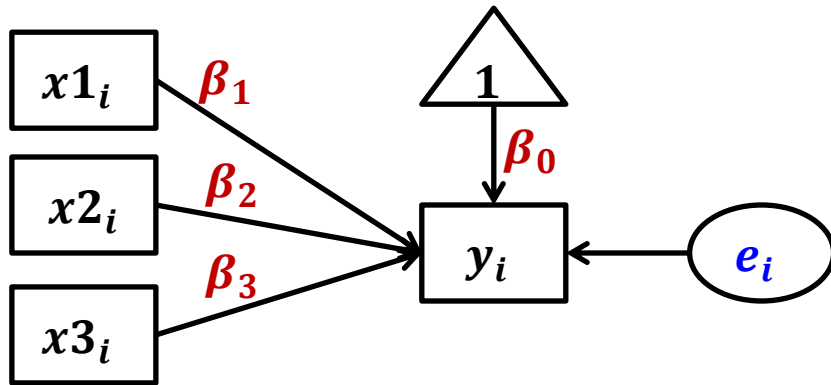


General Linear Models (GLMs) with Multiple Fixed Effects for a Single Predictor

- Topics:
 - Reviewing empty GLMs and single predictor GLMs
 - GLM special cases: 2+ fixed slopes to describe a predictor's effect
 - "Analysis of Variance" (ANOVA) for a one categorical predictor
 - e.g., income differences across 3 categories of employment class
 - Nonlinear effects of a single quantitative predictor
 - e.g., quadratic continuous effect of years of age on income
 - e.g., piecewise discontinuous effect of years of education on income
 - Testing linear effects of a single ordinal predictor
 - e.g., linear vs. nonlinear effect of 5-category happiness on income

Where we're headed in this unit...



This figure is a **path diagram**. This path diagram illustrates a general linear model with 3 x_i predictors of 1 y_i outcome. The "1" triangle is a constant used by the fixed intercept.

- **Synonyms for y_i outcome:** dependent variable, criterion, thing-to-be explained/predicted/accounted for
- **Synonyms for each x_i predictor:** regressor, independent variable (if manipulated), covariate (if quantitative or if it must be included to show incremental contributions above it)
 - This unit will cover the use of multiple predictors to describe the effect of a single conceptual predictor (next up is multiple conceptual predictors)
- Ways to describe the **goal of a model:**
 - "Examine effects of (the x_i predictors) on (the y_i outcome)"
 - "Regress (outcome y_i) on (the x_i predictors)"

Review: Empty Models and Single Predictor Models

- Predictive linear models create a **custom expected outcome** for each person through a linear combination of fixed effects that multiply predictor variables
 - $y_i = (\text{constant} * 1) + (\text{constant} * X_{\text{pred}1_i}) + (\text{constant} * X_{\text{pred}2_i})...$
- Empty GLM: **Actual** $y_i = \beta_0 + e_i$, **Predicted** $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0$
 - $\beta_0 = \text{intercept}$ = expected y_i = here is mean \bar{y} (best naïve guess if no predictors)
 - $e_i = \text{residual}$ = is always the deviation between the actual y_i and predicted \hat{y}_i
 - Because $\hat{y}_i = \bar{y}$ for all, the e_i residual variance across persons (σ_e^2) is **all the y_i variance**
- Add a predictor: **Actual** $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_i) + e_i$, **Predicted** $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_i)$
 - $\beta_0 = \text{intercept}$ = expected y_i when $x_i = 0$ (so always ensure $x_i = 0$ makes sense)
 - $\beta_1 = \text{slope of } x_i$ = difference in y_i per one-unit difference in x_i
 - $e_i = \text{residual}$ = is always the deviation between the actual y_i and predicted \hat{y}_i
 - Now \hat{y}_i differs by x_i , so e_i residual variance across persons (σ_e^2) is **leftover y_i variance**

1 Fixed Effect for a Single Predictor

- β_1 for the **slope of x_i** is scale-specific \rightarrow is “unstandardized”
- Unstandardized results for β_1 include:
 - **Estimate** = (Est) = most likely value for the sample’s slope
 - **Standard Error** (SE) = index of inconsistency across samples = how far away on average a sample x_i slope is from the population x_i slope
 - With only a single slope in the model, the SE for its estimate depends on the model residual variance (σ_e^2), variance of x_i (σ_x^2), and $DF_{denominator}$: sample size minus k , the number of β model fixed effects ($N - k$)
 - **Test-statistic t** = $(Est - H_0)/SE \rightarrow$ “**Univariate Wald test**” gives p -value for slope’s significance using t -distribution and $DF_{denominator} = N - k$
- Can also request a “standardized” slope to provide an **r effect size**:
 - For a GLM with a **single** quantitative or binary predictor,
 $\beta_{std} = \text{Pearson } r$

$$\beta_{std} = \beta_{unstd} * \frac{SD_x}{SD_y}$$

GLMs with Predictors: Binary vs. 3+ Categories

- To examine a **binary predictor** of a quantitative outcome, we only need **2 fixed effects** to tell us **3 things**: the outcome mean for Category=0, the outcome mean for Category=1, and the outcome mean difference
- **Actual** $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Category}_i) + e_i$, **Predicted** $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Category}_i)$
 - Category 0 Mean: $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(0) = \beta_0 \leftarrow$ fixed effect #1
 - Difference of Category 1 from Category 0: $(\beta_0 + \beta_1) - (\beta_0) = \beta_1 \leftarrow$ fixed effect #2
 - Category 1 Mean: $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(1) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \leftarrow$ linear combination of fixed effects
 - To get the estimate and SE for any mean created from a linear combination of fixed effects, you need to ask for it via SAS ESTIMATE, STATA LINCOM, or R GLHT
 - Btw, this type of GLM is also called a “two-sample” or “independent groups” *t*-test
- To examine the effect of a **predictor** with 3+ categories, the GLM needs **as many fixed effects as the number of predictor variable categories = C**
 - If $C = 3$, then we need the β_0 intercept and 2 predictor slopes: β_1 and β_2
 - If $C = 4$, then we need the β_0 intercept and 3 predictor slopes: β_1 , β_2 , and β_3
 - # pairwise mean differences = $\frac{C!}{2!(C-2)!} \rightarrow$ e.g., given $C = 3$, # diffs = $\frac{3*2*1}{(2*1)(1)} = 3$
 - This type of GLM goes by the name “**Analysis of Variance**” (**ANOVA**) in which the term “category” is usually replaced with “group” as a synonym

“Indicator Coding” for a 3-Category Predictor

- Comparing the means of a quantitative outcome across **3 categories** requires creating **2 new binary predictors** to be included **simultaneously** along with the intercept, for example, as coded so Low= Intercept (ref)

workclass variable ($N = 734$)	LvM: Low vs Mid?	LvU: Low vs Upp?
1. Low ($n = 436$)	0	0
2. Mid ($n = 278$)	1	0
3. Upp ($n = 20$)	0	1

Actual: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvM_i) + \beta_2(LvU_i) + e_i$

Predicted: $\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvM_i) + \beta_2(LvU_i)$

- Model-implied means per category (group):
 - Low Mean: $\hat{y}_L = \beta_0 + \beta_1(0) + \beta_2(0) = \beta_0 \leftarrow$ fixed effect #1
 - Mid Mean: $\hat{y}_M = \beta_0 + \beta_1(1) + \beta_2(0) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \leftarrow$ found as linear combination
 - Upp Mean: $\hat{y}_U = \beta_0 + \beta_1(0) + \beta_2(1) = \beta_0 + \beta_2 \leftarrow$ found as linear combination
- Model-implied differences between each pair of categories (groups):
 - Diff of Low vs Mid: $(\beta_0 + \beta_1) - (\beta_0) = \beta_1 \leftarrow$ fixed effect #2
 - Diff of Low vs. Upp: $(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0) = \beta_2 \leftarrow$ fixed effect #3
 - Diff of Mid vs Upp: $(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1) = \beta_2 - \beta_1 \leftarrow$ found as linear combination

GLM 3-Category Predictor: Results

Empty Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + e_i$

- Model parameters:

- Intercept β_0 : $Est = 17.30$ $SE = 0.51$
- Residual Variance σ_e^2 : $Est = 190.21$

Group (N = 734)	LvM	LvU
1. Low (n = 436)	0	0
2. Mid (n = 278)	1	0
3. Upp (n = 20)	0	1

Predictor Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvM_i) + \beta_2(LvU_i) + e_i$

- Model parameters:

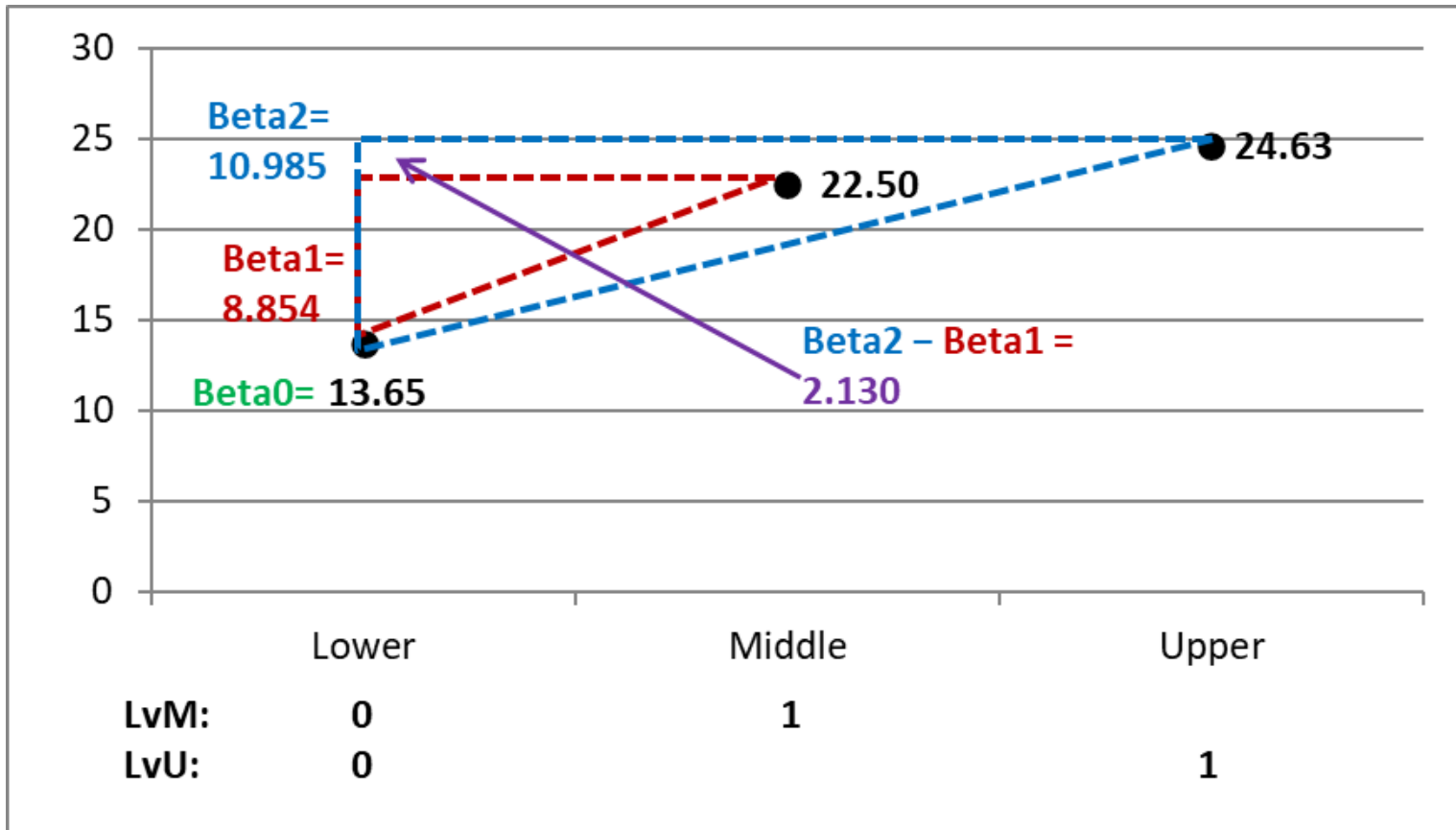
- Intercept β_0 : $Est = 13.65$, $SE = 0.63$, $p < .001 \rightarrow$ Mean for Low (= \hat{y}_L)
- Slope β_1 : $Est = 8.85$, $SE = 1.00$, $p < .001 \rightarrow$ Mean diff for Low vs Mid
- Slope β_2 : $Est = 10.98$, $SE = 2.99$, $p < .001 \rightarrow$ Mean diff for Low vs Upp
- Residual Variance σ_e^2 : $Est = 171.01$

- Linear combinations of model parameters:

- Mid Mean: $\hat{y}_M = 13.65 + 8.85(1) + 10.98(0) = 22.50$, $SE = 0.78$, $p < .001$
- Upp Mean: $\hat{y}_U = 13.65 + 8.85(0) + 10.98(1) = 24.63$, $SE = 2.92$, $p < .001$
- Mean diff of Mid vs Upp = $\beta_2 - \beta_1 = 2.13$, $SE = 3.03$, $p = .482$

GLM 3-Category Predictor: Results

Fixed Effects			Predictors			Category	Pred
Beta0	Beta1	Beta2	Intercept	LvM	LvU	workclass	Y Hat
13.650	8.854	10.985	1	0	0	Lower	13.65
13.650	8.854	10.985	1	1	0	Middle	22.50
13.650	8.854	10.985	1	0	1	Upper	24.63



Example with a 4-Category Predictor

Comparing outcome means across **4 groups** requires creating **3 new binary predictors** to be included **simultaneously** along with the intercept—for example, using “**indicator dummy-coded**” **predictors** so Control= Reference

Treatment Group	d1: C vs T1?	d2: C vs T2?	d3: C vs T3?
1. Control	0	0	0
2. Treatment 1	1	0	0
3. Treatment 2	0	1	0
4. Treatment 3	0	0	1

- Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(d1_i) + \beta_2(d2_i) + \beta_3(d3_i) + e_i$
 - The model gives us **the predicted outcome mean for each category** as follows:

Control (Ref) Mean	Treatment 1 Mean	Treatment 2 Mean	Treatment 3 Mean
β_0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1(d1_i)$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2(d2_i)$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3(d3_i)$

- Model directly provides 3 mean differences (control vs. each treatment), and indirectly provides another 3 mean differences (differences between treatments) as **linear combinations of the fixed effects**... let's see how this works

Example with a 4-Category Predictor

Control (Ref) Mean = 10	Treatment 1 Mean = 12	Treatment 2 Mean = 15	Treatment 3 Mean = 19
β_0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1(d1_i)$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2(d2_i)$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3(d3_i)$

Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(d1_i) + \beta_2(d2_i) + \beta_3(d3_i) + e_i$

Given means above, here are the pairwise category differences:

- | | <u>Alt Group</u> | <u>Ref Group</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • C vs. T1 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_1)$ | (β_0) | $= \beta_1 = 2$ |
| • C vs. T2 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_2)$ | (β_0) | $= \beta_2 = 5$ |
| • C vs. T3 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_3)$ | (β_0) | $= \beta_3 = 9$ |
| • T1 vs. T2 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_2)$ | $(\beta_0 + \beta_1)$ | $= \beta_2 - \beta_1 = 5 - 2 = 3$ |
| • T1 vs. T3 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_3)$ | $(\beta_0 + \beta_1)$ | $= \beta_3 - \beta_1 = 9 - 2 = 7$ |
| • T2 vs. T3 = | $(\beta_0 + \beta_3)$ | $(\beta_0 + \beta_2)$ | $= \beta_3 - \beta_2 = 9 - 5 = 4$ |

Back to the 3-Category Predictor GLM

- The ANOVA-type question “Does group membership predict y_i ?” translates to “Are there significant group mean differences in y_i ?”
 - Can be answered **specifically via pairwise group differences** given directly by (or created from) the model fixed effects:
For example: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvM_i) + \beta_2(LvU_i) + e_i$
 - Is $\beta_1 \neq 0$? If so, then $\hat{y}_M \neq \hat{y}_L$ (given directly because of our coding)
 - Is $\beta_2 \neq 0$? If so, then $\hat{y}_U \neq \hat{y}_L$ (given directly because of our coding)
 - Is $(\beta_2 - \beta_1) \neq 0$? If so, then $\hat{y}_U \neq \hat{y}_M$ (requested as linear combination)
 - A **more general answer** to “Does group matter?” requires testing if β_1 and β_2 differ from 0 **jointly**, in other words:
 - Is the **residual variance** from this model with two grouping predictors **significantly lower** than the total variance from the empty model?
 - Does the **predicted \hat{y}_i** provided by this model with two group predictors **correlate significantly with the actual y_i** ?

Prediction Gained vs. DF spent

- To provide a **more general answer** to “**Does group matter?**” we need to consider the impact of our prediction relative to how many fixed effects we needed to generate predicted \hat{y}_i and how good they did (relative to what is left unknown)
 - This is an example of a “**multivariate Wald test**” (stay tuned for others)
 - “Relative” is quantified using two types of **Degrees of Freedom = DF**
= total number of fixed effects possible \rightarrow total DF = sample size N
 - “ $DF_{numerator}$ ” = $k - 1$ = number of fixed slopes in the model
 - “ $DF_{denominator}$ ” = number of DF left over (not yet spent): $N - k$
 - In GLMs, the amount of information captured by the model’s prediction and the amount of information left over are quantified using different sources of “**sums of squares**” (SS)
 - Basic form of SS is the **numerator** in computing variance: $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{N-1}$
 - For example, “**outcome (or total) SS**” = $SS_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

Prediction Gained vs. DF spent

- How much information is provided by our **model prediction** is quantified by "**model sums of squares**": $SS_{model} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$
- To quantify the **relative** size of that predicted info, we need to adjust it for $DF_{numerator} = \text{number of fixed slopes} = k - 1$
 - Then get "**Model Mean Square**" = $MS_{model} = \frac{SS_{model}}{k-1}$ -1 because intercept doesn't get counted
 - MS_{model} = "how much information has been captured per point spent"
- How much information is **leftover** is quantified by "**residual (or error) sums of squares**": $SS_{residual} = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$
- To quantify the relative size of that leftover information, we need to adjust it for $DF_{denominator} = N - k$
 - "**Residual (or Error) Mean Square**" = $MS_{residual} = \frac{SS_{residual}}{N-k}$
 - $MS_{residual}$ = "how much information left to explain per point remaining"

