch above average in height had a somewhat higher average weight. Those men who were two inches above average in height had a still higher average weight. And so on. On the average, how much of an increase in weight is associated with each unit increase in height? The best way to get started is to look at the scattergram for these heights and weights. The object is to see how weight depends on height, so height is taken as the independent variable and plotted horizontally ...

... The regression line is to a scatter diagram as the average is to a list. The regression line estimates the average value for the dependent variable corresponding to each value of the independent variable."

Linear Regression

Linear regression models the mean $\mu = E[Y]$ of **one random** variable Y as a linear function of one or more other variables (called predictors or explanatory variables) that are treated as fixed. The estimation and hypothesis testing involved are extensions of ideas and techniques that we have already seen. In linear regression,

- ♦ Y is the outcome or dependent variable that we observe. We observe its values for individuals with various combinations of values of a predictor or explanatory variable X. There may be more than one predictor "X"; this will be discussed in BIOSTATS 640.
- In simple linear regression the values of the predictor "X" are assumed to be fixed.
- Often, however, the variables Y and X are both random variables.

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Correlation

Correlation considers the association of **two random** variables.

- ◆ The techniques of estimation and hypothesis testing are the same for linear regression and correlation analyses.
- Exploring the relationship begins with fitting a line to the points.

Development of a simple linear regression model analysis

Example.

Source: Kleinbaum, Kupper, and Muller 1988

The following are observations of age (days) and weight (kg) for n=11 chicken embryos.

WT=Y	AGE=X	LOGWT=Z
0.029	6	-1.538
0.052	7	-1.284
0.079	8	-1.102
0.125	9	-0.903
0.181	10	-0.742
0.261	11	-0.583
0.425	12	-0.372
0.738	13	-0.132
1.13	14	0.053
1.882	15	0.275
2.812	16	0.449

Notation

- ♦ The data are 11 pairs of (X_i, Y_i) where X=AGE and Y=WT $(X_1, Y_1) = (6, .029)$... $(X_{11}, Y_{11}) = (16, .2.812)$ and
- ♦ This table also provides 11 pairs of (X_i, Z_i) where X=AGE and Z=**LOGWT** $(X_1, Z_1) = (6, -1.538)$ ··· $(X_{11}, Z_{11}) = (16, 0.449)$

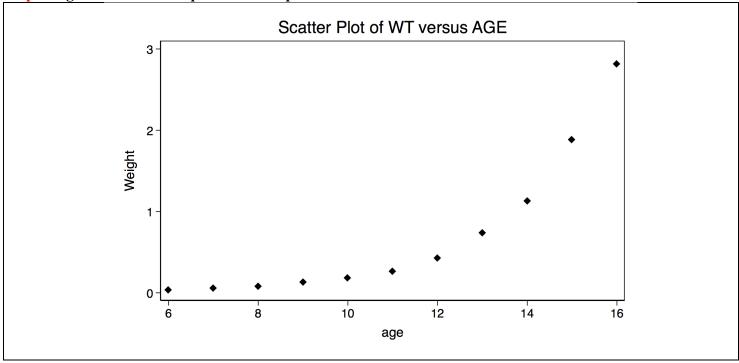
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Research question

There are a variety of possible research questions:

- (1) Does weight change with age?
- (2) In the language of analysis of variance we are asking the following: Can the variability in weight be explained, to a significant extent, by variations in age?
- (3) What is a "good" functional form that relates age to weight?

Tip! Begin with a Scatter plot. Here we plot X=AGE versus Y=WT



We check and learn about the following:

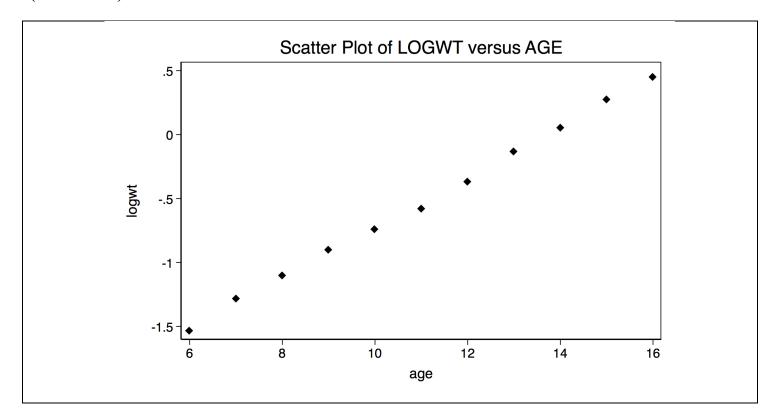
- ◆ The average and median of X
- ♦ The range and pattern of variability in X
- The average and median of Y
- ♦ The range and pattern of variability in Y
- ♦ The nature of the relationship between X and Y
- The strength of the relationship between X and Y
- The identification of any points that might be influential

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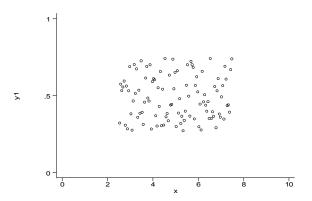
Example, continued

- The plot suggests a relationship between AGE and WT
- A straight line might fit well, but another model might be better
- We have adequate ranges of values for both AGE and WT
- ♦ There are no outliers

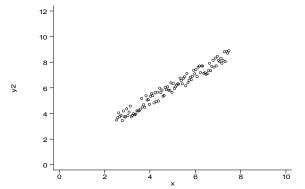
The "bowl" shape of our scatter plot suggests that perhaps a better model relates the <u>logarithm of WT</u> (Z=LOGWT) to AGE:



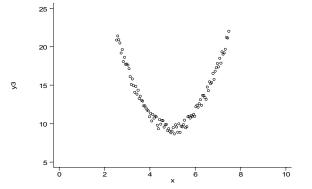
We might have gotten any of a variety of plots.



