PubH 7405: REGRESSION ANALYSIS



SLR: DIAGNOSTICS & REMEDIES

Normal Error RegressionModel: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$ $\varepsilon \in N(0, \sigma^2)$

The Model has <u>several parts</u>: Normal Distribution, Linear Mean, Constant Variance, etc... In doing statistical analyses, a "statistical model" – e.g. "normal error regression model"- is absolutely necessary.

However, a model is just an <u>assumption</u> or a set of assumptions about the population of which data we have are considered as a sample; they <u>may or may</u> <u>not fit the observed data</u>. Certain part or parts of a model may be violated and, as a consequence, results <u>may</u> not be valid.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Does the Regression Model fit the data?

Then what if the Regression Model, or certain part of the Regression Model, does not fit the data ? i.e. (1) If it does not fit, could we do something to make it fit? And (2) Does it matter if it still does not fit?

POSSIBLE <u>DEPARTURES</u> FROM THE NORMAL REGRESSION MODEL

- The regression function is not linear
- Variance (of error terms) is not constant
- Model fits all but a few "outliers"
- Responses are not independent
- Responses are not normally distributed

Outliers and missing predictor or predictors are not model's violation but might even have more severe consequences.

Besides the data values for the dependent and independent variables, diagnostics would be based on the "residuals" (errors of individual fitted values) and some of their transformed values.

SEMI-STUDENTIZED RESIDUALS $\varepsilon \in N(0, \sigma^2)$ $\{e_i\}$ is a sample with mean zero $e_i^* = \frac{e_i - e_i}{\sqrt{MSE}} = \frac{e_i}{\sqrt{MSE}}$

If $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$ were an estimate of the standard deviation of the residual e, we would call e* a studentized (or standardized) residual. However, **standard deviation of the residual is complicated and varies for different residuals**, and $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$ is only an approximation. Therefore, e* is call a "<u>semi</u>-studentized residual".

Diagnostics could be informal using plots/graphs or could be based on formal application of statistical tests; graphical method is more popular and would be sufficient. We could perform a few statistical tests but, most of the times, they are not really necessary.

PLOTS OF RESIDUALS

- Plot of residuals against predictor
- Plot of absolute/squared residuals against predictor
- Plot of residuals against fitted values
- Plot of residuals against time or other sequence.
- Plot of residuals against omitted predictor variable
- Box plot of residuals
- Normality plot of residuals

In any of those graphs, you could plot semi-studentized residuals instead of residuals. A semistudentized residual is a residual on "standard deviation scale"; graphs provide same type of information.

Issue: NONLINEARITY

- Whether a linear regression function is appropriate for a given data set <u>can be studied from a scatter diagram</u> (e.g., Using Excel); but it's not always effective (less visible).
- More effective to use a residual plot against the predictor variable or, equivalently, against the fitted values; if model fits, one would have a horizontal band centered around zero which has <u>no</u> special clustering pattern.
- The lack of fit would result in a graph showing the residuals departing from zeros in a systematic fashion likely a <u>curvilinear</u> shape.



Easier to see; WHY?

REMEDIAL MEASURES

- If a SLR model is found not appropriate for the data at hand, there are **two basic choices**:
- (1) Abandon it and search for a suitable one, or
- (2) Use **some transformation** on the data to create a fit for the transformed data
- Each has advantages & disadvantages: first approach may yield better insights but may lead to more technical difficulties; transformations are more simple but may obscure the fundamental real relationship; sometimes <u>it's hard to explain</u>.

LOG TRANSFORMATIONS

- Typical: Y* = Log (Y), turns a multiplicative model into an additive model <u>for linearity</u>.
- Residuals should be used to check if model fits transformed data: normality, independence, and constant variance because the distribution changes the distribution and the variance of the error terms.
- Others: (1) X* = Log (X),
 (2) X* = Log (X) and Y* = Log (Y);
 Example: Model (2) is used to study "demand" (Y) versus "price of commodity" (X) in economics.

Example:

Y* = ln(Y=PSA) is used in the model for PSA with Prostate Cancer

<u>Note</u>: When the distribution of the error terms is close to normal with an approximately constant variance, and a transformation is needed only for linearizing a non-linear regression relation, only transformations on X should be attempted.

