Problem Set 3

Applied Stats/Quant Methods 1

Due: November 19, 2022

Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in `R`, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the `.R` file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on GitHub.
- This problem set is due before 23:59 on Sunday November 19, 2023. No late assignments will be accepted.

In this problem set, you will run several regressions and create an add variable plot (see the lecture slides) in `R` using the `incumbents_subset.csv` dataset. Include all of your code.

Question 1

We are interested in knowing how the difference in campaign spending between incumbent and challenger affects the incumbent's vote share.

1. Run a regression where the outcome variable is `voteshare` and the explanatory variable is `difflog`.

```r
# This analyse will be about a dataset called incumbents subset.csv
inc.sub <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ASDS-TCD/StatsI_Fall2023/main/datasets/incumbents_subset.csv")

# Check out the head and tail.
head(inc.sub)
tail(inc.sub)

# We will select only the columns "voteshare" and "difflog" to create a dataframe with the relevant variables
selected_data  <- inc.sub[, c("voteshare", "difflog")]

# Simple linear regression
model <- lm(voteshare ~ difflog, data = selected_data)

# Summary of the regression model
summary(model)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = voteshare ~ difflog, data = selected_data)

Residuals:
     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.26832 -0.05345 -0.00377  0.04780  0.32749

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.579031   0.002251  257.19   <2e-16 ***
difflog     0.041666   0.000968   43.04   <2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.07867 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.3673,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.3671
F-statistic:  1853 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```
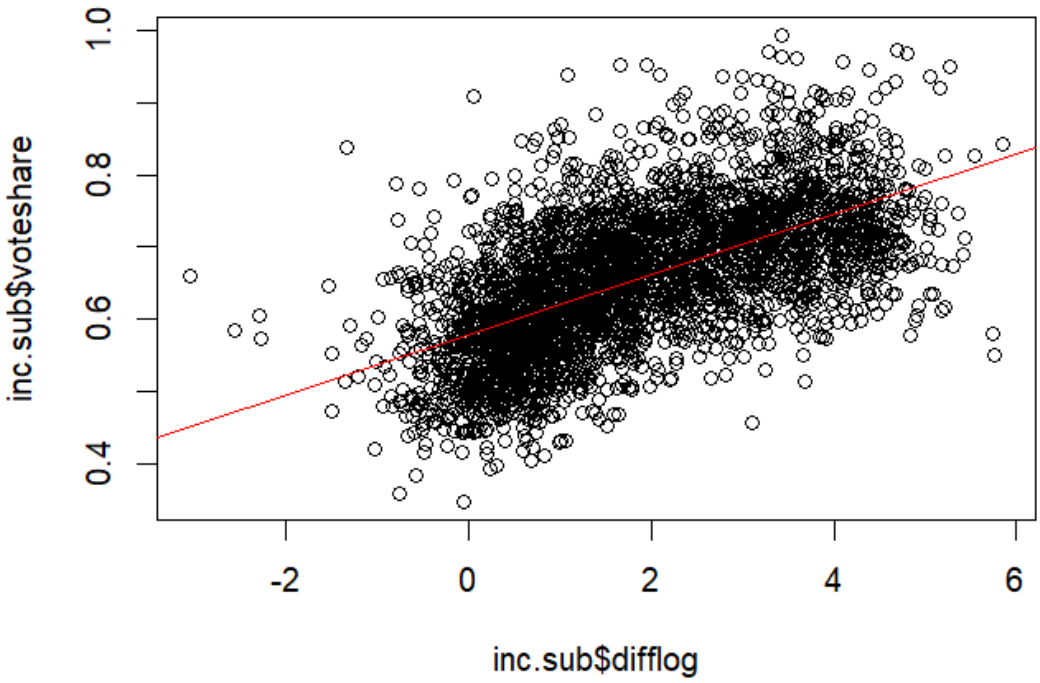

2. Make a scatterplot of the two variables and add the regression line.

```r
  plot(inc.sub$difflog, inc.sub$voteshare)
abline(model, col = "red")
```



3. Save the residuals of the model in a separate object.

