

Multivariate Statistics in Ecology and Quantitative Genetics

Linear Regression and Linear Models

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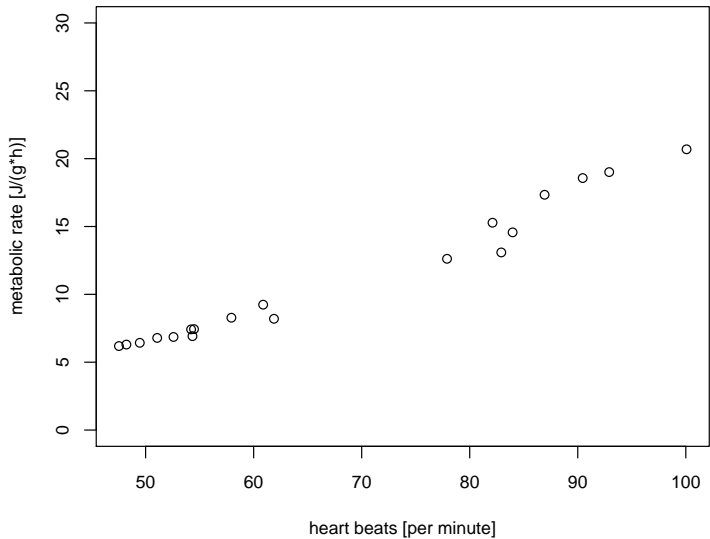
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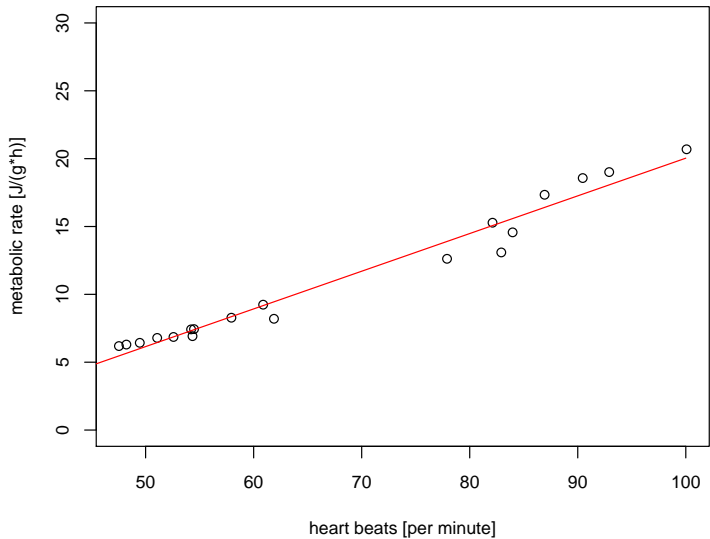


