

# STOR 455 Homework #5

20 points - Due Tuesday 10/17 at 12:30pm

## Theory Part

1. True or False: For a regression with 2 predictors, the VIF of the two predictors can be different.

True, because VIF can be different for each predictor in a multiple regression since the correlation between each predictor and the other predictor can be different, leading to different levels of multicollinearity.

2. True or False: Mallows'  $C_p$  depends only on the predictors in the model.

False,  $C_p$  depends on the larger pool of predictors as well as the set being considered.

## Computing Part

**Instructions:** You may (and should) collaborate with other students. However, you must complete the assignment by yourself. You should complete this assignment in an R Notebook, including all calculations, plots, and explanations. Make use of the white space outside of the R chunks for your explanations rather than using comments inside of the chunks. For your submission, you should knit the notebook to PDF (it is usually smoother first knit to Word then save the file as pdf) and submit the file to Gradescope. The submitted PDF should not be longer than 20 pages.

**Situation:** Suppose that you are interested in purchasing a used vehicle. How much should you expect to pay? Obviously the price will depend on the type of vehicle that you get (the model) and how much it's been used. For this assignment you will investigate how the price might depend on the vehicle's year and mileage.

**Data Source:** To get a sample of vehicles, begin with the UsedCars CSV file (posted on Sakai). The data was acquired by scraping TrueCar.com for used vehicle listings on 9/24/2017 and contains more than 1.2 million used vehicles. For this assignment you will choose a vehicle *Model* from a US company for which there are at least 100 of that model listed for sale in North Carolina. Note that whether the companies are US companies or not is not contained within the data. It is up to you to determine which *Make* of vehicles are from US companies. After constructing a subset of the UsedCars data under these conditions, check to make sure that there is a reasonable amount of variability in the years for your vehicle, with a range of at least six years.

**Directions:** The code below should walk you through the process of selecting data from a particular model vehicle of your choice. Each of the following two R chunks begin with `{r, eval=FALSE}`. `eval=FALSE` makes these chunks not run when I knit the file. **Before you knit these chunks, you should revert them to `{r}`.**

```
library(readr)

# This line will only run if the UsedCars.csv is stored in the same directory as this notebook!
UsedCars <- read_csv("UsedCars.csv")
```

```
## Rows: 1048575 Columns: 9
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (5): City, State, Vin, Make, Model
## dbl (4): Id, Price, Year, Mileage
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

```
StateHW5 = "NC"
```

```
# Creates a dataframe with the number of each model for sale in North Carolina
Vehicles = as.data.frame(table(UsedCars$Model[UsedCars$State==StateHW5]))
```

```
# Renames the variables
names(Vehicles)[1] = "Model"
names(Vehicles)[2] = "Count"
```

```
# Restricts the data to only models with at least 100 for sale
# Vehicles from non US companies are contained in this data
# Before submitting, comment this out so that it doesn't print while knitting
Enough_Vehicles = subset(Vehicles, Count>=100)
Enough_Vehicles
```

```
##           Model Count
## 21      200Limited  191
## 34              3   477
## 74              5   174
## 130      AcadiaAWD  103
## 131      AcadiaFWD  259
## 139      Accord    776
## 141      AccordEX-L 132
## 149      Altima2.5  779
## 153      Altima4dr  131
## 245      CamaroCoupe 322
## 247      Camry4dr   106
## 251      CamrySE    133
## 284      ChallengerR/T 123
## 309      CherokeeLatitude 108
## 315      Civic      509
## 324      CivicLX     135
## 355      ColoradoCrew 112
## 384      Cooper      237
## 394      Corvette2dr 101
## 405      CR-VEX      127
## 406      CR-VEX-L    231
## 407      CR-VLX      115
## 423      Cruze1LT    120
## 434      CruzeSedan  185
## 438      CTS         132
## 464      DartSXT     124
## 500      EdgeSEL     205
## 504      Elantra4dr   178
## 508      ElantraSE    164
```

## 521	EnclaveLeather	144
## 545	EquinoxAWD	129
## 546	EquinoxFWD	454
## 550	ES	220
## 563	EscapeFWD	219
## 568	EscapeSE	230
## 570	EscapeTitanium	133
## 573	ESES	109
## 598	ExplorerLimited	138
## 603	ExplorerXLT	258
## 606	F-1502WD	225
## 607	F-1504WD	623
## 613	F-150Lariat	142
## 623	F-150XLT	332
## 685	FocusHatchback	161
## 689	FocusSE	181
## 690	FocusSedan	195
## 707	ForteLX	115
## 734	FusionSE	414
## 737	FusionTitanium	115
## 754	G37	124
## 801	Grand	1066
## 874	IS	158
## 876	Jetta	115
## 902	LaCrosseFWD	109
## 962	Malibu1LT	121
## 973	MalibuLS	121
## 974	MalibuLT	243
## 997	Mazda3i	128
## 1062	Mustang2dr	138
## 1070	MustangFastback	152
## 1071	MustangGT	151
## 1102	OdysseyEX-L	176
## 1109	OptimaEX	142
## 1111	OptimaLX	317
## 1161	PatriotSport	132
## 1166	PilotEX-L	122
## 1244	Ram	289
## 1305	RogueS	149
## 1307	RogueSV	148
## 1311	Rover	190
## 1316	RX	237
## 1318	RXXRX	119
## 1352	Santa	386
## 1367	SedonaLX	111
## 1372	SentraS	149
## 1375	SentraSV	159
## 1389	Sierra	770
## 1390	Silverado	1807
## 1410	Sonata2.4L	224
## 1411	Sonata4dr	208
## 1428	SorentoLX	263
## 1431	Soul+	114
## 1433	SoulAutomatic	155

