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Ben Jonson *Every Man in his Humour* Q1: authorial papers. F: Q1 marked up to reflect extensive authorial revision

*Romeo and Juliet* Q1: bad quarto, memorial reconstruction. Q2: authorial papers. F: Q3 (a reprint of Q2) lightly annotated from a theatrical manuscript affecting SDD and SPP but not dialogue

*King Lear* Q1: authorial papers. F: Q2 (a reprint of Q1) heavily annotated from a theatrical manuscript (reflecting authorial revision)

*1 Henry IV* Q1 fragment: authorial papers. Q2: Q1. F: Q6 (descended from Q2) annotated from a theatrical manuscript affecting SDD and SPP and religious swearing in dialogue

*Love's Labour's Lost* Q1: reprint of a lost edition set from authorial papers. F: Q1 lightly annotated by reference to a theatrical manuscript.

*The Merchant of Venice* Q1: authorial papers. F: Q1 sporadically annotated by reference to a theatrical manuscript

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their, go, what, there, all, get, her, make, who, as, out,  
up, see, know, time, take, them, some, , could, so,  
him, year, into, its, then, think, my, come, than, more,  
about, now, last, your, me, no, other, give, just,  
should, these, people, also, well, any, only, new, very,  
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(The 100 most-used words, ~~comprising half of~~  
~~everything we say or write~~)

  
No, wait, I should have said "in our  
corpus"

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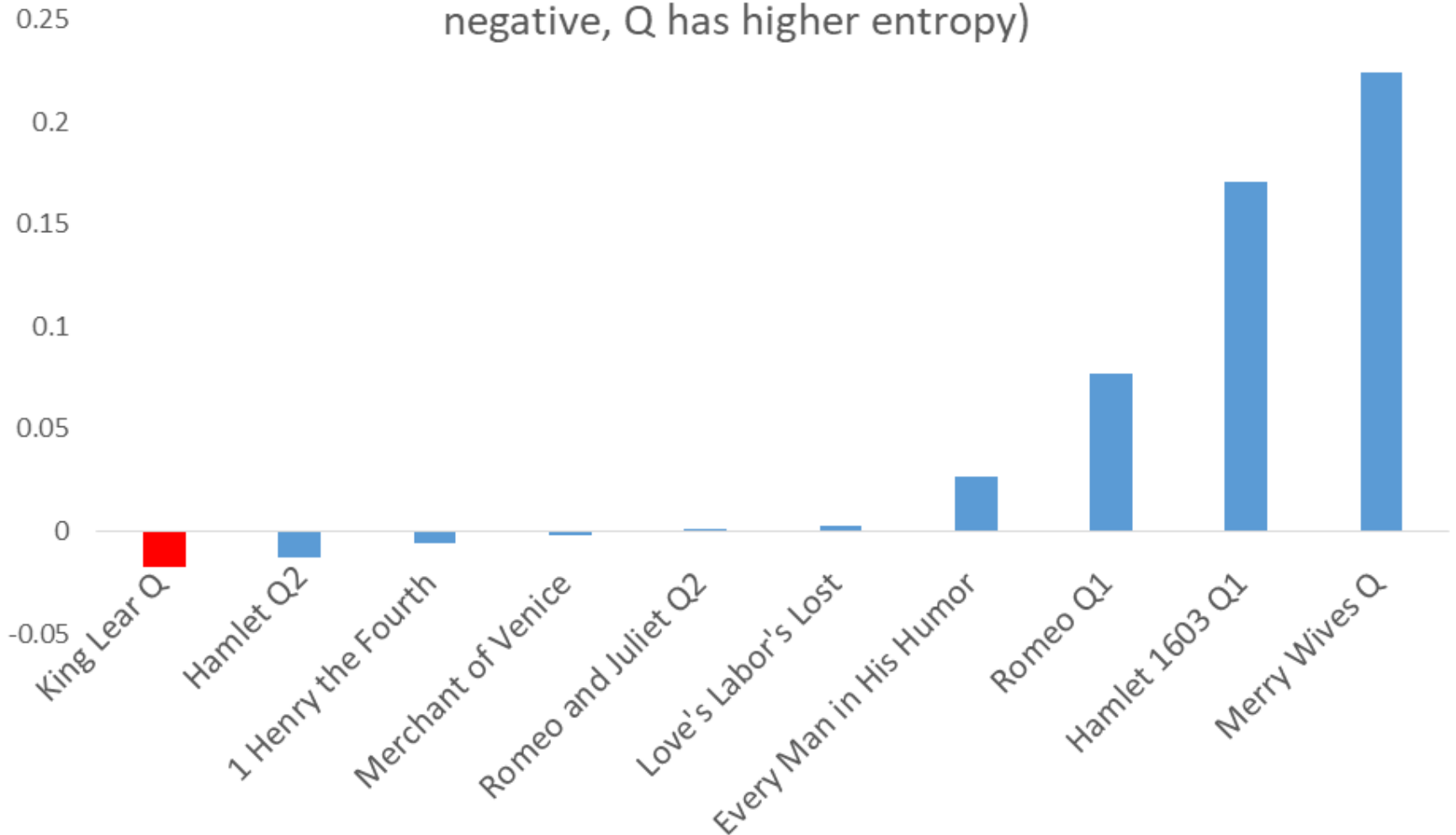
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$$p \approx 0.975$$

