

Simple Linear Regression

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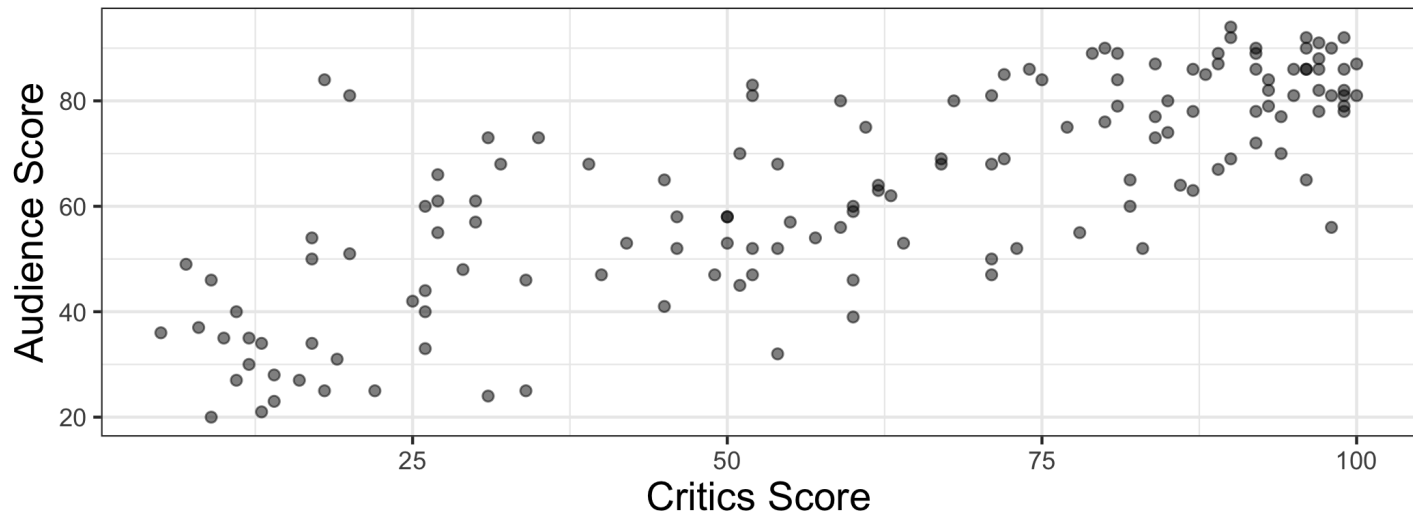
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- Use plots of the residuals to assess the conditions

Movie ratings data

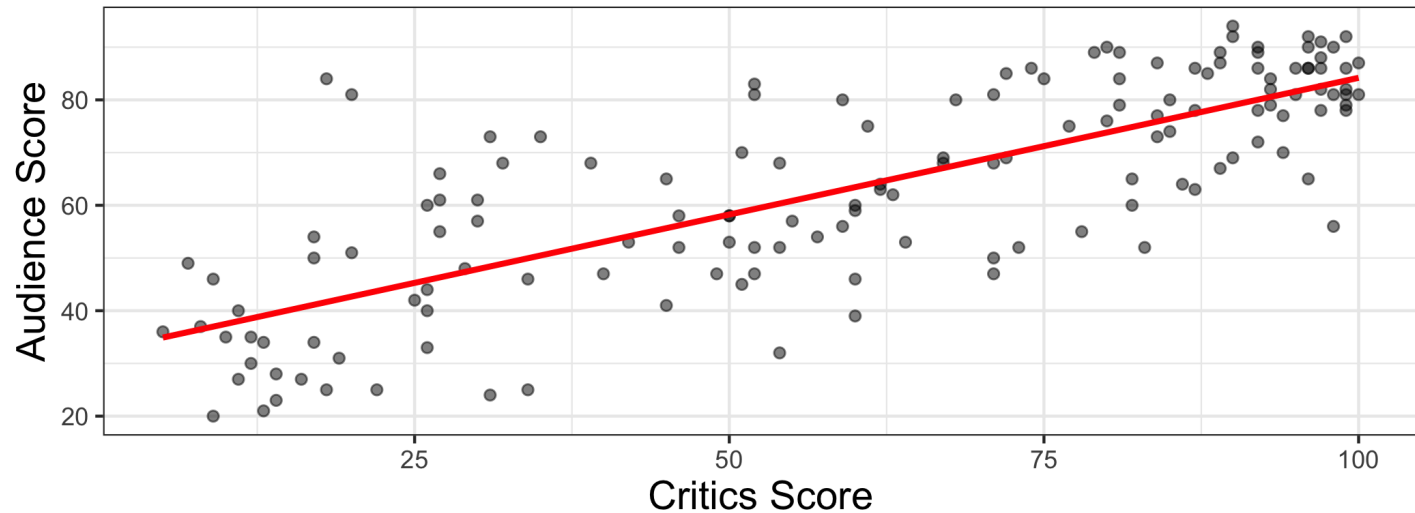
The data set contains the "Tomatometer" score (**critics**) and audience score (**audience**) for 146 movies rated on rottentomatoes.com.



