

W203-2, Week 15, Lab 4

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```
library(car)
library(lmtest)

## Loading required package: zoo

##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   as.Date, as.Date.numeric

library(sandwich)
library(stargazer)

##
## Please cite as:
## Hlavac, Marek (2015). stargazer: Well-Formatted Regression and Summary Statistics Tables.
## R package version 5.2. http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer
```

Introduction

The United States is known to have the highest prison population in the world. Our team has been hired by a political campaign to provide research in identifying factors that influence the probability of getting sentenced (*probSEN*) for the offences committed. By identifying these factors, the team hopes to help the campaign formulate possible legislative actions that the government could undertake in reducing such crimes and hence the number of inmates in the prisons.

Initial exploratory analysis

The file `crime.csv` contains crime statistics for a selection of counties. While it is possible that there are factors not included in the dataset that are contributing to jail sentences and hence possibly introduce omitted variable biases in our end models, we have a pretty comprehensive set of variables given in the dataset ranging from crime, geography, economic, and demographics of the counties included in the dataset each of which we will delve into shortly.

```
Data <- read.csv('crime_v2_updated.csv')
head(Data)
```

		X	county	year	crime	probarr	probSEN	probconv	avgSEN	police
##	1	1	1	88	0.0356036	0.436170	0.298270	0.5275960	6.71	0.00182786
##	2	2	3	88	0.0152532	0.450000	0.132029	1.4814800	6.35	0.00074588
##	3	3	5	88	0.0129603	0.600000	0.444444	0.2678570	6.76	0.00123431
##	4	4	7	88	0.0267532	0.435484	0.364760	0.5254240	7.14	0.00152994
##	5	5	9	88	0.0106232	0.442623	0.518219	0.4765630	8.22	0.00086018
##	6	6	11	88	0.0146067	0.500000	0.524664	0.0683761	13.00	0.00288203

```
##      density      tax west central urban  pctmin  wagecon  wagetuc
## 1 2.4226327 30.99368    1      0      0 20.21870 281.4259 408.7245
## 2 1.0463320 26.89208    1      0      0  7.91632 255.1020 376.2542
## 3 0.4127659 34.81605    0      1      0  3.16053 226.9470 372.2084
## 4 0.4915572 42.94759    1      0      0 47.91610 375.2345 397.6901
## 5 0.5469484 28.05474    0      1      0  1.79619 292.3077 377.3126
## 6 0.6113361 35.22974    0      1      0  1.54070 250.4006 401.3378
##      wagetrd  wagefir  wageser  wagemfg  wagefed  wagesta  wageloc      mix
## 1 221.2701 453.1722 274.1775 334.54 477.58 292.09 311.91 0.08016878
## 2 196.0101 258.5650 192.3077 300.38 409.83 362.96 301.47 0.03022670
## 3 229.3209 305.9441 209.6972 237.65 358.98 331.53 281.37 0.46511629
## 4 191.1720 281.0651 256.7214 281.80 412.15 328.27 299.03 0.27362204
## 5 206.8215 289.3125 215.1933 290.89 377.35 367.23 342.82 0.06008584
## 6 187.8255 258.5650 237.1507 258.60 391.48 325.71 275.22 0.31952664
##      ymale
## 1 0.07787097
## 2 0.08260694
## 3 0.07211538
## 4 0.07353726
## 5 0.07069755
## 6 0.09891920
```

```
n <- nrow(Data)
num_cols <- ncol(Data)
```

head() confirms that the data has been successfully loaded. The dataset contains 26 columns (variables) and 90 rows. This is sufficiently large enough to assume CLT.

```
# Check for NAs
for(i in names(Data)){
  val <- Data[[i]][is.na(Data[[i]])]
  if(length(val)) {
    sprintf("%s: %d NA row(s) found", i, length(val))
  }
}
```

No NAs are found in the dataset given.

Individual variable analysis

X

This is just an index variable and hence no analysis is required.

Country identifier

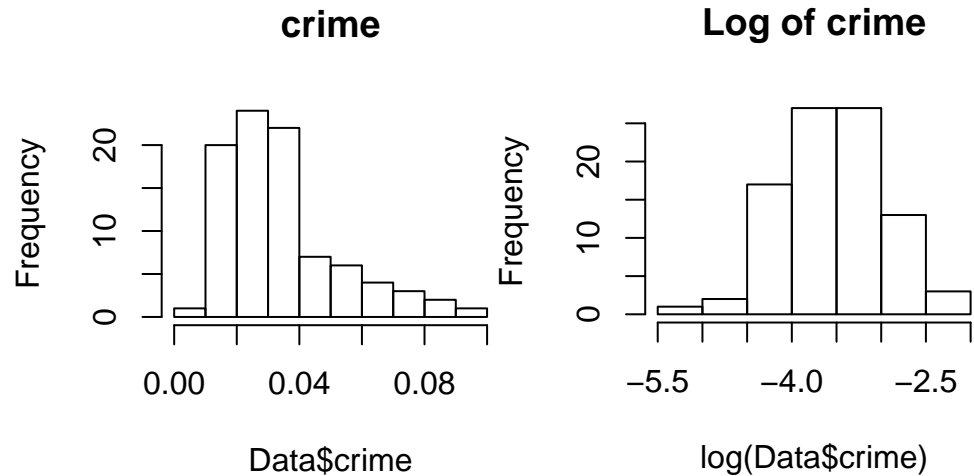
This is just an identifier and hence no analysis is required.

Year

This is just the year when this data was collected and it is simply 88 for all rows. No analysis required.

Crime committed per person

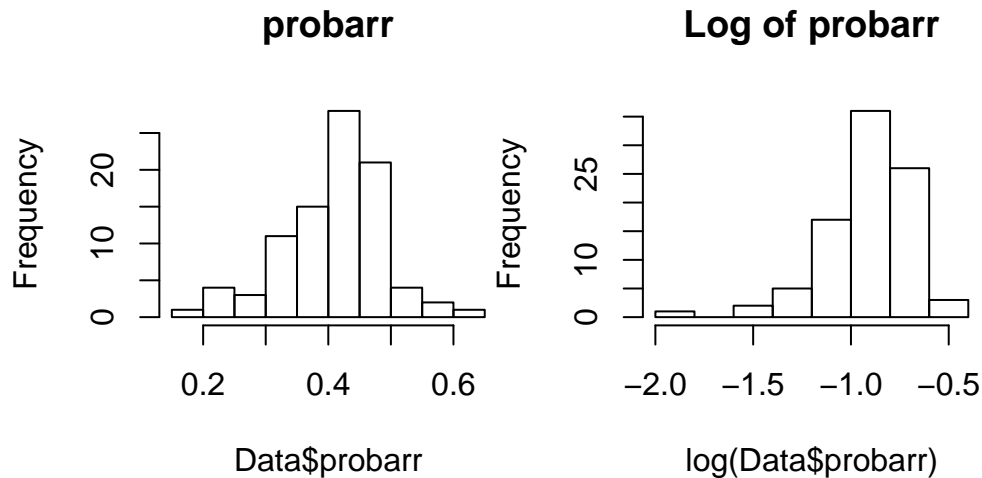
```
hist(Data$crime, main = "crime")
hist(log(Data$crime), main = "Log of crime")
```



The histogram is positively skewed. No extreme outliers observed. The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

'Probability' of arrest

```
hist(Data$probarr, main = "probarr")
hist(log(Data$probarr), main = "Log of probarr")
```

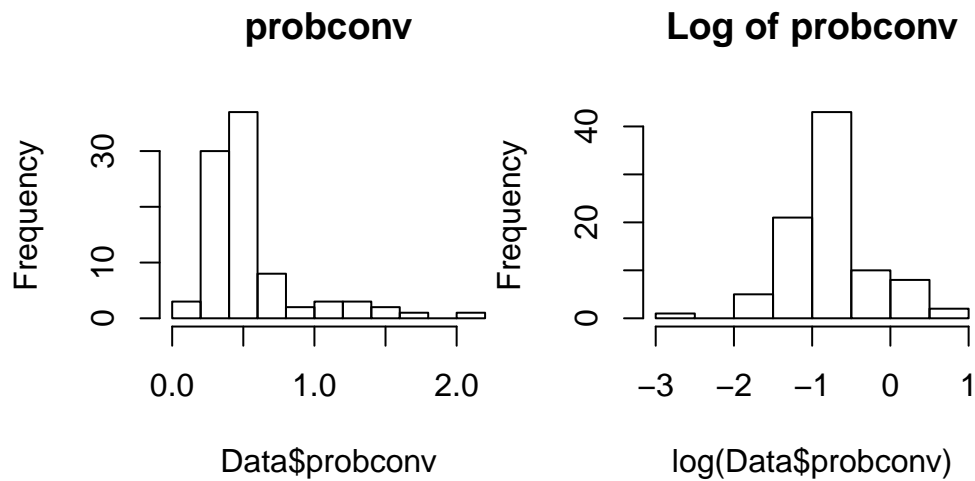


The histogram is relatively normal. No extreme outliers observed. The histogram actually becomes less normal when `log()` is applied.

'Probability' of conviction

