

# Multivariate Statistics in Ecology and Quantitative Genetics

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Thus, we can reject  $H_0$ .

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 $I - 1$  degrees of freedom

$$F = \frac{SS_{\text{betw}} / (I - 1)}{SS_{\text{within}} / (n - I)}$$

Under the hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu_1 = \dots = \mu_I$  (“all  $\mu_i$  are equal”)

$F$  is Fisher-distributed with  $I - 1$  and  $n - I$  degrees of freedom  
 (no matter what the true joint value of  $\mu_i$  is).

**F-Test:** We reject  $H_0$  on the level of significance  $\alpha$  if  $F \geq q_\alpha$ ,  
 whereas  $q_\alpha$  is the  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of the Fisher-distribution with  
 $I - 1$  and  $n - I$  degrees of freedom.

```
> a <- aov(meas~flab)
```

```
> a
```

```
Call:
```

```
  aov(formula = meas ~ flab)
```

```
Terms:
```

	flab	Residuals
Sum of Squares	0.1247371	0.2314000
Deg. of Freedom	6	63

```
Residual standard error: 0.06060541
```

```
Estimated effects may be unbalanced
```

```
> summary(a)
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
flab	6	0.12474	0.020789	5.6601	9.453e-05	***
Residuals	63	0.23140	0.003673			

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

only for balanced designs:

```
> TukeyHSD(a)
```

```
Tukey multiple comparisons of means
 95% family-wise confidence level
```

```
Fit: aov(formula = meas ~ flab)
```

```
$flab
```

	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
2-1	-0.065	-0.147546752	0.017546752	0.2165897
3-1	-0.059	-0.141546752	0.023546752	0.3226101
4-1	-0.142	-0.224546752	-0.059453248	0.0000396
5-1	-0.105	-0.187546752	-0.022453248	0.0045796
6-1	-0.107	-0.189546752	-0.024453248	0.0036211
7-1	-0.064	-0.146546752	0.018546752	0.2323813
3-2	0.006	-0.076546752	0.088546752	0.9999894

[...]

```
> kruskal.test(meas~flab)
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
```

```
data: meas by flab
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 29.606, df = 6, p-value = 4.
```

Let  $i$  be the index for the row of a data table. The data are subdivided into groups and  $G_i$  is the group row  $i$  (or patient  $i$ ) belongs to; e.g.  $G_i$  can be the treatment of patient  $i$ . Let  $Y_i$  be the response variable, e.g. the blood pressure of patient  $i$ . We can apply an anova to check whether  $Y$  depends on  $G$ , and the model behind it is:

$$Y_i = b_{G_i} + \varepsilon_i$$

where the  $\varepsilon_i$  are assumed to be independent and normally distributed with expectation 0, and all  $\varepsilon_i$  have the same variance  $\sigma^2$ . During the ANOVA we estimate the influence  $b_{G_i}$  of the group on  $Y_i$  by the group mean  $\widehat{b}_g$ . Thus, the residuals  $r_i := Y_i - \widehat{b}_{G_i} \approx Y_i - b_{G_i} = \varepsilon_i$  should be approximately normally distributed.



More than one factor can play a role. For example we may take into account that the blood pressure  $Y_i$  of a patient may depend on the sex  $S_i$  of the patient. In this case the model behind the anova takes the form

$$Y_i = b_{G_i} + c_{S_i} + \varepsilon_i.$$

$b_{G_i}$  depends only on the treatment group and  $c_{S_i}$  only on the sex of the female. If we also want allow in *interaction* between the treatment and the sex, we need another variable  $d_{G_i, S_i}$  that may depend on both:

$$Y_i = b_{G_i} + c_{S_i} + d_{G_i, S_i} + \varepsilon_i.$$

This makes possible, for example, that a certain treatment has a stronger effect for males than for females.

A *balanced design* means, that the sample size are the same for each combination of factors. E.g. 10 males and 10 females in each treatment group. Some ANOVA-based method will only work for balanced designs. Therefore, it is preferable to use a balanced design when planning an experiment. If the data, however, are observations from nature, the “design” is usually unbalanced and this has to be taken into account in the analysis.

One of the methods for which you need a balanced design is Tukey's HSD (honest significant differences). From an anova it computes confidence intervals for the pairwise differences between the group means with multiple-testing correction (cf. R-script).

Another thing to be careful with is the interpretation of ANOVA tables. The R command `anova`, applied to a single model gives a so-called “Type I Anova”, where each line take only the variables in the lines above into account:

```
> anova(model4)
```

```
Analysis of Variance Table
```

```
Response: log(ccrt)
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
line	1	1.2224	1.22238	13.1486	0.0003812	***
day	11	2.8471	0.25883	2.7841	0.0023769	**
person	1	0.0850	0.08504	0.9147	0.3402393	
[...]						

For example, the p-value 0.0023769 tells how much better the model with line and day can explain the data compared to a model that only takes line into account. Thus, the values assigned to variables depend on the input order.

If you use the R command `drop1` with the option `test="F"`, you get a so-called "Type II Anova", in which each line shows the influence of one variable, given the estimates of *all* other variables.

```
> drop1(model4, test="F")
```

```
[...]
```

	Df	Sum of Sq	RSS	AIC	F value	Pr(F)
<none>			15.618	-418.91		
line	1	0.05860	15.677	-420.23	0.6304	0.428338
day	11	2.47080	18.089	-414.18	2.4161	0.008177 **
person	1	0.08504	15.703	-419.92	0.9147	0.340239

For example, the  $p$ -value 0.008177 says that a model that takes line, day and person into account explains the data significantly better than a model that uses only line and person.

It is often important to rescale (i.e. transform) the data. For example, if a comparison between fitted values (group means) and the residuals show that the larger values have larger standard deviations, this may mean that the random error is rather multiplicative than additive (as it should be). In this case, a log transform may help. Other transformations are shown in the R-script. Sometimes, there is a good explanation why a certain transformation should be applied. Sometimes the Box-Cox-Transform can help, which can take various shapes, depending on a parameter to be optimized.