```
## 1463      SRXLuxury  109
## 1476    Suburban4WD  166
## 1479         Super  428
## 1483    Tacoma4WD  127
## 1488      Tahoe2WD  103
## 1490      Tahoe4WD  217
## 1506    TerrainFWD  212
## 1540         Town  250
## 1544      Transit  159
## 1548  TraverseFWD  162
## 1577      Tundra  109
## 1607      Versa  114
## 1625    Wrangler  604
## 1731      Yukon  176
## 1734    Yukon4WD  135
```

```
# Delete the ** below and enter the model that you chose from the Enough_Vehicles data.
ModelOfMyChoice = "Civic"
```

```
# Takes a subset of your model vehicle from North Carolina
MyVehicles = subset(UsedCars, Model==ModelOfMyChoice & State==StateHW5)
```

```
# Check to make sure that the vehicles span at least 6 years.
range(MyVehicles$Year)
```

```
## [1] 2005 2017
```

# Questions

## Q1

Add a column of *logPrice* as the (natural) logarithm of the prices. Construct a model using two predictors (*Year* and *Mileage*) with *logPrice* as the response variable and provide the summary output. Comment on the diagnostic plots.

In the Residual versus Fitted Value plot, the relationship appears towards linearity, suggesting that the linearity assumption may hold. However, the residuals exhibit a zero-mean, indicating an approximate balance in positive and negative errors. From the histogram, it's evident that the distribution is roughly normal with an Uniform spread. While the Scale-Location plot displays a bell-shaped pattern, implying reasonably constant variance. In terms of independence, *logPrice* and *Year+Mileage* appear to be largely independent. Also, the normal Q-Q plot reveals that they follow the path and don't have a weak or heavy tails, hence the normal distribution assumption for the errors. However, there are two extreme outliers that affects the weight of the tail in the QQ plot making them seem less normal with them making the curve look heavy.

```
#
library(olsrr)

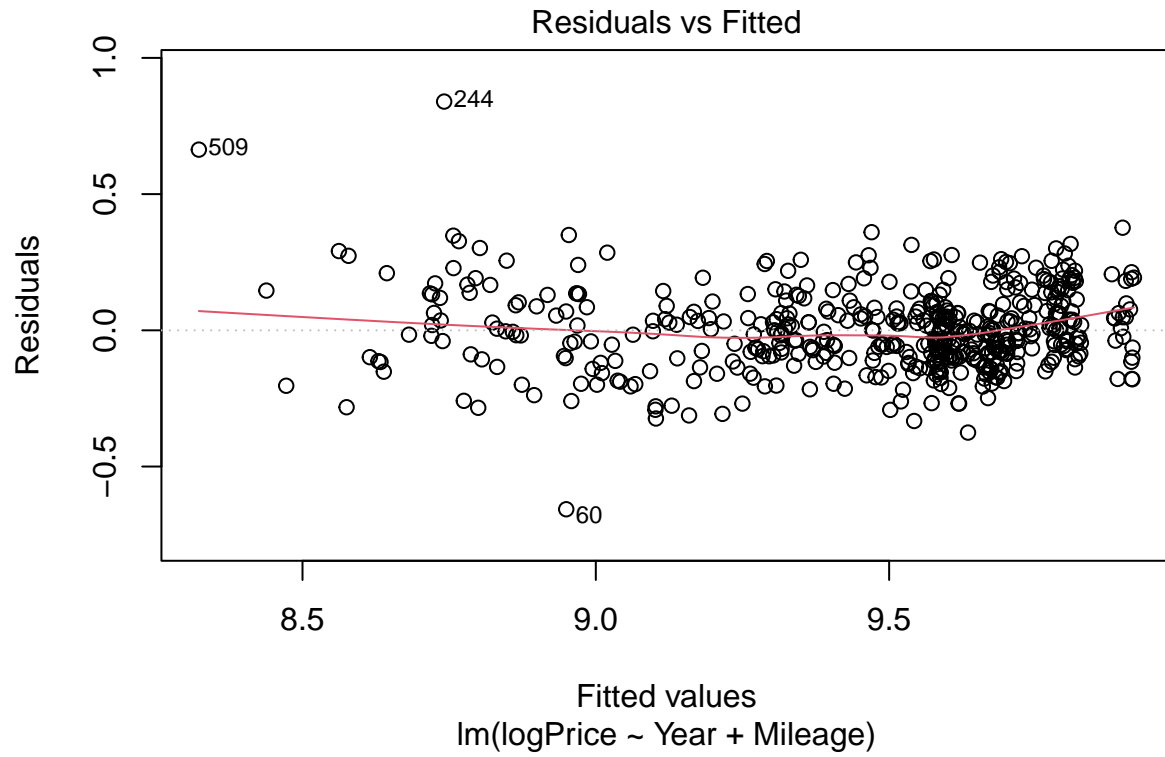
##
## Attaching package: 'olsrr'

