

Week 9: Scaling, Contrasts, Interactions

Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R

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Part 1 Scaling

Learning to Read



age	hrs_wk	method	R_AGE
10.115	4.971	phonics	14.272
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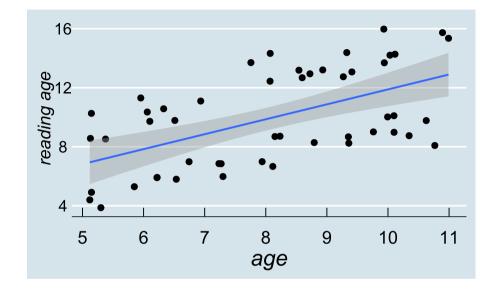
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##	hrs_wk	0.964		0.418	2.31	0.025	*
##							

- as we noted last week, the *intercept* for this model is nonsensical
 - "children aged zero who read for zero hours a week have a predicted reading age of -2.423"
- perhaps there's something we can do about this?

One-Predictor Model

• let's start with a model with a *single* predictor of age¹

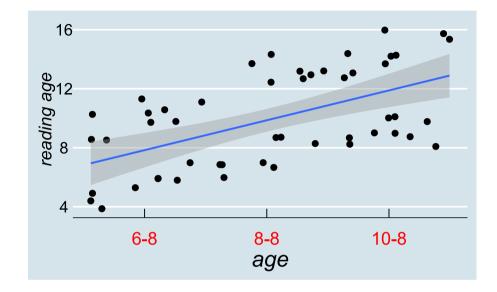
```
# model
mod2 <- lm(R_AGE ~ age,data=reading)
# figure
p <- reading %>% ggplot(aes(x=age,y=R_AGE)) +
    xlab("age") + ylab("reading age") +
    geom_point(size=3) +
    geom_smooth(method="lm")
p
```



¹ we know this model doesn't meet assumptions, but it will work for an illustration

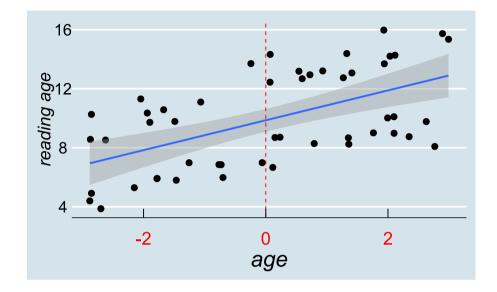
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original model

...
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1.764 1.753 1.01 0.32
age 1.012 0.212 4.76 0.000018 ***
...

new model

mod2b <- lm(R_AGE ~ I(age-8), data=reading)
summary(mod2b)</pre>

...
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 9.862 0.383 25.77 < 2e-16 ***
I(age - 8) 1.012 0.212 4.76 0.000018 ***
...</pre>

Fit Remains Unchanged

original model

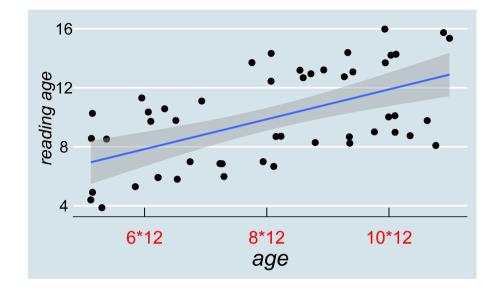
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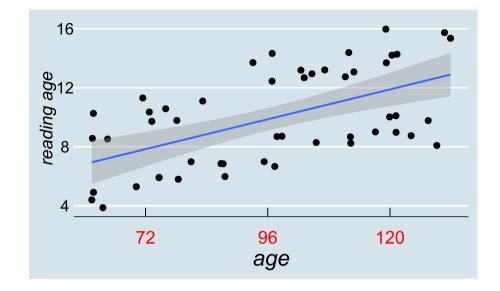
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new model

mod2c <- lm(R_AGE ~ I(age*12), data=reading)
summary(mod2c)</pre>

...
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1.7638 1.7534 1.01 0.32
I(age * 12) 0.0844 0.0177 4.76 0.000018 ***
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We Can Get Fancy About This

```
mod.mb <- lm(R_AGE ~ I((age-8)*12) + I(hrs_wk-mean(hrs_wk)), data=reading)
summary(mod.mb)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = R_AGE \sim I((age - 8) * 12) + I(hrs_wk - mean(hrs_wk)),
      data = reading)
##
##
## Residuals:
             1Q Median
##
     Min
                                 Мах
                           3Q
## -4.385 -2.251 0.326 2.395 3.201
##
## Coefficients:
##
                           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                             9.8659
                                        0.3665
                                                26.92 < 2e-16 ***
## I((age - 8) * 12)
                             0.0782
                                        0.0172
                                                  4.55 0.000038 ***
## I(hrs wk - mean(hrs wk)) 0.9636
                                        0.4176
                                                  2.31
                                                         0.025 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
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```

Often easier to scale then fit.

