

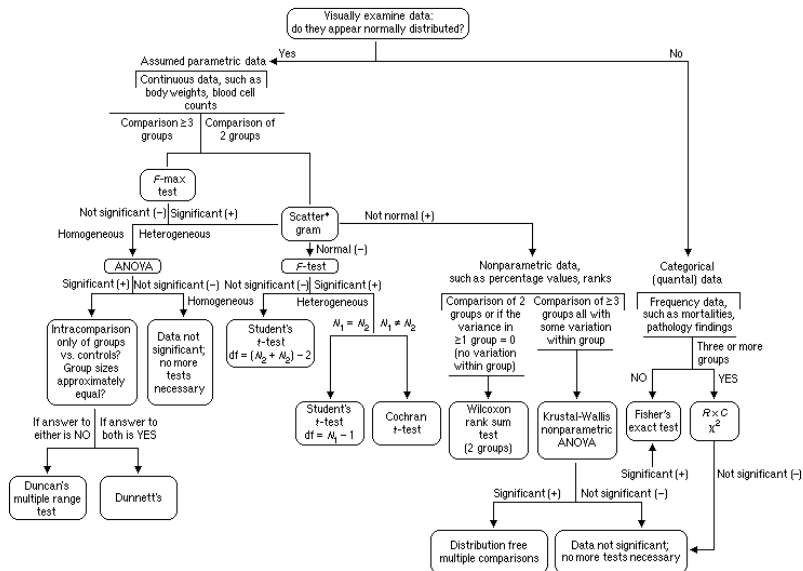
# Generalized Linear Models with R

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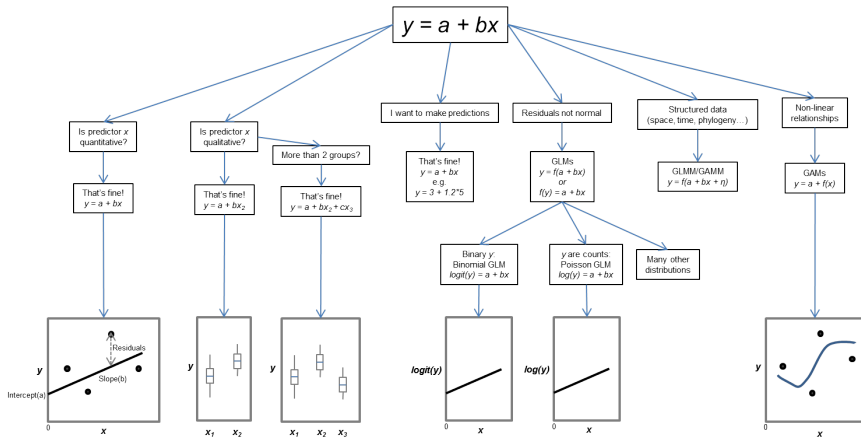
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## Introduction to linear models

# Modern statistics are easier than this



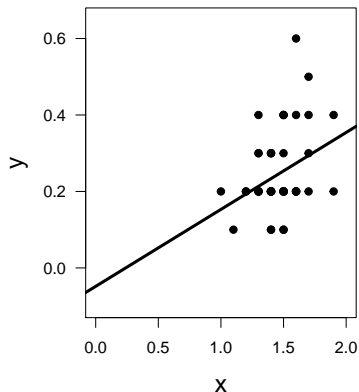
# A unified framework



# Our unified regression framework

$$y_i = a + bx_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$



## Data

$y$  = response variable

$x$  = predictor

## Parameters

$a$  = intercept

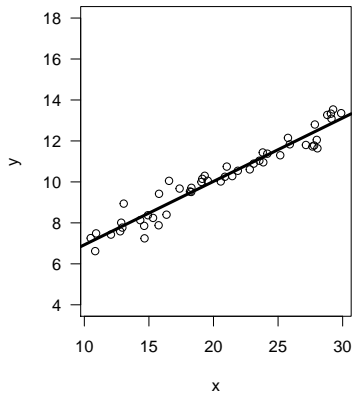
$b$  = slope

$\sigma$  = residual variation

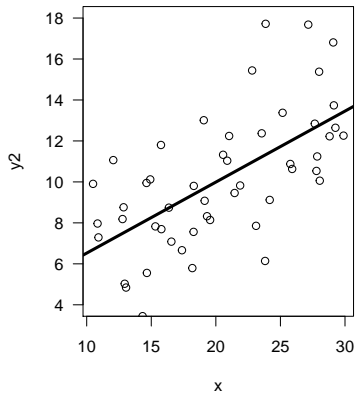
$\varepsilon$  = residuals

# Residual variation (error)

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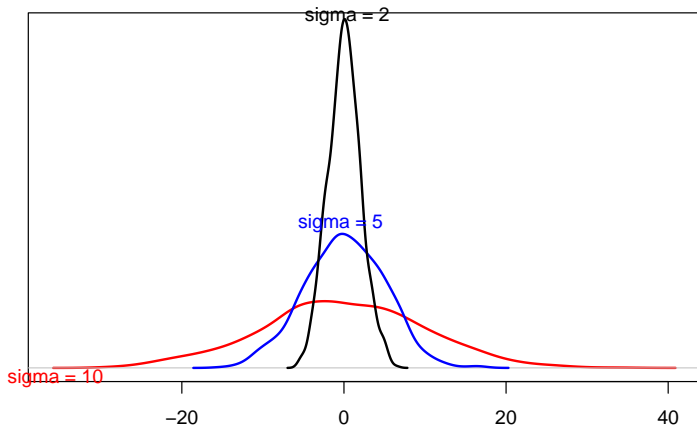
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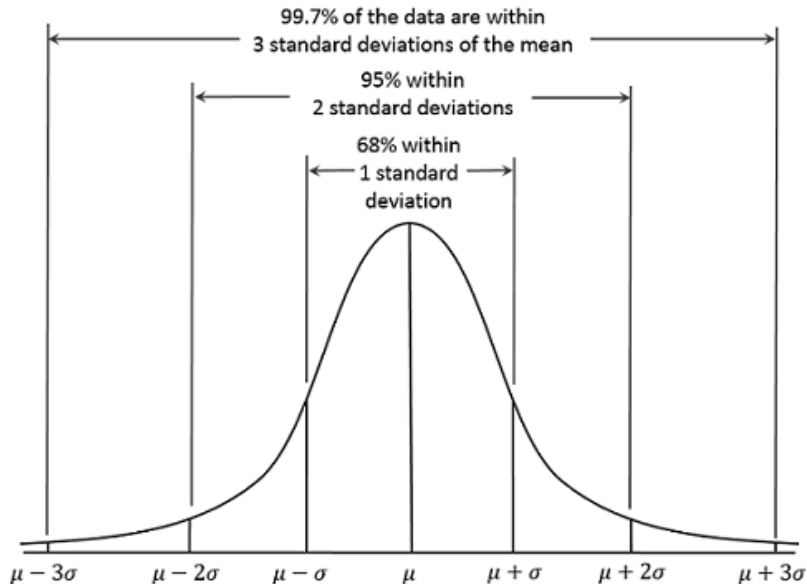
# Residual variation

$$\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

**Distribution of residuals**



## In a Normal distribution





## Different ways to write same model

$$y_i = a + bx_i + \varepsilon_i$$
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$$y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$
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## Linear models

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```

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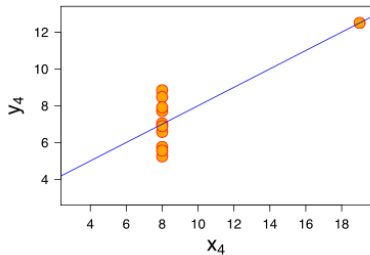
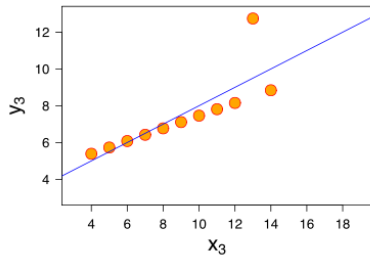
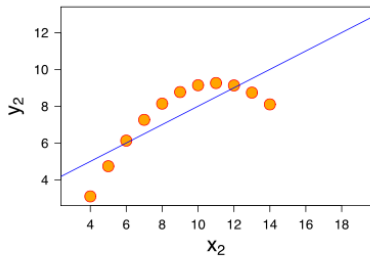
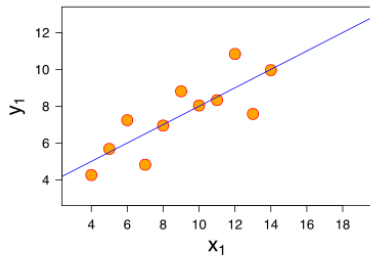
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- ▶ Can we predict height from DBH? How well?

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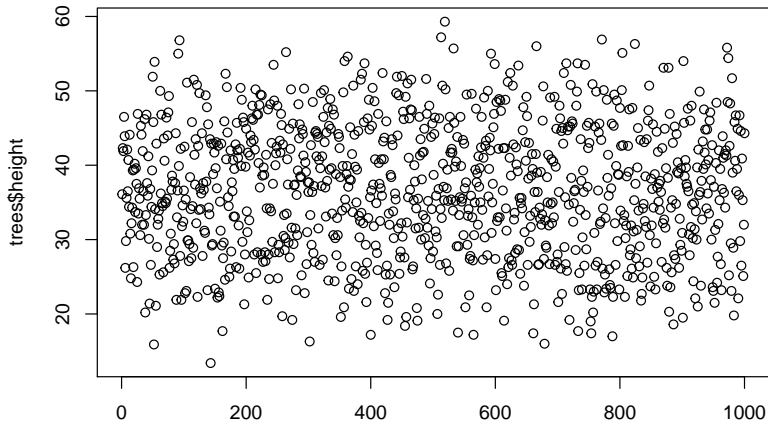
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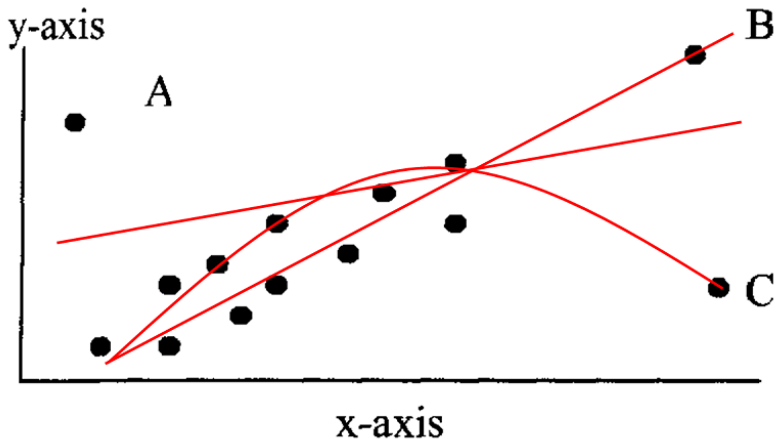
# Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

## Outliers

```
plot(trees$height)
```



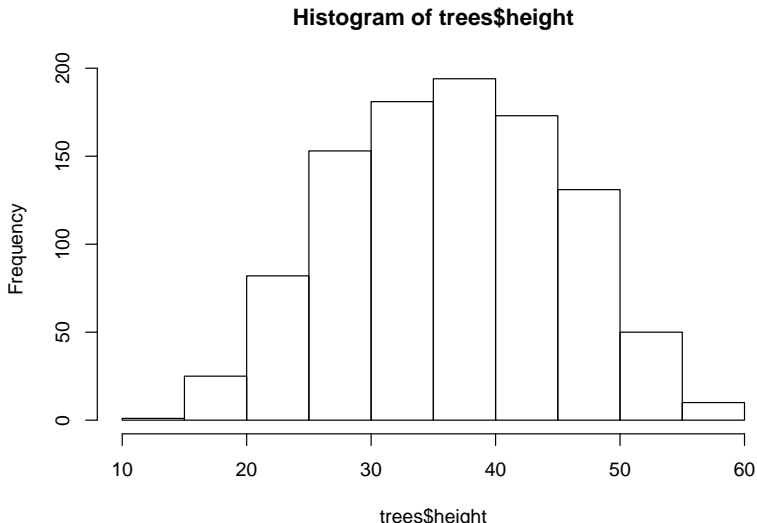
## Outliers impact on regression



See <http://rpsychologist.com/d3/correlation/>

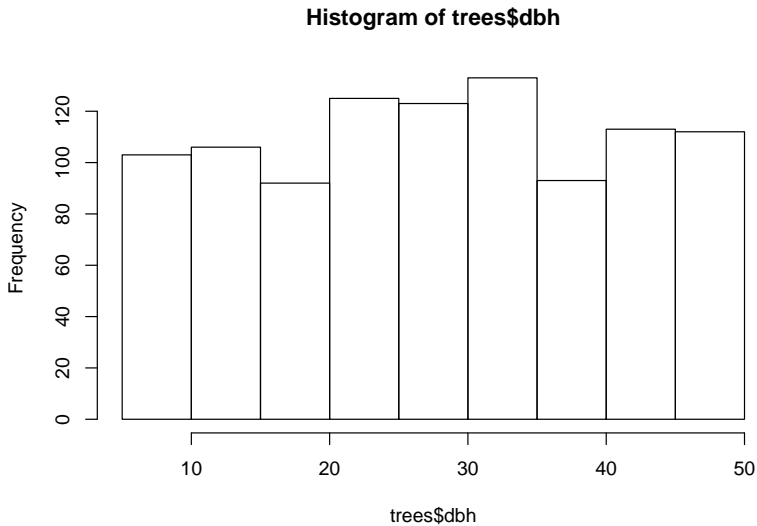
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```



