

Introduction to Geostatistics

11. Multiple regression, regression extensions

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The multiple linear regression model

The multiple linear regression model extends the simple regression model with one single predictor

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + e_i$$

to two predictors

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \beta_2 X_{i,2} + e_i$$

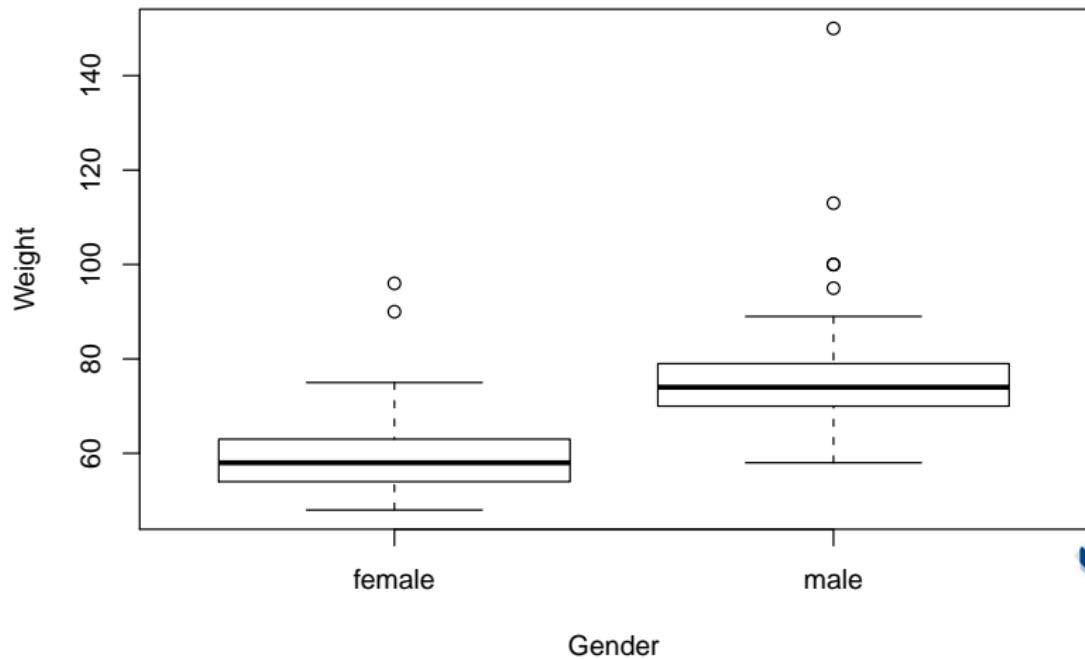
or p predictors:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_p X_{i,p} + e_i$$

Example: two groups

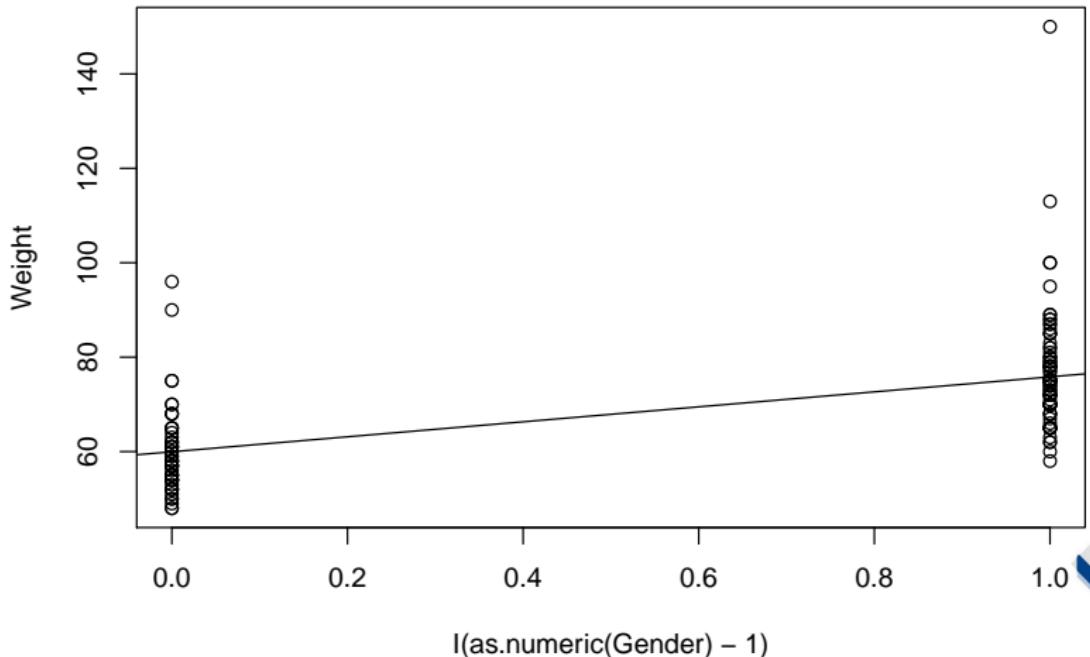
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```
> plot(Weight ~ Gender)
```



Example: ... seen through a linear regression glasses

