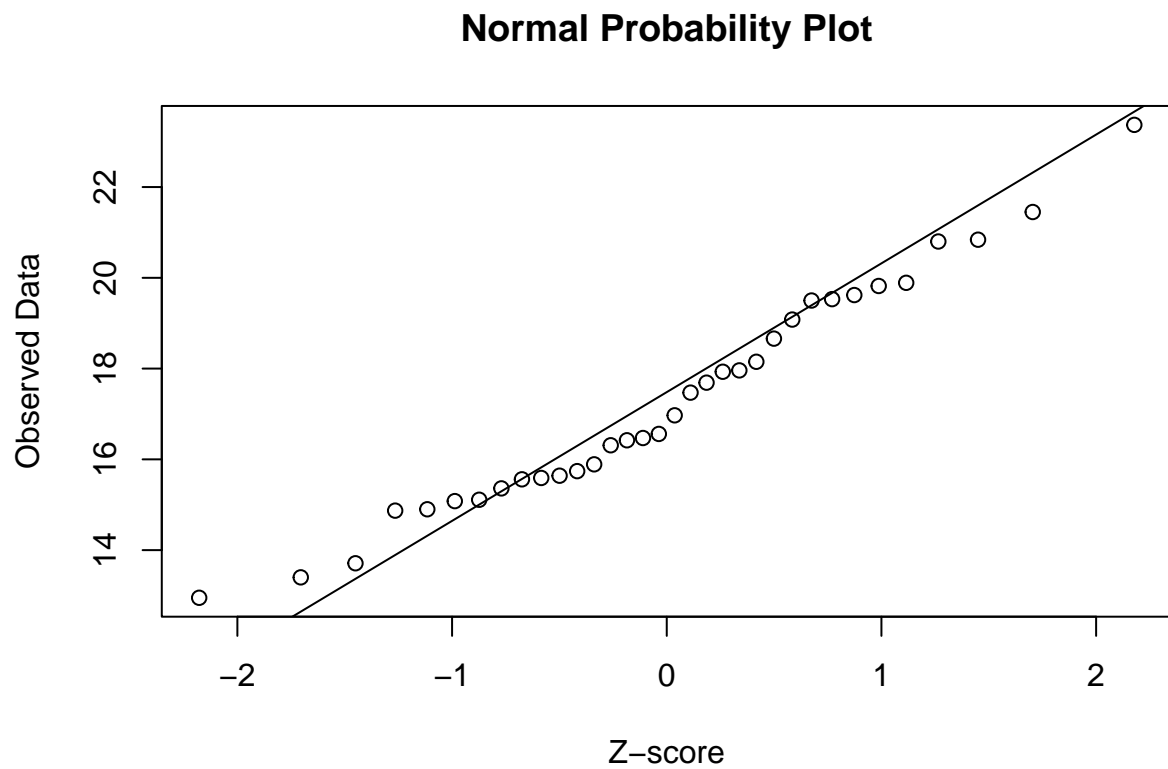


Example

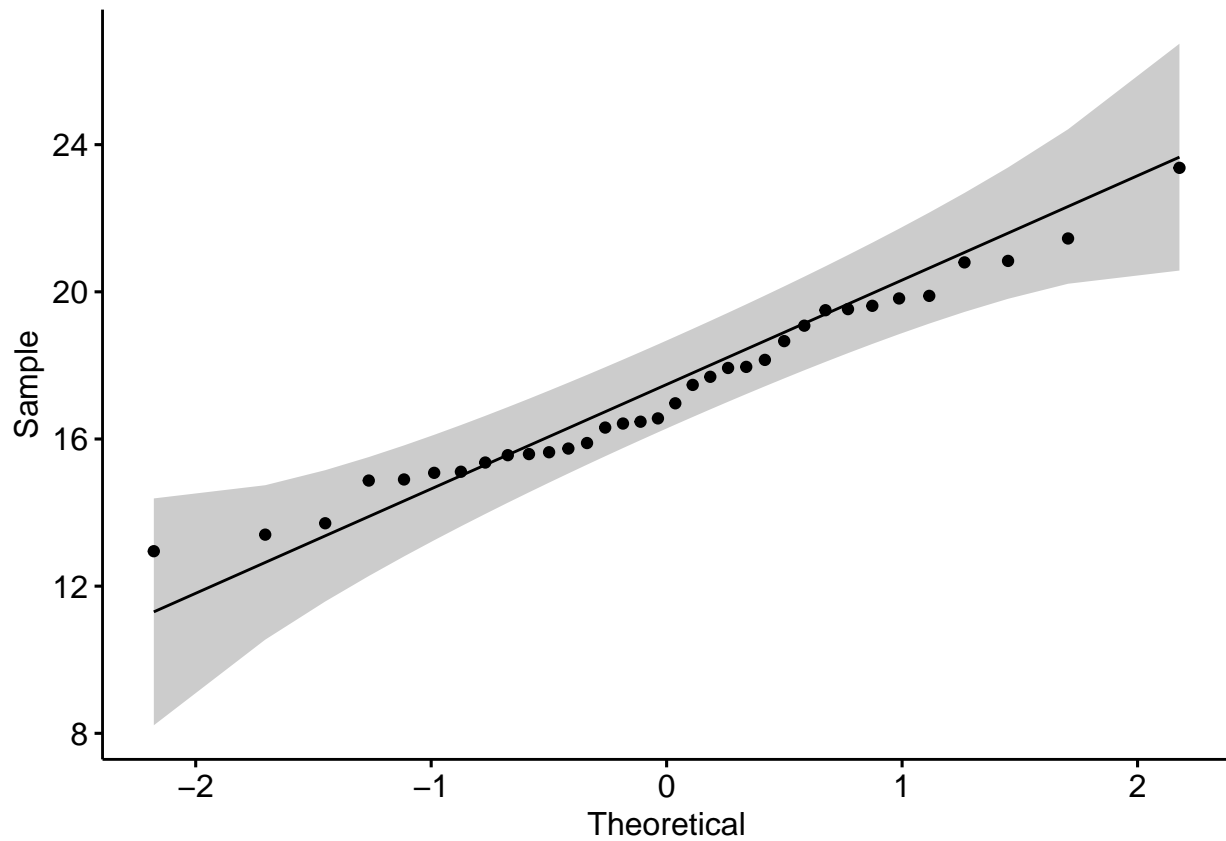
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Our first example involves a data set of size $n = 34$ with population mean 17.21 and population standard deviation of 2.65. We will use all of our tests to see if our data set comes from a normal distribution.