RECIPROCAL TRANSFORMATIONS

- Also aimed for linearity
- Possibilities are:
- (1) $X^* = 1/X$,
- (2) $Y^* = 1/Y$,
- (3) $X^* = 1/X$ and $Y^* = 1/Y$
- <u>Example</u>: Models (1) and (2) are useful when it seems that Y has a lower or upper "asymptote" (e.g. hourly earning)

Logarithmic and Reciprocal Transformations can be employed together to linearize a regression function. For example, the "Logistic Regression Model" (with Y = probability/proportion "p"):

$$Y = \ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{1+\exp(-\beta_0 - \beta_1 x)}$$

Issue: NONCONSTANCY OF VARIANCE

- Scatter diagram is also helpful to see if the variance of error terms are constant; <u>if model fits</u>, one would have a band with constant width centered around the regression line which has <u>no</u> special clustering pattern. Again, not always effective
- More effective to plot residuals (or their absolute or squared values) against the predictor variable or, equivalently, against the fitted values. If model fits, one would have a band with constant width centered around the horizontal axis. The lack of fit would result in a graph showing the residuals departing from zeros in a systematic fashion likely a "megaphone" or "reverse megaphone" shape.

EXAMPLE: Plutonium Measurement

An Example in environmental clean up;

- X = Plutonium Activity (pCi/g)
- Y = Alpha Count Rate (#/sec)

A full description of the example is in section 3.11, <u>starting on page 141</u> (in practice its use involves an inverse prediction, predicting plutonium activity from the observed alpha count (Plutonium emits alpha particles).





TESTS FOR CONSTANT VARIANCE

- If variance is not constant, coverage of confidence intervals might be affected.
- There are many tests for non-constant variance but two are often mentioned
- The Breusch-Pagan test <u>assumes normality</u> of error terms but the test follows the usual regression methodology – not hard to do.
- The Brown-Forsythe test <u>does not depend on</u> <u>normality of error terms</u>; this is desirable because non-constant variance and non-normality tend to go together. This test is easy.

BROWN-FORSYTHE TEST

- The Brown-Forsythe test is used to ascertain whether the error terms have constant variance; especially when the variance of the error terms either increases or decreases with the independent variable X.
- <u>The Test:</u> divide the data into 2 groups, say half with larger values of X and half with smaller values of X; (1) calculating the "absolute deviations" of the residuals around their group mean (or median); (2) applying the <u>two-sample t-test.</u>
- Test statistic follows approximately the t-distribution when the variance of the error terms is constant (under the Null Hypothesis) and the sizes of the two group are not extremely small.

BROWN-FORSYTHE: RATIONALE

- If the error variance is either increasing or decreasing with X, the residuals in one group tend to be more variable than those residuals in the other.
- The Brown-Forsythe test does not assume normality of error terms; this is desirable because non-constant variance and non-normality tend to go together.
- It's is very similar to "Levine's test" to <u>compare</u> <u>any two variances</u> – instead of forming the ratio of two sample variances (& use "F-test").

LotSize	WorkHours
80	399
30	121
50	221
90	376
70	361
60	224
120	546
80	352
100	353
50	157
40	160
70	252
90	389
20	113
110	435
100	420
30	212
50	268
90	377
110	421
30	273
90	468
40	244
80	342
70	323

EXAMPLE: **Toluca Company Data** (Description on page 19 of Text)

<u>Group 1:</u> n = 13 with lot sizes from 20 to 70; median residual = -19.88

<u>Group 2:</u> n = 12 with lot sizes from 80 10 120; median residual = -2.68

Mean of absolute residuals :

Group 1: 44.815 Group 2: 28.450 Pooled Variance : 964.21; $s_p = 31.05$ $t = \frac{44.815 - 28.450}{31.05\sqrt{\frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{12}}}$ = 1.32

two – sided p - value = .20

This example shows that **the half with** smaller X's has larger residuals – and vice versa; the pattern of an inverse mega phone – but it's "not significant", a case that makes me uneasy with statistical tests: I want to assume that the variance is constant, it only says that we do not have enough data to conclude that the variance is not constant!

WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES

- **Constant variance = Homoscedasticity**
- Non-constant variance = Heteroscedasticity
- <u>Most often</u>: Variance is functionally related to the mean; e.g. standard deviation or variance is proportional to X. A possible solution is performing "weighted" least-squares estimation instead of "ordinary"

With <u>ordinary</u> least squares, estimators for regression coefficients are obtained by minimizing the quantity Q; setting the partial derivatives equal to zero to have the "normal equations":

 $Q = \sum (Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X)^2$

With <u>weighted</u> least squares, estimators for regression coefficients are obtained by minimizing the quantity Q where "w" is a "weight" (associated with the error term); setting the partial derivatives equal to zero to have the "normal equations":

$$Q = \sum w(Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X)^2$$

The optimal choice for the weight is the inverse of the variance; when the variance is constant, ordinary

and weighted least squares estimators are identical. For example, **when standard deviation is proportional to X** (variance is kX²), we minimize:

$$Q = \sum \frac{1}{kX^{2}} (Y - \beta_{0} - \beta_{1}X)^{2}$$

ISSUE: PRESENCE OF OUTLIERS

- Outliers are extreme observations
- They can be identified from a Box plot or a residual plot graphing semi-studentized residuals against independent variable values or fitted values.
- Point with residuals representing 3-4 standard deviations from their fitted values are suspicious.
- Presence of outliers could cause the impression that a linear regression model does not fit.



In a Box Plot:

- (1) The box extends from first quartile to third quartile, divided into 2 parts at the median,
- (2) Two lines (or the "whiskers") projecting out from the box extending to both sides, each by a distance equal to 1.5 times the length of the adjacent compartment
- (3) It tells about "symmetry" of the distribution those points beyond the reach of the whiskers are usually considered "**extreme**"



It is extremely hard to deal with outliers:

(1) Some are simple results of mistakes or recording errors; as such, they should be discarded.

(2) **Some may convey important information**: an outlier may occur because of an interaction with another independent variable not under investigation.

A safe rule is to discard an outlier <u>only if</u> there is direct evidence that it represents a error or miscalculation.

ISSUE: NONINDEPENDENCE OF ERROR TERMS

- Whenever data are obtained in a time sequence or some other type of sequence – such as adjacent geographical areas, it is a good idea to prepare a sequence plot of the residuals (residuals vs. time)
- When the error terms are independent, the residuals in such a graph fluctuate in a random pattern; lack of randomness shows in the form of a time trend or cyclical pattern .
- This is the special case of a predictor omitted from the regression model (in this case, it's "time").


ISSUE: NONNORMALITY OF ERROR TERMS



Histogram of AlphaCount

Stem-and-Leaf Plo



decimal point 1 digit to the right of | 0 | 0000111113444 0 | 5556778 1 | 113 1 | 5 In a Box Plot:

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 whiskers are usually considered "extreme"

Issue: DEPARTURE FROM NORMALITY

Violation of the normality assumption can be checked more effectively using the normal probability plot. Each residual is plotted against its expected value under normality (the "Normal **Q-Q Plot**"). A plot that is nearly **linear** suggests agreement with the normality assumption, whereas a plot that departs substantially from linearity suggests that the distribution is not normal.





FIGURE 3.9 Normal Probability Plots when Error Term Distribution Is Not Normal.

TESTS FOR NORMALITY

- Goodness-of-fit tests such as the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test – can be used for examining the normality of the error terms; but they are a bit advanced for first-year students.
- A more simple but also formal test for normality can be conducted by calculating the coefficient of correlation between the residuals and their expected values under normality. <u>High</u> value of the coefficient of correlation is indicative of normality. This is a supplement to Q-Q plot.
- "Critical value" for various sample sizes are in Appendix Table B6.

When the distribution (of the response) is only near normal, most of the dots (on the **Q-Q plot**" are already very close to a straight line; the "cut-point" for rejection is quite high. Again, as mentioned, a formal statistical test may not really be needed here; but could use to supplement the Q-Q plot – more valuable when sample size n is small.

LotSize	WorkHours
80	399
30	121
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70	361
60	224
120	546
80	352
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50	157
40	160
70	252
90	389
20	113
110	435
100	420
30	212
50	268
90	377
110	421
30	273
90	468
40	244
80	342
70	323

EXAMPLE: Toluca Company Data (Description on page 19 of Text)

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
tercept	62.3658586	26.17743389	2.382428	0.025851	8.21371106	116.518006
Variable '	3.57020202	0.346972157	10.28959	4.45E-10	2.85243543	4.28796861

Results:

Correlation r = .991, n = 25 <u>Critical value</u> = .959 (from Table B6, p.673);

Rejection when r is small!

