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Week 1

First of all - the (technical) framework of the course

Technicalities:

1. The text of lecture (both - the full lecture and the handout) will be available on web (at least) from Monday (preceding the lecture), 2 p.m.
2. An active presence on the seminars will be a necessary and (nearly) sufficient condition for passing the course - - the test at the end will be oriented on “ideas” not on “formulas”.
3. Any comment will be welcomed (to content, on an explanation, correction of ..., etc..)
4. I encourage You to be active also on lecture - - don’t let me escape from any topic without understanding it.

1. The lectures will be oriented on ideas -
   - there will be pictures explainig them or creating an inspiration.
2. Not to disappoint (completely) those
   who came for an exact mathematics
   - some pattern of mathematics will be included.
3. Some excursions to mathematics will be of general interest -
   - e. g. You can learn how it is with infinity,
   what is countable and uncountable.
4. There will be some quick reminder(s)
   of something from statistics and econometrics, of history, etc.
   and at the end of term - if we will have some time
   - a drop of philosophy.
5. On seminars - which will be completely under governance
   of Tomáš Křehlík, we assume mainly some exercises with software
   but also Your active role with creating them
   - just to fulfill the word “seminar”.

Content of lecture

ANALYSIS OF THE EXPORT FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO EU IN 1994

Number of industries 91

X_ℓ	-	*export from i-th industry,*
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Bal_ℓ	-	*Balasa index in the i-th industry„*
DP_ℓ	-	*cost discontinuity in 1993 in the i-th industry*
	-	*etc., about 20 explanatory variables*

NO REASONABLE MODEL BY OLS - COEFFICIENT OF DETERMINATION 0.28

ANALYSIS OF THE EXPORT FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO EU IN 1994 BY MEANS OF THE *Least Trimmed Squares*

has found:

MAIN SUBGROUP

with number of industries 54 and the model

$$\frac{X_\ell}{S_\ell} = 4.64 - 0.032 \cdot \frac{US_\ell}{VA_\ell} - 0.022 \cdot \frac{HS_\ell}{VA_\ell} - 0.124 \cdot \frac{K_\ell}{VA_\ell} + 1.035 \cdot CR_\ell$$
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with coefficient of determination 0.97 and stable submodels

ANALYSIS OF THE EXPORT FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO EU IN 1994 BY MEANS OF THE *Least Trimmed Squares*

has found:

COMPLEMENTARY SUBGROUP

with number of industries 33 and the model

$$\frac{X_\ell}{S_\ell} = -0.634 + 0.089 \cdot \frac{US_\ell}{VA_\ell} + 0.235 \cdot \frac{HS_\ell}{VA_\ell} + 0.249 \cdot \frac{K_\ell}{VA_\ell} + 1.174 \cdot CR_\ell$$
$$+0.690 \cdot TFPW_\ell + 2.691 \cdot BAL_\ell - 0.051 \cdot DP_\ell + \varepsilon_\ell$$

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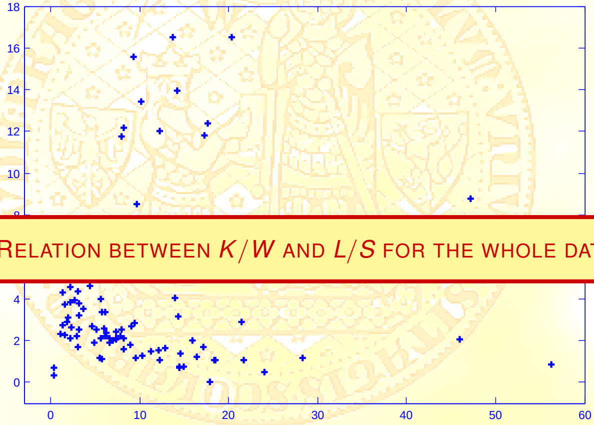
with coefficient of determination 0.93 and stable submodels

Analysis of the export from the Czech republic to EU in 1994 by means of the *Least Trimmed Squares*.



Relation between K/W and L/S for the whole data.

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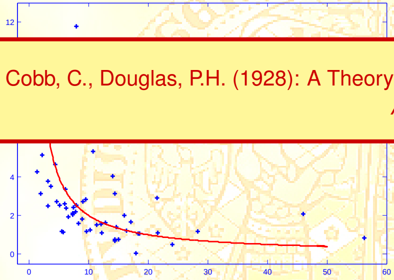
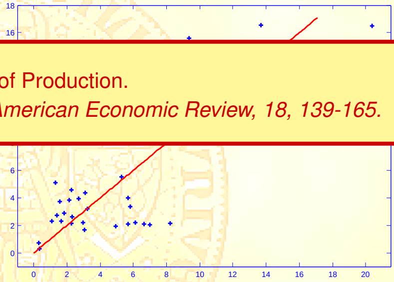




Cobb, C., Douglas, P.H. (1928): A Theory of Production. *American Economic Review, 18, 139-165.*

RELATION BETWEEN K/W AND L/S FOR THE *Main subpopulation* (LEFT PICTURE)

AND FOR THE *Complementary subpopulation* (RIGHT PICTURE).

