

Stat 306:  
Finding Relationships in Data.  
Lecture 6  
Section 2.6

# Recap from last lecture 2.5 (continued)

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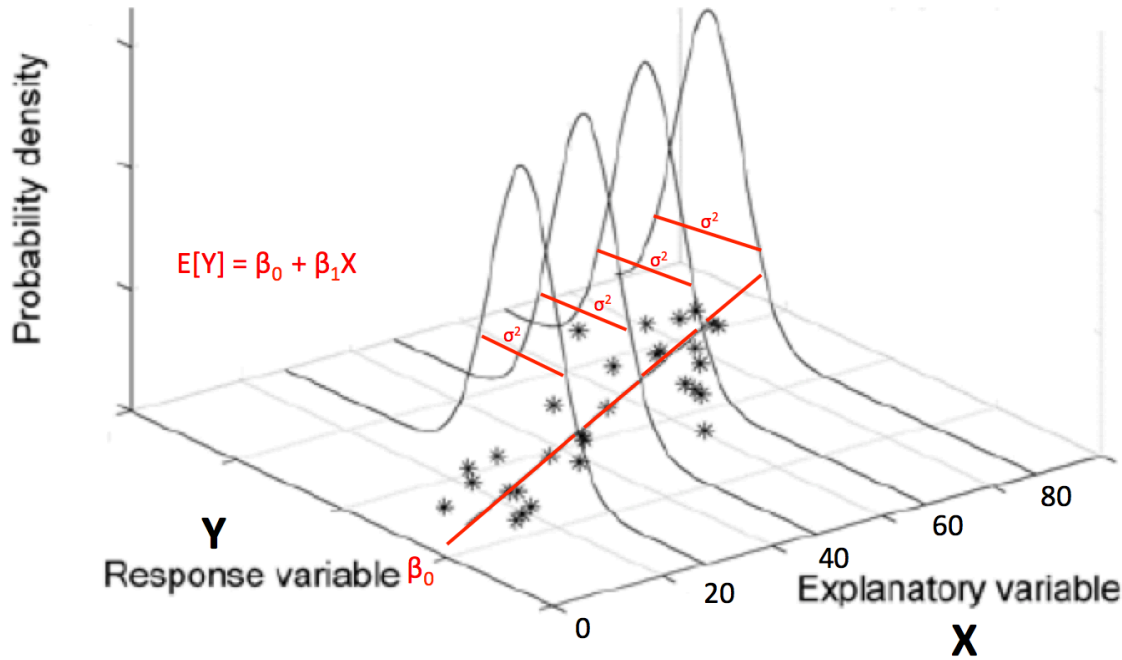
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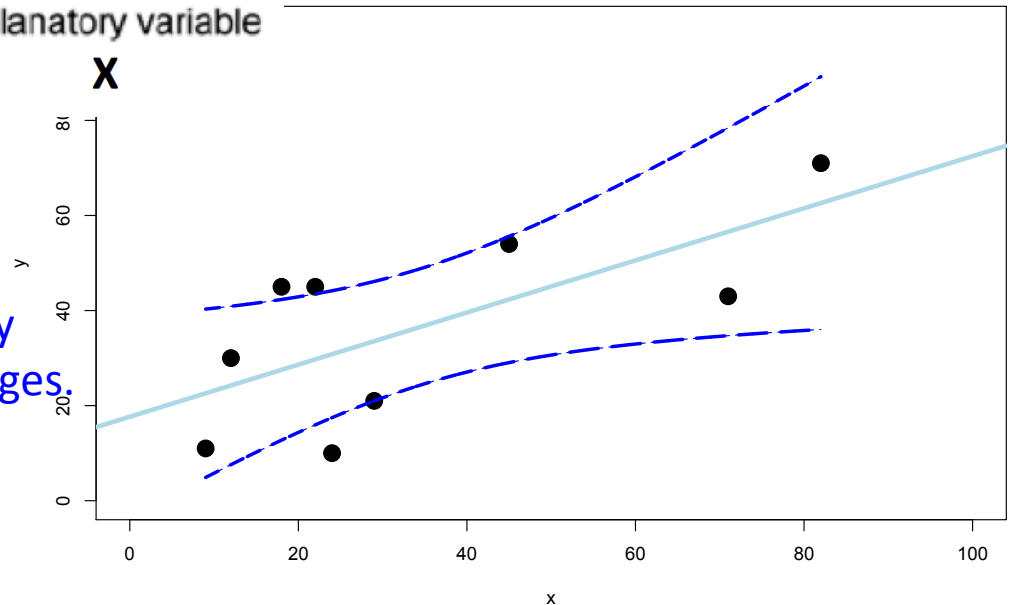
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- Confused about homogeneity vs. non-consistent width of confidence intervals?