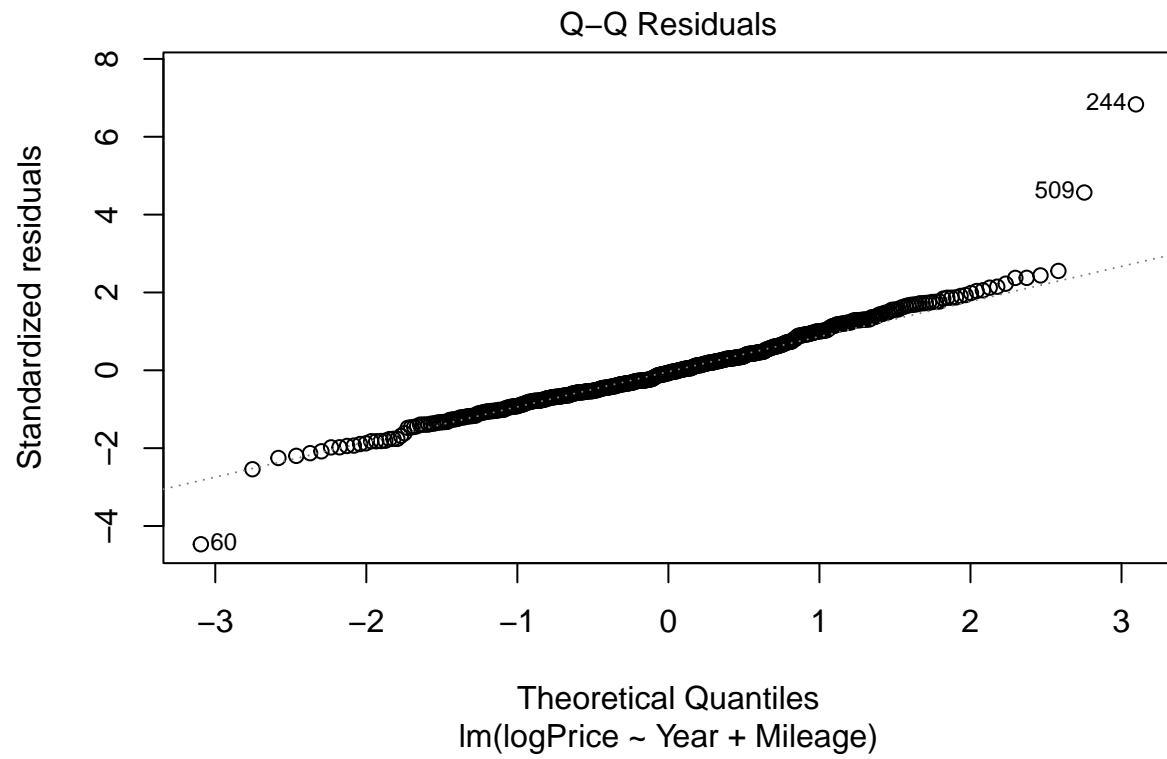
## The following object is masked from 'package:datasets':
##
##      rivers

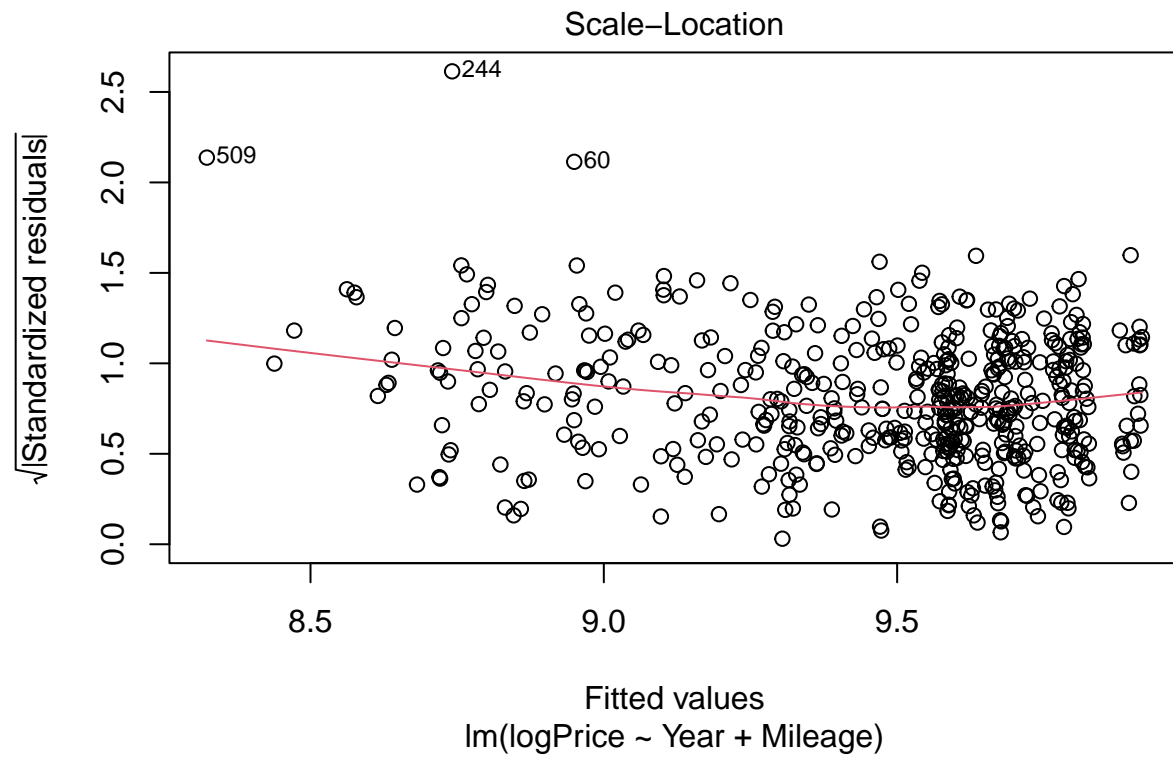
MyVehicles$logPrice <- log(MyVehicles$Price)
mod1 = lm(logPrice~Year+Mileage, data = MyVehicles)
summary(mod1)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logPrice ~ Year + Mileage, data = MyVehicles)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.65679 -0.09531 -0.01057  0.08452  0.83959
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.648e+02  7.561e+00 -21.801  <2e-16 ***
## Year         8.664e-02  3.750e-03  23.101  <2e-16 ***
## Mileage     -2.359e-06  2.383e-07  -9.902  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1479 on 506 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8318, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8312
## F-statistic: 1251 on 2 and 506 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

