MEM5220 - R Econometrics Evaluation

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This first R econometrics self-evaluation exercise is focused on data cleaning, data manipulation, plotting and estimating and interpreting simple linear regression models. You can use **any** additional packages for answering the questions.

Packages I have used to solve the exercises:

```
library(tidyverse)
library(stargazer)
library(huxtable)
library(broom)
```

Note:

- This assignemt has to be solved in this R markdown and you should be able to "knit" the document without errors
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 - Write your code in code chunks
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You will be working with the dataset Caschool from the Ecdat package, the dataset Wage1 from wooldrige package. In the last step, you will be working with a simulated dataset.

Q1:

Load the dataset Caschool from the Ecdat package.

The Caschooldataset contains the average test scores of 420 elementary schools in California along with some additional information.

```
# install.packages("Ecdat")
library("Ecdat") # Attach the Ecdat library
data("Caschool", package = "Ecdat")
```

What are the dimensions of the Caschool dataset?

A:

dim(Caschool)

[1] 420 17

Q2:

Display the structure of the Caschool dataset. Which variable has values encoded as factors?

A:

```
str(Caschool)
```

```
420 obs. of 17 variables:
'data.frame':
$ distcod : int 75119 61499 61549 61457 61523 62042 68536 63834 62331 67306 ...
$ county : Factor w/ 45 levels "Alameda", "Butte", ...: 1 2 2 2 2 6 29 11 6 25 ...
$ district: Factor w/ 409 levels "Ackerman Elementary",..: 362 214 367 132 270 53 152 3
$ grspan : Factor w/ 2 levels "KK-06", "KK-08": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 ...
$ enrltot : int 195 240 1550 243 1335 137 195 888 379 2247 ...
$ teachers: num 10.9 11.1 82.9 14 71.5 ...
$ calwpct : num 0.51 15.42 55.03 36.48 33.11 ...
$ mealpct : num 2.04 47.92 76.32 77.05 78.43 ...
$ computer: int 67 101 169 85 171 25 28 66 35 0 ...
$ testscr : num 691 661 644 648 641 ...
$ compstu : num  0.344  0.421  0.109  0.35  0.128 ...
$ expnstu : num 6385 5099 5502 7102 5236 ...
$ str
         : num
                17.9 21.5 18.7 17.4 18.7 ...
$ avginc : num 22.69 9.82 8.98 8.98 9.08 ...
$ elpct
         : num 0 4.58 30 0 13.86 ...
$ readscr : num 692 660 636 652 642 ...
$ mathscr : num 690 662 651 644 640 ...
```

County, district and grspan are encoded as factors.

Q3:

Provide a summary statistic of the data

A:

summary(Caschool)

