



The SPINE of statistics: the linear model, parameters and estimation

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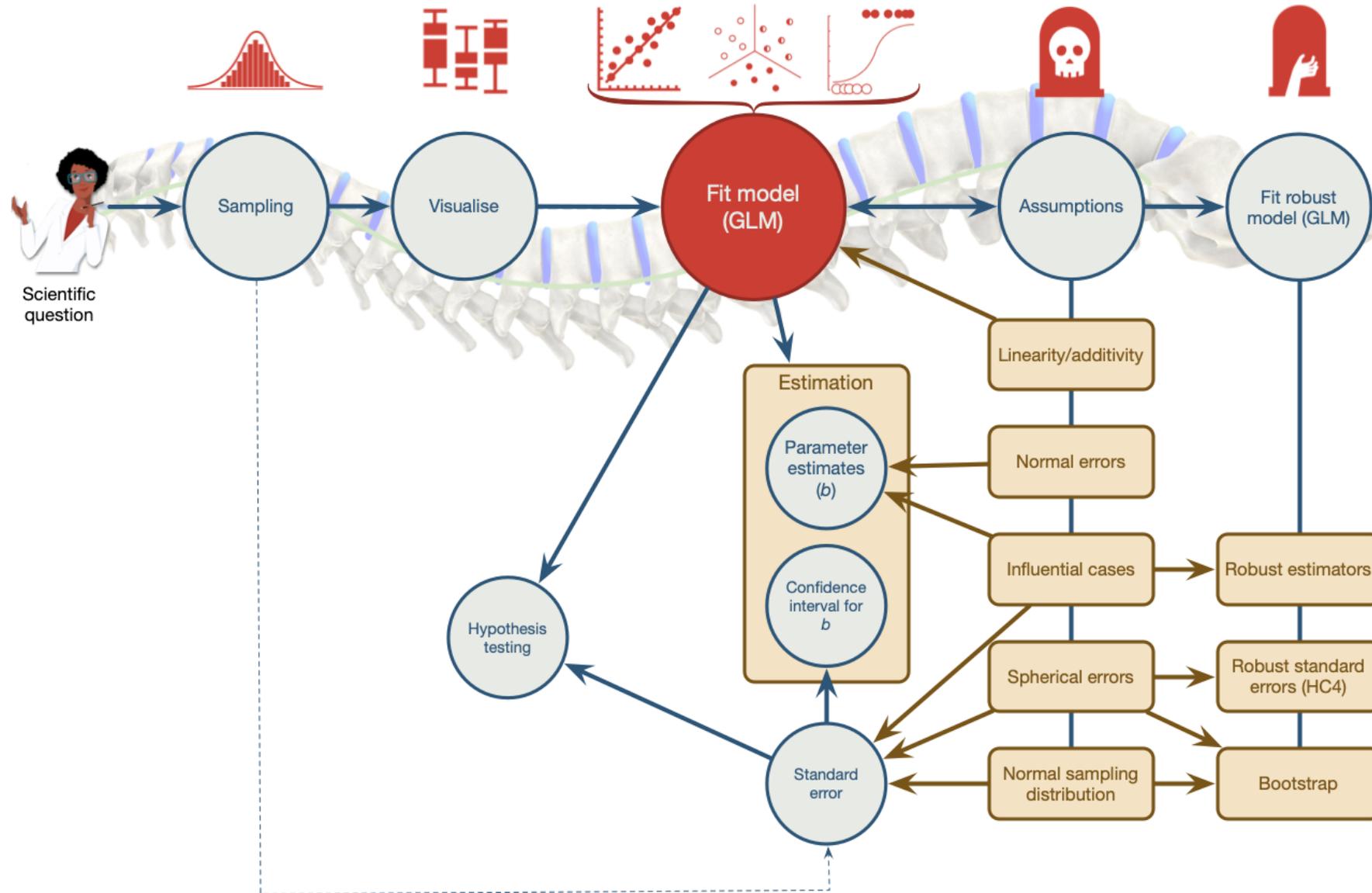
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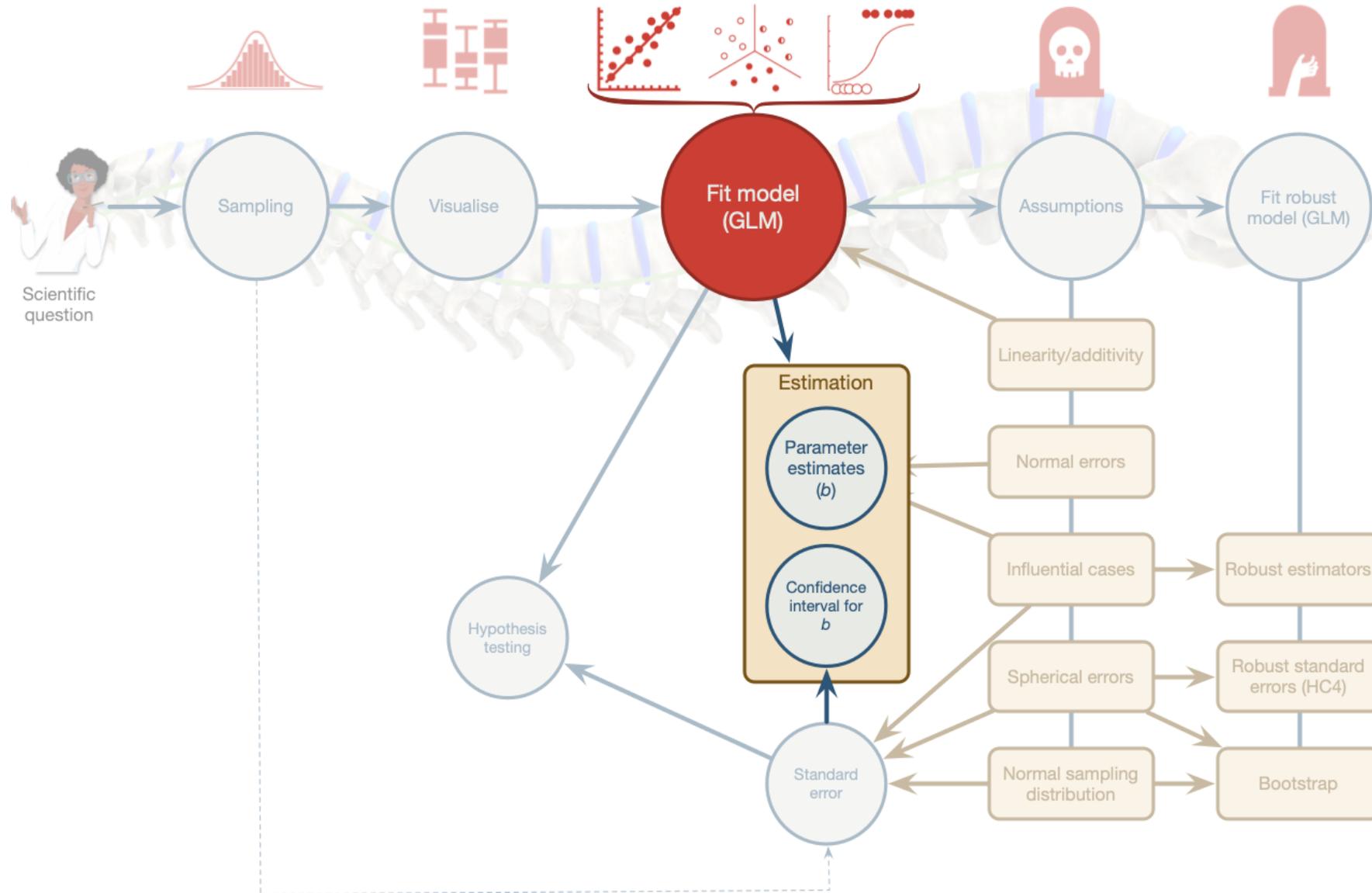
5 Key concepts

- Standard error
- Parameters
- Interval estimates
- Null hypothesis significance testing (NHST)
- Estimation



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Learning outcomes

- Understand the commonalities in psychological statistical models
 - Most psychological statistical boil down to a very simple idea of predicting an outcome from one or more measured variables
- Understand the function and form of the linear model
 - Predicting an outcome variable from another variable (a predictor)
 - The mathematical model
 - Visualizing the model
 - Familiar models as variants of the linear model
- Understand what the model parameters (bs) represent
- Understand why we use sampling
- Understand (conceptually) least squares estimation



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Why do (some) students hate statistics?



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$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 X_i + e_i$$

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})(y_i - \bar{Y})}{(N - 1) s_x s_y}$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(\text{observed}_{ij} - \text{model}_{ij})^2}{\text{model}_{ij}}$$



Can we make statistics (a bit) less like this?



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The only equation you will ever need

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A zombie quiz

A researcher counted how many humans and zombies choose brain chips or potato chips to accompany their dinner at the university canteen

- How do I analyze these data?