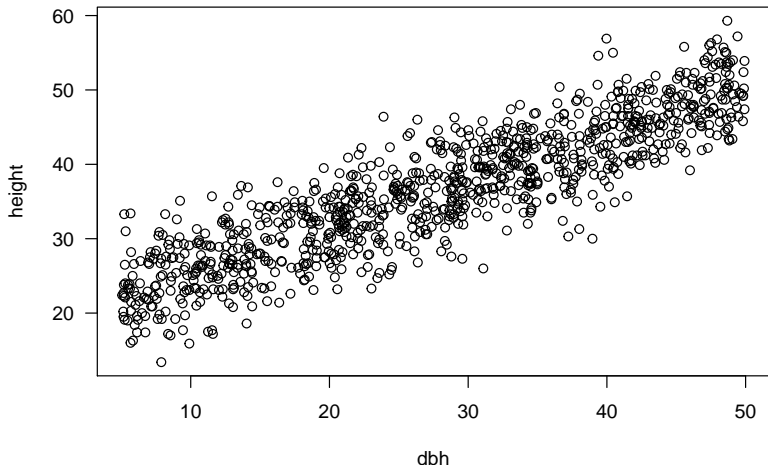
# Histogram of predictor variable

```
hist(trees$dbh)
```



# Scatterplot

```
plot(height ~ dbh, data = trees, las = 1)
```



Model fitting

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```
m1 <- lm(height ~ dbh, data = trees)
```

which corresponds to

$$\begin{aligned} Height_i &= a + b \cdot DBH_i + \varepsilon_i \\ \varepsilon_i &\sim N(0, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

## Model interpretation

## What does this mean?

Call:

```
lm(formula = height ~ dbh, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-13.3270	-2.8978	0.1057	2.7924	12.9511

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	19.33920	0.31064	62.26	<2e-16 ***
dbh	0.61570	0.01013	60.79	<2e-16 ***

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Residual standard error: 4.093 on 998 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7874, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7871

F-statistic: 3695 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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# Communicating results

We found a significant positive relationship between DBH and Height ( $p < 0.05$ ) ( $b = 0.61$ ,  $SE = 0.01$ ).

## Presenting model results

```
kable(xtable::xtable(m1), digits = 2)
```

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# Confidence intervals

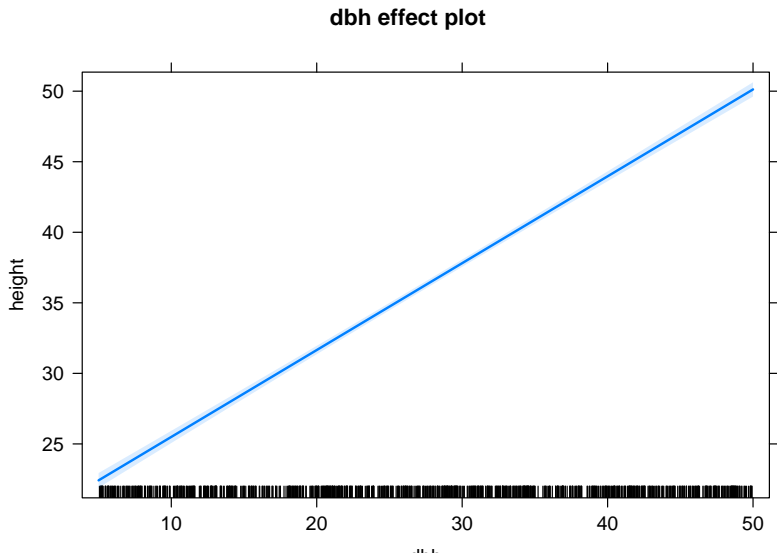
```
confint(m1)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	18.7296053	19.948788
dbh	0.5958282	0.635579

Visualising fitted model

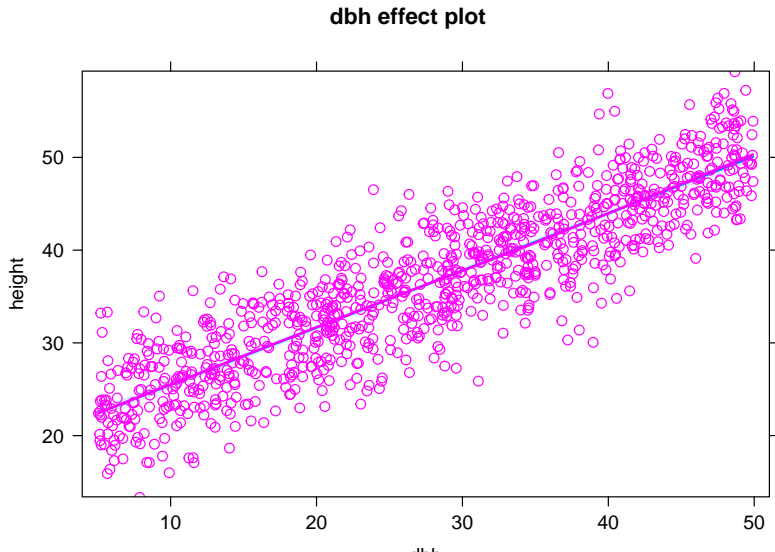
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```
plot(allEffects(m1))
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plot(allEffects(m1, residuals = TRUE))
```



## Model checking

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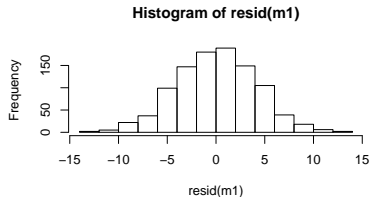
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# Are residuals normal?

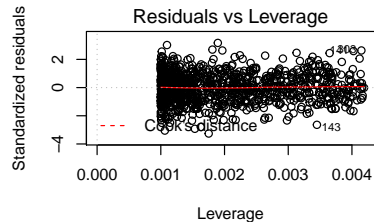
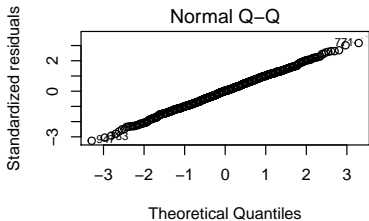
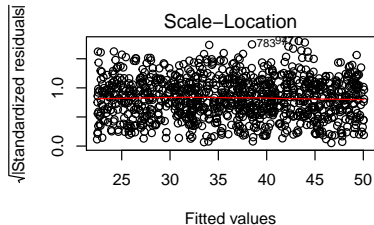
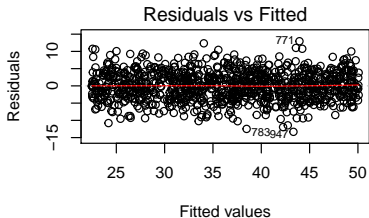
```
hist(resid(m1))
```



```
lm(formula = height ~ dbh, data = trees)
      coef.est coef.se
(Intercept) 19.34    0.31
      dbh      0.62    0.01
---
n = 1000, k = 2
residual sd = 4.09, R-Squared = 0.79
```

SD of residuals = 4.09 coincides with estimate of  $\sigma$ .

# Model checking: residuals



Using model for prediction

# How good is the model in predicting tree height?

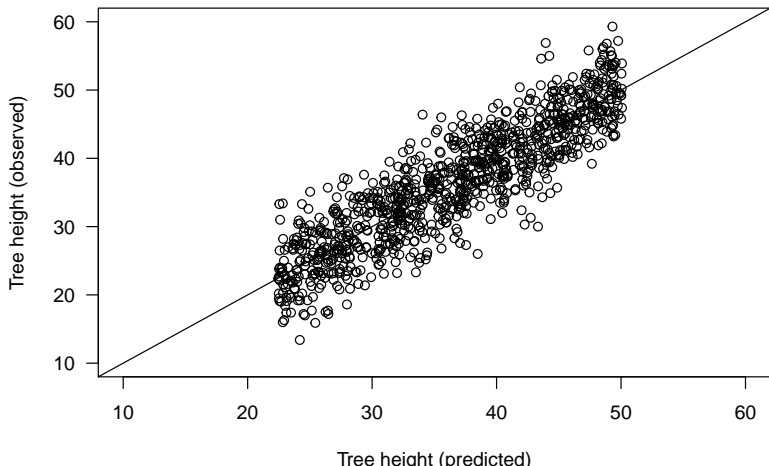
fitted gives predictions for each observation

```
trees$height.pred <- fitted(m1)  
head(trees)
```

	site	dbh	height	sex	dead	height.pred
1	4	29.68	36.1	male	0	37.61328
2	5	33.29	42.3	male	0	39.83597
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5	1	47.94	43.9	female	0	48.85603
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## Calibration plot: Observed vs Predicted values

```
plot(trees$height.pred, trees$height, xlab = "Tree height (predi
```





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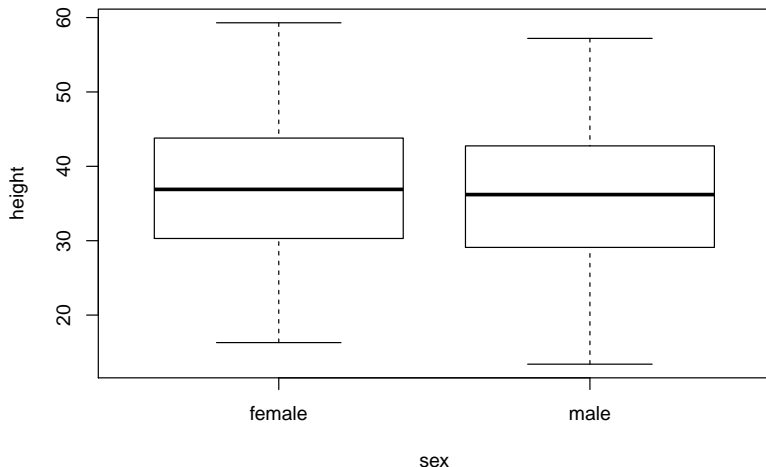
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- ▶ **Predict** (`fitted`, `predict`)

Categorical predictors (factors)

Q: Does tree height vary with sex?

```
plot(height ~ sex, data = trees)
```



## Model height ~ sex

```
m2 <- lm(height ~ sex, data = trees)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = height ~ sex, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-22.6881	-6.7881	-0.0097	6.7261	22.3687

Coefficients:

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F-statistic: 2.261 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: 0.133



## Linear model with categorical predictors

```
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```

corresponds to

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## Effects: Height ~ sex

Compare CIs

```
summary(allEffects(m2))
```

```
model: height ~ sex
```

```
sex effect
```

```
sex
```

```
female      male
```

```
36.93125 36.08810
```

```
Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
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```
sex
```

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36.15012 35.31319
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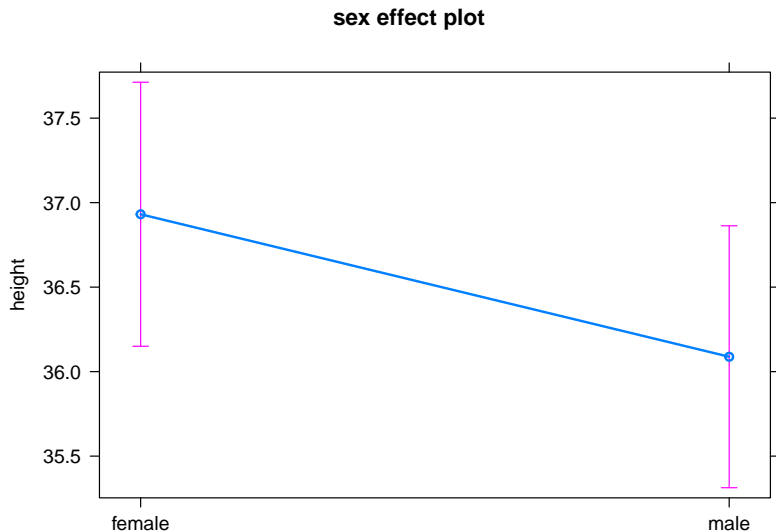
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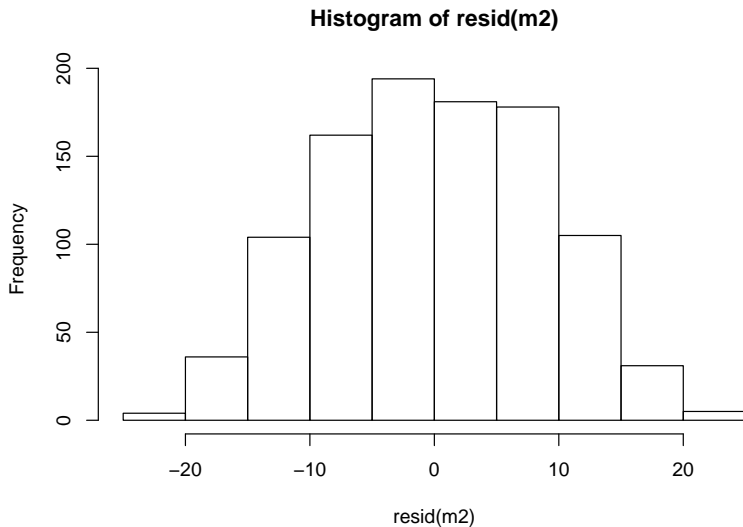
# Plot

```
plot(allEffects(m2))
```



# Model checking: residuals

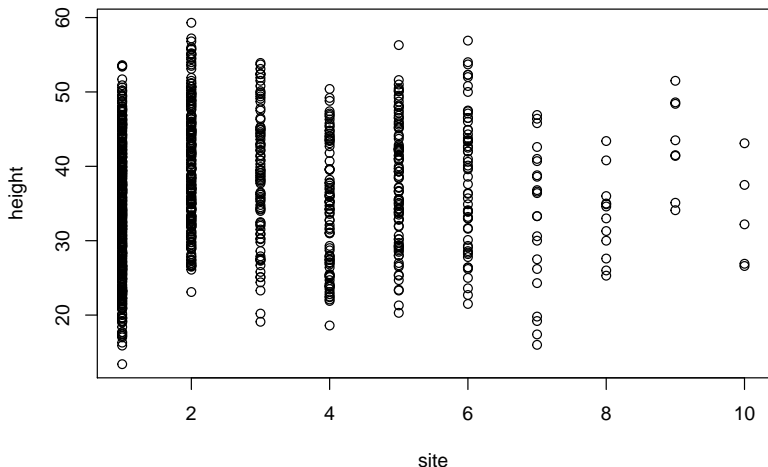
```
hist(resid(m2))
```



Q: Does height differ among field sites?

