

Introduction into Linear Regression

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(Lineare) Regression

$$Y = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

Regression ist ein weit gefasster Begriff für eine Reihe von Methoden, die zur Vorhersage einer *Antwort-Variable* (oder einer *abhängigen, resultierenden*) aus einer oder mehreren *Prädiktor-Variablen* (*unabhängigen, erklärenden*) verwendet werden.

Ziele der Regression

- ▶ *Bestimmung* der erklärenden Variablen, die sich auf die Antwortvariable beziehen
- ▶ *Beschreibung* der Form der Beziehung
- ▶ *Bereitstellen* einer Gleichung für die *Vorhersage* der Antwortvariablen aus den erklärenden Variablen

Aus der Regression konnte keine *Kausalität* direkt abgeleitet werden!

Regression example (1)

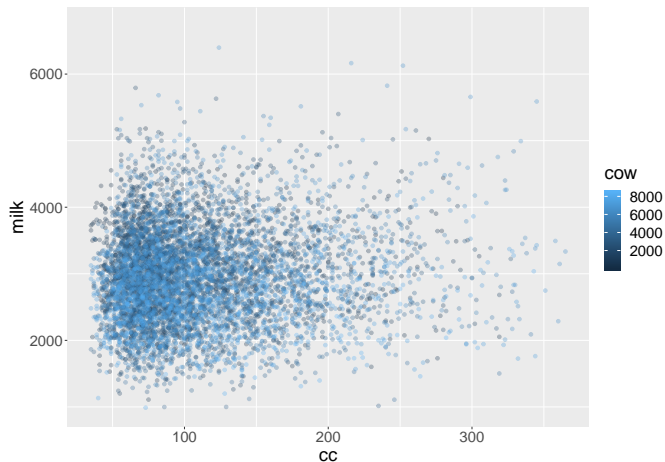


Figure 1: Impact of CC interval (interval from calving to conception) on Milk volume. 9383 lactation records in 42 year-round calving herds.
<http://projects.upei.ca/ver/data-and-samples/>.

Regression example (2)

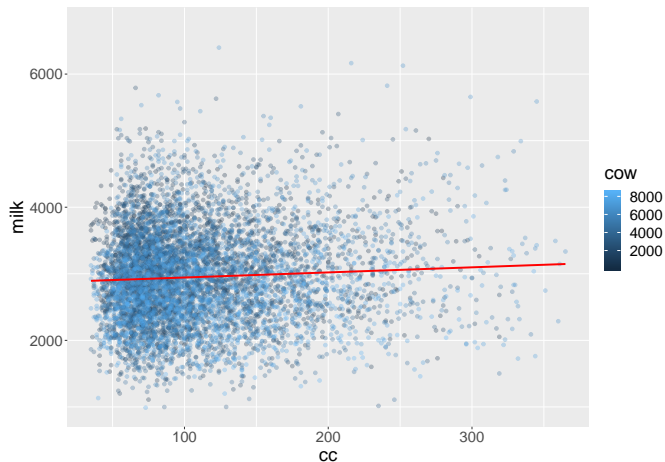


Figure 2: Impact of CC interval (interval from calving to conception) on Milk volume. 9383 lactation records in 42 year-round calving herds.
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Regression example (3)

```
library(ggplot2)
load("~/Lehre/WS1819/Spring_School/ver-master/data/ver2_data_R/daisy2.rdata")
ggplot(daisy2, aes(x = cc, y = milk120, colour = cow)) +
  theme(text = element_text(size=18)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3) +
  labs(x = "cc", y = "milk") +
  geom_smooth(fill=NA,color="red",size=1,method="lm")
```

Regression example: model output

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$$

```
model <- lm(milk120~cc, data = daisy2)
summary(model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = milk120 ~ cc, data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2031.7  -490.9   -35.4    432.1   3434.5
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2867.6913    18.9499  151.330 < 2e-16 ***
## cc           0.7652     0.1526   5.014 5.47e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 705.1 on 7032 degrees of freedom
## (2349 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.003562,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.00342
## F-statistic: 25.14 on 1 and 7032 DF,  p-value: 5.471e-07
```

