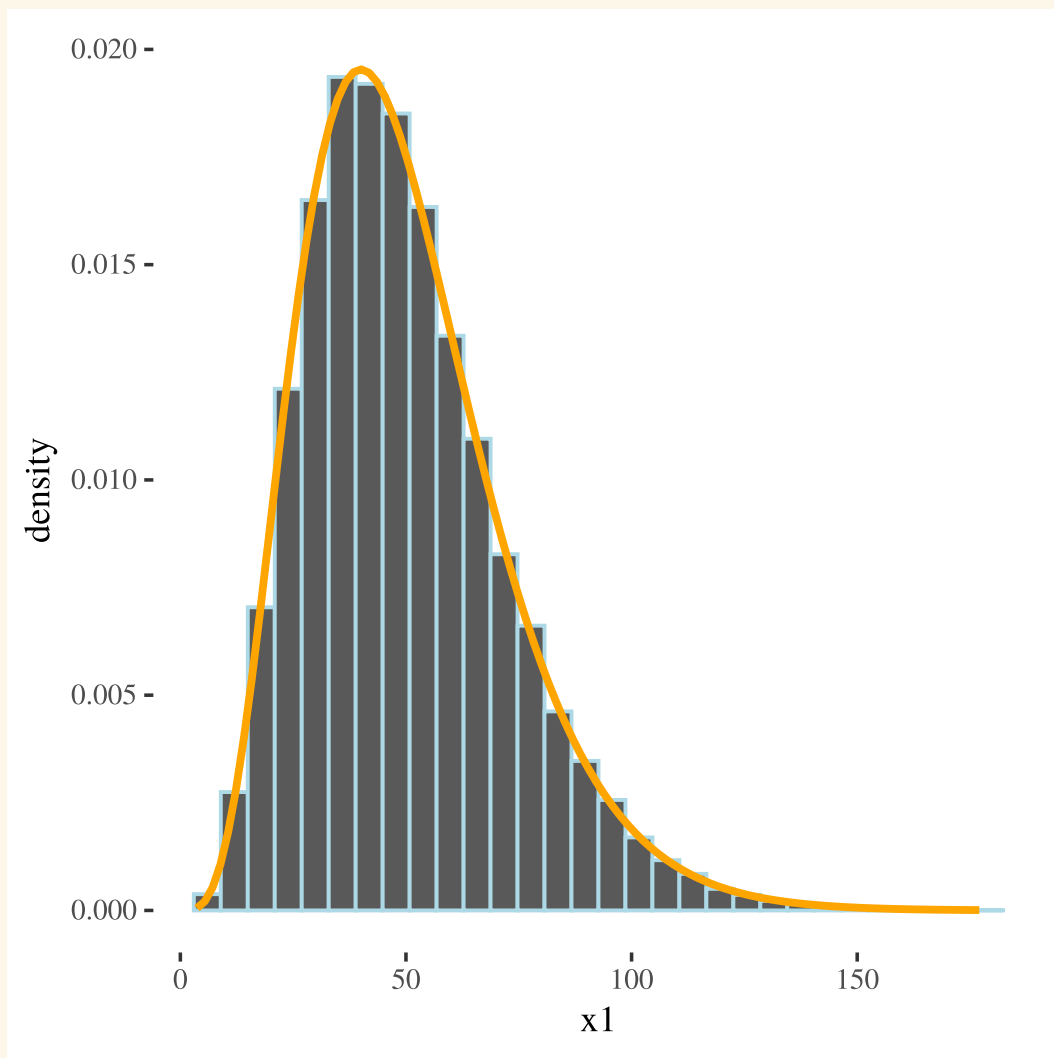


Poisson regression diagnostics

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Overview



Today:

Residuals and case influence
GOF and Poisson assumptions
Quasi-poisson model

Residuals

- Similar to **logistic regression**!
- Pearson and deviance: similar in values and pattern
- Plot vs predictors and look for a "null" plot
- When $\hat{\mu}_i$'s are large (at least 5), both types of residuals should be $N(0, 1)$ distribution (approximately).

Pearson Residuals

Pearson residuals are basically response residuals standardized based on the Poisson SD:

$$pr_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}(X_i)}{\sqrt{\hat{\mu}(X_i)}}$$

- `resid(my_glm, type = "pearson")`
- `augment(my_glm, type.residuals = "pearson")`

Deviance Residuals

Deviance residuals are **each case's** contribution to the residual deviance:

$$\text{Dres}_i = \text{sign}(y_i - \hat{\mu}(X_i)) \sqrt{2 \left[y_i \ln \left(\frac{y_i}{\hat{\mu}(X_i)} \right) - (y_i - \hat{\mu}(X_i)) \right]}$$

- `resid(my_glm, type="deviance")`
- `augment(my_glm, type.residuals = "deviance")`

Case influence stats

In a GLM, **leverage** measures

- both a case's "extremeness" in terms of its predictor values and the size of a case's weight
- in a Poisson GLM, a case's weight is given by $\hat{\mu}(X_i)$

Cook's distance also takes into account a case's leverage (measured both by predictor values and its estimated mean) and a case's residual value.