Organism	Brain chips	Potato chips
Human	28	42
Zombie	61	57



A chi-square test

```
chisq.test(zom_fct_tib$organism, zom_fct_tib$chip, correct = FALSE)
```

```
##  
##      Pearson's Chi-squared test  
##  
## data:  zom_fct_tib$organism and zom_fct_tib$chip  
## X-squared = 2.4105, df = 1, p-value = 0.1205
```



A Spearman correlation?

```
zom_tib %>%  
  correlation::correlation(., method = "spearman")
```

Parameter1	Parameter2	rho	CI_low	CI_high	S	p	Method	n_Obs
organism	chip	-0.113	-0.252	0.03	1232810	0.122	Spearman	188

A Kendall's τ correlation?

```
zom_tib %>%  
  correlation::correlation(., method = "kendall")
```

Parameter1	Parameter2	CI_low	CI_high	tau	z	p	Method	n_Obs
organism	chip	-0.252	0.03	-0.113	-1.548	0.122	Kendall	188



A Pearson correlation?

```
zom_tib %>%  
  correlation::correlation()
```

Parameter1	Parameter2	r	CI_low	CI_high	t	df	p	Method	n_Obs
organism	chip	-0.113	-0.252	0.03	-1.554	186	0.122	Pearson	188

A t -test?

```
brains <- zom_tib %>% dplyr::filter(chip == 0)  
potatoes <- zom_tib %>% dplyr::filter(chip == 1)
```

```
t.test(brains$organism, potatoes$organism)
```

estimate	estimate1	estimate2	statistic	p.value	parameter	conf.low	conf.high	method	alternative
0.11	0.685	0.576	1.559	0.121	185.619	-0.029	0.248	Welch Two Sample t-test	two.sided

One-way ANOVA?

```
zom_tib %>%  
  aov(organism ~ factor(chip), data = .)
```

term	df	sumsq	meansq	statistic	p.value
factor(chip)	1	0.563	0.563	2.416	0.122
Residuals	186	43.373	0.233	NA	NA

Linear model (Regression)?

```
zom_tib %>%  
  lm(organism ~ factor(chip), data = .)
```

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
(Intercept)	0.685	0.051	13.390	0.000
factor(chip)1	-0.110	0.071	-1.554	0.122

Loglinear model?

```
xtabs(~ organism + chip, data = zom_fct_tib) %>%  
  MASS::loglm(~ organism + chip, data = .)
```

X ²	df	P(> X ²)
2.422	1	0.120
2.410	1	0.121



Multilevel model?

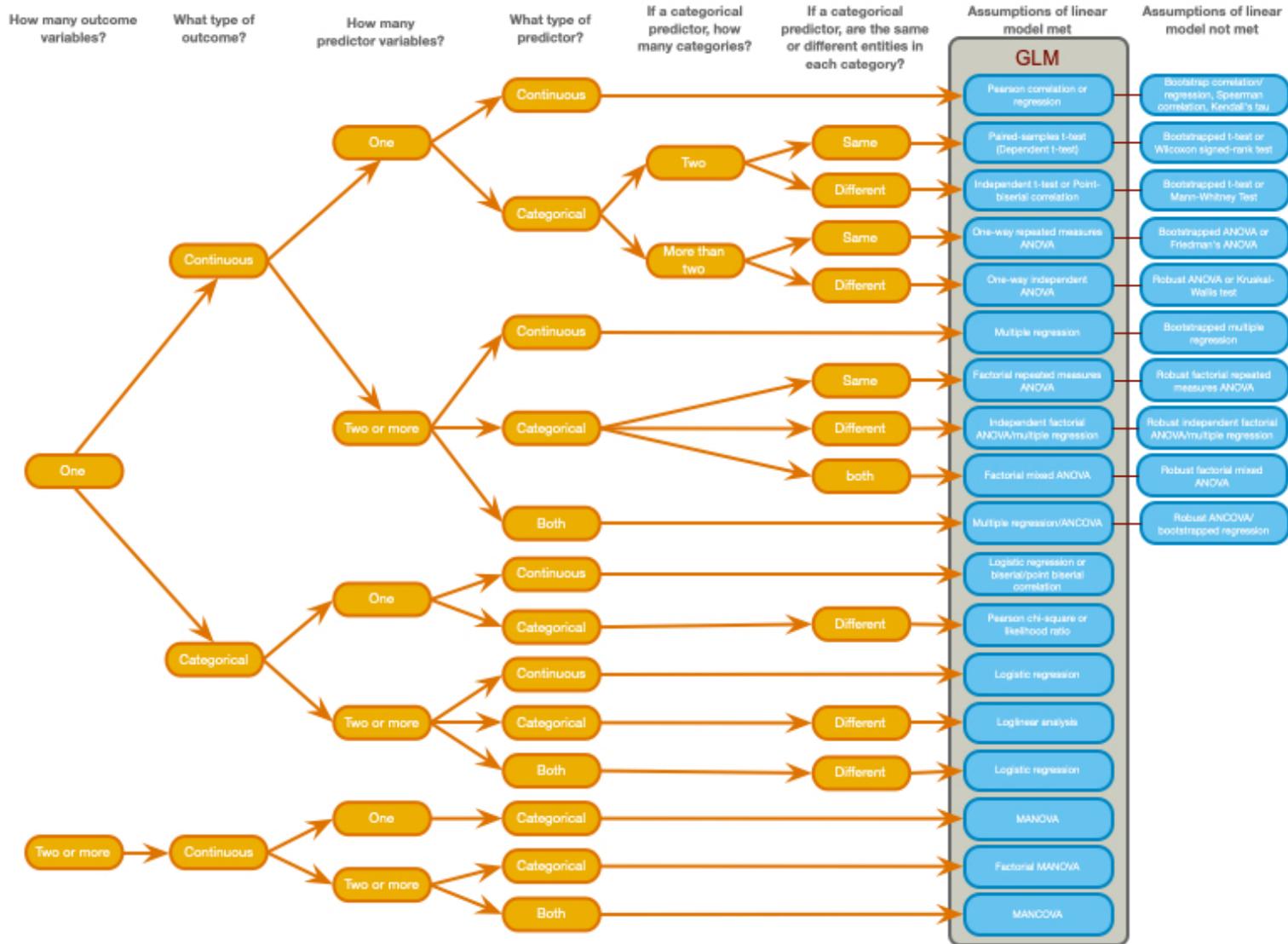
```
lmerTest::lmer(chip ~ organism + (1|canteen), data = zom_tib)
```

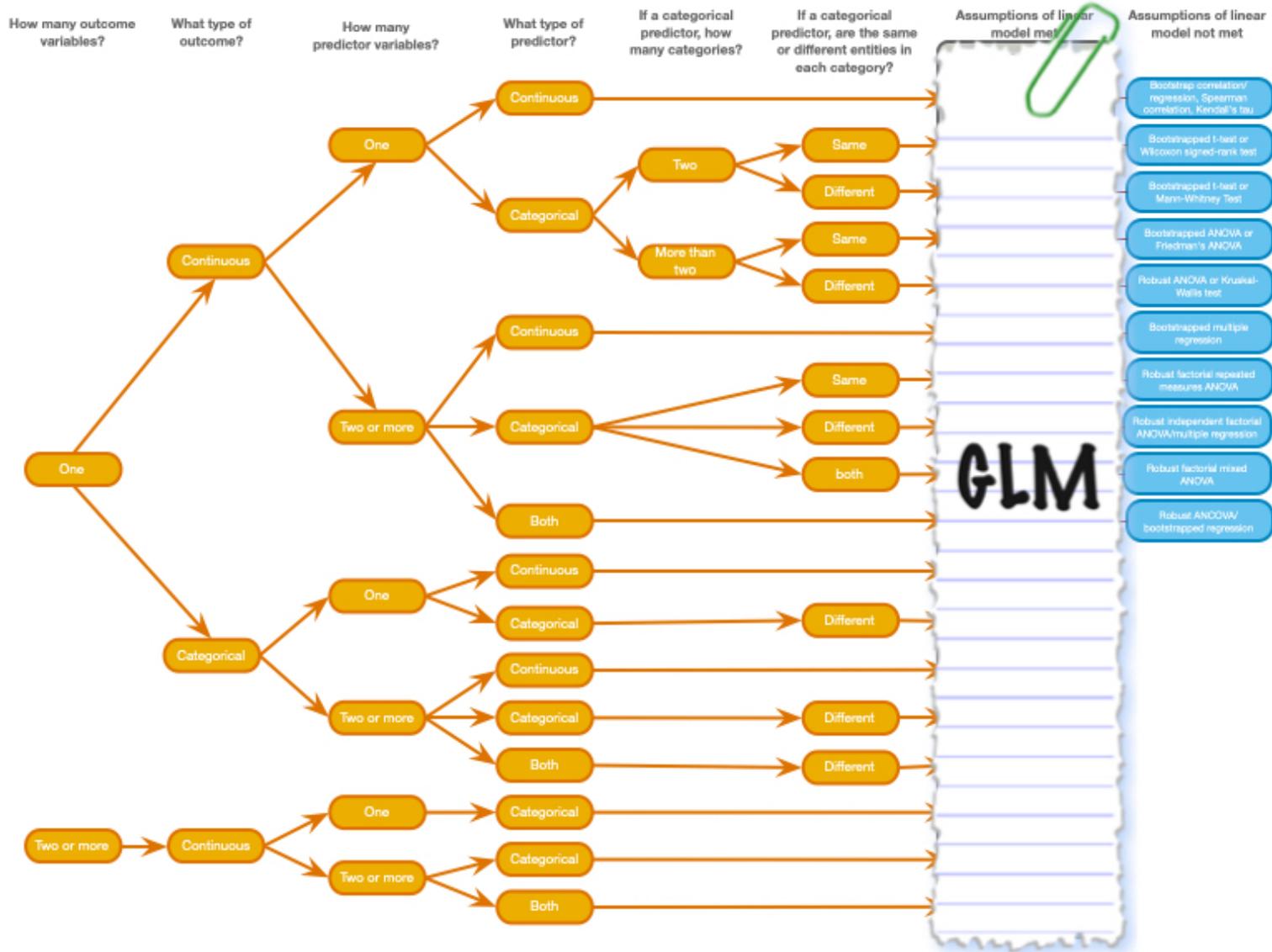
Parameter	Coefficient	SE	CI_low	CI_high	t	df_error	p
(Intercept)	0.600	0.060	0.483	0.717	10.065	184	0.00
organism	-0.117	0.075	-0.264	0.031	-1.554	184	0.12