## Plot data first

```
plot(height ~ site, data = trees)
```





## Linear model with categorical predictors

```
m3 <- lm(height ~ site, data = trees)
```

$$y_i = a + b_{site2} + c_{site3} + d_{site4} + e_{site5} + \dots + \varepsilon_i$$
$$\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

## Model Height ~ site

All right here?

```
m3 <- lm(height ~ site, data = trees)
```

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```
lm(formula = height ~ site, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-22.4498	-6.7049	0.0709	6.7537	23.0640

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	35.4636	0.4730	74.975	< 2e-16 ***
site	0.3862	0.1413	2.733	0.00639 **

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Residual standard error: 8.842 on 998 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.007429, Adjusted R-squared: 0.006435

site is a factor!

```
trees$site <- as.factor(trees$site)
```

# Model Height ~ site

Call:

```
lm(formula = height ~ site, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-20.4416	-6.9004	0.0379	6.3051	19.7584

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	33.8416	0.4266	79.329	< 2e-16	***
site2	6.3411	0.7126	8.899	< 2e-16	***
site3	4.9991	0.9828	5.086	4.36e-07	***
site4	0.5329	0.9872	0.540	0.58949	
site5	4.3723	0.9425	4.639	3.97e-06	***
site6	4.7601	1.1709	4.065	5.18e-05	***
site7	-0.7416	1.8506	-0.401	0.68871	
site8	-0.6832	2.4753	-0.276	0.78258	
site9	9.1709	3.0165	3.040	0.00243	**
site10	-0.5816	3.8013	-0.153	0.87843	

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Residual standard error: 8.446 on 990 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1016, Adjusted R-squared: 0.09344

F-statistic: 12.44 on 9 and 990 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## Presenting model results

```
kable(xtable::xtable(m3), digits = 2)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	33.84	0.43	79.33	0.00
site2	6.34	0.71	8.90	0.00
site3	5.00	0.98	5.09	0.00
site4	0.53	0.99	0.54	0.59
site5	4.37	0.94	4.64	0.00
site6	4.76	1.17	4.07	0.00
site7	-0.74	1.85	-0.40	0.69
site8	-0.68	2.48	-0.28	0.78
site9	9.17	3.02	3.04	0.00
site10	-0.58	3.80	-0.15	0.88

# Estimated tree heights for each site

```
summary(allEffects(m3))
```

```
model: height ~ site
```

```
site effect
```

```
site
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33.84158	40.18265	38.84066	34.37444	38.21386	38.60167	33.10000	33.15833
9	10						
43.01250	33.26000						

```
Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
```

```
site
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33.00444	39.06264	37.10317	32.62733	36.56463	36.46190	29.56629	28.37367
9	10						
37.15251	25.84764						

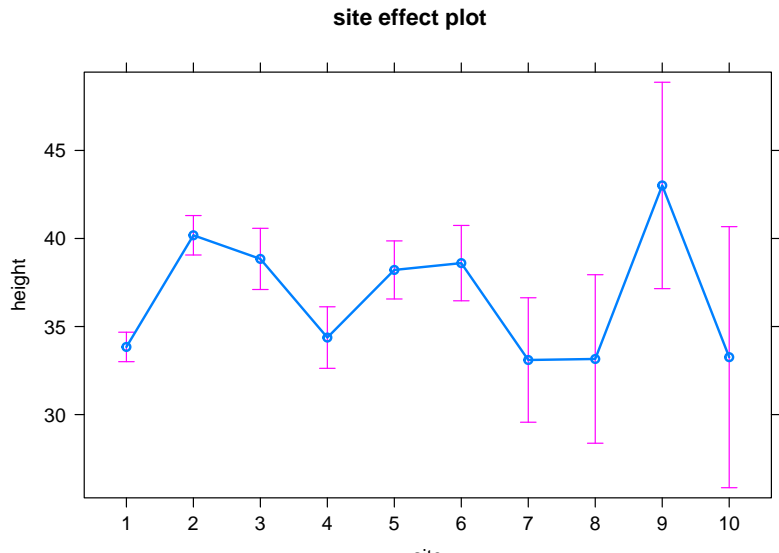
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48.87249	40.67236						

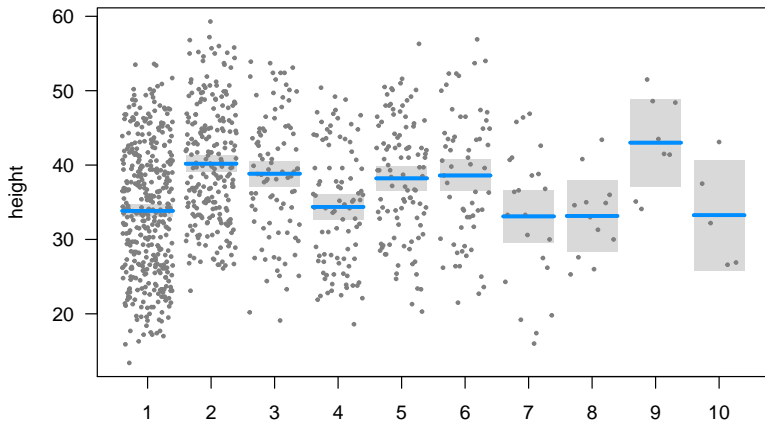
# Plot

```
plot(allEffects(m3))
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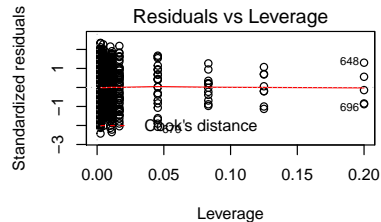
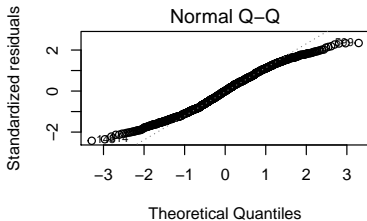
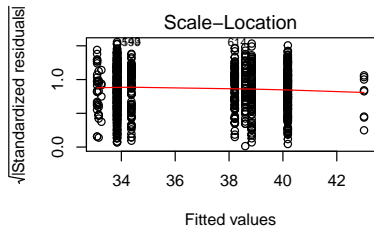
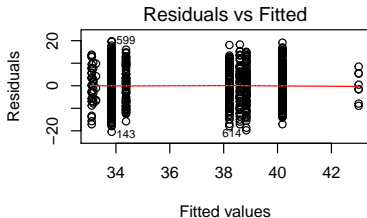
# Plot (visreg)

```
library(visreg)  
visreg(m3)
```





# Model checking: residuals



Combining continuous and categorical predictors

## Predicting tree height based on dbh and site

```
lm(height ~ site + dbh, data = trees)
```

corresponds to

$$y_i = a + b_{site2} + c_{site3} + d_{site4} + e_{site5} + \dots + k \cdot DBH_i + \varepsilon_i$$
$$\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

# Predicting tree height based on dbh and site

Call:

```
lm(formula = height ~ site + dbh, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-10.1130	-1.9885	0.0582	2.0314	11.3320

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	16.699037	0.260565	64.088	< 2e-16	***
site2	6.504303	0.256730	25.335	< 2e-16	***
site3	4.357457	0.354181	12.303	< 2e-16	***
site4	1.934650	0.356102	5.433	6.98e-08	***
site5	3.637432	0.339688	10.708	< 2e-16	***
site6	4.204511	0.421906	9.966	< 2e-16	***
site7	-0.176193	0.666772	-0.264	0.7916	
site8	-5.312648	0.893603	-5.945	3.82e-09	***
site9	5.437049	1.087766	4.998	6.84e-07	***
site10	2.263338	1.369986	1.652	0.0988	.
dbh	0.617075	0.007574	81.473	< 2e-16	***

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Residual standard error: 3.043 on 989 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8835, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8823

F-statistic: 750 on 10 and 989 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## Presenting model results

```
kable(xtable::xtable(m4), digits = 2)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	16.70	0.26	64.09	0.00
site2	6.50	0.26	25.34	0.00
site3	4.36	0.35	12.30	0.00
site4	1.93	0.36	5.43	0.00
site5	3.64	0.34	10.71	0.00
site6	4.20	0.42	9.97	0.00
site7	-0.18	0.67	-0.26	0.79
site8	-5.31	0.89	-5.95	0.00
site9	5.44	1.09	5.00	0.00
site10	2.26	1.37	1.65	0.10
dbh	0.62	0.01	81.47	0.00

# Estimated tree heights for each site

```
summary(allEffects(m4))
```

```
model: height ~ site + dbh
```

```
site effect
```

```
site
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33.90437	40.40868	38.26183	35.83902	37.54181	38.10889	33.72818	28.59173
9	10						
39.34142	36.16771						

```
Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
```

```
site
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33.60276	40.00512	37.63569	35.20858	36.94739	37.33787	32.45495	26.86438
9	10						
37.22831	33.49623						

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```
site
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
34.20599	40.81223	38.88798	36.46947	38.13622	38.87990	35.00141	30.31907
9	10						
41.45454	38.83919						

```
dbh effect
```

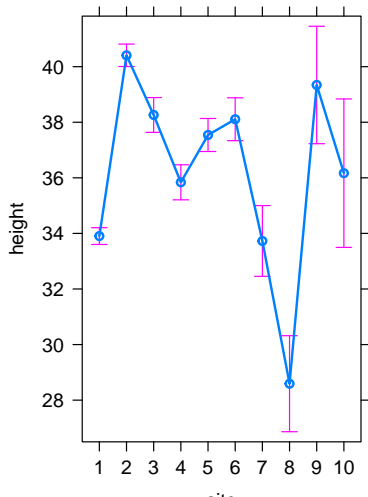
```
dbh
```

5	20	30	40	50
22.38634	31.64246	37.81321	43.98396	50.15471

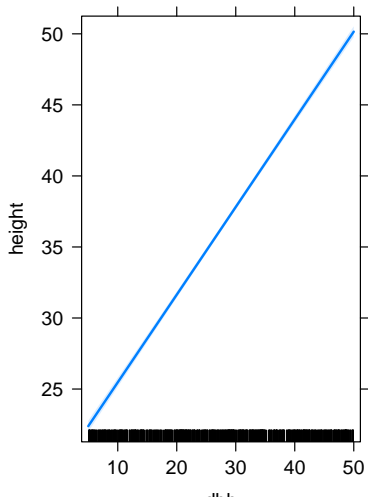
# Plot

```
plot(allEffects(m4))
```

site effect plot

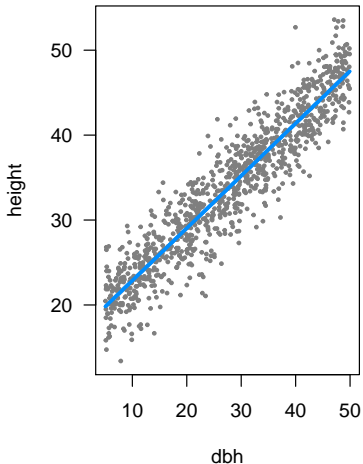
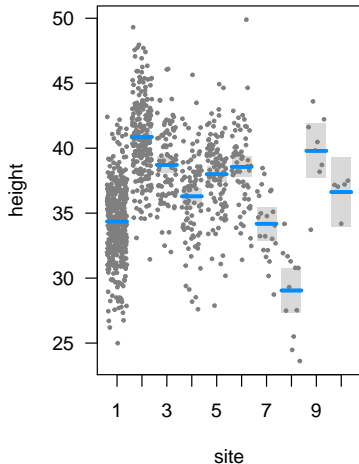


dbh effect plot



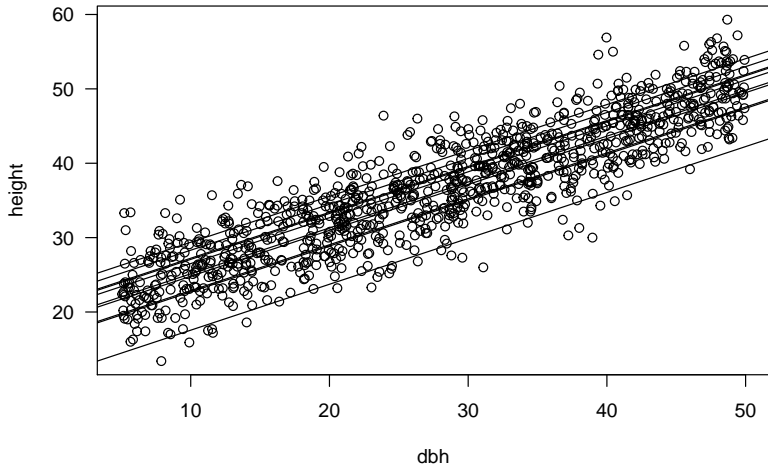
# Plot (visreg)