Nested ANOVA: What if the data are not really independent?

```
> oats.aov <- aov(Y~N*V+Error(B/V), data=oats)
> summary(oats.aov)
```

Error: B

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Residuals	5	15875	3175.1		

Error: B:V

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
V	2	1786.4	893.18	1.4853	0.2724
Residuals	10	6013.3	601.33		

Error: Within

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
N	3	20020.5	6673.5	37.6856	2.458e-12 ***
N:V	6	321.7	53.6	0.3028	0.9322
Residuals	45	7968.7	177.1		

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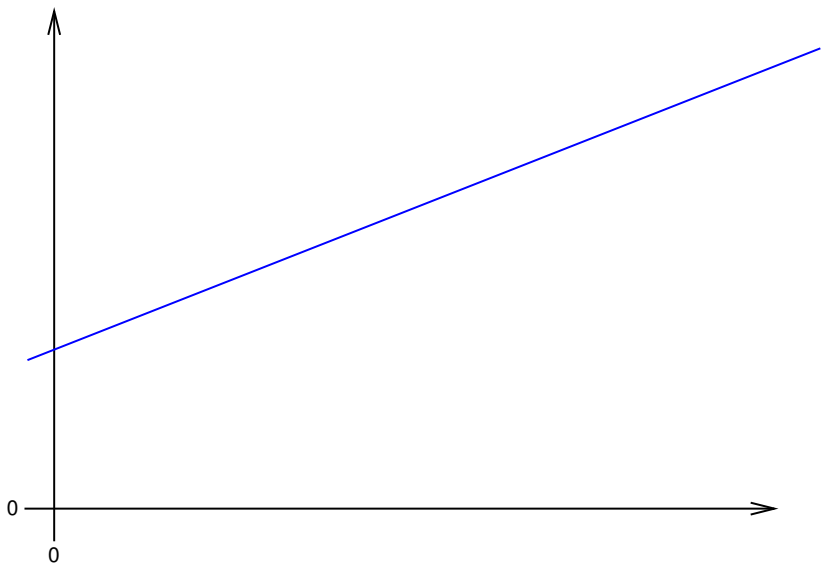
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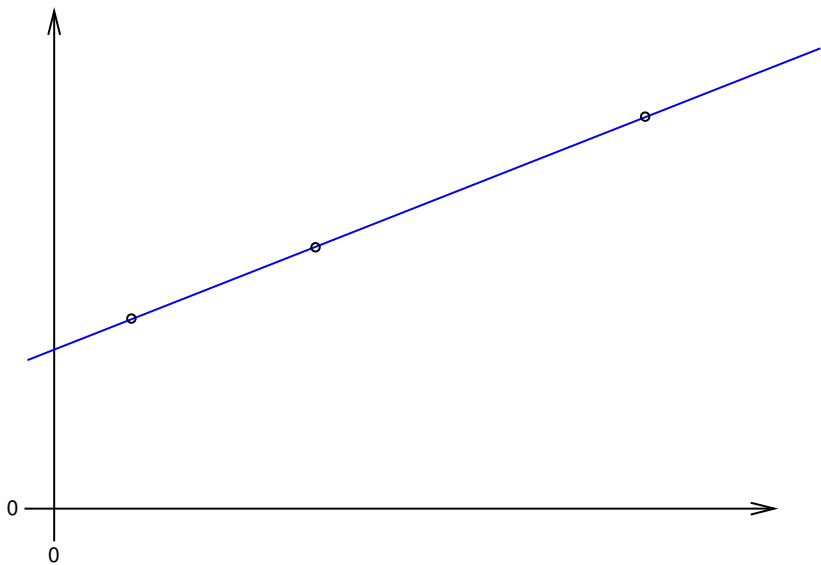
