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We recruit 20 university students, record everything they say during a day, and count the number of words.

- $x_{1..n} = 17667, 15347, 14401, 5037, 20845...$
- The mean is, $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 13248.1.$
- Estimated variance is $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i \bar{x})^2 = 52,518,951$
- Estimated standard deviation is
- $s = \sqrt{52, 518, 951} = 7246.996.$
- Based on this data what is our best estimate of number of words a person speaks a day?

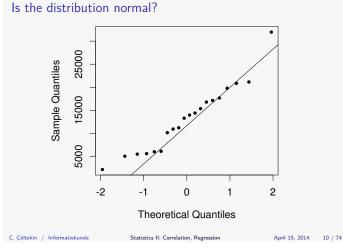
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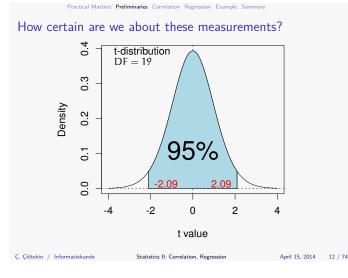
Is this estimate reliable?

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Basic hypothesis testing: one sample t-test

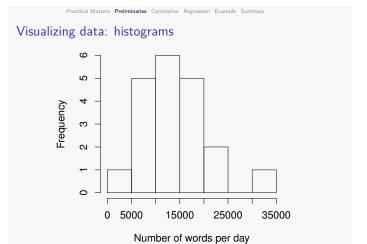
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Assuming we know that an average person utters 20,000 words per day, do university students talk more or less than an average person?

- H_0 : The population mean (of university students) is $20,000 \mbox{ word per day}.$
- H_a : Population mean is different than 20,000 words per day (two-tailed hypothesis).

Since 95% confidence interval [10007.14, 16489.06] does not include 20,000, we reject the null hypothesis, and conclude that we found a statistically significant difference at α -level = 0.05.

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Confidence intervals: accounting for uncertainty

 A confidence interval is an interval specified around known sample mean. The interval is typically set to 95% or 99% (by convention).

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- ▶ The question is: if we did this experiment many times, in how many of them the true mean would fall within the interval?
- ▶ The estimated standard deviation of the sample means (called standard error of the mean) is $SE_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s_x}{\sqrt{n}}$.
- ▶ We use *Student's t-distribution* to which the interval covers the true mean with a given probability (e.g., 95%).

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Confidence intervals:	how to calcul	ate it		
	$t=\frac{\bar{x}-\mu}{SE_{\bar{x}}}$			
	$-2 < \frac{13248.1-\mu}{\frac{7246.996}{23}}$	< 2		
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We are 95% confident [10007.14, 16489.06].	that the true mea	an is in the ran	ige	
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One sample t-test: looking at it another way

• Calculate the t-score, given the null hypothesis is true $(\mu = 20,000)$:

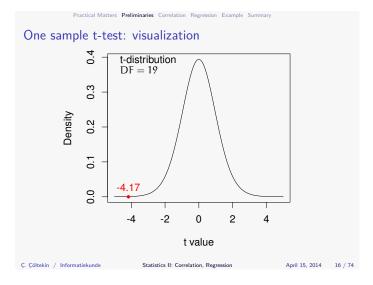
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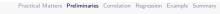
 $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{SE_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{13248.1 - 20000}{\frac{7246.996}{\sqrt{20}}} = -4.16661$

 \blacktriangleright Calculate the probability of t ≤ -4.16661 under the t-distribution with DF = 19 (e.g., check via probability tables).

p = 0.0003

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n=22 people responded to the class survey (excluding non-Dutch speakers):

- Mean number of siblings in the data is $\bar{x} = 3.16$.
- The standard deviation is sd(x) = 1.55.
- ▶ t(21) for p < 0.025 is -2.08.

Calculate the 95% confidence interval for the birth rate (around the time you were born).

Use the approximation $\bar{x}\pm 2\times SE$, and n=16 if you do not have a calculator.

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My calculation: [2.521858, 3.798142].

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Null-hypothesis significance testing

- Null-hypothesis significance testing (NHST) is probably most widely used scientific tool.
- It is important to get a fair understanding of it.
- If you are confused, you are not alone. Hypothesis testing is confusing.