The model

$$\hat{\text{audience}} = 32.316 + 0.519 \times \text{critics}$$

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
(Intercept)	32.316	2.343	13.795	0
critics	0.519	0.035	15.028	0



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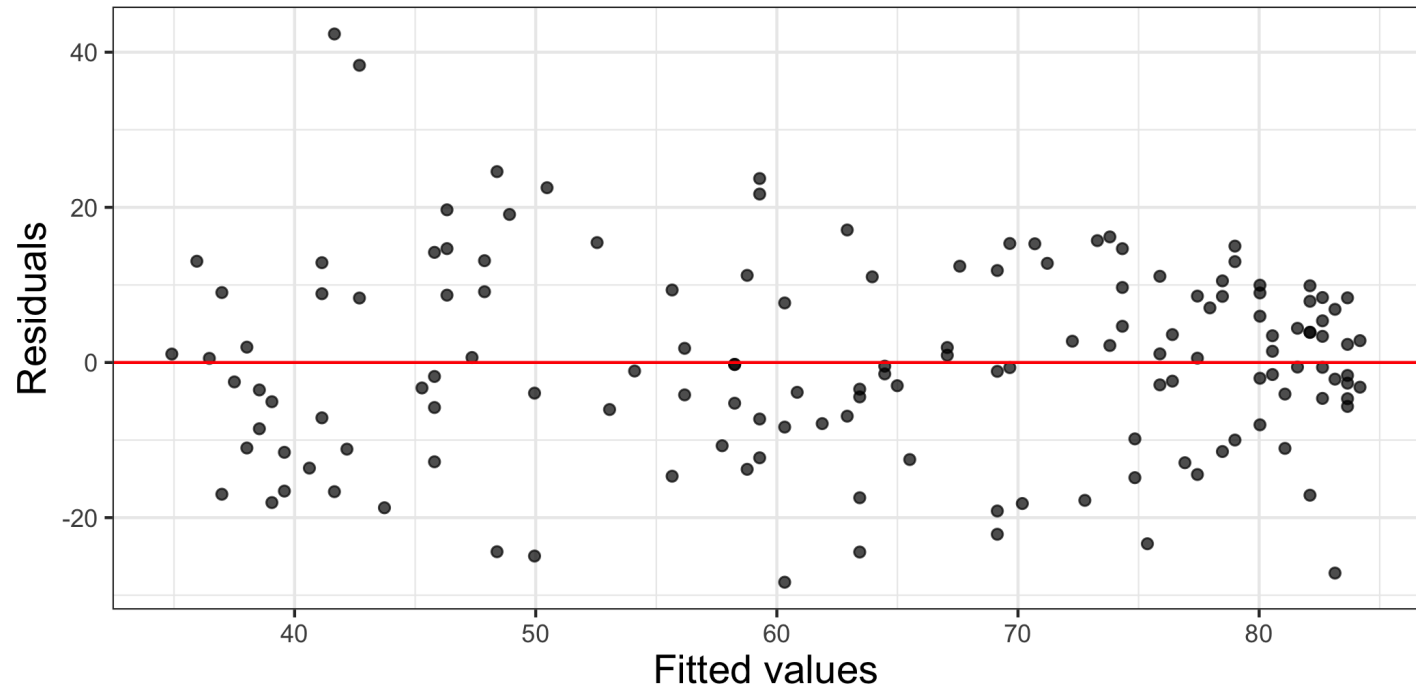
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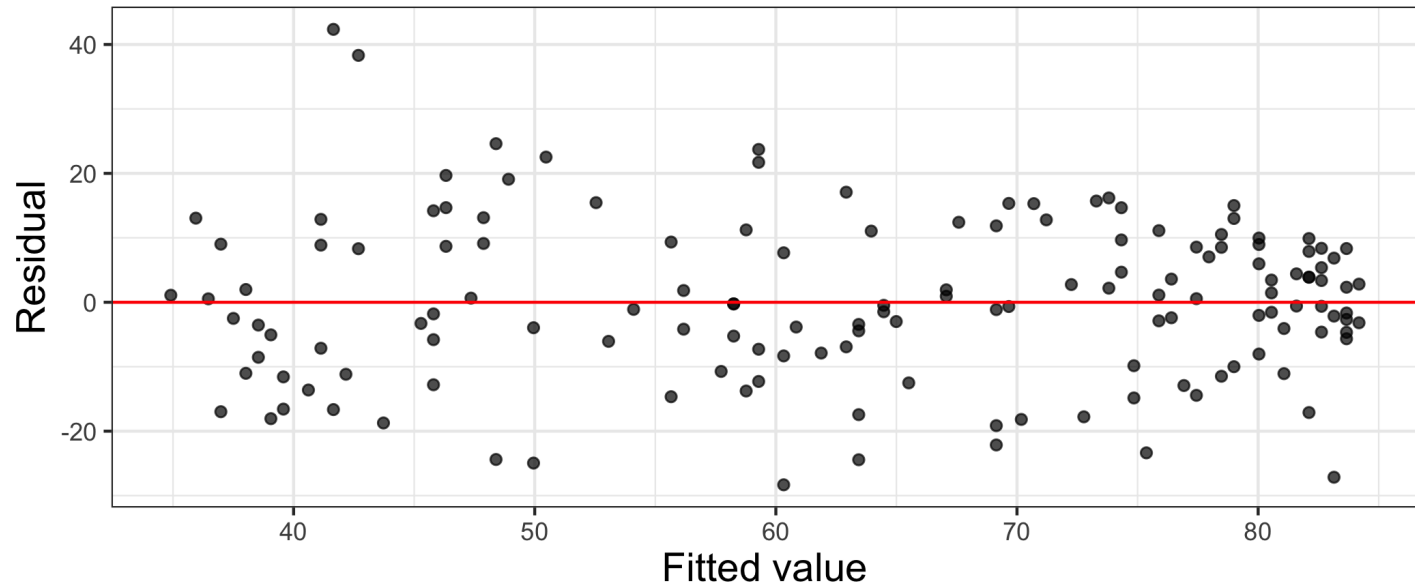
$$\text{residual} = y - \hat{y}$$