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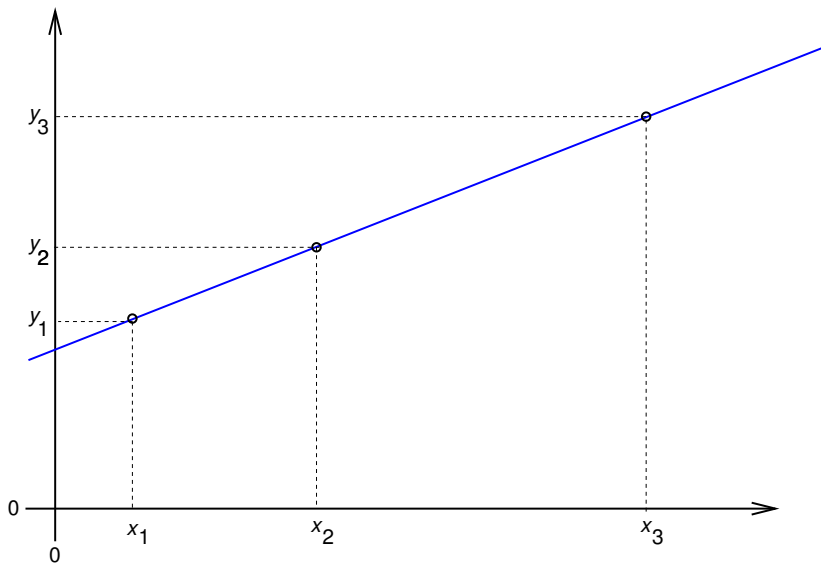
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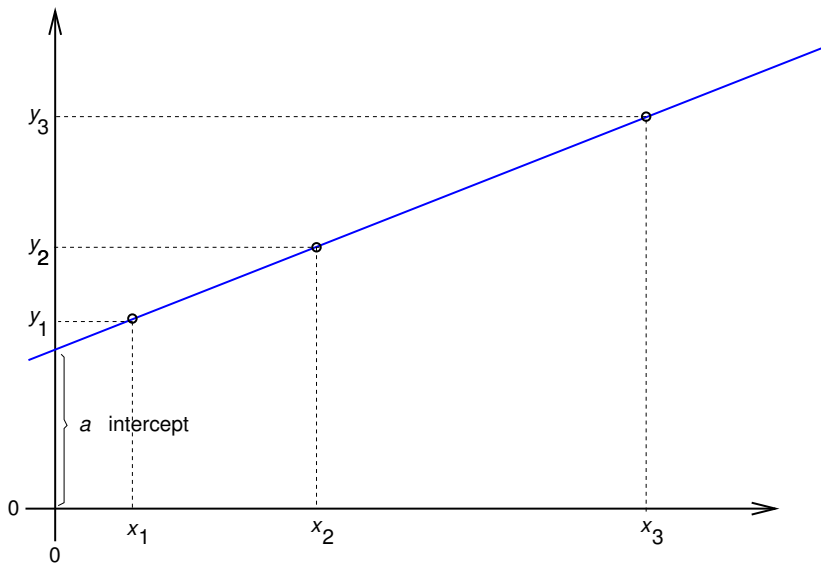
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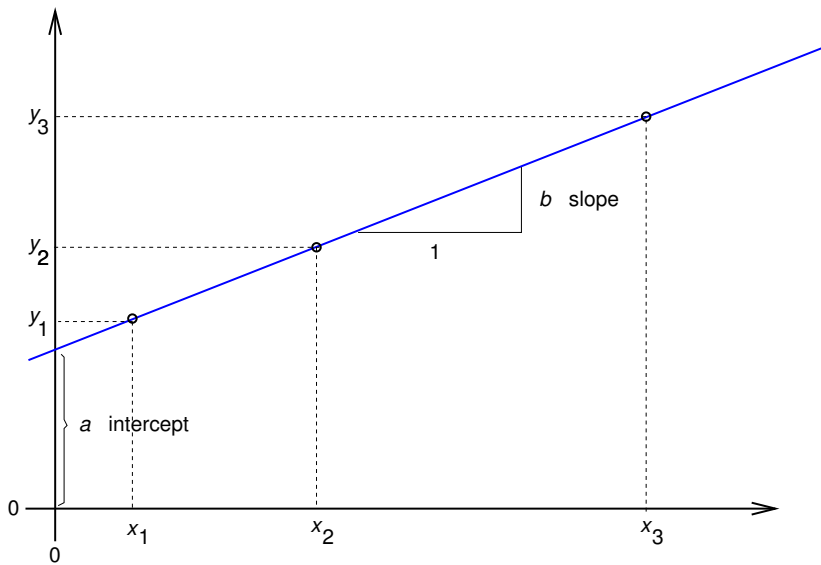
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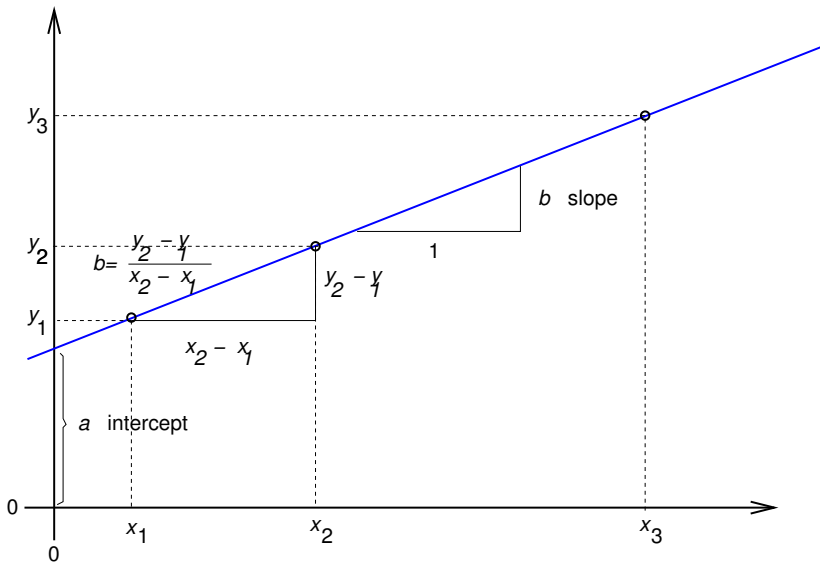
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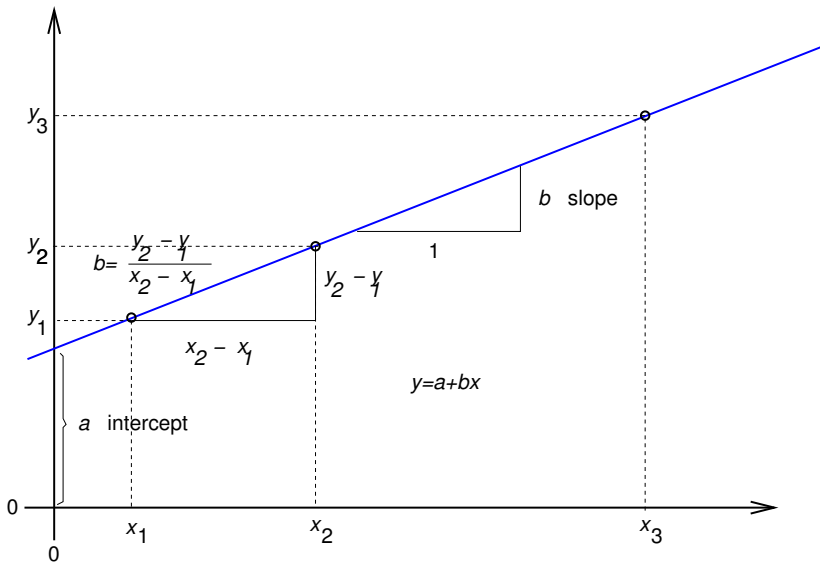
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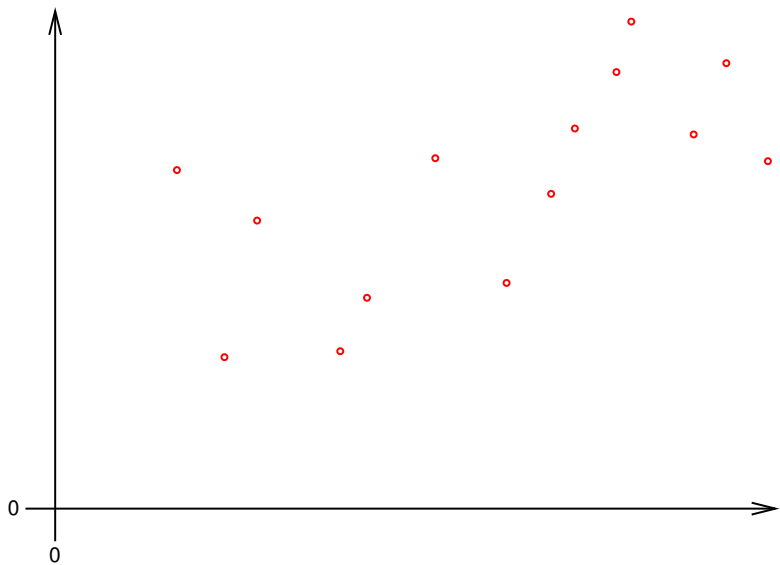
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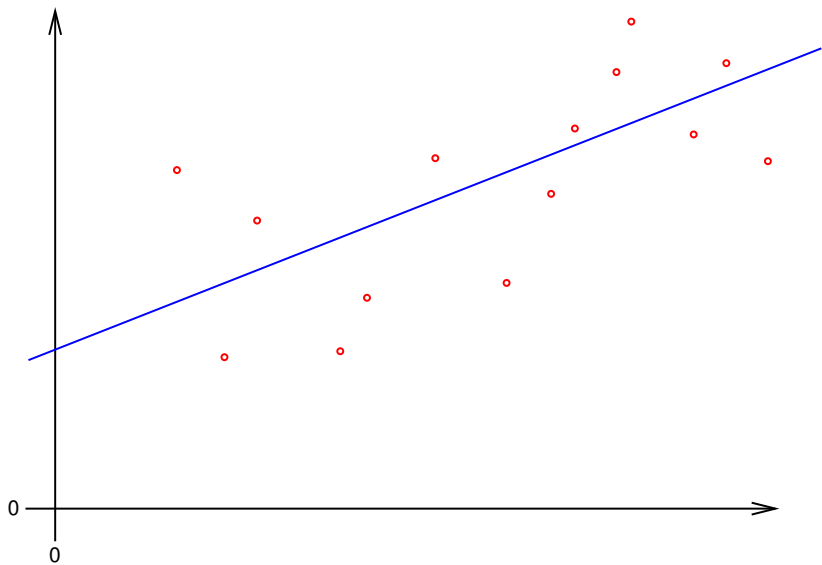


