

# Biostat 200: Lecture 9

## Associations, Correlations, and Causation

# Visualization ReCap

- <http://flowingdata.com/2017/01/24/one-dataset-visualized-25-ways/>
- [https://www.gapminder.org/tools/#\\_chart-type=bubbles](https://www.gapminder.org/tools/#_chart-type=bubbles)
- [www.Theyrule.net](http://www.Theyrule.net)
- <http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/>
- [www.bewitched.com](http://www.bewitched.com)

# Association: Peeling the Onion



I See Dead People

*What's wrong with this statement?*

# Associations are not Causations

*Everyone who ate pickles in the year 1743 is now dead.*

*Therefore, pickles are fatal?*

True statement:

***Palm size correlates with your life expectancy***

*The larger your palm, the less you will live, on average.*

*Try it out - look at your neighbors and you'll see who is expected to live longer.*

# Associations are ??? Causations

Why?

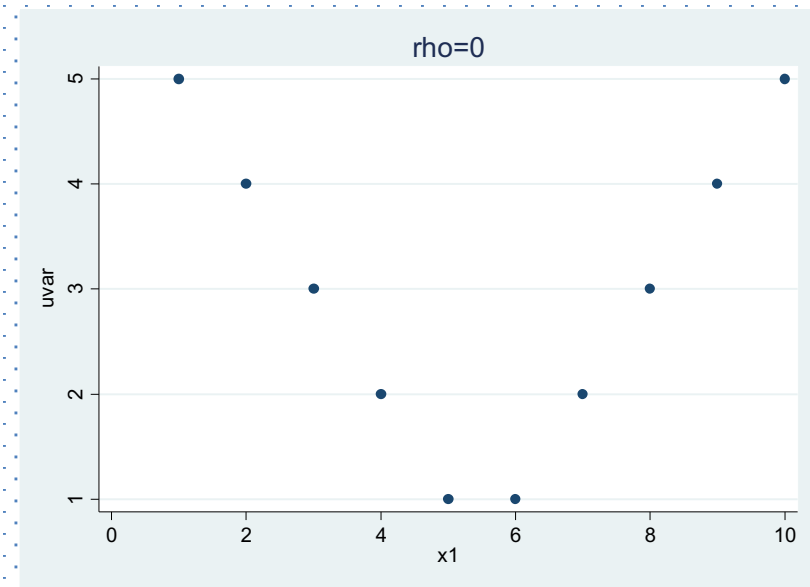
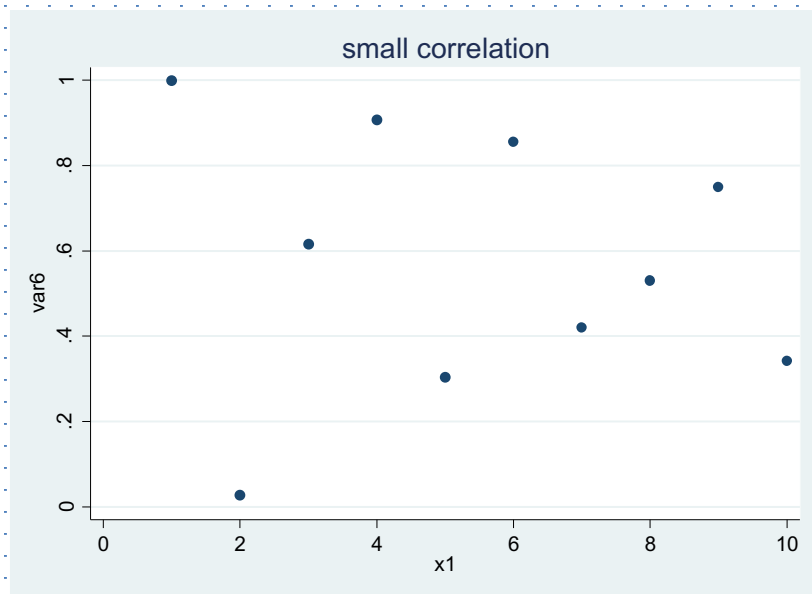
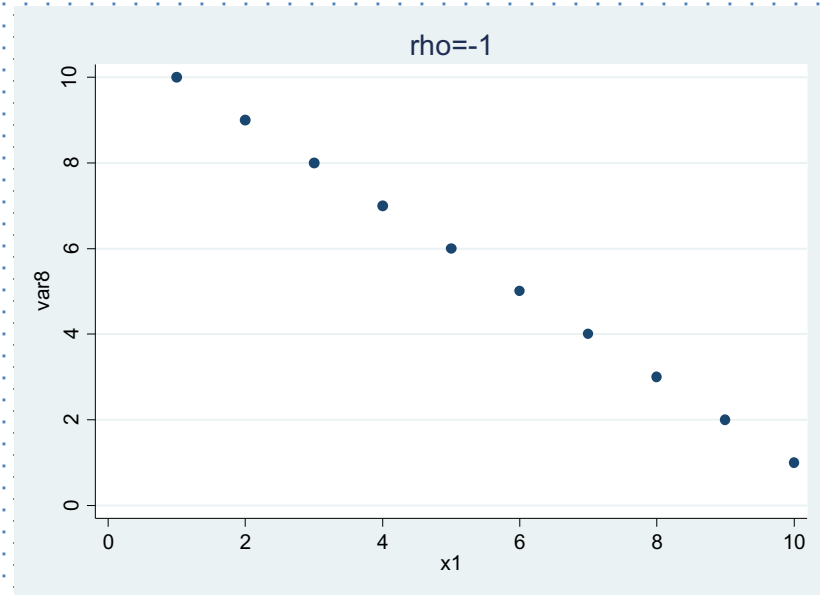
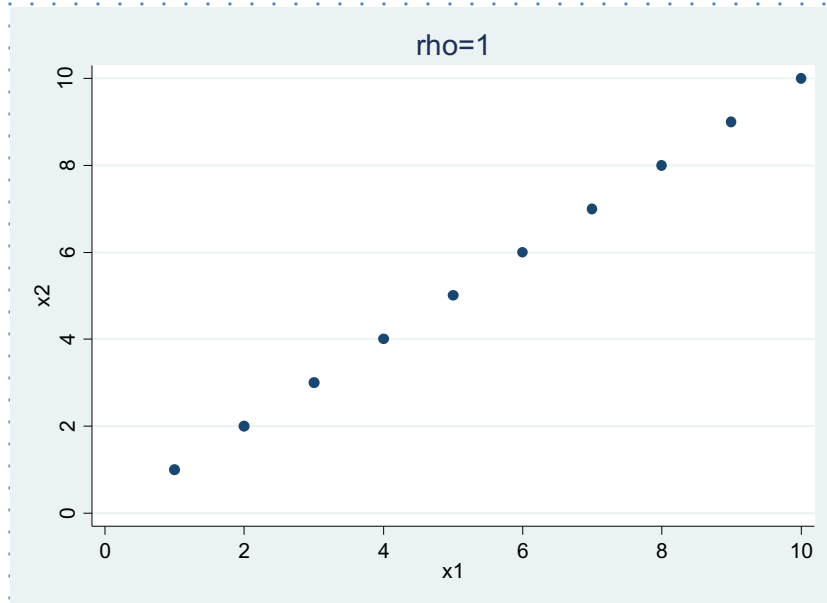
*Women have smaller palms and live 6 years longer on average*

**Don't stop at the first association.  
Ask yourself (and the data) WHY?**

# Correlation

- Correlation examines the relationship between 2 (usually) continuous variables
  - Does one increase with the other?
    - e.g. Does CD4 count increase with increasing age?
- Both variables are measured on the same people
- Correlation assumes a **linear** relationship between the two variables
- Correlation is symmetric
  - The correlation of A with B is the same as the correlation of B with A
  - Designated by  $\rho$  (rho)

# Correlation





# Correlation

- $\rho$  lies between -1 and 1
- -1 and 1 are perfect correlations, 0 is no correlation
- An *estimator* of the population correlation  $\rho$  is Pearson's correlation coefficient denoted  $r$
- It is estimated by: 
$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right)$$

# Correlation

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} \right]} \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1} \right]}}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]} \sqrt{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]}}$$

