

Frisch Waugh Lovell Theorem

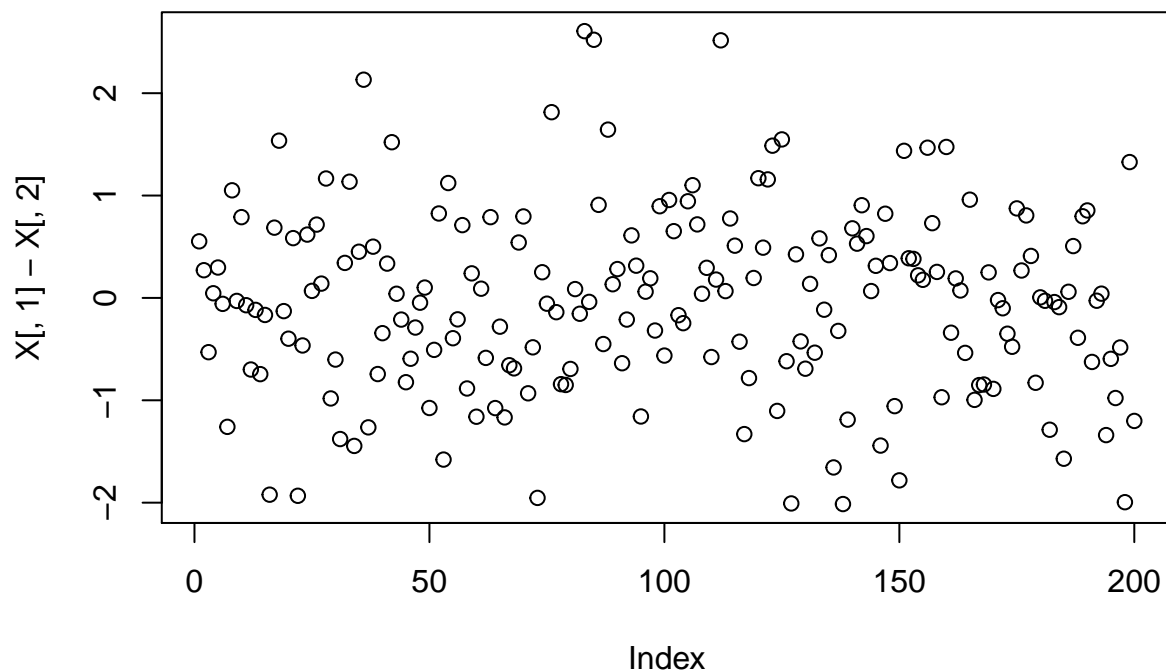
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Draw sample variable for multivariate normal distribution. Sigma, correlation matrix at 0.6

```
rm(list=ls())

library(mvtnorm)
X<-rmvnorm(200, mean = c(0,0), sigma= matrix(data = c(1,0.6,0.6,1), nrow=2, ncol = 2))
plot(X[,1]-X[,2])
```



```
cor(X[,1], X[,2]) # correlation of x1 and x2
```

```
## [1] 0.5489145
```

```
X<-cbind(X, rep(rep(1,200))) # bind a constant variable to x (constant term in the regression)
b<-c(-3, 1, 0.5) # line with a slope of 1
y<-X%*%b+rnorm(200, sd = 1)
```

```
summary(lm(y~X-1))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ X - 1)
##
```

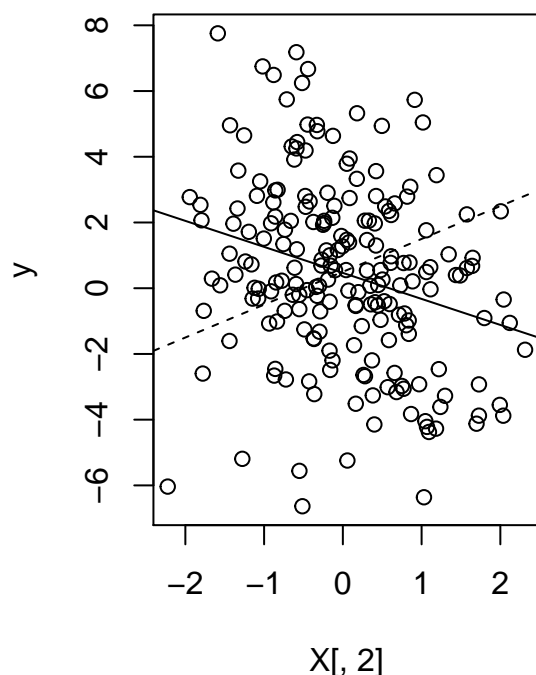
```
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.3279 -0.6945  0.0236  0.7088  2.3668
##
## Coefficients:
##      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## X1 -3.12215     0.09054 -34.485  < 2e-16 ***
## X2  0.96970     0.09305  10.421  < 2e-16 ***
## X3  0.37793     0.07224   5.232 4.27e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.021 on 197 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8713, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8693
## F-statistic: 444.5 on 3 and 197 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
# First FWL plot
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(y~ X[,2], main = "Raw Scatterplot") # plot x2 against y
summary(lm(y~X[,2]))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ X[, 2])
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -8.2629 -1.7012  0.1377  1.6697  6.2480
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   0.4662     0.1910   2.441 0.015545 *
## X[, 2]        -0.7917     0.2058  -3.847 0.000161 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.701 on 198 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.06954, Adjusted R-squared:  0.06484
## F-statistic: 14.8 on 1 and 198 DF, p-value: 0.0001613
```

```
abline(coefficients(lm(y~X[,2])))
abline(0.5, 1, lty= 2) # create a line with a slope of 1
```

