



Statistics & Experimental Design with R

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Correlation and Regression



Correlation

- The association between two variable
- Strength of association usually measured by a correlation coefficient ρ in range $[-1, 1]$
- Most well known
 - Pearson Product Moment Correlation coefficient
 - Arises from bi-variate normal distribution
 - If both variables are standardized then plotted
 - Elipse shape indicates an association
 - » Narrower the elipse the closer $\rho \sim 1$ (+ve) or -1 (-ve)
 - Circular shape indicates no associate with $\rho \sim 0$

Bivariate Normal Distribution

- Bivariate Normal distribution

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2(1-\rho^2)} [z_1^2 - 2\rho z_1 z_2 + z_2^2]\right\}$$

$$\text{where } z_1 = \frac{x_1 - \mu_1}{\sigma_1} \text{ and } z_2 = \frac{x_2 - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}$$

- Standard Bivariate Normal $z \sim N(0,1)$

$$\phi(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2(1-\rho^2)} [z_1^2 - 2\rho z_1 z_2 + z_2^2]\right\}$$

- Generalises to n dimensions
- Pearson's ρ is a parameter of the distribution



Pearson's ρ

- From the bivariate normal distribution $\rho = \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$

- Estimated from data

$$\hat{\rho} = r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

- Calculating r does require normality

- But statistical tests of significance do

- Test $H_0 r=0$ can be based on T having Student's t distribution $n-2$ df, where

$$T = r \sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}}$$

- There is also a normalising transformation $z_r = 0.5 \frac{\log_e(1+r)}{\log_e(1-r)}$

- Which has standard error $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N-3}}$

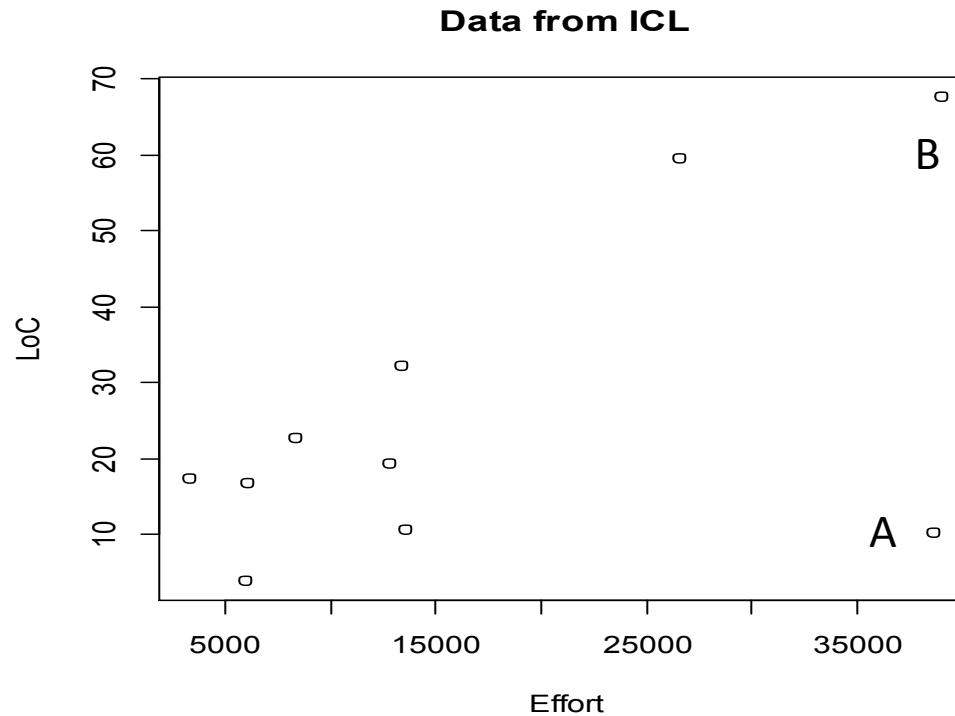
- Used when correlations from different sources need to be aggregated (such as during meta-analyses)



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Small Data set

- Using cor.test in R $\rho=0.57$, $T=1.9448$ n.s.
- Delete A and $\rho=0.57$, $T=5.887^{***}$
- Delete B and $\rho=0.28$, $T=0.760$ n.s.



Factors Affecting Magnitude Pearson's ρ

- The slope of the line about which points are clustered
 - If slope=0, $\rho=0$, the larger the slope the larger is ρ
- The magnitude of the deviations from the line
 - Closer points are to notional line the larger is ρ
- Outliers
- Restricting range of X values
 - Can increase or decrease ρ
- Curvature
 - ρ assumes a linear relationship



Robust correlation

- Spearman's ρ
 - Replace data values by ranks
 - Uses same calculation as Pearson
- With previous data set
 - All data, $r=0.41$ $p=0.25$
 - With A removed, $r=0.67$, $p=0.059$
 - With B removed, $r=0.18$, $p=0.64$

Non-Parametric Correlation

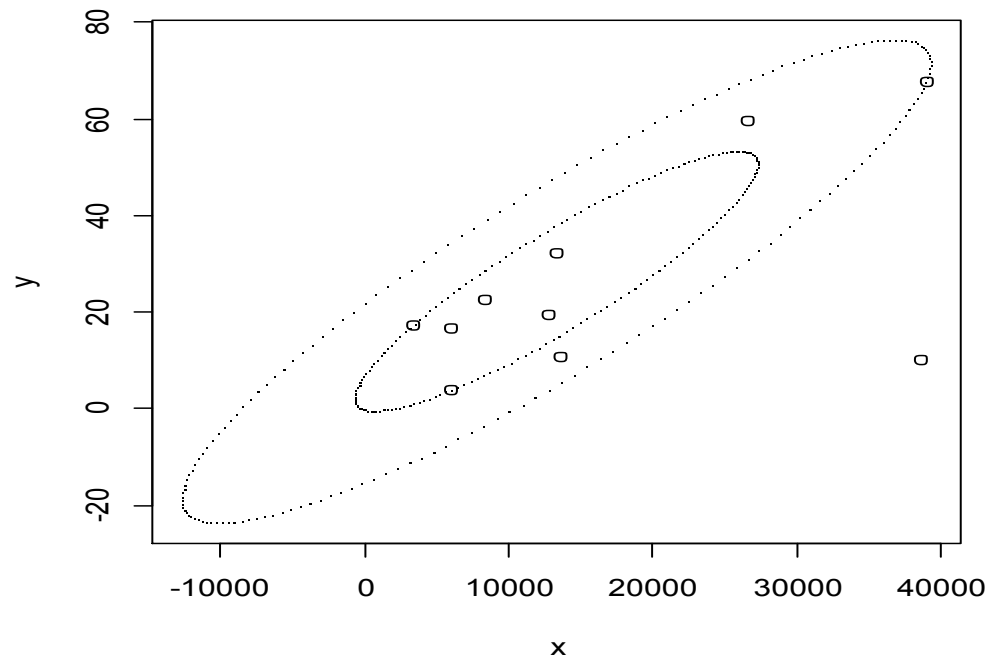
- Kendall's tau (τ)
- Based on calculating slopes between all pairs of points
 - Takes median slope
- With previous data set
 - All data, $r=0.33$ $p=0.22$
 - With A removed, $r=0.56$, $p=0.045$
 - With B removed, $r=0.17$, $p=0.61$



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RelPlot

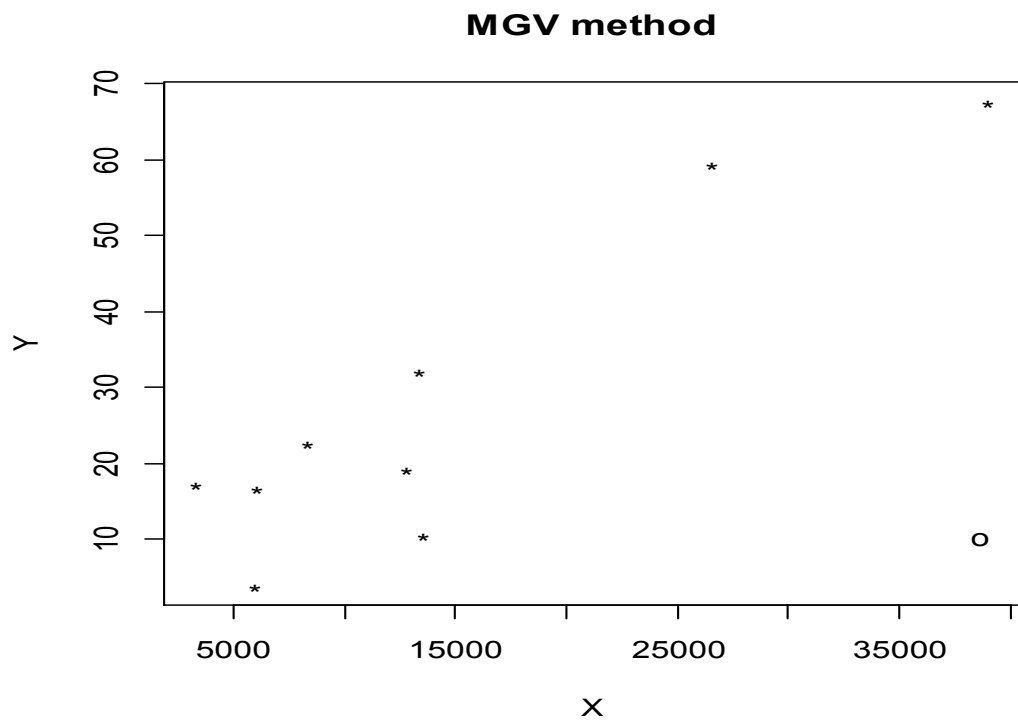
- relplot function is a bivariate equivalent of box plot
- Shows the central ellipsoid part of the bi-variate distribution plus outliers
- Calculates a robust estimate of $r=0.90$
- Does not generalise to more dimensions
- Assuming bi-variate normal means negative values are expected





