

**UCLA STAT 13**  
**Introduction to Statistical Methods for the  
 Life and Health Sciences**

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Chapter 13  
 Regression & Correlation

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**Linear Relationships**

- Analyze the relationship, if any, between variables x and y by fitting a straight line to the data
  - If a relationship exists we can use our analysis to make predictions
- Data for regression consists of (x,y) pairs for each observation
  - For example: the height and weight of individuals

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**Lines in 2D**  
 (Regression and Correlation)

Vertical Lines

Horizontal Lines

Oblique lines

Increasing/Decreasing

Slope of a line

Intercept

$Y = \alpha X + \beta$ , in general.

Math Equation for the Line?

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**Lines in 2D**  
 (Regression and Correlation)

Draw the following lines:

$Y = 2X + 1$

$Y = -3X - 5$

Line through  $(X_1, Y_1)$  and  $(X_2, Y_2)$ .

$(Y - Y_1) / (Y_2 - Y_1) =$   
 $(X - X_1) / (X_2 - X_1)$ .

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**Correlation Coefficient**

Correlation coefficient ( $-1 \leq R \leq 1$ ): a measure of linear association, or clustering around a line of multivariate data.

Relationship between two variables (X, Y) can be summarized by:  $(\mu_X, \sigma_X)$ ,  $(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y)$  and the correlation coefficient, R.  $R = 1$ , **perfect positive correlation** (straight line relationship),  $R = 0$ , **no correlation** (random cloud scatter),  $R = -1$ , **perfect negative correlation**.

Computing  $R(X, Y)$ : (standardize, multiply, average)

$$R(X, Y) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \frac{x_k - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right) \left( \frac{y_k - \mu_Y}{\sigma_Y} \right)$$

$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$   
 $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$   
 $(\mu_X, \sigma_X), (\mu_Y, \sigma_Y)$   
 sample mean / SD.

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### Correlation Coefficient

Example:

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Student i	Height $x_i$	Weight $y_i$	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$y_i - \bar{y}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$	$(y_i - \bar{y})^2$	$(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$
1	167	60	6	4.67	36	21.8089	28.02
2	170	64	9	8.67	81	75.1689	78.03
3	160	57	-1	1.67	1	2.7889	-1.67
4	152	46	-9	-9.33	81	87.0489	83.97
5	157	55	-4	-0.33	16	0.1089	1.32
6	160	50	-1	-5.33	1	28.4089	5.33
Total	966	332	0	≈0	216	215.3334	195.0

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### Correlation Coefficient

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$$\mu_x = \frac{966}{6} = 161 \text{ cm}, \quad \mu_y = \frac{332}{6} = 55 \text{ kg},$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\frac{216}{5}} = 6.573, \quad \sigma_y = \sqrt{\frac{215.3}{5}} = 6.563,$$

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = R(X, Y) = 0.904$$

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### Correlation Coefficient - Properties

Correlation is invariant w.r.t. linear transformations of X or Y

$$R(X, Y) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \frac{x_k - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_k - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right) =$$

$$R(aX + b, cY + d), \quad \text{since}$$

$$\left( \frac{ax_k + b - \mu_{ax+b}}{\sigma_{ax+b}} \right) = \left( \frac{ax_k + b - (a\mu_x + b)}{|a| \times \sigma_x} \right) =$$

$$\left( \frac{a(x_k - \mu_x) + b - b}{a \times \sigma_x} \right) = \left( \frac{x_k - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right)$$

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### Correlation Coefficient - Properties

Correlation is Associative

$$R(X, Y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \frac{x_k - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_k - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right) = R(Y, X)$$

Correlation measures linear association, NOT an association in general!!! So, Corr(X,Y) could be misleading for X & Y related in a non-linear fashion.

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- R measures the extent of linear association between two continuous variables.
- Association does not imply causation - both variables may be affected by a third variable - age was a confounding variable.

