

Principles of Biostatistics and Informatics



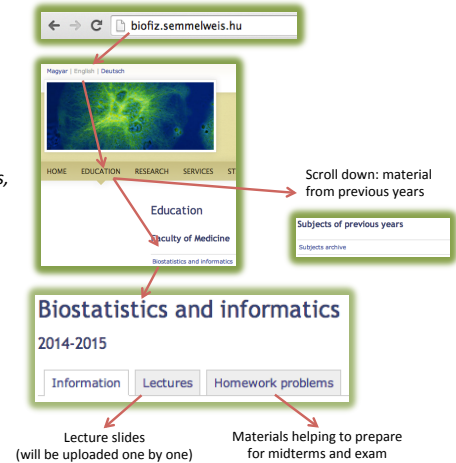
Lecture 1: An Introduction

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How to Get Prepared?

- university = **autonomous learning**
- sources:
 - your notes** made during lectures (Monday 17⁴⁰–18²⁵; EOK "Szent-Györgyi Albert" lecture hall)
 - your notes** made during computer lab classes (once a week, 90 minutes, 1st floor in the EOK building, computer labs in corridor "B")
 - consultations (Wed: 18⁰⁰–19³⁰ and Thu: 18¹⁵–19⁴⁵; 1st floor in the EOK building, computer labs from corridor "B")
 - "Lab Manual of Medical Biophysics" lab practice book:
 - Biostatistics chapter (40 page summary of theory)
 - Problems chapter (problems 71–77)
 - homepage: biofiz.semmelweis.hu
 - subject requirements
 - lecture schedule and slides
 - lab schedule
 - homework problems
 - material from previous years



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Science and Non-science

Presumption of innocence: „Everyone who has been charged shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.” CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, Article 48 (1)

„Presumption of ineffectiveness”: Every treatment and remedy shall be presumed ineffective until proved effective according to scientific requirements.

Treatment of patients



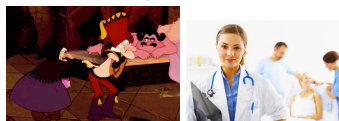
Evidence based medicine (scientific medicine)

- Decision making is based on objective evidence in all branches and at all levels of medical care. Evidences serving as base of medical care should be accessible.
- Medical practitioners should be able to correctly judge the quality of scientific publications, as well as to critically read and understand them.
- The development of health care requires continuous research.



Alternative or complementary medicine (non-scientific medicine, „quackery”)

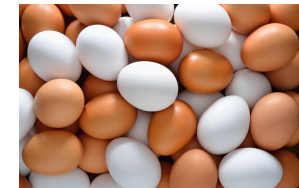
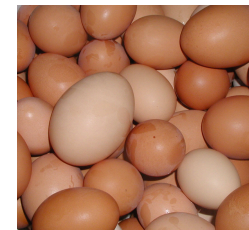
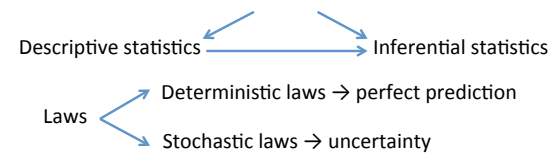
It is based not on evidences but on tradition and belief, e.g.: traditional chinese medicine, acupuncture, naturopathy, homeopathy, iridology, osteopathy, cupping, bioresonance, chiropractic, etc.



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How Does Statistics Help Us?

Statistics deals with the collection, organization, analysis of data, and drawing conclusions



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What Type of Data do We Deal with?

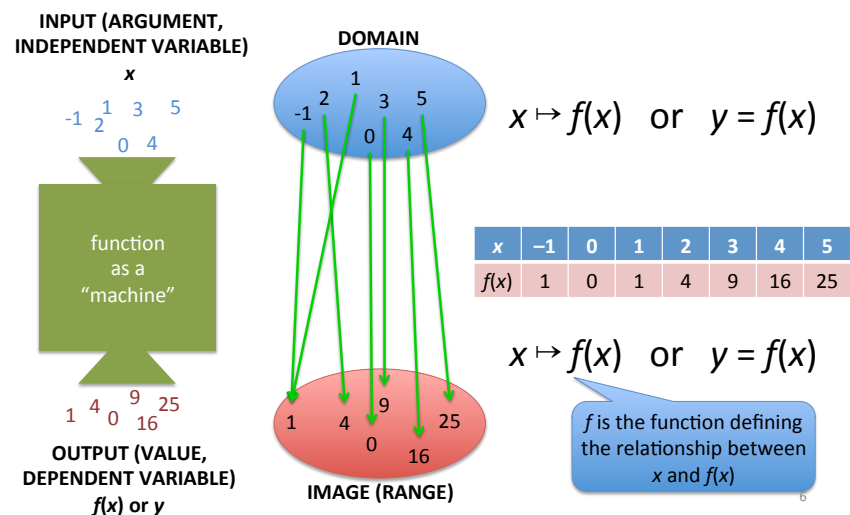
Data to be processed show a high degree of variation ...