Residuals vs. fitted values

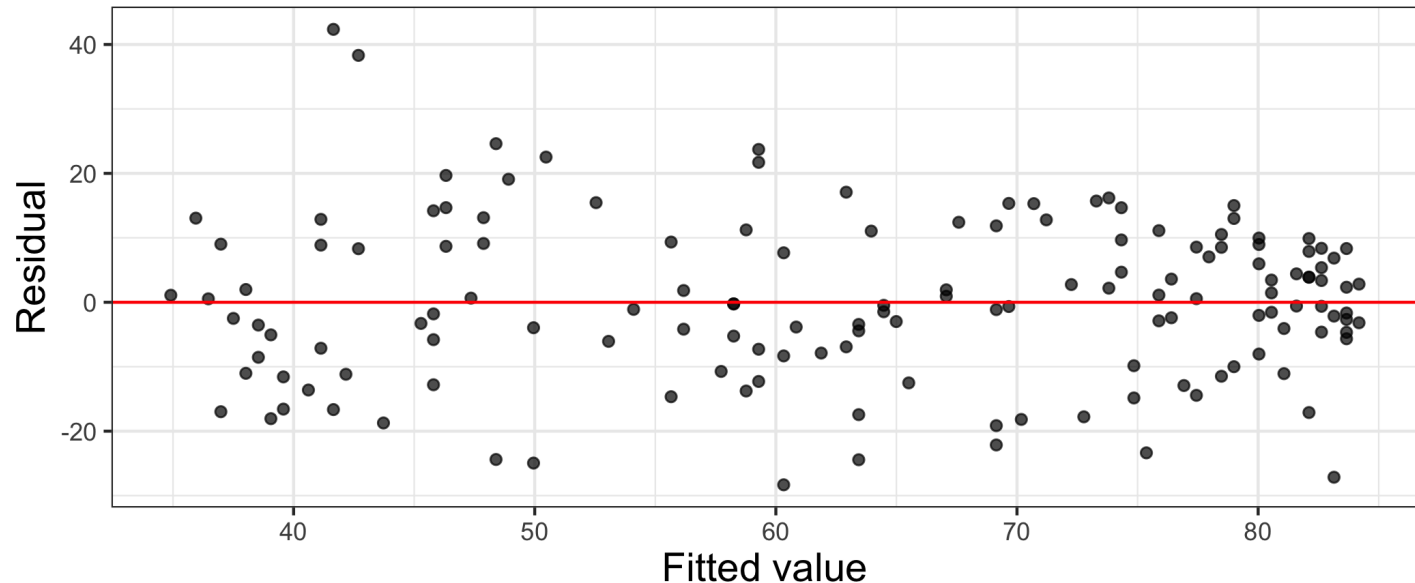


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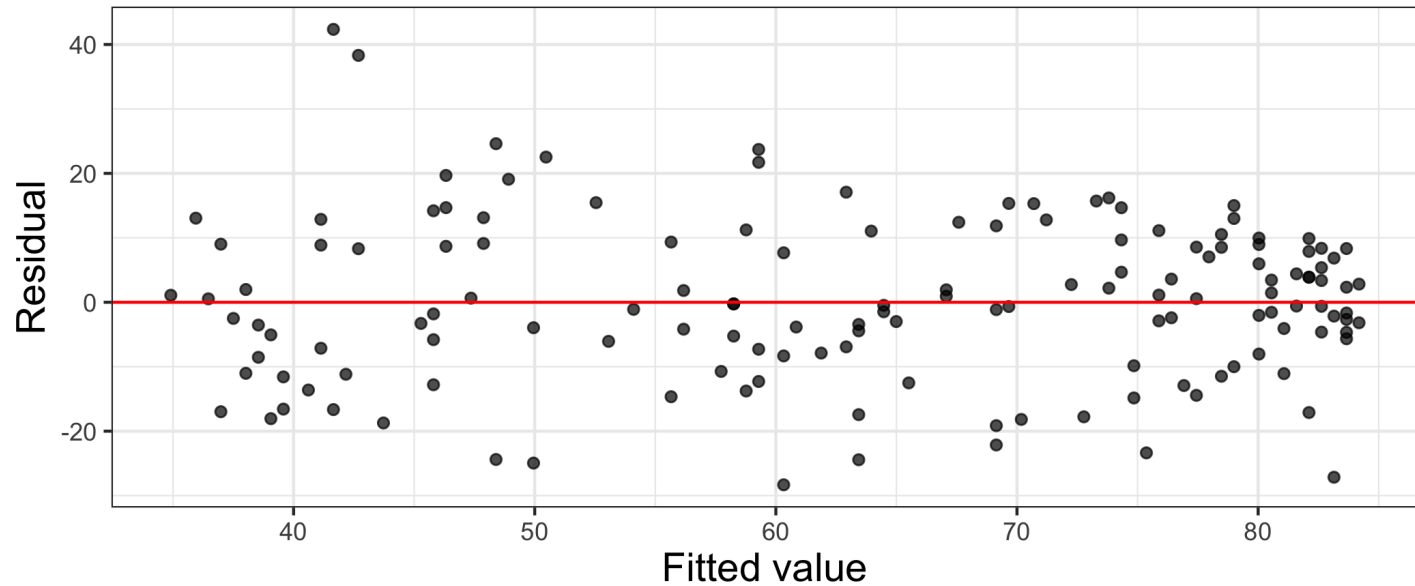
