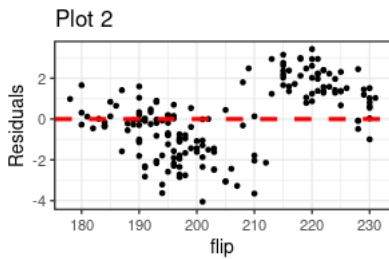
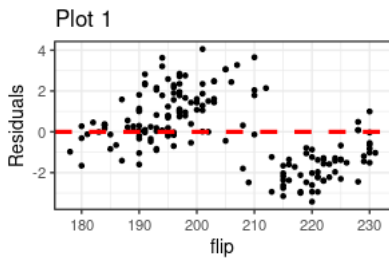
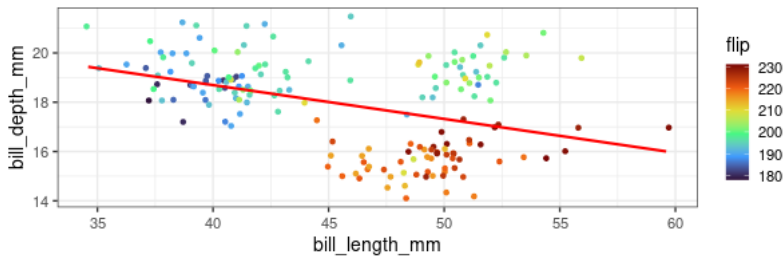


# Inference for Multivariate Regression

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# Cases

1.  $y = \beta_0 + X\beta_1$
  2.  $y = \beta_0 + \mathbb{1}_A\beta_1$
  3.  $y = \beta_0 + \mathbb{1}_A\beta_1 + X\beta_2$
  4.  $y = \beta_0 + \mathbb{1}_A\beta_1 + \mathbb{1}_B\beta_2$
  5.  $y = \beta_0 + X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2$
1. Simple linear,  $\beta_1$  shows change in  $y$  given change in  $X$
  2. Simple categorical, reference variable and group means
  3. Continuous and categorical, two regression lines with same slope but different intercept
  4. Multiple categorical, combined reference variables
  5. Multiple continuous,  $\beta_1$  shows change in  $y$  given change in  $X_1$ , *assuming everything else held constant*

# Single Quantitative

```
1 > lm(mpg ~ wt, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3
4 Coefficients:
5             Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
6 (Intercept)   37.285      1.878   19.86 < 0.00000000002 ***
7 wt            -5.344      0.559   -9.56   0.000013 ***
8
9
10 Residual standard error: 3.05 on 30 degrees of freedom
11 Multiple R-squared:  0.753, Adjusted R-squared:  0.745
12 F-statistic: 91.4 on 1 and 30 DF, p-value: 0.000000000129
```

