

## Regression

### Linear Regression

**Example:** The Mountain Lion population in Arizona is dependent on the Antelope Population in Arizona. We want to develop a model to help predict the Mountain Lion population in Arizona based on the Antelope Population. The following data gives the population (in hundreds) in a given year of Antelopes and the Mountain Lions.

| Year              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Antelope (x)      | 30 | 34 | 27 | 25 | 17 | 23 | 20 |
| Mountain Lion (y) | 66 | 79 | 70 | 60 | 48 | 55 | 60 |

We want to use this information to find a Linear Regression Line.

The regression line is of the form

$$\hat{y} = a + bx$$

The slope of the line is  $b = \frac{n\sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2}$  and the y coordinate of the y intercept

is  $a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}$ . Remember that a bar over a random variable signifies the sample mean.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} \text{ and } \bar{y} = \frac{\sum y}{n}.$$

To find the equation of the regression line, start by finding the slope, b. Making a table can be very helpful with this.

| x              | y              | $x^2$              | $y^2$               | xy                 |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 30             | 66             | 900                | 4356                | 1980               |
| 34             | 79             | 1156               | 6241                | 2686               |
| 27             | 70             | 729                | 4900                | 1890               |
| 25             | 60             | 625                | 3600                | 1500               |
| 17             | 48             | 289                | 2304                | 816                |
| 23             | 55             | 529                | 3025                | 1265               |
| 20             | 60             | 400                | 3600                | 1200               |
| $\sum x = 176$ | $\sum y = 438$ | $\sum x^2 = 4,628$ | $\sum y^2 = 28,026$ | $\sum xy = 11,337$ |

The table includes a column for each variable. X is the population size of the antelope and Y is the population size of the Mountain Lion. The next column is the square of the

x values and then the square of the y values. Finally find the product of the x and y terms.

The last row in the table is the sum of each column. These values are plugged in to the formula to find the slope of the regression line.

$$b = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2}$$
$$b = \frac{7(11337) - (176)(438)}{7(4628) - (176)^2}$$
$$b = \frac{2271}{1420}$$
$$b = 1.599295775$$
$$b \approx 1.6$$

Next we need to calculate a, which is the y value of the y-intercept.

For this calculation we need to find the mean of the x values and the mean of the y values.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{176}{7} = 25.14285714 \approx 25.14$$
$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum y}{n} = \frac{438}{7} = 62.57142857 \approx 62.57$$

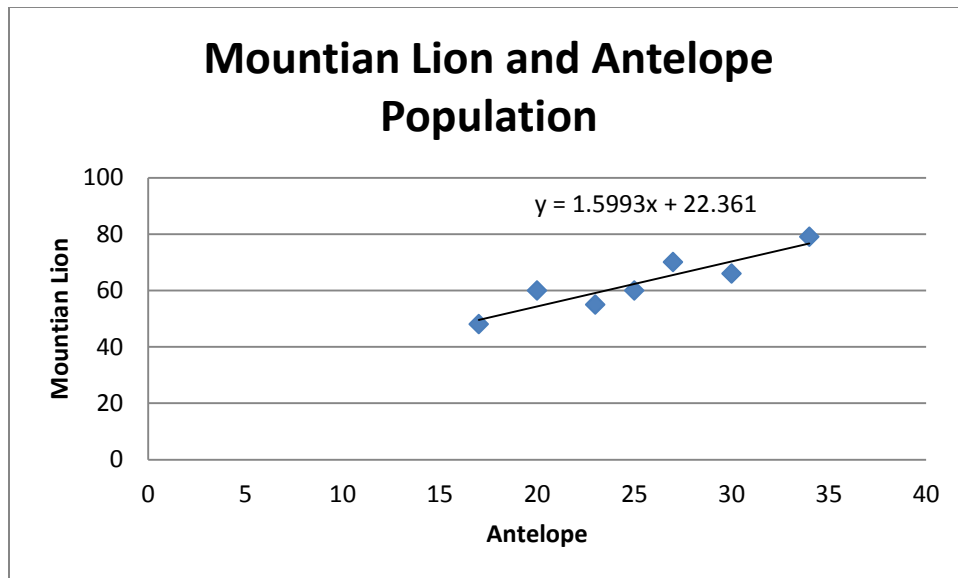
Plug in the means and the slope to get a.

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x} \approx 62.57 - 1.6(25.14) \approx 22.35$$

Plug the values for b and a into the equation of the regression line.

$$\hat{y} = a + bx$$
$$\hat{y} = 22.35 + 1.6x$$

A good visual representation of the data is a scatter plot.