```
reading <- reading %>%
  mutate(
    agemonthC = (age - 8) \times 12,
    hrs_wkC = hrs_wk - mean(hrs_wk)
  )
mod.mb2 <- lm(R AGE ~ agemonthC + hrs wkC, data=reading)
summary(mod.mb2)
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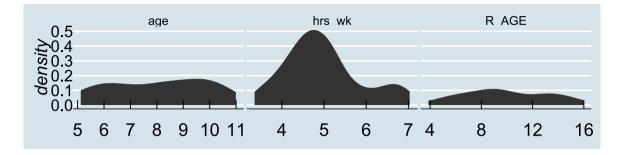
Which Has a Bigger Effect?



- in our two-predictor model, is age more important than practise? Or vice-versa?
- hard to tell because the predictors are in different *units*

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• how do we compare effects of a year of age to those of an hour per week of practise?



• *if* the predictors and outcome are very roughly normally distributed...

• we can calculate *z*-scores by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation

$$z_i = rac{x_i - ar{x}}{\sigma_x}$$

- in R, the scale() function calculates z-scores
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- the variables are now all in terms of standard deviations from the mean
- at the *intercept*, age is the mean of age and hrs_wk is the mean of hrs_wk
- slopes: "how many standard deviations does R_AGE change for a one standard deviation change in the predictor?"

summary(mod.ms)

```
## ...
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.41e-16 1.13e-01 0.00 1.000
## scale(age) 5.25e-01 1.15e-01 4.55 0.000038 ***
## scale(hrs_wk) 2.66e-01 1.15e-01 2.31 0.025 *
## ...
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Standardisation pre-fit

• Using scale() inside the lm() is just the same as adjusting the variable prior to fitting the model

```
reading <- reading %>%
  mutate(
    zR_AGE = (R_AGE - mean(R_AGE)) / sd(R_AGE),
    zage = (age - mean(age))/sd(age),
    zhrs_wk = scale(hrs_wk)
  )
mod.ms2 <- lm(zR_AGE ~ zage + zhrs_wk, data=reading)
summary(mod.ms2)</pre>
```

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...

Standardisation Post-Hoc

- we can convert "raw" model coefficients b to standardised coefficients β without re-running the regression]
- for predictor *x* of outcome *y*:

 $eta_x = b_x \cdot rac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}$

• or there are functions to do it for you

library (lsr)	<pre>library(lm.beta) summary(lm.beta(mod.m))</pre>
standardCoefs(mod.m) ## b beta ## age 0.9378 0.5250 ## hrs_wk 0.9636 0.2662	<pre>## Coefficients: ## Estimate Standardized Std. Error t value Pr(> t) ## (Intercept) -2.423 NA 2.472 -0.98 0.332 ## age 0.938 0.525 0.206 4.55 0.000038 *** ## hrs_wk 0.964 0.266 0.418 2.31 0.025 *</pre>

End of Part 1

Part 2

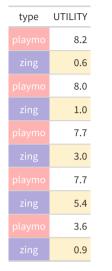
Categorical Predictors

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type	UTILITY
playmo	8.2
zing	0.6
playmo	8.0
zing	1.0
playmo	7.7
zing	3.0
playmo	7.7
zing	5.4
playmo	3.6
zing	0.9

• we already know one way to answer this

The Only Equation You'll Ever Need

• which toys are the most useful?

 $outcome_i = (model)_i + error_i$

 $ext{utility}_i = (ext{some function of type})_i + \epsilon_i$

- we need to represent type as a number
- the simplest way of doing this is to use 0 or 1

Quantifying a Nominal Predictor

