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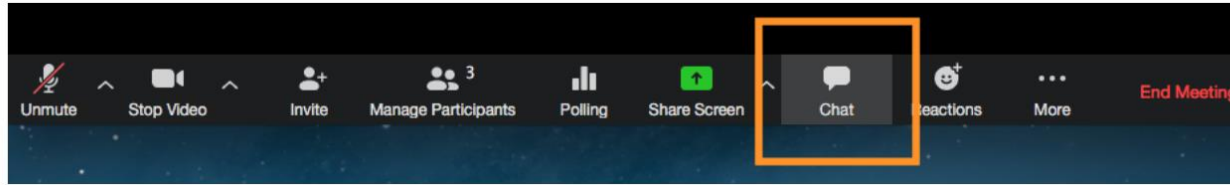
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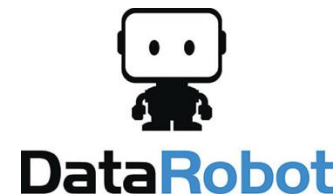
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Agenda

- Exploring relationships between scale variables with correlations
- Introducing Simple Linear Regression
- Using Multiple Linear Regression to model regional per-capita cancer mortality rates
- Identifying problems in Linear Regression models
- Introducing Logistic Regression
- Working with Logistic Regression to model low birthweight

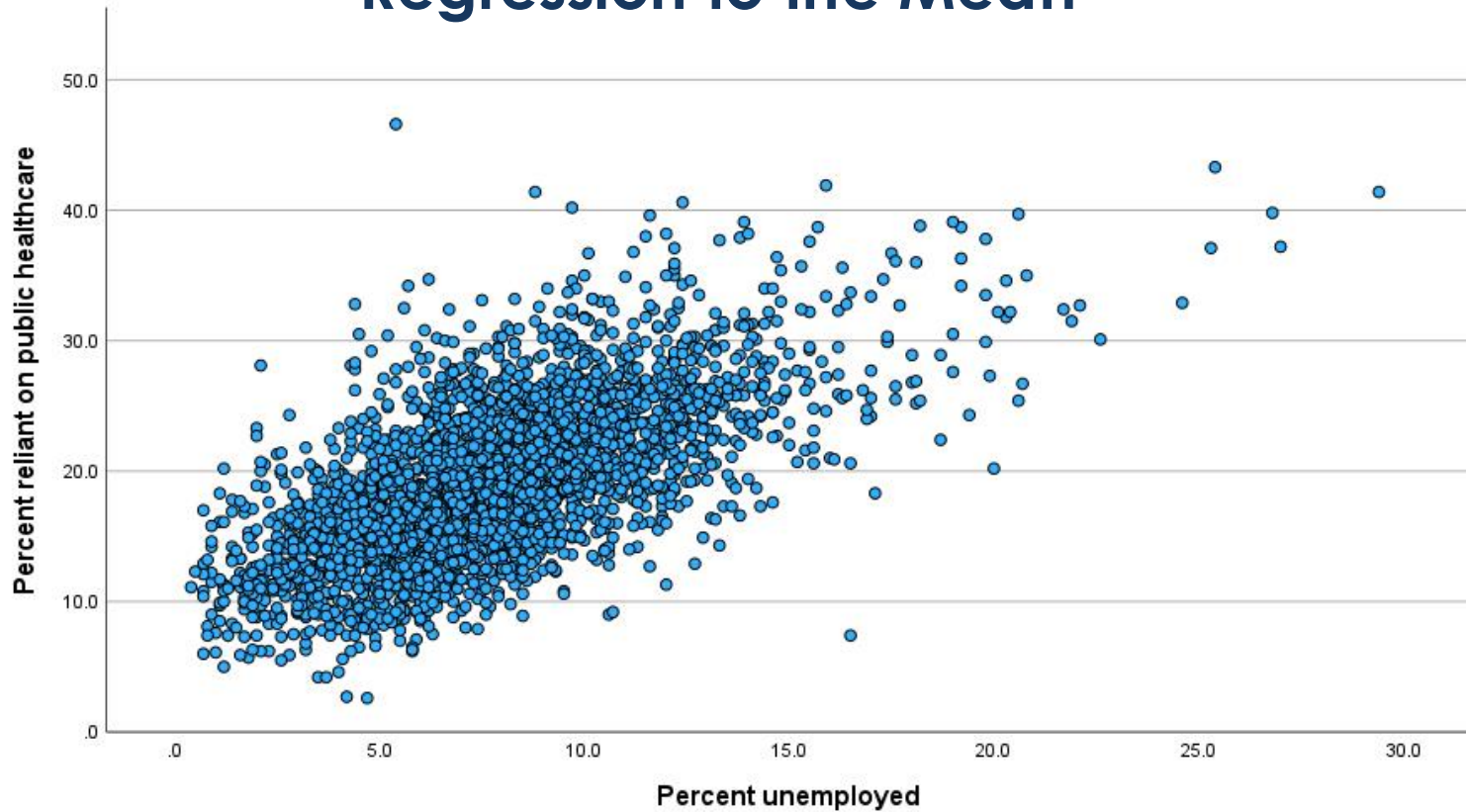
What do we mean by 'Regression'?