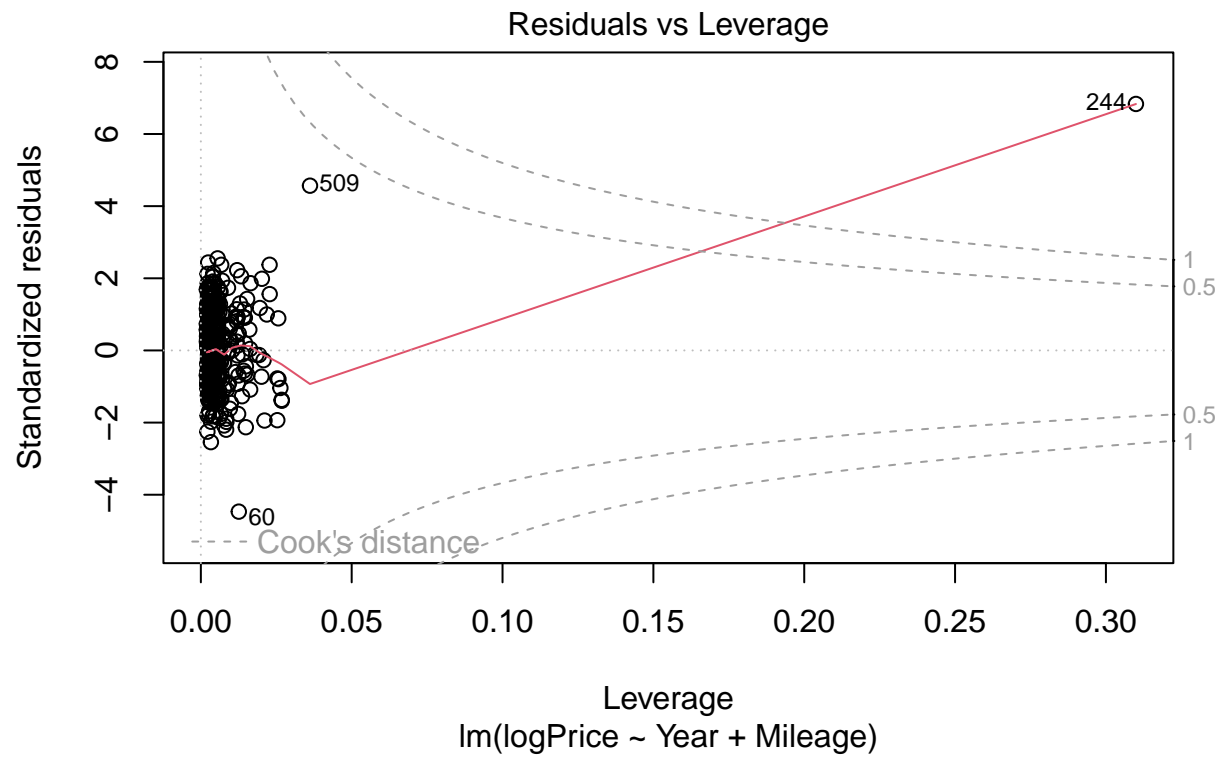
```
plot(mod1)
```





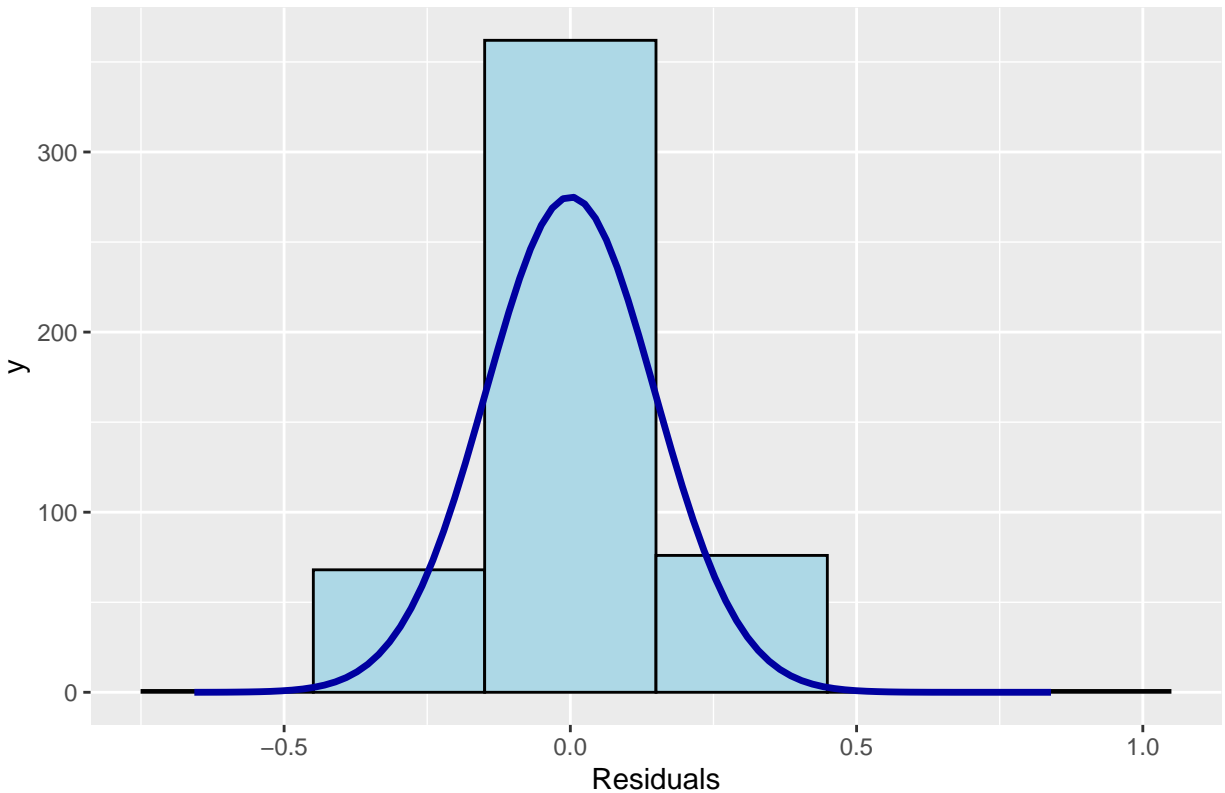






```
ols_plot_resid_hist(mod1)
```

### Residual Histogram



## Q2

Add two columns of *Mileage2* and *Mileage3* as  $\text{Mileage}^2$  and  $\text{Mileage}^3$  respectively. Construct a model using four predictors (*Year*, *Mileage*, *Mileage2* and *Mileage3*) with *logPrice* as the response variable and provide the summary output. Call this model *Full*. Comment on the diagnostic plots.

