Assignment 5

Ex 1 Simple linear regression

Ex 1.1 Generate some data. Plot the observations in a scatter plot. Which one is the true regression function? Plot the true regression function in red in the same plot together with the observations.

$$X \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2)$$
$$Y|X = x \sim N(ax + b, \sigma_2^2)$$

```
sigma = 1
sigma2 = 2
a = 2
b = 0
n = 50

x <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = sigma)
y <- b + a * x + sigma2 * rnorm(n)

# or
x <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = sigma) # a = b1, b = b0, rnorm(50) = independent noise
y <- b + a * x + rnorm(n, sd = sigma2)</pre>
```

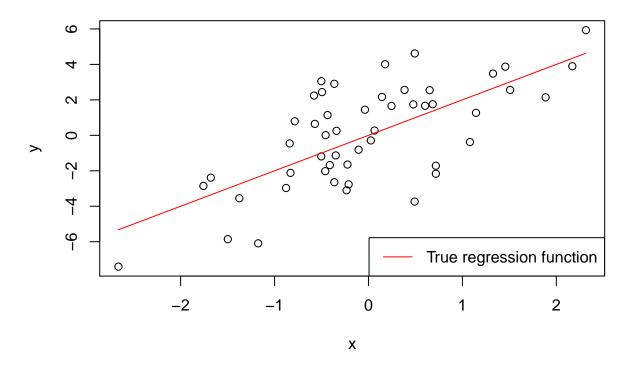
Or in a more fancy way

```
gen_xy <- function(n=50, a, b, sigma1 = 1, sigma2 = 2){
    x <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sigma1)
    y <- b + a * x + rnorm(50, sd = sigma2)
    df <- data.frame("x" = x, "y" = y)
    return(df)
}

xy <- gen_xy(a = 2, b = 0)
plot(xy$x, xy$y, main = "Observation scatter plot", ylab = "y", xlab = "x")

a = 2
b = 0
curve(b + a * x , add = TRUE, col = "red")
legend("bottomright", legend = ("True regression function"), col = "red", lty = 1)</pre>
```

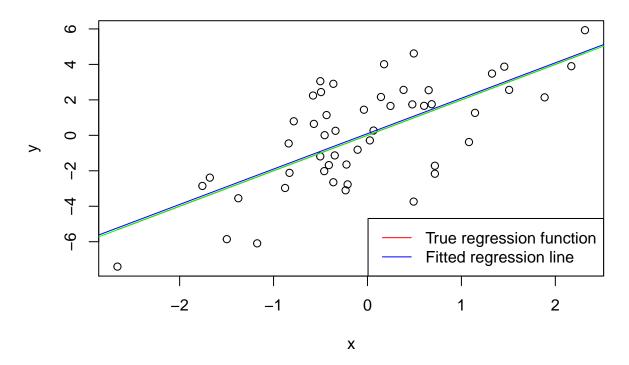
Observation scatter plot



```
# In order to use the fit_and_plot function we need to return also a and b
gex_xy_ab <- function(n=50, a, b, sigma1 = 1, sigma2 = 2){
    x <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sigma1)
    y <- b + a * x + rnorm(50, sd = sigma2)
    return(list(xy = data.frame("x" = x, "y" = y), a = a, b = b))
}</pre>
```

1.2 Fit now a linear regression using the lm function. Plot the fitted regression line on top of the previous plot using a different color.

Observation scatter plot



1.3 Use the function summary to obtain informations on the cofficients of the model.

```
summary(model)
## Call:
## lm(formula = xy$y ~ xy$x)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                                ЗQ
                1Q Median
                                       Max
  -4.8152 -1.2713 0.1689
                           1.1943
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 0.09605
                           0.30116
                                     0.319
                                              0.751
                                     6.609 2.93e-08 ***
## xy$x
                1.99693
                           0.30217
## ---
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 2.129 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4764, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4655
## F-statistic: 43.67 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 2.93e-08
```

1.4 Repeat from point 1.1 but setting the intercept b in the true model to 2. Check now if in the fitted linear regression we reject the null hypothesis, play with the standard deviation value and the sample size to see when we reject and not reject the null hypothesis that the intercept is equal to 0.

H0: Intercept = 0

```
model_xy <- function(data){</pre>
 return(summary(lm(data$y ~ data$x)))
model_xy(gen_xy(n = 50, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 2))
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$y ~ data$x)
##
## Residuals:
               1Q Median
##
      Min
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -4.5990 -1.1550 -0.4582 1.2343 4.7144
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                           0.2868 6.132 1.57e-07 ***
## (Intercept)
              1.7586
## data$x
                1.8353
                           0.2931
                                   6.262 9.96e-08 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 2.002 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4496, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4382
## F-statistic: 39.21 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 9.961e-08
model_xy(gen_xy(n = 50, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 100))
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$y ~ data$x)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 1Q
                      Median
                                   3Q
                                           Max
## -230.722 -55.171
                      -0.333
                               63.234 140.816
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -2.722
                        11.381 -0.239
                                            0.8120
## data$x
               -23.134
                           10.360 -2.233
                                            0.0302 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 79.81 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.09411,
                                   Adjusted R-squared:
                                                        0.07524
## F-statistic: 4.987 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 0.03024
model_xy(gen_xy(n = 50000, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 100))
##
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = data$y ~ data$x)
##
## Residuals:
                                    3Q
##
       Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                            Max
##
  -200.260 -57.802
                        1.341
                                77.293
                                       181.060
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -2.8053
                            0.4162 -6.740 1.60e-11 ***
## data$x
                 2.1748
                            0.4168
                                     5.218 1.82e-07 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 93.07 on 49998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0005442, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0005242
## F-statistic: 27.22 on 1 and 49998 DF, p-value: 1.82e-07
When b = 2:
```

If the standard deviation is small, the p-value $< \alpha$ and we reject the null hypothesis;

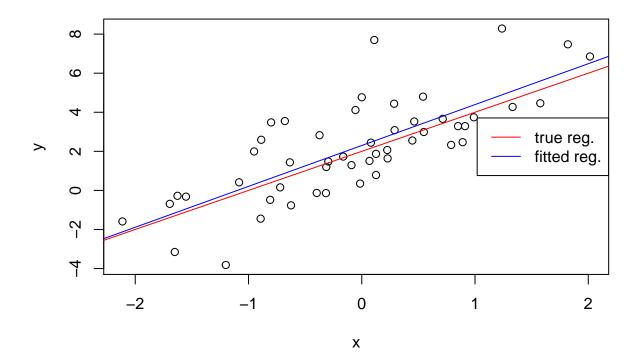
If the standard deviation is large, the p-value $> \alpha$ and we don't reject the null hyphotesis;

If the standard deviation is large and the sample size is very large, the p-value $< \alpha$ and we reject the null hypothesis.

We could do the same with a function that plot and fit the model

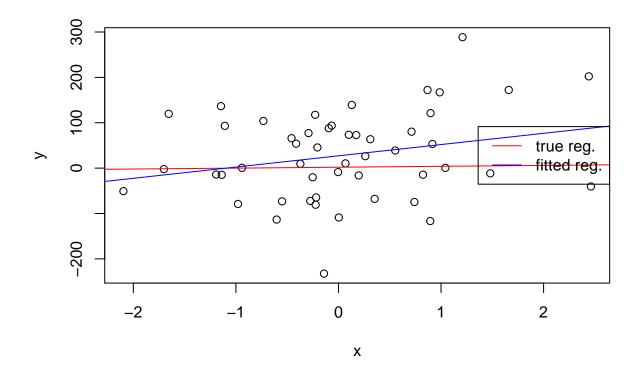
```
plot_and_fit <- function(data){</pre>
  temp_model <- lm(data$xy$y ~ data$xy$x, data = data$xy) # fit the model to data
  print(summary(temp model))
                                                           # print summary
  plot(data$xy)
                                                           # plot data
  abline(data$a, data$b, col = "red")
                                                           # plot true regression f.
  abline(temp_model, col = "blue")
                                                           # plot fitted regression f.
  legend("right", legend = c("true reg.", "fitted reg."),
         col = c("red", "blue"), lty = 1)
}
plot_and_fit(gex_xy_ab(n = 50, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 2))
##
## lm(formula = data$xy$y ~ data$xy$x, data = data$xy)
##
## Residuals:
##
                                ЗQ
       Min
                1Q Median
                                       Max
## -3.6045 -1.0500 -0.3356 0.7805 5.1675
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                 2.2990
                            0.2358
                                     9.751 5.74e-13 ***
## (Intercept)
                            0.2547
## data$xy$x
                 2.0932
                                     8.220 1.03e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
## Residual standard error: 1.663 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.5847, Adjusted R-squared: 0.576
## F-statistic: 67.57 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 1.027e-10
```



