

Homework #4:

Due Monday, November 4.

1. Problem 4, page 75. Also construct a half-normal plot of the leverages and interpret the plot.
2. Problem 5, page 75
3. Consider the table below of regression diagnostics on the wood data from problem 5 of Homework #3.
 - (a) Are there any unusual values in the predictor variables? In other words, do any of the values have unusually large influence on the model? Identify all such cases and explain your reasoning.
 - (b) Identify any model outliers in these data, clearly explaining your reasoning.
 - (c) Which observations are most influential in terms of the predictive ability of the model? Explain your reasoning clearly.

Obs.	h_i	r_i	t_i	Cook's D	Obs.	h_i	r_i	t_i	Cook's D
1	.085	-.25	-.25	.001	29	.069	.27	.26	.001
2	.055	1.34	1.35	.021	30	.029	.89	.89	.005
3	.021	.57	.57	.001	31	.204	.30	.30	.005
4	.031	.35	.35	.001	32	.057	.38	.37	.002
5	.032	2.19	2.28	.032	33	.057	.05	.05	.000
6	.131	.20	.19	.001	34	.085	-2.43	-2.56	.109
7	.027	1.75	1.79	.017	35	.186	-2.17	-2.26	.215
8	.026	1.23	1.24	.008	36	.184	1.01	1.01	.046
9	.191	.52	.52	.013	37	.114	.85	.85	.019
10	.082	.47	.46	.004	38	.022	.19	.19	.000
11	.098	-3.39	-3.82	.250	39	.022	-.45	-.45	.001
12	.066	.32	.32	.001	40	.053	-1.15	-1.15	.015
13	.070	-.09	-.09	.000	41	.053	.78	.78	.007
14	.059	.08	.08	.000	42	.136	-.77	-.76	.018
15	.058	-.91	-.91	.010	43	.072	-.78	-.77	.009
16	.085	-.09	-.09	.000	44	.072	-.27	-.26	.001
17	.113	1.28	1.29	.042	45	.072	-.40	-.40	.002
18	.077	-1.05	-1.05	.018	46	.063	-.62	-.62	.005
19	.167	.38	.38	.006	47	.025	.46	.46	.001
20	.042	.24	.23	.000	48	.021	.18	.18	.000
21	.314	-.19	-.19	.003	49	.050	-.44	-.44	.002
22	.099	.56	.55	.007	50	.161	-.66	-.66	.017
23	.093	.47	.46	.004	51	.042	-.44	-.43	.002
24	.039	-.60	-.60	.003	52	.123	-.26	-.26	.002
25	.098	-1.07	-1.07	.025	53	.460	1.81	1.86	.558
26	.033	.14	.13	.000	54	.055	.50	.50	.003
27	.042	1.19	1.19	.012	55	.093	-1.03	-1.03	.022
28	.185	-1.41	-1.42	.090					

4. There have been numerous efforts to collect data which support or refute the theory of global warming. This problem considers a data set containing the temperature in degrees Celsius averaged for the northern hemisphere over a full year, from 1881 through 2005. The data can be found in the data file **warming2005.txt** on the course webpage. [Data from K.M. Lugina et al., 2006. Monthly surface air temperature time series area-averaged over the 30-degree latitudinal belts of the globe, 1881-2005. In Trends Online: A Compendium of Data on Global Change. Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, U.S.A. doi: 10.3334/CDIAC/cli.003.]
 - (a) Make a scatterplot of temperature vs. time and fit a simple linear regression model with temperature as the response variable. Test for an increase in temperature over time. Explain your conclusions.

- (b) Inherent with the test in part (a) are a number of assumptions. One of these is that of normality of the errors. Make a normal quantile plot of the residuals. Just looking at the plot, do these data appear to violate the normality assumption? Test for normality of the residuals using a normal scores correlation (Shapiro-Francia) test.
 - (c) Using the unstandardized residuals found in part (b), make a plot of the residuals vs. time. Just looking at this plot, does there appear to be any serial correlation? Explain. Test for the presence of serial correlation using a Durbin-Watson test. [In **R**, you can request the Durbin-Watson test using the **dwtest** function in the package **lmtest** as illustrated in class.
 - (d) Test for serial correlation using a runs test. What is the p-value for this test? [In **R**, you can perform a runs test using the **runs.test** function in the **tseries** package as shown in the **R**-code from the Diagnostics handout on the course webpage.
5. Data were collected from 60 major US cities to study the relationship between mortality rates and air pollution. Letting the response variable be total age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 people for a city, the following predictor variables were considered: mean annual precipitation in inches (x_1), mean January temperature in degrees F (x_2), mean July temperature in degrees F (x_3), population per household (x_4), median school years completed by those over the age of 25 (x_5), percent of housing units that are sound and with all facilities (x_6), population per square mile in urbanized areas (x_7), percent non-white population in urbanized areas (x_8), relative pollution potential of sulphur dioxide (x_9), and annual average of percent relative humidity at 1pm (x_{10}). These data can be found in the file **pollution.txt** on the course webpage. Using only the variables y , x_2 , x_4 , x_5 , and x_7 (to keep things manageable), carry out the following.
- (a) Make pairwise scatterplots and compute the matrix of sample correlations between the 5 variables. In a paragraph, briefly describe any apparent relationships between the variables and the nature of those relationships, based on the plots and correlations.
 - (b) Construct a table similar to the one given in the Chapter 8 class notes containing the R^2 , R^2_{adj} , C_p , $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$, AIC, and PRESS statistics for all possible first-order models using only. [Note: there are 4, 6, 4, & 1 models with 1, 2, 3, & 4 predictors in them respectively, for a total of 15 models.] Interpret this table. Do the selection criteria for finding the “best model” agree? Which model seems best (based on the four explanatory variables used)?
 - (c) Perform some residual diagnostics, such as examining residual plots and normal quantile plots for the “best model” chosen from part (b). Draw some conclusions about assumptions on the errors.
 - (d) In addition to performing residual diagnostics, it is important to conduct various regression diagnostics to look for outliers or influential data values. Probably the most popular statistics for identifying outlying or influential values are leverage, Cook’s D, DFFits, or DFBetas, discussed in class. Each of these four diagnostic tools can be requested in **R** as explained in class or in Section 4.2.3 of the text. All three of these statistics, computed for each data value, do essentially the same thing. They each remove the data value under consideration, refit the model, and measure how much things change with the point removed. It is in how they measure the change that they differ. A rule of thumb for Cook’s D is that any Cook’s D value which is larger than $4/n$ (n = sample size) is flagged as an influential observation. A rule of thumb for the DFFits values is that any value which is larger than $2\sqrt{p/n}$ in absolute value is flagged as an influential observation (p = # of parameters estimated). A rule of thumb for the DFBetas values is that any value which is larger than $2/\sqrt{n}$ in absolute value is flagged as an influential observation. Examining the values for the residuals, the leverages, and for each of these three influence statistics resulting from your final model above, identify any points which would be considered outliers or influential by more than one of these statistics. [You do NOT need to show me all of your output! - just summarize your findings.]
6. Problem 3, page 130.