```
hist(Data$probconv, main = "probconv")
hist(log(Data$probconv), main = "Log of probconv")
(length(Data$probconv[Data$probconv > 1]))
```

```
## [1] 10
```

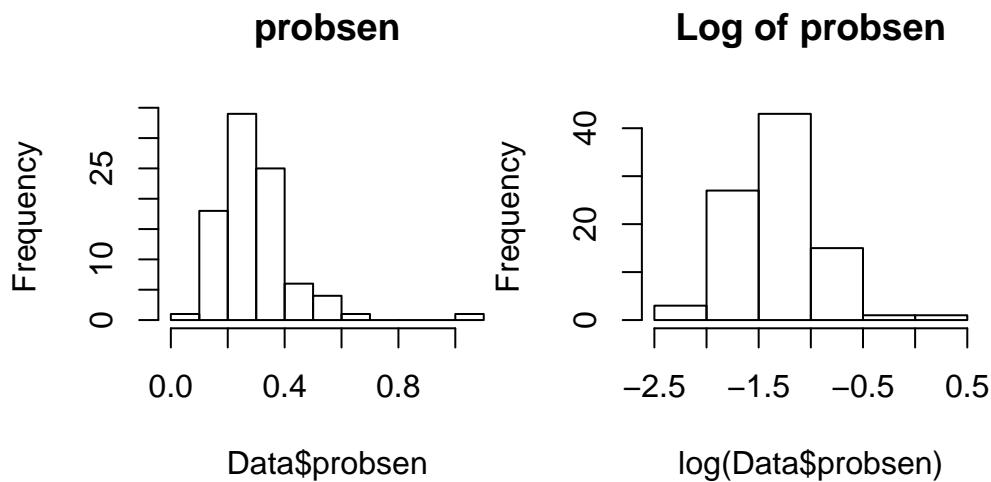


The histogram is positively skewed with extreme outliers (10 items over 1). The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

‘Probability’ of prison sentence

```
hist(Data$probsen, main = "probsen")
hist(log(Data$probsen), main = "Log of probsen")
(length(Data$probsen[Data$probsen > 1]))
```

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



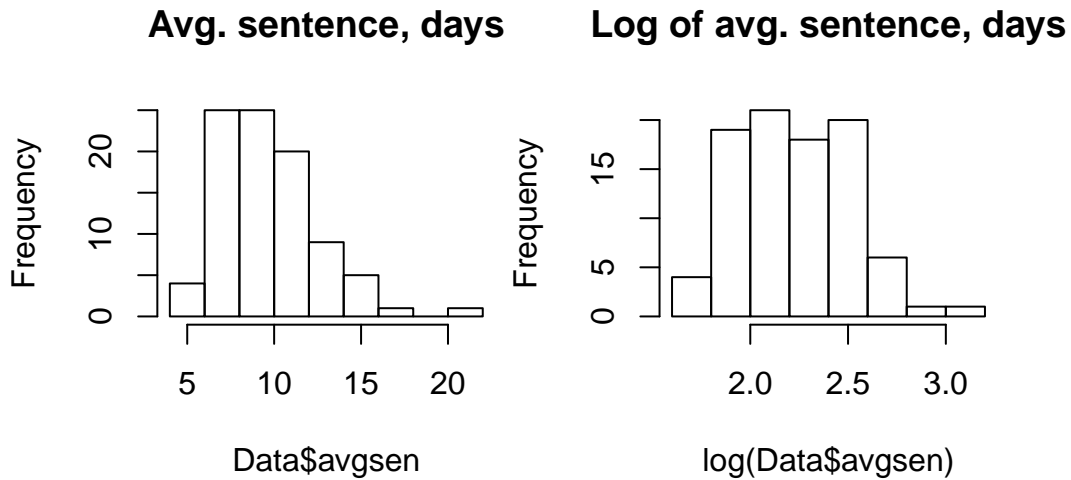
The histogram is relatively normal with an exception of one extreme outlier (10 items over 1). The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

Avg. sentence, days

```
hist(Data$avgsen, main = "Avg. sentence, days")
(length(Data$probsen[Data$avgsen > 20]))
```

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

```
hist(log(Data$avgsen), main = "Log of avg. sentence, days")
```



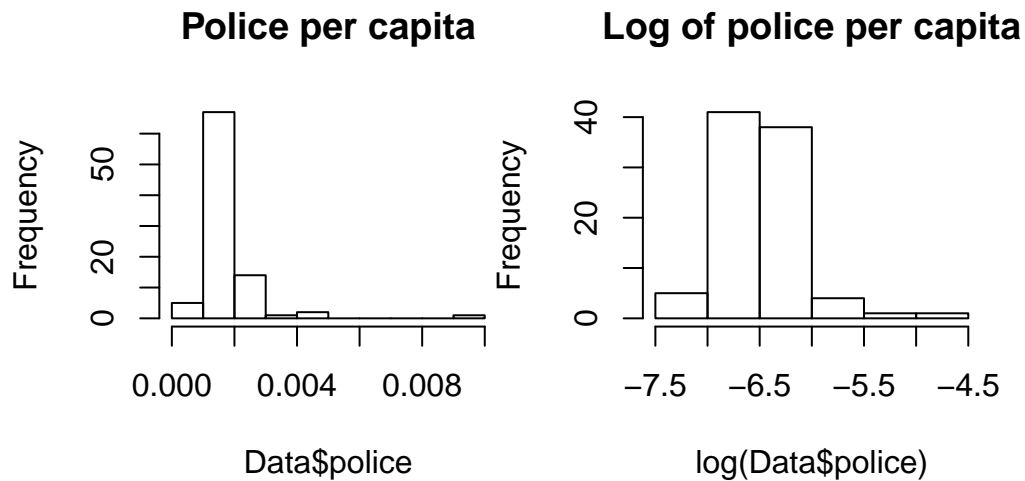
The histogram is slightly positively skewed with 1 outlier (20 >). The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

Police per capita

```
hist(Data$police, main = "Police per capita")
(length(Data$probsen[Data$police > 0.009]))
```

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

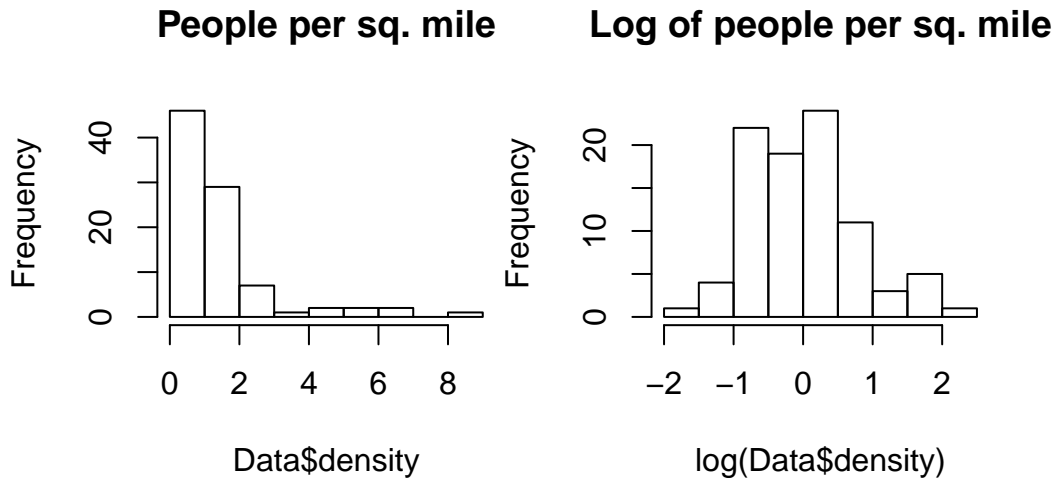
```
hist(log(Data$police), main = "Log of police per capita")
```



The histogram is positively skewed with 1 outlier. The histogram becomes slightly more normal when `log()` is applied.

People per sq. mile

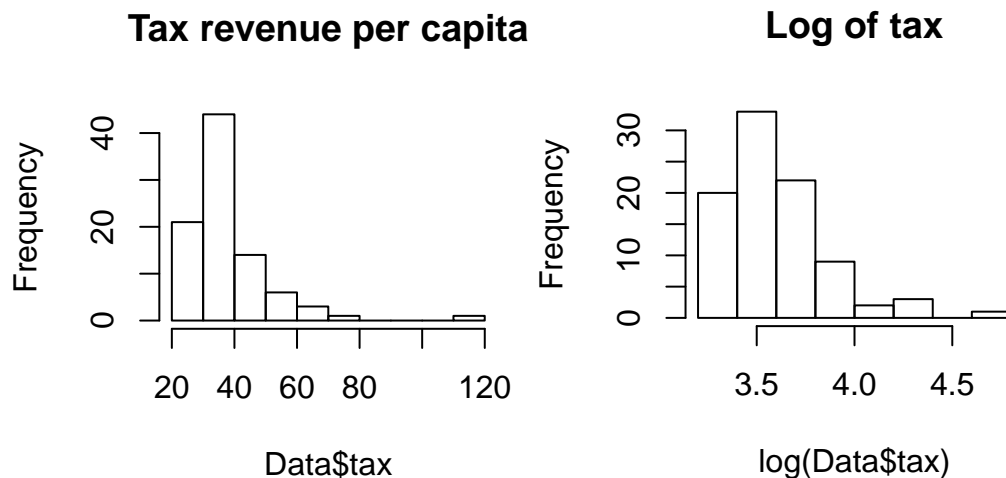
```
hist(Data$density, main = "People per sq. mile")
hist(log(Data$density), main = "Log of people per sq. mile")
```



The histogram is positively skewed. The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

Tax revenue per capita