- [A family of statistical techniques](#) used to predict outcomes and generate estimates for hundreds of applications
- Linear Regression is used
 - when the outcome is continuous (or scale) data
 - the relationships between the fields can be described using straight lines
- Logistic Regression is used
 - When the outcome consists of 2 (or more) categories
- Quadratic Regression
 - Is a variant of Linear Regression when the outcome is continuous
 - the relationship with the dependent variable is curvilinear
- Poisson Regression
 - When modelling 'count' data such as rarely occurring incidents and 'never events'

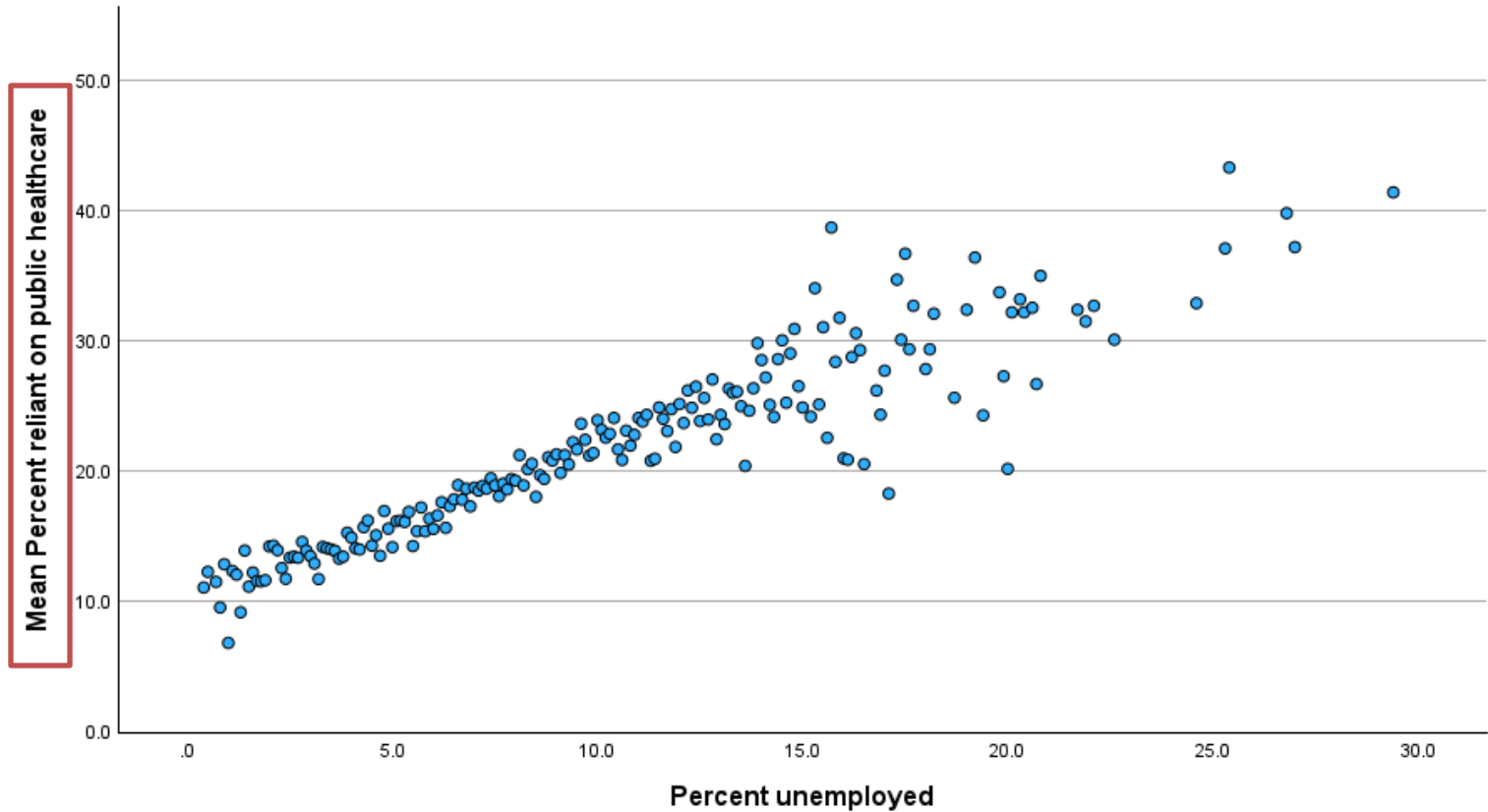
Examples of Linear Regression in Healthcare

- Modelling the relationship between blood pressure and diet
- Estimating treatment costs based on comorbidity factors
- Predicting visual acuity based on treatment and age-related factors
- Estimating calcium levels based on vitamin D levels, age and sex
- Predicting recovery time based on demographic, severity and treatment factors