# Correlation: hypothesis testing

- To test whether there is a correlation between two variables, our hypotheses are

$$H_0: \rho=0 \quad \text{and} \quad H_A: \rho \neq 0$$

- We need to calculate a test statistic for  $r$

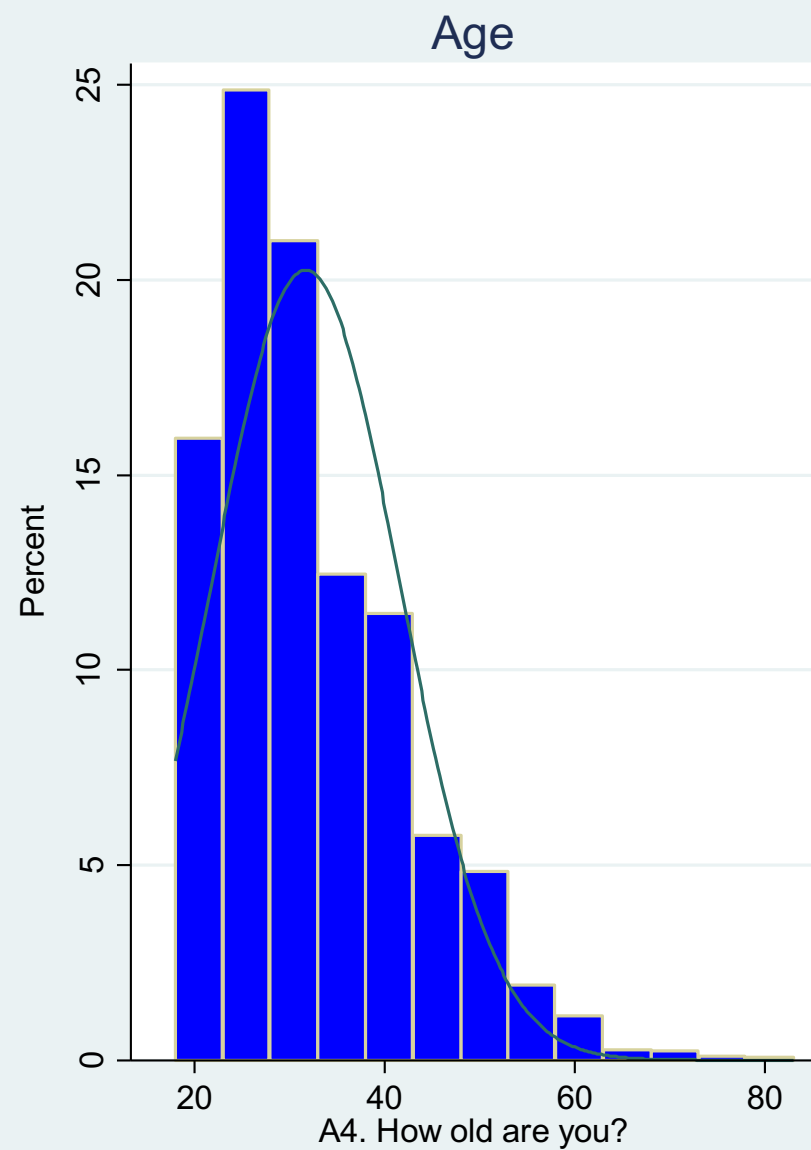
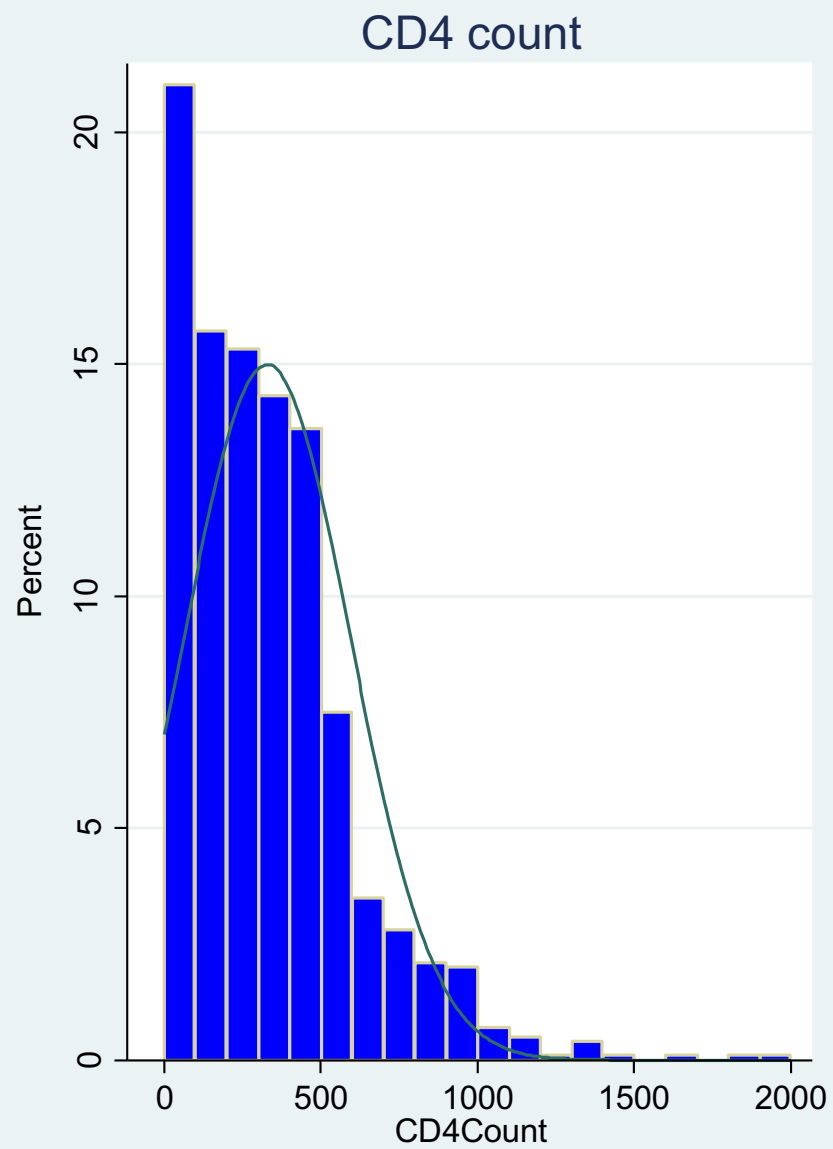
- The test statistic is  $t = \frac{r - 0}{se(r)}$

$$\text{where } se(r) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - r^2}{n - 2}}$$

$$\text{so } t = r \sqrt{\frac{n - 2}{1 - r^2}}$$

# Correlation: hypothesis testing

- The test statistic follows a t distribution with  $n-2$  degrees of freedom under the null
- The assumptions
  - The pairs of observations  $(x_i, y_i)$  were obtained from a random sample
  - $X$  and  $Y$  are normally distributed



# Correlation example

```
corr cd4count age
(obs=999)
```

```

               | cd4count      age_b
-----+-----
cd4count |      1.0000
age_b   |     -0.1133      1.0000
```

Note that the hypothesis test is only of  $\rho=0$ , no other null  
Also note that the correlation is the linear relationship only

# Correlation example

`pwcorr var1 var2, sig obs`

```
. pwcorr cd4count age, sig obs
```

|          | cd4count | age_b  |
|----------|----------|--------|
| cd4count | 1.0000   |        |
|          | 999      |        |
| age_b    | -0.1133  | 1.0000 |
|          | 0.0003   |        |
|          | 999      | 3387   |

# Spearman rank correlation (Nonparametric correlation)

- Pearson's correlation coefficient is very sensitive to extreme values
- Spearman rank correlation calculates the Pearson correlation on the *ranks* of each variable
- The Pearson correlation coefficient is calculated, but the data values are replaced by the ranks



# Spearman rank correlation (nonparametric)

- The Spearman rank correlation ranges between -1 and 1 as does the Pearson correlation
- We can test the null hypothesis that  $\rho=0$
- The test statistic for  $n>10$  is with  $n-2$  degrees of freedom is compared to the t distribution

$$t_s = r_s \sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r_s^2}}$$

```
spearman cd4count age, stats(rho obs p)
```

```
Number of obs =      999  
Spearman's rho =     -0.1319
```

```
Test of Ho: cd4count and age_b are independent  
Prob > |t| =      0.0000
```

# Matrix of Pearson correlations

- We can calculate a correlation matrix by listing multiple variable names
- Beware of which n's are used (use listwise option to get all n's equal so you are testing similar relationships)

```
pwcorr cd4count age nsupport_b auditc, sig obs
```

|            | cd4count | age_b  | nsupport_b | auditc |
|------------|----------|--------|------------|--------|
| cd4count   | 1.0000   |        |            |        |
|            | 999      |        |            |        |
| age_b      | -0.1133  | 1.0000 |            |        |
|            | 0.0003   |        |            |        |
|            | 999      | 3387   |            |        |
| nsupport_b | 0.0067   | 0.3597 | 1.0000     |        |
|            | 0.8340   | 0.0000 |            |        |
|            | 994      | 3370   | 3372       |        |
| auditc     | 0.0670   | 0.0580 | 0.0468     | 1.0000 |
|            | 0.0392   | 0.0009 | 0.0078     |        |
|            | 948      | 3242   | 3230       | 3244   |

# Matrix of Pearson correlations

- Using listwise option to get all n's equal

```
pwcorr cd4count age_nsupport_b auditc, sig obs listwise
```

|            | cd4count | age_b   | nsupport_b | auditc |
|------------|----------|---------|------------|--------|
| cd4count   | 1.0000   |         |            |        |
|            | 944      |         |            |        |
| age_b      | -0.1053  | 1.0000  |            |        |
|            | 0.0012   | 944     |            |        |
| nsupport_b | 0.0107   | 0.3209  | 1.0000     |        |
|            | 0.7416   | 0.0000  | 944        |        |
| auditc     | 0.0668   | -0.0075 | 0.0475     | 1.0000 |
|            | 0.0401   | 0.8181  | 0.1449     | 944    |

# Matrix of Spearman correlations

```
spearman cd4count age nsupport_b auditc, pw stats(rho obs p)
```

```
+-----+
|  Key  |
|-----|
|  rho  |
| Number of obs |
| Sig. level |
|-----|
```

|            | cd4count                 | age_b                    | nsupport_b               | auditc         |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| cd4count   | 1.0000<br>999            |                          |                          |                |
| age_b      | -0.1319<br>999<br>0.0000 | 1.0000<br>3387           |                          |                |
| nsupport_b | 0.0118<br>994<br>0.7093  | 0.4055<br>3370           | 1.0000<br>3372           |                |
| auditc     | 0.0945<br>948<br>0.0036  | 0.0777<br>3242<br>0.0000 | 0.0447<br>3230<br>0.0111 | 1.0000<br>3244 |