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$$\text{outcome}_i = (\text{model}_i) + \text{error}_i$$

$$\text{outcome}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 \text{predictor}_i + \dots + \hat{b}_n \text{predictor}_i + \text{error}_i$$

\hat{b}_n

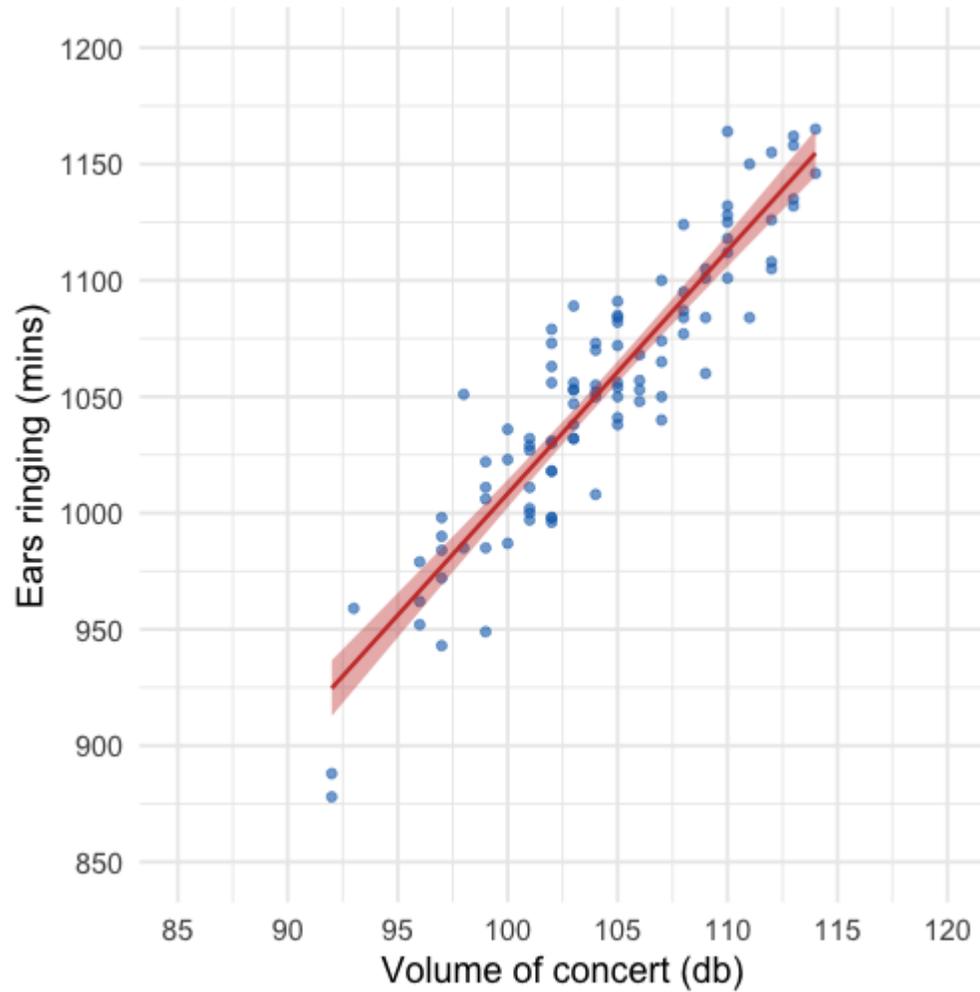
- Estimate of parameter for a predictor
 - Direction/strength of relationship/effect
 - Difference in means

\hat{b}_0

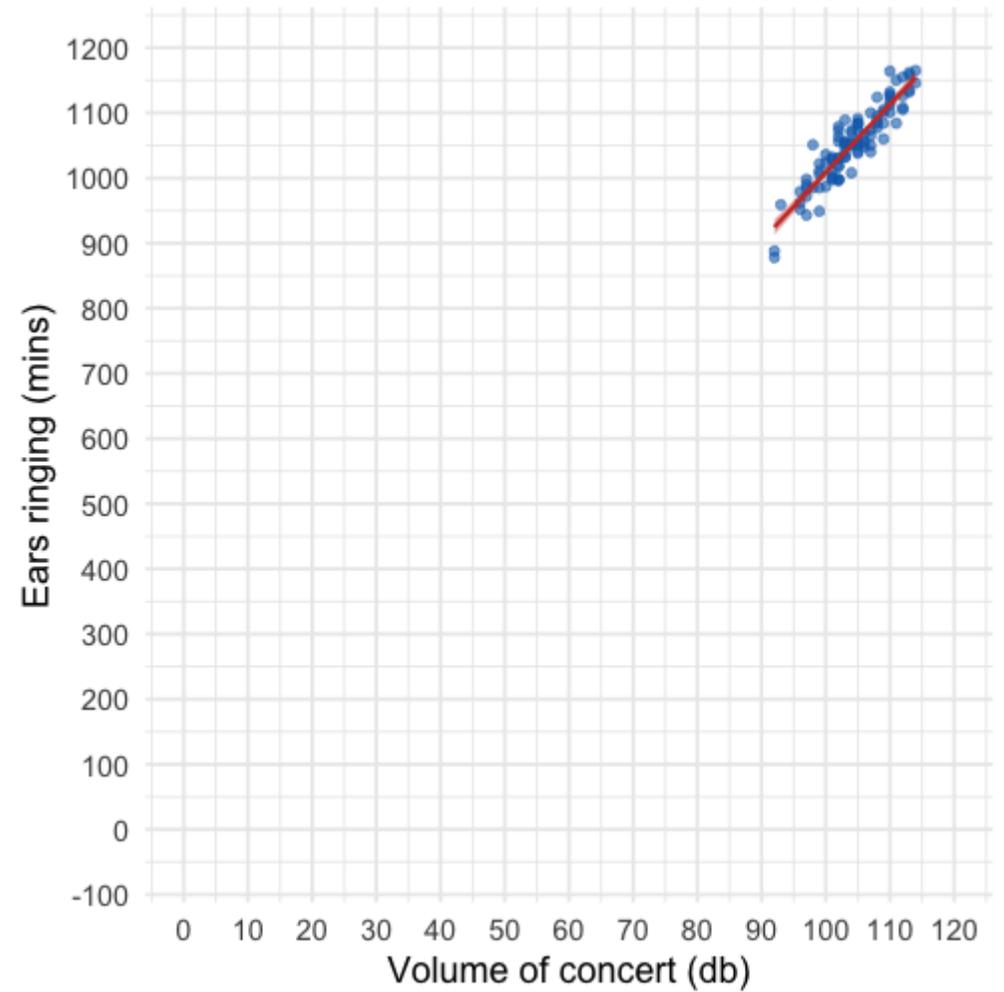
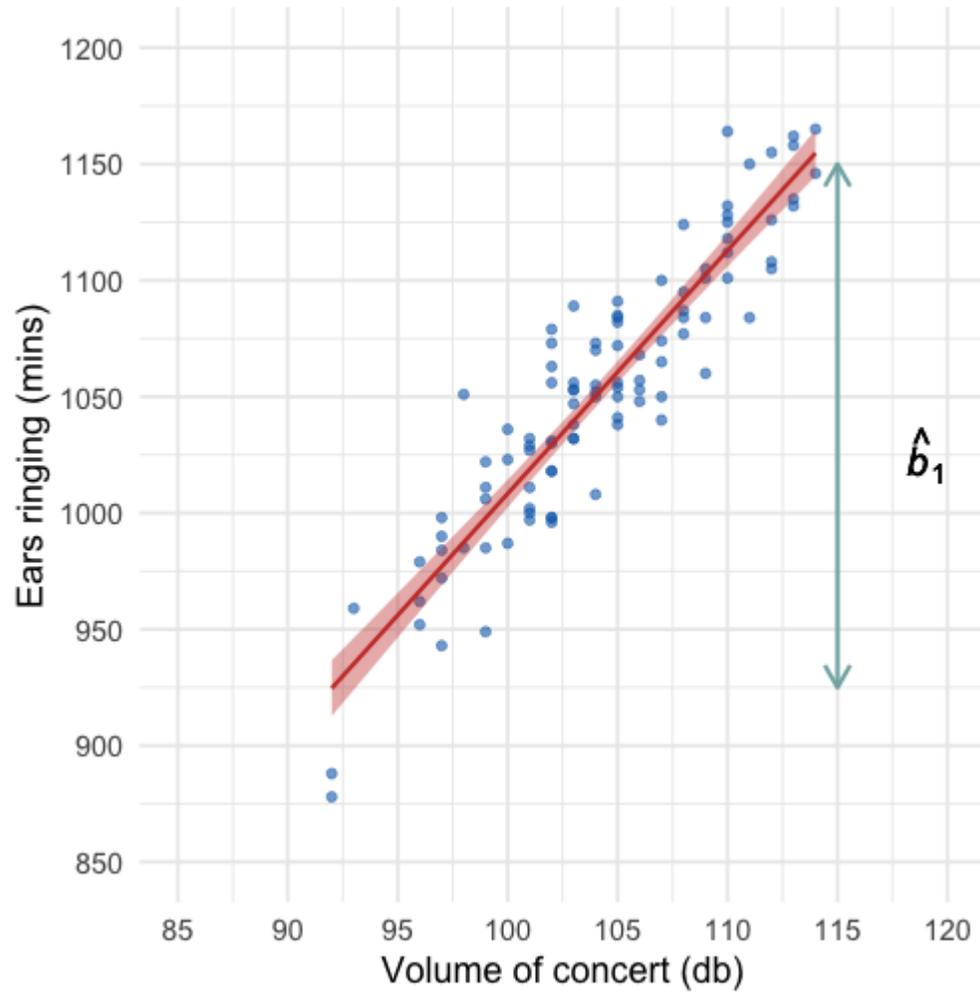
- Estimate of the value of the outcome when predictor(s) = 0 (intercept)