```
visreg(m4)
```

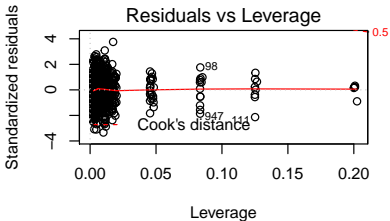
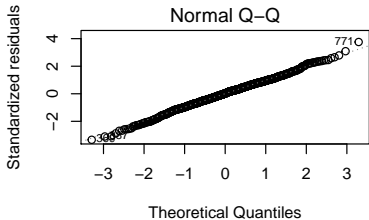
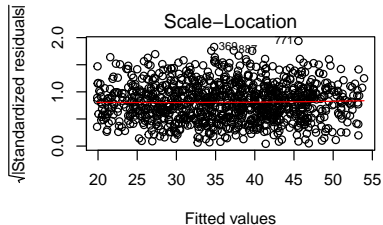
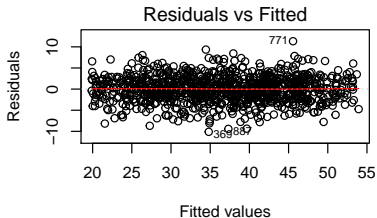




We have fitted model w/ many intercepts and single slope

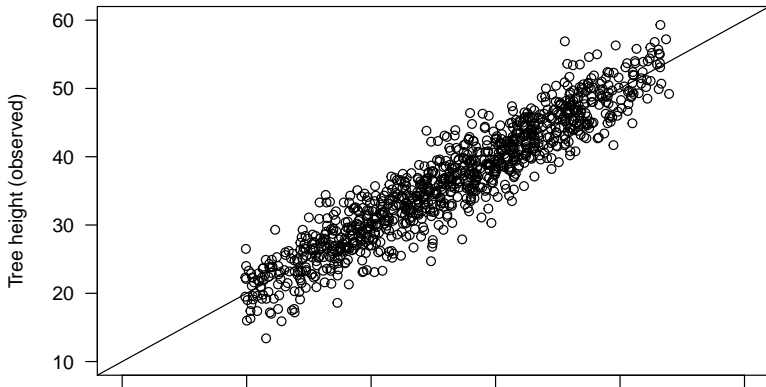


# Model checking: residuals



## How good is this model? Calibration plot

```
trees$height.pred <- fitted(m4)
plot(trees$height.pred, trees$height, xlab = "Tree height (predi
abline(a = 0, b = 1)
```



Q: Does allometric relationship between DBH  
and Height vary among sites?

# Model with interactions

Call:

```
lm(formula = height ~ site * dbh, data = trees)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-10.1017	-1.9839	0.0645	2.0486	11.1789

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	16.359437	0.360054	45.436	< 2e-16 ***
site2	7.684781	0.609657	12.605	< 2e-16 ***
site3	4.518568	0.867008	5.212	2.28e-07 ***
site4	2.769336	0.813259	3.405	0.000688 ***
site5	3.917607	0.870983	4.498	7.68e-06 ***
site6	4.155161	1.009379	4.117	4.17e-05 ***
site7	-2.306799	1.551303	-1.487	0.137334
site8	-2.616095	4.090671	-0.640	0.522630
site9	2.621560	5.073794	0.517	0.605492
site10	4.662340	2.991072	1.559	0.119378
dbh	0.629299	0.011722	53.685	< 2e-16 ***
site2:dbh	-0.042784	0.020033	-2.136	0.032950 *
site3:dbh	-0.006031	0.027640	-0.218	0.827312
site4:dbh	-0.031633	0.028225	-1.121	0.262677
site5:dbh	-0.010173	0.027887	-0.365	0.715334
site6:dbh	0.001337	0.032109	0.042	0.966797
site7:dbh	0.079728	0.052056	1.532	0.125951
site8:dbh	-0.079027	0.113386	-0.697	0.485984
site9:dbh	0.081035	0.146649	0.553	0.580679
site10:dbh	-0.101107	0.114520	-0.883	0.377522

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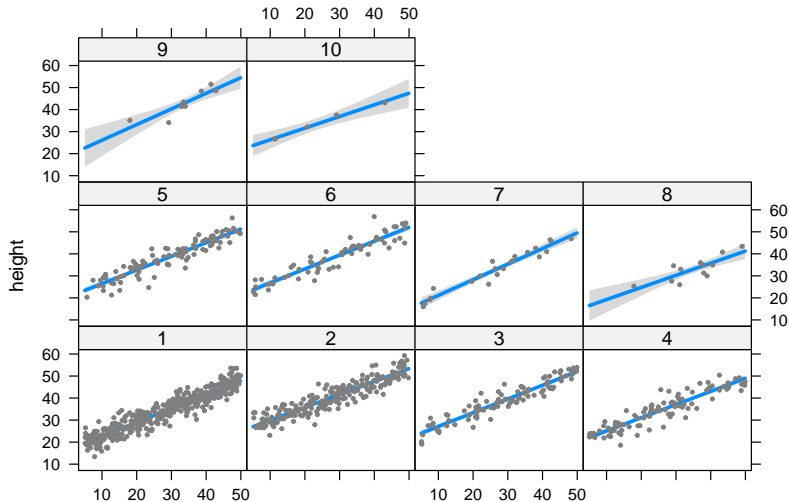
Residual standard error: 3.041 on 980 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8847, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8825

F-statistic: 395.7 on 19 and 980 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

# Does slope vary among forests?

```
visreg(m5, xvar = "dbh", by = "site")
```



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## Generalised Linear Models: Logistic regression

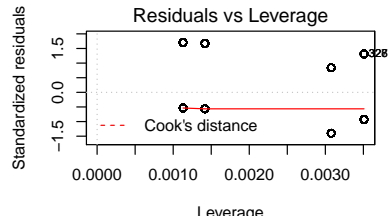
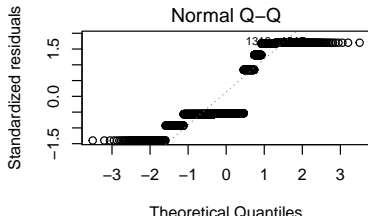
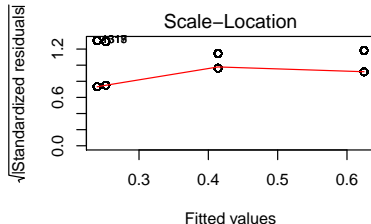
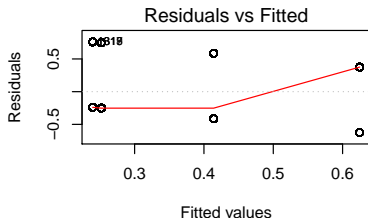
## Q: Survival of passengers on the Titanic ~ Class

Read titanic\_long.csv dataset.

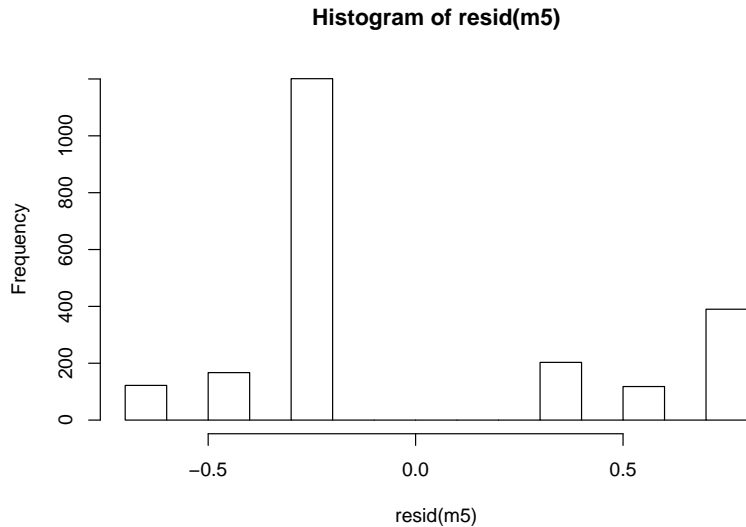
	class	age	sex	survived
1	first	adult	male	1
2	first	adult	male	1
3	first	adult	male	1
4	first	adult	male	1
5	first	adult	male	1
6	first	adult	male	1

## Let's fit linear model:

```
m5 <- lm(survived ~ class, data = titanic)
```



## Weird residuals!



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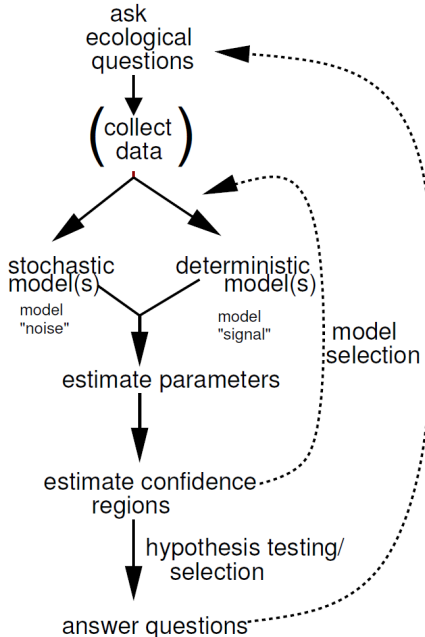
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# The modelling process



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# Back to survival of Titanic passengers

How many survived in each class?

```
table(titanic$class, titanic$survived)
```

	0	1
crew	673	212
first	122	203
second	167	118
third	528	178

## Back to survival of Titanic passengers (dplyr)

Passenger survival according to class

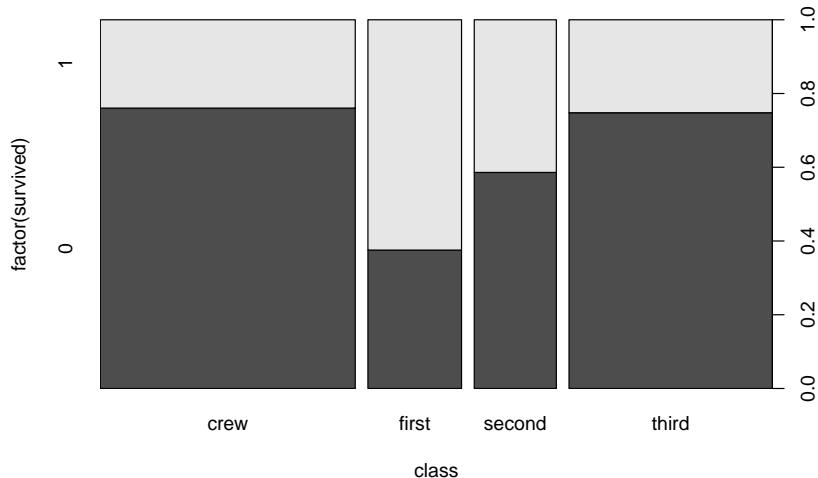
```
titanic %>%  
  group_by(class, survived) %>%  
  summarise(count = n())
```

```
# A tibble: 8 x 3  
# Groups:   class [4]  
  class survived count  
  <fct>     <int> <int>  
1 crew         0   673  
2 crew         1   212  
3 first        0   122  
4 first        1   203  
5 second       0   167  
6 second       1   118  
7 third        0   528  
8 third        1   178
```



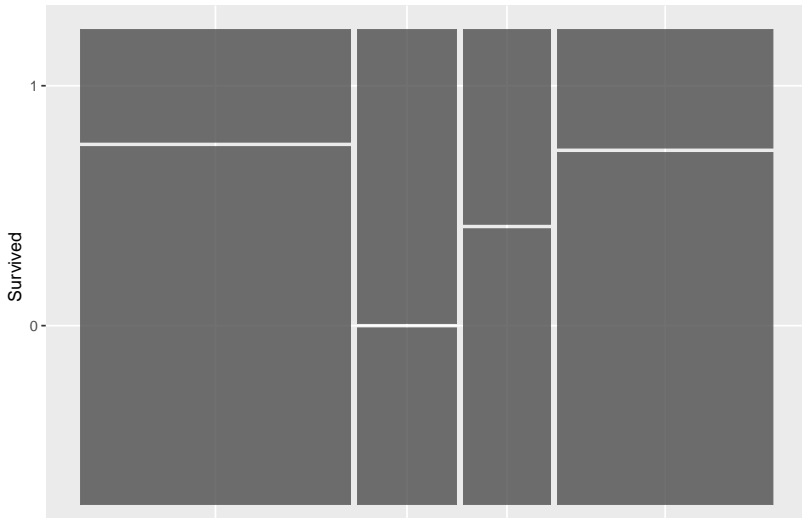
Or graphically...

```
plot(factor(survived) ~ class, data = titanic)
```



