$605\text{-}HW12\text{-}Regression\text{-}WorldHealth}$

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WHO datset

Load the dataset

```
setwd(mydir)
who.df <- read.csv('who.csv')
attach(who.df)</pre>
```

The attached who.csv dataset contains real-world data from 2008. The variables included follow:

| VariableName | Description |
|----------------|--|
| Country | name of the country |
| LifeExp | average life expectancy for the country in years |
| InfantSurvival | proportion of those surviving to one year or more |
| Under5Survival | proportion of those surviving to five years or more |
| TBFree | proportion of the population without TB. |
| PropMD | proportion of the population who are MDs |
| PropRN | proportion of the population who are RNs |
| PersExp | mean personal expenditures on healthcare in US dollars at average exchange rate |
| GovtExp | mean government expenditures per capita on healthcare, US dollars at average exchange rate |
| TotExp | sum of personal and government expenditures. |

EDA

```
# Dimension of the dataset
dim(who.df)

## [1] 190 10

# structure of the dataset
str(who.df)
```

```
190 obs. of 10 variables:
## 'data.frame':
                    : Factor w/ 190 levels "Afghanistan",..: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
   $ Country
   $ LifeExp
                    : int 42 71 71 82 41 73 75 69 82 80 ...
                         0.835 0.985 0.967 0.997 0.846 0.99 0.986 0.979 0.995 0.996 ...
   $ InfantSurvival: num
   $ Under5Survival: num
                          0.743 0.983 0.962 0.996 0.74 0.989 0.983 0.976 0.994 0.996 ...
   $ TBFree
                          0.998 1 0.999 1 0.997 ...
                    : num
   $ PropMD
                           0.0002288 0.0011431 0.0010605 0.0032973 0.0000704 ...
                    : num
                          0.000572 0.004614 0.002091 0.0035 0.001146 ...
   $ PropRN
## $ PersExp
                           20 169 108 2589 36 503 484 88 3181 3788 ...
                    : int
## $ GovtExp
                    : int
                           92 3128 5184 169725 1620 12543 19170 1856 187616 189354 ...
## $ TotExp
                         112 3297 5292 172314 1656 13046 19654 1944 190797 193142 ...
# summary of the dataset
summary(who.df)
```

```
##
                    Country
                                  LifeExp
                                                  InfantSurvival
                                                                       Under5Survival
                                                                                               TBFree
                                                                                                                   PropMD
                                                                                                                                          PropRN
##
    Afghanistan
                          1
                               Min.
                                       :40.0000
                                                  Min.
                                                          :0.835000
                                                                       Min.
                                                                              :0.731000
                                                                                          Min.
                                                                                                  :0.987000
                                                                                                               Min.
                                                                                                                       :0.000019600
                                                                                                                                      Min.
                                                                                                                                              :0.0
    Albania
                               1st Qu.:61.2500
                                                  1st Qu.:0.943250
                                                                       1st Qu.:0.925250
                                                                                           1st Qu.:0.996905
                                                                                                               1st Qu.:0.000244355
                                                                                                                                      1st Qu.:0.0
##
                          1
                               Median :70.0000
    Algeria
                        : 1
                                                                                                                                      Median:0.0
                                                  Median :0.978500
                                                                       Median :0.974500
                                                                                           Median :0.999215
                                                                                                               Median :0.001047359
    Andorra
                        : 1
                               Mean
                                       :67.3789
                                                          :0.962447
                                                                              :0.945942
                                                                                                  :0.998038
                                                                                                                      :0.001795380
                                                                                                                                      Mean
                                                                                                                                              :0.0
                                                  Mean
                                                                       Mean
                                                                                           Mean
                                                                                                               Mean
    Angola
                        : 1
                               3rd Qu.:75.0000
                                                  3rd Qu.:0.991000
                                                                       3rd Qu.:0.990000
                                                                                           3rd Qu.:0.999760
                                                                                                               3rd Qu.:0.002458363
                                                                                                                                      3rd Qu.:0.0
    Antigua and Barbuda: 1
                               Max.
                                       :83.0000
                                                  Max.
                                                          :0.998000
                                                                       Max.
                                                                              :0.997000
                                                                                           Max.
                                                                                                  :0.999980
                                                                                                               Max.
                                                                                                                      :0.035129032
                                                                                                                                      Max.
                                                                                                                                              :0.0
    (Other)
                        :184
```

```
PersExp
                          GovtExp
                                              TotExp
##
               3.00
                                   10.0
                                                       13.0
    Min.
                      Min.
                                          Min.
    1st Qu.: 36.25
                       1st Qu.:
                                  559.5
                                          1st Qu.:
                                                      584.0
    Median: 199.50
                                 5385.0
                       Median :
                                          Median: 5541.0
    Mean
          : 742.00
                       Mean
                              : 40953.5
                                          Mean
                                                  : 41695.5
    3rd Qu.: 515.25
                       3rd Qu.: 25680.2
                                          3rd Qu.: 26331.0
    Max.
           :6350.00
                              :476420.0
                                                  :482750.0
##
                       Max.
                                          Max.
##
```

##

The dataset contains 190 observations of 10 variables (where each country is an observation.)