Raw Scatterplot



So scatterplots are not very good explanation tools in cases of strongly correlated variables with effects that go into different directions x_2 is sucking up the negative correlation with x_1 . scatterplot is misleading

```
# FWL corrected scatterplot
z<-X[,c(1,3)] # extract all the rows of x2

y.res<-y-predict(lm(y~z-1)) # regression of x1 and a constant without x2
x.res<-X[,2]-predict(lm(X[,2]~z-1)) # residuals of the y.reg

summary(lm(y.res~x.res-1)) # run a y residuals vs. the x residuals
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y.res ~ x.res - 1)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.3279 -0.6945  0.0236  0.7088  2.3668
##
## Coefficients:
##      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## x.res  0.96970    0.09258   10.47  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.016 on 199 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3554, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3521
## F-statistic: 109.7 on 1 and 199 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
# the beta is is the same as in the first regression
```

```
# fwl corrected scatterplot
```

```
plot(y.res~x.res, main= "FWL-corrected Scatterplot")
```

```
summary(lm(y.res~x.res-1)) #
```

```
##
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = y.res ~ x.res - 1)
```

```
##
```

```
## Residuals:
```

```
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -3.3279 -0.6945  0.0236  0.7088  2.3668
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## x.res  0.96970    0.09258   10.47  <2e-16 ***
```

```
## ---
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```
##
```

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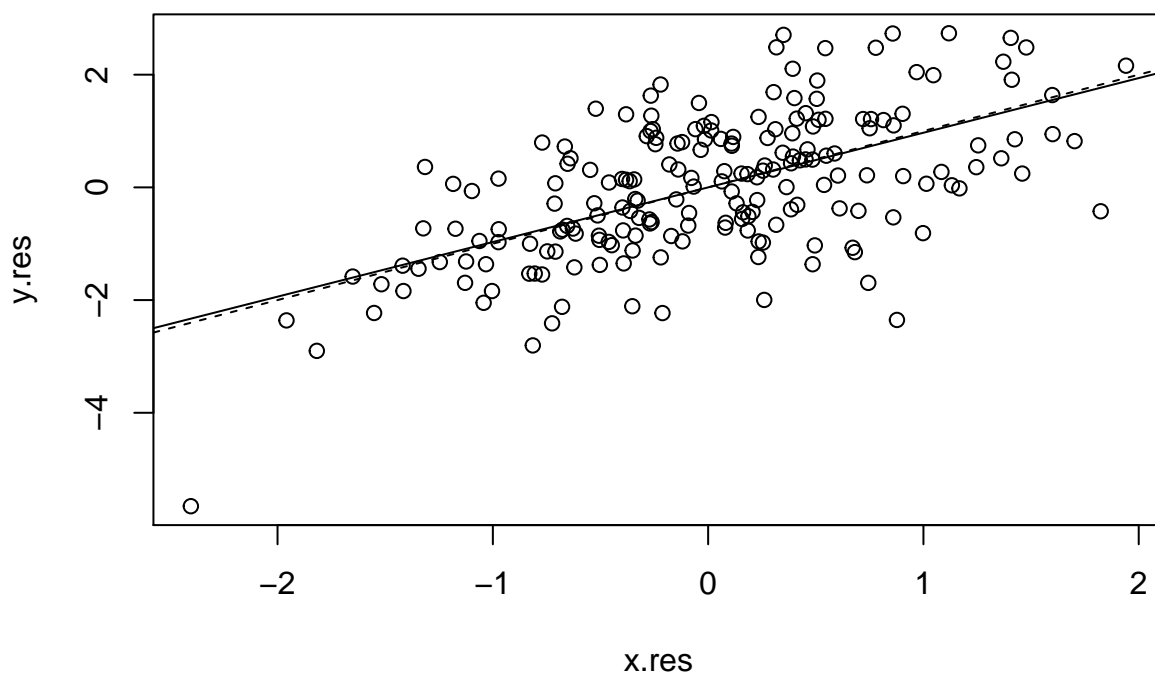
```
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3554, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3521
```

```
## F-statistic: 109.7 on 1 and 199 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
abline(coefficients(lm(y.res~x.res)))
```

```
abline(0, 1, lty= 2) # create a line with a slope of 1
```

FWL-corrected Scatterplot



```
## creates a correct scatter plot when spurious regression is prevalent
```

FWL is very close to the correct line