Normal Probability Plot



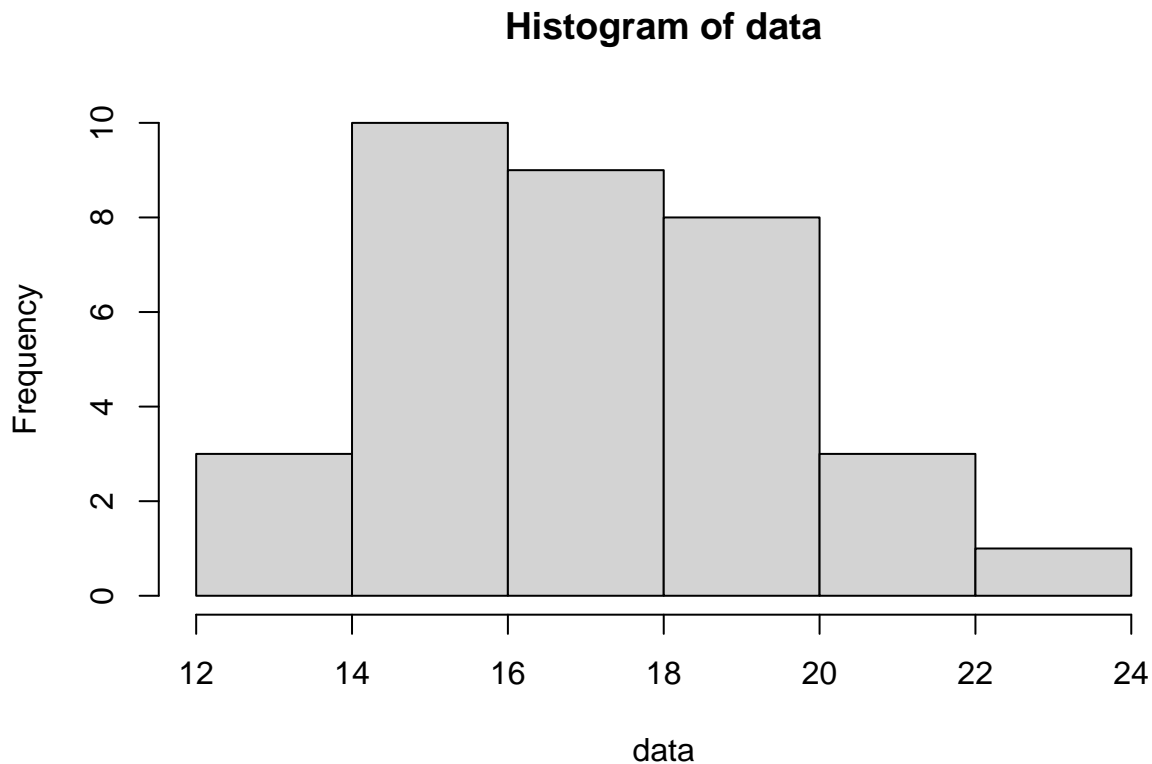
We can see from this plot that our sample observations are linearly related with the theoretical Z-scores, but to make it more clear, consider this plot:



This is the same plot except there is a cone surrounding a general area around the line. This is to help us see that all of our observations are within the ‘cone of certainty’ that gets wider as we stray further away from the mean, meaning this sample looks to be a sample from a normal distribution.

Next, we will look at a histogram:

Histogram



Unlike the previous plots, this histogram is not as clearly normal-looking. Sure, there are more observations closer to the mean, but it's not as clear-cut. If I were to look at just this plot, I may not be convinced that this sample is from a normal distribution.

Moving onto the tests, we will start with the Shapiro-Wilk Test, which R will run and give us the test statistic and its p-value.

Shapiro-Wilk Test

```
shapiro.test(data)
```

```
##
##  Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data:  data
## W = 0.9725, p-value = 0.5336
```

Our test statistic, W , is 0.9725, which is correspondent to a p-value of 0.5336. For this test, the null hypothesis is that our sample does indeed come from a normal distribution, so we would need a p-value less than, say, 0.05 if we wanted to reject the null hypothesis, so normality passes this test.

On to the Anderson-Darling Test, where we will hopefully get the same results.

Anderson-Darling Test

```
ad.test(data)
```

```
##  
## Anderson-Darling normality test  
##  
## data: data  
## A = 0.3736, p-value = 0.398
```

Our test statistic $A = 0.3736$ carries with it a similarly high p-value of 0.398, which is again not close to small enough to consider rejecting the null hypothesis of normality.

Our final test is the Jarque-Bera Test.

Jarque-Bera Test

```
jarque.bera.test(data)
```

```
##  
## Jarque Bera Test  
##  
## data: data  
## X-squared = 1.1271, df = 2, p-value = 0.5692
```

The test statistic for the Jarque-Bera Test is basically a chi-squared test statistic, and as we can see, the test statistic, 1.1271 only has a p-value of 0.5692 with 2 degrees of freedom, once again telling us there is no evidence of a departure from normality.

From these tests and plots, we got 4 definitive, supportive results of normality, and just 1 neutral result. This lets us say that it is very likely that the sample that we have follows a normal distribution.