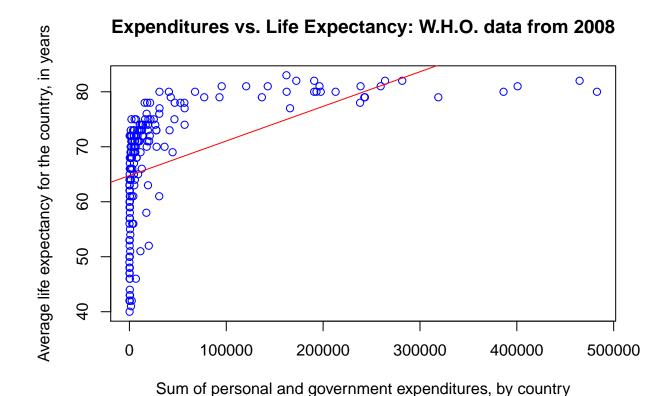
1. Provide a scatterplot of LifeExp~TotExp, and run simple linear regression.

Do not transform the variables.

Linear Regression

```
# Simple linear regression model
Model1 <- lm(LifeExp ~ TotExp, data=who.df)</pre>
Summ1 <- summary(Model1)</pre>
Fstat1 <- Summ1$fstatistic[1]</pre>
Tstat1 0 <- Summ1$coefficients["(Intercept)","t value"]</pre>
Tstat1 1 <- Summ1$coefficients["TotExp","t value"]</pre>
Pval1 0 <- Summ1$coefficients["(Intercept)", "Pr(>|t|)"]
Pval1 1 <- Summ1$coefficients["TotExp","Pr(>|t|)"]
Rsq1 <- Summ1$r.squared
AdjRsq1 <- Summ1$adj.r.squared
Correlation1 <- cor(who.df$LifeExp, who.df$TotExp)</pre>
print(Summ1)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = LifeExp ~ TotExp, data = who.df)
## Residuals:
         Min
                    1Q
                                         3Q
                          Median
                                                  Max
## -24.76421 -4.77817 3.15437 7.11620 13.29178
## Coefficients:
                     Estimate
                                  Std. Error t value
                                                                     Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 64.75337453357 0.75353661143 85.93262 < 0.0000000000000000222 ***
## TotExp
                0.00006297019 0.00000779467 8.07863
                                                          0.0000000000007714 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 9.37103 on 188 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.257692, Adjusted R-squared: 0.253744
## F-statistic: 65.2642 on 1 and 188 DF, p-value: 0.000000000000771399
```

Make a scatterplot, with regression line



Provide and interpret the F statistics, R^2 , standard error, and p-values only.

The **F-statistic**, 65.26419817 is large, indicating significance. (The critical value for the F-test is 3.891398098).

Because there is only 1 degree of freedom in the numerator, the F-statistic equals the **square of the t-value**, 8.078626008, on the coefficient on the independent variable, TotExp.

The R^2 (0.25769216) and the **adjusted-** R^2 (0.253743714) values are not very strong, indicating a poor fit. As they are about $\frac{1}{4}$, this indicates that the correlation between the independent variables is about $\frac{1}{2}$.

(We have confirmed that the actual correlation is 0.507633883.)

The Null Hypothesis is H_0 : The regression coefficients are **not** significantly different from zero, indicating no relationship between the dependent and independent variables.

The Alternative is H_A : The coefficients **are** significantly different from zero.

The results indicate that the coefficients are significant, as the p-values are close to zero.

Regression Assumptions

Discuss whether the assumptions of simple linear regression met.

There are four assumptions of simple linear regression:

- 1. Linearity of the data. The relationship between the predictor (x) and the outcome (y) is assumed to be linear.
- 2. Normality of residuals. The residual errors are assumed to be normally distributed.
- 3. Homogeneity of residuals variance. The residuals are assumed to have a constant variance (homoscedasticity)
- 4. Independence of residuals error terms.

We will find that in this example, these assumptions are not met.