Plotting the regression line on the scatter plot is a good way of seeing how good the fit is. This regression line clearly fits the data.

The least square regression line can be used for prediction. If we know the Antelope population then we can predict the Mountain Lion Population.

The equation of the regression line is given by  $\hat{y} = 22.35 + 1.6x$ . If we know the Antelope population is 21 (hundred), then plugging this in for  $x$  in the regression equation will give an estimate of what the Mountain Lion population should be.

$$\hat{y} = 22.35 + 1.6x$$

$$\hat{y} = 22.35 + 1.6(21)$$

$$\hat{y} = 22.35 + 33.6$$

$$\hat{y} = 55.95$$

Rounding to a whole number gives a prediction of 56 (hundred) for the size of the Mountain Lion population.

### **Multiple Regression**

Multiple regression is an extension of linear regression for situations that involve two or more variables.

### **Example**

The Mountain Lion population in Arizona is dependent on the Antelope Population in Arizona as well as the big horn sheep. We want to develop a model to help predict the Mountain Lion population in Arizona based on the Antelope Population and the big horn sheep. The following data gives the population (in hundreds) in a given year of the Mountain Lions, the Antelope, and the Big Horn Sheep.

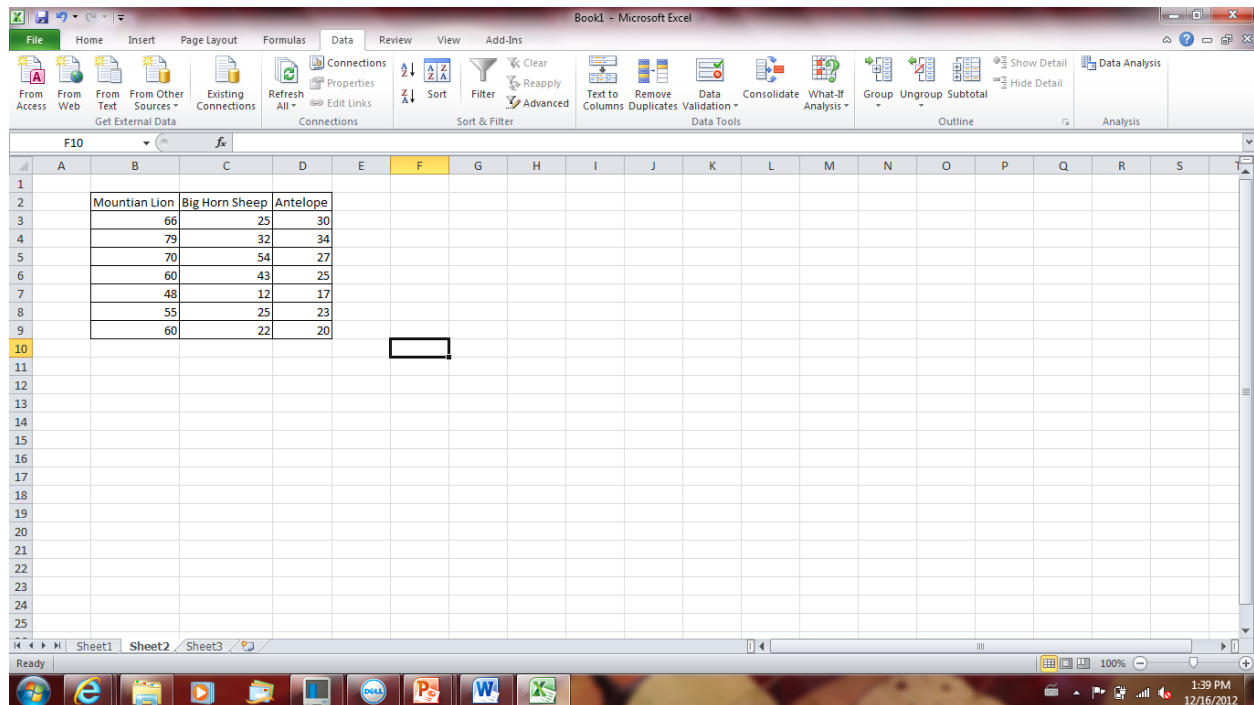
| Year              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Antelope (x)      | 30 | 34 | 27 | 25 | 17 | 23 | 20 |
| Mountain Lion (y) | 66 | 79 | 70 | 60 | 48 | 55 | 60 |
| Big Horn Sheep    | 25 | 32 | 54 | 43 | 12 | 25 | 22 |

