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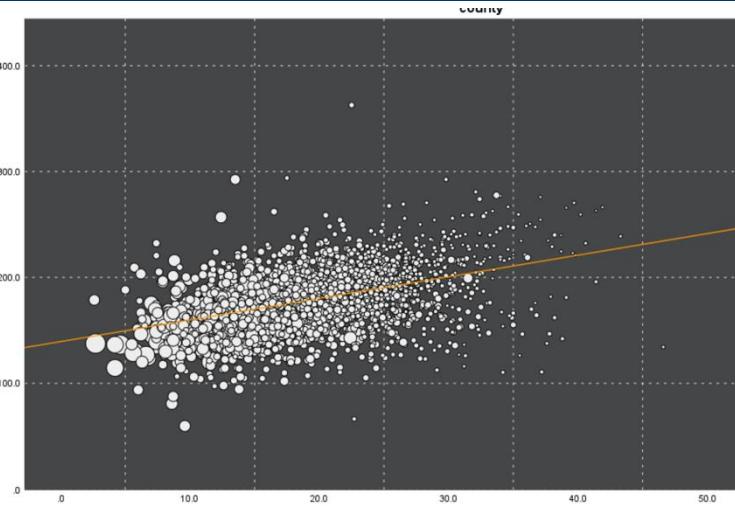
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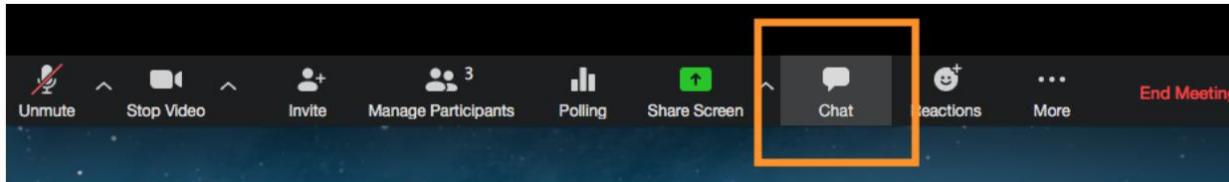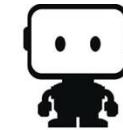
- Gold accredited partner to IBM, Predictive Solutions and DataRobot specialising in advanced analytics & big data technologies

- Work with open source technologies (R, Python, Spark etc.)

- Team each has 15 to 30 years of experience working in the advanced and predictive analytics industry

- Deep experience of applied advanced analytics applications across sectors
  - Retail
  - Gaming
  - Utilities
  - Insurance
  - Telecommunications
  - Media
  - FMCG

Agenda

- Overview of regression techniques and linear relationships

- Performing a Simple Linear Regression

- Using Multiple Linear Regression to make predictions

- Predicting response *probability* with Logistic Regression

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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
- Quadratic Regression
  - Is a variant of Linear Regression when the outcome is continuous
  - the relationship with the dependent variable is curvilinear
- Logistic Regression is used
  - When the outcome consists or 2 (or more) categories
- Poisson regression
 - is commonly used when the dependent variable records counts of events

Where are Regression Techniques Used

- Modelling the relationship between promotion spend and revenue

- Estimating pollution levels following heavy rainfall

- Predicting tourism revenue based on exchange rates and air travel costs

- Predicting student test scores based on previous test results and peer-group performance