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Hematocrit		46.2		%	
MCV		94		fL	
MCH		32.6		pg	
MCHC		33.7		g/dL	
RDW		13.2		%	
Platelets		201		X10E3/uL	
Neutrophils		44		%	
Lymphs		46		%	
Monocytes		9		%	

The physicist measures ...	The physician measures ...	The medical student measures ...
length	height	diameter of red blood cells (2)
frequency	heart rate	pulse frequency (22)
concentration	blood sugar level	protein conc. in blood plasma (4)
voltage	ECG-signal	ECG-signal (27)
sound intensity	hearing threshold	hearing threshold (25)
electric impedance	impedance-plethysmograph (volume)	skin impedance (24)
pressure	blood pressure	-
speed	speed of blood flow	-

What is a Function?

Unambiguous assignment of one set of values to another set of values



Types of Functions

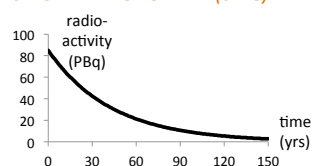
Unambiguous assignment of one set of values to another set of values

patient \mapsto NAME(patient)
 patient \mapsto ABO BLOOD GROUP(patient)
 patient \mapsto BODY HEIGHT(patient)
 patient \mapsto BODY MASS(patient)

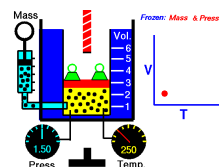
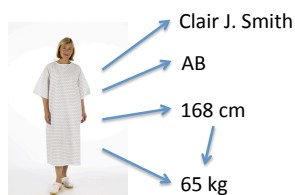
BODY HEIGHT(patient) \mapsto BODY MASS(patient)

height \mapsto FREQUENCY(height) pl. 164 cm \mapsto 4 people

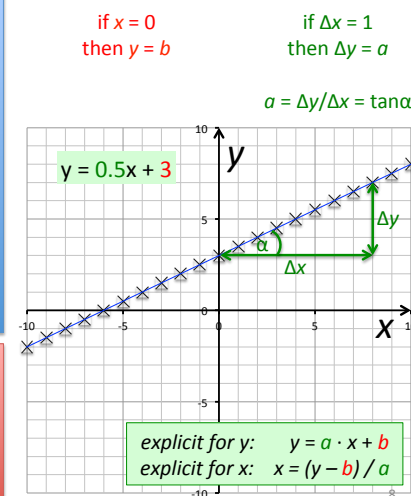
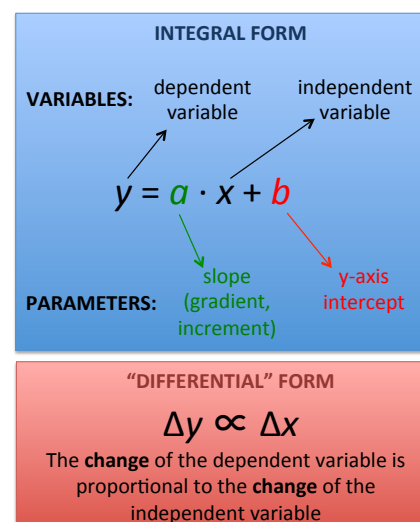
time \mapsto RADIOACTIVITY(time)