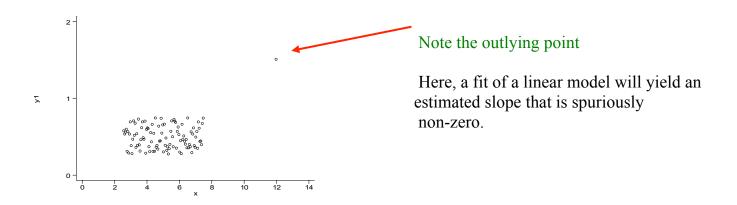
No relationship between X and Y

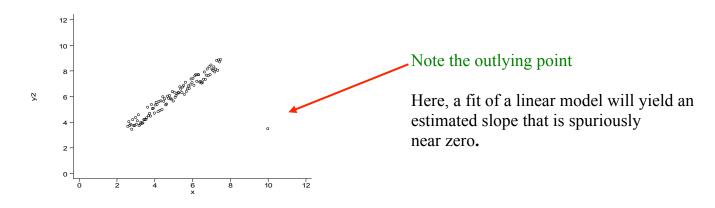


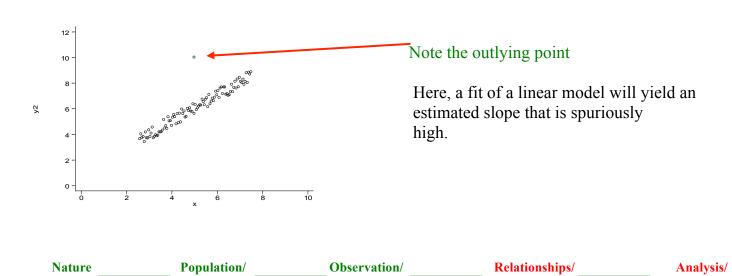
Linear relationship between X and Y



Non-linear relationship between X and Y







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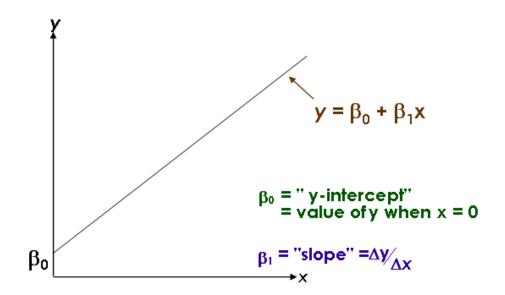
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Review of the Straight Line

Way back when, in your high school days, you may have been introduced to the straight line function, defined as "y = mx + b" where <u>m is the slope</u> and <u>b is the intercept</u>. Nothing new here. All we're doing is changing the notation a bit:

(1) Slope: $m \rightarrow \beta_1$ (2) Intercept: $b \rightarrow \beta_0$



$$\beta_0$$
 = "y-intercept" = value of y when x = 0
 β_1 = "slope" = $\Delta y/\Delta x$ = (change in y)/(change in x)

Slope

Slope >	. 0	Slope = 0		Slope < 0
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Definition of the Straight Line Model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

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$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$	$Y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X + e$
$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$ = relationship in the population.	$\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and e are estimates of β_0 , β_1 and ϵ Note: So you know, these may also be written as b_0 , b_1 , and ϵ
$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ is measured with error ε defined	
$\varepsilon = [Y] - [\beta_0 + \beta_1 X]$	$\frac{\text{residual} = e}{\text{observed and the fitted (not the true)}}$
	$e = [Y] - [\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X]$
β_0 , β_1 and ϵ are all unknown!!	We obtain guesses of these unknowns, called $\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and e by the method of <u>least squares</u> estimation.
	$\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and e are known
	How close did we get? To see if $\hat{\beta}_0 \approx \beta_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1 \approx \beta_1$ we perform regression diagnostics. Regression diagnostics are discussed in BIOSTATS 640

Notation ... sorry ...

 \hat{Y} = the outcome or dependent variable

X =the predictor or independent variable

 $\mu_{Y}\!=\!$ The expected value of Y for all persons in the population

 $\mu_{Y|X=x}$ = The expected value of Y for the sub-population for whom X=x

 ${\sigma_Y}^2$ = Variability of Y among all persons in the population ${\sigma_{Y|X=x}}^2$ = Variability of Y for the sub-population for whom X=x

4. Estimation

Least squares estimation is used to obtain guesses of β_0 and β_1 .

When the outcome = Y is distributed normal, <u>least squares</u> estimation is the same as <u>maximum likelihood</u> estimation. Note – If you are not familiar with "maximum likelihood estimation", don't worry. This is introduced in BIOSTATS 640.

"Least Squares", "Close" and Least Squares Estimation

Theoretically, it is possible to draw many lines through an X-Y scatter of points. Which to choose? "Least squares" estimation is one approach to choosing a line that is "closest" to the data.

- $\mathbf{d_i} = [\text{observed Y fitted } \hat{Y}] \text{ for the i}^{\text{th}} \text{ person}$ Perhaps we'd like $\mathbf{d_i} = [\text{observed Y - fitted } \hat{Y}] = \text{smallest possible.}$ Note that this is a vertical distance, since it is a distance on the vertical axis.
- $d_i^2 = [Y_i \hat{Y}_i]^2$ Better yet, perhaps we'd like to minimize the <u>squared difference</u>: $d_i^2 = [\text{observed Y - fitted } \hat{Y}]^2 = \text{smallest possible}$
- Glitch. We can't minimize each d_i^2 separately. In particular, it is <u>not possible</u> to choose common values of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ that minimizes

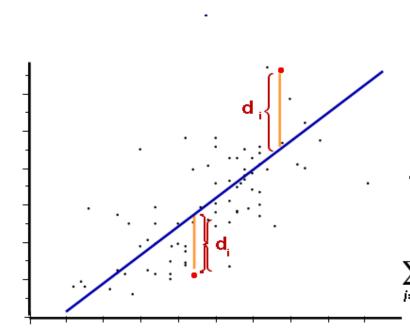
$$d_1^2 = (Y_1 - \hat{Y}_1)^2$$
 for subject 1 **and** minimizes $d_2^2 = (Y_2 - \hat{Y}_2)^2$ for subject 2 **and** minimizes **and** minimizes

$$d_n^2 = (Y_n - \hat{Y}_n)^2$$
 for the nth subject

• So, instead, we choose values for $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ that, upon insertion, minimizes the total

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} d_{i}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \hat{Y}_{i})^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - [\hat{\beta}_{0} + \hat{\beta}_{1} X_{i}])^{2}$$

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$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{x}$$

 $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ are chosen such that the sum of the squared vertical distances, $\sum_{j=1}^{n} d_j^2$ is minimized.

