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**Assignment 1**

In order to compare and contrast the population trajectories between a developing nation and a developed nation and explore the explanatory variables affecting them, single and multiple linear regression was utilized. For both Uganda, a developing nation, and France, a developed nation, a simple linear model was created to explore the per capita growth rates (dN/Ndt) as a function of population size (Nt) and a multiple linear regression model was created to explore significant explanatory variables affecting the per capita growth rates (dN/Ndt).

**Uganda**

Figure 1 shows the per capita growth rate from 1961 to 2006. After exploring multiple lines of fit, a single linear model seemed most appropriate given that the overall trend is growth. According to this model of current growth, Uganda will not reach the carrying capacity (K) because the per capita growth rate is increasing at the same time total population increases. The diagnostic plot for the model shows that assumptions are met, though the scale-location plot indicates that the residuals are not spread totally equally along the ranges of predictors. Though the model shows the per capita growth rate (dN/Ndt) is significantly predicted by population size (Nt),with a low R2 of 0.22 and an large variability in dN/Ndt suggests non-linear models are worth exploring.

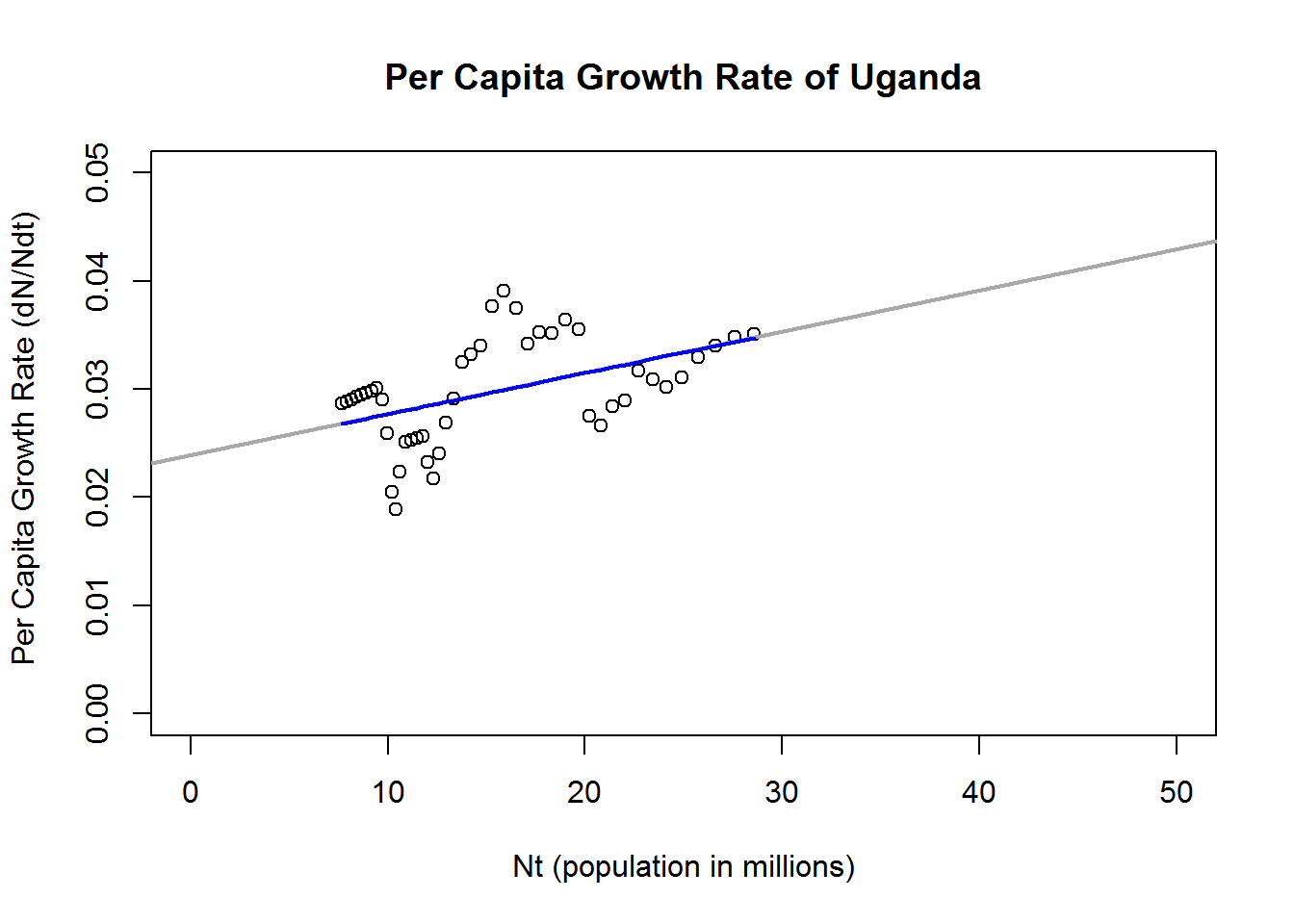


Figure : **Population Growth in Uganda 1961 to 2006.** Per capita growth rate (dN/Ndt) is significantly predicted by population size (Nt) (n = 46) (F(1,43) = 13.24, p < 0.001, R2 = 0.22).