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NHST: problems/suggestions

Beware:

- The p-value is not the probability of null-hypothesis being true.
- Not finding a significant difference does not mean there is none: you can never accept the null hypothesis.
- ► Statistical significance does not warrant practical importance. Suggestions:
 - Whenever you see a p-value insert 'if null hypothesis was true' in your conclusions.
 - Report value of the p (not just p < .05).
 - Always look for effect sizes, interpret along with (confidence) interval estimates around the effect sizes.

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Two-samples t-test

Half of our word counts come from women and the other half from men. The question is whether women talk more than men. This time we let the software do it for us:

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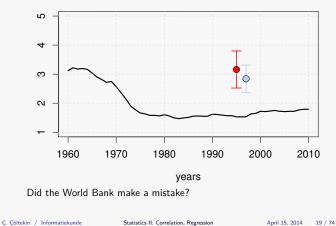
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Birth rate in NL according to the World Bank



Typical NHST procedure

 Define a null hypothesis (H₀) that expresses when your hypothesis is wrong.

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- Define an alternative hypothesis (H_α, or H₁) as what you expect to find. (well...depending on which NHST procedure you follow.)
- Choose a significance level (α-level) at which to reject the H₀. Typical values are 0.05, 0.01, 0.001.
- Apply the appropriate test, say t-test, which will yield a p-value, of obtaining the sample you have, if H₀ was true.
- If $p < \alpha$, we reject the H₀, otherwise, we fail to reject the H₀.

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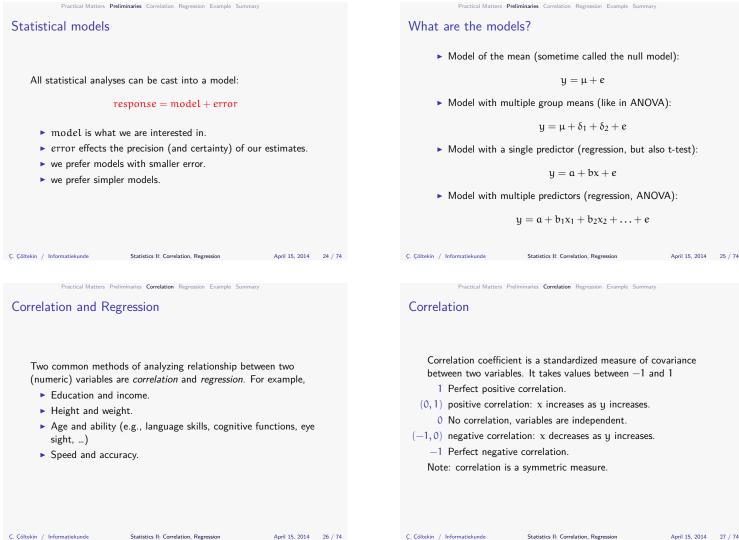
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Effect sizes: what are they?

A few examples:

- The estimate of the mean.
- ► The estimate of the difference between two means. Or, Cohen's d (^{x̄₁-x̄₂}/_s), if you like standardized measures.
- Ratio or percentage of change (say, in a year, or after treatment).
- Correlation coefficient r (or r²).
- Slope values in a regression analysis.
- \blacktriangleright Proportion of variance explained by a model: multiple- r^2 (or adjusted- $r^2), \, \eta^2$ (or $\omega^2).$

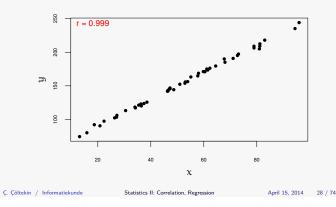
It is best to interpret effect sizes with respect to the problem studied.



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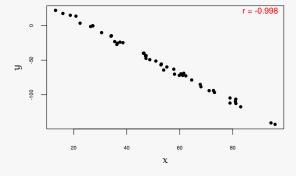
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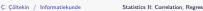


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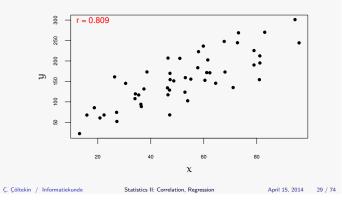
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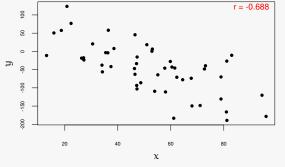
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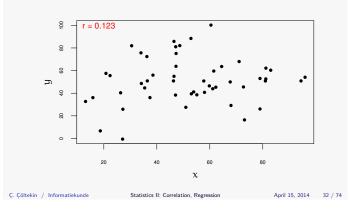


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Inference for correlation

Correlation coefficient shows the association of values within the sample, if we want to know whether the results hold for the population,

- ▶ We can calculate a confidence interval (e.g., 95%).
- Do a single-sample t-test with null hypothesis that r = 0.

