

# Homework 12

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1. Fit a linear model predicting the number of views (views), from the length of a video (length) and its average user rating (rate).

```
library(stargazer)
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## Please cite as:
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```
## Hlavac, Marek (2018). stargazer: Well-Formatted Regression and Summary Statistics Tables.
```

```
## R package version 5.2.2. https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer
```

```
library(lmtest)
```

```
## Loading required package: zoo
```

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##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
```

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##
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```
## as.Date, as.Date.numeric
```

```
library(sandwich)
```

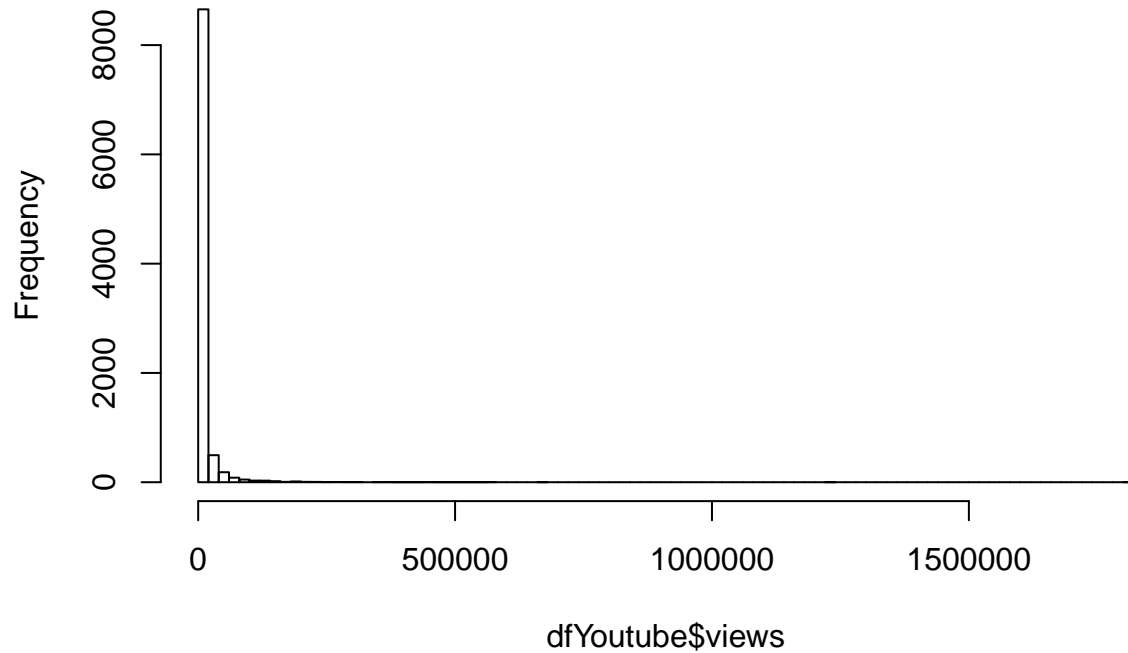
```
dfYoutube = read.delim("videos.txt")
```

```
summary(dfYoutube)
```

```
##          video_id          uploader          age
## #NAME?      : 129    Pan93bn          : 56    Min.    : 0
## __zVzDy4MOM: 1    nikodora          : 28    1st Qu.: 920
## _-TUODhKgcs: 1    gar6301          : 22    Median :1115
## _-VVIFAn7xw: 1    WWEOfficialPPVs: 22    Mean     :1045
## _OFCaXY42Yw: 1    dermayon          : 20    3rd Qu.:1226
## _OLdlpFQfa8: 1    wishinonastar07: 20    Max.     :1258
## (Other)     :9484    (Other)        :9450    NA's     :9
##          category          length          views          rate
## Music          :2676    Min.    : 1    Min.    : 3    Min.    :0.000
## Entertainment  :2240    1st Qu.: 83    1st Qu.: 348    1st Qu.:3.400
## People & Blogs : 811    Median : 193    Median : 1453    Median :4.670
## Film & Animation: 810    Mean     : 227    Mean     : 9346    Mean     :3.744
## Comedy          : 621    3rd Qu.: 299    3rd Qu.: 6179    3rd Qu.:5.000
## Sports          : 568    Max.     :5289    Max.     :1807640    Max.     :5.000
## (Other)         :1892    NA's     :9    NA's     :9    NA's     :9
##          ratings          comments
## Min.    : 0.00    Min.    : -2.00
## 1st Qu.: 1.00    1st Qu.: 1.00
## Median : 5.00    Median : 3.00
## Mean     : 20.66    Mean     : 19.99
## 3rd Qu.: 15.00    3rd Qu.: 13.00
## Max.     :3801.00    Max.     :13211.00
## NA's     :9        NA's     :9
```