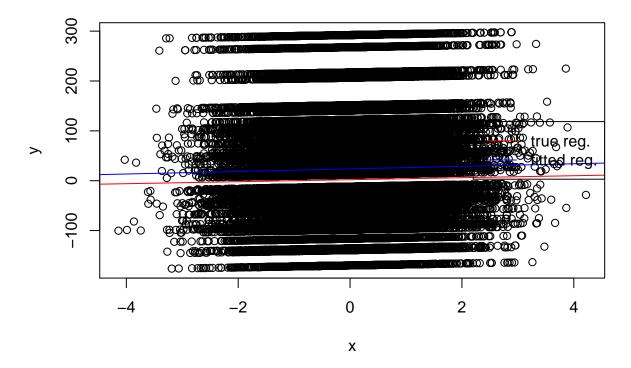
```
plot_and_fit(gex_xy_ab(n = 50, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 100))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$xy$y ~ data$xy$x, data = data$xy)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                 1Q
                      Median
                                   30
  -256.141 -72.020
                      -2.613
                               66.955 231.510
##
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                 27.12
                             13.52
                                    2.006
                                            0.0506 .
## data$xy$x
                 24.79
                            14.19
                                    1.747
                                            0.0870 .
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 95.53 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.05978, Adjusted R-squared: 0.04019
## F-statistic: 3.052 on 1 and 48 DF, p-value: 0.08704
```



```
plot_and_fit(gex_xy_ab(n = 50000, a = 2, b = 2, sigma2 = 100))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$xy$y ~ data$xy$x, data = data$xy)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                      Median
##
                 1Q
                                   3Q
                                           Max
## -195.500 -68.930
                      -5.239
                               69.194 270.305
##
## Coefficients:
##
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 23.6862
                           0.4609
                                    51.39 < 2e-16 ***
## data$xy$x
                2.5687
                           0.4603
                                     5.58 2.41e-08 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 103.1 on 49998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0006224, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0006024
## F-statistic: 31.14 on 1 and 49998 DF, p-value: 2.413e-08
```



Ex 1.5 Fit now a regression model without intercept. Compute AIC, BIC for the models with and without intercept. Perform the F-test. Comment the results.

```
xy \leftarrow gen_xy(n = 50, a = 2, b = 0, sigma1 = 1, sigma2 = 1)
model_normal <- lm(xy$y ~ xy$x, data = data.frame(x = xy$x, y = xy$y))</pre>
model_no.intercept <-lm(xy\$y ~ xy\$x - 1, data = data.frame(x = xy\$x, y = xy\$y))
AIC(model, model_no.intercept)
##
                       df
                               AIC
## model
                        3 221.4072
## model_no.intercept 2 147.5312
BIC(model, model no.intercept)
##
                       df
                               BIC
## model
                        3 227.1433
## model_no.intercept 2 151.3553
```

We are now performing different tests to understand if it is better to use the model without intercept (nested model) or the larger model. All tests agree that is better to use the smaller one.

In both AIC and BIC tests the smaller model perform better.

```
anova(model_no.intercept, model, test = "F")
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
```

```
## Model 1: xy$y ~ xy$x - 1
## Model 2: xy$y ~ xy$x
## Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
## 1 49 51.664
## 2 48 217.520 1 -165.85
```

The F-test tests whether the reduction in the residual sum of squares (RSS) is statistically significant or not. The null hypothesis is that the reduction is not significant, p-value $> \alpha$ so we don't reject the null hypothesis and we should use the smaller model.

The previous result was obvius since the intercept (b) was set to 0, let's try with b = 2

We can see that for both AIC and BIC the lower values are obtained by the normal model this time, which is the model with intercept.

```
anova(model_no.intercept, model, test = "F")
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: xy$y ~ xy$x - 1
## Model 2: xy$y ~ xy$x
## Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
## 1 49 233.81
## 2 48 217.52 1 16.293 3.5953 0.06397 .
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

This time the p-value is very small and thus we have a very strong evidence against the null hypothesis that the model without without intercept is sufficient to describe the data. We remind that the F-test is just an exact version of the likelihood-ratio test and can be applied to nested models.

Ex 2 Polynomial linear regression

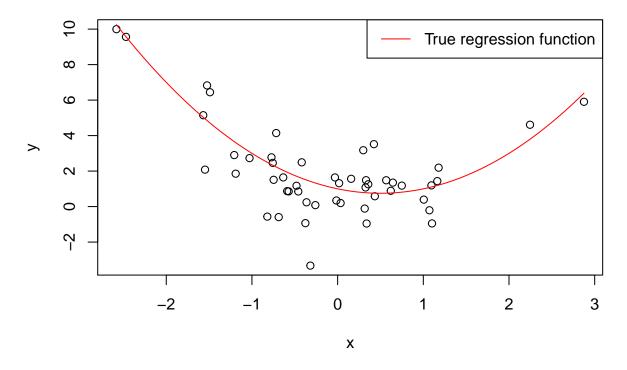
Ex 2.1 Generate data and plot the true regression function.

$$X \sim N(0,1)$$

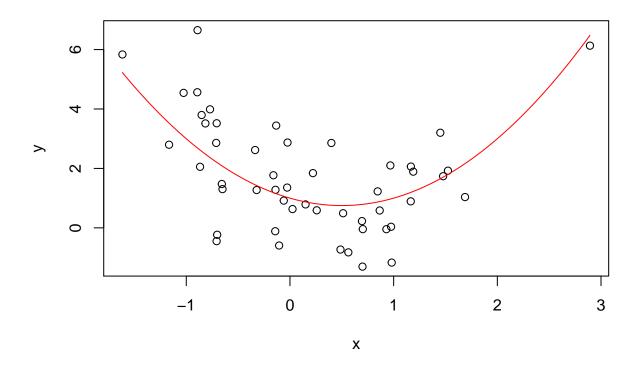
$$Y|X = x \sim N(x^2 - x + 1, 2)$$

```
x <- rnorm(50, mean = 0, sd = 1)
y <- 1 - x + (x^2) + rnorm(50, sd = sqrt(2))# since R use sd, we have to do sqrt(var)
plot(x,y, main = "Observation scatter plot", ylab = "y", xlab = "x")
curve(1 - x + (x^2), add = TRUE, col = "red")
legend("topright", legend = ("True regression function"), col = "red", lty = 1)</pre>
```

Observation scatter plot



```
# or from Gherardo solutions
n <- 50
x <- rnorm(n)
regr <- function(x){
  1 - x + x^2
}
y <- regr(x) + rnorm(n, sd = sqrt(2))
plot(x,y)
curve(regr(x), add = T, col = "red")</pre>
```



Ex 2.2 Fit a simple linear regression model to the data generated in 2.1. Plot the fitted line on top of the scatter plot as usual.

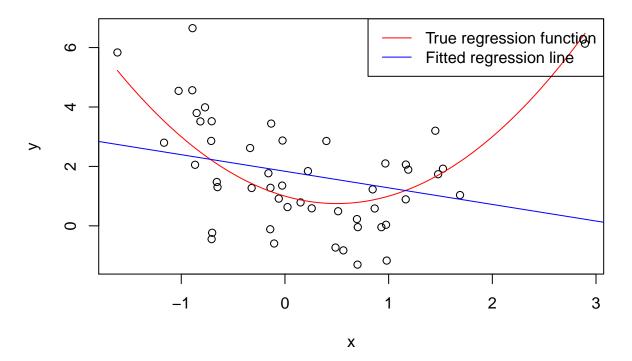
```
plot(x,y, main = "Observation scatter plot", ylab = "y", xlab = "x")

curve(1 - x + (x^2), add = TRUE, col = "red")

model <- lm(y ~ x)
abline(model, col = "blue")

legend("topright", legend = c("True regression function", "Fitted regression line"), col = c("red", "blue")</pre>
```

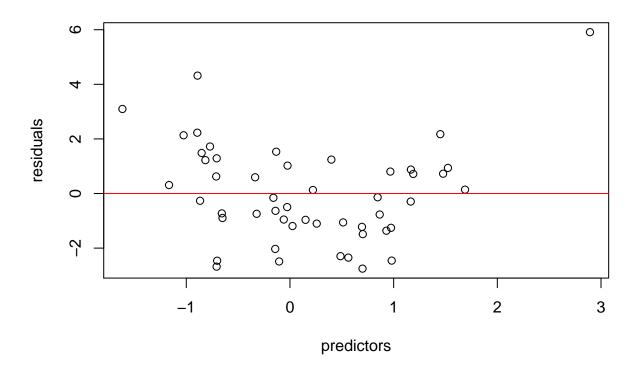
Observation scatter plot



Ex 2.3 Plot the predictor variable vs the residuals and the Q-Q plot of the residuals vs the normal quantiles (qqnorm and qqline functions), comment the plots.