For each observed value \underline{x}_i , we have an observed \underline{y}_i , and the "predicted" value $\hat{\underline{y}}_i$, on the line. The vertical distances $\underline{d}_i = (\underline{y}_i - \hat{\underline{y}}_i)$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} d_{i}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \hat{Y}_{i})^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - [\hat{\beta}_{0} + \hat{\beta}_{1} X_{i}])^{2} \text{ has a variety of names:}$$

- residual sum of squares, SSE or SSQ(residual)
- sum of squares about the regression line
- sum of squares due error (SSE)
- $\bullet \quad \hat{\sigma}_{Y|X}^2$

Least Squares Estimation of the Slope and Intercept

In case you're interested

- Consider SSE = $\sum_{i=1}^{n} d_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i \hat{Y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i [\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_i])^2$
- Step #1: Differentiate with respect to $\hat{\beta}_1$ Set derivative equal to 0 and solve for $\hat{\beta}_1$.
- Step #2: Differentiate with respect to $\hat{\beta}_0$ Set derivative equal to 0, insert $\hat{\beta}_1$ and solve for $\hat{\beta}_0$.

Least Squares Estimation Solutions

Note – the estimates are denoted either using greek letters with a caret or with roman letters

Estimate of Slope $\hat{\beta}_1$ or b_1	$\hat{\beta}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})(Y_{i} - \overline{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2}}$
Intercept $\hat{oldsymbol{eta}}_0$ or \mathbf{b}_0	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} = \overline{Y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} \overline{X}$

A closer look ...

Some very helpful preliminary calculations

•
$$S_{xx} = \sum (X - \overline{X})^2 = \sum X^2 - N\overline{X}^2$$

•
$$S_{yy} = \sum (Y - \overline{Y})^2 = \sum Y^2 - N\overline{Y}^2$$

•
$$S_{xy} = \sum (X - \overline{X})(Y - \overline{Y}) = \sum XY - N\overline{X}\overline{Y}$$

Note - These expressions make use of a "summation notation", introduced in Unit 1.

The capitol "S" indicates "summation". In S_{xy} , the first subscript "x" is saying $(x-\overline{x})$. The second subscript "y" is saying $(y-\overline{y})$.

$$S_{xy} = \sum_{\text{T}} (X - \overline{X})(Y - \overline{Y})$$

S subscript x subscript y

Slope	$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})(Y_i - \overline{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})^2} = \frac{\hat{\operatorname{cov}}(X, Y)}{\hat{\operatorname{var}}(X)}$	$\hat{\beta}_{l} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$
Intercept	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} = \overline{Y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} \overline{X}$	
Prediction of Y	$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0 + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1 X$	
	$= b_0 + b_1 X$	

Do these estimates make sense?

Slope	$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})(Y_i - \overline{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})^2} = \frac{\hat{\text{cov}}(X, Y)}{\hat{\text{var}}(X)}$	The linear movement in Y with linear movement in X is measured relative to the variability in X.
		$\hat{\beta}_1 = 0$ says: With a unit change in X, overall there is a 50-50 chance that Y increases versus decreases
		$\hat{\beta}_1 \neq 0$ says: With a unit increase in X, Y increases also $(\hat{\beta}_1 > 0)$ or Y decreases $(\hat{\beta}_1 < 0)$.
Intercept	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0 = \overline{Y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1 \overline{X}$	If the linear model is incorrect, or, if the true model does not have a linear component, we obtain $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0$ and $\hat{\beta}_0 = \overline{Y}$ as our best guess of an unknown Y

Illustration in Stata

Y=WT and X=AGE

. regress y x

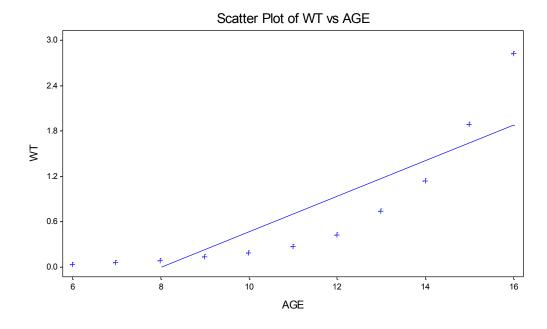
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У	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
x	.2350727	.0459425	5.12	0.001	.1311437	.3390018
cons	-1.884527	.5258354	-3.58	0.006	-3.07405	695005

Annotated ...

y = WEIGHT	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
x = AGE	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$.0459425	5.12	0.001	.1311437	.3390018
s = Intercept		.5258354	-3.58	0.006	-3.07405	695005

The fitted line is therefore WT = -1.884527 + 0.23507*AGE. It says that each unit increase in AGE of 1 day is estimated to predict a 0.23507 increase in weight, WT. Here is an overlay of the fitted line on our scatterplot.



- As we might have guessed, the straight line model may not be the best choice.
- The "bowl" shape of the scatter plot does have a linear component, however.
- Without the plot, we might have believed the straight line fit is okay.

