

DATA 608 Meetup 9: Models and Uncertainty

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Week Summary

- This week is about visualizing models and uncertainty
- Next week is about dimensionality reduction techniques
- Assignment: Make a model of house sale prices and tell a story about it
- Reading: [Healy Visualization](#), Fundamentals of Data Visualization 16
- Bonus Readings: [Marginal Effects Book: 2-3, 15](#)

How to talk about models

- You have just fitted a model
- You have an array of model coefficients, accuracy measures, and summary statistics
- How do you convey insights from the model to a PM, supervisor, or even a colleague?

Model Coefficients Hard to Interpret

- Thornton dataset: How much does a monetary incentive impact the decision to get an HIV test?

```
1 dat = get_dataset("thornton")
2 mod_thornton = glm(outcome ~ incentive * (agecat + distance),
3   data = dat, family = binomial)
4 dat |> head()
```

A data frame: 6 × 8

	village	outcome	distance	amount	incentive	age	hiv2004	agecat
*	<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<fct>
1	43	1	0.549	0	0	14	0	<18
2	117	0	0.840	0	0	14	0	<18
3	2	0	3.34	0	0	15	0	<18
4	6	0	2.32	0	0	15	0	<18
5	11	0	1.39	0	0	15	0	<18
6	14	0	3.87	0	0	15	0	<18

Model Coefficients Hard to Interpret

- What do these numbers mean?
- Are log-odds-ratios intuitive to you?

(Intercept)	incentive	agecat18 to 35
-0.48616576	2.05760093	0.07937246
agecat>35	distance	incentive:agecat18 to 35
0.34522236	-0.18439675	-0.05850445
incentive:agecat>35	incentive:distance	
-0.12468320	0.02304394	

- Leads to poor decisions (like ignoring everything but sign)

Model Coefficients Hard to Interpret

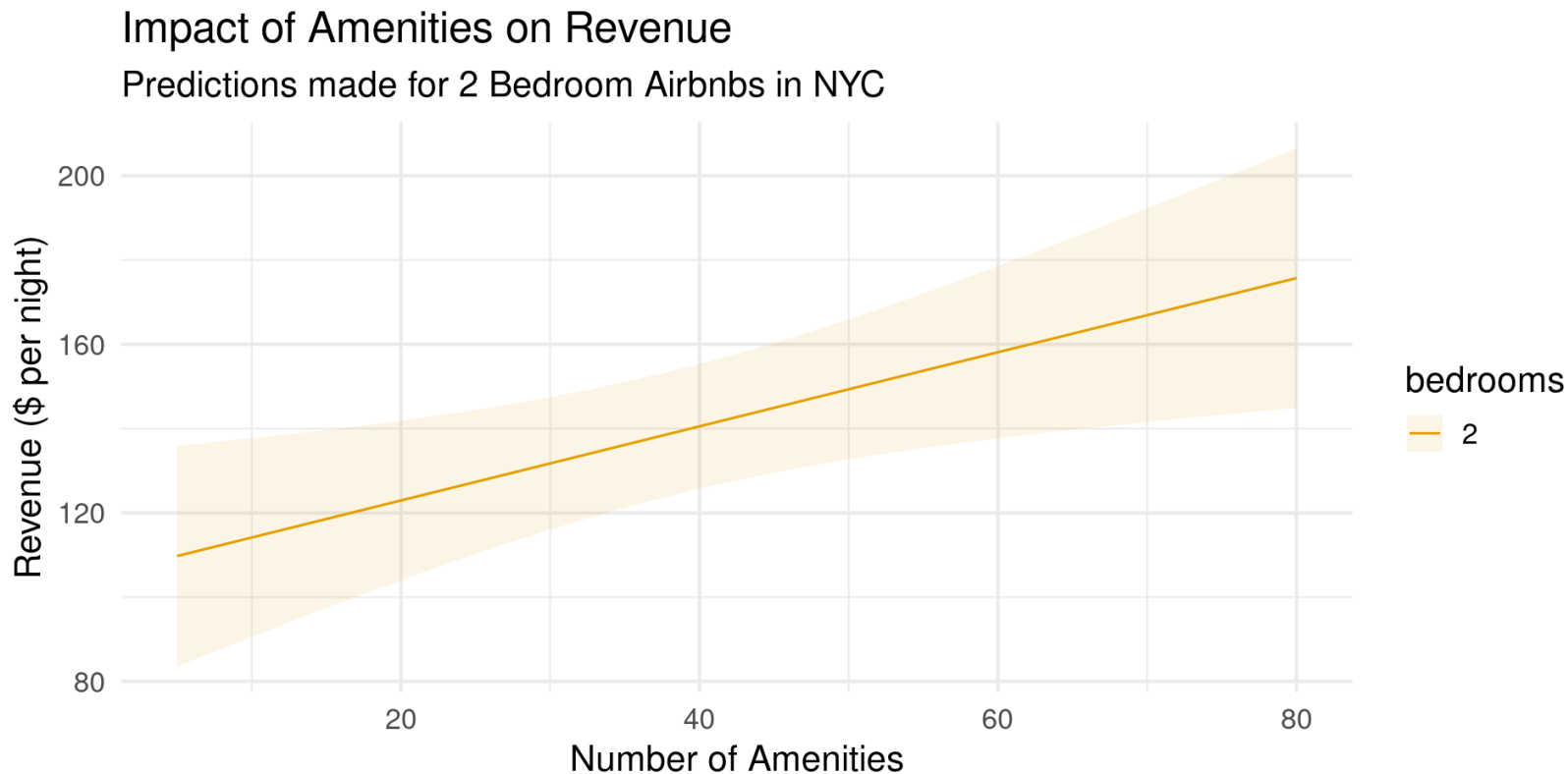
- This isn't unique to logistic regression
- For any model but simple linear regression
- Need a better way to present model results

Alternative Workflow

- Don't focus on parameter estimates
- Instead transform them to quantities that shed light on your analytic questions
- Predictions, Comparisons, Slopes
- Always Show Uncertainty

Predictions

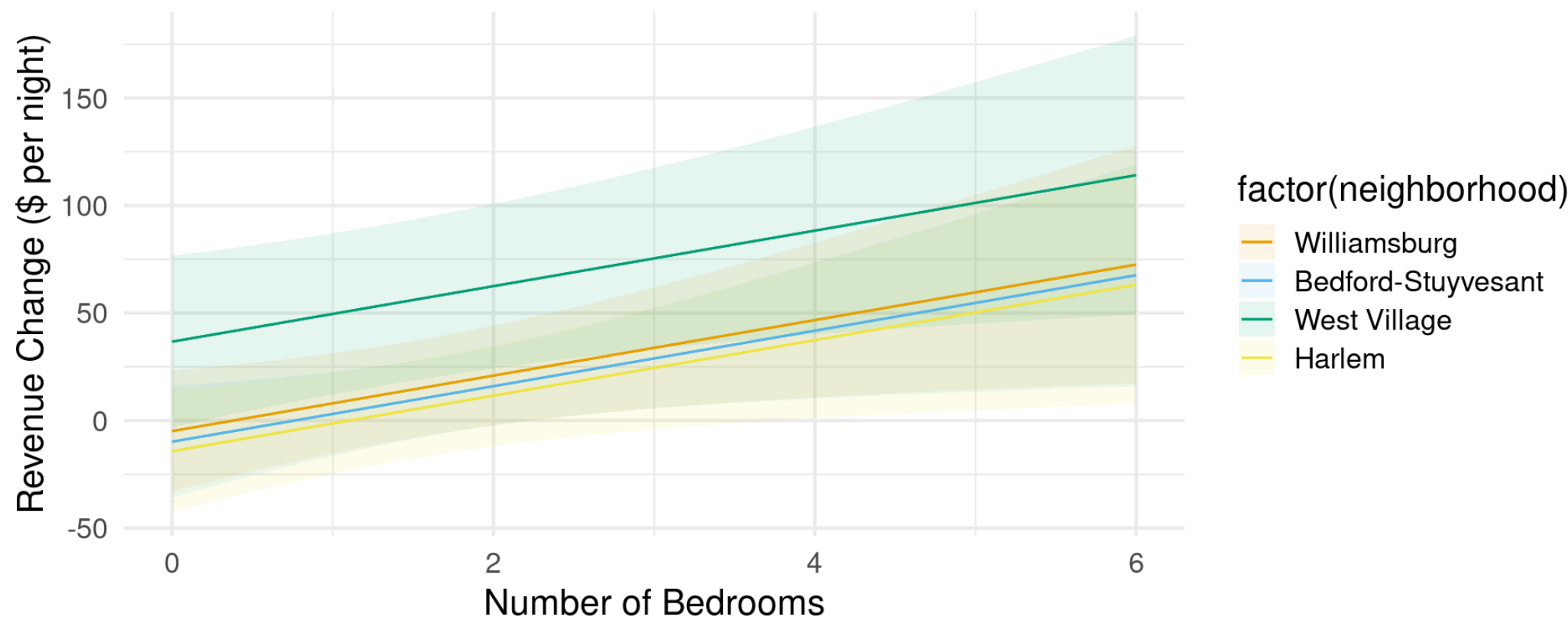
- A prediction shows what your model says would happen for units with hypothetical predictor values