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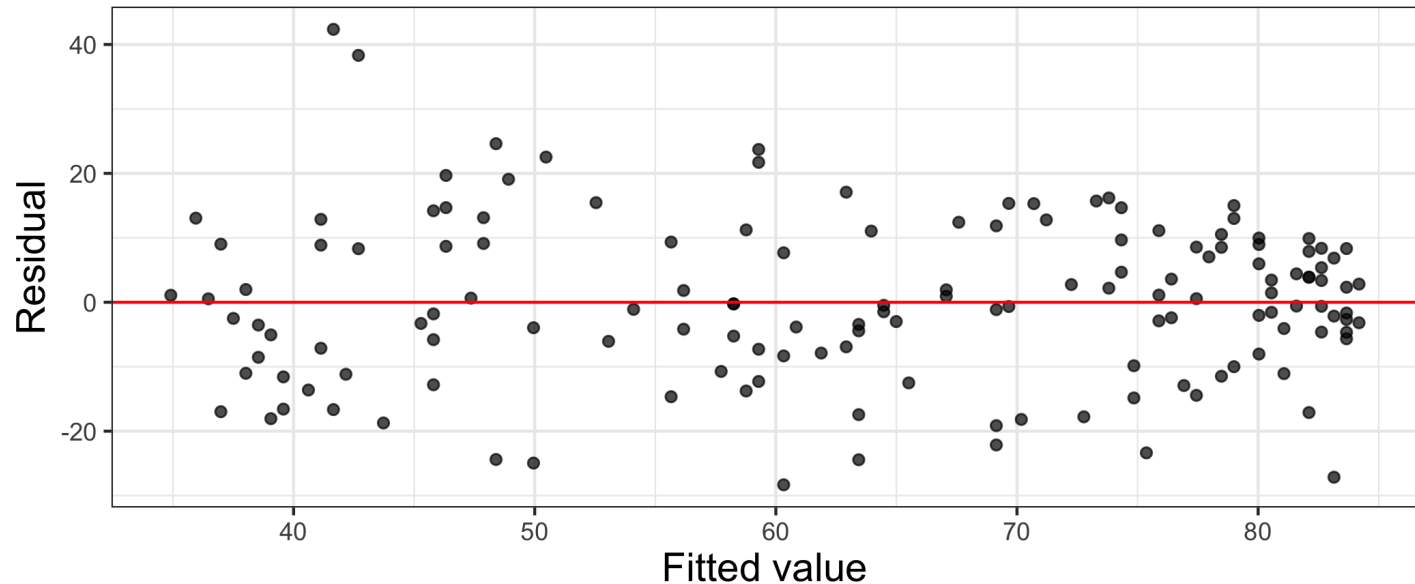
✓ There is no distinguishable pattern or structure. The residuals are randomly scattered.

