

Unit 6: Simple linear regression

2. Outliers & Inference for SLR

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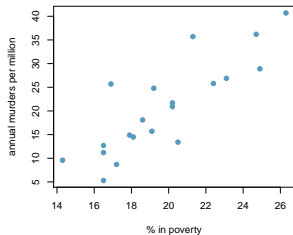
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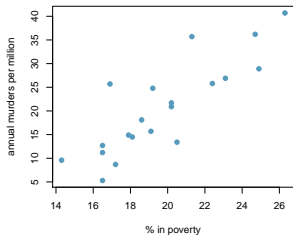
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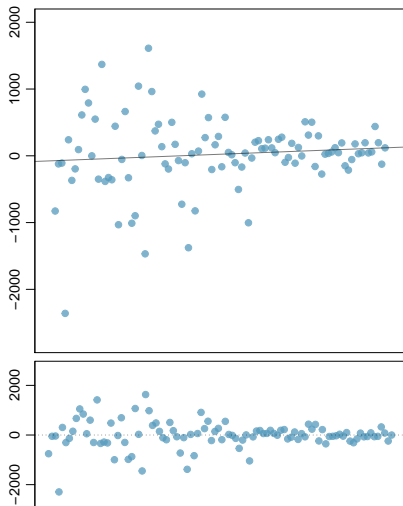
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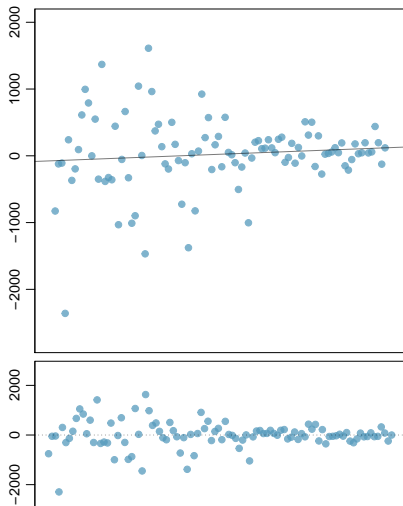
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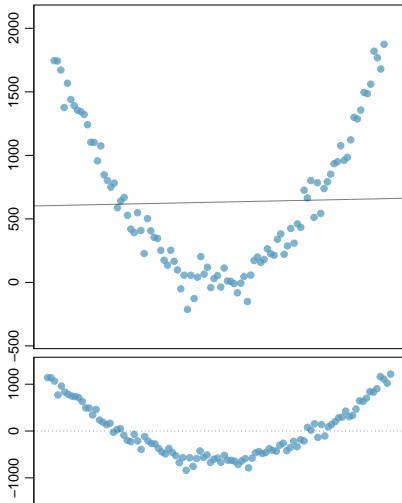
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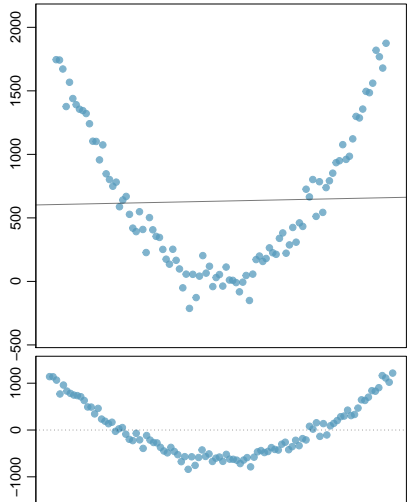
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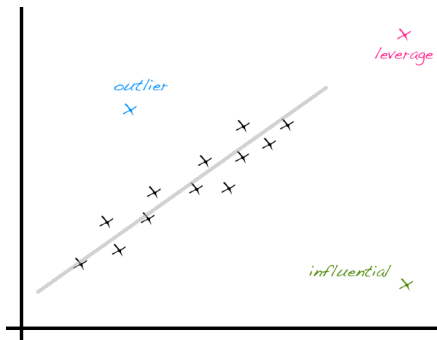
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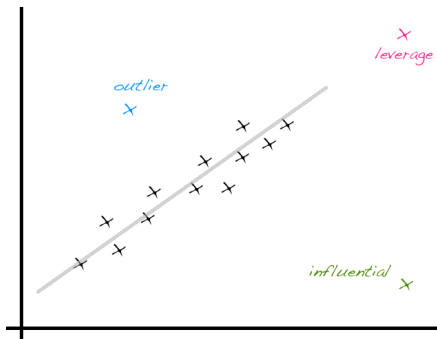
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- ▶ *Outlier* is an unusual point without these special characteristics (this one likely affects the intercept only)
- ▶ If clusters (groups of points) are apparent in the data, it might be worthwhile to model the groups separately.



Application exercise: 6.2 Linear regression

See course website for details

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