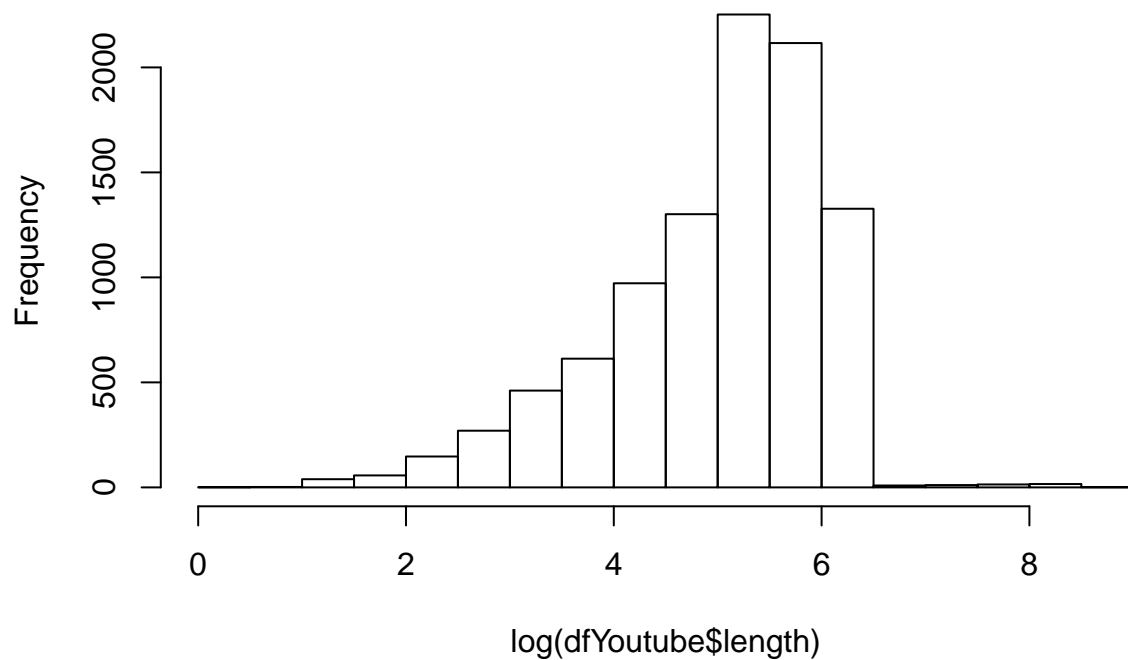
```
hist(dfYoutube$views, breaks=100)
```