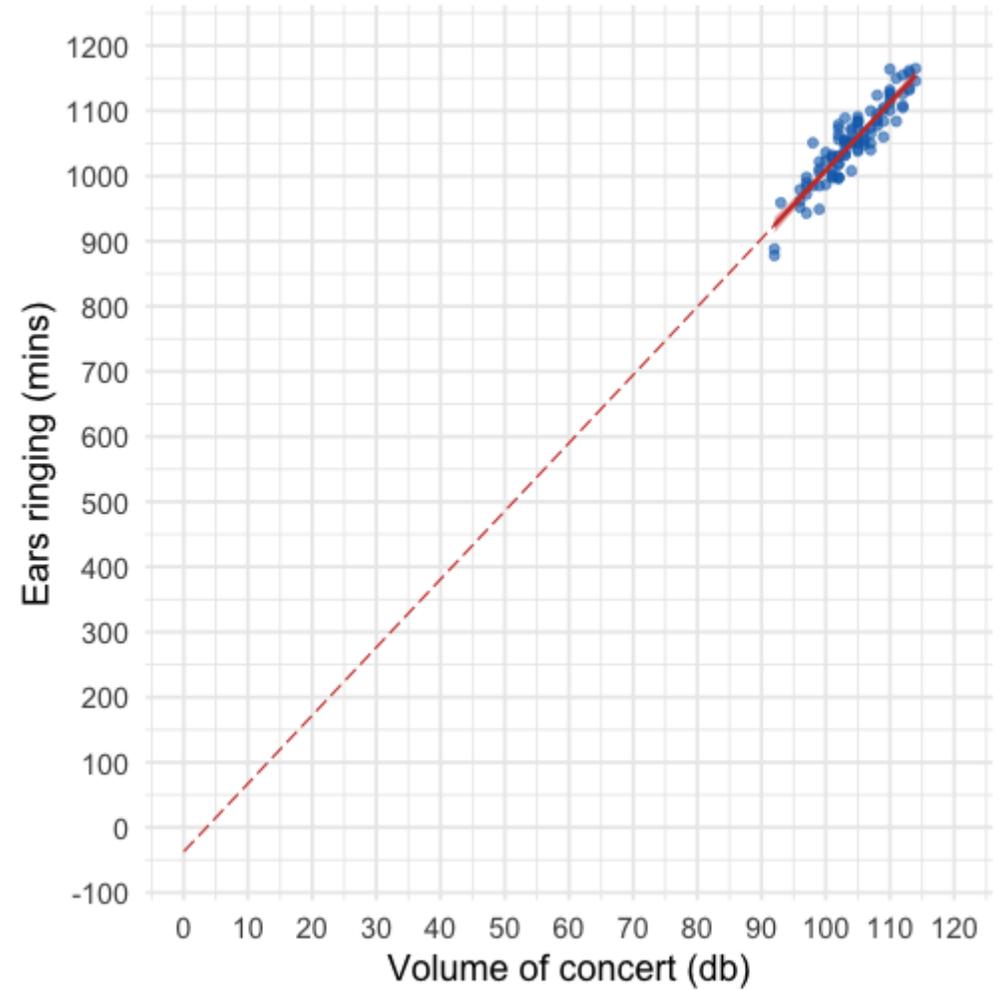
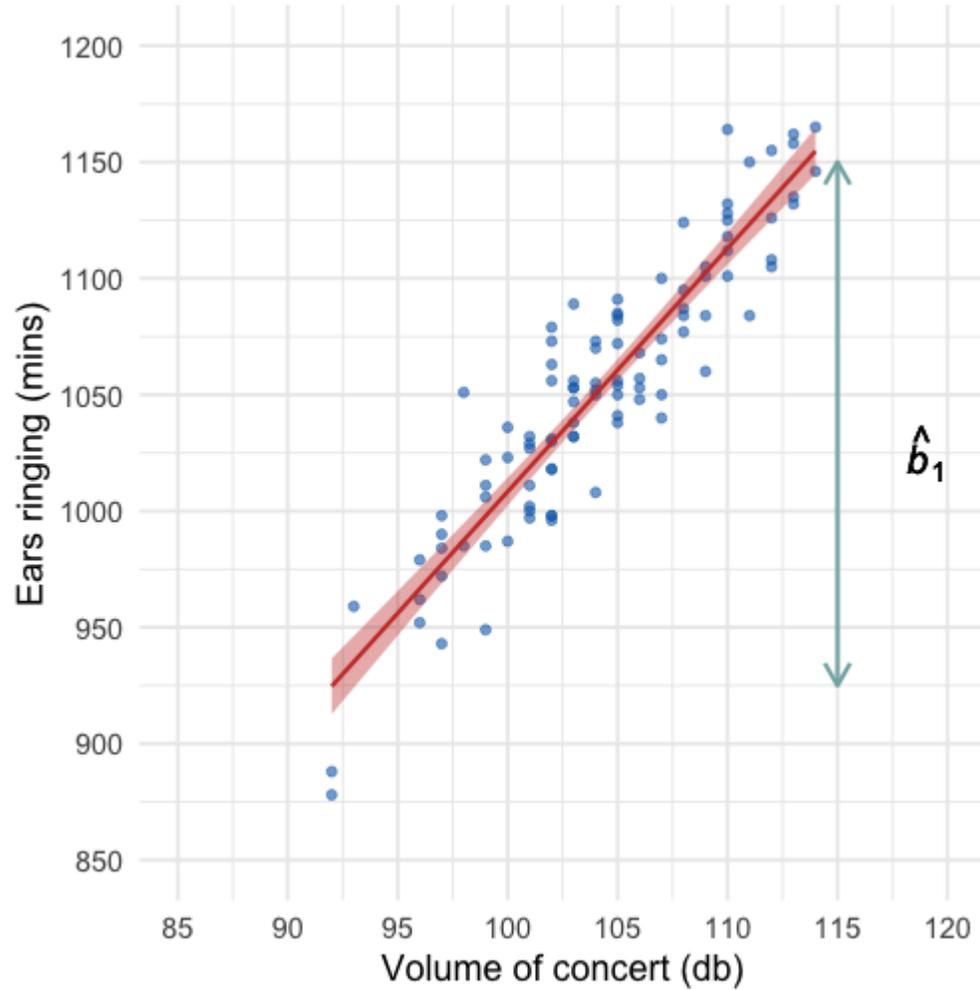
$$\widehat{\text{ringing}}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 \text{volume}_i + e_i$$