No departure from normality

If the probability distributions of Y are not exactly normal but do not depart seriously, the sampling distributions of b_0 and b_1 would still be approximately normal with very little effects on the level of significance of the t-test for independence and the coverage of the confidence intervals. Even if the probability distributions of Y are far from normal, the effects are still minimal provided that the samples sizes are sufficiently large; i.e. the sampling distributions of b_0 and b_1 are asymptotically normal.

OMISSION OF OTHER PREDICTORS

Residuals should also be plotted against other potential independent variables – one at a time. "Time" was an earlier example in a sequential plot. If the factor under investigation is not related to the dependent and the independent variable, one would have a horizontal band of dots centered around zero which has special clustering pattern. If it is related to either the dependent or the independent variable then we would have a graph showing the residuals departing from zeros in a systematic fashion.

This is starting step in forming multiple regression models.

PROTOTYPE EXAMPLE

Age (x)	SBP (y)
42	130
46	115
42	148
71	100
80	156
74	162
70	151
80	156
85	162
72	158
64	155
81	160
41	125
61	150
75	165

Will use for Illustration

options ls=79; B	ASIC DATA DESCRIPTION
title "SBP versus A	ge";
data SBP;	
input age pressure;	
cards;	
42 130	
46 115	Notes:
42 148	
71 100	(1) Can use "data lines" instead of "cards"
80 156	
74 162	(2) Good enough for smaller data sets
70 151	$(\mathbf{O}) \mathbf{\Gamma} = 1 + $
80 156	(3) For a larger data set, <u>save it as "abc.dat</u> "
85 162	or " abc.xls " and refer to it or import it;
72 158	use PROC IMPORT (a bit later)
64 155	use i koe inii oki (a olt later).
81 160	
41 125	1 • .1 1 .
61 150 Same	order as in the data
75 165	

;

```
DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS
options 1s=79;
title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP
versus Age";
data SBP;
input X Y;
 label X = 'Age'
     Y = 'Blood Pressure';
cards;
                      PRINT helps to check for typos
42 130
46 115
                      UNIVARIATE provides typical data
75 165
                      summaries such as mean, range,
                      standard deviation, etc...
proc PRINT data=SBP;
Var X Y;
run;
proc UNIVARIATE data=SBP;
run;
```

More DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS File name

Proc IMPORT out=work.hw1 datafile="C:\Documents and Settings\ADCS-C381Mayo-User\Desktop\CH01PR19.xls" DBMS=EXCEL2000 REPLACE; GETNAMES=YES; run; data hw1; Important Part:

Showing HOW to read in data file (its name & location)

Proc MEANS data=hw1 **STDERR** maxdec=1; Var x; Specify max # of dec

Specify max # of decimal places

Request Standard Error of the Mean

Proc print data=hw1(obs=20) noobs; run;

set work.hw1;

run;

run;

Suppress the observation number

MORE OPTIONS for Proc Univariate

title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP versus Age"; data SBP; input X Y; label X = 'Age'Y = 'Blood Pressure'; cards: 42 130 46 115 . . . 75 165 proc UNIVARIATE data=SBP; Normal; **Plots**/ **Plotsize** = 26; Var Y;

options ls=79;

run;

NORMAL helps to test if Blood Pressure (Y) is normally distributed

PLOTS provides three useful graphs: **Stem** and Leaf, Box Plot, and Q-Q Plot.

Option **HISTOGRAM** can be added to obtain the fourth graph.