Illustration in Stata- continued Z=LOGWT and X=AGE

. regress z x

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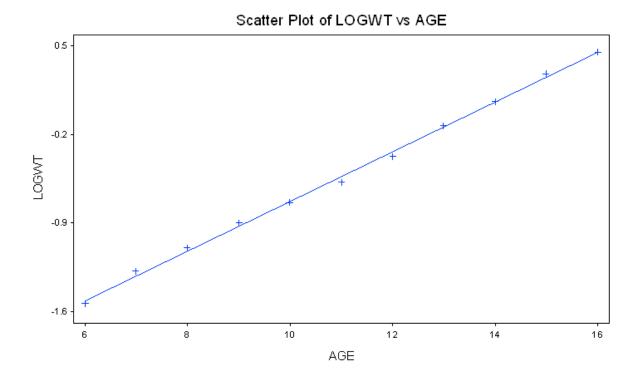
Z	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
					.1898356 -2.75856	

Annotated ...

Z = LOGWT	Coef.	Std. Err.	t 	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
	$.1958909 = \mathbf{b}_1 \\ -2.689255 = \mathbf{b}_0$.2019462 -2.619949

Thus, the fitted line is LOGWT = -2.68925 + 0.19589*AGE

Now the overlay plot looks better:



Now You Try ...

Prediction of Weight from Height

Source: Dixon and Massey (1969)

<u>Individual</u>	Height (X)	Weight (Y)
1	60	110
2	60	135
3	60	120
4	62	120
5	62	140
6	62	130
7	62	135
8	64	150
9	64	145
10	70	170
11	70	185
12	70	160

Preliminary calculations

$\bar{X} = 63.833$	$\bar{Y} = 141.667$
$\sum X_i^2 = 49,068$	$\sum Y_i^2 = 246,100$
$\sum X_i Y_i = 109,380$	$S_{xx} = 171.667$
S _{yy} = 5,266.667	$S_{xy} = 863.333$

Slope	$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$	$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{863.333}{171.667} = 5.0291$
Intercept	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} = \overline{Y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} \overline{X}$	$\hat{\beta}_0 = 141.667 - (5.0291)(63.833)$ $= -179.3573$

5. The Analysis of Variance Table

Recall the sample variance introduced in In Unit 1, Summarizing Data.

The numerator of the sample variance (S²) of the Y data is $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2$.

This <u>same</u> quantity $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2$ is a central figure in regression. It has a new name, several actually.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2 = \text{"total variance of the Y's"}.$$

$$= \text{"total sum of squares"},$$

$$= \text{"total, corrected"}, \text{ and}$$

$$= \text{"SSY"}.$$

(Note - "corrected" refers to subtracting the mean before squaring.)

The analysis of variance tables is all about $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2$ and partitioning it into two components

- 1. **Due residual** (the individual Y about the individual prediction \hat{Y})
- 2. Due regression (the prediction \hat{Y} about the overall mean \overline{Y})

Here is the partition (Note – Look closely and you'll see that both sides are the same)

$$(Y_i - \overline{Y}) = (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) + (\hat{Y}_i - \overline{Y})$$

Some algebra (not shown) reveals a nice partition of the total variability.

$$\sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 = \sum (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2 + \sum (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

Total Sum of Squares = Due Error Sum of Squares + Due Model Sum of Squares

A closer look...

Total Sum of Squares = Due Model Sum of Squares + Due Error Sum of Squares

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{Y}_i - \overline{Y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

$$\frac{\text{due model}}{\text{sum of squares}} \frac{\text{due error}}{\text{sum of squares}}$$

- $(Y_i \overline{Y})$ = deviation of Y_i from \overline{Y} that is to be explained
- $(\hat{Y}_i \overline{Y})$ = "due model", "signal", "systematic", "due regression"
- $(Y_i \hat{Y}_i)$ = "due error", "noise", or "residual"

We seek to *explain* the total variability $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2$ with a fitted model:

What happens when $\beta_1 \neq 0$?	What happens when $\beta_1 = 0$?
A straight line relationship is helpful	A straight line relationship is not helpful
Best guess is $\hat{Y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X$	Best guess is $\hat{Y} = \hat{\beta}_0 = \overline{Y}$
Due model "sum of squares" tends to be LARGE because	Due error "sum of squares" tends to be nearly the TOTAL because
$\left(\hat{Y} - \overline{Y}\right) = \left(\left[\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X\right] - \overline{Y}\right)$	$ (Y - \hat{Y}) = (Y - [\hat{\beta}_0]) = (Y - \overline{Y}) $
$= \overline{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \overline{X} + \hat{\beta}_1 X - \overline{Y}$	
$= \hat{eta}_1(X-\overline{X})$	
Due error "sum of squares" has to be small	Due regression "sum of squares" has to be small
\rightarrow	\rightarrow
$\frac{due(model)}{due(error)}$ will be large	$\frac{due(model)}{due(error)}$ will be small

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How to Partition the Total Variance

Think: carving a pie into 2 wedges/pieces: (explained) + (remainder)

- 1. total pie The "total" or "total, corrected" refers to the variability of Y about \overline{Y}
 - $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i \overline{Y})^2$ is called the "total sum of squares"
 - Degrees of freedom = df = (n-1)
 - Division of the "total sum of squares" by its df yields the "total mean square"
- 2. carve out the piece of the pie explained by the model The "regression" or "due model" refers to the variability of \hat{Y} about \overline{Y}

 - Degrees of freedom = df = 1
 - ◆ Division of the "regression sum of squares" by its df yields the "regression mean square" or "model mean square". It is an example of a variance component.
- 3. the remainder of the pie The "residual" or "due error" refers to the variability of Y about \hat{Y}
 - $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i \hat{Y}_i)^2$ is called the "residual sum of squares"
 - Degrees of freedom = df = (n-2)
 - Division of the "residual sum of squares" by its df yields the "residual mean square".