$\sigma^2$  is the variance of  $Y$ ; constant regardless of the value of  $x$ .

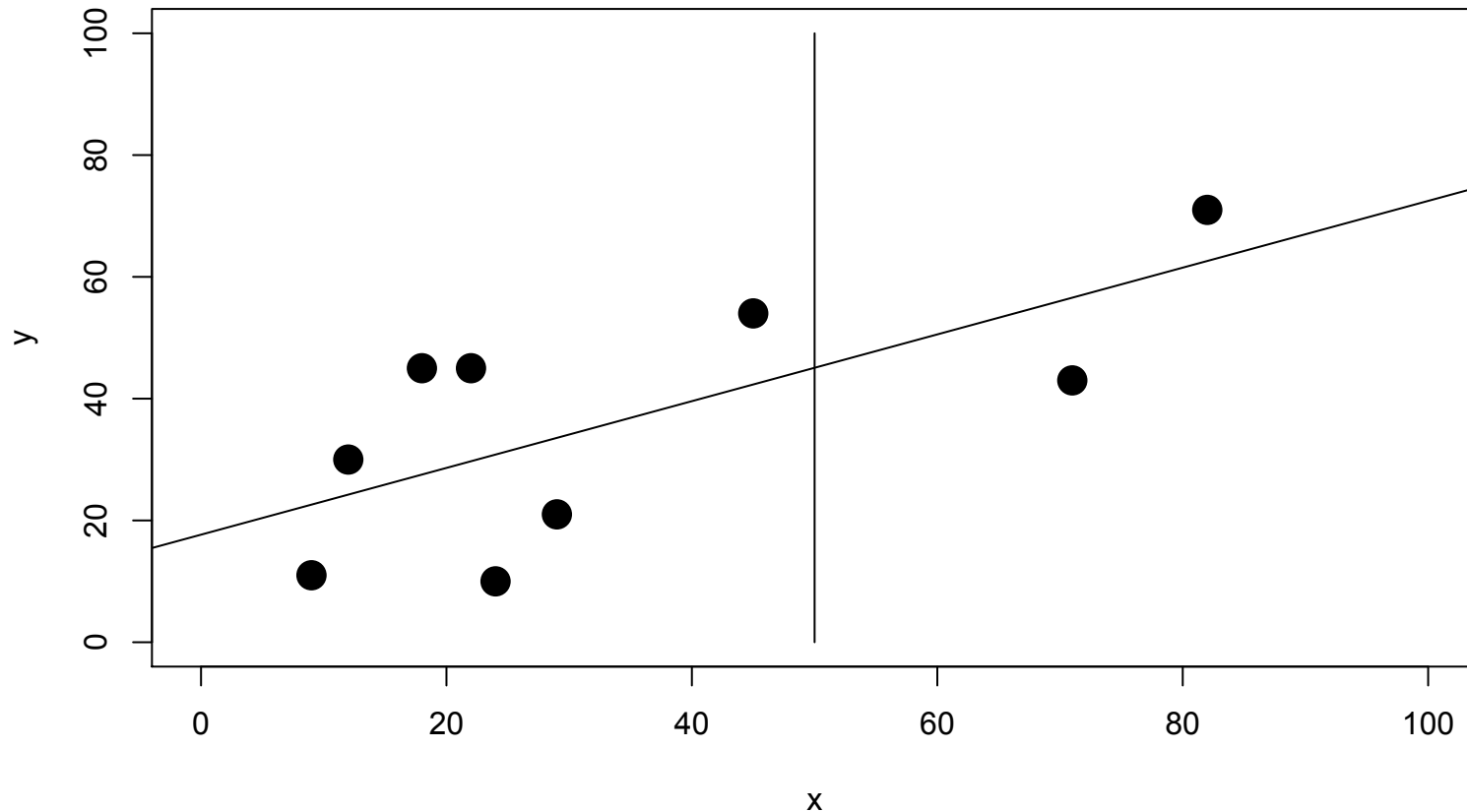
The blue dashed line is the confidence interval for the subpopulation mean. In other words, it represents the variability in our estimate of the mean of  $Y$  as  $x$  changes.



