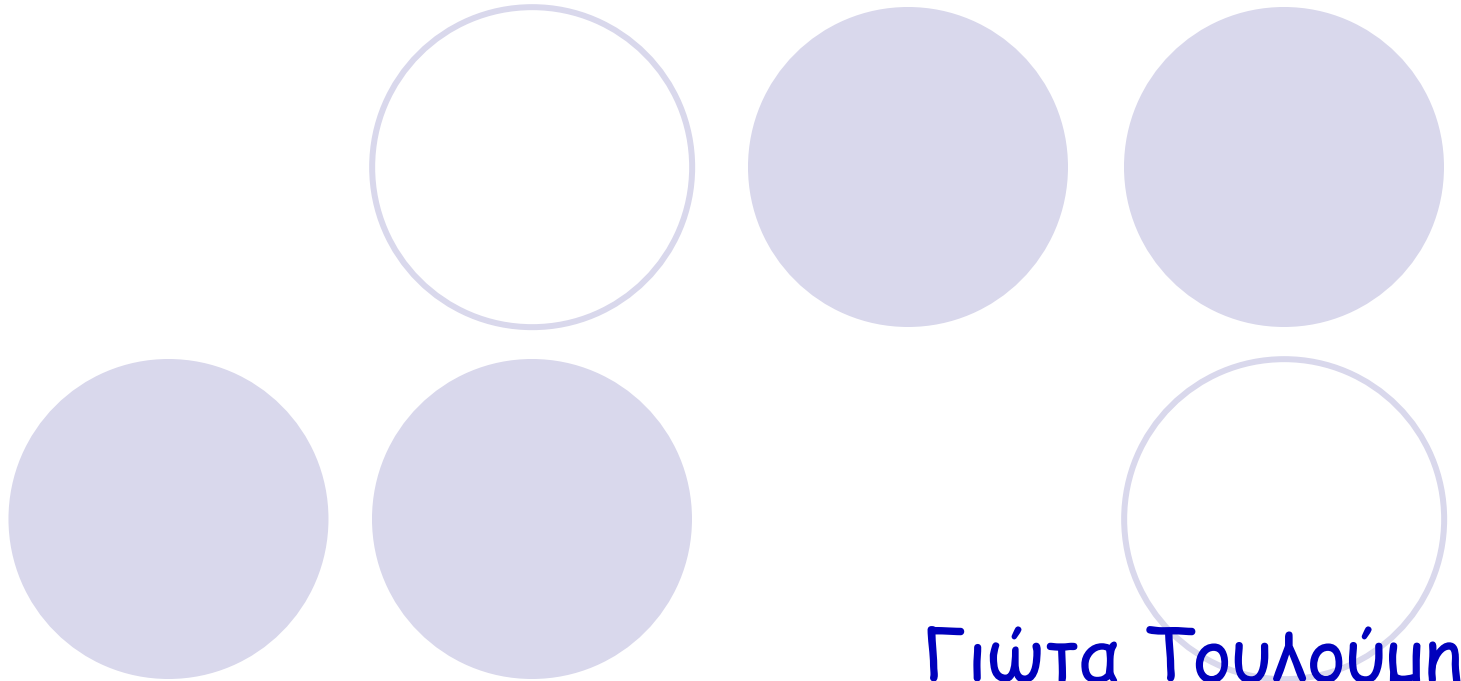


GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS: Model selection



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Model selection

To motivate model selection in the generalized linear model, I present the mechanics of model selection in the linear model.

Consider the process of starting with a “full” model in the sense that it is a model containing all variables that we are willing to consider. Then the criterion of removing a variable is based on an F test as follows (here we consider p variables plus the intercept in all models):

$$\frac{SSE(X_{p_1}) - SSE(X_{p_2})}{SSE(X_{p_2}) / (n - p_2 - 1)} \sim F_{1, n - p_2 - 1}$$

where $SSE(X_{p_1})$ and $SSE(X_{p_2})$ are the residual sum of squares of the full model and the sub-model respectively