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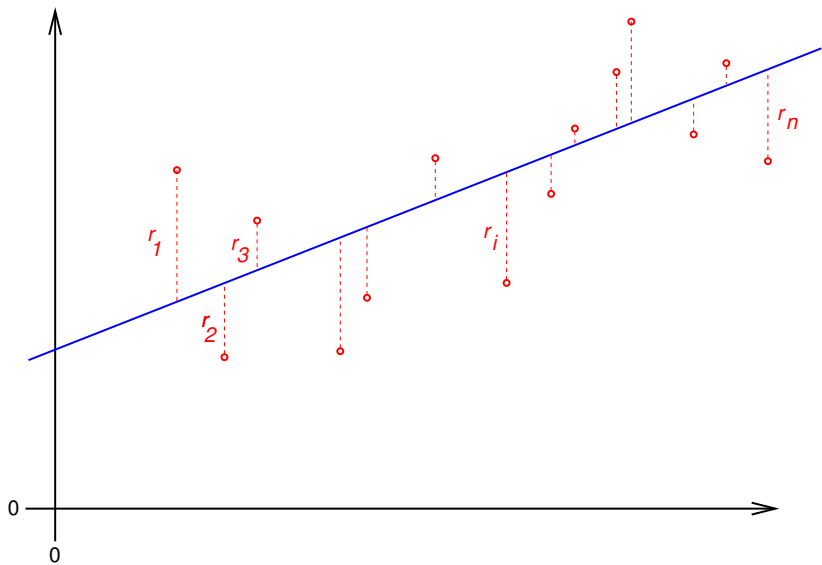




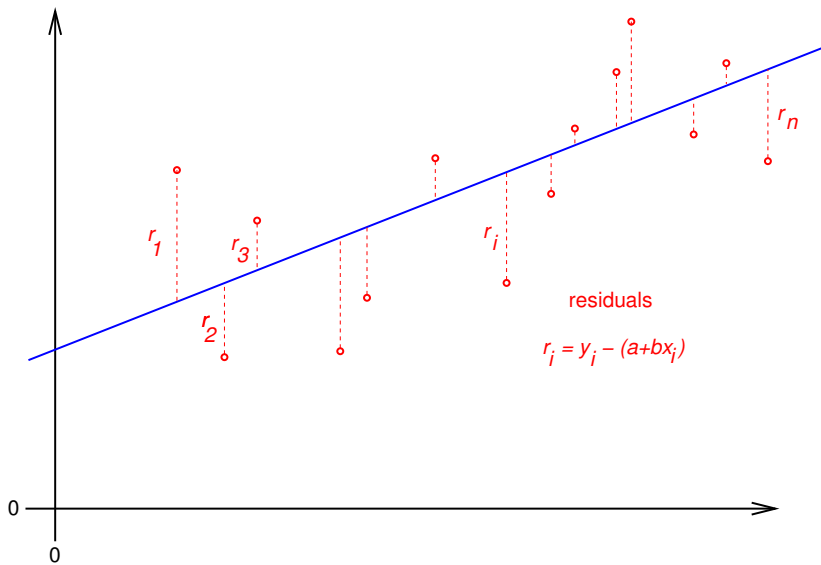
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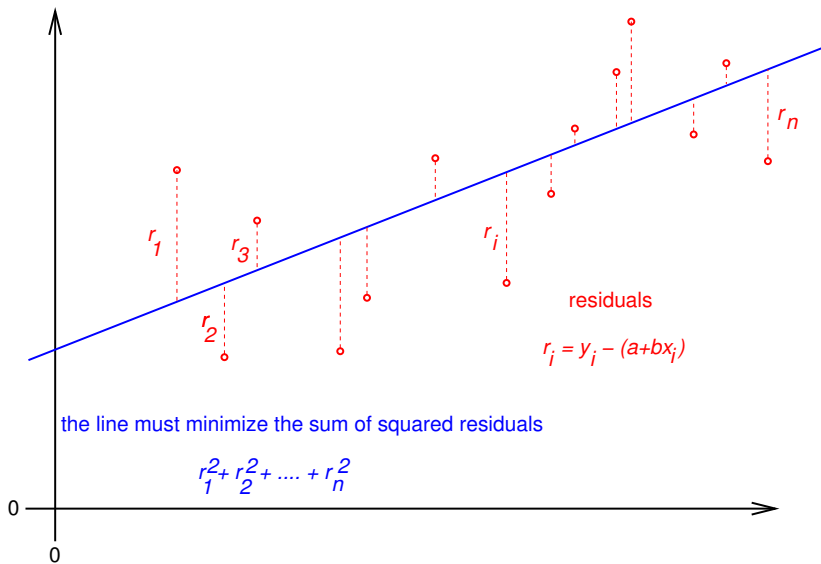


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$$y = \hat{a} + \hat{b} \cdot x$$

by minimizing the sum of squared residuals:

$$(\hat{a}, \hat{b}) = \arg \min_{(a,b)} \sum_i (y_i - (a + b \cdot x_i))^2$$

this is based on the model assumption that values  $a, b$  exist, such that, for all data points  $(x_i, y_i)$  we have

$$y_i = a + b \cdot x_i + \varepsilon_i,$$

whereas all  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent and normally distributed with the same variance  $\sigma^2$ .

