Introduction to multiple linear regression

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Outline

Introduction to multiple regression

- Many variables in a model
- Adjusted R^2

Checking model conditions using graphs

Multiple regression

- Simple linear regression: Bivariate - two variables: y and x
- Multiple linear regression: Multiple variables: y and $x_1, x_2, \cdots$

Weights of books

	weight (g)	volume (cm^3)	cover
1	800	885	hc
2	950	1016	hc
3	1050	1125	hc
4	350	239	hc
5	750	701	hc
6	600	641	hc
7	1075	1228	hc
8	250	412	pb
9	700	953	pb
10	650	929	pb
11	975	1492	pb
12	350	419	pb
13	950	1010	pb
14	425	595	pb
15	725	1034	pb

From: Maindonald, J.H. and Braun, W.J. (2nd ed., 2007) “Data Analysis and Graphics Using R”

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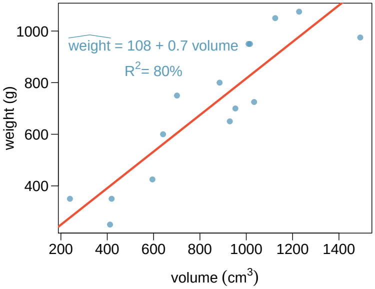

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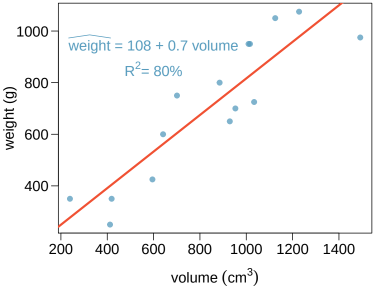

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somewhat abbreviated output...

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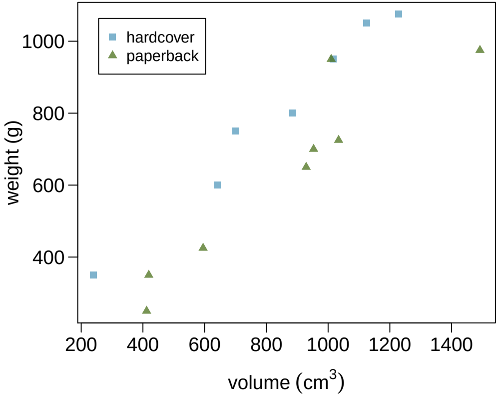

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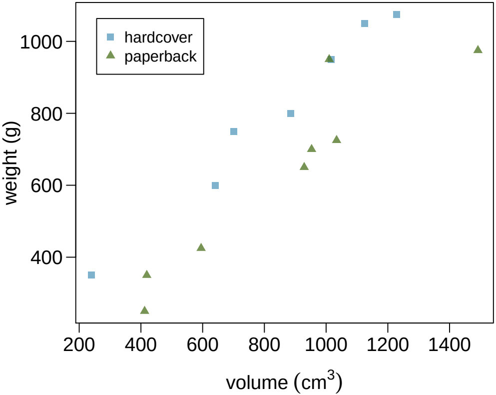

Modeling weights of books using volume and cover type

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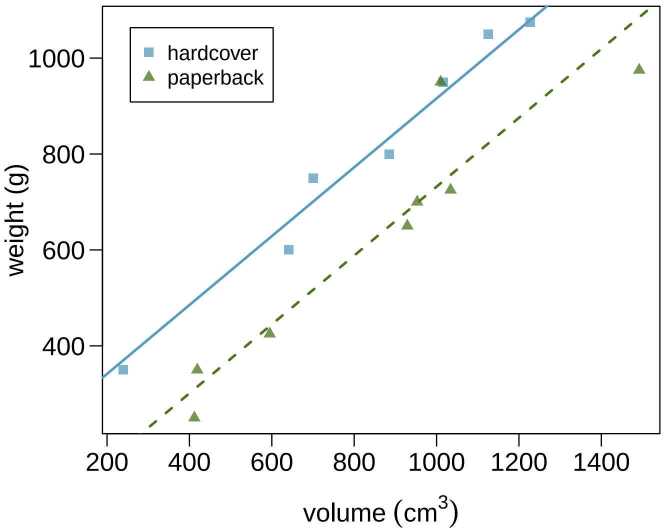