**Histogram of dfYoutube\$views**



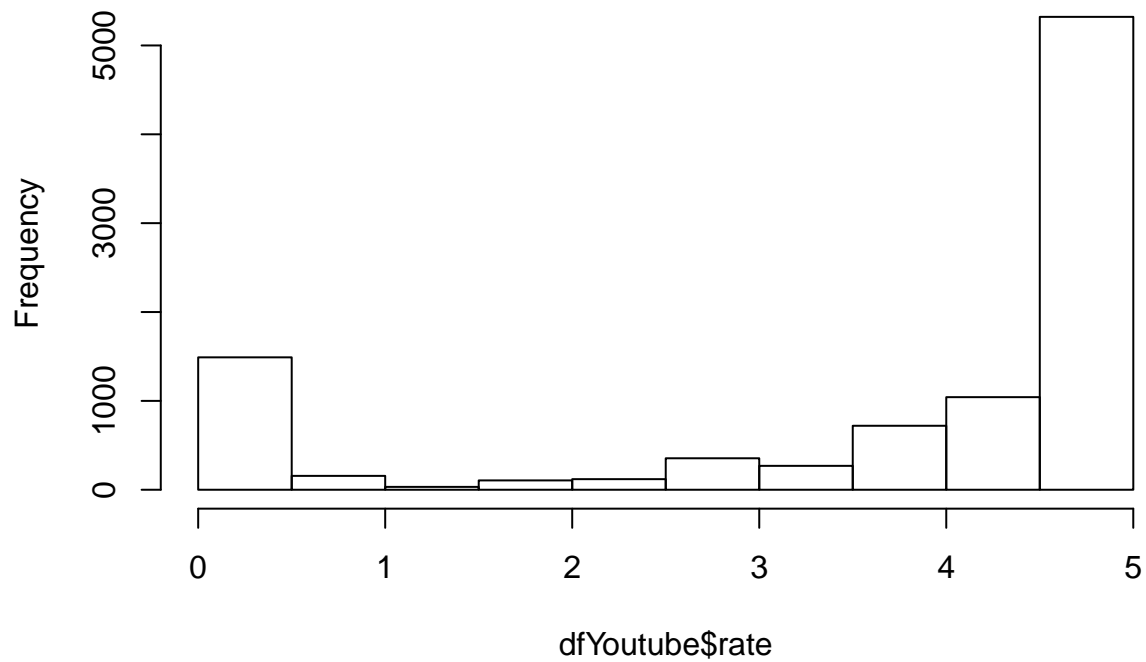
```
hist(log(dfYoutube$length))
```

**Histogram of log(dfYoutube\$length)**



```
