

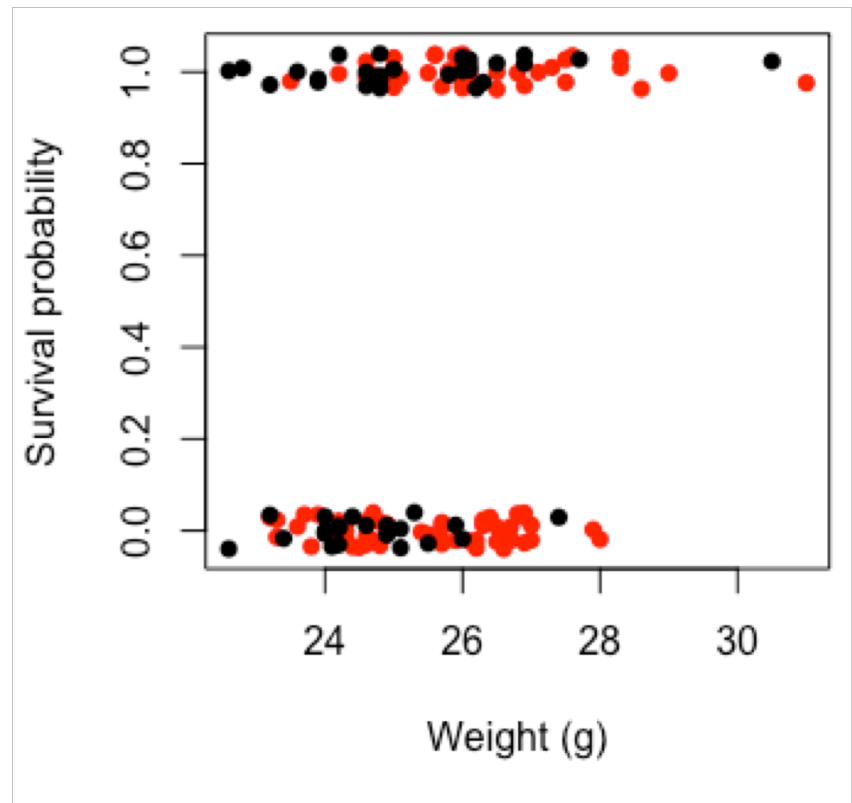
# Data



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# Exercise 1: Key things to consider

- You have been presented with some data (or in reality you might have collected it)
- You now want to decide how to model it
- Things to think about:
  - What is your biological question?
  - What kind of data do you have: is it continuous or categorical? which is the response? is it counts?
  - Will the data be normal?
- **See if you can answer all of these for today's data**

# Exercise 1: ANSWER

What is your biological question?

There is no single correct answer, but should be something related to “What influences probability of survival in sparrows?” I chose:

“**Does body weight and sex influence survival in sparrows?**”, you could also have a question relating to body weight e.g. “Does sex or age influence body weight in sparrows?”

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Here we need to classify ALL variables: sex and age are categorical, survival is binary but could be considered categorical, weight is continuous. The response for me is survival. The only other option is weight. But sex and age cannot be caused by any of the others. None are counts.

Will the data be normal? No, it will follow a binomial distribution (survival), weight would be normal.

# Exercise 2: Which model?

- Based on your answers in EX1, which model would you use for this week's data?
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- Why have you chosen this model? What are the parameters you will estimate with this model?
- How would you run this model in R? (one line of code)

# Exercise 2: ANSWER

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Will continue assuming chose a question with survival as a response. **Then I would choose a binomial GLM with a logit link.**

What are you trying to find out? **Whether sex and weight influence survival probability. So whether there is a difference in survival between two sexes and whether weight has a relationship with survival probability.**

Why have you chosen this model? What are the parameters you will estimate with this model? **I have chosen this model because it is the one I feel should represent how the data were generated. As it is binary they should come from a binomial distribution. The key parameters we will estimate are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  from the following equation :**

$$Y_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\alpha + \beta_{sex}X_{sex,i} + \beta_{weight}X_{weight,i})}}$$

**$\beta_{sex}$  represents the difference in intercept ( $\alpha$ ) caused by sex,  $\beta_{weight}$  represents the slope of the relationship between weight and survival (here the log odds of survival because of the link function).**

How would you run this model in R? (one line of code)

**`glm(Survival ~ Sex + Weight, data = SparrowData, family = "binomial"(link=logit))`**

# Exercise 3a: Interpreting

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Analysis of Deviance Table

Model 1: Survival ~ Sex + Weight
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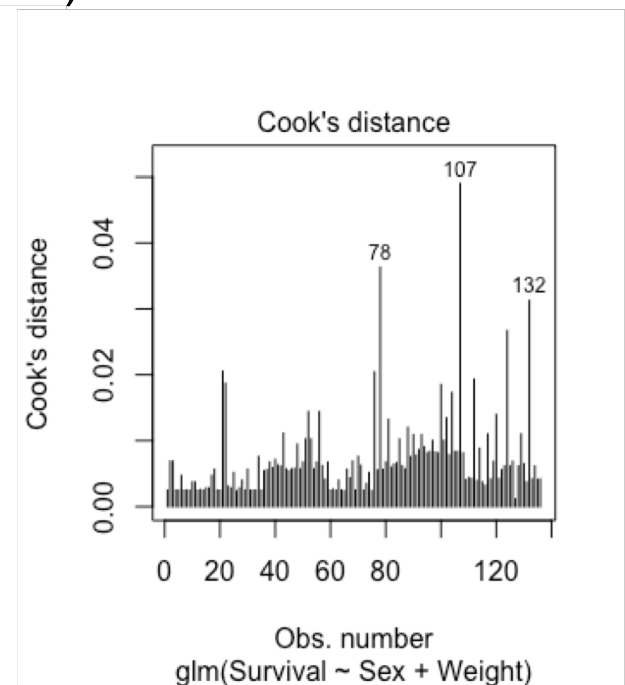
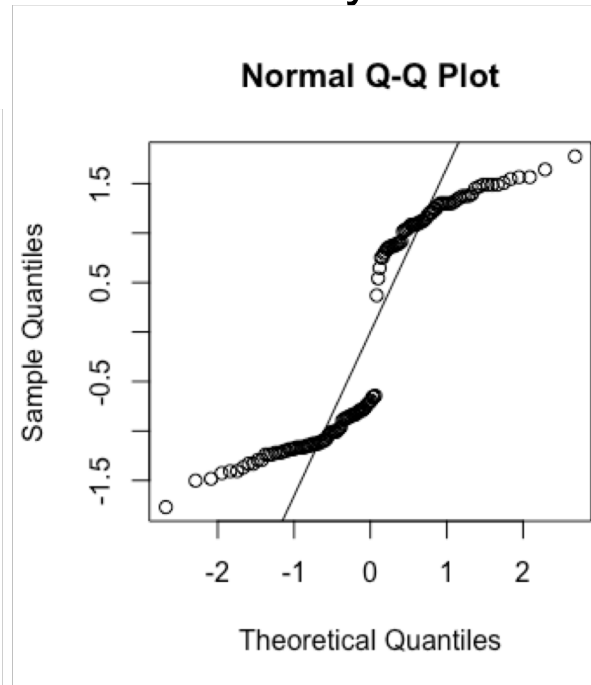
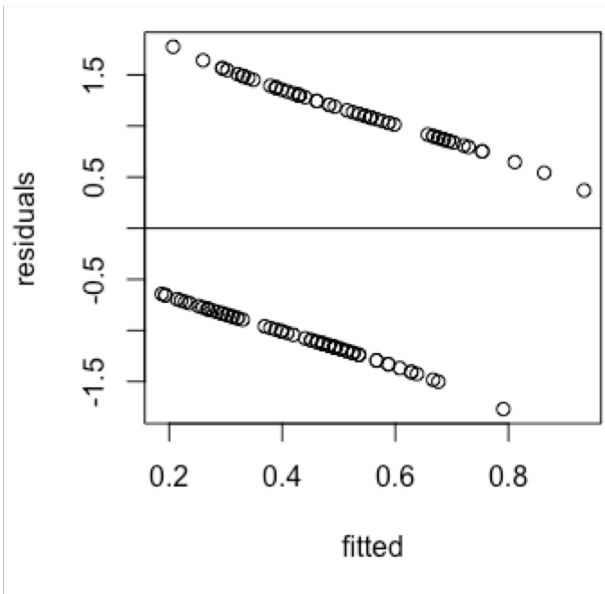
What analysis has been conducted? **Confirmatory model selection using an analysis of deviance**