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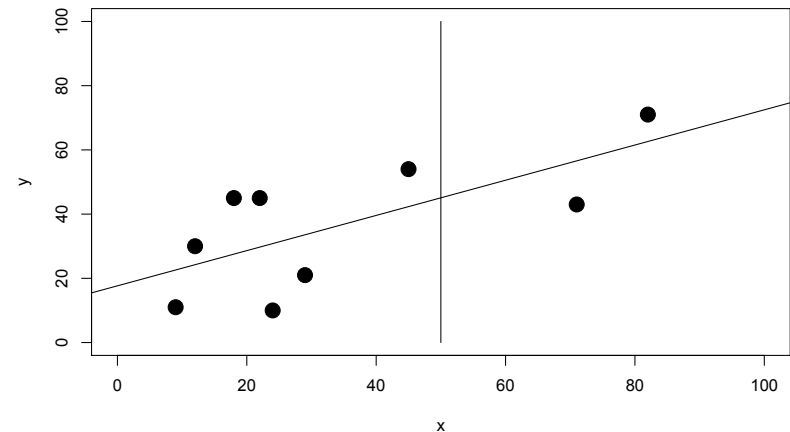
this hypothetical new person aged 50 is sometimes called “an out-of-sample unit with value  $x^*$ ”, Where  $x^*=50$ .

Our best estimate, also known as the “point prediction”, would be equal to  $b_0 + b_1(50) = 45.1$