1. Linearity of the data

Clearly from the plot above, the data is not linear. We could resolve this through a transformation, such as taking logs, but have been asked not to. Additionally, the plot of the residuals has the following pattern:

W.H.O. dataset (expenditures vs. life expectancy): Fitted vs. Residua



This does not look good...

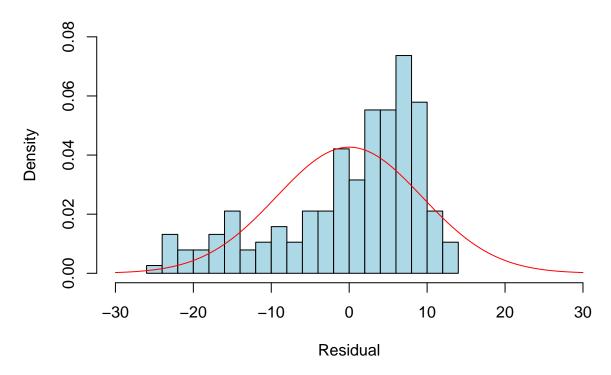
2. Normality of residuals.

Histogram:

We plot a histogram of the residuals:

```
Residual = resid(Model1)
hist(Residual, main = "Histogram of Residuals - 15 breaks", ylab = "Density",
    ylim = c(0, 0.08),
    xlim = c(-30,30),
    prob = TRUE, breaks=15, col="lightblue")
curve(dnorm(x, mean = mean(Residual), sd = sd(Residual)), col="red", add=TRUE)
```

Histogram of Residuals – 15 breaks

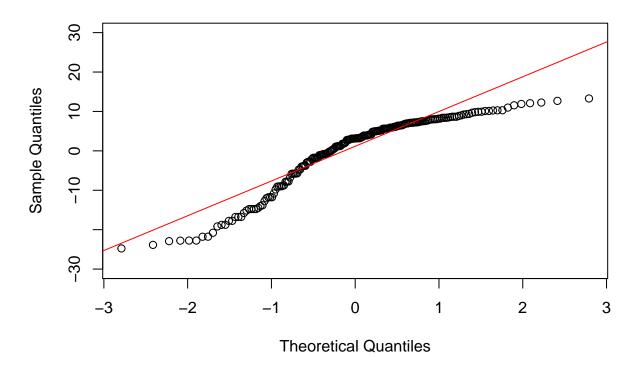


Clearly the above distribution is highly skewed and does not resemble the required normal distribution, which is superimposed in red.

QQ-Plot:

```
qqnorm(Residual, ylim=c(-30,30))
qqline(Residual, col="red")
```

Normal Q-Q Plot



Clearly the residuals fail the QQplot test.

We can run several standard tests of normality:

library(olsrr)

##

```
## Attaching package: 'olsrr'

## The following object is masked from 'package:datasets':
##
## rivers

ols_test_normality(Model1)
```

| ## | | | |
|----|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| ## | Test | Statistic | pvalue |
| ## | | | |
| ## | Shapiro-Wilk | 0.8915 | 0.0000 |
| ## | Kolmogorov-Smirnov | 0.1587 | 0.0001 |
| ## | Cramer-von Mises | 17.1443 | 0.0000 |
| ## | Anderson-Darling | 7.2968 | 0.0000 |
| ## | | | |

Every test failed.

3. Homogeneity of residuals variance.

Clearly looking at the graphs above suggests that this test should fail.

We can test using the lmSupport package:

library(lmSupport)

```
## Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'lme4':
## method from

## cooks.distance.influence.merMod car
## influence.merMod car
## dfbeta.influence.merMod car
## dfbetas.influence.merMod car
```

modelAssumptions(Model1,"LINEAR")

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = LifeExp ~ TotExp, data = who.df)
## Coefficients:
     (Intercept)
                         TotExp
## 64.7533745336
                   0.0000629702
##
##
## ASSESSMENT OF THE LINEAR MODEL ASSUMPTIONS
## USING THE GLOBAL TEST ON 4 DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM:
## Level of Significance = 0.05
## Call:
   gvlma(x = Model)
##
##
                                                                        Decision
                            Value
                                             p-value
                      56.73701065 0.000000000140474 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Global Stat
## Skewness
                      30.53275694 0.0000000328276598 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
                                                         Assumptions acceptable.
## Kurtosis
                       0.00280358 0.9577726303075544
                      26.07470333 0.0000003284593019 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Link Function
## Heteroscedasticity 0.12674679 0.7218292148467906
                                                         Assumptions acceptable.
```

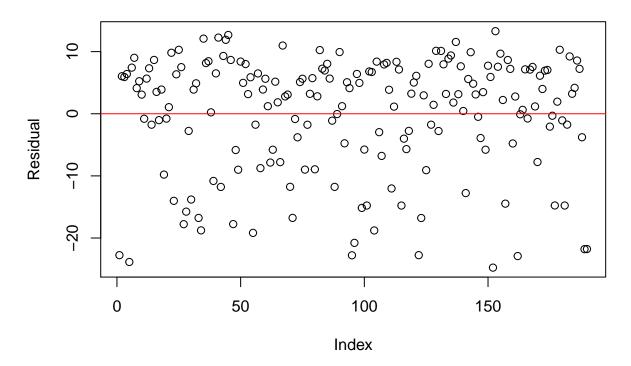
While various tests do fail, according to the above diagnostic, the heteroscedasticity test does not fail.

4. Independence of residuals

While there is clearly a relationship between the independent variable vs. the residual, the residuals themselves are actually independent of each other, as each represents the result from an individual country. Plotting the residuals sequentially (where the sequence happens to be alphabetical by country name) doesn't yield any discernable pattern:

```
plot(Residual, main="Residuals, sequenced alphabetically by country name")
abline(h=0, col="red")
```

Residuals, sequenced alphabetically by country name



Having failed several of the assumptions of Linear Regression, the simple linear regression model is NOT SUITABLE for this data.

2. Raise life expectancy to the 4.6 power (i.e., $LifeExp^{4.6}$).

Raise total expenditures to the 0.06 power (nearly a log transform, $TotExp^{.06}$).

```
who.df\$xformLifeExp <- who.df\$LifeExp^(4.6)
who.df\$xformTotExp <- who.df\$TotExp^(0.06)
```

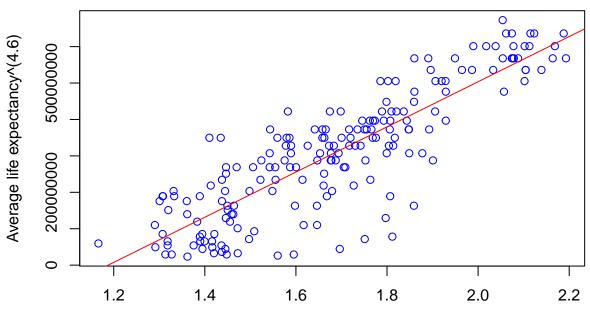
Plot $LifeExp^{4.6}$ as a function of $TotExp^{0.6}$, and r re-run the simple regression model using the transformed variables.

```
# Simple linear regression model, with transformed variables
Model2 <- lm(xformLifeExp ~ xformTotExp, data=who.df)</pre>
Summ2 <- summary(Model2)</pre>
Fstat2 <- Summ2$fstatistic[1]</pre>
Tstat2_0 <- Summ2$coefficients["(Intercept)","t value"]</pre>
Tstat2 1 <- Summ2$coefficients["xformTotExp","t value"]</pre>
Pval2_0 <- Summ2$coefficients["(Intercept)","Pr(>|t|)"]
Pval2 1 <- Summ2$coefficients["xformTotExp","Pr(>|t|)"]
Rsq2 <- Summ2$r.squared
AdjRsq2 <- Summ2$adj.r.squared
Correlation2 <- cor(who.df$xformLifeExp, who.df$xformTotExp)</pre>
print(Summ2)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = xformLifeExp ~ xformTotExp, data = who.df)
## Residuals:
          Min
                                             3Q
##
                      1Q
                              Median
                                                        Max
## -308616089 -53978977
                           13697187
                                       59139231 211951764
##
## Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error t value
                                                              Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -736527910
                            46817945 -15.7317 < 0.000000000000000222 ***
## xformTotExp 620060216 27518940 22.5321 < 0.0000000000000000222 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
```