Example: Plasma retinol levels (continued). The output from the full model is as follows:

```
. xi: reg  retplasm age i.sex i.smokstat quetelet i.vituse calories fat fiber alcohol chol
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat     _Ismokstat_1-3     (naturally coded; _Ismokstat_1 omitted)
i.vituse       _Ivituse_1-3       (naturally coded; _Ivituse_3 omitted)
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 314		
Model	1896984.44	12	158082.037	F(12, 301)	=	4.06
Residual	11723197.4	301	38947.4997	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.1393
				Adj R-squared	=	0.1050
Total	13620181.9	313	43514.958	Root MSE	=	197.35

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	2.653472	.8756372	3.03	0.003	.9303267	4.376618
_Isex_1	76.8363	37.37679	2.06	0.041	3.283403	150.3892
_Ismokstat_2	44.90691	25.13723	1.79	0.075	-4.560058	94.37388
_Ismokstat_3	-.6574155	36.25566	-0.02	0.986	-72.00408	70.68925
quetelet	1.581298	1.917623	0.82	0.410	-2.192347	5.354944
_Ivituse_1	35.40501	27.26527	1.30	0.195	-18.24968	89.05969
_Ivituse_2	27.8062	29.71094	0.94	0.350	-30.66125	86.27365
calories	.0758574	.0598645	1.27	0.206	-.0419486	.1936634
fat	-1.512089	.9335381	-1.62	0.106	-3.349177	.3249986
fiber	-4.207861	3.100573	-1.36	0.176	-10.30941	1.893684
alcohol	7.371856	2.602759	2.83	0.005	2.249949	12.49376
chol	-.0775529	.1048078	-0.74	0.460	-.2838016	.1286959
_cons	416.1679	83.85834	4.96	0.000	251.145	581.1907

While the output from the model excluding cholesterol levels is,

```
. xi: reg  retplasm age i.sex i.smokstat quetelet i.vituse calories fat fiber alcohol
i.sex      _Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat  _Ismokstat_1-3 (naturally coded; _Ismokstat_1 omitted)
i.vituse    _Ivituse_1-3  (naturally coded; _Ivituse_3 omitted)
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	314
Model	1875659.49	11	170514.499	F(11, 302) =	4.38
Residual	11744522.4	302	38889.1469	Prob > F =	0.0000
Total	13620181.9	313	43514.958	R-squared =	0.1377
				Adj R-squared =	0.1063
				Root MSE =	197.20

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
age	2.678755	.8743146	3.06	0.002	.9582353 4.399275
_Isex_1	72.77019	36.94293	1.97	0.050	.0720315 145.4683
_Ismokstat_2	46.0355	25.07212	1.84	0.067	-3.302663 95.37367
_Ismokstat_3	.1518775	36.212	0.00	0.997	-71.10792 71.41168
quetelet	1.536417	1.915227	0.80	0.423	-2.232463 5.305297
_Ivituse_1	36.63589	27.19409	1.35	0.179	-16.87799 90.14978
_Ivituse_2	28.56312	29.67107	0.96	0.336	-29.82509 86.95134
calories	.0674277	.0587265	1.15	0.252	-.0481373 .1829927
fat	-1.592929	.9264287	-1.72	0.087	-3.416001 .2301444
fiber	-3.812586	3.051921	-1.25	0.213	-9.818308 2.193137
alcohol	7.534269	2.591544	2.91	0.004	2.434499 12.63404
_cons	412.199	83.62392	4.93	0.000	247.6397 576.7583

The criterion for removing cholesterol level from consideration is

$$\frac{SSE(X_{p_1}) - SSE(X_{p_2})}{SSE(X_{p_2}) / (n - p_2 - 1)} = \frac{11744522.4 - 11723197.4}{11723197.4 / 301} = 0.5475$$

```
. di fprob(1,301, (11744522.4-11723197.4) / (11723197.4/301))  
.45990464
```

This can also be given by using the `test` command after regression on the full model as follows:

```
. quietly xi: reg  retplasm age i.sex i.smokstat quetelet i.vituse calories fat fiber alco  
> hol chol  
  
. test chol  
  
( 1)  chol = 0.0  
  
      F( 1, 301) = 0.55  
      Prob > F = 0.4599
```

and is equivalent to the t test listed in the output of the full model above (recall that an F test with 1 degree of freedom in the numerator is equal to the square of the t test with equal degrees of freedom as in the denominator of the F test).

Model selection in the GLM

A similar concept as the residual sums of squares in the GLM is the *deviance*. In addition, the log-likelihood can be used in the derivation of likelihood-ratio tests. We consider these two concepts here.