Prediction Gained vs. DF spent

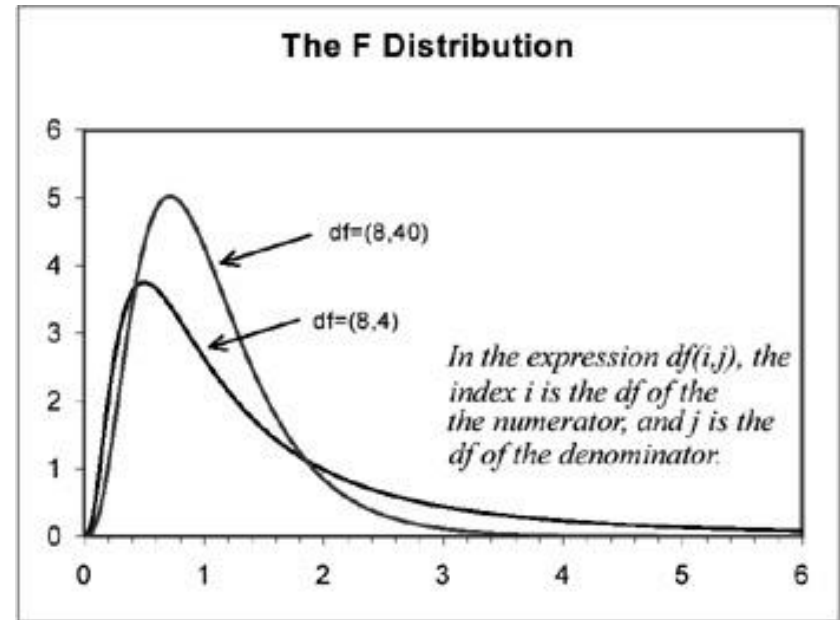
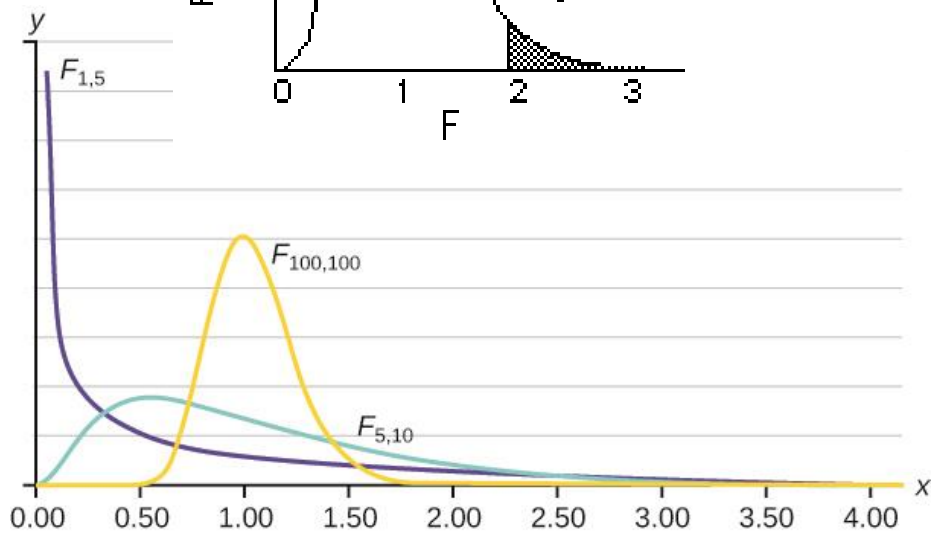
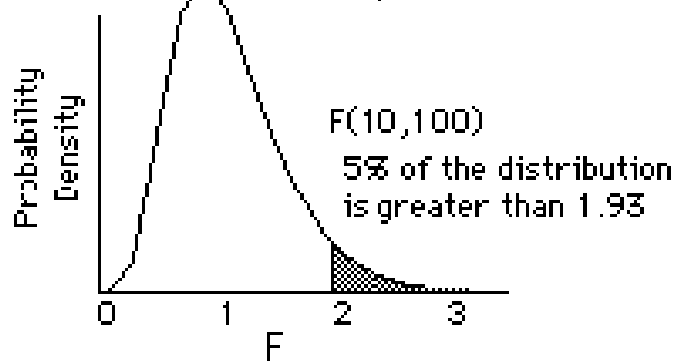
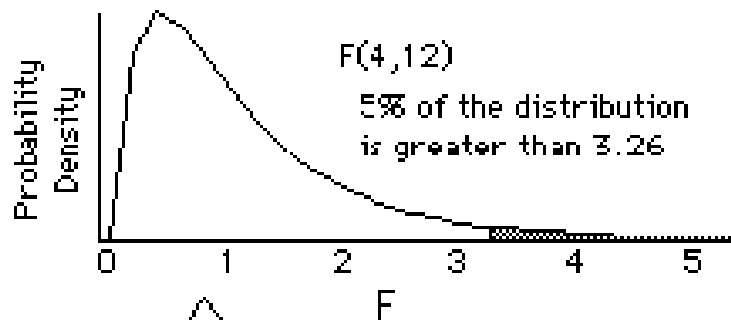
Source of Outcome Information	Sums of Squares (each summed from $i = 1$ to N)	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square
Model (known because of predictor slopes)	$SS_{model}: (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$	$DF_{num}: k - 1$	$MS_{model}: \frac{SS_{model}}{k-1}$
Residual (leftover after predictors; still unknown)	$SS_{residual}: (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$	$DF_{den}: N - k$	$MS_{residual}: \frac{SS_{residual}}{N-k}$
"Corrected" Total (all original information in y_i)	$SS_{total}: (y_i - \bar{y})^2$	$DF_{total}: N - 1$ (not shown)	$MS_{total}: \frac{SS_{total}}{N-1}$ (not shown)

• This table now provides us with a way to answer the more general question of "Does group membership predict y_i ?" → **Is our model significant?**

- **Variance explained** by model fixed slopes: $R^2 = \frac{SS_{total} - SS_{residual}}{SS_{total}}$
- R^2 = square of correlation between model-predicted \hat{y}_i and actual y_i
- **F test-statistic** for significance of $R^2 > 0$? is given two equivalent ways:

$$F(DF_{num}, DF_{den}) = \frac{MS_{model}}{MS_{residual}} \quad \text{or} \quad F(DF_{num}, DF_{den}) = \frac{(N-k)R^2}{(k-1)(1-R^2)}$$

Your New Friend, the F distribution



- The F test-statistic (F -value) is a ratio (in a squared metric) of “info explained over info unknown”, so **F -values must be positive**
- Its shape (and thus the critical value for the boundary of where “expected” starts) varies by DF_{num} (like χ^2) and by DF_{den} (like t , which is flatter for smaller $N - k$)

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Summary: Steps in Significance Testing

- **Choose critical region: % alpha (“unexpected”) and possible direction**

- Both directions or just one?
- Alpha (α) (1 – % confidence)?
- Distribution for test-statistic will be dictated as follows:

Uses Denominator Degrees of Freedom?	Test 1 slope*	Test > 1 slope*
No: implies infinite N	z	$\chi^2 (= z^2 \text{ if } 1)$
Yes: adjusts based on N	t	$F (= t^2 \text{ if } 1)$

- If the **test-statistic exceeds** the distribution’s critical value(s), then the obtained **p -value is less than the chosen alpha** level:
 - You **“reject the null hypothesis”**—it is sufficiently **unexpected** to get a test-statistic that extreme *if the null hypothesis is true*; result is **“significant”**
- If the **test-statistic does NOT exceed** the distribution’s critical value(s), then the **p -value is greater than or equal to the chosen alpha** level:
 - You **“DO NOT reject the null hypothesis”**—it is sufficiently **expected** to get a test-statistic that extreme *if the null hypothesis is true*; result is **“not significant”**

* # Fixed slopes (or associations) = **numerator degrees of freedom** = $k - 1$

Significance of the Model Prediction

- With **only 1 predictor**, we don't need a separate F test-statistic of the model R^2 significance; for example: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_i) + e_i$
 - Significance of unstandardized β_1 comes from $t = (Est - H_0)/SE$
 - Significance of the model prediction R^2 from $F = t^2$ already
 - So if β_1 is significant via $|t_{\beta_1}| > t_{critical}$, then the F **test-statistic** for the model is significant, too \rightarrow sufficiently unexpected if H_0 were true
 - Standardized $\beta_1 =$ Pearson's r between predicted \hat{y}_i and actual y_i
 - So model $R^2 = \frac{SS_{total} - SS_{residual}}{SS_{total}}$ is the same as **(Pearson's r)²**
- With **2+ fixed slopes**, we DO need to examine model F test-statistic and R^2 , for example: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvsM_i) + \beta_2(LvsU_i) + e_i$
 - F test-statistic: Is the \hat{y}_i predicted from β_1 AND β_2 together significantly correlated with actual y_i ? The square of that correlation is the **model R^2**
 - F test-statistic evaluates model R^2 *per DF spent to get it and DF leftover*

Significance of the Model: Example

- For example: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(LvsM_i) + \beta_2(LvsU_i) + e_i$
- Group-specific results: We already know that $L < M$, $L < U$, and $L = M$
- Significance test of the model: $R^2 = .103$
- **Report as** $F(DF_{num}, DF_{den}) = Fvalue$, $MSE = MS_{res}$, $p < pvalue$

Source of Outcome Information	Sums of Squares (each summed from $i = 1$ to N)	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F Value
Model (known)	$SS_{model}: (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$ = 14,414.03	$DF_{num}: k - 1$ = 2 slopes (-1 for int)	$MS_{model}: \frac{SS_{model}}{k - 1}$ = 7,207.01	42.14
Residual ("error")	$SS_{residual}: (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$ = 125,009.25	$DF_{den}: N - k$ = 731 leftover	$MS_{residual}: \frac{SS_{residual}}{N - k}$ = 171.01	
Corrected Total (after \bar{y})	$SS_{total}: (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ = 139,423.23	$N = 734 - 1$ = 733 total corrected for int		

Another version of R^2 : “Adjusted R^2 ”

- Just like we may want to adjust Pearson's r for bias due to small sample size, some feel the need to **adjust the model R^2**
 - $R^2 = \frac{SS_{total} - SS_{residual}}{SS_{total}}$ → Must be positive if computed this way
 - $R^2_{adj} = 1 - \frac{(1-R^2)(N-1)}{N-k-1} = 1 - \frac{MS_{residual}}{MS_{total}}$ → Change in residual variance relative to empty model
 - R^2_{adj} can be negative! (i.e., for a really-not-useful set of fixed slopes)
- Although adjusted R^2 is considered as the only “correct” version by a few, I have never once been asked to report it...
 - But just in case Reviewer 3 wants it some day, here you go...
 - For our example: $R^2_{adj} = 1 - \frac{(1-.103)(734-1)}{734-3} = .101$ ($R^2_{unadj} = .103$)
 - Btw, we need to use SAS PROC REG instead of SAS PROC GLM to get R^2_{adj} (both R^2 versions are given by STATA REGRESS and R LM)

Effect Size per Fixed Slope

- The **model R^2 value** (the square of the correlation between predicted \hat{y}_i and actual y_i) provides a **general effect size**, but you may also want an **effect size for each fixed slope**
 - Why? To standardize the effect magnitude and/or to predict power
 - For models with one slope only, the **standardized slope** (found using z-scored variables with $M = 0$ and $SD = 1$) is the same as Pearson's correlation → unambiguous "bivariate" effect size
 - For models with >1 slope, there are multiple potential measures of slope-specific effect size that you can choose from...
- Although **standardized slopes** are often used to index effect size in multiple-slope models, they **have problems** in some cases:
 - Ambiguous results for quadratic or multiplicative terms (z-scored product of 2 variables is not equal to product of 2 z-scored variables)
 - Differences in sample size across groups create different standardized slopes for categorical predictors given the same unstandardized mean difference (see Darlington & Hayes, 2016 ch. 8 for more)