Note: The inference is based on the following statistic which is t-distributed with DF = n - 2.

$$t = \frac{r\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

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Regression

Regression analysis is about finding the best linear equation that describes the relationship between two variables.

- ▶ Regression is closely related to correlation: higher the correlation between two variables, better the fit of regression line.
- Simple regression can be extended for multiple predictors easily (next week).

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The simple linear model

$y_i = a + bx_i + e_i$

- \boldsymbol{y} is the outcome (or response, or dependent) variable. The index i represent each unit observation/measurement (sometimes called a 'case').
- \boldsymbol{x} is the *predictor* (or explanatory, or independent) variable.
- a is the intercept.
- b is the slope of the regression line.
- a and b are called *coefficients*.
- a + bx is the *deterministic* part of the model. It is the model's prediction of y (\hat{y}) , given x.
- \boldsymbol{e} is the residual, error, or the variation that is not accounted for by the model. Assumed to be (approximately) normally distributed with 0 mean (e_i are assumed to be i.i.d).

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Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient

$$r_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_{x_i} z_{y_i}$$

- Reminder: $z_x = \frac{x \mu_x}{\sigma_x}$
- If z_{x_i} and z_{y_i} have the same sign, the result is positive.
- If z_{x_i} and z_{y_i} have the opposite signs, the result is negative.
- Pearson's r has the same assumption of linear regression (we'll discuss it soon).

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- When assumptions do not hold, use non-parametric alternatives: Spearman's ρ (rho) or Kendall's τ (tau).
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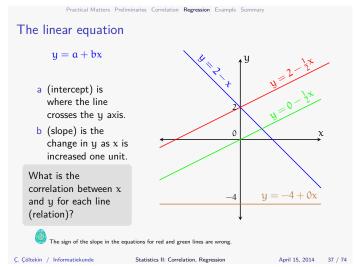
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- Shoe size correlates highly with reading ability.
- Chocolate consumption in a country correlates with number of Nobel prize winners.
- ▶ Weight of a person correlates with the daily amount of calorie intake
- Number of police station in a neighborhood correlates with the rate of crime.
- Decrease in number of pirates or ratio of people wearing hats is correlated with global warming.

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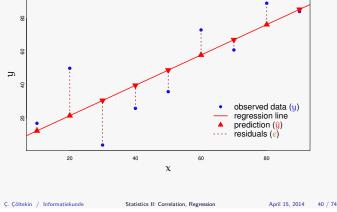
Notation differences for the regression equation

$y_i = a + bx_i + e_i$

- \blacktriangleright Sometimes, Greek letters α and β are used for intercept and the slope, respectively.
- Another common notation to use only b or β , but use subscripts, 0 indicating the intercept and 1 indicating the slope.
- It is also common to use ϵ for the error term (residuals).
- Sometimes coefficients wear hats, to emphasize that they are estimates.

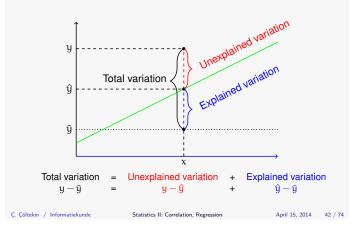




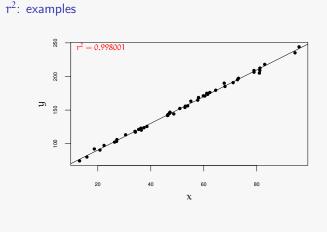


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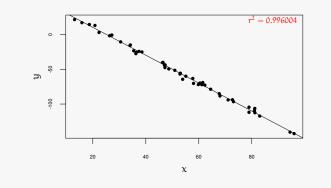


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Least-squares regression

- Least-squares regression is the method of determining regression coefficients that minimizes the sum of squared residuals (SS_R) .
 - $y_i = a + bx_i + e_i$
 - \blacktriangleright We try to find a and b, that minimizes the prediction error:

$$\sum_i e_i^2 = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_i (y_i - (a + bx_i))^2$$

This minimization problem can be solved analytically, yielding:

$$b = r \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$$
$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}$$

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Assessing the model fit: r^2

We can express the variation explained by a regression model as:

Explained variation	$\sum_{i}^{n}(\hat{y}_{i}-\bar{y})^{2}$ _ SS _M
Total variation	$\overline{\sum_{i}^{n}(y_{i}-\bar{y})^{2}} = \overline{SS_{T}}$

It can be shown that this value is the square of the correlation coefficient, r^2 , also called the coefficient of determination.

