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Multiple Regression 2

Lecture 8

STA 371G

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The final model:

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> model <- lm(MEDV ~ CRIME+ZONE+NOX+ROOM+DIST
+                   +RADIAL+TAX+PTRATIO+LSTAT, data=boston)
```

- MEDV: Median Price (response)
- CRIME: Per capita crime rate
- ZONE: Proportion of large lots
- NOX: Nitrogen Oxide concentration
- DIST: Distance to employment centers
- ROOM: Average # of rooms
- RADIAL: Accessibility to highways
- TAX: Tax rate (per $10K)
- PTRATIO: Pupil-to-teacher ratio
- LSTAT: Proportion of "lower status"

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> hist(model$residuals, col='green',
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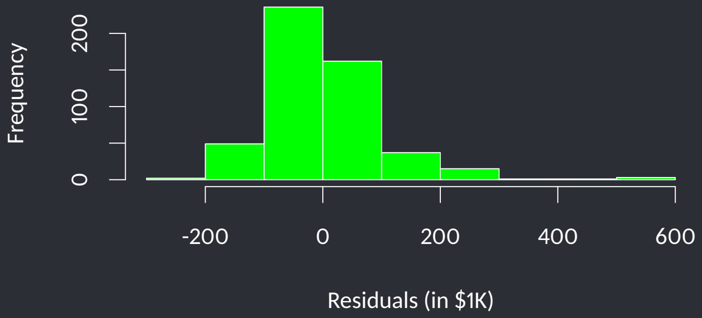

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Assumption 2: Linearity

Plot the residuals vs the predicted Y-values and ensure there is no trend:

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> plot(predict.lm(model), resid(model),
+   xlab='Predicted values', ylab='Residuals')
```

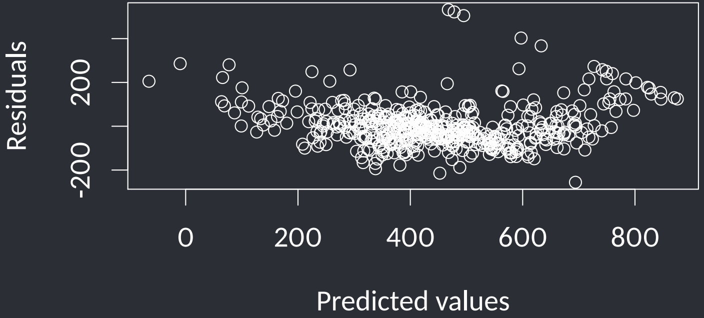

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Assumption 3: Normally distributed residuals

Ensure that the Q-Q plot shows a (roughly) straight line:

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> qqnorm(resid(model), main='')
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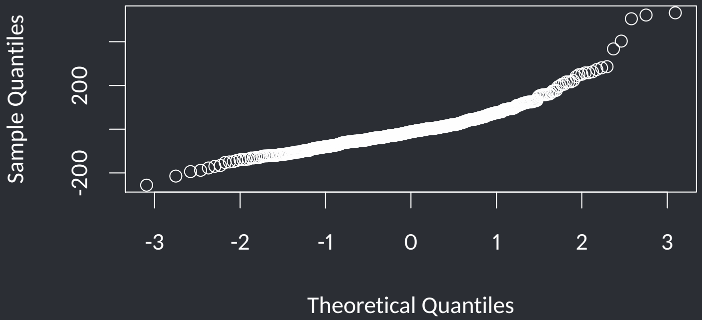

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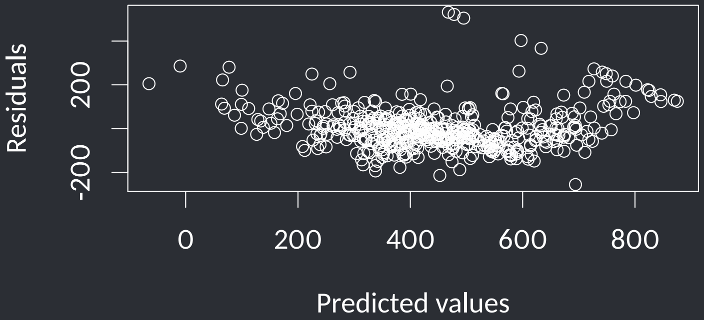

We have a model. Then what?

Let's make some predictions.

Model Coefficients

Regression model estimates the coefficients of the predictors.

```
> round(summary(model)$coefficients,2)

            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   840.07      99.00    8.49        0
CRIME          -2.57       0.66   -3.87        0
ZONE            0.92       0.28    3.34        0
NOX          -346.93      71.81   -4.83        0
ROOM           74.24       8.26    8.99        0
DIST          -31.05       3.78   -8.20        0
RADIAL          6.00       1.29    4.66        0
TAX            -0.27       0.07   -3.87        0
PTRATIO       -19.28       2.63   -7.34        0
LSTAT         -11.07       0.96  -11.56        0
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Let's estimate the median house price in a particular district:

j	Predictor	β_j	X_j	$\beta_j X_j$
0	Intercept	840.07	1	840.07
1	CRIME	-2.57	0.03	-0.0771
2	ZONE	0.92	10	9.2
3	NOX	-346.93	0.5	-173.465
4	ROOM	74.24	4	296.96
5	DIST	-31.05	5	-155.25
6	RADIAL	6	1	6
7	TAX	-0.27	300	-81
8	PTRATIO	-19.28	15	-385.6
9	LSTAT	-11.07	10	-110.7
Price	Estimate	($1000)		342.538

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Let R do it for us!

```
> predict.lm(model, list(CRIME=0.03, ZONE=10,
+                        NOX=0.5, ROOM=4,
+                        DIST=5,  RADIAL=1,
+                        TAX=300, PTRATIO=15,
+                        LSTAT=10))

       1
343.9552
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So, the tax rate increases to 350 per $10K. How would this affect the median house price?

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Remember the two kinds of intervals:

Confidence	Predicting the mean value of Y for a particular set of X values.	Among all the districts whose predictors are as above, what is the mean value of median house price?
Prediction	Predicting Y for a single new case.	If Springfield has the predictors above, what is the median house price in Springfield?

Confidence intervals

```
> predict.lm(model, list(CRIME=0.03, ZONE=10,
+                        NOX=0.5, ROOM=4,
+                        DIST=5,  RADIAL=1,
+                        TAX=350, PTRATIO=14,
+                        LSTAT=10),
+                        interval = 'confidence')

       fit      lwr      upr
1 349.9684 301.9485 397.9883
```

We can also put a confidence interval on a coefficient to estimate the plausible range of its effect.

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> confint(model)

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(Intercept)  645.5520530 1034.5782470
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ZONE           0.3792933    1.4647029
NOX         -488.0175640 -205.8337804
ROOM          58.0099148   90.4751248
DIST         -38.4860994  -23.6129585
RADIAL         3.4693548    8.5311305
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Reducing the parent/teacher ratio (PTRATIO) by one could increase the median house price from $14K to $24K!