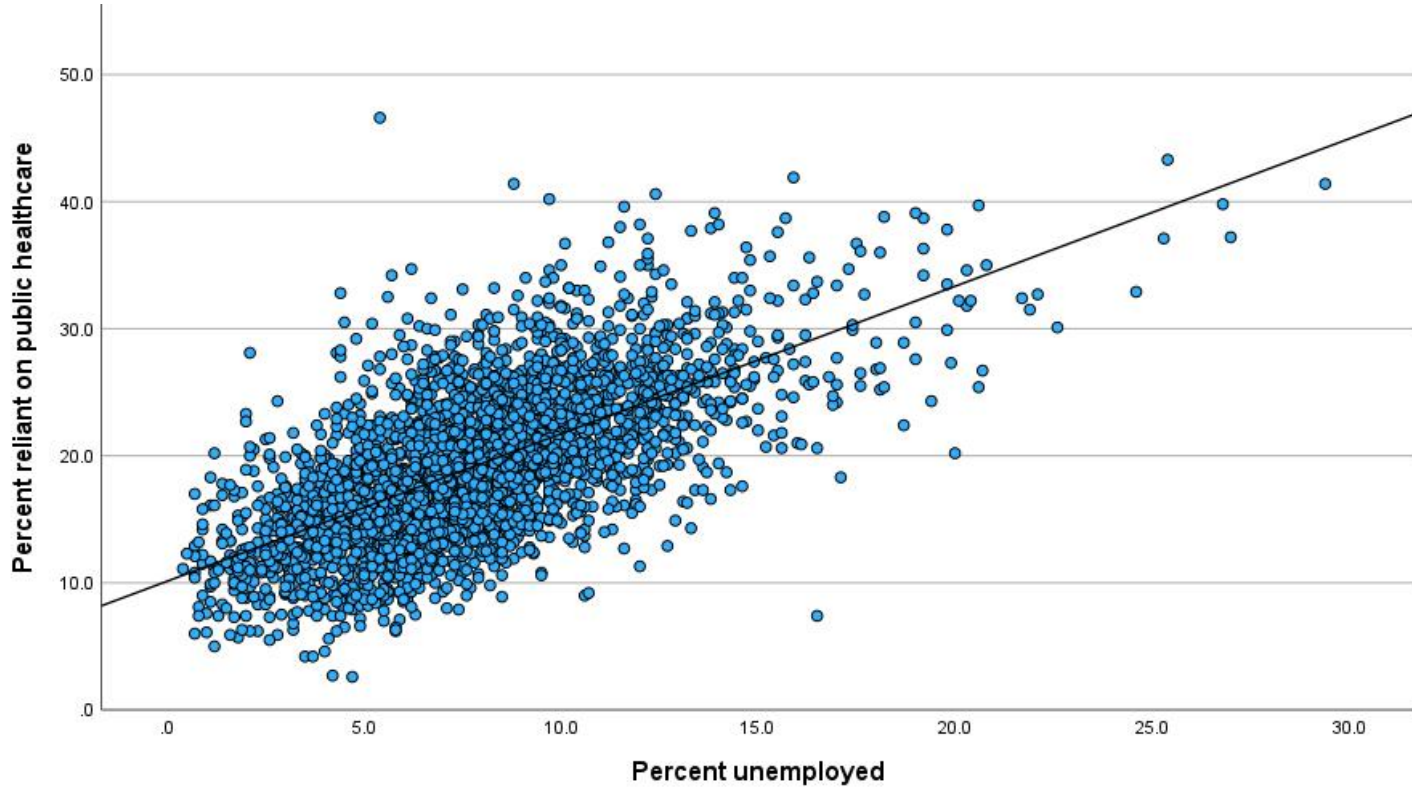
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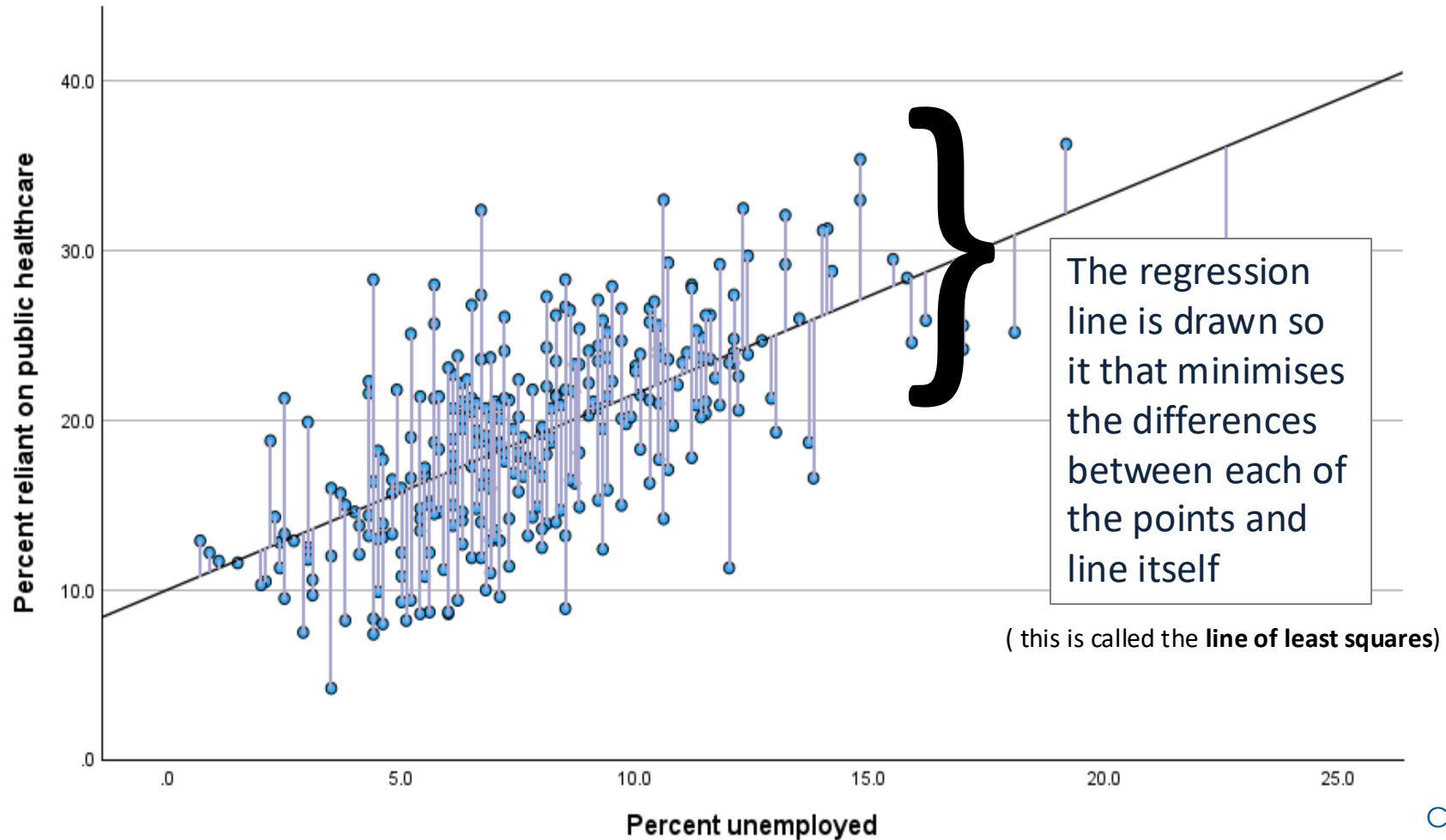
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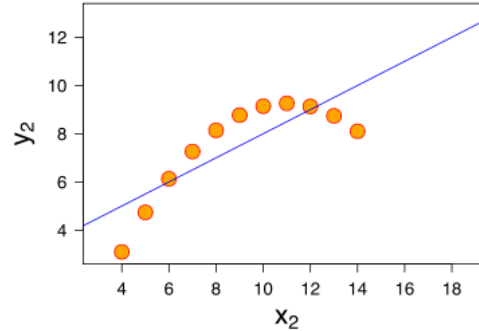
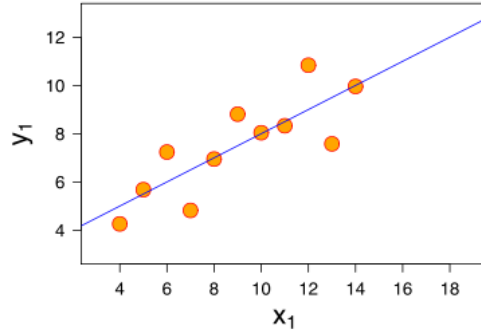