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square
Regression due model	1	$SSR = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{Y}_i - \overline{Y})^2$	SSR/1
Residual due error	(n-2)	$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i \right)^2$	SSE/(n-2)
Total, corrected	(n-1)	$SST = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(Y_i - \overline{Y} \right)^2$	

Tip! - Mean square = (Sum of squares)/(degrees of freedom,df)

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Be careful! The question we may ask from an analysis of variance table is a limited one.

Does the fit of the straight line model explain a significant portion of the variability of the individual Y about \overline{Y} ?

Is this fitted model better than using \overline{Y} alone?

We are NOT asking:

Is the choice of the straight line model correct? **nor** Would another functional form be a better choice?

We'll use a hypothesis test approach (another "proof by contradiction" reasoning just like we did in Unit 7!).

- Assume, provisionally, the "nothing is going on" null hypothesis that says $\beta_1 = 0$ ("no linear relationship")
- Use least squares estimation to estimate a "closest" line
- ♦ The analysis of variance table provides a comparison of the due <u>regression</u> mean square to the <u>residual</u> mean square
- Where does least squares estimation take us, vis a vis the slope β_1 ? If $\beta_1 \neq 0$ Then due (regression)/due (residual) will be LARGE
 - If $\beta_1 = 0$ Then due (regression)/due (residual) will be SMALL
- Our p-value calculation will answer the question: If the null hypothesis is true and $\beta_1 = 0$ truly, what were the chances of obtaining an value of due (regression)/due (residual) as larger or larger than that observed?

To calculate "chances of extremeness under some assumed null hypothesis" we need a null hypothesis probability model!

But did you notice? So far, we have not actually used one!

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6. Assumptions for a Straight Line Regression Analysis

In performing <u>least squares</u> estimation, we did not use a probability model. We were doing geometry. Confidence interval estimation and hypothesis testing require some assumptions and a probability model. Here you go!

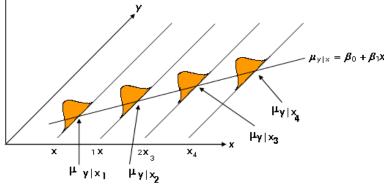
Assumptions for Simple Linear Regression

- ♦ The separate observations Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are independent.
- ♦ The values of the predictor variable X are fixed and measured without error.
- For each value of the predictor variable X=x, the distribution of values of Y follows a normal distribution with mean equal to $\mu_{Y|X=x}$ and common variance equal to $\sigma_{Y|x}^2$.
- The separate means $\mu_{Y|X=x}$ lie on a straight line; that is –

$$\mu_{Y|X=x} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

At each value of X, there is a population of Y for persons with X=x

For each value of x, the values of y are normally distributed around $\mu_{y|x'}$ on the line, with the same variance for all values of x, but different means, $\mu_{y|x'}$



Here,
$$\sigma_{y|x_1}^2=\sigma_{y|x_2}^2=\sigma_{y|x_3}^2=\sigma_{y|x_4}^2$$

With these assumptions, we can assess the significance of the variance explained by the model.

$$F = \frac{msq(model)}{msq(residual)}$$
 with df = 1, (n-2)

$\beta_1 = 0$	$\beta_1 \neq 0$
Due model MSR has expected value $\sigma_{Y X}^{\ 2}$	Due model MSR has expected value $\sigma_{Y X}^2 + \beta_1^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X})^2$
Due residual MSE has expected value ${\sigma_{Y X}}^2$	Due residual MSE has expected value ${\sigma_{Y X}}^2$
F = (MSR)/MSE will be close to 1	F = (MSR)/MSE will be LARGER than 1

We obtain the analysis of variance table for the model of Z=LOGWT to X=AGE:

Stata illustration with annotations in red.

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 11
+				F(1, 9) = 5355.60 = MSQ(model)/MSQ(residual)
Model	4.22105734	1	4.22105734	Prob > F = 0.0000 = p-value for Overall F Test
Residual	.007093416	9	.000788157	R-squared = 0.9983 = SSQ(model)/SSQ(TOTAL)
÷				Adj R-squared = $0.9981 = R^2$ ajusted for n and # of X
Total	4.22815076	10	.422815076	Root MSE = .02807 = Sqaure root of MSO(residual

This output corresponds to the following.

Note – In this example our dependent variable is actually Z, not Y.

Source	Df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square
Regression due model	1	SSR = $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{Z}_{i} - \overline{Z})^{2} = 4.22063$	SSR/1 = 4.22063 msr = mean square regression
Residual due error	(n-2) = 9	SSE = $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Z_i - \hat{Z}_i)^2 = 0.00705$	SSE/(n-2) = 7/838E-04 mse = mean square error
Total, corrected	(n-1) = 10	SST = $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Z_i - \overline{Z})^2 = 4.22768$	

Other information in this output:

- ♣ R-SQUARED = [(Sum of squares regression)/(Sum of squares total)]
 = proportion of the "total" that we have been able to explain with the fit
 = "percent of variance explained by the model"
 - **<u>Be careful!</u>** As predictors are added to the model, R-SQUARED can only increase. Eventually, we need to "adjust" this measure to take this into account. See ADJUSTED R-SQUARED.
- ◆ We also get an overall F test of the null hypothesis that the simple linear model does not explain significantly more variability in LOGWT than the average LOGWT. F = MSQ (Regression)/MSQ (Residual)

p-value = achieved significance < 0.0001. This is a highly unlikely outcome! \rightarrow Reject H_O. Conclude that the fitted line explains statistically significantly more of the variability in Z=LOGWT than is explained by the intercept-only null hypothesis model.

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7. Hypothesis Testing Straight Line Model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$

1) Overall F-Test

<u>Research Question</u>: Does the fitted model, the \hat{Y} , explain significantly more of the total variability of the Y about \overline{Y} than does \overline{Y} ? A bit of clarification here, in case you're wondering. When the null hypothesis is true, at least two things happen: (1) $\beta_1 = 0$ and (2) the correct model (the null one) says $Y = \beta_0 + \text{error}$. In this situation, the least squares estimate of β_0 turns out to be \overline{Y} (that seems reasonable, right?)

