

Follow-Along Worksheet: Topic 2.9

Analyzing Departures from Linearity

Name: _____ Period: _____

Part 1: Influential Points (Video 1)

Opening (0:00–0:29)

1. What three main concepts will this video cover?

a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

Context and Setup (0:30–1:41)

2. What relationship is being explored with the San Antonio grocery store data?

x-variable: _____
y-variable: _____

3. Record the regression equation parameters:

- *y*-intercept \approx _____
- slope \approx _____

4. The mean income is \$_____ and the mean number of items is _____.

Key Insight: This point (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) always lies _____.

Low vs. High Leverage Points (1:42–3:41)

5. **Low leverage points** are close to _____ on the *x*-axis.

When removed, what happens to the regression line? _____

6. **High leverage points** are far from _____ on the *x*-axis.

7. When three high leverage points were removed:

- The *y*-intercept changed from approximately _____ to _____
- This is a shift of _____ units!

8. **Definition:** High leverage points have unusually _____ or _____ *x*-values.

Outliers in Regression (3:43–4:58)

9. Looking at the green point in the simple example:

- Is it a high leverage point? _____
- Why or why not? _____

10. An **outlier** in regression has an unusually high magnitude _____.

11. When the outlier was removed, what happened to:

- Correlation (r): _____
- Coefficient of determination (R^2): _____

Types of Influential Points (5:02–6:03)

12. Complete the table for the three types of influential points:

Type	Primary Effect When Removed
Outlier	Changes _____
High Leverage Point	Changes _____
Both Outlier AND High Leverage	Changes _____

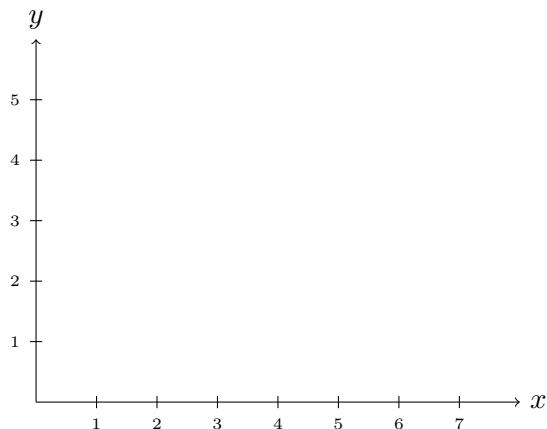
13. **Synthesis:** An influential point is defined as any point that, if removed, substantially changes the _____, _____, and/or _____.

Reflection Questions

14. Why might a point with an x -value close to \bar{x} still be influential?

15. Sketch a scatter plot showing:

- 5 points following a linear trend
- 1 outlier that is NOT a high leverage point
- 1 high leverage point that IS following the trend



Part 2: Transforming Data for Linearity (Video 2)

Opening and Context (0:00–1:14)

1. What will we learn about nonlinear relationships?
 - a) What to do when data has a _____
 - b) Effects of _____ on datasets
 - c) How to assess if transforming improved _____

2. The example explores the relationship between:

- x : _____ (GDP per person)
- y : _____

Initial Analysis (1:15–3:06)

3. Describe the association: _____ (positive/negative/none)
4. Compare the United States and Japan:

Country	Income per Person	Life Expectancy
United States	\$_____	_____ years
Japan	\$_____	_____ years

What does this comparison show? _____

5. For the original linear model:
 - $R^2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\%$
 - The residual plot shows a _____ pattern (good/bad?)
6. What type of model does the speaker suggest might be more appropriate? _____

Data Transformation (3:07–4:11)

7. Why is income data typically right-skewed?
8. What does a log transformation do to high values?
 - Makes them _____
 - While preserving the _____ between values
9. The transformation applied was: $x_{new} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Comparing Models (4:12–5:14)

10. Complete the comparison table:

Measure	Untransformed	Log-Transformed
Scatter plot form	Curved	_____
Residual plot pattern	Shows pattern	_____
R^2 value	_____ %	_____ %

11. **Key Question:** How do we know the transformation improved the model? List two pieces of evidence:

- a) _____
- b) _____

Other Transformations (5:15–5:40)

12. Besides logarithm, what other transformations are mentioned?

- _____
- _____

13. In AP Statistics, will you typically transform data yourself? _____

Instead, you'll assess model fit using _____ and _____ values.

Synthesis Questions

14. Why might a linear model be preferred even when data shows a curved pattern?

15. A student claims: “Since the R^2 went from 46.6% to 71.1%, the transformed model explains 71.1% of the variation in life expectancy.”

Is this interpretation correct? Explain carefully.

16. When would you choose to transform data? Circle all that apply:

- a) The residual plot shows a clear pattern
- b) The R^2 value is below 50%
- c) The original relationship appears nonlinear
- d) You want to use linear regression methods
- e) The data contains outliers

Practice Problem

17. A researcher studying the relationship between city population (x) and number of coffee shops (y) finds:

- Original model: $\hat{y} = 12 + 0.003x$ with $R^2 = 0.42$
 - After log-transforming x : $\hat{y} = -85 + 42 \log(x)$ with $R^2 = 0.78$
- a) Which model appears to be a better fit? Why?
 - b) If a city has a population of 100,000, predict the number of coffee shops using the transformed model. (Use $\log(100000) \approx 5$)

Summary: Key Concepts Checklist

Check off each concept as you master it:

- I can identify high leverage points (unusual x -values)
- I can identify outliers in regression (large residuals)
- I can explain how influential points affect slope, y -intercept, and correlation
- I understand when to consider transforming data
- I can assess model fit using residual plots
- I can assess model fit using R^2 values
- I can interpret transformed regression models

Remember: Be critical, be cautious, be compassionate, and avoid bad statistics!