```
hist(Data$tax, main = "Tax revenue per capita")
hist(log(Data$tax), main = "Log of tax")
```

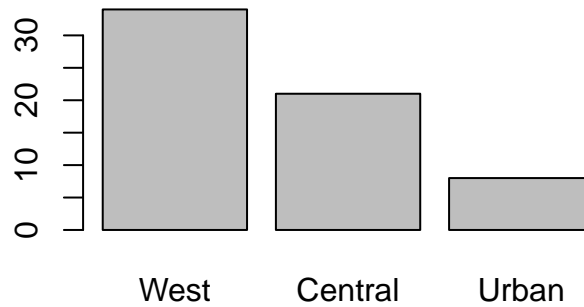


The histogram is positively skewed. The histogram becomes slightly more normal when `log()` is applied however is still positively skewed.

West/Central/Urban

```
barplot(c(sum(Data$west), sum(Data$central), sum(Data$urban)),
        names.arg = c("West", "Central", "Urban"), main = "Part of the state counties are in")
sum_geo <- sum(Data$west) + sum(Data$central) + sum(Data$urban)
```

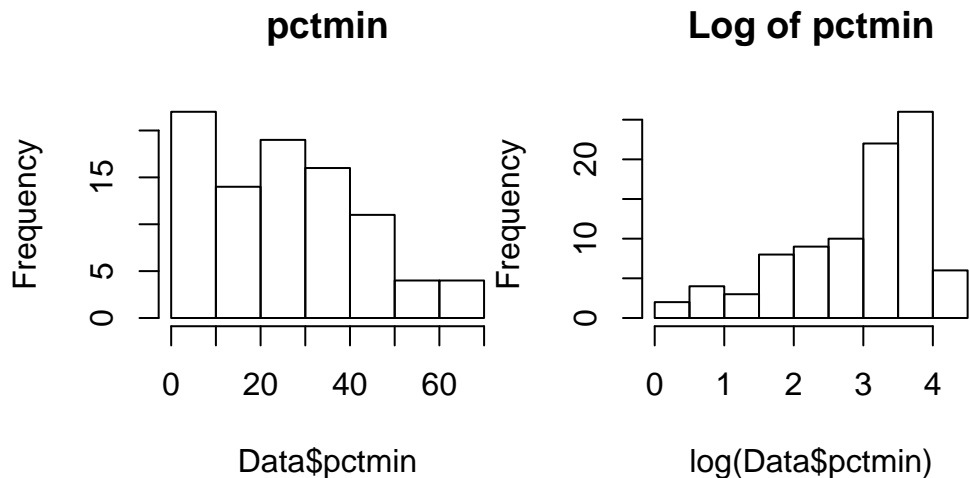
Part of the state counties are in



Dummy variables indicating whether or not a given county is in the western/central/urban part of the state. Interestingly, the sum of the 3 regions only add up to 63 which is considerably less than our n of 90. There are many 27 counties in the dataset do not fall under any of these regions.

Proportion that is minority or nonwhite

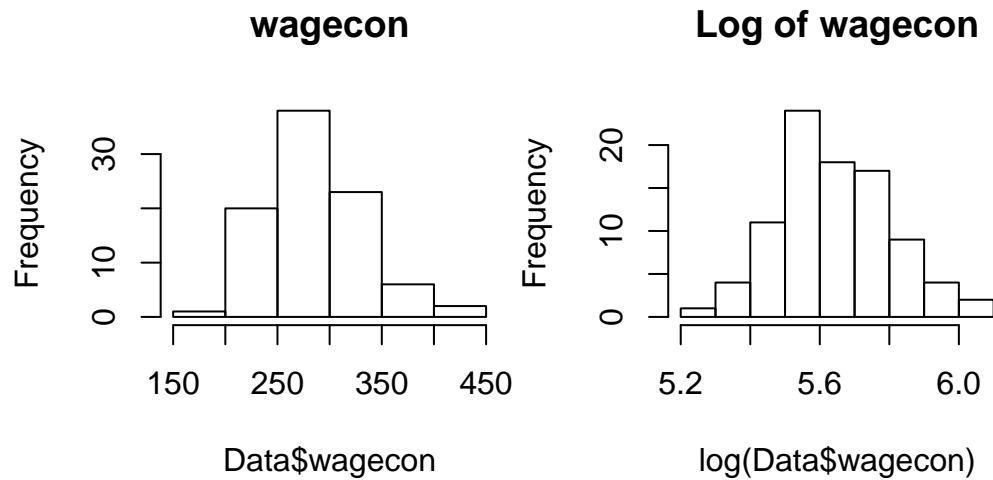
```
hist(Data$pctmin, main = "pctmin")
hist(log(Data$pctmin), main = "Log of pctmin")
```



The histogram is positively skewed. The histogram becomes more normal when $\log()$ is applied although it is still negatively skewed.

Weekly wage, construction

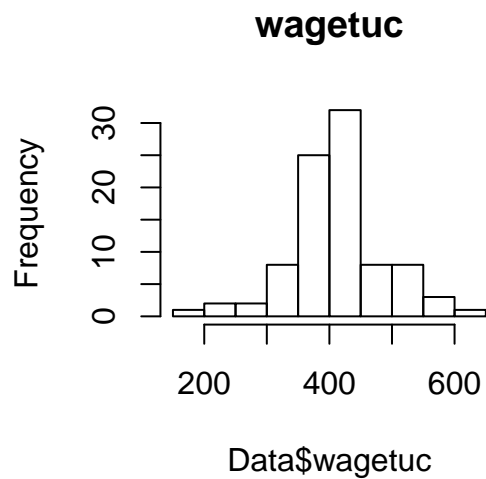
```
hist(Data$wagecon, main = "wagecon")
hist(log(Data$wagecon), main = "Log of wagecon")
```



The histogram is pretty normal. The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

Weekly wage, transportation, utilities, communications

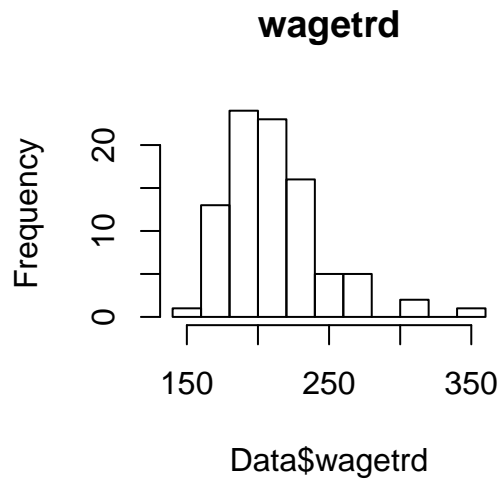
```
hist(Data$wagetuc, main = "wagetuc")
```



The histogram is relatively normal.

Weekly wage, wholesale, retail trade

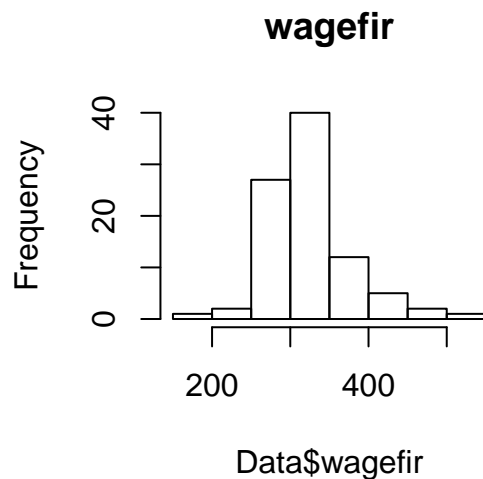
```
hist(Data$wagetrtd, main = "wagetrtd")
```

The histogram is relatively normal with some outliers.

Weekly wage, finance, insurance and real estate

```
hist(Data$wagefir, main = "wagefir")
```

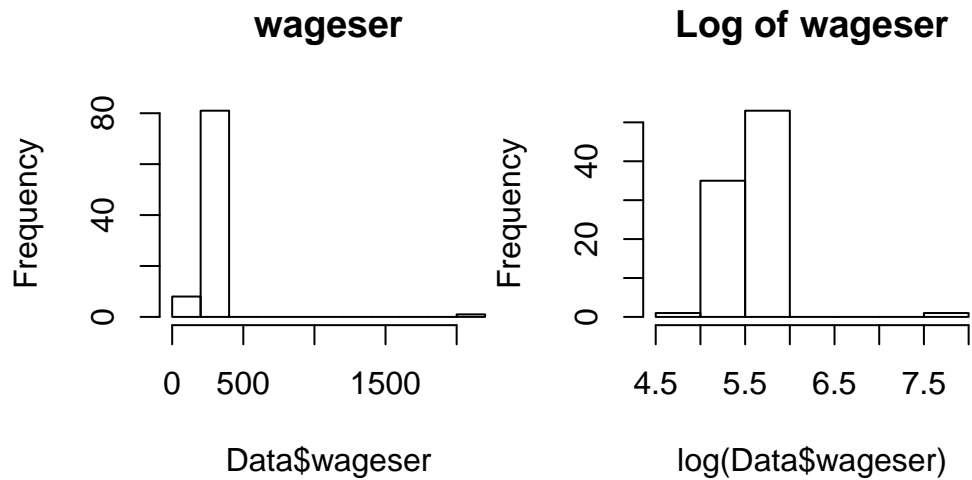


The histogram is relatively normal.

Weekly wage, service industry