What does the analysis aim to find out? **It tests the hypothesis that there is an interaction between weight and sex**

What can you conclude from this output? **The probability Pr(>Chi) value for our test statistic (deviance) suggests we have a 90% chance of seeing our deviance or higher, if the null hypothesis was true. Therefore we do not reject the null, as we are very likely to see our result if the null is true. (null = no interaction)**

# Exercise 3b: Interpreting

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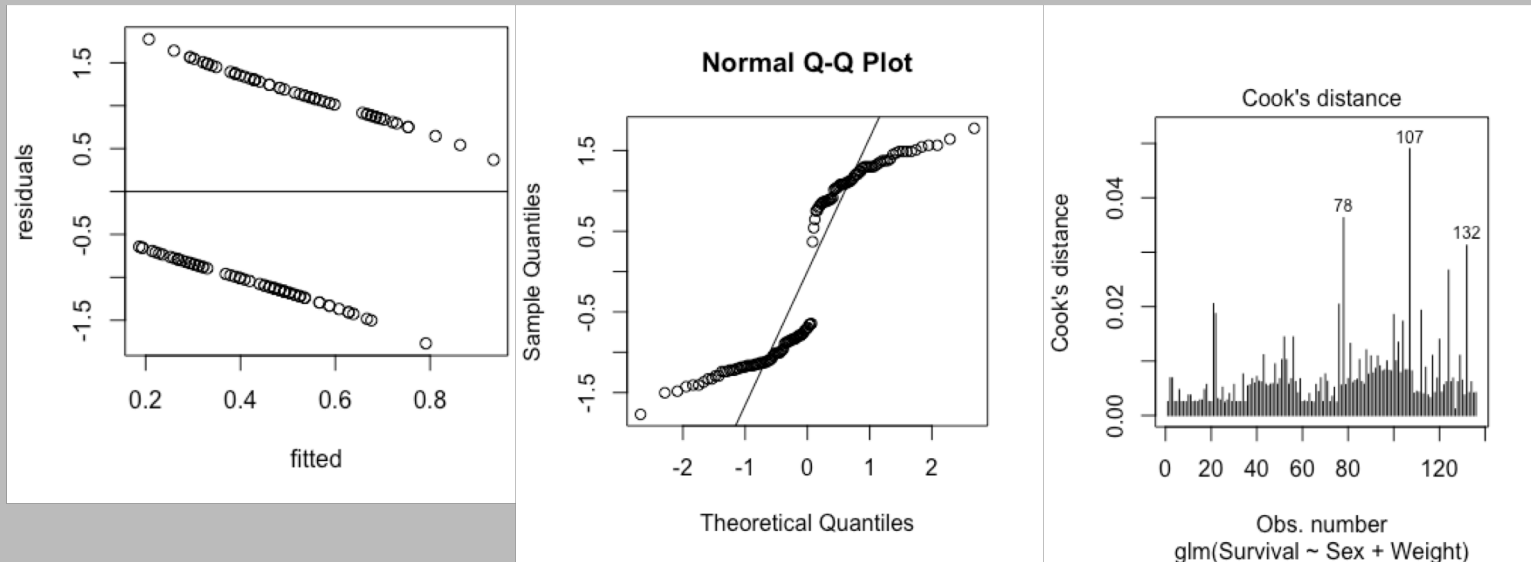
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The residuals vs fitted tests equal variance and linearity. It is hard to assess these from this plot. They all look bad! But possibly the variance does remain equal.

The normal QQ tests normality of the residuals. We would not expect it to be perfect but because we use deviance residuals it could be close. It seems to roughly follow a normal but with skew at high and low theoretical quantiles.

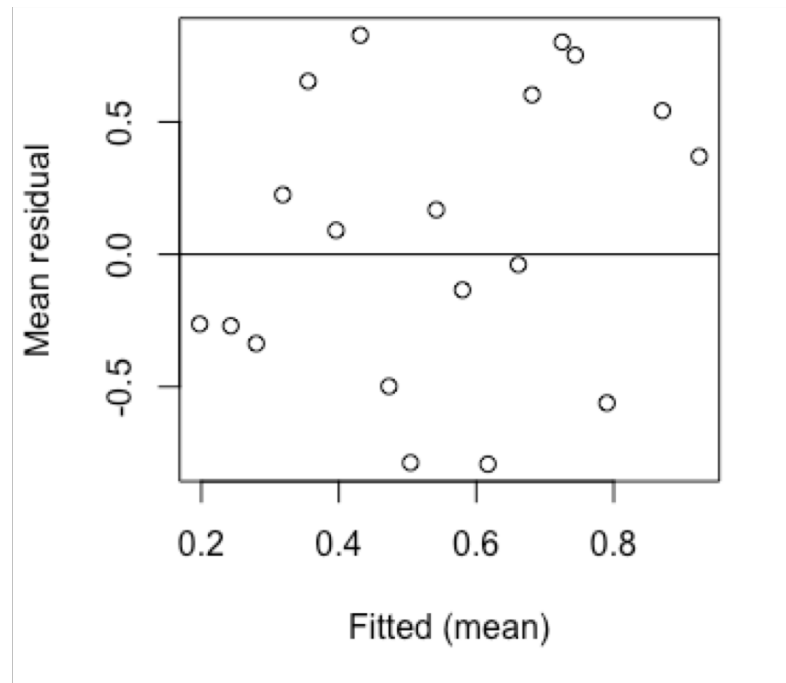
Cook's distance tests for outliers, it has identified 3 but the distance they produce is very low.

Overall the fit is not great, but it seems to be roughly ok. We might want to improve normality but as this is a non-normal model, we have a bit more tolerance for deviation from normality.



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- This has been done below – does it change your interpretation of model fit?



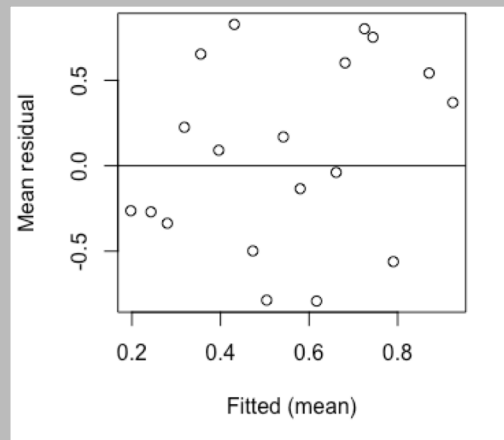
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Now we can see a bit more clearly how the residuals change (on average) with fitted values. The variance seems equal across the fitted values. I am not more confidence that equal variance assumption is met.



# Exercise 3b: Interpreting

- Now we have the output, both coefficients and confidence intervals for model0
- Interpret the output (work out what all of the numbers mean, then draw a biological conclusion)

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> coef(model0)
(Intercept)      SexMale      Weight
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> confint(model0)
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From the output below, we can see the coefficient (parameter estimates) for the linear predictor on the logit scale. As we have one continuous (weight) and one categorical (sex) variable as explanatory variables and NO interaction, we know that we expect to get out a single slope value (for weight) and an intercept for females and a difference in intercept for males.

The intercept for females seems counter intuitive at -10.3 but it is a log odds so we need to use the inverse link to get back to survival probability ( $\frac{e^{-10.3}}{1+e^{-10.3}} = 0.00003$ ).