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### Please keep in mind:

The line  $y = \hat{a} + \hat{b} \cdot x$  goes through the center of gravity of the cloud of points  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ .

```
> mod <- lm(ratiomales~rank,data=hind)
```

```
> summary(mod)
```

```
Call:
```

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lm(formula = ratiomales ~ rank, data = hind)
```

```
Residuals:
```

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.32798	-0.09396	0.02408	0.11275	0.37403

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.20529	0.04011	5.119	4.54e-06 ***
rank	0.45877	0.06732	6.814	9.78e-09 ***

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```

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Residual standard error: 0.154 on 52 degrees of freedom
```

```
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t-test for  $\hat{b}$ 

Estimate  $\sigma^2$  by

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b} \cdot x_i)^2}{n - 2}.$$

Then,

$$\frac{\hat{b} - b}{s / \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

is t-distributed with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom. Thus, we can apply a t-test to test the null-hypothesis  $b = 0$ .

```
> modell <- lm(brain.weight.g~weight.kg.,subset=extinct=="no")
> summary(modell)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = brain.weight.g ~ weight.kg., subset = extinct ==
    "no")
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-809.95	-87.43	-78.55	-31.17	2051.05

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	89.91213	43.58134	2.063	0.0434 *
weight.kg.	0.96664	0.04769	20.269	<2e-16 ***

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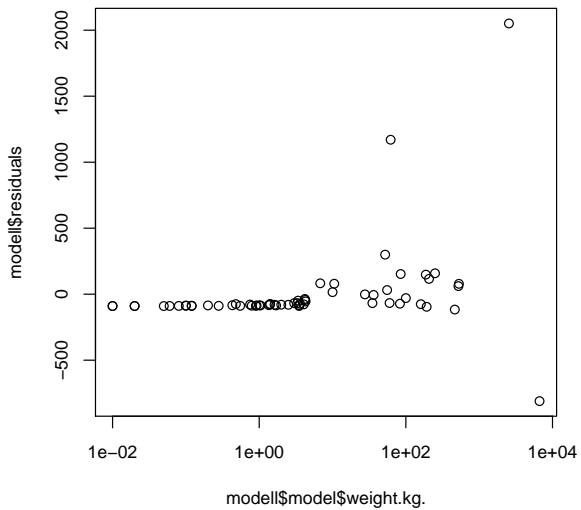
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Residual standard error: 334.8 on 60 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8726, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8704

F-statistic: 410.8 on 1 and 60 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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**variance-stabilizing transformation:**

can be rescale body- and brain size to make deviations independent of variables

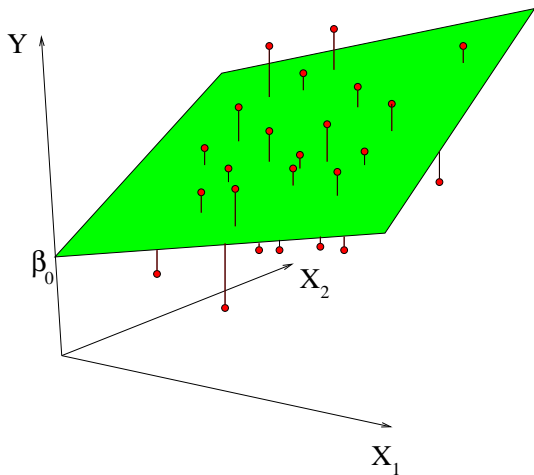
Actually not so surprising: An elephant's brain of typically 5 kg can easily be 500 g lighter or heavier from individual to individual. This can not happen for a mouse brain of typically 5 g. The latter will rather also vary by 10%, i.e. 0.5 g. Thus, the variance is not additive but rather multiplicative:

$$\text{brain mass} = (\text{expected brain mass}) \cdot \text{random}$$

We can convert this into something with additive randomness by taking the log:

$$\log(\text{brain mass}) = \log(\text{expected brain mass}) + \log(\text{random})$$

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 \end{array}$$

target variable  $Y$

explanatory variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$

parameter to be estimated  $a, b_1, \dots, b_m$

independent normally distributed perturbations  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m$  with unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ .



```
> modell0 <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+grainsize+humus,  
+              data = rikz)  
> modell <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+grainsize+humus  
+              +factor(week), data = rikz)  
> anova(modell0, modell)
```

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	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	40	531.17				
2	37	353.66	3	177.51	6.1902	0.00162 **

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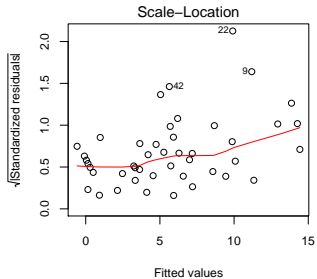
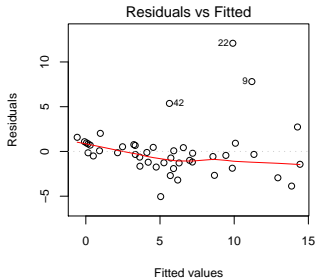
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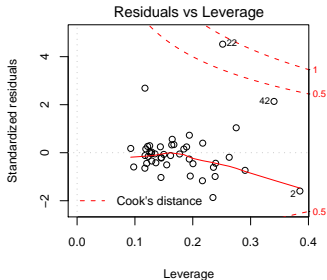
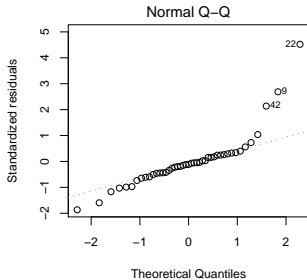
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But wait! We can only do that if the more complex model fits well to the data. We check this graphically.