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> # x and n are fixed values
> x <- c(82, 45, 71, 22, 29, 9, 12, 18, 24)
> n <- 9
>
> # y is a realization of the random variable "Y", i.e. "observed data":
> y <- c(71, 54, 43, 45, 21, 11, 30, 45, 10)
> xbar <- (1/n)*sum(x)
> ybar <- (1/n)*sum(y)
> sx <- sqrt( sum((x-xbar)^2)/(n-1) )
> sy <- sqrt( sum((y-ybar)^2)/(n-1) )
> sxy <- (1/(n-1))*sum((x-xbar)*(y-ybar))
> rxy <- sxy/(sx*sy)
> beta1hat <- rxy*sy/sx
> beta0hat <- ybar-beta1hat*xbar
> residuals <- y - beta0hat - beta1hat*x
> s <- sqrt( (1/(n-2))*sum(residuals^2))
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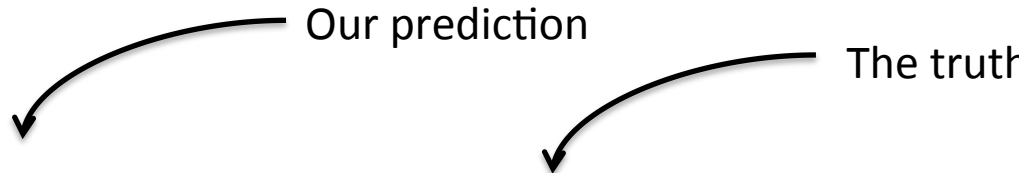
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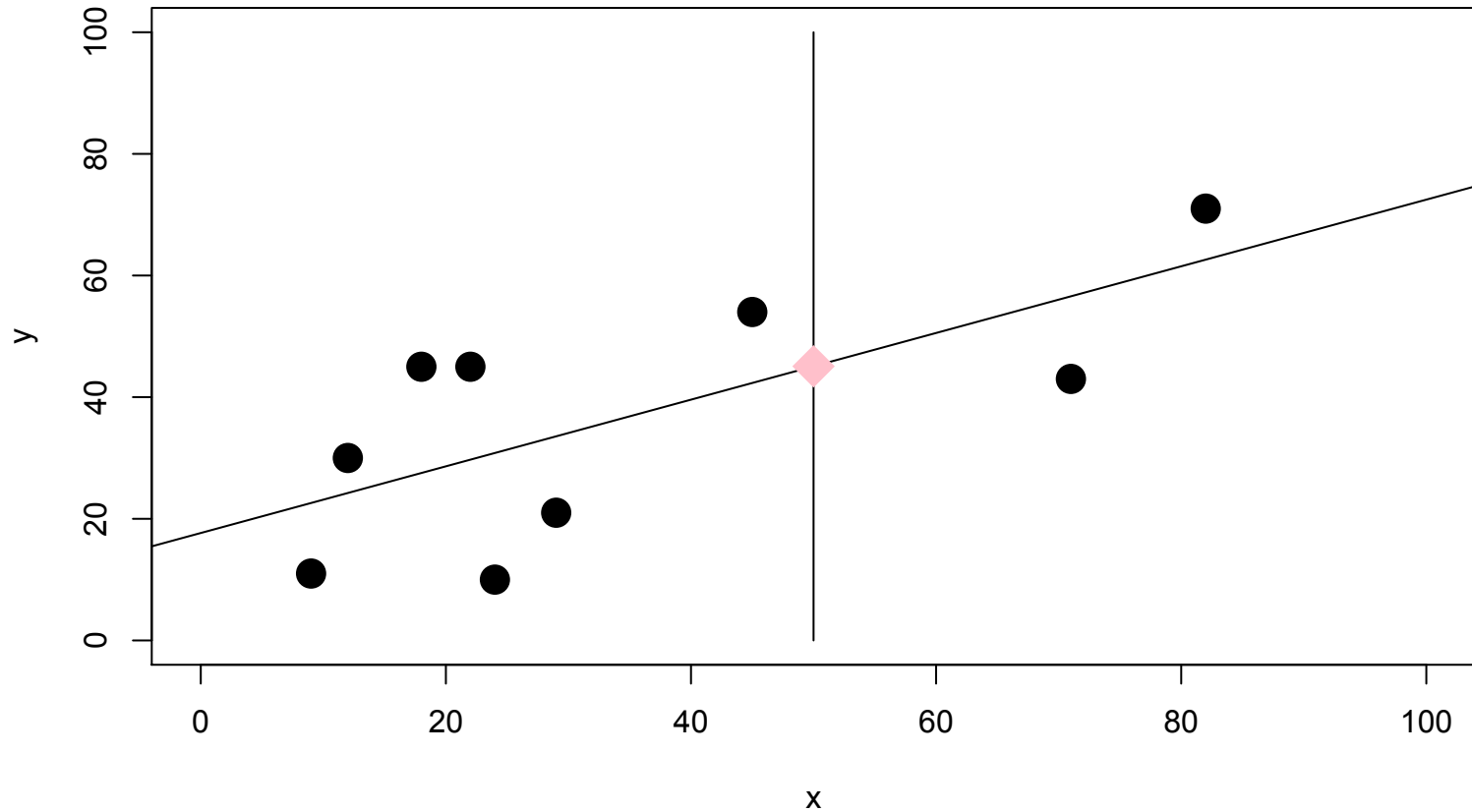
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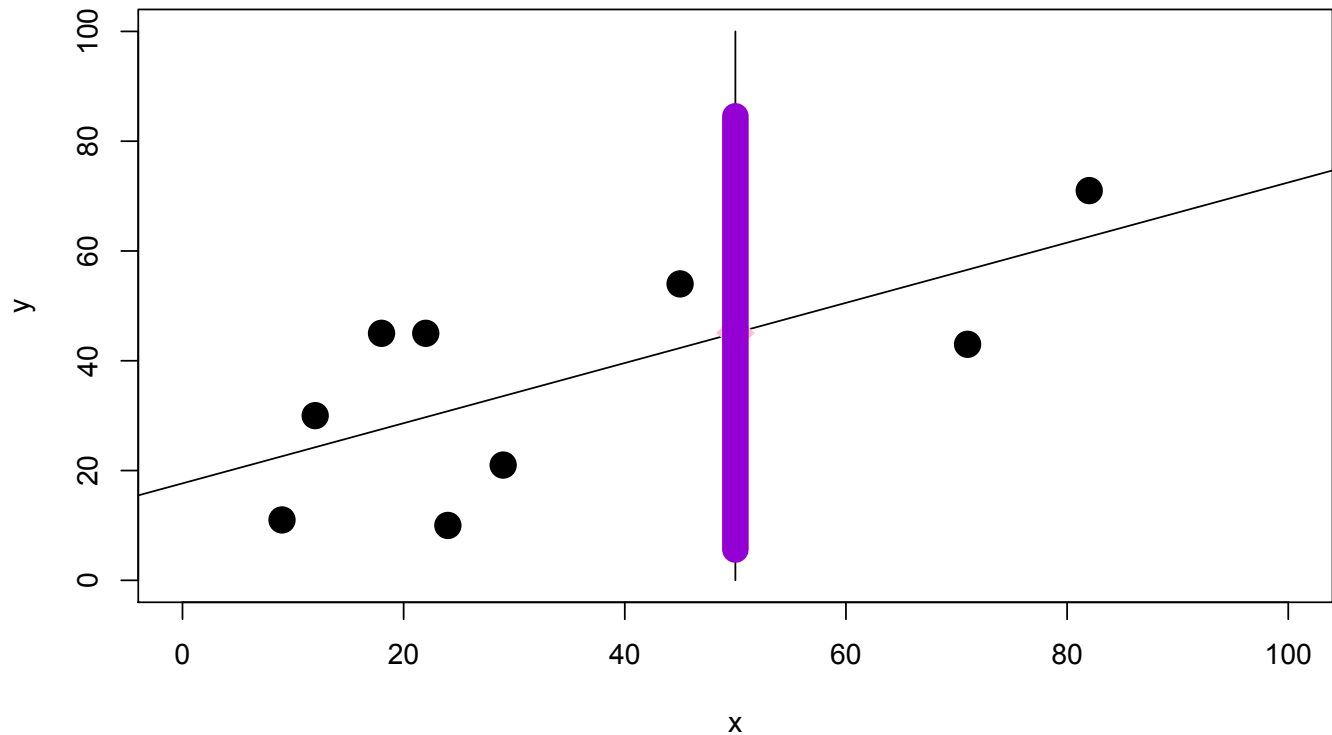
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> points(xstar, point_prediction, col="pink", pch=18, cex=3)
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> # 95% prediction interval:  
> lowerPI <- point_prediction - qt(0.975,n-2) * s * sqrt(1/n + 1 + ((xstar-xbar)^2)/((n-1)*sx^2))  
> upperPI <- point_prediction + qt(0.975,n-2) * s * sqrt(1/n + 1 + ((xstar-xbar)^2)/((n-1)*sx^2))  
>  
> c(lowerPI,upperPI)  
[1] 5.61226 84.53007  
>  
> lines(x=c(xstar,xstar),y=c(lowerPI,upperPI), col="darkviolet",lwd=15)  
,
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# Age vs. Money