We can see the difference in intercept for males is -1 log odds or

( $\frac{e^{-10.3-1}}{1+e^{-10.3-1}} = 0.00001 = \text{intercept males}$ ) **Males have lower survival than females**

**The effect of weight can also be seen to be positive at 0.42 log odds per g. Bigger birds have higher survival probability.**

Both the effect of sex and weight have confidence intervals that do not cross 0, therefore we would be unlikely to see these effects if the null (no effect) was true. Even with uncertainty – we see the same direction of effect.

The biological reasons for this could be that bigger birds have greater reserves or are older so can better survive a disturbance (in this case a storm). Males having lower survival could also be explained by maybe they are more bold so more exposed. No single answer here, but anything biologically sensible!

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# HINTS

## \*Hints

Think about what kind of data went into the model (particularly the explanatory variables)

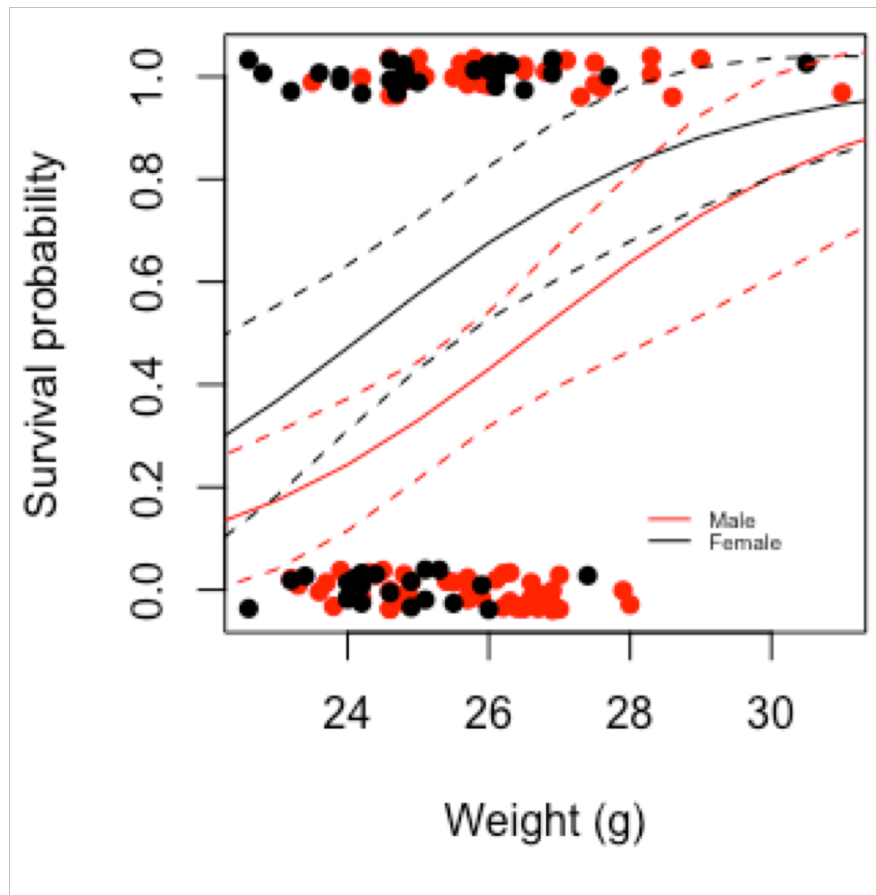
What was the biological question?

How do the coefficients fit the linear equation  $\alpha + \beta X_i$  ?

Remember the link function

# Exercise 4: Reading plots

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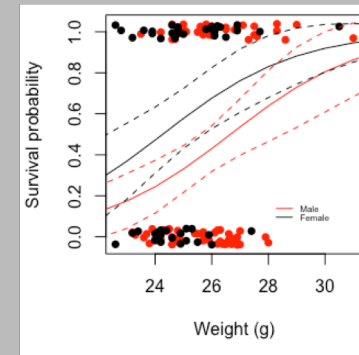
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This plot should support the interpretation you did already from the coefficients. We can see that females indeed do have higher survival than males (the female predicted line is higher than males) and that survival probability increases with weight (positive slope/curve).

Both lines have the same slope, but because the line is curved they are not quite parallel. The uncertainty around these relationships is quite wide. There is also some overlap between the two sexes, especially as the uncertainty increases at higher and lower values of X (weight).

Despite this uncertainty, we can still see clearly that males have lower survival probability and that survival probability increases with weight. The exact difference and exact slope are uncertain but the directions seem robust even with uncertainty.

But generally this shows the same thing we already discussed from the coefficients. Could note it is back on the original scale.





# Binomial/logistic GLM: Part 2

# Lecture Outline

Recap of yesterday

Introduction to the data

- EX1: Key things to consider
- EX2: Which model?
- EX3a: Interpreting output from a model

Mini-lecture 1 = Other links

Mini-lecture 2 = Categorical and continuous

Mini-lecture 3 = Overdispersion

- EX3b: Interpreting output from a model
- EX4: Reading plots

**Exam style**

Recap of  
yesterday

# Logit link

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The inverse is

$$p = \frac{e^{\mu}}{1 + e^{\mu}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mu}}$$

# Interpreting the logit

(Intercept)	PopSize
2.945	-0.004

$$\alpha + \beta X_i$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mu}} = p$$

E.g.

For X (PopSize) = 300

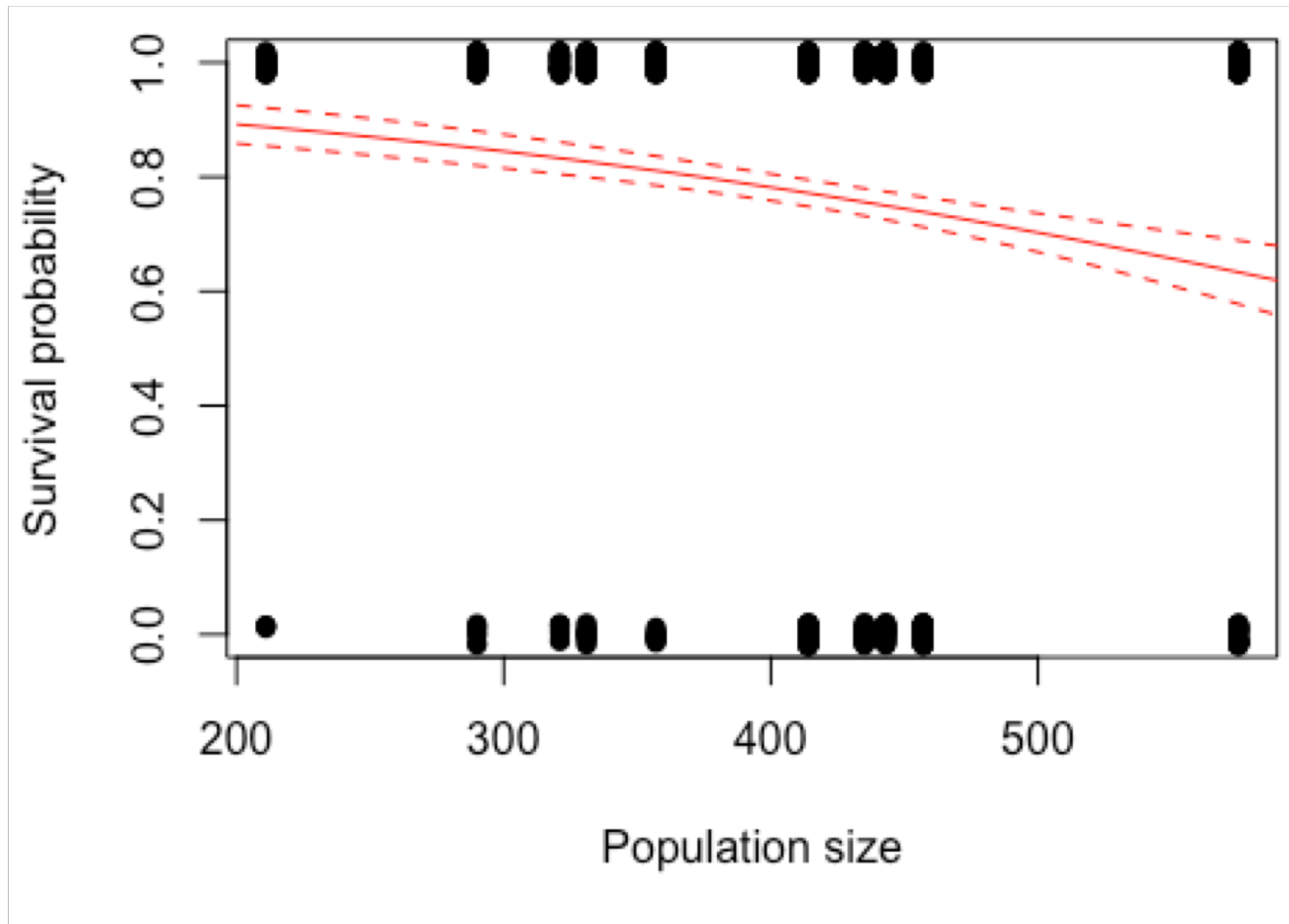
$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(2.945 + (-0.004 * 300))}} = 0.85$$