Effect Size per Fixed Slope from t

- We can use t test-statistics to compute 2 different metrics of **partial effect sizes** (for slopes or their linear combinations)
 - Here “**partial**” refers to a slope’s unique effect in models with multiple fixed slopes (*stay tuned for “semi-partial” alternatives*)
 - Why t -value? Effect sizes for fixed effect linear combinations, too
 - **Partial correlation r** (range is ± 1): $pr = \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + DF_{den}}}$
 - Useful for quantitative predictors to convey strength of unique association for that slope
 - Can also get partial r from SAS PROC CORR, STATA PCORR, and pcor.test in R package ppcor
 - **Partial Cohen’s d** (range is $\pm \infty$): $pd = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{DF_{den}}}$
 - Conveys difference between two groups in standard deviation units
 - Other common variants: Glass’ delta uses SD for only 1 group; Hedges’ g weights by the relative sample size in each group

From r to d :

$$d \approx \frac{2r}{\sqrt{1 + r^2}}$$

$$r \approx \frac{d}{\sqrt{4 + d^2}}$$

Effect Sizes for Our Example Results and Sample Sizes Needed for Power = .80

- **LvM Diff as β_1** : $Est = 8.85, SE = 1.00, t(731) = 8.82, p < .001$
 - $r = \frac{8.82}{\sqrt{8.82^2 + 731}} = 0.31, d = \frac{2 * 8.82}{\sqrt{731}} = 0.65 \rightarrow \sim \text{per-group } n > 45$
- **LvU Diff as β_2** : $Est = 10.98, SE = 2.99, t(731) = 3.67, p < .001$
 - $r = \frac{3.67}{\sqrt{3.67^2 + 731}} = 0.13, d = \frac{2 * 3.67}{\sqrt{731}} = 0.27 \rightarrow \sim \text{per-group } n > 175$
- **MvU Diff as: $\beta_2 - \beta_1$** : $Est = 2.13, SE = 3.03, t(731) = 0.70, p = .482$
 - $r = \frac{0.70}{\sqrt{0.70^2 + 731}} = 0.03, d = \frac{2 * 0.70}{\sqrt{731}} = 0.05 \rightarrow \sim \text{per-group } n > 2,102$
- **Model $R^2 = .103, r = .322 \rightarrow \sim \text{overall } N > 85$**

Intermediate Summary

- For GLMs with **one fixed slope**, the significance test for that fixed slope is the same as the significance test for the model
 - Slope β_{unstd} : $t = \frac{Est-H_0}{SE}$, $\beta_{std} = \text{Pearson } r$
 - Model: $F = t^2$, $R^2 = r^2$ because predicted \hat{y}_i only uses β_{unstd}
- For GLMs with **2+ fixed slopes**, the significance tests for those fixed slopes (or any linear combinations thereof) are NOT the same as the significance test for the overall model
 - Single test of one fixed slope via t (or z) → “Univariate Wald Test”
 - Joint test of 2+ fixed slopes via F (or χ^2) → “Multivariate Wald Test”
 - F test-statistic is used to test the significance of the model R^2 (the square of the r between model-predicted \hat{y}_i and actual y_i , which is necessary whenever the predicted \hat{y}_i uses multiple β_{unstd} slopes)
 - F test-statistic evaluates model R^2 per *DF spent to get it and DF leftover*

Nonlinear Trends of Quantitative Predictors

- Besides predictors with 3+ categories, another situation in which a single predictor variable may require more than one fixed slope to create its model prediction (its “effect” or “trend”) is **when a quantitative predictor has a nonlinear relation with the outcome**
- We will examine three types of examples of this scenario:
 - **Curvilinear effect** of a quantitative predictor
 - Combine linear and quadratic slopes to create U-shape curve
 - Use natural-log transformed predictor to create an exponential curve
 - **Piecewise effects** for “sections” of a quantitative predictor
 - Also known as “linear splines” but each slope can be nonlinear, too
 - **Testing the assumption of linearity:** that equal differences between predictor values create equal outcome differences
 - Relevant for ordinal variables in which numbers are really just labels
 - Relevant for count predictors in which “more” may mean different things at different predictor values (e.g., “if and how much” predictors)

Curvilinear Trends of Quantitative Predictors

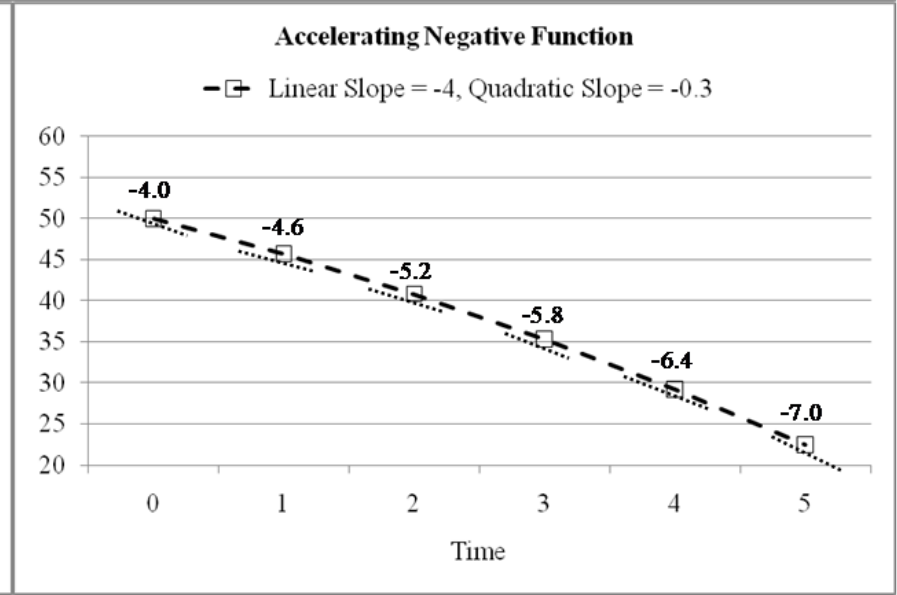
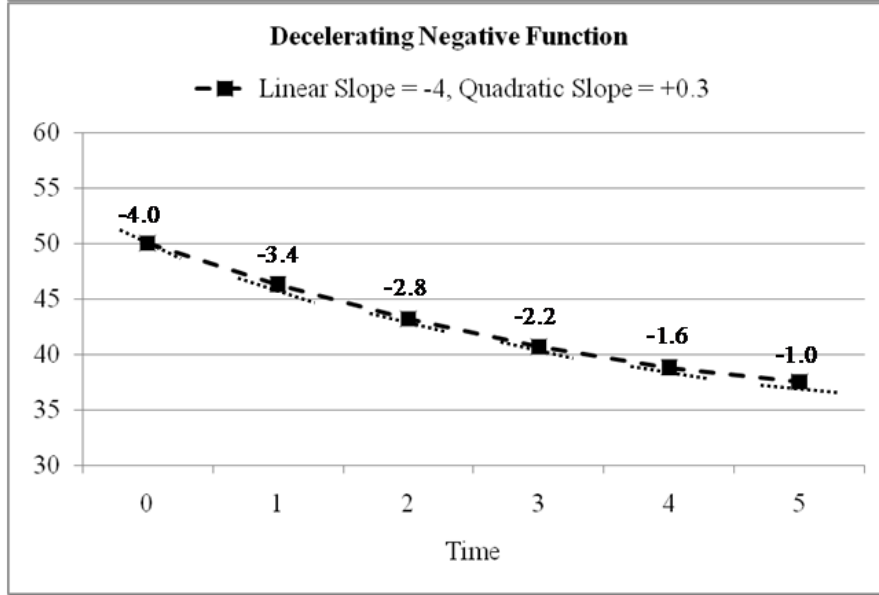
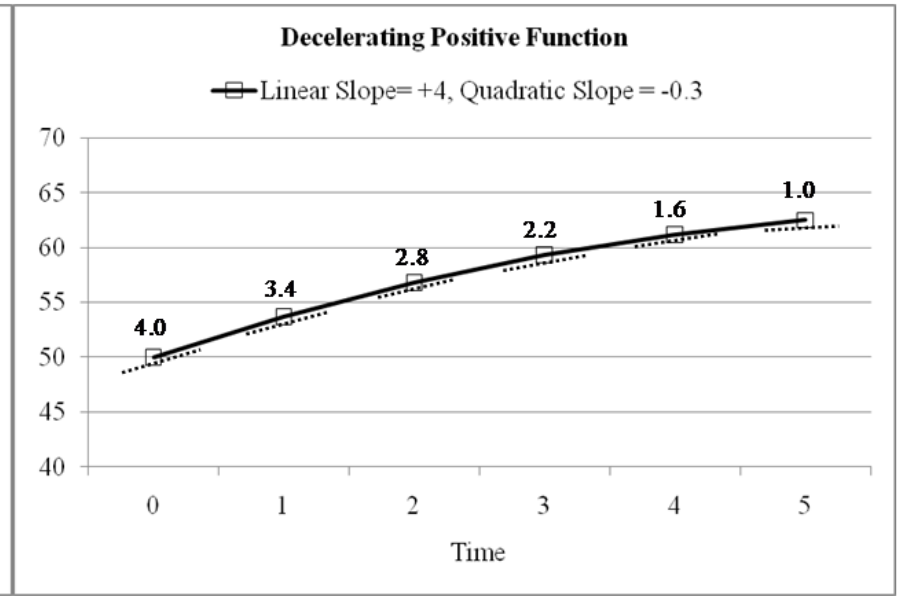
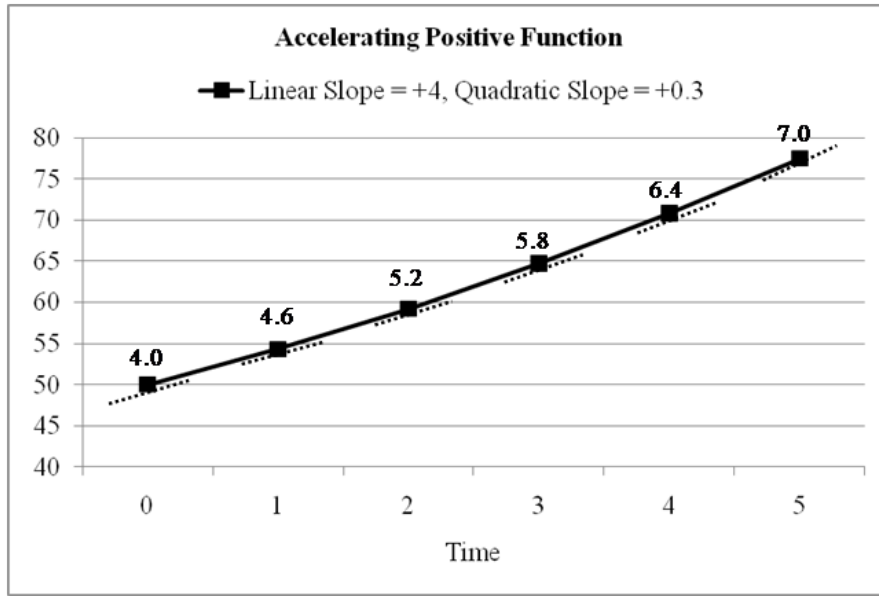
- The effect of a quantitative predictor does NOT have to be linear—curvilinear effects may be more theoretically reasonable or fit better
- There are many kinds of nonlinear trends—here are two examples:
 - **Quadratic (i.e., U-shaped)**: created by combining two predictors
 - “Linear”: what it means when you enter the predictor by itself
 - “Quadratic”: from also entering the predictor² (multiplied by itself)
 - Good to create relationships that **change directions**
 - Example for quadratic trend of x_i : $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_i) + \beta_2(x_i)^2 + e_i$
 - **Exponential(ish)**: created from one nonlinearly-transformed predictor
 - Predictor = natural-log transform of predictor (positive values only)
 - Good to create relationships that look like **diminishing returns**
 - Example for exponential(ish) trend of x_i : $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Log}[x_i]) + e_i$