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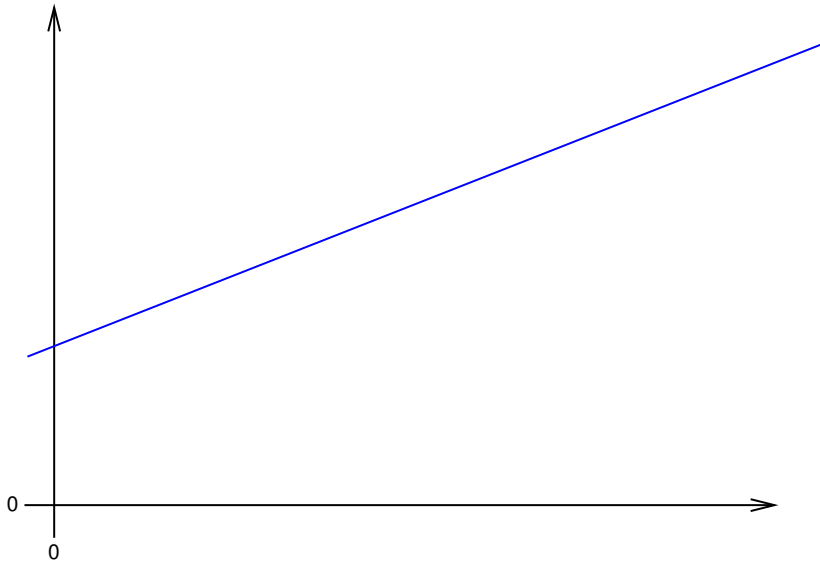
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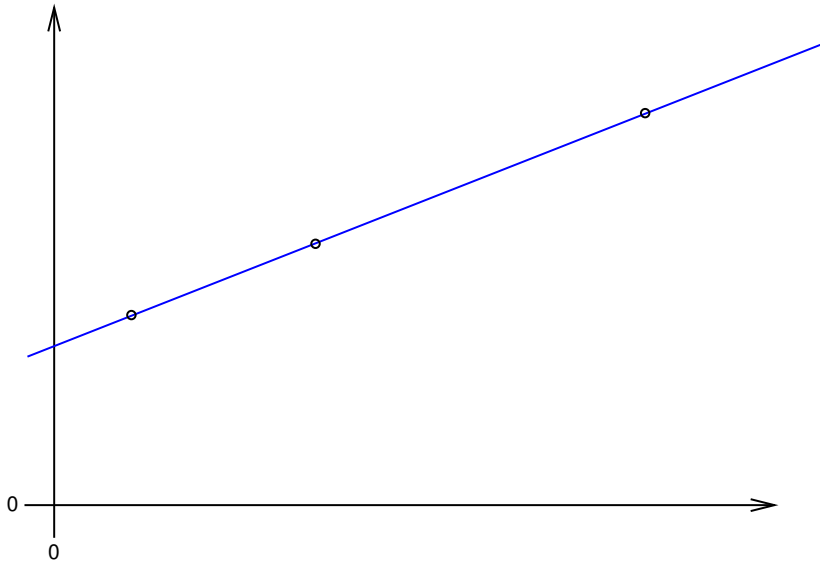
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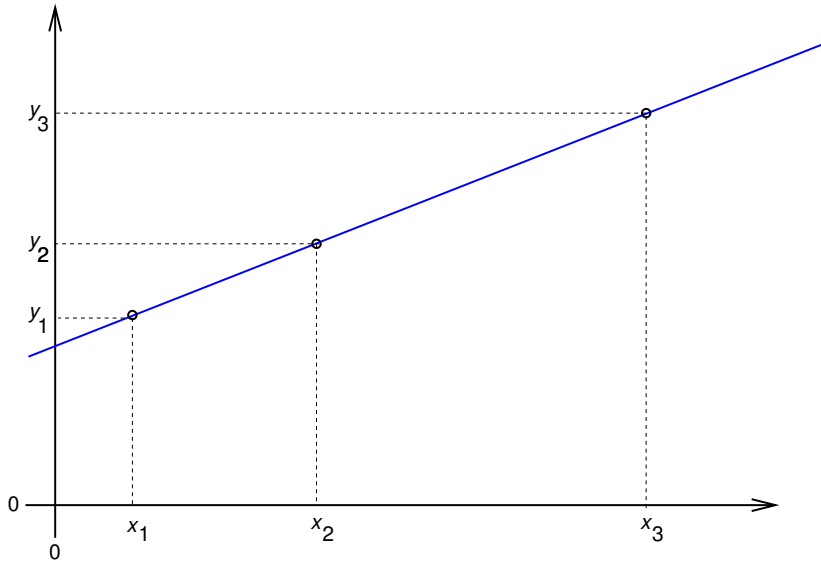
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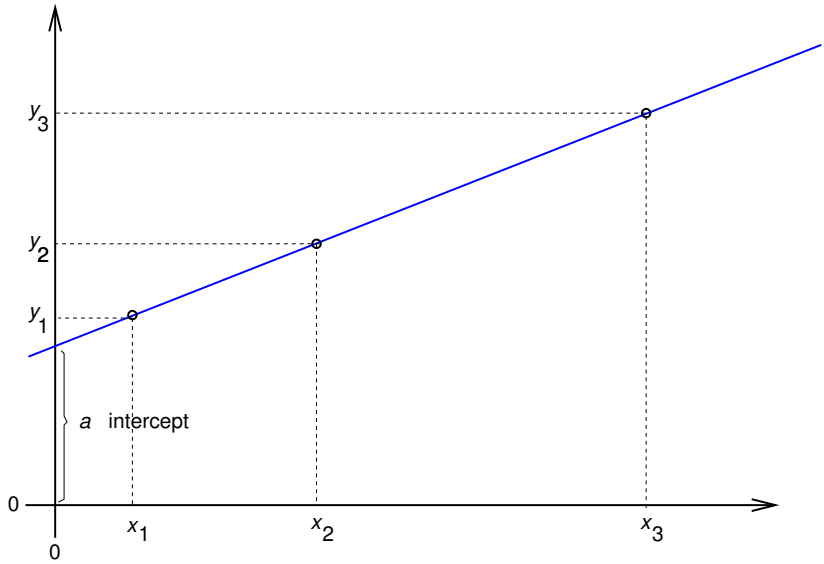
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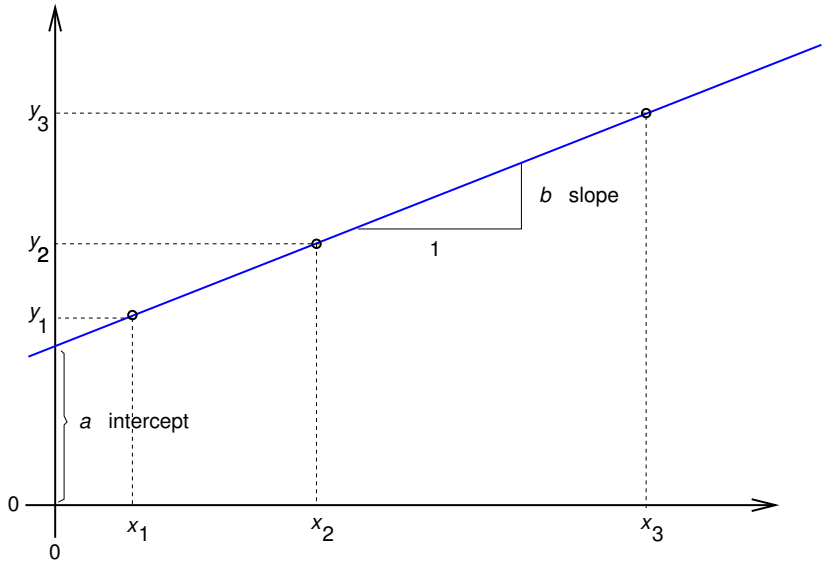
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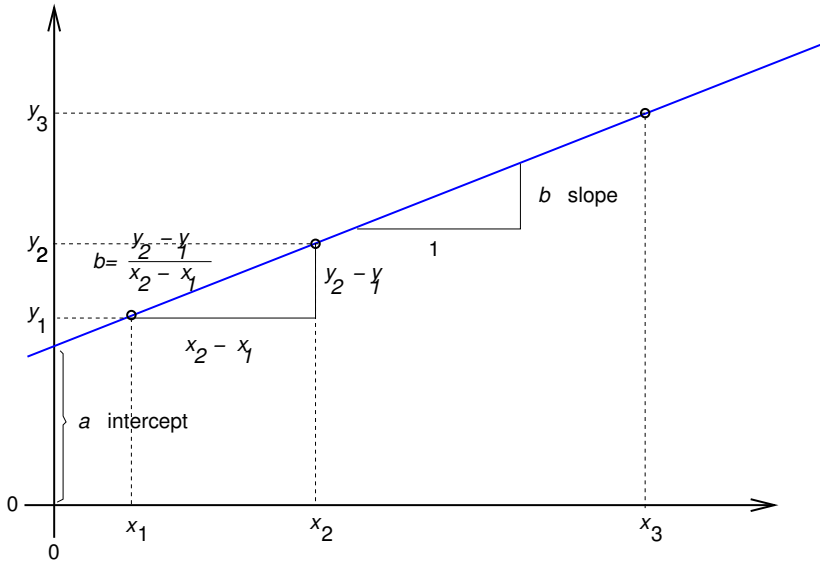
