## Linear regression: Part 2





What are linear models and linear regression?

How do we fit these models?

Using Im() in R



A bit more on fitting

Adding uncertainty

Interpretation of results

How do the results fit in the scientific process?

### Lecture Outline

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- EX1: Fit regression for 100m times

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- EX2: Calculate confidence intervals

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- EX3: Interpret the results

- EX4: Prediction
- EX5: Discuss further steps/good models

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This part is the same as summing the squares (yesterday)

### Data for today



### Reminder! Fitting a linear regression in R

### **Arguments of Im():**

Im(formula, data)

formula =  $Y \sim X$ data = your data

Y is the response variable X is the explanatory variable

### **Exercise 1: Fit regression to 100m times**

Part E of exercise module.

Some groups will run a regression on the women's times, the others will do one on the men's times (ONLY DO ONE)



Adding uncertainty/ confidence

### **Exercise 2: Adding confidence**

Part F

Some theory and practice

### > confint(RegressionModel)

2.5 % 97.5 % (Intercept) 45.40271555 66.39426309 Year -0.02855252 -0.01792446 Lower Upper

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If you were to repeat this many many times, 95% of the time (on average) the confidence interval you draw would contain the true value.

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IS: the range of values that are more plausible to be the true value

IS: width says how uncertain we are (wider = less certain)

Year



## Interpretation of results

### **Exercise 3: Interpret your results.**

Part G

Practice interpreting the results

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### **Exercise 3: Present results**

5 minutes to update your results

Turn to same row on opposite side and tell them your result

Is it different for men and women?

### **Exercise 4: Prediction**

Finish part G

### Why predict?

Fill in values within our data

Predict new values e.g. climate change











95% prediction interval for women in 2020 is between 9.87 and 10.94 seconds



Be careful with prediction



### **Exercise 5: Further directions**

Part H

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Feedback on further directions

### Summary of today's results

- Both men's and women's 100m winning Olympic times are decreasing over time
- Women by 0.016 seconds/year
- Men by 0.01 seconds/year
- We are unlikely to have seen the results if there was no trend (0 not in CIs)
- Other questions: How will times change in the future? Does this pattern happen outside of the Olympics? Are all humans getting faster? Is speed increase influenced by temperature?

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Prediction Can be useful but also need to be careful of going too far outside of your data

### Give us feedback