## Sample statistics

$$b_0 = 17.7$$

$$b_1 = 0.55$$

$$s = 15.5$$

$$R^2 = 0.49$$

**Objective:** The purpose of this observational study was to demonstrate if, and to what extent, age is associated with money.

**Design and Methods:** We collected a random sample of individuals and for each determined their age (**recorded in years**) and the amount of money (in dollars) in their accounts. Analysis of the data was done using **linear regression**.

For parameter  $\beta_1$  :  
95% C.I. = [0.05, 1.05]  
 $p$ -value = 0.036

**Results:** We obtained a random sample of  $n = 9$  subjects. There is a statistically significant association between age and money ( $p$ -value = 0.036). For every additional year in age, an individual's amount of money increases on average by an estimated of \$0.55 (95% C.I. = [\$0.05, \$1.05]).

**Conclusions:** We found that, as hypothesized, age is associated with money. In our sample age accounted for about half of the variability observed in money ( $R^2=0.49$ ). **We predict that a 50 year old will have \$45.1 (95% P.I. = [\$5.6, \$84.5])**, whereas a 40 year old will have \$39.6 (95% P.I. = [\$0.8, \$78.4]).

**Small Print:** The analysis rests on the following assumptions:

- the observations are independently and identically distributed.
- the **response** variable, money, is normally distributed.
- Homoscedasticity of residuals or equal variance.
- the relationship between **response** and **predictor** variables is linear.