```
1
2 residuals <- resid(model)
3
4 # Summary of the regression model
5 summary(model)
6
7 # Residuals
8 head(residuals)
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>
> ## Residuals
> head(residuals)
           1            2            3            4            5            6
-0.0004227622 -0.0316840149 -0.0045514943  0.0386688767  0.0355287965  0.0322832521
>
>
```

4. Write the prediction equation.

Question 2

We are interested in knowing how the difference between incumbent and challenger's spending and the vote share of the presidential candidate of the incumbent's party are related.

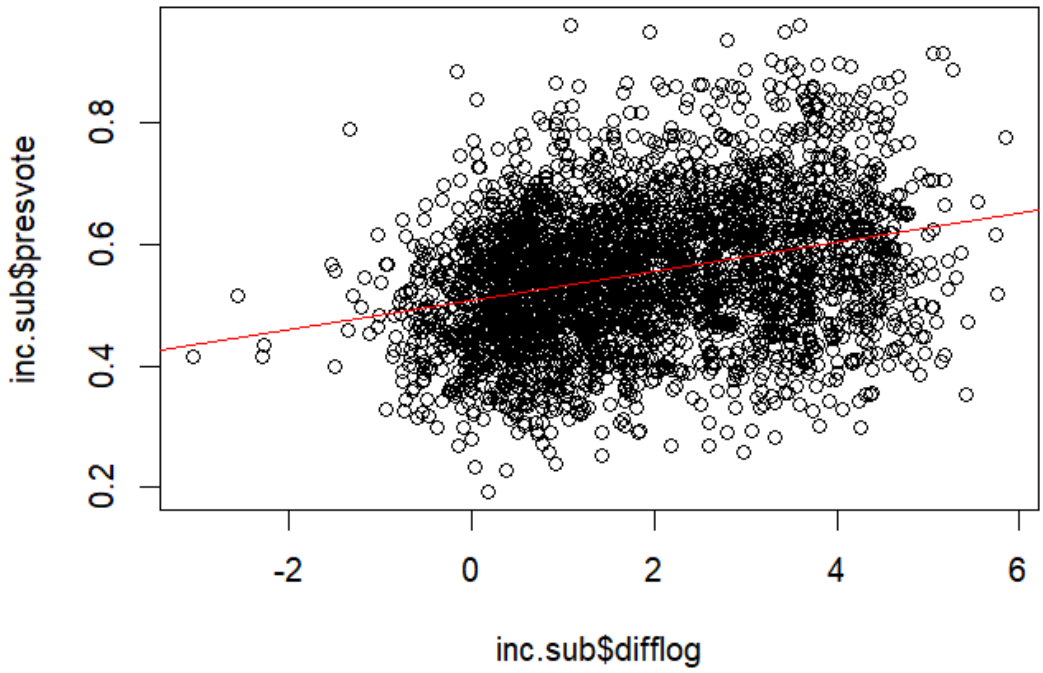
1. Run a regression where the outcome variable is `presvote` and the explanatory variable is `difflog`.

```r
# We will select only the variables "presvote" and "difflog"
selected_data <- inc.sub[, c("presvote", "difflog")]
# Linear regression model
model_presvote <- lm(presvote ~ difflog, data = inc.sub)
# Summary
summary(model_presvote)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = presvote ~ difflog, data = inc.sub)

Residuals:
     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.32196 -0.07407 -0.00102  0.07151  0.42743

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.507583   0.003161  160.60   <2e-16 ***
difflog     0.023837   0.001359   17.54   <2e-16 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.1104 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.08795,   Adjusted R-squared:  0.08767
F-statistic: 307.7 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

2. Make a scatterplot of the two variables and add the regression line.

```r
plot(inc.sub$difflog, inc.sub$presvote)
# Regression
abline(model_presvote, col = "red")

```



3. Save the residuals of the model in a separate object.

```r
# Residuals
residuals_presvote <- resid(model_presvote)

# Summary of the regression model
summary(model_presvote)

# Residuals
head(residuals_presvote)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = presvote ~ difflog, data = inc.sub)

Residuals:
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Coefficients:
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(Intercept) 0.507583   0.003161  160.60   <2e-16 ***
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Residual standard error: 0.1104 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.08795,   Adjusted R-squared:  0.08767
F-statistic: 307.7 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

>
> # Residuals
> head(residuals_presvote)
           1            2            3            4            5            6
 0.005605594  0.037578519 -0.053134788 -0.052993694 -0.045842994  0.074339701
```

4. Write the prediction equation.

Question 3

We are interested in knowing how the vote share of the presidential candidate of the incumbent's party is associated with the incumbent's electoral success.