MGV method for outliers

- Minimum Generalised Variance method can be used with many variables





Robust Correlations

- Winsorized correlation ($wincor(x,y)$)
 - Replace X and y values at extremes with 25 (low) 75 (high) percentile values
 - 0.407 sig.level=.276
- Percentage Bend Correlation
 - Not estimate of Pearson's r
 - New correlation robust to changes in distribution
 - Based on trimming univariate outliers
 - $corb(x,y,corfun=pbcor,nboot=599)$
 - $r_{pb}=.441$ Bootstrap CI=(-0.44, 0.97)
- Skipped correlations (i.e. remove outliers)
 - Removed based on MGW then use Pearson ($r=0.91$)
 - Need to adjust Test value & critical value

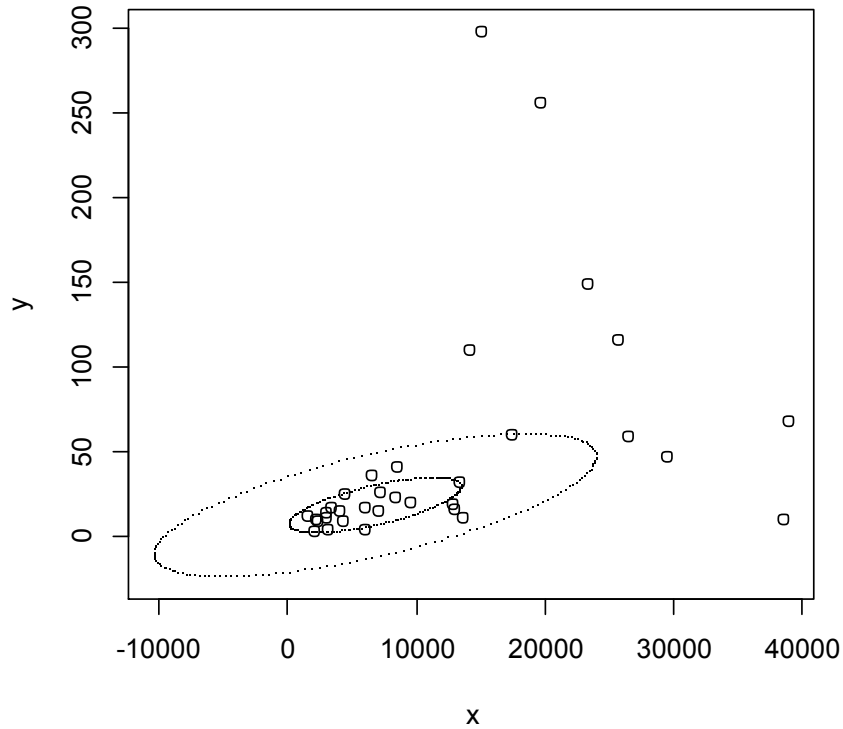
$$T_o = r_o \sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r_o^2}} = 6.29, cv = \frac{6.947}{n} + 2.3197 = 3.0144$$



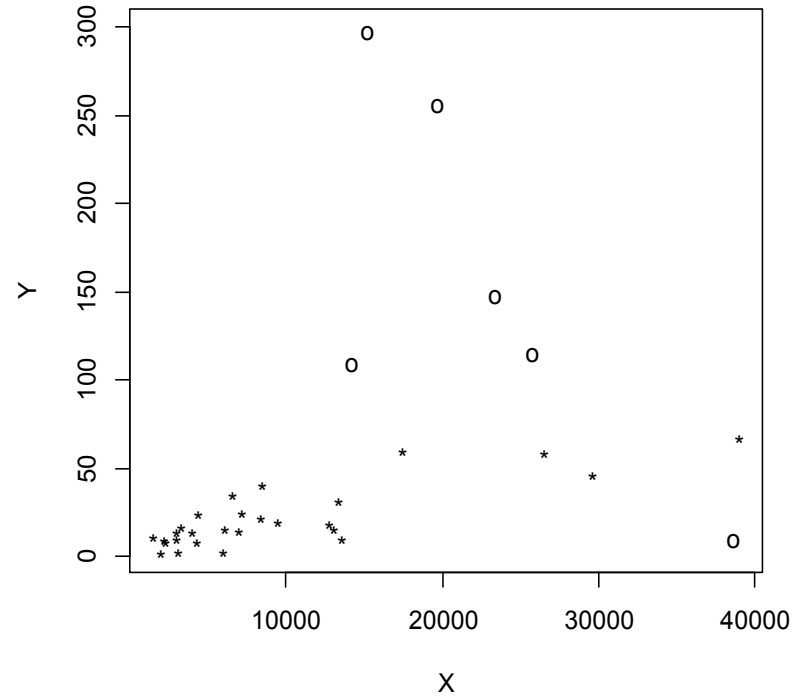
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Comparison on full data set

relplot



MGV method





Linear Regression

- Finding the parameters of a model of the form

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

- Y is the response/outcome/dependent variable
- X_i is the i th of p stimulus/input/independent variables
- β_i is the i th parameter of the model
- A linear model is linear w.r.t the parameters
 - Polynomial models are linear models of the n th order where n is highest power
 - I.e. a second-order regression model has form
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$$
 - A non-linear model might have form $Y = \beta_0 X^{\beta_1}$

Least Squares Principles

- Basic model for one input variable is

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$$

- Sum of squares of deviations from true line is

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i)^2$$

- To estimate by least squares
 - Differentiate w.r.t each parameter in turn
 - To find the turning point (i.e. minimum) set each differential to 0
 - Solve for each parameter in turn



Parameter Estimation

- Differentials are

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \beta_0} = -2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i) \qquad \frac{\delta S}{\delta \beta_1} = -2 \sum X_i (Y_i - \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i)$$

- Solutions after setting each to 0 are

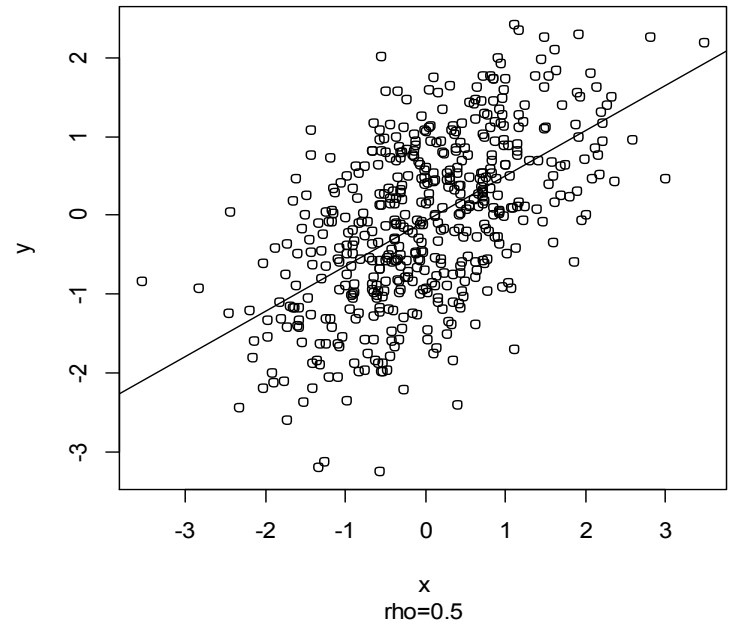
$$b_1 = \frac{\sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})(X_i - \bar{X})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2} = r \frac{s_Y}{s_X} \qquad b_0 = \bar{Y} - b_1 \bar{X}$$