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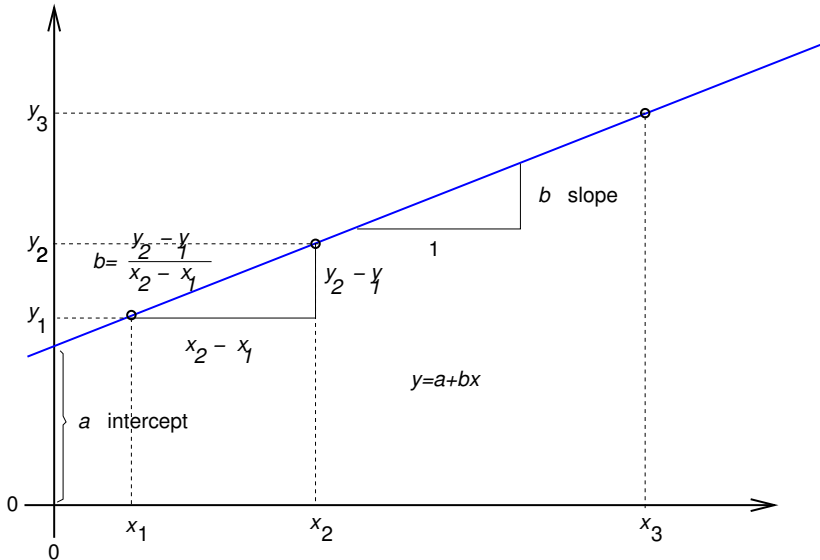
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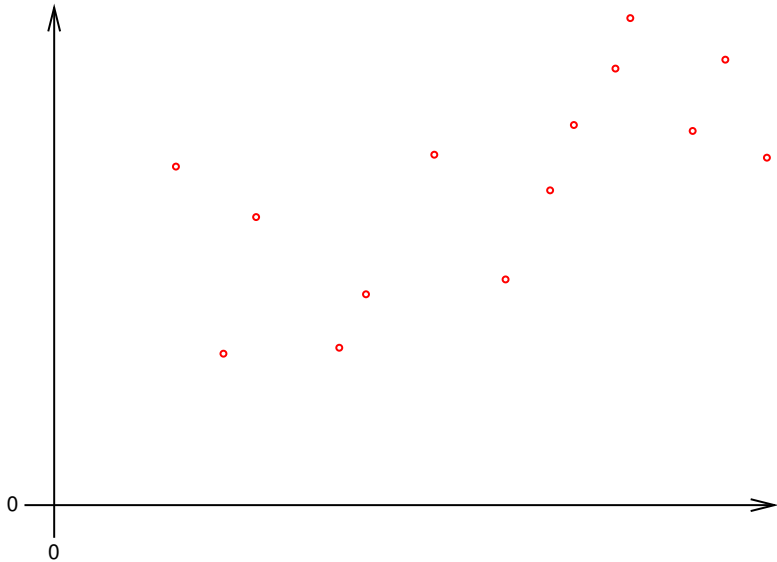
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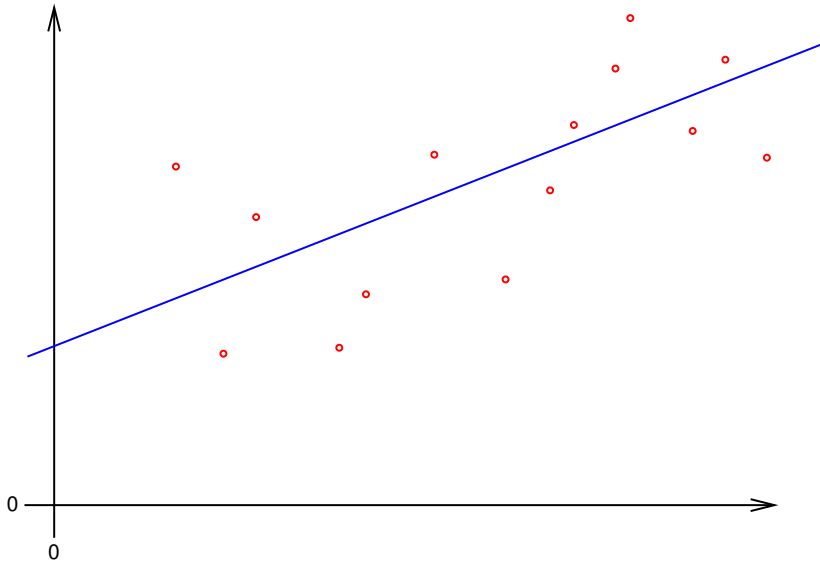
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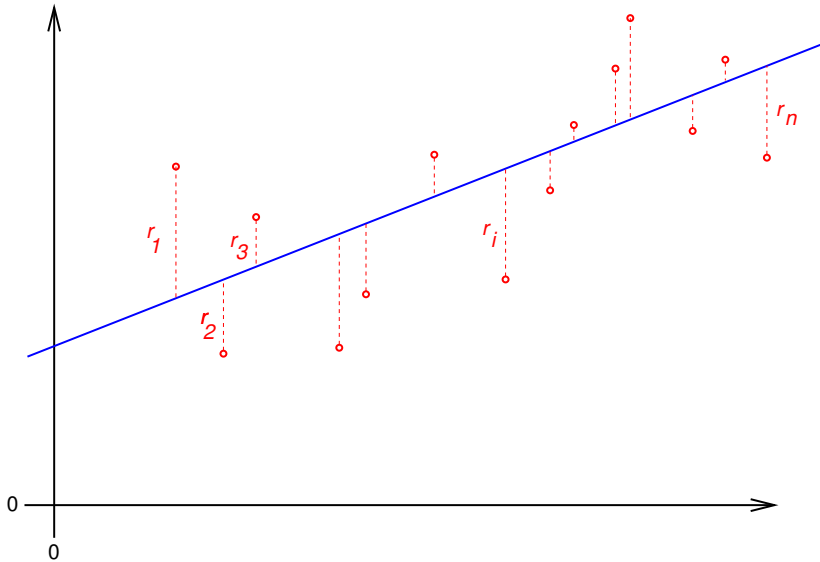
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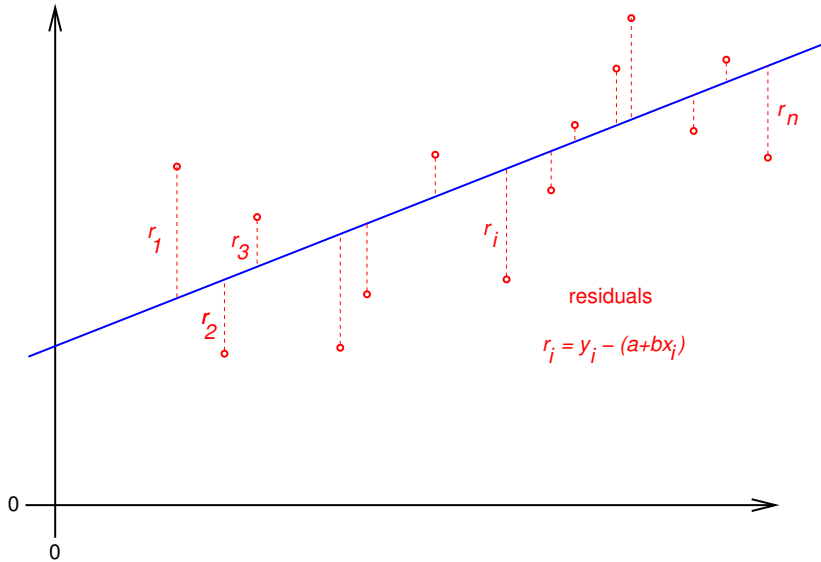
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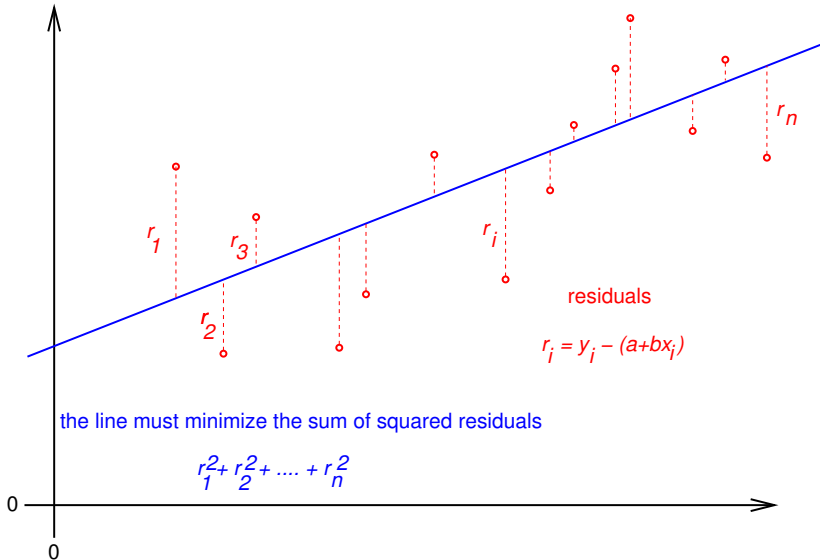