```
hist(Data$wageser, main = "wageser")
hist(log(Data$wageser), main = "Log of wageser")
max(Data$wageser)
```

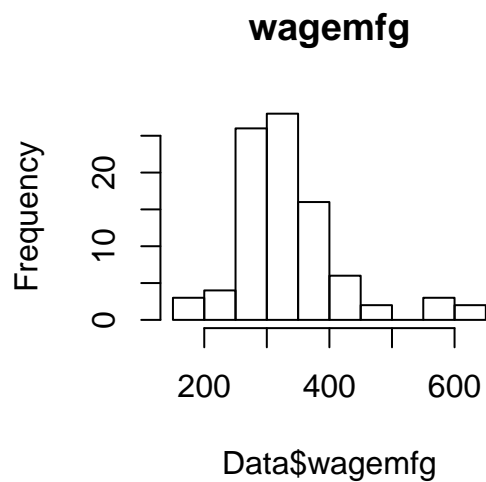
```
## [1] 2177.068
```



The histogram is positively skewed with one extreme outlier. The histogram becomes slightly more normal when `log()` is applied.

Weekly wage, manufacturing

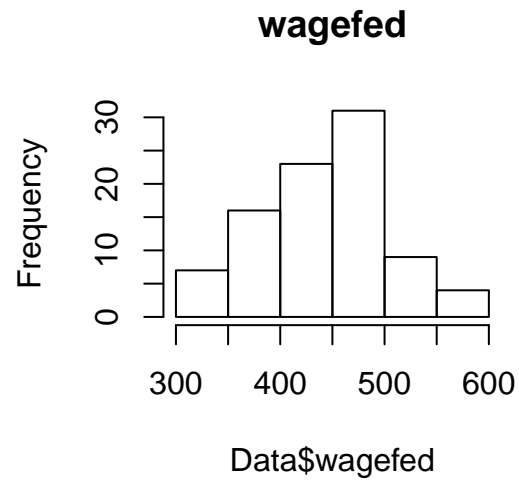
```
hist(Data$wagemfg, main = "wagemfg")
```



The histogram is relatively normal but with some outliers.

Weekly wage, federal employees

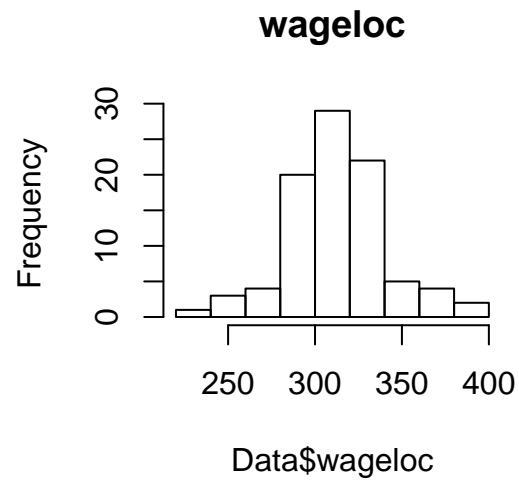
```
hist(Data$wagefed, main = "wagefed")
```



The histogram is relatively normal.

Weekly wage, local government employees

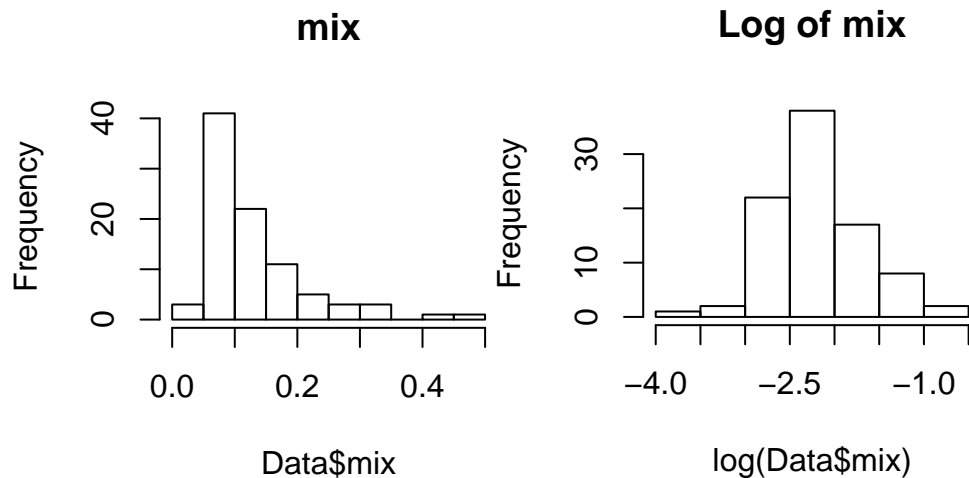
```
hist(Data$wageloc, main = "wageloc")
```



The histogram is pretty normal.

Ratio of face to face/all other crimes

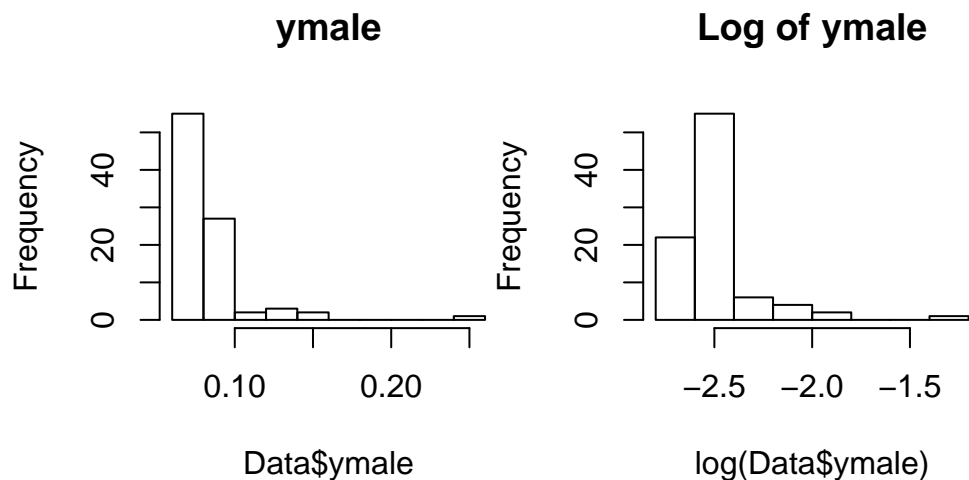
```
hist(Data$mix, main = "mix")  
hist(log(Data$mix), main = "Log of mix")
```



The histogram is positively skewed. The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied.

Proportion of county males between the ages of 15 and 24

```
hist(Data$ymale, main = "ymale")
hist(log(Data$ymale), main = "Log of ymale")
```

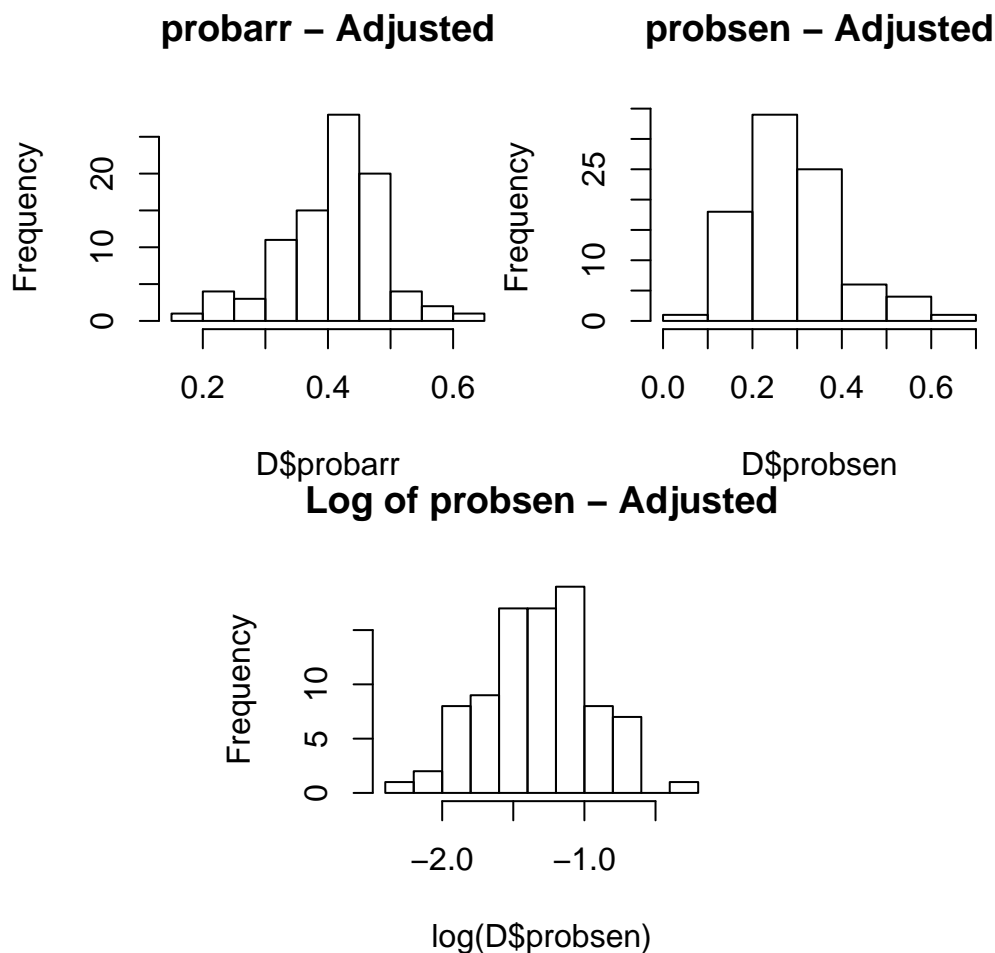


The histogram is positively skewed. The histogram becomes more normal when `log()` is applied however it is still positively skewed.

Variable transformations

probarr and *probsen* contain values > 1 which are difficult to interpret. For the purpose of the study, I am omitting them.

