Lab 2: data.gov and Reproducibility

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Aviation Accidents and Fatalities, 1975-2014

This data set is provided by the NTSB, found here. Initially, it was poorly formatted and unusable, but since it is a small dataset, I was able to quickly manually clean up the data.

The data set contains the number of aviation accidents (All) from 1975 to 2014. For each year, the number of fatal accidents (Fatal), the total number of fatalities (Total), number of fatalaties aboard flights (Aboard), and flight hours logged that year (Flight.Hours).

I decided to run a multiple linear regression on the datase to predict the number of accidents from the year and flight hours. While flight hours alone isn't a reliable predictor of accidents, the year and flight hours together predict the number of total accidents fairly reliably with an adjusted R^2 value of 0.89. This is likely due to an increase in safety standards and technology combined with the increase in the average size of commercial airplanes over the years.

```
dataGov <- read_csv("aviation_accidents-2014.csv")
```

```
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##   Year = col_integer(),
##   All = col_integer(),
##   Fatal = col_integer(),
##   Total = col_integer(),
##   Aboard = col_integer(),
##   Flight.Hours = col_integer()
## )
```

```
# dataGov = dput(dataGov)
summary(dataGov)
```

```
##       Year           All           Fatal           Total
##  Min.   :1975   Min.   :1221   Min.   :222.0   Min.   : 391.0
##  1st Qu.:1984   1st Qu.:1694   1st Qu.:323.0   1st Qu.: 572.0
##  Median :1994   Median :2056   Median :404.0   Median : 734.0
##  Mean   :1994   Mean   :2336   Mean   :428.4   Mean   : 799.9
##  3rd Qu.:2004   3rd Qu.:2878   3rd Qu.:521.5   3rd Qu.:1004.5
##  Max.   :2014   Max.   :4216   Max.   :719.0   Max.   :1556.0
##      Aboard        Flight.Hours
##  Min.   : 386.0   Min.   :18103000
##  1st Qu.: 558.5   1st Qu.:23891000
##  Median : 727.0   Median :25998000
##  Mean   : 781.5   Mean   :26752641
##  3rd Qu.: 983.0   3rd Qu.:28736000
##  Max.   :1398.0   Max.   :38641000
```

```
head(dataGov)
```

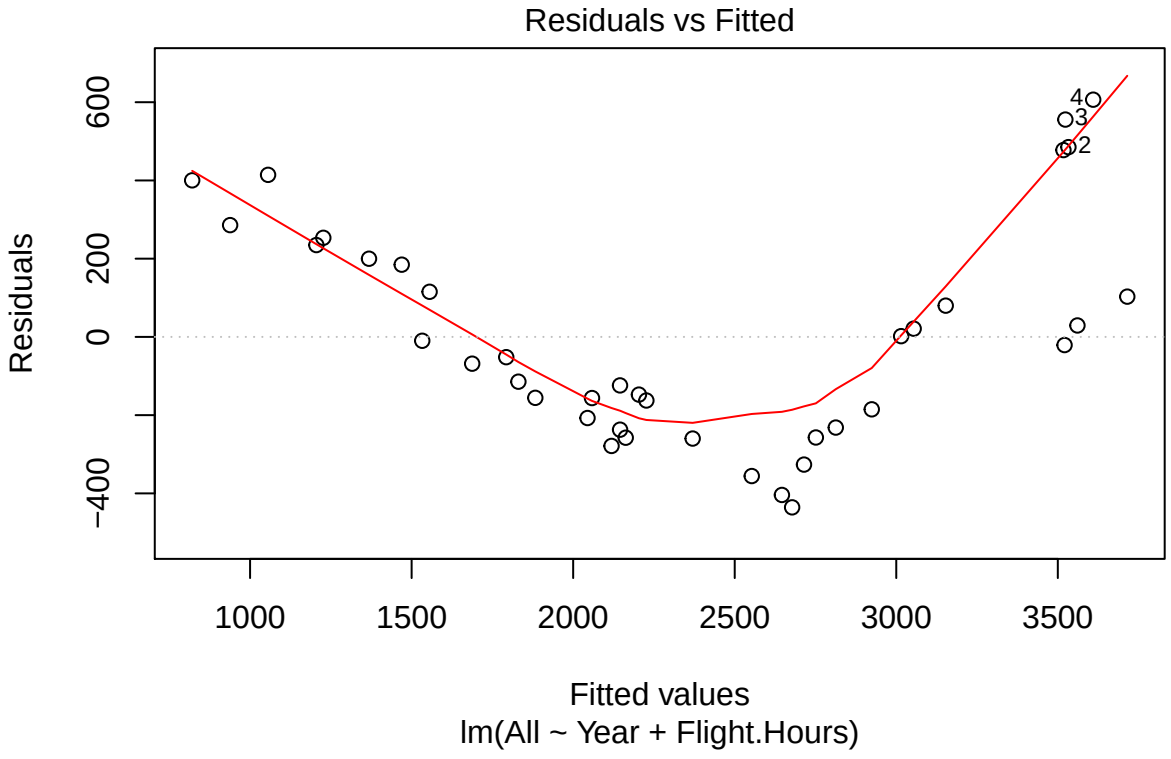
```
## # A tibble: 6 × 6
##    Year   All Fatal Total Aboard Flight.Hours
##   <int> <int> <int> <int>  <int>        <int>
```