For X (PopSize) = 400

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(2.945 + (-0.004 * 400))}} = 0.79$$

# Interpreting the logit

or plot it!



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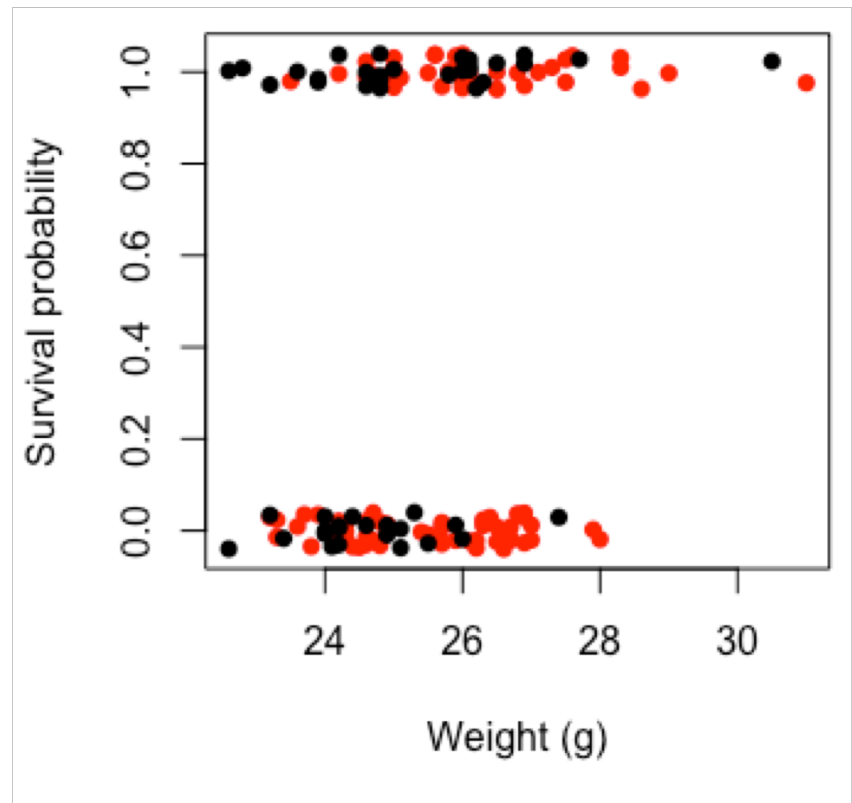
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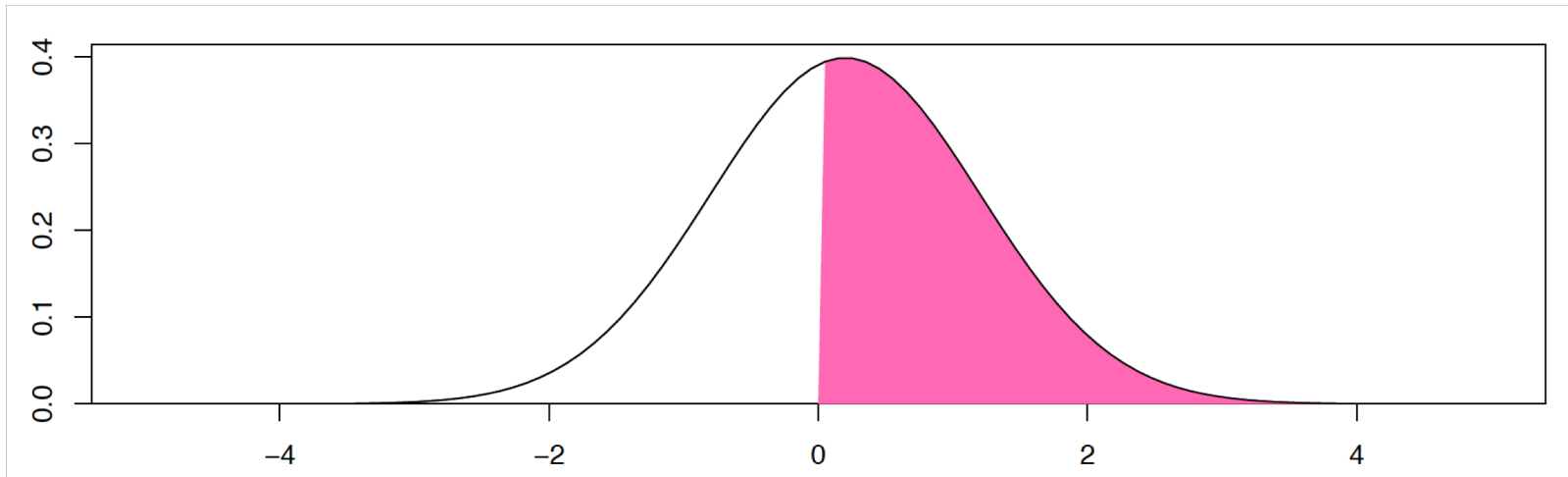
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**Probit**

**cloglog**

# Probit

Is a threshold model e.g.  $>0$  = success,  $<0$  = failure



Uses and inverse normal link function

Higher mean = higher probability of success

# cloglog

Links to count data

Useful when 0 and 1 come from counts and you want to link to abundance

So when 0 and 1 really come from a Poisson distribution

$$\log(\lambda) = \log(-\log(1 - p))$$

Poisson  
(log link)

cloglog link  
(Binomial)