- Estimating website hits based on re-tweets and follower numbers

- Predicting sales of barbeques based on temperature forecasts
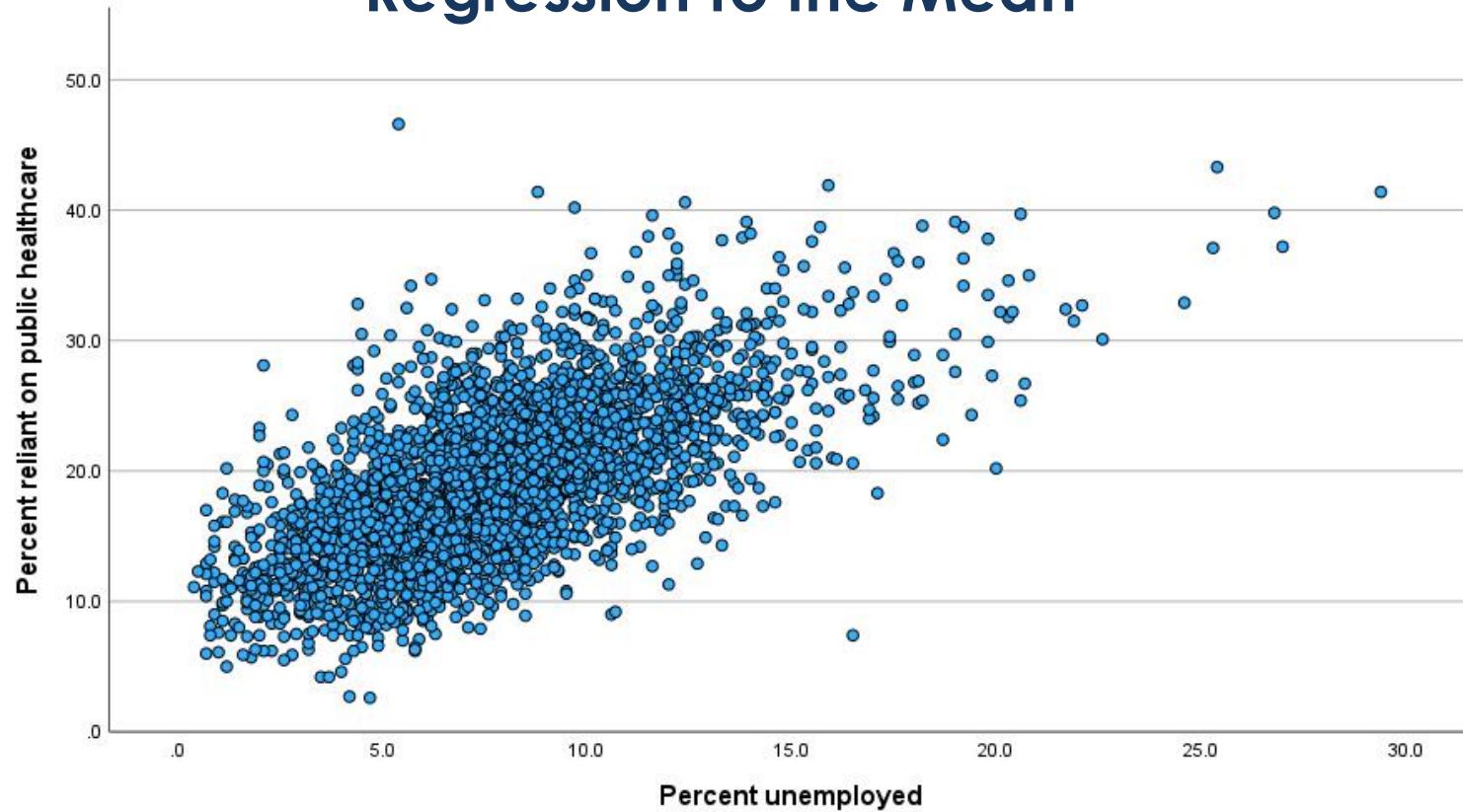
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The regression line is drawn so it that minimises the differences between each of the points and line itself

