Lecture 19 - Introduction to Multiple Regression

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Linear regression with categorical predictors

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str(poverty)
```

'data.frame':00151 obs. of 7 variables: ## ## \$ State : Factor w/ 51 levels "Alabama","Alaska",...: 1 2 3 4 5 \$ Metro : num 55.4 65.6 88.2 52.5 94.4 84.5 87.7 80.1 100 89.3 ## ## \$ Graduates: num 79.9 90.6 83.8 80.9 81.1 88.7 87.5 88.7 86 84.7 \$ Poverty : num 14.6 8.3 13.3 18 12.8 9.4 7.8 8.1 16.8 12.1 ... ## ## \$ FemaleHH : num 14.2 10.8 11.1 12.1 12.6 9.6 12.1 13.1 18.9 12 . ## \$ region2 : Factor w/ 2 levels "east","west": 1 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 ## \$ region4 : Factor w/ 4 levels "northeast","midwest",..: 4 3 3 4

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poverty %>%
 group_by(region2) %>%
 summarize(mean=mean(Poverty),
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           sd=sd(Poverty),
           iqr=IQR(Poverty))
## Source: local data frame [2 x 5]
##
##
    region2 mean med sd
                                    igr
     (fctr) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl)
##
## 1 east 11.17037 10.3 3.085427 4.6
## 2 west 11.55000 10.7 3.168459 4.0
```

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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Poverty ~ region2, data = poverty)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min 10 Median 30 Max
## -5.5704 -2.2000 -0.8704 2.0398 6.4500
##
## Coefficients:
       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>♦t♦)
##
## (Intercept) 11.1704 0.6013 18.576 <2e-16 ***
## region2west 0.3796 0.8766 0.433 0.667
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.125 on 49 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.003813,001Adjusted R-squared: -0.01652
## F-statistic: 0.1875 on 1 and 49 DF, p-value: 0.6669
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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Poverty ~ region4, data = poverty)
##
## Residuals:
     Min 10 Median 30 Max
##
## -6.359 -1.559 -0.025 1.574 6.508
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>♦t ♦)
## (Intercept) 9.5000 0.8682 10.943 1.62e-14 ***
## region4midwest 0.0250 1.1485 0.022 0.982725
## region4west 1.7923 1.1294 1.587 0.119220
## region4south 4.1588 1.0736 3.874 0.000331 ***
## ---
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##
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##
##
    northeast 9.50000 9.60 2.381701 2.50
  1
## 2
      midwest 9.52500 9.55 1.415579 1.55
## 3
        west 11.29231 10.80 2.647471 3.40
        south 13.65882 14.20 3.233431 3.90
## 4
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summary(aov(poverty$Poverty~poverty$region4))
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## Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## poverty$region4 3 161.4 53.81 7.933 0.00022 ***
## Residuals 47 318.8 6.78
## ---
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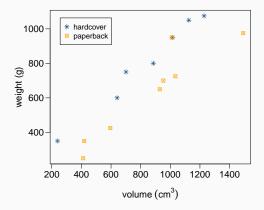
Linear models with multiple predictors

Weights of books

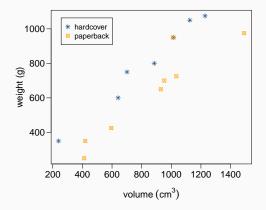
	weight (g)	volume (cm ³)	cover
1	800	885	hc
2	950	1016	hc
3	1050	1125	hc
4	350	239	hc
5	750	701	hc
6	600	641	hc
7	1075	1228	hc
8	250	412	pb
9	700	953	pb
10	650	929	pb
11	975	1492	pb
12	350	419	pb
13	950	1010	pb
14	425	595	pb
15	725	1034	pb



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Paperbacks generally weigh less than hardcover books.

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book_mlr = lm(weight ~ volume + cover, data = allbacks)
summary(book_mlr)
```

```
## Coefficients:
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(> (+ (+))
## (Intercept) 197.96284 59.19274 3.344 0.005841 **
## volume 0.71795 0.06153 11.669 6.6e-08 ***
## cover:pb -184.04727 40.49420 -4.545 0.000672 ***
##
##
##
## Residual standard error: 78.2 on 12 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9275, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9154
## F-statistic: 76.73 on 2 and 12 DF, p-value: 1.455e-07
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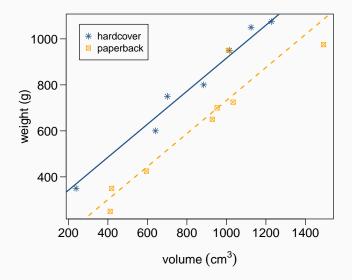
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Visualising the linear model



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 - Obviously, the intercept does not make sense in context. It only serves to adjust the height of the line.