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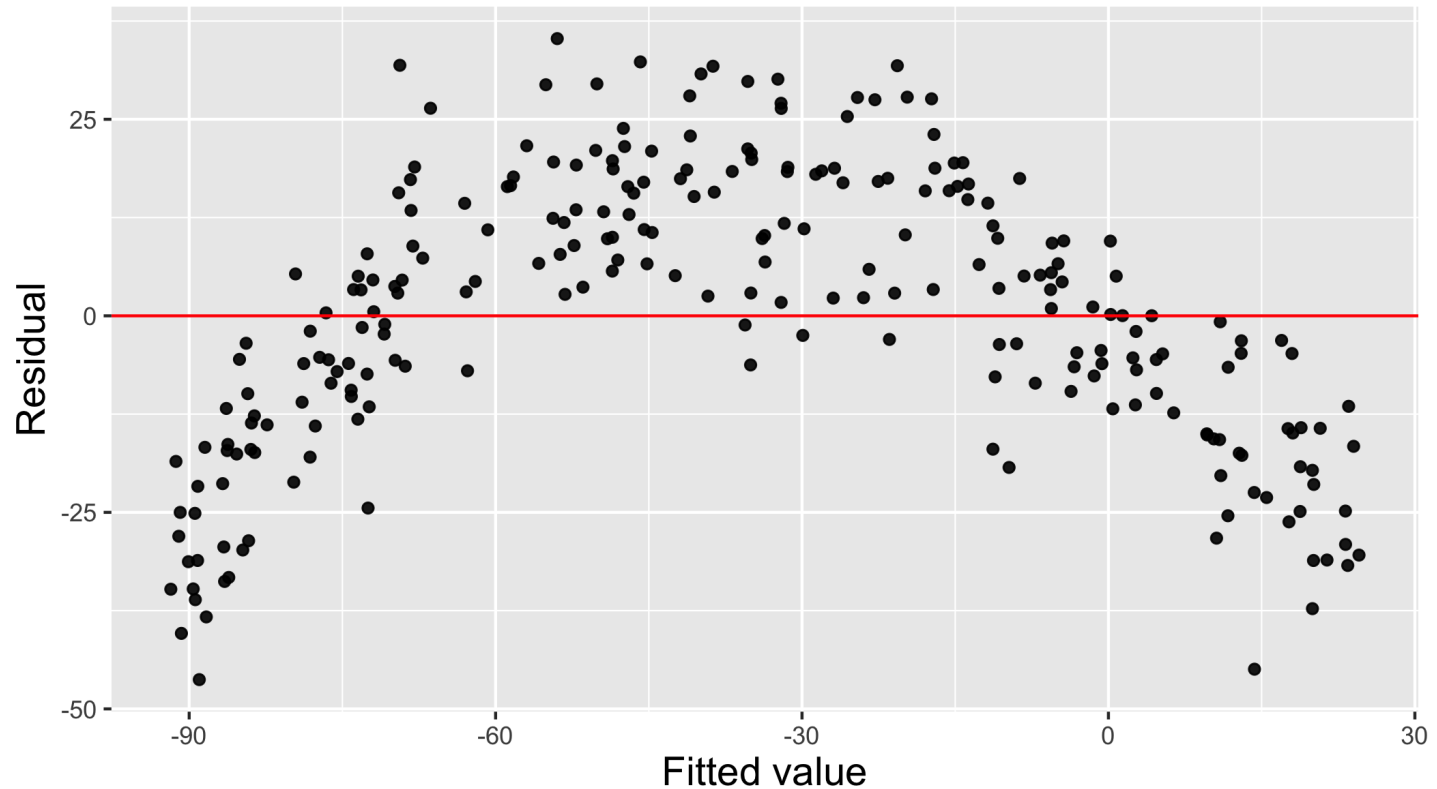