(this is called the **line of least squares**)
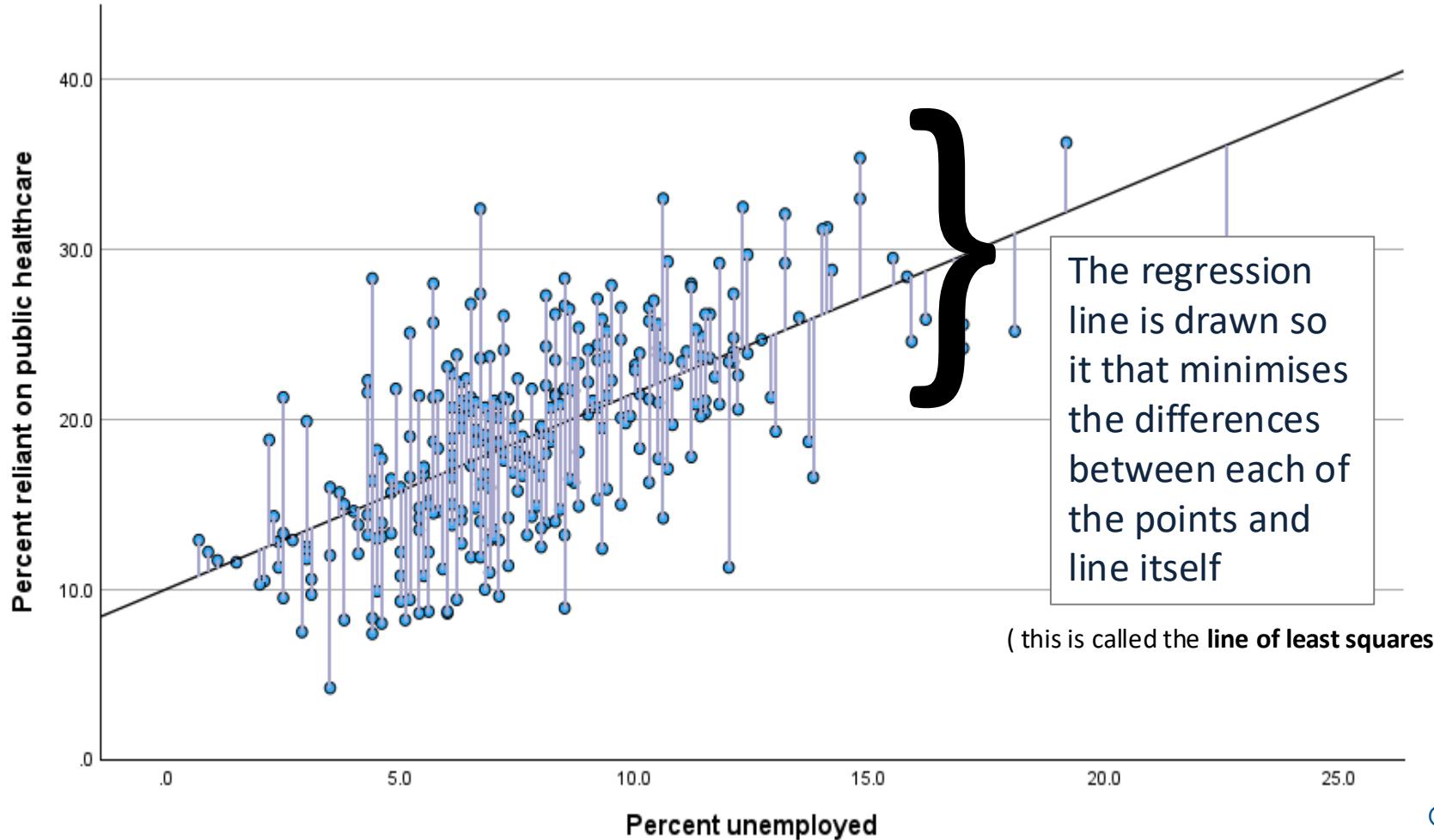
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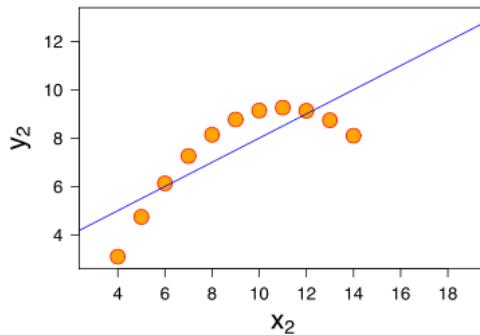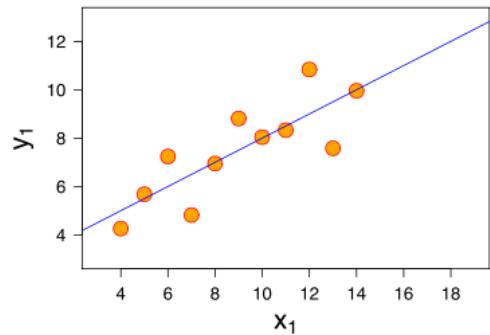
- But be careful...
- It is just an average after all...
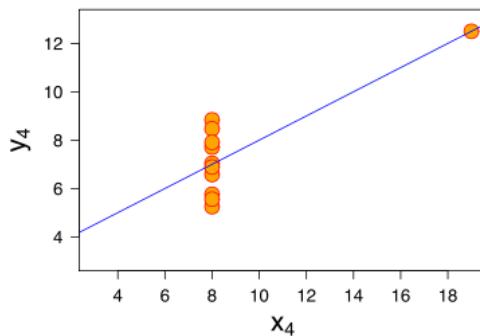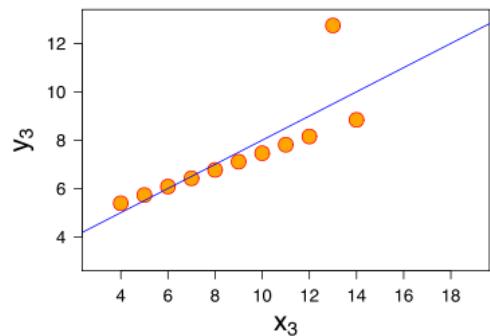
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Measuring Linear Relationships
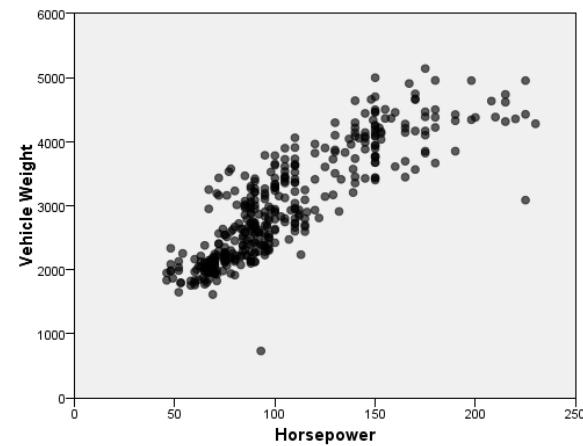