Counterfactual Comparisons

Superhost Status has a Major Impact on Revenue,
Especially in the West Village

Revenue Impact of Superhost Status as a Function of Neighborhood and Bedrooms

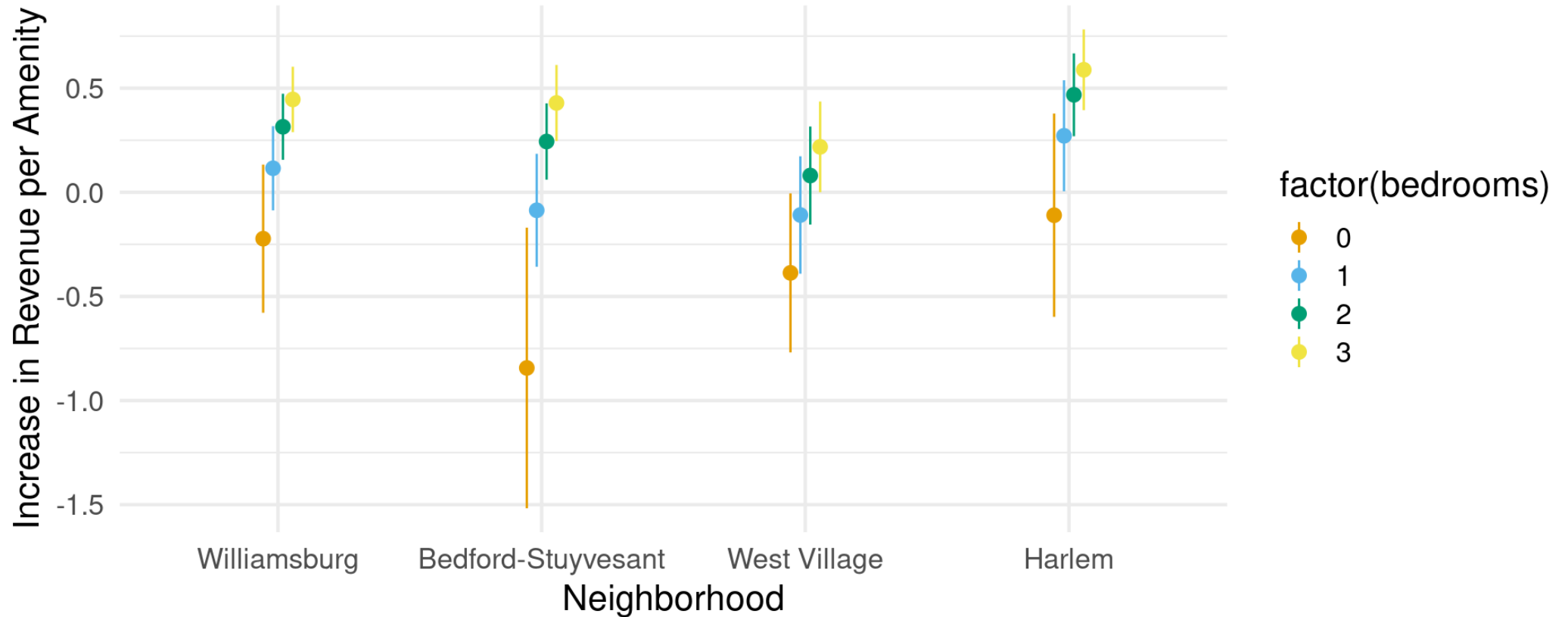


Slopes

Investments in Amenities Scale With Apartment Size

Amenities decrease revenue in studios?

Modeling is hard.



Look inside a model object

```
1 ames = read_csv("/home/georgehagstrom/work/Teaching/DATA608/DataStory5/trai
2 mod = lm(SalePrice ~ YearBuilt + BedroomAbvGr + `1stFlrSF` +
3           `2ndFlrSF` + GarageArea + Neighborhood,ames)
4 mod
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = SalePrice ~ YearBuilt + BedroomAbvGr + `1stFlrSF` +
    `2ndFlrSF` + GarageArea + Neighborhood, data = ames)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	YearBuilt	BedroomAbvGr
-906678.44	477.60	-7057.40
`1stFlrSF`	`2ndFlrSF`	GarageArea
94.96	69.22	42.01
NeighborhoodBlueste	NeighborhoodBrDale	NeighborhoodBrkSide
-15845.51	-18830.59	8491.97
NeighborhoodClearCr	NeighborhoodCollgCr	NeighborhoodCrawfor
24509.12	14684.76	37778.60
NeighborhoodEdwards	NeighborhoodGilbert	NeighborhoodIDOTRR
13540.00	10014.05	2014.57

summary for top level info

```
1 mod |> summary()
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = SalePrice ~ YearBuilt + BedroomAbvGr + `1stFlrSF` +  
  `2ndFlrSF` + GarageArea + Neighborhood, data = ames)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-428522	-16684	328	15778	269785

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-9.067e+05	1.440e+05	-6.297	4.03e-10	***
YearBuilt	4.776e+02	7.191e+01	6.642	4.39e-11	***
BedroomAbvGr	-7.057e+03	1.599e+03	-4.412	1.10e-05	***
`1stFlrSF`	9.496e+01	3.591e+00	26.443	< 2e-16	***
`2ndFlrSF`	6.000e+01	2.000e+00	30.000	< 2e-16	***

str for all details

```
1 mod |> str()
```

List of 13

```
$ coefficients : Named num [1:30] -906678.4 477.6 -7057.4 95 69.2 ...  
  ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:30] "(Intercept)" "YearBuilt" "BedroomAbvGr"  
  "`1stFlrSF`" ...  
$ residuals    : Named num [1:1460] 1614 -21747 8140 -55088 -58200 ...  
  ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:1460] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...  
$ effects      : Named num [1:1460] -6912989 -1586708 -624098 -1370096  
-1285383 ...  
  ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:1460] "(Intercept)" "YearBuilt" "BedroomAbvGr"  
  "`1stFlrSF`" ...  
$ rank         : int 30  
$ fitted.values: Named num [1:1460] 206886 203247 215360 195088 308200 ...  
  ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:1460] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...  
$ assign       : int [1:30] 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 6 6 ...  
$ qr           :List of 5  
  *           [1] 1460 1 301 30 3000 0 3000 0 3000 0 3000 0 3000
```

Tidying Model Objects

- `broom` is part of `tidymodels` family and contains function which tidy the model for you
- `tidy()` creates tibble of model components:

```
1 mod |> tidy(conf.int = TRUE)
```

Model Table from Tidy

```
# A tibble: 30 × 7
```

	term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	(Intercept)	-9.07e5	143987.	-6.30	4.03e- 10	-1.19e6	-624229.
2	YearBuilt	4.78e2	71.9	6.64	4.39e- 11	3.37e2	619.
3	BedroomAbvGr	-7.06e3	1599.	-4.41	1.10e- 5	-1.02e4	-3920.
4	`1stFlrSF`	9.50e1	3.59	26.4	8.95e-126	8.79e1	102.
5	`2ndFlrSF`	6.92e1	3.31	20.9	5.41e- 85	6.27e1	75.7
6	GarageArea	4.20e1	6.35	6.61	5.29e- 11	2.96e1	54.5
7	NeighborhoodBlueste	-1.58e4	28337.	-0.559	5.76e- 1	-7.14e4	39741.
8	NeighborhoodBrDale	-1.88e4	13551.	-1.39	1.65e- 1	-4.54e4	7752.
9	NeighborhoodBrkSide	8.49e3	11653.	0.729	4.66e- 1	-1.44e4	31351.
10	NeighborhoodClearCr	2.45e4	11954.	2.05	4.05e- 2	1.06e3	47959.
11	NeighborhoodCollgCr	1.47e4	9803.	1.50	1.34e- 1	-4.54e3	33914.
12	NeighborhoodCrawfor	3.78e4	11506.	3.28	1.05e- 3	1.52e4	60350.
13	NeighborhoodEdwards	-1.35e4	10551.	-1.28	1.99e- 1	-3.42e4	7154.
14	NeighborhoodGilbert	1.02e4	10354.	0.987	3.24e- 1	-1.01e4	30525.
15	NeighborhoodIDOTRR	-8.01e3	12357.	-0.649	5.17e- 1	-3.23e4	16225.
16	NeighborhoodMeadowV	-2.27e4	13277.	-1.71	8.79e- 2	-4.87e4	3372.
17	NeighborhoodMitchel	-4.47e3	10843.	-0.413	6.80e- 1	-2.57e4	16797.
18	NeighborhoodNAMES	-1.50e3	10110.	-0.148	8.82e- 1	-2.13e4	18335.
19	NeighborhoodNoRidge	7.12e4	11251.	6.33	3.36e- 10	4.91e4	93240.