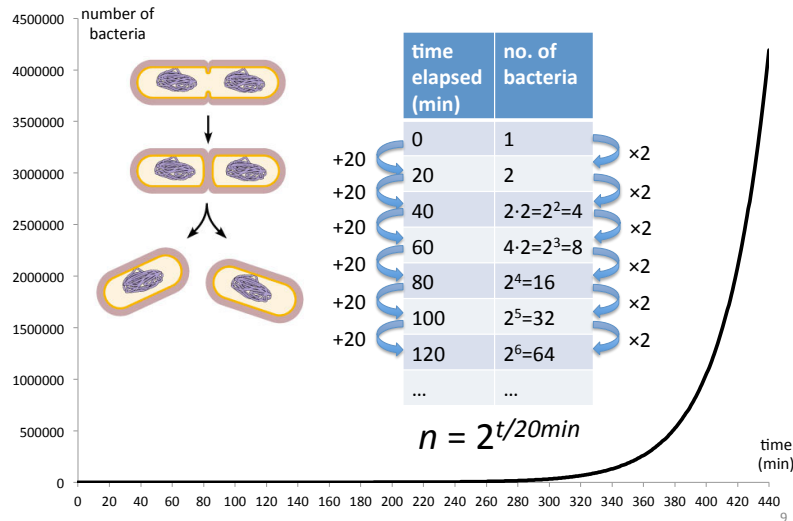
temperature \mapsto VOLUME(temperature)



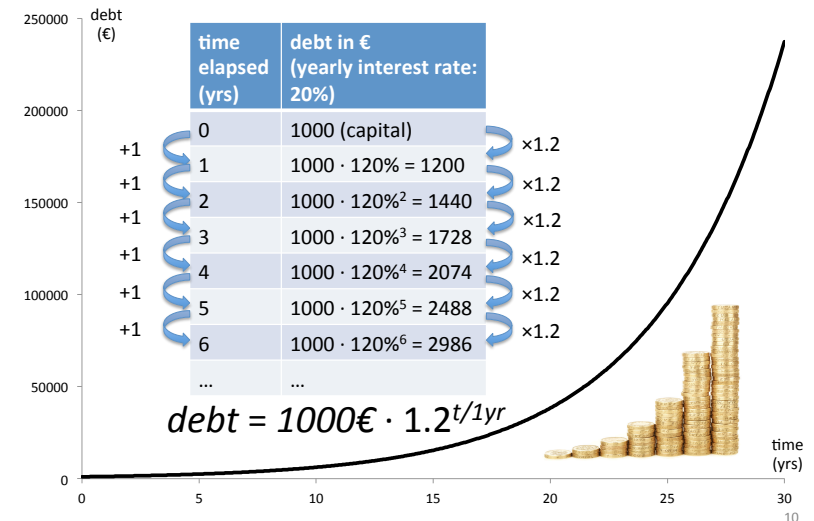
Linear Function



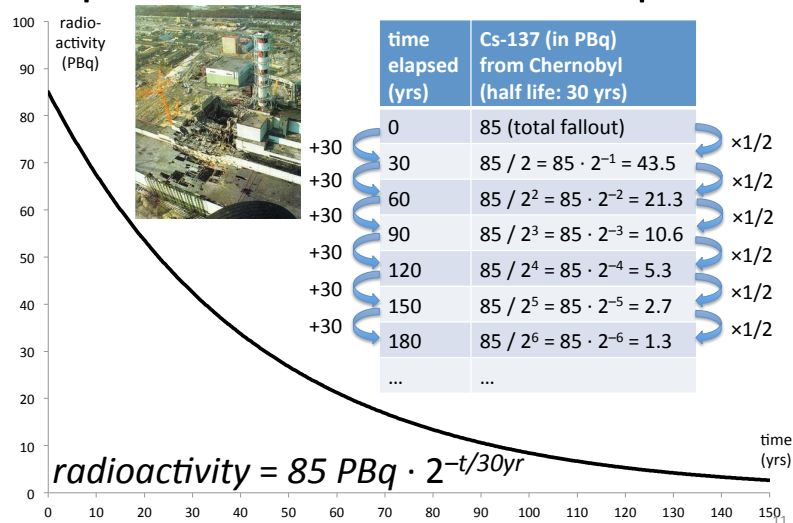
Exponential Function: Example #1



Exponential Function: Example #2



Exponential Function: Example #3



Exponential Function

INTEGRAL FORM

$$y = b \cdot a^x$$

PRACTICAL MODIFICATIONS:

- the base number is preferred to be e
- a new factor parameter p (or $1/k$) is necessary in the exponent
- use a negative sign in the exponent
- b is rather denoted by y_0

VARIABLES:

dependent variable: y
independent variable: x

$$y = y_0 \cdot e^{-px} = y_0 \cdot e^{-x/k}$$

PARAMETERS:

exponential coefficient: y_0
exponential coefficient: k

if $x = 0$ then $y = y_0$
if $y = y_0/e$ then $x = 1/p = k$

$y = 5e^{-0.25x}$

explicit for y : $y = y_0 \cdot e^{-px}$
explicit for x : $x = \ln(y / y_0) / (-p)$