# Matrix of Spearman correlations

```
spearman cd4count age_nsupport_b auditc, stats(rho obs p)
```

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+-----+
| Key      |
|-----|
| rho      |
| Number of obs |
| Sig. level  |
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```

Here if you drop the “pw” option you get all n’s equal

```

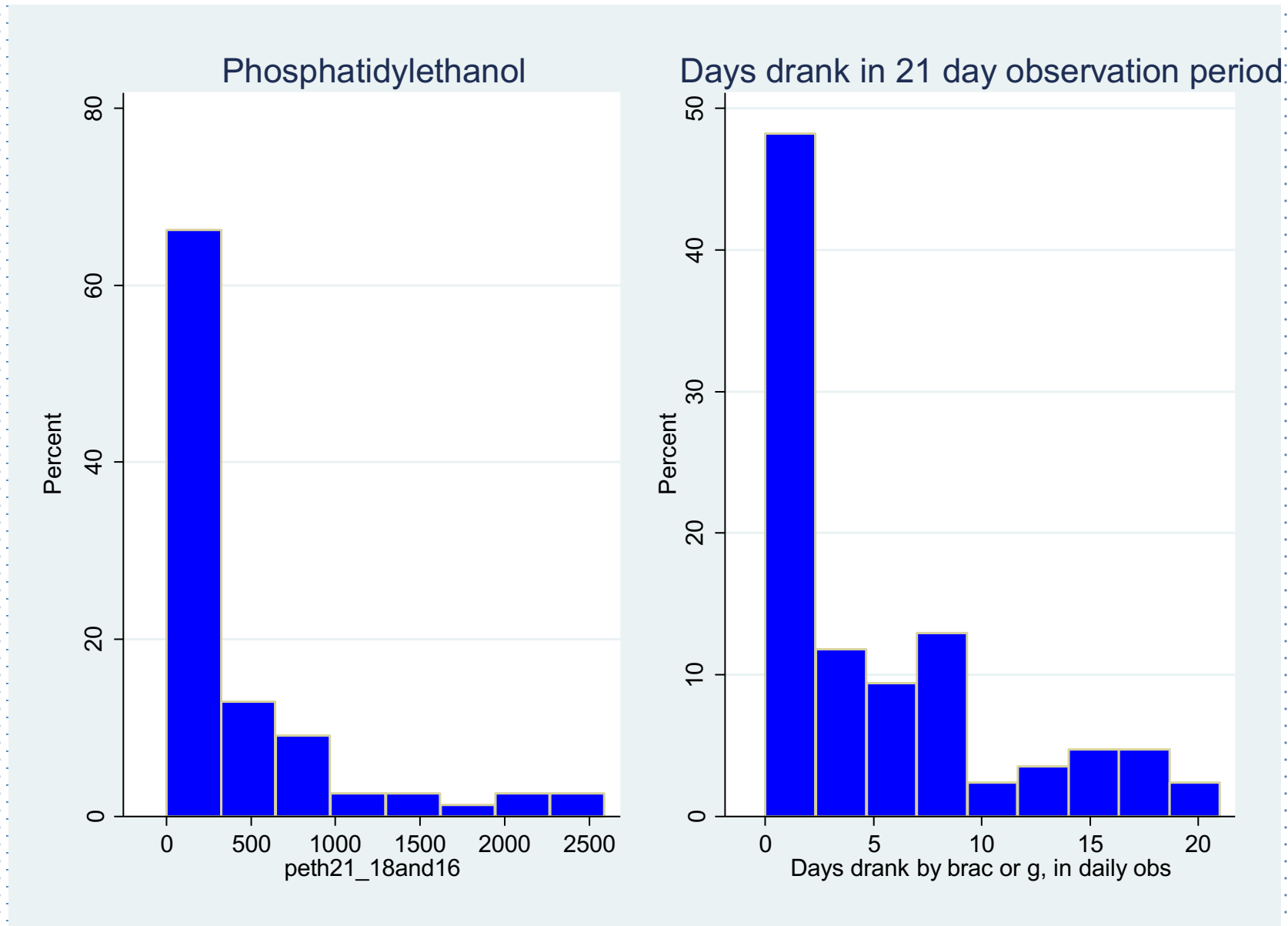
      | cd4count   age_b nsupport_b   auditc
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cd4count | 1.0000
      | 944
      |
age_b    | -0.1261   1.0000
      | 944      944
      | 0.0001
nsupport_b | 0.0127   0.3546   1.0000
      | 944      944      944
      | 0.6971   0.0000
auditc   | 0.0940  -0.0116   0.0431   1.0000
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      | 0.0039   0.7221   0.1859
      |

```

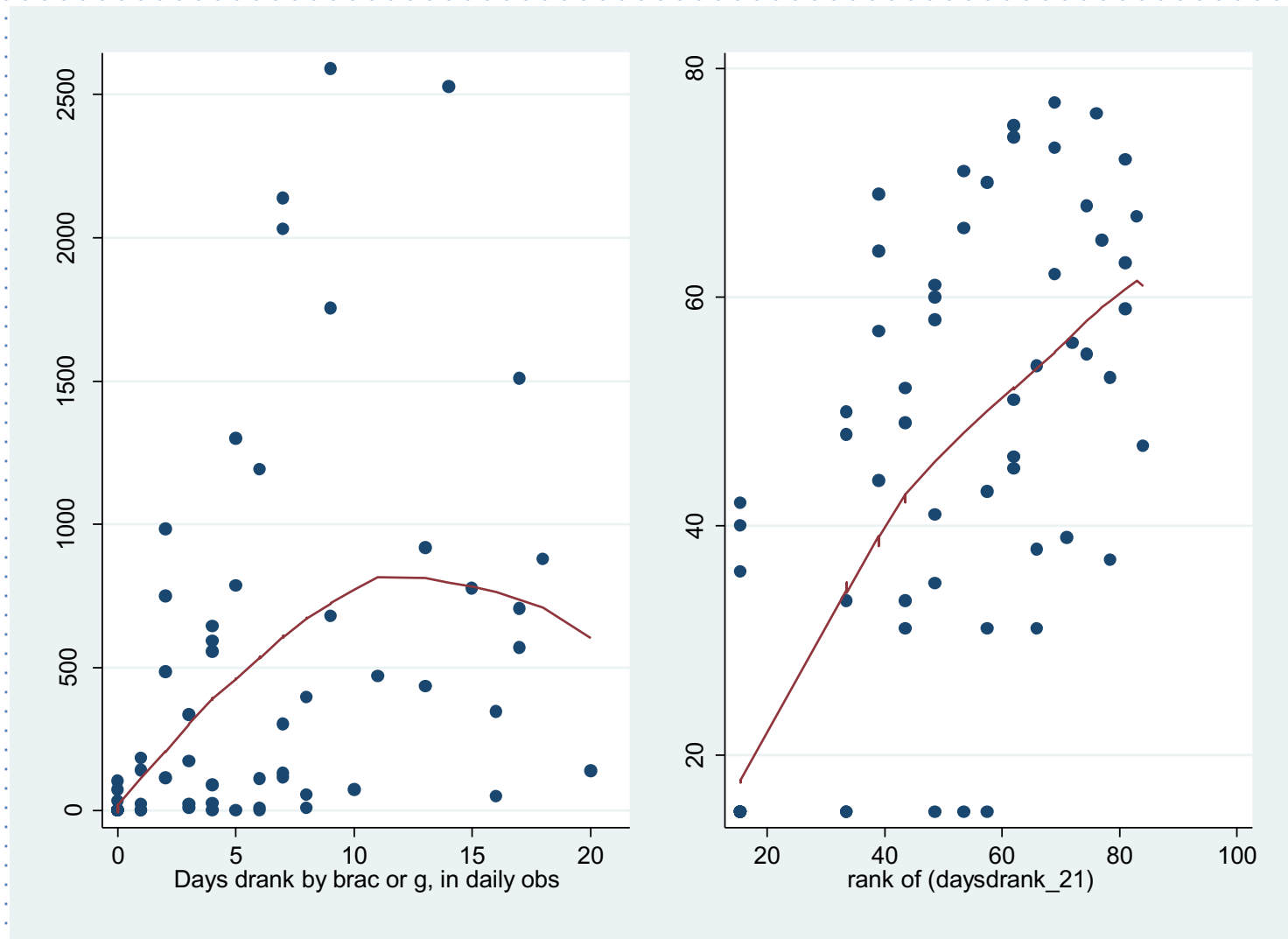
# Pearson vs. Spearman

|                                             | Pearson        | Spearman       |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sensitivity to outliers                     | more sensitive | less sensitive |
| Can be used with ordinal data               | no             | yes            |
| Assumes data are from a normal distribution | yes            | no             |
| Detects non-linear relationship             | no             | yes            |

# Biomarker and alcohol consumption



# PEth Biomarker of alcohol consumption vs. days drinking (raw data vs. ranks)





# Pearson and Spearman correlations

```
. pwcorr peth21_18and16 daysdrank_21, obs sig
```

```
-----+-----  
| peth2~16 days~_21  
-----+-----  
peth21_18~16 | 1.0000  
|  
| 77  
|  
daysdrank_21 | 0.4717 1.0000  
| 0.0000  
| 77 85  
|  
-----+-----
```