Australian Possums

```
possums <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/deepbas/statdatasets/main/possums.csv")
pos_glm <- glm(y ~ log(Bark), family = poisson, data = possums)
possums_aug <- augment(pos_glm, data=possums, type.predict = "response")
possums_aug_log <- augment(pos_glm, data=possums) # in log scale
summary(possums_aug$fitted)
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.4147	1.2033	1.4277	1.4768	1.6302	3.1325

- Fitted values $\hat{\mu}$ are all less than 5 .
- residuals won't be approximately normal
- issues trusting GOF test

Augmented data

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Search:

	Acacia	Bark	Habitat	Shrubs	Stags	Stumps	y	.fitted	.resid	.std.resid	.hat	.co
1	32	30	10	7	13	1	3	3.13	-0.08	-0.08	0.09	
2	5	13	3	6	16	0	2	1.91	0.07	0.07	0.01	
3	9	27	3	8	7	0	1	2.94	-1.31	-1.37	0.07	
4	17	17	9	7	15	0	2	2.23	-0.16	-0.16	0.03	
5	21	12	9	6	17	0	3	1.82	0.8	0.81	0.01	
6	32	7	11	4	17	0	2	1.32	0.55	0.55	0.01	

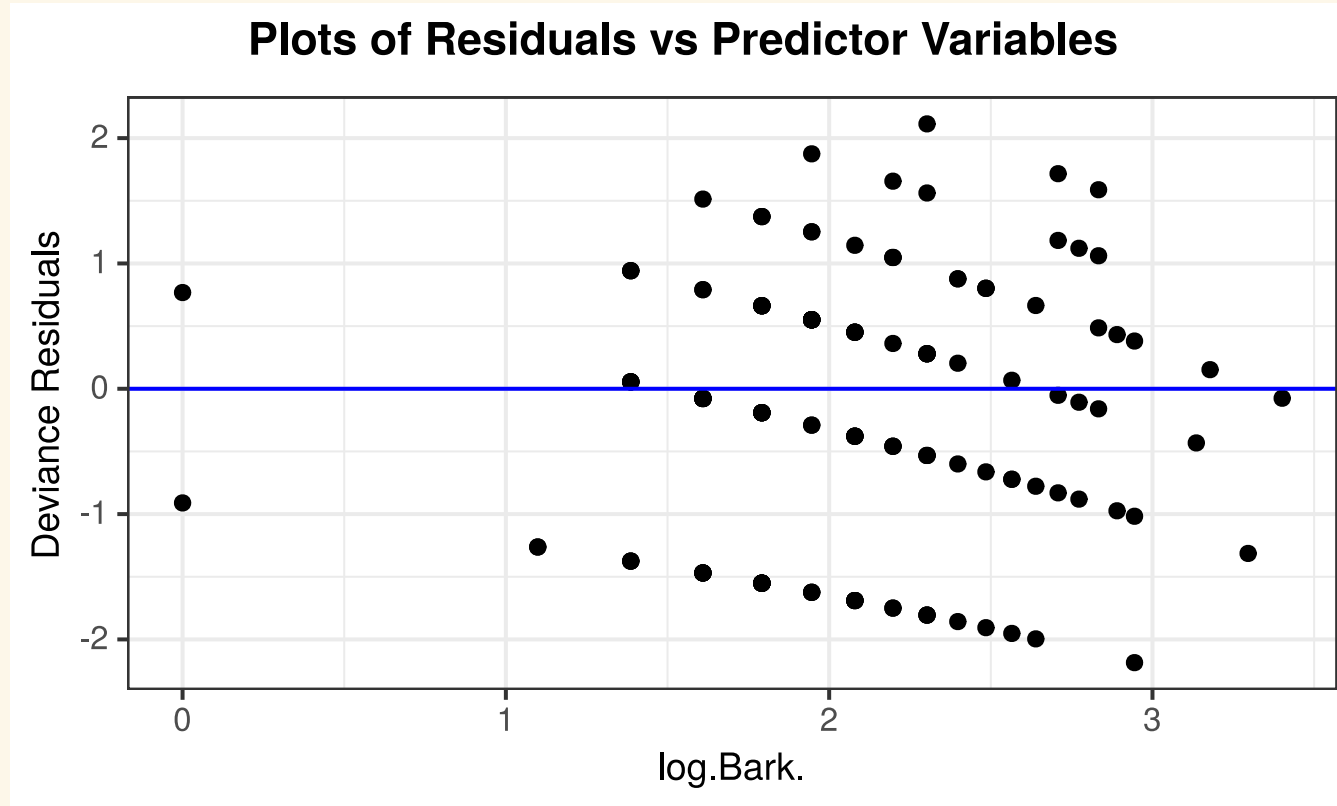
Augmented data (logged)