It seems we have at hand a miraculous method

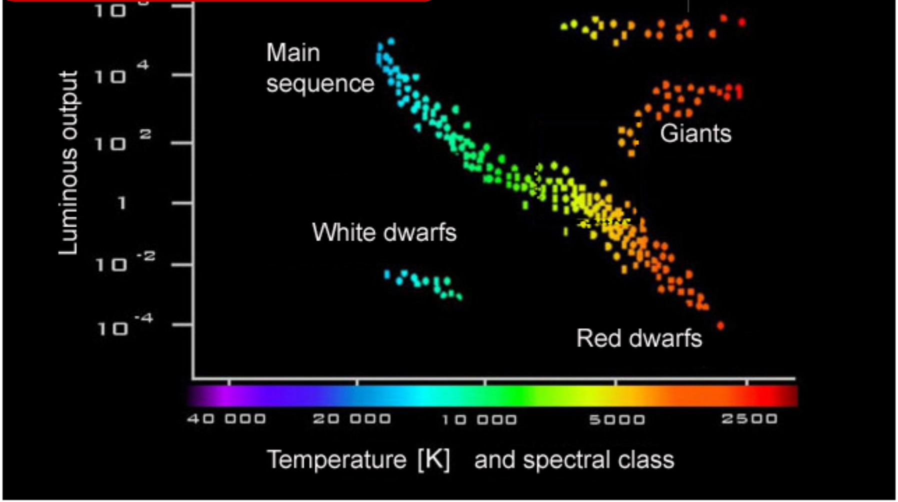
WARNING !!!

We haven't reached something which is

"BOMB und IDIOTEN SICHER"

but which is the powerful tool, if used with a care.

Hertzsprung-Russell diagram



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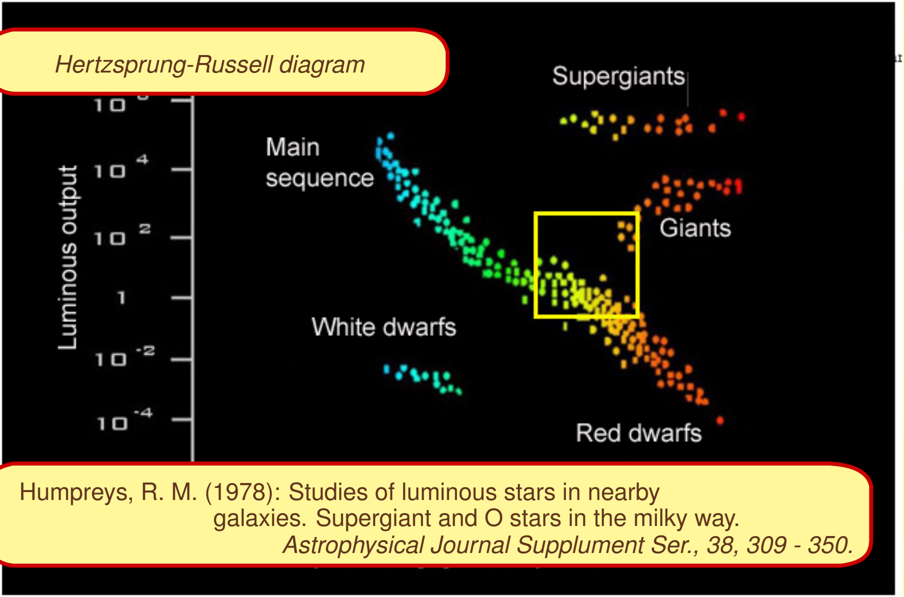
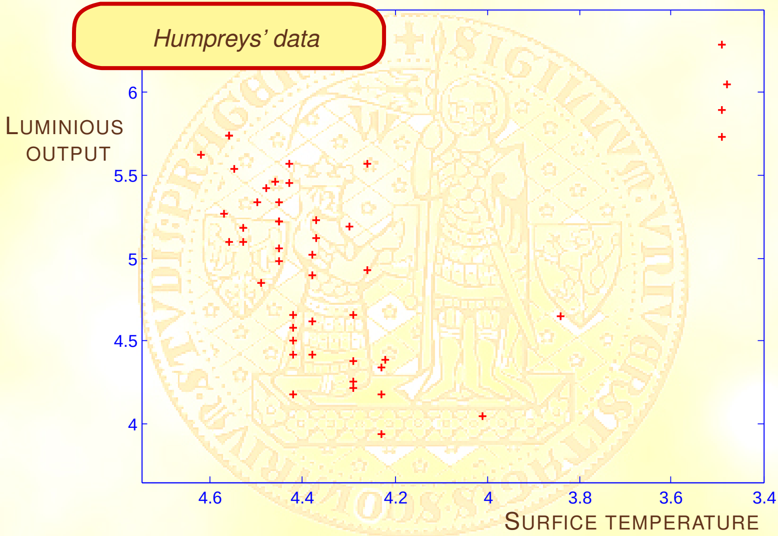
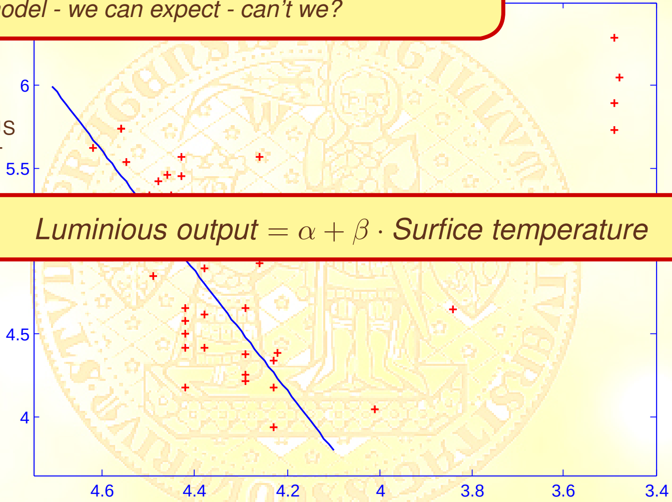