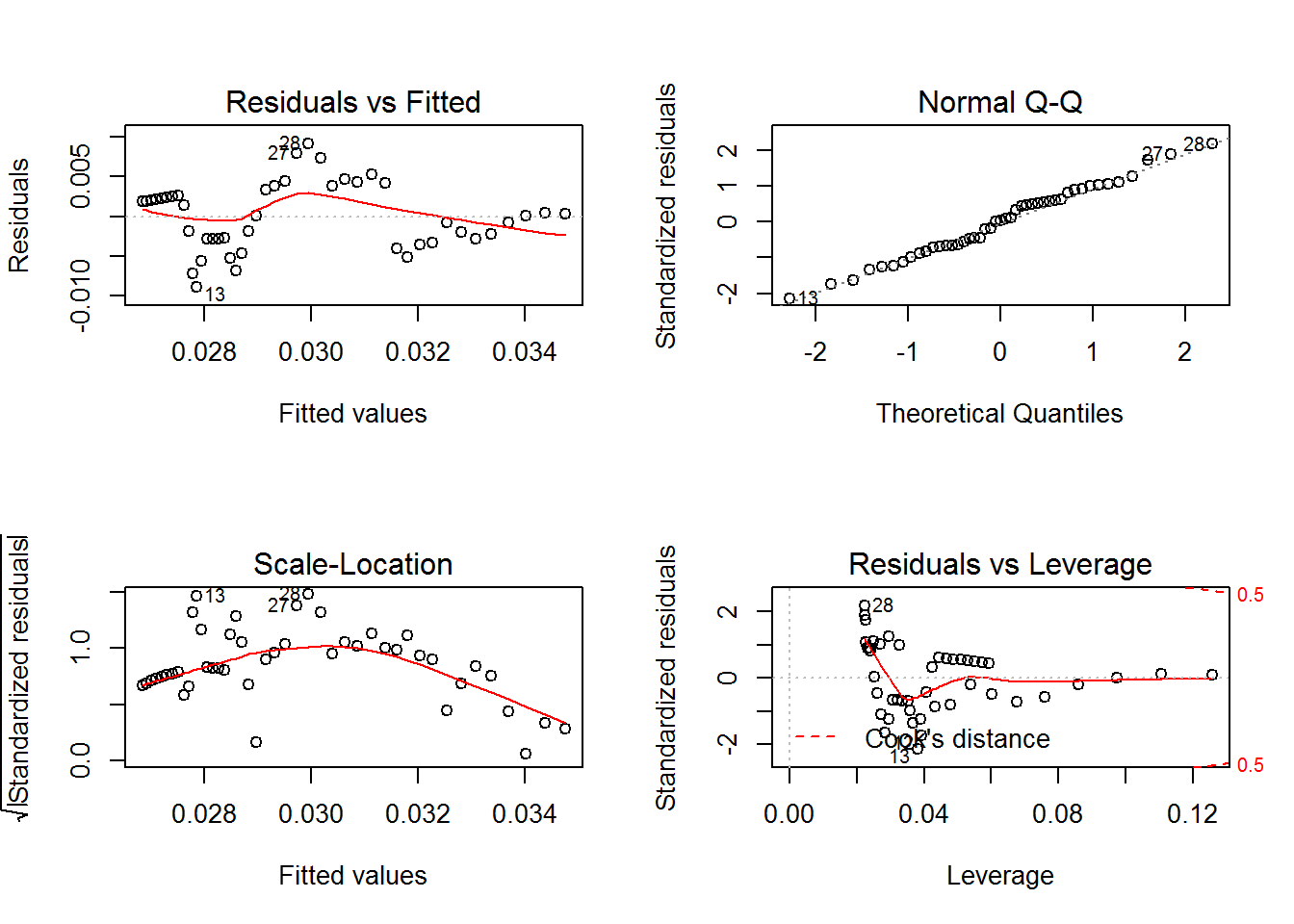


Figure : **Diagnostic plots for Uganda dN/Ndt model**

In order to explore the explanatory variables the population trajectory of Uganda between a multiple linear regression model was created. The model (dN/Ndt = -0.023 ∗ Food per Capita + 0.012 \* Years of Education + -0.002 Population Size explains a significant amount of variance in per capita population growth (dN/Ndt) (F(3, 38) = 7.722, *p* < 0.001, *R2* = 0.33). The diagnostic plots show that the four assumptions are met –linearity, independence, homoscedasticity, and normality.