Assumptions: As before.

H_0 and H_A :

$$H_0$$
: $\beta_1 = 0$
 H_A : $\beta_1 \neq 0$

Test Statistic:

$$F = \frac{msq(regresion)}{msq(residual)}$$
$$df = 1,(n-2)$$

Evaluation rule:

When the null hypothesis is true, the value of F should be close to 1. Alternatively, when $\beta_1 \neq 0$, the value of F will be LARGER than 1.

Thus, our p-value calculation answers: "What are the chances of obtaining our value of the F or one that is larger if we believe the null hypothesis that $\beta_1 = 0$ "?

Calculations:

For our data, we obtain p-value =

$$pr\left[F_{1,(n-2)} \ge \frac{msq(model)}{msq(residual)} \mid b_1=0\right] = pr\left[F_{1,9} \ge 5384.94\right] <<.0001$$

Evaluate:

Assumption of the null hypothesis that $\beta_1 = 0$ has led to an extremely unlikely outcome (F-statistic value of 5394.94), with chances of being observed less than 1 chance in 10,000. The null hypothesis is rejected.

Interpret:

We have learned that, at least, the fitted straight line model does a much better job of explaining the variability in Z = LOGWT than a model that allows only for the average LOGWT.

... later ... (BIOSTATS 640, Intermediate Biostatistics), we'll see that the analysis does not stop here ...

2) Test of the Slope, β_1

Notes -

The overall F test and the test of the slope are <u>equivalent</u>. The test of the slope uses a t-score approach to hypothesis testing It can be shown that $\{ \text{ t-score for slope } \}^2 = \{ \text{ overall F } \}$

Research Question: Is the slope $\beta_1 = 0$?

Assumptions: As before.

H_0 and H_A :

$$H_O: \beta_1 = 0$$
$$H_A: \beta_1 \neq 0$$

Test Statistic:

To compute the t-score, we need an estimate of the standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$S\hat{E}(\hat{\beta}_{1}) = \sqrt{msq(residual) \left[\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2}}\right]}$$

Our t-score is therefore:

$$t - score = \left[\frac{(observed) - (expected)}{s\hat{e}(expected)} \right] = \left[\frac{(\hat{\beta}_1) - (0)}{s\hat{e}(\hat{\beta}_1)} \right]$$
$$df = (n-2)$$

We can find this information in our Stata output. Annotations are in **red**.

z	Coef.	Std. Err.	t = Coef/Std. Err.	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
+ x	.1958909	.0026768	73.18 = 0.19589/.002678	0.000	.1898356	.2019462
cons	-2.689255	.030637	-87.78	0.000	-2.75856	-2.619949

Recall what we mean by a t-score:

t=73.38 says "the estimated slope is estimated to be 73.38 standard error units away from the null hypothesis expected value of zero".

Check that
$$\{t\text{-score }\}^2 = \{\text{ Overall }F\}$$
:

$$[73.38]^2 = 5384.62$$
 which is close.

Evaluation rule:

When the null hypothesis is true, the value of t should be close to zero. Alternatively, when $\beta_1 \neq 0$, the value of t will be DIFFERENT from 0.

Here, our p-value calculation answers: "Under the assumption of the null hypothesis that $\beta_1 = 0$, what were our chances of obtaining a t-statistic value 73.38 standard error units away from its null hypothesis expected value of zero"?

Calculations:

For our data, we obtain p-value =

$$2pr\left[t_{(n-2)} \ge \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{s\hat{e}(\hat{\beta}_1)}\right] = 2pr\left[t_9 \ge 73.38\right] << .0001$$

Evaluate:

Under the null hypothesis that $\beta_1 = 0$, the chances of obtaining a t-score value that is 73.38 or more standard error units away from the expected value of 0 is less than 1 chance in 10,000.

Interpret:

The inference is the same as that for the overall F test. The fitted straight line model does a statistically significantly better job of explaining the variability in LOGWT than the sample mean.

3) Test of the Intercept, β_0

This addresses the question: Does the straight line relationship passes through the origin? It is rarely of interest.

Research Question: Is the intercept $\beta_0 = 0$?

Assumptions: As before.

 $\underline{H_0}$ and $\underline{H_A}$:

$$H_O: \beta_0 = 0$$
$$H_A: \beta_0 \neq 0$$

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Test Statistic:

To compute the t-score for the intercept, we need an estimate of the standard error of $\hat{\beta}_0$

$$S\hat{E}(\hat{\beta}_{0}) = \sqrt{msq(residual) \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\overline{X}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2}} \right]}$$

Our t-score is therefore:

$$t - score = \left[\frac{(observed) - (\exp ected)}{s\hat{e}(\exp ected)}\right] = \left[\frac{(\hat{\beta}_0) - (0)}{s\hat{e}(\hat{\beta}_0)}\right]$$
$$df = (n-2)$$

Again, we can find this information in our Stata output. Annotations are in red.

z	Coef.	Std. Err.	t = Coef/Std. Err.	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
 x	.1958909	.0026768	73.18	0.000	.1898356	.2019462
cons	-2.689255	.030637	-87.78 = -2.689255/.030637	0.000	-2.75856	-2.619949

Here, t = -87.78 says "the estimated intercept is estimated to be 87.78 standard error units away from its null hypothesis expected value of zero".

Evaluation rule:

When the null hypothesis is true, the value of t should be close to zero. Alternatively, when $\beta_0 \neq 0$, the value of t will be DIFFERENT from 0.

Our p-value calculation answers: "Under the assumption of the null hypothesis that $\beta_0 = 0$, what were our chances of obtaining a t-statistic value 87.78 standard error units away from its null hypothesis expected value of zero"?