# Mosaic plots (ggplot2)

```
ggplot(titanic) +  
  geom_mosaic(aes(x = product(survived, class))) +  
  labs(x = "", y = "Survived")
```



## Fitting GLMs in R: glm

```
tit.glm <- glm(survived ~ class, data = titanic, family = binomial)
```

which corresponds to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(\text{Pr}(\text{survival})_i) &= a + b \cdot \text{class}_i \\ \text{logit}(\text{Pr}(\text{survival})_i) &= a + b_{\text{first}} + c_{\text{second}} + d_{\text{third}} \end{aligned}$$

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Call:

```
glm(formula = survived ~ class, family = binomial, data = titanic)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.3999	-0.7623	-0.7401	0.9702	1.6906

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-1.15516	0.07876	-14.667	< 2e-16 ***
classfirst	1.66434	0.13902	11.972	< 2e-16 ***
classecond	0.80785	0.14375	5.620	1.91e-08 ***
classtthird	0.06785	0.11711	0.579	0.562

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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 2769.5 on 2200 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 2588.6 on 2197 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 2596.6

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

**These estimates are in logit scale!**

# Model interpretation using effects package

```
library(effects)  
allEffects(tit.glm)
```

```
model: survived ~ class
```

```
class effect
```

```
class
```

	crew	first	second	third
	0.2395480	0.6246154	0.4140351	0.2521246

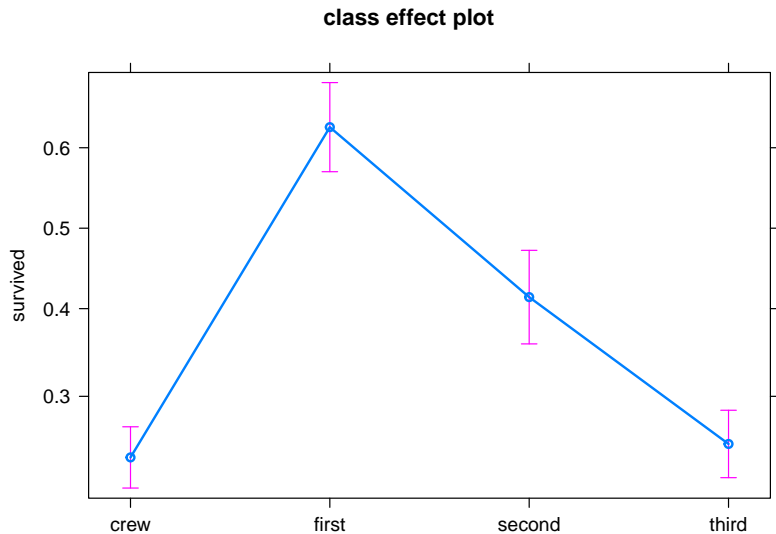
## Presenting model results

```
kable(xtable::xtable(tit.glm), digits = 2)
```

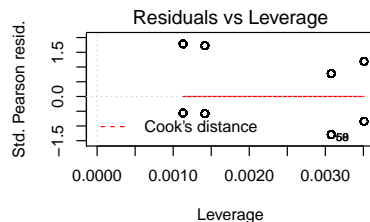
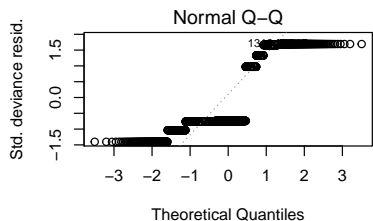
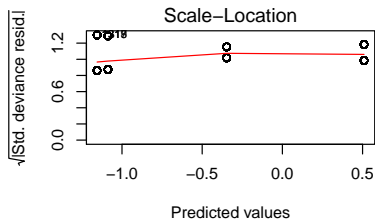
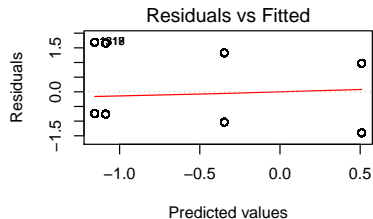
	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-1.16	0.08	-14.67	0.00
classfirst	1.66	0.14	11.97	0.00
classecond	0.81	0.14	5.62	0.00
classtthird	0.07	0.12	0.58	0.56

# Visualising model: effects package

```
plot(allEffects(tit.glm))
```



# Logistic regression: model checking



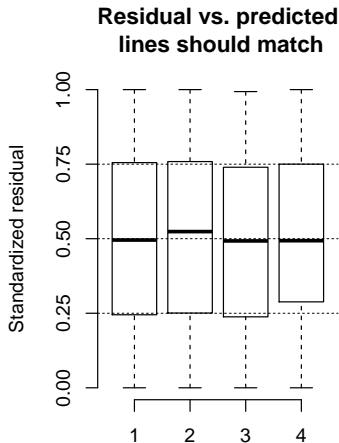
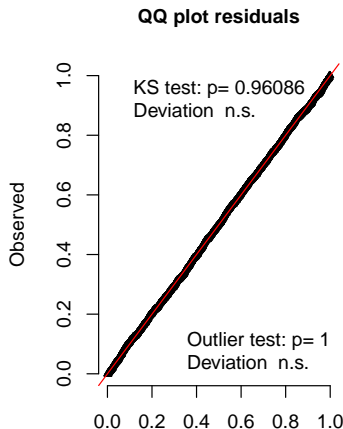
null deviance



# Residual diagnostics with DHARMA

```
library(DHARMA)
simulateResiduals(tit.glm, plot = TRUE)
```

DHARMA scaled residual plots



# Pseudo R-squared for GLMs

```
library(performance)  
r2(tit.glm)
```

```
$R2_Tjur  
  Tjur's R2  
0.08650663
```

But many caveats apply! (e.g. see [here](#) and [here](#))

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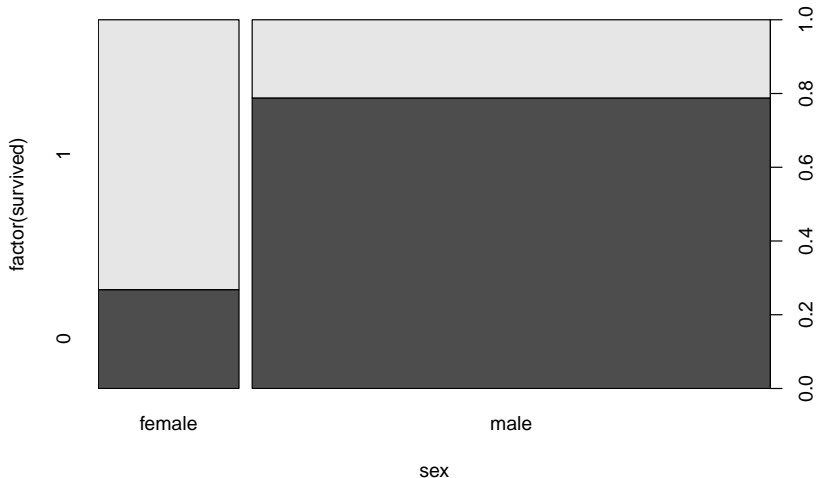
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6. **Examine residuals:** `DHARMA::simulateResiduals`.



Q: Did men have higher survival than women?

## Plot first

```
plot(factor(survived) ~ sex, data = titanic)
```



## Fit model

Call:

```
glm(formula = survived ~ sex, family = binomial, data = titanic)
```

Deviance Residuals:

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-1.6226	-0.6903	-0.6903	0.7901	1.7613

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	1.0044	0.1041	9.645	<2e-16 ***
sexmale	-2.3172	0.1196	-19.376	<2e-16 ***

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AIC: 2339

# Effects

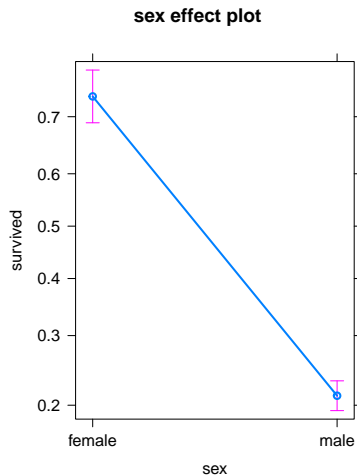
```
model: survived ~ sex
```

```
sex effect
```

```
sex
```

```
female    male
```

```
0.7319149 0.2120162
```



Q: Did women have higher survival because they travelled more in first class?

## Let's look at the data

```
table(titanic$class, titanic$survived, titanic$sex)
```

```
, , = female
```

	0	1
crew	3	20
first	4	141
second	13	93
third	106	90

```
, , = male
```

	0	1
crew	670	192
first	118	62
second	154	25
third	422	88

Mmmm...

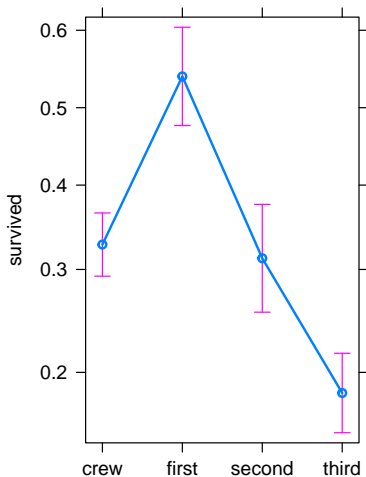
## Fit additive model with both factors

```
tit.sex.class <- glm(survived ~ class + sex, family = binomial,  
  
glm(formula = survived ~ class + sex, family = binomial, data =  
      coef.est coef.se  
(Intercept)  1.19      0.16  
classfirst    0.88      0.16  
classecond -0.07      0.17  
classthird  -0.78      0.14  
sexmale      -2.42      0.14  
---  
n = 2201, k = 5  
residual deviance = 2228.9, null deviance = 2769.5 (difference
```

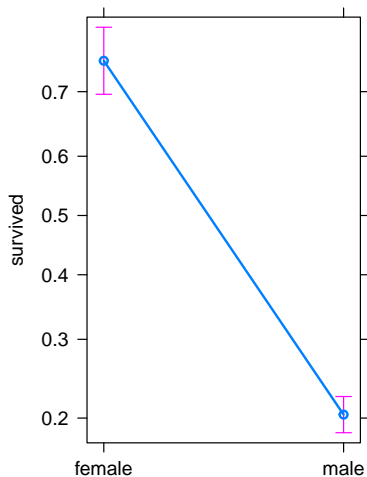
## Plot additive model

```
plot(allEffects(tit.sex.class))
```

**class effect plot**



**sex effect plot**





## Fit model with both factors (interactions)

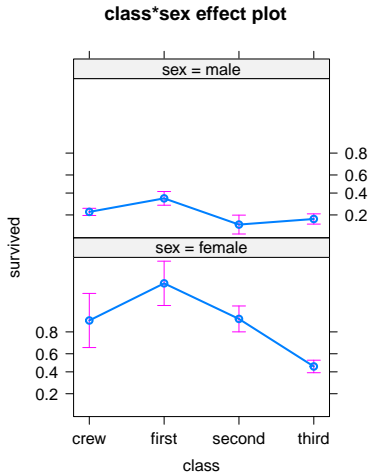
```
tit.sex.class <- glm(survived ~ class * sex, family = binomial,  
  
glm(formula = survived ~ class * sex, family = binomial, data =  
      coef.est coef.se  
(Intercept)      1.90      0.62  
classfirst        1.67      0.80  
classecond        0.07      0.69  
classtthird       -2.06      0.64  
sexmale           -3.15      0.62  
classfirst:sexmale -1.06      0.82  
classecond:sexmale -0.64      0.72  
classtthird:sexmale  1.74      0.65  
---  
n = 2201, k = 8  
residual deviance = 2163.7, null deviance = 2769.5 (difference
```

# Effects

```
model: survived ~ class * sex
```

```
class*sex effect
```

class	sex	
	female	male
crew	0.8695652	0.2227378
first	0.9724138	0.3444444
second	0.8773585	0.1396648
third	0.4591837	0.1725490



So, women had higher probability of survival than men, even within the same class.

Logistic regression for proportion data

## Read Titanic data in different format

Read Titanic\_prop.csv data.

	X	Class	Sex	Age	No	Yes
1	1	1st	Female	Adult	4	140
2	2	1st	Female	Child	0	1
3	3	1st	Male	Adult	118	57
4	4	1st	Male	Child	0	5
5	5	2nd	Female	Adult	13	80
6	6	2nd	Female	Child	0	13

These are the same data, but summarized (see Freq variable).

## Use cbind(n.success, n.failures) as response

```
prop.glm <- glm(cbind(Yes, No) ~ Class, data = tit.prop, family
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = cbind(Yes, No) ~ Class, family = binomial, data =
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-9.6404	-0.2915	1.5698	5.0366	10.1516

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	0.5092	0.1146	4.445	8.79e-06 ***
Class2nd	-0.8565	0.1661	-5.157	2.51e-07 ***
Class3rd	-1.5965	0.1436	-11.114	< 2e-16 ***
ClassCrew	-1.6643	0.1390	-11.972	< 2e-16 ***

---

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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

# Effects

```
model: cbind(Yes, No) ~ Class
```

Class effect

Class

	1st	2nd	3rd	Crew
	0.6246154	0.4140351	0.2521246	0.2395480

Compare with former model based on raw data:

```
model: survived ~ class
```

class effect

class

	crew	first	second	third
	0.2395480	0.6246154	0.4140351	0.2521246

Same results!