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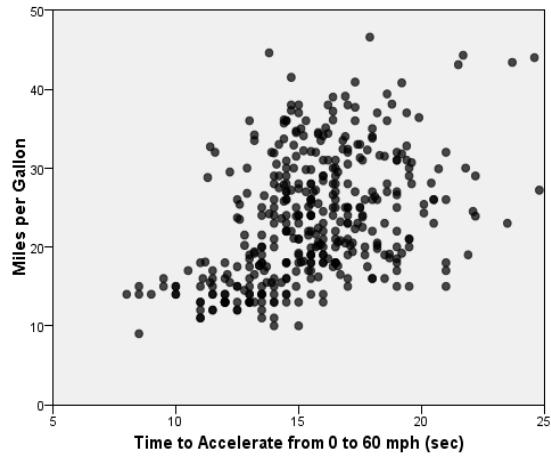
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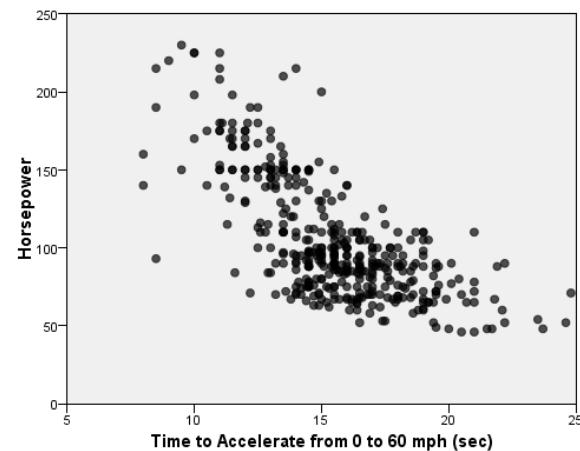
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**Pearson Correlation Values**

Non-Linear Relationships
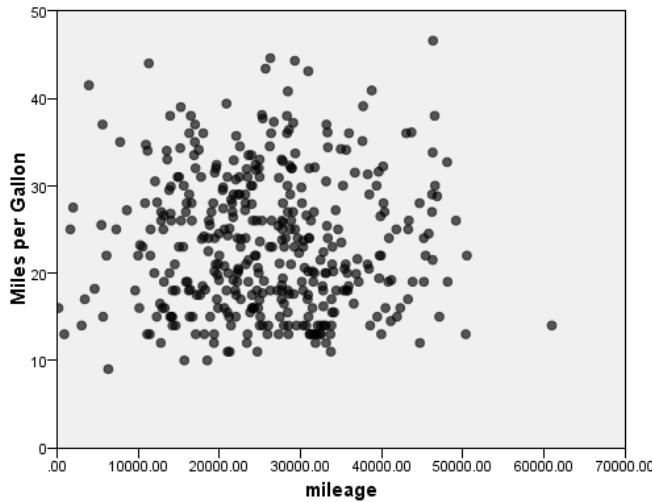

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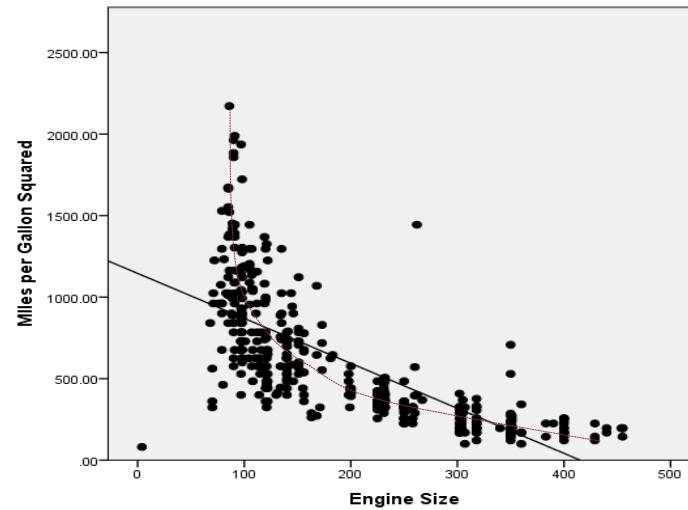
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Pearson Correlation Values