Humpreys, R. M. (1978): Studies of luminous stars in nearby galaxies. Supergiant and O stars in the milky way. *Astrophysical Journal Supplument Ser., 38, 309 - 350.*

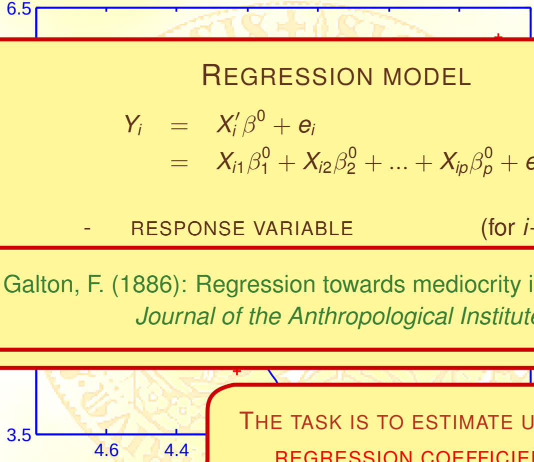
Humpreys' data



A model - we can expect - can't we?



Luminious output $= \alpha + \beta \cdot$ *Surfice temperature*



Regression model

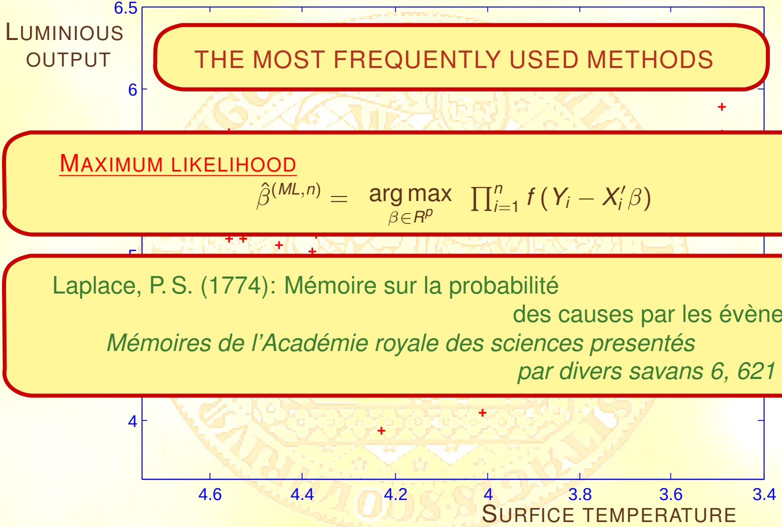
$$Y_i = X_i' \beta^0 + e_i$$
$$= X_{i1}\beta_1^0 + X_{i2}\beta_2^0 + ... + X_{ip}\beta_p^0 + e_i,$$

i = 1, 2, ...,n

Y_i - RESPONSE VARIABLE (for i-th object, known)

Galton, F. (1886): Regression towards mediocrity in hereditary stature. *Journal of the Anthropological Institute vol. 15,. 246–263.*

THE TASK IS TO ESTIMATE UNKNOWN REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS

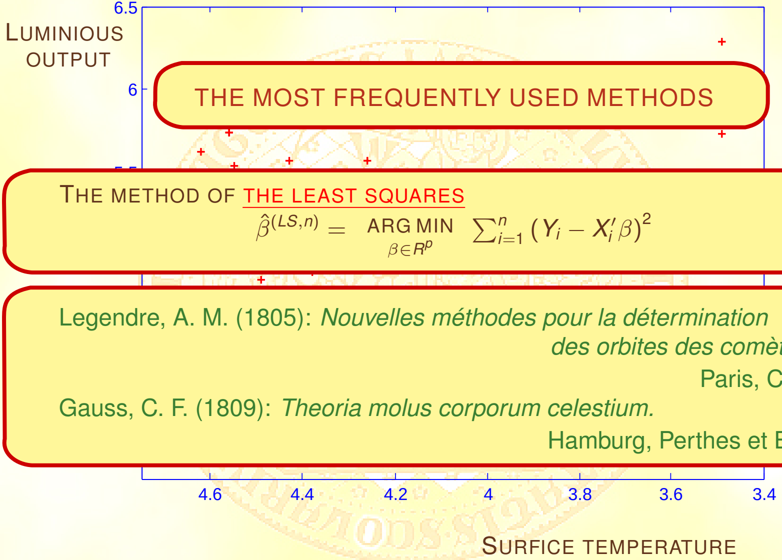


THE MOST FREQUENTLY USED METHODS

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD

$$\hat{\beta}^{(ML,n)} = \arg\max_{\beta \in R^p} \prod_{i=1}^{n} f\,(Y_i - X_i'\beta)$$

Laplace, P. S. (1774): Mémoire sur la probabilité des causes par les évènemens. *Mémoires de l'Académie royale des sciences presentés par divers savans 6, 621 – 656.*



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THE METHOD OF THE LEAST SQUARES

$$\hat{\beta}^{(LS,n)} = \arg\min_{\beta \in R^p} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i'\beta)^2$$

Legendre, A. M. (1805): *Nouvelles méthodes pour la détermination des orbites des comètes.* Paris, Courcier.

Gauss, C. F. (1809): *Theoria molus corporum celestium.* Hamburg, Perthes et Besser.