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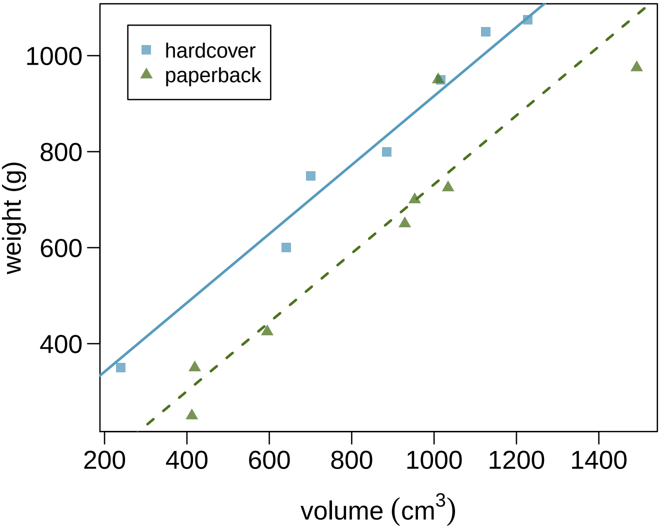

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Another example: Modeling kid's test scores

Predicting cognitive test scores of three- and four-year-old children using characteristics of their mothers. Data are from a survey of adult American women and their children - a subsample from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth.

	kid_score	mom_hs	mom_iq	mom_work	mom_age
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5	115	yes	92.75	yes	27
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434	70	yes	91.25	yes	25

Gelman, Hill. *Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models*. (2007) Cambridge University Press.

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Kids whose moms haven't gone to HS, did not work during the first three years of the kid's life, have an IQ of 0 and are 0 yrs old are expected on average to score 19.59. Obviously, the intercept does not make any sense in context.

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Source: Census website.

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- pop2010: 2010 county population.
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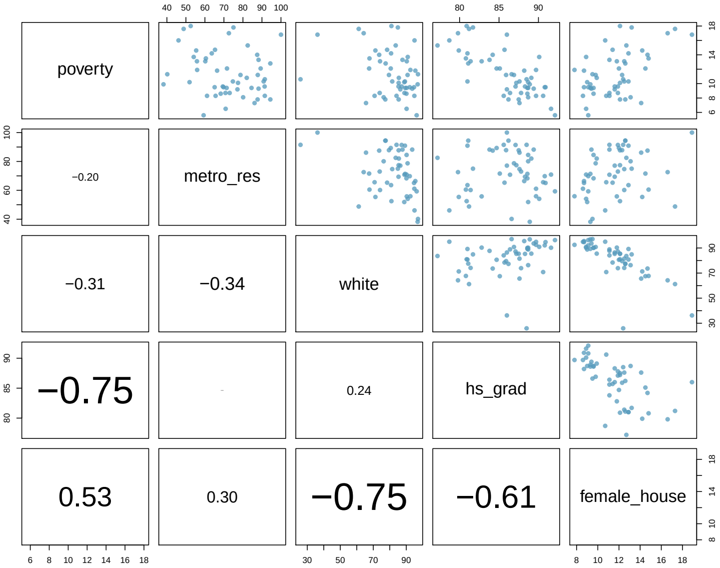

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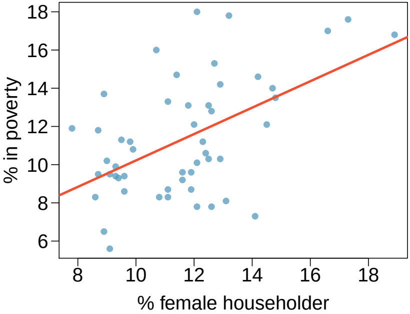

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- *However, in multiple linear regression, we can't calculate R^2 as the square of the correlation between x and y because we have multiple xs.*
- *And next we'll learn another measure of explained variability, adjusted R^2, that requires the use of the third approach, ratio of explained and unexplained variability.*

Predicting poverty using % female hh + % white

Linear model:	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)	-2.58	5.78	-0.45	0.66
female_house	0.89	0.24	3.67	0.00
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ANOVA:	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
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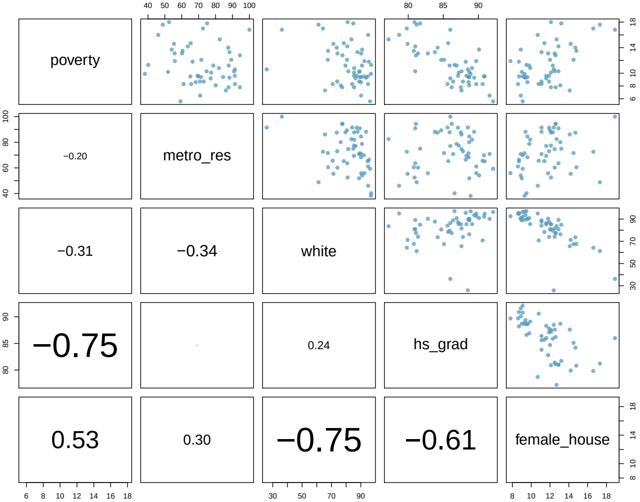
Does adding the variable `white` to the model add valuable information that wasn't provided by `female_house`?



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Model 1 (Single-predictor)	0.28	0.26
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where n is the number of cases and p is the number of predictors (explanatory variables) in the model.