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### Linear Relationships

**Example:** The data below are airfares (\$) and distance (miles) to various US cities from Baltimore, Maryland.

Destination	Distance	Airfare	Destination	Distance	Airfare
Atlanta	576	178	Miami	946	198
Boston	370	138	New Orleans	998	188
Chicago	612	94	New York	189	98
Dallas	1216	278	Orlando	787	179
Detroit	409	158	Pittsburgh	210	138
Denver	1502	258	St. Louis	737	98

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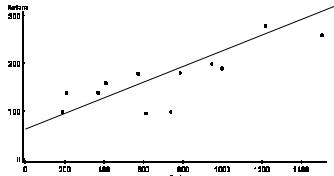
## Linear Relationships

- Until now we have described data using statistics such as the sample mean

Descriptive Statistics: Distance, Airfare

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
Distance	12	0	713	116	403	189	380	675	985	1502
Airfare	12	0	166.9	17.2	59.5	94.0	108.0	168.0	195.5	278.0

- What seems to be missing from this one sample view of the data?



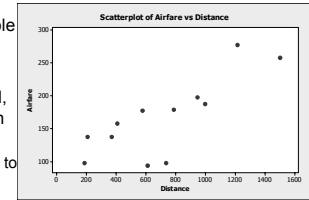
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## Linear Relationships

- This scatterplot gives us a view of how the dependent variable airfare (y) changes with the independent variable distance (x)

- From this data there appears to be a linear trend, but the data do not fall in an exact straight line

- Still may be reasonable to fit a line to this data



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## Linear Relationships

- Two Contexts for regression:

1. Y is an observed variable and X is specified by the researcher

- Ex. Y is hair growth after 2 months, for individuals at certain dose levels of hair growth cream (X)

2. X and Y are observed variables

- Ex. Height (Y) and weight (X) for 20 randomly selected individuals

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## The Fitted Regression Line

- Suppose we have n pairs (x,y)
- If a scatterplot of the data suggests a general linear trend, it would be reasonable to fit a line to the data
- The question is which is the best line?

**Example** Airfare (cont')

- We can see from the scatterplot that greater distance is associated with higher airfare
- In other words airports that tend to be further from Baltimore than tend to be more expensive airfare

- To decide on the best fitting line, we use the **least-squares method** to fit the least squares (regression) line

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## Equation of the Regression Line

- RECALL:  $y = mx + b$
- In statistics we call this  $Y = b_0 + b_1X$   
where Y is the dependent variable  
X is the independent variable

$b_0$  is the y-intercept  $\bar{y} - b_1\bar{x}$

$b_1$  is the slope of the line  $\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

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## LS Estimates for the Linear Parameters

1. The least-squares line  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1x$  passes through the points  $(x = 0, \hat{y} = ?)$  and  $(x = \bar{x}, \hat{y} = ?)$ . Supply the missing values.

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})]}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}; \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1\bar{x}$$

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**Hands – on worksheet !**

1.  $X = \{-1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $Y = \{0, -1, 1, 2\}$ ,

X	Y	$x - \bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$	$(y - \bar{y})^2$	$(x - \bar{x}) \times (y - \bar{y})$
-1	0					
2	-1					
3	1					
4	2					

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**Hands – on worksheet !**

1.  $X = \{-1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $Y = \{0, -1, 1, 2\}$ ,  $\bar{x} = 2$ ,  $\bar{y} = 0.5$

X	Y	$x - \bar{x}$	$y - \bar{y}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$	$(y - \bar{y})^2$	$(x - \bar{x}) \times (y - \bar{y})$
-1	0	-3	-0.5	9	0.25	1.5
2	-1	0	-1.5	0	2.25	0
3	1	1	0.5	1	0.25	0.5
4	2	2	1.5	4	2.25	3
2	0.5			14	5	5

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = 5/14$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} = 0.5 - 5/14 \times 2 = 0.5 - 10/14$$

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**Equation of the Regression Line**

● **Example:** Airfare (cont<sup>2</sup>)  
**Regression Analysis: Airfare versus Distance**