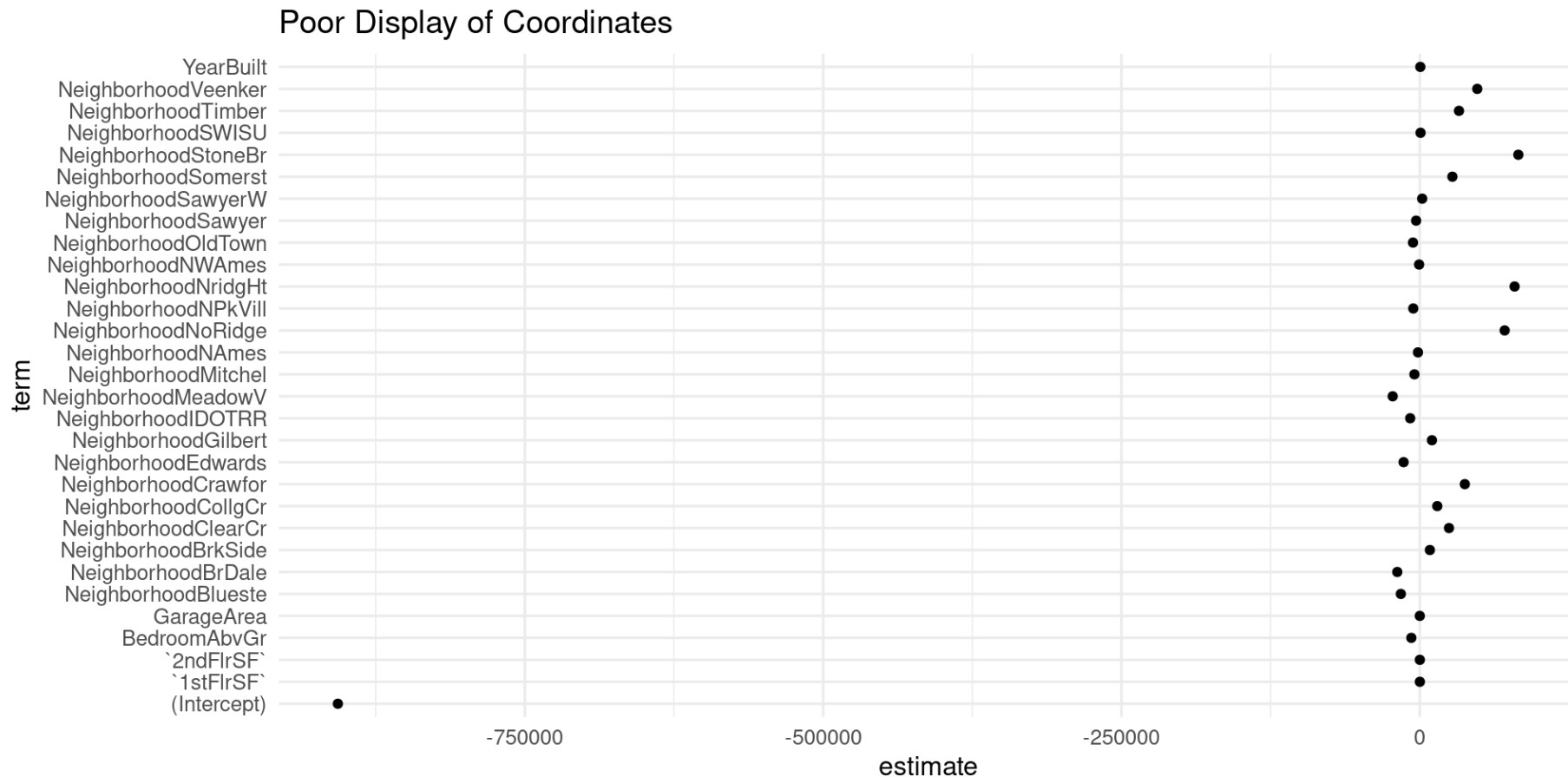
Plotting Coefficients

- `tidy` lets us make plots of coordinates

```
1 tidy_ames = tidy(mod)
2 tidy_ames |> ggplot(mapping = aes(x = term,
3                                   y = estimate)) +
4   geom_point() +
5   coord_flip() +
6   theme_minimal(base_size=12) +
7   labs(title="Poor Display of Coordinates")
```


Plotting Coefficients

- `tidy` lets us make plots of coefficients



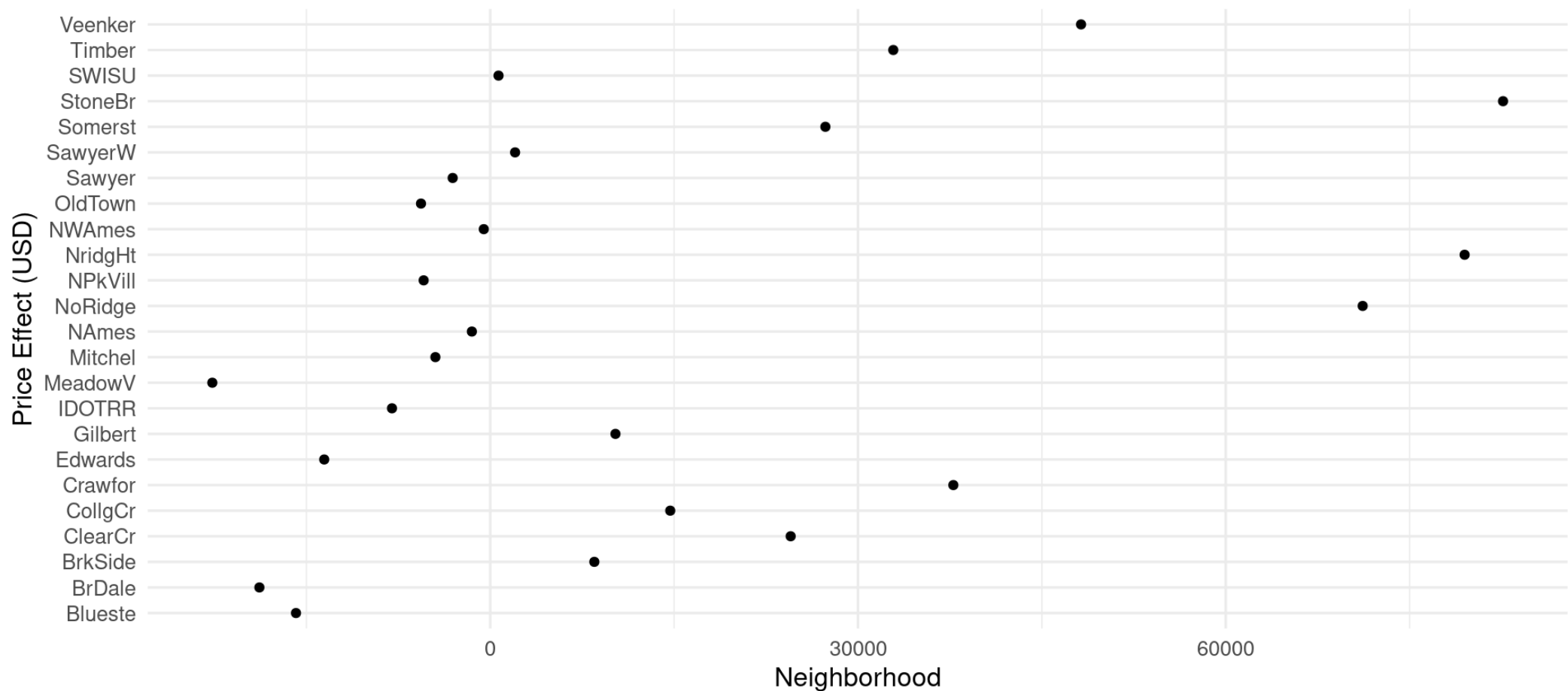
Select Neighborhood, Clean Names

```
1 tidy_ames |> filter(str_detect(term,"Neighborhood")) |>
2   mutate(term = str_remove_all(term,"Neighborhood")) |>
3   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = term,
4                         y = estimate)) +
5   geom_point() +
6   coord_flip() +
7   theme_minimal(base_size=12) +
8   labs(title="Neighborhood Effect on Housing Price in Ames",
9         subtitle= "Still Needs Uncertainties, to be sorted",
10        y="Neighborhood",
11        x = "Price Effect (USD) ")
```