hist(dfYoutube$rate)
```

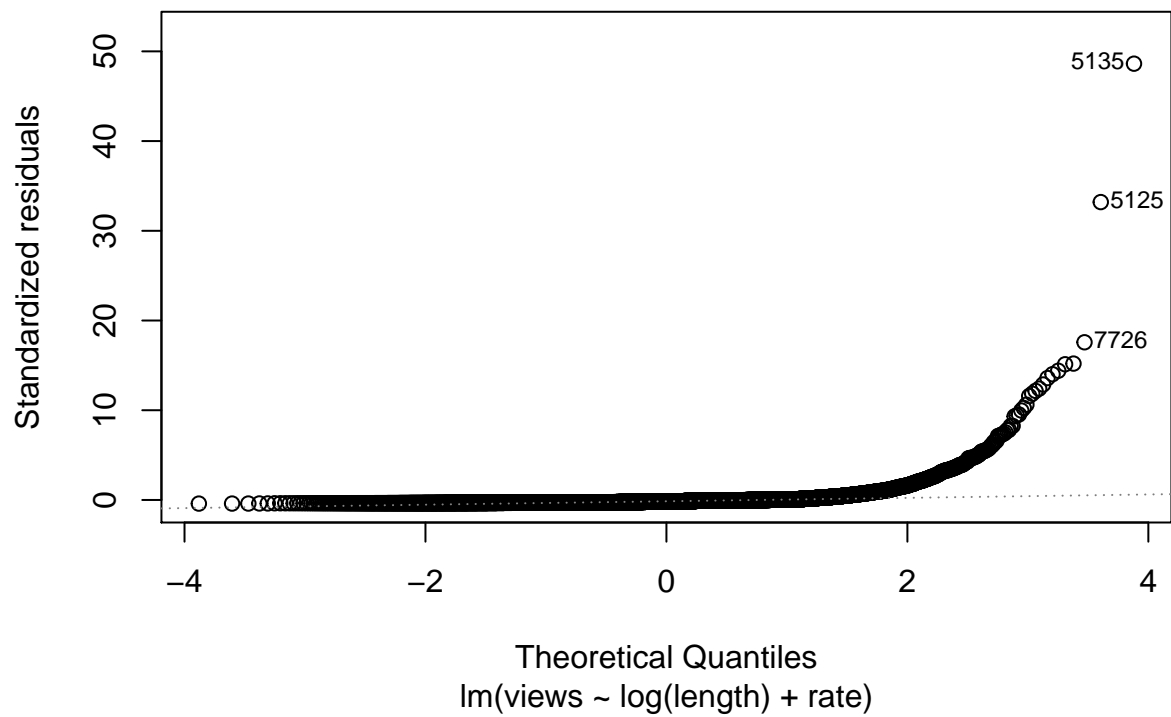
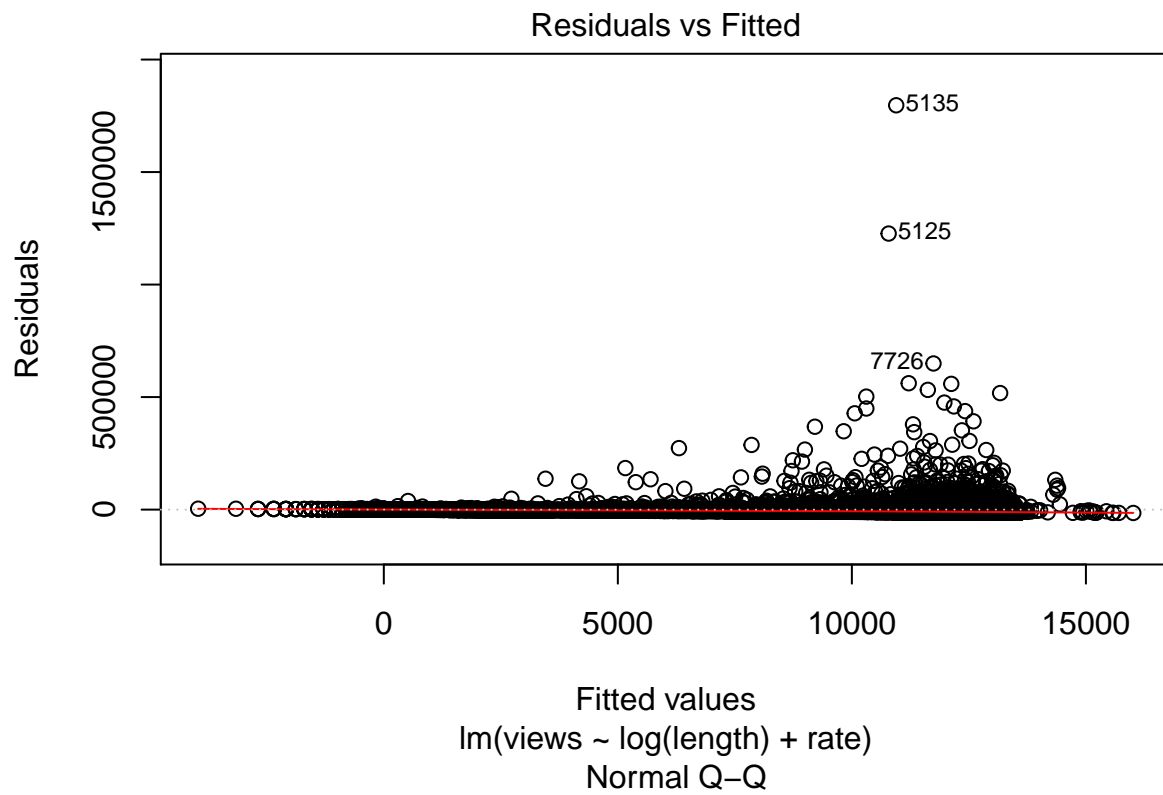
**Histogram of dfYoutube\$rate**