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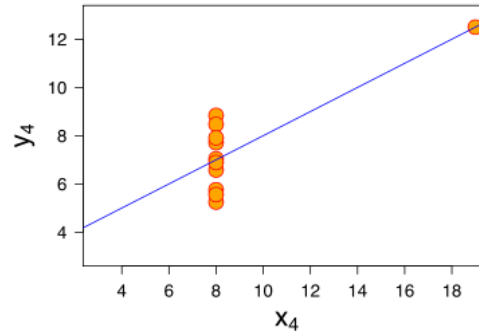
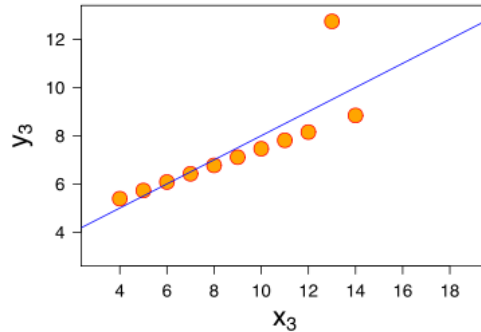


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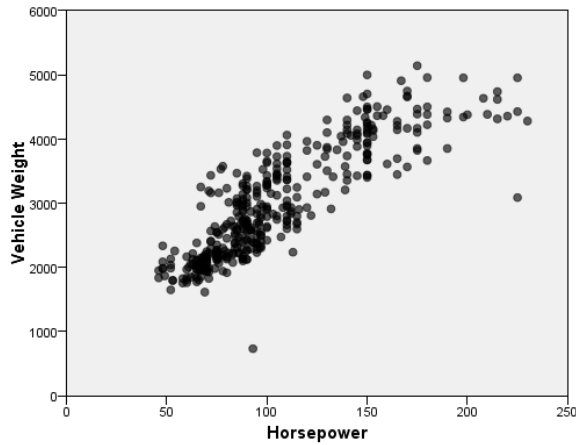
- But be careful...
- This line is just an average after all