```
> plot(Weight ~ I(as.numeric(Gender) - 1))  
> abline(lm(Weight ~ Gender))
```



Example: simple

```
> summary(lm(Weight ~ Gender))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = Weight ~ Gender)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-17.826	-5.826	-1.895	3.174	74.174

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	59.963	1.503	39.890	< 2e-16 ***
Gendermale	15.863	1.894	8.377	4.42e-14 ***

Signif. codes: 0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1

Residual standard error: 11.05 on 144 degrees of freedom
(2 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.3276, Adjusted R-squared: 0.323
F-statistic: 70.17 on 1 and 144 DF, p-value: 4.420e-14

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> summary(lm(Weight ~ Length))
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Call:

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Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-13.081	-6.521	-2.174	3.952	76.609

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-80.39563	14.57031	-5.518	1.555e-07 ***
Length	0.84498	0.08175	10.337	< 2e-16 ***

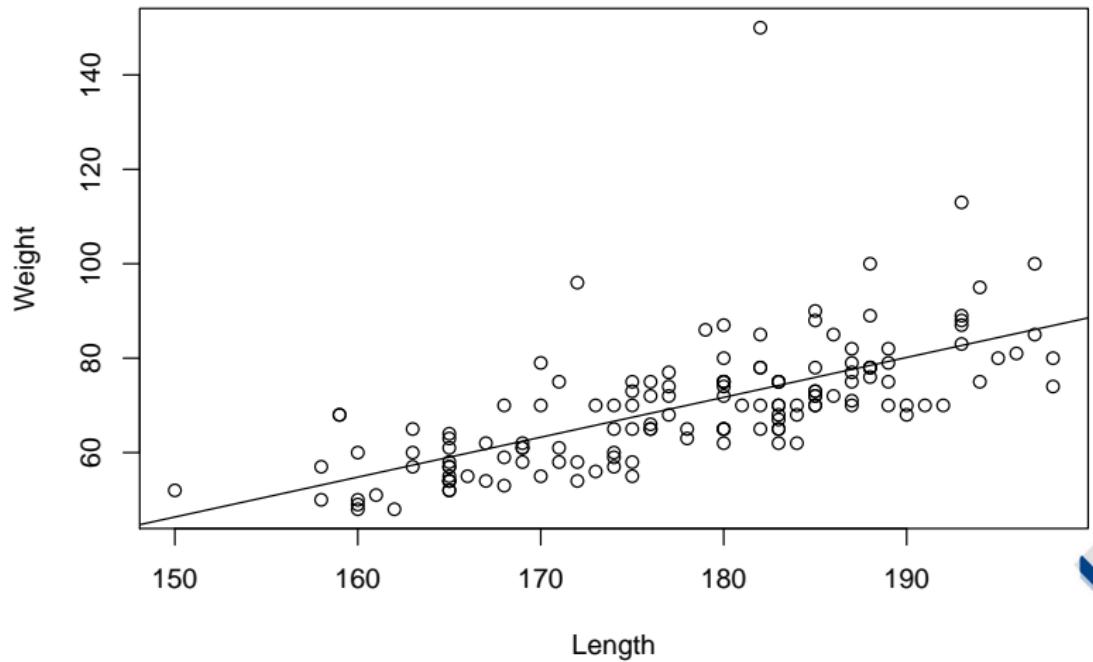
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Residual standard error: 10.21 on 144 degrees of freedom
(2 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.4259, Adjusted R-squared: 0.422
F-statistic: 106.8 on 1 and 144 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