```
D <- Data[Data$probarr < 1 & Data$probsen < 1,]
hist(D$probarr, main = "probarr - Adjusted")
hist(D$probsen, main = "probsen - Adjusted")
hist(log(D$probsen), main = "Log of probsen - Adjusted")
```



Without the outliers, the 2 histograms are looking relatively normal. *probsen* is still looking positively skewed so I am taking the log of it which makes the distribution more normal.

Now I will apply `log()` to the below variables as they are not very normally distributed and store them in the newly created dataframe `D` so they will be available for my models.

```
D$logcrime <- log(D$crime)
D$logavgsgen <- log(D$avgsgen)
D$logpolice <- log(D$police)
D$logprobconv <- log(D$probconv)
D$logprobsen <- log(D$probsen)
D$logdensity <- log(D$density)
D$logtax <- log(D$tax)
D$logpctmin <- log(D$pctmin)
D$logwagecon <- log(D$wagecon)
D$logwageser <- log(D$wageser)
D$logmix <- log(D$mix)
D$logymale <- log(D$ymale)
```

Models

The team wants to explore how much is accounted for by the crime and police-related variables such as number of crimes committed (*crime*), police per capita (*police*) and ratio of face-to-face/all other crimes (*mix*)

and how much of it can be attributed to other demographic variables such as race, gender, age, economic standings (wages).

Proposed Model 1 - Minimum specification

Crime-related variables: We can intuitively anticipate *probsen* to go up as *crime*, *police* and *mix* increase. My intuition would be *probsen* and *avgsen* to have a positive correlation as increased *avgsen* would suggest there would be more severe crimes happening in a given county.

Probability variables: I expect the other 2 probability variables *probarr* and *probconv* to have strong correlations with *probsen* and hence they will also be included in the model so we can measure how much influence the other variables have on *probsen* holding *probarr* and *probconv* fixed.

For this initial model, I will exclude other demographic variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\text{probsen}) = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{crime}) + \beta_2 \text{probarr} + \beta_3 \log(\text{probconv}) + \beta_4 \log(\text{avgsen}) \\ & + \beta_5 \log(\text{police}) + \beta_6 \log(\text{mix}) + u \end{aligned}$$

```
model1 <- lm(logprobsen ~ logcrime + probarr + logprobconv + logavgsen + logpolice + logmix, data = D)
```

CLM Assessment

CLM 1 - A linear model

The model is specified such that the dependent variable is a linear function of the explanatory variables.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 2 - Random sampling

As the dataset has been provided for a selection of counties, the data is not truly randomly sampled. We are not given much information about how the data in the CSV file has been collected. We will assume here that the data has been collected from the relevant random samples in these counties.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 3 - Multicollinearity

```
X <- data.matrix(subset(
  D, select = c("logprobsen", "logcrime", "probarr", "logprobconv", "logavgsen", "logpolice", "logmix"))
(Cor = cor(X))
```

```
##          logprobsen    logcrime    probarr logprobconv    logavgsen
## logprobsen    1.00000000 -0.360492812 -0.04064202 -0.31311633 -0.12188311
## logcrime      -0.36049281  1.000000000  0.06321588 -0.32628681  0.13418145
## probarr        -0.04064202  0.063215878  1.00000000 -0.02533560 -0.17225398
## logprobconv   -0.31311633 -0.326286811 -0.02533560  1.00000000 -0.05986352
## logavgsen     -0.12188311  0.134181452 -0.17225398 -0.05986352  1.00000000
## logpolice     -0.16102212  0.542713183 -0.05647614 -0.29508551  0.29487049
## logmix         0.56189540 -0.006115974  0.09256607 -0.38424287 -0.13105421
##          logpolice    logmix
## logprobsen -0.16102212  0.561895402
## logcrime    0.54271318 -0.006115974
## probarr     -0.05647614  0.092566073
```

```
## logprobconv -0.29508551 -0.384242869
## logavgsgen  0.29487049 -0.131054206
## logpolice   1.00000000  0.062667253
## logmix      0.06266725  1.000000000
```

We are not seeing any obvious signs of multicollinearity. We will now compute VIF.

```
vif(model1)
```

```
##      logcrime      probarr logprobconv  logavgsgen  logpolice      logmix
##      1.534288      1.049640      1.368897      1.151492      1.574976      1.241359
```

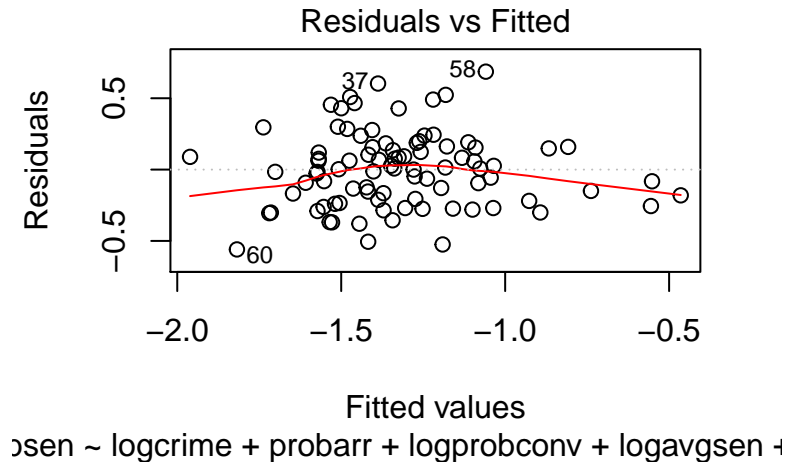
The VIF is < 4 and R is not flagging perfect multicollinearity.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 4 - Zero conditional mean

We'll now plot our model in order to assess if the model has zero conditional mean.

```
plot(model1, which=1)
```



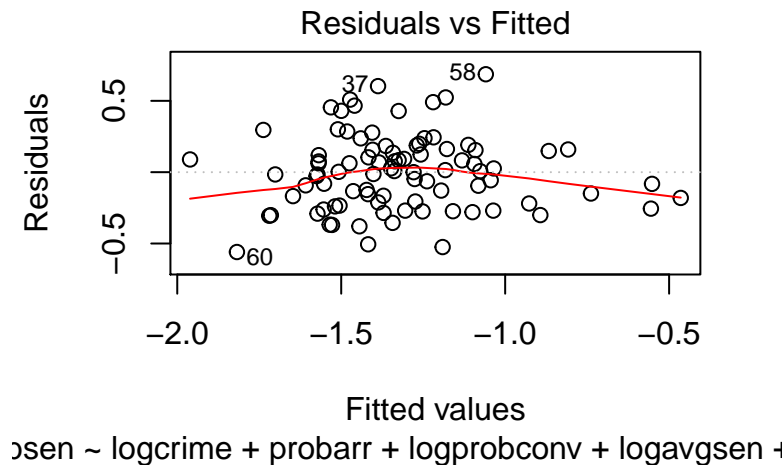
The red line is staying relatively close to the X-axis for the most part although it is influenced by the outliers on the ends.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 5 - Homoscedasticity

We will use the same plot to assess the model's homoscedasticity.

```
plot(model1, which=1)
```



The plot is relatively scattered about the fitted values with some extreme outliers. It is a little bit difficult to determine if we have achieved homoscedasticity from this plot alone. We will run a couple of additional tests to determine the homoscedasticity of the model.