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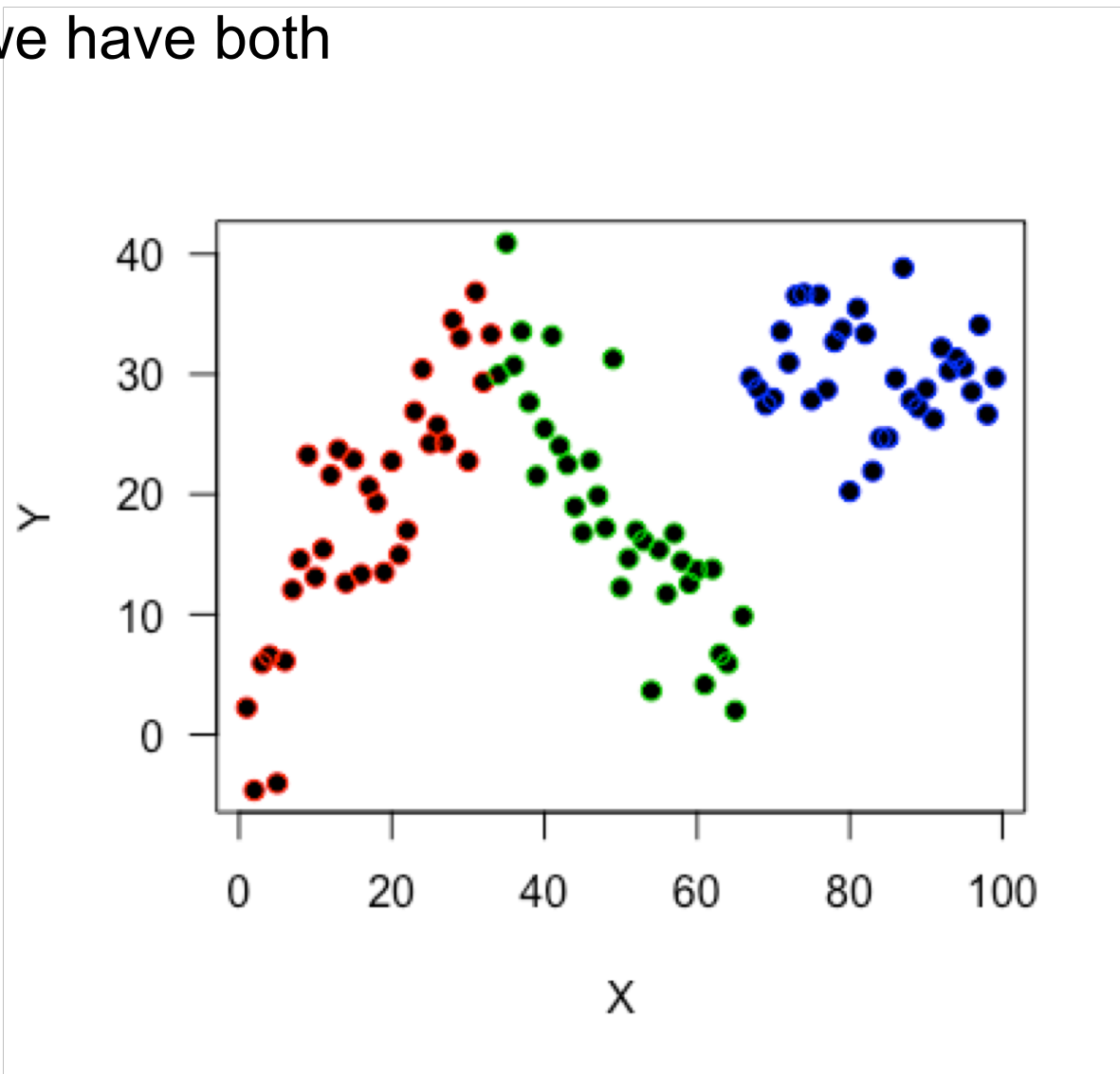
# Definitions

Categorical = in groups

Continuous = every value can exist

# When you combine them

Here we have both



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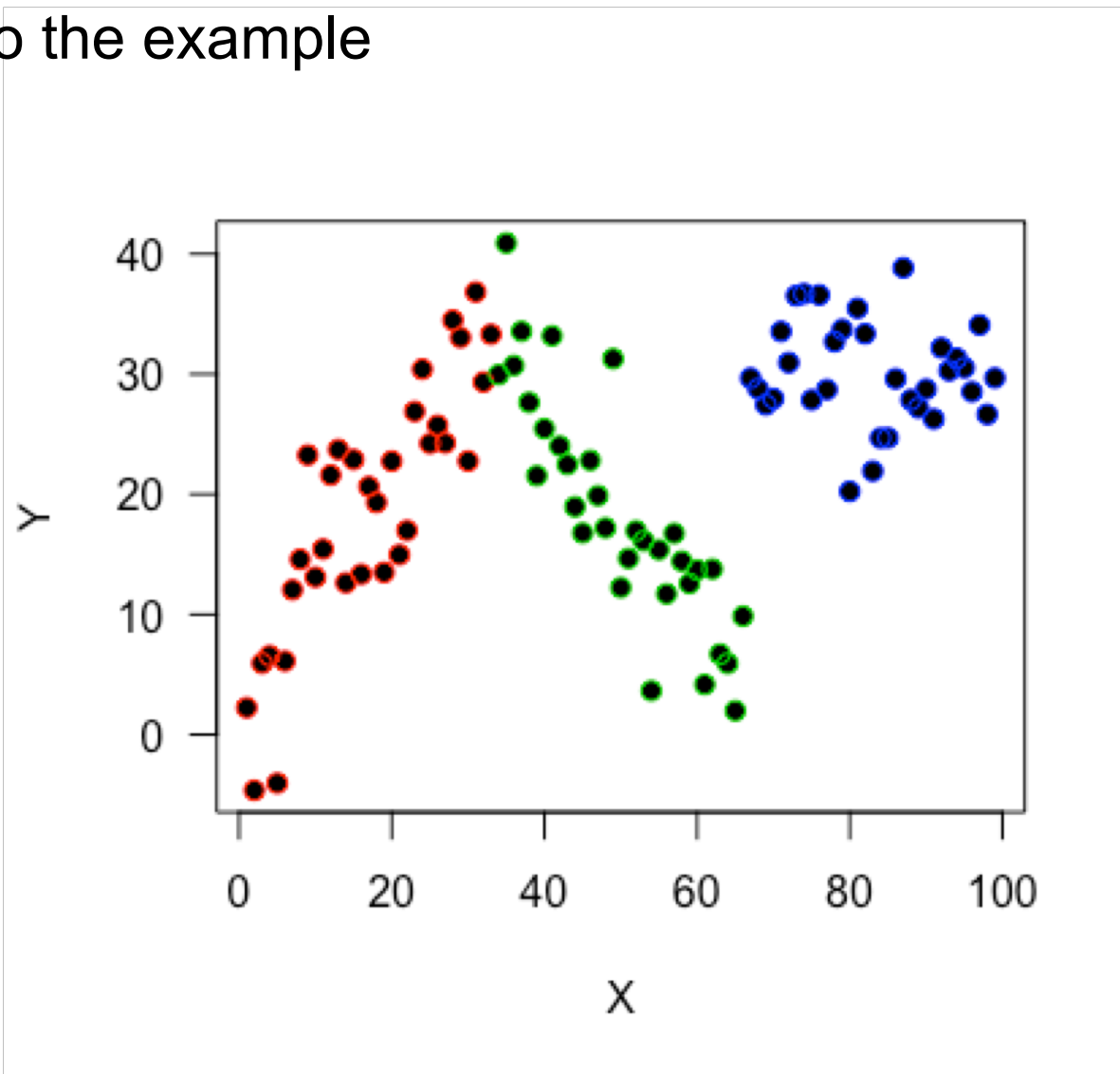
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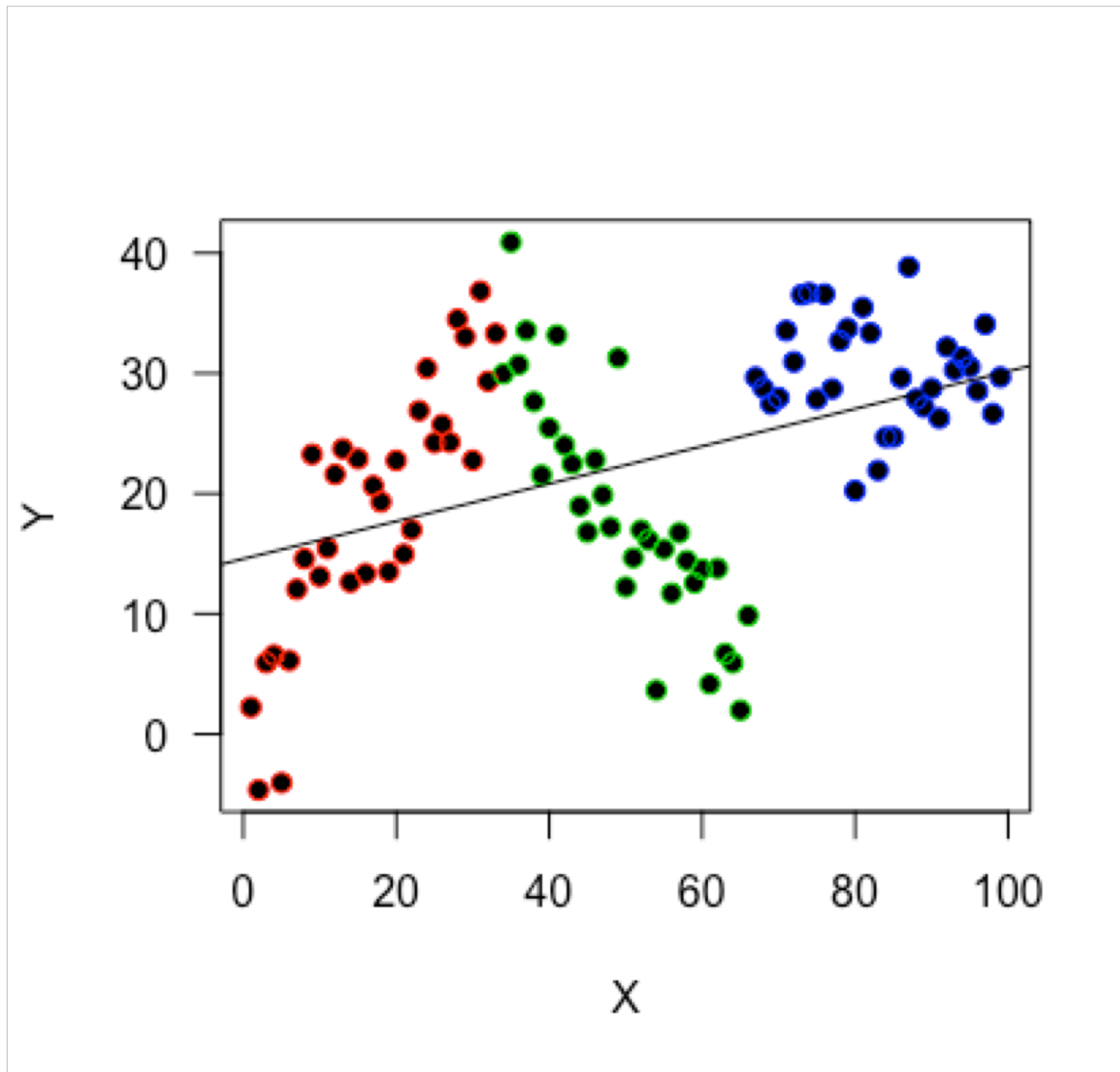
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18.42063558	0.01146992	-0.60120409	10.72772509