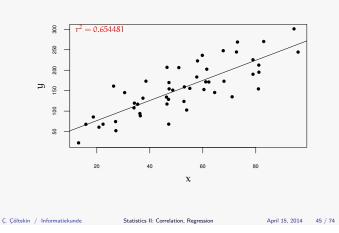
- $\blacktriangleright~100 \times r^2$ can be interpreted as 'the percentage of variance explained by the model'.
- $\blacktriangleright\ r^2$ shows how well the model fits to the data: closer the data points to the regression line, higher the value of r^2 .

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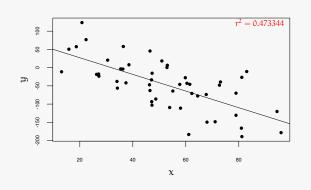
 \triangleright r² is also a way of characterizing the effect size.







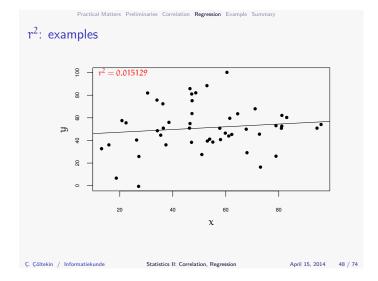
r²: examples



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Inference for overall model fit

We can also test whether the overall model fit is significant. To do this, we use the ratio,

$$F = \frac{\text{Explained variance}}{\text{Unexplained variance}} = \frac{MS_M}{MS_R} = \frac{\sum_{i}^{n} (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\frac{1}{n-2}\sum_{i}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$$

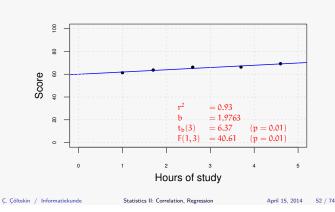
- This ratio follows an F-distribution with DF = (1, n 2).
- Note: $MS_M = SS_M/DF_M$ and $MS_R = SS_R/DF_R$.
- If variance explained is larger than the unexplained variance, then the model is doing something useful. So, we test for F > 1.
- This test is equivalent to the t-test for the slope for simple regression.

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* More on F-distribution later.

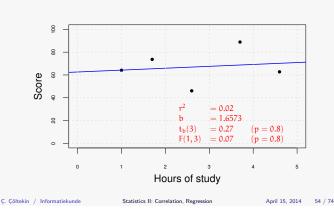
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Inference for coefficients

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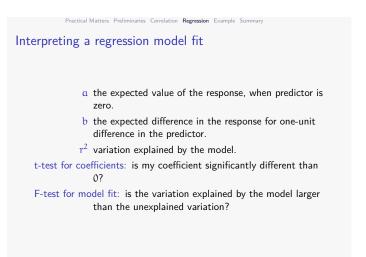
We calculate standard errors for coefficients, SE_b and SE_a (see appendix for the formulas).

- \blacktriangleright We can construct confidence intervals for α and b as usual using t-distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom.
- If corresponding confidence interval does not contain 0, we state that the estimate of the parameter is statistically significant.
- In most cases inference about the intercept is not very informative. It indicates whether intercept is different from 0 or not.
- If the estimate of the slope (b) is statistically significant, we conclude that the effect of predictor on the response variable is not due to chance.

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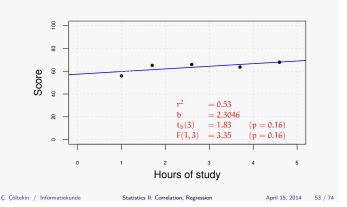


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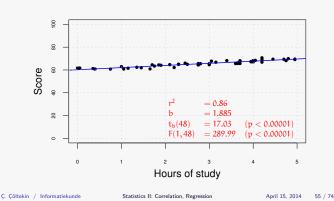
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100 80 Score 99 40 b = 1.3129 8 (p < 0.00001)t_b(48) = 3.27(p < 0.00001)F(1, 48)= 10.67 Hours of study April 15, 2014

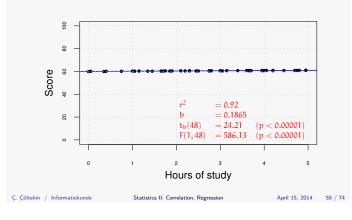
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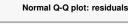
- Influential observations affect the regression line.
- Outliers are easy to spot on a scatter plot for single predictor.
- Not all outliers are influential, an outlier is more likely to be influential if it has high leverage (having an extreme x value).
- One (of many) statistics that are used for detecting influential cases is Cook's distance, which measures the effect of removing a case from the regression estimation.
- The values for large (above 1) Cook's distance are typically considered influential.

