

Stat 6021: Guided Question Set 5

The data set `mammals` from the `MASS` package contains the average brain and body weights for 62 species of land mammals. We wish to see how body weight (x) could explain the brain weight (y) of land mammals.

1. Create a scatter plot of brain weight against body weight of land mammals. Comment on the appearance of the plot. Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones?
2. Fit a simple linear regression to the data, and create the corresponding residual plot. Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones?
3. Based on your answers to parts 1 and 2, do we need to transform at least one of the variables? Briefly explain.
4. For the simple linear regression in part 2, create a Box Cox plot. What transformation, if any, would you apply to the response variable? Briefly explain.
5. Apply the transformation you specified in part 4, and let y^* denote the transformed response variable. Create a scatterplot of y^* against x . Comment on the appearance of the plot. Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones?
6. Fit a simple linear regression to y^* against x , and create the corresponding residual plot. Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones?
7. Do we need to transform the x variable? If yes, what transformation(s) would you try? Briefly explain. Create a scatterplot of y^* against x^* . Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones?
8. Fit a simple linear regression to y^* against x^* , and create the corresponding residual plot. Do any assumptions for simple linear regression appear to be violated? If so, which ones? If the assumptions are not met, repeat with a different transformation on the predictor until you are satisfied.
9. Write out the regression equation, and if possible, interpret the slope of the regression.