The regression equation is  
**Airfare = 83.3 + 0.117 Distance**

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	83.27	22.95	3.63	0.005
Distance	0.11738	0.02832	4.14	0.002

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Analysis of Variance

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**Equation of the Regression Line**

● When we write the least squares regression equation we use the following notation:

$$\hat{y} = 83.27 + 0.117x$$

- $b_1$  expresses the rate of change of y with respect to x
  - For every one mile increase in distance, airfare will go up by an additional 0.117 dollars.
  - We could actually describe this as for a 100 mile increase in distance airfare rises by \$11.70
- $b_0$  expresses where the regression line will hit the y axis
  - It may or may not be interpretable, depends on the context
  - In this case does an airfare of \$83.27 when distance traveled is 0 miles make sense?

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**Equation of the Regression Line**

● **NOTE:** The least squares line passes through  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$

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**Equation of the Regression Line**

● Predict the airfare for a city that is 576 miles away. If you look at the original data set (first page), Atlanta's distance was 576 miles and the airfare was \$178

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

$$= 83.27 + 0.11738(576)$$

$$= \$150.88 \text{ (watch units!)}$$

● Calculate the corresponding residual

- HOLD that thought

$$\text{Residual} = 178 - 150.88 = \$27.12$$

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### Residual Standard Deviation

- The **best** straight line is the one that *minimizes the residual sums of squares*
- The residual standard deviation can be used as our description of the closeness of the data points to the regression line

$$s_{y|x} = \sqrt{\frac{SS(resid)}{n-2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y})^2}{n-2}}$$

- how far off predictions tend to be that are made using the regression model
- Similar idea to s (measures variability around  $\bar{y}$ )  
 $s_{y|x}$  (measures variability about the regression line)

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### Residual Standard Deviation

- Similar interpretation to ch 2.  
 68% of our data falls within  $\pm 1 s_{y|x}$  from the line  
 95% of our data falls within  $\pm 2 s_{y|x}$  from the line
- We expect most of our data to fall within  $2s_{y|x}$  from the regression line

**Example:** Airfare (cont')  $s_{y|x} = \sqrt{\frac{SS(resid)}{n-2}} = 37.83$

- Predictions tend to be off by \$37.83
- Most of our observed values will fall within  $\pm 2(37.83) = \$75.66$  from their predicted values.

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### Residual Standard Deviation

#### Example: Airfare (cont')

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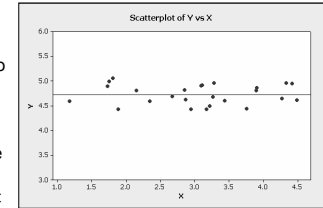
### Statistical Inference Concerning $\beta_1$

- How can we use statistical inference in regression?

- Suppose we would like to investigate the relationship between X and Y

- If X is telling us nothing about Y, what will the slope of the regression line be?

- In other words, X is not useful for predicting Y



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### The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

- Before we can start with inference we need to discuss the sampling distribution of  $\beta_1$
- $b_1$  is our estimate of  $\beta_1$ 
  - $b_1$  will have some sampling error because it is an estimate based on the data
- $SE_{b_1}$  is used to describe this variability

$$SE_{b_1} = \frac{s_{y|x}}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

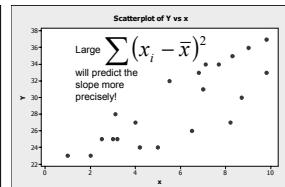
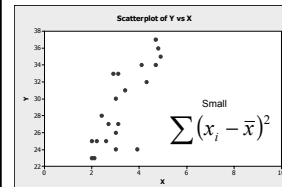
Scatter of data, less scatter about regression line = better estimate of  $\beta_1$

Spread along x axis, larger = better estimate of  $\beta_1$

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### The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

- **Two ways to make  $\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$  larger:**
  - Increase n
    - more terms in the summation
  - Increase dispersion in X values
    - more spread on x axis



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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

### Example: Airfare (cont')

Calculate the standard deviation of the sampling distribution of  $b_1$  (ie.  $SE_{b_1}$ )