- For standardized normal variables $b_1 = r$
 - Slope must less than 1, even if $Y=X$
 - The larger the error term, the larger r and the lower the value of b_1

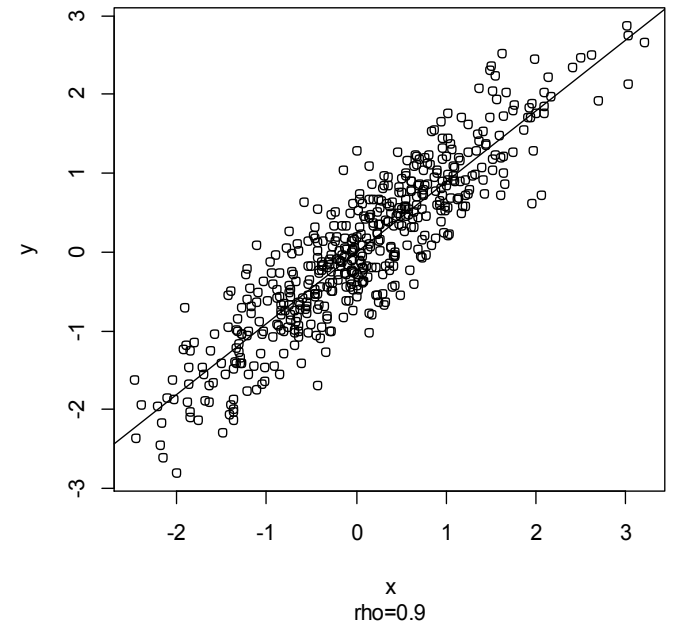


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Bivariate Normal Distributions



$b_1=0.57441$
 $b_0=-0.07613$



$b_1=0.9018$
 $b_0=-0.0097$



Multivariate Regression

- Formulate in matrix algebra terms, assuming X and Y have means removed i.e. $Y = y - \mu_y$

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

- Y is an $(n \times 1)$ vector
- X is an $(n \times p)$ matrix of known form
- β is a $(p \times 1)$ vector of parameters
- ϵ is a $(n \times 1)$ vector of error terms
- Where $E(\epsilon) = 0$, $V(\epsilon) = I\sigma^2$
- Solution is $b = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$



Least Squares Properties

- Fitted values are obtained from

$$\hat{Y} = Xb = X(X'X)^{-1}X'Y$$

- Vector of residuals $\epsilon = Y - \hat{Y}$

- Variance of parameters $V(b) = (X'X)^{-1}$

- Multiple Correlation Coefficient $R^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$

- Adjusted $R_a^2 = 1 - (1 - R^2) \left(\frac{n-1}{n-p} \right)$

- Both R^2 Vulnerable to outliers

- Many diagnostic tools available based on residuals and Hat Matrix



The Hat Matrix

- Hat Matrix is defined as $H = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$
- Called the Hat matrix because $\hat{y} = Hy$
- Its important because if h_{ii} is i -the diagonal element of of H

– Difference between

- Parameter with and without observation x_j is

$$\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}(i) = (X'X)^{-1}x_i' \frac{\epsilon_i}{(1 - h_{ii})}$$

- Fitted value with and without observation x_j is

$$\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i(i) = \frac{\epsilon_i h_{ii}}{(1 - h_{ii})}$$

Three Types of Residual

- Residuals $\epsilon_i = r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$

- Standardized Residuals

$$r_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{s} \qquad s^2 = \frac{\sum \epsilon_i^2}{n - p}$$

- Studentized Residuals (based on omitting each data point in turn from variance)

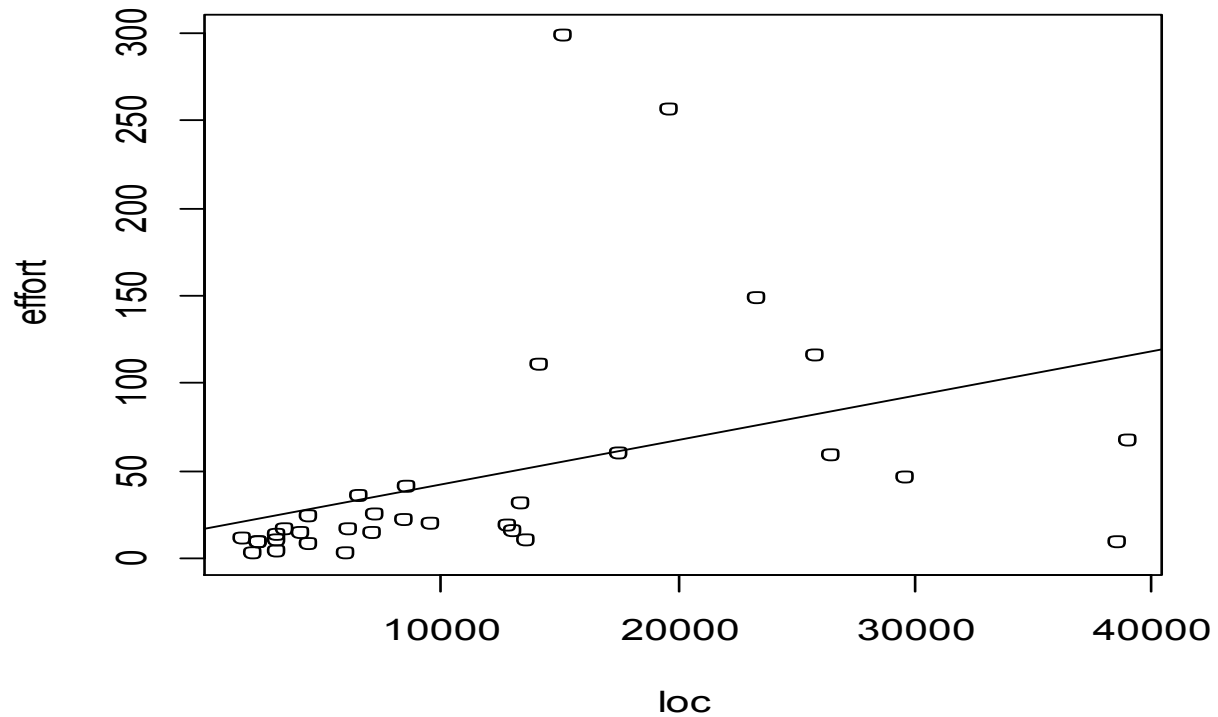
$$r_s(i) = \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{s(i)} \qquad s(i)^2 = \frac{(\sum \epsilon_i^2) - \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{(1 - h_{ii})}}{n - p - 1}$$

- Sadly doesn't automatically provide fitted values based on $i-1$ points
 - However, `lm` provides access to the hat matrix values
 - Via the fitted model i.e. `hatvalues(fit)`
 - So can be calculated by writing your own R program

Fitting Regression Models in R

- The R command is
 - `lm(y~x1+x2+..+Xn,data=mydata)`
- You should save the output of the linear model e.g.
 - `fit<-lm(effort~loc,data=iclbt)`
 - `Effort=17.22+.00253322×loc`
- From the object “fit” you can access
 - Residuals
 - Hat values
 - Fitted values

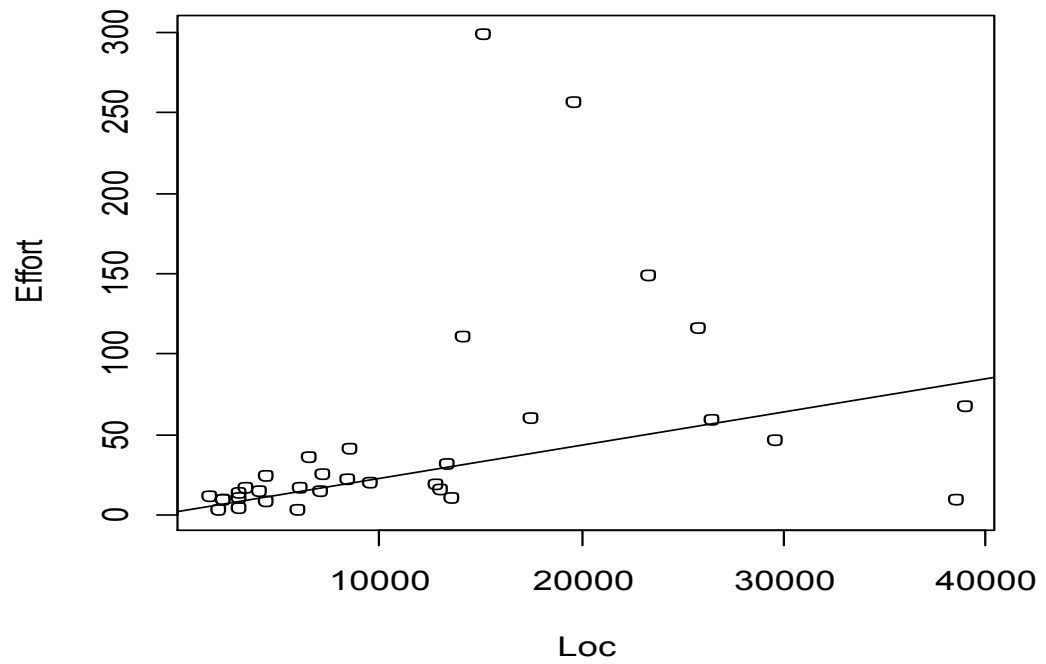
Plotting Effort and Loc showing Regression Line