# se(subpopulation mean) VS. se(prediction error)

Subpopulation mean:

$$se(\hat{\mu}_Y(x)) = \hat{\sigma} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$

Whereas, the (estimated) SE of the prediction error is:

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Sealy\\_Gosset](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Sealy_Gosset)



**William Sealy Gosset  
(aka “Student”):**

“Is this batch of beer any different than the standard?”

“Let’s have a taste test!  
...t-test anyone?”



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**Let:**

$W_1$  be a normal random variable  
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**Then:**

$W_3 = aW_1 + bW_2$  is a normal r.v.  
for any numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .



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$$W \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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$$\Pr(-1.96 < \frac{W - \mu}{\sigma} < 1.96) = 0.95$$

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Recall:

$$B_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i$$

, where:  $a_i = \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})}{(n-1)s_x^2}$

and:

$$E(\hat{B}_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E(Y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i) = \beta_1,$$

and:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{B}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}$$

Since  $B_1$  is a linear combination of the  $Y_i$ s (Normal RVs), then **(with Thing 1)**:

$$\hat{B}_1 \sim N \left( \beta_1, \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)s_x^2} \right),$$

$$\frac{\hat{B}_1 - \beta_1}{\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

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Recall:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[B_0] &= E[\bar{Y} - B_1\bar{X}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n}E[\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i] - \beta_1\bar{X} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i) - \beta_1\bar{X} \\
 &= \beta_0 + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_1 X_i - \beta_1\bar{X} \\
 &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \beta_1\bar{X} \\
 &= \beta_0 + \beta_1\bar{X} - \beta_1\bar{X} \\
 &= \beta_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Also:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(B_0) &= Var(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i/n) + \bar{X}^2 Var(B_1) \\
 &= \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

For the intercept, we can, again, make use of the fact that  $B_0$  is a linear combination of normal random variables **(Thing 1)**:

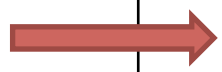
$$B_0 \sim N\left[\beta_0, \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)\right]$$

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$$S^2 / \sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$$

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We have that:

$$E [\hat{\mu}_Y(x)] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

$$\text{Var} [\hat{\mu}_Y(x)] = \sigma^2 \left\{ n^{-1} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{[(n - 1)s_x^2]} \right\}$$

And again, a linear combination of normal random variables is a normal random variable (**Thing 1**):

$$\mu_Y(x) \sim \text{Normal} \left( \beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{[(n - 1)s_x^2]} \right) \right)$$

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$$\hat{B}_1 \sim N\left(\beta_1, \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}\right)$$

$$S^2 / \sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$$

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## 2.6 Explanation of Student t quantiles in the interval estimates

2.6.1. History lesson about the t-test

2.6.2. Three important things to know about a normal random variable

2.6.3 Estimators as Random Variables (one more time!)

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$$B_0 \sim N\left[\beta_0, \sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)\right]$$

With **Thing 2**, we have:

$$\frac{B_0 - \beta_0}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

But we do not know the variance. We only have an estimate of the variance, so (with **Thing 3**):


$$\frac{B_0 - \beta_0}{SE(B_0)} \sim t_{n-2}$$

And therefore:

95% C.I. for  $\beta_0 =$

$$\left[ \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{X} - t_{n-2, 0.975} \cdot s \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right)}, \right. \\ \left. \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{X} + t_{n-2, 0.975} \cdot s \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right)} \right]$$

## 2.6.4 Explanation of Student t quantiles

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$B_0$
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**And therefore:**

$$Pr\left(b_1 - t_{n-2, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{(n-1)s_x}} < \beta_1 < b_1 + t_{n-2, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{(n-1)s_x}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$



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with  $\alpha=0.05$ :

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And therefore:

$$\text{95\% C.I. for } \beta_1 = \left[ b_1 - t_{n-2, 0.975} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n-1}s_x}, \quad b_1 + t_{n-2, 0.975} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n-1}s_x} \right]$$

$$\text{where: } b_1 = r_{xy} \frac{s_y}{s_x}, \quad \hat{\sigma} = s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2}{n-2}}$$

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With **Thing 2**, we have...

But we do not know the variance,  
so with **Thing 3**, we have...