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```
plot(modell)
```



## Different types of ANOVA tables

If you apply the R command `anova` to a single model, the variables are added consecutively in the same order as in the command. Each  $p$  value refers to the test whether the model gets significantly better by adding the variable to only those that are listed above the variable. In contrast to this, the  $p$  values that are given by `summary` or by `dropterm` from the MASS library always compare the model to a model where only the corresponding variable is set to 0 and all other variables can take any values. The  $p$  values given by `anova` thus depend on the order in which the variables are given in the command. This is not the case for `summary` and `dropterm`. The same options exist in other software packages, sometimes under the names “type I analysis” and “type II analysis”.

```
> lm1 <- lm(Postwt~Prewt+Treat,anorexia)
> lm2 <- lm(Postwt~Prewt*Treat,anorexia)
> anova(lm1,lm2)
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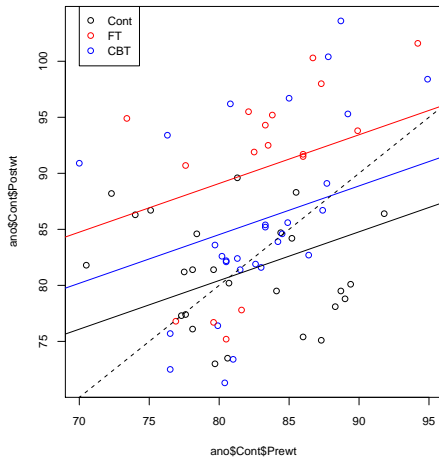
	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	68	3311.3				
2	66	2844.8	2	466.5	5.4112	0.006666 **