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> coef(model2)
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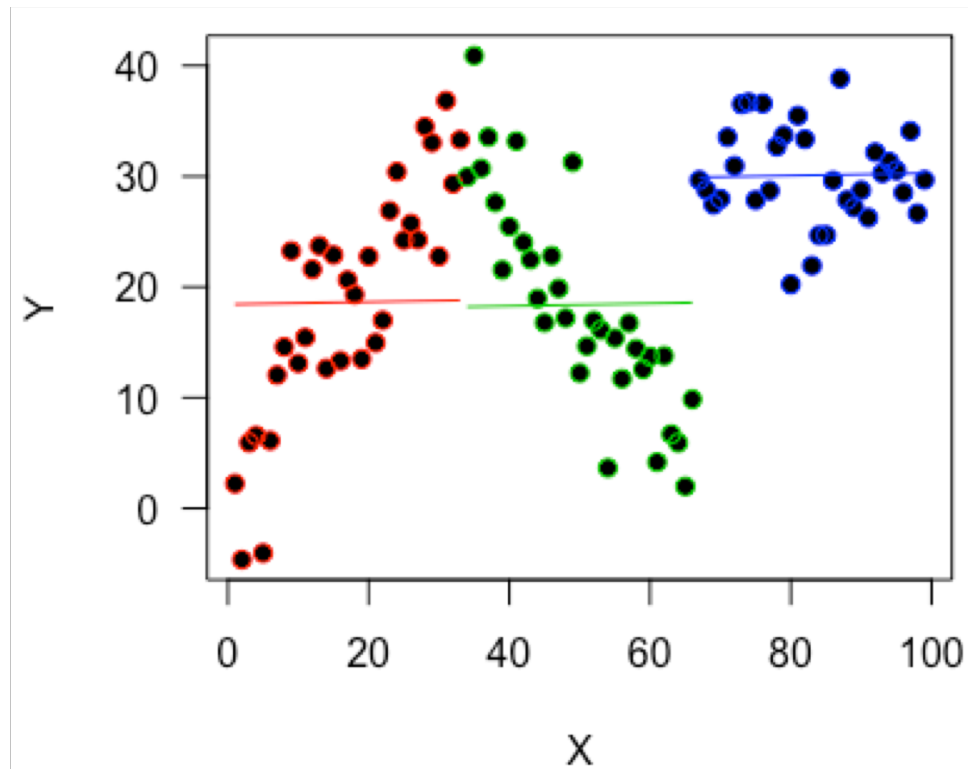
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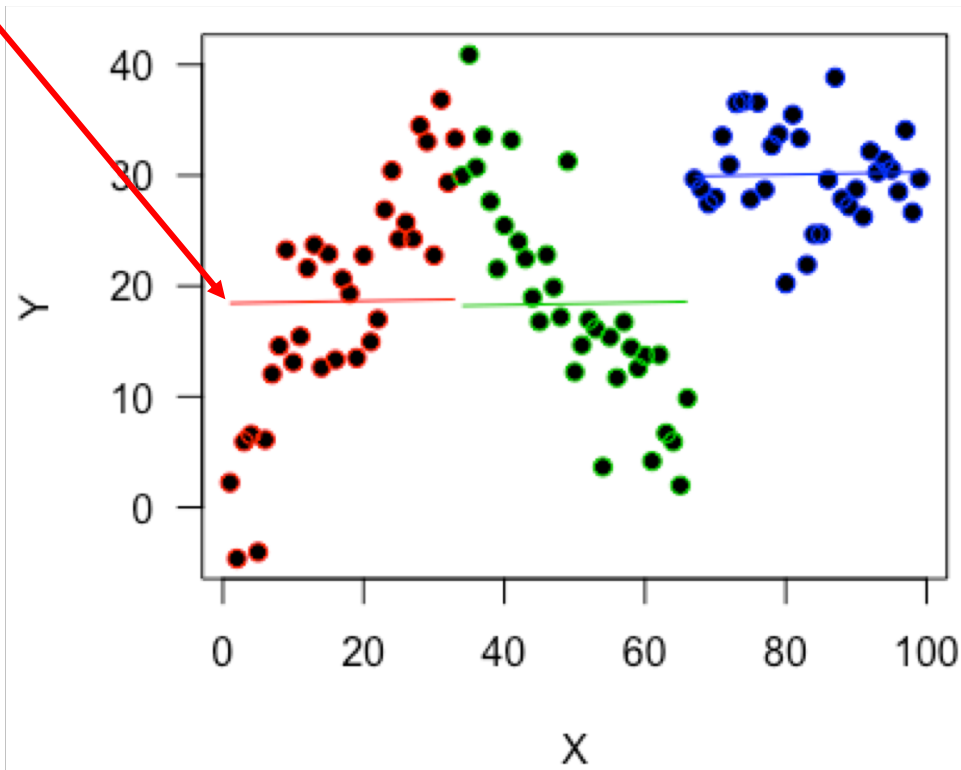
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Intercept  
of line of  
Group A