dis ⁻	tcod	cou	nt	ty	dist	ri	ct
Min.	:61382	Sonoma	:	29	Lakeside Union Elementary	<i>7</i> :	3
1st Qu	.:64308	Kern	:	27	Mountain View Elementary	:	3
Median	:67760	Los Angeles	:	27	Jefferson Elementary	:	2
Mean	:67473	Tulare	:	24	Liberty Elementary	:	2

```
3rd Qu.:70419
                San Diego : 21
                                   Ocean View Elementary
Max.
                Santa Clara: 20
                                   Pacific Union Elementary :
       :75440
                (Other)
                            :272
                                   (Other)
                                                             :406
               enrltot
                                  teachers
                                                     calwpct
  grspan
KK-06: 61
            Min.
                   :
                       81.0
                               Min.
                                     :
                                          4.85
                                                 Min.
                                                        : 0.000
                               1st Qu.:
KK-08:359
            1st Qu.:
                      379.0
                                                  1st Qu.: 4.395
                                         19.66
                               Median : 48.56
            Median :
                      950.5
                                                  Median: 10.520
            Mean
                   : 2628.8
                               Mean
                                      : 129.07
                                                  Mean
                                                         :13.246
            3rd Qu.: 3008.0
                               3rd Qu.: 146.35
                                                  3rd Qu.:18.981
                   :27176.0
                                      :1429.00
                                                  Max.
                                                         :78.994
            Max.
                               Max.
   mealpct
                    computer
                                      testscr
                                                       compstu
      : 0.00
Min.
                 Min.
                        :
                             0.0
                                   Min.
                                          :605.5
                                                   Min.
                                                           :0.00000
1st Qu.: 23.28
                 1st Qu.: 46.0
                                   1st Qu.:640.0
                                                    1st Qu.:0.09377
Median : 41.75
                 Median : 117.5
                                   Median :654.5
                                                    Median: 0.12546
       : 44.71
                         : 303.4
                                          :654.2
Mean
                 Mean
                                   Mean
                                                   Mean
                                                           :0.13593
3rd Qu.: 66.86
                 3rd Qu.: 375.2
                                   3rd Qu.:666.7
                                                    3rd Qu.:0.16447
Max.
       :100.00
                 Max.
                         :3324.0
                                   Max.
                                          :706.8
                                                   Max.
                                                           :0.42083
   expnstu
                    str
                                    avginc
                                                      elpct
                                Min.
                                      : 5.335
                                                  Min.
                                                        : 0.000
Min.
       :3926
               Min.
                      :14.00
1st Qu.:4906
               1st Qu.:18.58
                                1st Qu.:10.639
                                                  1st Qu.: 1.941
Median:5215
               Median :19.72
                                Median :13.728
                                                  Median: 8.778
Mean
       :5312
               Mean
                      :19.64
                                Mean
                                       :15.317
                                                  Mean
                                                         :15.768
               3rd Qu.:20.87
3rd Qu.:5601
                                3rd Qu.:17.629
                                                  3rd Qu.:22.970
Max.
       :7712
               Max.
                      :25.80
                                       :55.328
                                                         :85.540
                                Max.
                                                  Max.
   readscr
                   mathscr
Min.
       :604.5
                Min.
                        :605.4
1st Qu.:640.4
                1st Qu.:639.4
Median :655.8
                Median:652.5
       :655.0
Mean
                Mean
                        :653.3
3rd Qu.:668.7
                3rd Qu.:665.9
       :704.0
Max.
                Max.
                        :709.5
```

Q4:

What are the names of the variables in the dataset?

```
names(Caschool)
[1] "distcod" "county" "district" "grspan" "enrltot" "teachers"
```

```
[7] "calwpct" "mealpct" "computer" "testscr" "compstu" "expnstu" [13] "str" "avginc" "elpct" "readscr" "mathscr"
```

Q5:

How many unique observations are available in the variable "county"

A:

unique(Caschool\$county)

[1]	Alameda	Butte	Fresno	San Joaquin
[5]	Kern	Sacramento	Merced	Tulare
[9]	Los Angeles	Imperial	Monterey	San Diego
[13]	San Bernardino	San Mateo	Ventura	Riverside
[17]	Santa Clara	Madera	Santa Barbara	Orange
[21]	Kings	Sonoma	Contra Costa	Humboldt
[25]	Siskiyou	Lake	Sutter	Mendocino
[29]	San Benito	Shasta	Tehama	Stanislaus
[33]	Tuolumne	El Dorado	Placer	Glenn
[37]	Lassen	Santa Cruz	Nevada	Calaveras
[41]	Marin	San Luis Obispo	Inyo	Trinity
[45]	Yuba			

45 Levels: Alameda Butte Calaveras Contra Costa El Dorado Fresno ... Yuba

Q6:

Summarize the mean number of students grouped by county.

