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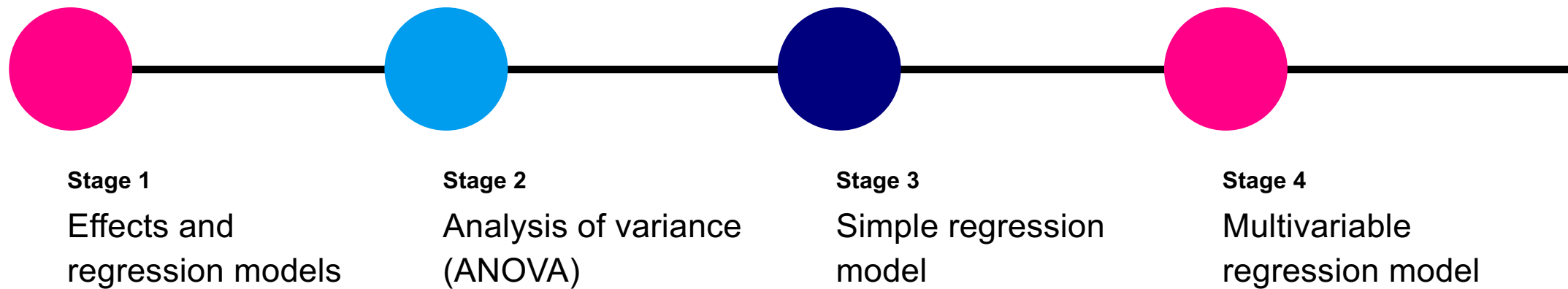
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Linear regression models