- Because p is never negative, R^2_{adj} will always be smaller than R^2.
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Checking model conditions using graphs

Modeling conditions

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p$$

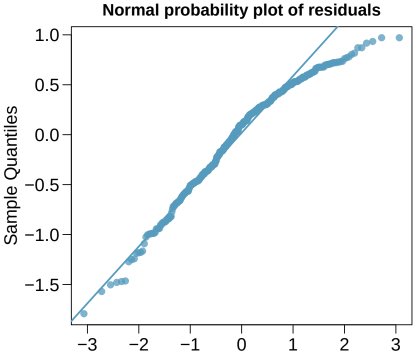
The model depends on the following conditions

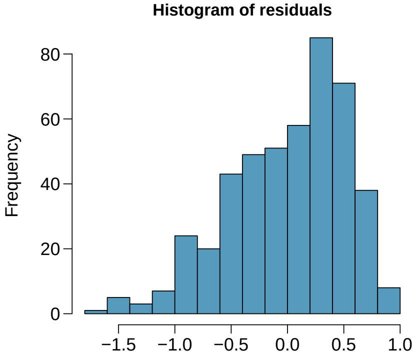
1. residuals are nearly normal (primary concern relates to residuals that are outliers)
2. residuals have constant variability
3. residuals are independent
4. each variable is linearly related to the outcome

We often use graphical methods to check the validity of these conditions, which we will go through in detail in the following slides.

(1) nearly normal residuals

normal probability plot and/or histogram of residuals:

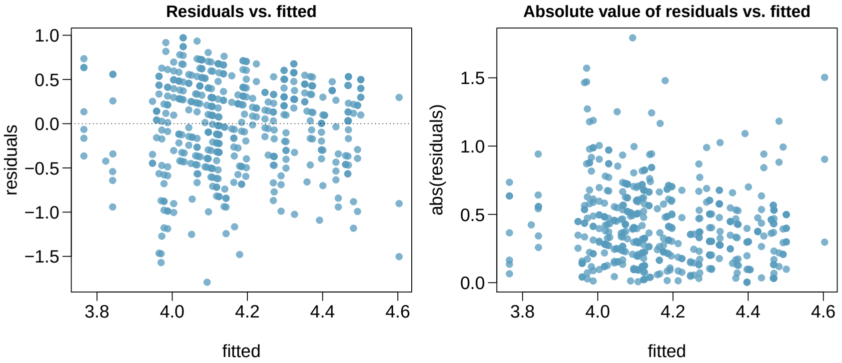




Does this condition appear to be satisfied?

(2) constant variability in residuals

scatterplot of residuals and/or absolute value of residuals vs. fitted (predicted):



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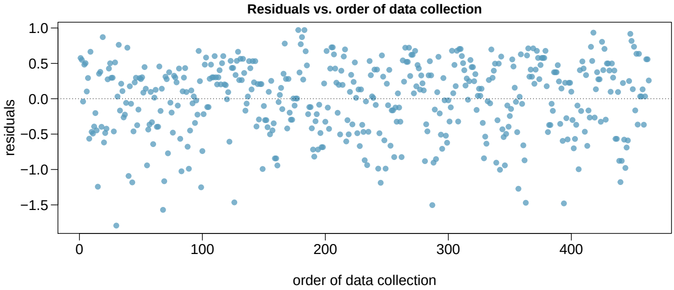
In multiple linear regression there are many explanatory variables, so a plot of residuals vs. one of them wouldn't give us the complete picture.

(3) independent residuals

scatterplot of residuals vs. order of data collection:



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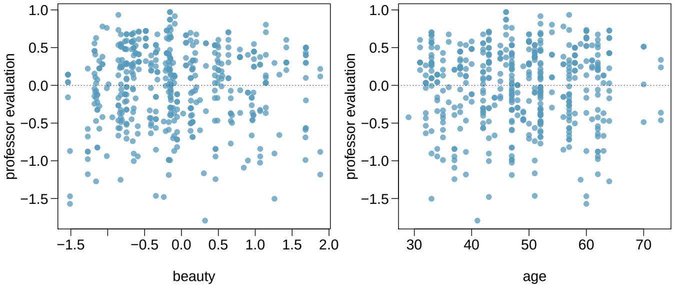
More on the condition of independent residuals

- Checking for independent residuals allows us to indirectly check for independent observations.
- If observations and residuals are independent, we would not expect to see an increasing or decreasing trend in the scatterplot of residuals vs. order of data collection.
- This condition is often violated when we have time series data. Such data require more advanced time series regression techniques for proper analysis.

(4) linear relationships

scatterplot of residuals vs. each (numerical) explanatory variable:



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Note: We use residuals instead of the predictors on the y-axis so that we can still check for linearity without worrying about other possible violations like collinearity between the predictors.