Select Neighborhood, Clean Names

Neighborhood Effect on Housing Price in Ames

Still Needs Uncertainties, to be sorted



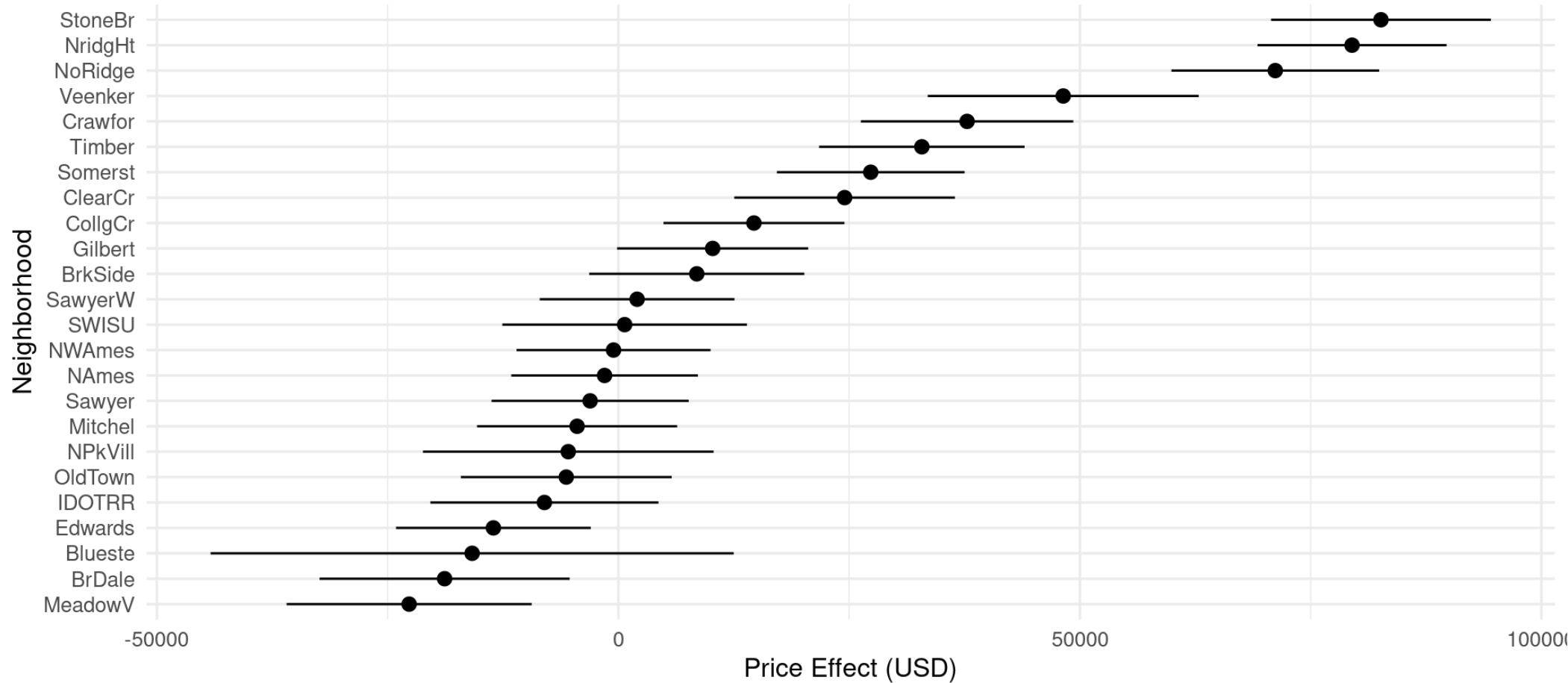
Sort and add Uncertainty

```
1 tidy_ames |> filter(str_detect(term,"Neighborhood")) |>
2   mutate(term = str_remove_all(term,"Neighborhood")) |>
3   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(term,estimate),
4                         y = estimate,
5                         ymin = estimate - std.error,
6                         ymax = estimate + std.error)) +
7   geom_pointrange() +
8   coord_flip() +
9   theme_minimal(base_size=12) +
10  labs(title="Neighborhood Effect on Housing Price in Ames", subtitle = "Er
11        y = "Price Effect (USD)",
12        x = "Neighborhood")
```

Sort and add Uncertainty

Neighborhood Effect on Housing Price in Ames

Error bars show 95% confidence interval



Augment adds fits to data

```
1 ames_fit = mod |> augment(ames)
2 ames_fit |> select(SalePrice:.std.resid)
```

```
# A tibble: 1,460 × 7
```

	SalePrice <dbl>	.fitted <dbl>	.resid <dbl>	.hat <dbl>	.sigma <dbl>	.cooks_d <dbl>	.std.resid <dbl>
1	208500	206886.	1614.	0.00851	37688.	0.000000530	0.0430
2	181500	203247.	-21747.	0.0932	37683.	0.00126	-0.606
3	223500	215360.	8140.	0.00842	37687.	0.0000133	0.217
4	140000	195088.	-55088.	0.0254	37659.	0.00190	-1.48
5	250000	308200.	-58200.	0.0276	37655.	0.00232	-1.57
6	143000	168576.	-25576.	0.0295	37682.	0.000482	-0.689
7	307000	244182.	62818.	0.0145	37651.	0.00139	1.68
8	200000	207423.	-7423.	0.0166	37687.	0.0000222	-0.199
9	129900	164566.	-34666.	0.0117	37676.	0.000338	-0.926
10	118000	124647.	-6647.	0.0185	37687.	0.0000199	-0.178

```
# i 1,450 more rows
```

purrr and broom: work with many models

- Use `gapminder` data on GDP and life expectancy

```
1 library(gapminder)
2 gapminder
```

```
# A tibble: 1,704 × 6
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
	<fct>	<fct>	<int>	<dbl>	<int>	<dbl>
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.8	8425333	779.
2	Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.3	9240934	821.
3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	32.0	10267083	853.
4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.0	11537966	836.
5	Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.1	13079460	740.
6	Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.4	14880372	786.
7	Afghanistan	Asia	1982	39.9	12881816	978.
8	Afghanistan	Asia	1987	40.8	13867957	852.
9	Afghanistan	Asia	1992	41.7	16317921	649.
10	Afghanistan	Asia	1997	41.8	22227415	635.

```
# i 1,694 more rows
```

nest creates a tibble of tibbles

```
1 nested_gap = gapminder |>  
2   group_by(continent, year) |>  
3   nest()  
4 nested_gap
```

```
# A tibble: 60 × 3
```

```
# Groups:   continent, year [60]
```

	continent	year	data
	<fct>	<int>	<list>
1	Asia	1952	<tibble [33 × 4]>
2	Asia	1957	<tibble [33 × 4]>
3	Asia	1962	<tibble [33 × 4]>
4	Asia	1967	<tibble [33 × 4]>
5	Asia	1972	<tibble [33 × 4]>
6	Asia	1977	<tibble [33 × 4]>
7	Asia	1982	<tibble [33 × 4]>
8	Asia	1987	<tibble [33 × 4]>
9	Asia	1992	<tibble [33 × 4]>
10	Asia	1997	<tibble [33 × 4]>

```
# i 50 more rows
```


Use **map** to fit models

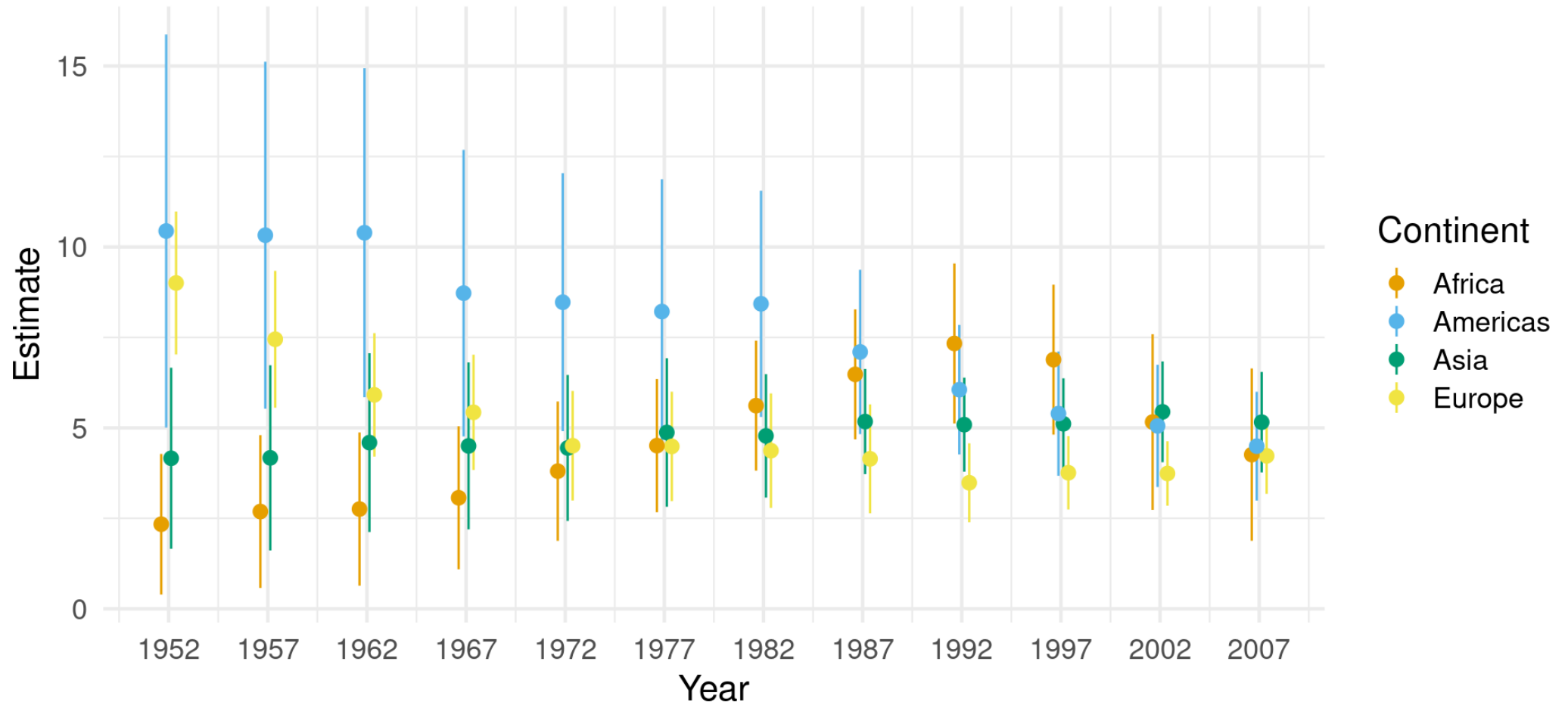
```
1 fit_ols <- function(df) {  
2   lm(lifeExp ~ log(gdpPercap), data = df)  
3 }  
4  
5 out_tidy = nested_gap |>  
6   mutate(model = map(data, fit_ols),  
7           tidied = map(model, tidy)) |>  
8   unnest(tidied, .drop = TRUE) |>  
9   filter(term != "(Intercept)" &  
10          continent != "Oceania")  
11  
12 out_tidy
```

Use **map** to fit models