```
model_res <- resid(model)
plot(x, model_res, xlab = "predictors", ylab = "residuals", main = "Redisuals VS Predictors")
abline(0,0, col = "red")</pre>
```

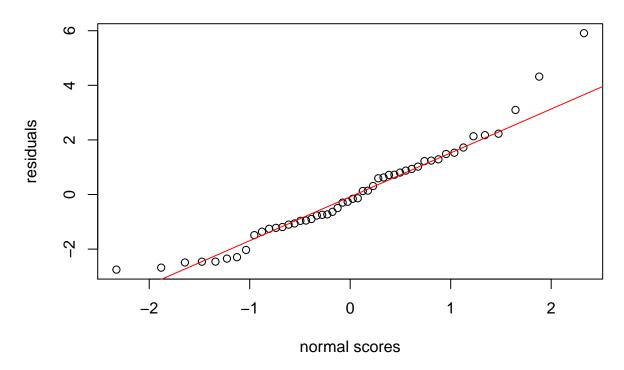
Redisuals VS Predictors



From the plot we can observe if the residuals are homoscedastic, so we check if they are randomly dispersed around the horizontal line. In this case there is a certain trend, in particular the residuals do not seem independent from the predictor and not distributed around 0.

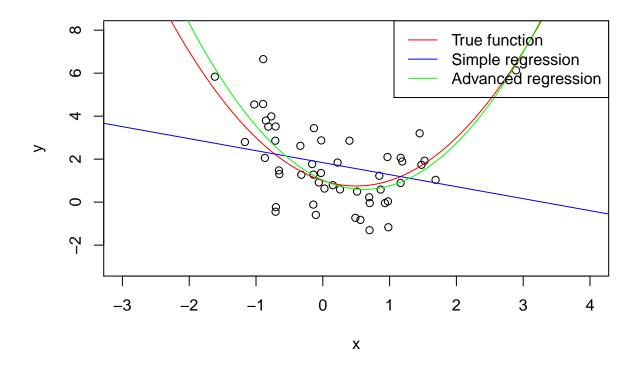
In residual plots, we are looking for the absence of pattern. Any type of pattern exhibited in a residual plot may indicates a problem with the model, typically either due to lack of fit or variance heterogeneity. Basically in it typically means that the model daesn't fit really well the data.

Q-Q plot of the residuals vs the normal quantiles



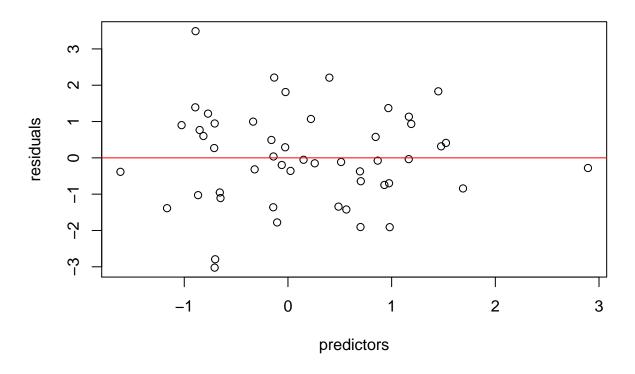
There is a certain degree of dispersion in the tails, but we are not completely sure if this is conclusive or not.

Ex 2.4 Fit now the true degree 2 polynomial model. Plot the result in the same graph with a different color.

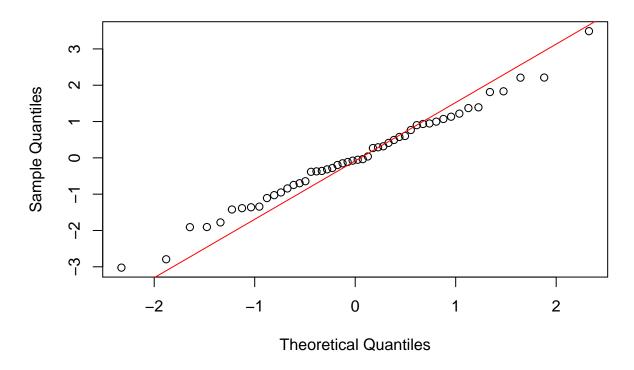


Ex 2.5 As in 2.3 obtain also for the polynomial regression model the predictorresiduals plot and the Q-Q plot vs the normal quantiles.

Redisuals VS Predictors



Q-Q plot of the residuals vs the normal quantiles



From the comparison of the Q-Q plot of this model and Q-Q plot of the previous one, we can't really say anything conclusive.

From the two predictors vs residuals plots we can say that the plot from the simple model exibit a clear trend while in the polynomial model the residuals are randomly dispersed around the horizontal line. So from these plots the more complex model seems to fit better our data.

Ex 2.6 Perform model selection between the simple linear regression of point 2.2 and the polynomial regression in point 2.4. Use the log-likelihood ratio test, the F-test (both with anova). Moreover perform model selection also using AIC and BIC score (AIC, BIC).

```
anova(model, model_poly, test = "LRT")

## Analysis of Variance Table
##

## Model 1: y ~ x

## Model 2: y ~ x + I(x^2)

## Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq Pr(>Chi)

## 1 48 158.872

## 2 47 82.838 1 76.034 5.098e-11 ***

## ---

## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

anova(model, model_poly, test = "F")
```

Analysis of Variance Table

```
##
## Model 1: y ~ x
## Model 2: y \sim x + I(x^2)
    Res.Df
              RSS Df Sum of Sq
                                  F Pr(>F)
## 1
        48 158.872
## 2
        47 82.838 1
                        76.034 43.139 3.7e-08 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
AIC(model, model_poly)
##
             df
## model
              3 205.6978
## model_poly 4 175.1373
BIC(model, model_poly)
##
             df
                     BIC
## model
              3 211.4339
## model_poly 4 182.7854
```

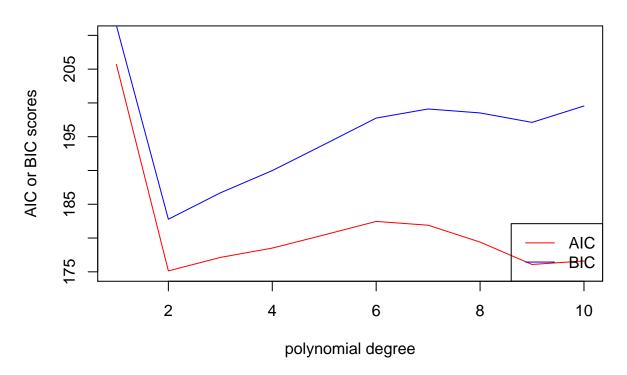
All the tests agree that the larger and more advanced model (polynomial regression model) perform better than the simple one.

Ex 2.7 Try to fit now a polynomial of higher degree. Perform also here model selection. In particular plot the AIC (or BIC) score as a function of the polynomial degree. Plot also the log-likelihood as a function of the polynomial degree. What can you observe? What is the difference between the pure log-likelihood and the AIC and BIC scores?