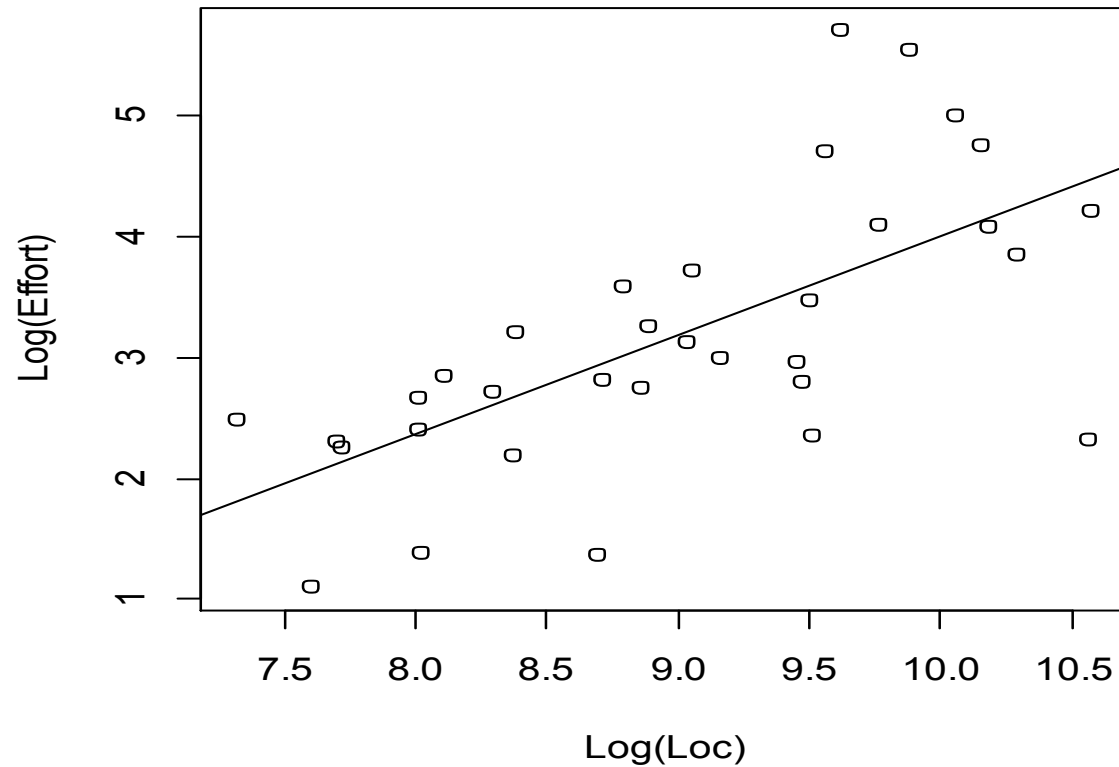


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Theil-Sen Regression



Using Log Transformation



Diagnostics

- Many diagnostic facilities assume fitting via the linear model function
- To evaluate diagnostics can use
 - $\text{Log}(\text{effort}) = \text{Log}(\text{loc}) + \log(\text{dur}) + \text{co}$
- “co” is a factor that defines the source of the data
- Needs to be defined as a factor to
 - `iclbt$co <- factor(c("1", "2", "3"))`



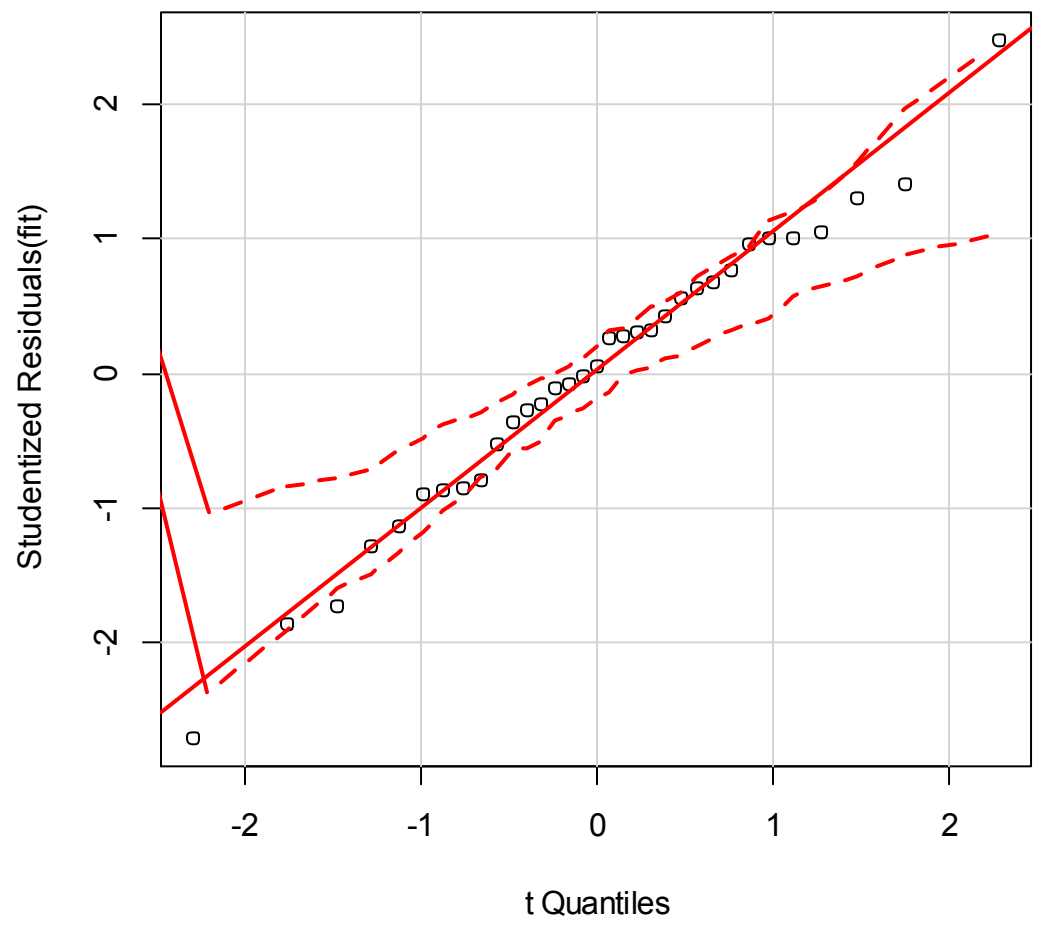
Diagnostic Aids - 1

- Q-Q Plots
 - Plots Studentized residuals against a t distribution with $n-p-1$ degrees of freedom
- Histogram of residuals (all types)