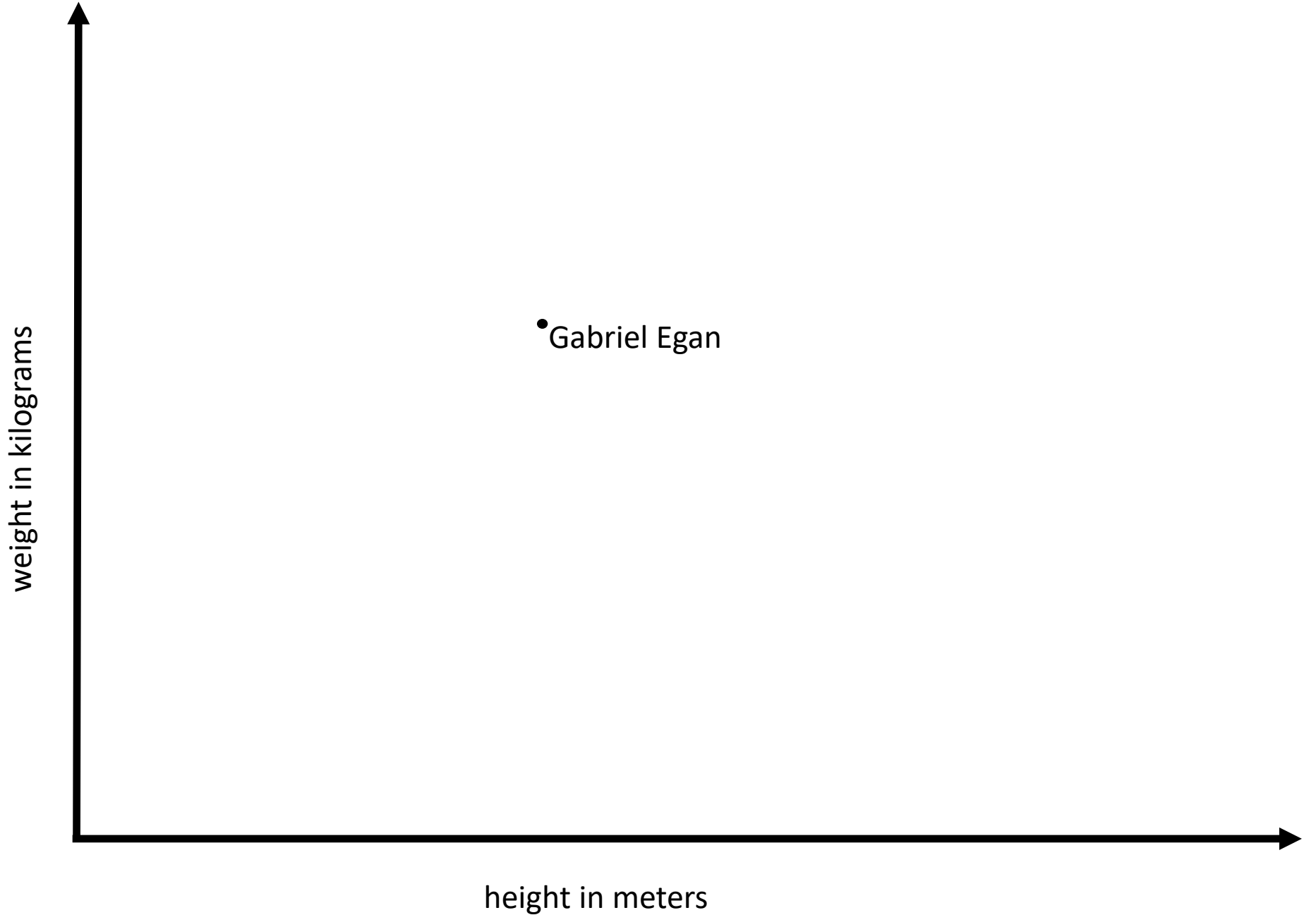


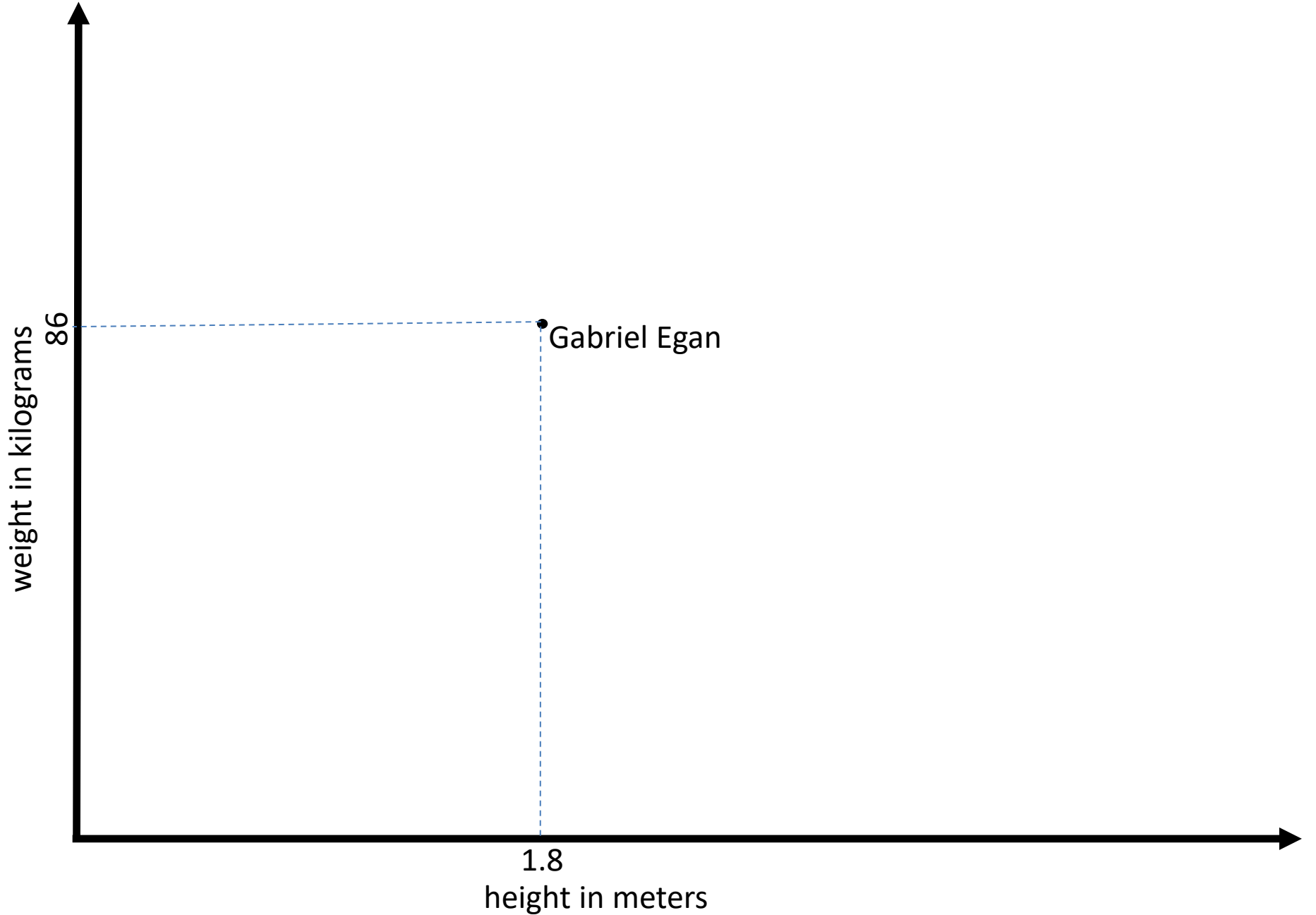
$$H = \sum \log_2(1/p) \times p$$

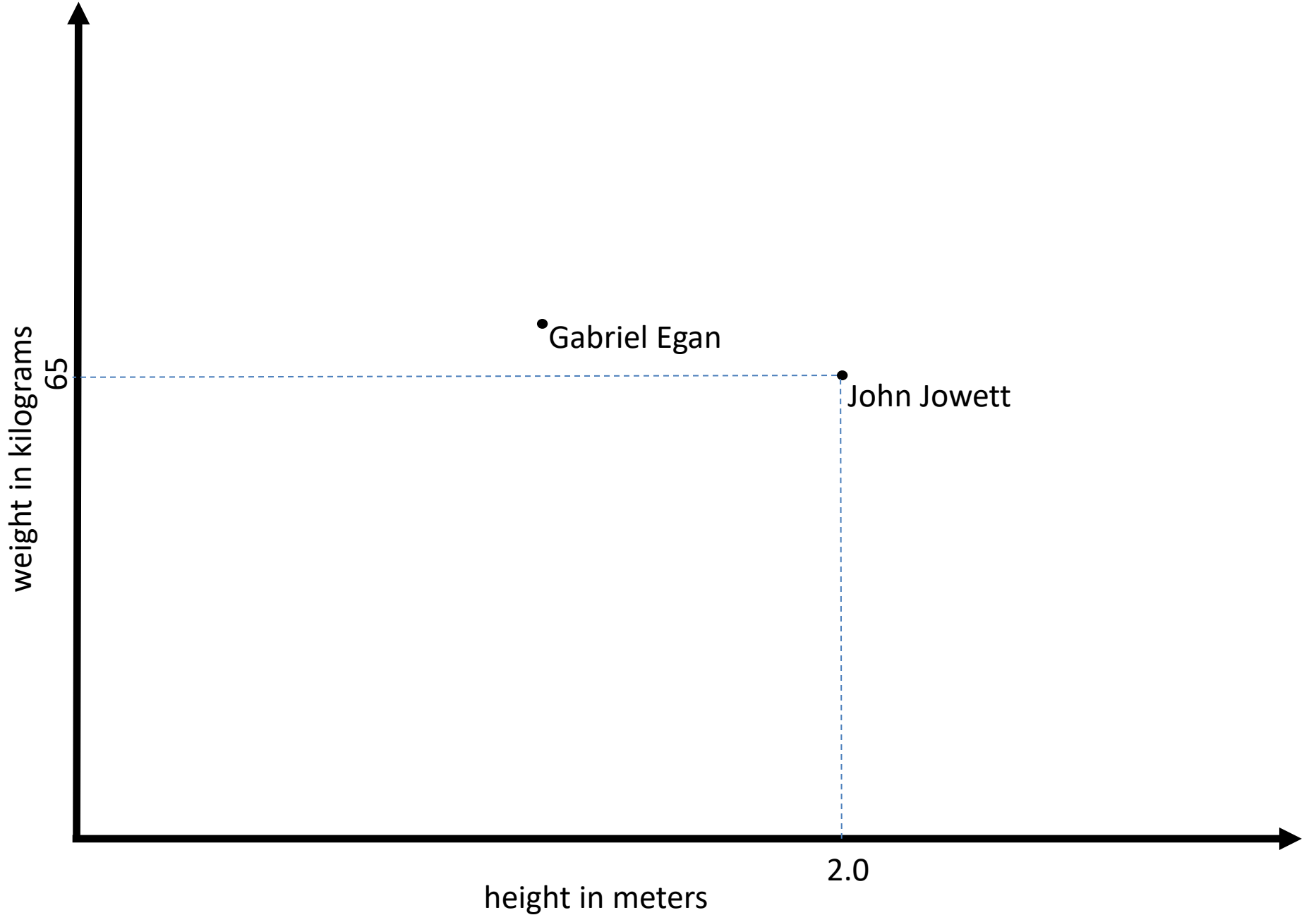
Difference between entropies, F minus Q for ten plays (if negative, Q has higher entropy)