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4	17	17	9	7	15	0	2	0.8	-0.16	-0.16	0.03	
5	21	12	9	6	17	0	3	0.6	0.8	0.81	0.01	
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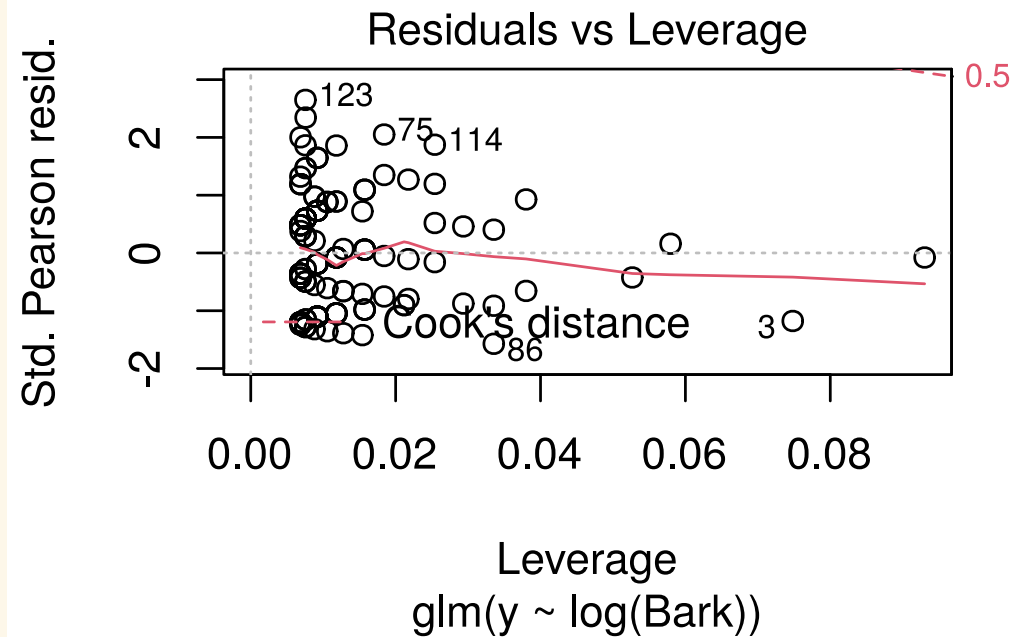
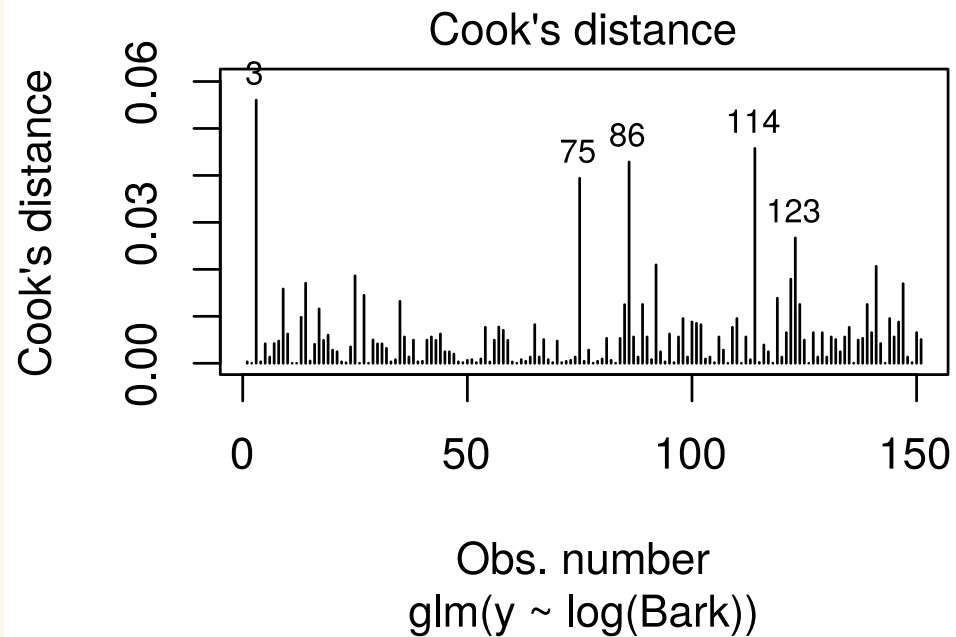
Australian Possums



Why the "line" pattern?

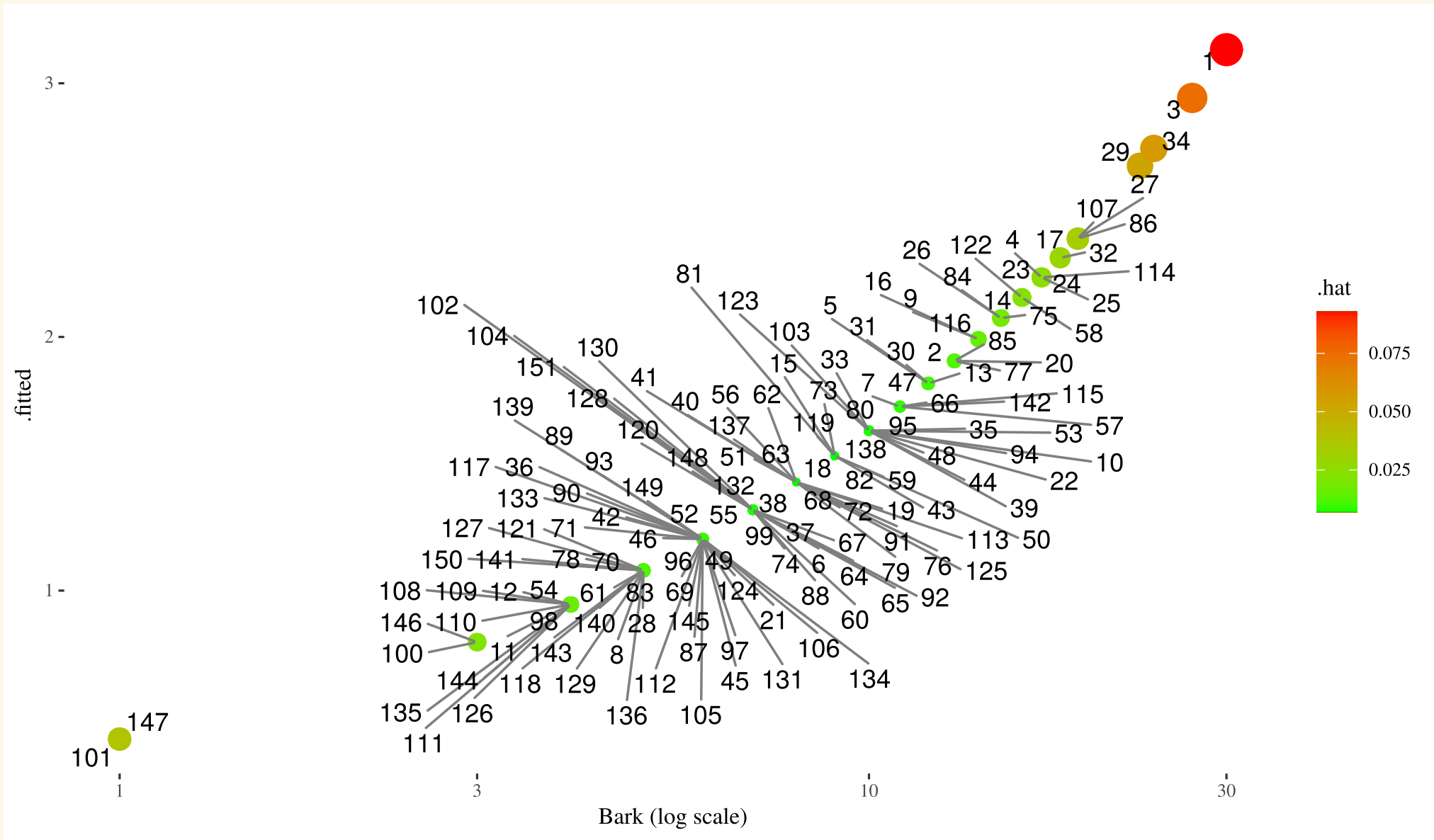
- Looks "null" enough (the lines are due to the discrete count nature of the data- these cases share the same response but have different bark values)

Australian Possums

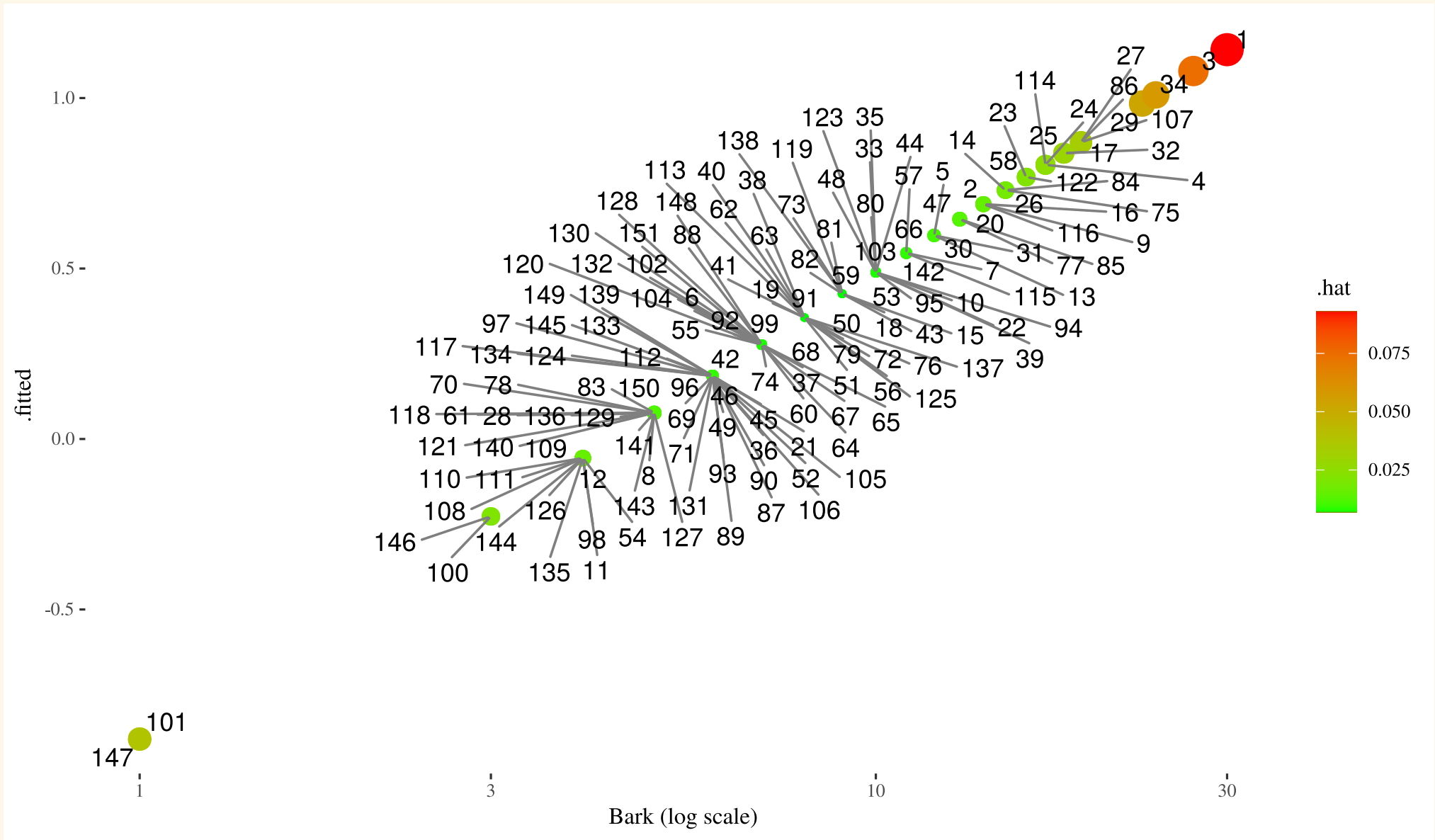