We know that  $s_{Y|X} = 37.83$

And suppose  $\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$  was given as 1,786,499

$$SE_{b_1} = \frac{s_{Y|X}}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} = \frac{37.83}{\sqrt{1,786,499}} = 0.0283$$

Example:

<http://socr.stat.ucla.edu/Applets.dir/RegressionApplet.html>

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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

- In many studies  $\beta_1$  is a clinically meaningful value (the rate of change for Y with respect to X)

- Before we define the formula for a CI for  $\beta_1$  let's remember the formula for a CI for  $\mu$

RECALL: 
$$\bar{y} \pm t(df)_{\alpha/2} \left( \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Where  $100(1 - \alpha)$  is the desired confidence

- If we pick this apart we are really saying that a CI for  $\mu$  is: the estimate of  $\mu \pm$  (an appropriate multiplier)  $\times$  (SE)

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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

- Using similar logic:

$$b_1 \pm t(df)_{\alpha/2} (SE_{b_1})$$

Where  $100(1 - \alpha)$  is the desired confidence  
With  $df = n - 2$

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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

### Example: Airfare (cont')

Calculate and interpret a 95% confidence interval for the slope

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 \pm t(df)_{\alpha/2} (SE_{b_1}) \\ = 0.11738 \pm t(10)_{0.025} (0.02832) \\ = 0.11738 \pm 2.228(0.02832) \\ = (0.054, 0.180) \end{aligned}$$

We are highly confident, at the 0.05 level, that the true slope of the regression of airfare on distance is between 0.054 and 0.180 \$/mi

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## The Standard Error of $\beta_1$

- So what does that really mean?

- In other words, if there is a 1 mile increase in distance the airfare will go up by between \$0.054 and \$0.180.
- Would the zero rule make sense here?

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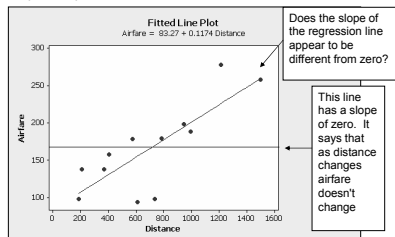
- If X is not useful for predicting Y this is like saying the true slope is zero
- In a hypothesis test our *status quo* null hypothesis would be that there is no relationship between X and Y
- #1 Hypotheses:
  - $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$
  - $H_a: \beta_1 \neq 0$  or  $\beta_1 > 0$  or  $\beta_1 < 0$

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## Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

### Example: Airfare (cont')



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## Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

- #2 The test statistic:  $t_s = \frac{b_1 - 0}{SE_{b_1}}$ 
  - with  $n - 2$  df
- #3 P-value
  - based on the t table
  - can be directional or non-directional (multiply by 2)
  - one sided issues still apply
- #4 Conclusion (TBD)

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## Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

### Example: Airfare (cont')

Imagine the population of *all* cities you could fly to from Baltimore

Is the relationship we found in this sample of 12 cities strong enough to convince you that there really is a relationship for the entire population?

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## Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

Test to see if distance is useful for predicting airfare in a linear model, using  $\alpha = 0.05$

- #1  $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$
- $H_a: \beta_1 \neq 0$

#2  $t_s = \frac{b_1 - 0}{SE_{b_1}} = \frac{0.11738 - 0}{0.02832} = 4.145$

#3 df = 10;  $2(0.0005) < p < 2(0.005) = 0.001 < p < 0.01$

Reject  $H_0$

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### Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

#4 CONCLUSION: These data provide evidence to suggest that there is a significant LINEAR relationship between distance and airfare to US cities from Baltimore, MD ( $0.001 < p < 0.01$ )

- NOTE: We're not asking if the relationship is linear
- We are already assuming that the linear relationship holds
- Why  $n - 2$  df?
  - It takes two points to determine a straight line
  - Also  $n - 2$  is the denominator of  $s_{y|x}$

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Be careful, p-value is for a two sided test!