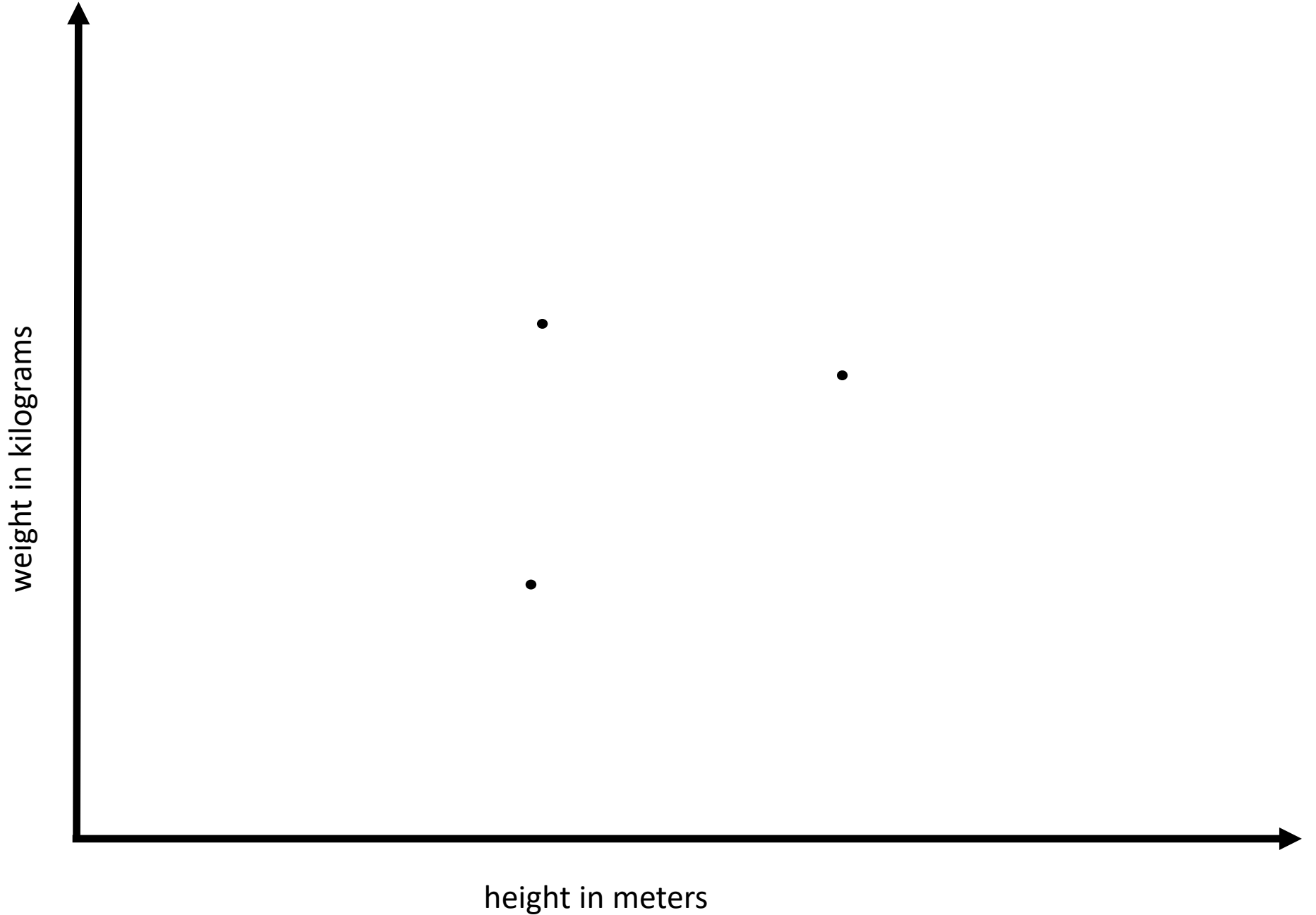


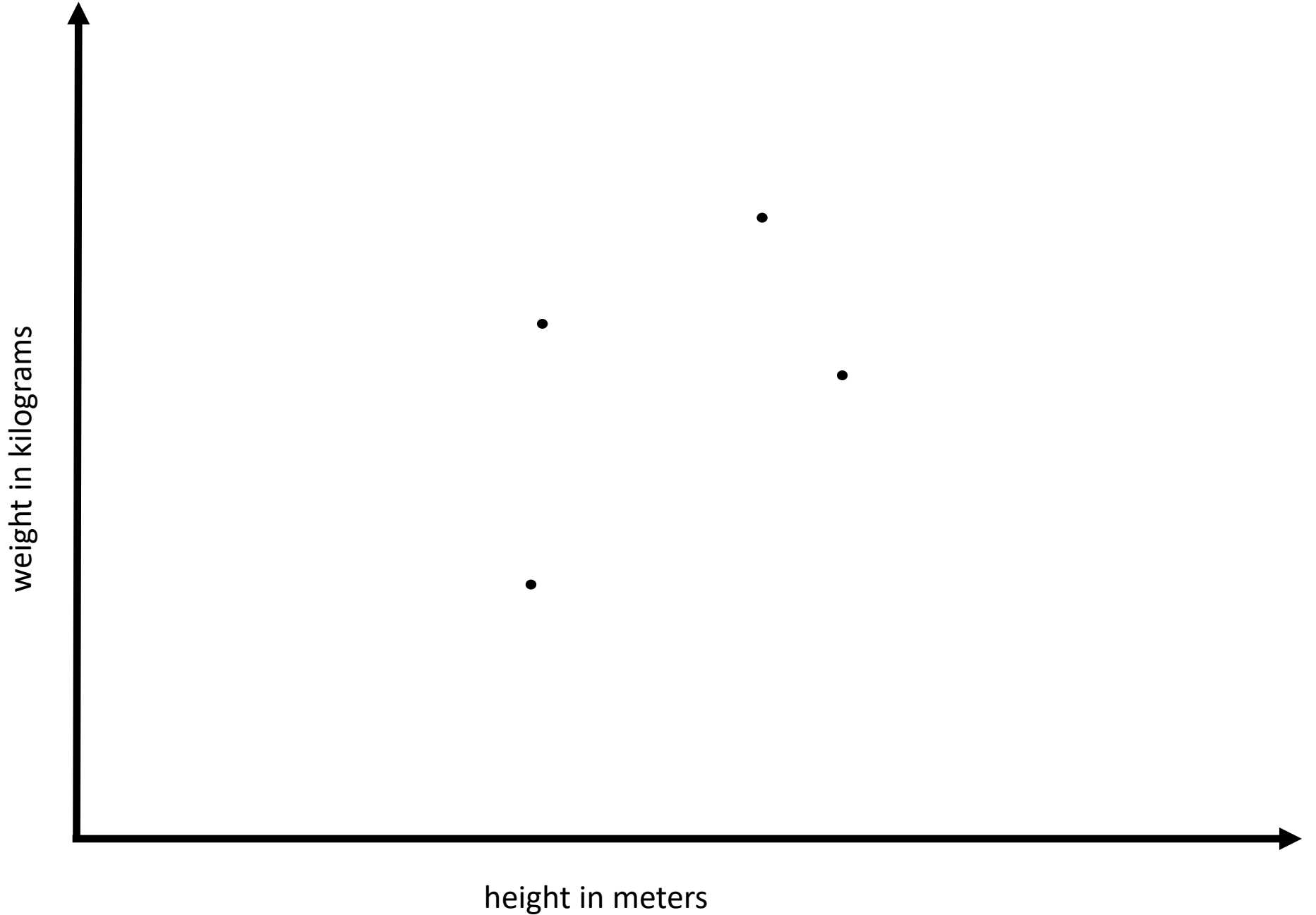


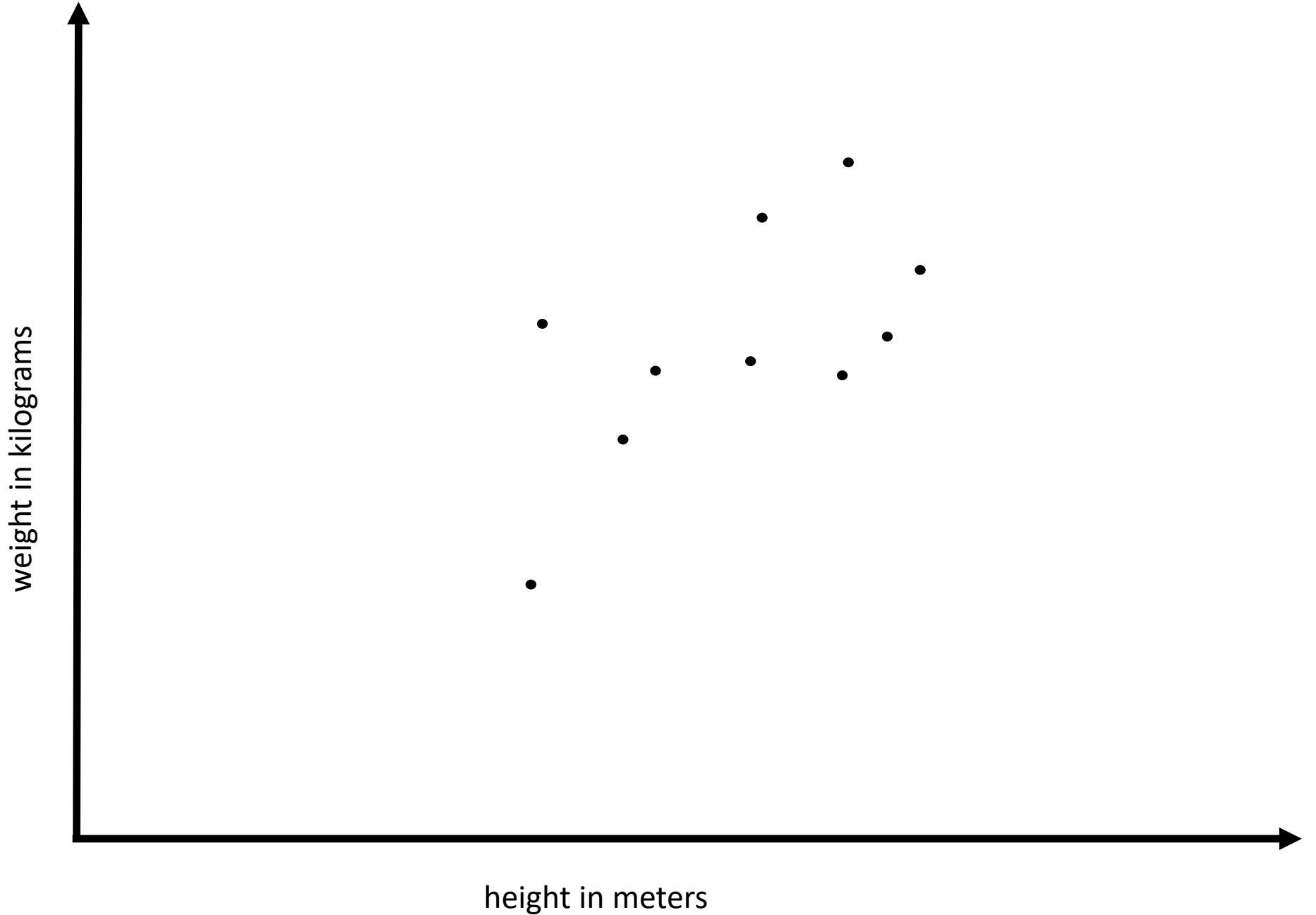