```
toys <- toys %>%
  mutate(is_playmo =
           ifelse(type=="playmo",1,0))
toys
## # A tibble: 10 × 3
     type
           UTILITY is_playmo
##
     <fct>
              <dbl>
                        <dbl>
##
##
   1 playmo
                8.2
                           1
   2 zing
                0.6
                            0
##
  3 playmo
                8
##
                           1
  4 zing
                1
                            0
##
## 5 playmo
               7.7
                           1
  6 zing
##
                3
                           0
## 7 playmo
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                           1
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                           0
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               3.6
                           1
```

0

10 zing

0.9

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                            1
## 10 zing
                0.9
                            0
```

• this maps to a linear model

 $ext{utility}_i = b_0 + b_1 \cdot ext{is_playmo} + \epsilon_i$

- utility for SuperZings is intercept
- "change due to playmo-ness" is slope

Linear Model Using is_playmo

mod1 <- lm(UTILITY~is_playmo,data=toys)
summary(mod1)</pre>

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Let R Do the Work

contrasts(toys\$type)

zing ## playmo 0 ## zing 1

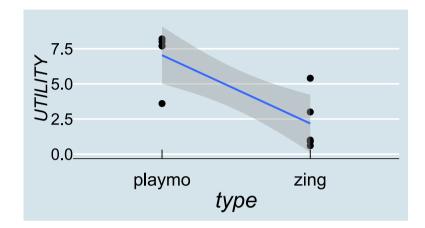
- already built-in to factors
- NB the first value will be the default intercept (because $b_n = 0$ for that value)
 - can change this using the relevel() function (or tidyverse fct_relevel())
- as long as we have a *factor*, can just use lm() with that column

Linear Model Using type

mod2 <- lm(UTILITY~type, data=toys)
summary(mod2)</pre>

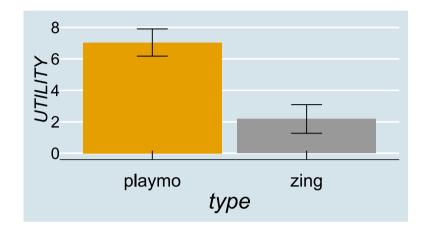
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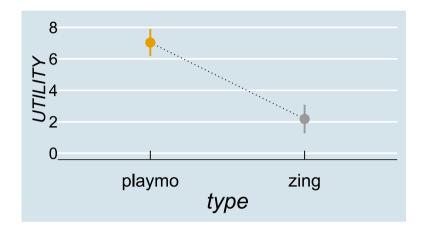
- shows "what the model is doing", but isn't a very good presentation
- the line suggests you can make predictions for types between *playmo* and *zing*

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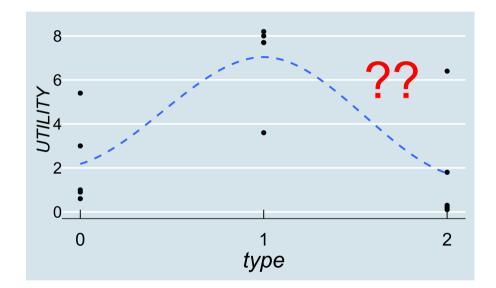


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What About Lego Figures?



- we now have three groups
- can't label them c (0, 1, 2) because that would express a linear relationship



Independent Effects

- "change due to lego-ness" is *independent* of change due to anything else
- solution: add another predictor

```
toys <- toys %>% mutate(
    is_playmo = ifelse(type=="playmo",1,0),
    is_lego = ifelse(type=="lego",1,0)
)
head(toys)
```

##	#	A tibb	le: 6 × 4	1	
##		type	UTILITY	is_playmo	is_lego
##		<fct></fct>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
##	1	zing	0.6	Θ	Θ
##	2	playmo	8.2	1	Θ
##	3	lego	0.3	Θ	1
##	4	zing	1	Θ	Θ
##	5	playmo	8	1	Θ
##	6	lego	1.8	Θ	1

Three-Level Predictor: Two Coefficients

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playmo	8.2	1	0
lego	0.3	0	1
zing	1.0	0	0
playmo	8.0	1	0
lego	1.8	0	1

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"utility of a zing"

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"change in utility from a zing due to being a lego"

R Has Our Backs

- this is the *default* contrast coding in R
- known as treatment (or dummy) contrasts

contrasts(toys\$type)

##		playmo	lego
##	zing	Θ	Θ
##	playmo	1	0
##	lego	Θ	1

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a subtle difference



core R: alphabetical
contrasts(factor(toys\$type))
contrasts(as.factor(toys\$type))