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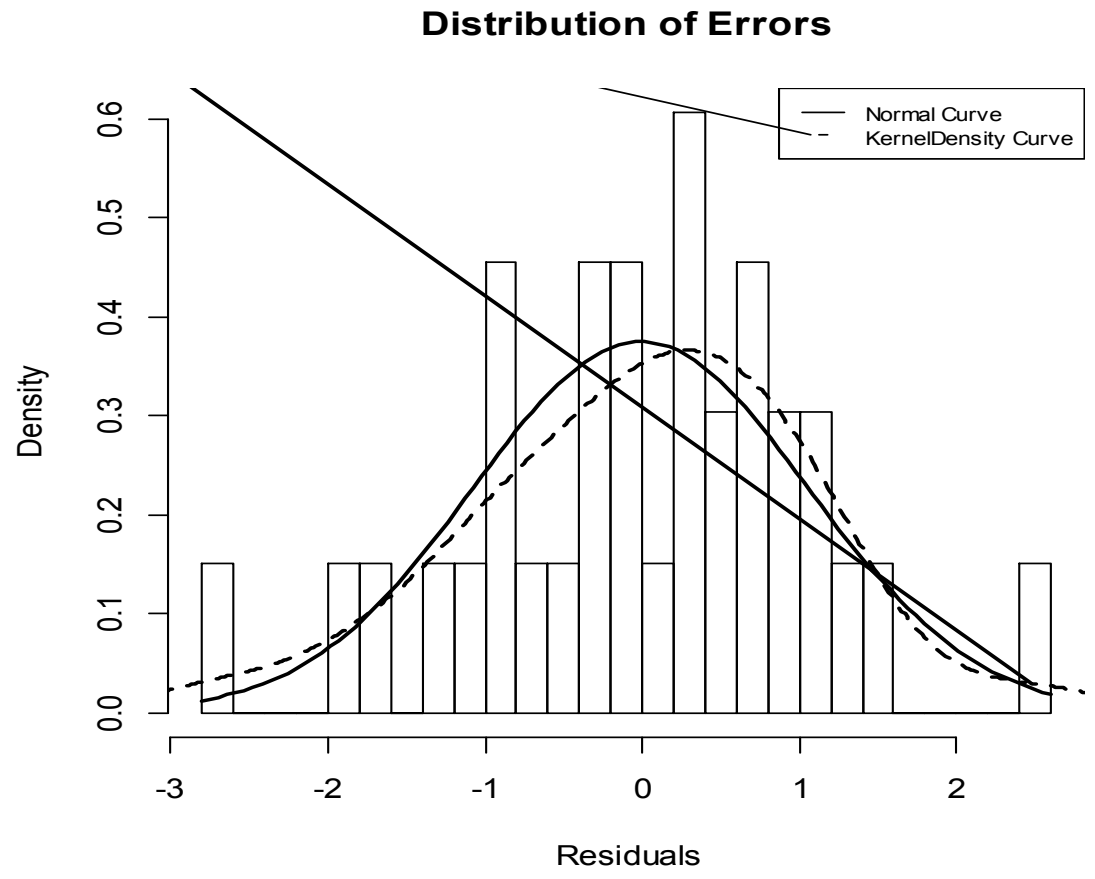
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Residual Plot



Diagnostic Aids - 2

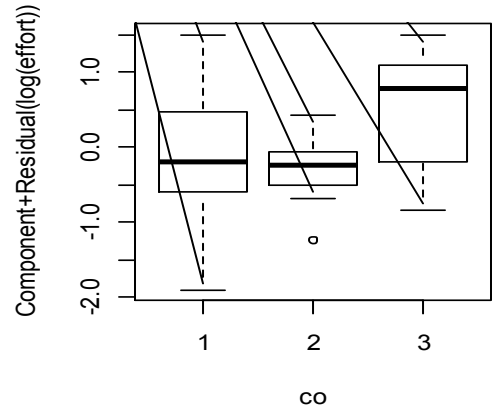
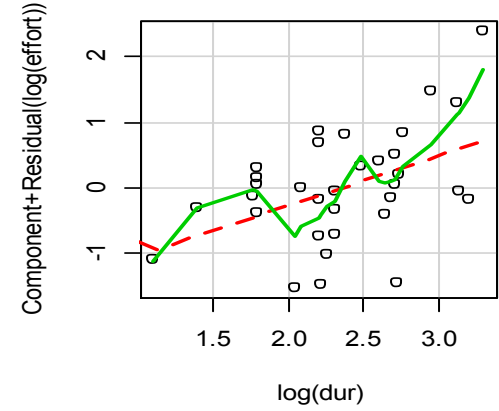
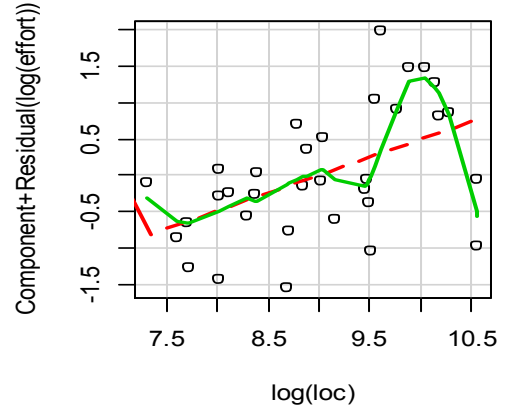
- Component + Residual plots
 - Partial residual plots
 - For each j-variable plots $\epsilon_i + (\beta_j X_{ij})$ against X_{ij}
 - where ϵ_i are based on full model
 - The straight line on graph is the least squares fit
 - The other line is the “lowess” line
 - A nonparametric weighted fit line based on locally weighted polynomial regression



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CrPlots for ICLBT data

Component + Residual Plots





Diagnostic aids - 3

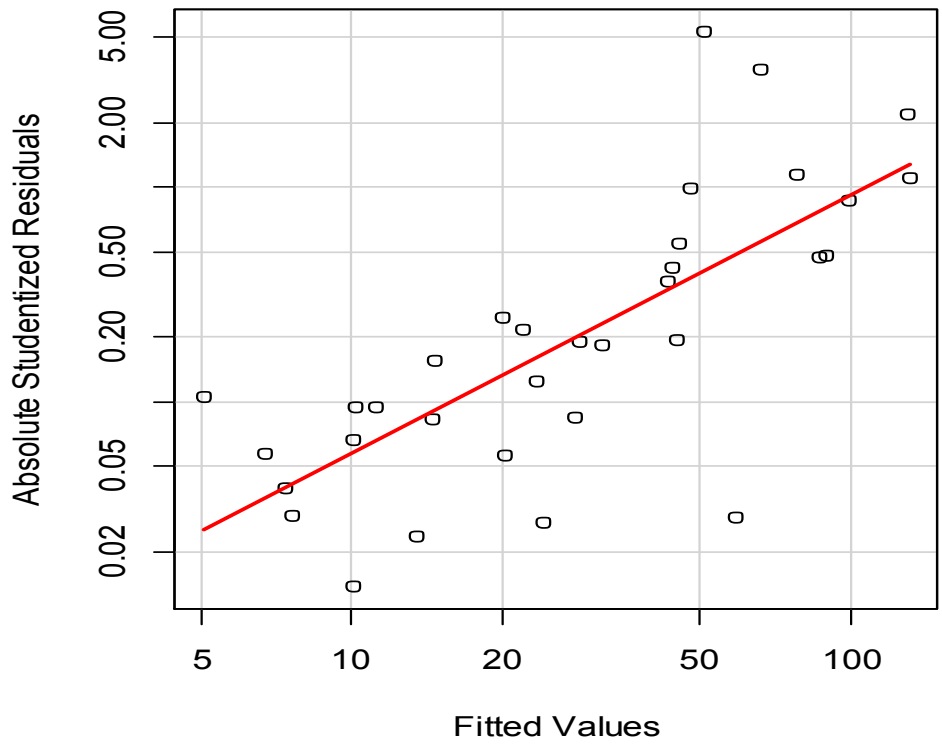
- Test for non-constant error variance
 - `ncvTest()` function
 - For ICLBT data, ChiSquare = 14.055072 p=0.044*
- Plot of absolute standardized residuals versus fitted values with best fitting line (Spread-Level Plot)
 - Can indicate possible non-linearity in Y variable
 - Suggests power transform
 - 0 suggestion identifies log transform
 - Suggests -0.33
- Multicollinearity `vif()` function
 - Only when multiple X variables
 - Measure extent to which parameter standard deviation for a parameter is expanded
 - Relative to model with independent variables
 - If square root of `vif` >2 there may be a problem
 - No problem for this model



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Spread Level Plot

Spread-Level Plot for fit



Major Diagnostic Concepts

- Outliers
 - Observations that are not predicted well by model
 - Have large residuals
- High leverage points
 - Are outliers with respect to other predictors
 - Found using the Hat Matrix
- Influential points
 - Observations that have an major impact on parameter values
 - High leverage points that are also outliers
 - Added Value plots
 - Cook's Distance

Cook's Distance

- Aim to summarize the information in
 - Leverage
 - Residual-squared plot
- Into single number index

$$D_i = \frac{\epsilon_i s_{(i)}^2}{k s^2} \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)}{(1-h_{ii})}}$$

- Unusually large Cook's D greater than $2\sqrt{k/n}$
 - k is number of parameters including constant
 - N is number of observations