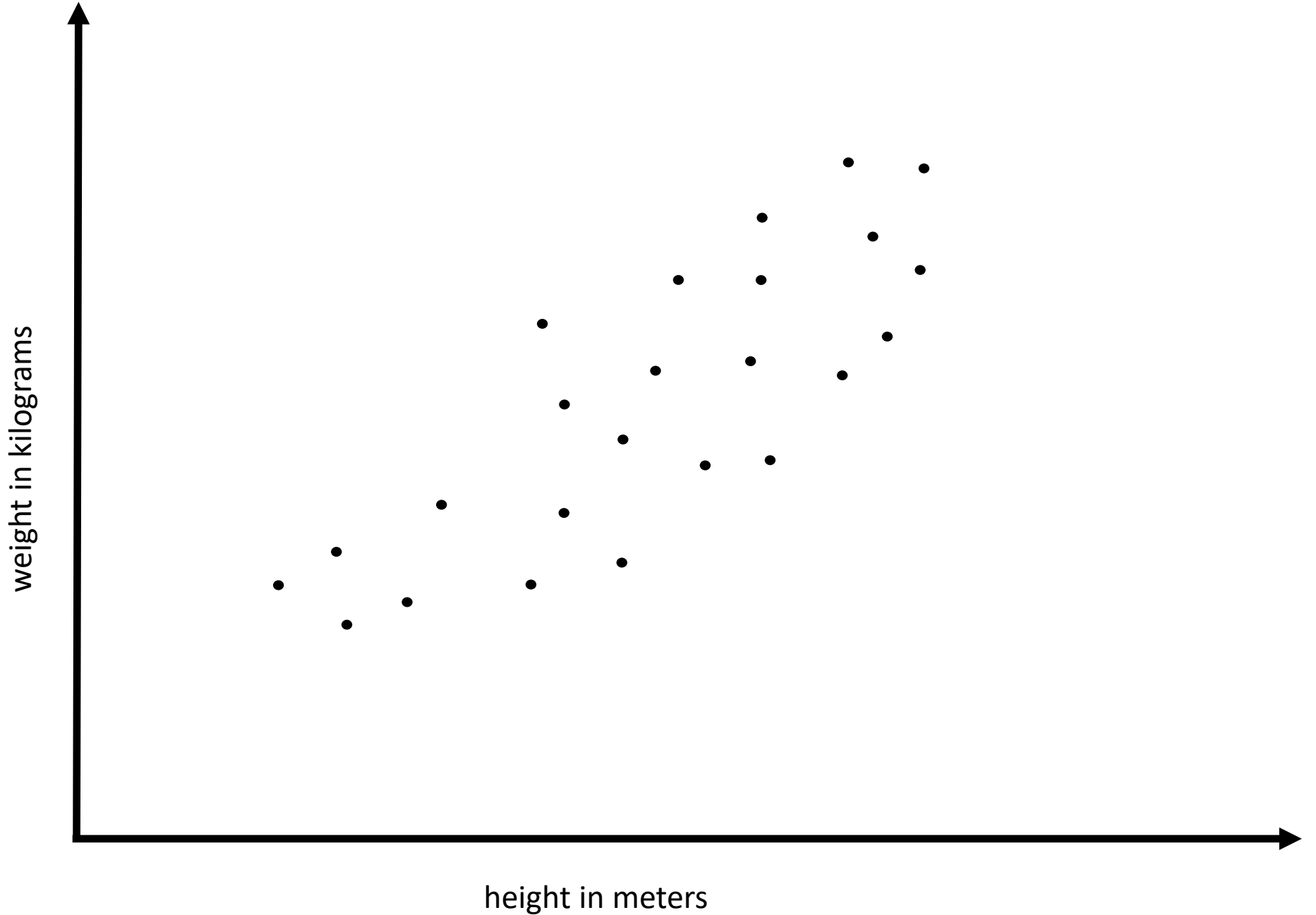


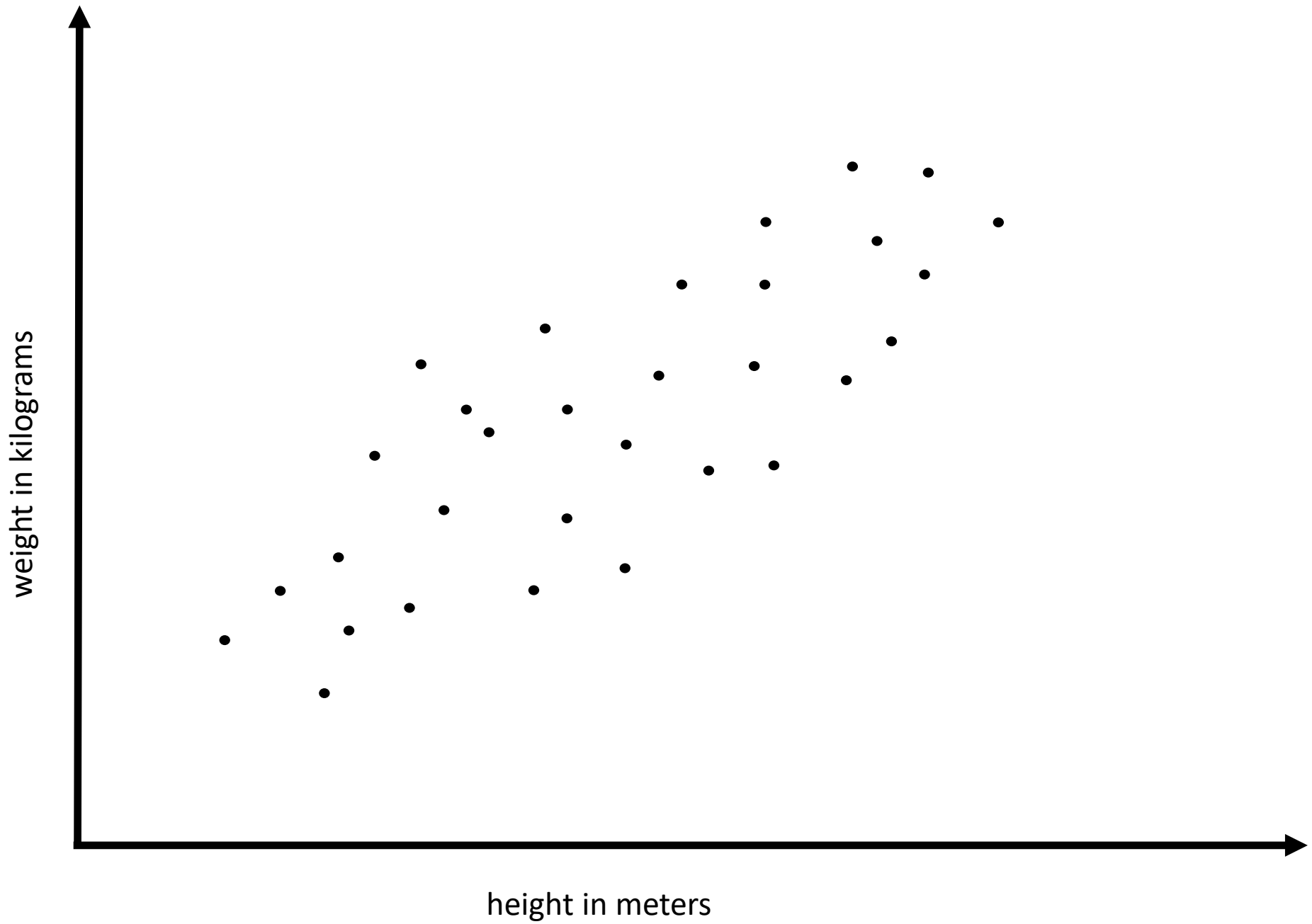




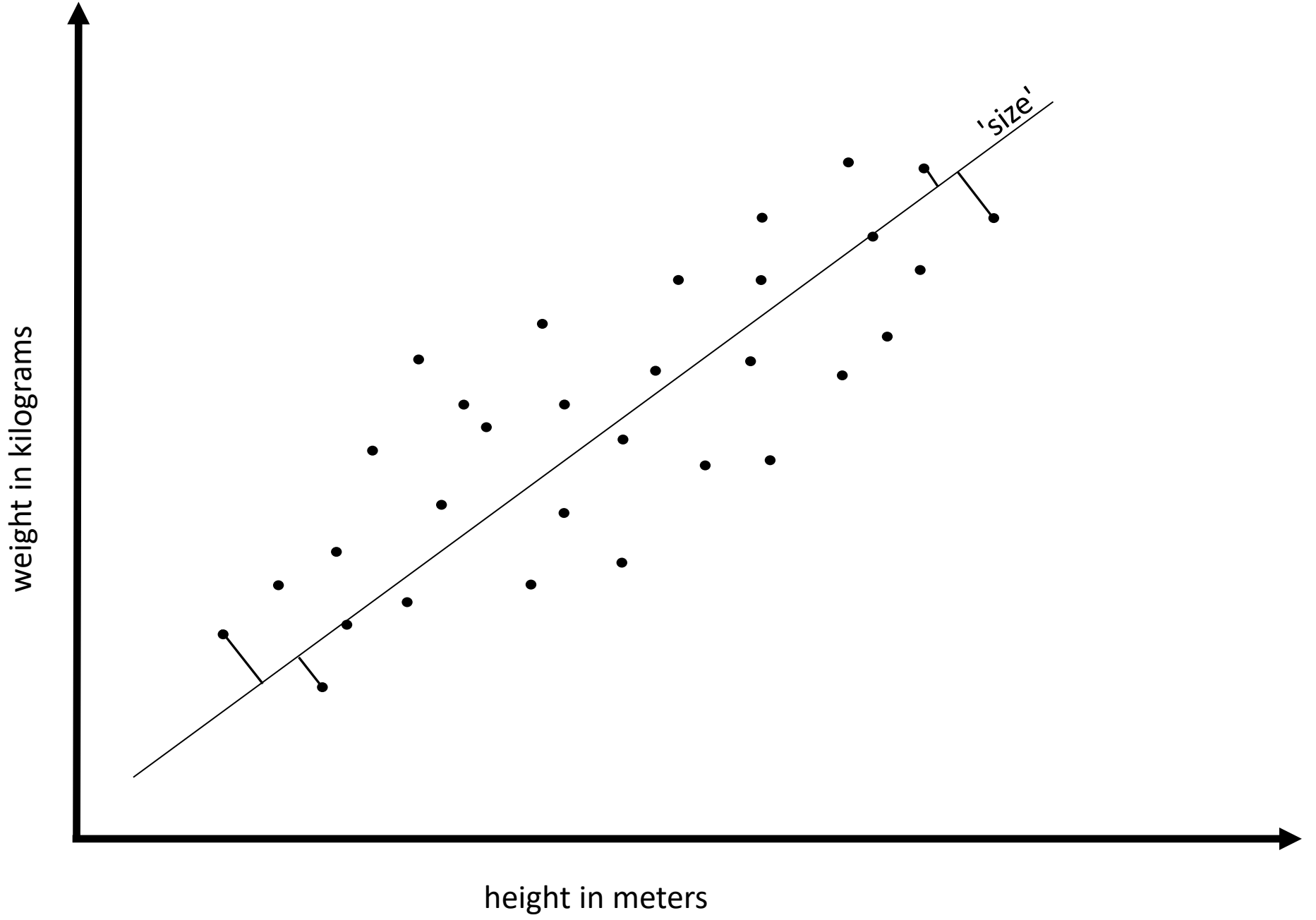