##		playmo	zing	
##	lego	Θ	0	
##	playmo	1	Θ	
##	zing	Θ	1	

tidyverse: order of mention
contrasts(as_factor(toys\$type))

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A Linear Model

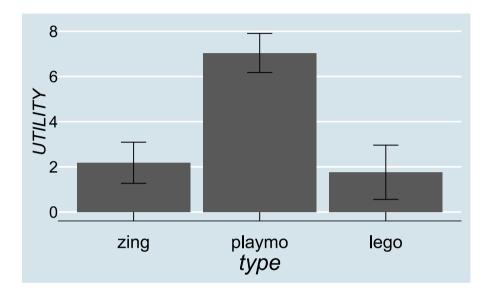
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gd <- toys %>% group_by(type) %>% summarise(mean_se(UTILITY)) gd ## # A tibble: 3 × 4 type y ymin ymax ## ## <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> ## 1 zing 2.18 1.27 3.09 ## 2 playmo 7.04 6.17 7.91 ## 3 lego 1.76 0.559 2.96 gd %>% ggplot(aes(x=type,y=y, ymin=ymin,ymax=ymax)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") +

geom_errorbar(width=.2) +
ylab("UTILITY")

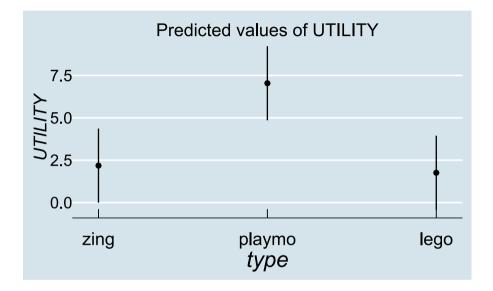




mod <- lm(UTILITY ~ type, data=toys)</pre>

library(sjPlot)
plot_model(mod, type = "eff")

\$type



Contrast Coding

- there may be a different contrast coding which better suits our research interests
- for a predictor with g levels (or "groups") there are g 1 possible contrasts
- these can be anything you like (values don't have to be zero or one): there are a few built in to R
- usefulness depends on your research question
- contrasts act like "tests of differences of interest" once your model has been fit
- model fit is not affected by the choice of contrasts¹

End of Part 2

Part 3

Interactions

Back to Reading



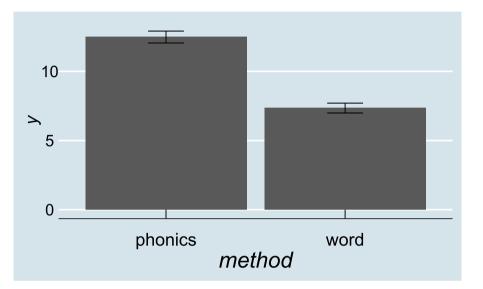
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	7.941	4.053	word	6.988
	8.233	5.474	word	8.713
	6.219	4.038	word	5.908

We Know Enough to Fit a Linear Model

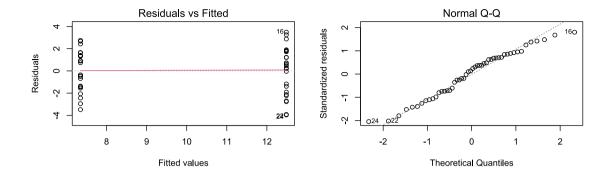
mod3 <- lm(R_AGE~method,data=reading)
summary(mod3)</pre>

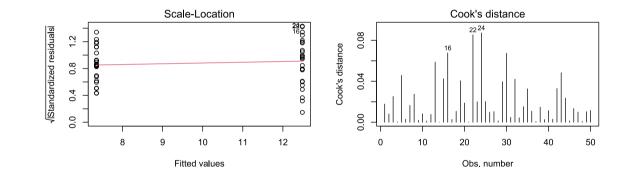
Call: ## lm(formula = R_AGE ~ method, data = reading) ## ## Residuals: ## Min 10 Median 30 Мах -3.96 -1.44 0.36 1.39 3.49 ## ## ## Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) ## ## (Intercept) 12.485 0.395 31.59 < 2e-16 *** ## methodword -5.135 0.559 -9.19 3.8e-12 *** ## ---## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 ## ## Residual standard error: 1.98 on 48 degrees of freedom ## Multiple R-squared: 0.637, Adjusted R-squared: 0.63 ## F-statistic: 84.4 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 3.76e-12