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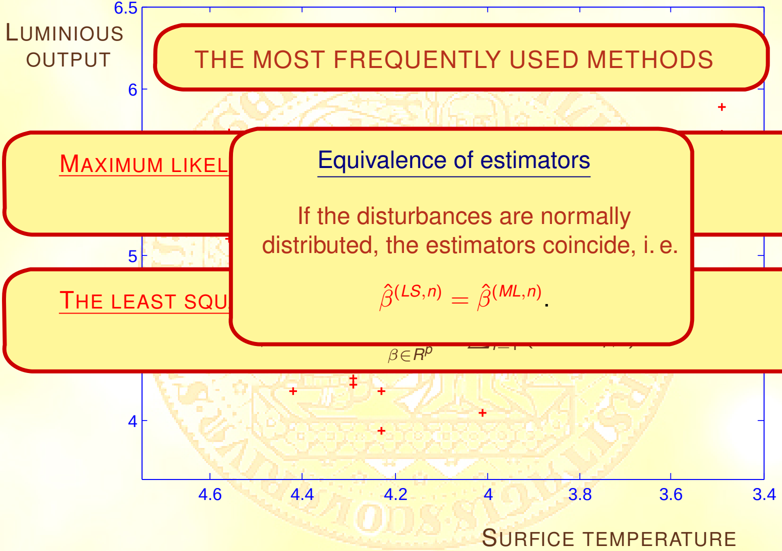


MAXIMUM LIKEL

THE LEAST SQU

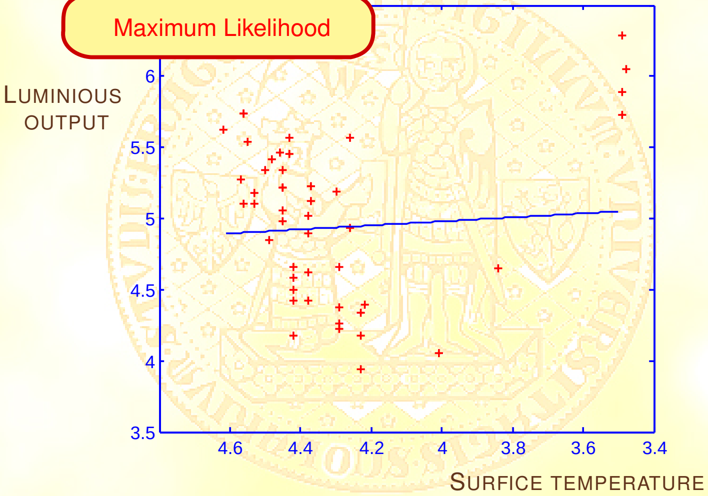
$\beta \in R^p$

Equivalence of estimators

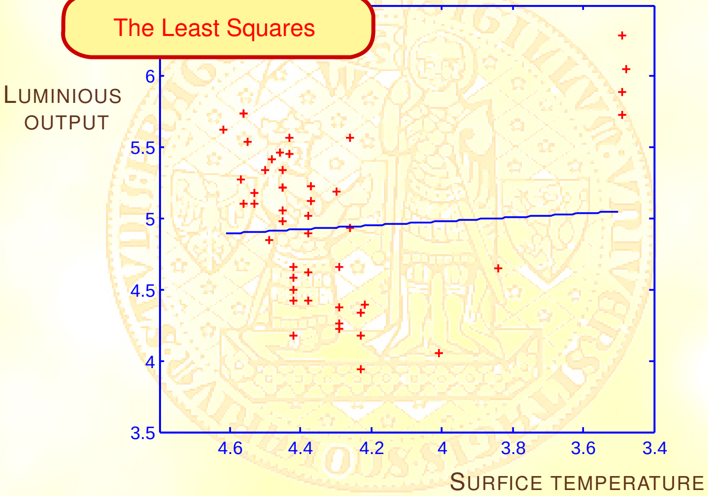
If the disturbances are normally distributed, the estimators coincide, i. e.

$$\hat{\beta}^{(LS,n)} = \hat{\beta}^{(ML,n)}.$$

Maximum Likelihood



The Least Squares



industry	*investment*	*profit*
1	9.39	165.2
2	1.22	9.4
3	0.62	-42.2
4	1.22	289.4
5	1.35	200.4
6	1.21	-179.0
7	1.35	160.4
8	0.07	49.0
9	0.03	-156.1
10	0.07	88.0
11	10.03	103.9
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14	1.23	-123.7
15	0.73	-294.4
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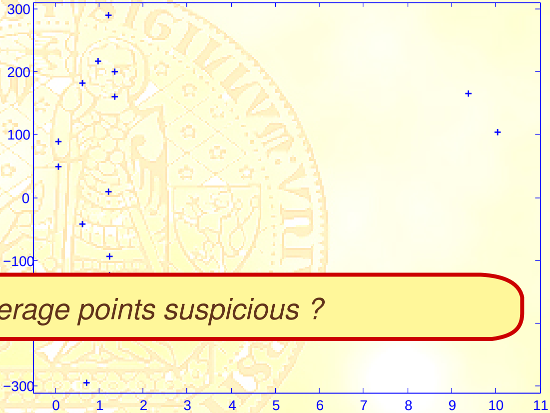

Are two leverage points suspicious ?