```
# A tibble: 15 × 9
# Groups:   continent, year [15]
  continent year data      model term      estimate std.error statistic  p.value
  <fct>      <int> <list>    <list> <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>
1 Asia      1952 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.16       1.25       3.33 2.28e- 3
2 Asia      1957 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.17       1.28       3.26 2.71e- 3
3 Asia      1962 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.59       1.24       3.72 7.94e- 4
4 Asia      1967 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.50       1.15       3.90 4.77e- 4
5 Asia      1972 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.44       1.01       4.41 1.16e- 4
6 Asia      1977 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.87       1.03       4.75 4.42e- 5
7 Asia      1982 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  4.78       0.852      5.61 3.77e- 6
8 Asia      1987 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.17       0.727      7.12 5.31e- 8
9 Asia      1992 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.09       0.649      7.84 7.60e- 9
10 Asia     1997 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.11       0.628      8.15 3.35e- 9
11 Asia     2002 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.44       0.696      7.82 8.05e- 9
12 Asia     2007 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.16       0.694      7.43 2.26e- 8
13 Europe   1952 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  9.00       0.987      9.12 7.04e-10
14 Europe   1957 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  7.45       0.945      7.88 1.39e- 8
15 Europe   1962 <tibble> <lm>    log(gd...  5.91       0.853      6.93 1.56e- 7
```

Use Map to Fit Models

The effect of GDP on Life Expectancy has Converged over Time



Marginal Effects Package

- `marginaleffects` is a powerful package in both `python` and `R` for model interpretation
- Comes with a book [Marginal Effects](#)
- Several alternatives exist (detailed there)
- Can be used with nearly any type of model, from statistical, to Bayesian, to Machine Learning

Plotting Predictions

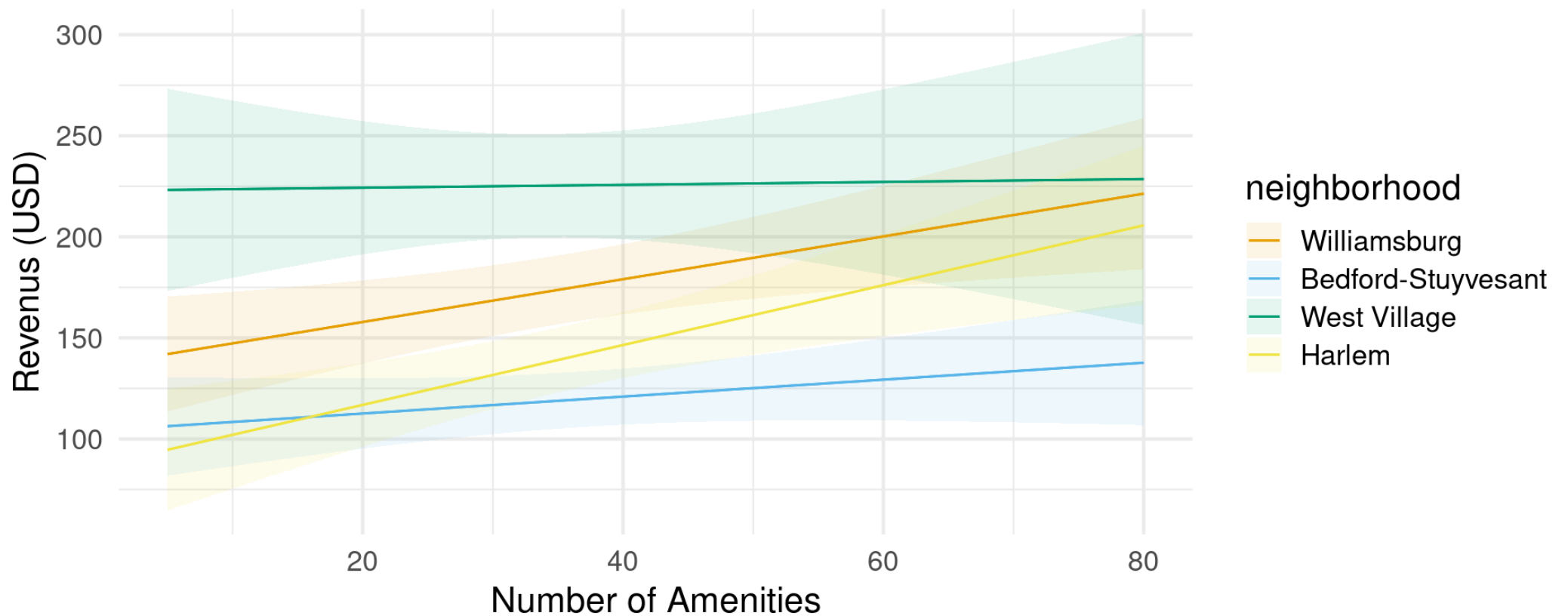
- `plot_predictions` function (also `predictions`)
- Specify `grid` of data on which to predict
- Do this with `condition`