"DIFFERENTIAL" FORM

$$\Delta y / y \propto \Delta x$$

The relative change of the dependent variable is proportional to the change of the independent variable

Exponential Function: Linearization

graphical linearization

plot y on a log scale as a function of x :
the relationship **looks** linear but it **is** still exponential

INTEGRAL FORM

$$y = y_0 \cdot e^{-px}$$

$$\log y = \log(y_0 \cdot e^{-p \cdot x})$$

$$\log y = \log y_0 + \log(e^{-p \cdot x})$$

$$\log y = \log y_0 - p \cdot x \cdot \log e$$

$$\log y = \underbrace{-p \cdot \log e}_a \cdot x + \underbrace{\log y_0}_b$$

$$\text{intercept} = \log y_0$$

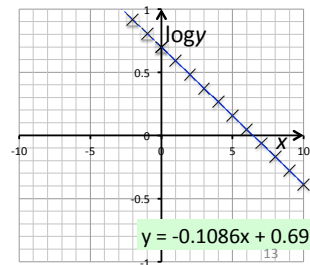
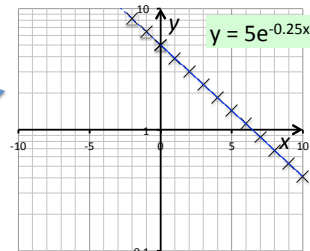
$$\log 5 = 0.699$$

$$\text{slope} = -p \cdot \log e$$

$$-0.25 \cdot \log e = -0.1086$$

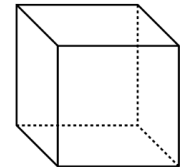
arithmetical linearization

plot $\log y$ as a function of x :
the relationship **is** linear



Power Function: Example

mass \propto volume \propto [body]length³
surface area \propto [body]length²



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Power Function

VARIABLES: dependent variable, independent variable

$y = b \cdot x^a$

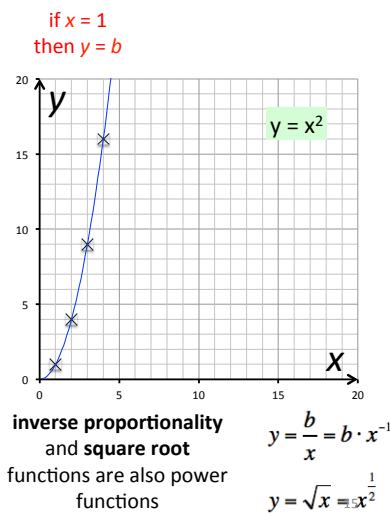
PARAMETERS: pre-exponential coefficient, exponent

explicit for y : $y = b \cdot x^a$
explicit for x : $x = (y/b)^{1/a}$

"DIFFERENTIAL" FORM

$$\Delta y/y \propto \Delta x/x$$

The **relative change** of the dependent variable is proportional to the **relative change** of the independent variable



Power Function: Linearization

graphical linearization

plot both y and x on log scales:
the relationship **looks** linear but it **is** still power function

INTEGRAL FORM

$$y = b \cdot x^a$$

$$\log y = \log(b \cdot x^a)$$

$$\log y = \log b + \log(x^a)$$

$$\log y = \log b + a \cdot \log x$$

$$\log y = \underbrace{\log b}_y + \underbrace{a \cdot \log x}_x + \underbrace{\log b}_b$$

$$\text{intercept} = \log b$$

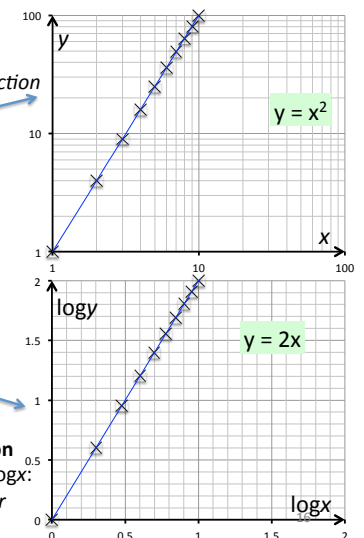
$$\log 1 = 0$$

$$\text{slope} = a$$

$$a = 2$$

arithmetical linearization

plot $\log y$ as a function of $\log x$:
the relationship **is** linear



Power Function: Example

Allometric scaling
(e.g. Kleiber's law)

mass \propto volume \propto [body]length³
surface area \propto [body]length²

hourly heat production \propto body mass^{3/4}

