

### Problem Set 3

I did try to do my write-up in Latex but it kept crashing on my laptop and I don't think I did it right so I have made a PDF of my answers just in case.

#### Question 1

1.

```
# estimate the regression manually
lm_by_hand <- function(data, predictors, outcome) {
  # ensure predictors is a vector of column names
  if (!is.character(predictors)) predictors <- as.character(predictors)

  # creating matrices
  X <- as.matrix(cbind(1, data[, predictors])) # add a column of 1s for the intercept
  Y <- as.matrix(data[, outcome])

  # calculating betas (coefficients)
  betas <- solve(t(X) %*% X) %*% (t(X) %*% Y)
  rownames(betas) <- c("Intercept", predictors)

  # number of observations and parameters
  n <- nrow(X)
  k <- ncol(X)

  # estimating sigma^2 (variance of the residuals)
  residuals <- Y - X %*% betas
  sigma_squared <- sum(residuals^2) / (n - k)

  # covariance matrix for betas
  var_covar_mat <- sigma_squared * solve(t(X) %*% X)

  # SEs for coefficient estimates
  SEs <- sqrt(diag(var_covar_mat))

  # t-statistics and p-values
  t_stats <- betas / SEs
  p_values <- 2 * pt(abs(t_stats), df = n - k, lower.tail = FALSE)

  # return all results in a list
  return(list(
    coefficients = betas,
    standard_errors = SEs,
    t_statistics = t_stats,
    p_values = p_values,
    residuals = residuals,
    sigma_squared = sigma_squared,
    var_covar_matrix = var_covar_mat
  ))
}
```

```

#trying this
result1 <- lm_by_hand(data = incumbents, predictors = "difflog", outcome = "voteshare")
result1
# print results
print(result1$coefficients)      # coefficients
print(result1$standard_errors)  # SEs
print(result1$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
print(result1$p_values)        # p-values

#trying the built-in lm function
auto_results1 <- lm(voteshare ~ difflog, data= incumbents)
summary(auto_results1)

> # print results
> print(result1$coefficients)    # coefficients
      [,1]
Intercept 0.57903071
difflog    0.04166632
> print(result1$standard_errors) # SEs
[1] 0.0022513886 0.0009679924
> print(result1$t_statistics)    # t-statistics
      [,1]
Intercept 257.18826
difflog    43.04406
> print(result1$p_values)       # p-values
      [,1]
Intercept 0.000000e+00
difflog    1.359767e-319

> summary(auto_results1)

Call:
lm(formula = voteshare ~ difflog, data = incumbents)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.26832 -0.05345 -0.00377  0.04780  0.32749

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  0.579031   0.002251  257.19  <2e-16 ***
difflog      0.041666   0.000968   43.04  <2e-16 ***
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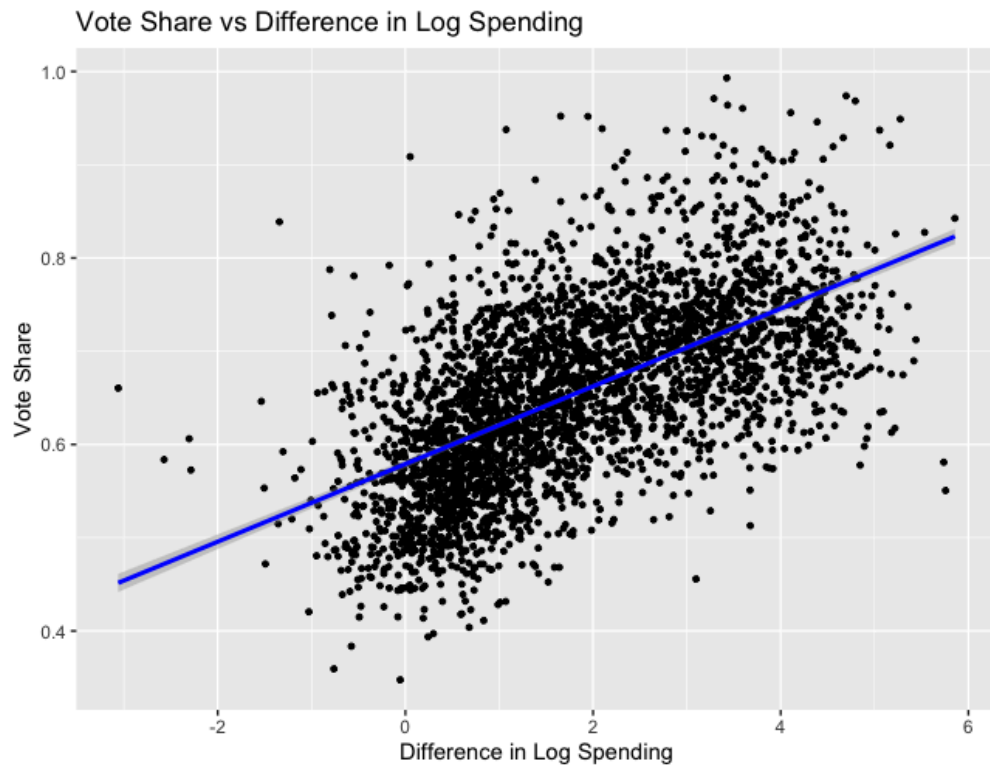
Residual standard error: 0.07867 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.3673,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.3671
F-statistic: 1853 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

## 2. Getting the scatterplot