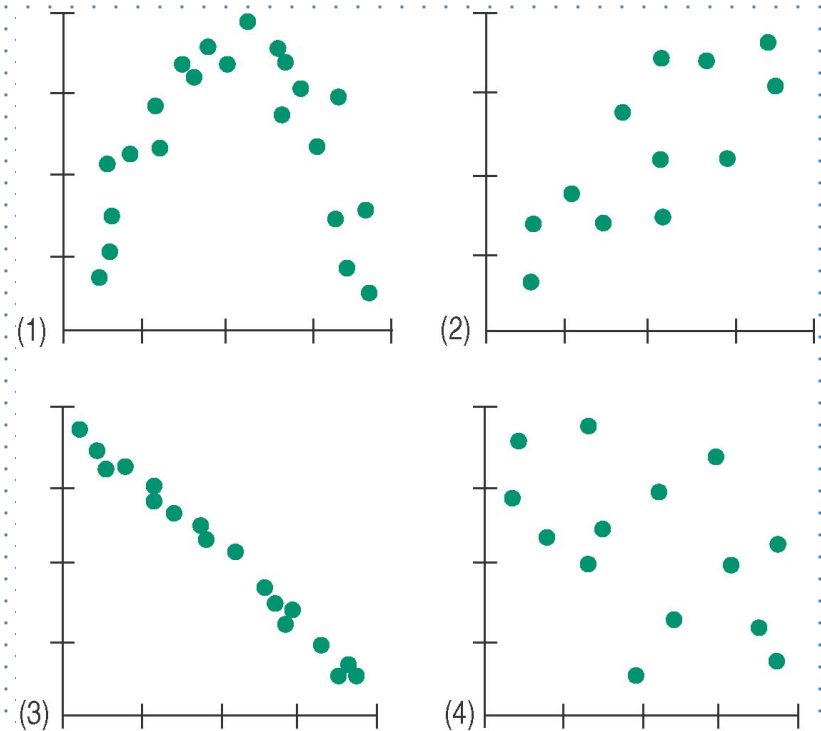
```
. spearman peth21_18and16 daysdrank_21
```

```
Number of obs = 77  
Spearman's rho = 0.7413  
Test of Ho: peth21_18and16 and daysdrank_21 are independent  
Prob > |t| = 0.0000
```

# Association Identification

Which scatterplot below shows

- a) little association?
- b) negative association?
- c) linear association?
- d) moderately strong association?
- e) strong association?



# Association Identification

## Matching.

Here are several scatterplots.

The calculated correlations are:

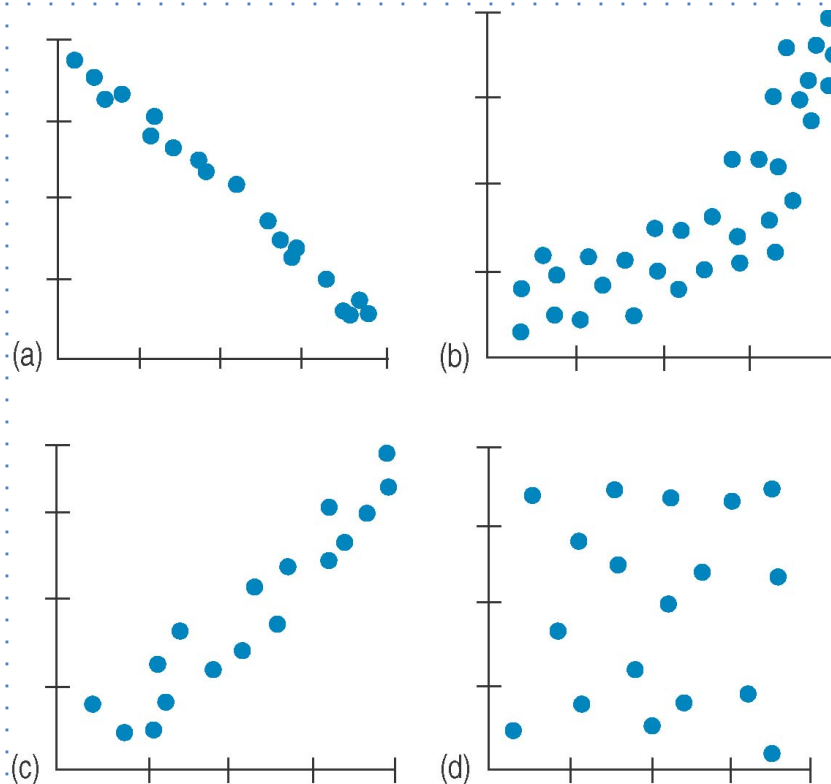
a)  $-0.977$

b)  $-0.021$

c)  $0.736$

d)  $0.951$

Which is which?



<http://www.tylervigen.com/spurious-correlations>

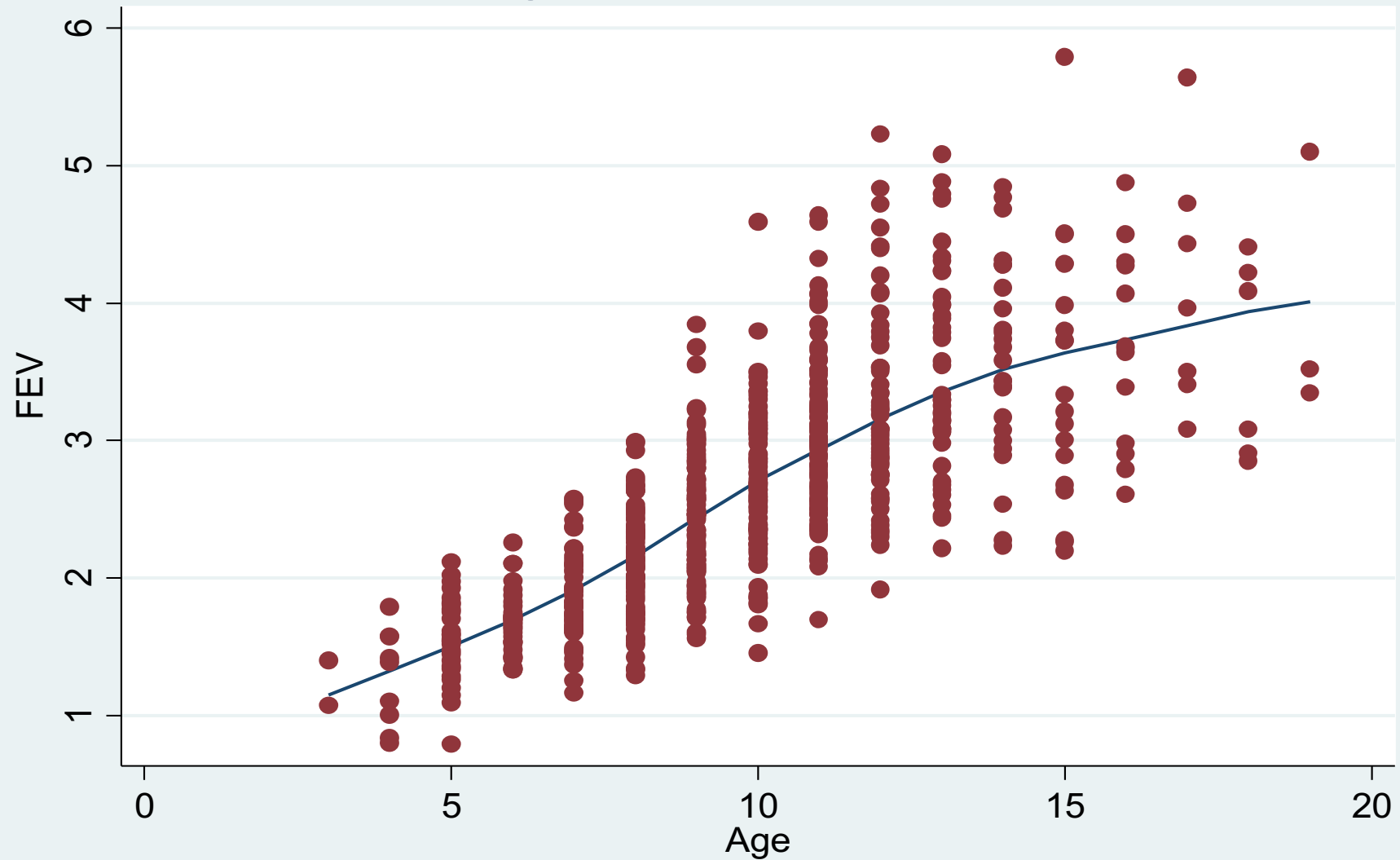
# Simple linear regression

- Correlation allows us to quantify a linear relationship between two variables
- Linear regression allows us to additionally estimate how a change in a random variable  $X$  corresponds to a change in random variable  $Y$

# Forced expiratory volume (FEV)

- Studies in the 1970's of children and adolescent's pulmonary function, examining their own smoking and secondhand smoke
  - FEV is the amount of air expelled in the first second of exhalation; forced expiratory volume
  - The data are cross-sectional data from a larger prospective study
- 
- Tager, I., Weiss, S., Munoz, A., Rosner, B., and Speizer, F. (1983), "Longitudinal Study of the Effects of Maternal Smoking on Pulmonary Function," *New England Journal of Medicine*, 309(12), 699-703.
  - Tager, I., Weiss, S., Rosner, B., and Speizer, F. (1979), "Effect of Parental Cigarette Smoking on the Pulmonary Function of Children," *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 110(1), 15-26.