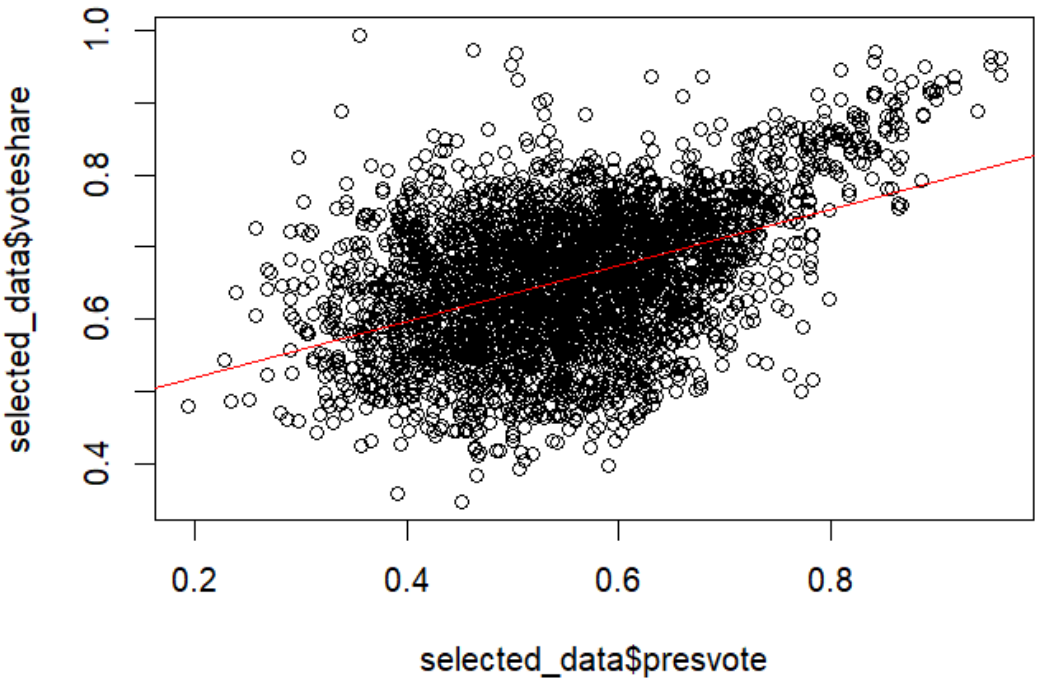
1. Run a regression where the outcome variable is `voteshare` and the explanatory variable is `presvote`.

```r
# We will select the columns 'voteshare' and 'presvote'
selected_data <- inc.sub[, c("voteshare", "presvote")]

# Linear regression model
model_voteshare <- lm(voteshare ~ presvote, data = selected_data)

# Summary of the regression model
summary(model_voteshare)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = voteshare ~ presvote, data = selected_data)

Residuals:
     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.27330 -0.05888  0.00394  0.06148  0.41365

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.441330   0.007599   58.08   <2e-16 ***
presvote    0.388018   0.013493   28.76   <2e-16 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.08815 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.2058,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.2056
F-statistic:   827 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

>
```

2. Make a scatterplot of the two variables and add the regression line.

```r
# Scatterplot
plot(selected_data$presvote, selected_data$voteshare)

# Regression
abline(model_voteshare, col = "red")
```



3. Write the prediction equation.

Question 4

The residuals from part (a) tell us how much of the variation in `voteshare` is *not* explained by the difference in spending between incumbent and challenger. The residuals in part (b) tell us how much of the variation in `presvote` is *not* explained by the difference in spending between incumbent and challenger in the district.

