

Series 2

1. In an experimental setup oceanic bacteria were exposed to x-ray in 15 six-minutes intervalls. These are the results:

No. of bac.	355	211	197	166	142	106	104	60	56	38	36	32	21	19	15
Intervall	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

- a) What does the relation between number of surviving bacteria and time of exposure look like? Is a linear regression reasonable?
Hint: `plot`.
- b) Try to transform the data such that a straight line fits better.
Hint: One theory assumes that within each intervall the relative amount of bacteria killed is equal.
- c) Estimate the size of the starting population of bacteria based on a regression analysis. Estimate also the relative decrease within each intervall.
Hint: `lm`, `summary`, see the R-Tutorial.
2. a) Generate a scatter plot of the following data:
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|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| x | 0.34 | 1.38 | -0.65 | 0.68 | 1.40 | -0.88 | -0.30 | -1.18 | 0.50 | -1.75 |
| y | 0.27 | 1.34 | -0.53 | 0.35 | 1.28 | -0.98 | -0.72 | -0.81 | 0.64 | -1.59 |
- b) Fit a straight line $y = ax + b$ using ordinary least squares (OLS) and draw it into the scatter plot.
- c) Fit another straight line $x = cy + d$ using OLS and draw it also into the scatter plot.
- d) Do the lines from b) and c) match? If no, why not?
3. The file `gas.dat` contains the gas consumption (in kWh) and the differences of temperature (in °C) inside and outside of 15 houses which are heated with gas. The measures were collected over a long time span and then averaged.

- a) Read in the data from the internet using
`read.table("http://stat.ethz.ch/Teaching/Datasets/gas.dat", header = TRUE)`.
Hint: Alternatively the data can be downloaded from the web using a browser and read in from the local drive using also `read.table()`. This could be necessary if you get an error reading it directly (e.g. caused by a stringent firewall).
Illustrate the data graphically. What does the relation look like?
- b) Compute an ordinary linear regression `mod1` of the consumption versus the temperature difference. Compare the output when calling `mod1` and `summary(mod1)`.
- c) Perform a diagnosis of the model. Does the residual analysis look satisfying?
Hints:
`plot(fitted(mod1), resid(mod1))`, `abline(h=0)`,
`plot(gas$temp, resid(mod1))`, `abline(h=0)` and
`qqnorm(resid(mod1))`, `qqline(resid(mod1))`.
Or `plot(mod1)`, which generates directly the above plots and an additional one.
If necessary, try to find an alternative model.
- d) What kind of consumption do you expect when the difference in temperature is 14°C ?
Give also the confidence intervall for the expected consumption. Hint: `predict()`.

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