Fixed-effects models

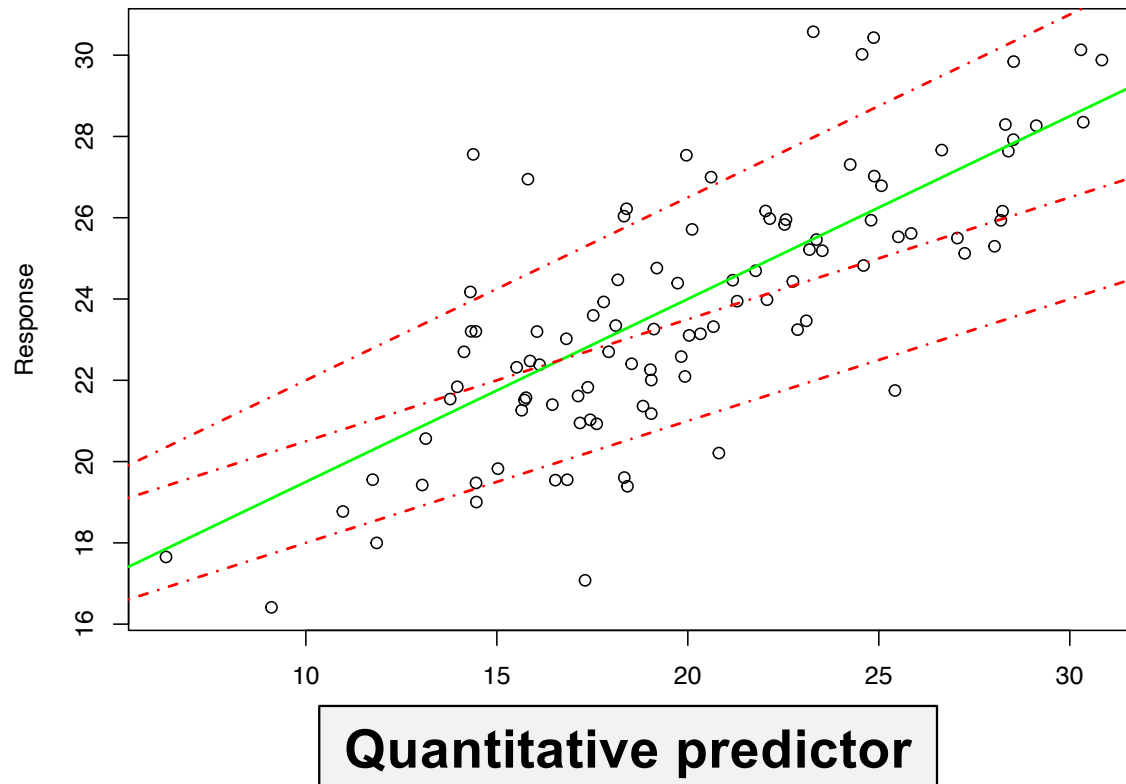
Process flow





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Simple regression model

Definition and classification

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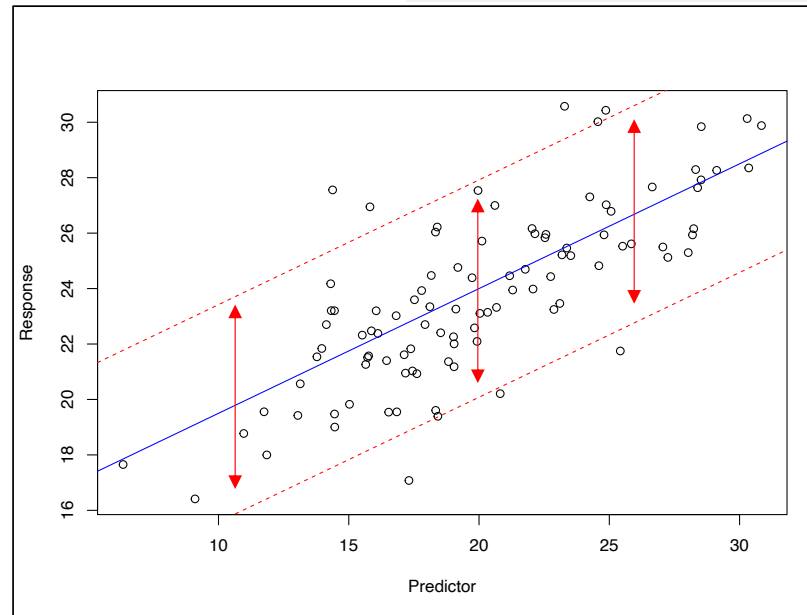
Simple regression model

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1. The unit k (e.g. mouse), $k = 1, \dots, n$
2. β_0 : intercept of the model; β_1 : slope of the model (i.e. effect of predictor X)
3. ε_k : the *random* part of the model (i.e. error term of the model). It is a blanket characterization of the uniqueness of the k_{th} unit

Equation of the statistical model:

$$y_k = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_k + \varepsilon_k$$



$n = 100$

Systematic
component

+/- 1.96 · SD

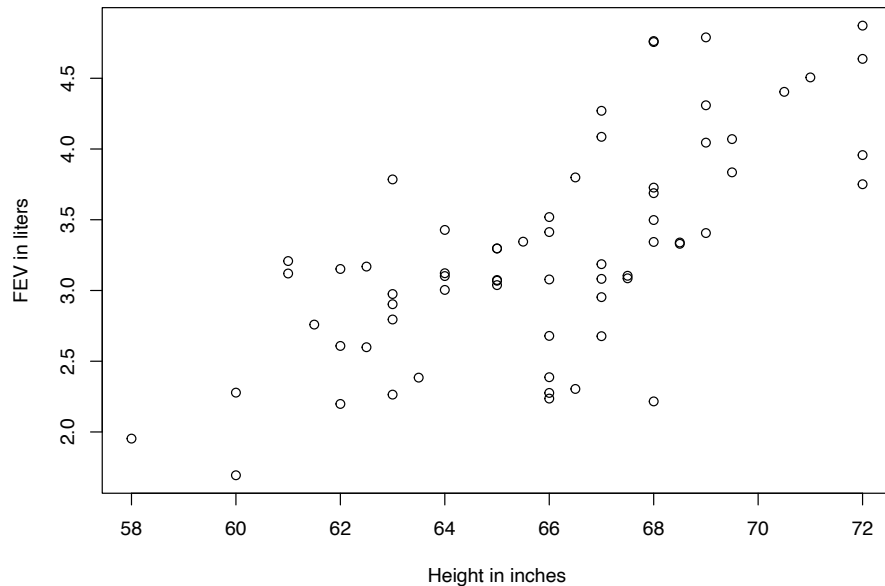
Assumptions of simple regression models are the following:

- The true relationship between μ_Y and the *quantitative* predictor X is linear
- ε_k is assumed to be independent of one another and normally distributed with mean = 0 and common standard deviation = σ