```
AIC_BIC_LL_poly <- function (n) {
  degree <- c()
  BIC \leftarrow c()
  AIC \leftarrow c()
  LL \leftarrow c()
  for(i in 1:n){
    tmp_model \leftarrow lm(y \sim poly(x,i), data = data.frame(x = x, y = y))
    degree <- c(degree, i)</pre>
    AIC <- c(AIC, AIC(tmp_model))
    BIC <- c(BIC, BIC(tmp_model))</pre>
    tmp_loglikelihood <- logLik(tmp_model)</pre>
    LL <- c(LL, tmp_loglikelihood)
  output <- list()</pre>
  output$degree <- degree
  output$AIC <- AIC
  output$BIC <- BIC
  output$LL <- LL
  return (output)
AIC_BIC_LL <- AIC_BIC_LL_poly(10)
plot(AIC_BIC_LL$degree, AIC_BIC_LL$AIC,
     type = "line", col = "red", ylim = c(175, 210),
```

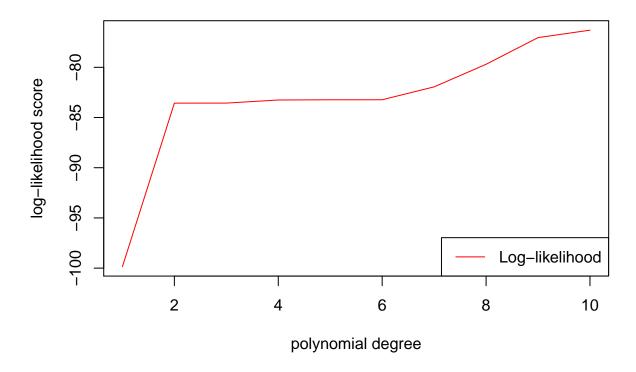
```
main = "AIC, BIC score as function of polynomial degree",
   ylab = "AIC or BIC scores", xlab = "polynomial degree")
lines(AIC_BIC_LL$degree, AIC_BIC_LL$BIC,
        type = "line", col = "blue")
legend("bottomright",legend = c("AIC", "BIC"),
        col = c("red", "blue"), lty = 1)
```

AIC, BIC score as function of polynomial degree



The AIC and BIC scores (lower the better) reach the lowest point at x^2 , then they start to increase.

Log-likelihood as function of polynomial degree

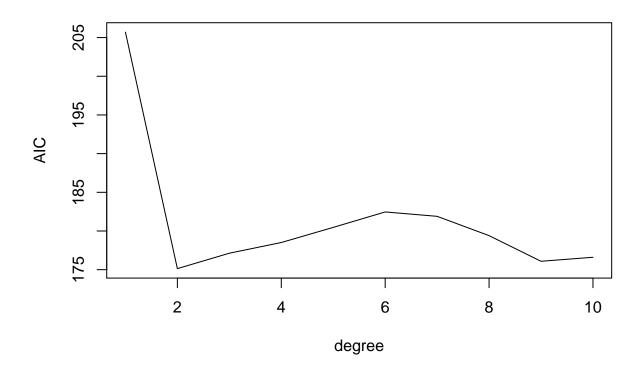


The log-likelihood score (larger the better) increases rapidly from x to x^2 and then continue to increase in a minor degree. The difference between the BIC/AIC scores (which reach the best score at x^2) and the pure log-likelihood should be due to the fact that the latter doesn't take into account the increase in the complexity of the model and in theory a slightly larger model should have a slightly larger log-likelihood than a nested one.

From Gherardo solution

We can see that the log likelihood is an increasing function of the degree of the polynomial (or in general of the number of parameters). That is, the more parameters we have in the model, the better it will fit a given data set. That is why we can not use the pure likelihood for model selection because we will always choose the more complex model. AIC and BIC are two ways of penalizing the complexity of the model, so that we choose the more complex model only if it obtain a significant increase in the log-likelihood.

Elegant solution code



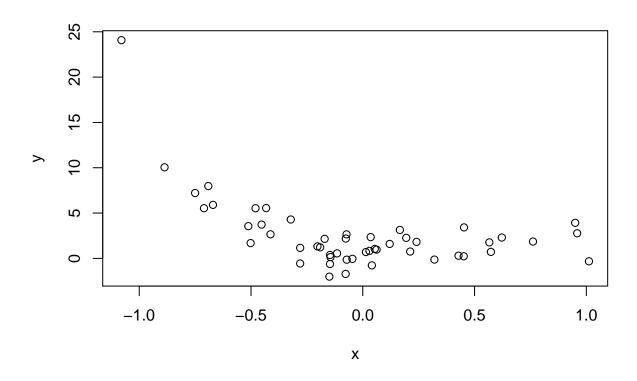
Ex 3 Non linear regression

Ex 3.1 Generate data and plot the true regression function.

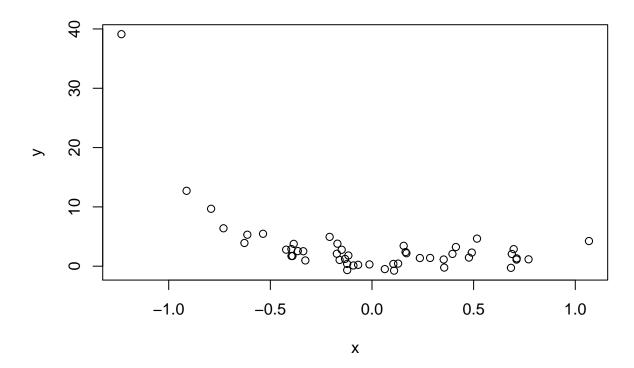
$$X \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$Y|X = x \sim N\left(e^{-3x} + 2x, 2\right)$$

```
x \leftarrow rnorm(50, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)
y \leftarrow sapply(x, function(x) rnorm(1, mean = exp(-3 * x) + 2 * x, sd = sqrt(2)))
plot(x,y)
```



```
# or grom Gherardo solution
n <- 50
x <- rnorm(n, sd = 1/2)
regr <- function(x){
   exp(-3 * x) + 2 * x
}
y <- regr(x) + rnorm(n, sd = sqrt(2))
plot(x,y)</pre>
```



Ex 3.2 Fit a simple linear model and polynomial regression models up to degree 5.

```
exp_lm_list <- lapply(1:5, function(i) lm(y ~ poly(x, degree = i)) )

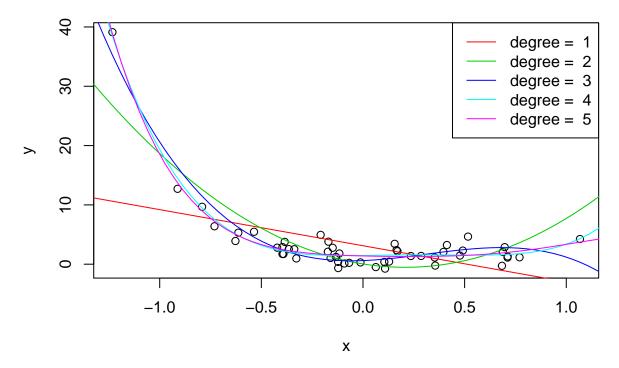
# or from Gherardo solution
candidates <- lapply(1:5, function(d){
lm(y ~ poly(x, degree = d), data = data.frame(x = x, y = y))
})</pre>
```

Ex 3.3 Perform model selection of the previous models using AIC and BIC.

First I try to plot all regression functions

```
plot(x,y)
xx <- seq(from = min(x) -1, to = max(x) + 1, length.out = 100) # generate coordinates
newdata <- data.frame(x = xx)

invisible(lapply(exp_lm_list, function(m){ # Gherardo magic trick
    k <- length(m$coefficients) # in order to set the color on the plot
    lines(xx, predict(m, newdata = newdata), col = k)
}))
legend("topright", legend = paste("degree = ", 1:5),
col = 2:6, lty = 1)</pre>
```