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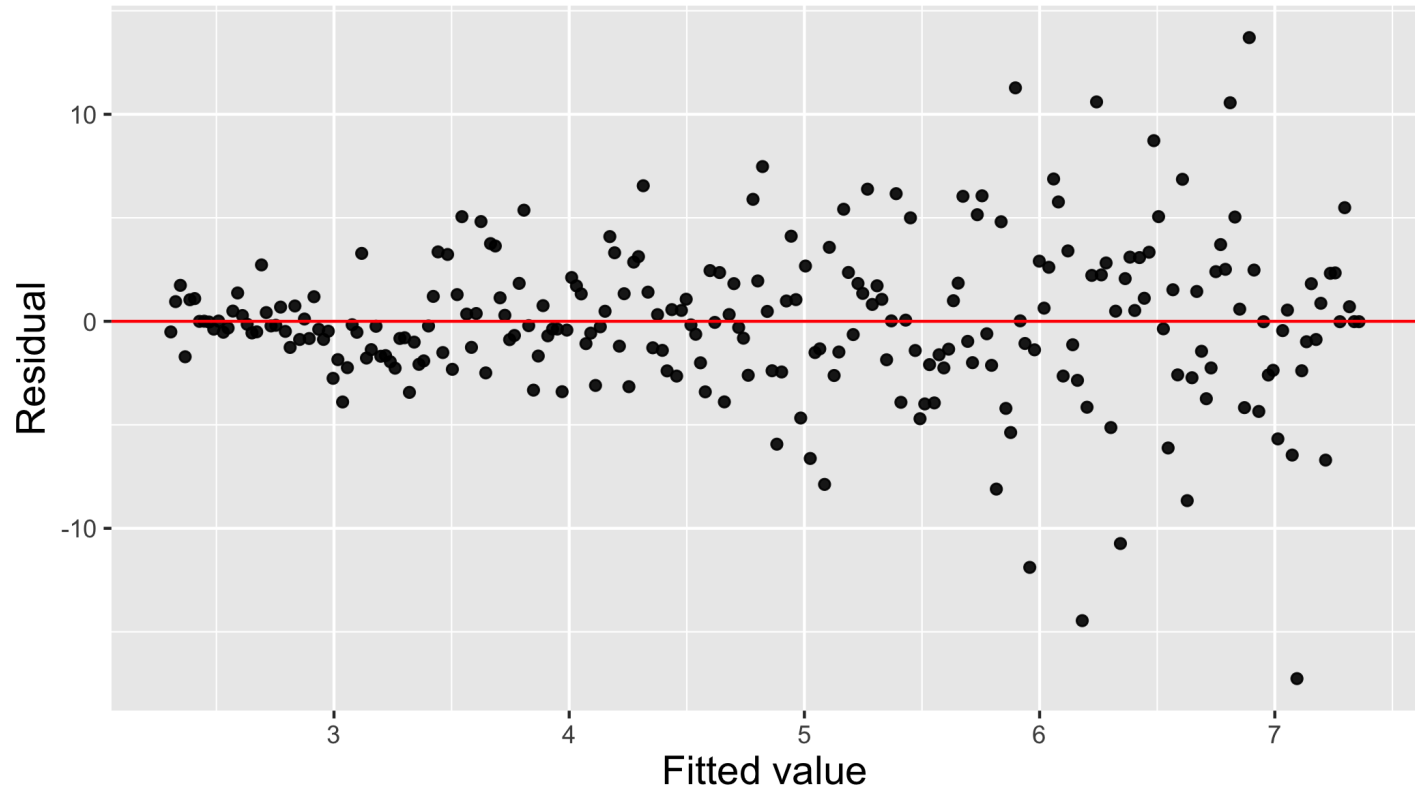


✓ The vertical spread of the residuals is relatively constant across the plot.