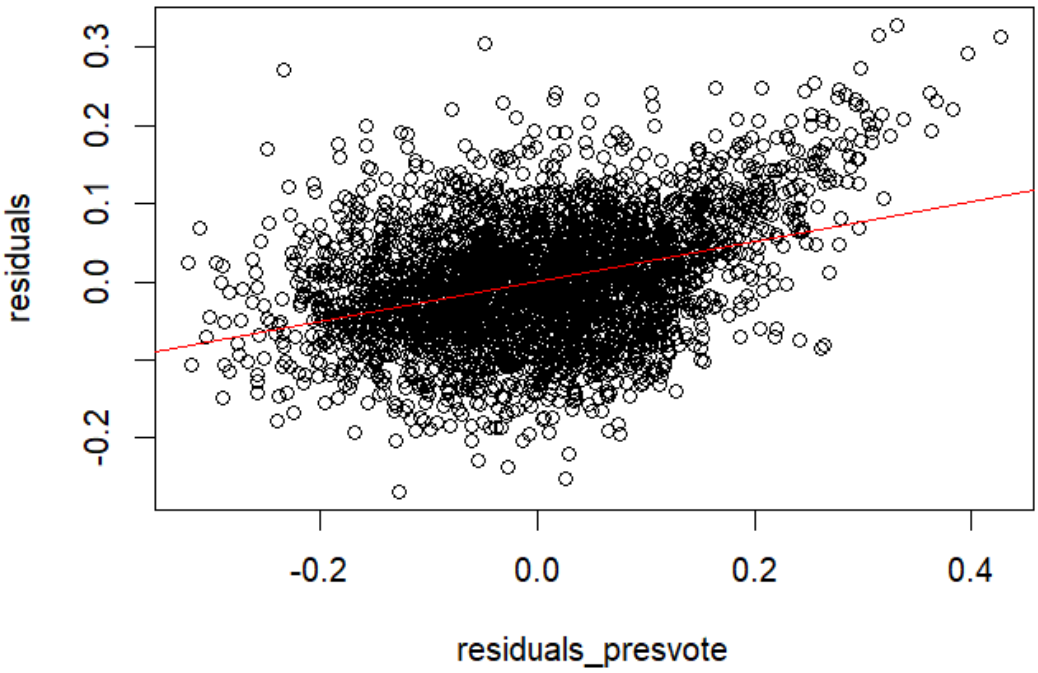
1. Run a regression where the outcome variable is the residuals from Question 1 and the explanatory variable is the residuals from Question 2.

```r
# 4 The residuals from Question 1 are stored in residuals and residuals
    from Question 2 are stored in residuals_presvote
residuals_model <- lm(residuals ~ residuals_presvote)

# Summary of the regression model
summary(residuals_model)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = residuals ~ residuals_presvote)

Residuals:
     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.25928 -0.04737 -0.00121  0.04618  0.33126

Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)       -5.934e-18  1.299e-03    0.00        1
residuals_presvote  2.569e-01  1.176e-02   21.84   <2e-16 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.07338 on 3191 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:   0.13,     Adjusted R-squared:  0.1298
F-statistic:   477 on 1 and 3191 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

2. Make a scatterplot of the two residuals and add the regression line.

```r
# Scatterplot with regression line
plot(residuals_presvote, residuals)
abline(residuals_model, col = "red")
```



3. Write the prediction equation.

Question 5

What if the incumbent's vote share is affected by both the president's popularity and the difference in spending between incumbent and challenger?

1. Run a regression where the outcome variable is the incumbent's `voteshare` and the explanatory variables are `difflog` and `presvote`.

```r
# We will select the columns 'voteshare', 'difflog', and 'presvote'
selected_data <- inc.sub[, c("voteshare", "difflog", "presvote")]

# Linear regression model
model_combined <- lm(voteshare ~ difflog + presvote, data = selected_data)

# Summary of the regression model
summary(model_combined)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = voteshare ~ difflog + presvote, data = selected_data)

Residuals:
     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.25928 -0.04737 -0.00121  0.04618  0.33126

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.4486442  0.0063297   70.88   <2e-16 ***
difflog     0.0355431  0.0009455   37.59   <2e-16 ***
presvote    0.2568770  0.0117637   21.84   <2e-16 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.07339 on 3190 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.4496,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.4493
F-statistic:  1303 on 2 and 3190 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

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What is it in this output that is identical to the output in Question 4? Why do you think this is the case?