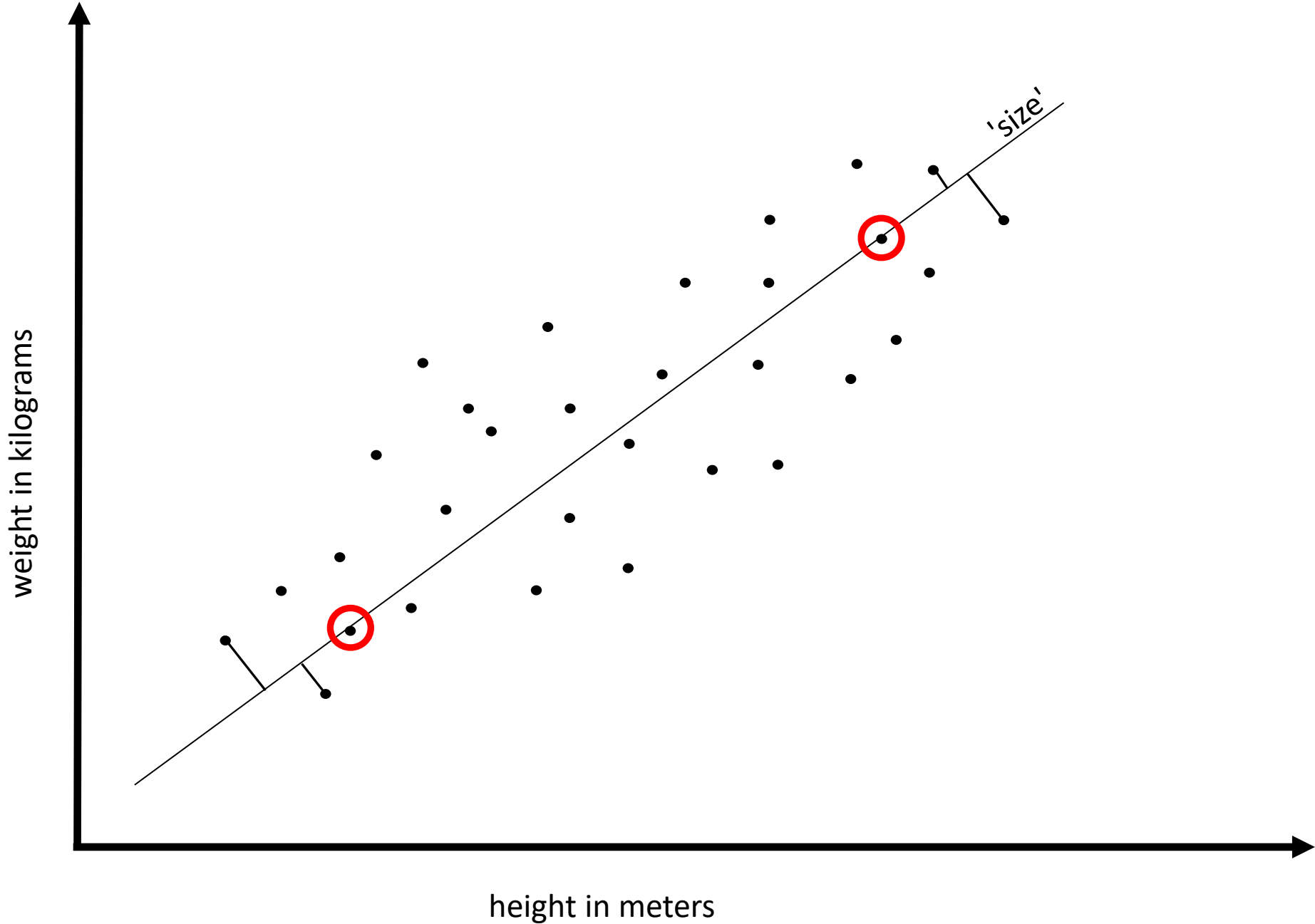


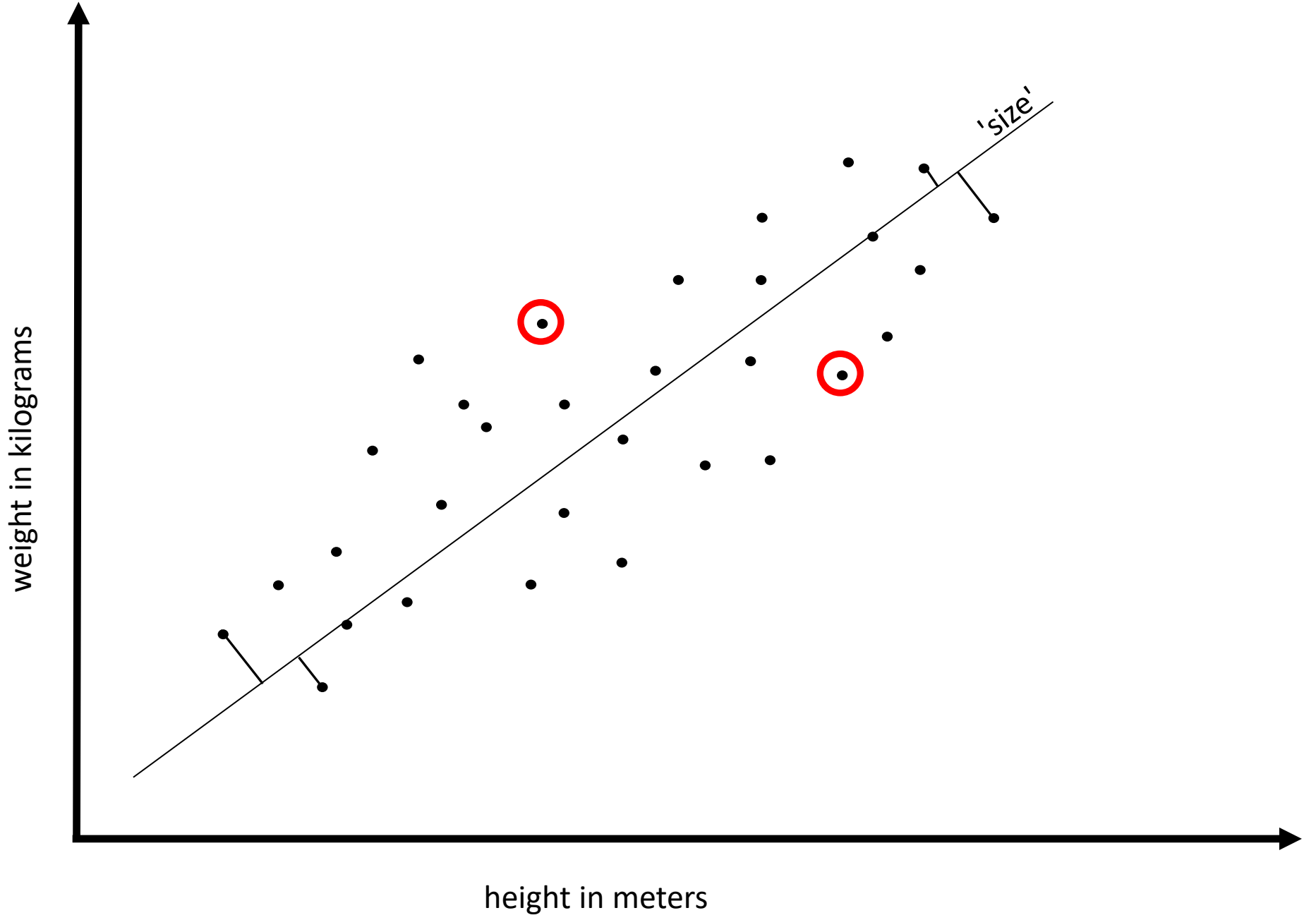


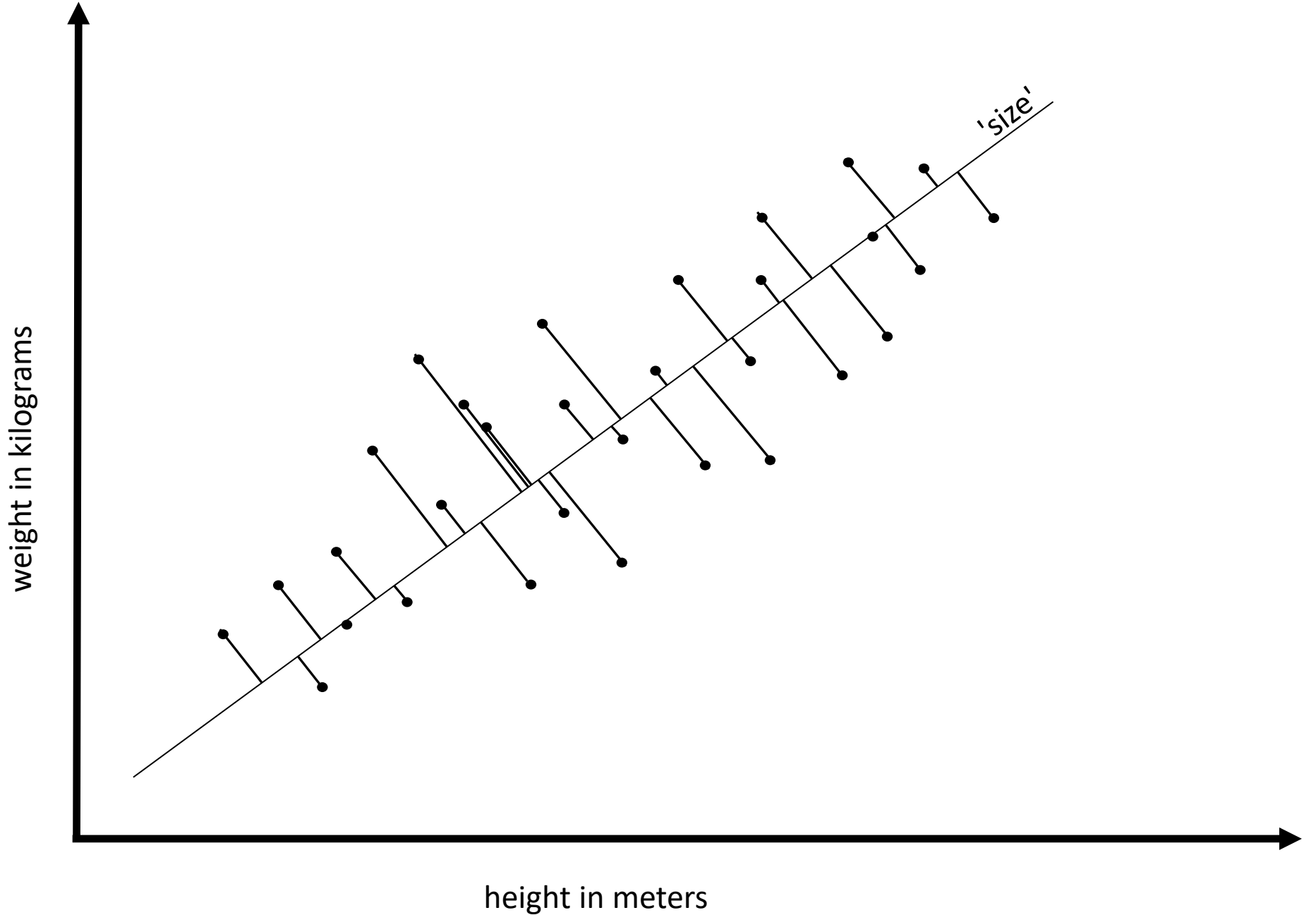