We Know Enough to Draw a Graph



• we also know enough to run model diagnostics





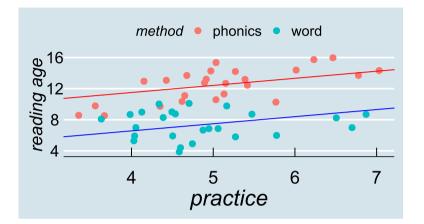
Adding Predictors

- we also know that hrs_wk affects reading age
- we can build a multiple regression, and inspect the coefficients

mod.m2 <- lm(R_AGE ~ hrs_wk + method,data=reading)
summary(mod.m2)</pre>

... Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)## ## (Intercept) 7.843 1.524 5.15 5.1e-06 *** ## hrs wk 0.914 0.291 3.14 0.0029 ** ## methodword -4.932 0.518 -9.53 1.5e-12 *** ## ...

Graphically



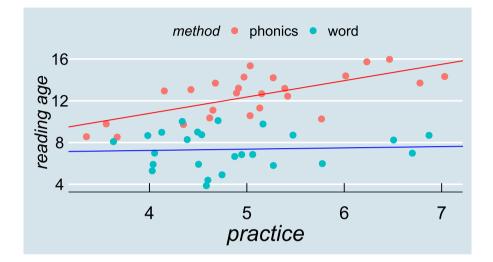
- note that according to this model the lines are parallel
- an hour of practice has *exactly the same* effect, however you're taught

Different Effects for Different Methods

```
mod.m3 <- lm(R_AGE ~ hrs_wk + method + hrs_wk:method,data=reading)
summary(mod.m3)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = R_AGE \sim hrs_wk + method + hrs_wk:method, data = reading)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min
             10 Median
                           30
                                 Мах
## -3.449 -1.377 -0.092 1.428 2.936
##
## Coefficients:
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                       4.528
                               1.916
                                          2.36 0.02238 *
## hrs_wk
                       1.567
                                  0.371
                                         4.22 0.00011 ***
## methodword
                       2.228
                                 2.780
                                         0.80 0.42697
## hrs_wk:methodword -1.445
                                  0.552 -2.62 0.01199 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.71 on 46 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.739, Adjusted R-squared: 0.722
## F-statistic: 43.4 on 3 and 46 DF, p-value: 1.81e-13
```

Different Effects for Different Methods



Interaction is Just Multiplication

 ${\hat y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{1i} + b_2 x_{2i} + {\color{black} b_3 x_{1i} x_{2i}}$

 $\widehat{\text{R_AGE}} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot \text{hrs_wk} + b_2 \cdot \text{word} + b_3 \cdot \text{hrs_wk} \cdot \text{word}$

• when word = 0:

 $\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{A}} \widehat{\mathbf{G}} \mathbf{E} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot \mathbf{hrs}_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{k} + b_2 \cdot \mathbf{0} + b_3 \cdot \mathbf{hrs}_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{0}$

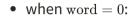
• when word = 1:

 $\widehat{\text{R}_A\text{G}\text{E}} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot \text{hrs}_\text{wk} + b_2 \cdot 1 + b_3 \cdot \text{hrs}_\text{wk} \cdot 1$

Interaction is Just Multiplication

 ${\hat y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{1i} + b_2 x_{2i} + {\color{black} b_3 x_{1i} x_{2i}}$

 $\widehat{\mathrm{R_AGE}} = 4.53 + 1.57 \cdot \mathrm{hrs_wk} + 2.23 \cdot \mathrm{word} + -1.44 \cdot \mathrm{hrs_wk} \cdot \mathrm{word}$



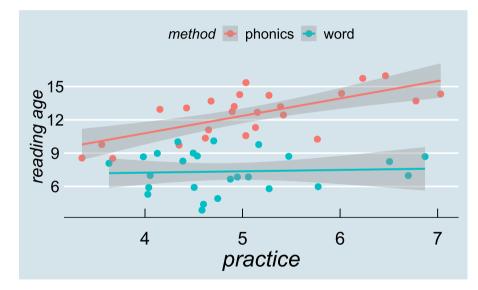
 $\widehat{R_AGE} = 4.53 + 1.57 \cdot hrs_wk + 2.23 \cdot 0 + -1.44 \cdot hrs_wk \cdot 0$