How to Interpret Quadratic Slopes

- A quadratic slope makes the effect of x_i change across itself!
 - Related to the ideas of position, velocity, and acceleration in physics
- Quadratic slope = HALF the rate of acceleration/deceleration
 - So to describe how the linear slope for x_i changes per unit difference in x_i , you must **multiply the quadratic slope for x_i by 2**
- If fixed linear slope = 4 at $x_i = 0$, with quadratic slope = 0.3?
 - “Instantaneous” linear rate of change is 4.0 at $x_i = 0$, is 4.6 at $x_i = 1$...
 - Btw: The “twice” rule comes from the derivatives of the function with respect to x_i :

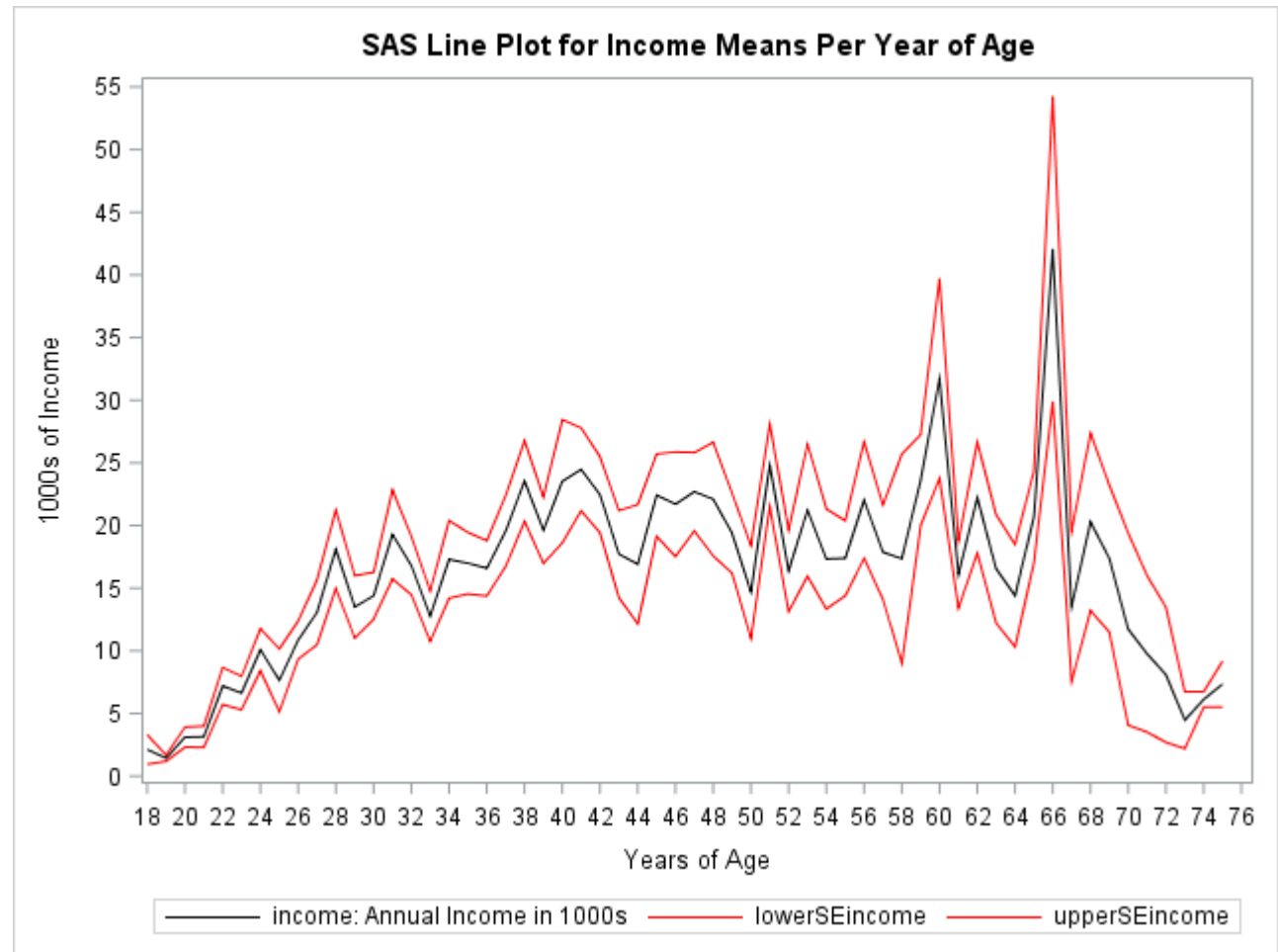
Intercept (Position) at $x_i = X$: $\hat{y}_X = 50.0 + 4.0x_i + 0.3x_i^2$
First Derivative (Velocity) at X : $\frac{d\hat{y}_X}{d(X)} = 4.0 + 0.6x_i$
Second Derivative (Acceleration) at X : $\frac{d^2\hat{y}_X}{d(X)} = 0.6$

Quadratic Trends: Example of $x_i = \text{Time}$



Quadratic Trend for Age: GSS Example

- Black line = mean for each year of age; red lines = ± 1 SE of mean
- Although noisy, this plot shows a clear quadratic function of age in predicting annual income (yay middle age!)

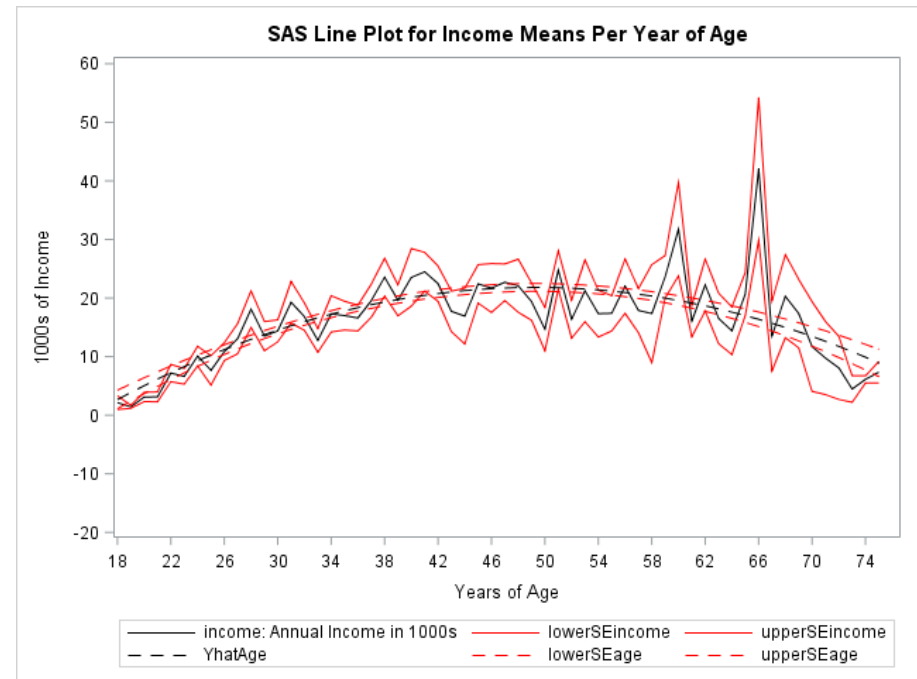
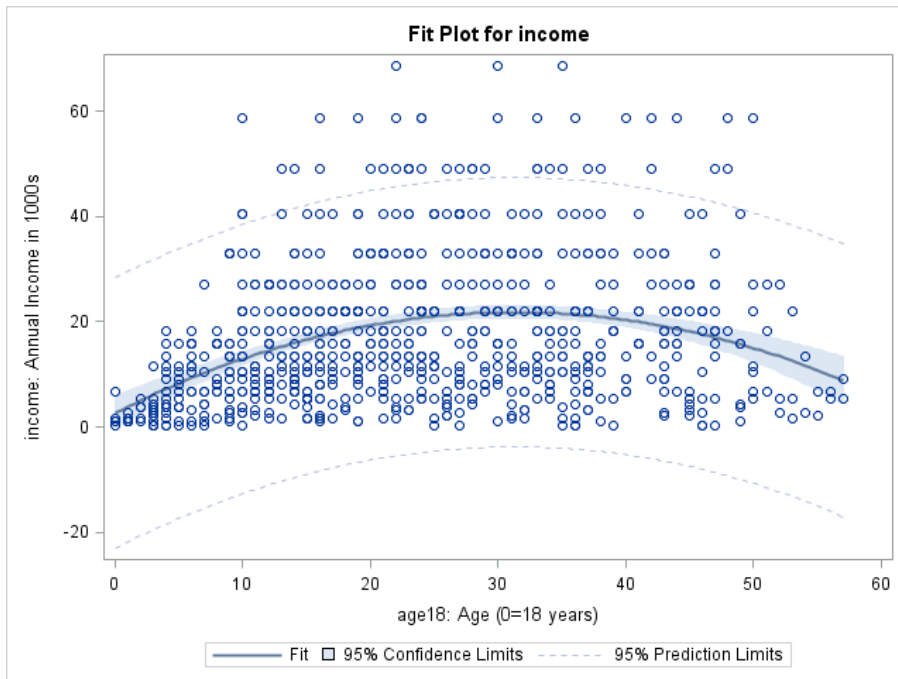


- Let's see what happens when we fit **a quadratic effect of age** (centered at 18, the minimum age) predicting annual income...

