R script code:

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# Lab02DineshA.R
# Import and prepare a dataset of automobile tire usage and perform data
# preprocessing tasks like imputing missing data, identifying outliers,
# normalizing features, discretizing features and dummy coding.

# intsall.packages("tidyverse")
# install.packages("dummies")

library(tidyverse)
library(dummies)
library(scales)

# set the working directory
setwd("~/MIS/Classes/MIS545/Assignments/Lab04")

# read the csv file with column types specified
tireTread1 <- read_csv(file = "TireTread.csv",
                       col_types = "cfnni",
                       col_names = TRUE)

# print the tire Tread data along with summary
print(tireTread1)
str(tireTread1)
print(summary(tireTread1))

# Impute missing values with the mean value
tireTread2 <- tireTread1 %>%
  mutate(UsageMonths = ifelse(is.na(UsageMonths), mean(UsageMonths, na.rm = TRUE), UsageMonths))

# printe the summary
print(summary(tireTread2))

# outliers are separately stored in treadDepthOutliers
outlierMin <- quantile(tireTread2$TreadDepth, .25) -
  (IQR(tireTread2$TreadDepth) * 1.5)
outlierMax <- quantile(tireTread2$TreadDepth, .75) +
  (IQR(tireTread2$TreadDepth) * 1.5)

treadDepthOutliers <- tireTread2 %>%
  filter(TreadDepth < outlierMin | TreadDepth > outlierMax)