```
bptest(model1)
```

```
##
## studentized Breusch-Pagan test
##
## data: model1
## BP = 4.0657, df = 6, p-value = 0.6678
```

```
ncvTest(model1)
```

```
## Non-constant Variance Score Test
## Variance formula: ~ fitted.values
## Chisquare = 0.6267145 Df = 1 p = 0.428563
```

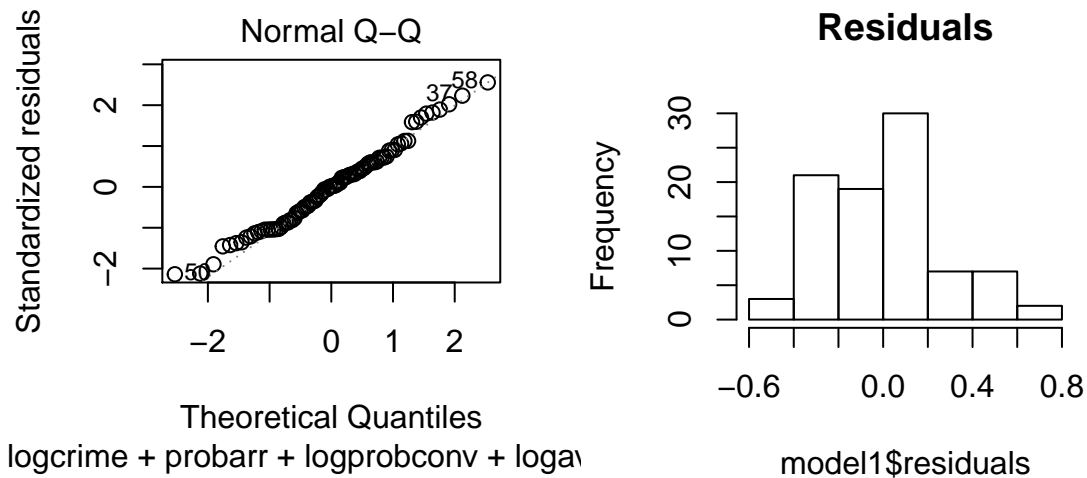
Neither test is showing a small enough P-value suggesting we fail to reject the null hypothesis of homoscedasticity. Therefore we most likely have homoscedasticity however looking at the plot, it is a little bit questionable.

Is the assumption valid? **Most likely**

CLM 6 - Normality of residuals

We will now look at the QQ-plot to assess the normality of residuals.

```
plot(model1, which=2)
hist(model1$residuals, main="Residuals")
```

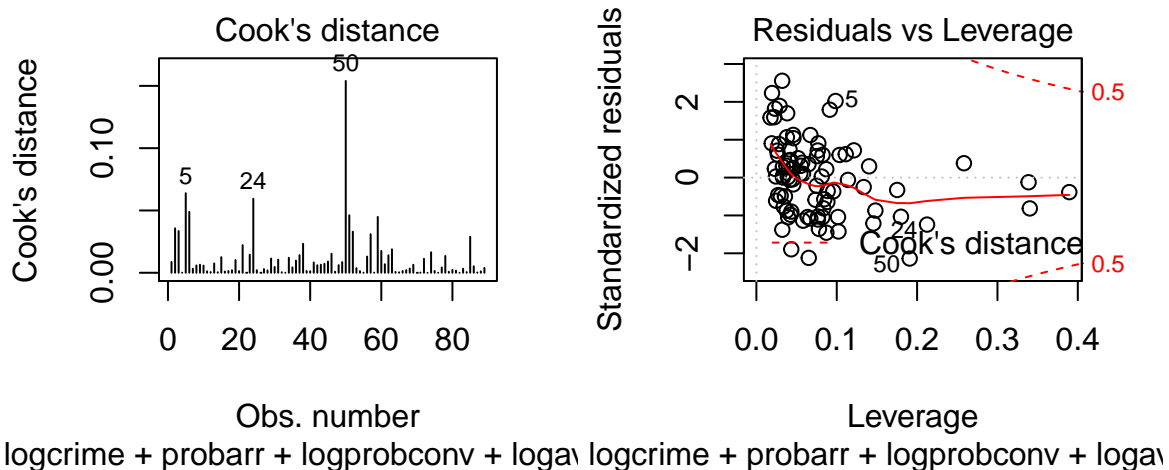



The values are staying close to the slope for the most part however are deviating on both ends. However the distribution of the residuals is relatively normal and our sample size n is 90 and hence CLM 6 is achieved.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

Cook's distance

```
plot(model1, which = 4)
plot(model1, which = 5)
```



There is a influential value at 50 however it is still well within the bounds of Cook's distance.

AIC

```
(model1$AIC <- AIC(model1))
```

```
## [1] 30.08571
```

The AIC for this model is 30.0857125.

Proposed Model #2 - Optimal specification

In addition to the set of explanatory variables introduced in Proposed Model #1, I have decided to include the following variables in this model:

Demographics variables: I am interested to see if demographics information such as race, gender and age would influence the probability of prison sentence and therefore including *pctmin*, *ymale* in this model.

Density: I suspect population density would have a negative influence on *probsen* by introducing more complexity in crimes.

Tax: I anticipate *tax* would have a negative coefficient as people with more money would be able to afford better lawyers and hence would have lower chances of ending up with prison sentences.

$$\log(\text{probsen}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{crime}) + \beta_2 \text{probarr} + \beta_3 \log(\text{probconv}) + \beta_4 \log(\text{avgsgen}) + \beta_5 \log(\text{police}) \\ + \beta_6 \log(\text{density}) + \beta_7 \log(\text{tax}) + \beta_8 \log(\text{pctmin}) + \beta_9 \log(\text{mix}) + \beta_{10} \log(\text{ymale}) + u$$

```
model2 <- lm(logprobsen ~ logcrime + probarr + logprobconv + logavgsgen + logpolice
             + logdensity + logtax + logpctmin + logmix + logymale, data = D)
```

Holding the other variables such as other probabilities such as probarr and probconv, crime-related variables such as log(crime) and log(police), we can see pctmin and ymale as well as pctmin:ymale are actually statistically significant.

It is interesting that including probarr and probconv reduces the statistical significance of the covariate mix drastically.

```
model2_1 <- lm(mix ~ probarr + probconv, data = D)
summary(model2_1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mix ~ probarr + probconv, data = D)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.10755 -0.05036 -0.02638  0.03199  0.30525
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   0.12092    0.04566   2.648  0.00963 **
## probarr       0.11704    0.10396   1.126  0.26336
## probconv     -0.07310    0.02453  -2.979  0.00375 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.07854 on 86 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.107, Adjusted R-squared:  0.08628
## F-statistic: 5.155 on 2 and 86 DF, p-value: 0.007684
```

Regressing on probarr and probconv, R-squared shows 0.107, indicating that probarr and probconv are accountable for 10.7% of the variance in the variable mix.

CLM

No change in CLM1-2.

CLM 3 - Multicollinearity

We'll compute VIF

```
vif(model2)
```

```
##      logcrime      probarr logprobconv  logavgsgen  logpolice  logdensity
##      3.724762      1.070785      1.796106      1.159418      2.126302      2.456174
##      logtax      logpctmin      logmix      logymale
##      1.540660      1.809699      1.712168      1.318453
```

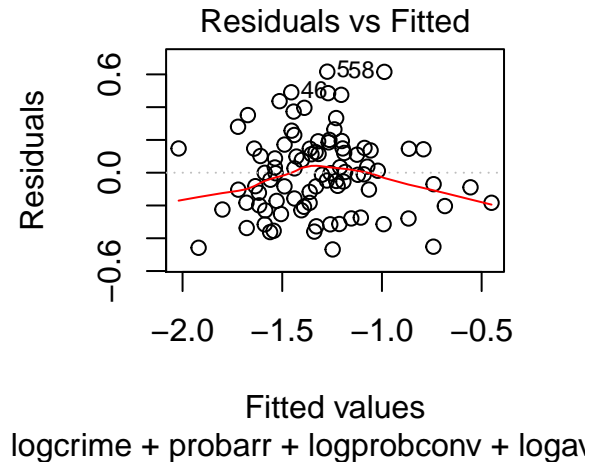
VIF is flagging pctmin, ymale and pctmin:ymale which is expected as pctmin:ymale is an interaction term made up of pctmin and ymale.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 4 - Zero conditional mean

We'll now plot our model in order to assess if the model has zero conditional mean.

```
plot(model2, which=1)
```



The fitted line is staying relatively close to the X-axis for the most part however is influenced by the outliers on the both sides.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 5 - Homoscedasticity

The plot is relatively distributed evenly about the fitted values.