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Calculations:

p-value =

$$2pr\left[t_{(n-2)} \ge \left|\frac{\hat{\beta}_0 - 0}{s\hat{e}(\hat{\beta}_0)}\right|\right] = 2pr\left[t_9 \ge 87.78\right] << .0001$$

Evaluate:

Under the null hypothesis that the line passes through the origin, that $\beta_0 = 0$, the chances of obtaining a t-score value that is 87.78 or more standard error units away from the expected value of 0 is less than 1 chance in 10,000, again prompting statistical rejection of the null hypothesis.

Interpret:

The inference is that there is statistically significant evidence that the straight line relationship between Z=LOGWT and X=AGE does *not* pass through the origin.

8. Confidence Interval Estimation

Straight Line Model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$

The confidence intervals here have the usual 3 elements (for review, see again Unit 6):

- 1) Best single guess (estimate)
- 2) Standard error of the best single guess (SE[estimate])
- 3) Confidence coefficient: This will be a percentile from the Student t distribution with df=(n-2)

We might want confidence interval estimates of the following 4 parameters:

- (1) Slope
- (2) Intercept
- (3) Mean of subset of population for whom $X=x_0$
- (4) Individual response for person for whom $X=x_0$

1) SLOPE

estimate =
$$\hat{\beta}_{1}$$

$$\hat{se}(\hat{b}_1) = \sqrt{msq(residual) \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2}}$$

2) INTERCEPT

estimate =
$$\hat{\beta}_{0}$$

$$\hat{se}(\hat{b}_0) = \sqrt{msq(residual) \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\overline{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2} \right]}$$

3) MEAN at
$$X=x_0$$

estimate =
$$\hat{Y}_{X=x_0} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$$

$$\hat{se} = \sqrt{msq(residual)} \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\left(x_0 - \overline{X}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(X_i - \overline{X}\right)^2} \right]$$

estimate =
$$\hat{Y}_{X=x_0} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$$

$$\hat{se} = \sqrt{msq(residual) \left[1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\left(x_0 - \overline{X}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(X_i - \overline{X}\right)^2} \right]}$$

Example, continued Z=LOGWT to X=AGE.

Stata yielded the following fit:

z	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	. Interval]	
x	.1958909	.0026768	73.18	0.000	.1898356	.2019462	← 95% CI for Slope β ₁
cons	-2.689255	.030637	-87.78	0.000	-2.75856	-2.619949	

95% Confidence Interval for the Slope, β_1

- 1) Best single guess (estimate) = $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0.19589$
- 2) Standard error of the best single guess (SE[estimate]) = $se(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.00268$
- 3) Confidence coefficient = 97.5^{th} percentile of Student t = $t_{.975,df=9}$ = 2.26

95% Confidence Interval for Slope β_1 = Estimate \pm (confidence coefficient)*SE

$$= 0.19589 \pm (2.26)(0.00268)$$

= (0.1898, 0.2019)

95% Confidence Interval for the Intercept, β_0

```
z | Coef. Std. Err. t P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]

x | .1958909 .0026768 73.18 0.000 .1898356 .2019462

_cons | -2.689255 .030637 -87.78 0.000 -2.75856 -2.619949 ← 95% CI for intercept β<sub>0</sub>
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- 1) Best single guess (estimate) = $\hat{\beta}_0 = -2.68925$
- 2) Standard error of the best single guess (SE[estimate]) = $se(\hat{\beta}_0) = 0.03064$
- 3) Confidence coefficient = 97.5^{th} percentile of Student t = $t_{.975,df=9}$ = 2.26

95% Confidence Interval for Slope
$$\beta_0$$
 = Estimate \pm (confidence coefficient)*SE = -2.68925 \pm (2.26)(0.03064) = (-2.7585,-2.6200)

For the brave ...

Stata Example, continued

Confidence Intervals for MEAN of Z at Each Value of X.

```
. * Fit Z to x
. regress z x
. * save fitted values xb (this is internal to Stata) to a new variable called zhat
. predict zhat, xb
. ** Obtain SE for MEAN of Z at each X (this is internal to Stata) to a new variable called semeanz
. predict semeanz, stdp
. ** Obtain confidence coefficient = 97.5th percentile of T on df=9
. generate tmult=invttail(9,.025)
. ** Generate lower and upper 95% CI limits for MEAN of Z at Each X
. generate lowmeanz=zhat -tmult*semeanz
. generate highmeanz=zhat+tmult*semeanz
. ** Generate lower and upper 95% CI limits for INDIVIDUAL PREDICTED Z at Each X
. generate lowpredictz=zhat-tmult*sepredictz
. generate highpredictz=zhat+tmult*sepredictz
. list x z zhat lowmeanz highmeanz, clean
                                lowmeanz highmeanz
         -1.538 -1.513909 -1.549733
 1.
                                          -1.478086
                                          -1.287142
          -1.284 -1.318018 -1.348894
-1.102 -1.122127 -1.148522
 2.
       7
                                           -1.095733
 3.
       8
 4.
           -.903 -.9262364 -.9488931
                                          -.9035797
 5.
      10
          -.742 -.7303454
                               -.7504284
                                           -.7102624
 6.
      11
           -.583
                   -.5344545
                               -.5536029
                                           -.5153061
 7.
                  -.3385637 -.3586467
                                          -.3184806
      12
           -.372
 8.
      13
           -.132 -.1426727 -.1653294
                                          -.120016
                                          .0796125
                  .0532182
                              .0268239
           .053
 9.
      14
                    .2491091
                                .2182332
10.
      15
11.
      16
            .449
                        .445 .4091766
                                          .4808234
```

Stata Example, continued

Confidence Intervals for INDIVIDUAL PREDICTED Z at Each Value of X.