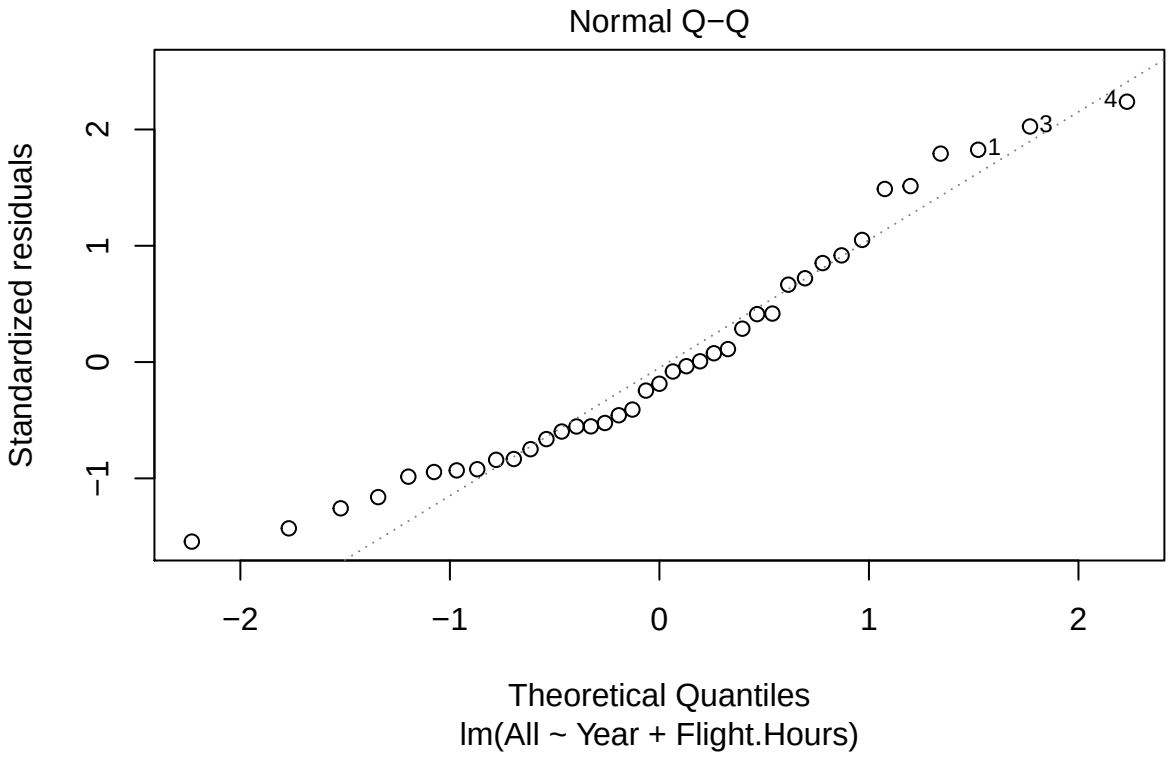
```
## 1  1975  3995   633  1252   1231     28799000
## 2  1976  4018   658  1216   1203     30476000
## 3  1977  4079   661  1276   1265     31578000
## 4  1978  4216   719  1556   1398     34887000
## 5  1979  3818   631  1221   1203     38641000
## 6  1980  3590   618  1239   1230     36402000
```

```
hoursLm = lm(All ~ Year + Flight.Hours, data = dataGov)
summary(hoursLm)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = All ~ Year + Flight.Hours, data = dataGov)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -435.72 -219.56  -51.83  192.26  606.45
##
## Coefficients:
##                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   1.153e+05  1.473e+04   7.833 2.74e-09 ***
## Year         -5.726e+01  7.184e+00  -7.970 1.83e-09 ***
## Flight.Hours  4.335e-05  1.805e-05   2.402   0.0216 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 286.9 on 36 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8988, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8932
## F-statistic: 159.9 on 2 and 36 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
plot(hoursLm, which = 1:2)
```