\mathbf{A} :

```
Caschool %>%
  group_by(county) %>%
  summarise(mean_count = mean(enrltot)) %>%
  arrange(desc(mean_count))
```

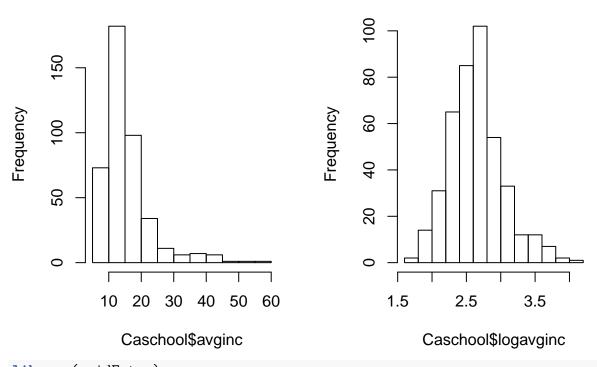
Q7:

Calculate the log of average income from of the Caschool dataset. Call the variable **logavginc** and add this variable to the dataset. Then, plot a histogram of the average income vs. a histogram of log average income. What do you observe?

Caschool\$logavginc <- log(Caschool\$avginc)</pre>

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
hist(Caschool$avginc)
hist(Caschool$logavginc)
```

Histogram of Caschool\$avginc Histogram of Caschool\$logavgin



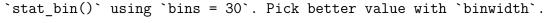
```
library(gridExtra)
```

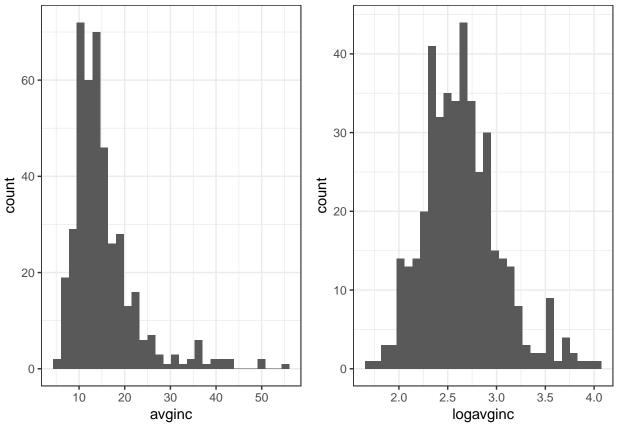
```
Attaching package: 'gridExtra'

The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
```

combine

[`]stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.





Average income is clearly leftward-skewed. The log of averge income looks more like a normal distribution.

Q8:

We want to create now a subset of counties that have the ten highest district average income and that have the ten lowest district average income. Call this subset *Caschool_lowhighincome*.

Hint: One way is the create two subsets (eg. Cascholl_highincome and Caschool_lowincome and the use the rbind() function to bind them together.).

```
Caschool_highincome <- Caschool %>%
  arrange(desc(avginc)) %>%
  head(10)

Caschool_lowincome <- Caschool %>%
  arrange((avginc)) %>%
  head(10)
```

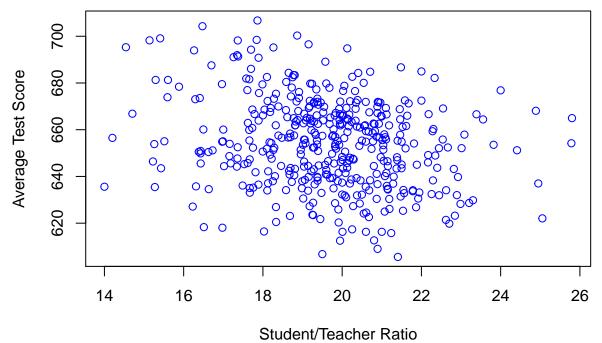
Q9:

Let us test wether a high student/teacher ratio will be associated with higher-than-average test scores for the school? Create a scatter plot for the full dataset (*Caschool*) for the variables **testscr** and **str**. You can plot either in base R or use ggplot2.

\mathbf{A} :

Base R-style

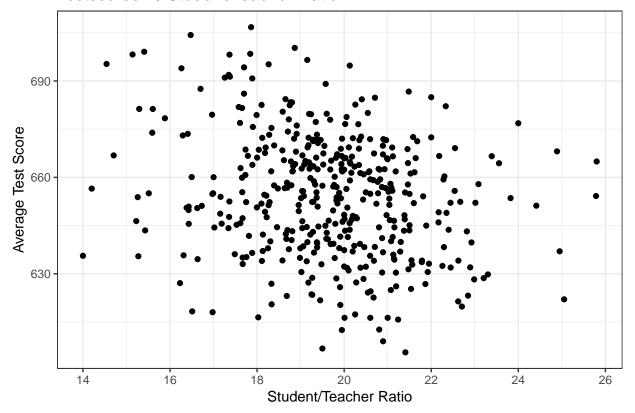
```
plot(formula = testscr ~ str,
    data = Caschool,
    xlab = "Student/Teacher Ratio",
    ylab = "Average Test Score", pch = 21, col = 'blue')
```



ggplot2-style