Estimation of parameters β_0 , β_1 and σ

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```
> library(GLMsData) # Load the GLMsData package
> data(lungcap) # Make the dataset lungcup available
> head(lungcap) # Show the first observations
> dSet = subset(lungcap, Smoke==1) # Select smokers
> plot(dSet$Ht, dSet$FEV, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "FEV") # Scatter plot
```



A simple regression model is reasonable

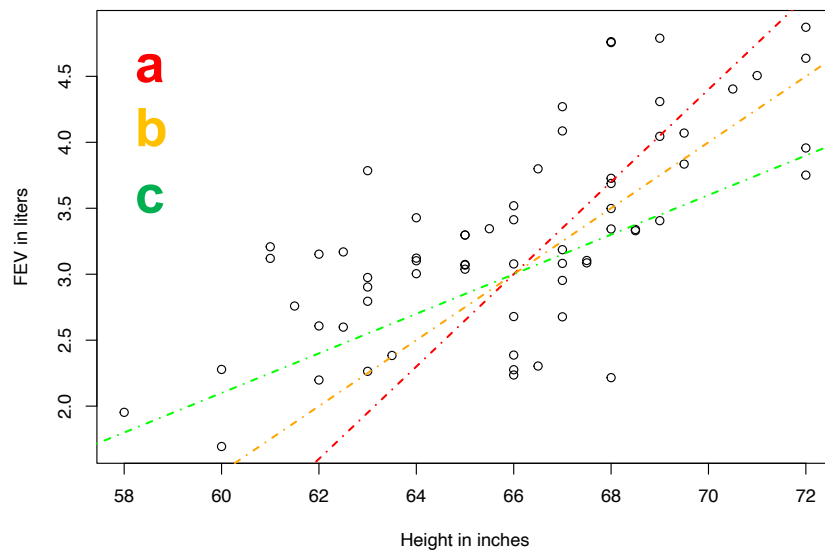
Estimation of parameters β_0 , β_1 and σ

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```
> beta1a = 0.35; beta1b = 0.25; beta1c = 0.15; # Plausible slopes  
> beta0a = -20.1; beta0b = -13.5; beta0c = -6.9; # Plausible intercepts (x=66;  $\mu_Y \simeq 3.0$ )  
> RSSi = sum((dSet$FEV - (beta0i + beta1i * dSet$Ht))^2) # i = a, b, c  
> print(c(RSSa, RSSb, RSSc) # Show residual sum-of-squares (RSS)
```

Output

```
[1] 47.55759      29.36609      24.22459
```



- β_0 and β_1 estimators are those values that minimize RSS
- σ^2 estimator is given by $\frac{RSS}{N - 2}$

Hypothesis testing and estimation in R

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```
> fittedModel = lm(FEV ~ Ht, data = dSet) # Model fitting
```

```
> summary(fittedModel); # Output
```

Output

Coefficients:				
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-7.40165	1.41588	-5.228	2.07e-06 ***
Ht	0.16191	0.02144	7.551	2.18e-10 ***