```
bptest(model2)
```

```
##
## studentized Breusch-Pagan test
##
## data: model2
## BP = 12.476, df = 10, p-value = 0.2544
```

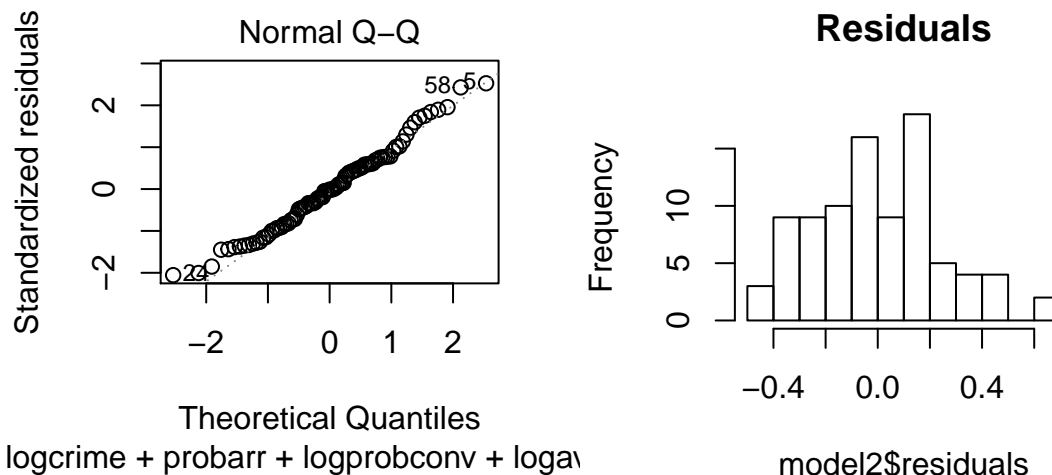
Checking the BP test result, the P-value is not small enough to reject the null hypothesis of homoscedasticity.

Is the assumption valid? **Most likely**

CLM 6 - Normality of residuals

We will now look at the QQ-plot to assess the normality of residuals.

```
plot(model2, which=2)
hist(model2$residuals, main = "Residuals")
```

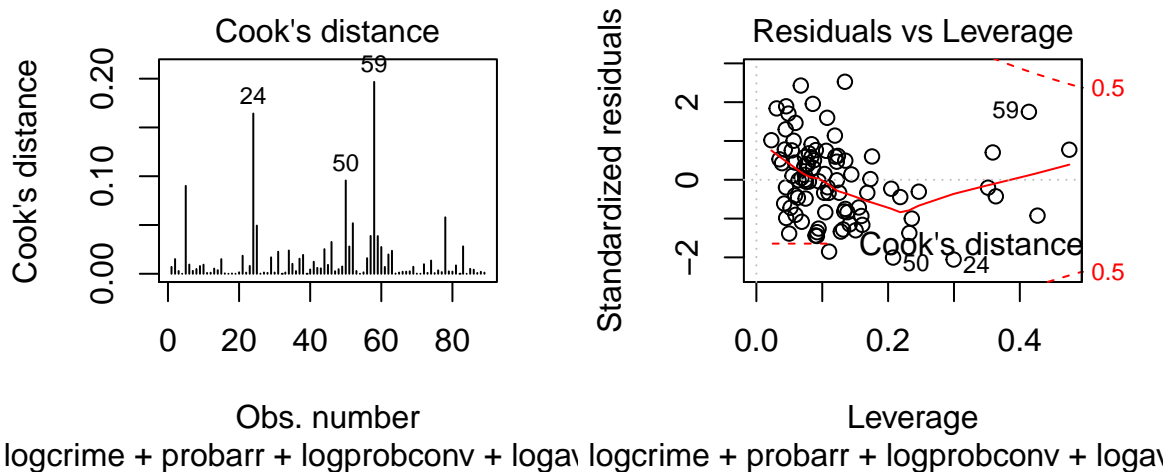


The both plots are showing we have normality of residuals.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

Cook's distance

```
plot(model2, which = 4)
plot(model2, which = 5)
```



There is a influential value at 59 however it is still well within the bounds of Cook's distance.

AIC

```
(model2$AIC <- AIC(model2))
```

```
## [1] 26.70092
```

The AIC for this model is 26.7009226 which is lower compared to model 1 indicating this is an improved model.

Proposed Model 3 - Comprehensive specification

This model includes all variables present in the dataset to show the robustness of my modeling process and the underlying assumptions to model specification.

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\text{probsen}) = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{crime}) + \beta_2 \text{probarr} + \beta_3 \log(\text{probconv}) + \beta_4 \log(\text{avgsen}) + \beta_5 \log(\text{police}) \\ & + \beta_6 \log(\text{density}) + \beta_7 \log(\text{tax}) + \beta_8 \log(\text{pctmin}) + \beta_9 \log(\text{mix}) + \beta_{10} \log(\text{ymale}) \\ & + \beta_{11} \text{west} + \beta_{12} \text{central} + \beta_{13} \text{urabn} + \beta_{14} \log(\text{wagecon}) + \beta_{15} \text{wagetuc} + \beta_{16} \text{wagetrdr} \\ & + \beta_{17} \text{wagefir} + \beta_{18} \log(\text{wageser}) + \beta_{19} \text{wagemfg} + \beta_{20} \text{wagefed} + \beta_{21} \text{wagesta} + \beta_{22} \text{wageloc} + u \end{aligned}$$

```
model3 <- lm(logprobsen ~ logcrime + probarr + logprobconv + logavgsen + logpolice
+ logdensity + logtax + logpctmin + logmix + logymale + west + central + urban
+ logwagecon + wagetuc + wagetrdr + wagefir + logwageser + wagemfg + wagefed
+ wagesta + wageloc, data = D)
```

CLM

No change in CLM1-2.

CLM 3 - Multicollinearity

We'll compute VIF

```
vif(model3)
```

##	logcrime	probarr	logprobconv	logavgsen	logpolice	logdensity
##	4.863753	1.174475	2.054750	1.557634	2.889421	6.081971
##	logtax	logpctmin	logmix	logymale	west	central
##	2.455541	4.448054	2.071487	1.698017	2.267788	4.878311
##	urban	logwagecon	wagetuc	wagetrdr	wagefir	logwageser
##	2.928001	2.186521	1.745930	3.228493	2.931556	1.663908
##	wagemfg	wagefed	wagesta	wageloc		
##	2.008753	3.522783	1.699442	2.354271		

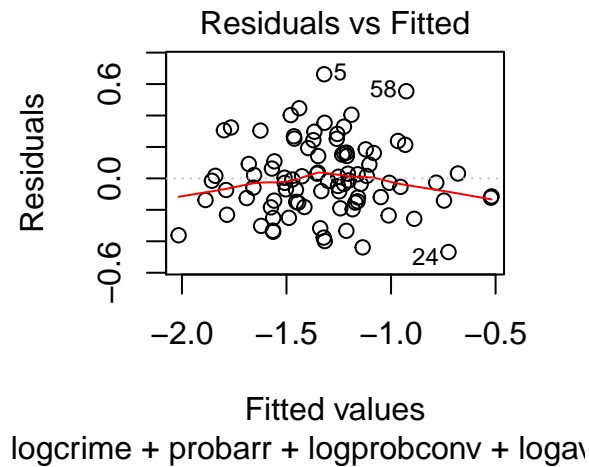
All the values are < 10.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 4 - Zero conditional mean

We'll now plot our model in order to assess if the model has zero conditional mean.

```
plot(model3, which=1)
```



The fitted line is staying relatively close to the X-axis for the most part.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

CLM 5 - Homoscedasticity

The plot is relatively distributed evenly about the fitted values.

```
bptest(model3)
```

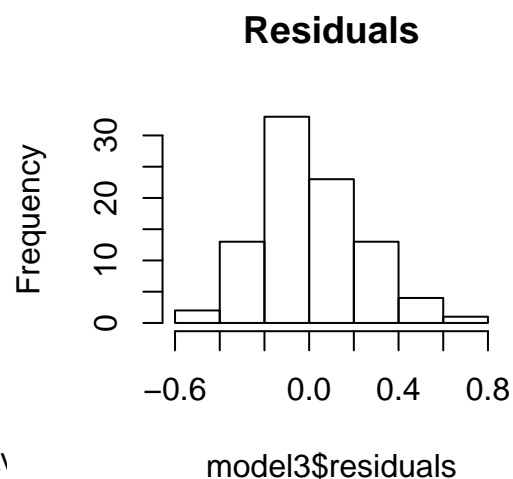
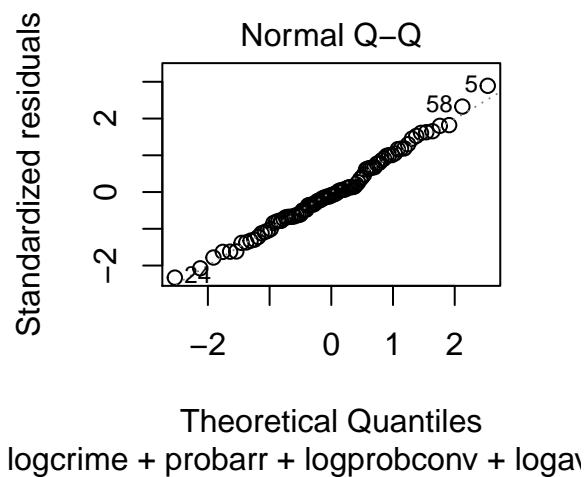
```
##
## studentized Breusch-Pagan test
##
## data: model3
## BP = 25.311, df = 22, p-value = 0.2825
```

Checking the BP test result, the P-value is not small enough to reject the null hypothesis of homoscedasticity.

Is the assumption valid? **Most likely**

CLM 6 - Normality of residuals