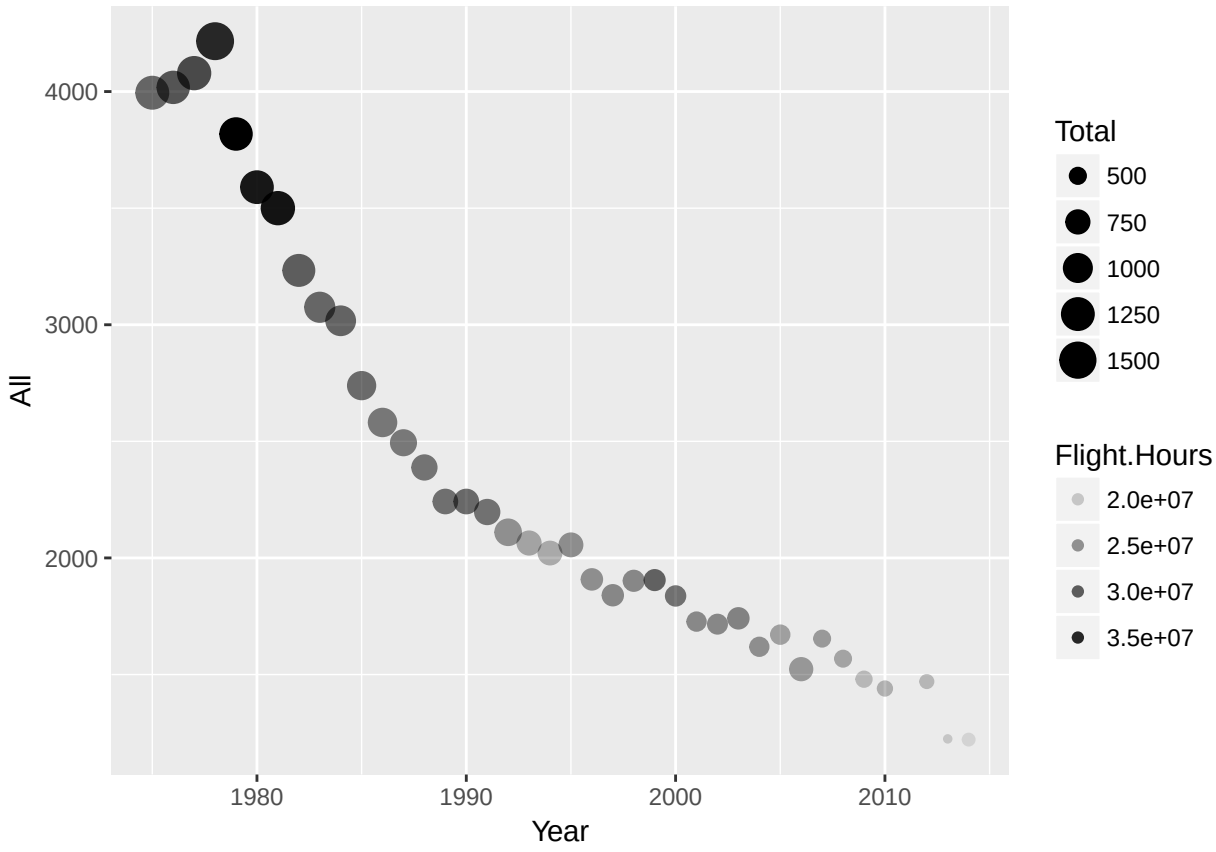




Total accidents per year

Points sized by number of fatalities, alpha is flight hours per year. This plot tells us there is a correlation between both year and flight hours and total number of annual accidents.

```
ggplot(data = dataGov) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = Year, y = All, size = Total, alpha = Flight.Hours))
```