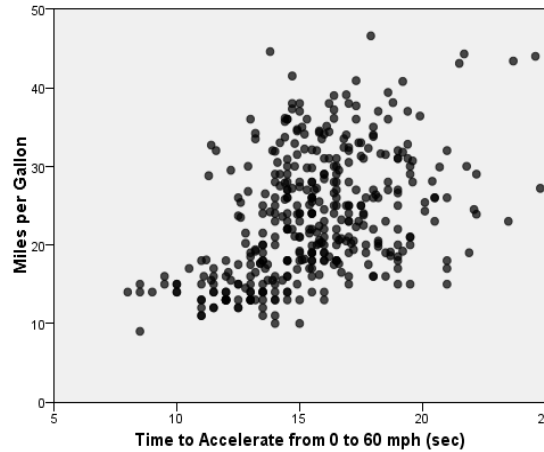
* Anscombe's Quartet

Measuring linear relationships with correlations

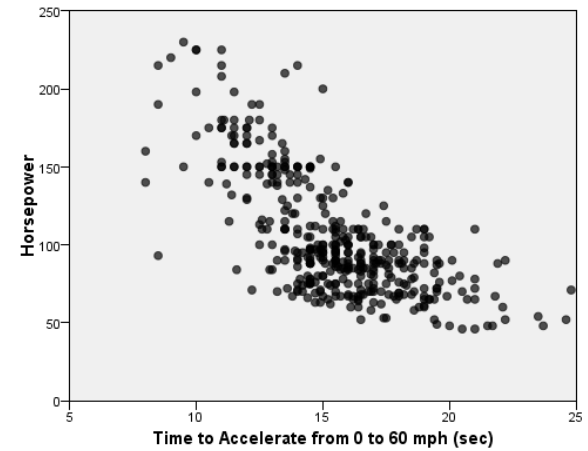
Measuring Linear Relationships



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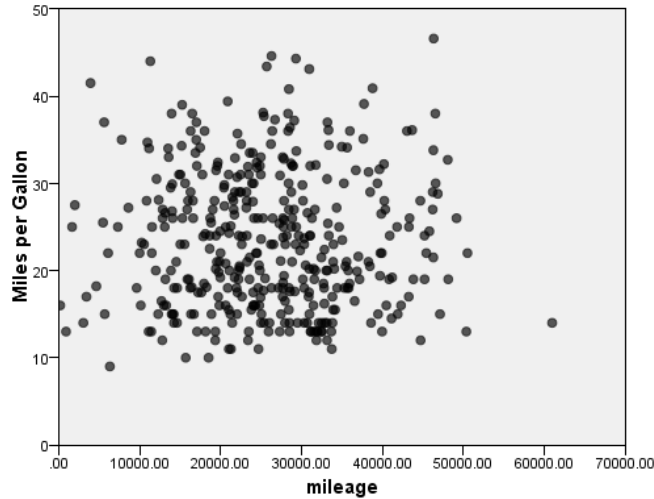
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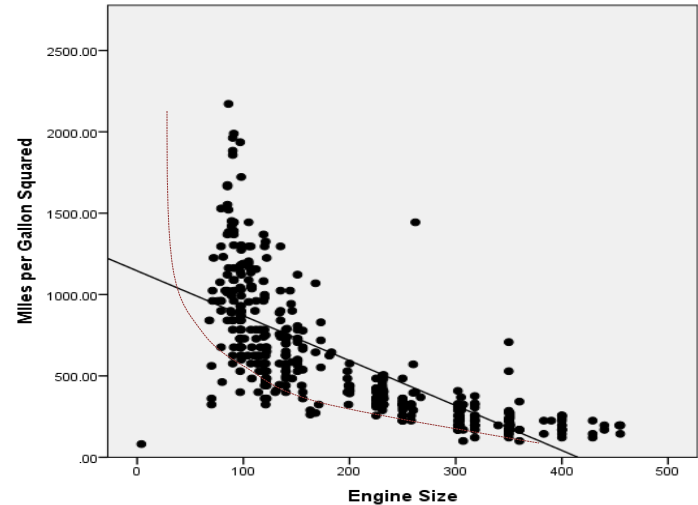
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Pearson Correlation Values

Non-Linear Relationships



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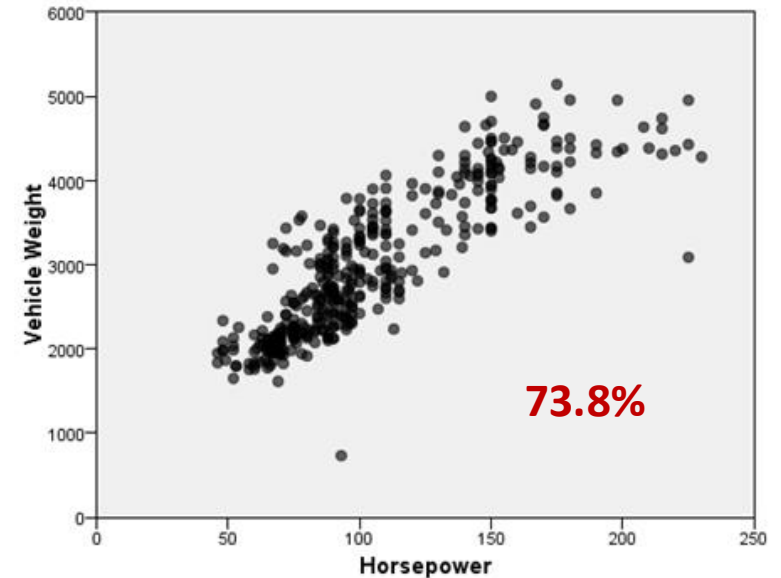