```
exp_lm_AIC <- sapply(exp_lm_list, function(x) AIC(x))</pre>
exp_lm_BIC <- sapply(exp_lm_list, function(x) BIC(x))</pre>
AIC_BIC_df <- data.frame("Poly degree" = 1:5, "AIC" = exp_lm_AIC, "BIC" = exp_lm_BIC)
AIC_BIC_df
##
     Poly.degree
                       AIC
                                BIC
## 1
                1 306.2967 312.0328
## 2
               2 253.2732 260.9213
## 3
               3 205.9594 215.5195
                4 179.9179 191.3900
               5 179.8002 193.1844
## 5
# or from Gherardo solution faster way
sapply(exp_lm_list, function(m){
return(list(AIC = AIC(m), BIC = BIC(m)))
})
##
       [,1]
                 [,2]
                          [,3]
                                    [,4]
                                             [,5]
## AIC 306.2967 253.2732 205.9594 179.9179 179.8002
```

Sometimes the third model perform better, sometimes the fourth one or the fifth. It really depends from the sample generated which is the best model, that may be because we are trying to fit a non linear distribution with a linear model.

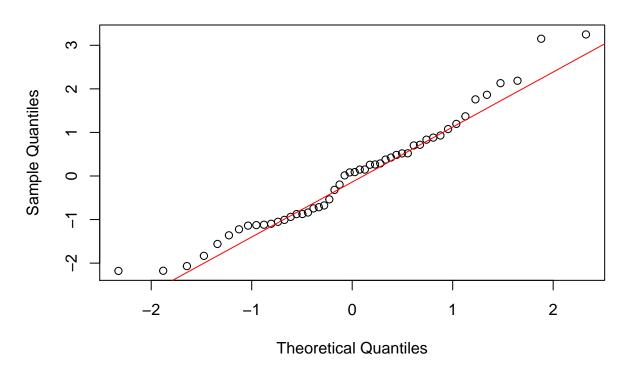
193.1844

BIC 312.0328 260.9213 215.5195 191.39

Ex 3.4 Check the residuals distribution and plot the predictor observations vs the residuals. Comment.

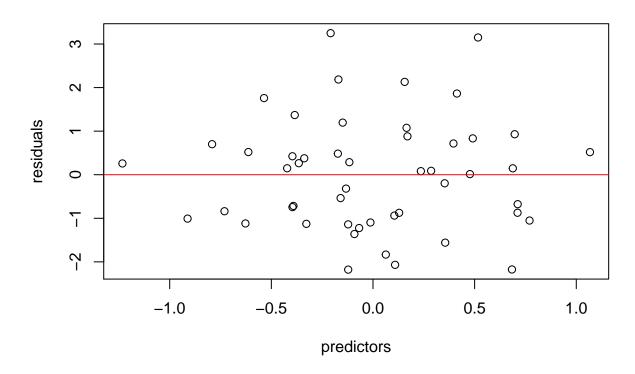
First we check that the residuals are normally distributed.

Q-Q plot of the residuals vs the normal quantiles of x^5

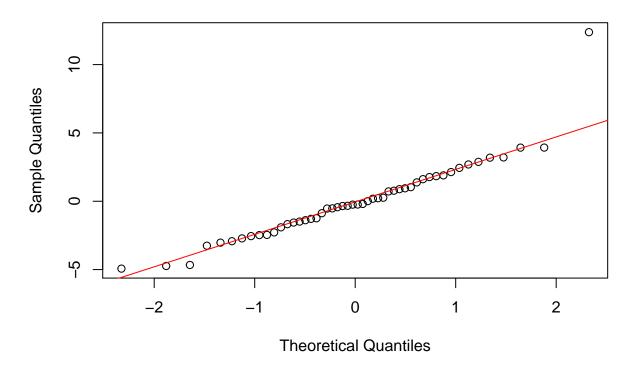


Then we plot the predictors vs the residuals.

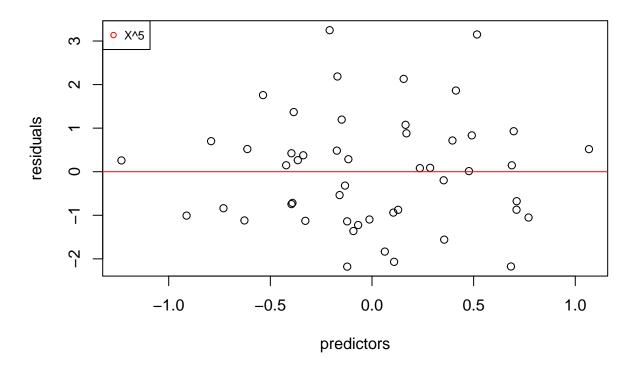
Redisuals VS Predictors of x^2



Q-Q plot of the residuals vs the normal quantiles of x^2



Redisuals VS Predictors of x^2

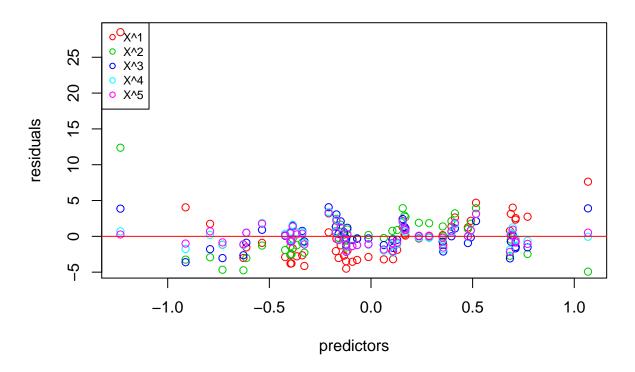


From these plots it is really hard to conclude how well the models fit and if one is better than the other. We know that the true regression function is not polynomial.

We can try to plot all the residuals together.

```
plot(x, resid(exp_lm_list[[1]]), type = "n", xlab = "predictors",
        ylab = "residuals", main = "Redisuals VS Predictors")
for(i in 1:5){
    points(x, resid(exp_lm_list[[i]]), col = i+1)
}
abline(0,0, col = "red")
legend("topleft", c("X^1", "X^2", "X^3", "X^4", "X^5"), col = c(2:6), cex = 0.75, pch = 21)
```

Redisuals VS Predictors

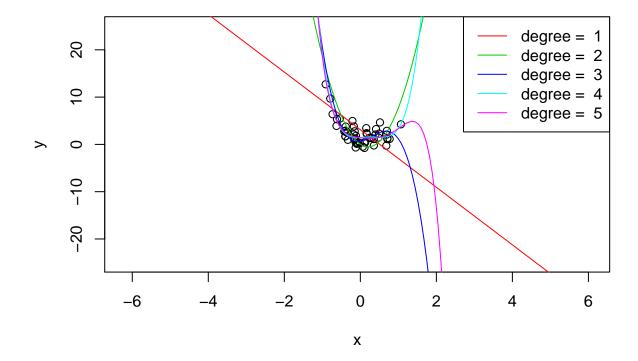


Even if there is a bit of confusion in the plot, it's possible to observe that the red points (simple model) are the points that show a more divergence from the central line (they draw a sort of smooth U shape line)

We can try to plot all the regression function outside the range of data.

```
plot(x,y, ylim = c(-25,25), xlim = range(x) + c(-5,5))
xx <- seq(from = min(x) -10, to = max(x) + 10, length.out = 300) # generate coordinates
newdata <- data.frame(x = xx)

invisible(lapply(exp_lm_list, function(m){ # Gherardo magic trick
    k <- length(m$coefficients)
    lines(xx, predict(m, newdata = newdata), col = k)
}))
legend("topright", legend = paste("degree = ", 1:5),
col = 2:6, lty = 1)</pre>
```



We can observe that depending on the degree of the polynomial used the models behave very differently, especially outside of the range of the data.

3.5 Now fit the true model with Gaussian noise.

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|X=x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \exp(\beta_2 x)$$

Try to implement manually the residual sum of squares and minimize it using the optim function.

works on

```
# First I need the regression function.
# Then I should train/fit the model with nls (nonlinear least squares) because lm

# the true non linear regression function (just to show in the most simple way)
regr <- exp(-3 * x) + 2 * x

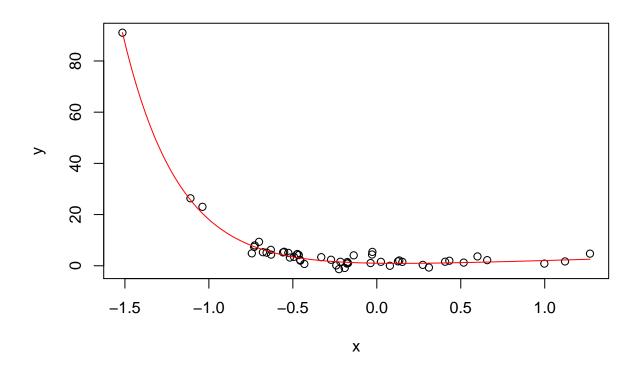
# or
b0 = 0
b1 = 2
b2 = -3
regr <- b0 + b1 * x + exp(b2 * x)

# if we want a real function to plot it (from Ex 3.1)
x <- rnorm(n, sd = 1/2)
regr <- function(x){
exp(-3 * x) + 2 * x</pre>
```

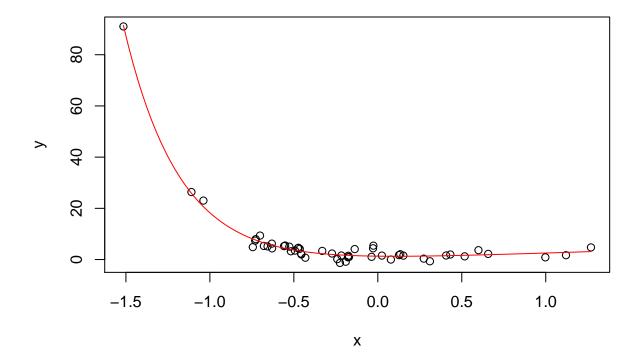
30