The regression line for two variables is of the form

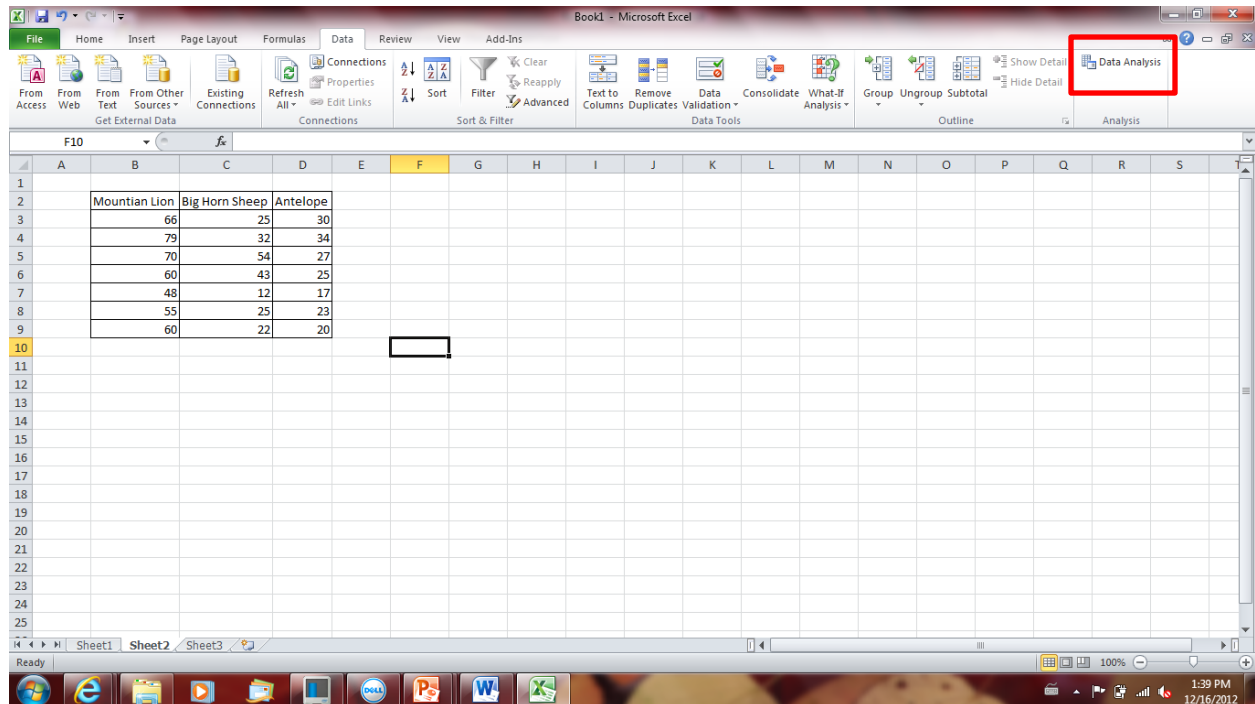
$$\hat{y} = a + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2$$

The calculations of  $a$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are mathematically complicated; therefore they are generally done using a statistical software package. Microsoft Excel has a tool that will perform these calculations.