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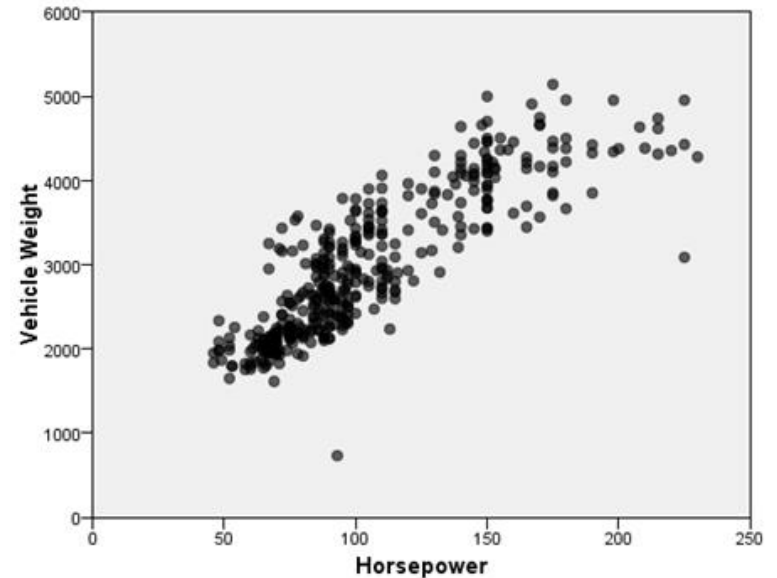
Correlations as Percentages

- Correlation = **0.859**
- $0.859 \times 0.859 = \mathbf{0.738}$
- $0.738 = \mathbf{73.8\%}$
- Correlation Squared = 'R Square'



From Correlation to Prediction

How can we express
linear relationships as
predictive models?





How long does it take to cook a chicken?

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- 7 minutes per pound plus 45 minutes