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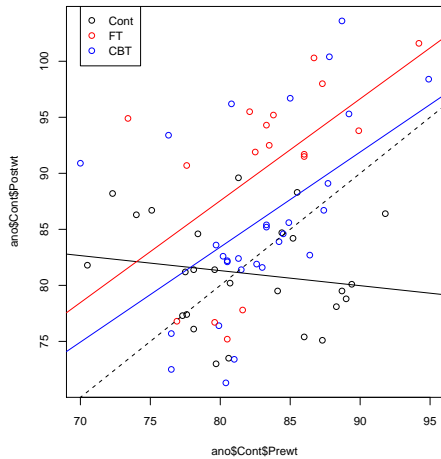
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```
prederrorHL <- numeric()
for (i in 1:46) {
  selection <- rep(TRUE,46)
  selection[i] <- FALSE
  modHL.R <- lm(WingL~N.UBkL+BeakH,data=finchdata,
                subset=selection)
  prederrorHL[i]=WingL[i]-predict(modHL.R,finchdata[i,])
}
```

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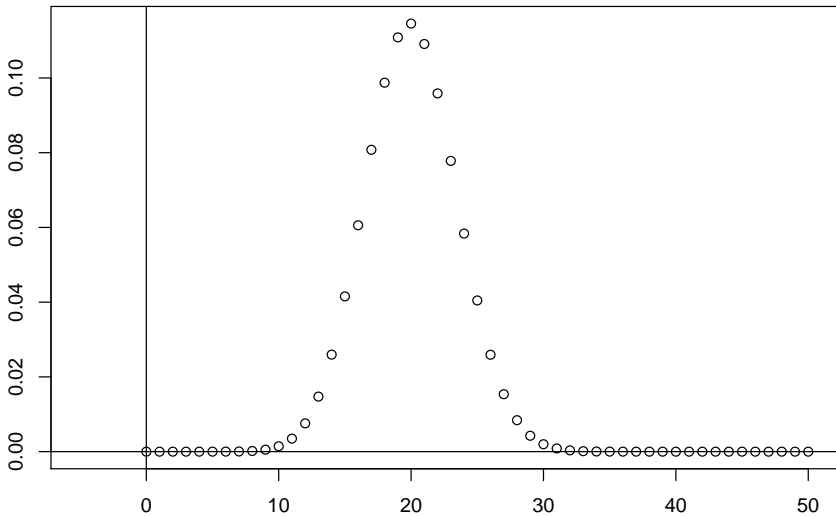
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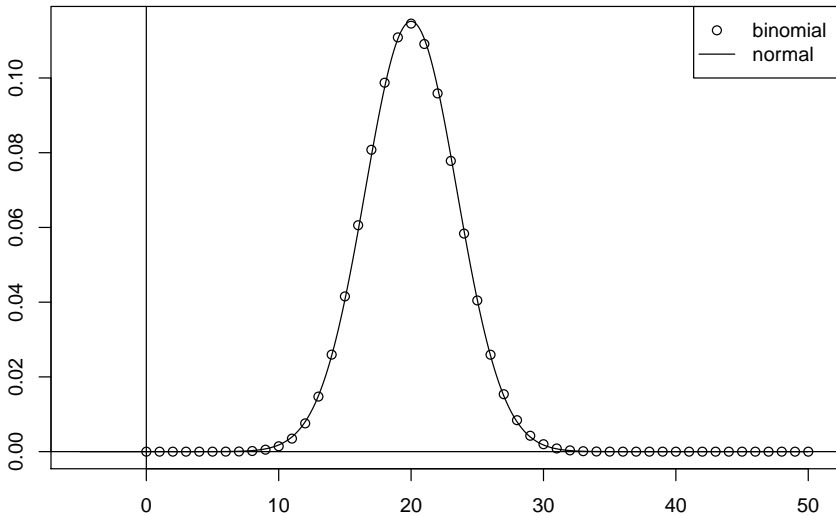


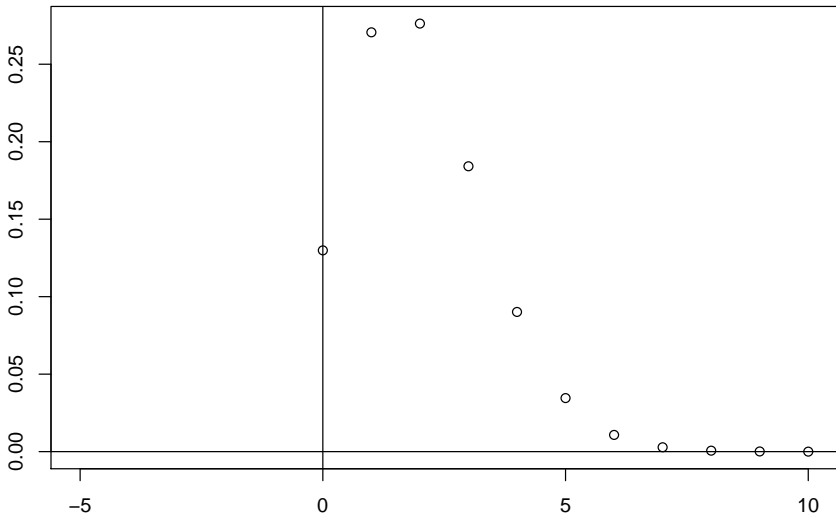
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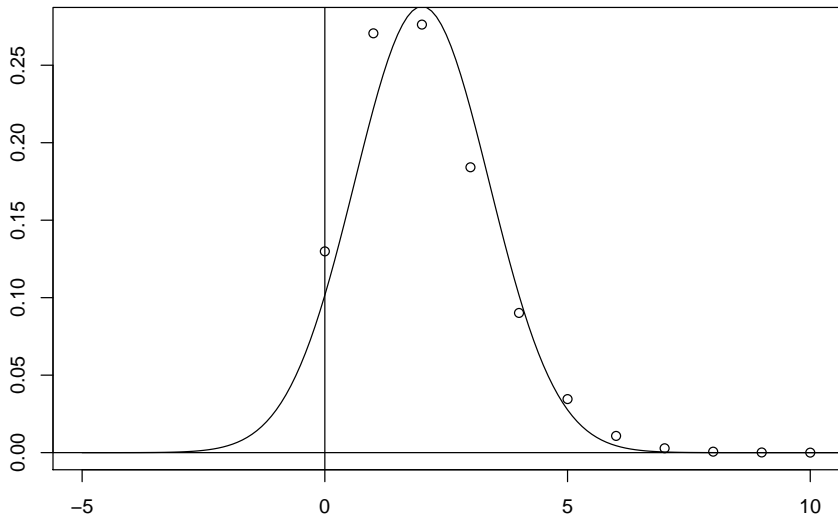
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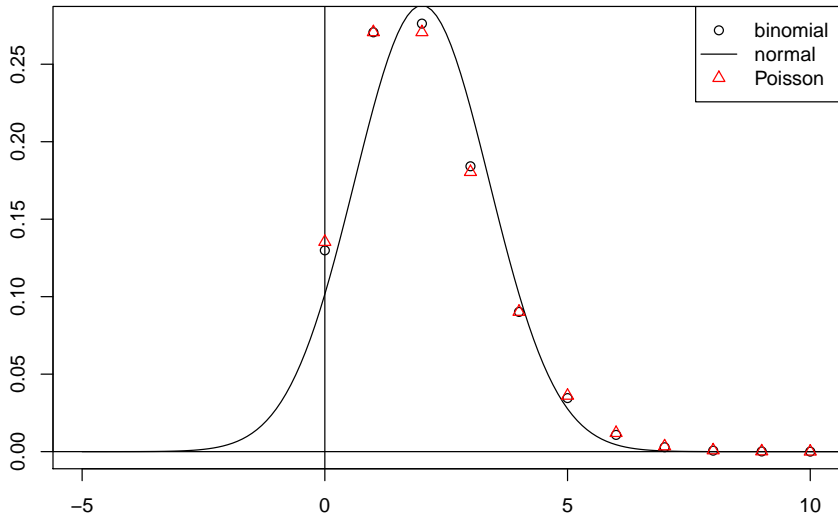
$\mathcal{N}(\mu = n \cdot p, \sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p))$  approximates the binomial distribution  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  if  $n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$  is not too small (rule of thumb:  $n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p) > 9$ ),  $\text{Pois}(\lambda = n \cdot p)$  gives a better approximation when  $p$  is small.

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and the Poisson GLM with this default link is multiplicative model rather than an additive one.

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> summary(pmod1)
[...]
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	3.1166	0.1105	28.215	< 2e-16	***
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Thus, this Poisson model assumes multiplicative effects.

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# Likelihood and Deviance

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> (pred <- predict(model4,case,type="link",se.fit=TRUE) )
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$se.fit
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$residual.scale
[1] 1.328106
> invlink <- function(x) {      ## inverse link function
+   1/(1+exp(-x))
+ }
> invlink(pred$fit)           ## prediction
0.1689501