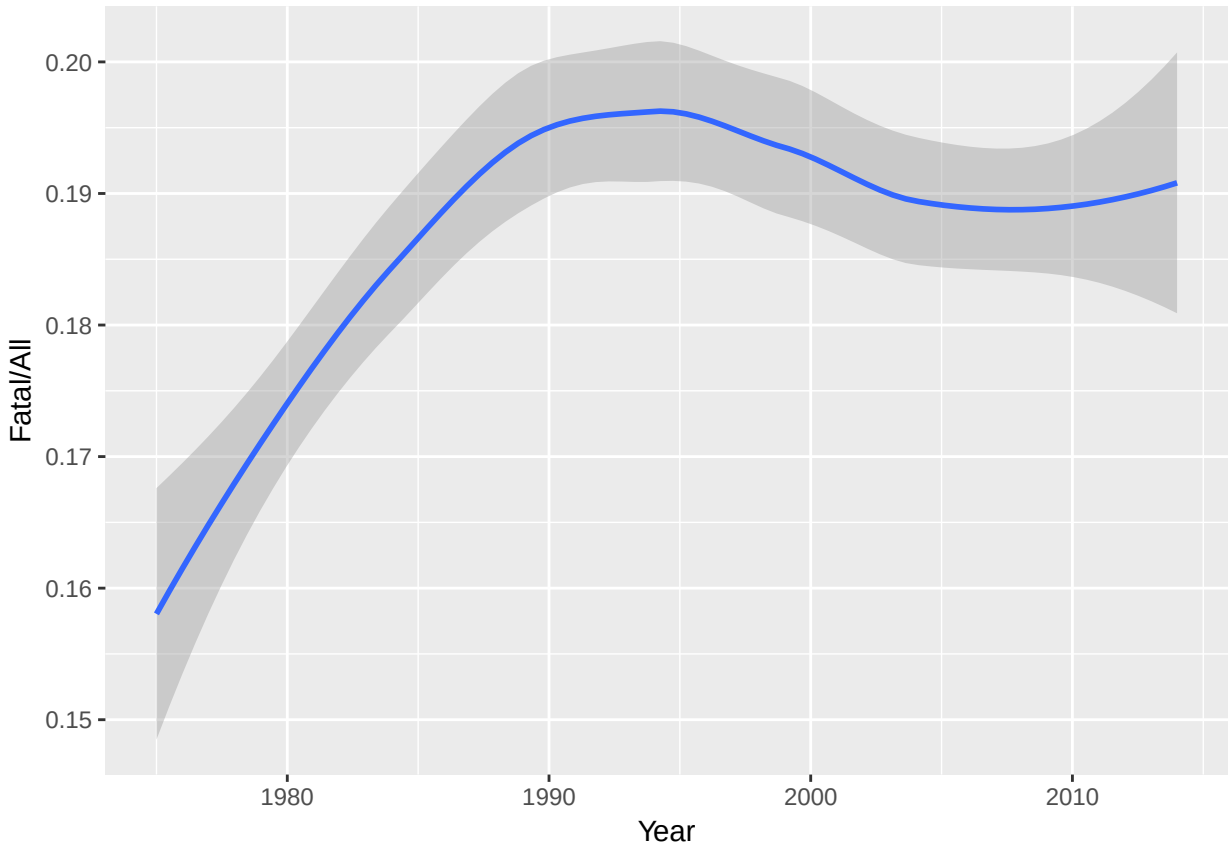


Percentage of fatal accidents per year

Points sized by total number of fatalities, alpha is flight hours per year. This plot tells us there may be a weak correlation between of percentage of fatal accidents and year, or the typical fatality rate of accidents could be leveling out.

```
ggplot(data = dataGov) +
  geom_smooth(mapping = aes(x = Year, y = Fatal/All, size = Total, alpha = Flight.Hours))
```