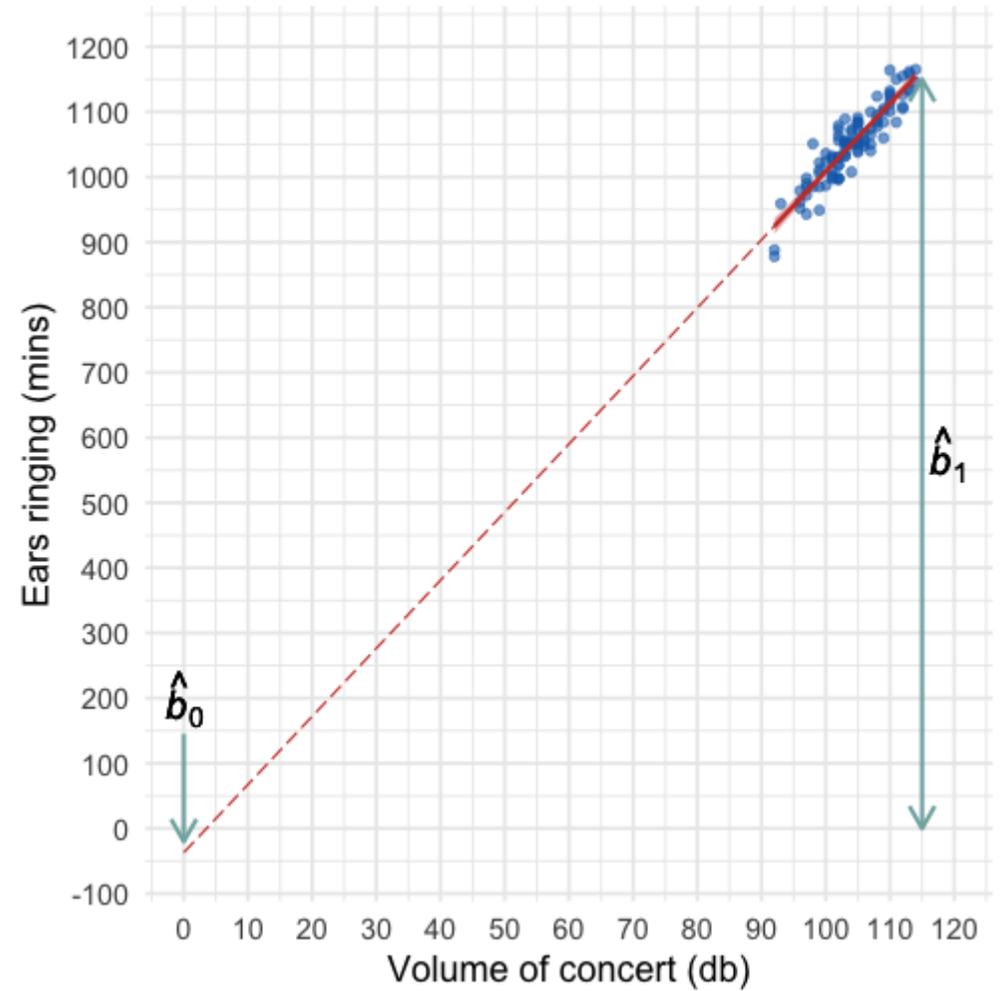
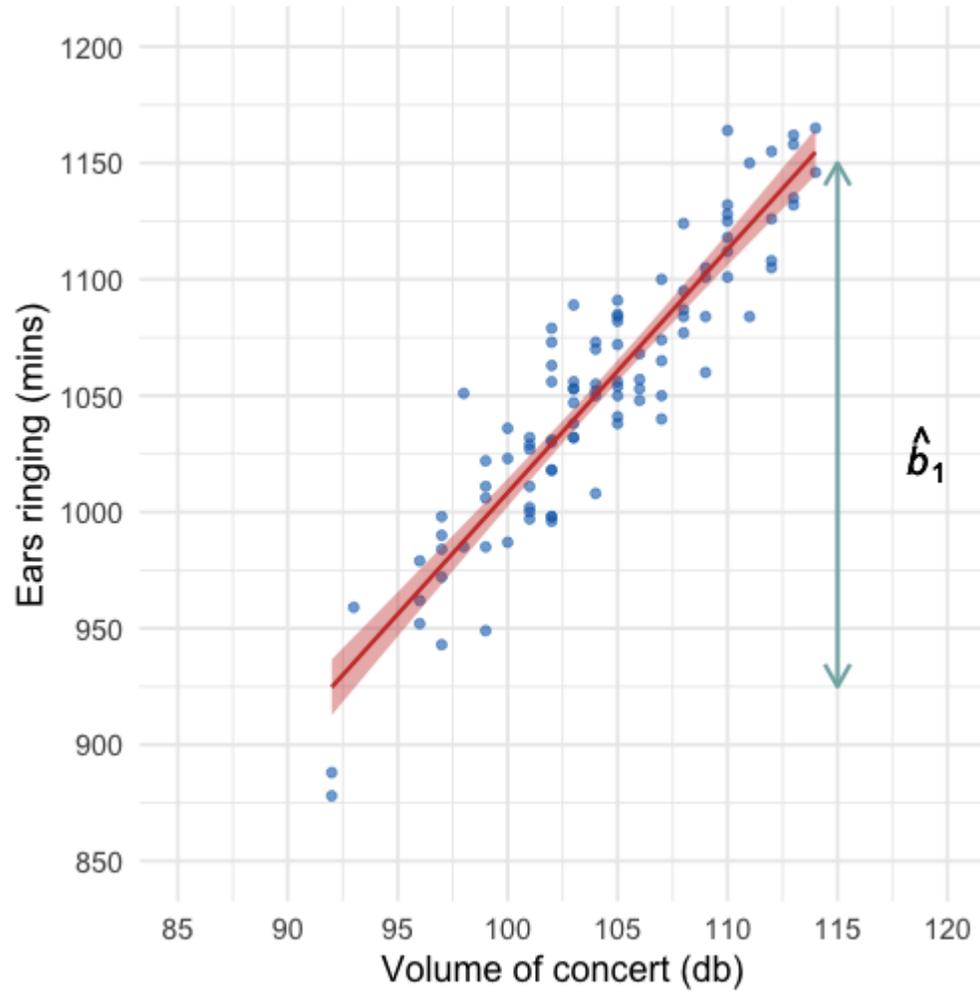
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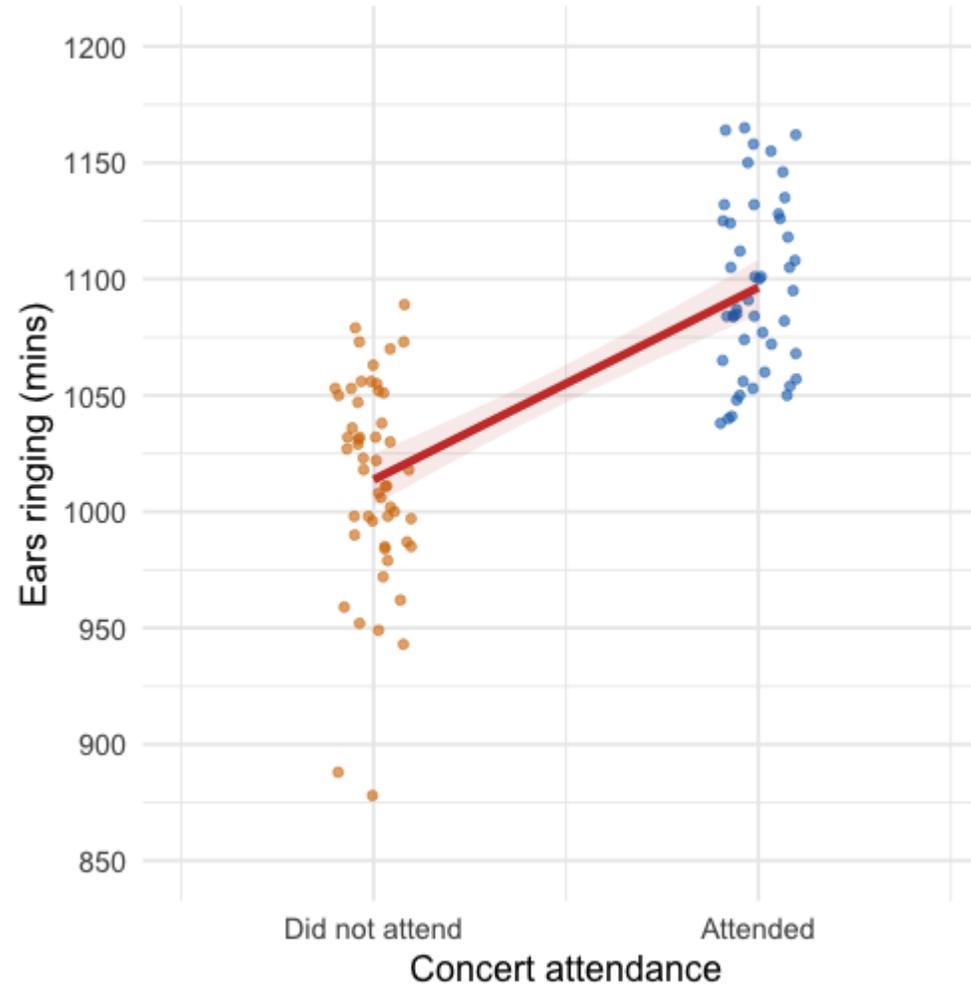
$$\widehat{\text{ringing}}_i = -37.12 + 10.45\text{volume}_i + e_i$$