**And therefore:**

The 95% confidence interval for subpopulation mean  $\mu_Y(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  is

$$\hat{\mu}_Y(x) \pm t_{n-2, 0.975} \times se(\hat{\mu}_Y(x)),$$


where:

$$se(\hat{\mu}_Y(x)) = \hat{\sigma} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_Y(x) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x.$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2}{n-2}}$$

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For the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ , (2.76) implies that the null distribution of  $\hat{B}_1/SE(\hat{B}_1)$  is  $t_{n-2}$ . For the data version,  $\hat{\beta}_1/se(\hat{\beta}_1)$  is the standardized version of  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ; it is invariant to scale changes of the  $x$  and  $y$  variables (because a scale change affects the SE in the same way as  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ).  $|\hat{\beta}_1/se(\hat{\beta}_1)|$  is the absolute t-ratio statistic and large values indicate that the slope is significantly different from 0.

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Therefore, “under the null”, we have:

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and:

$$t\text{-statistic} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{SE(\hat{\beta}_1)}$$

**Therefore...**

If  $\beta_1$  (the slope) was actually equal to 0, it would be very unlikely that the absolute t-stat would be very large.

```
> x <- c(82, 45, 71, 22, 29, 9, 12, 18, 24)
> y <- c(71, 54, 43, 45, 21, 11, 30, 45, 10)
> n <- 9
> xbar <- (1/n)*sum(x)
> sx <- sqrt( sum((x-xbar)^2)/(n-1) )
> ybar <- (1/n)*sum(y)
> sy <- sqrt( sum((y-ybar)^2)/(n-1) )
> sxy <- (1/(n-1))*sum((x-xbar)*(y-ybar))
> rxy <- sxy/(sx*sy)
> b0_hat<-ybar-b1_hat*xbar
> b1_hat <- rxy*sy/sx
> residuals <- y - b0_hat - b1_hat*x
> s <- sqrt( (1/(n-2))*sum(residuals^2) )
> s
[1] 15.5308
> SE_b1 <- s/(sqrt(n-1)*sx)
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[1] 0.2108794
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>
> # How unlikely would it be to obtain
> # a value this large (or larger) if the
> # null was true (i.e. beta_1 = 0)?
>
> 2*pt(abs(tstat_b1), n-2, lower=FALSE)
[1] 0.03546599
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> summary(lm(y~x))

Call:
lm(formula = y ~ x)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-20.820 -12.561   5.757  11.669  17.469

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  17.6652     8.9579   1.972  0.0892 .
x              0.5481     0.2109   2.599  0.0355 *
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 15.53 on 7 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.4911, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4184
F-statistic: 6.756 on 1 and 7 DF,  p-value: 0.03547
```