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### Testing the True Slope $\beta_1$

Suppose we wanted to test to see if the mean airfare increases with increasing distance, using  $\alpha = 0.05$

What would change in our hypothesis test from before?

This means we are expecting a positive slope  
 $H_a: \beta_1 > 0$

Does  $t_s$  jive with  $H_a$ ?  $t_s = 4.14$   
 $0.0005 < p < 0.005$

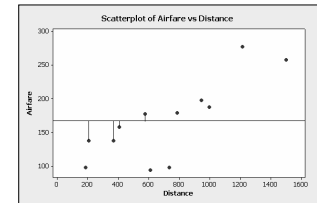
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### Variability in Regression

● Consider our airfare example

● The dependent variable, airfare, varies from airport to airport, regardless of distance

■ A statistical measure of the total variability in airfare is called sums of squares total



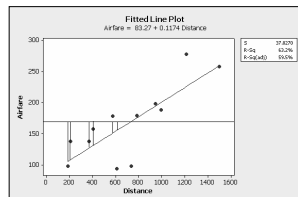
$$SS(\text{total}) = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

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### Variability in Regression

● Suppose we know  $X_i$ , the distance for each airport

- We can use a regression model to predict airfare  $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
- Some airports have higher airfares than others and this is partly due to distance
- The amount of variability in airfare that is explained by a linear regression with distance is called sums of squares regression



$$SS(\text{reg}) = \sum (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$$

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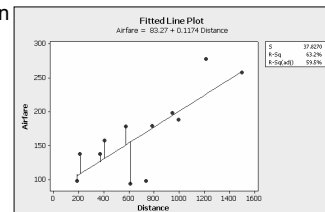
### Variability in Regression

● The amount of variation in airfare not explained by distance is called sums of squares residual

■ this is the leftover variability not explained by our regression

$$SS(\text{resid}) = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

- NOTE:  $SS(\text{total}) = SS(\text{regr}) + SS(\text{resid})$
- total variation = explained variation + unexplained variation



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## Variability in Regression

### Regression Analysis: Airfare versus Distance

The regression equation is  
 Airfare = 83.3 + 0.117 Distance

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	83.27	22.95	3.63	0.005
Distance	0.11738	0.02832	4.14	0.002

S = 37.8270 R-Sq = 63.2% R-Sq(adj) = 59.5%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	24574	24574	17.17	0.002
Residual Error	10	14309	1431		
Total	11	38883			

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## Variability in Regression

● NOTE: The sums of Squares appear on minitab in the ANOVA table

■ The balance of the table is the same as we learned for ANOVA, just different formulas

Source	df	SS	MS
Regression	1	$\sum(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$	$\frac{SS(reg)}{df(reg)}$
Residual	$n - 2$	$\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$	$\frac{SS(resid)}{df(resid)}$
Total	$n - 1$	$\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2$	

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## The Coefficient of Determination

● Known as the ratio of SS(reg) to SS(total) (ratio of explained variation over total variation)

● The coefficient of determination is a measure of the strength of the linear relationship between X and Y

■ aka: "The proportion of the variability in Y that is explained by the linear regression of Y on X"

■ simply put this is a measure of the total variability of Y explained by X

● Denoted by  $R^2$   $R^2 = \frac{SS(reg)}{SS(total)} = 1 - \frac{SS(resid)}{SS(total)}$

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## The Coefficient of Determination

●  $R^2$  will always be:

$$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

If there is no linear relationship between X and Y then  $R^2$  will be close to 0

If there is a strong linear relationship between X and Y then  $R^2$  will be close to 1

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## The Coefficient of Determination

**Example:** Airfare (cont')

Calculate and interpret  $R^2$

$$R^2 = \frac{SS(reg)}{SS(total)} = \frac{24574}{38883} = 0.632$$

Only 63.2% of the total variability in airfare can be explained by a linear regression with distance.

RULE OF THUMB: 81% to 100% indicates a strong linear relationship; 64% to <81% indicates is good; 49% to <64% is fair; and <49% is poor.

NOTE:  $R^2$  close to zero does not mean that there is no relationship between X and Y, only that it is not a linear relationship.