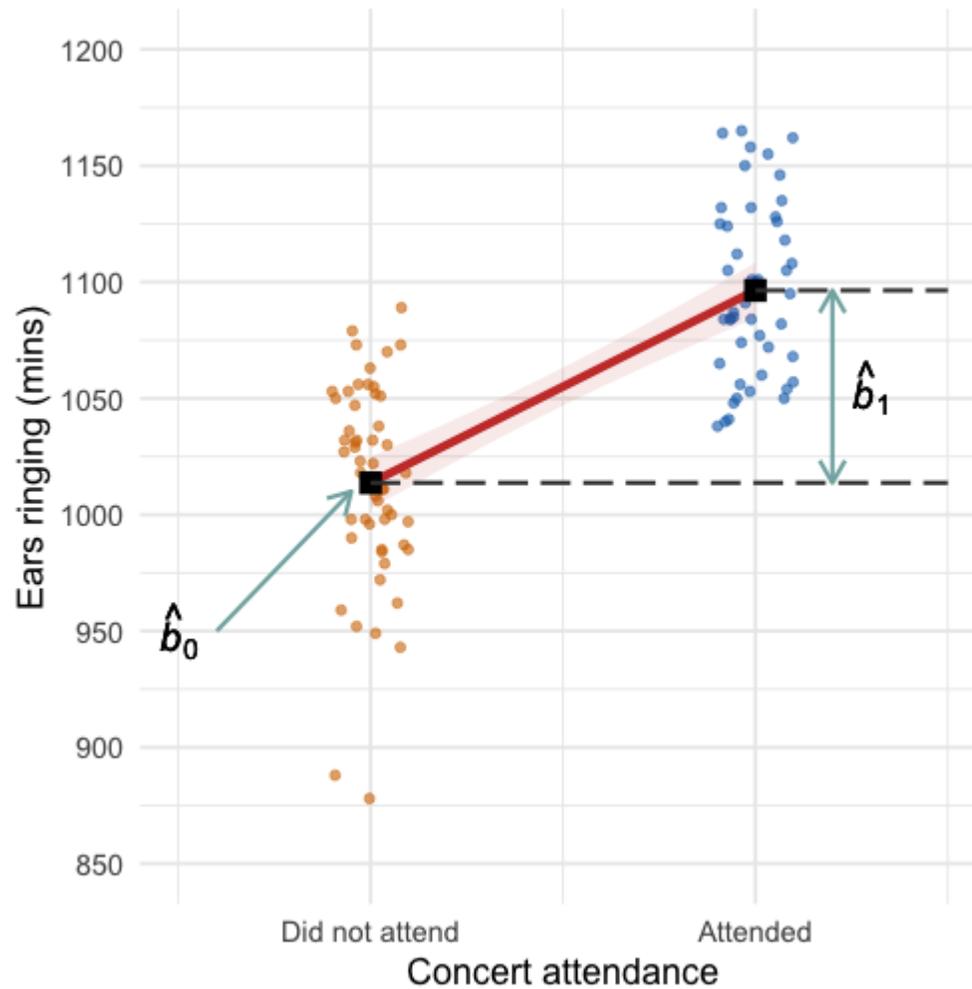
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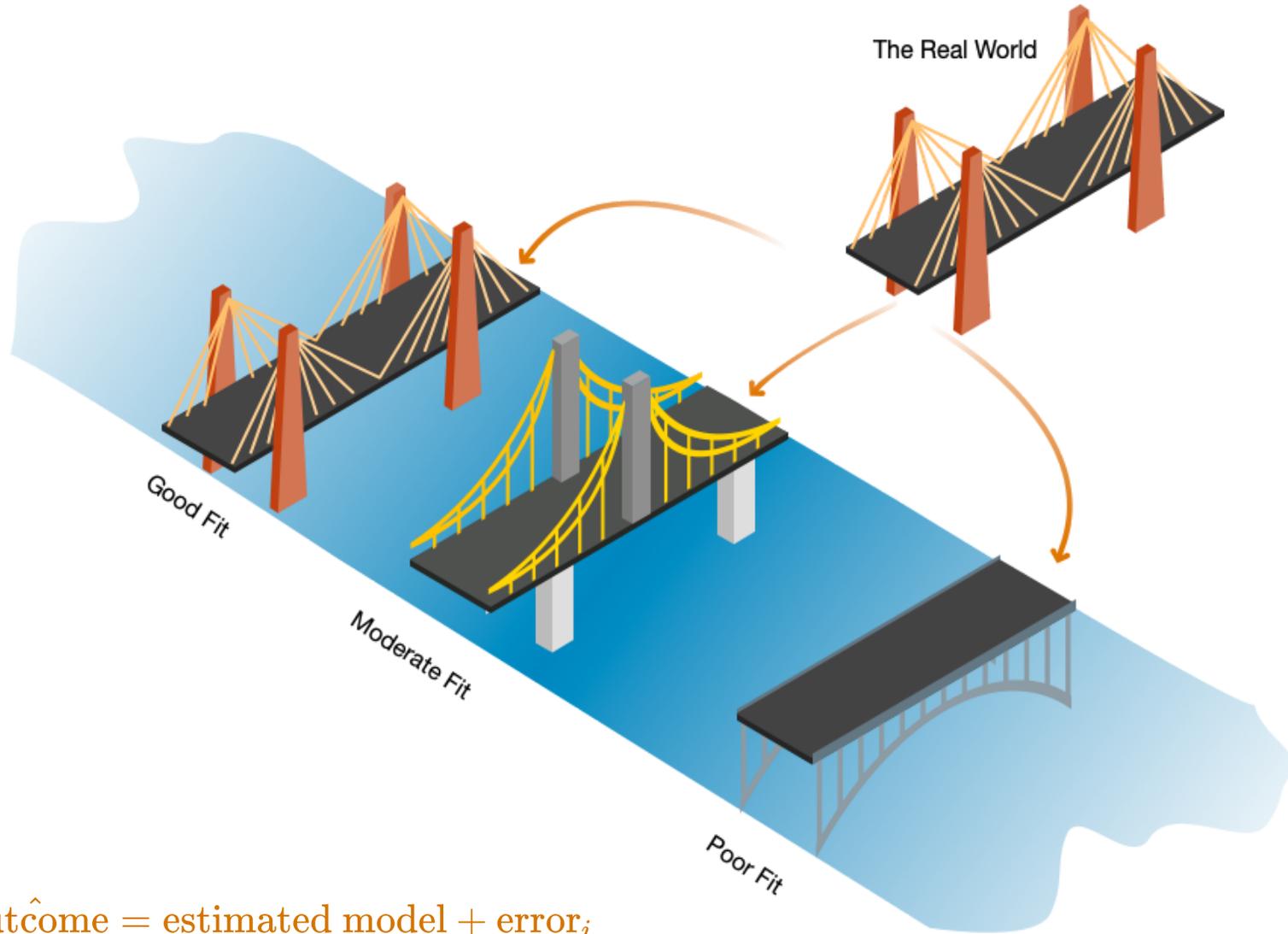
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$$\text{outcome} = \text{model} + \text{error}_i$$



$$\hat{\text{outcome}} = \text{estimated model} + \text{error}_i$$



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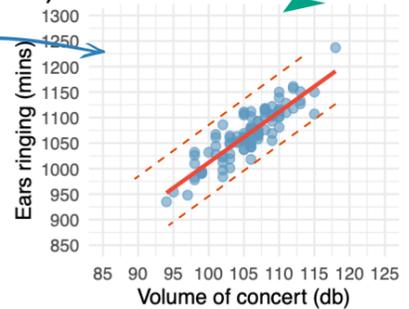
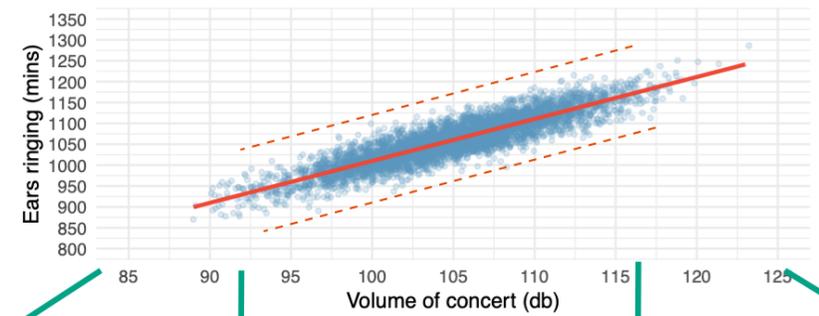
True values
(parameter)



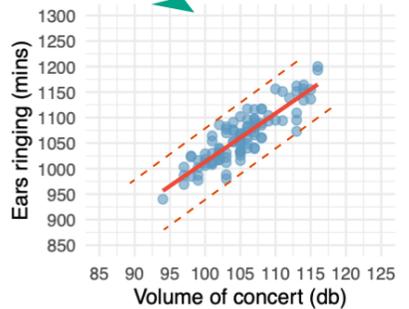
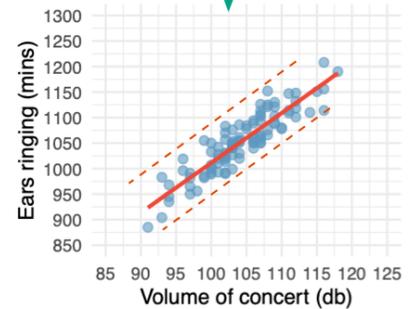
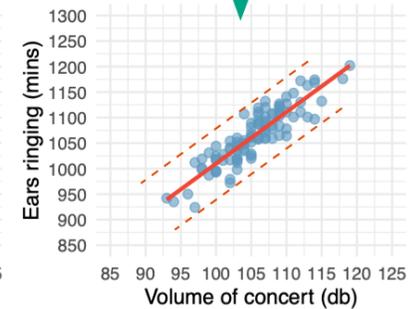
Estimates
(statistics)

Population

$$y_i = 5.5 + 10.05x_i + \varepsilon_i$$



Our sample



Other potential samples



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Least squares estimation: an example

$$\text{friends}_i = \hat{b}_0 + e_i$$

- With no predictors, we predict an outcome from only the intercept \hat{b}_0
- In this scenario \hat{b}_0 will be the mean value of the outcome
- The model has one predicted value (the mean) for all observations
- Data: 1, 3, 4, 3, 2