```
plot(model3, which=2)
hist(model3$residuals, main = "Residuals")
```

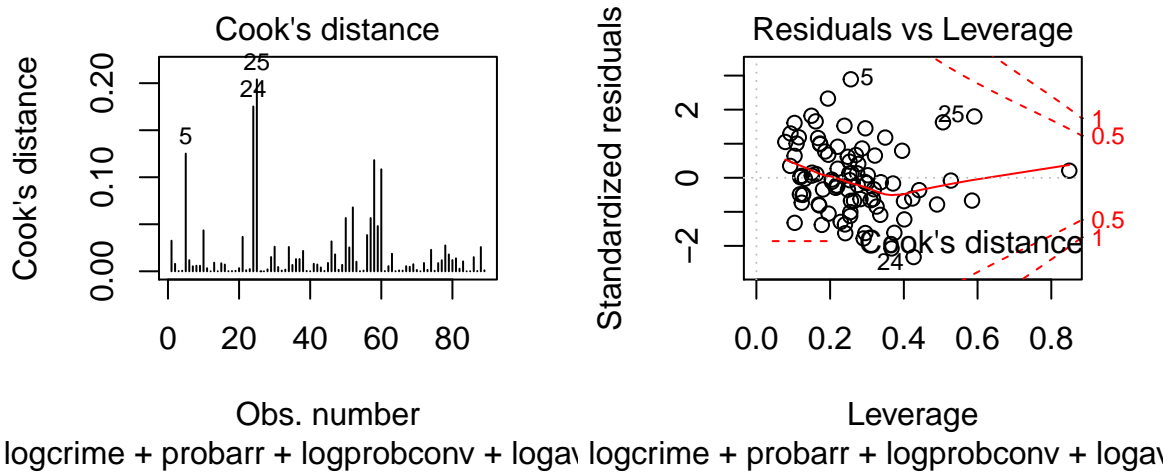


The both plots are showing we have normality of residuals.

Is the assumption valid? **Yes**

Cook's distance

```
plot(model3, which = 4)
plot(model3, which = 5)
```



There are some spikes however they are still well within the bounds of Cook's distance.

AIC

```
(model3$AIC <- AIC(model3))
```

```
## [1] 37.99468
```

The AIC for this model is 37.9946771 which is the highest of the 3 models.

Model Adjustments

We will now be adjusting the models in order as there were some CLM assumptions that were violated or not entirely met.

In order to address the possible violations of CLM 5 Homoscedasticity assumption, we will be converting our coefficients using heteroscedasticity robust standard errors.

Model 1

```
model1$coefficients
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr logprobconv    logavgsen    logpolice
## -1.99145420 -0.30408208 -0.32580565 -0.20125641 -0.03140236 -0.05106572
##      logmix
##  0.30975736
```

```
(model1$adjusted_coefficients <- sqrt(diag(vcovHC(model1))))
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr logprobconv    logavgsen    logpolice
##  0.67896991  0.08267105  0.34124047  0.06952464  0.10253441  0.09683524
##      logmix
##  0.06779809
```

Model 2

```
model2$coefficients
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr logprobconv    logavgsen    logpolice
## -2.81273396 -0.41212132 -0.35930841 -0.30460079 -0.02495748  0.06231808
## logdensity    logtax    logpctmin    logmix    logymale
##  0.02258665 -0.07331550  0.10476483  0.21423888 -0.33614134
```

```
(model2$adjusted_coefficients <- sqrt(diag(vcovHC(model2))))
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr logprobconv    logavgsen    logpolice
##  1.43429852  0.12265221  0.38445249  0.08437148  0.10627715  0.13583936
## logdensity    logtax    logpctmin    logmix    logymale
##  0.05989955  0.14400446  0.04552969  0.07354445  0.24169374
```

Model 3

```
model3$coefficients
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr    logprobconv    logavgsen
## -4.491754e+00 -4.978365e-01 -3.138610e-01 -3.269633e-01 -2.102672e-02
## logpolice    logdensity    logtax    logpctmin    logmix
##  1.349940e-02  8.814882e-02  7.119438e-02  1.768710e-01  2.166907e-01
## logymale    west    central    urban    logwagecon
## -1.927436e-01 -4.400895e-02  1.566188e-01 -2.046996e-01  2.107010e-01
## wagetuc    wagetrd    wagefir    logwageser    wagemfg
## -5.890375e-05 -8.433569e-07 -5.703936e-04 -9.128650e-02 -3.135048e-05
## wagefed    wagesta    wageloc
##  1.209783e-03 -9.266370e-04 -7.510987e-05
```

```
(model3$adjusted_coefficients <- sqrt(diag(vcovHC(model3))))
```

```
## (Intercept)    logcrime    probarr    logprobconv    logavgsen
##  2.3887671032  0.1904656805  0.4114521222  0.1131892621  0.1429948150
## logpolice    logdensity    logtax    logpctmin    logmix
##  0.1650621562  0.1043631263  0.2305953809  0.0901974581  0.0924087356
## logymale    west    central    urban    logwagecon
##  0.2796174017  0.1064263357  0.1649583437  0.1931151236  0.2744396082
## wagetuc    wagetrd    wagefir    logwageser    wagemfg
##  0.0006598016  0.0017896417  0.0011538875  0.1111826014  0.0004584581
## wagefed    wagesta    wageloc
##  0.0010681425  0.0010781599  0.0025036122
```


Model Analysis

```
stargazer(model1, model2, model3, omit.stat = "f", header=FALSE,
  title = "Models for predicting probability of prison sentences",
  se =
    list(model1$adjusted_coefficients, model2$adjusted_coefficients,
          model3$adjusted_coefficients),
  star.cutoffs = c(0.05, 0.01, 0.001), no.space = TRUE)
```

Table 1: Models for predicting probability of prison sentences

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
	logprobsen		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
logcrime	−0.304*** (0.083)	−0.412*** (0.123)	−0.498** (0.190)
probarr	−0.326 (0.341)	−0.359 (0.384)	−0.314 (0.411)
logprobconv	−0.201** (0.070)	−0.305*** (0.084)	−0.327** (0.113)
logavgsen	−0.031 (0.103)	−0.025 (0.106)	−0.021 (0.143)
logpolice	−0.051 (0.097)	0.062 (0.136)	0.013 (0.165)
logdensity		0.023 (0.060)	0.088 (0.104)
logtax		−0.073 (0.144)	0.071 (0.231)
logpctmin		0.105* (0.046)	0.177* (0.090)
logmix	0.310*** (0.068)	0.214** (0.074)	0.217* (0.092)
logymale		−0.336 (0.242)	−0.193 (0.280)
west			−0.044 (0.106)
central			0.157 (0.165)
urban			−0.205 (0.193)
logwagecon			0.211 (0.274)
wagetuc			−0.0001 (0.001)
wagetrld			−0.00000 (0.002)
wagefir			−0.001 (0.001)
logwageser			−0.091 (0.111)
wagemfg			−0.00003 (0.0005)
wagefed			0.001 (0.001)
wagesta			−0.001 (0.001)
wageloc			−0.0001 (0.003)
Constant	−1.991** (0.679)	−2.813* (1.434)	−4.492 (2.389)
Observations	89	89	89
R ²	0.511	0.570	0.627
Adjusted R ²	0.475	0.515	0.503
Akaike Inf. Crit.	30.086	26	26.701
Residual Std. Error	0.273 (df = 82)	0.262 (df = 78)	0.266 (df = 66)

Note:

*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

Model 1

logcrime, *logmix* and *logprobconv* have very small P-values suggesting strong statistical significance. Interestingly, all the original co-efficients except for *logmix* are negative contrary to my initial hypothesis. 1% increase in *logcrime* and *logprobconv* results in -30.4% and -20.1% impact on the dependent variable *probsen* which are both practically significant. Once adjusted using robust standard errors, all the co-efficients became positive.

Adjusted R^2 is 0.475 which is the lowest of the 3 models, explaining 47.5% of the variation in *log(probsen)*.

Model 2

In addition to *logcrime*, *logmix*, *logprobconv* and *logpctmin* has a P-value < 0.05 in this model. It has a positive coefficient indicating in 1% increase in *logpctmin* will translate into 10.5% increase in *probsen* which is a practically significant result.

Adjusted R^2 is 0.515 which is the highest of the 3 models, explaining 51.5% of the variation in *log(probsen)*. The model also has the lowest AIC of the 3 models at 26.701 indicating this is the best model of the 3 according to Akaike's Information Criterion.

Model 3

The same set of variables as Model 2, *logcrime*, *logmix*, *logprobconv* and *logpctmin* are showing statistical significance although not as strongly. One thing to note is that the co-efficient values for the statistically significant covariates in this model appear to be larger in the magnitude and hence practical significance than those of Model 2. For example, *logcrime* is showing -0.498 which is greater vs -0.412 for Model 2.

Adjusted R^2 is 0.503 which is the second highest of the 3 models, explaining 50.3% of the variation in *log(probsen)*. The model also has the highest AIC of the 3 models at 37.995 indicating this is the worst model of the 3 according to Akaike's Information Criterion.

Causality

In my analysis, I have tried to show

Conclusion