Regression example: ANOVA table

```
anova(model)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: milk120
##           Df      Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## cc          1  12495528 12495528  25.137 5.471e-07 ***
## Residuals 7032 3495627193   497103
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```


ANOVA table

$$\hat{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

To assess how much information the variable X contains about the variable Y , we consider how much of the *sum of squares* (SS) of the variable Y could be explained by the knowledge of the variable X .

Table 1: Decomposition of sums of squares in regression model with k predictor variables [after Dohoo, p. 327]

Source of variation	Sum of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean square	F-test
Model	$SSM = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2$	$dfM = k$	$MSM = \frac{SSM}{dfM}$	$\frac{MSM}{MSE}$
Error	$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$	$dfE = n - (k + 1)$	$MSE = \frac{SSE}{dfE}$	
Total	$SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$	$dfT = n - 1$	$MST = \frac{SST}{dfT}$	

$MSE = \sigma^2$ and σ is called *standard error of prediction*.

F-test to assess the model significance

$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 \dots \beta_k = 0, \beta_0 \neq 0$

H_1 : at least some of the coefficients $\beta_i \neq 0, i \neq 0$

- ▶ Variables are chosen in a way maximizing F -statistic
- ▶ F -test has a straightforward meaning if independent variables are manipulated treatments in a controlled experiment
- ▶ Caution if applied to observational variables (influenced by the number of variables, their correlations and sample size)

t -test (with $n - (k + 1)$) degrees of freedom (1)

$$H_0: \beta_i = \beta^* \text{ e.g. } \beta^* = 0$$

$$H_1: \beta_i \neq \beta^* \text{ e.g. } \beta^* = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\beta_i - \beta^*}{SE(\beta_i)}$$

$SE(\beta_i)$ is a *standard error of the estimated coefficient*.

In the case of single predictor

$$SE(\beta_1) = \sqrt{\frac{MSE}{SSX(\beta_1)}}$$

where $SSX_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i} - \bar{X}_1)^2$ is *sum of square of the variable X*.

t -test (with $n - (k + 1)$) degrees of freedom (2)

- ▶ Variables are chosen in a way maximizing t -statistic ensuring its significance
- ▶ t -test has a straightforward meaning only if independent variables are manipulated treatments in a controlled experiment
- ▶ Caution is required if applied to observational variables (influenced by the number of variables, their correlations and sample size)

Intervals for prediction (1)

Two sources of variation of prediction estimates:

- ▶ from the estimation of regression parameters (SE)
- ▶ from the variation associated with a new observation x^* (variation about the regression equation for the mean)

Error of the mean

For simple regression (single predictor) *error of the mean* of a large number of new observations

$$SE_{\text{mean}}(Y|x^*) = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{X})^2}{SSX}}$$

Intervals for prediction (1)

Standard error for a new observation

For simple regression (single predictor)

$$SE_{\text{obs}}(Y|x^*) = \sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{X})^2}{SSX}}$$

95% Confidence interval

$$95\%CI = Y \pm t_{0.05}(SE)$$

Coefficient of determination, R^2

- ▶ R^2 describes the amount of variance in the outcome variable explained by the predictor variables.
- ▶ R^2 is a squared *correlation coefficient* between the predicted and observed Y -values

$$R^2 = \frac{SSM}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}$$

Adjusted R^2

Because R^2 always increases with the number of variables, *adjusted R^2* is considered

$$R^2_{\text{adjusted}} = 1 - \frac{MSE}{MST}$$

Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

In estimating the amount of information lost by a model, AIC deals with the trade-off between the goodness of fit of the model and the simplicity of the model. In other words, AIC deals with both the risk of overfitting and the risk of underfitting.

- ▶ One should prefer a model with smaller AIC

