

# V36 - Simple Linear Regression- Part I

- ❑ Introduction to Regression
  - ❑ Definition & uses of
- ❑ Equation of a straight line
- ❑ Residual

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# Regression

- **Statistical method** that explores Relationship between 2 or more variables
- Examples of relationships:
  - Score on statistics exam vs. hours spent studying
  - One's happiness vs. one's wealth
- Has random or probabilistic aspect
  - People with same wealth may not be equally happy



# “Views on” or “Uses of” Regression

“x, y” data

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**Expresses** mathematical relationship between variables

- **Equation or function** between  $x$  and  $y$

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**Model**

- Abstraction of real-world process to represent reality

③

**Predict or estimate** values of one variable from values of another  $x$

④

**Measure** degree of relationship between variables

⑤

**Data mining** technique (extraction of patterns in data)



# Goal in Linear Regression

Fit linear model to set of (x,y) data points

**Model** in this case is a straight line

Equation of straight line?

$$y = mx + b$$

(m: slope; b: y-intercept)

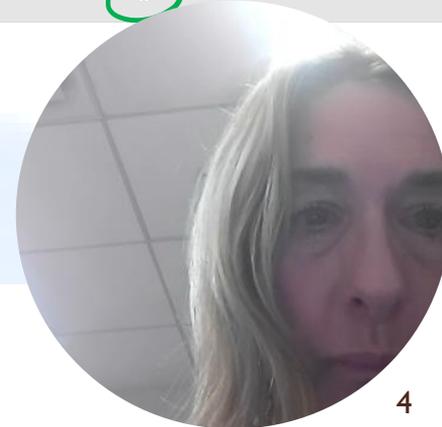
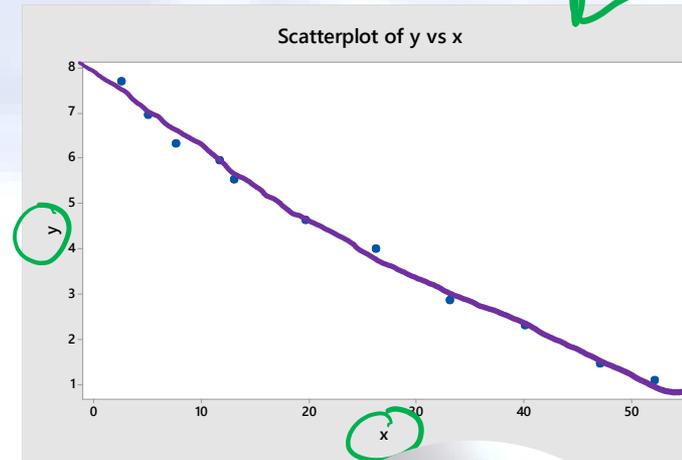
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Result w/ regression:

Summarization of (x,y) points via **equation** called line of best fit or fitted line

Goal is "best fit" line (as close as possible to points)

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# Residuals

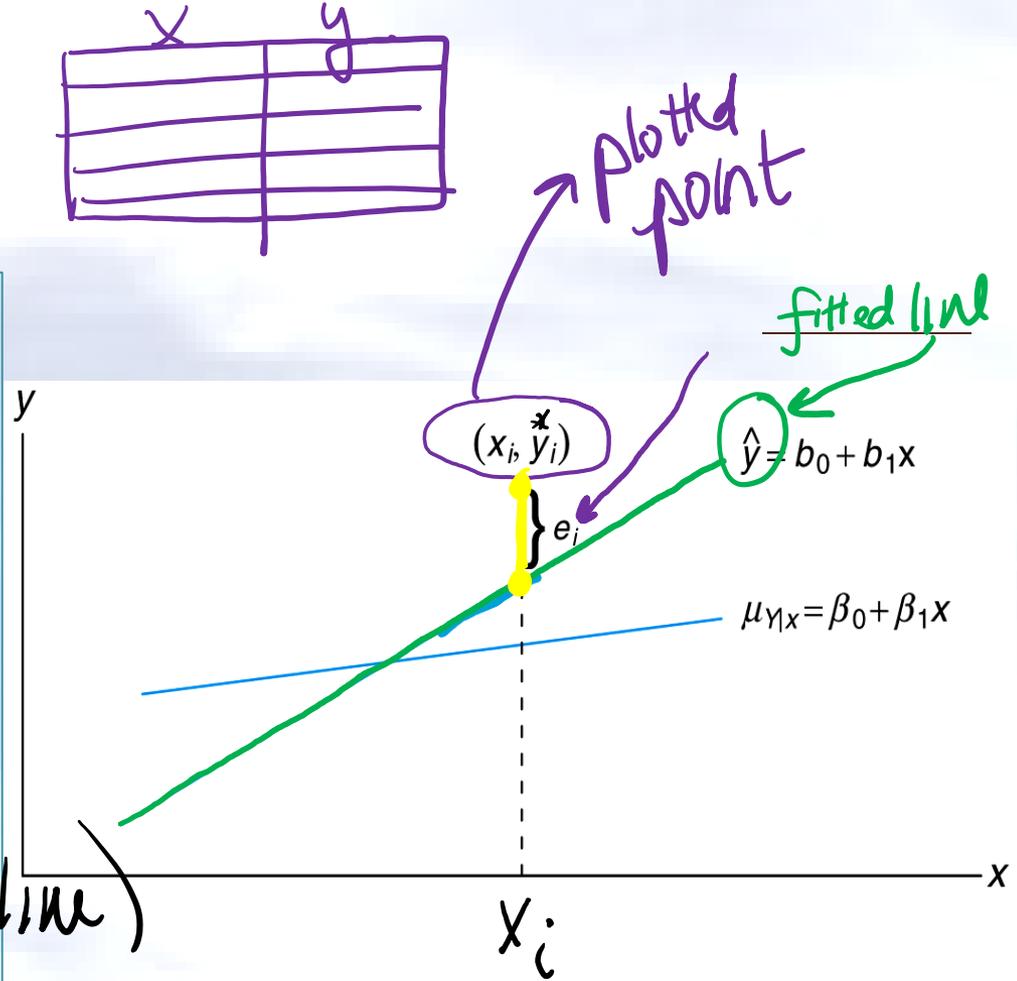
**Plotted point**  $(x_i, y_i)$

**Residual**  $e_i$  is vertical distance between plotted point & fitted line ( $\hat{y}$ )

**Residual:**

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

**Residual:** error in fit of  $\hat{y}$  (fitted line) to plotted point  $(x_i, y_i)$  (want small)





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