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## The Coefficient of Determination

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### The Coefficient of Correlation

- The correlation coefficient is also a measure of the linear relationship between X and Y

$$r = (\sqrt{r^2}) \times (\text{sign of slope}) \quad \text{OR} \quad r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

$$-1 \leq r \leq 1$$

If there is no linear relationship between X and Y then r will be close to 0

If there is a strong positive linear relationship between X and Y then r will be close to +1

If there is a strong negative linear relationship between X and Y then r will be close to -1

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### The Coefficient of Correlation

- **Example:** Airfare (cont')

Calculate and interpret r

$$r = (\sqrt{0.632}) \times (+1) = 0.795$$

This indicates that distance and airfare have a fair positive linear relationship

Correlation describes the tightness of the linear relationship between X and Y

RULE OF THUMB: 0.9 to 1.0 strong linear relationship; 0.8 to <0.9 good; 0.7 to <0.8 fair; <0.7 poor

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### The Coefficient of Correlation

- Computer output for correlation (e.g., SOCR)

Correlations: Airfare, Distance

Pearson corr. of Airfare and Distance = 0.795  
P-Value = 0.002

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### The Coefficient of Correlation

- If X and Y are switched the coefficient of correlation will remain unchanged.
- There is statistical inference we can make about r
  - The population correlation coefficient is  $\rho$  (rho)
  - Inference about  $\rho$  requires a bivariate random sample – each (x, y) as having been sampled at random from a population of all (x, y) pairs
  - NOTE: Won't work when X is specified by researcher (doses)
  - It turns out that  $H_0: \rho = 0$  is equivalent to  $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$

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### Guidelines for Regression and Correlation

- Need to be careful interpreting correlation
  - Similar to Ch 8, an observed association between variables does not necessarily indicate causation
  - Because two variables are highly correlated does not mean that one causes the other.

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### Curvilinear Data

- Curvilinear data can distort regression results by:
  - a fitted line that doesn't represent the data
  - the correlation is misleadingly small
  - $s_{Y|X}$  is inflated

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## Curvilinear Data

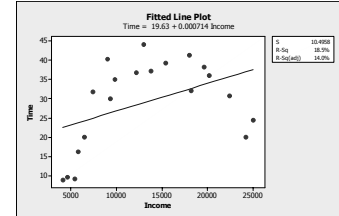
**Example:** For married couples with one or more offspring, a demographic study was conducted to determine the effect of the families annual income (at marriage) on time (months) between marriage and the birth of the first child.

Income	Time	Income	Time
5775	16.20	4608	9.70
9800	35.00	24210	20.00
13795	37.20	19625	38.20
4120	9.00	18000	41.25
25015	24.40	13000	44.00
12200	36.75	5400	9.20
7400	31.75	6440	20.00
9340	30.00	9000	40.20
20170	36.00	18180	32.00
22400	30.80	15385	39.20

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## Curvilinear Data

- Clearly a straight line model does not accurately describe what is going on with this data.



- Does this mean there is no relationship between income and time?

- No, just that it isn't linear!

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## Curvilinear Data

### Regression Analysis: Time versus Income

The regression equation is

$$\text{Time} = 19.6 + 0.000714 \text{ Income}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	19.626	5.213	3.76	0.001
Income	0.0007138	0.0003528	2.02	0.058

S = 10.4958 R-Sq = 18.5% R-Sq(adj) = 14.0%

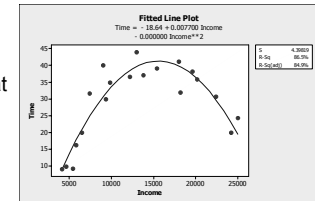
### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	450.9	450.9	4.09	0.058
Residual Error	18	1982.9	110.2		
Total	19	2433.8			

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## Curvilinear Data

- Our solution would be to fit a quadratic model to address the curvature seen in the scatter plot



- The graph shows that visually we have a good fit with a quadratic model

- NOTE: Now that we have more than one independent variable this becomes a multiple regression problem