```
model1 <- lm(milk120~cc, data = daisy2)
AIC(model1)
```

```
## [1] 112227.5
```

```
model2 <- lm(milk120~parity, data = daisy2)
AIC(model2)
```

```
## [1] 104745.6
```


Another simple regression

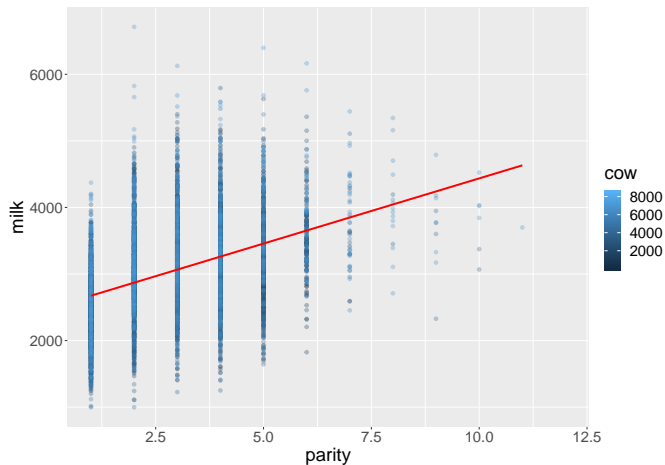


Figure 3: Impact of parity on Milk volume. 9383 lactation records in 42 year-round calving herds. <http://projects.upei.ca/ver/data-and-samples/>.

Another simple regression: model output

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \varepsilon$$

```
model <- lm(milk120-parity, data = daisy2)
summary(model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = milk120 ~ parity, data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2010.3  -454.6   -36.3   413.5  3842.9
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2478.286     17.176  144.28  <2e-16 ***
## parity       195.807       5.385   36.36  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 667.8 on 6608 degrees of freedom
## (2773 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1667, Adjusted R-squared:  0.1666
## F-statistic: 1322 on 1 and 6608 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Another simple regression: ANOVA table

```
anova(model)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: milk120
##           Df      Sum Sq  Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## parity      1  589631568 589631568  1322.1 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Residuals 6608 2947090043   445988
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Another simple regression: prediction interval (1)

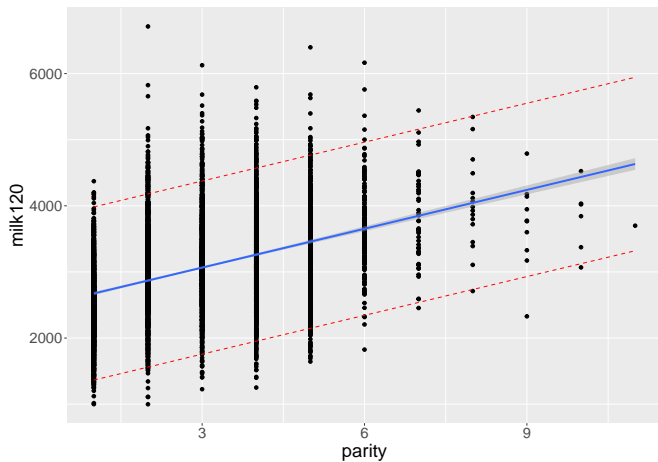


Figure 4: Prediction interval for the regression milk volume on parity.

Another simple regression: prediction interval (2)

```
temp_var <- predict(model, interval="prediction")
new_df0 <- na.omit(data.frame("milk120" = daisy2$milk120, "parity" = daisy2$parity))
new_df <- cbind(new_df0, temp_var)
ggplot(new_df, aes(x=parity, y=milk120))+
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(aes(y=lwr), color = "red", linetype = "dashed")+
  geom_line(aes(y=upr), color = "red", linetype = "dashed")+
  geom_smooth(method=lm, se=TRUE)
```

[Implementation idea from <https://rpubs.com/Bio-Geek/71339>]

Multiple Linear Regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \varepsilon$$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \sum_i^n \beta_i X_i + \varepsilon$$

Multiple regression 1: model output

```
model <- lm(milk120 ~ parity + dyst + twin + rp + vag_disch, data = daisy2)
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = milk120 ~ parity + dyst + twin + rp + vag_disch,
##     data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2014.4  -451.0   -32.9    412.0   3902.3
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2482.496    17.497  141.883 <2e-16 ***
## parity      195.788     5.406   36.220 <2e-16 ***
## dyst       -80.862    43.001  -1.880  0.0601 .
## twin         9.374    57.866   0.162  0.8713
## rp        -63.599    33.118  -1.920  0.0549 .
## vag_disch  123.049    53.271   2.310  0.0209 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 667.5 on 6604 degrees of freedom
## (2773 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1681, Adjusted R-squared:  0.1675
## F-statistic: 266.9 on 5 and 6604 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Multiple regression 1: ANOVA table

```
anova(model)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: milk120
##          Df      Sum Sq   Mean Sq    F value    Pr(>F)
## parity    1  589631568 589631568 1323.4967 < 2e-16 ***
## dyst      1  1414549    1414549    3.1751 0.07481 .
## twin      1     6718     6718     0.0151 0.90227
## rp        1  1140835    1140835    2.5607 0.10960
## vag_disch 1  2377030    2377030    5.3355 0.02093 *
## Residuals 6604 2942150910  445510
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```


Multiple regression 2: model output