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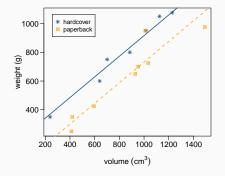
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 $197.96 + 0.72 \times 600 - 184.05 \times 1 = 445.91$ grams

weight = 197.96 + 0.72 volume - 184.05 cover:pb



This model assumes that hardcover and paperback books have the same slope for the relationship between their volume and weight. If this isn't reasonable, then we would include an "interaction" variable in the model. summary(lm(weight ~ volume + cover + volume:cover, data = allbacks))

##	Coefficients:				
##		Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>♦t ♦)
##	(Intercept)	161.58654	86.51918	1.868	0.0887 .
##	volume	0.76159	0.09718	7.837	7.94e-06 ***
##	coverpb	-120.21407	115.65899	-1.039	0.3209
##	volume:coverpb	-0.07573	0.12802	-0.592	0.5661
##					
##	Residual standa	ard error: 8	30.41 on 11	degrees	of freedom
##	Multiple R-squa	ared: 0.9297	, Adjusted	R-square	ed: 0.9105
##	F-statistic:	48.5 on 3 ar	nd 11 DF, p	o-value:	1.245e-06

weight = 161.58 + 0.76 volume - 120.21 cover:pb - 0.076 volume \times cover:pb

Example of an interaction - interpretation

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	161.5865	86.5192	1.87	0.0887
volume	0.7616	0.0972	7.84	0.0000
coverpb	-120.2141	115.6590	-1.04	0.3209
volume:coverpb	-0.0757	0.1280	-0.59	0.5661

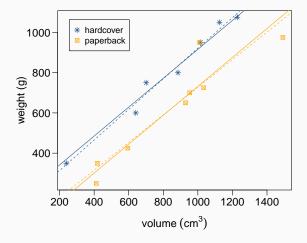
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Example of an interaction - Results



R^2 and Adjusted R^2

For a linear regression we have defined the correlation coefficient to be

$$R = \operatorname{Cor}(X, Y) = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

This definition works fine for the simple linear regression case where *X* and *Y* are numeric variables, but does not work for regression with a categorical predictor or for multiple regression.

A more useful, and equivalent, definition is $R = Cor(Y, \hat{Y})$, which will work for all regression examples we will see in this class.

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Remember:
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, $\hat{Y} = b_0 + b_1 X$,
 $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(X)$,
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$$\operatorname{Cor}(Y, \hat{Y}) = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(Y, \hat{Y})}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(Y)\operatorname{Var}(\hat{Y})}}$$
$$= \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(Y, b_0 + b_1 X)}{\sqrt{\sigma_Y^2 \operatorname{Var}(b_0 + b_1 X)}}$$
$$= \frac{b_1 \operatorname{Cov}(Y, X)}{\sigma_Y \sqrt{b_1^2 \operatorname{Var}(X)}}$$
$$= \frac{b_1 \operatorname{Cov}(Y, X)}{b_1 \sigma_Y \sigma_X}$$
$$= \operatorname{Cor}(X, Y)$$

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This definition comes from an ANOVA-like approach where we partition total uncertainty into model uncertainty and residual (error) uncertainty.

$$SST = SSG + SSE$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_i)^2$$

For a MLR we can do the same thing we did with SLR just using the more complex \hat{y}_i

$$SST = SSR + SSE$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$
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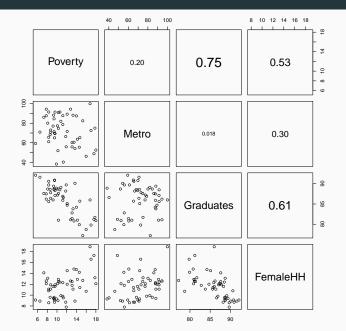
After a fair bit of algebra we can show that,

$$R^{2} = \operatorname{Cor}(Y, \hat{Y})^{2} = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(Y, \hat{Y})^{2}}{\operatorname{Var}(Y)\operatorname{Var}(\hat{Y})}$$

$$=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\hat{Y}_{i}-\bar{Y})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_{i}-\bar{Y})^{2}}=\frac{SSR}{SST}$$

$$=\frac{SST-SSE}{SST}=1-\frac{SSE}{SST}$$

Revisit: Modeling poverty

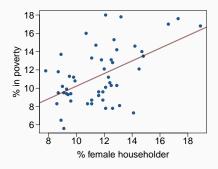


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Predicting poverty using % female householder

summary(lm(poverty ~ female_house, data = poverty))