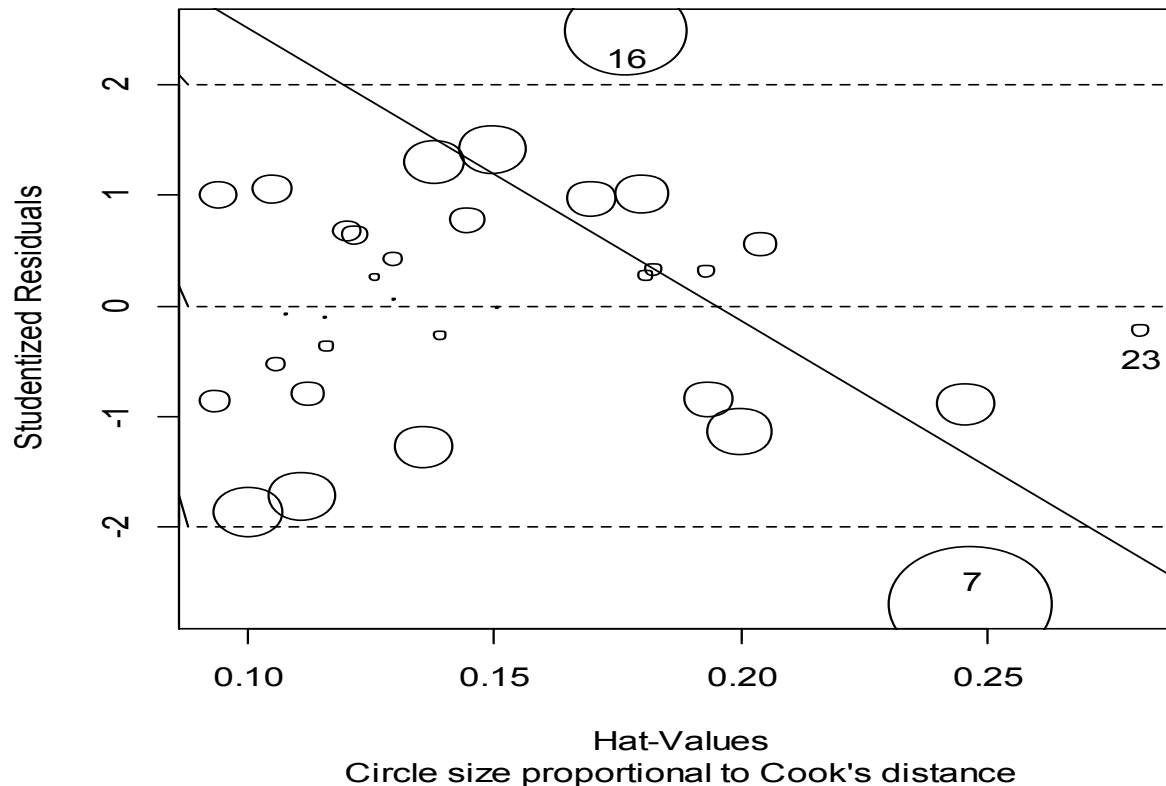
Aids for Outlier Detection -1

- Outlier detection based on Studentized residuals using outlierTest() function
 - Reports Bonferoni adjusted p-value for the largest absolute residuals
 - Identifies points 61 & 21 as significant outliers
- Added Value Plots
 - For each X_j
 - Show impact of regressing Y on other variables against X_j regressed on other variables
 - Can be used to assess impact of specific data points
- Influence plot
 - Studentized Residuals against Hat-values with circles indicating Cook's distance



Influence plot for ICLBT Dataset

- Compare main outliers (i.e. 1, and 7) with outlier detection results Slide (12)
- Effect of removing points easy use:
 - `update(fit,subset=-c(7,16))`

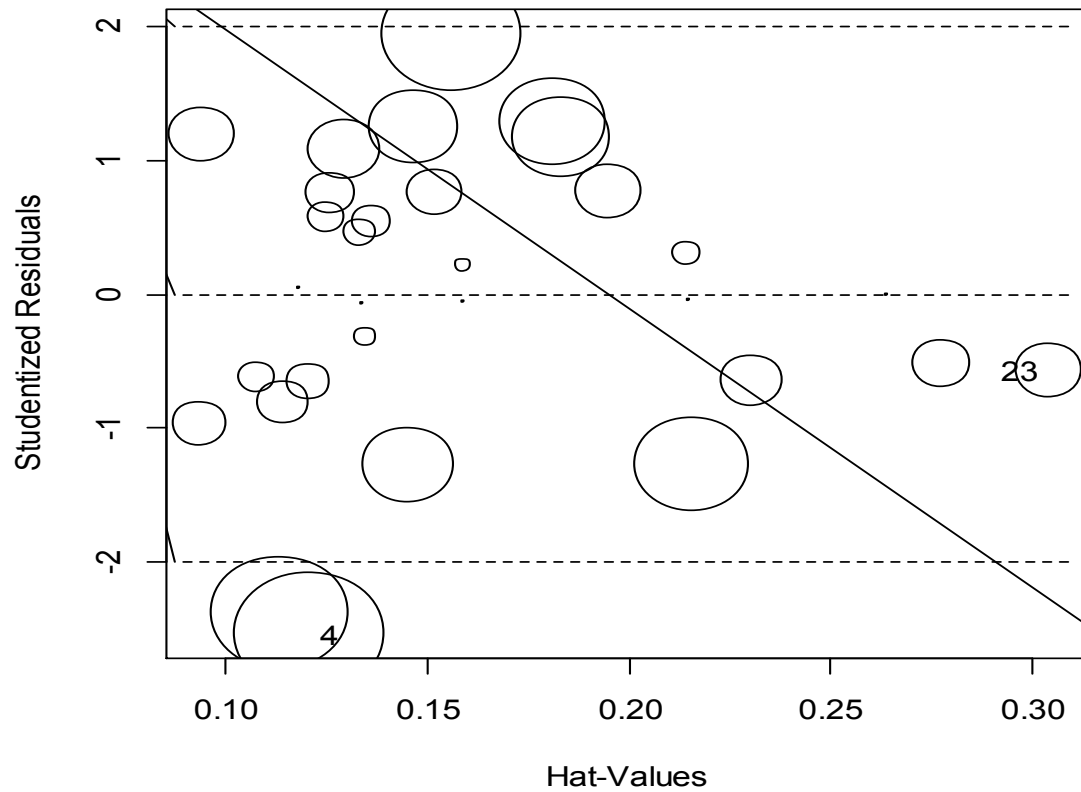




Impact of Removing Outliers

Coefficients	Original	New
Intercept	-3.1804*	-4.1907**
Log(loc)	0.4895*	0.7089**
Log(dur)	0.7534·	0.390
Co2	-0.1049	-0.1976
Co3	0.631	0.4219
Adj R ²	0.481	0.5876

Influence Plot of reduced model





Models with Dummy Variables

- Exactly equivalent to Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA)
- Uses variables that partition the dataset
 - E.g. Co (which stands for company) in the ICLBT database
- Co is coded as an integer and need to be specified to R as a factor
- R maps k different levels per factor into $k-1$ dummy variables
 - The effect of the “missing” dummy variable is included in the intercept
 - If only one dummy variable
 - The Intercept corresponds to the effect of the missing variable
 - The parameter values given to other dummy variables are
 - Effect of missing dummy variable – Effect of dummy variable

Dummy Variables - 2

- A dummy variable shifts the intercept of the regression line
 - To give a separate regression line for each data partition
- If we want to change the slope as well as the intercept we need to change the model to a model with interactions
 - `lm(log(effort)~co*(log(dur)+log(loc)),data=iclbt)`
- Multiple factors in a model with no variables produces a multi-way ANOVA



Interactions with Company

Coefficients	Estimate	Std.Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-3.646	2.8032	-1.301	0.2057
co2	-2.722	3.7120	-0.733	0.4705
co3	0.7553	3.7311	0.202	0.8413
log(dur)	1.3364	0.6680	2.000	0.0569 (.)
log(loc)	0.3217	0.2839	1.133	0.2683
co2:log(dur)	-0.7094	0.8775	-0.808	0.4268
co3:log(dur)	-1.1025	0.8165	-1.350	0.1895
co2:log(loc)	0.6292	0.4405	1.428	0.1660
co3:log(loc)	0.2763	0.4095	0.675	0.5063

Removing X-variables

- May need to select most plausible model with least number of X-variables
- Stepwise regression available in R
 - Forwards stepwise starts with no variables and adds one at a time
 - Backwards starts with all variables and removes them one at a time
 - Stepwise goes forward but re-assesses all variables as each new one is added
 - Based on Akaike Information Criteria (AIC)
- Can also inspect all possible regressions
 - With limited number of variables



Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

- Used to judge competing models
 - Function of the Log Likelihood function

$$AIC = 2k - 2\ln(L)$$

- k = number of parameters in model
 - Smaller values are preferable
- Version adjusted for sample size n is preferable

$$AIC_c = AIC + \frac{2k(k+1)}{n-k-1}$$

- Assesses impact of changing number of parameters (not functional form of model)