The likelihood ratio λ is the fraction of the maximized likelihood of the sub-model and the full model respectively. For large samples, $-2\log \lambda \sim \chi_v^2$ where v is the difference in the dimension of the two models. For two models that are different by a single variable, $v=1$ of course.

In general, the likelihood-ratio criterion is $-2\log \lambda = \frac{D(X_{p_1}) - D(X_{p_2})}{\varphi}$, where φ is a scale parameter,

and $p_1 < p_2$. In particular, in the linear model this is is,

$$-2\log \lambda = \frac{SSE(X_{p_1}) - SSE(X_{p_2})}{SSE(X_{p_2}) / (n - p_2 - 1)}$$

Example: Plasma retinol levels (continued)

In our example, we can derive the likelihood-ratio test as follows:

```
. xi: glm retplasm i.sex age i.smokstat i.vituse quetelet calories fat fiber alcohol cho
> 1
i.sex          _Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat     _Ismokstat_1-3 (naturally coded; _Ismokstat_1 omitted)
i.vituse       _Ivituse_1-3   (naturally coded; _Ivituse_3 omitted)

Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -2098.3936

Generalized linear models          No. of obs    =      314
Optimization      : ML: Newton-Raphson  Residual df  =      301
                                                Scale param  =  38947.5
Deviance          =  11723197.42        (1/df) Deviance =  38947.5
Pearson           =  11723197.42        (1/df) Pearson  =  38947.5

Variance function: V(u) = 1          [Gaussian]
Link function     : g(u) = u         [Identity]
Standard errors   : OIM

Log likelihood    = -2098.39358        AIC           =  13.44837
BIC               =  11723122.68
```

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
_Isex_1	76.8363	37.37679	2.06	0.040	3.579146	150.0935
age	2.653472	.8756372	3.03	0.002	.9372552	4.36969
_Ismokstat_2	44.90691	25.13723	1.79	0.074	-4.36116	94.17499
_Ismokstat_3	-.6574155	36.25566	-0.02	0.986	-71.71721	70.40238
_Ivituse_1	35.40501	27.26527	1.30	0.194	-18.03395	88.84396
_Ivituse_2	27.8062	29.71094	0.94	0.349	-30.42617	86.03856
quetelet	1.581298	1.917623	0.82	0.410	-2.177174	5.33977
calories	.0758574	.0598645	1.27	0.205	-.041475	.1931897
fat	-1.512089	.9335381	-1.62	0.105	-3.34179	.317612
fiber	-4.207861	3.100573	-1.36	0.175	-10.28487	1.869151
alcohol	7.371856	2.602759	2.83	0.005	2.270543	12.47317
chol	-.0775529	.1048078	-0.74	0.459	-.2829723	.1278666
_cons	416.1679	83.85834	4.96	0.000	251.8086	580.5272

Example: Plasma retinol levels (continued)

```
. xi: glm retplasm i.sex age i.smokstat i.vituse quetelet calories fat fiber alcohol
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat     _Ismokstat_1-3    (naturally coded; _Ismokstat_1 omitted)
i.vituse       _Ivituse_1-3      (naturally coded; _Ivituse_3 omitted)
```

Iteration 0: log likelihood = -2098.6789

Generalized linear models

Optimization : ML: Newton-Raphson

No. of obs = 314

Residual df = 302

Scale param = 38889.15

(1/df) Deviance = 38889.15

(1/df) Pearson = 38889.15

Deviance = 11744522.37

Pearson = 11744522.37

Variance function: V(u) = 1

[Gaussian]

Link function : g(u) = u

[Identity]

Standard errors : OIM

Log likelihood = -2098.67891

AIC = 13.44381

BIC = 11742786.06

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
_Isex_1	72.77019	36.94293	1.97	0.049	.3633701	145.177
age	2.678755	.8743146	3.06	0.002	.9651303	4.39238
_Ismokstat_2	46.0355	25.07212	1.84	0.066	-3.10494	95.17595
_Ismokstat_3	.1518775	36.212	0.00	0.997	-70.82235	71.1261
_Ivituse_1	36.63589	27.19409	1.35	0.178	-16.66354	89.93532
_Ivituse_2	28.56312	29.67107	0.96	0.336	-29.5911	86.71735
quetelet	1.536417	1.915227	0.80	0.422	-2.21736	5.290193
calories	.0674277	.0587265	1.15	0.251	-.0476742	.1825296
fat	-1.592929	.9264287	-1.72	0.086	-3.408695	.2228384
fiber	-3.812586	3.051921	-1.25	0.212	-9.79424	2.169069
alcohol	7.534269	2.591544	2.91	0.004	2.454936	12.6136
_cons	412.199	83.62392	4.93	0.000	248.2991	576.0989