```
#making a scatterplot
ggplot(incumbents, aes(x = difflog, y = voteshare)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) + # adjust the size of the points
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", col = "blue") +
  labs(title = "Vote Share vs Difference in Log Spending",
       x = "Difference in Log Spending",
       y = "Vote Share")
```

a.



b.

3. Getting the residuals

```
#getting/saving residuals
residuals1 <- resid(auto_results1)
residuals1
```

a.

4. Writing the prediction equation

- a. Prediction = intercept + (slope x input value for difflog)
- b.  $y^{\wedge} = 0.579031 + 0.0461666 \times \text{difflog}$

Question 2

1.

```

#running a regression where outcome variable is presvote and explanatory is difflog
#using the function from Q1
result2 <- lm_by_hand(data = incumbents, predictors = "difflog", outcome = "presvote")
result2
# print results
print(result2$coefficients)      # coefficients
print(result2$standard_errors)  # SEs
print(result2$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
print(result2$p_values)         # p-values

#trying the built-in lm function
auto_results2 <- lm(presvote ~ difflog, data= incumbents)
summary(auto_results2)

```

```

> # print results
> print(result2$coefficients)      # coefficients
      [,1]
Intercept 0.50758333
difflog    0.02383723
> print(result2$standard_errors)  # SEs
[1] 0.003160529 0.001358880
> print(result2$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
      [,1]
Intercept 160.60077
difflog    17.54182
> print(result2$p_values)         # p-values
      [,1]
Intercept 0.000000e+00
difflog    7.681359e-66

```

```
> summary(auto_results2)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = presvote ~ difflog, data = incumbents)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.32196	-0.07407	-0.00102	0.07151	0.42743

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.507583	0.003161	160.60	<2e-16 ***
difflog	0.023837	0.001359	17.54	<2e-16 ***

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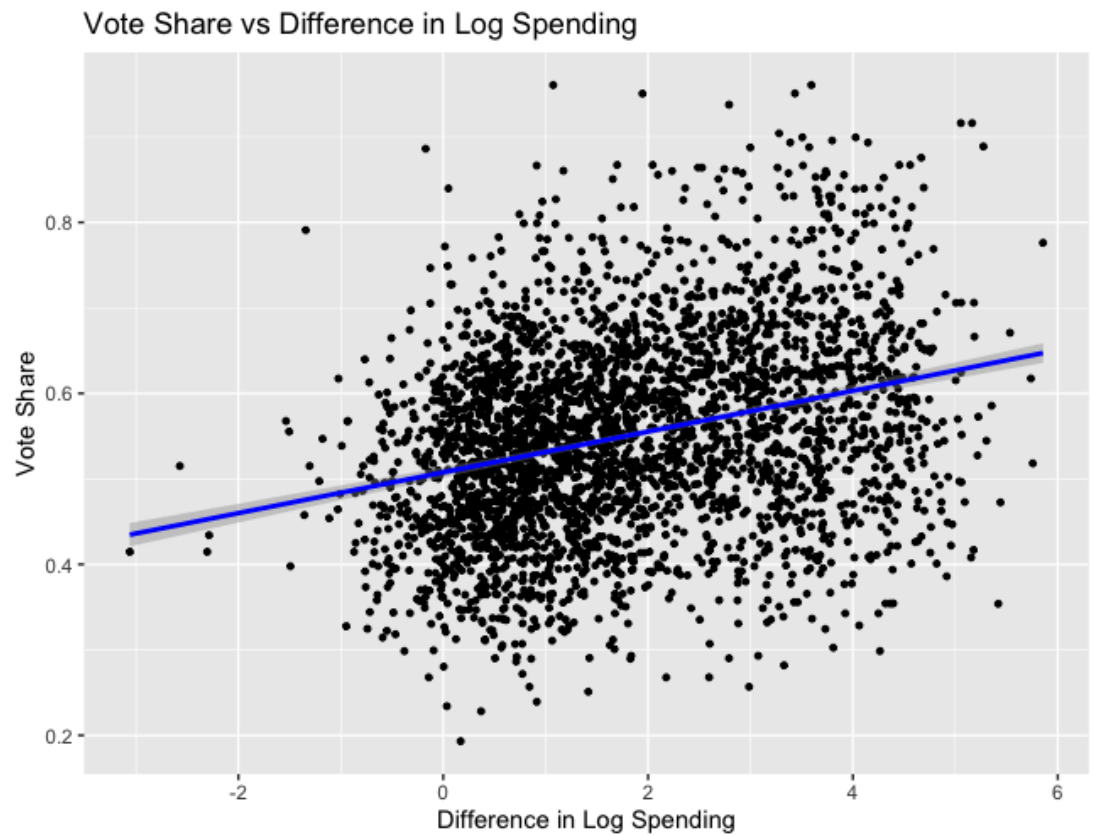
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Residual standard error: 0.1104 on 3191 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.08795, Adjusted R-squared: 0.08767