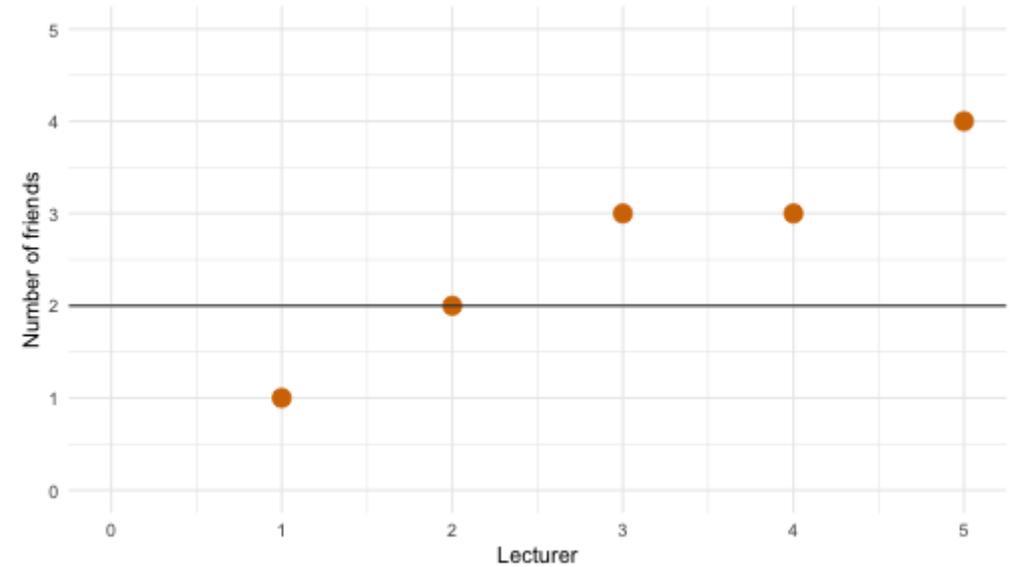


Guess 1: $\hat{b}_0 = 2$

$$\text{friends}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \text{error}_i$$

$$\text{error}_i = \text{friends}_i - \hat{b}_0$$

Friends (Y)	Estimate	Error	Squared error
1	2		
2	2		
3	2		
3	2		
4	2		

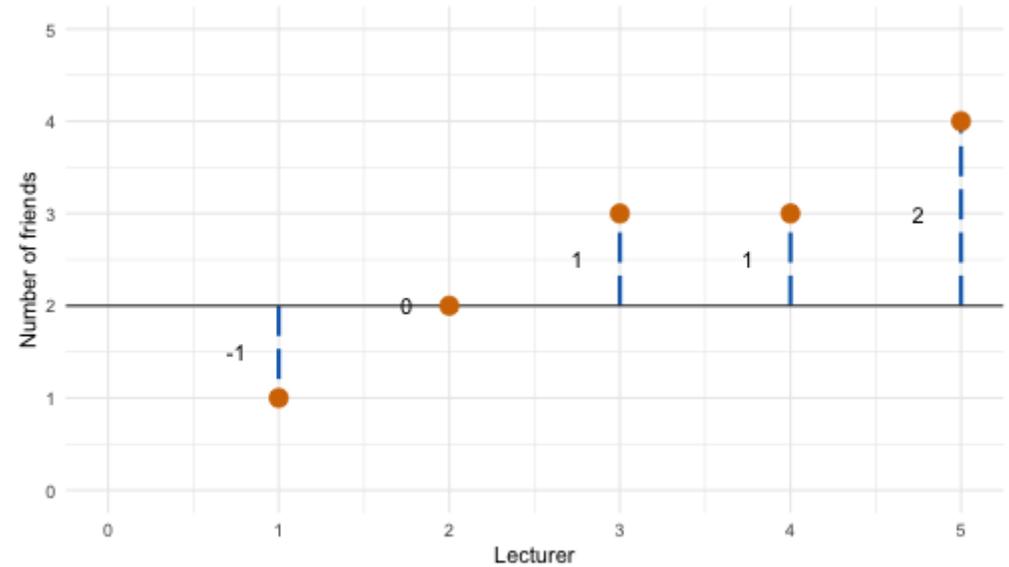


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	Friends (Y)	Estimate	Error	Squared error
1	1	2	-1	1
2	2	2	0	0
3	3	2	1	1
3	3	2	1	1
4	4	2	2	4
Total	—	—	—	7.00

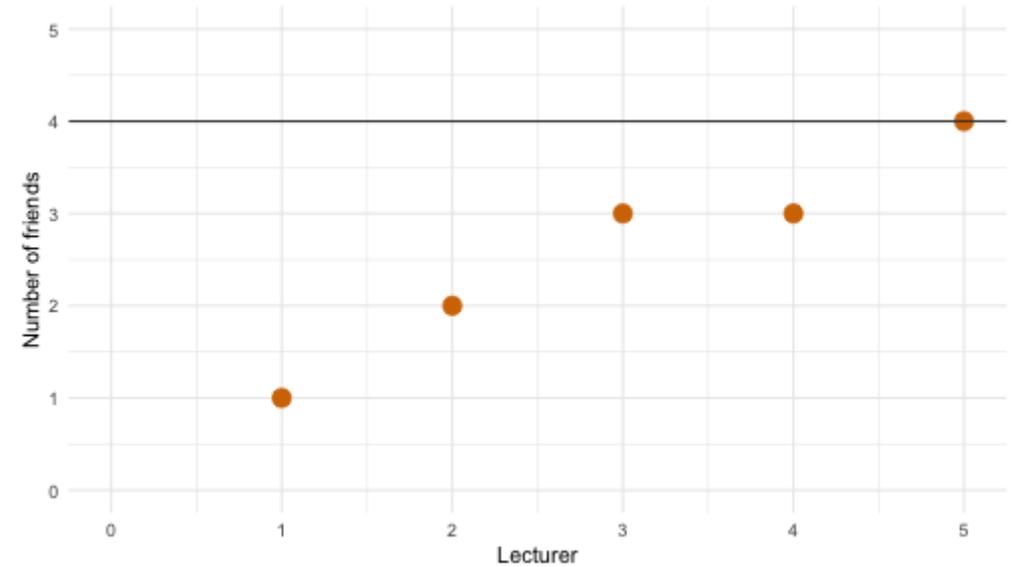


Guess 2: $\hat{b}_0 = 4$

$$\text{friends}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \text{error}_i$$