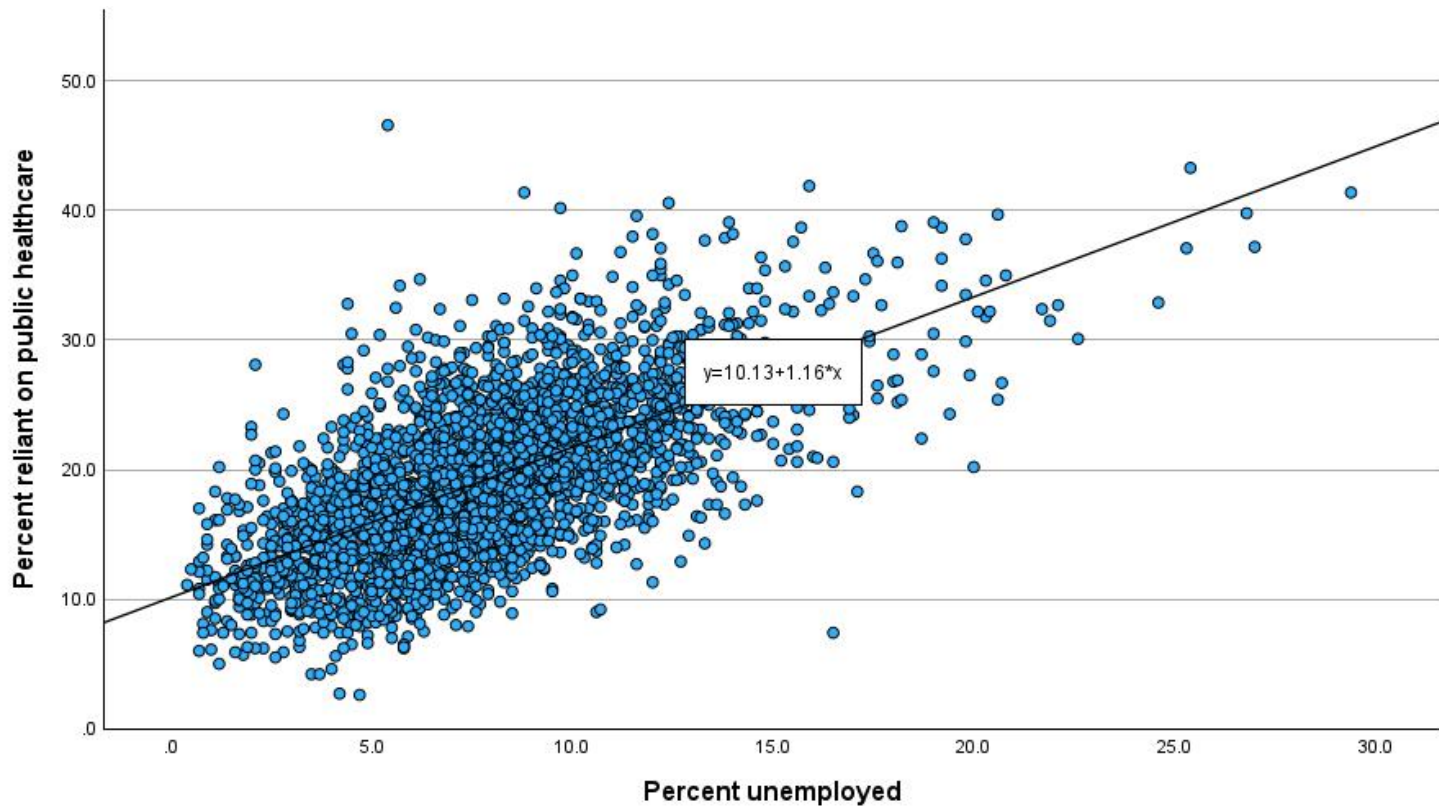
$$y = mx + c$$

or

- 20 minutes per pound plus 20 minutes

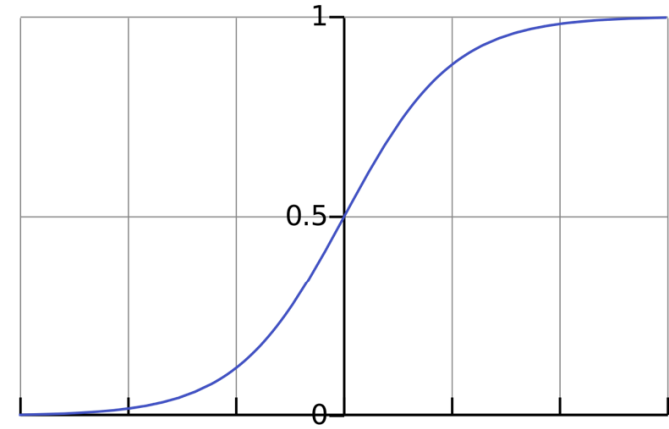
$$y = a + bx$$







Using Linear Regression to model regional per-capita cancer mortality rates



Predicting category outcomes with Logistic Regression

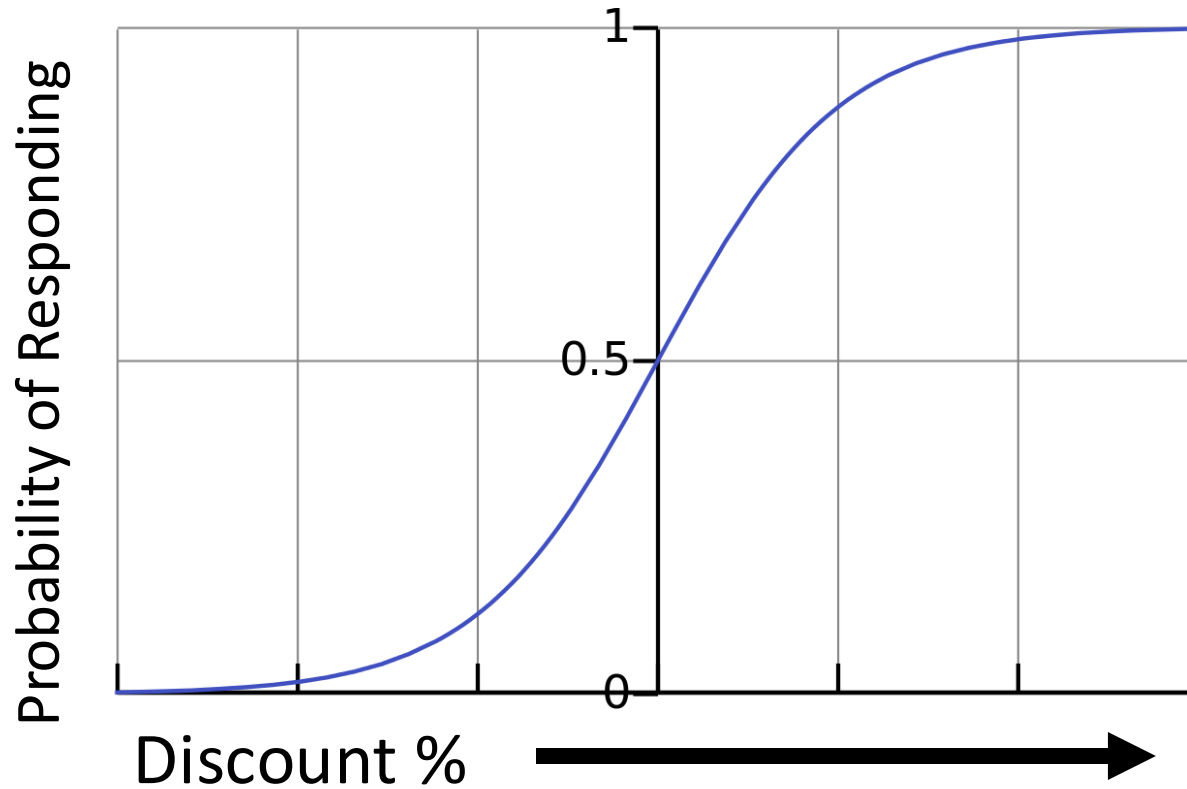
Logistic Regression

- Logistic Regression allows us to predict things that Linear Regression can't
- Such as...
 - Chance of readmission within 30 days
 - Risk of sepsis
 - Likelihood of 'no shows'
 - Probability of relapse
 - Staff retention likelihood
 - Odds Ratios in Case control studies
 - Effects of comorbidities on procedure outcomes