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define the regression line

$$y = \hat{a} + \hat{b} \cdot x$$

by minimizing the sum of squared residuals:

$$(\hat{a}, \hat{b}) = \arg \min_{(a,b)} \sum_i (y_i - (a + b \cdot x_i))^2$$

this is based on the model assumption that values a, b exist, such that, for all data points (x_i, y_i) we have

$$y_i = a + b \cdot x_i + \varepsilon_i,$$

whereas all ε_i are independent and normally distributed with the same variance σ^2 .

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X

y_1

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Please keep in mind:

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Estimate σ^2 by

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b} \cdot x_i)^2}{n - 2}.$$

Then,

$$\frac{\hat{b} - b}{s / \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

is t-distributed with $n - 2$ degrees of freedom. Thus, we can apply a t-test to test the null-hypothesis $b = 0$.

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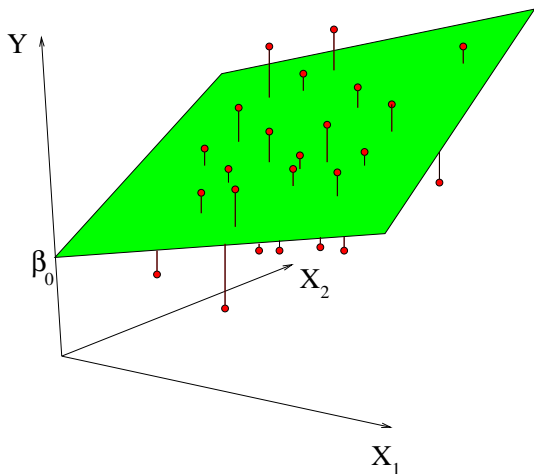
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target variable Y

explanatory variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m

parameter to be estimated a, b_1, \dots, b_m

independent normally distributed perturbations $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m$ with unknown variance σ^2 .

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- ▶ Which factors influence the species richness on sandy beaches?
- ▶ Data from the dutch National Institute for Coastal and Marine Management Rijkswaterstaat/RIKZ
- ▶ see also



Zuur, Ieno, Smith (2007) *Analysing Ecological Data*.
Springer

	richness	angle2	NAP	grainsize	humus	week
1	11	96	0.045	222.5	0.05	1
2	10	96	-1.036	200.0	0.30	1
3	13	96	-1.336	194.5	0.10	1
4	11	96	0.616	221.0	0.15	1
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21	3	21	1.117	251.5	0.00	4
22	22	21	-0.503	265.0	0.00	4
23	6	21	0.729	275.5	0.10	4
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43	3	96	-0.002	223.0	0.00	3
44	0	96	2.255	186.0	0.05	3
45	2	96	0.865	189.5	0.00	3

Meaning of the Variables

richness Number of species that were found in a plot.

angle2 slope of the beach at the plot

NAP altitude of the plot compared to the mean sea level.

grainsize average diameter of sand grains

humus fraction of organic material

week in which of 4 was this plot probed.

(many more variables in original data set)

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in R notation:

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richness ~ angle2 + NAP + grainsize + humus
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grainsize	-0.04012	0.01532	-2.619	0.01239	*
humus	11.77641	9.71057	1.213	0.23234	

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- ▶ In R this is done by changing `week` into a factor.

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in R notation:

```
richness ~ angle2 + NAP + grainsize + humus +  
factor(week)
```

```
> modell <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+grainsize+humus
+               +factor(week), data = rikz)
> summary(modell)
```

```
.
.
.
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	9.298448	7.967002	1.167	0.250629	
angle2	0.016760	0.042934	0.390	0.698496	
NAP	-2.274093	0.529411	-4.296	0.000121	***
grainsize	0.002249	0.021066	0.107	0.915570	
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- ▶ An alternative representation without `Intercept` takes 0 as reference point.

```
> modell.alternativ <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+
+       grainsize+humus+factor(week)-1, data = rikz)
> summary(modell.alternativ)
```

```
.
.
.
```

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humus	0.519686	8.703910	0.060	0.952710	
factor(week)1	9.298448	7.967002	1.167	0.250629	
factor(week)2	2.233349	8.158816	0.274	0.785811	
factor(week)3	3.579393	8.530193	0.420	0.677194	
factor(week)4	7.816632	6.522282	1.198	0.238362	

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Disadvantage: Conservative: Often, the null hypotheses cannot be rejected even if it is not true (type-2-error).

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Only works for nested models, i.e. the simpler model can be obtained by restricting some parameters of the richer model to certain values or equations. In our case: “all week summands are equal”.

```
> modell0 <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+grainsize+humus,  
+              data = rikz)  
> modell <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+grainsize+humus  
+              +factor(week), data = rikz)  
> anova(modell0, modell)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Model 1: richness ~ angle2 + NAP + grainsize + humus

Model 2: richness ~ angle2 + NAP + grainsize + humus + factor

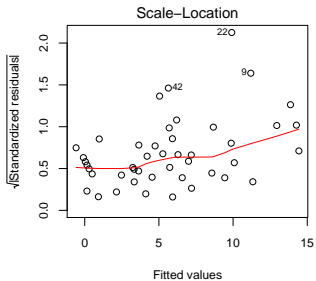
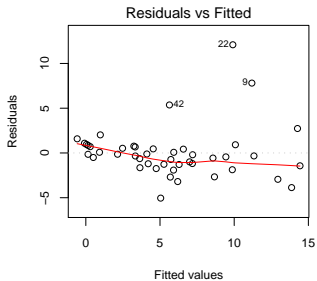
	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	40	531.17				
2	37	353.66	3	177.51	6.1902	0.00162 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

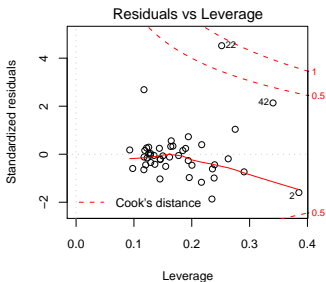
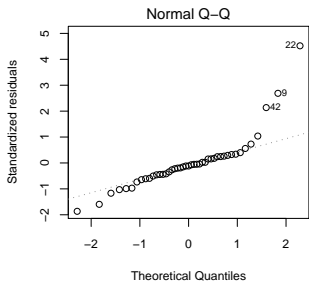
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But wait! We can only do that if the more complex model fits well to the data. We check this graphically.



```
plot(modell)
```



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Can we explain this by taking more parameters into account or are these real outliers, which are atypical and must be analysed separately.