Let's turn to economic data

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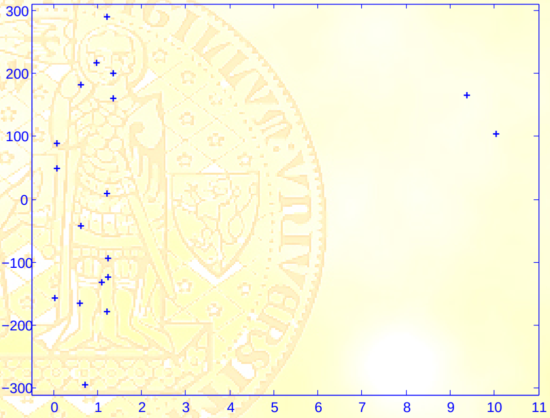

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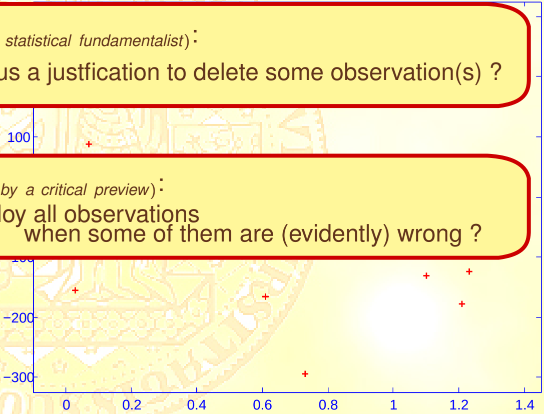
A philosophical question$_{(put\ by\ statistical\ fundamentalist)}$:

Who gave us a justfication to delete some observation(s) ?

The question can be inverted$_{(by\ a\ critical\ preview)}$:

Who can force us to employ all observations when some of them are (evidently) wrong ?



The method of the least squares is seen to be our best course when we have thrown overboard a certain portion of our data - a sort of sacrifice which has often to be made by those who sail the stormy seas od Probability.

Francis Ysidro Edgeworth (1887)

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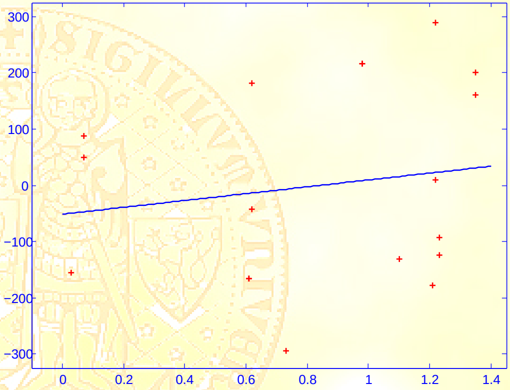

response variable = profit, explanatory variable = investment

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x_i + u_i \quad i = industry = 2, 3, \ldots, 10, 12, \ldots, 18$$

Drawing the data on the screen can help a lot
- but it has one, very significant restriction (limitation).

Could You guess which one it is ?

If no idea,

THE ANSWER WILL BE CLEAR AFTER TRYING TO EMPLOY IT.

ANALYSIS OF THE EXPORT FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO EU IN 1994 BY MEANS OF THE *Least Trimmed Squares*HOW IS IT WITH THE INFLUENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL EXPLANATOTORY VAR?

POSITIVE SIGN $\Longrightarrow$ POSITIVE INFLUENCE?

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Maximum likelihood - solving an extremal problem

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$$\hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)} = \arg\max_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left(f(x_i, \theta) \right)$$

$$\hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)} = \arg_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{f(x_i, \theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial f(x_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \right\}$$

Let e. g. $f(x,\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$

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$\theta = (\mu,\sigma)$

$$\frac{\partial f(x_i,\theta)}{\partial\mu} = 2\cdot f(x_i,\mu,\sigma^2)\cdot\frac{(x_i-\mu)}{2\sigma^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f(x_i,\theta)}{\partial\sigma} = -f(x_i,\mu,\sigma^2)\left\{\frac{1}{\sigma} - \frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{\sigma^3}\right\}$$

$$\hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)} = \underset{\theta\in\Theta}{\arg}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{(x_i-\mu)}{2\sigma^2} = 0 \ \text{and}\ \sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{(x_i-\mu)^2}{\sigma^3} = \frac{n}{\sigma}\right\}$$

$$\hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)} = \left(\hat{\mu}^{(ML,n)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^{(ML,n)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)})^2}\right)$$

$\hat{\mu}^{(ML,n)} = \bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$ unbiased, consistent

$\hat{\sigma}^{(ML,n)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2}$ biased, consistent

$\rightarrow \quad s_n^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2$ unbiased, consistent

Typical features of the classical estimators

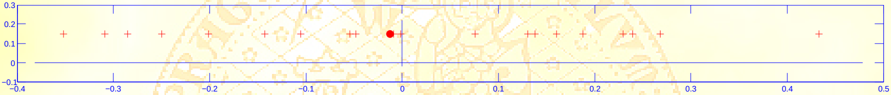
Let's consider only estimators which are as $\hat{\mu}^{(ML,n)}$, then:

Pros:

1. The estimators are defined as solution of extremal problem.
2. The extremal problem is (usually) invertible,
   i. e. we have a formula for the estimator,
   hence we can (more or less) easy implement it.
3. They are (mostly) unbiased, consistent, asymptotically normal, etc.
4. If exponential family, usually efficient.

Cons: ? ? ? see the next slide !!!

The data generated as standard normal, mean denoted by •.



Contamination at 1.
Contamination at 2.
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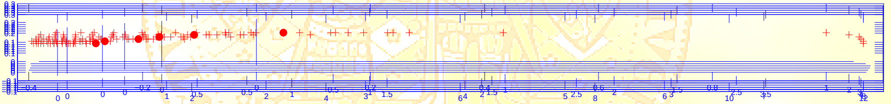

Conclusion - the classical estimators are (frequently) vulnerable to contamination.