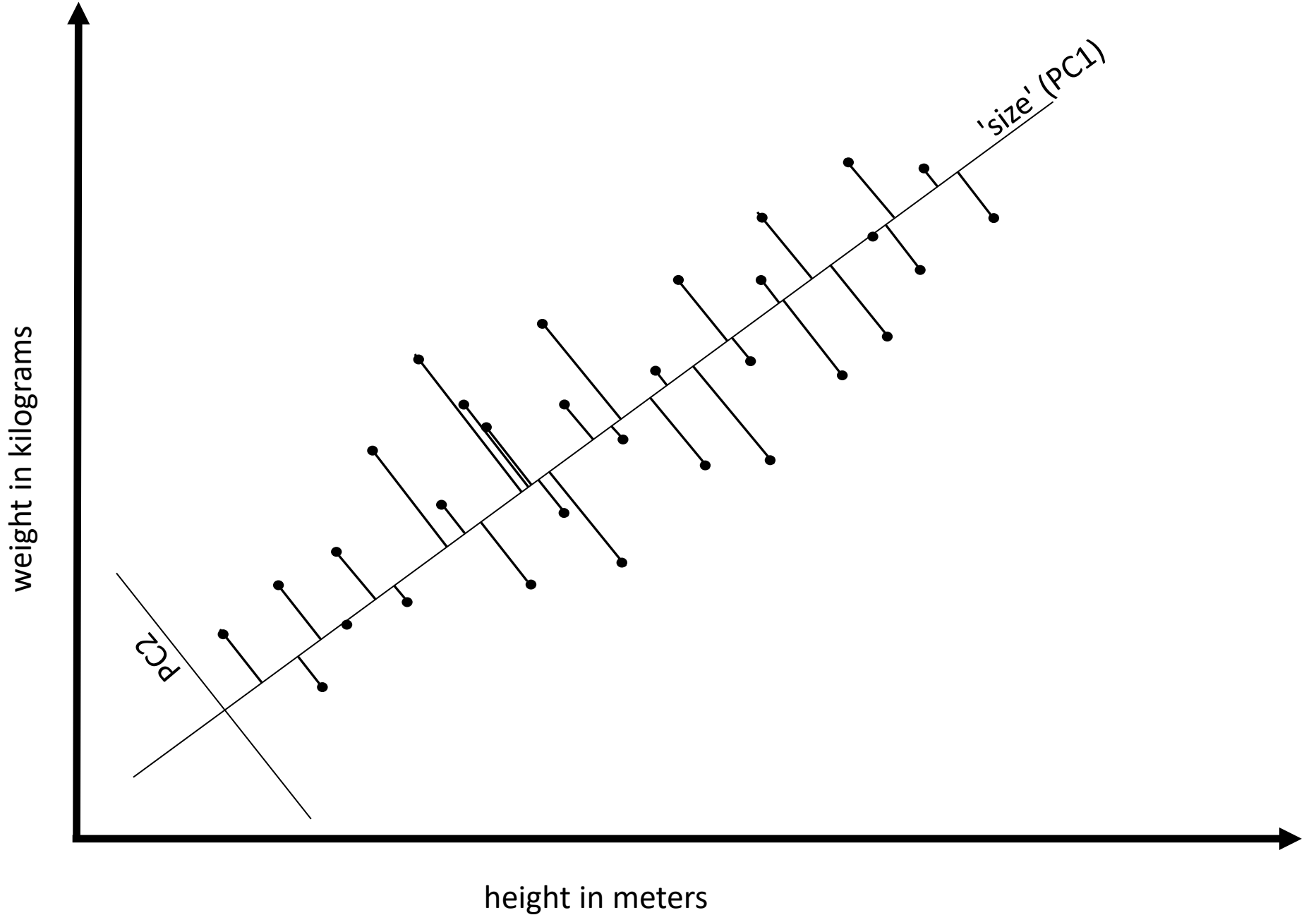








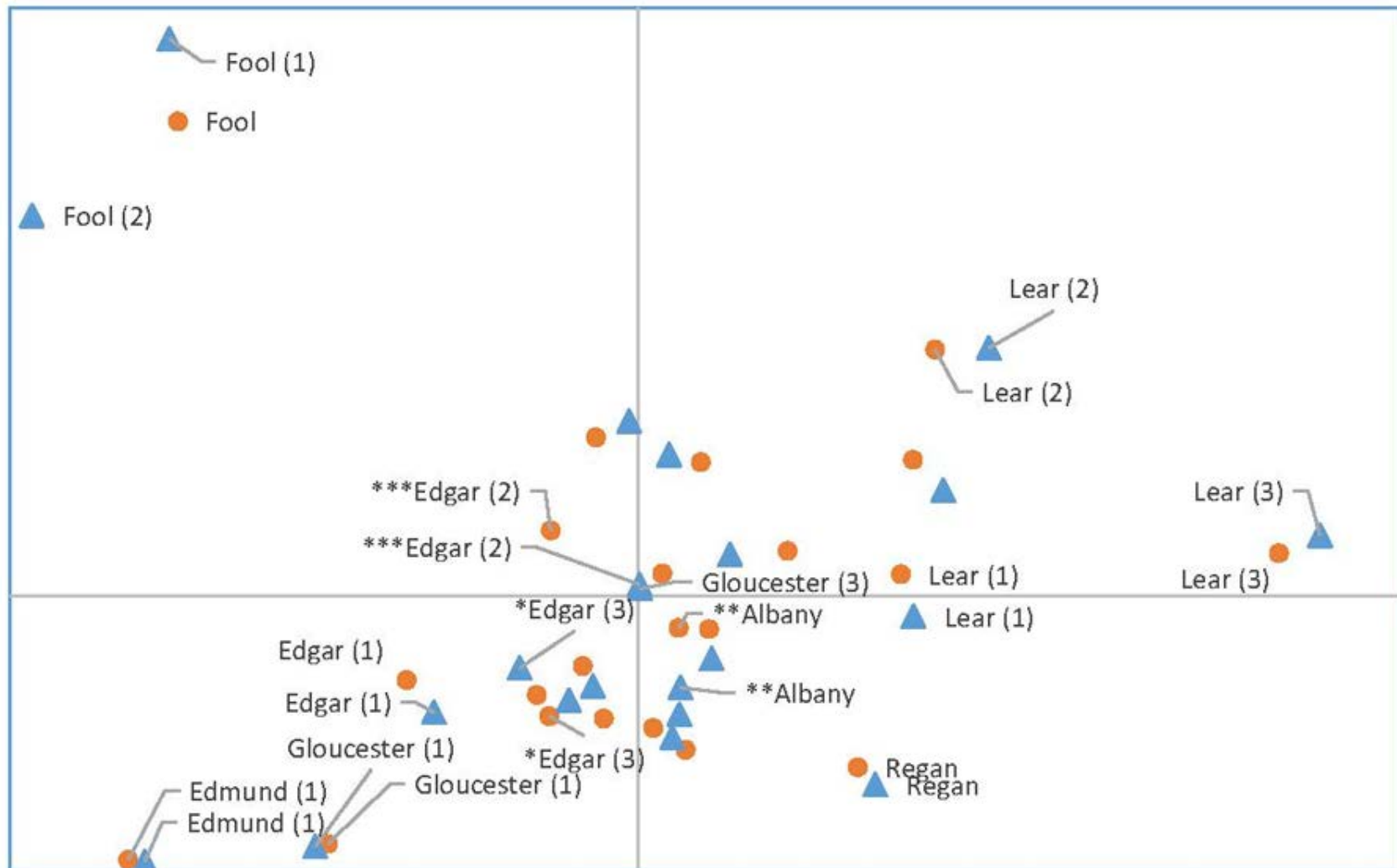






PCA: 100 very common function words and Lear characters with 800 or more words, larger characters split into 800-word segments, with residue added to last segment