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in R notation:

```
richness ~ angle2 + NAP + angle2:NAP+grainsize + humus  
+ factor(week)
```

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in R notation:

```
richness ~ angle2 + NAP + angle2:NAP+grainsize + humus
+ factor(week)
```

short-cut:

```
richness ~ angle2*NAP+grainsize + humus + factor(week)
```

```
> modell3 <- lm(richness ~ angle2*NAP+grainsize+humus
+               +factor(week), data = rikz)
```

```
> summary(modell3)
```

```
[...]
```

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	10.438985	8.148756	1.281	0.208366	
angle2	0.007846	0.044714	0.175	0.861697	
NAP	-3.011876	1.099885	-2.738	0.009539	**
grainsize	0.001109	0.021236	0.052	0.958658	
humus	0.387333	8.754526	0.044	0.964955	
factor(week)2	-7.444863	1.839364	-4.048	0.000262	***
factor(week)3	-6.052928	1.888789	-3.205	0.002831	**
factor(week)4	-1.854893	2.778334	-0.668	0.508629	
angle2:NAP	0.013255	0.017292	0.767	0.448337	

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Different types of ANOVA tables

If you apply the R command `anova` to a single model, the variables are added consecutively in the same order as in the command. Each p value refers to the test whether the model gets significantly better by adding the variable to only those that are listed above the variable. In contrast to this, the p values that are given by `summary` or by `dropterm` from the MASS library always compare the model to a model where only the corresponding variable is set to 0 and all other variables can take any values. The p values given by `anova` thus depend on the order in which the variables are given in the command. This is not the case for `summary` and `dropterm`. The same options exist in other software packages, sometimes under the names “type I analysis” and “type II analysis”.

The same model is specified twice:

```
> modellA <- lm(richness ~ angle2+NAP+humus
+               +factor(week)+grainsize,data = rikz)
> modellB <- lm(richness ~ angle2+grainsize
+               +NAP+humus+factor(week), data = rikz)
```

Look at the p -value of grainsize


```
> anova(modellA)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: richness

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
angle2	1	124.86	124.86	13.0631	0.0008911	***
NAP	1	319.32	319.32	33.4071	1.247e-06	***
humus	1	35.18	35.18	3.6804	0.0627983	.
factor(week)	3	268.51	89.50	9.3638	9.723e-05	***
grainsize	1	0.11	0.11	0.0114	0.9155704	
Residuals	37	353.66	9.56			

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```
> anova(modellB)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: richness

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
angle2	1	124.86	124.86	13.0631	0.00089	***
grainsize	1	35.97	35.97	3.7636	0.06003	.
NAP	1	390.11	390.11	40.8127	1.8e-07	***
humus	1	19.53	19.53	2.0433	0.16127	
factor(week)	3	177.51	59.17	6.1902	0.00162	**
Residuals	37	353.66	9.56			

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```
> library(MASS)
> dropterm(modella, test="F")
Single term deletions
```

Model:

```
richness ~ angle2 + NAP + humus + factor(week) + grainsize
```

	Df	Sum of Sq	RSS	AIC	F Value	Pr(F)	
<none>			353.66	108.78			
angle2	1	1.46	355.12	106.96	0.15	0.6984	
NAP	1	176.37	530.03	124.98	18.45	0.0001	***
humus	1	0.03	353.70	106.78	0.003565	0.9527	
factor(week)	3	177.51	531.17	121.08	6.19	0.0016	**
grainsize	1	0.11	353.77	106.79	0.01	0.9155	

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
> dropterm(modellB, test="F")
```

```
Single term deletions
```

```
Model:
```

```
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```

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```

```
> summary(modellA)
```

```
[...]
```

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	9.298448	7.967002	1.167	0.2506	
angle2	0.016760	0.042934	0.390	0.6984	
NAP	-2.274093	0.529411	-4.296	0.0001	***
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factor(week)2	-7.065098	1.761492	-4.011	0.0002	***
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factor(week)4	-1.481816	2.720089	-0.545	0.5891	
grainsize	0.002249	0.021066	0.107	0.9155	

```
---
```

```
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```

```
> summary(modellB)
```

```
[...]
```

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	9.298448	7.967002	1.167	0.2506	
angle2	0.016760	0.042934	0.390	0.6984	
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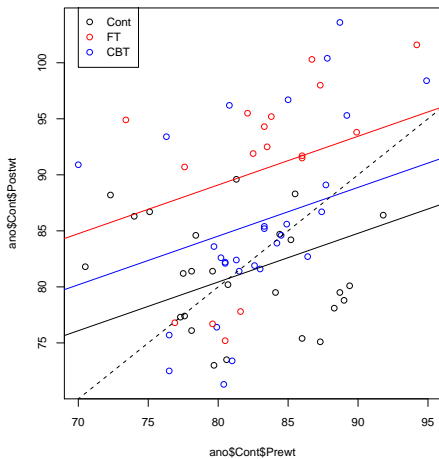
For young anorexia patients the effect of family therapy (FT) and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is compared to a control group (Cont) by comparing the weight before (Prewt) and after (Postwt) the treatment (Treat).



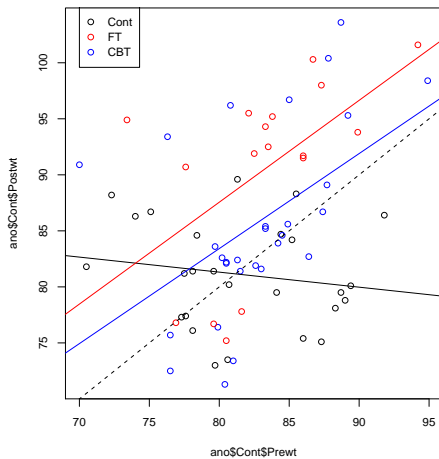
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- Model Im1** There is a linear relation with the pre-weight. Each treatment changes the weight by a value that depends on the treatment but not on the Preweight.
- Model Im2** Interaction between Treatment und Preweight: The effect of the pre-weight depends on the kind of treatment.

lm1



lm2