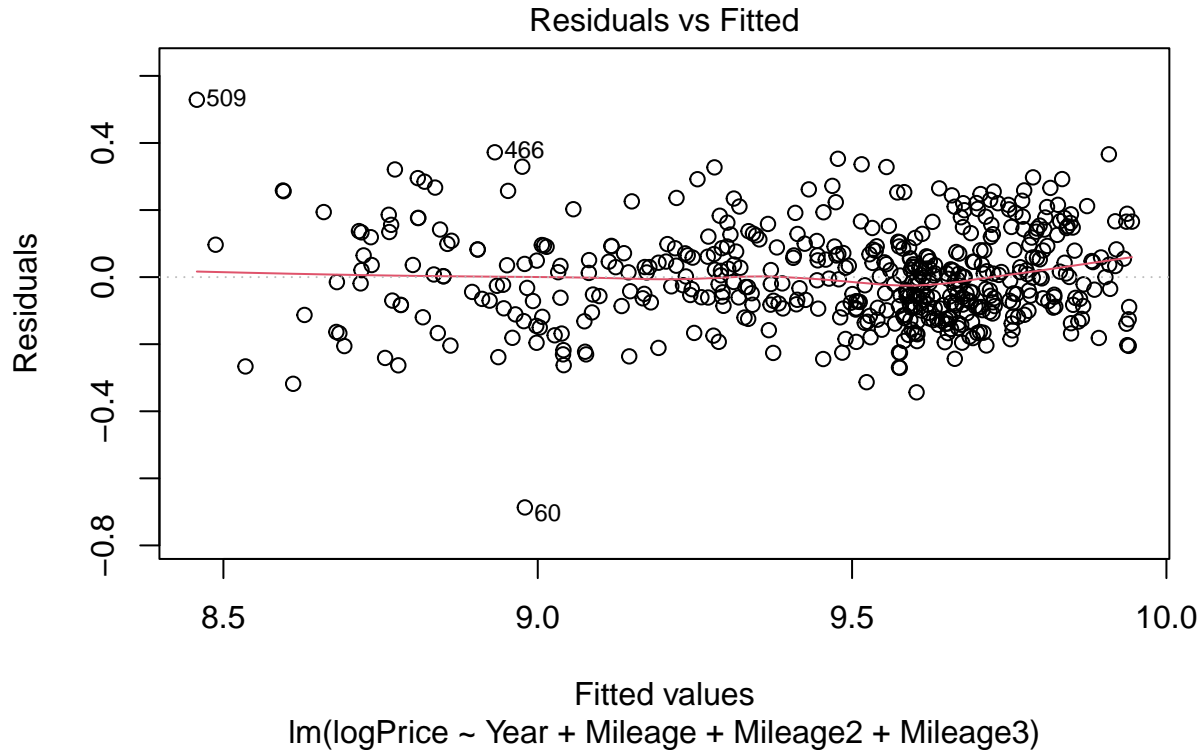
Similar to the above, the Residual versus Fitted Value plot, the relationship appears towards linearity, suggesting that the linearity assumption holds. However, the residuals exhibit a zero-mean, indicating an approximate balance in positive and negative errors. From the histogram, it's evident that the distribution is normal with an Uniform spread. While the Scale-Location plot displays a bell-shaped pattern to the right, implying somewhat constant variance. In terms of independence, *logPrice* and  $\text{Year} + \text{Mileage} + \text{Mileage2} + \text{Mileage3}$  appear to be largely independent. Also, the normal Q-Q plot reveals that they follow the path and don't have a weak or heavy tails, hence the normal distribution assumption for the errors. Also, there does seem to be some outliers but are not affecting the models as much because the assumption still holds, but may have an affect on the qq plot with further investigation.

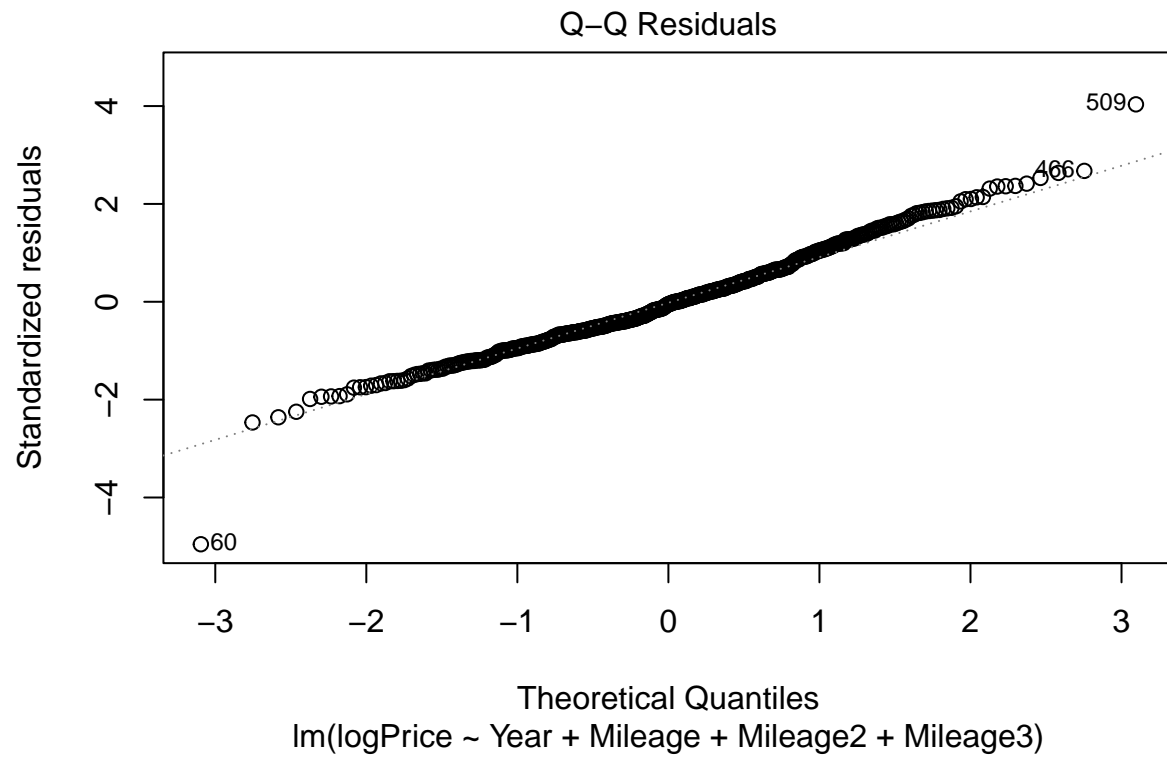
```
#
library(olsrr)
MyVehicles$Mileage2 <- MyVehicles$Mileage^2
MyVehicles$Mileage3 <- MyVehicles$Mileage^3
Full = lm(logPrice~Year+Mileage+Mileage2+Mileage3, data=MyVehicles)
summary(Full)
```