Logistic Regression

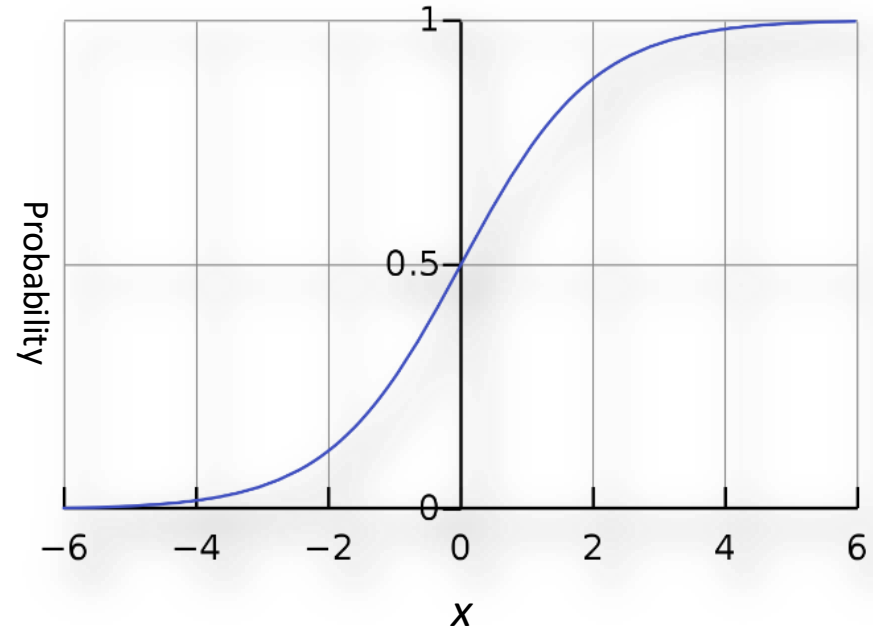
- Because outcomes are not *continuous values* standard Linear Regression won't work
- When the outcome consists of two categories, we use *Binary* Logistic Regression
- When the outcome has three or more categories, we use *Multinomial* Logistic Regression
- Logistic gets around the limitations of describing relationships with straight lines by using a special *sigmoid* curve

Logistic Regression



Logistic Regression

- There is a special formula that converts the values of the predictor coefficients on the x axis to the values on predicted probabilities on the y-axis
- But what *are* these numbers on the x-axis?

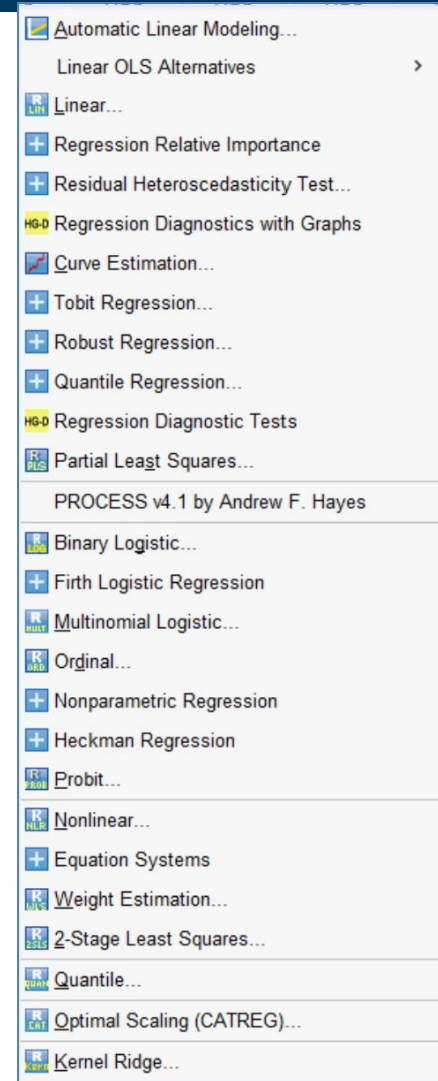




Using Logistic Regression to model low birthweight

IBM SPSS Regression Methods

- SPSS Statistics has a **lot** of regression methods
- The **Regression Models** module adds several key methods like **Logistic Regression**
- Many additional methods are made available through SPSS' integration with **R** and **Python**



Additional Resources

- How to model non-linear relationships
- [Introduction to Moderation Analysis](#)
- [Introduction to Mediation Analysis](#)

- Check what version / modules of SPSS you have installed
- See exactly what is included in the Regression Module

- Choosing the correct statistical test
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