```
1 mod = lm(revenue ~ . + host_is_superhost*bedrooms +  
2           host_is_superhost*neighborhood +  
3           num_amenities*neighborhood +  
4           num_amenities*bedrooms ,  
5           data = nyc_bnb_slim)  
6  
7 mod |> plot_predictions(condition = c("num_amenities", "neighborhood")) +  
8   theme_minimal(base_size = 16) +  
9   labs(title = "Amenities increase revenues",  
10        x="Number of Amenities",  
11        y="Revenus (USD) ")
```

Plotting Predictions

Do Amenities Increase Revenue?

The model predicts a strong relationship between amenities and revenue in Williamsburg and Harlem but they don't seem to matter in the West Village or Bedford-Stuyvesant



Changing the Conditions

- Can provide a range of conditions

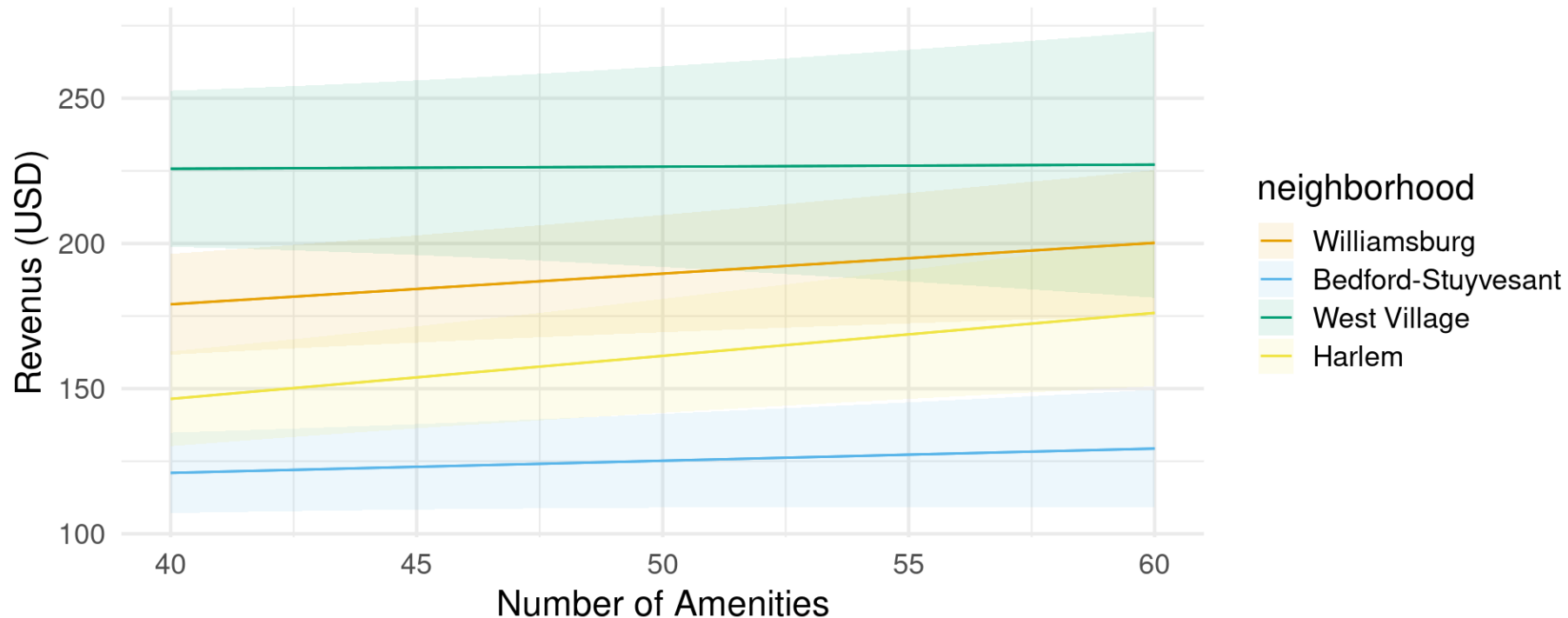
```
1 mod |> plot_predictions(condition =  
2     list("num_amenities" = 40:60,  
3         "neighborhood")) +  
4 theme_minimal(base_size = 16) +  
5 labs(title = "Do Amenities Increase Revenue?",  
6      subtitle = "The model predicts a strong relationship between ameniti  
7      x="Number of Amenities",  
8      y="Revenus (USD) ")
```

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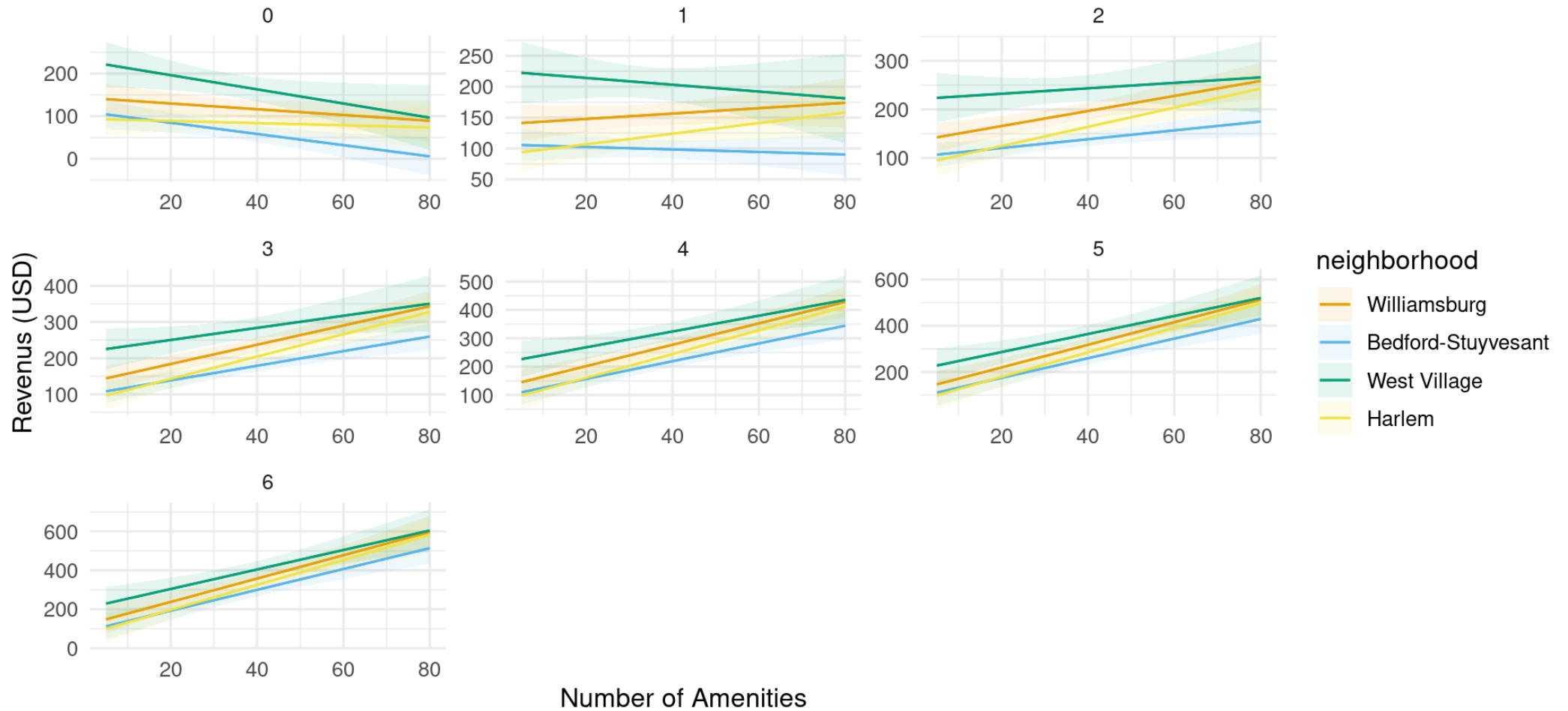
Changing the Conditions

- Can split into subplots

```
1 mod |> plot_predictions(condition =  
2     list("num_amenities",  
3         "neighborhood",  
4         "bedrooms" = unique)) +  
5     theme_minimal(base_size = 16) +  
6     labs(title = "Do Amenities Increase Revenue?",  
7          x="Number of Amenities",  
8          y="Revenus (USD) ")
```

Changing the Conditions

Amenities help larger Airbnbs more



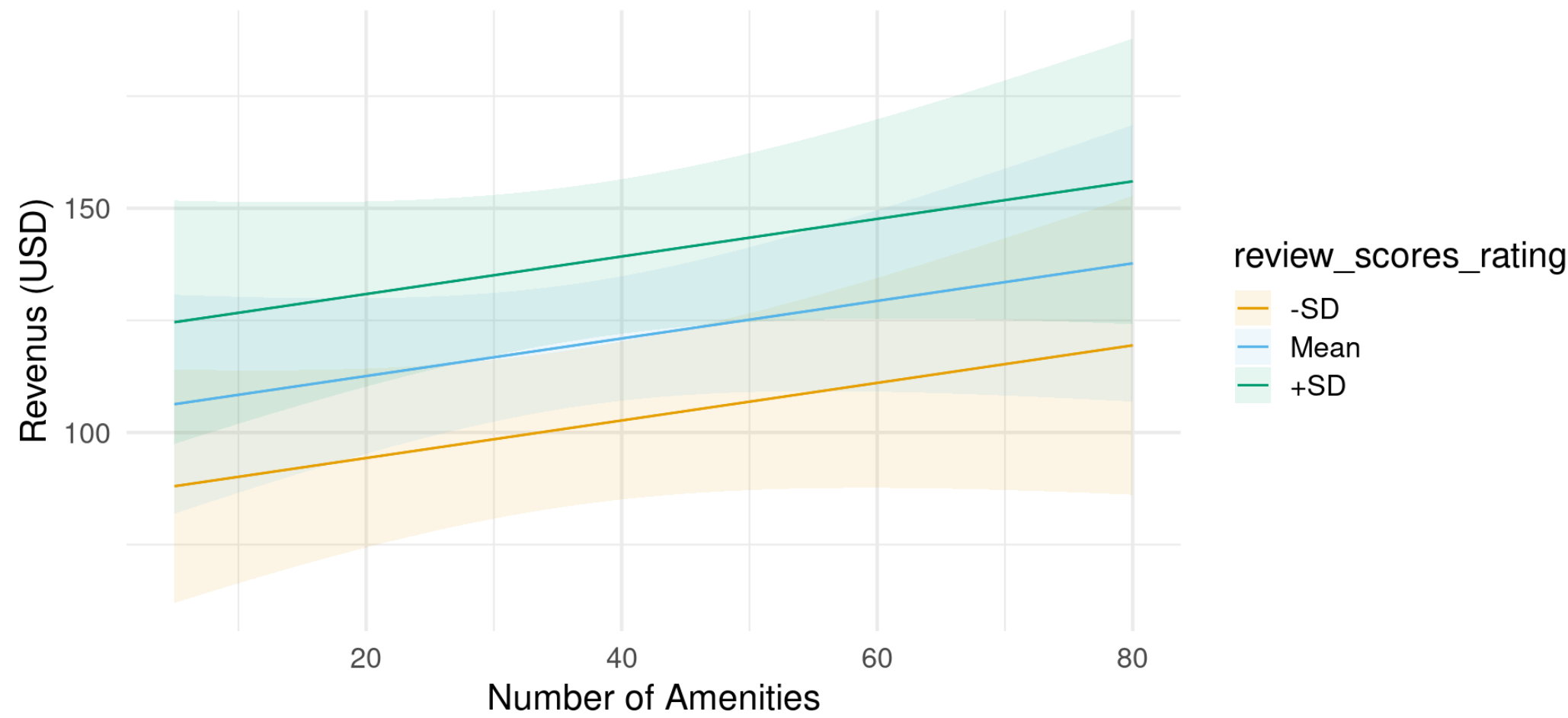
Adding Cases

- “threenum” keyword plots mean $\pm \sigma$
- Other options include “minmax”, “quartile”, check ?plot_predictions