```
> confint(fittedModel) # 95% confidence intervals of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ 
```

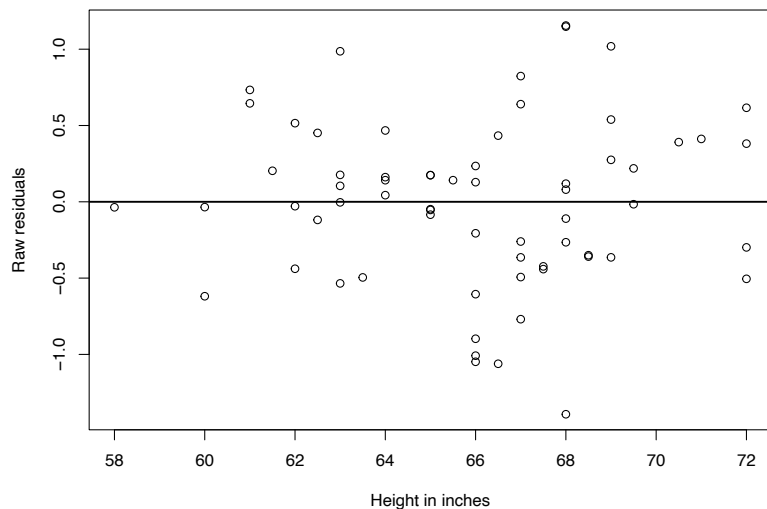
Output

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	-10.2310609	-4.5722344
Ht	0.1190583	0.2047593

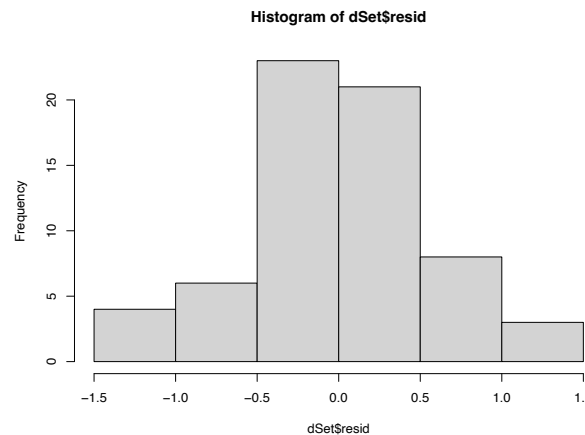
Diagnostics: residuals

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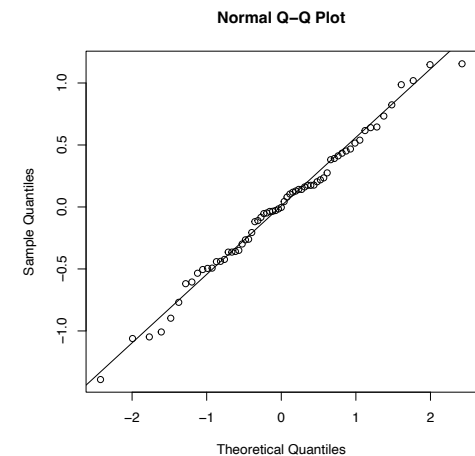
```
> dSet$resid = resid(fittedModel) # Raw residuals (difference between the observed data of the dependent variable Y and the fitted value)
> plot(dSet$Ht, dSet$resid, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "Raw residuals") # Plotting residuals against predictor
> hist(dSet$resid) # Histogram
> qqnorm(dSet$resid); qqline(dSet$resid) # Q-Q plot
> shapiro.test(dSet$resid); # Shapiro-Wilk normality test
```



We can detect heteroscedasticity and asymmetrical distribution of residuals



We can check normality assumption of residuals



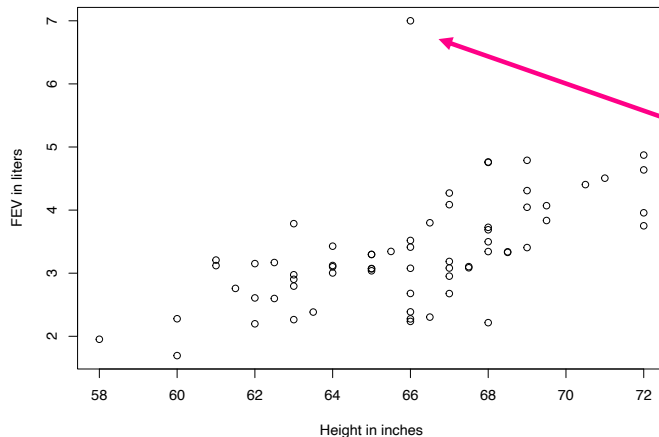
Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: dSet\$resid
W = 0.98933, p-value = 0.8509

Outliers observations

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```
> outlier = data.frame("Age"=14, "FEV"=7.000, "Ht"=66.0, "Gender"="M", "Smoke"=1) # Outlier
> dSetOutlier = rbind(dSet,outlier) # Adding the outlier to the data set
> plot(dSetOutlier$Ht, dSetOutlier$FEV, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "FEV in liters") # New scatter plot
```



Outlier

Question: is it an influential observation?

```
> fittedModel = lm(FEV ~ Ht, data = dSetOutlier) # Model fitting
> summary(fittedModel); # Output
```