Quadratic Trend for Age: GSS Example

- $Income_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(Age_i - 18) + \beta_2(Age_i - 18)^2 + e_i$
 - **Intercept:** β_0 = expected income at age 18 $\rightarrow Est = 2.677, SE = 1.584, p < .001$
 - **Linear Age Slope:** β_1 = instantaneous rate of change (or difference, actually) in income per year of age **at age = 18** $\rightarrow Est = 1.223, SE = 0.135, p < .001$
 - **Quadratic Age Slope:** β_2 = half the rate of acceleration (or deceleration here) per year of age **at any age** $\rightarrow Est = -0.020, SE = 0.003, p < .001$
- Predicted income at other ages via linear combinations of fixed effects:
 - Age 30: $\hat{y}_{x=30} = 2.677 + 1.223(12) - 0.020(12)^2 = 14.540, SE = 0.647$
 - Age 50: $\hat{y}_{x=50} = 2.677 + 1.223(32) - 0.020(32)^2 = 21.809, SE = 0.668$
 - Age 70: $\hat{y}_{x=70} = 2.677 + 1.223(52) - 0.020(52)^2 = 13.448, SE = 1.659$
- Predicted linear age slope at other ages via linear combinations:
 - Age 30: $\hat{\beta}_{1x=30} = 1.223 - 0.020(2 * 12) = 0.754, SE = 0.079$
 - Age 50: $\hat{\beta}_{1x=50} = 1.223 - 0.020(2 * 32) = -0.027, SE = 0.047$
 - Age 70: $\hat{\beta}_{1x=70} = 1.223 - 0.020(2 * 52) = -0.809, SE = 0.135$
- Predicted age at maximum income (linear age slope = 0): $\frac{-\beta_1}{2*\beta_2} + 18 = 48.575$

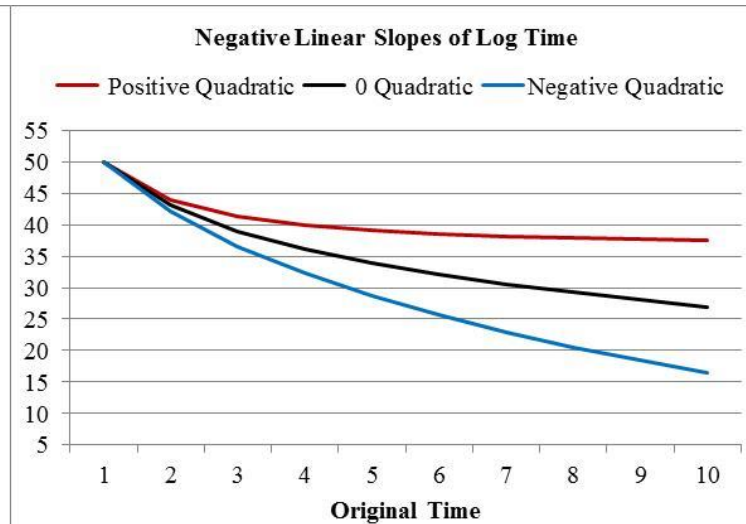
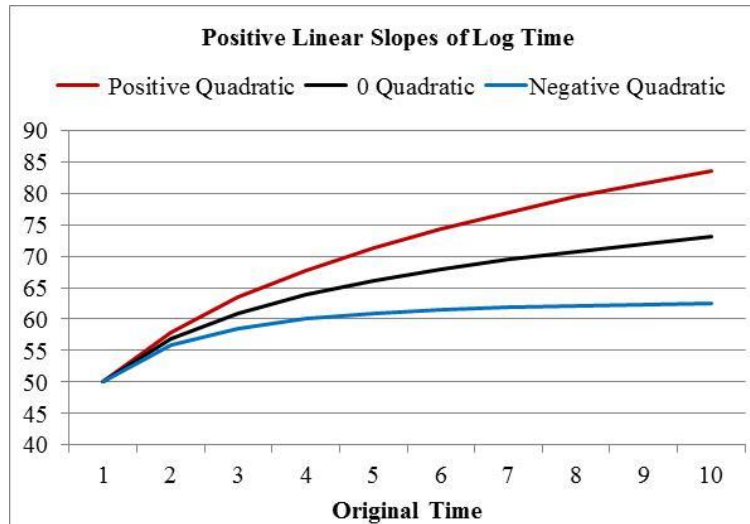
Quadratic Trend for Age: GSS Example



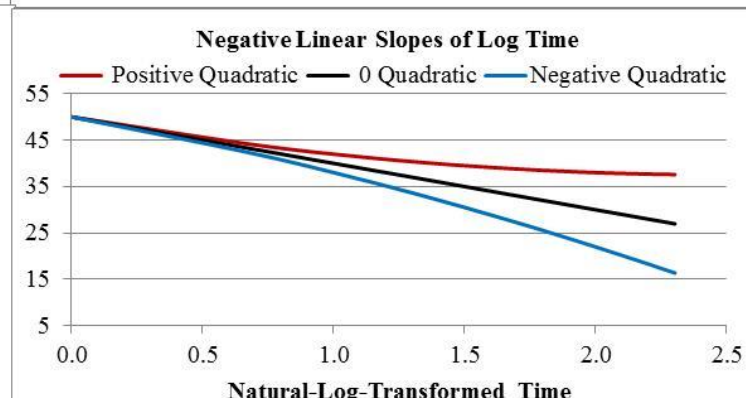
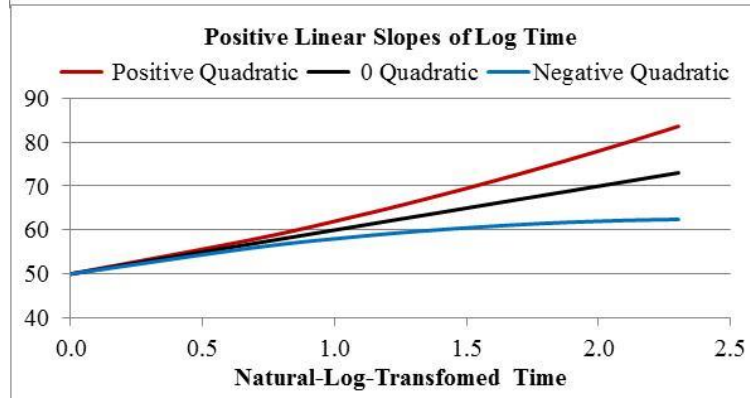
- Left: predicted regression line over individual scatterplot
 - From: $2.677 + 1.223(\text{Age}_i - 18) - 0.020(\text{Age}_i - 18)^2$
- Right: predicted regression line over mean per age
 - $F(2, 731) = 47.00, MSE = 169.00, p < .001, R^2 = .114 (r = .338)$
 - Since age and age² work together, I'd use model r as effect size

Exponential Trends: Example of $x_i = \text{Time}$

- A linear slope of $\log x_i$ (black lines) mimics an exponential trend across *original* x_i ; adding a quadratic slope of $\log x_i$ (red or blue lines) can speed up or slow down the exponential(ish) trend



There is an **exponential** effect of **original x_i** on the outcome



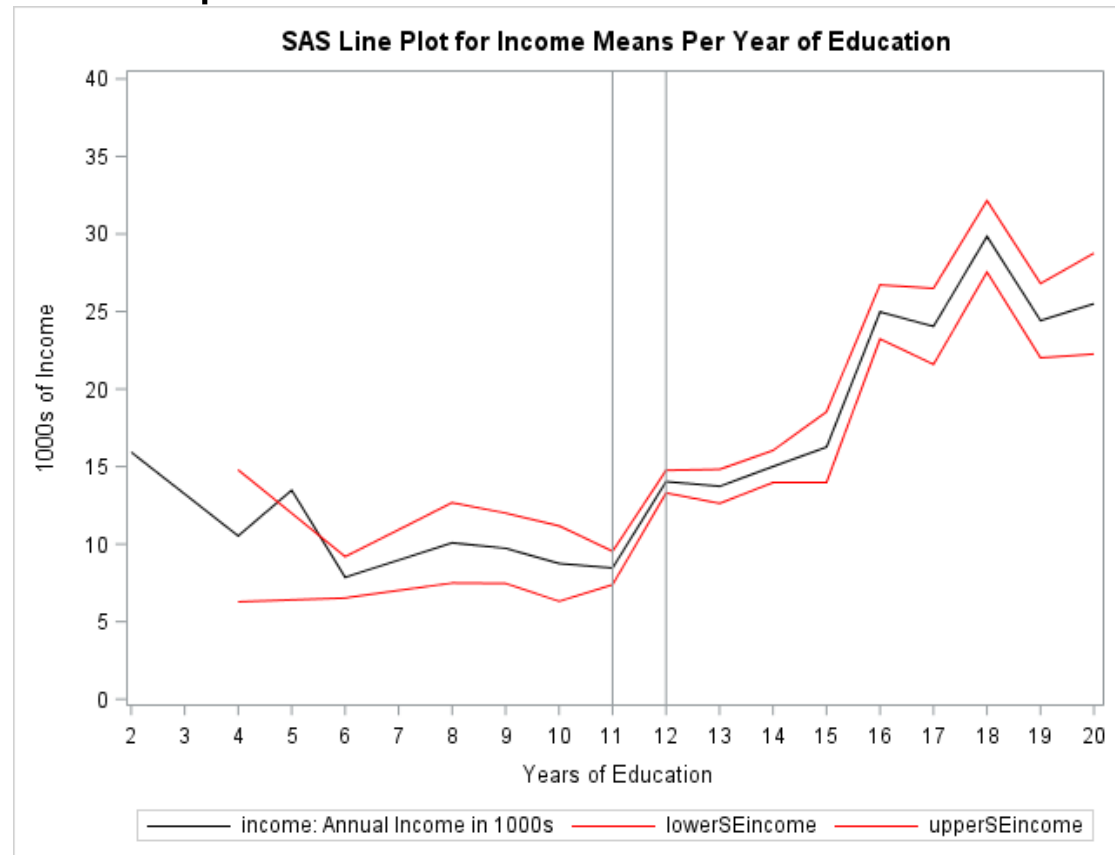
There is a **linear** effect of **$\log x_i$** on the outcome