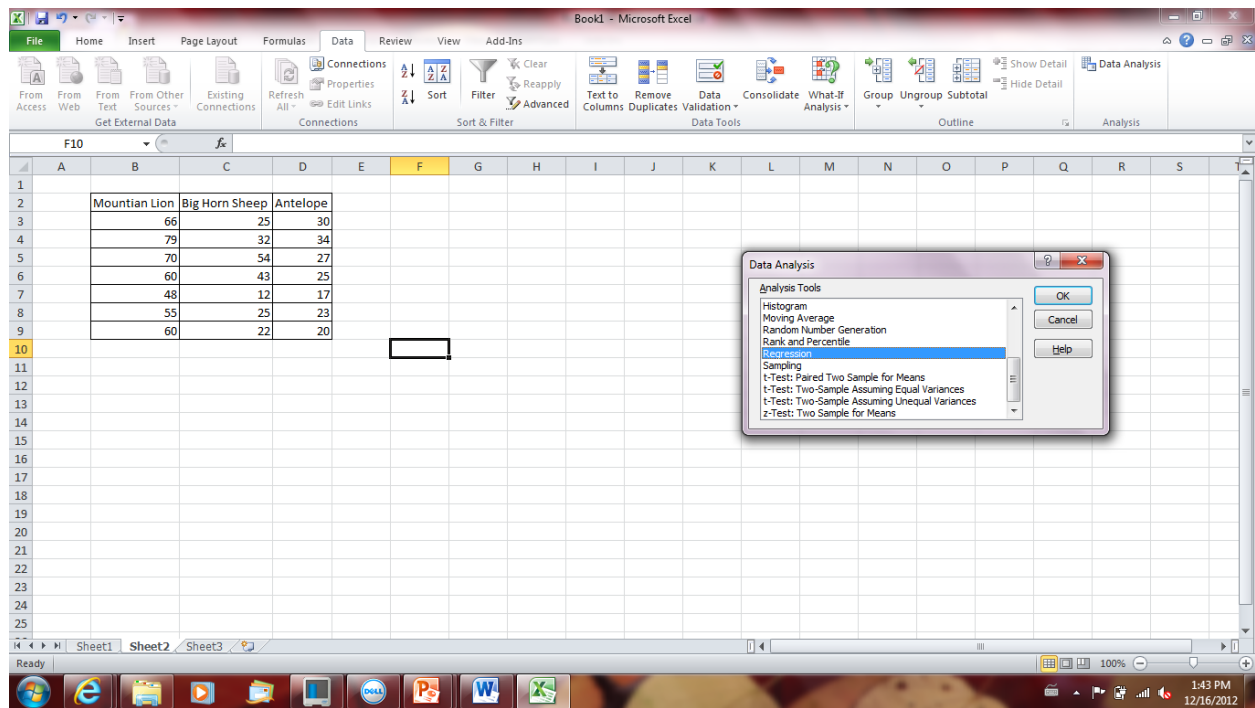
To use Microsoft Excel, input the data into the spreadsheet as follows.



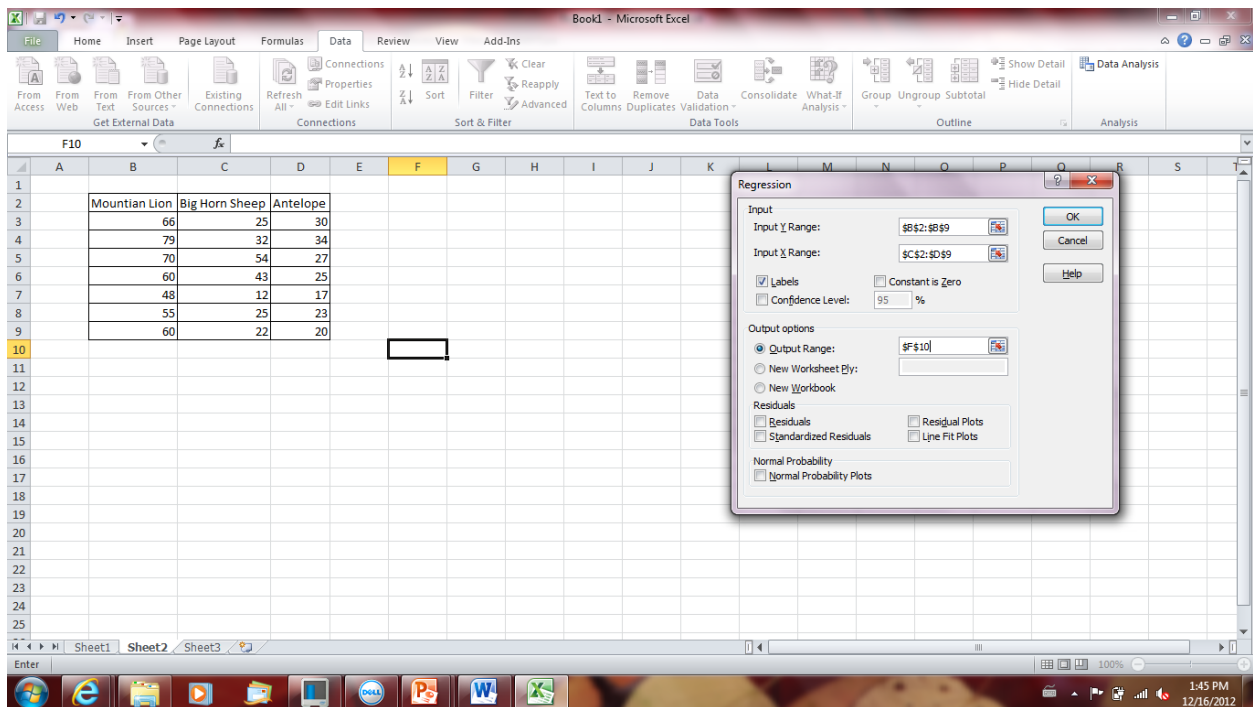
Once the data is in the spreadsheet use the Data Analysis toolpak by clicking on the data tab at the top of the screen. The Data Analysis button is displayed on the right side of the screen.