```
library(lubridate)
daisy2$date <- as.character(daisy2$calv_dt)
daisy2$date <- ymd(daisy2$date)
daisy2$month <- month(daisy2$date)
daisy2$aut_calv <- with(daisy2, ifelse(month %in% c(9:12), "fall", "other"))
daisy2$hs100 <- daisy2$herd_size / 100 # herd size scaled by dividing by 100
daisy2$hs100_ct <- daisy2$hs100 - mean(daisy2$hs100) # centered

model1 <- lm(wpc ~ aut_calv + hs100_ct + twin + rp + vag_disch + dyst + rp*vag_disch, data = daisy2)
summary(model1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wpc ~ aut_calv + hs100_ct + twin + rp + vag_disch +
##     dyst + rp * vag_disch, data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -78.30 -39.98 -16.77  26.03 254.11
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   73.5593     0.9815  74.948 < 2e-16 ***
## aut_calvother -2.4442     1.2819  -1.907  0.05659 .
## hs100_ct       4.6369     0.5674   8.172 3.53e-16 ***
## twin          15.5310     4.9822   3.117 0.00183 **
## rp             12.1403     2.9645   4.095 4.26e-05 ***
## vag_disch      6.6528     5.7964   1.148 0.25111
## dyst           5.9930     3.3819   1.772 0.07642 .
## rp:vag_disch  -2.6061    10.5217  -0.248 0.80439
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 54.99 on 7462 degrees of freedom
## (1913 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.01417,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.01324
## F-statistic: 15.32 on 7 and 7462 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Multiple regression 2: ANOVA table

```
anova(model1)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: wpc
##      Df  Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## aut_calv    1   14341   14341   4.7421 0.0294644 *
## hs100_ct    1  193855  193855  64.1018 1.361e-15 ***
## twin        1   38759   38759  12.8165 0.0003458 ***
## rp          1   62035   62035  20.5129 6.015e-06 ***
## vag_disch   1    5460    5460   1.8054 0.1791075
## dyst        1    9662    9662   3.1950 0.0739055 .
## rp:vag_disch 1     186     186   0.0613 0.8043854
## Residuals  7462 22566410   3024
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Interactions (1)

Previously we considered only the *main effects* of the predictor variables. This assumes the association between Y and X_i is the same at all levels (values) of X_j ($i \neq j$) and the association of X_j to Y is the same at all levels (values) of X_i .

If this assumption is violated and the effect of one predictor variable depends on the values of another predictor variable, the addition of *Interaction term* could significantly improve the model.

For continuous variables interaction could be included in the following way

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 + \varepsilon$$

Interactions, example 1 (1)

For interval from wait period to conception (wpc)

```
model <- lm(wpc-milk120*parity, data = daisy2)
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wpc - milk120 * parity, data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##   Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -73.17 -39.16 -16.11  25.41 247.09
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   65.3914728   6.0499361   10.809  <2e-16 ***
## milk120        0.0019932   0.0020838    0.957   0.339
## parity        -1.6645556   2.0620816   -0.807   0.420
## milk120:parity  0.0004894   0.0006480    0.755   0.450
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 53.34 on 5753 degrees of freedom
## (3626 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.002014, Adjusted R-squared:  0.001494
## F-statistic:  3.87 on 3 and 5753 DF, p-value: 0.008884
```

Interactions, example 1 (2)

```
anova(model)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: wpc
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## milk120     1  31148  31147.8  10.9496 0.000942 ***
## parity       1     260    260.0   0.0914 0.762404
## milk120:parity 1    1623   1622.6   0.5704 0.450124
## Residuals   5753 16365322  2844.7
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
AIC(model)
```