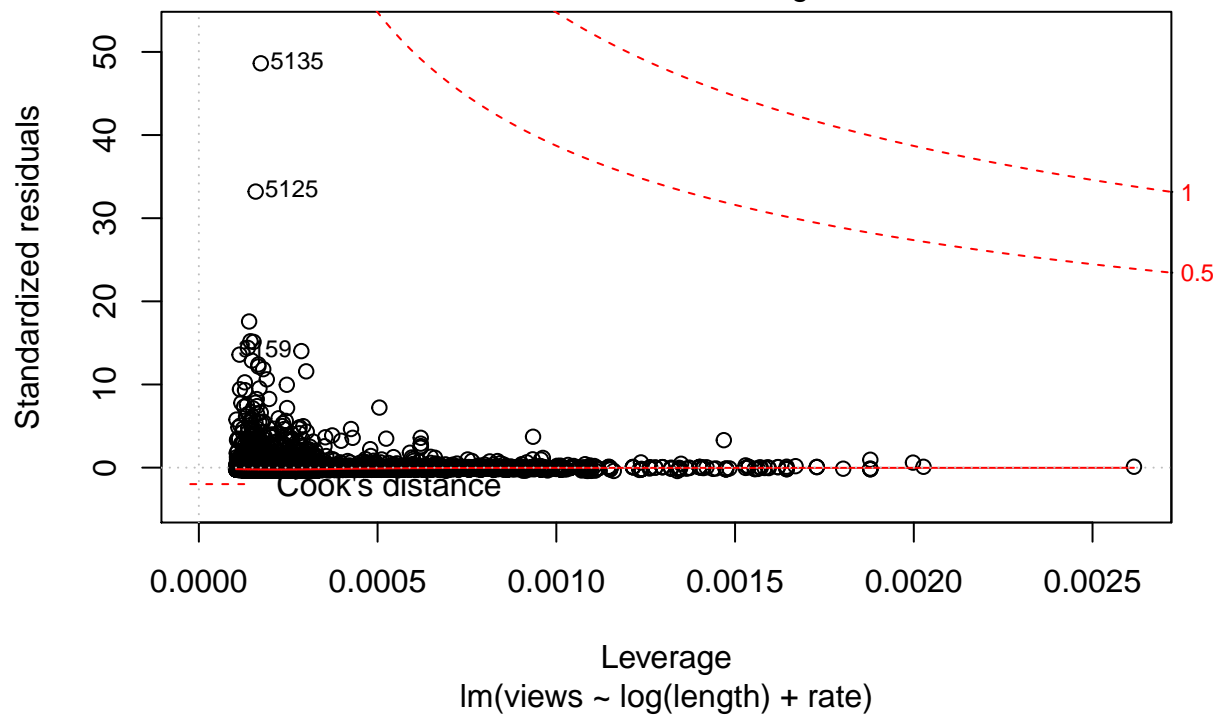
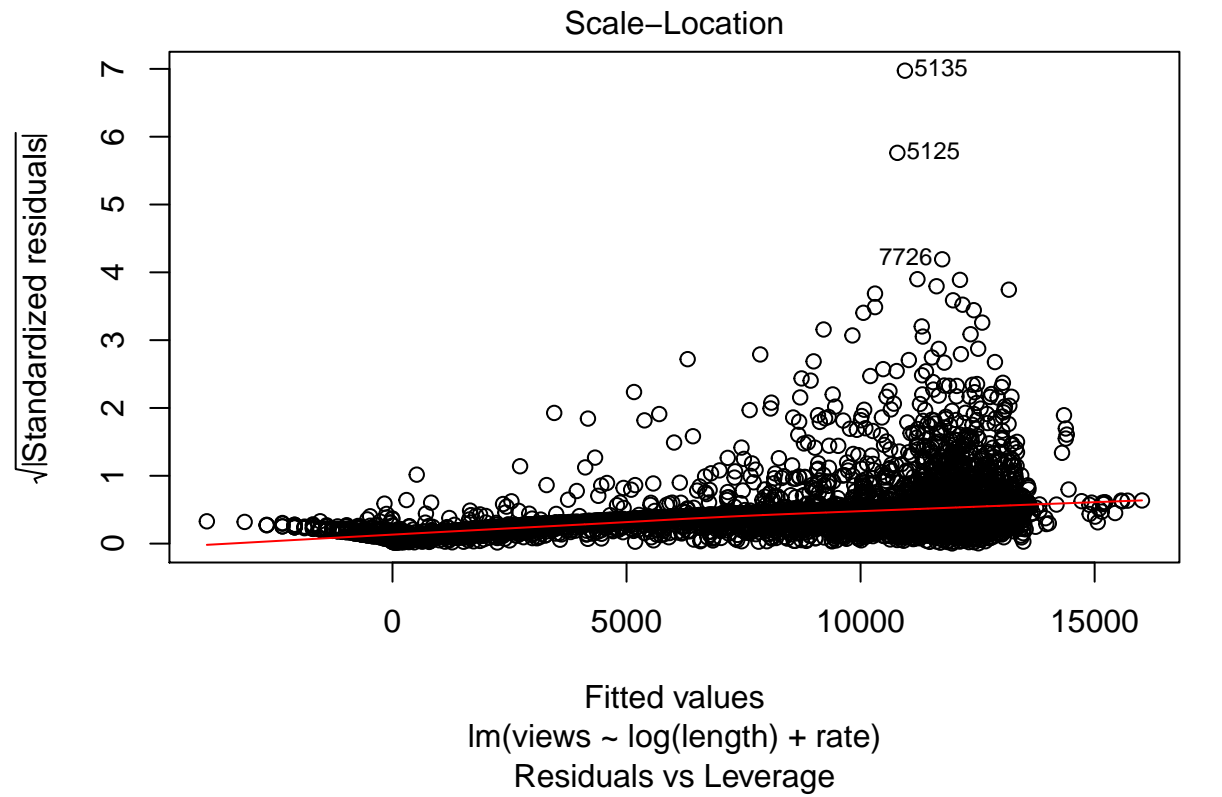


```
model_view_len_rate = lm(views ~ log(length) + rate, data = dfYoutube)
```