Correlations as Percentages

- Correlation = 0.859

- 0.859 x 0.859 = 0.738

- 0.738 = 73.8 %

- Correlation Squared = 'R Square'

73.8%
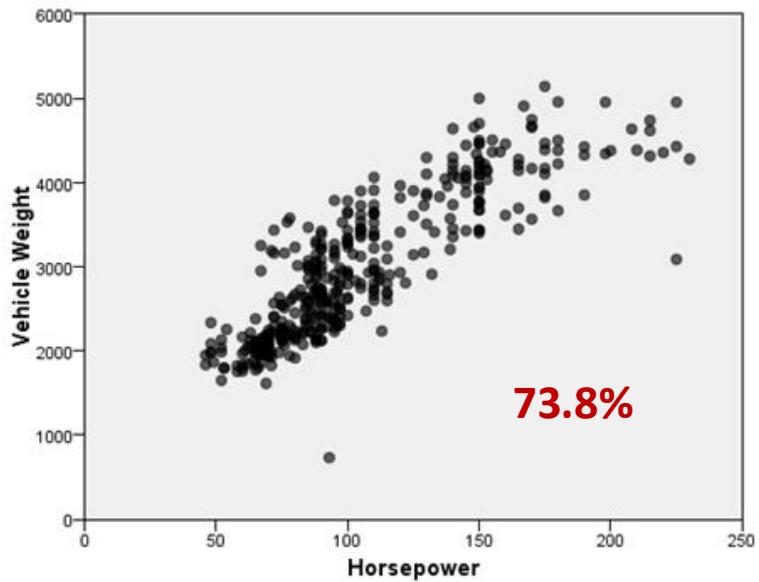
From Correlation to Prediction

How can we express
linear relationships as
predictive models?

How long does it take to cook a chicken?

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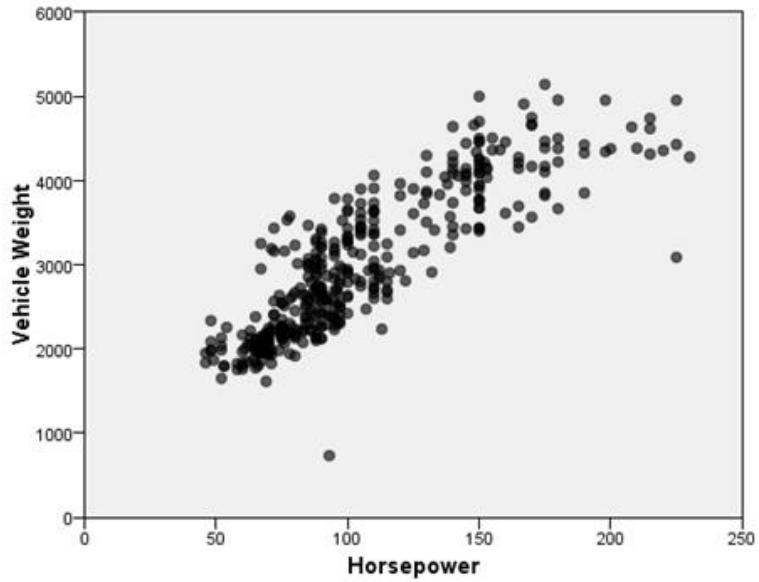
How long does it take to cook a chicken?