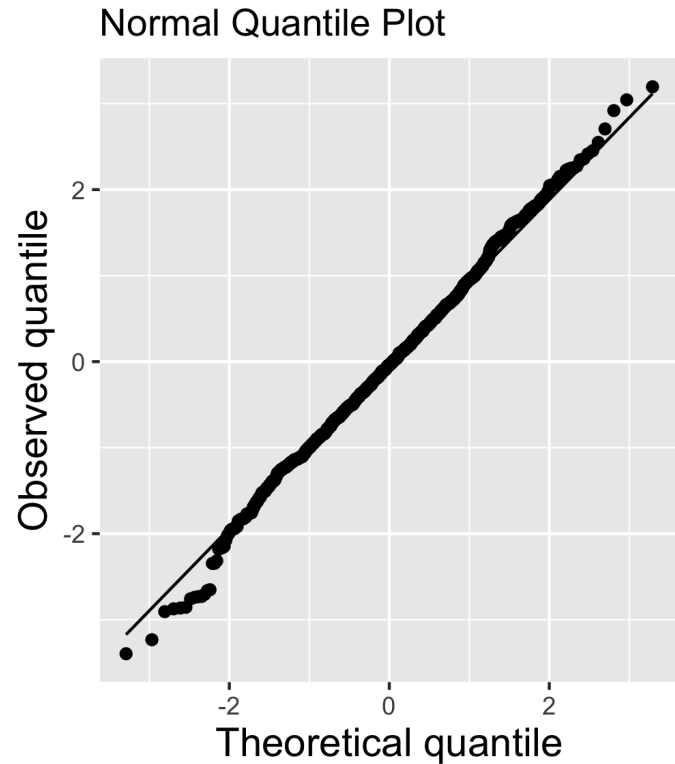
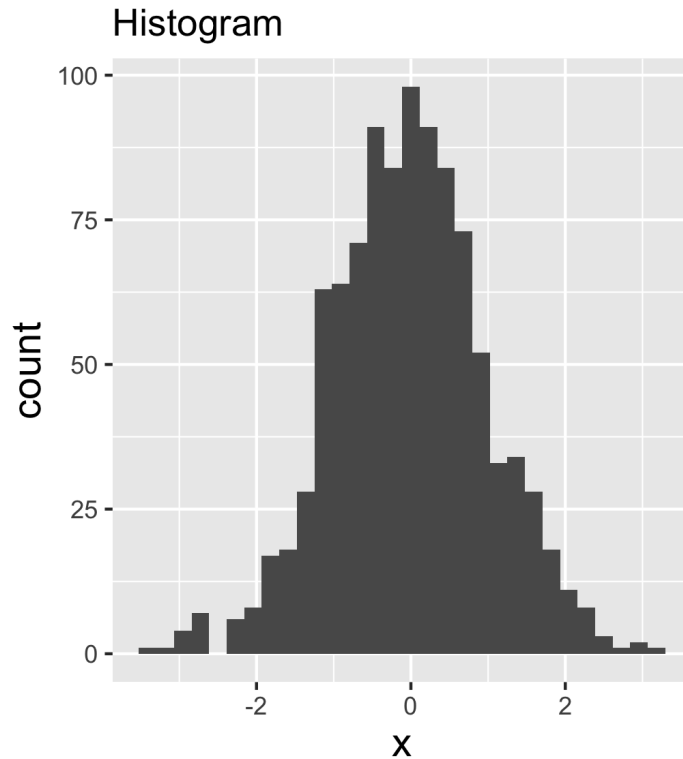
Violation: distinguishable pattern



