

Correlation and Linear Regressions

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Linear Regression

A simple linear regression describes the association between an independent variable and a dependent one

- How to find such “good” straight line?

We estimate b_0 and b_1 by minimizing the sum of the squared differences between the observed and the predicted values of the outcome.

- *Goodness of Fit*: $R^2 = 1 - [\text{sum}(\text{residuals})^2 / \text{sum}(y_o - y_e)^2]$

Represents the proportion of the variance of the dependent variable that it is explained by the independent variable in the regression model.

- `summary(lm(y~x))`

Regression and correlation

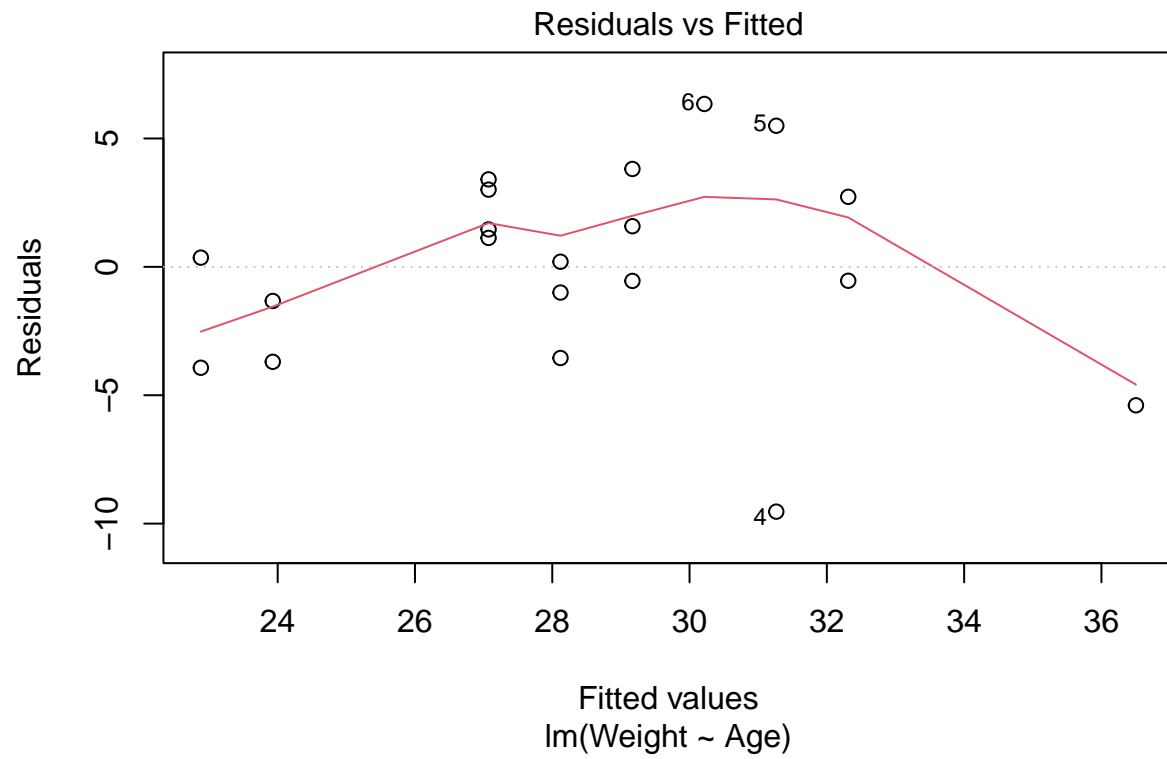
Formulating a linear model and exploring it

```
model_mice <- lm(Weight~Age, data = WT)
```

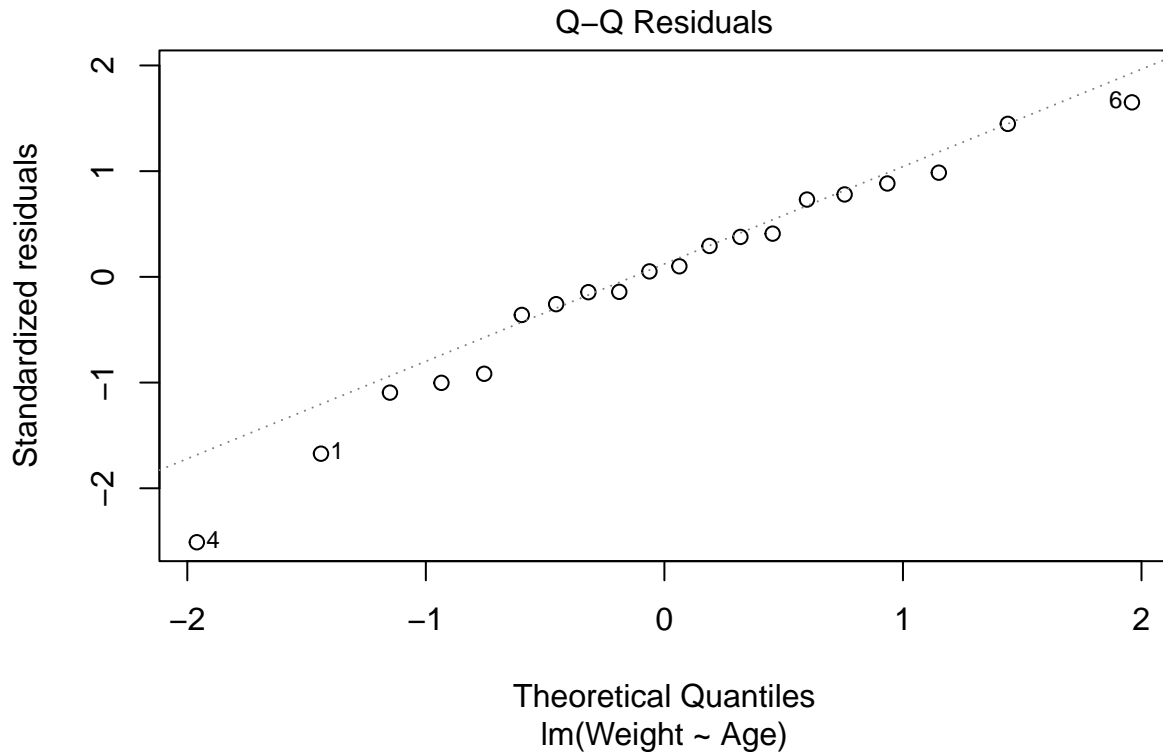
Linear regression assumptions:

- Independence of observations;
- Linear relationship between variables;
- Homoscedacity of residuals;
- Normal distribution of residuals.

```
plot(model_mice, 1) # To test homoscedacity
```



```
plot(model_mice, 2) # To test the normality of residuals hist(resid(model_mice)) # To test the normality
```



```
# linear model result
summary(model_mice)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Weight ~ Age, data = WT)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -9.5335 -1.8841  0.2795  2.7984  6.3443
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   16.594      3.241    5.120 7.16e-05 ***
## Age           1.048      0.277    3.782 0.00136 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.974 on 18 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4428, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4119
## F-statistic: 14.31 on 1 and 18 DF,  p-value: 0.001364
```

```
# predictions
new <- data.frame(Age = c(3, 20))
predict.lm(object = model_mice, newdata = new)
```

```
##          1          2
## 19.73744 37.55047
```

```
# Test the correlation between variables
cor.test(WT$Age, WT$Weight, method = "pearson")
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: WT$Age and WT$Weight
## t = 3.7823, df = 18, p-value = 0.001364
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  0.3159815 0.8559241
## sample estimates:
##          cor
## 0.6654531
```