> invlink(pred$fit-2*pred$se.fit)  ## lower bound
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# Model selection when AIC is not available.

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When random and fixed parameters have to be selected we apply the following strategy:

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2. First select random parameters. To decide between models which have different random parameters, fit models with REML and choose model of minimal AIC.
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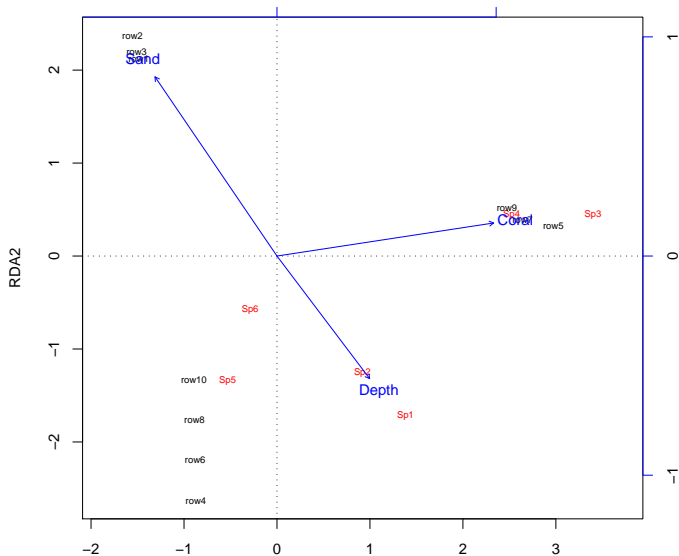
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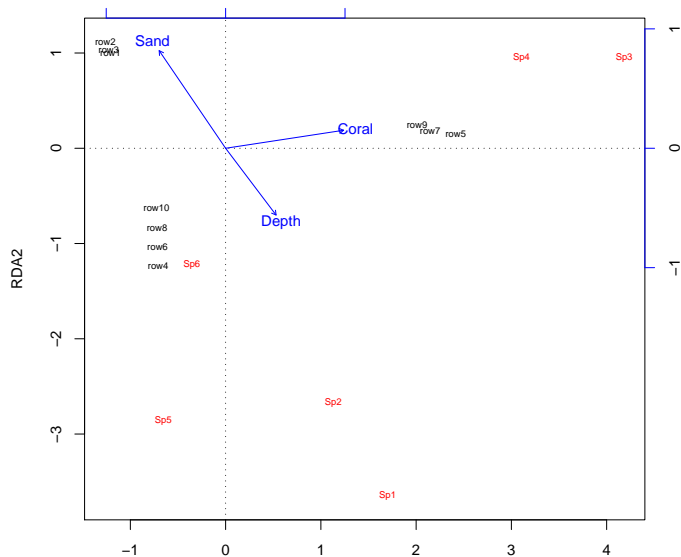
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There is also a joint plot of species and site scores (scaling=3). In this plot distances between sites and distances between species can be interpreted as the approximations of the respective Chi-square distances. However the relative positions of sites and frequencies cannot be interpreted. So this biplot is to be used with care if used at all.

## Note:

- ▶ The total inertia (or total variance) in correspondence analysis is defined as the Chi-square statistic of the site-by-species table divided by the total number of observations.
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In addition: Species can be projected perpendicular (=orthogonally) on the lines showing the species optima of the respective explanatory variables (in the respective scaling). Projecting sites perpendicular on the lines results in the values of the respective environmental variable at those sites.

The angle between lines does NOT represent correlation between the variables. Instead if the tip of a line is projected on another line or an axis then the resulting value represents a weighted correlation.

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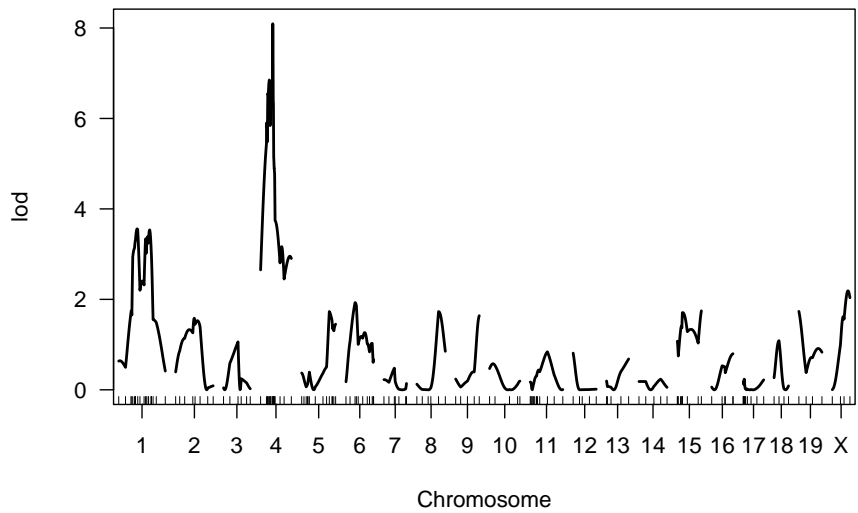
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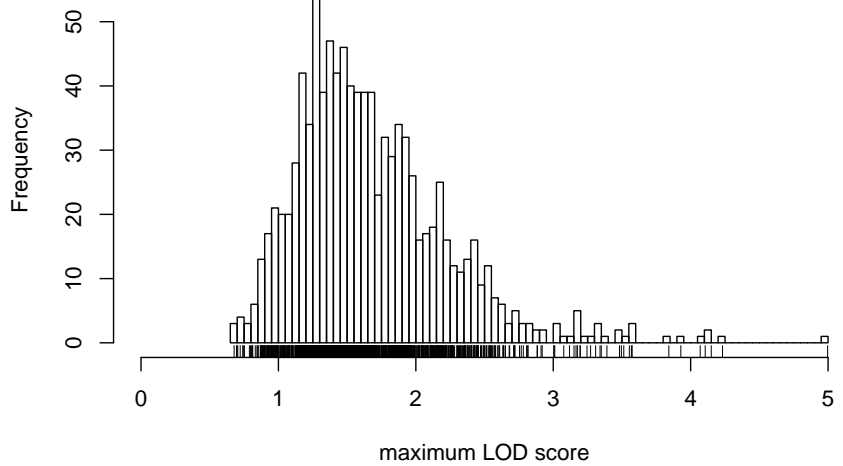
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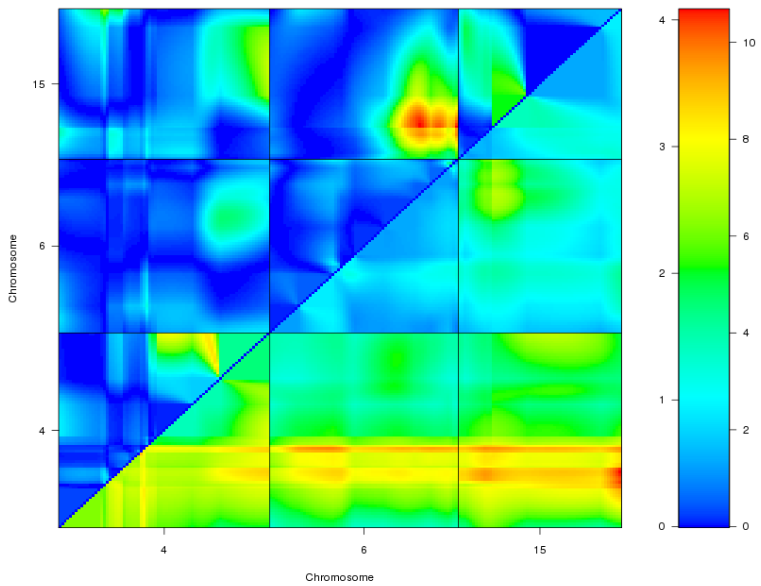
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