Logistic regression with continuous predictors

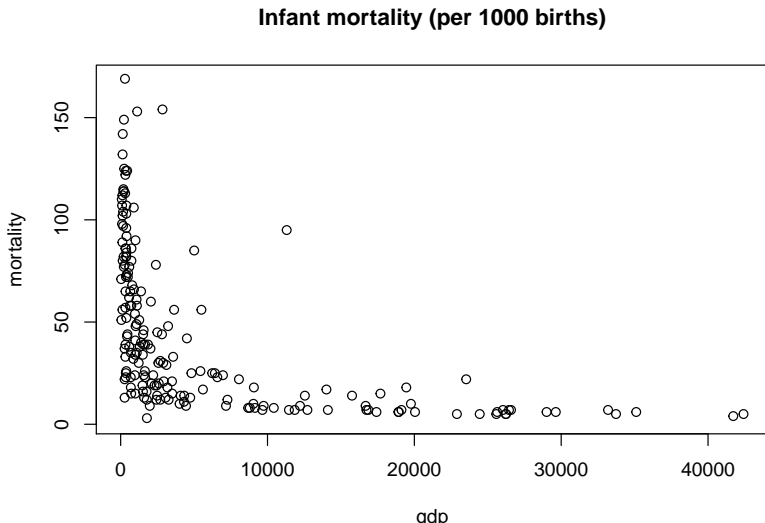
Example dataset: GDP and infant mortality  
Read UN\_GDP\_infantmortality.csv.

	country	mortality	gdp
Afghanistan	: 1	Min. : 2.00	Min. : 36
Albania	: 1	1st Qu.: 12.00	1st Qu.: 442
Algeria	: 1	Median : 30.00	Median : 1779
American.Samoa:	1	Mean : 43.48	Mean : 6262
Andorra	: 1	3rd Qu.: 66.00	3rd Qu.: 7272
Angola	: 1	Max. : 169.00	Max. : 42416
(Other)	: 201	NA's : 6	NA's : 10



# EDA

```
plot(mortality ~ gdp, data = gdp, main = "Infant mortality (per
```



## Fit model

```
gdp.glm <- glm(cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp,  
               data = gdp, family = binomial)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp, family =  
     data = gdp)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-9.2230	-3.5163	-0.5697	2.4284	13.5849

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-2.657e+00	1.311e-02	-202.76	<2e-16 ***
gdp	-1.279e-04	3.458e-06	-36.98	<2e-16 ***

---

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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

# Effects

```
allEffects(gdp.glm)
```

```
model: cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp
```

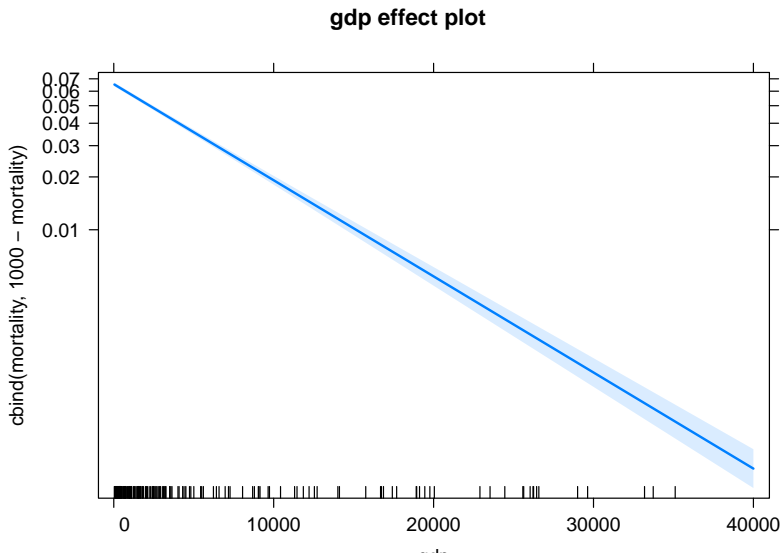
```
gdp effect
```

```
gdp
```

	40	10000	20000	30000	40000
	0.0652177296	0.0191438829	0.0054028095	0.0015096074	0.0004206154

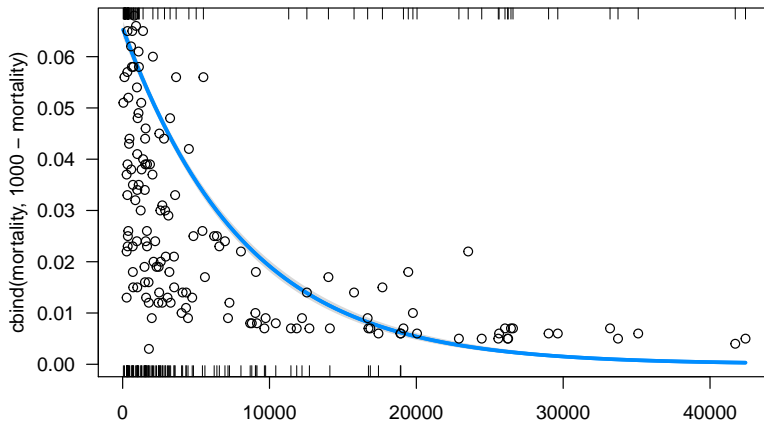
# Effects plot

```
plot(allEffects(gdp.glm))
```



## Plot model using visreg:

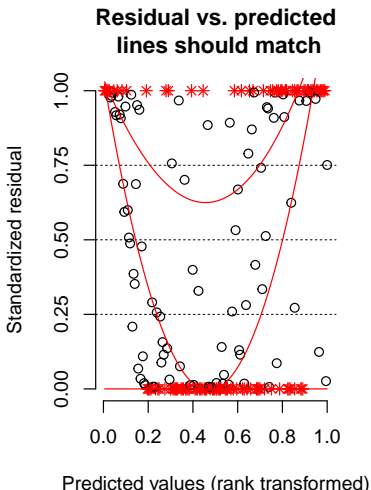
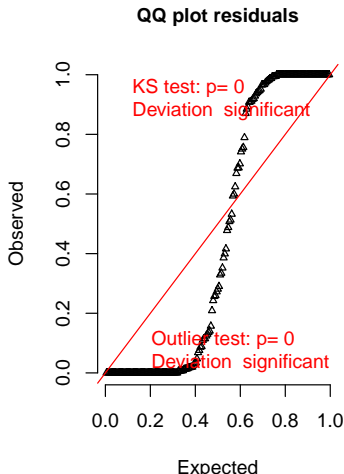
```
visreg(gdp.glm, scale = "response")  
points(mortality/1000 ~ gdp, data = gdp)
```



# Residuals diagnostics with DHARMa

```
simulateResiduals(gdp.glm, plot = TRUE)
```

DHARMa scaled residual plots



## Overdispersion

# Testing for overdispersion (DHARMa)

```
simres <- simulateResiduals(gdp.glm, refit = TRUE)  
testDispersion(simres, plot = FALSE)
```

DHARMa nonparametric dispersion test via mean deviance residuals  
fitted vs. simulated-refitted

```
data:  simres  
dispersion = 21, p-value < 2.2e-16  
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```



## Overdispersion in logistic regression with proportion data

```
gdp.overdisp <- glm(cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp,  
                    data = gdp, family = quasibinomial)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp, family =  
    data = gdp)
```

Deviance Residuals:

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-9.2230	-3.5163	-0.5697	2.4284	13.5849

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-2.657e+00	5.977e-02	-44.465	< 2e-16 ***
gdp	-1.279e-04	1.577e-05	-8.111	5.96e-14 ***

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(Dispersion parameter for quasibinomial family taken to be 20.79)

## Mean estimates do not change after accounting for overdispersion

```
model: cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp
```

```
gdp effect
```

```
gdp
```

	40	10000	20000	30000	40000
	0.0652177296	0.0191438829	0.0054028095	0.0015096074	0.0004206154

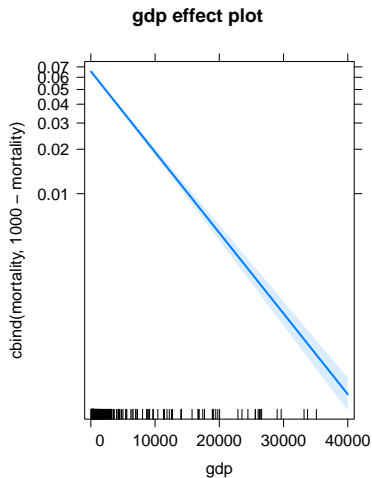
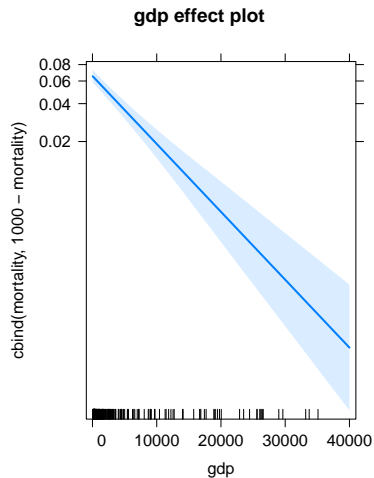
```
model: cbind(mortality, 1000 - mortality) ~ gdp
```

```
gdp effect
```

```
gdp
```

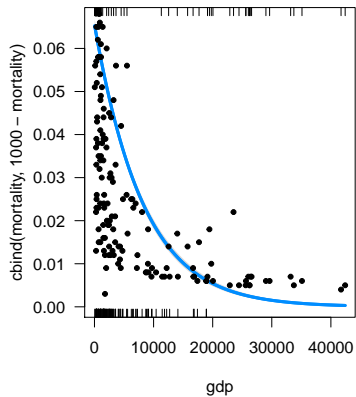
	40	10000	20000	30000	40000
	0.0652177296	0.0191438829	0.0054028095	0.0015096074	0.0004206154

But standard errors (uncertainty) do!

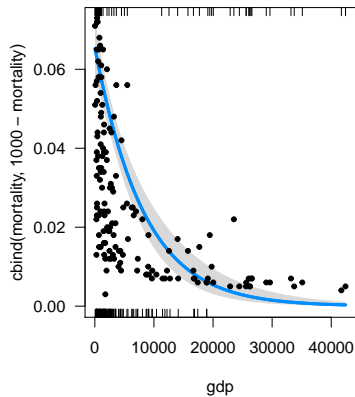


# Plot model and data

**Binomial**



**Quasibinomial**



# Overdispersion

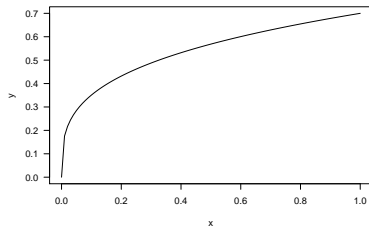
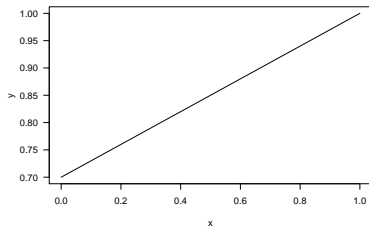
Whenever you fit logistic regression to **proportion** data, check family quasibinomial.

# Think about the shape of relationships

$$y \sim x + z$$

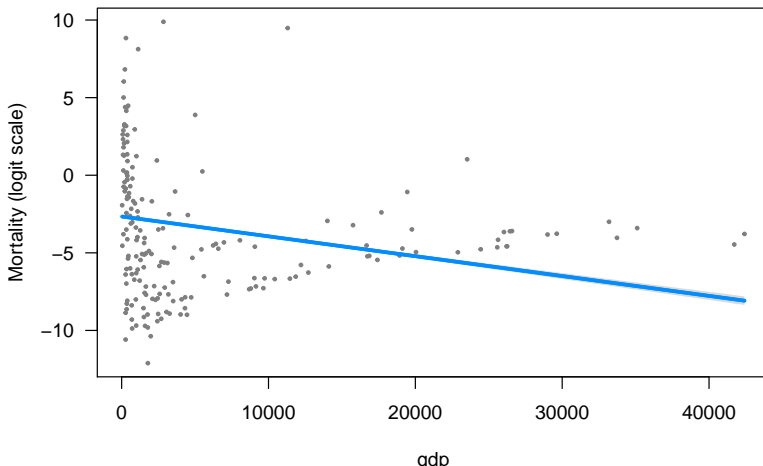
Really? Not everything has to be linear! Actually, it often is not.