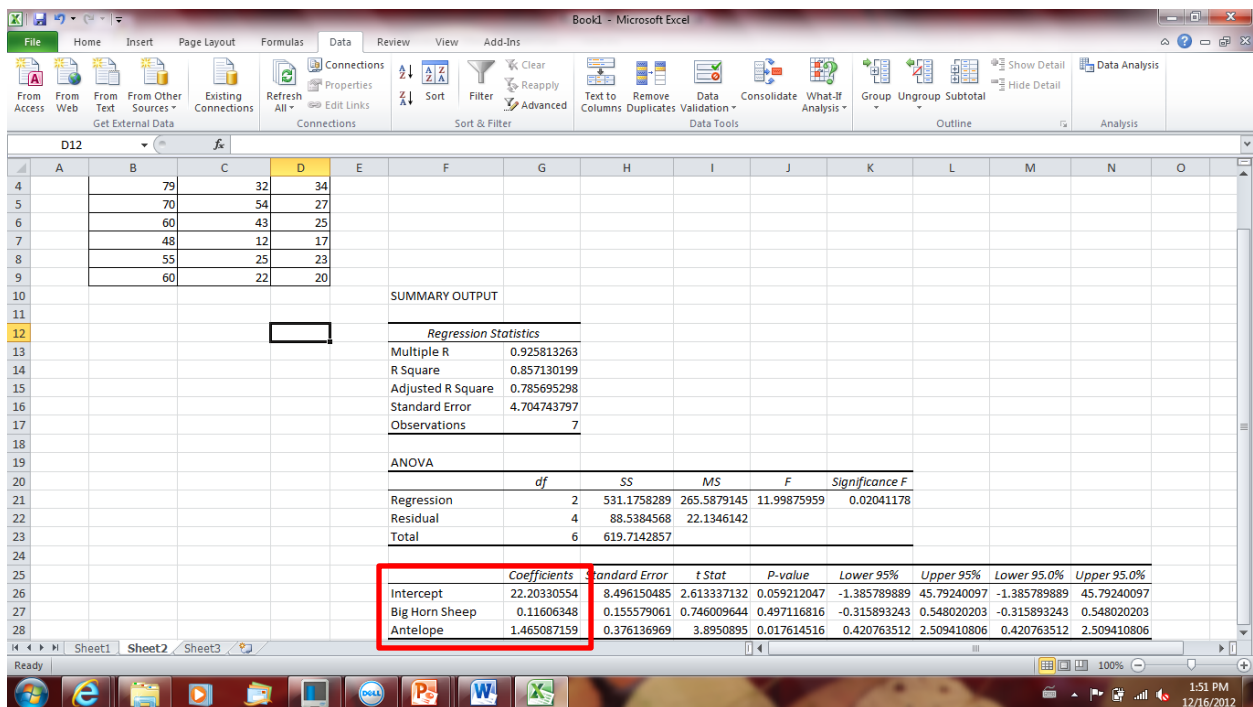
Click on the Data Analysis button and a control box will appear.



Scroll down to Regression and click OK.



The next box will ask for the Y (dependent variable) and X (independent variables). Make sure if you include labels in the range entered in the Y and X data that you check the box for labels. Then click output range and select a cell for the results to be saved to. Finally click OK.



The summary output gives many useful pieces of information.

$$a = 22.2033055381857$$

$$b_1 = 0.116063480133195$$

$$b_2 = 1.46508715888824$$

The multiple least squares regression equation is

$$\hat{y} = 22.203 + 0.116x_1 + 1.465x_2$$

The multiple least square regression line can be used for prediction. If we know the Antelope population and the Big Horn Sheep population then we can predict the Mountain Lion Population.

The equation of the regression line is given by  $\hat{y} = 22.203 + 0.116x_1 + 1.465x_2$ . If we know the Antelope population is 21(hundred) and the Big Horn Sheep population is 32 (Hundred), then plugging this in for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively in the regression equation will give an estimate of what the Mountain Lion population should be.

$$\hat{y} = 22.203 + 0.116x_1 + 1.465x_2$$

$$\hat{y} = 22.203 + 0.116(21) + 1.465(32)$$

$$\hat{y} = 22.203 + 2.436 + 46.88$$

$$\hat{y} = 71.519$$

Rounding to a whole number gives a prediction of 52 (hundred) for the size of the Mountain Lion population.