## FEV vs age in children and adolescents



```
twoway (lowess fev age, bwidth(0.8)) (scatter fev age, sort), ytitle(FEV)  
xtitle(Age) legend(off) title(FEV vs age in children and adolescents)
```

# Correlation

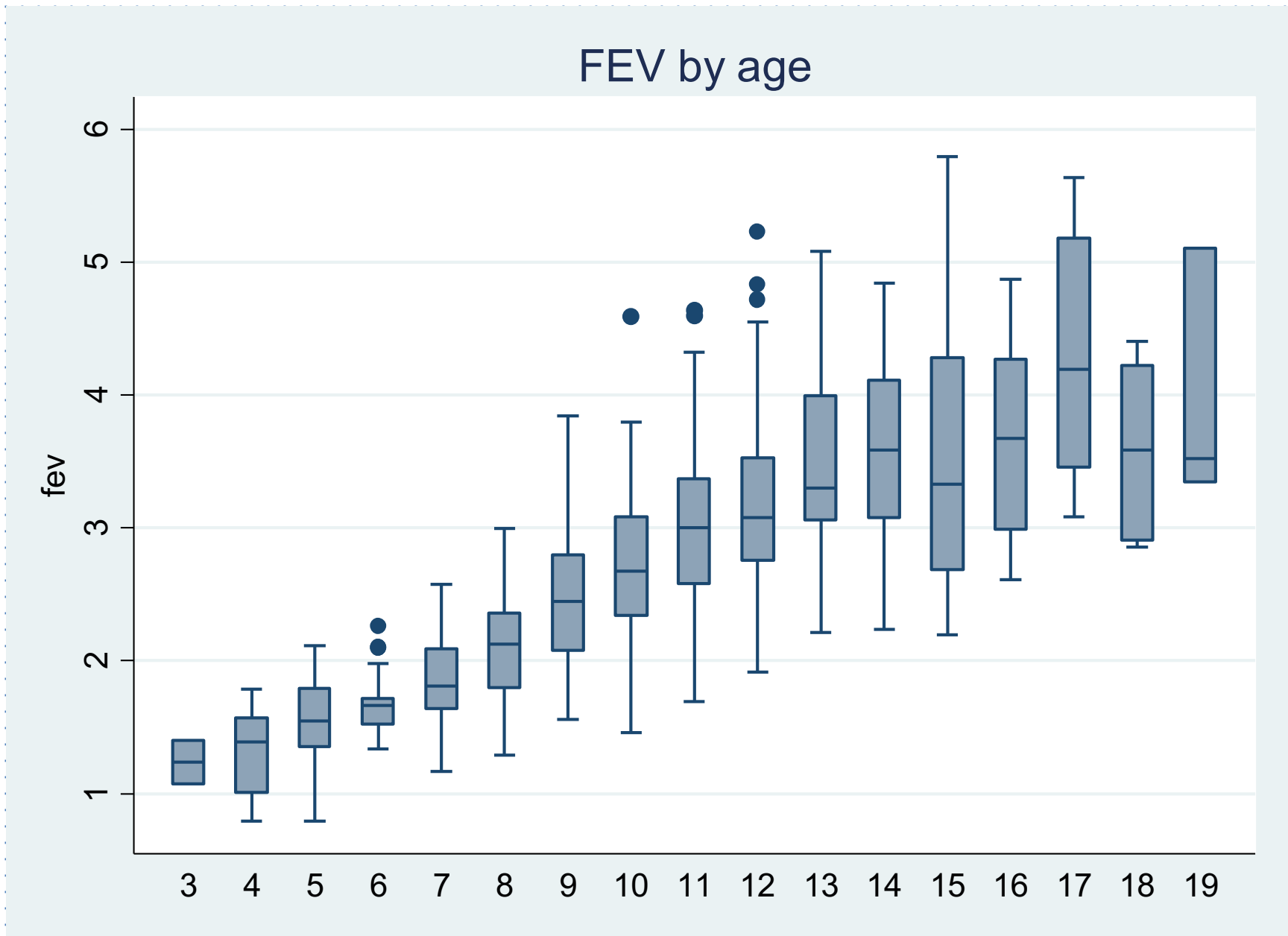
```
. pwcorr fev age, sig obs
```

|     | fev    | age    |
|-----|--------|--------|
| fev | 1.0000 |        |
|     | 654    |        |
| age | 0.7565 | 1.0000 |
|     | 0.0000 |        |
|     | 654    | 654    |

```
. spearman fev age
```

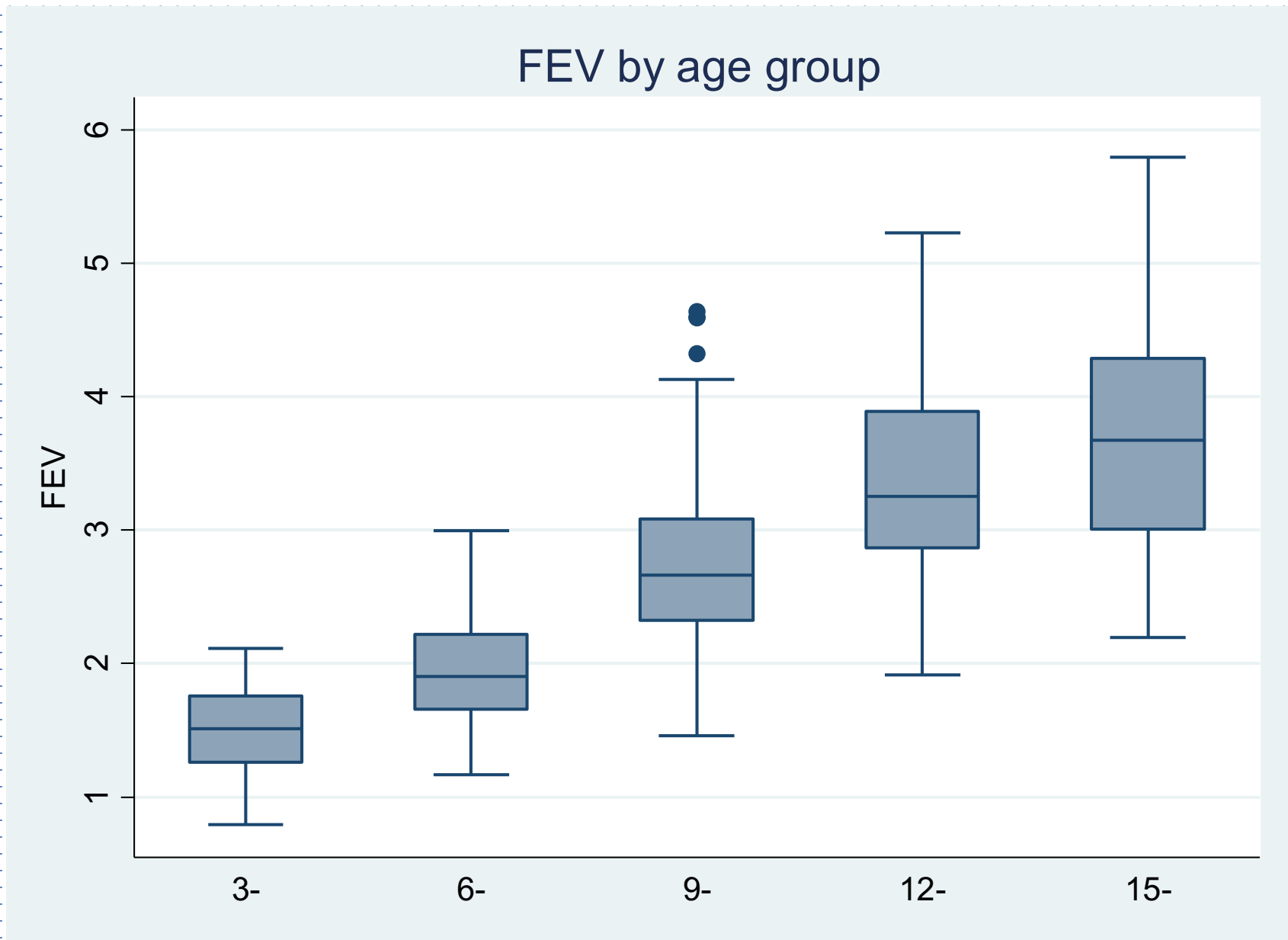
Number of obs = 654  
Spearman's rho = 0.7984

Test of Ho: fev and age are independent  
Prob > |t| = 0.0000



```
graph box fev, over(age) title(FEV by age)
```





```
egen agecat = cut(age), at(0,3,6,9,12,15,20) label  
graph box fev, over(agecat) title(FEV by age group) ytitle(FEV)
```

```
. tabstat fev, by(agecat) s(n min median max mean sd)
```