Plotsize can be changed

Similar to that used with Q-Q Plot in Regression





CORRELATION (& Scatter Diagram)

```
options ls=79;
title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP versus Age";
data SBP;
input X Y;
label X = 'Age'
Y = 'Blood Pressure';
cards;
42 130
46 115
...
75 165;
;
```

Proc CORR gives the coefficient of correlation r (& the p-value)

Proc **PLOT** provides the Scatter Diagram; could choose symbol to plot.

```
proc CORR data=SBP;
```

run;

```
proc plot data=SBP; Specify Notation for the graph
```

plot y*x='*'; ~

run;





SIMPLE LINEAR REGRESSION (& Scatter Diagram)

```
options ls=79;
title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP versus Age";
data SBP;
input X Y;
label X = 'Age'
     Y = 'Blood Pressure';
                          Proc REG is the most basic one; will
cards;
                          add in more options
42 130
46 115
                          PLOT provides the Scatter Diagram;
. . .
                          could choose symbol to plot.
75 165
proc REG data = SBP;
model y = x; +
                                      Key: Model Statement
plot y*x='+';
                  CORR and REG provide the same
                  Scatter Diagram ("plot" option)
run;
```

PARAMETER ESTIMATES

Testing for Zero Intercept (usually not needed)



Testing for Zéro Slope (i.e. Independence)

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE

Testing for Independence



USEFUL OPTIONS FROM PROC REG

- R: Analysis of residuals
- P: computing predicted values (i.e. fitted)
- COVB: Var-Cov matrix of regression coefficients
- CLM: Confidence Intervals
 of mean responses
- CLI: Conf Intervals of new individual responses

 $\begin{bmatrix} s^{2}(b_{0}) & s(b_{0},b_{1}) \\ s(b_{0},b_{1}) & s^{2}(b_{1}) \end{bmatrix}$

ANALYSIS OF RESIDUALS

```
options ls=79;
title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP versus Age";
data SBP;
input X Y;
 label X = 'Age'
     Y = 'Blood Pressure';
cards:
42 130
75 165
proc reg data = SBP noprint;
model y = x/R;
run;
```

This short program achieves the same thing and more; it helps to set up a Table just like **TABLE 1.2 on page 22** of the text book and student residuals – plus all regression analysis results.

Standard Results come first

Analysis of Variance

		Sum of	Mean	l		
Source	DF	Square	s Squa	re F Va	lue	Prob>F
Model	1	1691.1977	4 1691.1977	74 6.	071	0.0285
Error	13	3621.2022	6 278.5540	2		
C Total	14	5312.40000)			
Root MS	SE	16.68994	R-square	0.3183		
Dep Mea	an 1	146.20000	Adj R-sq	0.2659		
C.V.		11.41583				

Parameter Estimates

		Parameter	Standard	T for H0:	
Variable	DF	Estimate	Error	Parameter=0	Prob > T
INTERCEP	1	99 958515	19 25516927	5 191	0.0002
X	1	0.704901	0.28607866	2.464	0.0002

... then Results for Residuals

	Dep Var	Predict	Std Err		Std Err	Student
Obs	Y	Value	Predict	Residual	Residual	Residual
1	130.0	129.6	8.010	0.4357	14.642	0.030
2	115.0	132.4	7.072	-17.3839	15.118	-1.150
3	148.0	129.6	8.010	18.4357	14.642	1.259
4	100.0	150.0	4.578	-50.0065	16.050	-3.116
5	156.0	156.4	5.962	-0.3506	15.589	-0.022
6	162.0	152.1	4.934	9.8788	15.944	0.620
7	151.0	149.3	4.489	1.6984	16.075	0.106
8	156.0	156.4	5.962	-0.3506	15.589	-0.022
9	162.0	159.9	7.027	2.1249	15.139	0.140
10	158.0	150.7	4.682	7.2886	16.020	0.455
11	155.0	145.1	4.334	9.9278	16.118	0.616
12	160.0	157.1	6.163	2.9445	15.510	0.190
13	125.0	128.9	8.252	-3.8594	14.507	-0.266
14	150.0	143.0	4.506	7.0425	16.070	0.438
15	165.0	152.8	5.080	12.1739	15.898	0.766

These are Studentized Residuals

```
EXAMPLE: Option COVB
   options ls=79;
   title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP
   versus Age";
   data SBP;
   input X Y;
    label X = 'Age'
         Y = 'Blood Pressure';
   cards;
   42 130
   46 115
   . . .
   75 165
   •
   proc REG data = SBP;
   model y = x/COVB;
   run;
```

Parameter Estimates



```
EXAMPLE: Option CLM
    options ls=79;
    title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP
    versus Age";
    data SBP;
    input X Y;
     label X = 'Age'
          Y = 'Blood Pressure';
    cards;
    42 130
    46 115
    . . .
    75 165
    •
    proc REG data = SBP;
    model y = x/CLM;
    run;
```