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## Curvilinear Data

### Regression Analysis: Time versus Income, IncomeSQ

The regression equation is

$$\text{Time} = -18.6 + 0.00770 \text{ Income} - 0.000000 \text{ IncomeSQ}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-18.639	4.679	-3.98	0.001
Income	0.0077004	0.0007699	10.00	0.000
IncomeSQ	-0.00000025	0.00000003	-9.25	0.000

S = 4.39819 R-Sq = 86.5% R-Sq(adj) = 84.9%

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	2	2104.9	1052.5	54.41	0.000
Residual Error	17	328.8	19.3		
Total	19	2433.8			

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## Outliers

- We know outliers as observations that are unusually large when compared to the rest of the data

- In regression analysis an outlier is a data points that is unusually far from the linear trend formed by the data

- Outliers can distort regression results by:

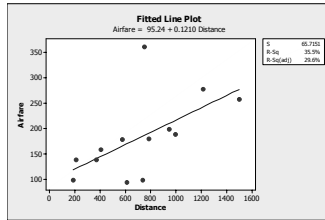
- inflating  $s_{y|x}$  and reducing  $r$
  - influencing the regression line

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## Outliers

### Example: Airfare

Suppose we an airport to our data set which is 750 miles away with an airfare of \$361



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## Outliers

### Regression Analysis: Airfare versus Distance

The regression equation is

$$\text{Airfare} = 95.2 + 0.121 \text{ Distance}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	95.24	39.63	2.40	0.035
Distance	0.12104	0.04919	2.46	0.032

S = 65.7151 R-Sq = 35.5% R-Sq(adj) = 29.6%

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	26150	26150	6.06	0.032
Residual Error	11	47503	4318		
Total	12	73654			

### Unusual Observations

Obs	Distance	Airfare	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
13	750	361.0	186.0	18.3	175.0	2.77R

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual.

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## Influential Observations

- Influential observations also affect regression results, usually in an artificially positive way
- Influential observations can distort regression results by:
  - changing fitted line
  - influences correlation

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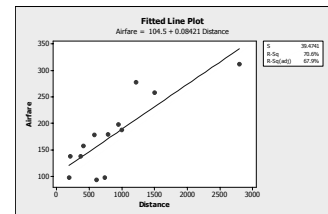
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## Influential Observations

### Example: Airfare (cont')

Suppose we an airport to our data set which is 2800 miles away with an airfare of \$312

NOTE: Not an outlier because the residual is small



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## Influential Observations

### Regression Analysis: Airfare versus Distance

The regression equation is

$$\text{Airfare} = 105 + 0.0842 \text{ Distance}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	104.54	18.01	5.80	0.000
Distance	0.08421	0.01638	5.14	0.000

S = 39.4741 R-Sq = 70.6% R-Sq(adj) = 67.9%

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	41173	41173	26.42	0.000
Residual Error	11	17140	1558		
Total	12	58313			

### Unusual Observations

Obs	Distance	Airfare	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
13	2800	312.0	340.3	33.4	-28.3	-1.35 X

X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

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## Conditions for Inference

- Design conditions:
  - Random subsampling model: for each x the corresponding y is viewed as randomly chosen from the conditional population distribution of Y values
  - Bivariate random sampling model: each (x,y) pair is viewed as randomly chosen
- Conditions concerning parameters
  - $\mu_{y|X} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$
  - $\sigma_{y|X}$  does not depend on X
- Conditions concerning population distribution: the conditional distribution of Y for each fixed X is normally distributed

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### Conditions for Inference

- SUMMARY:
  - Same SD, for all levels of X
  - Independent observations
  - Normal distribution of Y for each fixed X
  - Random sample

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### Multiple Regression

- Regression can be quite complicated
- Multiple regression is an extension of simple linear regression
  - Does distance completely determine airfare?
  - Are there other factors that might influence airfare?
- There are multiple regression models that can accommodate more than one independent variable
  - These topics are covered in other statistics classes.

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