```
> lm1 <- lm(Postwt~Prewt+Treat,anorexia)
> lm2 <- lm(Postwt~Prewt*Treat,anorexia)
> anova(lm1,lm2)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Model 1: Postwt ~ Prewt + Treat

Model 2: Postwt ~ Prewt * Treat

	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	68	3311.3				
2	66	2844.8	2	466.5	5.4112	0.006666 **

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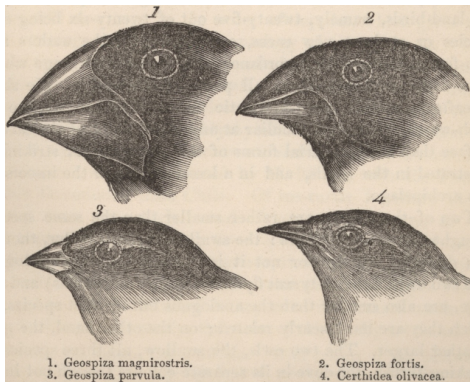
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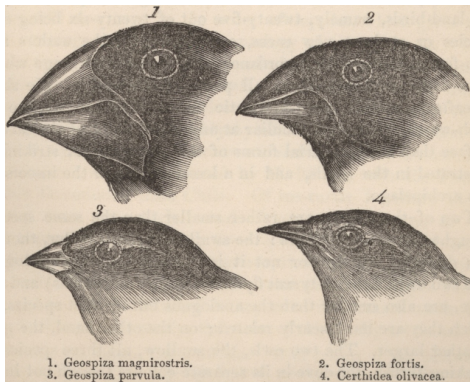
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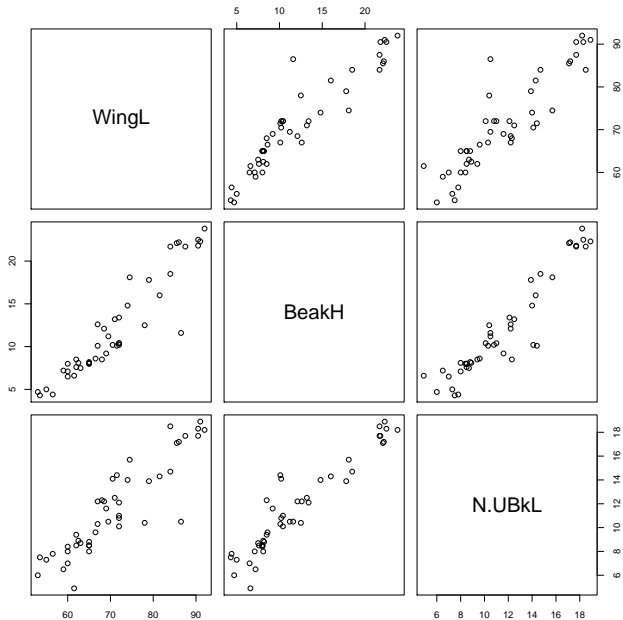


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Your “training data” are the winglengths (WingL), beak heights (BeakH) and beak lengths (N.UBkL) of 46 Darwin finches.



```
> modH <- lm(WingL~BeakH)
> summary(modH)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = WingL ~ BeakH)
```

```
Residuals:
```

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-7.1882	-2.5327	-0.2796	1.8325	16.2702

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	49.78083	1.33103	37.40	<2e-16 ***
BeakH	1.76284	0.09961	17.70	<2e-16 ***

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 3.868 on 44 degrees of freedom
```

```
Multiple R-squared: 0.8768, Adjusted R-squared: 0.874
```

```
F-statistic: 313.2 on 1 and 44 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
> predict(modH,newdata=data.frame(BeakH=10))
```

```
1
67.40924
```

```
> modL <- lm(WingL~N.UBkL)
> summary(modL)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = WingL ~ N.UBkL)
```

```
Residuals:
```

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-7.1321	-3.3974	0.4737	2.2966	18.2299

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	41.5371	2.2884	18.15	<2e-16 ***
N.UBkL	2.5460	0.1875	13.58	<2e-16 ***

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 4.838 on 44 degrees of freedom
```

```
Multiple R-squared: 0.8074, Adjusted R-squared: 0.803
```

```
F-statistic: 184.4 on 1 and 44 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
> predict(modL,newdata=data.frame(N.UBkL=14))
```

```
1
77.18117
```

```
> modHL <- lm(WingL~BeakH+N.UBkL)
> summary(modHL)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = WingL ~ BeakH + N.UBkL)
```

```
Residuals:
```

```
      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-7.3185 -2.5022 -0.2752  1.5352 16.5893
```

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	48.1740	2.2572	21.343	< 2e-16 ***
BeakH	1.5133	0.2999	5.047	8.69e-06 ***
N.UBkL	0.3984	0.4513	0.883	0.382

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 3.878 on 43 degrees of freedom
```

```
Multiple R-squared: 0.879, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8734
```

```
F-statistic: 156.2 on 2 and 43 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
> predict(modHL,newdata=data.frame(BeakH=10,N.UBkL=14))
```

```
1
```

```
68.88373
```

Which of the three predictions 67.4mm, 77.2mm und 68.9mm for the winglength is most reliable?

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prederrorHL <- numeric()
for (i in 1:46) {
  selection <- rep(TRUE,46)
  selection[i] <- FALSE
  modHL.R <- lm(WingL~N.UBkL+BeakH,data=finchdata,
                subset=selection)
  prederrorHL[i]=WingL[i]-predict(modHL.R,finchdata[i,])
}
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It seems best to use only the beak height.

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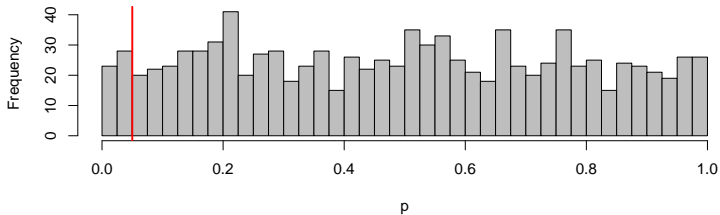
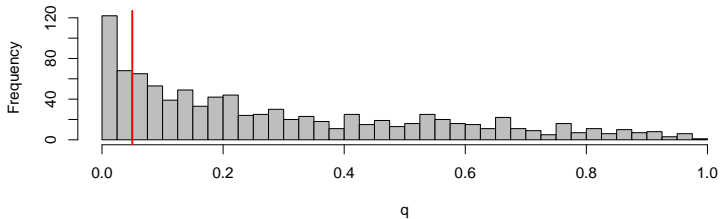
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```
A <- as.factor(rep(c("a", "b", "c"), c(40, 40, 40)))
B <- as.factor(rep(rep(c("w", "x", "y", "z"), c(10, 10, 10, 10)), 3))
C <- as.factor(rep(c("p", "q", "r"), 40))
D <- as.factor(rep(rep(c("m", "n"), c(5, 5)), 12))
X <- rnorm(120, 10, 2)

library(MASS)

p <- numeric()
q <- numeric()
for(i in 1:1000) {
  X <- rnorm(120, 10, 2)
  p[i] <- anova(lm(X~1), lm(X~A*B*C*D))$"Pr(>F)" [[2]]
  q[i] <- anova(lm(X~1), stepAIC(lm(X~A*B*C*D))$"Pr(>F)" [[2]]
}
```