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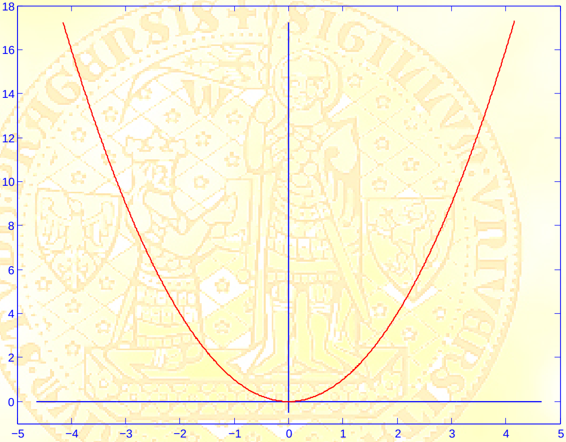
$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\mu}^{(ML,n)} = \arg\min_{\mu \in R} \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2\right\}$$

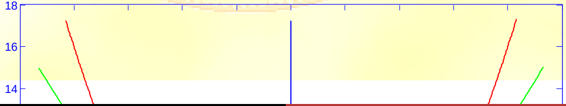
The observations with large $(x_i - \mu)^2$
have a large influence on solution.

Evidently, low robustness is consequence of quadratic objective function

We have such objective function.



We should depress influence of large residuals.



Maximum likelihood - solving the normal equations

$$\hat{\theta}^{(ML,n)} = \arg\max_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i, \theta) = \arg\max_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} log\left(f(x_i, \theta)\right)$$

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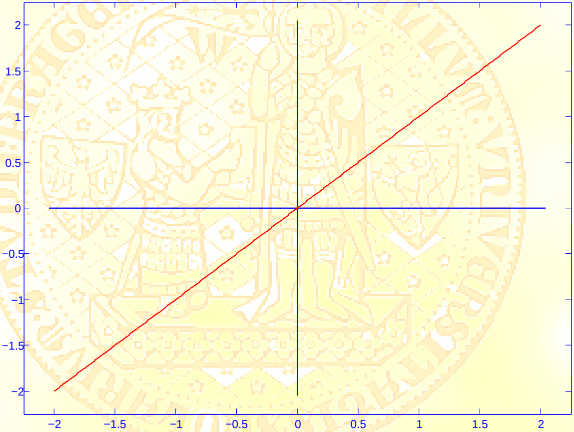
and consider only μ $\Rightarrow$ $\hat{\mu}^{(ML,n)} = \arg_{\mu \in R} \left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu) = 0\right\}$

The same conclusion:

The observations with large $|x_i - \mu|$
have a large influence on solution.

We have such influence function.



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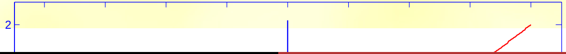


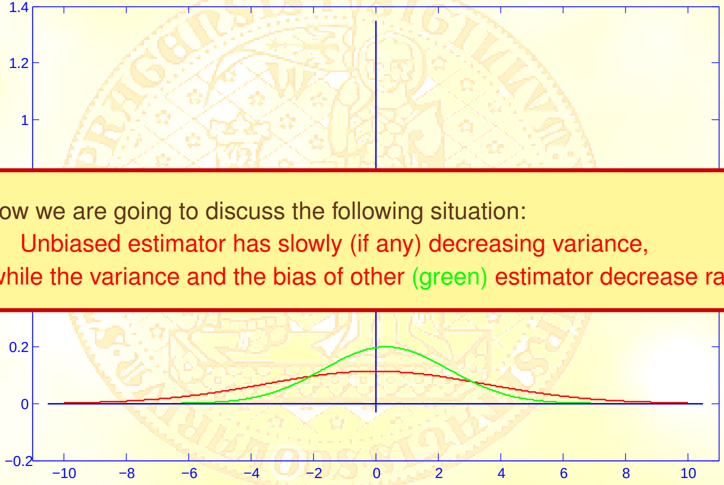
1. Unbiasedness
2. Consistency (weak, strong)
3. $\sqrt{n}$-consistency (root-n-consistency)
4. Let's discuss them one by one.
5. Efficiency
6. Scale- and regression-equivariance
7. Admissibility

$$\boldsymbol{E}_\theta\left[\hat{\theta}^n(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)\right] = \int_{\mathcal{X}^n} \hat{\theta}^n(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) f_\theta(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \mathrm{d}x_1 \cdot \mathrm{d}x_2 \cdot ... \cdot \mathrm{d}x_n = \theta$$

Hoerl, A. E., R. W. Kennard (1970): Ridge regression:
Biased estimation for nonorthogonal problems.
Technometrics 12, 55 - 68.

$$\hat{\beta}^{(R,n)} = \left(X'X + \delta \cdot \boldsymbol{I}\right)^{-1} X'Y$$