```
ggplot(mapping = aes(x = str, y = testscr), data = Caschool) + # base plot
  geom_point() + # add points
scale_y_continuous(name = "Average Test Score") +
  scale_x_continuous(name = "Student/Teacher Ratio") +
theme_bw() + ggtitle("Testscores vs Student/Teacher Ratio")
```

Testscores vs Student/Teacher Ratio



Q10:

Suppose a policymaker is interested in the following linear model:

$$testscr_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times str_i + \epsilon_i \tag{1}$$

Where $(testscr)_i$ is the average test score for a given school and $(str)_i$ is the Student/Teacher Ratio (i.e. the average number of students per teacher) in the same school i.

Estimate the specified linear model. Is the estimated relationship between a school's Student/Teacher Ratio and its average test results postitive or negative?

A:

```
fit_single <- lm(formula = testscr ~ str, data = Caschool)
summary(fit_single)</pre>
```

Call:

lm(formula = testscr ~ str, data = Caschool)

Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -47.727 -14.251 0.483 12.822 48.540
```

Residual standard error: 18.58 on 418 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.05124, Adjusted R-squared: 0.04897 F-statistic: 22.58 on 1 and 418 DF, p-value: 2.783e-06

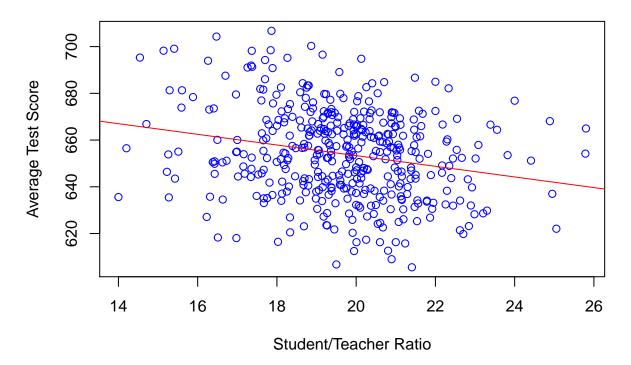
Q11:

Now, plot the regression line for the model we have just estimated. Again, you can use either base R or ggplot2-style.

\mathbf{A} :

Base R-style

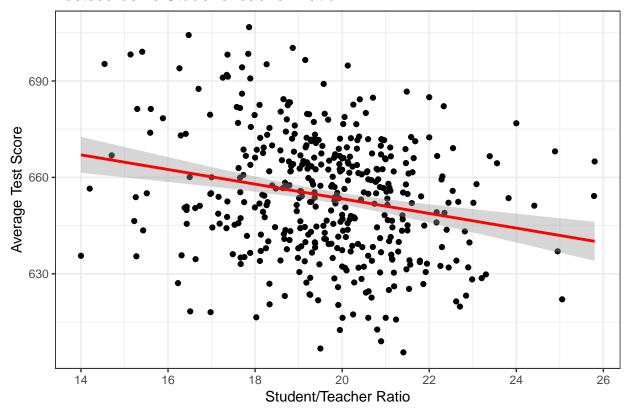
Coefficients:



ggplot2-style

```
ggplot(mapping = aes(x = str, y = testscr), data = Caschool) + # base plot
geom_point() + # add points
geom_smooth(method = "lm", size=1, color="red") + # add regression line
scale_y_continuous(name = "Average Test Score") +
scale_x_continuous(name = "Student/Teacher Ratio") +
theme_bw() + ggtitle("Testscores vs Student/Teacher Ratio")
```