F-statistic: 307.7 on 1 and 3191 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## 2. Making a scatter plot



a.

## 3. Getting and saving residuals

```
#getting/saving residuals
residuals2 <- resid(auto_results2)
residuals2
```

a.

4. Writing the prediction equation

- a. Prediction = intercept + (slope x input value for difflog)
- b.  $y^{\wedge} = 0.507583 + 0.023837 \times \text{difflog}$

### Question 3

1.

```
#running a regression where outcome variable is voteshare and explanatory is presvote
#using the function from Q1
result3 <- lm_by_hand(data = incumbents, predictors = "presvote", outcome = "voteshare")
result3
# print results
print(result3$coefficients)      # coefficients
print(result3$standard_errors)  # SEs
print(result3$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
print(result3$p_values)        # p-values

#trying the built-in lm function
auto_results3 <- lm(voteshare ~ presvote, data= incumbents)
summary(auto_results3)
```

```

> # print results
> print(result3$coefficients)      # coefficients
      [,1]
Intercept 0.4413299
presvote  0.3880184
> print(result3$standard_errors)   # SEs
[1] 0.007598612 0.013493130
> print(result3$t_statistics)      # t-statistics
      [,1]
Intercept 58.08033
presvote  28.75674
> print(result3$p_values)          # p-values
      [,1]
Intercept 0.000000e+00
presvote  6.586314e-162
> summary(auto_results3)

```

Call:

```
lm(formula = voteshare ~ presvote, data = incumbents)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.27330	-0.05888	0.00394	0.06148	0.41365

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.441330	0.007599	58.08	<2e-16 ***
presvote	0.388018	0.013493	28.76	<2e-16 ***

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Residual standard error: 0.08815 on 3191 degrees of freedom

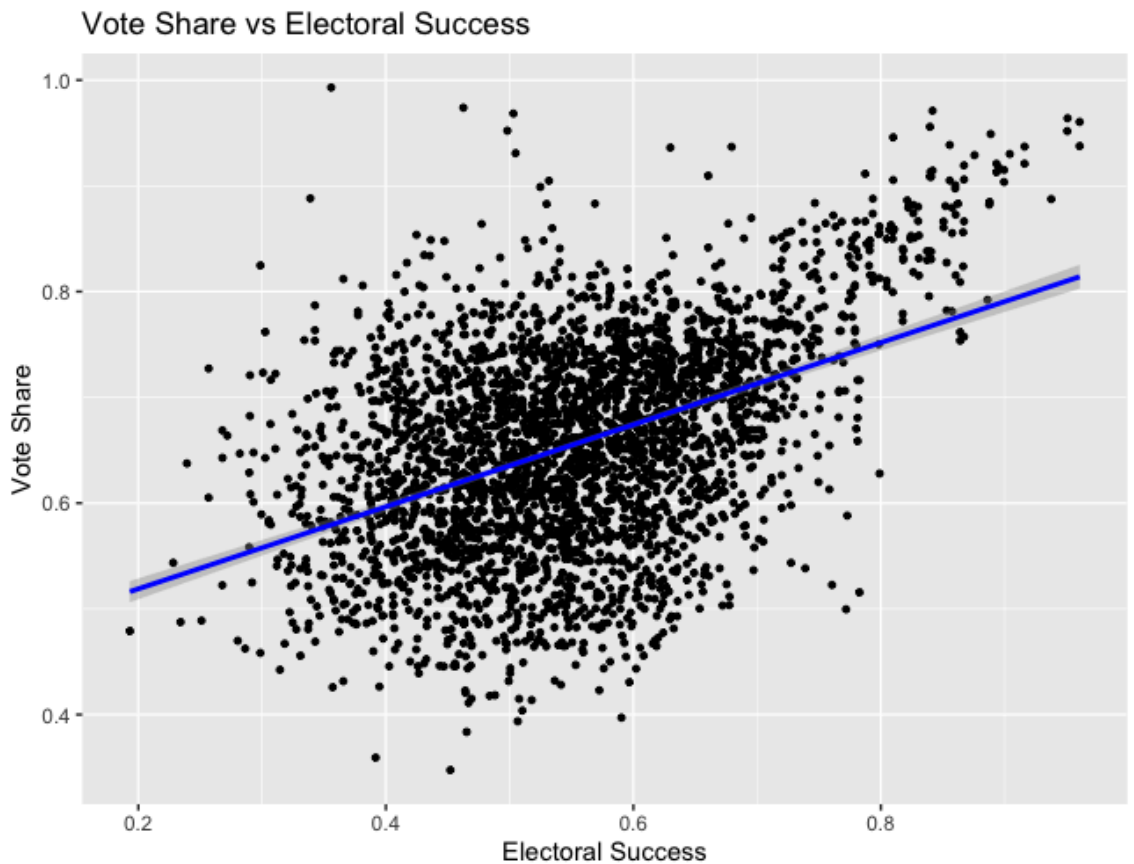
Multiple R-squared: 0.2058, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2056

F-statistic: 827 on 1 and 3191 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## 2. Making a scatter plot