- 7 minutes per pound plus 45 minutes

- 20 minutes per pound plus 20 minutes

$$y = mx + c$$

or

$$y = a + bx$$

Scatterplot of Percent reliant on public healthcare versus Percent unemployed, with regression line $y=10.13+1.16*x$
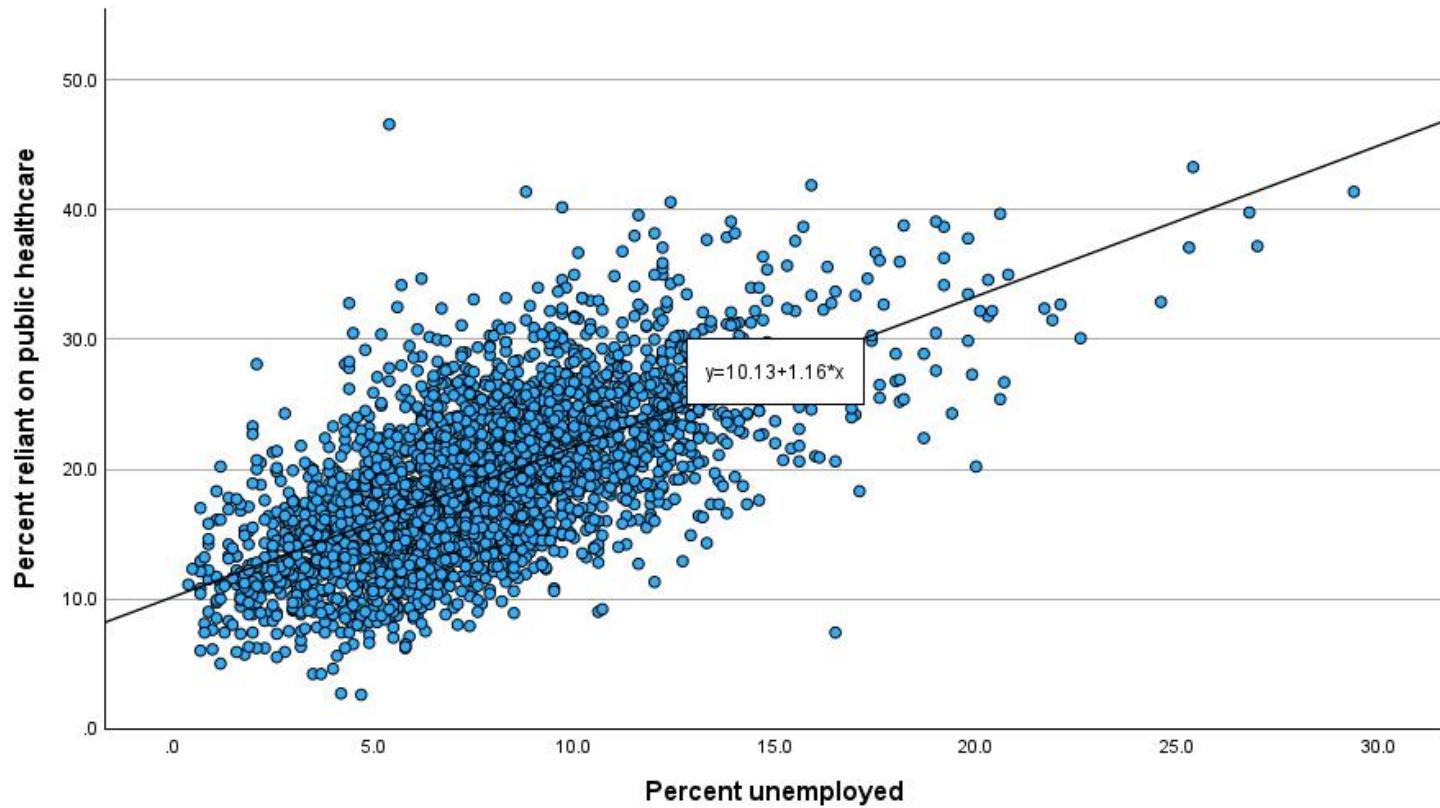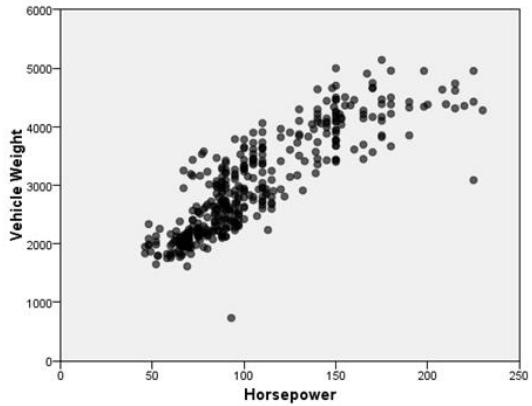
Lets look at a demo of Linear Regression in
IBM SPSS Statistics

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How can we predict category outcomes?

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Logistic Regression

- Allows us to predict things that linear regression can't

- Such as…

    – Response to a marketing campaign

    – Credit risk

    – Whether a subscriber is likely to renew a service

    – Risk of equipment failure

    – How likely is it that a particular patient will be readmitted to hospital

    – Whether a charity donor will switch to Direct Debit

Logistic Regression

- But….