Output

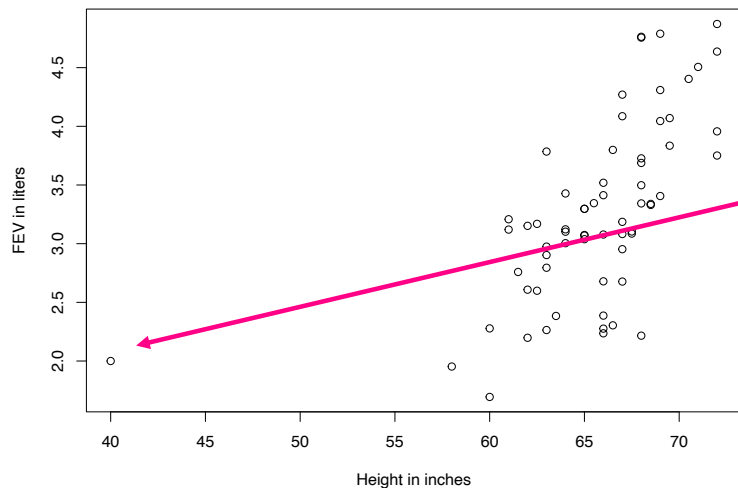
Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	(-7.40165) -7.3624	(1.41588) 1.8421	(-5.228) -3.997	(2.07e-06 ***) 0.000169 ***
Ht	(0.16191) 0.1622	(0.02144) 0.0279	(7.551) 5.813	(2.18e-10 ***) 2.11e-07 ***

Influential observations

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```
> InfObs = data.frame("Age"=14, "FEV"=2.000, "Ht"=40.0, "Gender"="M", "Smoke"=1) # Influential observation
> dSetInfObs = rbind(dSet, InfObs) # Adding the influential observation to the data set
> plot(dSetInfObs$Ht, dSetInfObs$FEV, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "FEV in liters") # New scatter plot
```



Outlier and far away x-value observation

Question: is it an influential observation?

```
> fittedModel = lm(FEV ~ Ht, data = dSetInfObs) # Model fitting
> summary(fittedModel); # Output
```

Output

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	(-7.40165) -3.63162	(1.41588) 1.08780	(-5.228) -3.339	(2.07e-06 ***) 0.00141 ***
Ht	(0.16191) 0.10508	(0.02144) 0.01655	(7.551) 6.348	(2.18e-10 ***) 2.55e-08 ***

Observations with high leverage

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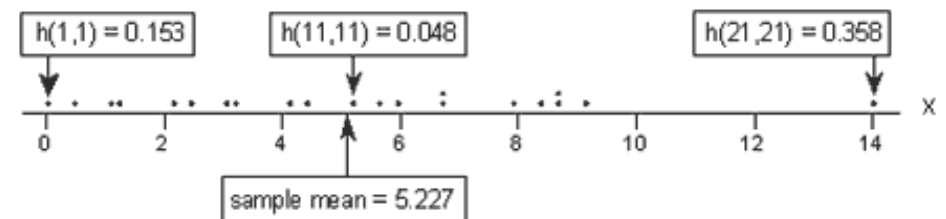
An observation is considered to have **high leverage** if it has a value (or values) for the predictor variables that are much more extreme compared to the rest of the observations in the dataset.

$$h_i = \frac{1}{n} + (x_i - x_m)^2 / SS_x$$

```
> hats = hatvalues(modelFitted) # Computing leverage of each observation
```

h_i	leverage of observation i
x_i	predictor value of observation i
x_m	sample mean of the predictor
SS_x	sum of the squared difference between the predictor value of observation i and the sample mean of the predictor
n	number of observation

Large values of h_i (perhaps two or three times the mean value of the h_i) identify observations with unusual values of the predictor



Influential observations

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Influential observations are **outliers** with **high leverage**.

A popular measure of influence for observation i is **Cook's distance**:

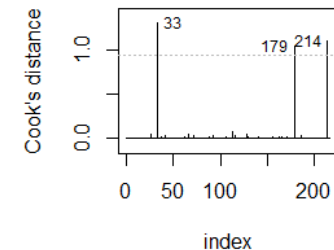
$$D_i \div (\Delta_i, h_i)$$

```
> cookDistance = cook.distance(modelFitted)
# Computing Cook's distance of each observation
```

h_i	leverage of observation i
Δ_i	Sum of the squared differences between predictions made with all observations in the analysis and predictions made leaving out the observation in question

A rule of thumb is that observations with $D > 1$ may be flagged as potentially influential.