```
}
y <- regr(x) + rnorm(n, sd = sqrt(2))

plot(x,y)
curve(regr, add = TRUE, col = "red")
</pre>
```



```
# but we need a regr f. that can be optimized
regr <- function(x, b){</pre>
                                               \# it takes x values and the parameters b
  return( b[1] + b[2] * x + exp(b[3] * x))
                                               # then b0 = b[1], b1 = b[2], b2 = b[3]
                                               \# b = c(b0, b1, b2) = par (from minusll)
rss <- function(b){
                                               # residual sum squares
  sum((y - regr(x, b))^2)
result <- optim(par = c(0, 0, -1), fn = rss)
                                               # optim obtains the values of the model
                                               # parameters that minimize the used
result
## $par
## [1] 0.3140276 2.1816658 -3.0019369
##
## $value
## [1] 112.6037
##
## $counts
## function gradient
##
        142
                  NA
```



The values of the parameters obtained with optim, using the rss function to evaluate the model fit, are really close to the true values.

We now want to fit the model using nls built-in R function and compare it to our impementation.

```
fitnls <- nls(formula = y ~ b0 + b1*x + \exp(b2*x), start = list(b0 = 0, b1 = 0, b2 = -1), data = data.frame(x = x, y = y)) summary(fitnls)
```

```
##
## Formula: y ~ b0 + b1 * x + exp(b2 * x)
##
## Parameters:
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## b0 0.31424 0.23329 1.347 0.184
## b1 2.18024 0.45144 4.830 1.49e-05 ***
```

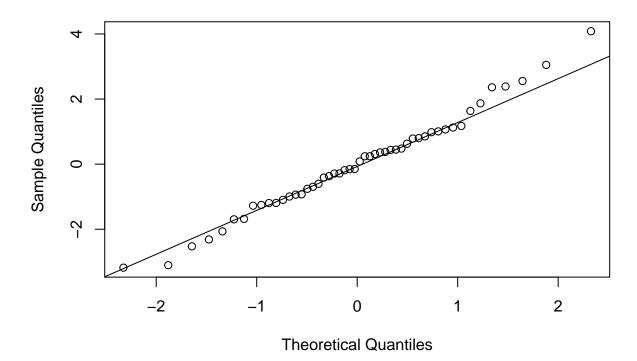
```
## b2 -3.00188    0.01219 -246.235    < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.548 on 47 degrees of freedom
##
## Number of iterations to convergence: 6
## Achieved convergence tolerance: 9.62e-08</pre>
```

The nls algorithm is very sensitive to the starting points, especially if we start from a positive value for the b2 parameter. In this case our implementation using rss and optim is better than the built nls built-in function (you can try for par = 0, 0, 1).

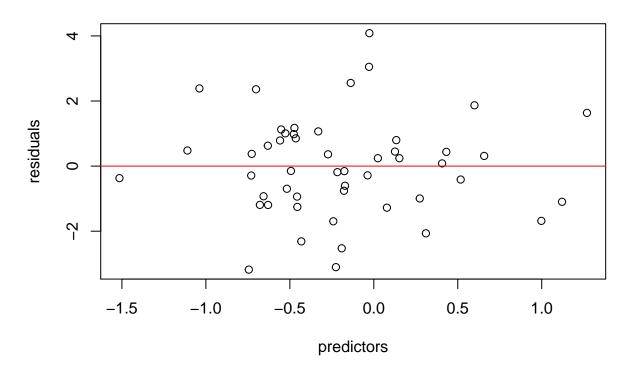
We can now check the residuals of the model (Q-Q plot and Residuals vs Predictors plot)

```
qqnorm(residuals(fitnls))
qqline(residuals(fitnls))
```

Normal Q-Q Plot



Redisuals VS Predictors of non linear model



From the residuals vs predictors and the residuals Q-Q plot it seems ok.

We can also fit the model maximizing the log-likelihood (or minimizing the minus log-likelihood).

```
mll <- function(pars){</pre>
  - sum( sapply(1:n, function(i){
return(dnorm(y[i], mean = regr(x[i], pars[1:3]), sd = pars[4], log = T))
}))
}
optim(mll, par = c(0,0,-5,1)) # The last parameter is the estimated value of the noise
## $par
## [1] 0.3107771 2.2528827 -3.0030266 1.4983723
##
## $value
   [1] 91.25881
##
##
## $counts
## function gradient
##
        199
##
## $convergence
##
  [1] 0
##
## $message
```

Ex 4 Wine quality

Ex 4.1 Fit a linear regression model using all the regressors. Use the function summary, based on the results of the t-test which are the important regressors?

```
wines <- read.csv("winequality-red.csv", sep =";")</pre>
model <- lm(quality ~ ., data = wines)
summary(model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = quality ~ ., data = wines)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 1Q
                      Median
                                            Max
                                    3Q
## -2.68911 -0.36652 -0.04699 0.45202
                                       2.02498
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                        2.197e+01 2.119e+01
                                               1.036
                                                       0.3002
## fixed.acidity
                        2.499e-02 2.595e-02
                                               0.963
                                                       0.3357
                                   1.211e-01 -8.948
## volatile.acidity
                                                      < 2e-16 ***
                       -1.084e+00
## citric.acid
                        -1.826e-01
                                   1.472e-01 -1.240
                                                       0.2150
## residual.sugar
                        1.633e-02 1.500e-02
                                               1.089
                                                       0.2765
## chlorides
                       -1.874e+00
                                   4.193e-01 -4.470 8.37e-06 ***
## free.sulfur.dioxide
                                              2.009
                        4.361e-03
                                   2.171e-03
                                                       0.0447 *
## total.sulfur.dioxide -3.265e-03
                                   7.287e-04 -4.480 8.00e-06 ***
## density
                       -1.788e+01 2.163e+01 -0.827
                                                       0.4086
## pH
                       -4.137e-01 1.916e-01 -2.159
                                                       0.0310 *
                                              8.014 2.13e-15 ***
## sulphates
                        9.163e-01 1.143e-01
## alcohol
                        2.762e-01 2.648e-02 10.429 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.648 on 1587 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3606, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3561
## F-statistic: 81.35 on 11 and 1587 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The most important regressors are alcohol, volatile.acidity, sulphates, chlorides, total.sulfur.dioxide and also ph and free.sulfur.dioxide (low p-value).

Ex 4.2 Use forward stepwise selection with the AIC score to select the relevant covariates.

```
wine_model_intercept <- lm(quality ~ 1, data = wines)
wine_model_intercept  # model with just intercept

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = quality ~ 1, data = wines)
##</pre>
```

```
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)
        5.636
wine_model_fitall <- lm(quality ~ ., data = wines)</pre>
wine_model_forward_step <- step(wine_model_intercept,</pre>
                               scope = formula(wine_model_fitall),
                               direction = "forward",
                               trace = 0)
summary(wine model forward step)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = quality ~ alcohol + volatile.acidity + sulphates +
      total.sulfur.dioxide + chlorides + pH + free.sulfur.dioxide,
      data = wines)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 1Q
                    Median
                                  30
                                          Max
## -2.68918 -0.36757 -0.04653 0.46081 2.02954
##
## Coefficients:
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                        4.4300987 0.4029168 10.995 < 2e-16 ***
## alcohol
                        0.2893028  0.0167958  17.225  < 2e-16 ***
## volatile.acidity
                       -1.0127527 0.1008429 -10.043 < 2e-16 ***
                        0.8826651 0.1099084
                                             8.031 1.86e-15 ***
## sulphates
## total.sulfur.dioxide -0.0034822 0.0006868 -5.070 4.43e-07 ***
## chlorides
                       ## pH
                       -0.4826614   0.1175581   -4.106   4.23e-05 ***
## free.sulfur.dioxide 0.0050774 0.0021255
                                             2.389
                                                       0.017 *
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.6477 on 1591 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3595, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3567
## F-statistic: 127.6 on 7 and 1591 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The exercise ask us to implement manually the forward stepwise selection with AIC score (hint: use the update function that updates linear models).