## 2.6.4 Explanation of Student t quantiles

```
> b0_hat<-ybar-b1_hat*xbar
> b0_hat
[1] 17.66519
> residuals <- y - b0_hat - b1_hat*x
> s <- sqrt( (1/(n-2))*sum(residuals^2) )
> s
[1] 15.5308
> SE_b0 <- s*sqrt( 1/n + ( xbar^2)/( sum((x-xbar)^2)) ) )
> SE_b0
[1] 8.957892
> tstat_b0 <- b0_hat/SE_b0
> tstat_b0
[1] 1.972026
>
> # How unlikely would it be to obtain
> # a value this large (or larger) if the
> # null was true (i.e. beta_0 = 0)?
>
> 2*pt(abs(tstat_b0), n-2, lower=FALSE)
[1] 0.08922444
```

```
> summary(lm(y~x))

Call:
lm(formula = y ~ x)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-20.820 -12.561   5.757  11.669  17.469

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  17.6652     8.9579   1.972  0.0892 .
x              0.5481     0.2109   2.599  0.0355 *
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 15.53 on 7 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.4911, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4184
F-statistic: 6.756 on 1 and 7 DF,  p-value: 0.03547
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### Explanation of **Thing 3**:

#### Definition of a $t_\nu$ random variable.

Let  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and let  $W \sim \chi_\nu^2$  (chi-square distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom, this has a right-skewed density on the positive real line). The random variables  $Z$  and  $W$  are mutually independent. Then the definition of a  $t_\nu$  random variables from a standard normal random variable and a chi-square random variable is as follows:

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{W/\nu}} \sim t_\nu$$

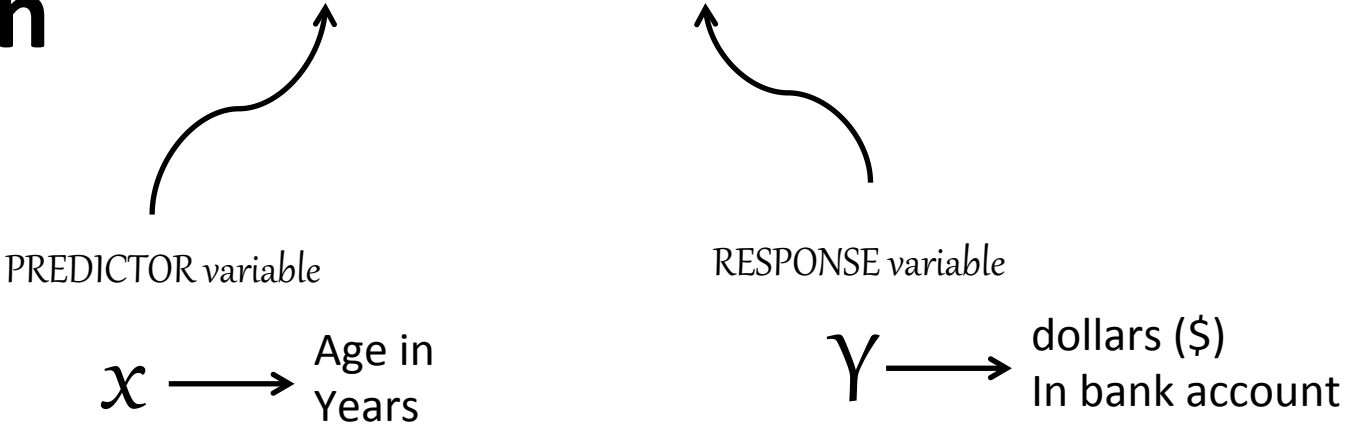
or  $T$  has a Student  $t_\nu$  distribution. For this to apply above to  $\frac{\hat{B}_1 - \beta_1}{SE(\hat{B}_1)}$  in (2.76), write

$$\frac{\hat{B}_1 - \beta_1}{SE(\hat{B}_1)} = \frac{(\hat{B}_1 - \beta_1)/\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}}{\sqrt{SE^2(\hat{B}_1)/\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2}}.$$

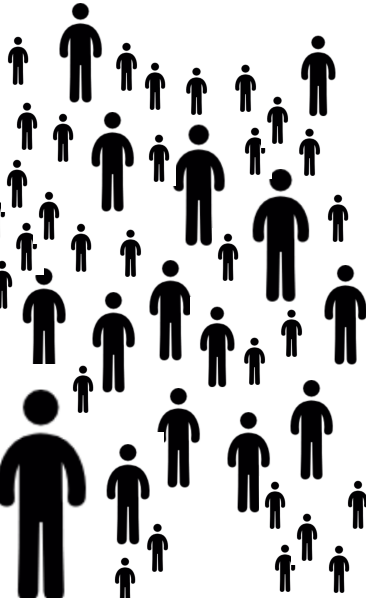
Since  $Z = (\hat{B}_1 - \beta_1)/\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1} \sim N(0, 1)$ , to get a  $t_{n-2}$  distribution, it is necessary to show that  $SE^2(\hat{B}_1)$  (as a random variable) is independent of  $\hat{B}_1$ , and that  $W = (n-2)SE^2(\hat{B}_1)/\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$ .

# linear regression

## Age vs. Money



### Population



Population parameters  
 $\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2$

Hypothesis Test  
 $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$   
 $H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$

### Sample statistics

$b_0 = 17.7$   
 $b_1 = 0.55$   
 $s = 15.5$   
 $R^2 = 0.49$

For parameter  $\beta_1$  :  
95% C.I. = [0.05, 1.05]  
 $p\text{-value} = 0.036$

### Sample, n=9

	x	y
	82	71
	45	54
	71	43
	22	45
	29	21
	9	11
	12	30
	18	45
	24	10