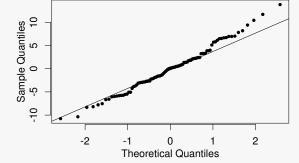
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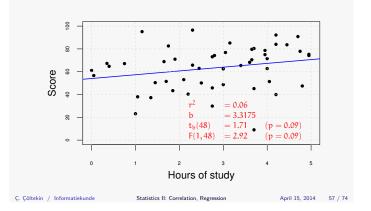
Normality of residuals: not bad





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Checking the validity of the model

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Before arriving at any conclusions from a model fit we need to do a few checks.

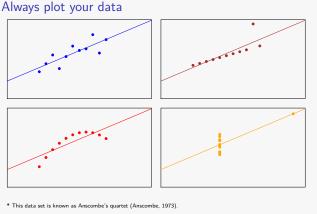
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- The relationship between the response variable and the predictor should be linear.
- The residuals should be distributed normally with mean = 0. •
- Residual variance should be constant. •
- The residuals should be independent and identically • distributed (i.i.d.).
- Least-squares regression is sensitive to outliers, more importantly influential observations.

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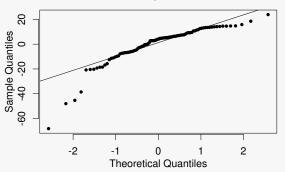
All four sets have the same mean, variance and fitted regression

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Normality of residuals: bad

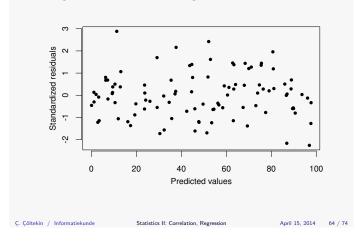
Normal Q-Q plot: residuals



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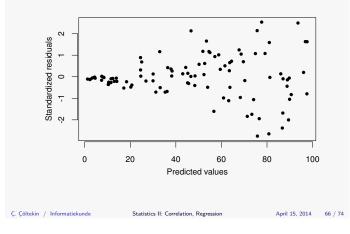


Checking residual distribution: good



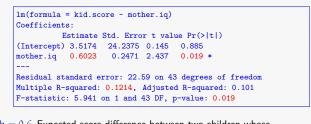
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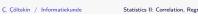


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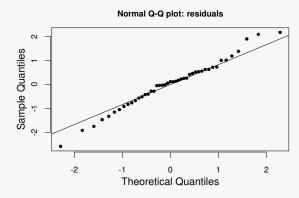


- $b=0.6\;$ Expected score difference between two children whose mother's IQ differs one unit.
- $r^2=0.12\,$ Mother's IQ explains 12% of the variation in test scores.
- $p=0.02\,$ Given the sample size, probability of finding a b value that far from 0 (two-tailed t-test with null hypothesis b=0).





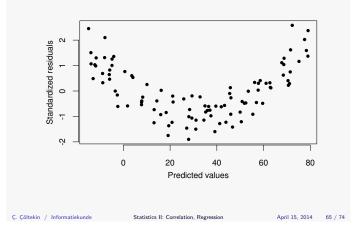




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Checking residual distribution: non-linear



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Example: the data

We want to see the effect of mother's IQ to four-year-old children's cognitive test scores (Fake data, based on analysis presented in Gelman&Hill 2007).

Case	Kid's Score	Mom's IQ
1	109	91
2	99	102
3	96	88
43	108	101
44	110	78
45	97	67
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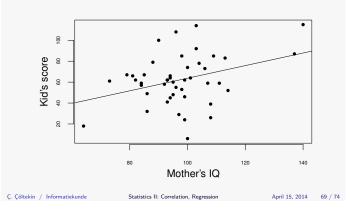
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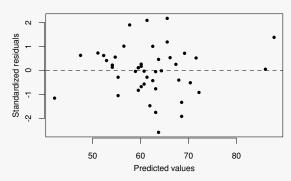
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Example: scatter plot and the regression line



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Example: residuals



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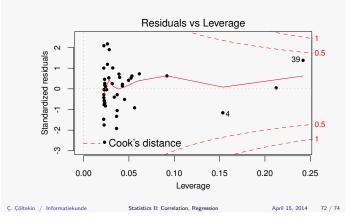
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Example: residuals vs. leverage



Summary and Next week

Today:

- Some preliminaries: confidence intervals, hypothesis testing...
- Correlation
- Single regression
- Next week:
- Multiple regression (sections 7.5–7.10 in 3rd edition, 8.5-8.9).