2. Using diagnostic plots, background knowledge, and statistical tests, assess all 6 assumptions of the CLM. When an assumption is violated, state what response you will take.

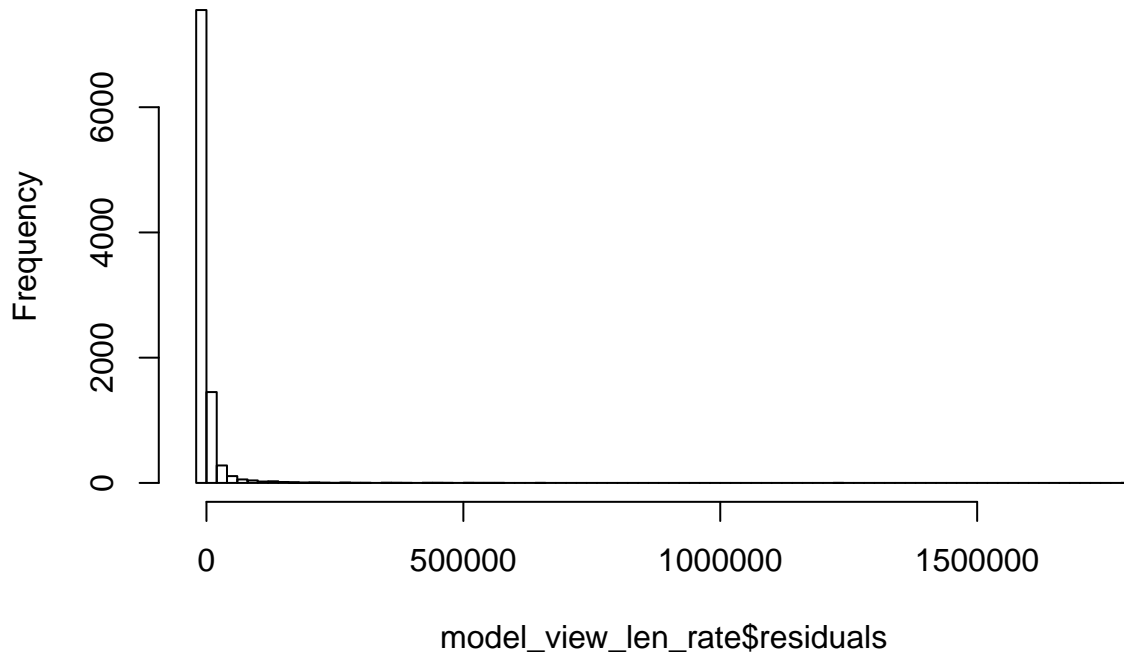
```
plot(model_view_len_rate)
```





```
hist(model_view_len_rate$residuals, breaks=100)
```