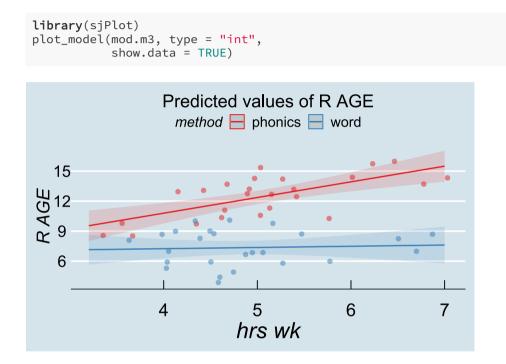
• when word = 1:

 $\widehat{\mathrm{R}_\mathrm{AGE}} = 4.53 + 1.57 \cdot \mathrm{hrs}_\mathrm{wk} + 2.23 \cdot 1 + -1.44 \cdot \mathrm{hrs}_\mathrm{wk} \cdot 1$

Nice Graphs

reading %>% ggplot(
 aes(x=hrs_wk,y=R_AGE,colour=method)) +
 xlab("practice") +
 ylab("reading age") +
 geom_point(size=3) +
 geom_smooth(method="lm")





Interaction Really Is Just Multiplication

• in our dataset it's also possible that age and practice interact

"effect of practice is not constant across ages"

 ${\hat y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{1i} + b_2 x_{2i} + {\color{black} b_3 x_{1i} x_{2i}}$

mod.m4 <- lm(R_AGE ~ age + hrs_wk + age:hrs_wk, data=reading)</pre>

Interaction Really Is Just Multiplication

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 ${\hat y}_i = b_0 + b_1 x_{1i} + b_2 x_{2i} + {f b_3 x_{1i} x_{2i}}$

mod.m4 <- lm(R_AGE ~ age + hrs_wk + age:hrs_wk, data=reading)</pre>

a + b + a:b can also be written a * b

mod.m4 <- lm(R_AGE ~ age * hrs_wk, data=reading)</pre>

Interaction of Age and Practice

summary(mod.m4)

Call: ## lm(formula = R_AGE ~ age * hrs_wk, data = reading) ## ## Residuals: 10 Median 3Q Max ## Min ## -5.445 -1.967 -0.336 2.302 3.925 ## ## Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) ## ## (Intercept) 16.596 9.714 1.71 0.094 . ## age -1.4491.198 -1.21 0.233 ## hrs_wk -3.079 2.041 -1.51 0.138 ## age:hrs_wk 0.504 0.249 2.02 0.049 * ## ---## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 ## ## Residual standard error: 2.51 on 46 degrees of freedom ## Multiple R-squared: 0.44, Adjusted R-squared: 0.403

F-statistic: 12 on 3 and 46 DF, p-value: 0.00000607

Interaction Effect

##	• • •						
##		Estimate	Std.	Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
##	(Intercept)	16.596		9.714	1.71	0.094	
##	age	-1.449		1.198	-1.21	0.233	
##	hrs_wk	-3.079		2.041	-1.51	0.138	
##	age:hrs_wk	0.504		0.249	2.02	0.049	*
##	• • •						

 $\widehat{\mathrm{RAGE}}_i = b_0 + b_1 \cdot \mathrm{age}_i + b_2 \cdot \mathrm{hrs_wk}_i + b_3 \cdot \mathrm{age}_i \cdot \mathrm{hrs_wk}_i$

age 7; hrs_wk 5

age 12; hrs_wk 6

 $16.6 + -1.45 \cdot 7 + -3.08 \cdot 5 + 0.5 \cdot 7 \cdot 5$

= 8.55

 $16.6 + -1.45 \cdot 12 + -3.08 \cdot 6 + 0.5 \cdot 12 \cdot 6$

= 16.72

Significance

##	• • •						
##		Estimate	Std.	Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
##	(Intercept)	16.596		9.714	1.71	0.094	
##	age	-1.449		1.198	-1.21	0.233	
##	hrs_wk	-3.079		2.041	-1.51	0.138	
##	age:hrs_wk	0.504		0.249	2.02	0.049	*
##							

- note that not all of the effects are significant
- the model's best guess at the data ($\widehat{R_AGE}$) is expressed by the coefficients
- but we're not confident that the highlighted effects would reliably differ from zero less than 5% of the time if we repeatedly sampled from the same population
- so the *predictions* of the model are as above (and below) but our *conclusion* is only that practise is more beneficial the older a child is

Graphical Model



End

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