```
fit <- lm(quality ~ 1, data = wines) # we need a model with only the intercept
regressors <- colnames(wines)[-12] # we select the regressors
selected <- c()
score <- AIC(fit)
score.best <- score
done <- FALSE
# continue to add regressors until there is not decrease in AIC (done = TRUE)
while (!done){
# for regressors in regressors list exept the regressors already used
for (reg in regressors[!(regressors %in% selected)]){
    # update the fit model adding one regressor each time
    tmp <- update(fit, formula = paste(". ~ . + ", reg))
    # calculate AIC score</pre>
```

```
score.tmp <- AIC(tmp)</pre>
    # if scores is smaller (smaller = better) than the best score obtained
    if (score.tmp < score.best){</pre>
      # change the best score in to this one
      score.best <- score.tmp</pre>
      # store the updated model that just give the best score
     best <- tmp
      # store the
      selected.best <- c(selected, reg)</pre>
    }
  }
  if (score.best < score){</pre>
    fit <- best
                                        # store best model to fit
    score <- score.best</pre>
                                        # score best score to score
    selected <- selected.best # store select models that score
  }else{ # if there is no decrease
  done <- TRUE
}
fit # that is the updated model with step forward selection
## Call:
## lm(formula = quality ~ alcohol + volatile.acidity + sulphates +
       total.sulfur.dioxide + chlorides + pH + free.sulfur.dioxide,
##
       data = wines)
##
## Coefficients:
##
            (Intercept)
                                                   volatile.acidity
                                      alcohol
               4.430099
##
                                     0.289303
                                                          -1.012753
##
              sulphates
                        total.sulfur.dioxide
                                                          chlorides
                                                          -2.017814
##
               0.882665
                                    -0.003482
##
                          free.sulfur.dioxide
                     рΗ
##
              -0.482661
                                     0.005077
    # we can extract $coefficients, $residuals etc
summary(fit) # just to show the p-values
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = quality ~ alcohol + volatile.acidity + sulphates +
##
       total.sulfur.dioxide + chlorides + pH + free.sulfur.dioxide,
##
       data = wines)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                  1Q Median
## -2.68918 -0.36757 -0.04653 0.46081 2.02954
## Coefficients:
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                        4.4300987 0.4029168 10.995 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
## alcohol
                        -1.0127527 0.1008429 -10.043 < 2e-16 ***
## volatile.acidity
## sulphates
                        0.8826651 0.1099084 8.031 1.86e-15 ***
```

```
## total.sulfur.dioxide -0.0034822 0.0006868 -5.070 4.43e-07 ***
## chlorides -2.0178138 0.3975417 -5.076 4.31e-07 ***
## pH -0.4826614 0.1175581 -4.106 4.23e-05 ***
## free.sulfur.dioxide 0.0050774 0.0021255 2.389 0.017 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6477 on 1591 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3595, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3567
## F-statistic: 127.6 on 7 and 1591 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
We obtained the same result of Using the built-in R function step().
```

Ex 4.3 The Zheng-Loh Model Selection Method.

First of all we fit the full model and we obtain the Wald statistics. Then we sort the absolute values of the Wald statistics.

(except

```
# store the st.errors of the initial model (where we used all regressors) coefficients
st.errors <- summary(model)$coefficients[-1,2]
# calculate w by k_est / st.errors. k_est = model$coefficient[-row 1] (no intercept)
W <- model$coefficients[-1] / st.errors
# sort and store absolute value of w. sort(index.return) return the index of the sorted w
ix <- sort(abs(W), decreasing = TRUE, index.return = TRUE)$ix
# store by w value names of the estimated regressors
reg.names <- names(model$coefficients[-1])[ix]
# its not clear why sigma2_est = sum of squared redisuals / n
sigma2_est <- sum(model$residuals^2) / nrow(wines)</pre>
```

Now we select the model that minimize RSS

```
RSS(j) + j\hat{\sigma}^2 \log(n)
```

```
s <- Inf
                                                  # j is n of parameter you are going to use
for (j in 1:length(reg.names)){
  fit.tmp <- lm(paste("quality ~",</pre>
                       paste(reg.names[1 : j], collapse = "+")), data = wines)
s.tmp <- sum(fit.tmp$residuals^2) + j * (sigma2_est) * log(nrow(wines))</pre>
  if (s.tmp < s ){</pre>
    J <- j
    s \leftarrow s.tmp
   }
fit.final <- lm(paste("quality ~",</pre>
                       paste(reg.names[1 : J], collapse = "+") ), data = wines)
summary(fit.final)
##
## lm(formula = paste("quality ~", paste(reg.names[1:J], collapse = "+")),
       data = wines)
##
##
## Residuals:
        Min
                   10
                       Median
                                      30
                                               Max
```

```
## -2.60575 -0.35883 -0.04806 0.46079 1.95643
##
## Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                  4.2957316  0.3995603  10.751  < 2e-16 ***
## alcohol
                  ## volatile.acidity
                 -1.0381945 0.1004270 -10.338 < 2e-16 ***
## sulphates
                  0.8886802 0.1100419
                                 8.076 1.31e-15 ***
## chlorides
                 ## pH
                 ## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.6487 on 1592 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3572, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3548
## F-statistic: 147.4 on 6 and 1592 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Ex 5 Logistic regression

We transform the quality variable to a binary variable indicating if a wine is good or bad.

```
wines <- read.csv("winequality-red.csv", sep =";")
good <- wines$quality > 5
wines$quality <- "bad"
wines[good, "quality"] <- "good"
wines[,"quality"] <- as.factor(wines[, "quality"])</pre>
```

Ex 5.1 Fit a logistic regression model using all the other variables in the dataset as predictors.

```
wine_model_logistic <- glm(quality ~ ., data = wines, family = "binomial" )</pre>
wine_model_logistic
##
## Call: glm(formula = quality ~ ., family = "binomial", data = wines)
## Coefficients:
##
            (Intercept)
                                 fixed.acidity
                                                    volatile.acidity
                                       0.13598
##
               42.94995
                                                             -3.28169
##
            citric.acid
                               residual.sugar
                                                            chlorides
##
               -1.27435
                                       0.05533
                                                            -3.91571
   free.sulfur.dioxide total.sulfur.dioxide
##
                                                             density
                0.02222
##
                                      -0.01639
                                                            -50.93239
                     рΗ
##
                                     sulphates
                                                              alcohol
##
               -0.38061
                                       2.79511
                                                              0.86682
## Degrees of Freedom: 1598 Total (i.e. Null); 1587 Residual
## Null Deviance:
                        2209
## Residual Deviance: 1656 AIC: 1680
```

Ex 5.2 Implement a forward feature selection based on the AIC or the BIC score.

```
aic.bic_ft.selection_glm <- function(bic.or.aic){</pre>
  fit <- glm(quality ~ 1, data = wines, family = "binomial")
    regressors <- colnames(wines)[-12]
    selected <- c()
    score <- bic.or.aic(fit)</pre>
    score.best <- score</pre>
    done <- FALSE
    # continue to add regressors until there is not decrease in AIC/BIC (done = TRUE)
    while (!done){
      # for regressors in regressors list exept the regressors already used
      for (reg in regressors[!(regressors %in% selected)]){
        # update the fit model adding one regressor each time
        tmp <- update(fit, formula = paste(". ~ . + ", reg))</pre>
        # calculate AIC or BIC score
        score.tmp <- bic.or.aic(tmp)</pre>
        # if scores is smaller (smaller = better) than the best score obtained
        if (score.tmp < score.best){</pre>
          # change the best score in to this one
          score.best <- score.tmp</pre>
          # store the updated model that just give the best score
          best <- tmp
          # store the
          selected.best <- c(selected, reg)</pre>
        }
      }
      # when the for loop finish, if score.best < score (isn't it always true???)
      if (score.best < score){</pre>
        fit <- best
                                              # store best model to fit
        score <- score.best</pre>
                                              # score best score to score
        selected <- selected.best # store select models that score
      }else{ # if there is no decrease
      done <- TRUE
      }
    }
 return(fit)
}
aic.bic_ft.selection_glm(BIC)
##
## Call: glm(formula = quality ~ alcohol + volatile.acidity + total.sulfur.dioxide +
       sulphates + chlorides + free.sulfur.dioxide, family = "binomial",
       data = wines)
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
            (Intercept)
                                       alcohol
                                                     volatile.acidity
##
               -8.14984
                                       0.85938
                                                             -2.89594
                                                            chlorides
## total.sulfur.dioxide
                                     sulphates
                                                             -4.42103
##
               -0.01751
                                       2.70588
## free.sulfur.dioxide
##
                0.02386
##
## Degrees of Freedom: 1598 Total (i.e. Null); 1592 Residual
```

```
## Null Deviance: 2209
## Residual Deviance: 1665 AIC: 1679
```