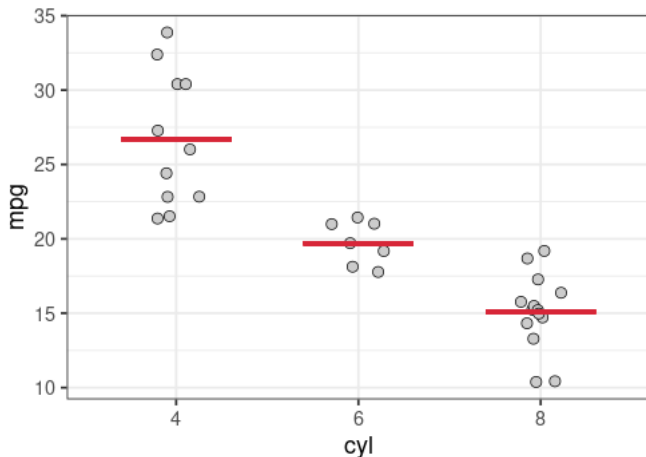


# Single Categorical

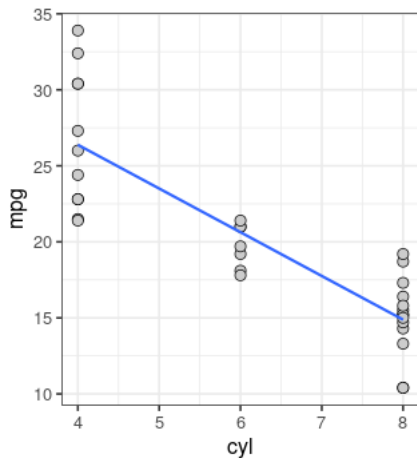
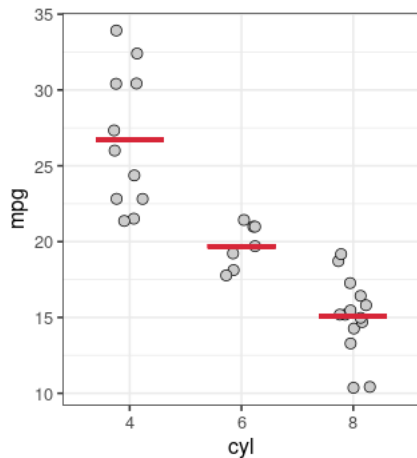
```
1 > lm(mpg ~ cyl, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4           Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept)  26.664     0.972   27.44 < 0.00000000002 ***
6 cyl16        -6.921     1.558   -4.44    0.00012 ***
7 cyl18       -11.564     1.299   -8.90    0.00000000086 ***
8
9
10 Residual standard error: 3.22 on 29 degrees of freedom
11 Multiple R-squared:  0.732, Adjusted R-squared:  0.714
12 F-statistic: 39.7 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.00000000498
```

# Cylinder and MPG

$$\widehat{\text{mpg}} = 26.66 - 6.92 \times \mathbb{1}_{6\text{cyl}} - 11.564 \times \mathbb{1}_{8\text{cyl}}$$



# Quantitative vs Categorical Assumption



```

1 > lm(mpg ~ factor(cyl), mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4             Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept)    26.664     0.972   27.44 < 0.0000000000000002
6 as.factor(cyl)6  -6.921     1.558   -4.44     0.00012
7 as.factor(cyl)8 -11.564     1.299   -8.90     0.00000000086
8
9 Residual standard error: 3.22 on 29 degrees of freedom
10 Multiple R-squared:  0.732, Adjusted R-squared:  0.714
11 F-statistic: 39.7 on 2 and 29 DF,  p-value: 0.00000000498
12
13
14 > lm(mpg ~ cyl, mtcars) %>% summary()
15
16 Coefficients:
17             Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
18 (Intercept)    37.885     2.074   18.27 < 0.0000000000000000
19 cyl            -2.876     0.322   -8.92     0.00000000061
20
21 Residual standard error: 3.21 on 30 degrees of freedom
22 Multiple R-squared:  0.726, Adjusted R-squared:  0.717
23 F-statistic: 79.6 on 1 and 30 DF,  p-value: 0.000000000611

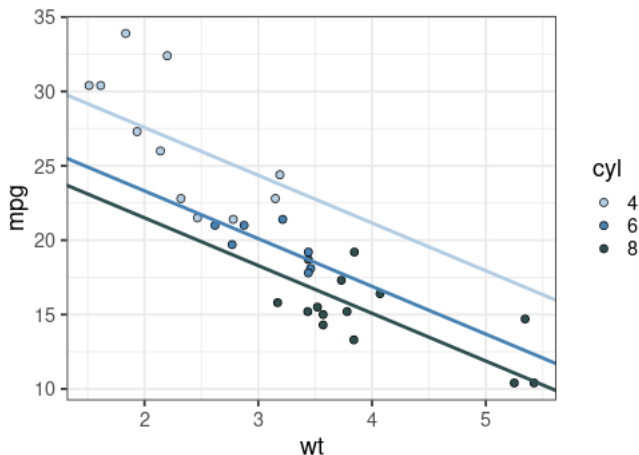
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# Categorical and Quantitative

```
1 > lm(mpg ~ wt + cyl, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4           Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept)  33.991     1.888   18.01 < 0.00000000002 ***
6 wt          -3.206     0.754   -4.25     0.00021 ***
7 cyl6        -4.256     1.386   -3.07     0.00472 **
8 cyl8        -6.071     1.652   -3.67     0.00100 ***
9
10
11 Residual standard error: 2.56 on 28 degrees of freedom
12 Multiple R-squared:  0.837, Adjusted R-squared:  0.82
13 F-statistic: 48.1 on 3 and 28 DF,  p-value: 0.0000000000359
```

# Cylinder, weight and MPG

$$\widehat{\text{mpg}} = 33.99 - 3.21 \times \text{weight} - 4.26 \times \mathbb{1}_{6\text{cyl}} - 6.07 \times \mathbb{1}_{8\text{cyl}}$$



# Multiple Categorical

