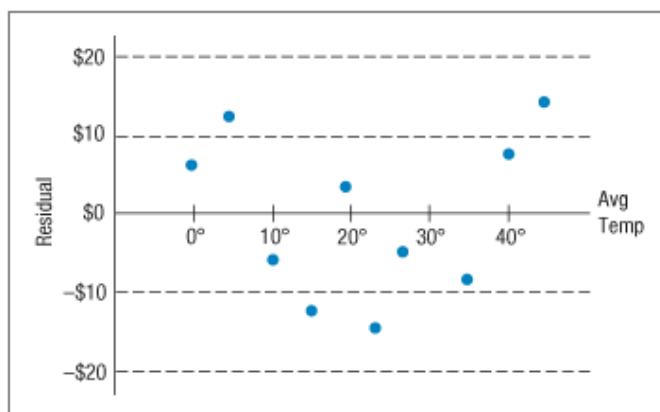


- 33. HEATING** After keeping track of his heating expenses for several winters, a homeowner in the U.S. believes he can estimate the monthly cost from the average daily Fahrenheit temperature by using the model  $\widehat{Cost} = 133 - 2.13Temp$ . The residuals plot for his data is shown.



- Interpret the slope of the line in this context.
- Interpret the  $y$ -intercept of the line in this context.
- During months when the temperature stays around freezing, would you expect cost predictions based on this model to be accurate, too low, or too high? Explain.
- What heating cost does the model predict for a month that averages  $10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ?
- During one of the months on which the model was based, the temperature did average  $10^{\circ}\text{F}$ . What were the actual heating costs for that month?
- Do you think the homeowner should use this model? Explain.
- Would this model be more successful if the temperature were expressed in