Possible density of unbiased and biased estimator

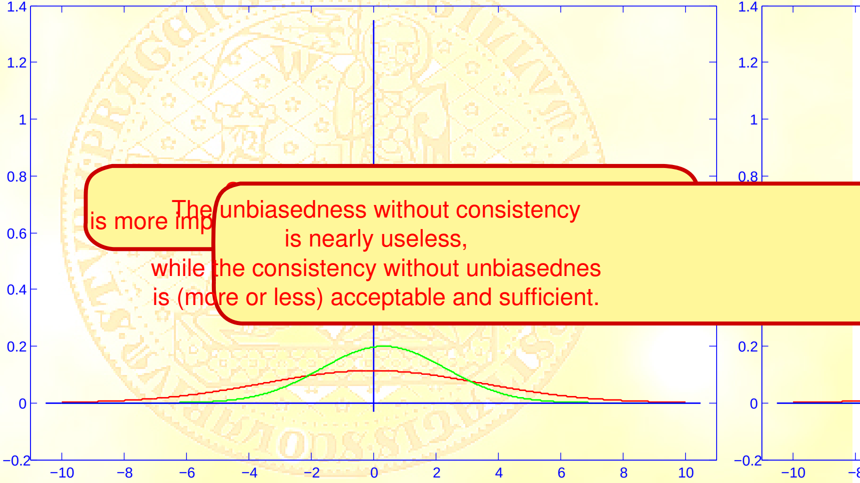


Now we are going to discuss the following situation:

Unbiased estimator has slowly (if any) decreasing variance,

while the variance and the bias of other (green) estimator decrease rapidly.

Notice decreasing variance and bias



is more imp

The unbiasedness without consistency
is nearly useless,
while the consistency without unbiasednes
is (more or less) acceptable and sufficient.

Consistency

1. (Weak) consistency - convergence in probability
2. Strong consistency - convergence almost surely
3. $\sqrt{n}$-consistency (root-n-consistency)

Let X and $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be random variable (r. v.) and a sequence of r.v.'s, respectively.
We say that the sequence

$$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ \underline{converge in probability} (\underline{weakly}) to } X$$

if:

$$\forall\,(\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0) \quad \exists\,(n_{\varepsilon,\delta} \in \mathcal{N}) \quad \forall\,(n \geq n_{\varepsilon,\delta})$$

$$P\left(\{\omega \in \Omega \;:\; |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| > \delta\}\right) < \varepsilon$$

or alternatively

$$P\left(\{\omega \in \Omega \;:\; |X_n(\omega) - X(\omega)| < \delta\}\right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

In the case that we speak about an estimator of "true" β^0, we say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is (weakly) consistent if:

$$\forall\, (\varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0) \quad \exists\, (n_{\varepsilon,\delta} \in \mathcal{N}) \quad \forall\, (n \geq n_{\varepsilon,\delta})$$

$$P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega \,:\, \left\|\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)} - \beta^0\right\| > \delta\right\}\right) < \varepsilon$$

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Let X and $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be r.v. and a sequence of r.v.'s, respectively.
We say that the sequence

$$\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ \underline{\textit{converges almost surely}} (\underline{\textit{strongly}}) to } X$$

if:

$$\exists\,(A \in \mathcal{A}, P(A) = 1) \quad \forall\,(\varepsilon > 0, \omega_0 \in A) \quad \exists\,(n_{\varepsilon,\omega_0} \in \mathcal{N}) \quad \forall\,(n \geq n_{\varepsilon,\omega_0})$$

$$|X_n(\omega_0) - X(\omega_0)| < \varepsilon.$$

In the case that we speak about an estimator of "true" β^0, we say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is strongly consistent if:

$$\exists\,(A \in \mathcal{A}, P(A) = 1) \quad \forall\,(\varepsilon > 0, \omega_0 \in A) \quad \exists\,(n_{\varepsilon,\omega_0} \in \mathcal{N}) \quad \forall\,(n \geq n_{\varepsilon,\omega_0})$$

$$\left\| \hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}(\omega_0) - \beta^0 \right\| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we typically speak about an estimator of "true" β^0.

Then we say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is $\sqrt{n}$-consistent if:

$$\forall\,(\varepsilon > 0) \quad \exists\,(K_\varepsilon < \infty \;\text{ and }\; n_{\varepsilon,K_\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{N}) \quad \forall\,(n \geq n_{\varepsilon,K_\varepsilon})$$

$$P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \sqrt{n}\left\|\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)} - \beta^0\right\| > K_\varepsilon\right\}\right) < \varepsilon.$$

or alternatively

$$P\left(\left\{\omega \in \Omega : \sqrt{n}\left\|\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)} - \beta^0\right\| \leq K_\varepsilon\right\}\right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

What is a mutual reltaion of various types of consistency?

What is a mutual relation of various types of convergences?

It is again case when we speak about an estimator of “true” β^0.

Then we say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is asymptotically normal if :

$$\mathcal{L}\left(n^a\left(\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)} - \beta^0\right)\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

where $a \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and usually reaches the upper bound, i. e. usually $a = \frac{1}{2}$.

Asymptotic normality is (was? - in the case of OLS, ML, etc.) employed:

1. for constructing (asymptotic) confidence interval

   and

2. for verification of $\sqrt{n}$-consistency.

We usually say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is (asymptotically) efficient, if its covariance matrix reaches (asymptotically)

lower Rao-Cramer bound

in the sense of ordering the matrices by positive semidefiniteness.

Sometimes, we say that $\hat{\beta}^{(method,n)}$ is (asymptotically) efficient, if its covariance matrix reaches (asymptotically)

the minimal possible value

in given family of estimators - again in the sense of ordering the matrices by positive semidefiniteness.

Efficiency is:

1. important notion from the pedagogical point view,
2. important from abstract theoretical background of statistics
   - how much we could reach if data would be “clear”,
3. it can be destroyed by a small deviation
   from the exponential family - Huber’s example

and

4. need not imply too much - Fisher’s example.

Small deviation from exact model can cause ...