- These outcomes are not *continuous numbers* so 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
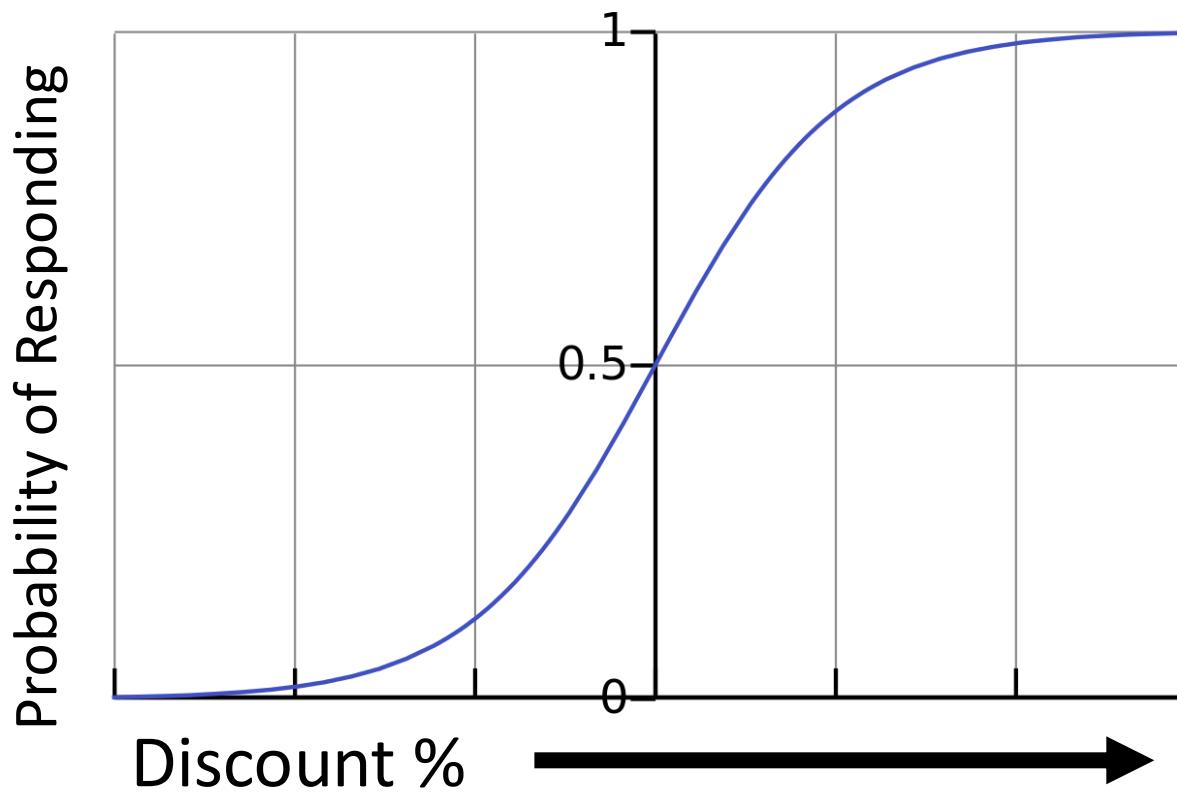
Logistic Regression

- 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?
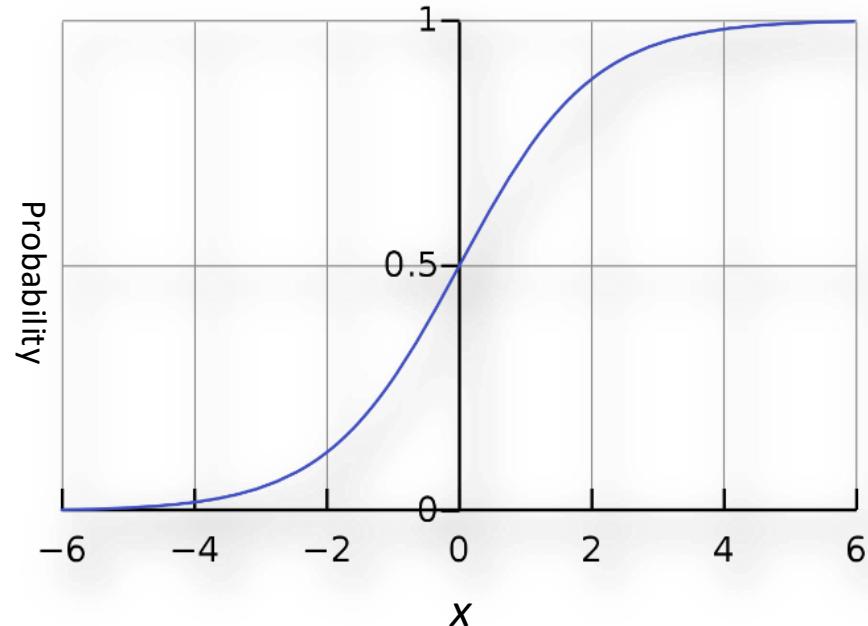
IBM SPSS Regression Methods