Summary for variables: fev  
by categories of: agecat

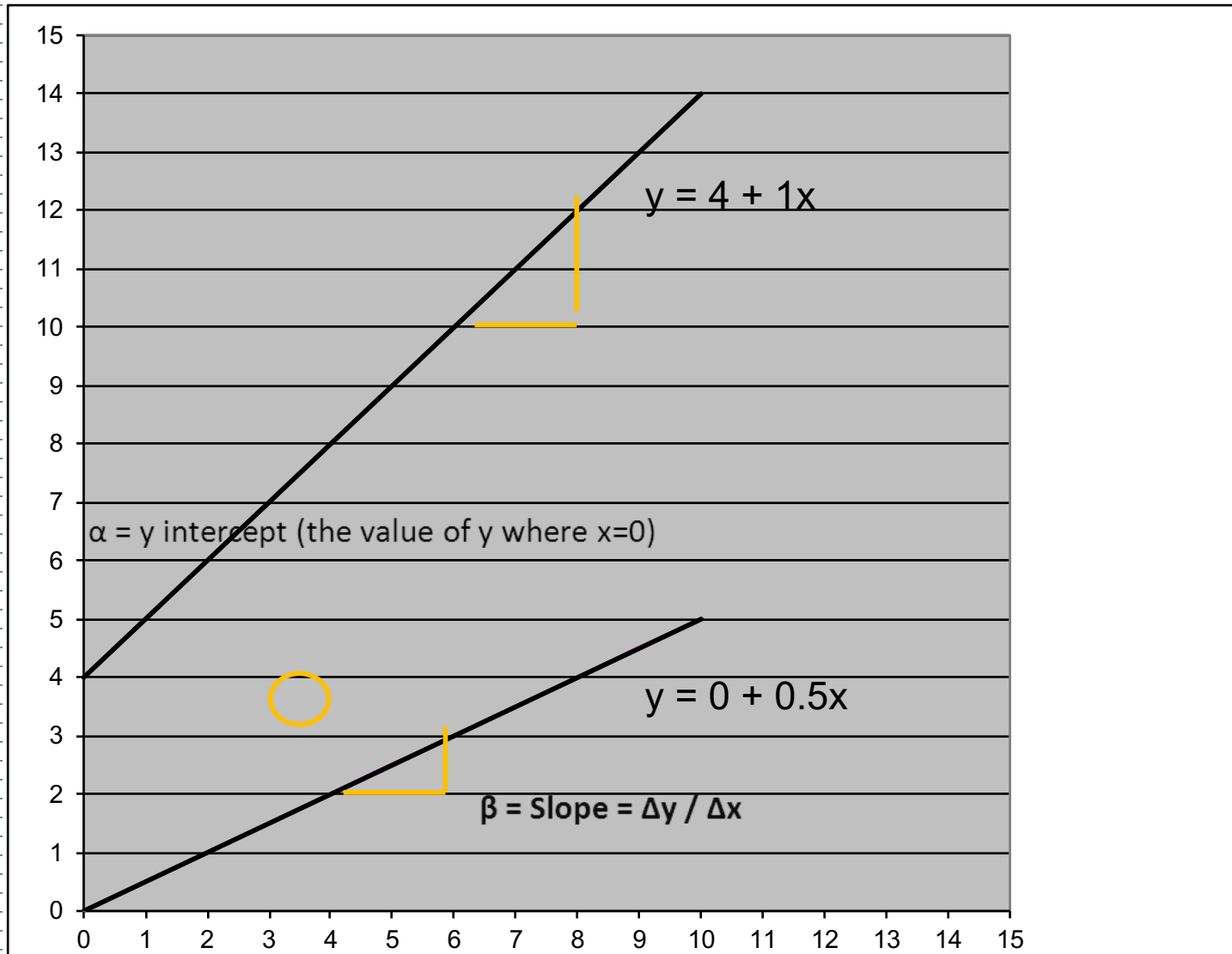
| agecat | N   | min   | p50    | max   | mean     | sd       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| 3-     | 39  | .791  | 1.514  | 2.115 | 1.472385 | .3346982 |
| 6-     | 176 | 1.165 | 1.901  | 2.993 | 1.943727 | .3885005 |
| 9-     | 265 | 1.458 | 2.665  | 4.637 | 2.71723  | .5866867 |
| 12-    | 125 | 1.916 | 3.255  | 5.224 | 3.384576 | .7326963 |
| 15-    | 49  | 2.198 | 3.674  | 5.793 | 3.710143 | .8818795 |
| Total  | 654 | .791  | 2.5475 | 5.793 | 2.63678  | .8670591 |

# Simple linear regression

- The method allows us to investigate the effect of a difference in the *explanatory* variable on the *response* variable.
- Equivalent terms:
  - Response variable, dependent variable, outcome variable, Y
  - Explanatory variable, independent variable, predictor variable, correlate, X
- Here it matters which variable is X and which variable is Y
- Y is the variable that you want to predict, or better understand with X (we regress Y on X)

# Recall the equation of a straight line

$$y = \alpha + \beta x$$



# Simple linear regression

- Population regression equation is defined as

$$\mu_{y/x} = \alpha + \beta x$$

- This is the equation of a straight line
- $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants and are called the coefficients of the equation

# Simple linear regression

- $\alpha$  is the y-intercept of the line  $y = \alpha + \beta x$
- Plugging back in to the population regression equation,  $\alpha$  is the mean value of Y when  $X=0$

e.g.  $\mu_{y|0} = \alpha + \beta X = \alpha$

- $\beta$  is the slope of the line
- $\beta$  is the change in the mean value of y that corresponds to a one-unit increase in X
- e.g.  $X=3$  vs.  $X=2$

$$\mu_{y|3} - \mu_{y|2} = (\alpha + \beta*3) - (\alpha + \beta*2) = \beta$$

# Simple linear regression

- Even if there is a linear relationship between Y and X in theory, there will (usually) be some variability in the population
- At each value of X, there is a range of Y values, with a mean  $\mu_{y/x}$  and a standard deviation  $\sigma_{y/x}$
- We note this by including an error term,  $\varepsilon$ , in our regression equation
- The linear regression equation is  $y = \alpha + \beta x + \varepsilon$

# Simple linear regression

- The linear regression equation is  $y = \alpha + \beta x + \varepsilon$
- The error,  $\varepsilon$ , is the distance a sample value  $y$  has from the population regression line

$$y = \alpha + \beta x + \varepsilon$$

$$\mu_{y/x} = \alpha + \beta x \text{ (population regression line)}$$

so  $y - \mu_{y/x} = \varepsilon$  is the error



# Simple linear regression

- Statistical assumptions of linear regression
  - X's are measured without error
    - Violations of this cause the coefficients to attenuate toward zero
  - For each value of X, the Y's are normally distributed with mean  $\mu_{y/x}$  and standard deviation  $\sigma_{y/x}$
  - The regression equation is correct  $\mu_{y/x} = \alpha + \beta x$

# Simple linear regression

- More assumptions of linear regression
  - Homoscedasticity – the standard deviation of  $y$  at each value of  $X$  is constant;  $\sigma_{y/x}$  the same for all values of  $X$
  - All the  $y_i$  's are independent
    - You can't guess the  $y$  value for one person (or observation) based on the outcome of another
- We do not need the  $X$ 's to be normally distributed, just the  $Y$ 's at each value of  $X$

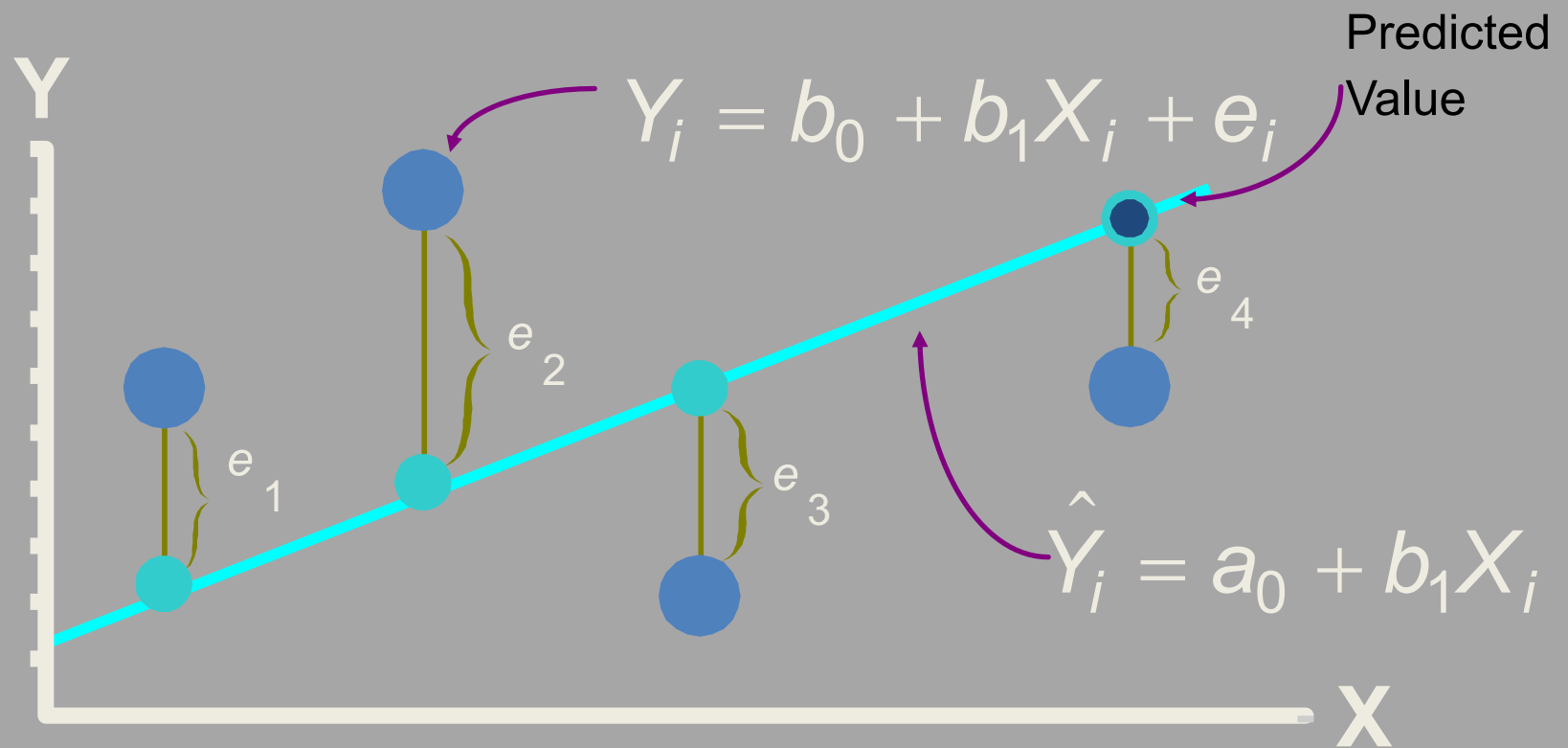
# Ordinary Least Squares Regression

- We estimate the *coefficients* of the population regression line ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ) using our sample of measurements of  $y$  and  $x$
- The distance from a data point  $(x_i, y_i)$  to the line at  $x_i$  is the error and called the *residual*,  $e_i$