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.31	1.90	1.74	0.09
female_house	0.69	0.16	4.32	0.00



$$R = 0.53$$

 $R^2 = 0.53^2 = 0.28$

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
female_house	1	132.57	132.57	18.68	0.00
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$$R^{2} = \frac{\text{explained variability}}{\text{total variability}} = \frac{132.57}{480.25} = 0.28 \checkmark$$

Predicting poverty using % female hh + % metro

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summary(pov_mlr)

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	58.3203	9.8470	5.923	3.29e-07
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Graduates	-0.5656	0.1001	-5.651	8.51e-07

anova(pov_mlr)

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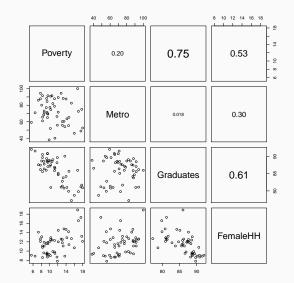
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Collinearity and parsimony

We saw that adding the variable **FemaleHH** to the model with **Graduates** only marginally increased adjusted *R*², i.e. did not add much useful information to the model. Why?



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- While it's impossible to avoid all collinearity, often experiments are designed to control for correlated predictors.

Model diagnostics

Predicting cognitive test scores of three- and four-year-old children using characteristics of their mothers. Data are a subsample from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth.

	kid_score	mom_hs	mom_iq	mom_work	mom_age
1	65	yes	121.12	yes	27
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5	115	yes	92.75	yes	27
6	98	no	107.90	no	18
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434	70	yes	91.25	yes	25

Gelman, Hill. Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models. (2007)

Cambridge University Press.

Model output

summary(lm(kid_score ~ mom_hs + mom_iq + mom_work + mom_age, data = cognitive))

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = kid score ~ mom hs + mom ig + mom work + mom age.
##
      data = cognitive)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min 10 Median 30 Max
## -53.134 -12.624 2.293 11.250 50.206
##
## Coefficients:
##
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>+t+)
## (Intercept) 20.82261 9.18765 2.266 0.0239 *
## mom_hs 5.56118 2.31345 2.404 0.0166 *
## mom ig 0.56208 0.06077 9.249 <2e-16 ***
## mom work 0.13373 0.76763 0.174 0.8618
## mom_age 0.21986 0.33231 0.662 0.5086
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 18.17 on 429 degrees of freedom
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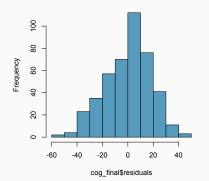
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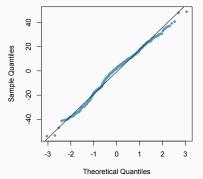
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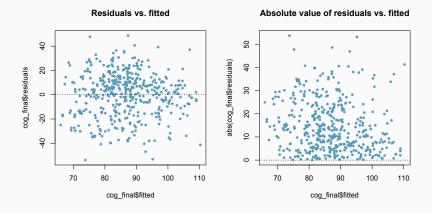
Histogram of residuals

Normal probability plot of residuals

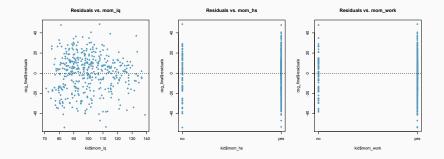


Unstructured / Constant variability of residuals

Why do we use the fitted (predicted) values in MLR?

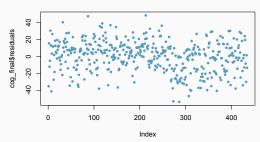


Constant variability of residuals (cont.)



Independent residuals

• If we suspect that order of data collection may influence the outcome (mostly in time series data):



Residuals vs. order of data collection

• If not, think about how data are sampled.