Implement a forward feature selection based on the log-likelihood score.

```
fit <- glm(quality ~ 1, data = wines, family = "binomial")</pre>
  regressors <- colnames(wines)[-12]
  selected <- c()</pre>
  score <- -logLik(fit)</pre>
                              ### <- change scoring f. here
  score.best <- score</pre>
                                       # I use a -ll so lower = better like AIC/BIC
  done <- FALSE
  # continue to add regressors until there is no decrease in score (done = TRUE)
  while (!done){
    # for regressors in regressors list exept the regressors already used
    for (reg in regressors[!(regressors %in% selected)]){
      # update the fit model adding one regressor each time
      tmp <- update(fit, formula = paste(". ~ . + ", reg))</pre>
      # calculate AIC or BIC score
      score.tmp <- -logLik(tmp)</pre>
                                     ### <- change scoring f. here
      # if scores is smaller (smaller = better) than the best score obtained
      if (score.tmp < score.best){</pre>
        # change the best score in to this one
        score.best <- score.tmp</pre>
        # store the updated model that just give the best score
        best <- tmp
        # store the
        selected.best <- c(selected, reg)</pre>
      }
    }
    # when the for loop finish, if score.best < score (isn't it always true???)
    if (score.best < score){</pre>
      fit <- best
                                            # store best model to fit
      score <- score.best</pre>
                                            # score best score to score
      selected <- selected.best # store select models that score</pre>
    }else{ # if there is no decrease
    done <- TRUE
    }
  }
fit
##
## Call: glm(formula = quality ~ alcohol + volatile.acidity + total.sulfur.dioxide +
       sulphates + chlorides + free.sulfur.dioxide + pH + citric.acid +
       fixed.acidity + residual.sugar + density, family = "binomial",
##
       data = wines)
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
            (Intercept)
                                       alcohol
                                                     volatile.acidity
##
               42.94995
                                       0.86682
                                                             -3.28169
                                                            chlorides
## total.sulfur.dioxide
                                     sulphates
##
               -0.01639
                                       2.79511
                                                             -3.91571
## free.sulfur.dioxide
                                                          citric.acid
                                             рΗ
##
                0.02222
                                      -0.38061
                                                             -1.27435
##
          fixed.acidity
                              residual.sugar
                                                               density
```

```
## 0.13598 0.05533 -50.93239

## Pegrees of Freedom: 1598 Total (i.e. Null); 1587 Residual

## Null Deviance: 2209

## Residual Deviance: 1656 AIC: 1680
```

Ex 5.3 Can you explain why we should not use just the log-likelihood in model selection?

Using log-likelihood to select the model we will always select the more complex model, since more complex models will always fit better the data than simpler ones.

That is why we need to penalize complexity as in AIC or BIC.

Ex 5.4 Observe the output of the call predict(model) where model is one of the above logistic regression model fitted with the gml function. Try to write a function in this case that transform the output of predict into the class value.

```
preds <- predict(fit)</pre>
## To class method 1)
linkinv <- binomial()$linkinv</pre>
                        # From the doc of binomial() :
                        # As a factor: 'success' is interpreted
                        # as the factor not having the first
                        # level (and hence usually of having the
                        # second level).
linkinv(preds)[1] # prob of success
##
## 0.2159705
toClass <- function(predictions, levels, linkiny = binomial()$linkiny){
  # set threshold of the prob of success
  a <- linkinv(predictions) > 0.5
  b <- array(dim = c(length(predictions)))</pre>
  # if prob succ > 0.5 => success
  b[a] <- levels[2] # success = second lvl
  # otherwise not success (first lvl)
 b[!a] <- levels[1]
  # we should return a factor
  return(factor(b, levels = levels))
preds.class <- toClass(preds, levels(wines$quality)) # return vectors of predicted class
## To class method 2)
                   # the f. need a linkinv function, if the prediction was done with linkinv f.
toClass2 <- function(predictions, linkinv_conv = FALSE){</pre>
  if (linkinv conv){
    predictions <- linkinv(predictions)</pre>
  predclass <- factor(sapply(predictions, function(x)</pre>
    ifelse(x < 0.5, "Bad", "Good")), levels = c("Bad", "Good"))
```

```
preds.class2 <- toClass2(preds, linkinv_conv = TRUE)</pre>
```

Ex 5.5 Compute the model accuracy over the data set, that is the proportion of correctly classified observations.

```
# the function table builds contingency
                        # tables for the given factor variables
                         # be careful that they should have the
                         # same levels
# Accuracy method 1)
confusion <- table(preds.class, wines$quality)</pre>
confusion2 <- table(preds.class2, wines$quality)</pre>
confusion
##
## preds.class bad good
        bad 549 214
         good 195 641
confusion2
## preds.class2 bad good
         Bad 549 214
##
           Good 195 641
                        # preds.class bad good
                        # bad 546 208
                                     198 647
                        # good
accuracy <- sum(diag(confusion)) / sum(confusion) # (T positive + T negative) / n</pre>
accuracy
## [1] 0.7442151
# Accuracy method 2)
errs <- sum(confusion2) - sum(diag(confusion2))</pre>
accuracy <- 1 - errs/sum(confusion2)</pre>
accuracy
## [1] 0.7442151
```

Ex 6 CORIS data

Ex 6.1 Use backward stepwise selection for logistic regression, use AIC as score and summarize your results.

```
coris_model_full <- glm(chd ~ ., data = coris, family = "binomial")</pre>
coris_aic_backward <- step(coris_model_full, trace = 0, direction = "backward")</pre>
summary(coris_aic_backward)
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = chd ~ tobacco + ldl + famhist + typea + age, family = "binomial",
       data = coris)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
      Min 1Q Median
                                  3Q
                                          Max
## -1.9165 -0.8054 -0.4430 0.9329
                                       2.6139
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -6.44644
                          0.92087 -7.000 2.55e-12 ***
                          0.02588
## tobacco
               0.08038
                                    3.106 0.00190 **
## 1d1
               0.16199
                          0.05497
                                    2.947 0.00321 **
## famhist
               0.90818
                          0.22576
                                    4.023 5.75e-05 ***
                                    3.051 0.00228 **
## typea
               0.03712
                          0.01217
               0.05046
                          0.01021
                                   4.944 7.65e-07 ***
## age
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
      Null deviance: 596.11 on 461 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 475.69 on 456 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 487.69
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Ex 6.2 Fit the complete model for logistic regression, that is using all the variables in the data set. What is curious about the coefficients? Which coefficient is a very important indicator of coronary risk? Comment the results.

```
summary(coris_model_full)
##
## glm(formula = chd ~ ., family = "binomial", data = coris)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
                    Median
                                  3Q
            1Q
                                          Max
## -1.7781 -0.8213 -0.4387
                              0.8889
                                       2.5435
##
## Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -6.1507209 1.3082600 -4.701 2.58e-06 ***
               0.0065040 0.0057304
                                     1.135 0.256374
```

2.984 0.002847 **

0.0793764 0.0266028

tobacco

```
## ldl
                0.1739239
                           0.0596617
                                       2.915 0.003555 **
                                       0.635 0.525700
## adiposity
                0.0185866
                           0.0292894
## famhist
                0.9253704
                           0.2278940
                                       4.061 4.90e-05 ***
## typea
                0.0395950
                           0.0123202
                                       3.214 0.001310 **
## obesity
               -0.0629099
                           0.0442477
                                      -1.422 0.155095
## alcohol
                0.0001217
                           0.0044832
                                       0.027 0.978350
                           0.0121298
                                       3.728 0.000193 ***
## age
                0.0452253
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 596.11 on 461 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 472.14 on 452
                                      degrees of freedom
  AIC: 492.14
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

The importants indicators of coronary risk are the indicators with a low p-value (they all have a positive value, meaning that they increase the risk of CHD), we can find them in the model obtained by backward model selection.

We think that it is curious that obesity (even if it is not an important indicator) has a negative value. One explaination could be that obese people in Africa have a better quality of life than others.

The most important contributor is the family history of heart disease, the second most important is the age.

From Gherardo solutions.

We can see that the p-values for the coefficient of obesity and alcohol are not small, thus those variables seems to be less important in predicting coronary hear disease.