```
## Residual standard error: 90492400 on 188 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.729767, Adjusted R-squared: 0.72833
## F-statistic: 507.697 on 1 and 188 DF, p-value: < 0.000000000000000222</pre>
```

Make a scatterplot, with regression line

Expenditures^(0.06) vs. Life Expectancy(4.6): W.H.O. data from 200



[Sum of personal and government expenditures]^(0.06)

Provide and interpret the F statistics, R^2 , standard error, and p-values.

The **F-statistic**, 507.696705395 is large, indicating significance. (The critical value for the F-test is 3.891398098).

Because there is only 1 degree of freedom in the numerator, the F-statistic equals the **square of the t-value**, 22.532126074, on the coefficient on the independent variable, TotExp.

The R^2 (0.729767299) and the **adjusted-** R^2 (0.728329891) values are strong, much better than those in the previous model. This indicating a much better fit. As they are about $\frac{3}{4}$, this indicates that the correlation between the independent and dependent variables is about $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.866025404$.

(We have confirmed that the actual correlation is 0.854264186 .)

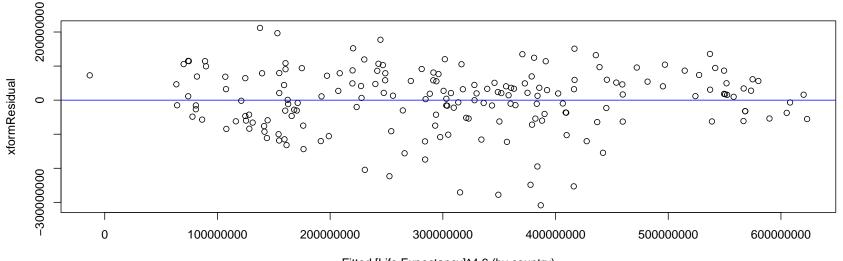
The Null Hypothesis is H_0 : The regression coefficients are **not** significantly different from zero, indicating no relationship between the dependent and independent variables.

The Alternative is H_A : The coefficients *are* significantly different from zero.

The results indicate that the coefficients are significant, as the p-values are close to zero.

Linearity of the (transformed) data

W.H.O. dataset (expenditures^0.06 vs. life expectancy^4.6): Fitted vs. Residuals



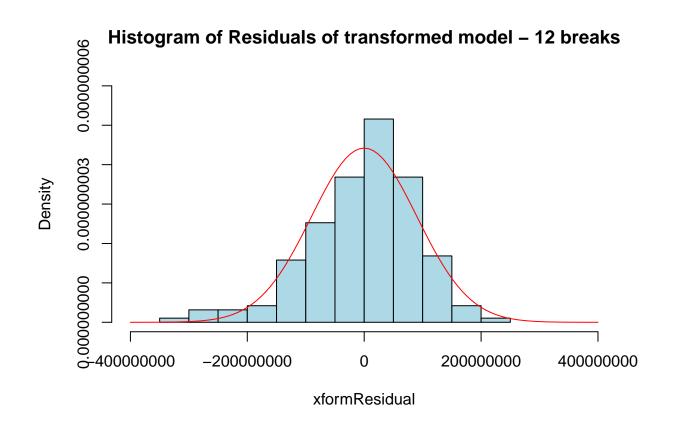
Fitted [Life Expectancy]^4.6 (by country)

2. Normality of residuals of transformed model.

Histogram of transformed model:

We plot a histogram of the residuals:

```
xformResidual = resid(Model2)
hist(xformResidual, main = "Histogram of Residuals of transformed model - 12 breaks", ylab = "Density",
    ylim = c(0, 0.000000006),
    xlim = c(-400000000, 400000000),
    prob = TRUE, breaks=12, col="lightblue")
curve(dnorm(x, mean = mean(xformResidual), sd = sd(xformResidual)), col="red", add=TRUE)
```

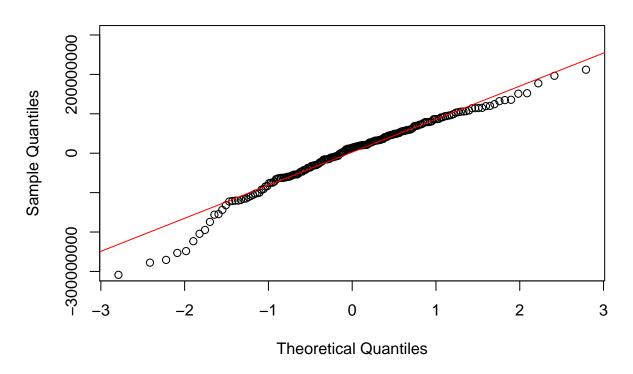


The above distribution much more closely resembles the normal distribution, which is superimposed in red.

QQ-Plot on transformed model:

```
qqnorm(xformResidual, ylim=c(-300000000,300000000))
qqline(xformResidual, col="red")
```

Normal Q-Q Plot



The quantiles of the residuals on the transformed model much more closely match those of the Normal distribution, though there are is a thicker lower tail.

We can run several standard tests of normality:

```
#library(olsrr)
ols_test_normality(Model2)
```

```
## Test Statistic pvalue
## -----
## Shapiro-Wilk 0.967 0.0002
## Kolmogorov-Smirnov 0.0753 0.2322
## Cramer-von Mises 16.3596 0.0000
## Anderson-Darling 1.4003 0.0012
```

While the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test no longer fails, every other test still fails, despite the transformations.

3. Homogeneity of residuals variance on transformed model.

Looking at the improvement of the graphs above suggests that this test should pass.

We can test using the lmSupport package:

```
#library(lmSupport)
modelAssumptions(Model2,"LINEAR")
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = xformLifeExp ~ xformTotExp, data = who.df)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) xformTotExp
## -736527909 620060216
##
##
##
## ASSESSMENT OF THE LINEAR MODEL ASSUMPTIONS
## USING THE GLOBAL TEST ON 4 DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM:
## Level of Significance = 0.05
##
## Call:
```

```
gvlma(x = Model)
##
##
                          Value
                                     p-value
                                                                Decision
##
                      27.811724 0.0000136181 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Global Stat
## Skewness
                      17.137169 0.0000347751 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
                      7.458088 0.0063152042 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Kurtosis
## Link Function
                       2.986551 0.0839588386
                                                Assumptions acceptable.
## Heteroscedasticity 0.229917 0.6315853166
                                                Assumptions acceptable.
```

Despite the improvement in the model, various tests do fail according to the above diagnostic.

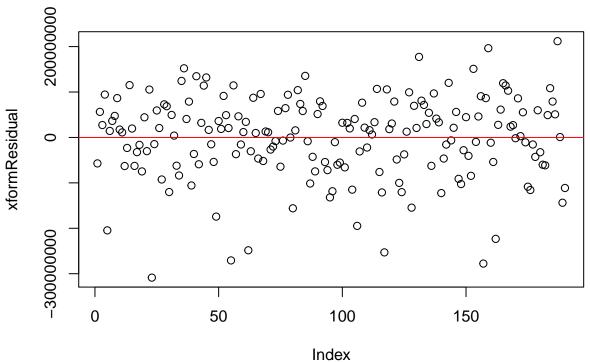
However, the heteroscedasticity test does pass.

4. Independence of residuals on transformed model

While there is clearly a relationship between the independent variable vs. the residual, the residuals themselves are actually independent of each other, as each represents the result from an individual country. Plotting the residuals sequentially (where the sequence happens to be alphabetical by country name) doesn't yield any discernable pattern:

```
plot(xformResidual, main="Residuals of the transformed model")
abline(h=0, col="red")
```

Residuals of the transformed model



Which model is "better?"

Despite the fact that the second model still fails several tests, the graphs indicate that it is much better than the first model.

3. Using the results from 3, forecast life expectancy when $TotExp^{.06} = 1.5$.

Then forecast life expectancy when $TotExp^{.06} = 2.5$.

```
# Create a dataframe with the values 1.5 and 2.5 for the x-value (here, renamed "xformTotExp")
predictor_values <- data.frame(xformTotExp=c(1.5,2.5))</pre>
# call the predict function to obtain the prediction.
# Because the initial life expectancy values have been raised to power 4.6, we need to reverse this to obtain the desired result
prediction_results <- predict(object=Model2, predictor_values, interval = 'predict')^(1/4.6)</pre>
prediction results
##
            fit
                        lwr
                                    upr
## 1 63.3115334 35.9354497 73.0079291
## 2 86.5064485 81.8064334 90.4341379
res <- round(prediction_results,2)</pre>
res
       fit lwr upr
## 1 63.31 35.94 73.01
## 2 86.51 81.81 90.43
The life expectancy when TotExp^{.06} = 1.5 is 63.31 with a confidence interval of (35.94,73.01).
The life expectancy when TotExp^{.06} = 2.5 is 86.506448484 with a confidence interval of (81.806433445, 90.434137942).
```

4. Build the following multiple regression model and interpret the F Statistics, R^2 , standard error, and p-values.

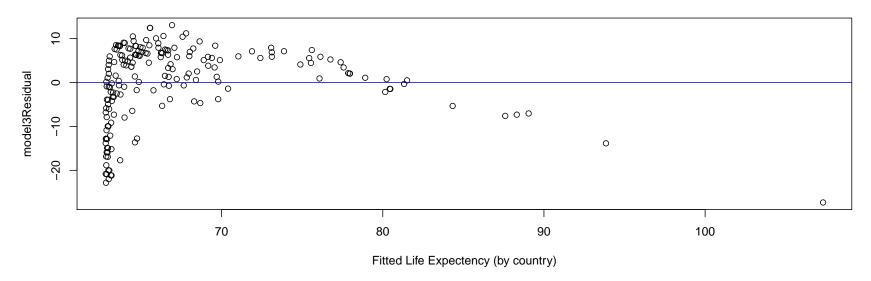
```
LifeExp = b_0 + b_1 \cdot PropMd + b_2 \cdot TotExp + b_3 \cdot PropMD \cdot TotExp
```