Huber, P. J. (1980): *Robust Statistics.*
New York: J.Wiley and Sons.

$$s_n = \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad d_n = \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i - \bar{x}_n|$$

$$F(x) = (1-\varepsilon)\Phi(x) + \varepsilon\Phi(\frac{x}{3})$$

$$ARE_F(\varepsilon) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\mathrm{var}_F s_n / \mathbb{E}_F^2 s_n}{\mathrm{var}_F d_n / \mathbb{E}_F^2 d_n}$$

ε	0	0.001	0.002	0.05
$ARE(\varepsilon)$	0.876	0.948	1.016	2.035

So, 5% of contamination $\rightarrow$ d_n is two times better than s_n.

Is 5% contamination too much or too little?

Hampel, F. R., E. M. Ronchetti, P. J. Rousseeuw, W. A. Stahel. (1986): *Robust Statistic - The Approach Based on Influence Curve.* New York: J.Wiley and Sons.

E. g. Switzerland has 6% of errors in mortality tables.

Is the efficiency really important or a bit misleading?

Fisher, R. A. (1922): On the mathematical foundation of theoretical statistics.
Philos. Trans. Roy. Soc. London Ser. A 222, 309 - 368.

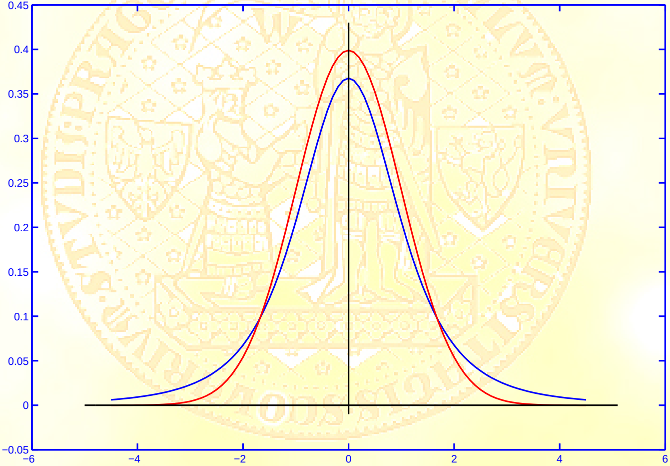
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\mathrm{var}_{N(0,1)}(\overline{x}_n)}{\mathrm{var}_{t(\nu)}(\overline{x}_n)} = 1 - \frac{6}{\nu(\nu+1)}$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\mathrm{var}_{N(0,1)}(s_n^2)}{\mathrm{var}_{t(\nu)}(s_n^2)} = 1 - \frac{12}{\nu(\nu+1)}$$

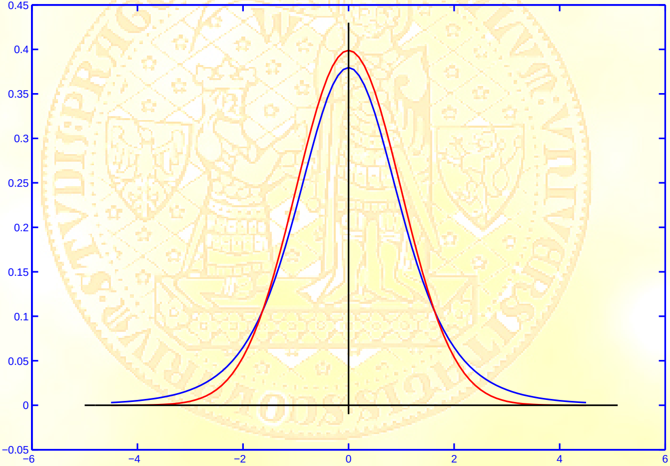
Is the efficiency really important or a bit misleading?

$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\mathrm{var}_{N(0,1)}(T_n)}{\mathrm{var}_{t(\nu)}(T_n)}$	t_9	t_5	t_3
$\overline{X}_n$	0.93	0.80	0.50
s_n^2	0.83	0.40	0!

The blue curve is standard normal while the red one is the Student's with 3 degrees of freedom.

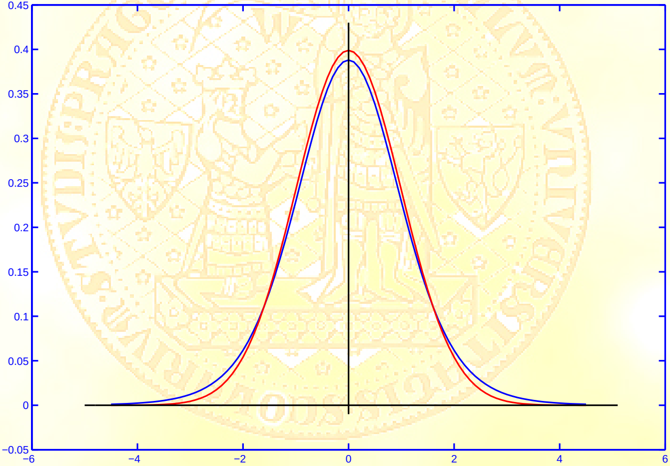


THE BLUE CURVE IS STANDARD NORMAL WHILE THE RED ONE IS THE STUDENT'S WITH 5 DEGREES OF FREEDOM.



How far is Student density from the normal one ?

THE BLUE CURVE IS STANDARD NORMAL WHILE THE RED ONE IS THE STUDENT'S WITH 9 DEGREES OF FREEDOM.



The scale- and regression equivariance
and the admissibility will be discussed later on.

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