Piecewise Slopes: GSS Example

- What if the effect of “more education” varies across education? For example, I hypothesize for predicted annual income:

- **Less than HS degree?**
No effect of educ
- **Get HS degree?**
Acute “bump” relative to less than HS degree
- **More than HS degree?**
Positive effect of more educ (likely nonlinear)

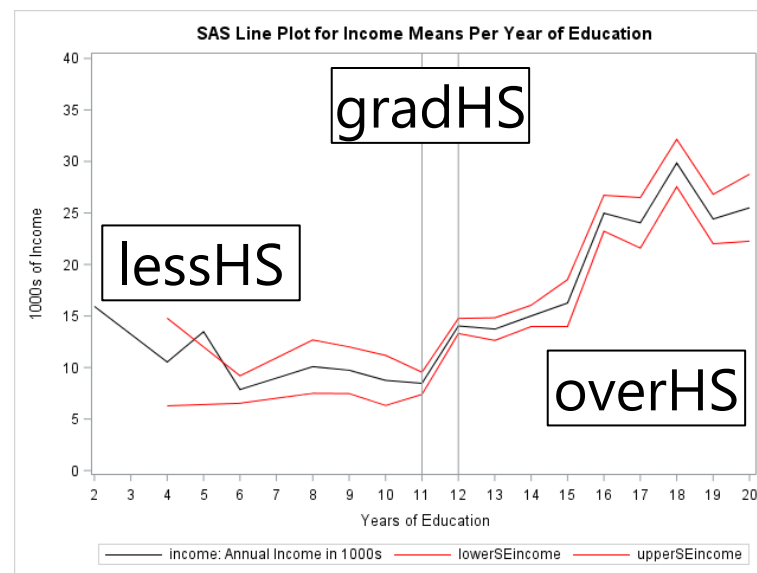
- Plot: black line shows mean per year of educ, red lines show ± 1 SE



Piecewise Slopes Coding: GSS Example

Years Educ (x)	lessHS: Slope if $x < 12$	gradHS: HS Grad? (0=no, 1=yes)	overHS: Slope if $x > 12$
9	-2	0	0
10	-1	0	0
11 (int)	0	0	0
12	0	1	0
13	0	1	1
14	0	1	2
15	0	1	3
16	0	1	4
17	0	1	5
18	0	1	6

- Intercept = grade 11 (when all slopes = 0)
- **3 predictors** for educ:
 - **lessHS**: from grade 2 to 11
 - **gradHS**: acute bump for 12+
 - **overHS**: after grade 12 (to 20)



Piecewise Slopes: GSS Results

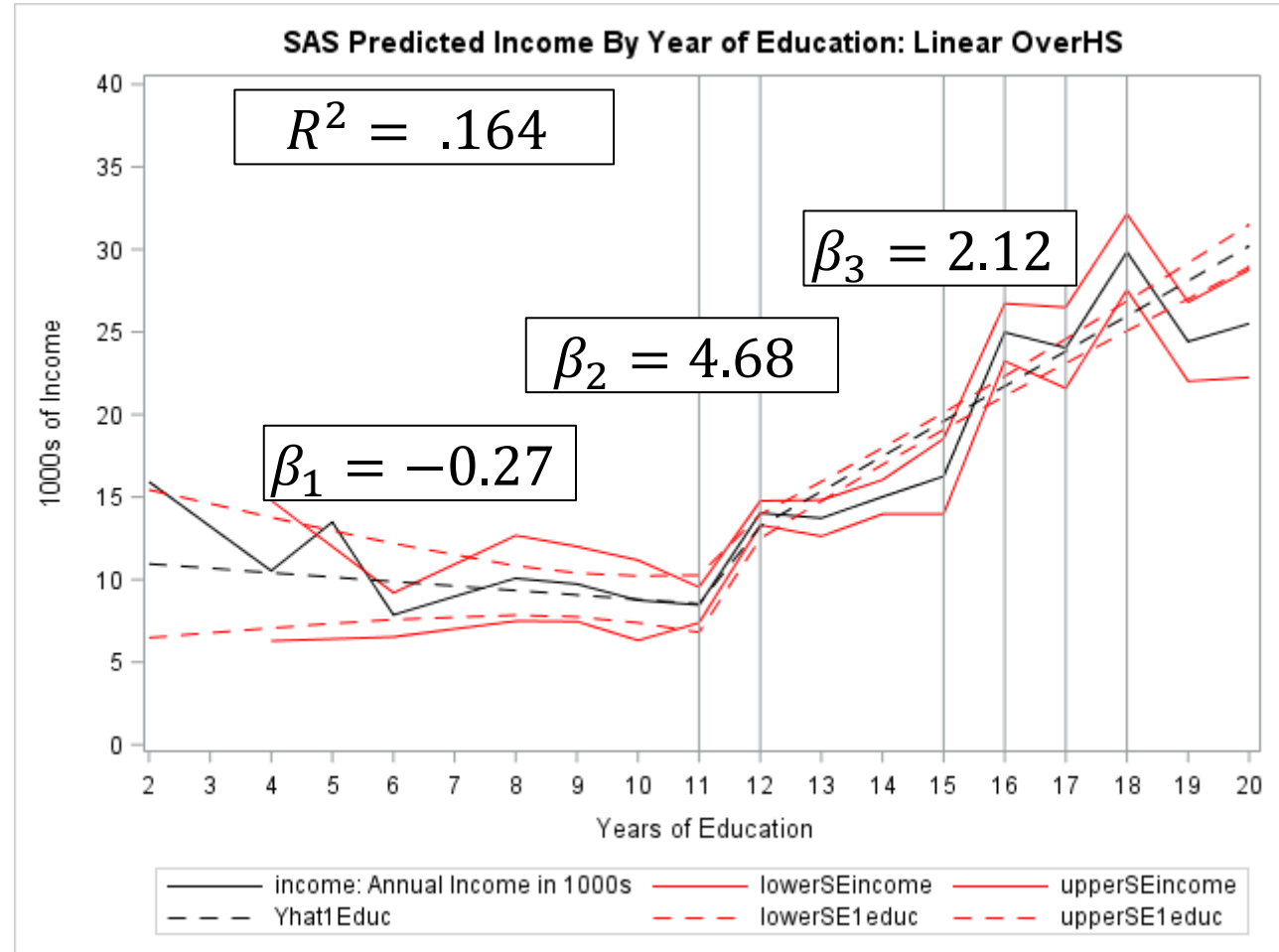
- After putting all three slopes in the model at the same time:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{lessHS}_i) + \beta_2(\text{gradHS}_i) + \beta_3(\text{overHS}_i) + e_i$$

- Model: $F(3, 730) = 47.84, MSE = 159.61, p < .001, R^2 = .164 (r = .404)$
 - $r = .404$ is effect size for overall prediction by education (three slopes)
- β_0 = expected income when all predictors = 0 → 11 years of ed here
 - $Est = 8.53, SE = 1.73$ (*significance and effect size not relevant*)
- β_1 = slope for difference in income per year education from 2 to 11 years
 - $Est = -0.27, SE = 0.60, t(730) = 0.65, p = .654, pr = -.017$
- β_2 = acute difference (jump) in income between educ=11 and educ=12
 - $Est = 4.68, SE = 1.88, t(730) = 2.05, p = .013, pr = .092$
- β_3 = slope for difference in income per year education from 12 to 20 years
 - $Est = 2.12, SE = 0.214, t(730) = 9.94, p < .001, pr = .345$