Testscores vs Student/Teacher Ratio



Q12:

Let us extend our example of student test scores by adding families' average income to our previous model:

$$testscr_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times str_i + \beta_2 \times avginc_i + \epsilon_i$$
 (2)

\mathbf{A} :

fit_multivariate <- lm(formula = "testscr ~ str + avginc", data = Caschool)
summary(fit_multivariate)</pre>

Call:

lm(formula = "testscr ~ str + avginc", data = Caschool)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -39.608 -9.052 0.707 9.259 31.898

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 638.72915
                           7.44908 85.746 <2e-16 ***
              -0.64874
                           0.35440 -1.831
                                                0.0679 .
str
               1.83911
                           0.09279 19.821
                                                <2e-16 ***
avginc
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 13.35 on 417 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5115,
                                   Adjusted R-squared: 0.5091
F-statistic: 218.3 on 2 and 417 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
Q13:
Assume know that "str" depends also on the value of yet another regressor, "avginc". Estimate
the following model. Compare the sign of the estimate of \beta_2 and \beta_3. Interpret the results.
            testscr_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times str_i + \beta_2 \times avginc_i + \beta_3(str_i \times avginc_i) + \epsilon_i
                                                                                  (3)
A:
fit inter = lm(formula = testscr ~ str + avginc + str*avginc, data = Caschool)
summary(fit inter)
Call:
lm(formula = testscr ~ str + avginc + str * avginc, data = Caschool)
Residuals:
    Min
              1Q Median
                                3Q
                                        Max
```

Coefficients:

-41.346 -9.260

0.209

Multiple R-squared: 0.5303, Adjusted R-squared: 0.527 F-statistic: 156.6 on 3 and 416 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

8.736 33.368

We observe also that the estimate of β_2 changes signs and becomes negative, while the interaction effect β_3 is positive.

This means that an increase in str reduces average student scores (more students per teacher make it harder to teach effectively); that an increase in average district income in isolation actually reduces scores; and that the interaction of both increases scores (more students per teacher are actually a good thing for student performance in richer areas).

Q14:

In question 10, 12 and 13, you have fitted 3 models. Report the regression results, the number of observations, the Akaike information criterion and the model fit (adj. R^2) in formatted table regression output table. You can use for example the **stargazer** or the **huxtable** package. Which model fits the data best?

stargazer package:

```
library(stargazer)
invisible(stargazer(
    list(fit_single,
        fit_multivariate,
        fit_inter)
,keep.stat = c("n", "adj.rsq", "aic", "bic"), type = "text", style = "ajps"))# to have
```

	testscr Model 1	testscr Model 2	NA Model 3	
str	-2.280***	-0.649*	-3.410***	
	(0.480)	(0.354)	(0.760)	
avginc		1.839***	-1.624*	
		(0.093)	(0.852)	
str:avginc			0.190***	
_			(0.046)	
Constant	698.933***	638.729***	689.475***	
	(9.467)	(7.449)	(14.409)	
N	420	420	420	
Adj. R-squared	0.049	0.509	0.527	
***p < .01; **p < .05; *p < .1				

huxtable package:

```
library(huxtable)
huxreg(fit_single,
    fit_multivariate,
```

```
fit_inter,
statistics = c("nobs", "adj.r.squared", "AIC", "BIC"))
```

The adjusted R^2 is highest for the model 3, the model that includes an interaction term. AIC and BIC, two widely used information criteria, would also select model 3, relative to each of the other models (The relatively quality of the model is maximized when the information criteria is minimized).

Q15:

This exercise focuses on the **collineartiy** problem.

Perform the following commands in R:

```
set.seed(1)
x1 <- runif(100)
x2 <- 0.5 * x1 + rnorm(100)/10
y <- 2 +2*x1 + 0.3 *x2 +rnorm(100)</pre>
```

The last line corresponds to creating a linear model in which y is a function of x_1 and x_2 . Write out the form of the linear model. What are the regression coefficients?

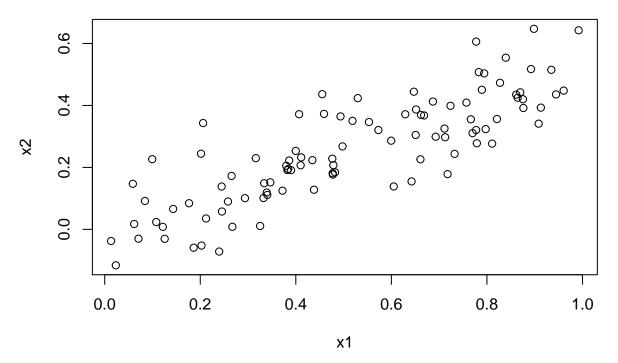
\mathbf{A} :

```
y = 2 + 2x_1 + 0.3x_2 + \epsilon
\beta_0 = 2, \ \beta_1 = 2, \ \beta_3 = 0.3
```

Q15:

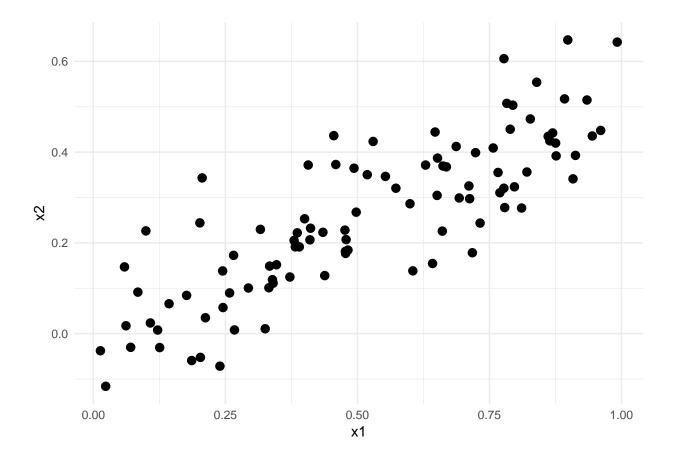
What is the correlation between x_1 and x_2 ? Create a scatterplot displaying the relationship between the variables.

```
cor(x1, x2)
[1] 0.8351212
Base R style:
plot(x1, x2)
```



ggplot2 style:

```
d <- data.frame(x1,x2)
ggplot(d, aes(x1, x2)) +
  geom_point(shape = 16, size = 3, show.legend = FALSE) +
  theme_minimal()</pre>
```



Q16:

Using this data, fit a least squares regression to predict y using x_1 and x_2 . Describe the results obtained. What are $\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$? How do these relate to the true β_0 , β_1 and β_2 ? Can you reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$? How about the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$?

A:

```
lm.fit = lm(y~x1+x2)
summary(lm.fit)
```

Call:

 $lm(formula = y \sim x1 + x2)$

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.8311 -0.7273 -0.0537 0.6338 2.3359

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.1305 0.2319 9.188 7.61e-15 ***

Residual standard error: 1.056 on 97 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.2088, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1925 F-statistic: 12.8 on 2 and 97 DF, p-value: 1.164e-05

The regression coefficients are close to the true coefficients, although with high standard error. We can reject the null hypothesis for β_1 because its p-value is below 5%. We cannot reject the null hypothesis for β_2 because its p-value is much above the 5% typical cutoff, over 60%.

Q17:

Now fit least squares regression to predict y using only x_1 . Comment on your results. Can you reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$?

A:

```
lm.fit = lm(y~x1)
summary(lm.fit)
```

Call:

 $lm(formula = y \sim x1)$

Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.89495 -0.66874 -0.07785 0.59221 2.45560
```

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.1124 0.2307 9.155 8.27e-15 ***
x1 1.9759 0.3963 4.986 2.66e-06 ***
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 1.055 on 98 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2024, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1942
F-statistic: 24.86 on 1 and 98 DF, p-value: 2.661e-06
```

Yes, we can reject the null hypothesis for the regression coefficient given the p-value for its t-statistic is near zero.

Q18:

Now fit least squares regression to predict y using only x_2 . Comment on your results. Can you reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$?

\mathbf{A} :