Highest Cook's D: Case 3 has little effect on the model (fit with and without)

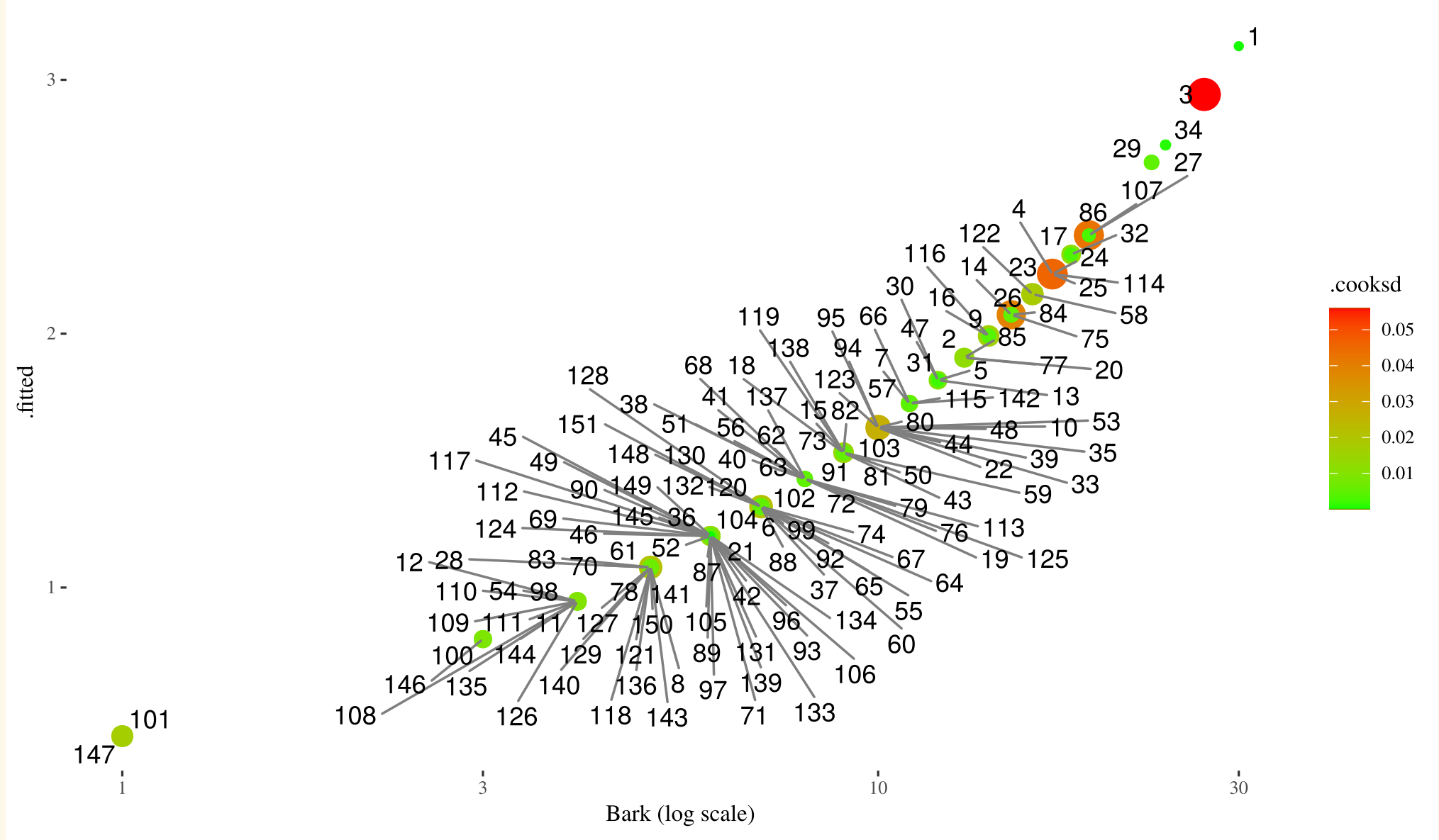
Original fit



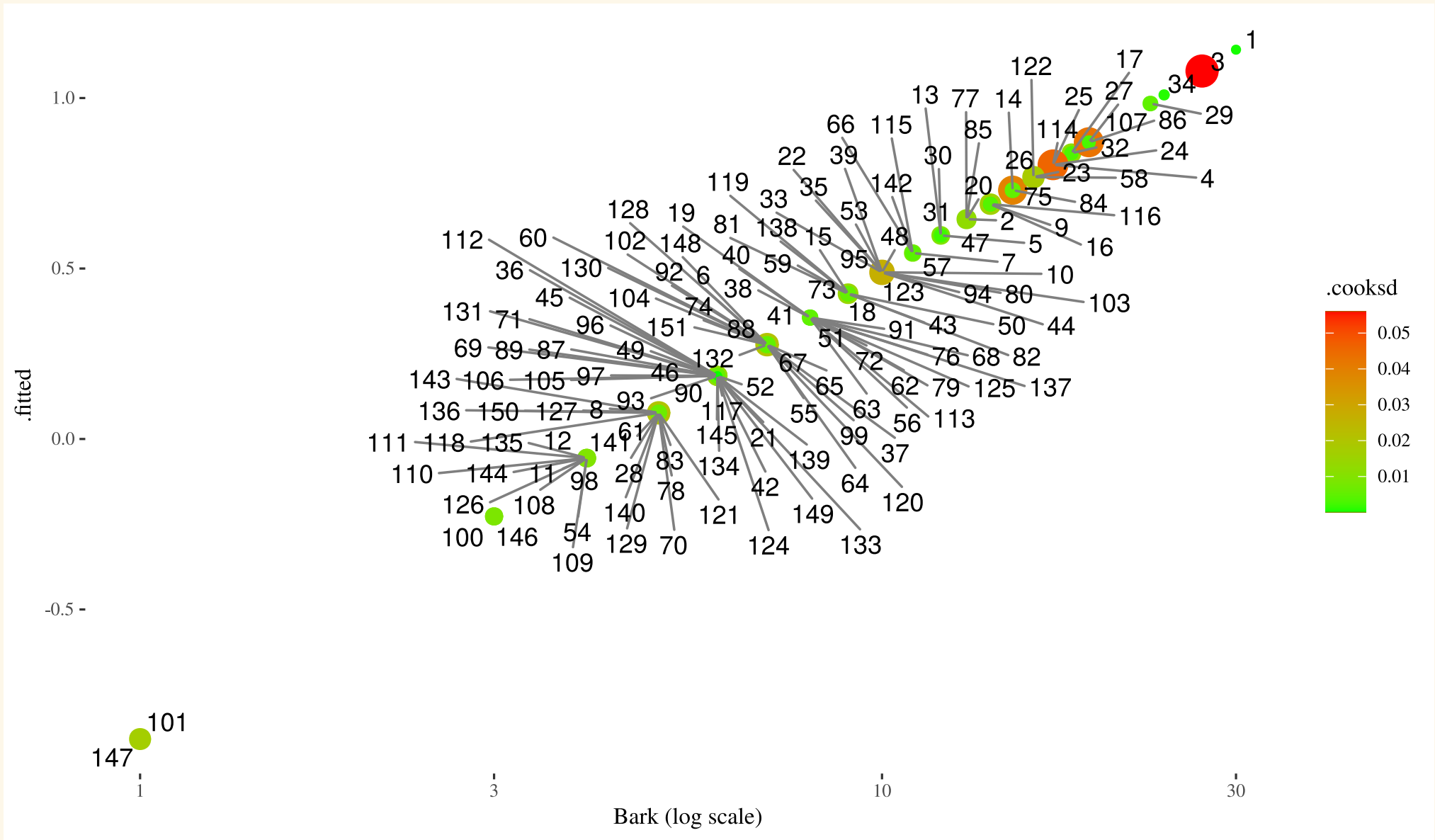
Logged fit



Original fit



Logged fit



Assessing Poisson model assumptions

Log-mean linearity:

- plot of log-response against quantitative predictors
- plot of residuals against quantitative predictors

Cases are independent:

- understanding of how the data was collected

Assessing Poisson model assumptions

counts of events Y_i has a **Poisson distribution** with mean and variance $\mu_{y|x}$

- Check residuals, should have equal scatter and spread around the 0line given any x value.
- Check goodness-of-fit test, compare sample means and variances of similar groups

Assessing Poisson model assumptions

When might your response count NOT follow a Poisson distribution?

The events do NOT occur independently

- could be clustering of "successes" in time or space
- clustering of event occurrences induces more variation in our responses than our Poisson model assumes.

Bad mean function

- Missing explanatory variables
- Incorrect mean function form (missing transformations, interactions, etc)

These issues can induce overdispersion, or extra-Poisson variation, in your response, resulting in SEs that are too small.

Goodness-of-fit test

H_0 : Poisson model

H_A : saturated model

- The test statistic is the model's deviance G^2

$$G^2 = 2 [\ln L(y_i) - \ln L(\hat{\mu}(X))]$$

- When $\hat{\mu}_i$'s are large (> 5), p-value is approximately

$$\text{p-value} = 1 - P(\chi^2 > G^2) = 1 - pchisq(G^2, df = n - (p + 1))$$

Australian Possums