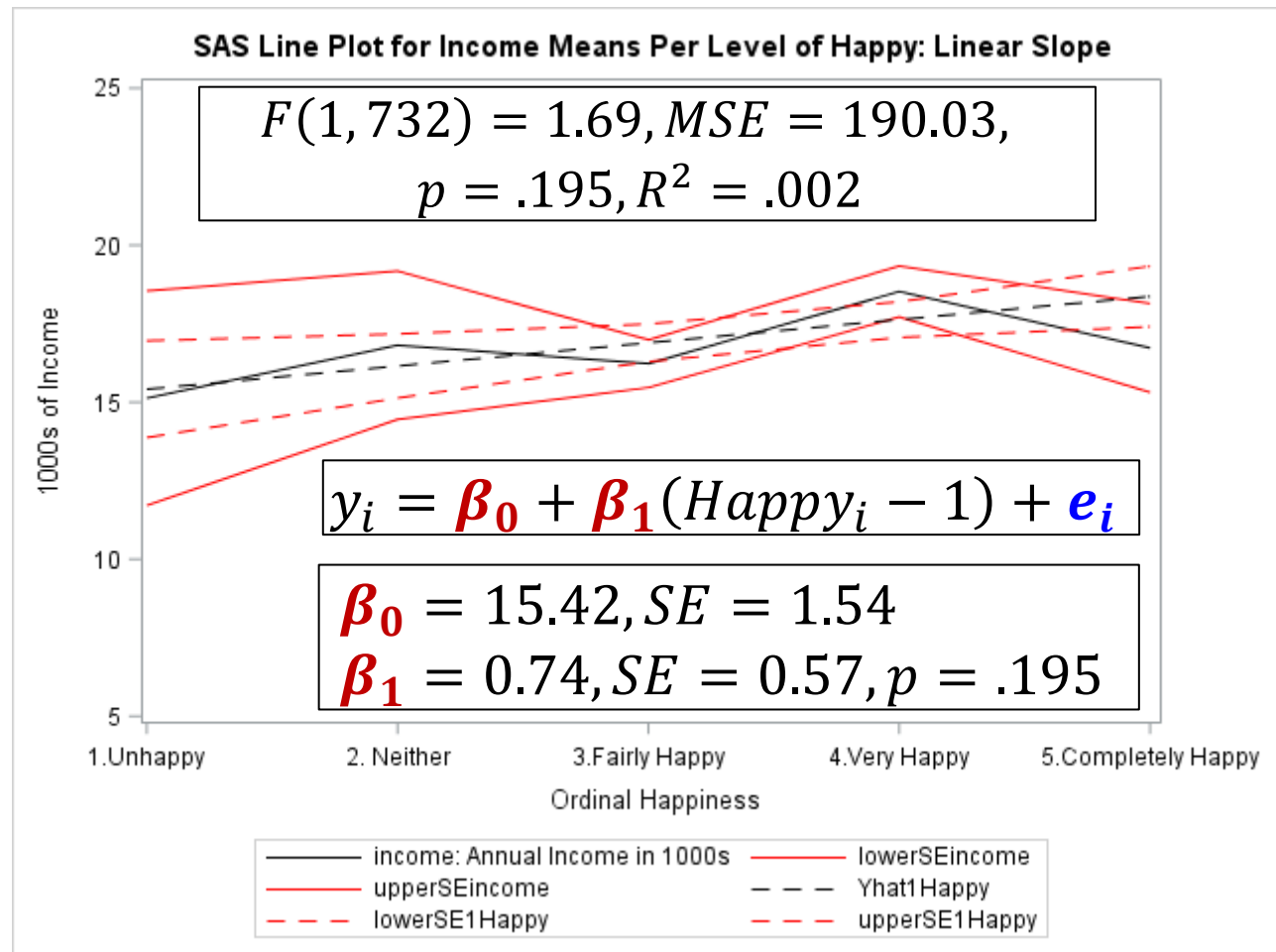
Piecewise Slopes: Linear Past 12 Years Ed?

- The model (dashed lines) appears to capture the mean trend (solid lines) pretty well until 12 years of education...
- I think we need even more piecewise slopes after ed=12!
 - From 12 to 15
 - From 15 to 17-18
 - From 17-18 to 20



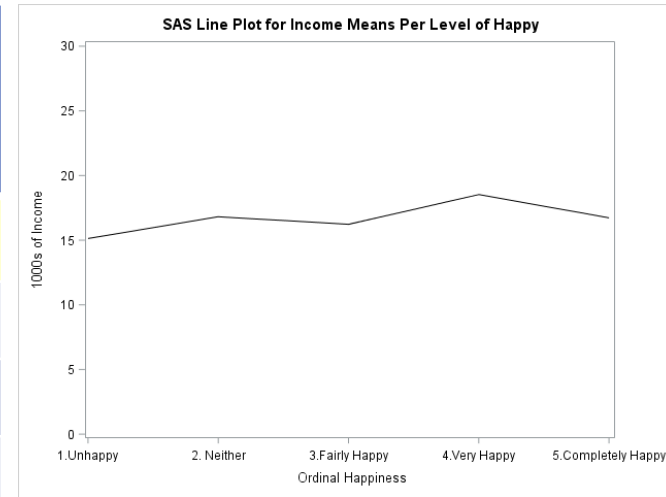
A Linear Slope for an Ordinal Predictor???

- Ordinal predictors with 5+ categories are often treated as interval by fitting a single linear slope for their overall effect ☹
- We can test this interval assumption by comparing the outcome differences between adjacent predictor values
 - Here: need 4 slopes, 1 for each transition between categories
 - Use “**sequential dummy coding**” to treat the predictor as “categorical”
→ 5 fixed effects used to distinguish each of 5 categories



Sequential Slopes for an Ordinal Predictor

Happy (x)	h1v2: Dif from 1 to 2	h2v3: Dif from 2 to 3	h3v4: Dif from 3 to 4	h4v5: Dif from 4 to 5
1 (int)	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0
4	1	1	1	0
5	1	1	1	1

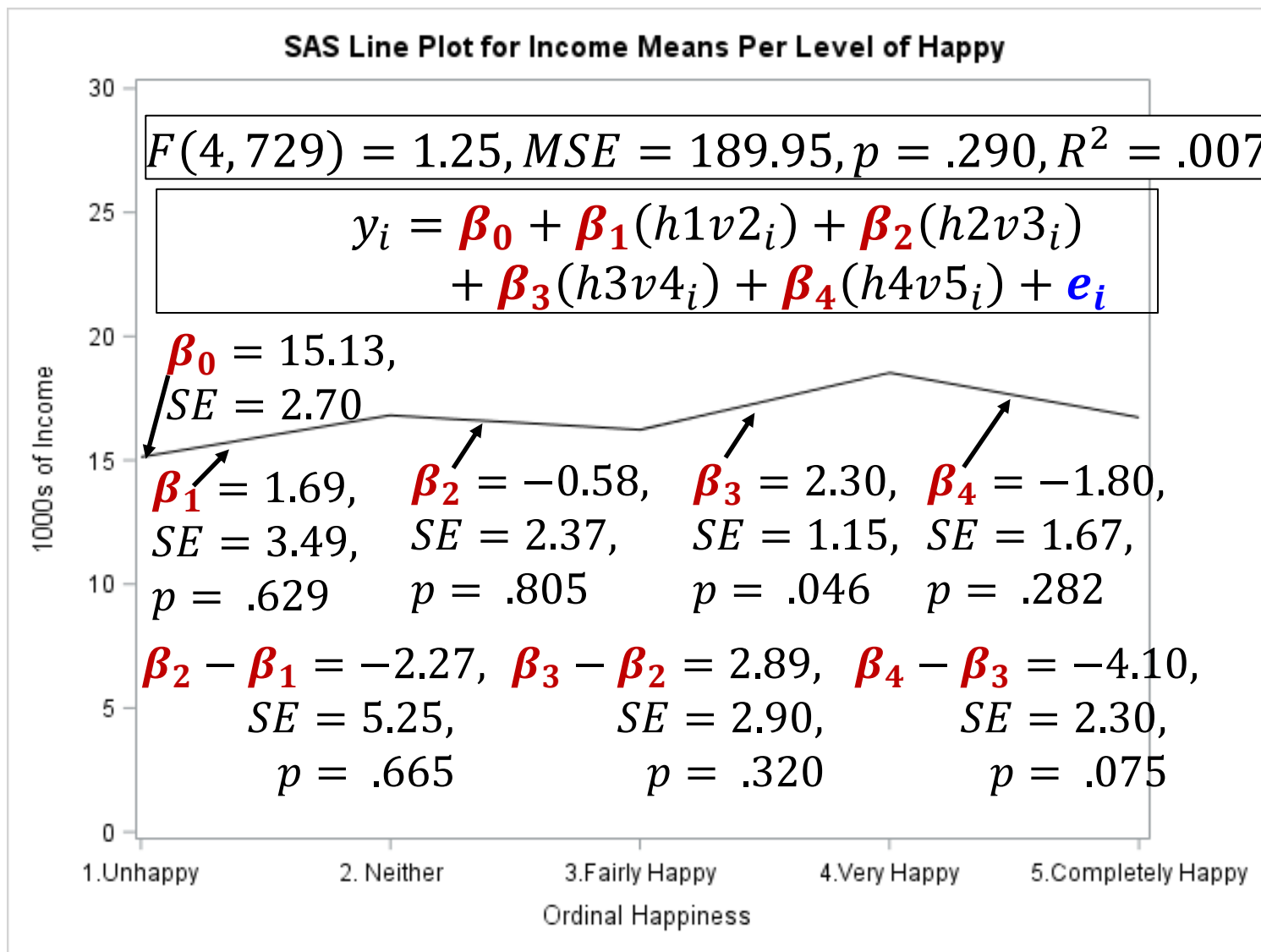


- Happy = 1 is where all slopes are 0, so it is the reference category (→ model intercept)
- The 4 slopes capture each adjacent category difference because each stays at **1** when done
 - Right: In indicator coding, the LvsM slope went back to 0, so the second slope is NOT successive (i.e., it reflects LvsU, not MvsU)

Group	LvM: Diff for Low vs Mid	LvU: Diff for Low vs Upp
Low	0	0
Mid	1	0
Upp	0	1

See p. 278 of: Darlington, R. B., & Hayes, A. F. (2016). *Regression analysis and linear models: Concepts, applications, and implementation*. Guilford.

Results from Testing Slope Differences



Summary: Predictors with Multiple Fixed Slopes

- There are many scenarios in which a single predictor x_i needs **multiple fixed slopes** to describe its prediction of outcome y_i :
 - Predictor variables with C categories needs $C - 1$ fixed slopes to distinguish its C possible different outcome means
 - “Indicator dummy coding” is useful for nominal predictors
 - “Sequential dummy coding” is useful for ordinal predictors
 - Should report significance and effect size for each mean difference of theoretical interest (not necessarily all possible differences, though)
 - Nonlinear effects of quantitative predictor variables (via quadratic or exponential curves; piecewise slopes or curves) may require 2+ slopes
 - Predictors work together to summarize overall “trend” of x_i (so effect size for each fixed slope may be less important than overall model R^2)
- We want to know the significance of **each** fixed slope (via univariate Wald test of $(Est - H_0)/SE$ via t test-statistic) as well as significance of the **model R^2** (as multivariate Wald test via F test-statistic)
 - Model $R^2 =$ squared Pearson r between predicted \hat{y}_i and actual y_i