```
lm.fit = lm(y~x2)
summary(lm.fit)
```

Call:

 $lm(formula = y \sim x2)$

Residuals:

```
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.62687 -0.75156 -0.03598 0.72383 2.44890
```

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.3899 0.1949 12.26 < 2e-16 ***
x2 2.8996 0.6330 4.58 1.37e-05 ***
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Residual standard error: 1.072 on 98 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.1763, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1679 F-statistic: 20.98 on 1 and 98 DF, p-value: 1.366e-05
```

Yes, we can reject the null hypothesis for the regression coefficient given the p-value for its t-statistic is near zero.

Q19:

Do the results from the previous questions contradict each other? Explain your answer.

\mathbf{A} :

No, because x_1 and x_2 have collinearity, it is hard to distinguish their effects when regressed upon together. When they are regressed upon separately, the linear relationship between y and each predictor is indicated more clearly.

Q20:

Now suppose we obtain one additional observation, which was unfortunately mismeasured.

```
x1 \leftarrow c(x1, 0.1)

x2 \leftarrow c(x2, 0.8)

y = c(y,6)
```

Re-fit the linear model using the new data. What effect does this new observation have on the each of the models? In each model, is this observation an outlier?

A:

```
lm.fit1 = lm(y~x1+x2)
summary(lm.fit1)

Call:
lm(formula = y ~ x1 + x2)

Residuals:
```

Max

Coefficients:

Min

1Q

Median

-2.73348 -0.69318 -0.05263 0.66385 2.30619

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.2267 0.2314 9.624 7.91e-16 ***
x1 0.5394 0.5922 0.911 0.36458
x2 2.5146 0.8977 2.801 0.00614 **
---
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

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Residual standard error: 1.075 on 98 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.2188, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2029 F-statistic: 13.72 on 2 and 98 DF, p-value: 5.564e-06

```
lm.fit2 = lm(y~x1)
summary(lm.fit2)
```

Call:

 $lm(formula = y \sim x1)$

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.8897 -0.6556 -0.0909 0.5682 3.5665

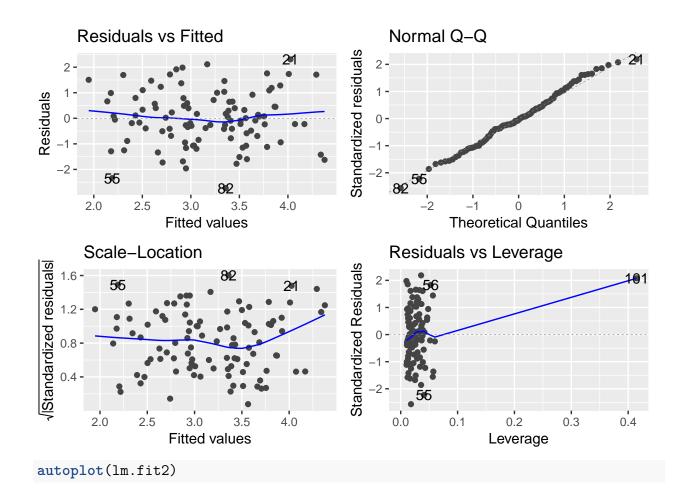
Coefficients:

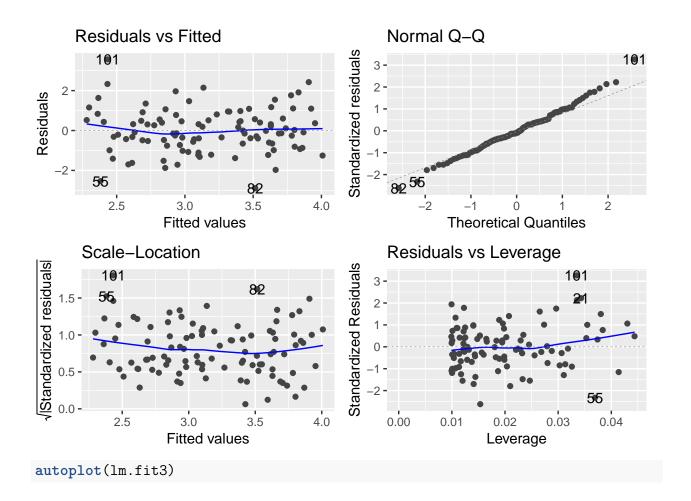
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.2569 0.2390 9.445 1.78e-15 ***