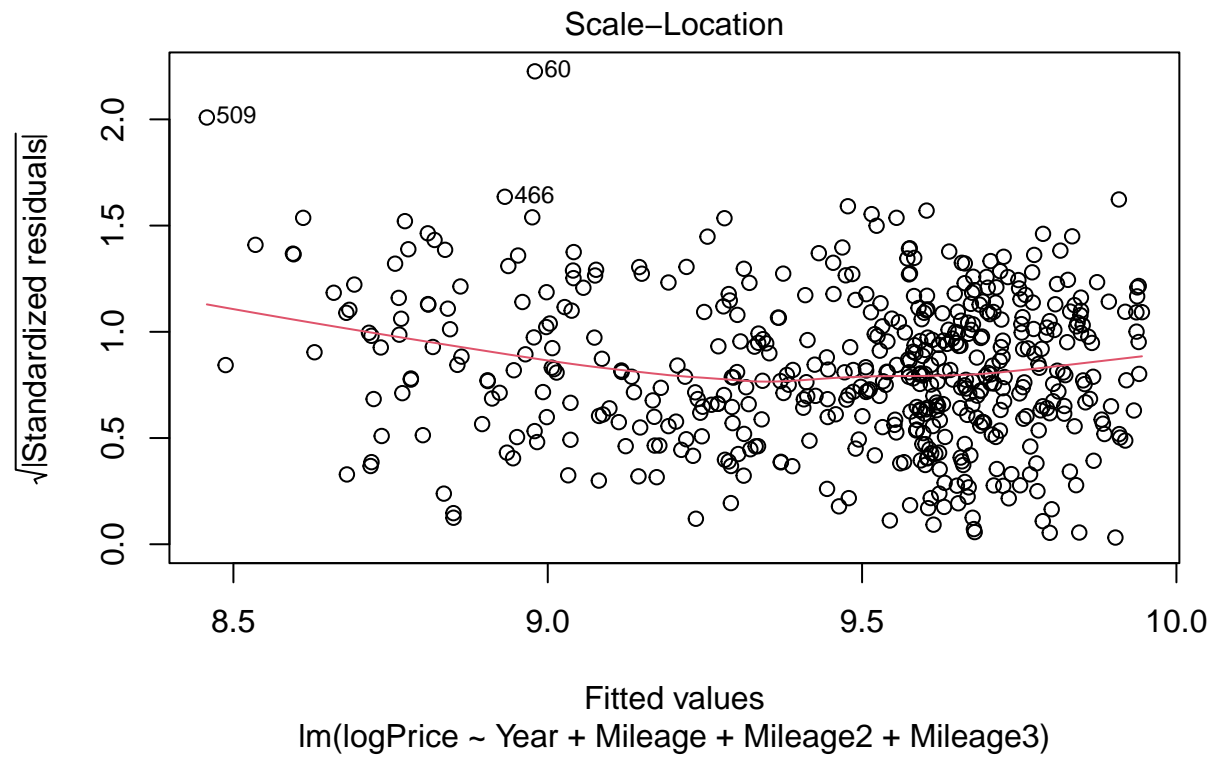
```
##
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = logPrice ~ Year + Mileage + Mileage2 + Mileage3,
##     data = MyVehicles)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.68672 -0.09020 -0.00697  0.08498  0.52883
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.321e+02  8.230e+00 -16.047  < 2e-16 ***
## Year          7.041e-02  4.081e-03  17.254  < 2e-16 ***
## Mileage      -4.527e-06  7.291e-07  -6.208  1.12e-09 ***
## Mileage2       2.687e-12  5.943e-12   0.452   0.6513
## Mileage3       2.045e-17  1.220e-17   1.676   0.0943 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.1396 on 504 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8507, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8496
## F-statistic: 718.1 on 4 and 504 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
plot(Full)
```

