

Suppose we measured for 40 subjects ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, 40$ ) their average heart rate ( $h_p$ ) and the amount of coffee they drank ( $c_p$ ) during a day. We can do a *linear regression* between these two variables:

$$h_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 c_p + \varepsilon_p$$

This is a very cool model with two parameters:  $\beta_0$  indicating an intercept and  $\beta_1$  indicating a slope.

There are several reasons for doing a linear regression:

- We want to get a significant  $p$ -value
- We want to see if coffee can predict someones heart rate
- We want to make a nice picture

We can easily fit this model using the `lm()` function in R:

```
fit <- lm(h ~ c)
```

By running `coef(fit)` we can look at the estimates for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ . We can also look at `anova(fit)` to look at if the regression is significant.

Linear regression is cool, but do remember this quote by George Canning:

I can prove anything by statistics except the truth.