```
> cook_plot(modelFitted, id_n = 3)
# Computing Cook's distance of each observation
```



Source of problems and possible solutions ¹³

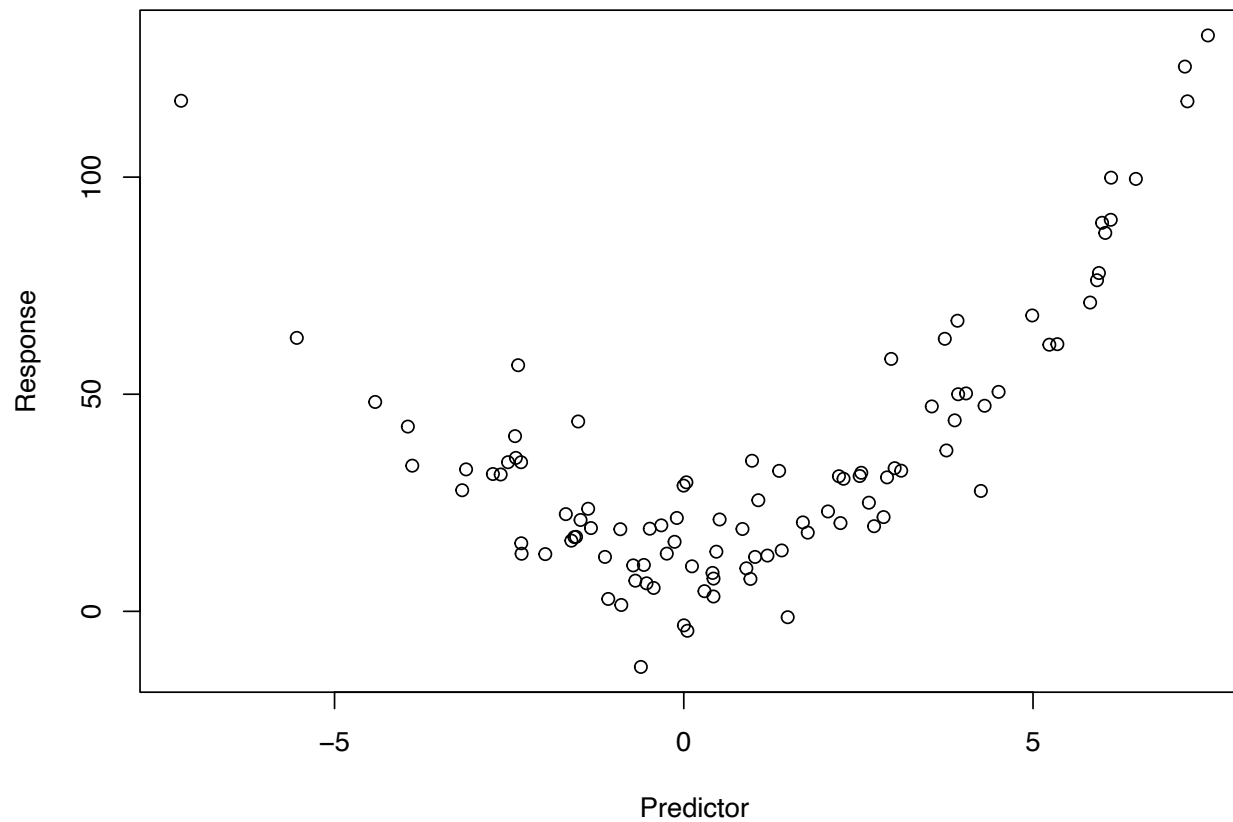
Solution	Linearity	Normality	Unequal variance	Outliers	Influential observations
Weighting			✓	✓	✓
Introducing other predictors (multivariable model)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Data transformation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Different random component (e.g. gamma, beta, Poisson) and $g(\mu)$		✓	✓	✓	✓

Introducing other predictors