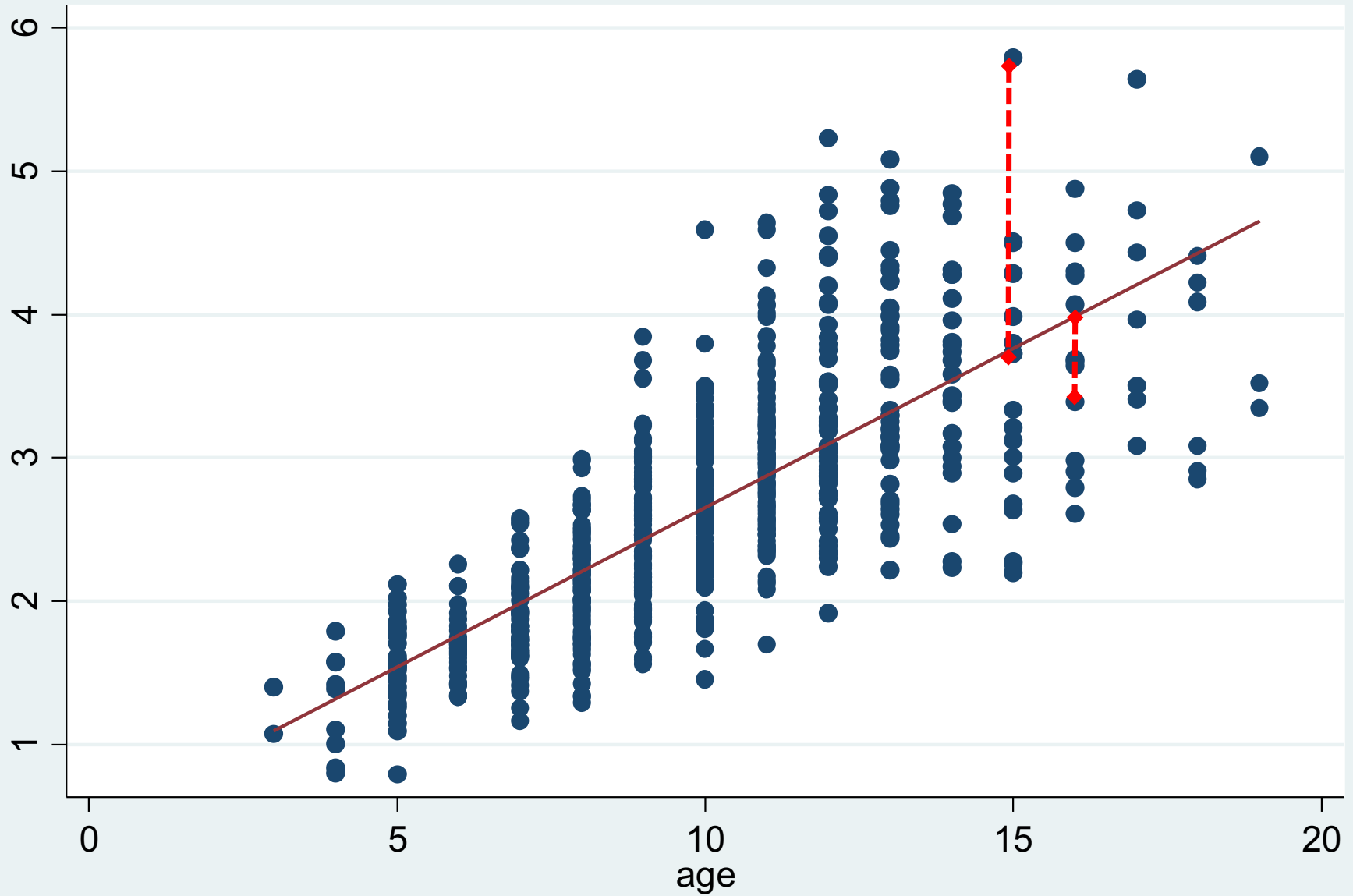
$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

- $\hat{y}_i$  is  $y$ -value of the regression line at  $x_i$  and is the predicted value of  $y$  at each  $x$

# Linear Regression Graphically



FEV versus age



# Simple Linear Regression or Least Squares

- The regression line equation is  $\hat{y} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x$
- The “best” line is the one that finds the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  that minimize the sum of the squared residuals  $\sum e_i^2$
- We are minimizing the sum of the squares of the residuals, called the error sum of squares or the residual sum of squares

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x_i)]^2\end{aligned}$$

# Simple linear regression example: Regression of FEV on age

$$\text{FEV} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} \text{ age}$$

`regress yvar xvar`

`. regress fev age`

| Source   | SS         | df  | MS         | Number of obs = 654    |  |  |
|----------|------------|-----|------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Model    | 280.919154 | 1   | 280.919154 | F( 1, 652) = 872.18    |  |  |
| Residual | 210.000679 | 652 | .322086931 | Prob > F = 0.0000      |  |  |
| Total    | 490.919833 | 653 | .751791475 | R-squared = 0.5722     |  |  |
|          |            |     |            | Adj R-squared = 0.5716 |  |  |
|          |            |     |            | Root MSE = .56753      |  |  |

| fev   | Coef.    | Std. Err. | t     | P> t  | [95% Conf. Interval] |          |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| age   | .222041  | .0075185  | 29.53 | 0.000 | .2072777             | .2368043 |
| _cons | .4316481 | .0778954  | 5.54  | 0.000 | .278692              | .5846042 |

$\hat{\beta}$  = Coef for age

$\hat{\alpha}$  = \_cons (short for constant)

# Interpretating the parameter estimates

- The least squares estimate is

$$\hat{y} = 0.432 + 0.222 x$$

- The intercept, 0.432 is the fitted value of y (FEV) for x (age) = 0
- The slope, 0.222 is the change in FEV corresponding to a change of 1 year in age. So a child with age=10 would have an FEV that is (on average) 0.222 higher than someone age 9. And the same for age 7 vs. 6, etc.



# Simple linear regression – hypothesis testing

- We want to know if there is a relationship between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - If there is no relationship then the value of  $Y$  does not change with the value of  $X$ , and  $\beta=0$ .
  - Therefore  $\beta=0$  is our null hypothesis.
- This is mathematically equivalent to the null hypothesis that the correlation  $\rho=0$ .
- We can also calculate a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta$

# *Inference* for regression coefficients

- We want to use the least squares regression line  $\hat{y} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x$  to make inference about the population regression line  $\mu_{y|x} = \alpha + \beta x$
- If we took repeated samples in which we measured  $x$  and  $y$  together and calculated the least squares estimates, we would have a distribution for the estimates  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$
- The standard error of the estimates are

$$se(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma_{y|x}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

$$se(\hat{\alpha}) = \sigma_{y|x} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

where we estimate  $\sigma_{y|x}$  with  $s_{y|x}$

$$\text{and } s_{y|x} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n-2}}$$

# *Inference* for regression coefficients

- We can use these to test the null hypothesis  $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$  against the alternative  $H_0: \beta \neq \beta_0$
- The test statistic for this is 
$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta_0}{\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta})}$$
- And it follows the t distribution with  $n-2$  degrees of freedom under the null hypothesis

# *Inference* for regression coefficients

- When  $\beta_0=0$  , i.e. testing  $H_0: \beta =0$  this is equivalent to testing  $\mu_{y/x} = \alpha + 0*x = \alpha$
- This is the same as testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: \rho=0$
- The regression slope and the correlation coefficient are related: 
$$\hat{\beta} = r \left( \frac{s_y}{s_x} \right)$$
- 95% confidence intervals for  $\beta$   
(  $\hat{\beta} - t_{n-2,.025} \text{se}(\hat{\beta})$  ,  $\hat{\beta} + t_{n-2,.025} \text{se}(\hat{\beta})$  )

# Simple linear regression example: Regression of FEV on age

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|          |            |     |            | Root MSE = .56753      |  |  |

| fev   | Coef.    | Std. Err. | t     | P> t  | [95% Conf. Interval] |          |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| age   | .222041  | .0075185  | 29.53 | 0.000 | .2072777             | .2368043 |
| _cons | .4316481 | .0778954  | 5.54  | 0.000 | .278692              | .5846042 |