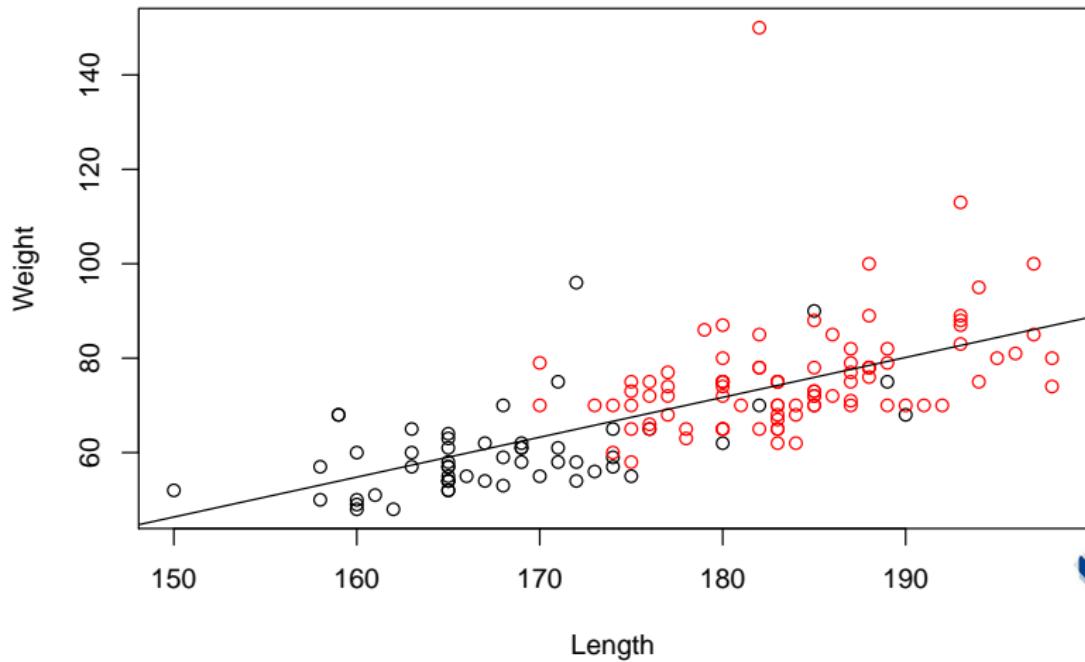
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```
> plot(Weight ~ Length)
> abline(lm(Weight ~ Length))
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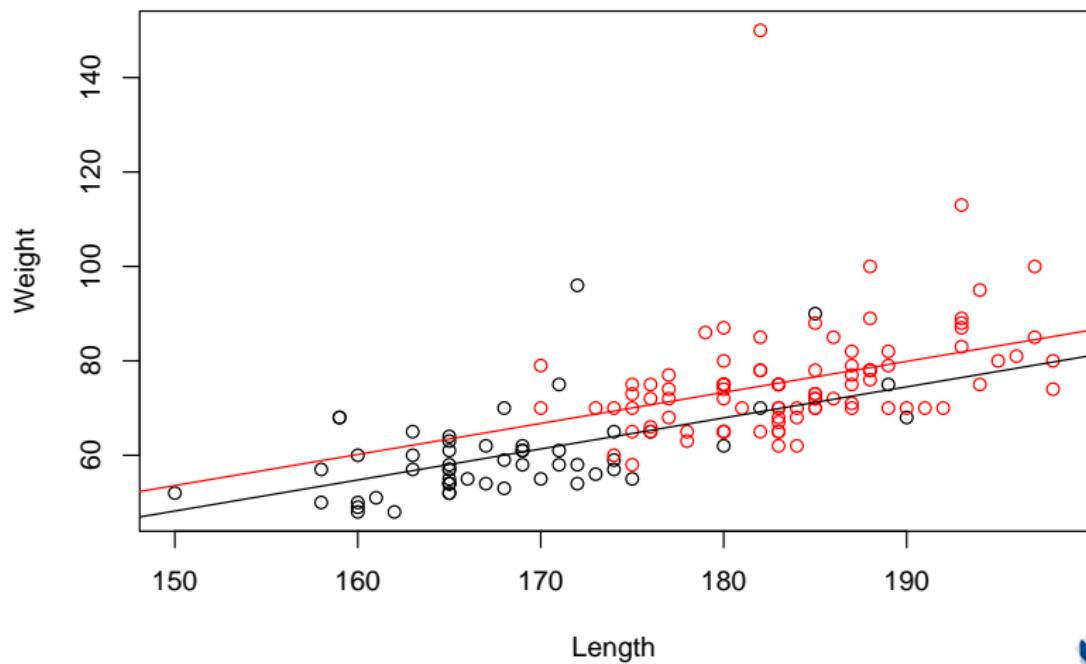