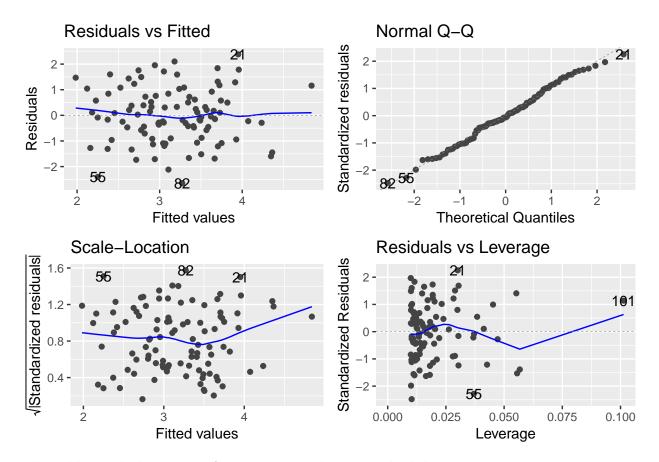
```
x1
             1.7657
                        0.4124 4.282 4.29e-05 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.111 on 99 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.1562,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.1477
F-statistic: 18.33 on 1 and 99 DF, p-value: 4.295e-05
lm.fit3 = lm(y~x2)
summary(lm.fit3)
Call:
lm(formula = y \sim x2)
Residuals:
    Min
                                3Q
              1Q
                   Median
                                        Max
-2.64729 -0.71021 -0.06899 0.72699 2.38074
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             2.3451
                        0.1912 12.264 < 2e-16 ***
                        0.6040 5.164 1.25e-06 ***
x2
             3.1190
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.074 on 99 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2122,
                              Adjusted R-squared: 0.2042
F-statistic: 26.66 on 1 and 99 DF, p-value: 1.253e-06
```

In the first model, it shifts x_1 to statistically insignificance and shifts x_2 to statistiscal significance from the change in p-values between the two linear regressions.

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library(ggfortify)
autoplot(lm.fit1)
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The additional observation for x_2 seems to become a high leverage point.

county	mean_count
Orange	8.22e + 03
San Bernardino	6.47e + 03
San Diego	6.17e + 03
Santa Clara	5.93e + 03
Los Angeles	5.83e + 03
Ventura	4.63e + 03
Monterey	3.55e + 03
Sacramento	3.51e + 03
San Mateo	3.29e + 03
Kern	3.11e+03
Stanislaus	3.01e+03
Riverside	2.85e + 03
Contra Costa	2.73e + 03
Santa Barbara	2.41e + 03
San Benito	2.15e + 03
Merced	2.11e+03
Imperial	1.94e + 03
Placer	1.88e + 03
Marin	1.64e + 03
Inyo	1.51e + 03
Kings	1.51e + 03
El Dorado	1.37e + 03
Santa Cruz	1.18e + 03
Butte	1.15e + 03
Madera	1.02e + 03
Sonoma	984
Nevada	951
Yuba	940
Shasta	937
Tulare	899
Tehama	859

	(1)	(2)	(3)
(Intercept)	698.933 ***	638.729 ***	689.475 ***
	(9.467)	(7.449)	(14.409)
str	-2.280 ***	-0.649	-3.410 ***
	(0.480)	(0.354)	(0.760)
avginc		1.839 ***	-1.624
		(0.093)	(0.852)
str:avginc			0.190 ***
			(0.046)
nobs	420	420	420
adj.r.squared	0.049	0.509	0.527
AIC	3650.499	3373.711	3359.174
BIC	3662.620	3389.872	3379.376

^{***} p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05.