$$\text{error}_i = \text{friends}_i - \hat{b}_0$$

Friends (Y)	Estimate	Error	Squared error
1	4		
2	4		
3	4		
3	4		
4	4		

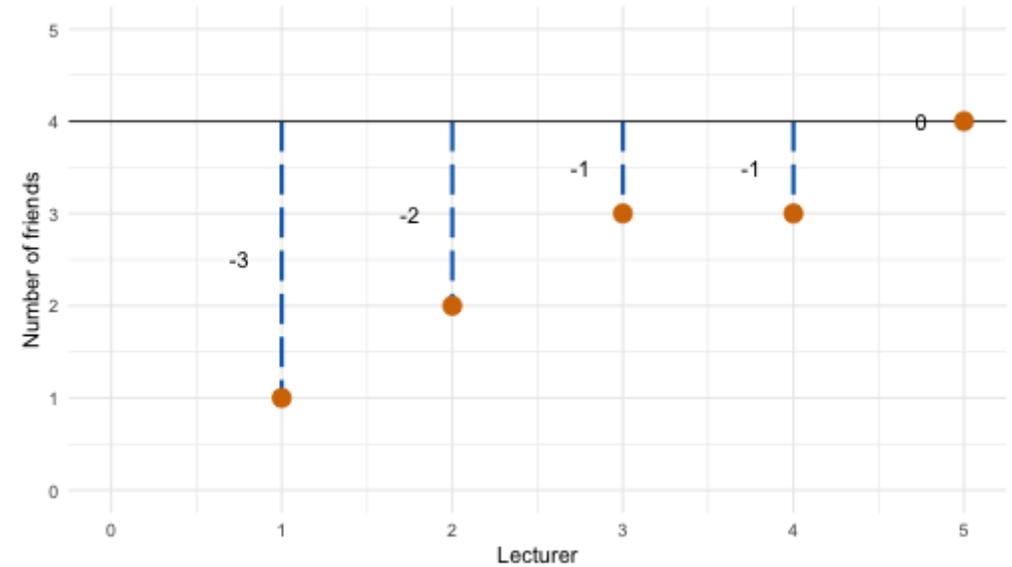


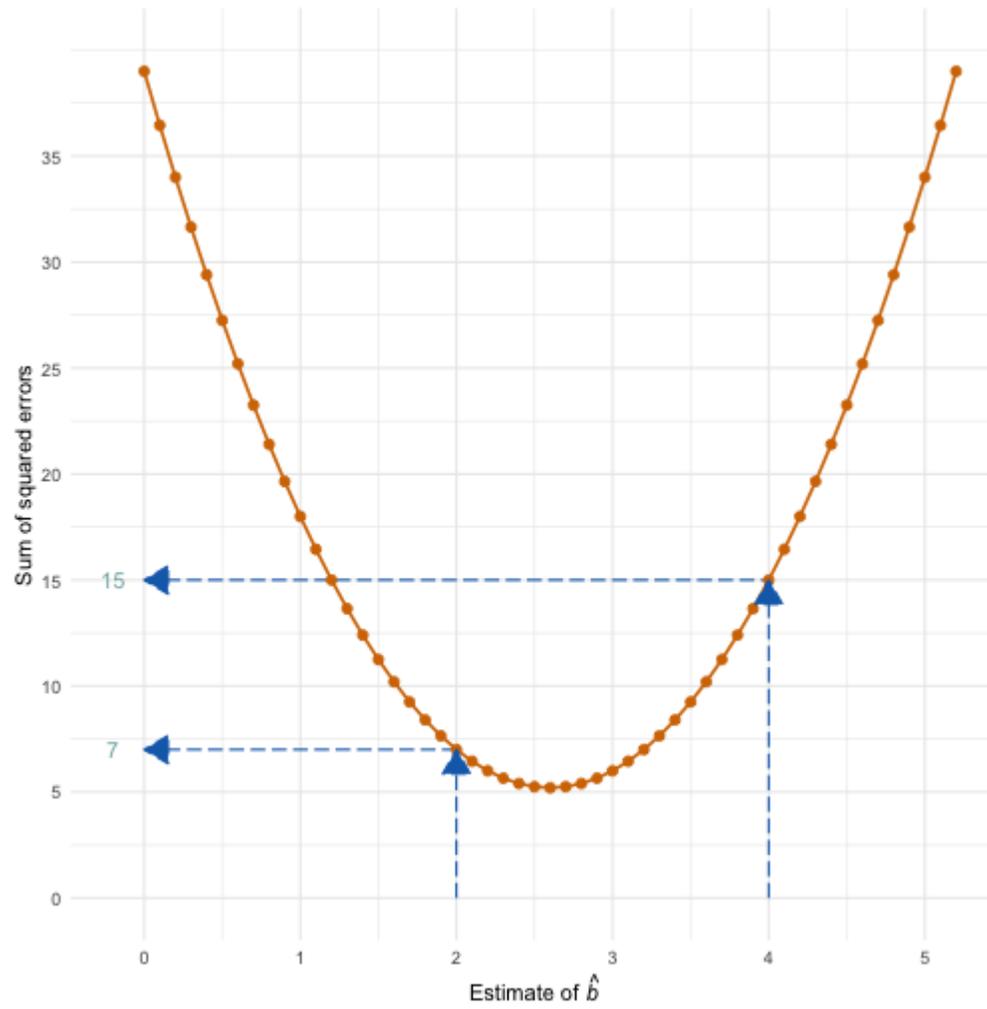
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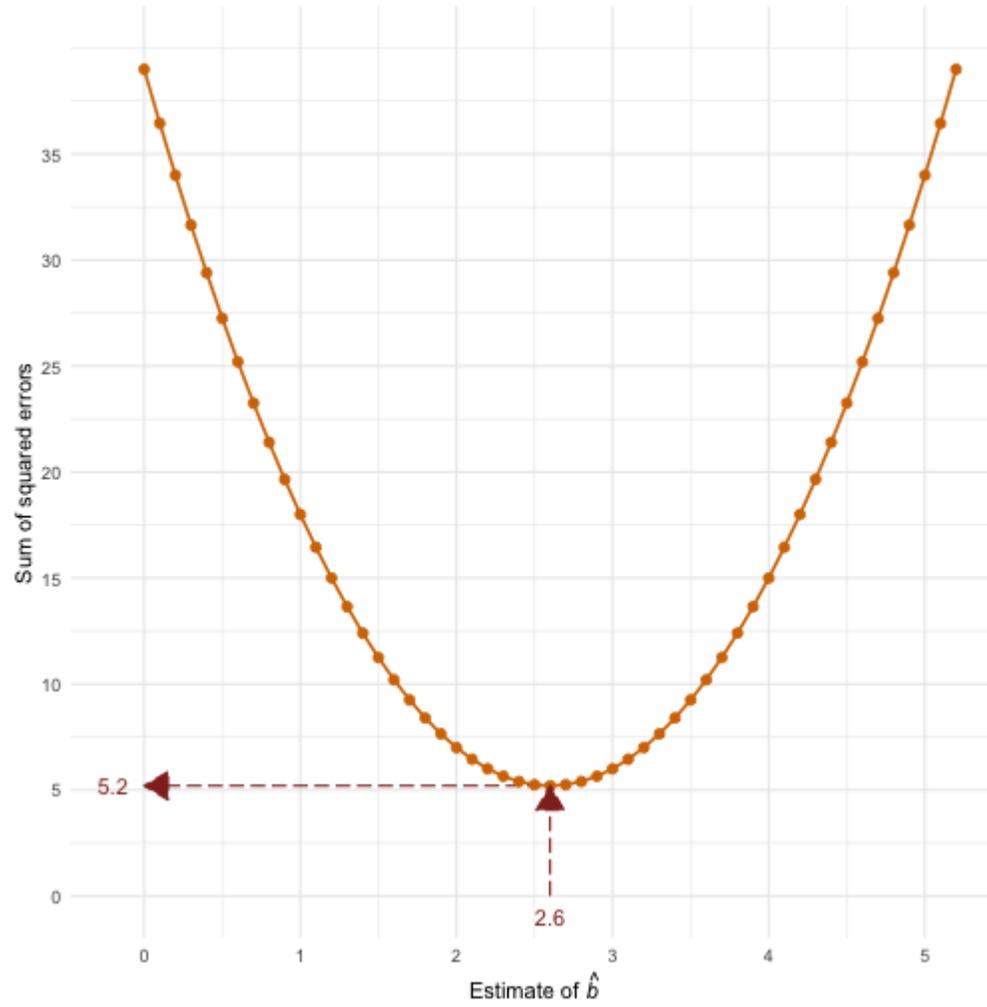
	Friends (Y)	Estimate	Error	Squared error
1	1	4	-3	9
2	2	4	-2	4
3	3	4	-1	1
3	3	4	-1	1
4	3	4	-1	1
4	4	4	0	0
Total	—	—	—	15.00





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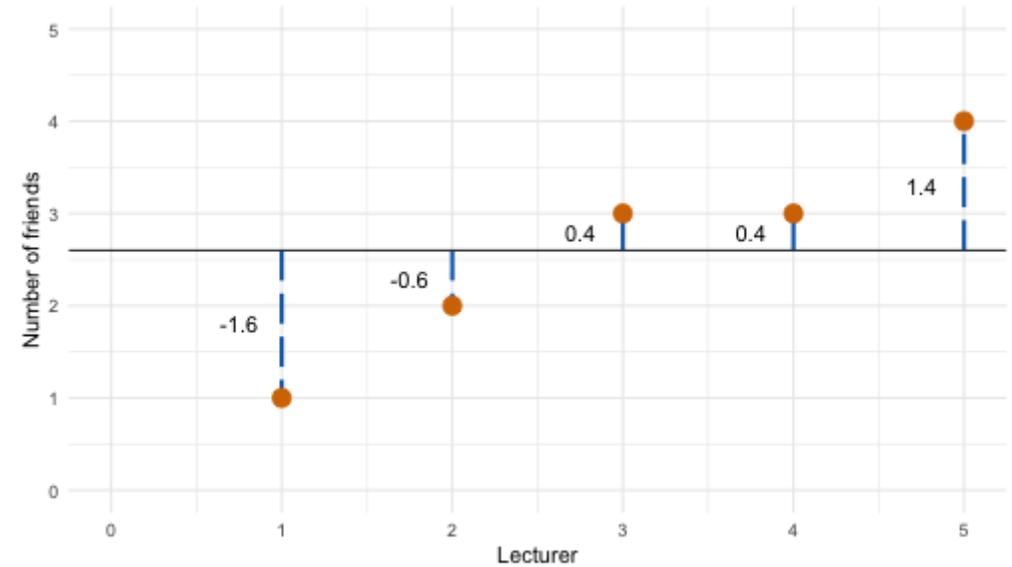


OLS estimate: $\hat{b}_0 = 2.6$

$$\text{friends}_i = \hat{b}_0 + \text{error}_i$$

$$\text{error}_i = \text{friends}_i - \hat{b}_0$$

	Friends (Y)	Estimate	Error	Squared error
1		2.6	-1.6	2.56
2		2.6	-0.6	0.36
3		2.6	0.4	0.16
3		2.6	0.4	0.16
4		2.6	1.4	1.96
Total	—	—	—	5.20



- Data: 1, 3, 4, 3, 2

$$\widehat{\text{friends}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

- Add up the scores

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n x_i &= 1 + 3 + 4 + 3 + 2 \\ &= 13\end{aligned}$$

- Divide by the number of scores, n

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} &= \frac{13}{5} \\ &= 2.6\end{aligned}$$

Summary

- People try to make statistics seem complicated but boils down to simple ideas:
 - We predict one variable from a model containing one or more predictors
 - There is always error in prediction
 - The model you fit represents hypotheses
 - The model you fit is typically a variation on the the linear model (GLM)
 - If you understand this one model, you understand most of psychological statistics
- Parameter estimates (b)
 - Tell us about the shape of the model
 - Tell us about size and direction of relationship between predictor(s) and outcome
 - They are estimated from the sample data
- Estimation
 - Ordinary least squares (OLS) estimation is one (of many) methods for estimating parameters
 - The mean is an example of an OLS estimator