```
## [1] 62130.22
```

Interactions, example 1 (3)

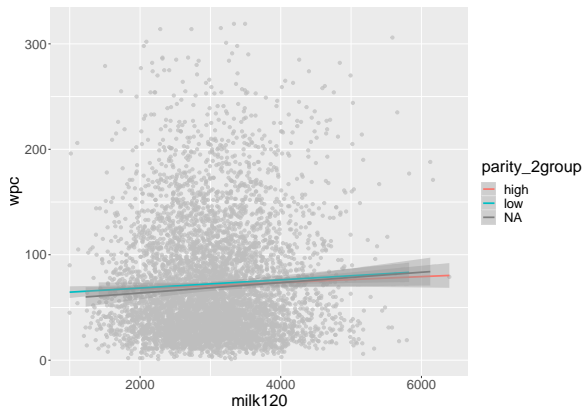


Figure 5: Impact of interaction between milk volume (milk120) and parity on the interval from waiting period to conception (wpc).

Interactions, example 1 (4)

```
library(dplyr)
d <- data.frame("milk120" = daisy2$milk120, "wpc" = daisy2$wpc, "parity" = daisy2$parity)
d = na.omit(d)
x <- d$parity
d$parity_2group <-
  case_when(x > median(x) - "high",
            x < median(x) - "low")
count(d, parity_2group)
d %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = milk120, y = wpc, group = parity_2group, color = parity_2group) +
  geom_point(color = "grey", alpha = .7) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm")
```

[Visualization idea from: https://sebastiansauer.github.io/vis_interaction_effects/]

Interactions, example 2 (1)

```
daisy2$milk120k <- daisy2$milk120/1000 # scaling of the variables
model <- lm(wpc~as.factor(dyst)*milk120k, data = daisy2)
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wpc ~ as.factor(dyst) * milk120k, data = daisy2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -72.84 -40.60 -16.48  26.00 254.17
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)      67.7666     2.8723  23.594 <2e-16 ***
## as.factor(dyst)1  30.3670    15.4199   1.969  0.0490 *
## milk120k         1.8437     0.9442   1.953  0.0509 .
## as.factor(dyst)1:milk120k -8.1006     5.3236  -1.522  0.1281
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 55 on 7030 degrees of freedom
## (2349 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.0014, Adjusted R-squared:  0.0009739
## F-statistic: 3.285 on 3 and 7030 DF,  p-value: 0.01989
```


Interactions, example 2 (2)

```
anova(model)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: wpc
##           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## as.factor(dyst)      1   13967  13966.8   4.6169 0.03169 *
## milk120k            1    8844   8844.1   2.9235 0.08734 .
## as.factor(dyst):milk120k  1    7004   7004.3   2.3154 0.12815
## Residuals          7030 21266817  3025.2
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
AIC(model)
```

```
## [1] 76343.14
```

Interactions, example 2 (3)

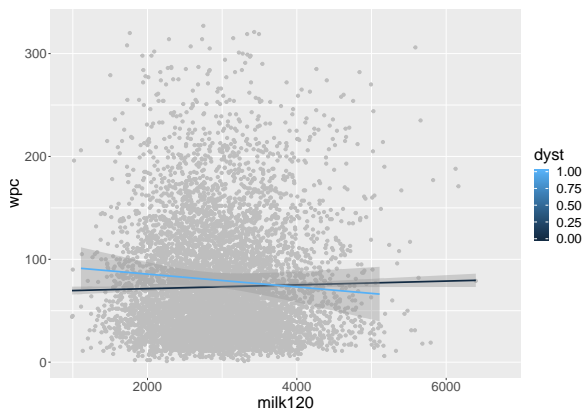


Figure 6: Impact of interaction between milk volume (milk120) and dystocia (dyst) on the interval from waiting period to conception (wpc).

Interactions, example 2 (4)

```
dyst_0 <- filter(daisy2, dyst == "0")
dyst_1 <- filter(daisy2, dyst == "1")
ggplot(daisy2) +
  aes(x = milk120, y = wpc, color = dyst) +
  geom_point(color = "grey") +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", data = dyst_0) +
  theme(text = element_text(size = 20)) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", data = dyst_1)
```

Model diagnostics

Independence

Homoscedasticity

Normal distribution of residuals

Linearity

Independence

- ▶ usually is clear from the nature of the data
- ▶ lack of independence e.g. in case of multiple observations of a single animal or the same herd
- ▶ lack of independence if serial correlations are present like measurements during particular season

Homoscedasticity (1)

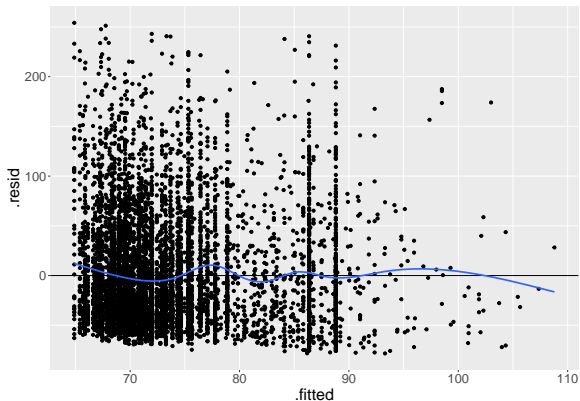


Figure 7: Evaluation of the homoscedasticity assumption for interval from waiting period to conception (wpc) regression.

Homoscedasticity (2)