```
. * Fit Z to x
. regress z x
. *Save fitted values to a new variable called zhat
. predict zhat, xb
. ** Obtain SE for INDIVIDUAL PREDICTION of Z at given X (internal to Stata) to a new variable sepredictz

    predict sepredictz, stdf

. ** Obtain confidence coefficient = 97.5th percentile of T on df=9
. generate tmult=invttail(9,.025)
. ** Generate lower and upper 95% CI limits for INDIVIDUAL PREDICTED Z at Each X
. generate lowpredictz=zhat-tmult*sepredictz
. generate highpredictz=zhat+tmult*sepredictz
. *** List Individual Predictions with 95% CI Limits
. list x z zhat lowpredictz highpredictz, clean
                                lowpred~z
                                          highpre~z
                         zhat
          -1.538 -1.513909
 1.
                               -1.586824
                                           -1.440994
 2.
          -1.284
                  -1.318018
                               -1.388634
                                           -1.247402
       8
          -1.102
                   -1.122127
                               -1.190902
 3.
                                           -1.053353
 4.
       9
            -.903
                   -.9262364
                               -.9936649
                                           -.8588079
 5.
      10
          -.742
                   -.7303454
                              -.7969533
                                          -.6637375
                                           -.4681225
           -.583
                   -.5344545
                               -.6007866
 6.
      11
 7.
      12
            -.372
                   -.3385637
                               -.4051715
                                           -.2719558
                  -.1426727 -.2101013
 8.
      13
           -.132
                                          -.0752442
           .053
                                          .1219927
 9.
      14
                   .0532182 -.0155564
                    .2491091
10.
      15
             .275
                                .1784932
                                             .319725
                                 .372085
11.
            .449
                        .445
                                             .517915
```

9. Introduction to Correlation

Definition of Correlation

A correlation coefficient is a measure of the association between two paired random variables (e.g. height and weight).

The **Pearson product moment correlation**, in particular, is a measure of the strength of the **straight line** relationship between the two random variables.

Another correlation measure (not discussed here) is the **Spearman correlation**. It is a measure of the strength of the *monotone increasing (or decreasing)* relationship between the two random variables. The Spearman correlation is a non-parametric (meaning model free) measure. It is introduced in BIOSTATS 640, *Intermediate Biostatistics*.

Formula for the Pearson Product Moment Correlation p

- Population product moment correlation = ρ
- Sample based estimate $= \mathbf{r}$.
- Some preliminaries:
 - (1) Suppose we are interested in the correlation between X and Y

(2)
$$\operatorname{co\hat{v}}(X,Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{(n-1)} = \frac{S_{xy}}{(n-1)}$$
 This is the covariance(X,Y)

(3)
$$var(X) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{(n-1)} = \frac{S_{xx}}{(n-1)}$$
 and similarly

(4)
$$\operatorname{var}(Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y})^2}{(n-1)} = \frac{S_{yy}}{(n-1)}$$

Formula for Estimate of Pearson Product Moment Correlation from a Sample

$$\hat{\rho} = r = \frac{\text{cov}(x,y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x)\text{var}(y)}}$$

$$= \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_{xx}S_{yy}}}$$

If you absolutely have to do it by hand, an equivalent (more calculator/excel friendly formula) is

$$\hat{\rho} = r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} y_{i} - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\right)}{n}}{\sqrt{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2} - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}\right)^{2}}{n}\right] \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2} - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}\right)^{2}}{n}\right]}}$$

- The correlation r can take on values between 0 and 1 only
- Thus, the correlation coefficient is said to be **dimensionless** it is independent of the units of x or y.
- Sign of the correlation coefficient (positive or negative) = Sign of the estimated slope $\hat{\beta}_1$.

There is a relationship between the slope of the straight line, $\hat{\beta}_1$, and the estimated correlation r.

Relationship between slope $\hat{\beta}_1$ and the sample correlation r

Tip! This is very handy...

Because

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

$$\hat{eta}_{\rm I} = rac{{
m S}_{xy}}{{
m S}_{xx}}$$
 and ${
m r} = rac{{
m S}_{xy}}{\sqrt{{
m S}_{xx}{
m S}_{yy}}}$

A little algebra reveals that

$$r = \left[\frac{\sqrt{S_{xx}}}{\sqrt{S_{yy}}}\right] \hat{\beta}_{l}$$

Thus, beware!!!

- It is possible to have a very large (positive or negative) r might accompanying a very non-zero slope, inasmuch as
 - A very large r might reflect a very large S_{xx} , all other things equal
 - A very large r might reflect a very small S_{yy} , all other things equal.

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10. Hypothesis Test of Correlation

The null hypothesis of zero correlation is equivalent to the null hypothesis of zero slope.

Research Question: Is the correlation $\rho = 0$? Is the slope $\beta_1 = 0$?

Assumptions: As before.

 $\underline{H_0}$ and $\underline{H_A}$:

$$H_o: \rho = 0$$

$$H_A: \rho \neq 0$$

Test Statistic:

A little algebra (not shown) yields a very nice formula for the t-score that we need.

$$t - score = \left[\frac{r\sqrt{(n-2)}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\right]$$

$$df = (n-2)$$

We can find this information in our output. Recall the first example and the model of Z=LOGWT to X=AGE:

The Pearson Correlation, r, is the $\sqrt{R\text{-squared}}$ in the output.

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 11 F(1, 9) = 5355.60
Model Residual	4.22105734 .007093416		4.22105734 .000788157	Prob > F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.9983 Adj R-squared = 0.9981
Total		10	.422815076	Root MSE = .02807
Pearson Cor:	relation, 1	$ = \sqrt{0}$	0.9983 = 0.9991	

Substitution into the formula for the t-score yields

$$t - score = \left[\frac{r\sqrt{(n-2)}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\right] = \left[\frac{.9991\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{1-.9983}}\right] = \left[\frac{2.9974}{.0412}\right] = 72.69$$

Note: The value .9991 in the numerator is $r = \sqrt{R^2} = \sqrt{.9983} = .9991$

This is very close to the value of the t-score that was obtained for testing the null hypothesis of zero slope. The discrepancy is probably rounding error. I did the calculations on my calculator using 4 significant digits. Stata probably used more significant digits - cb.