	Dep Var	Predict	Std Err	Lower95%	Upper95%	
Obs	Y	Value	Predict	Mean	Mean	Residual
1	130.0	129.6	8.010	112.3	146.9	0.4357
2	115.0	132.4	7.072	117.1	147.7	-17.3839
3	148.0	129.6	8.010	112.3	146.9	18.4357
4	100.0	150.0	4.578	140.1	159.9	-50.0065
5	156.0	156.4	5.962	143.5	169.2	-0.3506
6	162.0	152.1	4.934	141.5	162.8	9.8788
7	151.0	149.3	4.489	139.6	159.0	1.6984
8	156.0	156.4	5.962	143.5	169.2	-0.3506
9	162.0	159.9	7.027	144.7	175.1	2.1249
10	158.0	150.7	4.682	140.6	160.8	7.2886
11	155.0	145.1	4.334	135.7	154.4	9.9278
12	160.0	157.1	6.163	143.7	170.4	2.9445
13	125.0	128.9	8.252	111.0	146.7	-3.8594
14	150.0	143.0	4.506	133.2	152.7	7.0425
15	165.0	152.8	5.080	141.9	163.8	12.1739

Sum of Residuals0Sum of Squared Residuals3621.2023

```
EXAMPLE: Option CLI
   options ls=79;
   title "Descriptive Statistics for SBP
   versus Age";
   data SBP;
   input X Y;
    label X = 'Age'
         Y = 'Blood Pressure';
   cards;
   42 130
   46 115
   . . .
   75 165
   •
   proc REG data = SBP;
   model y = x/CLI;
   run;
```

Output Statistics (from CLI)

Under CLM Dep Var Predicted Std Error Residual Obs Value Mean Predict 95% CL Predict Y 130.0000 129.5643 8.0095 89.5709 169.5578 0.4357 1 115.0000 132.3839 7.0718 93.2244 171.5435 -17.3839 2 148.0000 18.4357 3 129.5643 8.0095 89.5709 169.5578 100.0000 150.0065 4.5779 112.6183 187.3946 -50.0065 4 156.0000 156.3506 5.9616 118.0630 194.6382 -0.3506 5 162.0000 152.1212 4.9341 114.5221 189.7202 9.8788 6 7 151.0000 149.3016 4.4894 111.9635 186.6396 1.6984 156.0000 118.0630 194.6382 -0.3506 8 156.3506 5.9616 162.0000 2.1249 9 159.8751 7.0265 120.7535 198.9966 10 158.0000 150.7114 4.6821 113.2630 188.1598 7.2886 11 155.0000 145.0722 4.3336 107.8201 182.3242 9.9278 160.0000 157.0555 6.1628 118.6195 195.4914 2.9445 12 125.0000 8.2521 169.0824 -3.8594 13 128.8594 88.6365 150.0000 105.6102 14 142.9575 4.5058 180.3047 7.0425 15 165.0000 152.8261 5.0795 115.1367 190.5154 12.1739 Sum of Residuals 0 Note: wider Intervals 3621.20226 Sum of Squared Residuals

Versus: [112.3,146.9]

proc reg data=example; model y=x/alpha=0.01 cli clm; run;

New Important Part:

Set 99% CI instead of 95%

Readings & Exercises

- <u>Readings</u>: A thorough reading of the text's sections 3.1-3.3 (pp. 100-114) and 3.5-3.7 (pp. 115-127) is highly recommended.
- <u>Exercises</u>: The following exercises are good for practice, all from chapter 3 of text: 3.3, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, and 3.18.

Due As Homework

- **#10.1** Refer to dataset "Cigarettes", let X=CPD and Y= log(NNAL):
 - a) Prepare a Box plot for log(NNAL), and from the plot: (i) Are there any points in each plot that can be considered as extreme?, and (ii) Does this plot look symmetric? (the result may explain why we use NNAL on log scale)
 - b) Plot the residuals against predictor's values; What departures from the Normal Regression Model can be studied from this plot? What are your findings?
 - c) Conduct the Brown-Forsythe test to determine whether or not the error variance varies with the level of X
- #10.2 Answer the 3 questions of Exercise 10.1 using dataset "Infants" with X = Gestational Weeks and Y = Birth Weight.