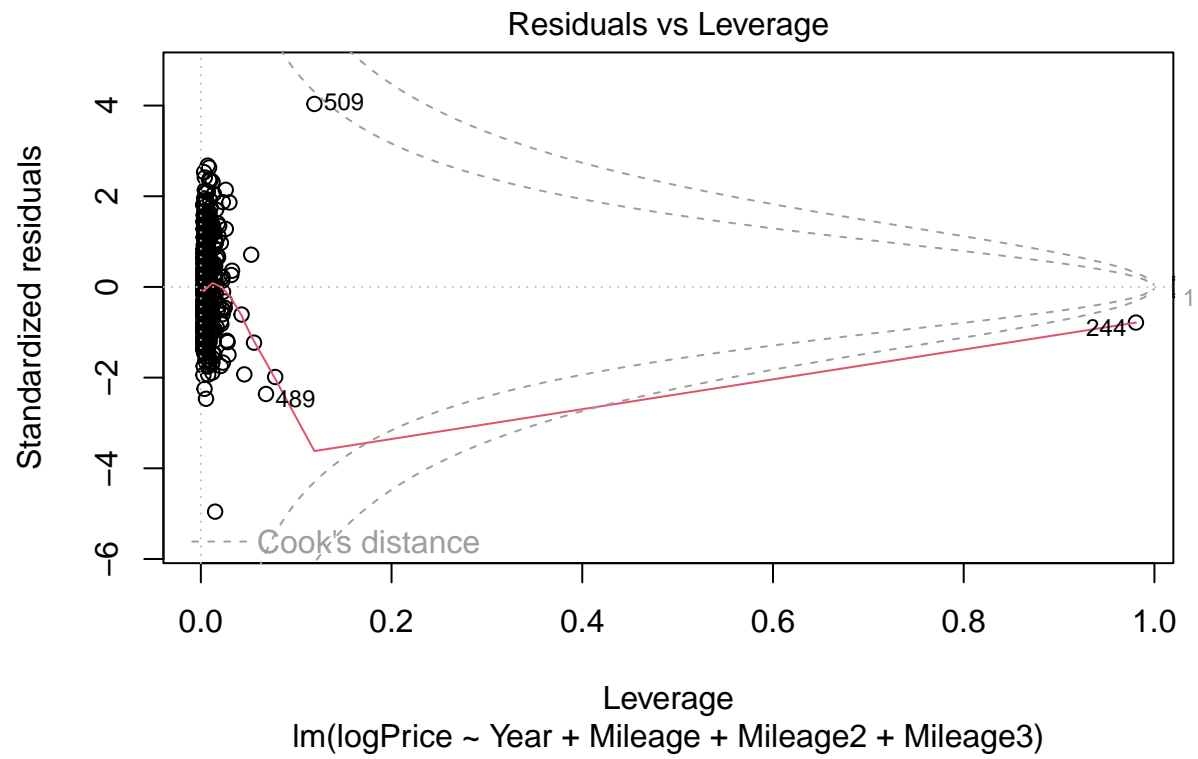




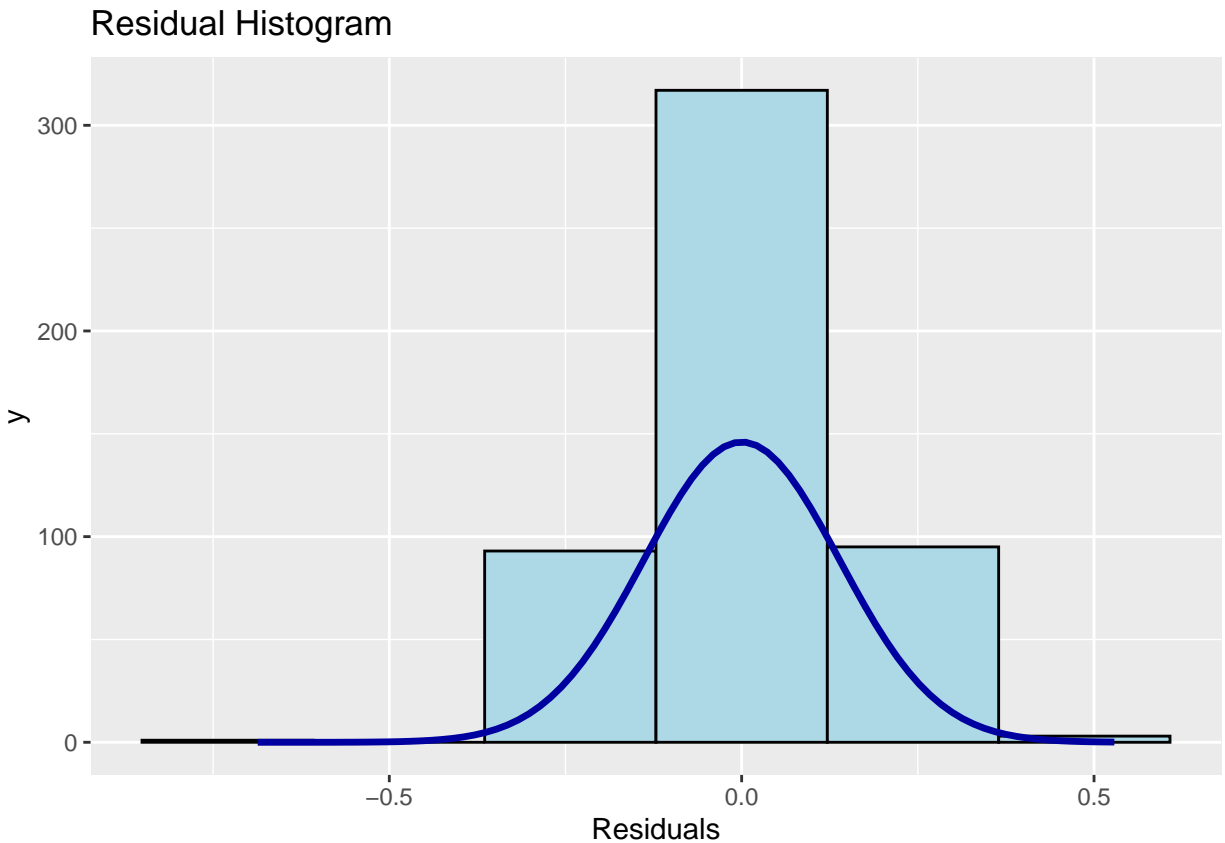


```
## Warning in sqrt(crit * p * (1 - hh)/hh): NaNs produced
```

```
## Warning in sqrt(crit * p * (1 - hh)/hh): NaNs produced
```



```
ols_plot_resid_hist(Full)
```