**Think** about shape of relationship. See chapter 3 in Bolker's book.



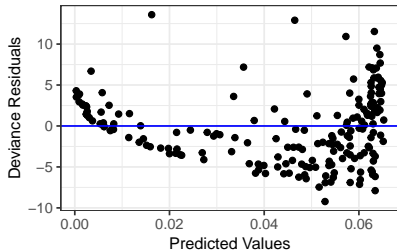
# Think about the shape of relationships

```
visreg(gdp.glm, ylab = "Mortality (logit scale)")
```

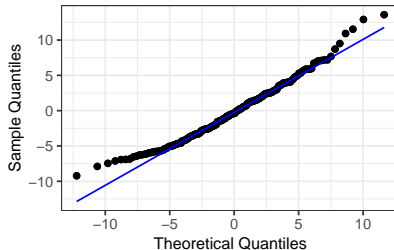


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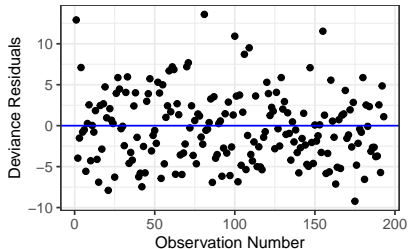
**Residual Plot**



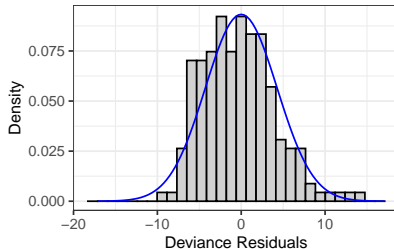
**Q-Q Plot**



**Index Plot**



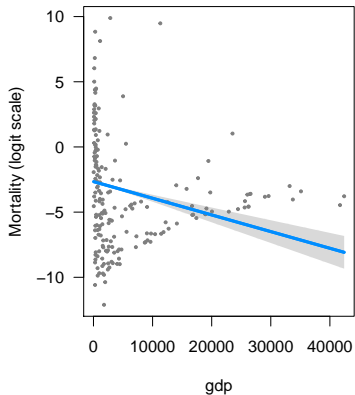
**Histogram**



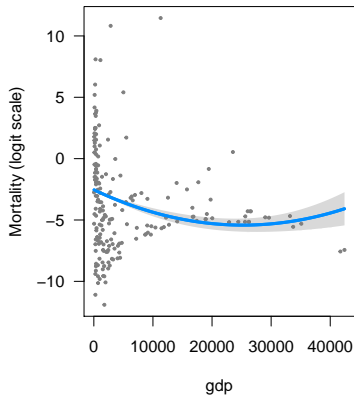


# Think about the shape of relationships

**Mortality ~ GDP**

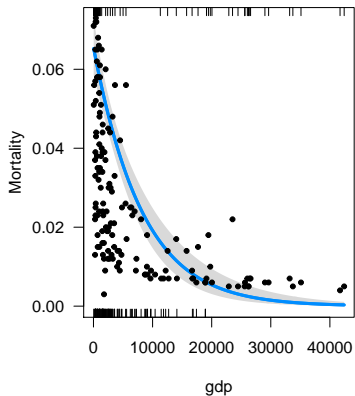


**Mortality ~ GDP + GDP<sup>2</sup>**

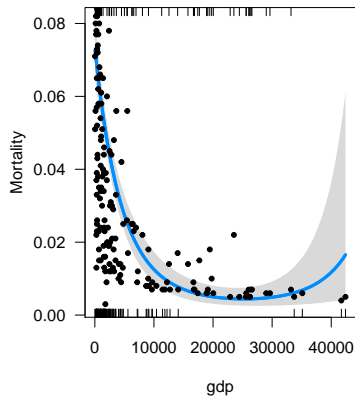


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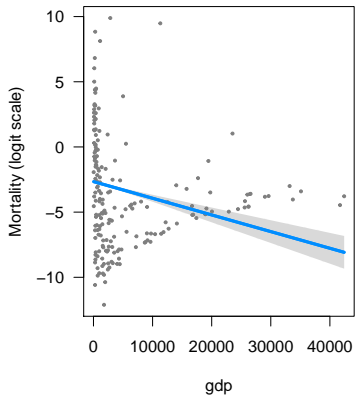


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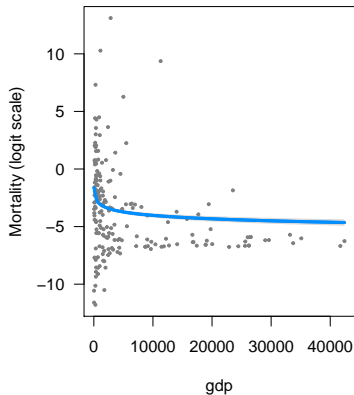


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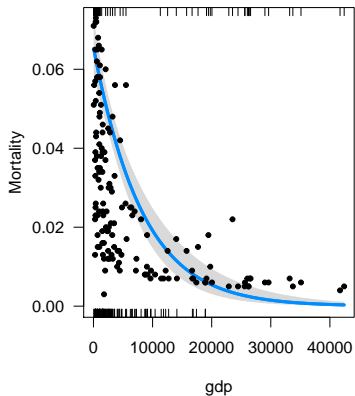


**Mortality ~ log(GDP)**

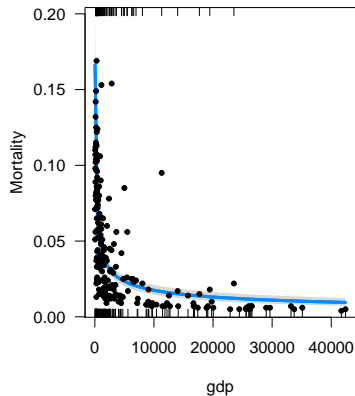


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**Mortality ~ GDP**



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## More examples

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- ▶ seedset.csv: Comparing seed set among plants (Data from Harder et al. 2011)

## Seed set among plants

```
seed <- readr::read_csv("data-raw/seedset.csv")  
head(seed)
```

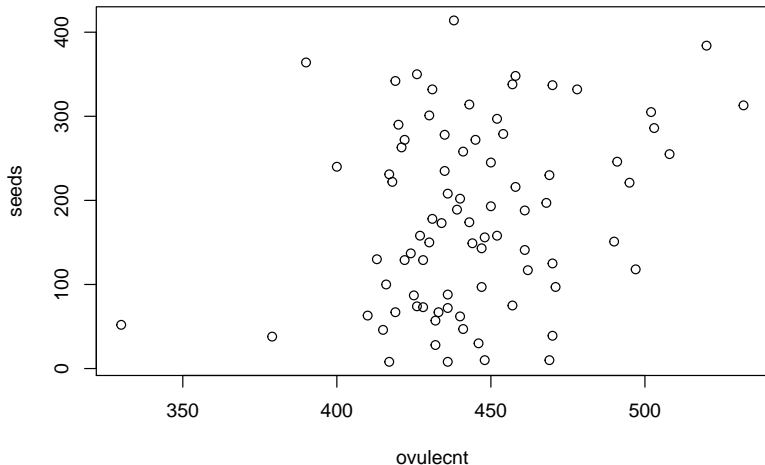
```
# A tibble: 6 x 6
```

	species <chr>	plant <dbl>	pcmass <dbl>	fertilized <dbl>	seeds <dbl>	ovulecnt <dbl>
1	ferruginea	2	0	70	52	330
2	ferruginea	2	0.2	321	188	461
3	ferruginea	2	0.485	351	278	435
4	ferruginea	2	0.737	386	301	430
5	ferruginea	2	1	367	342	419
6	ferruginea	3	0	185	39	470

```
seed$plant <- as.factor(seed$plant)
```

## Number of seeds vs Number of ovules

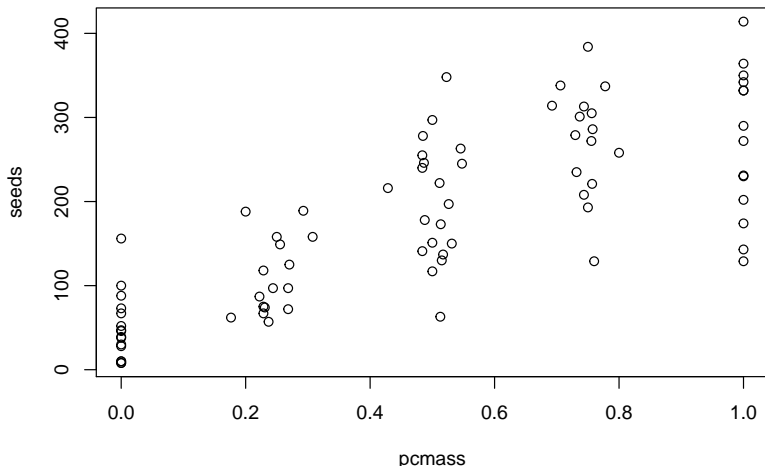
```
plot(seeds ~ ovulecnt, data = seed)
```



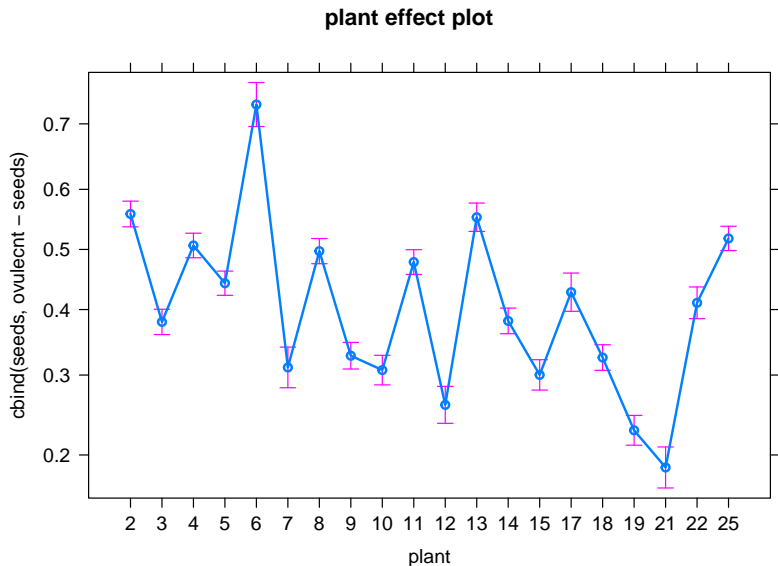


## Number of seeds vs Proportion outcross pollen

```
plot(seeds ~ pcmass, data = seed)
```

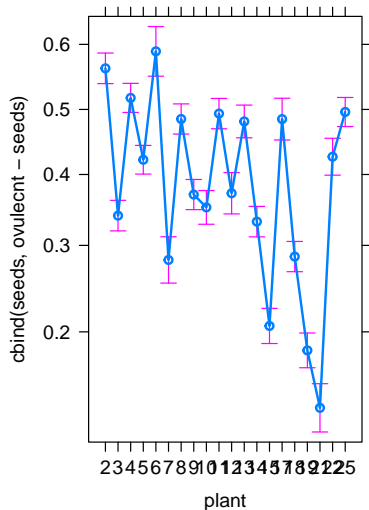


# Seed set across plants

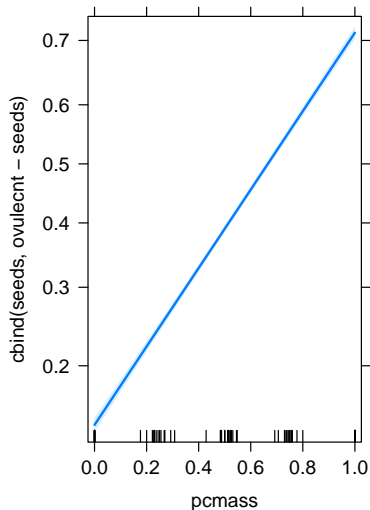


Seed set  $\sim$  outcross pollen

plant effect plot



pcmass effect plot



GLM for count data: Poisson regression

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Then

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- ▶ Link function:  $\log$

Then

$$\log(N) = a + bx$$

$$N = e^{a+bx}$$

## Example dataset: Seedling counts in quadrats

```
seedl <- read.csv("data-raw/seedlings.csv")
```

X	count	row	col
Min. : 1.00	Min. :0.00	Min. :1	Min. : 1.0
1st Qu.:13.25	1st Qu.:1.00	1st Qu.:2	1st Qu.: 3.0
Median :25.50	Median :2.00	Median :3	Median : 5.5
Mean :25.50	Mean :2.14	Mean :3	Mean : 5.5
3rd Qu.:37.75	3rd Qu.:3.00	3rd Qu.:4	3rd Qu.: 8.0
Max. :50.00	Max. :7.00	Max. :5	Max. :10.0

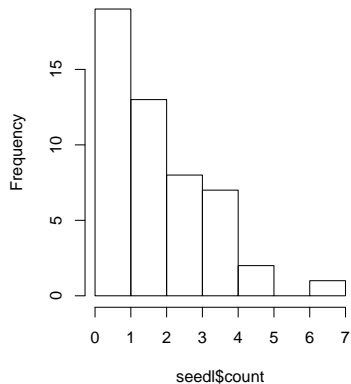
light	area
Min. : 2.571	Min. :0.25
1st Qu.:26.879	1st Qu.:0.25
Median :47.493	Median :0.50
Mean :47.959	Mean :0.62
3rd Qu.:67.522	3rd Qu.:1.00
Max. :99.135	Max. :1.00

# EDA

```
table(seed1$count)
```

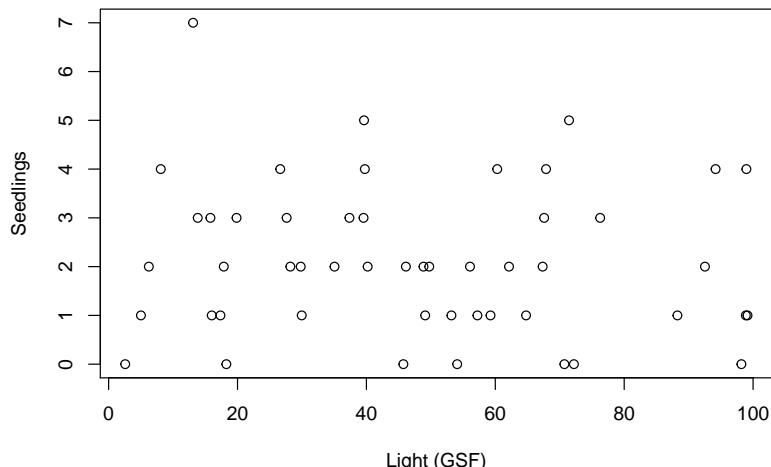
0	1	2	3	4	5	7
7	12	13	8	7	2	1

Histogram of seed1\$count



## Q: Relationship between Nseedlings and light?

```
plot(seedl$light, seedl$count, xlab = "Light (GSF)", ylab = "Seedlings")
```