```
summary(pos_glm)
```

```
Call:
```

```
glm(formula = y ~ log(Bark), family = poisson, data = possums)
```

```
Deviance Residuals:
```

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-2.18523	-1.26246	-0.07764	0.55078	2.11368

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)	
(Intercept)	-0.8801	0.3027	-2.907	0.00365	**
log(Bark)	0.5945	0.1335	4.453	8.45e-06	***

```
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```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
```

```
Null deviance: 187.49 on 150 degrees of freedom
```

```
Residual deviance: 167.51 on 149 degrees of freedom
```

```
AIC: 452.31
```

```
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Australian Possums

GOF test for the possums model (only using log bark):

```
1 - pchisq(167.51, df = 149)
[1] 0.1425203
```

Can we trust this test?

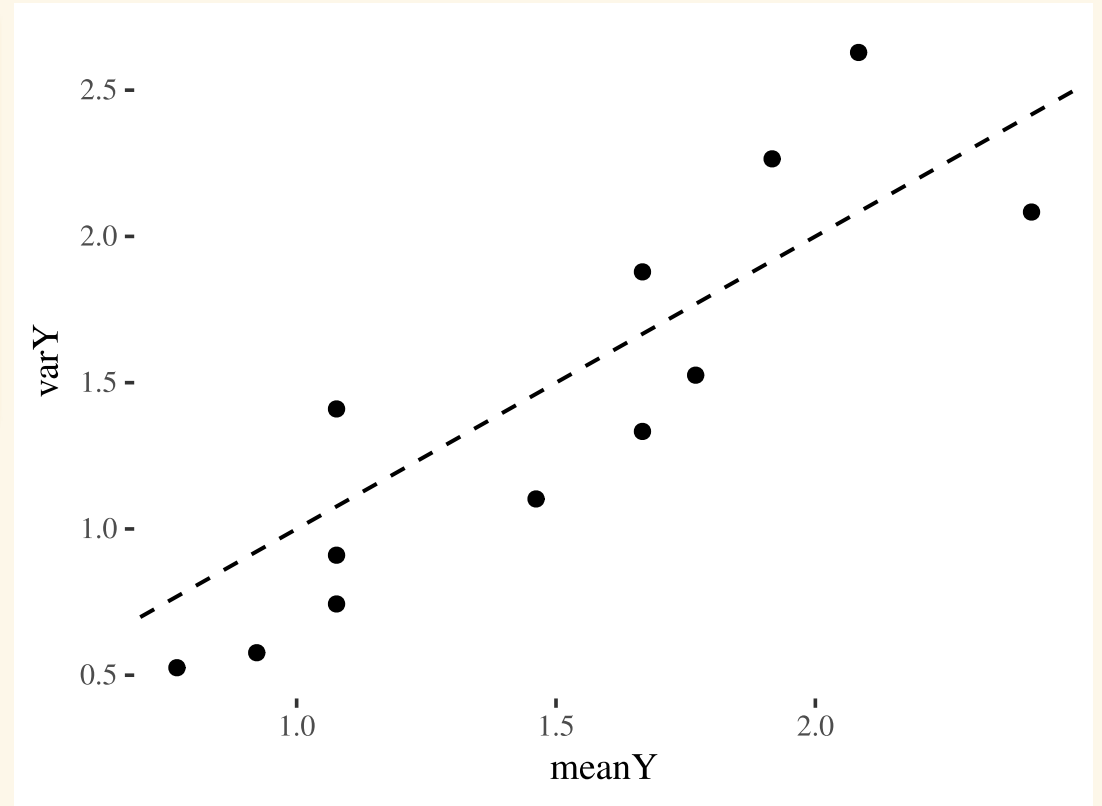
No! The chi-square model won't be a good approximation for the distribution of G^2 when data counts and model mean counts are small

```
summary(possums_aug$.fitted) # all < 5
```

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GOF alternative visualization

```
pos_byBark <- possums %>%  
  mutate(Bark_grp = ntile(Bark, n=12)) %>%  
  group_by(Bark_grp) %>%  
  summarize(meanY = mean(y), varY = var(y))  
  
ggplot(pos_byBark, aes(x = meanY, y = varY)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, linetype = 2)
```



Quasi-Poisson model

What if we reject our GOF test or find visual evidence of extra-Poisson variation?

- Quasi-Poisson model

$$\begin{aligned}Y_i \mid x_i &\sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i) \\E(Y_i \mid x_i) &= \mu_i \\V(Y_i \mid x_i) &= \psi \mu_i\end{aligned}$$

- A quasi-poisson model and drop-in-deviance:

```
glm(y ~ x1 + x2, family = quasipoisson, data = mydata)
anova(red_quasi, full_quasi, test = "F")
```

Estimating the dispersion parameter ψ

For a GLM, the dispersion parameter ψ ("psi") is estimated from the deviance G^2 from the regular GLM:

$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{G^2}{n - (p + 1)}$$

- $\hat{\psi} > 1$: overdispersion (responses are more variable than expected)
- $\hat{\psi} < 1$: underdispersion (responses are less variable than expected)

Quasi-Poisson model

- Conduct "z"-inference (Wald tests/CI) using SEs equal to $SE_{\text{quasi}}(\hat{\beta}_i)$
- Compare quasi-poisson models using a F-test stat equal to

$$F = \frac{(G_{\text{reduced}}^2 - G_{\text{full}}^2) / (\# \text{ terms tested})}{\hat{\psi}}$$

using an F-distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the number of terms tested and $n - (p + 1)$. G^2 is the model deviance from fitting the usual Poisson model for two competing models.