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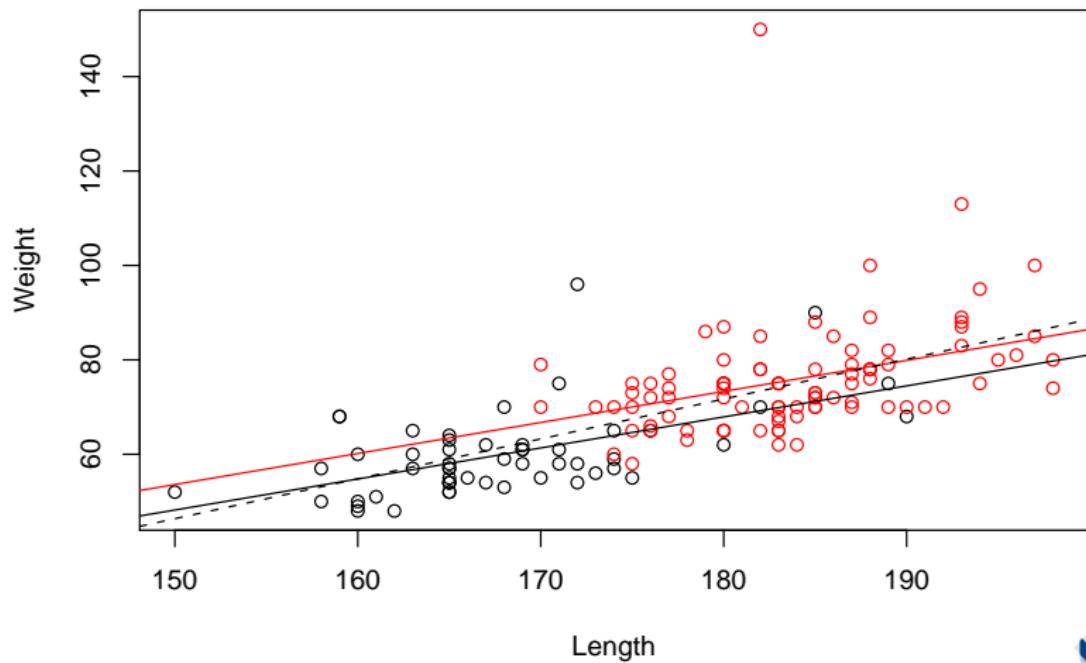
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> plot(Weight ~ Length, col = Gender)  
> abline(lm(Weight ~ Length))
```



Example: the two parallel lines



Example: the two parallel lines added



Example: corresponding model

```
> summary(lm(Weight ~ Length + Gender))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = Weight ~ Length + Gender)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-13.940	-5.934	-1.010	2.970	75.374

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)		
(Intercept)	-50.4297	20.3431	-2.479	0.0143 *		
Length	0.6575	0.1209	5.439	2.26e-07 ***		
Gendermale	5.3972	2.5874	2.086	0.0388 *		

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Residual standard error: 10.09 on 143 degrees of freedom

(2 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.4429, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4351

F-statistic: 56.84 on 2 and 143 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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is a single regression model that reduces for female persons to

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and for male persons to

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The R model

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Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-13.944	-5.928	-1.002	3.063	75.415

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-45.80442	30.57002	-1.498	0.136264
Length	0.62991	0.18188	3.463	0.000705 ***
Gendermale	-3.28331	42.78824	-0.077	0.938943
Length:Gendermale	0.04961	0.24407	0.203	0.839234