# Let's fit model (Poisson regression)

```
seed1.glm <- glm(count ~ light, data = seed1, family = poisson)
summary(seed1.glm)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = count ~ light, family = poisson, data = seed1)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.1906	-0.8466	-0.1110	0.5220	2.4577

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	0.881805	0.188892	4.668	3.04e-06 ***
light	-0.002576	0.003528	-0.730	0.465

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(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 63.029 on 49 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 62.492 on 48 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 182.03

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5

# Interpreting Poisson regression output

Parameter estimates (log scale):

```
coef(seed1.glm)
```

(Intercept)	light
0.881805022	-0.002575656

**We need to back-transform:** apply the inverse of the logarithm

```
exp(coef(seed1.glm))
```

(Intercept)	light
2.4152554	0.9974277

## Using effects package

```
summary(allEffects(seed1.glm))
```

```
model: count ~ light
```

```
light effect
```

```
light
```

	3	30	50	70	100
	2.396665	2.235657	2.123408	2.016794	1.866826

```
Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
```

```
light
```

	3	30	50	70	100
	1.684579	1.795202	1.753373	1.567785	1.228247

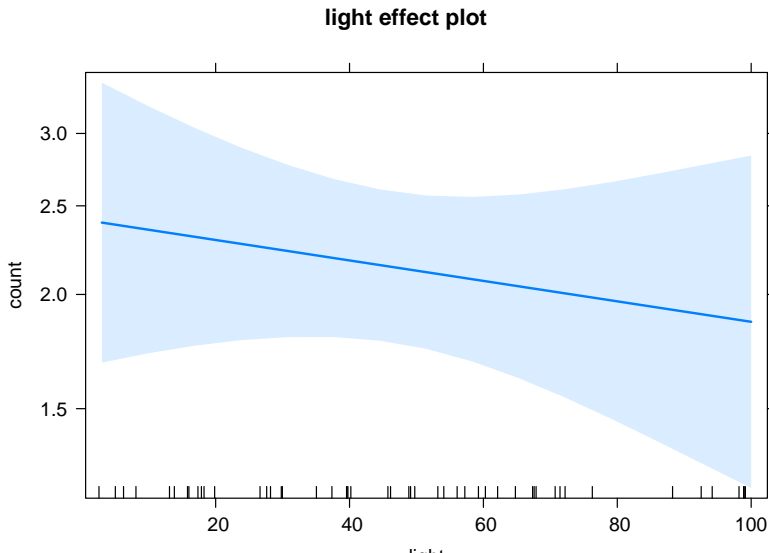
```
Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
```

```
light
```

	3	30	50	70	100
	3.409754	2.784179	2.571535	2.594398	2.837408

## So what's the relationship between Nseedlings and light?

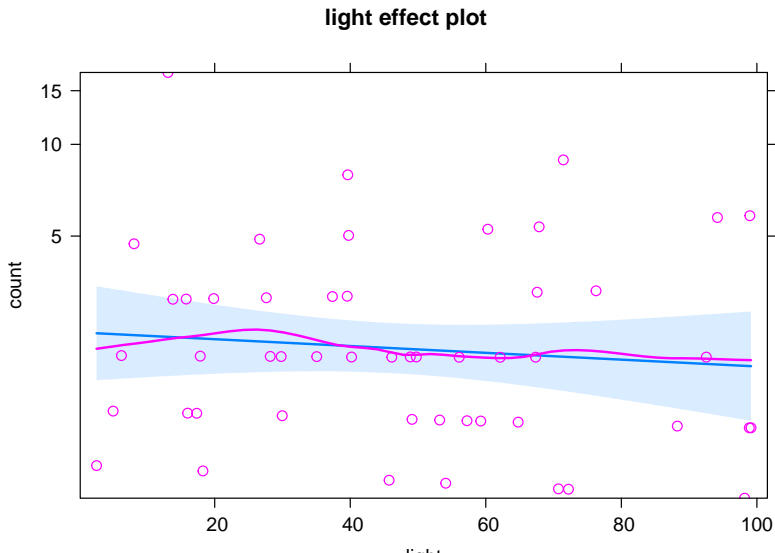
```
plot(allEffects(seed1.glm))
```



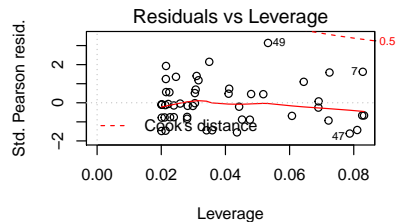
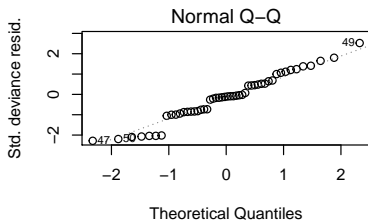
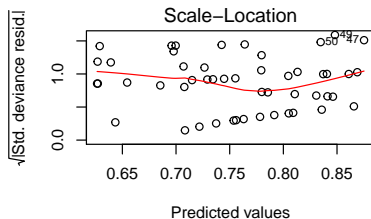
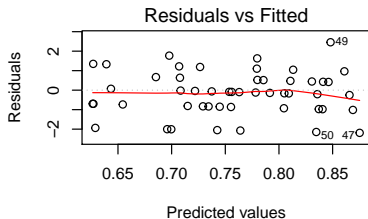


# There's lot of unexplained variation

```
plot(allEffects(seed1.glm, residuals = TRUE))
```



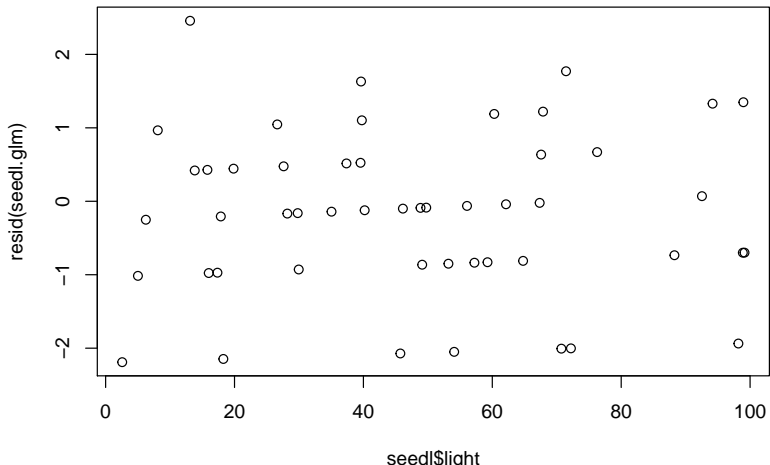
# Poisson regression: model checking



null device

## Is there pattern of residuals along predictor?

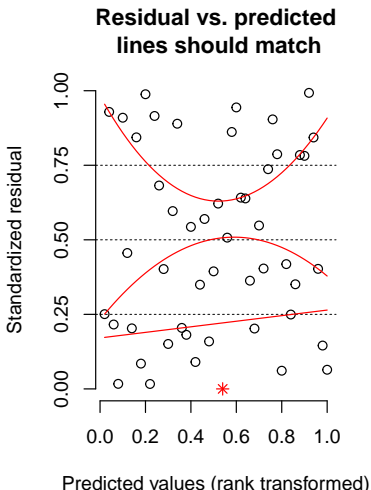
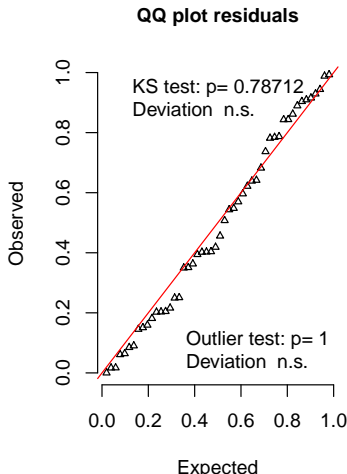
```
plot(seed1$light, resid(seed1.glm))
```



# Residuals diagnostics with DHARMA

```
DHARMA::simulateResiduals(seed1.glm, plot = TRUE)
```

DHARMA scaled residual plots



## Poisson regression: Overdispersion

## Always check overdispersion with count data

```
simres <- simulateResiduals(seed1.glm, refit = TRUE)  
testDispersion(simres, plot = FALSE)
```

DHARMA nonparametric dispersion test via mean deviance residuals  
fitted vs. simulated-refitted

```
data:  simres  
dispersion = 1.1655, p-value = 0.432  
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

# Accounting for overdispersion in count data

Use family quasipoisson

Call:

```
glm(formula = count ~ light, family = quasipoisson, data = seedl
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.1906	-0.8466	-0.1110	0.5220	2.4577

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.881805	0.201230	4.382	6.37e-05 ***
light	-0.002576	0.003758	-0.685	0.496

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(Dispersion parameter for quasipoisson family taken to be 1.1349

Null deviance:	63.029	on 49	degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:	62.492	on 48	degrees of freedom

## Mean estimates do not change after accounting for overdispersion

```
model: count ~ light
```

```
light effect
```

```
light
```

	3	30	50	70	100
	2.396665	2.235657	2.123408	2.016794	1.866826

```
model: count ~ light
```

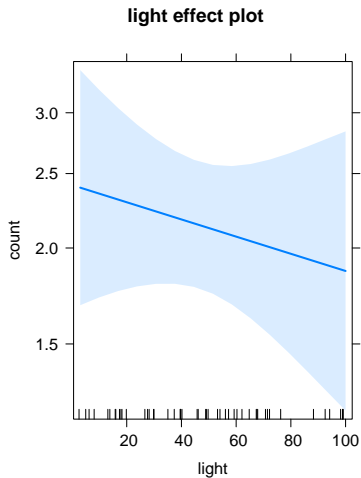
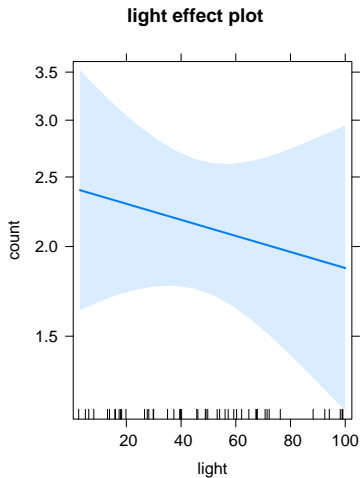
```
light effect
```

```
light
```

	3	30	50	70	100
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But standard errors may change



What if survey plots have different area?

# Avoid regression of ratios

seedlings/area  $\sim$  light

*J. R. Statist. Soc. A* (1993)  
156, Part 3, pp. 379–392

## **Spurious Correlation and the Fallacy of the Ratio Standard Revisited**

By RICHARD A. KRONMAL†

## Use offset to standardise response variables in GLMs

```
seedl.offset <- glm(count ~ light, offset = seedl$area, data = seedl, family = poisson)
summary(seedl.offset)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = count ~ light, family = poisson, data = seedl,
     offset = seedl$area)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.6926	-0.8532	0.1491	0.5211	3.1051

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	0.299469	0.185468	1.615	0.106
light	-0.004498	0.003441	-1.307	0.191

(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 70.263 on 49 degrees of freedom

Note estimates now referred to area units

```
exp(coef(seedl.offset))
```

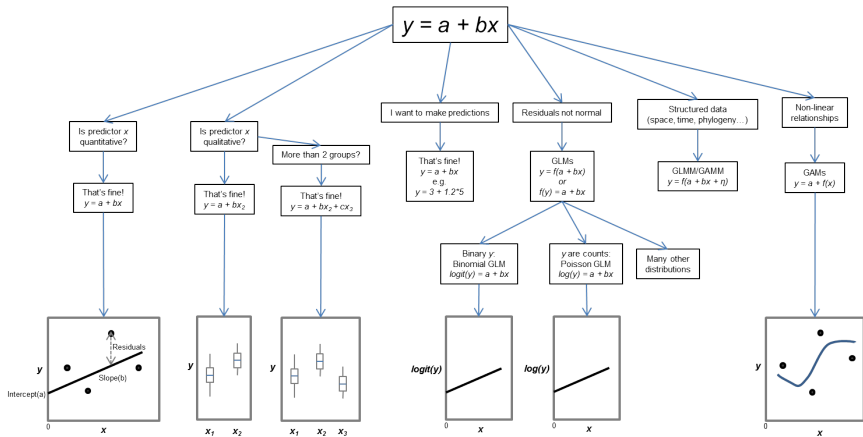
(Intercept)	light
1.3491422	0.9955123

## Other examples

- ▶ Infant mortality  $\sim$  GDP

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- ▶ Infant mortality  $\sim$  GDP
- ▶ Number of cones consumed by squirrels (data)





END



Source code and materials:

<https://github.com/Pakillo/LM-GLM-GLMM-intro>