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|  | *Dependent variable:* |
|  |  |
|  | dNNdt |
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| Food per Capita | -0.023\*\*\* |
|  | (0.008) |
|  |  |
| Years of Education | 0.012\*\* |
|  | (0.004) |
|  |  |
| Population | -0.002\*\* |
|  | (0.001) |
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| Constant | 0.278\*\*\* |
|  | (0.083) |
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| Observations | 42 |
| R2 | 0.379 |
| Adjusted R2 | 0.330 |
| Residual Std. Error | 0.004 (df = 38) |
| F Statistic | 7.722\*\*\* (df = 3; 38) |
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| *Note:* | *p<0.1;****p<0.05;***p<0.01 |

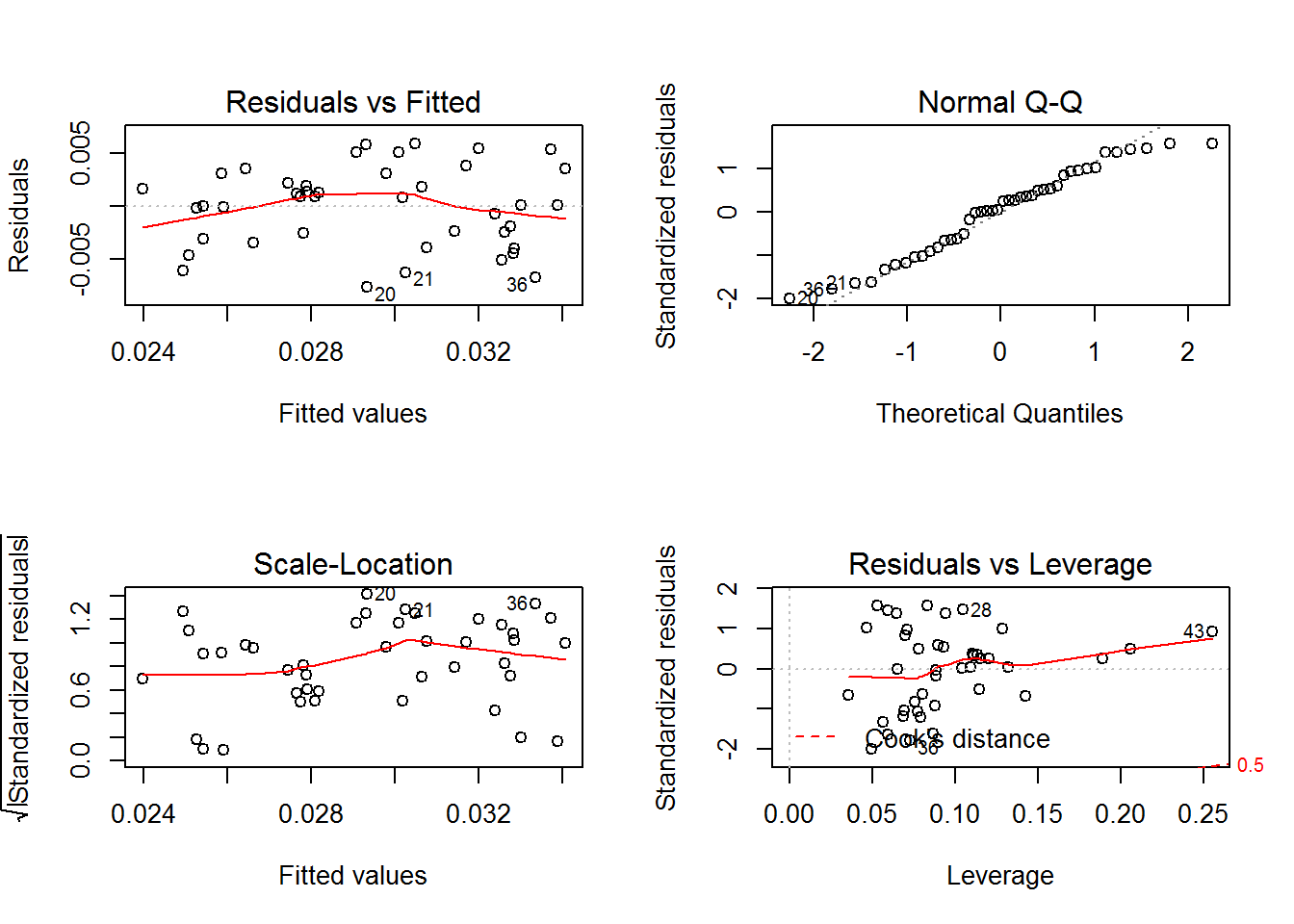


Figure : **Diagnostic Plots for Uganda Multilinear Regression Model**