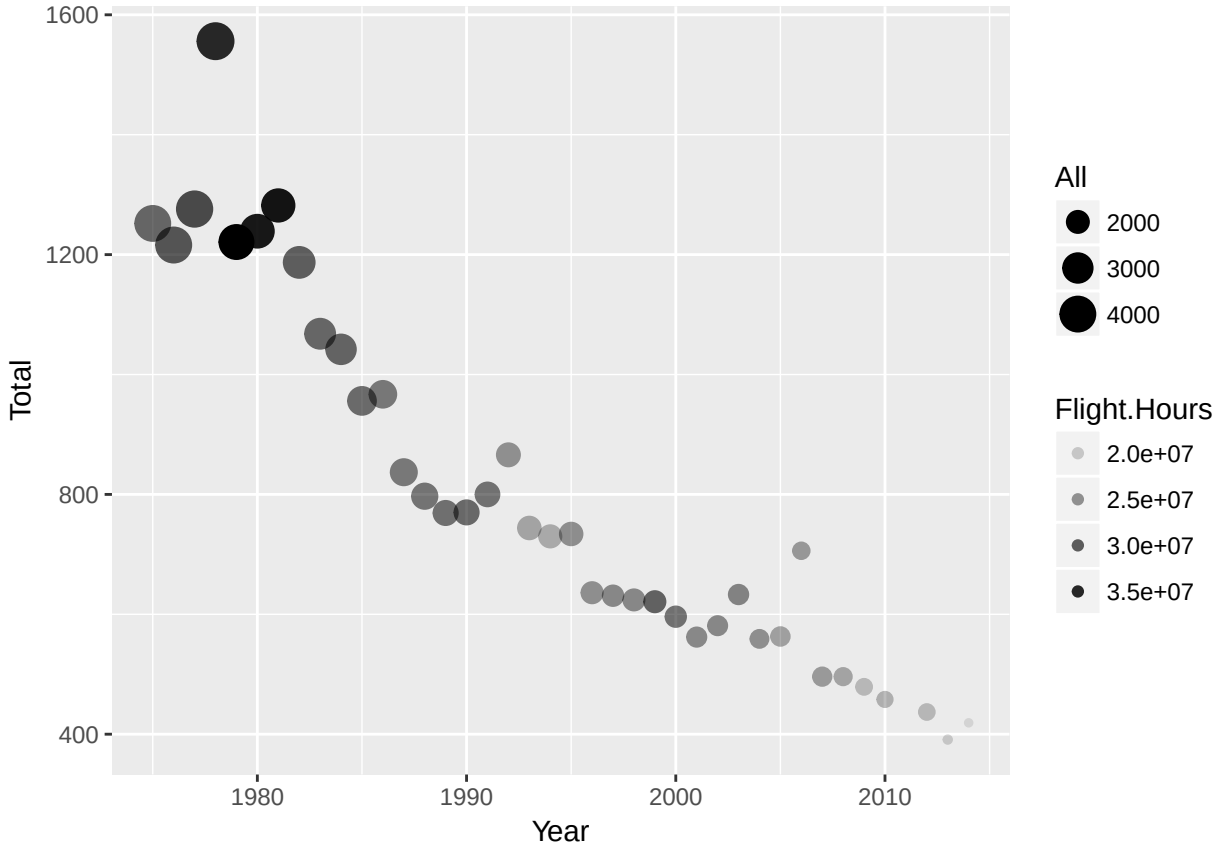
```
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess'
```



Fatalities per year

Points sized by total accidents, alpha is flight hours per year. This plot tells us there is a correlation between both year and flight hours and total number of annual fatalities.

```
ggplot(data = dataGov) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = Year, y = Total, size = All, alpha = Flight.Hours))
```


1600
1200
800
400
Total
1980
1990
2000
2010
Year
All
2000
3000
4000
Flight.Hours
2.0e+07
2.5e+07
3.0e+07
3.5e+07