## Histogram of model\_view\_len\_rate\$residuals



```
summary(model_view_len_rate)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = views ~ log(length) + rate, data = dfYoutube)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -14941  -10202   -6442    -729  1796693
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -3965.8     1889.9  -2.098  0.03589 *
## log(length)   1164.6       375.2   3.104  0.00192 **
## rate         1998.6       217.6   9.186 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 36950 on 9606 degrees of freedom
## (9 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.01186,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.01166
## F-statistic: 57.67 on 2 and 9606 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
m = data.matrix(subset(dfYoutube, select = c("length", "rate")))
(cor = cor(m))
```

```
##           length rate
## length         1   NA
## rate           NA    1
```

CLM assumptions:

- 1) Linearity - the model is a linear function.
  - 2) Random Sampling - it's unclear if the sample is random. From the summary of the "uploader" variable, the sample contains 56 videos from one of the users. With so many Youtube users, it seems unlikely that a random sample will pick 56 videos from a single user. But it could happen if the data is drawn from the early days of Youtube when there were fewer users. If random sampling is violated, there will be bias in the data.
  - 3) Multicollinearity - the two independent variables are not perfectly correlated.
  - 4) Zero-Conditional Mean - based on the Residuals vs Fitted plot, we can see that the spline curve is a straight line along 0. We have zero conditional mean.
  - 5) Homoskedasticity - from the Scale-Location plot, we can see that heteroskedasticity is present.
  - 6) Residual Normality - based on the residual plot, we can see that the residuals are not normally distributed. Based on the Normal QQ plot, the errors does not have a normal distribution. We have a violation of the normality of the errors. However, since the sample size is pretty big, we can still rely on asymptotics.
3. Generate a printout of your model coefficients, complete with standard errors that are valid given your diagnostics. Comment on both the practical and statistical significance of your coefficients.

```
se.model_view_len_rate = sqrt(diag(vcovHC(model_view_len_rate)))

stargazer(model_view_len_rate, type = "text", omit.stat = "f",
          se = list(se.model_view_len_rate), star.cutoffs = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.005) )
```

```
##
## =====
##                      Dependent variable:
##                      -----
##                      views
## -----
## log(length)          1,164.624***
##                      (255.241)
##
## rate                 1,998.631***
##                      (127.689)
##
## Constant             -3,965.785***
##                      (1,150.226)
##
## -----
## Observations          9,609
## R2                    0.012
## Adjusted R2           0.012
## Residual Std. Error   36,950.620 (df = 9606)
## =====
## Note:                 *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.005
```

Based on the p values, the coefficients seem statistically significant. I don't think this has high practical significance because the model is too naive with too many omitted variables. Also it's unclear if there is random sampling.