```
Model3 <- lm(LifeExp ~ PropMD + TotExp + (PropMD*TotExp),data=who.df)</pre>
summary(Model3)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = LifeExp ~ PropMD + TotExp + (PropMD * TotExp), data = who.df)
## Residuals:
        Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                             Max
## -27.32028 -4.13191 2.09766 6.53970 13.07385
##
## Coefficients:
##
                       Estimate
                                     Std. Error t value
                                                                    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                 62.77270325541
                                  0.79560523844 78.89931 < 0.000000000000000222 ***
## PropMD
               1497.49395251893 278.81687965214 5.37089
                                                         0.000000232060277382 ***
## TotExp
                  0.00007233324
                                0.00000898193 8.05320 0.00000000000093863 ***
## PropMD:TotExp -0.00602568644
                                 ## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 8.76549 on 186 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.357435, Adjusted R-squared: 0.347071
## F-statistic: 34.4883 on 3 and 186 DF, p-value: < 0.000000000000000222
```

Linearity of the model with interaction term

```
model3Residual = resid(Model3)
model3Fitted = fitted(Model3)
plot(model3Fitted,model3Residual,
    main="W.H.O. dataset (expenditures and proportion of MDs vs. life expectancy): Fitted vs. Residuals",
    xlab="Fitted Life Expectency (by country)")
abline(h=0, col="blue")
```

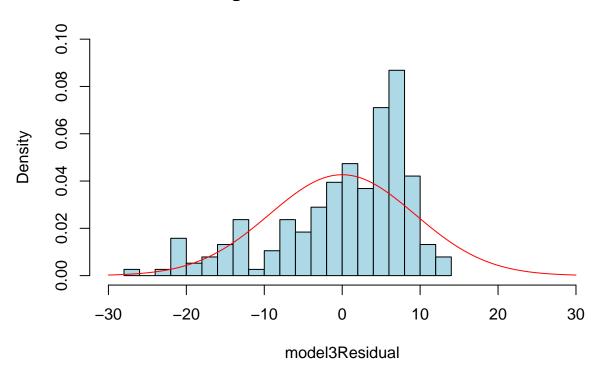
W.H.O. dataset (expenditures and proportion of MDs vs. life expectancy): Fitted vs. Residuals



The model does not show much improvement over the initial model.

```
model3Residual = resid(Model3)
hist(model3Residual, main = "Histogram of Residuals - 20 breaks", ylab = "Density",
    ylim = c(0, 0.10),
    xlim = c(-30,30),
    prob = TRUE, breaks=20, col="lightblue")
curve(dnorm(x, mean = mean(Residual), sd = sd(Residual)), col="red", add=TRUE)
```

Histogram of Residuals – 20 breaks

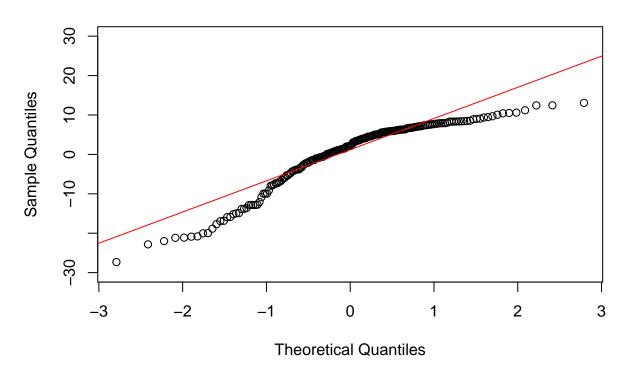


The above histogram does not closely resemble the corresponding Normal distribution.

QQPlot:

```
qqnorm(model3Residual, ylim=c(-30,30))
qqline(model3Residual, col="red")
```

Normal Q-Q Plot



Not a good result.

Tests of Normality:

All tests fail.

Homogeneity of residuals variance:

Clearly looking at the graphs above suggests that this test should fail.