### Q3

Select a subset of predictors in *Full* using each of the four methods: all subsets, backward elimination, forward selection, and stepwise regression. Use Mallows' Cp (AIC) as the criterion.

```
#all sets
library(leaps)
all_sbset <- regsubsets(logPrice~Year+Mileage+Mileage2+Mileage3, data=MyVehicles)
sum.sets <- summary(all_sbset)
coef(all_sbset, id = which.min(sum.sets$cp))
```

```
## (Intercept)      Year      Mileage      Mileage3
## -1.321841e+02  7.046620e-02 -4.231421e-06  2.577564e-17
```

```
#backward elimination
model.b.elim<- step(Full, direction = 'backward')
```

```
## Start:  AIC=-1999.24
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage + Mileage2 + Mileage3
##
##           Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## - Mileage2  1     0.0040  9.8298 -2001.0
## <none>                 9.8259 -1999.2
## - Mileage3  1     0.0548  9.8806 -1998.4
```

```
## - Mileage 1 0.7514 10.5772 -1963.7
## - Year 1 5.8036 15.6295 -1765.0
##
## Step: AIC=-2001.04
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage + Mileage3
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## <none> 9.8298 -2001.0
## - Mileage3 1 1.2416 11.0714 -1942.5
## - Mileage 1 3.3050 13.1349 -1855.5
## - Year 1 5.8178 15.6476 -1766.4
```

#### *#forward selection*

```
null <-lm(logPrice~1, data =MyVehicles)
model.f.selct <- step(null, scope = list(lower=null, upper=Full), direction = "forward")
```

```
## Start: AIC=-1039.1
## logPrice ~ 1
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## + Year 1 52.613 13.217 -1854.3
## + Mileage 1 43.082 22.748 -1578.0
## + Mileage2 1 20.563 45.266 -1227.7
## + Mileage3 1 4.512 61.318 -1073.2
## <none> 65.829 -1039.1
##
## Step: AIC=-1854.34
## logPrice ~ Year
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## + Mileage 1 2.14527 11.071 -1942.5
## + Mileage2 1 0.54767 12.669 -1873.9
## + Mileage3 1 0.08184 13.135 -1855.5
## <none> 13.217 -1854.3
##
## Step: AIC=-1942.49
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## + Mileage3 1 1.2416 9.8298 -2001.0
## + Mileage2 1 1.1908 9.8806 -1998.4
## <none> 11.0714 -1942.5
##
## Step: AIC=-2001.04
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage + Mileage3
##
## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC
## <none> 9.8298 -2001.0
## + Mileage2 1 0.0039864 9.8259 -1999.2
```

#### *#stepwise regression*

```
model.stw.reg <- step(null, scope = list(lower=null, upper=Full), direction = "both")
```

```
## Start: AIC=-1039.1
```



```

## logPrice ~ 1
##
##           Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## + Year      1    52.613 13.217 -1854.3
## + Mileage    1    43.082 22.748 -1578.0
## + Mileage2   1    20.563 45.266 -1227.7
## + Mileage3   1     4.512 61.318 -1073.2
## <none>                65.829 -1039.1
##
## Step:  AIC=-1854.34
## logPrice ~ Year
##
##           Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## + Mileage    1     2.145 11.071 -1942.5
## + Mileage2   1     0.548 12.669 -1873.9
## + Mileage3   1     0.082 13.135 -1855.5
## <none>                13.217 -1854.3
## - Year      1    52.613 65.829 -1039.1
##
## Step:  AIC=-1942.49
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage
##
##           Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## + Mileage3   1     1.2416  9.8298 -2001.0
## + Mileage2   1     1.1908  9.8806 -1998.4
## <none>                11.0714 -1942.5
## - Mileage    1     2.1453 13.2167 -1854.3
## - Year      1    11.6762 22.7477 -1578.0
##
## Step:  AIC=-2001.04
## logPrice ~ Year + Mileage + Mileage3
##
##           Df Sum of Sq    RSS    AIC
## <none>                9.8298 -2001.0
## + Mileage2   1     0.0040  9.8259 -1999.2
## - Mileage3   1     1.2416 11.0714 -1942.5
## - Mileage    1     3.3050 13.1349 -1855.5
## - Year      1     5.8178 15.6476 -1766.4

```

#### Q4

Assess and compare the overall effectiveness of the four models (some or all of them may be identical).

-All Subsets: consideration of all possible predictor subsets, optimal but computationally intensive and prone to over fitting. -Backward Elimination: Starts with all predictors and iteratively removes the least significant ones, less computationally intensive than all subsets. -Forward Selection: Begins with an empty model and adds the most significant predictors, less computationally intensive and useful for a large number of predictors. -Step wise Regression: Combines forward and backward selection, adding/removing predictors based on a criterion, balancing efficiency and model performance. -In this situation, all the models strike a balance between effectiveness and computational easiness, making them commonly used for variable selection. The choice of method should align with the data set's specifics, hence all of these models may be identical with the three predictors (Year, Mileage, Mileage<sup>3</sup>)

## Q5

Suppose that you are interested in purchasing a car of this model that is from the year 2018 with 60K miles. Determine each of the following: a 95% confidence interval for the mean price at this year and odometer reading, and a 95% prediction interval for the price of an individual car at this year and odometer reading. Write sentences that carefully interpret each of the intervals (in terms of car prices).

Using the confidence interval with 95% confidence I predict that the mean price of all cars with this model that is from the year 2018 with 60K miles is between \$16717.29 and \$18260.22. Also using the prediction interval with 95% confidence I predict that the price of a car with this model that is from the year 2018 with 60K miles is between \$13236.09 and \$23062.8

```
#
Car = data.frame(Year = 2018, Mileage=60000, Mileage3=60000^3)
best_mod=lm(logPrice~Year+Mileage+Mileage3, data=MyVehicles)

#Confidence
exp(predict.lm(best_mod, Car, interval= "confidence", level = .95))
```

```
##          fit          lwr          upr
## 1 17471.73 16717.29 18260.22
```

```
#Prediction
exp(predict.lm(best_mod, Car, interval= "prediction", level = .95))
```

```
##          fit          lwr          upr
## 1 17471.73 13236.09 23062.8
```