```
1 mod |> plot_predictions(condition =  
2     list("num_amenities",  
3         "review_scores_rating" = "threenum")) +  
4     theme_minimal(base_size = 16) +  
5     labs(title = "Do Amenities Increase Revenue?",  
6          subtitle = "The model predicts a strong relationship between ameniti  
7          x="Number of Amenities",  
8          y="Revenus (USD)")
```

Adding Cases

Both Amenities and Review Scores Increase Revenue



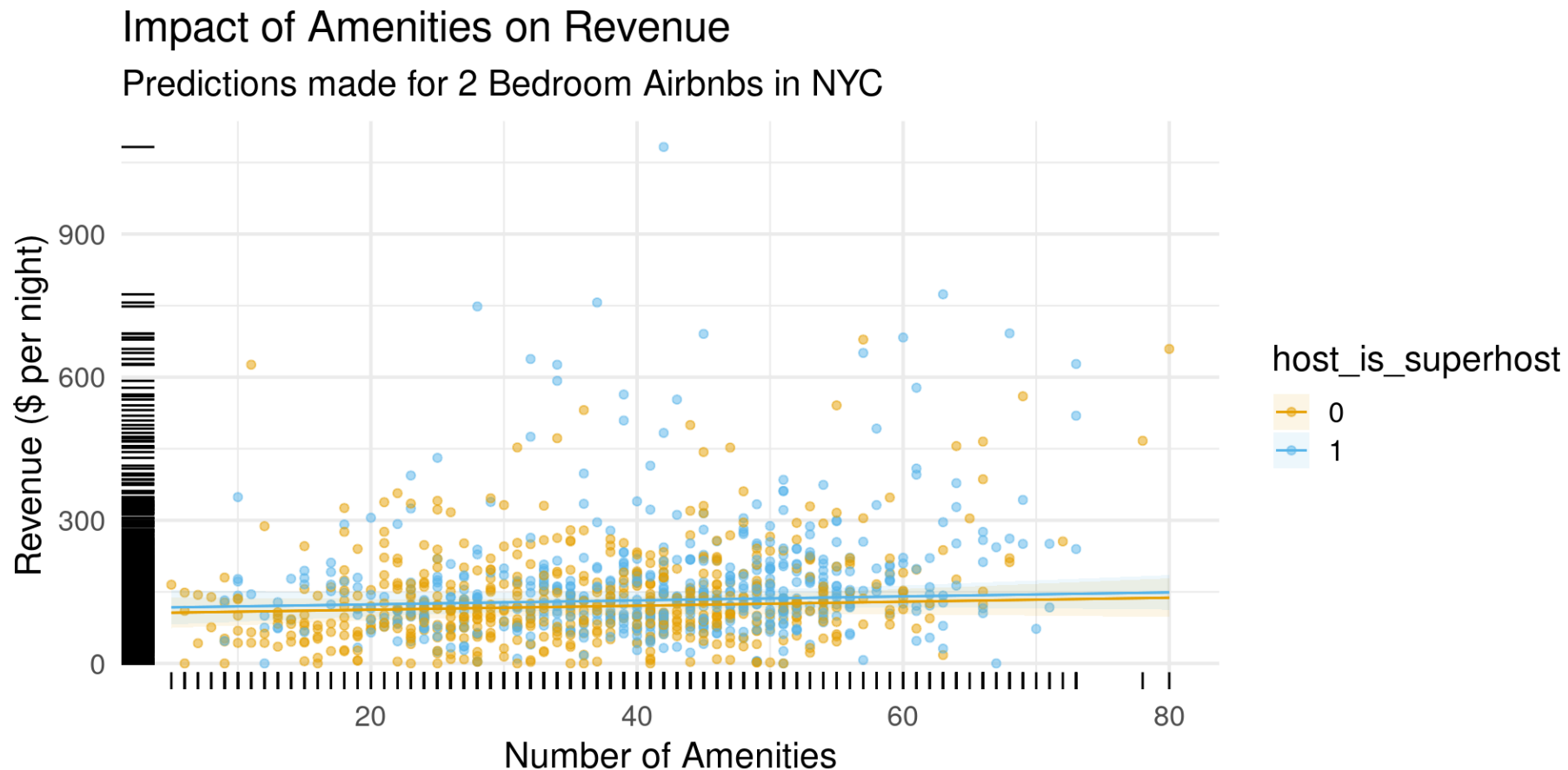
Show Your Data

- If you can, plot your data along with predictions

```
1 plot_predictions(  
2     mod, conf_level = .99,  
3     condition = list(  
4         "num_amenities",  
5         "host_is_superhost"), points = .5, rug = TRUE) +  
6 theme_minimal(base_size=16) +  
7 labs(title = "Impact of Amenities on Revenue",  
8     subtitle = "Predictions made for 2 Bedroom Airbnbs in NYC", x = "Num
```

Show Your Data

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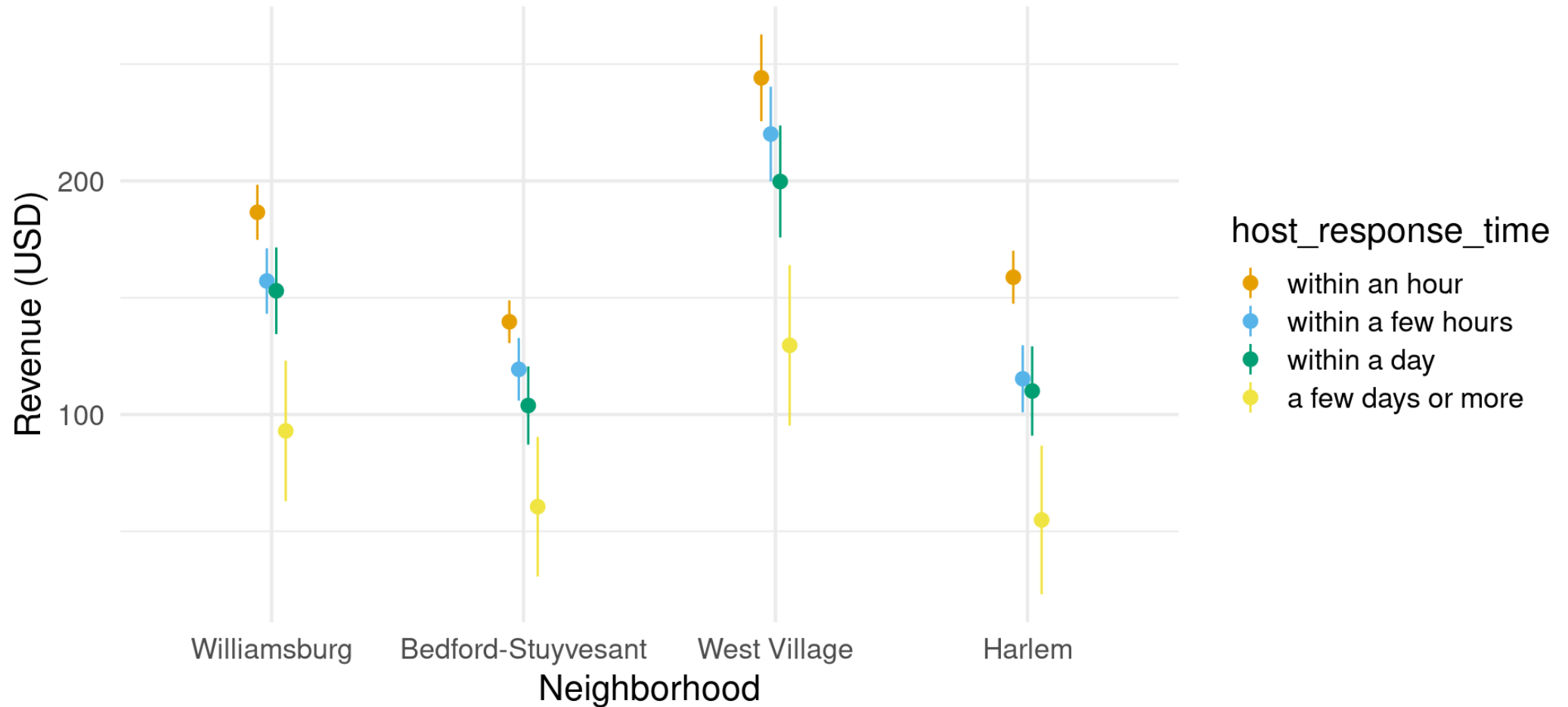
Marginal Predictions

- Marginal prediction is averaged over a grouping
- Use **by** keyword to specify aggregation

```
1 mod |> plot_predictions(by = c("neighborhood", "host_response_time")) +  
2   theme_minimal(base_size=16) +  
3   labs(title = "Modeled revenue increases with host response rate",  
4         y = "Revenue (USD)",  
5         x = "Neighborhood")
```

Marginal Predictions

Modeled revenue increases with host response rate



Plotting Comparisons

- Comparisons with `plot_comparisons`
- Similar syntax to `plot_predictions`
- Very useful for categorical outcomes

Thornton Revisited

- Thornton dataset: How much does a monetary incentive impact the decision to get an HIV test?

Call:

```
lm(formula = revenue ~ . + host_is_superhost * bedrooms + host_is_superhost *  
    neighborhood + num_amenities * neighborhood + num_amenities *  
    bedrooms, data = nyc_bnb_slim)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-282.29	-50.44	-7.98	40.73	654.75

Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-156.33072	126.44123	-1.236
neighborhoodBedford-Stuyvesant	-32.49483	20.36231	-1.596
neighborhoodWest Village	86.16582	32.33182	2.665
num_amenities	10.46004	22.00005	0.473

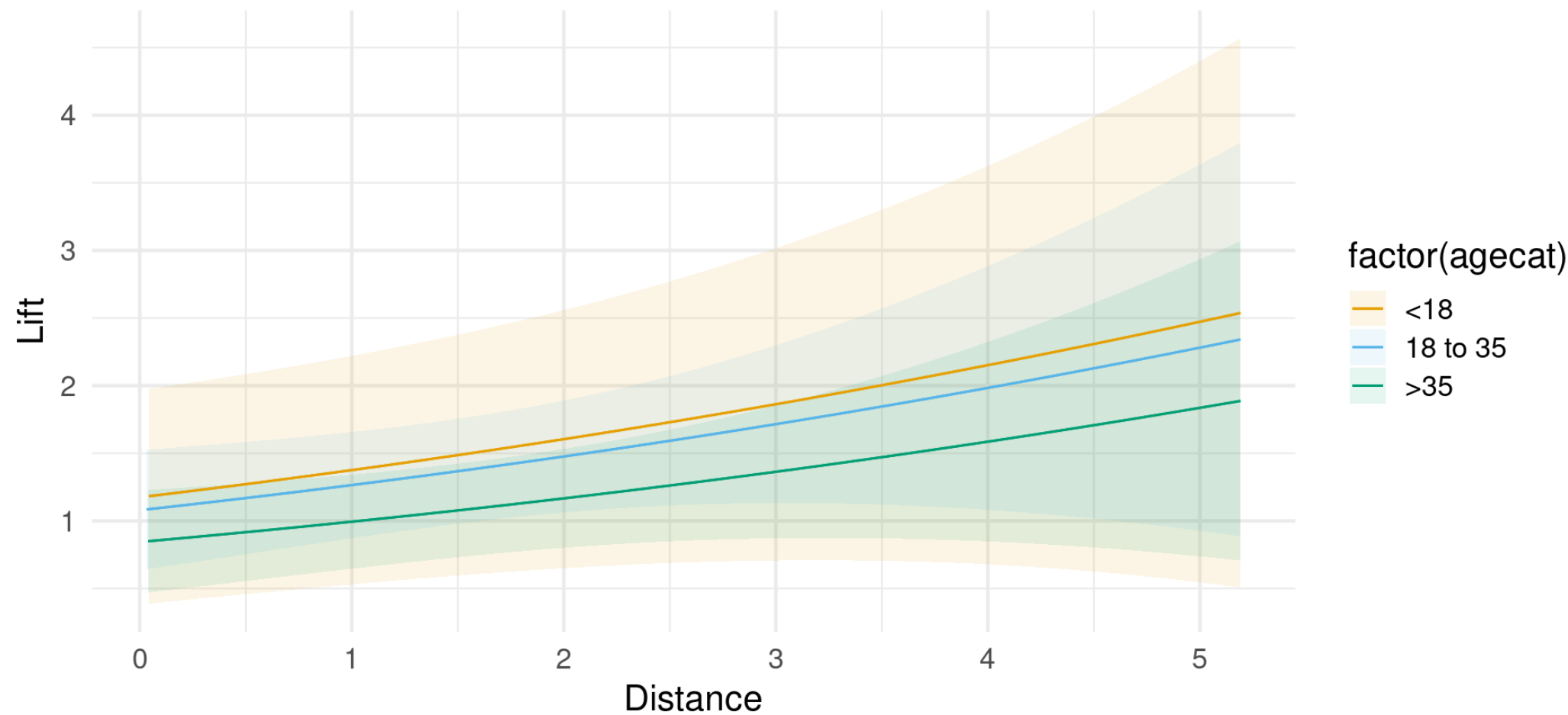
Comparisons

- `variable` is what is compared across
- `by` provides additional levels

```
1 plot_comparisons(mod_thornton,  
2   variables = c("incentive"),  
3   by = c("agecat"),  
4   comparison = "lift") +  
5   theme_minimal(base_size=16) +  
6   labs(title = "Impact of a monetary incentive on choice to get an HIV test")
```

Comparisons

Impact of a monetary incentive on choice to get an HIV test



Comparison Functions

- `difference`, `ratio`, `odds`, arbitrary functions possible

$$\hat{Y}_{X=b} - \hat{Y}_{X=a}$$

Difference

$$\frac{\hat{Y}_{X=b}}{\hat{Y}_{X=a}}$$

Ratio

$$\frac{\hat{Y}_{X=b} - \hat{Y}_{X=a}}{\hat{Y}_{X=a}}$$

Lift

Slopes

- The slope is the sensitivity of outcome to a predictor
- `eyex` keyword computes elasticity

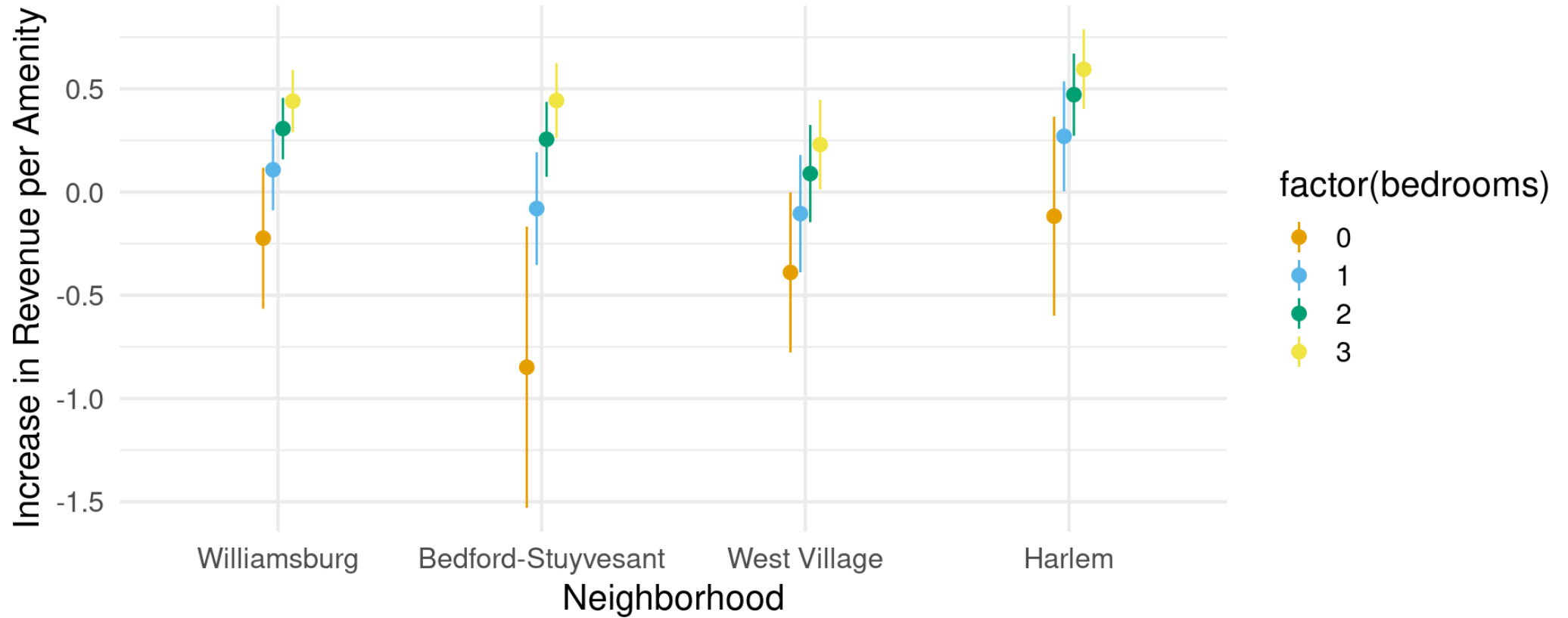
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1 plot_slopes(mod,  
2   variables = "num_amenities",  
3   slope = "eyex",  
4   condition = list("neighborhood", "bedrooms"= 0:3)) +  
5   theme_minimal(base_size=16) +  
6   labs(title="Investments in Amenities Scale With Apartment Size",  
7         subtitle= "Decrease in revenue for studios suggests either a flaw in
```

Slopes

Benefit of Amenities Scale With Apartment Size

Amenities decrease revenue in studios?

Modeling is hard.



Thanks!