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Equation of a plausible statistical model:

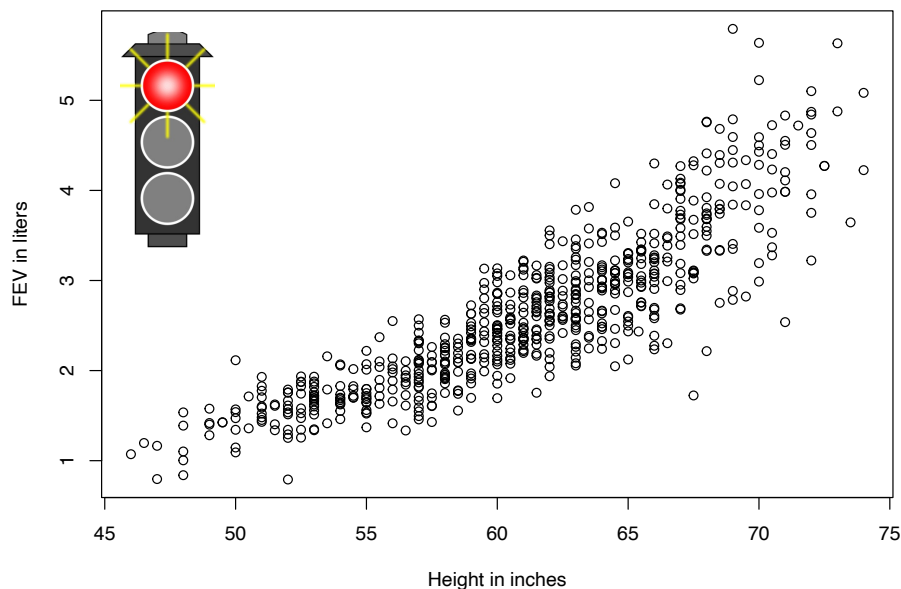
$$y_k = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_k + \beta_2 x_k^2 + \varepsilon_k$$



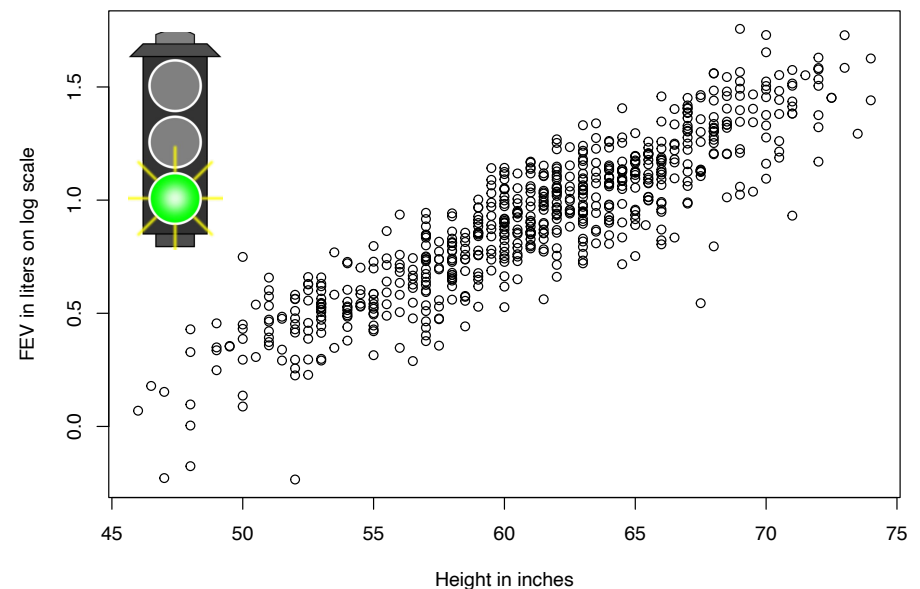
Data transformation

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```
> plot(lungcap$Ht, lungcap$FEV, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "FEV") # Scatter plot  
> lungcap$logFEV = log(lungcap$FEV) # log transformation of the response variable  
> plot(dSet$Ht, dSet$logFEV, xlab = "Height in inches", ylab = "FEV on log scale") # Scatter plot
```