Histogram of p Histogram of q 

Save model selection and checking if you have lots of data

1. Divide the data randomly into 3 subsets A, B, C, where A may contain half of the data, and B and C a quarter each.
2. Fit each candidate model to the data subset A.
3. Assess the accuracy of these fitted models with data subset B. Let M be the best model in this contest.
4. Assess the accuracy of M again and also its p -values, this time with dataset C.

Graphical methods are also very important in model fitting, especially applied to residuals. Plot residuals against variables. If this uncovers dependencies, they should be added to the model.

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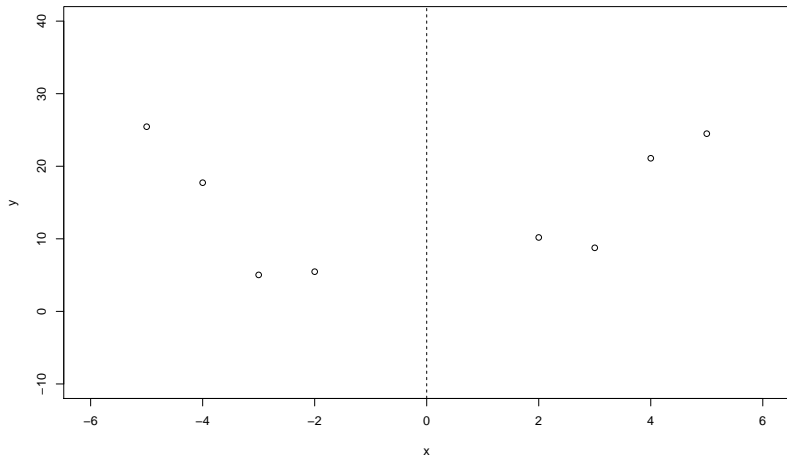
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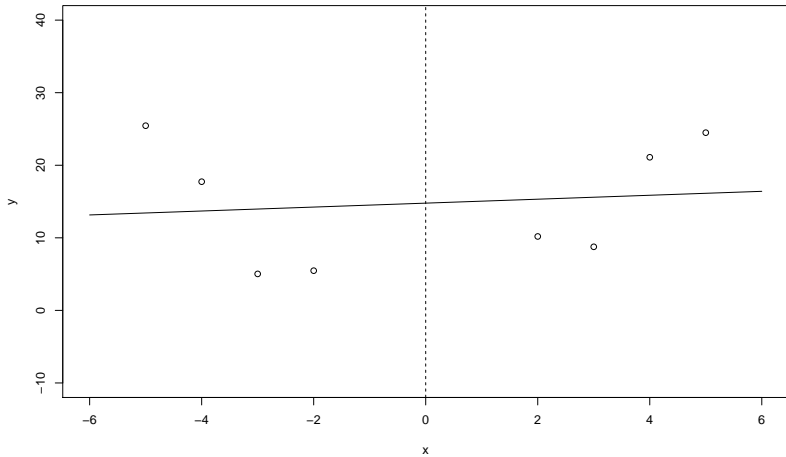
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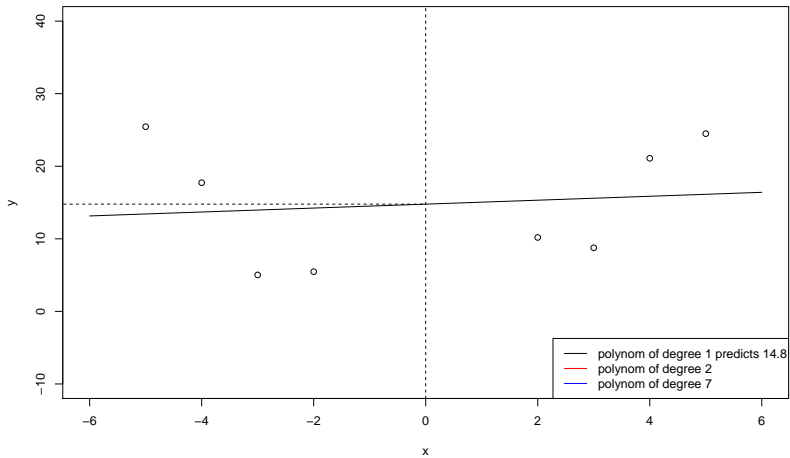
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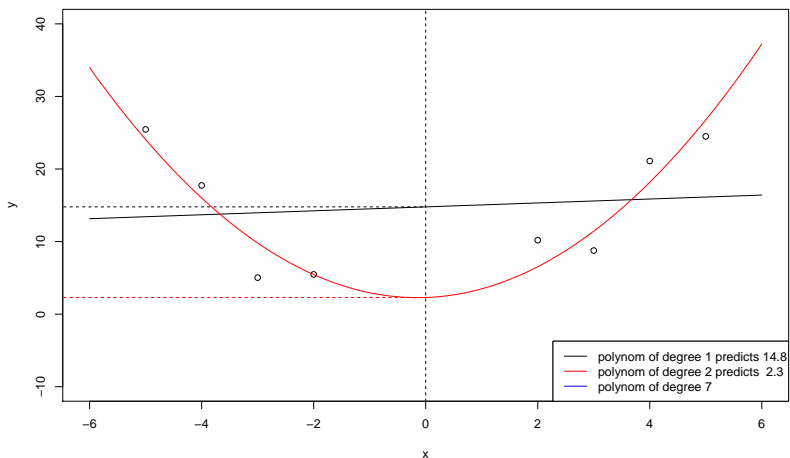
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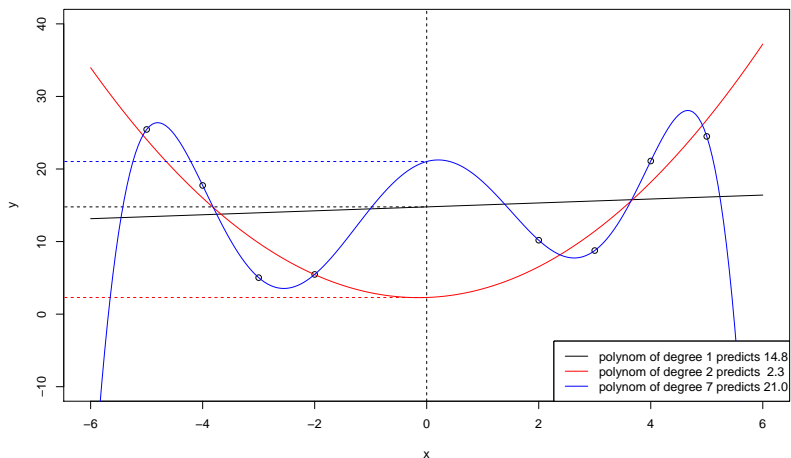
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Data from Justina Wolinska's ecology course for Bachelor students.

```
> daph <- read.table("daphnia_justina.csv",h=T)
> daph
  counts foodlevel species
1      68    high   magna
2      54    high   magna
3      59    high   magna
4      24    high galeata
5      27    high galeata
6      16    high galeata
7      20    low   magna
8      18    low   magna
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1	9	710.00				
2	8	176.67	1	533.33	24.151	0.001172 **

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```
> summary(mod2)
```

```
[...]
```