```
#making a scatterplot
ggplot(incumbents, aes(x = presvote, y = voteshare)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) + # adjust the size of the points
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", col = "blue") +
  labs(title = "Vote Share vs Electoral Success",
       x = "Electoral Success",
       y = "Vote Share")
```

a.



b.

```
#getting/saving residuals
residuals3 <- resid(auto_results3)
residuals3
```

3.

4. Writing the prediction equation

- a. Prediction = intercept + (slope x input value for presvote)
- b.  $y^{\wedge} = 0.441330 + 0.388018 \times \text{presvote}$

#### Question 4

1.

```
#running a regression where outcome variable is Q1 residuals and explanatory is Q2 residuals
## with the built-in lm function
auto_results4 <- lm(residuals1 ~ residuals2)
summary(auto_results4)
```



```
> summary(auto_results4)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = residuals1 ~ residuals2)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.25928	-0.04737	-0.00121	0.04618	0.33126

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	3.876e-17	1.299e-03	0.00	1
residuals2	2.569e-01	1.176e-02	21.84	<2e-16 ***

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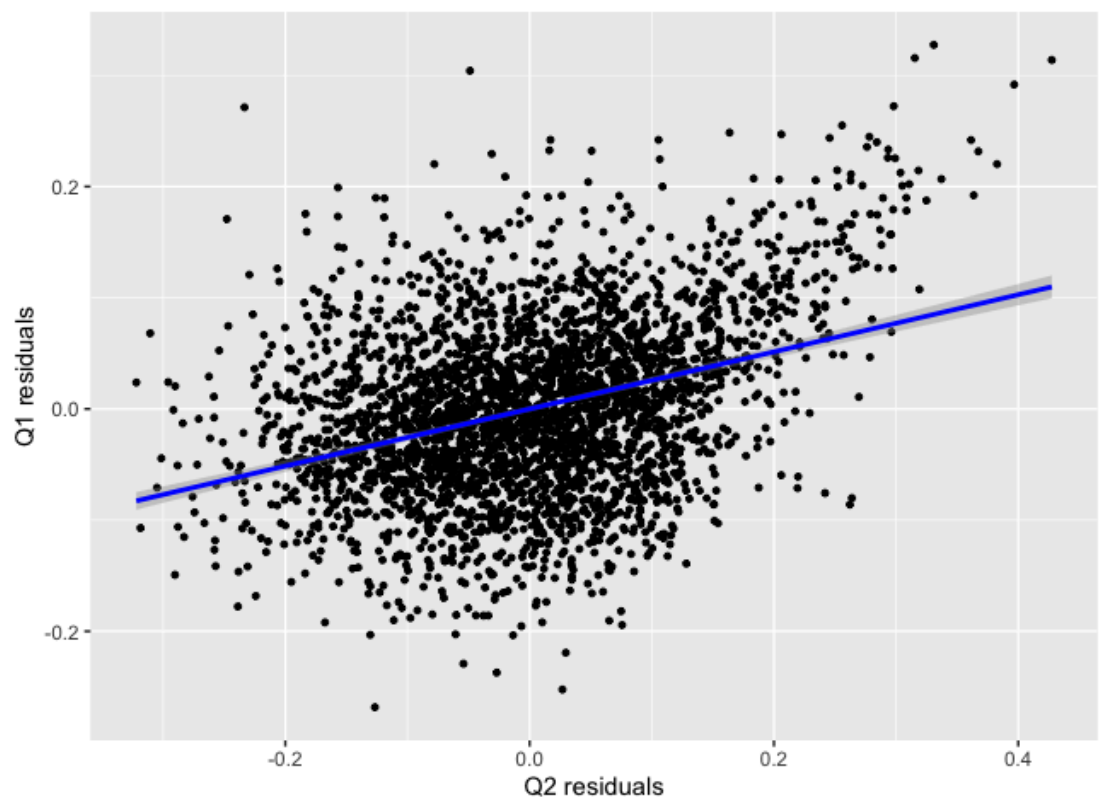
Residual standard error: 0.07338 on 3191 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.13, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1298