Response on natural scale

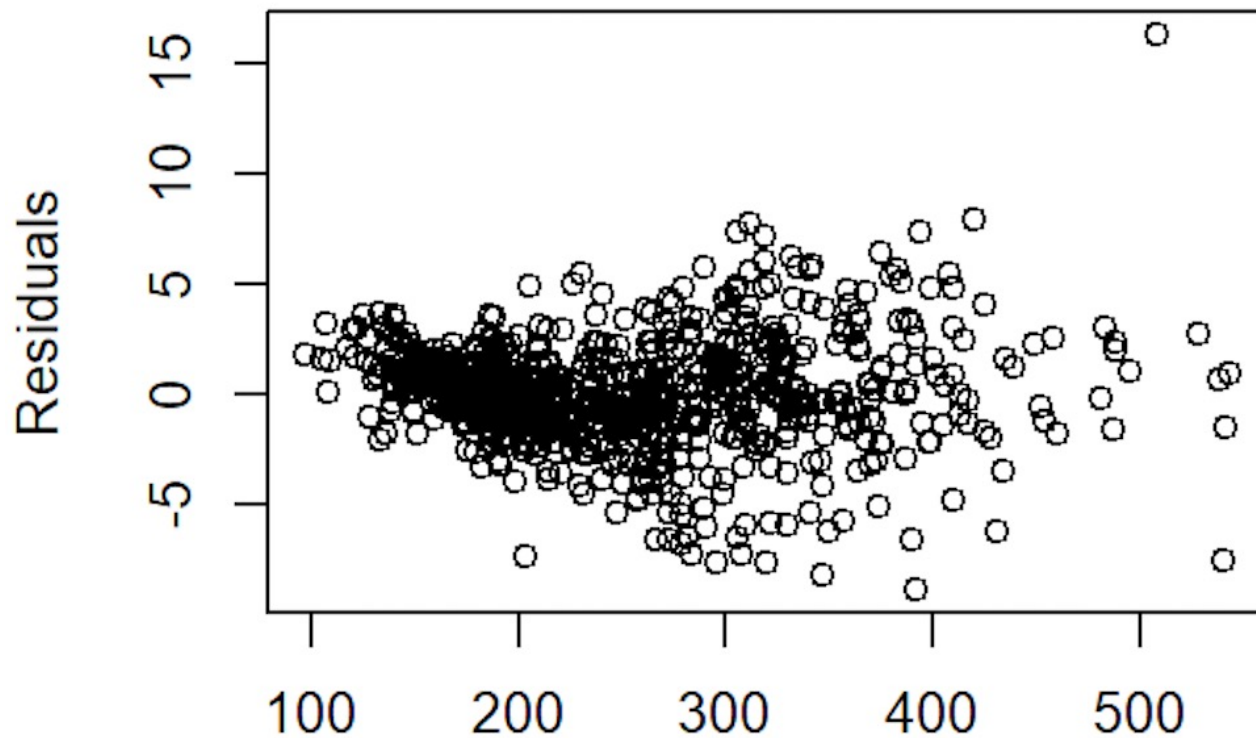


Response on $\log_e$ scale

Weighted least square

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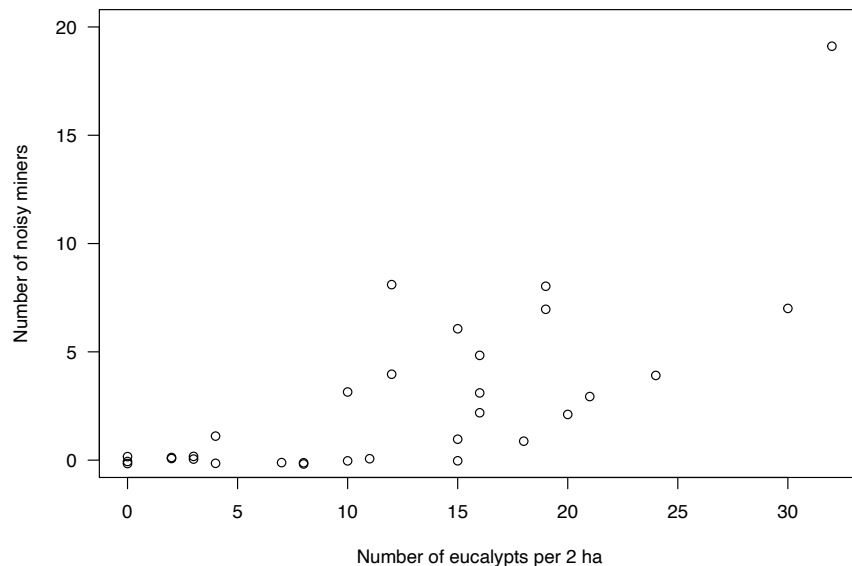
```
> library(nlme) # Load the nlme package  
> fittedModel = gls(Response ~ Predictor, weight = varPower( ~ Predictor) , data = dSet)  
# Modeling variance as function of the predictor  
> summary(fittedModel) # Output
```



Different random component and $g(\mu)$

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```
> library(GLMsData) # Load the GLMsData package
> data(nminer) # Make the dataset nminer available
> plot(jitter(Minerab) ~ Eucs, data=nminer, las=1, ylim=c(0, 20), xlab="Number of eucalypts per 2 ha",
ylab="Number of noisy miners" ) # The number of noisy miners plotted against the number of eucalypt trees
```



$Y = \text{Poisson}(\mu)$	Random component
$\log(\mu) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$	Systematic component

[https://bioinformatics-core-shared-training.github.io/
Fixed-and-Mixed-effects-models/](https://bioinformatics-core-shared-training.github.io/Fixed-and-Mixed-effects-models/)



Hands on