Violation: non-constant variance

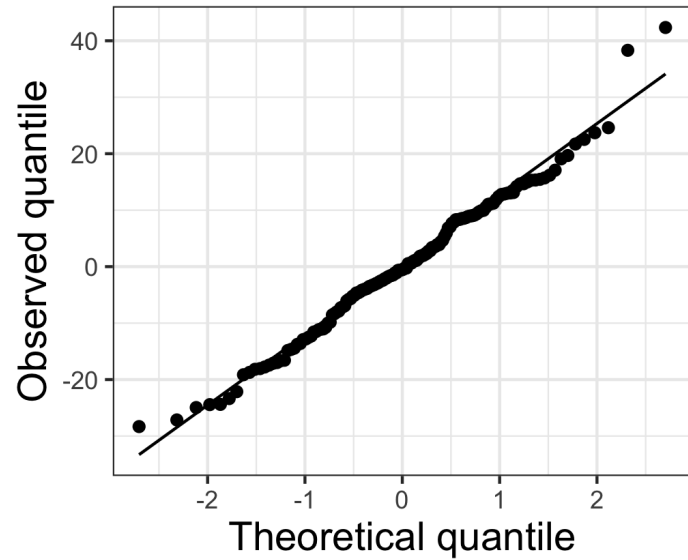
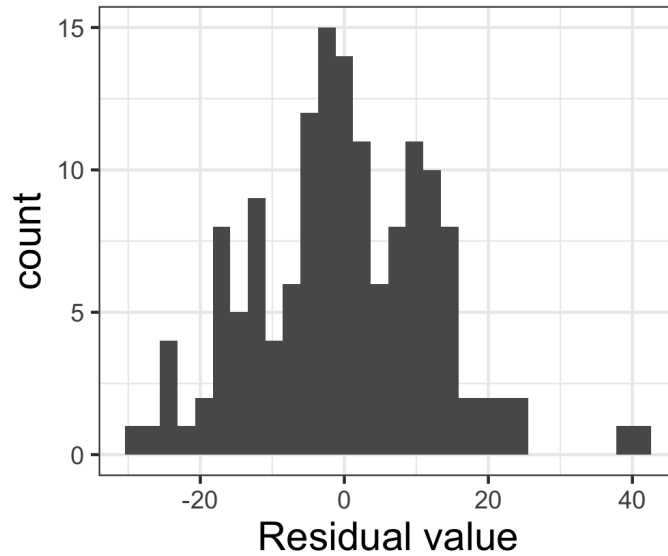


Normal quantile plot

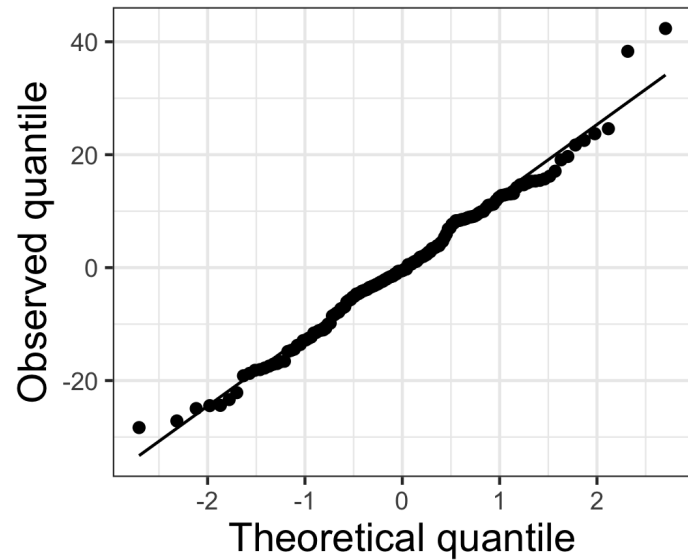
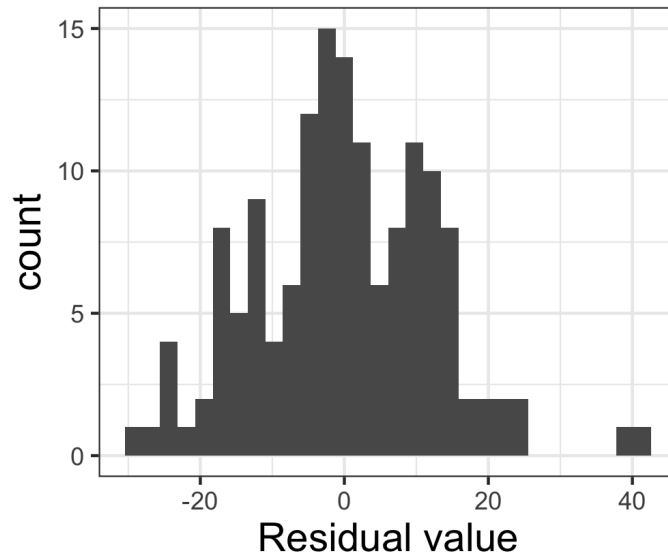


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✓ Points follow a straight diagonal line on the normal quantile plot.

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- ✓ If not, the conditions are sufficiently met and we can proceed with the current model.

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