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For a fixed sample $\mathcal{S}=(x,y),$ we want to minimize $f_{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}}(x,y)$ with

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$$f_{ab}(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (a^2 + 2abx_i - 2ay_i + b^2x_i^2 - 2bx_iy_i + y_i^2)$$

To minimize this function, find a and b such that $f'_{ab}(x,y) = 0$.

Treat a and b as variables and find partial derivatives $\frac{\partial}{\partial a}f$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial b}f$

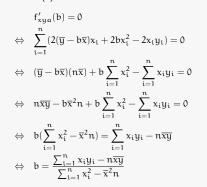
$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial}{\partial a}f = f'_{xyb}(a) \quad = \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n}(2a+2bx_i-2y_i)\\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial b}f = f'_{xya}(b) \quad = \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n}(2ax_i+2bx_i^2-2x_iy_i) \end{split}$$

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Relationship between correlation and regression Plug $a = \overline{y} - b\overline{x}$ into (2) and set to zero:

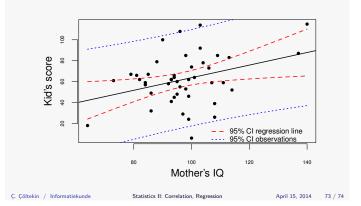
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Example: prediction with the fitted model



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We express the sum of squared residuals as a function of the (unknown) regression line:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i}^{2} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - (a + bx_{i}))^{2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - a - bx_{i})^{2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (a^{2} + 2abx_{i} - 2ay_{i} + b^{2}x_{i}^{2} - 2bx_{i}y_{i} + y_{i}^{2}) \end{split}$$

Thus, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_i^2$ is function f in x, y with unknown parameters a, b. Statistics II: Correlation, Regression

Relationship between correlation and regression

Recall we obtained two partial derivatives (when minimizing sum of squared residuals):

i=1

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{xyb}(a) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (2a + 2bx_i - 2y_i) \\ f'_{xya}(b) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (2ax_i + 2bx_i^2 - 2x_iy_i) \end{aligned}$$

Set (1) to zero:

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$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\mathbf{1}_{xyb}(a) = 0}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot 2\mathbf{a} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (2bx_i - 2y_i) = \mathbf{0} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot 2\mathbf{a} + 2b\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i = \mathbf{0} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{n} \cdot b\overline{\mathbf{x}} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = \overline{\mathbf{y}} - b\overline{\mathbf{x}} \end{aligned}$$

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b =

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$$\begin{split} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i - n\overline{x}\overline{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - \overline{x}^2 n} & \Leftrightarrow & b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i - n\overline{x}\overline{y}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & b = \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\left(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2\right)} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & b = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sigma_x^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & b = \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \overline{x}}{\sigma_x}\right) \left(\frac{y_i - \overline{y}}{\sigma_y}\right)\right) \cdot \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & b = r\frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma} \end{split}$$

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Another relation between correlation and regression

$$\begin{array}{lll} \displaystyle \frac{\text{explained variance}}{\text{total variance}} & = & \displaystyle \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} ((\alpha+bx_i)-\overline{y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i-\overline{y})^2} \\ & = & \displaystyle \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} ((\overline{y}-b\overline{x}+bx_i)-\overline{y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i-\overline{y})^2} \\ & = & \displaystyle \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} b^2 (x_i-\overline{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i-\overline{y})^2} \\ & = & \displaystyle b^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 \\ & = & \displaystyle r^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 \\ & = & \displaystyle r^2 \end{array}$$

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Standard error for the regression slope and intercept

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{SE}_{\mathsf{b}} = \frac{\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{r}}}{\sqrt{\sum(\mathsf{x}_{\mathsf{i}} - \bar{\mathsf{x}})^2}} \\ & \mathsf{SE}_{\mathfrak{a}} = \mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{r}} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mathfrak{n}} + \frac{\bar{\mathsf{x}}^2}{\sum(\mathsf{x}_{\mathsf{i}} - \bar{\mathsf{x}})^2}} \end{split}$$

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