# Coefficient of Determination $R^2$

- $R^2 = r^2$ , i.e. just the Pearson correlation coefficient squared
- $R^2$  ranges from 0 to 1, and measures the proportion of the variability in  $y$  that is explained by the regression of  $y$  on  $x$

$$R^2 = \frac{s_y^2 - s_{y|x}^2}{s_y^2}$$

# Simple linear regression example: Regression of FEV on age

$$\text{FEV} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} \text{ age}$$

```
regress yvar xvar
```

```
. regress fev age
```

| Source   | SS         | df  | MS         |
|----------|------------|-----|------------|
| Model    | 280.919154 | 1   | 280.919154 |
| Residual | 210.000679 | 652 | .322086931 |
| Total    | 490.919833 | 653 | .751791475 |

Number of obs = 654  
 F( 1, 652) = 872.18  
 Prob > F = 0.0000  
 R-squared = 0.5722  
 Adj R-squared = 0.5716  
 Root MSE = .56753

| fev   | Coef.    | Std. Err. | t     | P> t  | [95% Conf. Interval] |          |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| age   | .222041  | .0075185  | 29.53 | 0.000 | .2072777             | .2368043 |
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# Evaluating the regression model

$$\text{model sum of squares} = MSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$$

regress fev age

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Number of obs = 654

F( 1, 652) = 872.18

Prob > F = 0.0000

R-squared = 0.5722 ← = .7565<sup>2</sup>

Adj R-squared = 0.5716

Root MSE = .56753

| fev   | Coef.    | Std. Err. | t     | P> t  | [95% Conf. Interval] |          |
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$$\text{residual sum of squares} = RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{total sum of squares} &= TSS = MSS + RSS \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$R^2 = \frac{TSS - RSS}{TSS} = \frac{MSS}{TSS}$$



$$MSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$$

regress fev age

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$$F_{\text{statistic}}(\text{MSS df}, \text{RSS df}) = \frac{\left( \frac{\text{MSS}}{\text{MSS df}} \right)}{\left( \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{RSS df}} \right)}$$

Number of obs = 654

F( 1, 652) = 872.18

Prob > F = 0.0000

R-squared = 0.5722

Adj R-squared = 0.5716

Root MSE = .56753

= .7565<sup>2</sup>

$$R^2 = \frac{TSS - RSS}{TSS} = \frac{MSS}{TSS}$$

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

# Overall Model Fit Using the F-Statistic

- The F statistic compares the model to a model with just  $\bar{y}$  (the null model)

- The statistic is

$$F_{stat} = \frac{\left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\# \text{ indep vars}} \right)}{\left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n - \# \text{ indep vars}} \right)} = \frac{\left( \frac{MSS}{MSS \text{ df}} \right)}{\left( \frac{RSS}{RSS \text{ df}} \right)}$$

- When there is only one independent variable in the model, these are equivalent tests
  - F test that compares the model fit to the null model
  - The ttest that  $\beta=0$
  - The ttest that  $r=0$  (Pearson correlation)

# *Inference* for predicted values

- We might want to estimate the mean value of  $y$  at a particular value of  $x$
- What is the mean FEV for children who are 10 years old?  $\hat{y} = .432 + .222 * x = .432 + .222 * 10 = 2.643$  liters
- We can construct a 95% confidence interval for the estimated mean
  - $(\hat{y} - t_{n-2, .025} se(\hat{y}), \hat{y} + t_{n-2, .025} se(\hat{y}))$ , where

$$se(\hat{y}) = s_{y|x} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

$$\text{where } s_{y|x} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y})^2}{n-2}} = \sqrt{\frac{RSS}{n-2}}$$

# Use Stata for your prediction

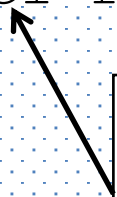
- Stata will calculate the fitted regression values and the standard errors
  - `regress fev age`
  - `predict fev_pred, xb` -> predicted mean values ( $\hat{y}$ )
  - `predict fev_predse, stdp` -> se of  $\hat{y}$  values



New variable names that I made up

You don't have to calculate these to get a plot with the 95% CI:

```
twoway (lfitci fev age)
```

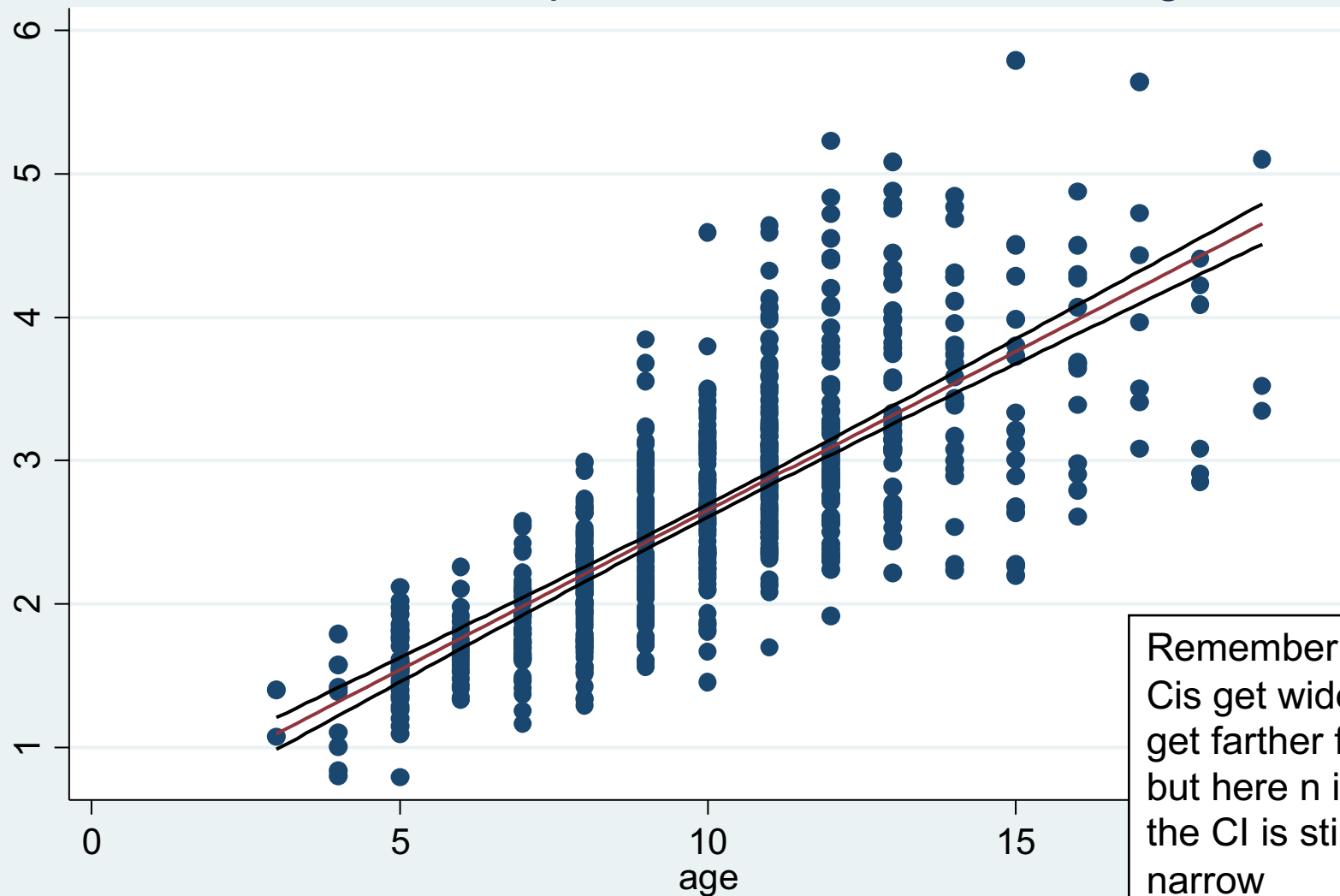


Stands for linear fit for the line, CI for the confidence interval

```
. list fev age fev_pred fev_predse
```

|      | fev   | age | fev_pred | fev_predse |
|------|-------|-----|----------|------------|
| 1.   | 1.708 | 9   | 2.430017 | .0232702   |
| 2.   | 1.724 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 3.   | 1.72  | 7   | 1.985935 | .0312756   |
| 4.   | 1.558 | 9   | 2.430017 | .0232702   |
| 5.   | 1.895 | 9   | 2.430017 | .0232702   |
| 6.   | 2.336 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 7.   | 1.919 | 6   | 1.763894 | .0369605   |
| 8.   | 1.415 | 6   | 1.763894 | .0369605   |
| 9.   | 1.987 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 10.  | 1.942 | 9   | 2.430017 | .0232702   |
| 11.  | 1.602 | 6   | 1.763894 | .0369605   |
| 12.  | 1.735 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 13.  | 2.193 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 14.  | 2.118 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 15.  | 2.258 | 8   | 2.207976 | .0265199   |
| 336. | 3.147 | 13  | 3.318181 | .0320131   |
| 337. | 2.52  | 10  | 2.652058 | .0221981   |
| 338. | 2.292 | 10  | 2.652058 | .0221981   |

## 95% CI for the predicted means for each age



```
twoway (scatter fev age) (lfitci fev age, ciplot(rline)
blcolor(black)), legend(off) title(95% CI for the predicted
means for each age )
```

# Next Time: More and More Modeling

- More linear regression
- More prediction
- Some non-linear regression
- Logistic regression