- 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**
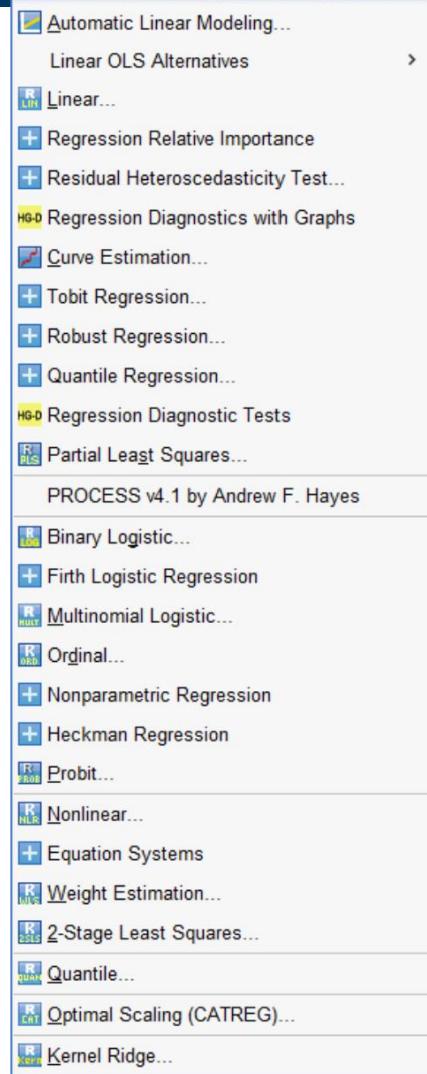
Additional Resources

- 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
- How to interpret significance tests
- Eat your greens blog series on statistical testing and procedures

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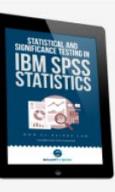
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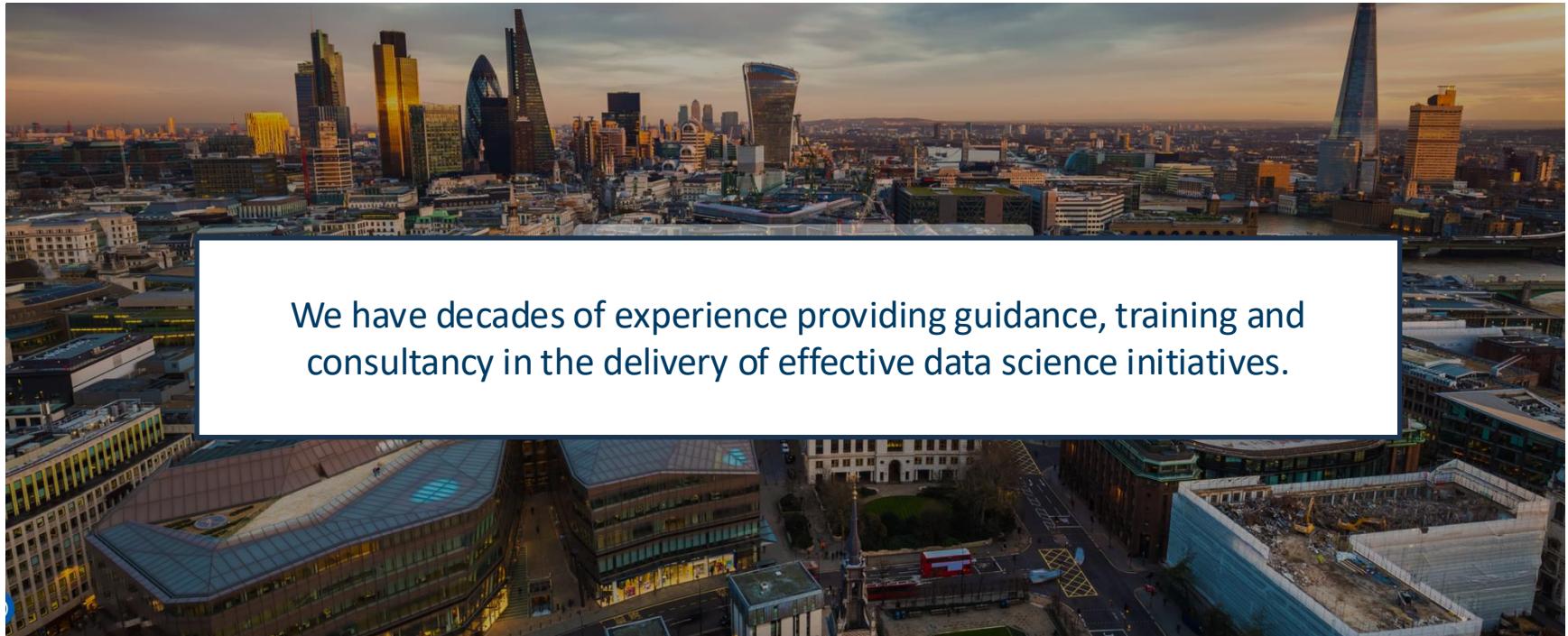
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