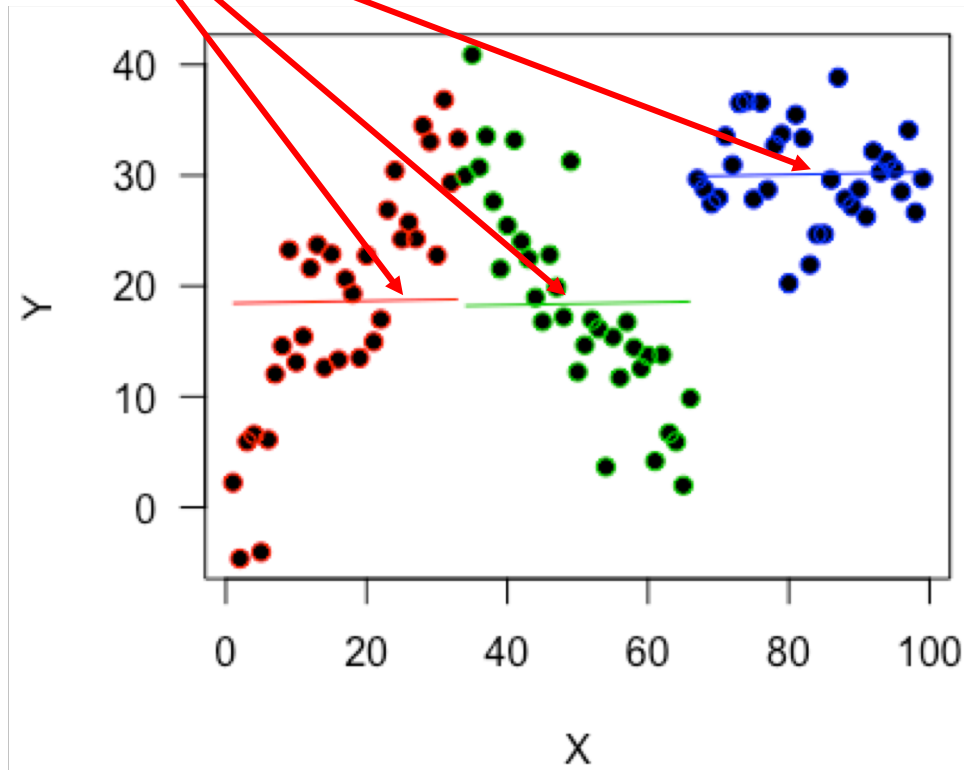
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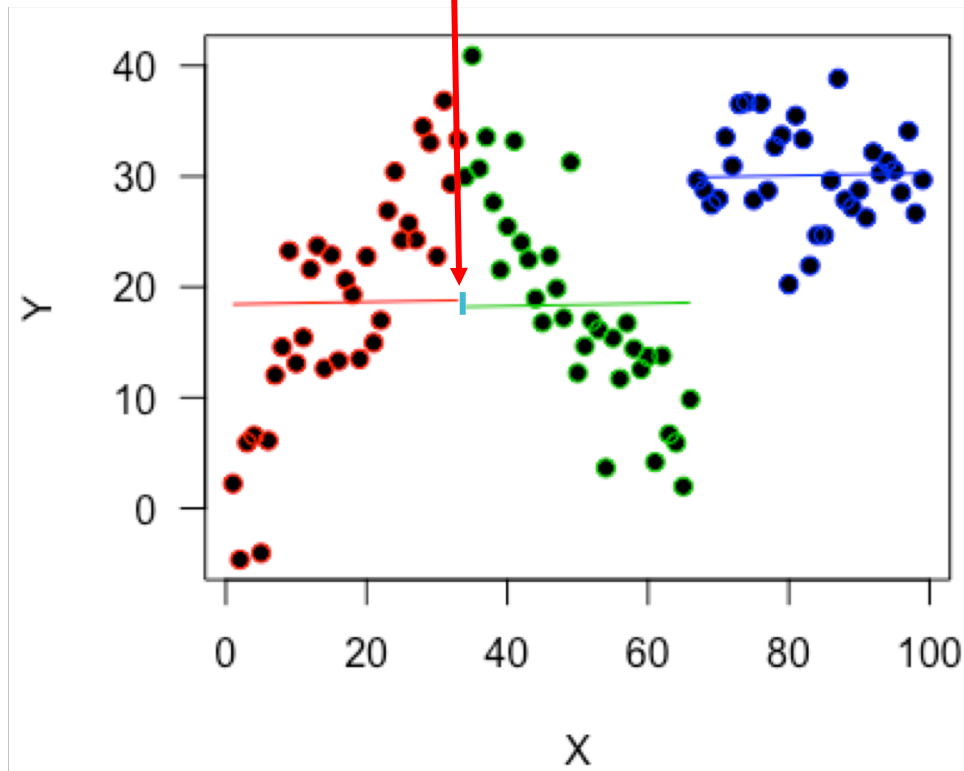
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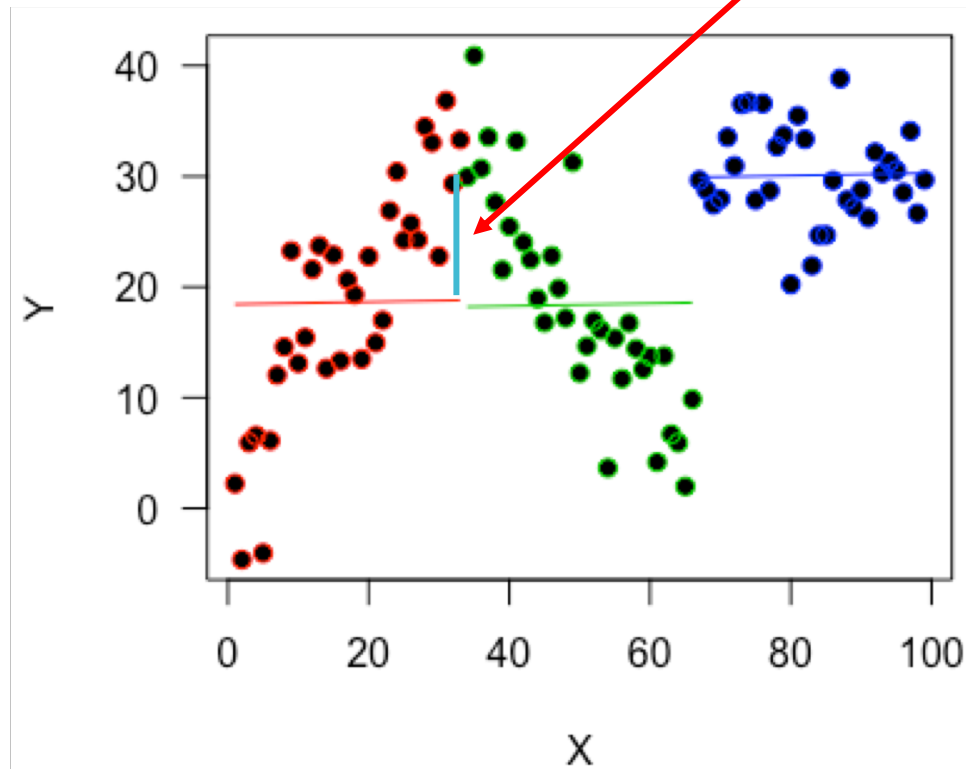
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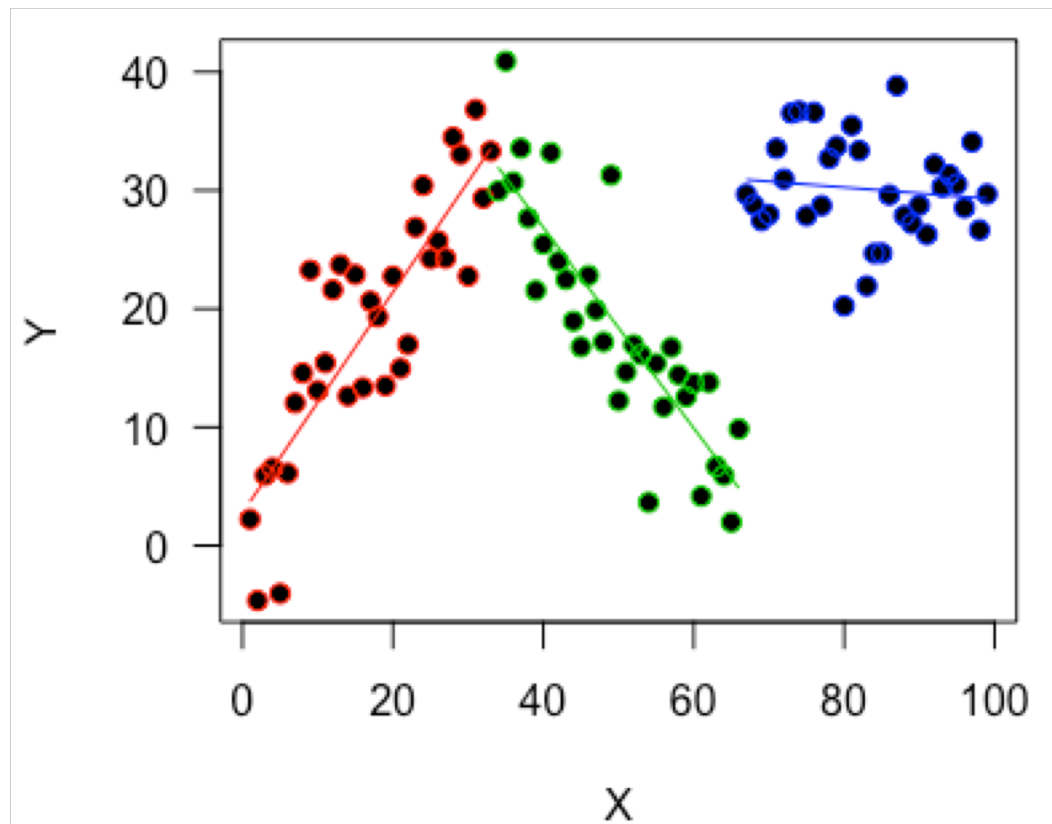