F-statistic: 477 on 1 and 3191 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## 2. Making a scatterplot

Q1 Residuals vs Q2 Residuals



a.

## 3. Writing the prediction equation

a. Writing the prediction equation

i. Prediction = intercept + (slope x input value for residuals2)

ii.  $y^{\wedge} = 3.876e-17 + 2.569e-01 \times \text{residuals}^2$

### Question 5

1.

```
#running a regression where outcome variable is voteshare and explanatory are difflog and presvote
#using the function from Q1
result5 <- lm_by_hand(data = incumbents, predictors = c("difflog", "presvote"), outcome = "voteshare")
result5
# print results
print(result5$coefficients)      # coefficients
print(result5$standard_errors)  # SEs
print(result5$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
print(result5$p_values)        # p-values

#trying the built-in lm function
auto_results5 <- lm(voteshare ~ difflog + presvote, data = incumbents)
summary(auto_results5)
```

```
> # print results
> print(result5$coefficients)      # coefficients
      [,1]
Intercept 0.44864422
difflog    0.03554309
presvote   0.25687701
> print(result5$standard_errors)  # SEs
      1      difflog      presvote
0.0063296774 0.0009455428 0.0117637458
> print(result5$t_statistics)     # t-statistics
      [,1]
Intercept 70.87948
difflog    37.59014
presvote   21.83633
> print(result5$p_values)        # p-values
      [,1]
Intercept 0.000000e+00
difflog    2.506742e-256
presvote   1.245446e-98
```

```
> summary(auto_results5)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = voteshare ~ difflog + presvote, data = incumbents)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.25928	-0.04737	-0.00121	0.04618	0.33126

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.4486442	0.0063297	70.88	<2e-16 ***
difflog	0.0355431	0.0009455	37.59	<2e-16 ***
presvote	0.2568770	0.0117637	21.84	<2e-16 ***

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Residual standard error: 0.07339 on 3190 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4496, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4493

F-statistic: 1303 on 2 and 3190 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

2. Writing the prediction equation

a.  $\text{voteshare} = 0.4486442 + 0.03554309 * \text{difflog} + 0.256877 * \text{presvote}$

3. Comparing outputs from Q4 and Q5 to see what is identical

a.

```
> #comparing with results from Q4 to see what is identical
> # Compare the coefficients
> identical(auto_results4$coefficients, auto_results5$coefficients) # TRUE if identical
[1] FALSE
> # Compare the residuals
> identical(auto_results4$residuals, auto_results5$residuals) # TRUE if identical
[1] FALSE
> # Compare the variance-covariance matrices
> identical(auto_results4$var_covar_matrix, auto_results5$var_covar_matrix) # TRUE if identical
[1] TRUE
> # Compare sigma_squared (estimated residual variance)
> identical(auto_results4$sigma_squared, auto_results5$sigma_squared) # TRUE if identical
[1] TRUE
```

- b. The variance-covariance matrices and the sigma-squared values are identical in Q4 and Q5. This indicates that both models have the same level of unexplained variability in the outcome variable, voteshare. And because sigma-squared is identical, neither model is better than the other at explaining overall variance in voteshare. Additionally, because the variance-covariance matrices are the same, it suggests that the standard errors for the two models are unchanged/the same. This outcome indicates a possible collinearity between difflog and presvote, they might explain overlapping portions of voteshare. So given this information, I don't believe there is sufficient

evidence that difference in spending or presidential popularity has more of an effect on the incumbent's vote share than the other.