```
#library(lmSupport)
modelAssumptions(Model3, "Normal")
```

```
## Descriptive Statistics for Studentized Residuals
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = LifeExp ~ PropMD + TotExp + (PropMD * TotExp), data = who.df)
## Coefficients:
       (Intercept)
                                                         PropMD:TotExp
##
                             PropMD
                                              TotExp
     62.7727032554 1497.4939525189
                                        0.0000723332
                                                         -0.0060256864
##
##
## ASSESSMENT OF THE LINEAR MODEL ASSUMPTIONS
## USING THE GLOBAL TEST ON 4 DEGREES-OF-FREEDOM:
## Level of Significance = 0.05
##
## Call:
    gvlma(x = Model)
##
##
                                                                        Decision
                          Value
                                             p-value
## Global Stat
                      87.070286 0.00000000000000000 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
                      33.421944 0.00000007418221926 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Skewness
                                                         Assumptions acceptable.
## Kurtosis
                       0.560019 0.454252478434432505
## Link Function
                      52.728414 0.000000000000383027 Assumptions NOT satisfied!
## Heteroscedasticity 0.359909 0.548556883534016215
                                                         Assumptions acceptable.
```

The model does pass the heteroscedasticity test.

How good is the model?

While the model has a higher \mathbb{R}^2 than the initial model, it still fails numerous tests.

5. Forecast LifeExp when PropMD = .03 and TotExp = 14.

```
# Create a dataframe with the PropMD = .03 and TotExp = 14 for the x-values
predictor_values3 <- data.frame(PropMD=0.03, TotExp=14)

# call the predict function to obtain the prediction.

prediction_results3 <- predict(object=Model3,predictor_values3,interval = 'predict')
prediction_results3

## fit lwr upr
## 1 107.696004 84.2479069 131.144101

res3 <- round(prediction_results3,2)
res3

## fit lwr upr
## 1 107.7 84.25 131.14</pre>
```

Under this model, the life expectancy when is 107.7 with a confidence interval of (84.25,131.14) .

Does this forecast seem realistic?

No, it does not seem realistic, as this represents an expected lifespan in years.

Why or why not?

If we look at the input data, the highest life expectancy is 83.

Furthermore, there are only two countries (Cyprus and San Marino) with a proportion of MDs greater than 3 percent of the population (indeed, greater than 1 percent):

```
many_MDs <- who.df[who.df$PropMD > 0.03,]
(many_MDs[,1:10]) %>% kable() %>% kable_styling(c("striped", "bordered"))
```

| | Country | LifeExp | InfantSurvival | Under5Survival | TBFree | PropMD | PropRN | PersExp | GovtExp | TotExp |
|-----|------------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 45 | Cyprus | 80 | 0.997 | 0.996 | 0.99994 | 0.033228132 | 0.003972813 | 1350 | 39399 | 40749 |
| 146 | San Marino | 82 | 0.997 | 0.997 | 0.99995 | 0.035129032 | 0.070838710 | 3490 | 278163 | 281653 |

These are both relatively wealthy (and, small) European countries with long life expectancies (80 and 82).

There is only one country (Burundi) with a TotExp less than 50:

```
small_expenditure <- who.df[who.df$TotExp < 50,]
small_expenditure[,1:10] %>% kable() %>% kable_styling(c("striped", "bordered"))
```

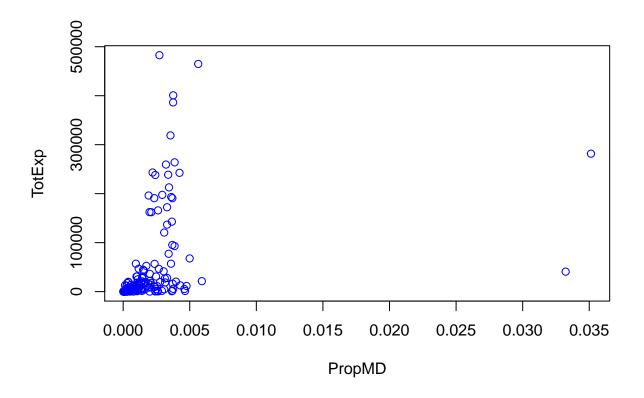
| | Country | LifeExp | InfantSurvival | Under5Survival | TBFree | PropMD | PropRN | PersExp | GovtExp | TotExp |
|----|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 28 | Burundi | 49 | 0.891 | 0.819 | 0.99286 | 0.0000245 | 0.000164933 | 3 | 10 | 13 |

Here the life expectancy of 48 is among the lowest such expectancies, and the proportion of MDs in the country is miniscule.

So, there are no countries similar to that requested for the prediction – with a very high proportion of MDs in the population but extremely low expenditures on healthcare.

If we plot the relationship between PropMD and TotExp we see the following:

```
plot(PropMD, TotExp, col="blue")
```



If there were any country which had PropMD and TotExp similar to those requested for prediction, it would be located at the very bottom (immediately above the 0.030 tickmark.) WHile there is a country which appears to be relatively nearby (Cyprus, in the lower right) the key difference is that Cyprus is a rather small country which which spends a sizable amount on healthcare and has high life expectancy.

Accordingly, the data doesn't support forecasting the life expectancy for a country where 3 percent of the population are doctors but the average healthcare spending is only \$14 because there are no countries like this.