

An Example of Regression Modeling

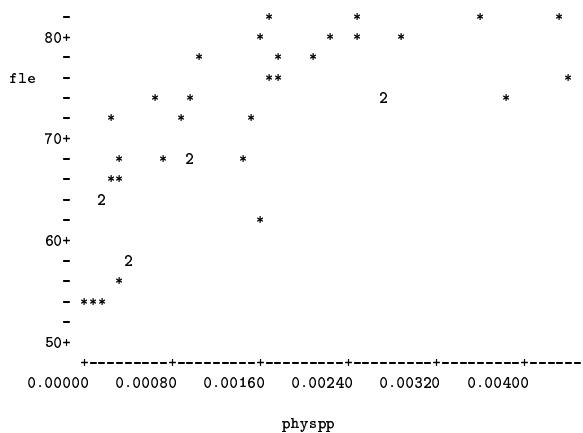
Here is part of a set of data for 38 countries on female and male life expectancy, the number of physicians per person, and the number of televisions per person:

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MTB > print 'fle' 'mle' 'physpp' 'tvpp'
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ROW	fle	mle	physpp	tvpp
1	74	67	0.0027027	0.250000
2	53	54	0.0001622	0.003175
3	68	62	0.0014620	0.250000
4	80	73	0.0022272	0.588235
5	72	68	0.0015552	0.125000
6	74	68	0.0006447	0.178571
7	61	60	0.0016234	0.066667
8	53	50	0.0000273	0.001988
9	82	74	0.0024814	0.384615
10	79	73	0.0028902	0.384615
11	58	57	0.0004047	0.022727
12	63	59	0.0001346	0.041667
13	65	64	0.0003342	0.043478
14	82	75	0.0042918	0.263158
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Scatterplot of Female Life Expectancy Versus Physicians Per Person

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MTB > plot 'fle' 'physpp'
```

*Regression of Female Life Expectancy on Physicians Per Person*

```
MTB > regress 'fle' 1 'physpp'
```

The regression equation is
fle = 62.9 + 5023 physpp

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	62.948	1.594	39.50	0.000
physpp	5023.4	834.7	6.02	0.000

s = 6.289 R-sq = 50.2% R-sq(adj) = 48.8%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	1432.4	1432.4	36.22	0.000
Error	36	1423.8	39.5		
Total	37	2856.2			

Unusual Observations

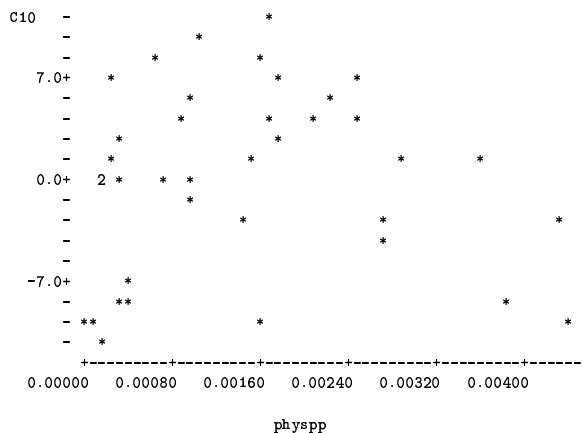
Obs.	physpp	fle	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
14	0.00429	82.00	84.51	2.57	-2.51	-0.44 X
34	0.00442	75.00	85.18	2.67	-10.18	-1.79 X

X denotes an obs. whose X value gives it large influence.

Residual Plot

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MTB > regress 'fle' 1 'physpp';
SUBC> residuals c10.
...
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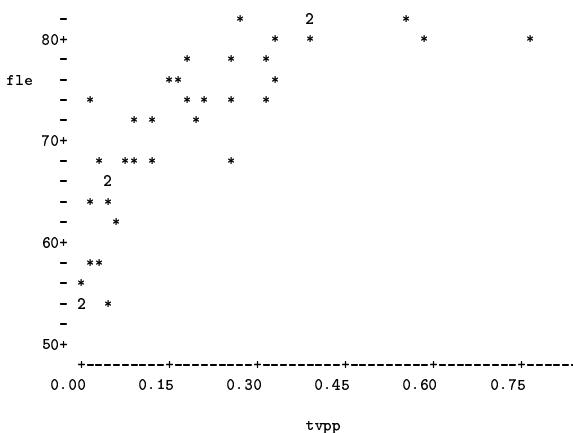
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MTB > plot c10 'physpp'
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Does this plot give you any reason to be concerned about using the linear regression model?

Scatterplot of Female Life Expectancy Versus Televisions Per Person