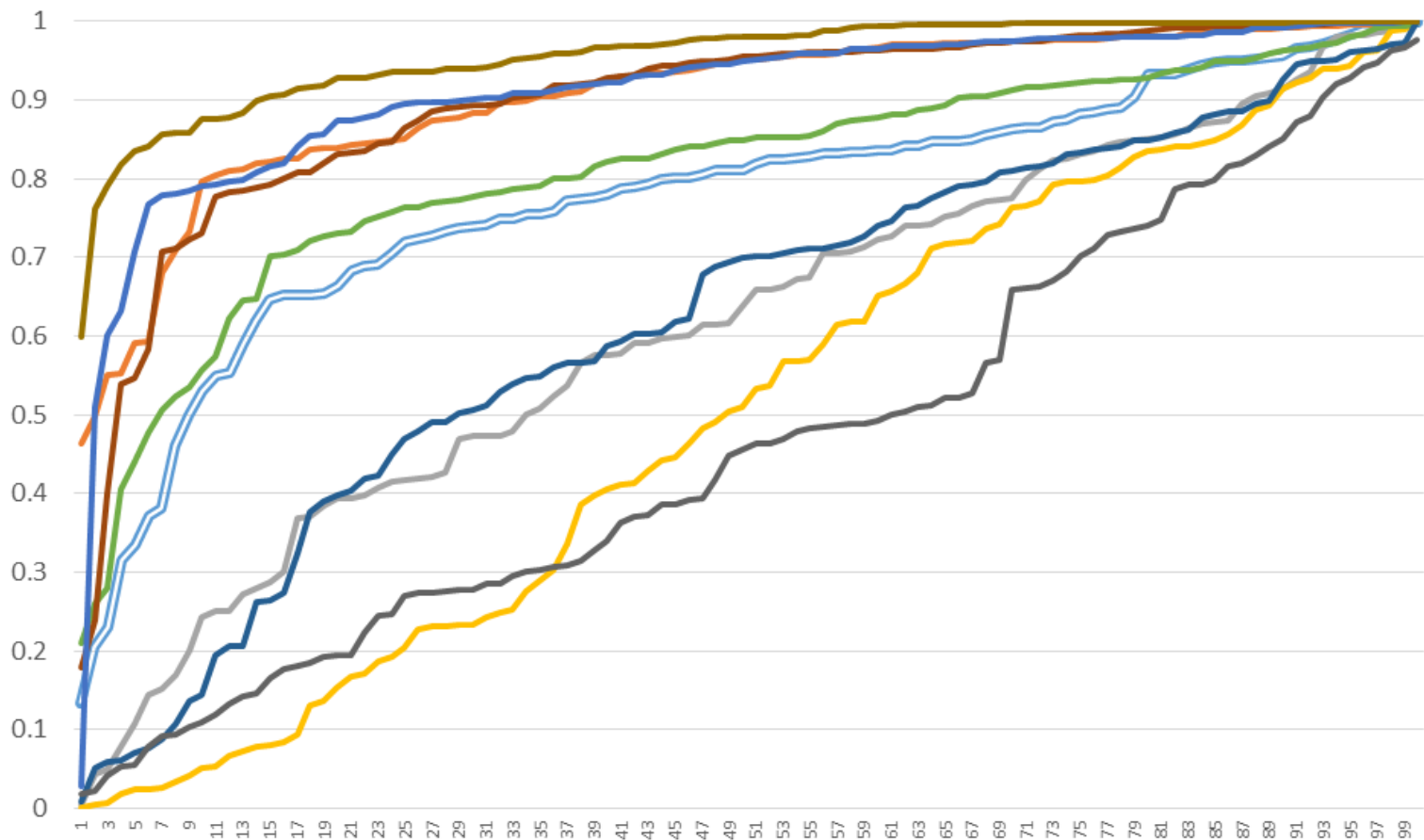
● Q ▲ F



# How much do quarto versions of a play differ in frequencies of 100 very common words from their folio equivalents?

Comparing F act scores to Q act scores.

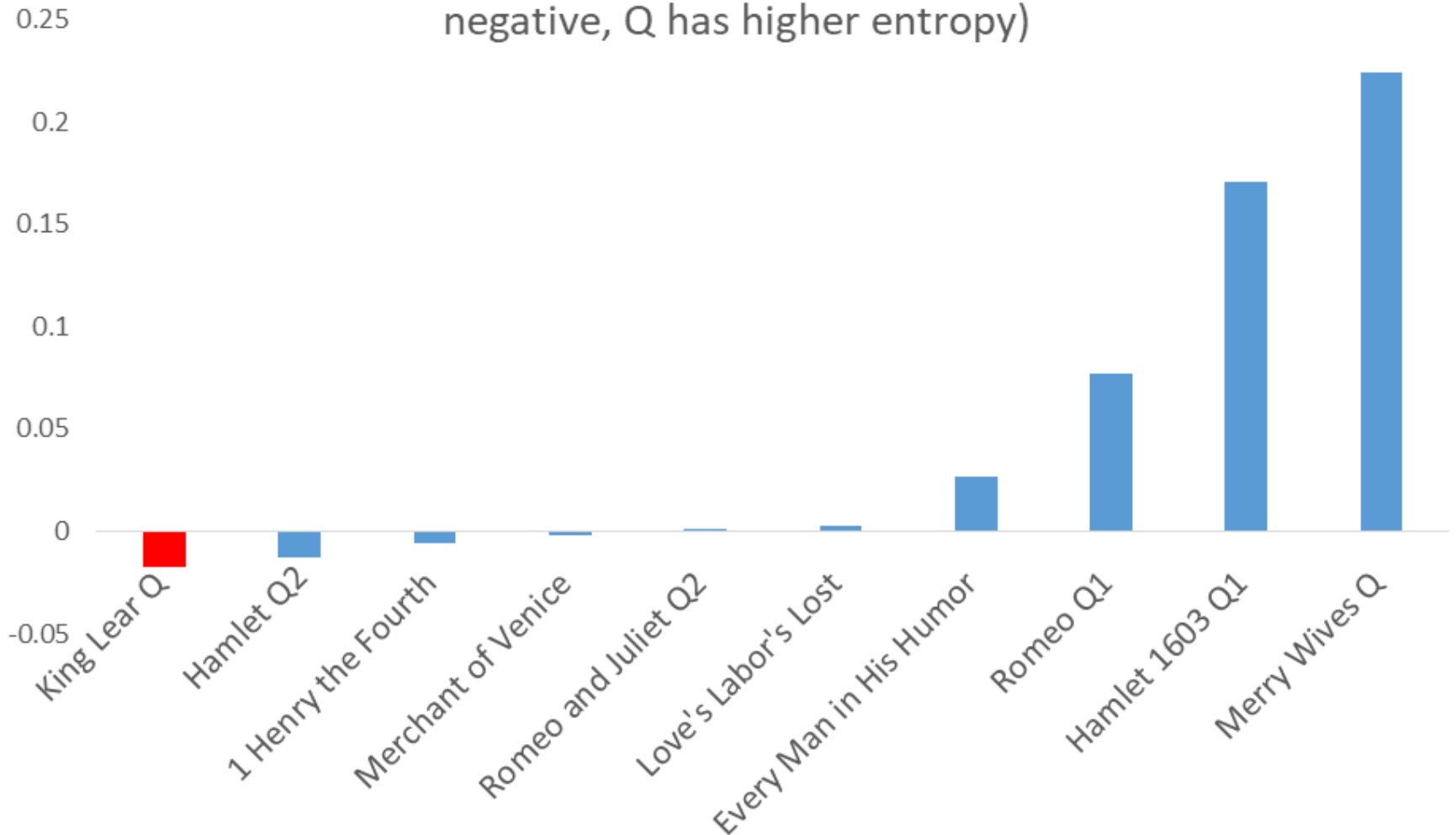
- King Lear Q1
- Merry Wives Q1
- Romeo Q2
- Merchant of Venice Q1
- 1 Henry IV Q2
- Hamlet Q2
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- EMI Q
- Romeo Q1
- LLL Q1





$$H = \sum \log_2(1/p) \times p$$

Difference between entropies, F minus Q for ten plays (if negative, Q has higher entropy)





**THE FIRST PRINCIPLE  
IS THAT YOU MUST NOT  
FOOL YOURSELF AND  
YOU ARE THE EASIEST  
PERSON TO FOOL.**

*Richard Feynman*