```
1 > lm(mpg ~ cyl + am, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4           Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept)   24.80         1.32  18.75 < 0.00000000002 ***
6 cyl6          -6.16         1.54   -4.01    0.00041 ***
7 cyl8         -10.07         1.45   -6.93    0.000000015 ***
8 am1           2.56         1.30    1.97    0.05846 .
9
10
11 Residual standard error: 3.07 on 28 degrees of freedom
12 Multiple R-squared:  0.765, Adjusted R-squared:  0.74
13 F-statistic: 30.4 on 3 and 28 DF,  p-value: 0.00000000596
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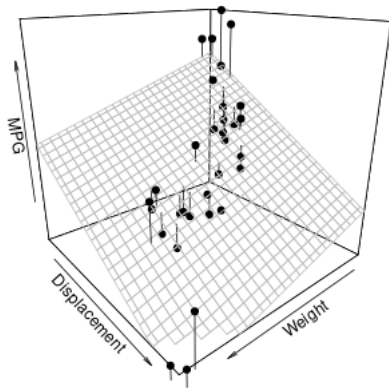
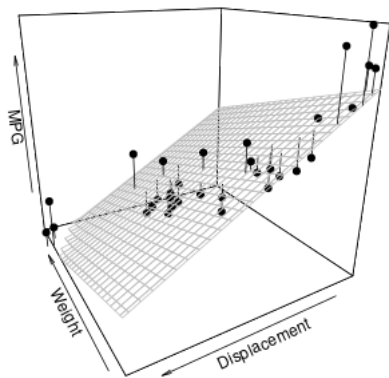


# Multiple Quantitative

```
1 > lm(mpg ~ wt + disp, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4             Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept) 34.96055    2.16454   16.15 0.000000049 ***
6 wt          -3.35083    1.16413    -2.8  0.0074 **
7 disp        -0.01772    0.00919    -1.93 0.0636 .
8
9
10 Residual standard error: 2.92 on 29 degrees of freedom
11 Multiple R-squared:  0.781, Adjusted R-squared:  0.766
12 F-statistic: 51.7 on 2 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.000000000274
```

# Cylinder, transmission and MPG

$$\widehat{\text{mpg}} = 34.96 - 3.35 \times \text{weight} - 0.017 \times \text{displacement}$$

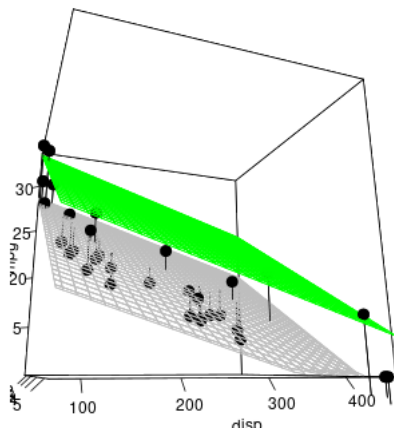
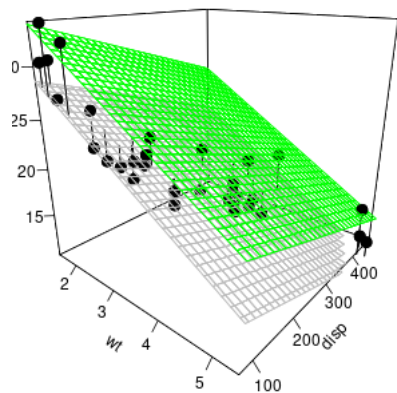


# Multiple Quantitative and categorical

```
1 > lm(mpg ~ wt + disp + am, mtcars) %>% summary()
2
3 Coefficients:
4           Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
5 (Intercept) 34.67591   3.24061  10.70 0.000000000021 ***
6 wt          -3.27904   1.32751  -2.47   0.020 *
7 disp        -0.01780   0.00937  -1.90   0.068 .
8 am           0.17772   1.48432   0.12   0.906
9
10
11 Residual standard error: 2.97 on 28 degrees of freedom
12 Multiple R-squared:  0.781, Adjusted R-squared:  0.758
13 F-statistic: 33.3 on 3 and 28 DF,  p-value: 0.00000000225
```

## Multiple quantitative with categorical

$$\widehat{\text{mpg}} = 34.67 - 3.27 \times \text{weight} - 0.018 \times \text{displacement} + 0.17 \times \mathbb{1}_{\text{Manual}}$$



# Key Takeaways

- ▶ Quantitative variables represent slopes (changes in  $X$  lead to  $\beta$  changes in  $y$ )
- ▶ Categorical variables represent horizontal shifts
- ▶ Any number of categorical or quantitative variables can be added to model
- ▶ Lookout for correlated variables
- ▶ Always interpret regression coefficients as *everything else being fixed*