```
library(car)
ncvTest(modell1)
library(lmtest)
bptest(modell1)
ggplot(modell1, aes(.fitted, .resid)) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE)

library(car)
ncvTest(modell1)

## Non-constant Variance Score Test
## Variance formula: ~ fitted.values
## Chisquare = 18.21011, Df = 1, p = 1.9783e-05

library(lmtest)
bptest(modell1)

##
## studentized Breusch-Pagan test
##
## data:  modell1
## BP = 19.601, df = 7, p-value = 0.006499
```

Normal distribution of residuals (1)

Q-Q plot

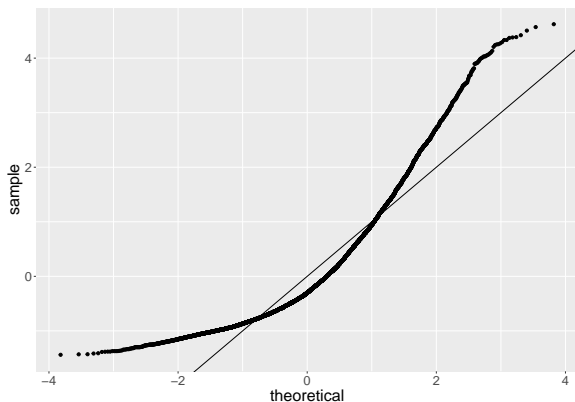


Figure 8: Evaluation of the normality of residuals assumption for interval from waiting period to conception (wpc) regression.

Normal distribution of residuals (2)

```
ggplot(model1, aes(sample = .stdresid)) +  
  stat_qq() +  
  theme(text = element_text(size = 20)) +  
  geom_abline()
```

Shapiro-Wilk's test

$p < 0.05$ indicates *non-normality*

```
shapiro.test(resid(model1)[0:5000])
```

```
##  
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test  
##  
## data:  resid(model1)[0:5000]  
## W = 0.87175, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

Leverage

Given a residual $r_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i$ its variance is given as

$$\text{var}(r_i) = \sigma^2(1 - h_i),$$

with h_i called *leverage* of observation i . It indicates the potential of this observation to have a major impact on this model.

For a *simple regression*:

$$h_i = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{SSX}.$$

Leverage depends only on the predictor. Also for leverage holds

$$\frac{1}{n} < h_i < 1.$$

Residuals vs. leverage

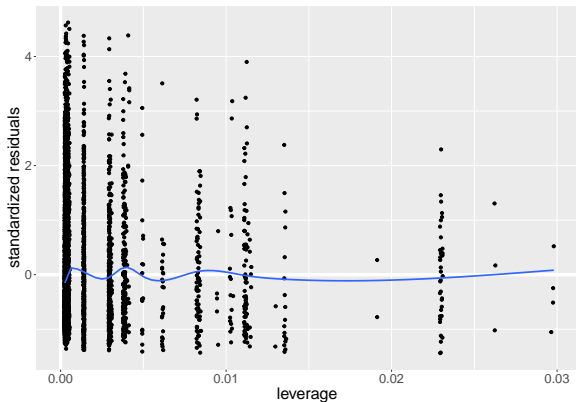


Figure 9: Residuals vs. leverage for interval from waiting period to conception (wpc) regression.

Residuals vs. leverage (2)

```
ggplot(model1, aes(.hat, .stdresid)) +  
  geom_vline(size = 2, colour = "white", xintercept = 0) +  
  geom_hline(size = 2, colour = "white", yintercept = 0) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE)
```

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