```
MTB > plot 'fle' 'tvpp'
```



Regression of Female Life Expectancy on Televisions Per Person

```
MTB > regress 'fle' 1 'tvpp';
SUBC> residuals c11.
```

The regression equation is
 $fle = 63.2 + 37.0 tvpp$

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	63.223	1.356	46.62	0.000
tvpp	36.966	5.156	7.17	0.000

s = 5.716 R-sq = 58.6% R-sq(adj) = 57.7%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	p
Regression	1	1679.8	1679.8	51.40	0.000
Error	36	1176.4	32.7		
Total	37	2856.2			

Unusual Observations

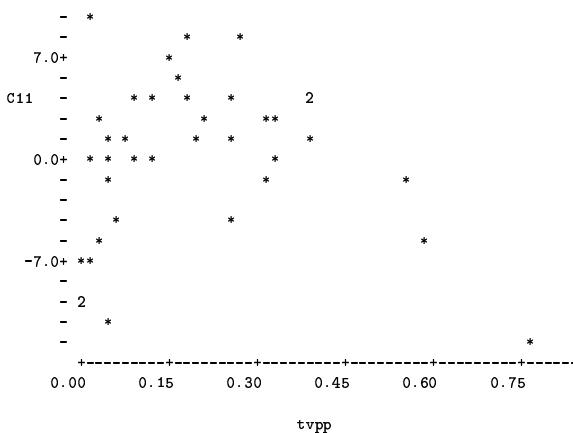
Obs.	tvpp	fle	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
36	0.769	79.000	91.658	3.118	-12.658	-2.64RX

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X denotes an obs. whose X value gives it large influence.

Residual Plot

```
MTB > regress 'fle' 1 'tvpp';
SUBC> residuals c11.
...
MTB > plot c11 'tvpp'
```

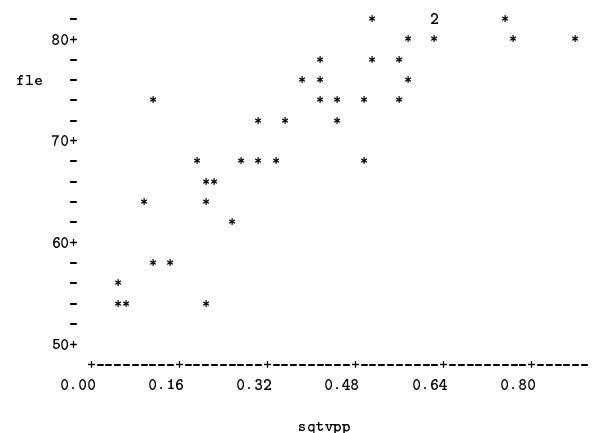


Where is the influential outlier? Is the relationship really linear? Are there outliers if you don't regard the relationship as linear?

Transforming Televisions Per Person

The relationship of female life expectancy to TVs per person is clearly not linear. We can try transforming the explanatory variable to get a better fit — eg, by taking the square root:

```
MTB > let c8 = sqrt('tvpp')
MTB > name c8 'sqtvpp'
MTB > plot 'fle' 'sqtvpp'
```



A Regression Model Using the Transformed Variable

```
MTB > regress 'file' 1 'sqtvpp';
SUBC> residuals c12.
```

The regression equation is
 $file = 56.9 + 35.0 sqtvpp$

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	56.934	1.522	37.42	0.000
sqtvpp	34.960	3.473	10.06	0.000

$s = 4.561$ R-sq = 73.8% R-sq(adj) = 73.1%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	p
Regression	1	2107.3	2107.3	101.30	0.000
Error	36	748.9	20.8		
Total	37	2856.2			

Unusual Observations

Obs.	sqtvpp	file	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
17	0.105	73.000	60.619	1.215	12.381	2.82R
30	0.209	54.000	64.224	0.956	-10.224	-2.29R
36	0.877	79.000	87.596	1.870	-8.596	-2.07RX

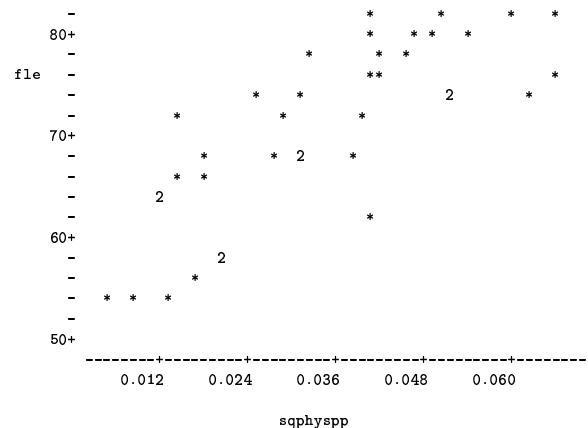
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Transforming Physicians Per Person

We can try transforming the physicians per person variable in the same way:

```
MTB > let c9 = sqrt('physpp')
MTB > name c9 'sqphyspp'
MTB > plot 'file' 'sqphyspp'
```



A Regression Model Using the Transformed Variable

```
MTB > regress 'file' 1 'sqphyspp';
SUBC> residuals c13.
```

The regression equation is
 $file = 56.4 + 403 sqphyspp$

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	56.435	2.046	27.58	0.000
sqphyspp	403.45	53.43	7.55	0.000

$s = 5.541$ R-sq = 61.3% R-sq(adj) = 60.2%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	p
Regression	1	1750.9	1750.9	57.02	0.000
Error	36	1105.3	30.7		
Total	37	2856.2			

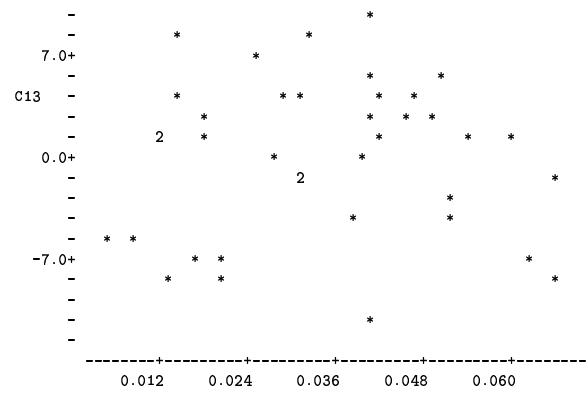
Unusual Observations

Obs.	sqphyspp	file	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
7	0.0403	61.000	72.691	0.952	-11.691	-2.14R

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Residual Plot

```
MTB > plot c13 'sqphyspp'
```



What Do These Models Mean?

- What (if anything) do these regression models say about the causal influences on female life expectancy?
- Why might televisions per person be a better predictor of female life expectancy than physicians per person?
- Does transforming the variables complicate the interpretation of the results?

A Multiple Regression Model

Can we predict female life expectancy better by looking at *both* televisions per person and physicians per person?

```
MTB > regress 'file' 2 'sqtvpp' 'sqphyspp'
```

The regression equation is
 $\text{file} = 54.8 + 25.1 \text{ sqtvpp} + 171 \text{ sqphyspp}$

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	54.837	1.561	35.13	0.000
sqtvpp	25.067	4.642	5.40	0.000
sqphyspp	171.03	58.77	2.91	0.006

$s = 4.151$ R-sq = 78.9% R-sq(adj) = 77.7%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	p
Regression	2	2253.2	1126.6	65.39	0.000
Error	35	603.0		17.2	
Total	37	2856.2			

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
sqtvpp	1	2107.3
sqphyspp	1	145.9

Unusual Observations

Obs.	sqtvpp	file	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
17	0.105	73.000	66.370	2.265	6.630	1.91 X

X denotes an obs. whose X value gives it large influence.

Including Another Explanatory Variable

```
MTB > regress 'file' 3 'sqtvpp' 'sqphyspp' 'mle'
```

The regression equation is
 $\text{file} = -0.55 + 3.71 \text{ sqtvpp} + 66.6 \text{ sqphyspp} + 1.03 \text{ mle}$

Predictor	Coef	Stdev	t-ratio	p
Constant	-0.548	3.827	-0.14	0.887
sqtvpp	3.711	2.272	1.63	0.112
sqphyspp	66.64	23.18	2.87	0.007
mle	1.02976	0.07032	14.64	0.000

$s = 1.558$ R-sq = 97.1% R-sq(adj) = 96.9%

Analysis of Variance

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	p
Regression	3	2773.69	924.56	380.95	0.000
Error	34	82.52	2.43		
Total	37	2856.21			

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
sqtvpp	1	2107.33
sqphyspp	1	145.88
mle	1	520.48

Unusual Observations

Obs.	sqtvpp	file	Fit	Stdev.Fit	Residual	St.Resid
2	0.056	53.000	56.116	0.492	-3.116	-2.11R
7	0.258	61.000	64.880	0.470	-3.880	-2.61R
17	0.105	73.000	72.301	0.942	0.699	0.56 X

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