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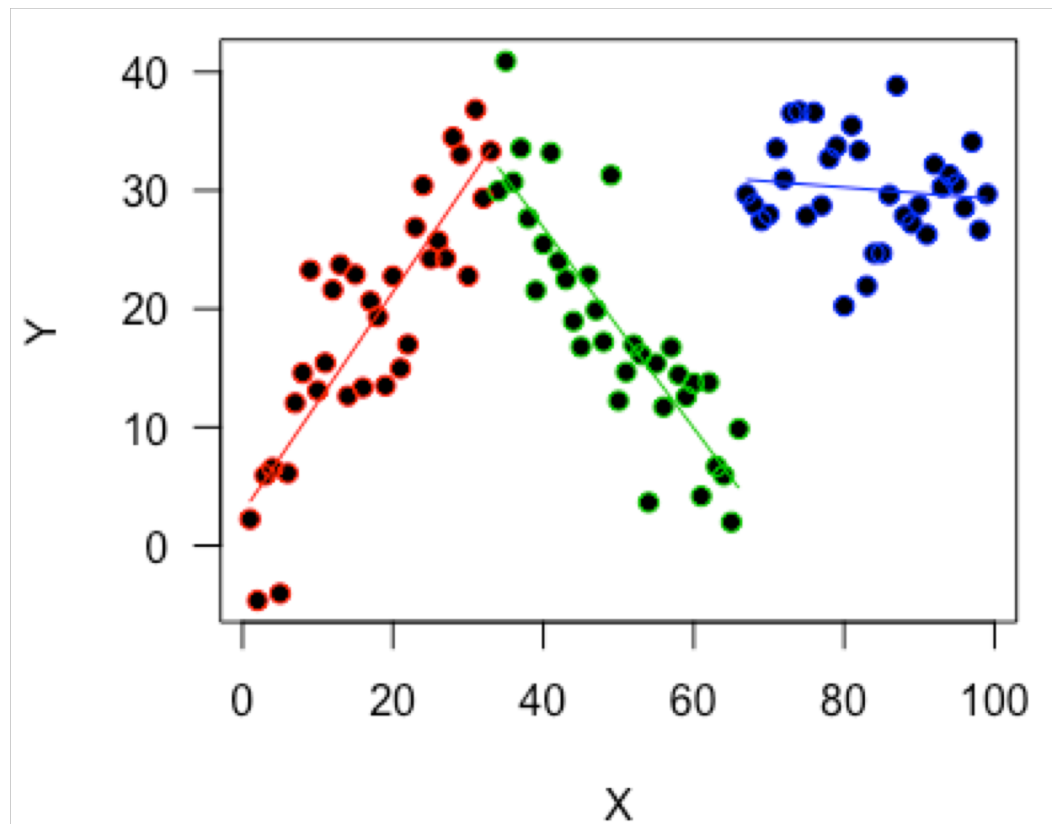


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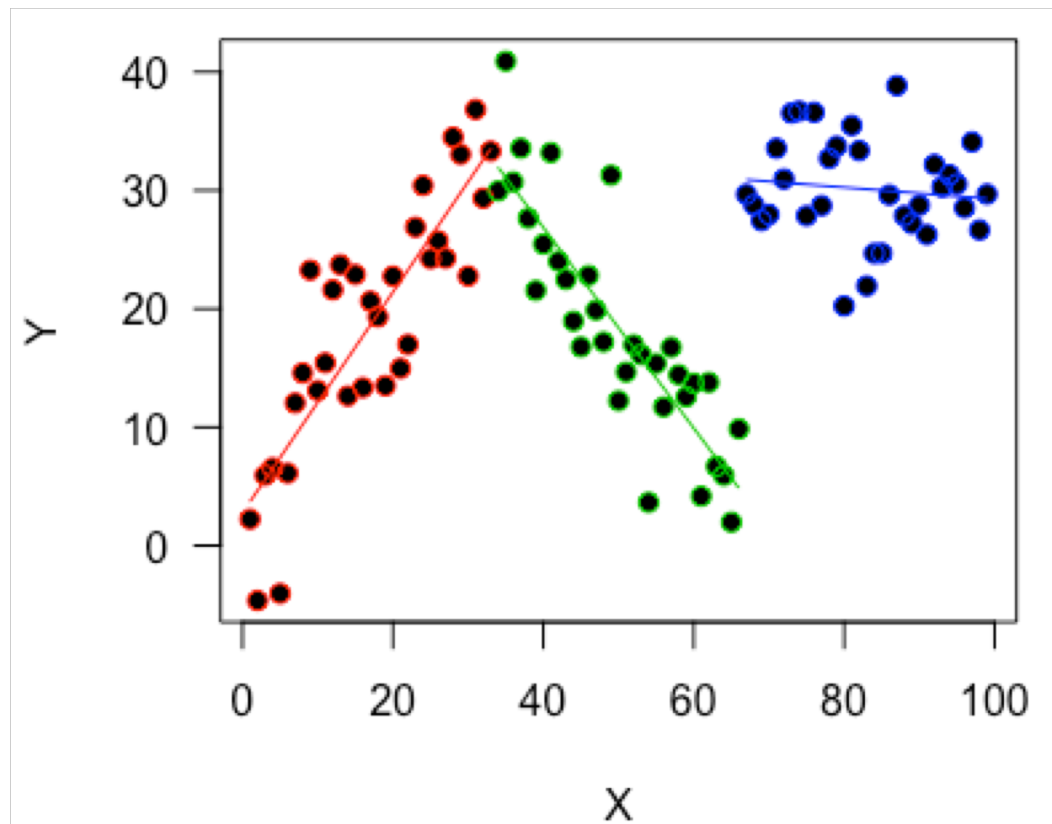
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Differences  
in slopes

Interaction!



# Overdispersion



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Variance is controlled by the mean (assumption)

Not always true

We could get **overdispersion** (more variation than we expect)

Can check!

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            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -10.3106   3.5261  -2.924  0.00346 **
SexMale      -1.0178   0.4017  -2.534  0.01129 *
Weight        0.4249   0.1413   3.006  0.00264 **
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

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Deviance ratio =  $174.55/133 = 1.31$

With no overdispersion should be 1,  
quite close here!

# Exercise this week

A different example – but more sparrows

Practice interpreting

More exam style questions (but still some coding)

# Lecture Summary

Mini-lecture 1 = Other links

Logit, Probit and cloglog for Binomial

Mini-lecture 2 = Categorical and continuous

Influences how we interpret the output of our models

Mini-lecture 3 = Overdispersion

Can check by looking a deviance ratio