Other capabilities

- Kabacoff published R functions
 - For Cross-validation
 - Checking a model by splitting the data into validation and training data sets
 - Predicting the outcome value for the validation data
 - Perform k-fold cross validation
 - I.e. creates k different training & validation sets at random
 - Based on changes to the R-square statistic
 - To assess the relative importance of different variables
 - Model must not have categorical variables



Robust Regression

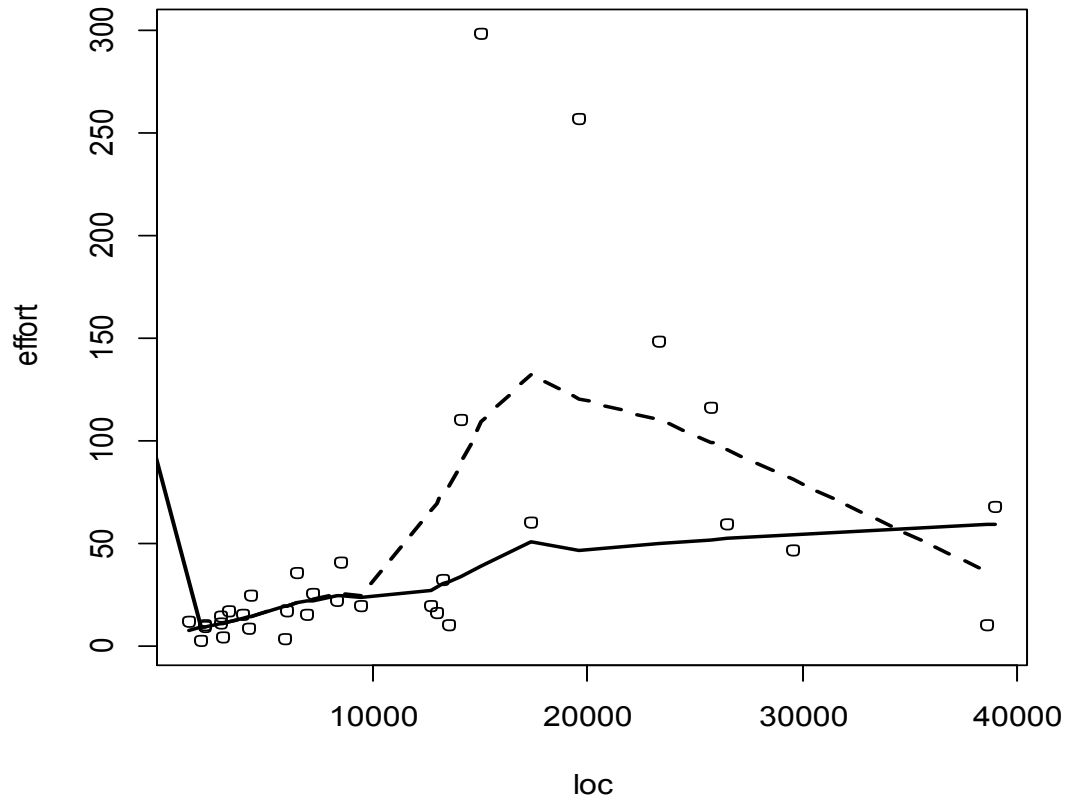
- Lowess Local Polynomial Regression $y = m(x) + \epsilon$

$$y = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + b_2(x - x_0)^2 + \dots + b_p(x - x_0)^p$$

$$W(z) = \begin{cases} (1 - |z^3|)^3 & \text{if } |z| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |z| \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad z = (x - x_0)/h$$

- h is half-width of a window enclosing observations for local regression
- At x_0 estimate height of regression curve is $\hat{y}_0 = b_0$
- Typical to adjust h so each local regression includes a fixed s proportion of data
- s is span of local-regression smoother
- Large span smoother fit but larger order of local regression
 - Require a trade-off

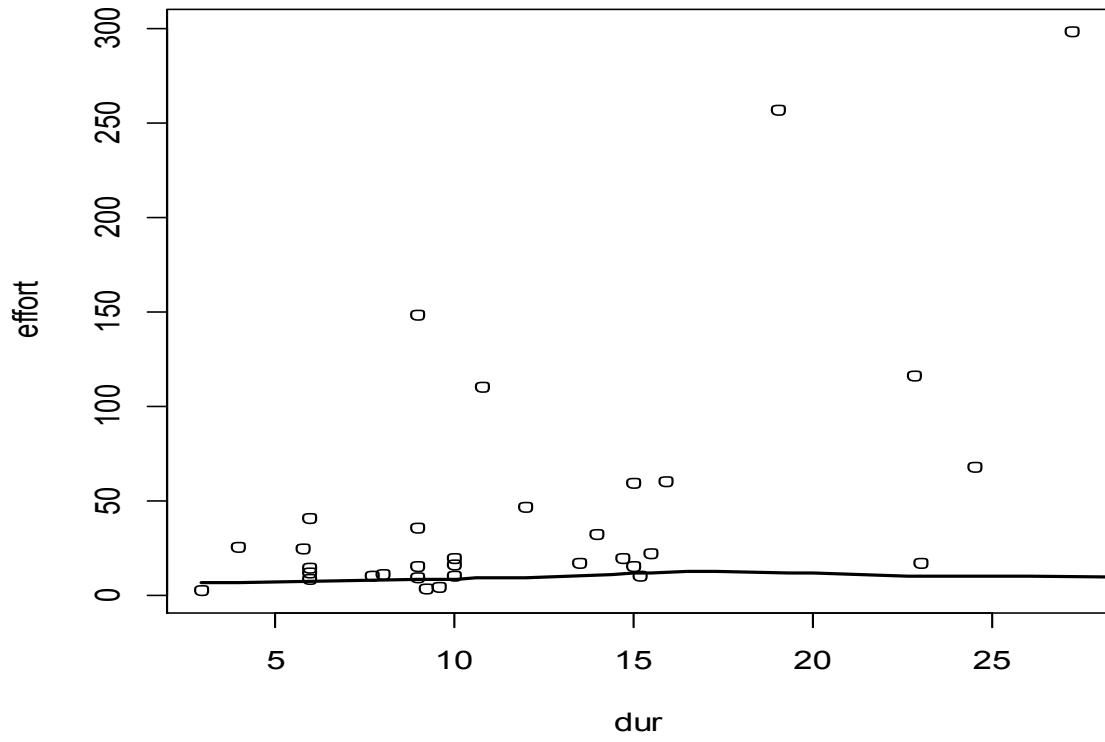
Fitted line for ICLBT data Size v. Effort