# normalize the data by taking the log
tireTread3 <- tireTread2 %>%
  mutate(LogUsageMonths = log(UsageMonths))

# discretization by setting values to true and false based on TreadDepth
tireTread4 <- tireTread3 %>%
  mutate(NeedsReplacing = TreadDepth <=1.6)
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tireTread4DataFrame <- data.frame(tireTread4)
# storing the values in a tibble
tireTread5 <- as_tibble(dummy.data.frame(data = tireTread4DataFrame,
                                         names = "Position"))
# creating a scatter plot visualization
scatterPlotMilesTreadDepth <- ggplot(data = tireTread5,
                                     aes(x = Miles,
                                         y = TreadDepth
                                     ))
scatterPlotMilesTreadDepth + geom_point(color = "dark gray") +
  scale_y_continuous() +
  geom_smooth(method = lm,
              level = 0,
              color = "red") +
  ggtitle("Tire Miles and Tread Depth Scatter Plot.")
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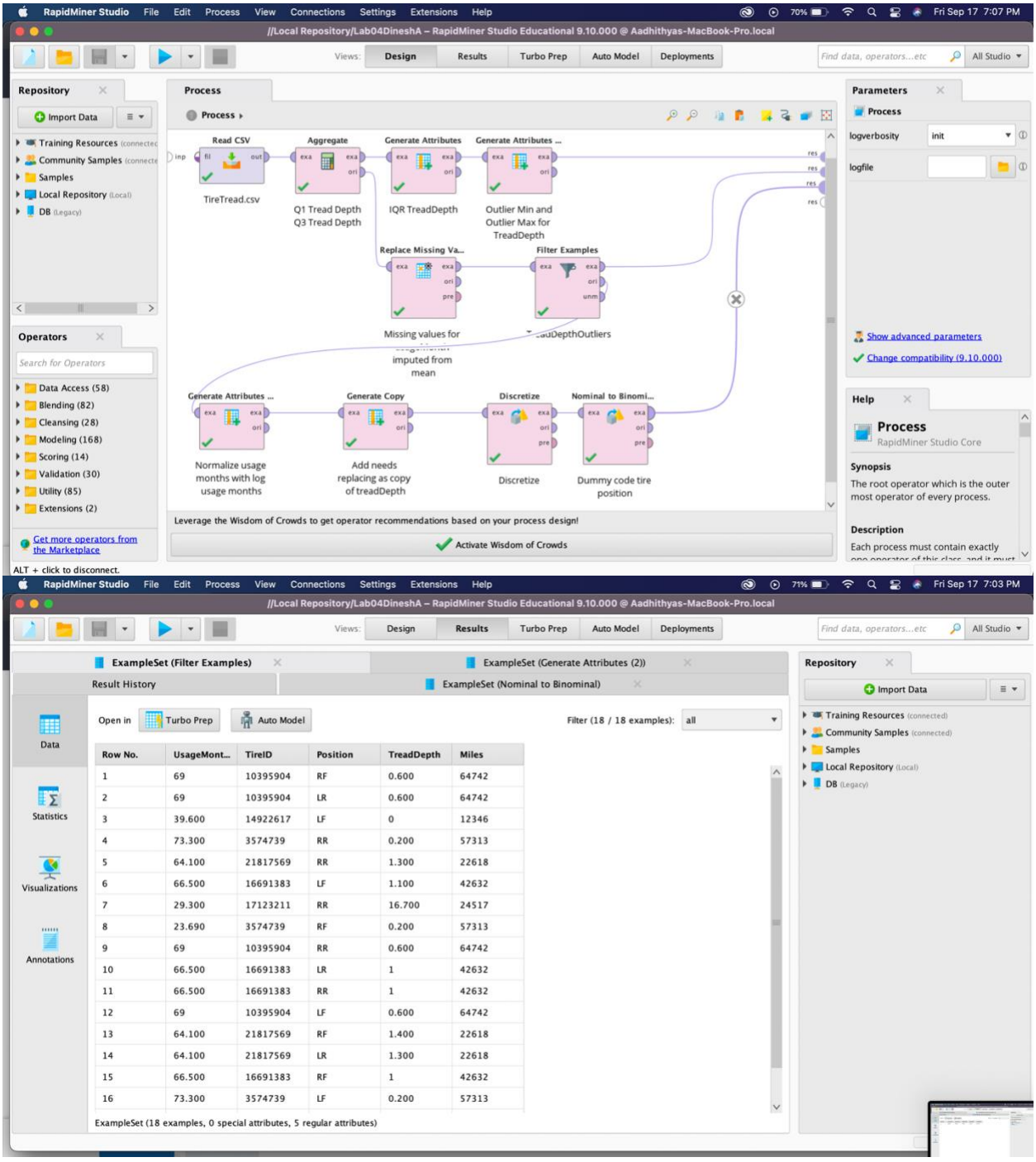
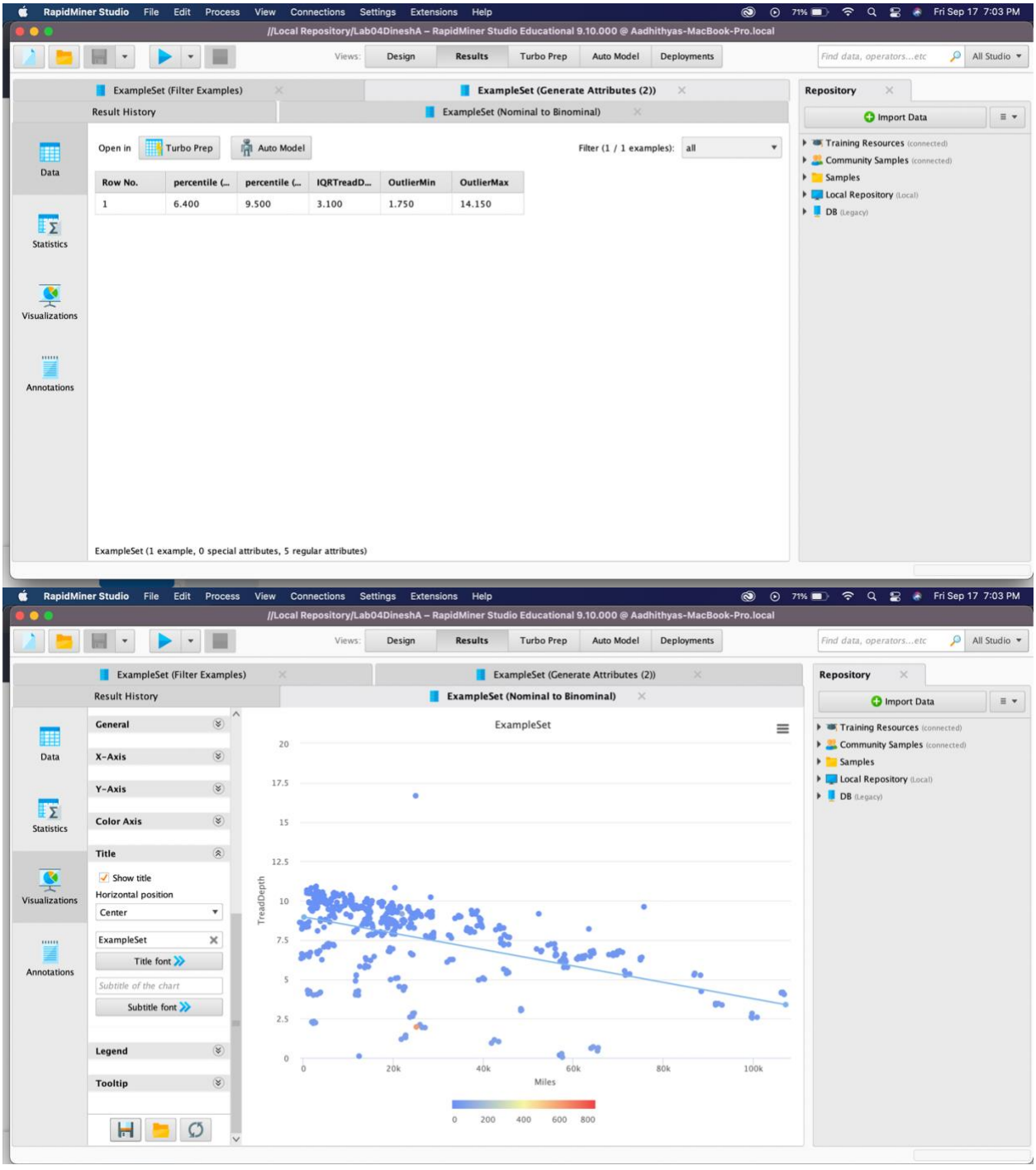
Rapid Miner Process and Result screenshots:





Yes, a correlation exists as the data points follow a linear regression model except for the outliers.