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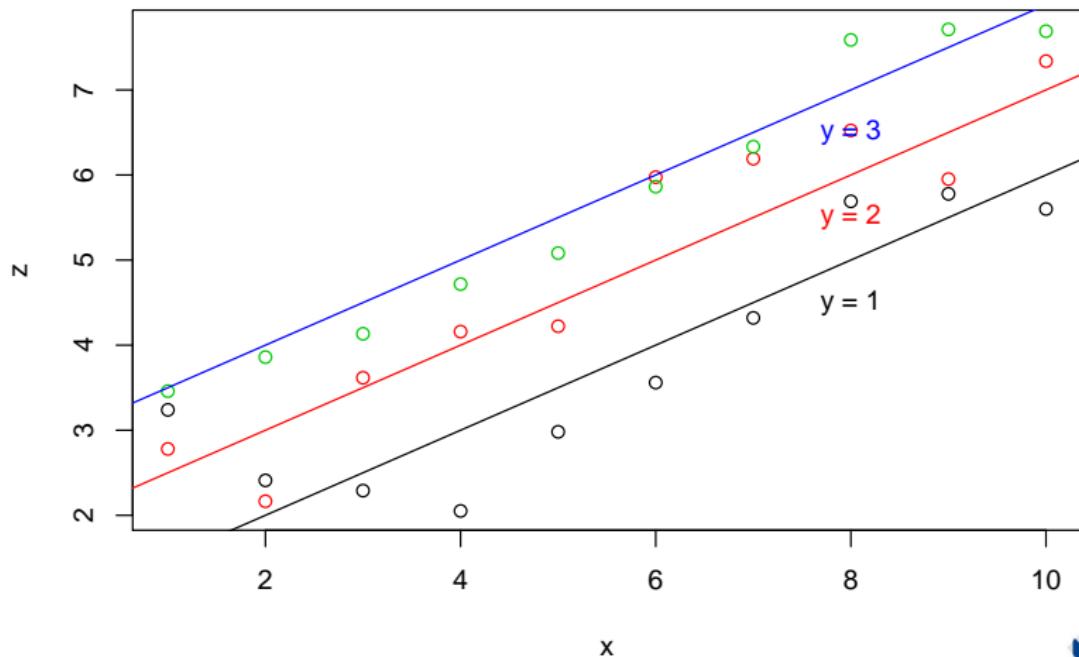
Residual standard error: 10.12 on 142 degrees of freedom

(2 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.4431, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4313

F-statistic: 37.65 on 3 and 142 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Multiple linear regression with two variables.



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

Call:

```
lm(formula = z ~ x)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.9759	-0.7131	0.2829	0.7043	1.5639

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)		
(Intercept)	2.03122	0.38227	5.314	1.18e-05 ***		
x	0.49912	0.06161	8.101	8.05e-09 ***		

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Residual standard error: 0.9692 on 28 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.701, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6903

F-statistic: 65.63 on 1 and 28 DF, p-value: 8.05e-09

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

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```
lm(formula = z ~ x + y)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.05017	-0.31838	-0.09206	0.29609	1.63476

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.17983	0.34740	0.518	0.609
x	0.49912	0.03703	13.477	1.67e-13 ***
y	0.92570	0.13028	7.106	1.22e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1

Residual standard error: 0.5826 on 27 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8958, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8881

F-statistic: 116.1 on 2 and 27 DF, p-value: 5.507e-14

Why using multiple regression?

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R-squared and adjusted R-squared

Coefficient of multiple correlation:

$$R^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$$

Adjusted R^2 :

$$\bar{R}^2 = \frac{(n - 1)R^2 - k}{n - k - 1}$$

with n the number of observations, and k the number of parameters fitted.

Regression prediction, prediction SE

We can make regression predictions, for specific conditions of the X variables, e.g. for simple linear regression at x_0 :

$$\hat{y}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$$

This prediction has an error, the prediction standard error that we can retrieve from the analysis; for the mean value it is:

$$SE_{\bar{y}_0} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

for a single observation it is:

$$SE_{\hat{y}_0} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

two types of 95% prediction intervals