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Duration v. Effort

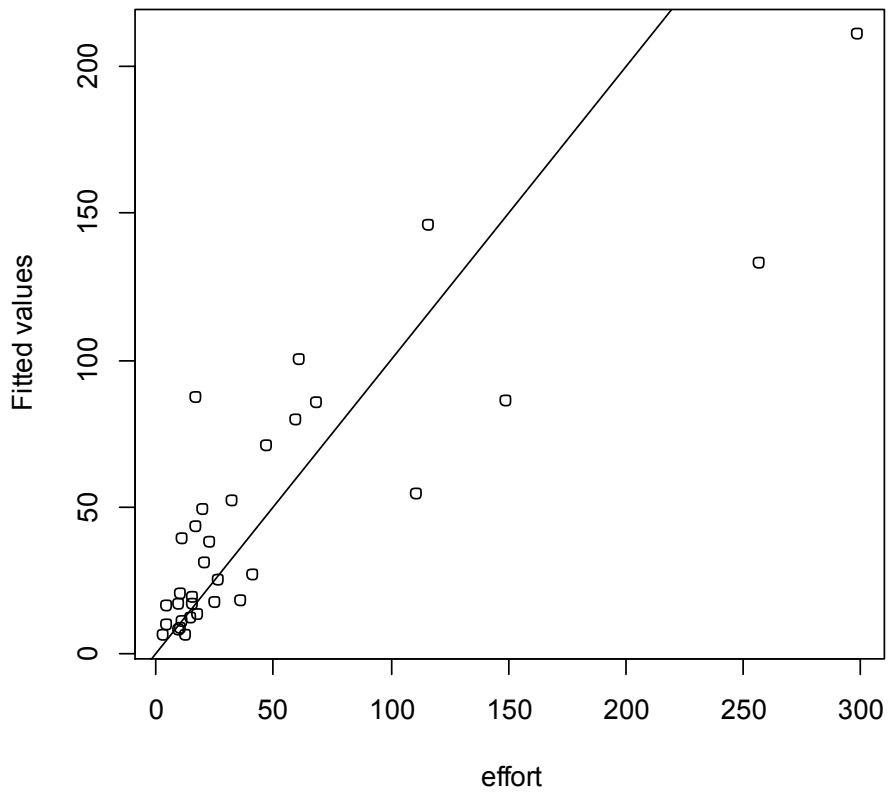




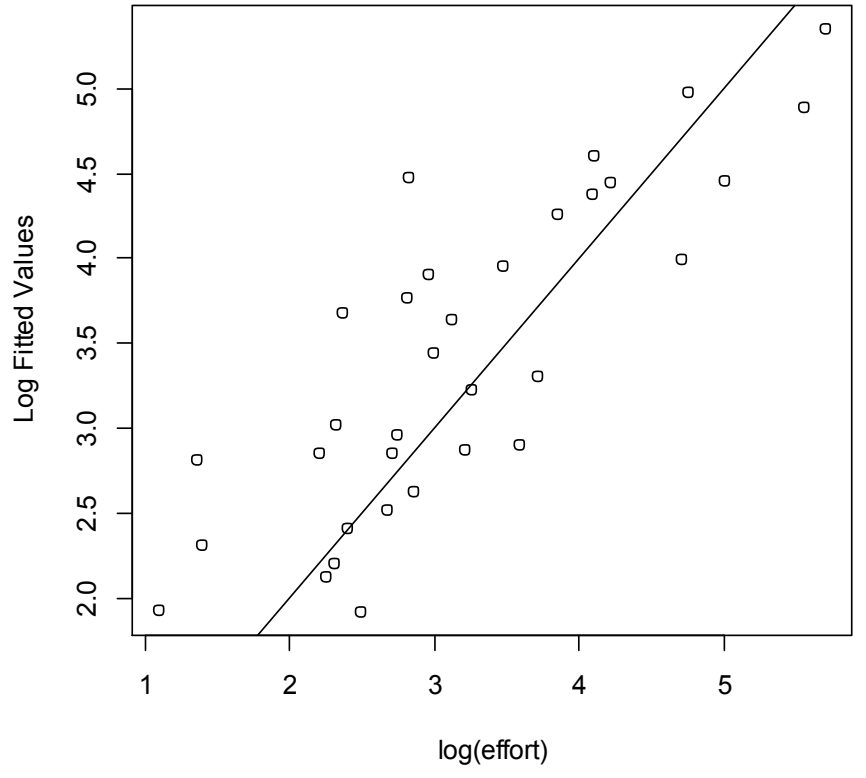
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Multiple lowess Regression

Multiple regression using Lowess



Values on log scale





Kernel Regression

- Kernel estimators estimate some measure of location for y given x
- w_i is a measure of how close x_i is to x

$$\hat{m}(x) = \sum w_i y_i$$

- $K(u)$ is a contours, bounded and symmetric function $\int K(u) du = 1$



Kernel Regression - Continued

- $m(x)$ estimated from

$$w_i = \frac{1}{W_s} K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right) \quad W_s = \sum K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

- h is span $h = \min(s, ISQ/1.34)$
 - ISQ is interquartile range
- Given x ,
 - b_0 and b_1 estimated using weighted regression

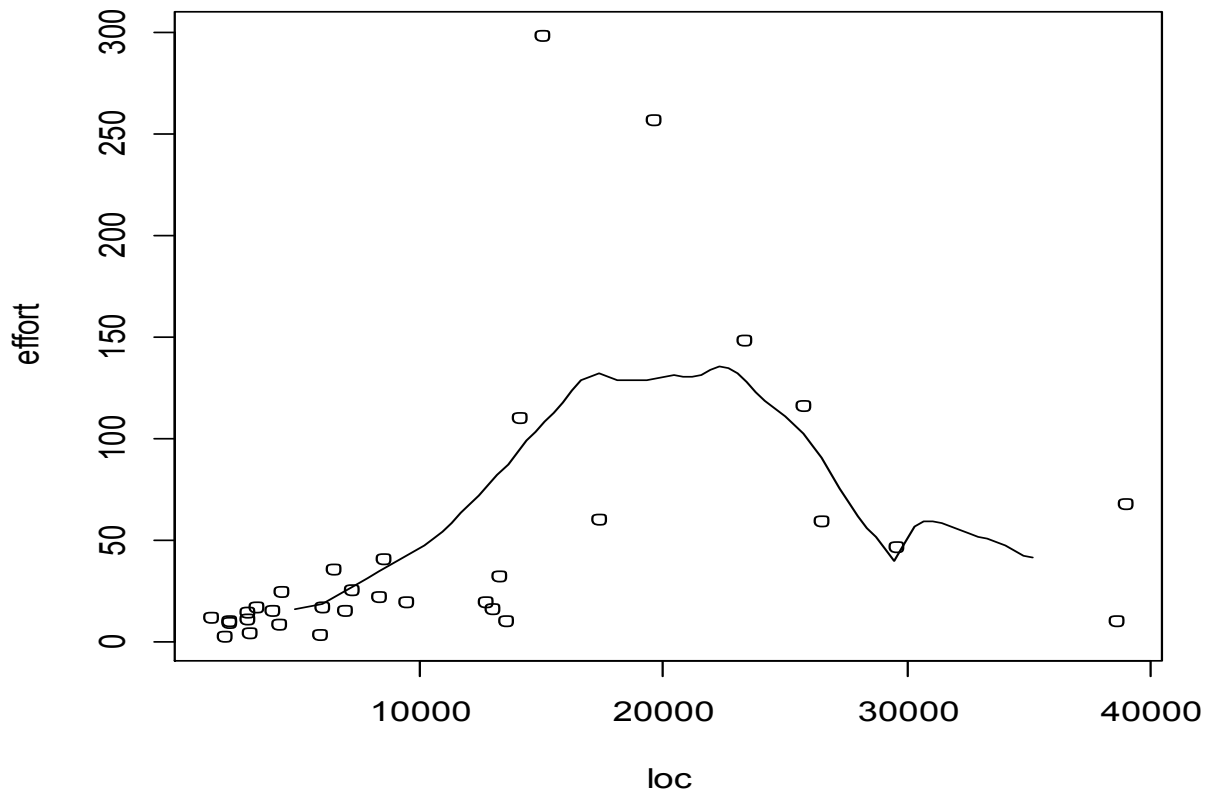
$$\hat{m}(x) = b_0 + b_1 x \quad w_i = K\left(\frac{x_i - x}{h}\right)$$

- Smooth is created by taking x to be a grid of points and plotting results



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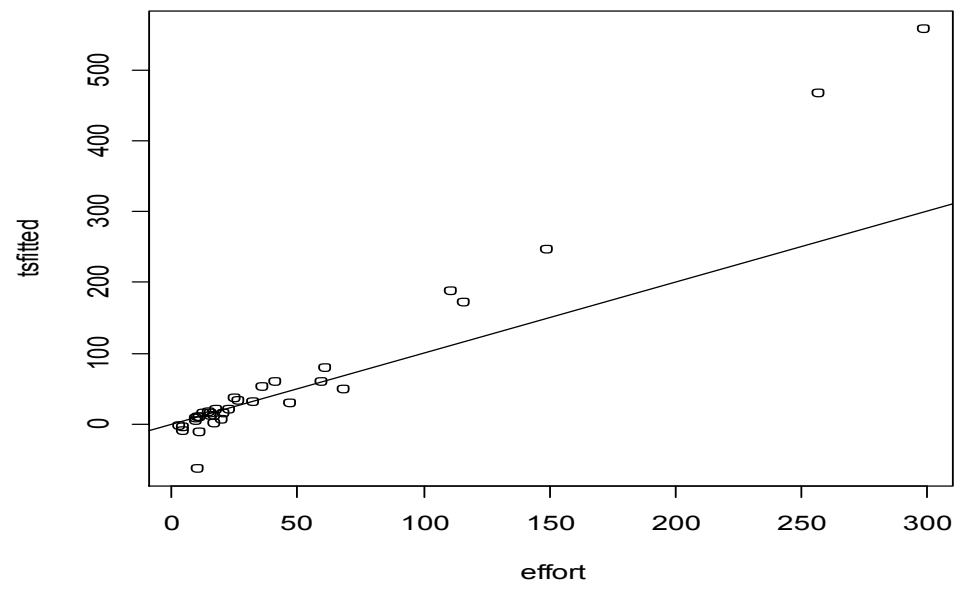
Kernel Regression





Non-Parametric Regression

- Theil-Sen can handle multiple regression
 - Not with dummy variables
 - Fitted line fitted mass of data points
 - 5 fitted values were negative



Conclusions

- Combination of transforming variables and extensive diagnostic facilities
 - Seem to reduce the need for robust regression
 - At least in the case of linear models
- Non-parametric approaches don't always work well
 - Don't permit group variables
 - Are not integrated with diagnostics library(car)
- Lowess is promising
 - Not yet well integrated with diagnostics