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std.Error	t.value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	22.33	2.713	8.232	3.55e-05	***
countslow	-15.00	3.837	-3.909	0.00449	**
foodlevelmagna	38.00	3.837	9.904	9.12e-06	***
countslow:foodlevelmagna	-26.67	5.426	-4.914	0.00117	**

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Residual standard error: 4.699 on 8 degrees of freedom
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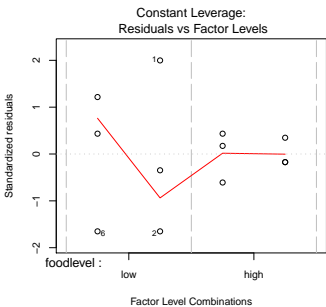
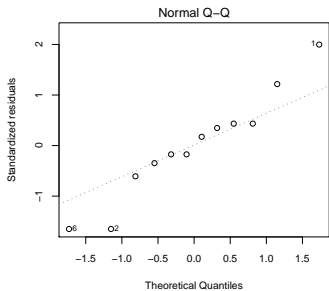
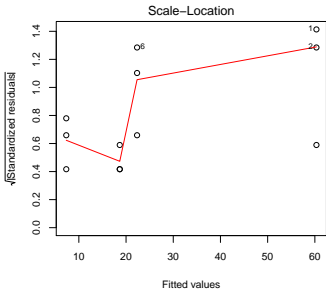
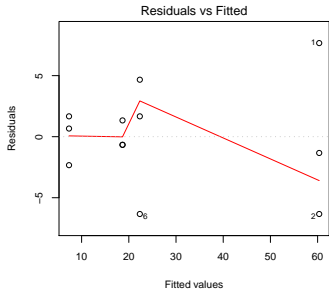
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Multiple R-squared:  0.9643, Adjusted R-squared:  0.9509
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1	9	0.38041				
2	8	0.37856	1	0.0018545	0.0392	0.848

```
> summary(mod3)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(counts) ~ foodlevel + species, data = daph)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.34017	-0.05915	0.02622	0.13153	0.24762

Coefficients:

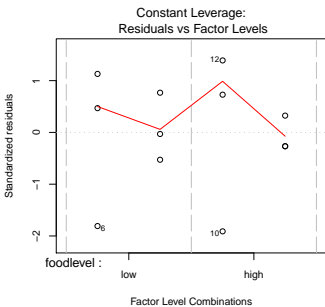
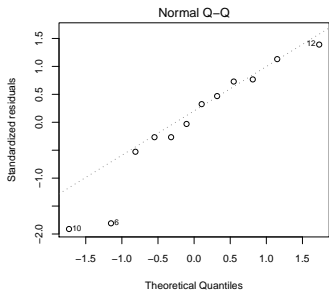
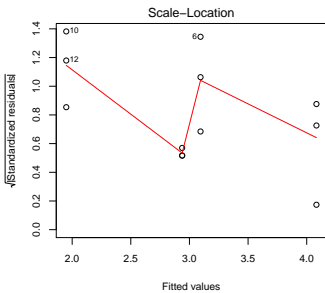
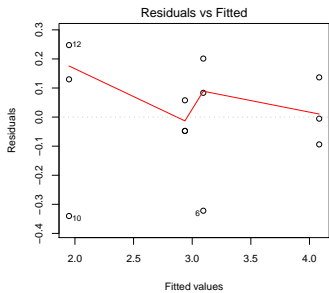
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	3.0946	0.1028	30.104	2.41e-10	***
foodlevellow	-1.1450	0.1187	-9.646	4.83e-06	***
speciesmagna	0.9883	0.1187	8.326	1.61e-05	***

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Residual standard error: 0.2056 on 9 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.9475, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9358

F-statistic: 81.19 on 2 and 9 DF, p-value: 1.743e-06



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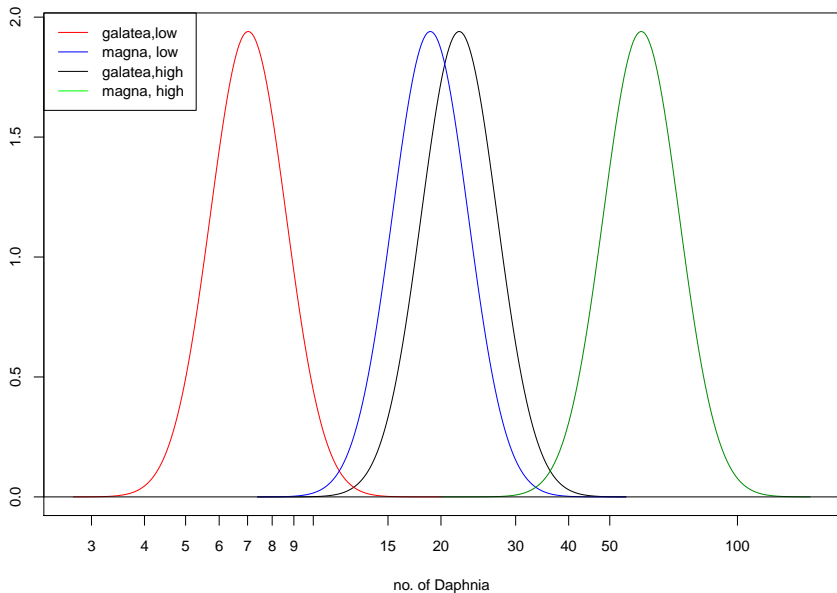
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By applying the e function we obtain:

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prediction of log-linear model



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