The likelihood-ratio test can be constructed as follows:

$$-2\log \lambda = \frac{SSE(X_{p_1}) - SSE(X_{p_2})}{SSE(X_{p+1}) / (n - p - 1)} = \frac{11744522.37 - 11723122.68}{11723122.68 / 301} = 0.5477$$

Its asymptotic (long-term) distribution is a chi-square with one degree of freedom.


```
. di chiprob(1, (11744453.38 - 11723122.68) / ((11723122.68) / (301)))
.45926647
```

which is similar to the results of the F test previously. Notice that we get the same results if we subtract the maximized log-likelihoods as follows:

$$-2\log \lambda = -2[-2098.67891 - (2098.39358)] = 0.57066$$

with asymptotic distribution that is also chi-square with one degree of freedom.

```
. di chiprob(1, -2 * (2098.39358 - 2098.67891))
.44999677
```



Wald tests

The easiest way to assess the impact of the factor cholesterol in the model is with the `test` command, which generates the Wald test described previously.

```
. quietly xi: glm retplasm i.sex age i.smokstat i.vituse quetelet calories fat fiber alco  
> hol chol
```

In STATA 7.0, this is given by

```
. test chol  
  
( 1) [retplasm]chol = 0.0  
  
      chi2( 1) =      0.55  
      Prob > chi2 =     0.4593
```

In STATA 6.0, we can derive the chi-square (Wald) test as follows:

```
. di chiprob(1, ( -.0775529/.1048078)^2)  
.4593282
```

Finally, we show here the model-selection for the complete problem.

```
. xi: sw glm retplasm i.sex (i.smokstat ) (i.vituse) age quetelet calories fat
> fiber alcohol chol, pr(.1)
i.sex                Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat           Ismoks_1-3    (naturally coded; Ismoks_1 omitted)
i.vituse             Ivitus_1-3    (naturally coded; Ivitus_3 omitted)
begin with full model
p = 0.4599 >= 0.1000 removing chol
p = 0.4231 >= 0.1000 removing quetelet
p = 0.4163 >= 0.1000 removing Ivitus_1 Ivitus_2
p = 0.1572 >= 0.1000 removing Ismoks_2 Ismoks_3
p = 0.1806 >= 0.1000 removing fiber
p = 0.5284 >= 0.1000 removing calories

Residual df =      309                No. of obs =      314
Pearson X2   = 1.21e+07              Deviance   = 1.21e+07
Dispersion  = 39055.6                Dispersion = 39055.6

Gaussian (normal) distribution, identity link
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retplasm |      Coef.   Std. Err.      t    P>|t|      [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
  Isex_1 |    74.055   36.44476     2.032  0.043     2.343714    145.7663
   fat |   -0.6188433  .3501419    -1.767  0.078    -1.307807    .0701208
alcohol |    8.724091  2.340494     3.727  0.000     4.11877    13.32941
   age |    2.389427  .8229901     2.903  0.004     .7700534    4.008801
  _cons |   498.7073  54.22216     9.197  0.000    392.0159    605.3986
-----
(Model is ordinary regression, use regress instead)
```

Pearson Residuals


The Pearson residuals are defined as

$$r_{i,p} = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{[V(\hat{\mu}_i)]^{1/2}}$$

and it is the raw residual scaled by the estimated standard deviation of Y . The name is taken from the fact that for the Poisson distribution the Pearson residual is just the signed square root of the component of the Pearson X^2 goodness-of-fit statistic, i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_{i,p}^2 = X^2$$

A disadvantage of the Pearson residual is that the distribution of $r_{i,p}$ for non-normal distributions is markedly skewed, and it may fail to have properties similar to those of a normal-theory residual.



Deviance Residuals

If the deviance is used as a measure of discrepancy of a generalized linear model, then each unit contributes a quantity d_i to that measure, so

$$\sum d_i = D$$

Thus, if we define

$$r_{i,D} = \text{sign}(y_i - \mu_i) \sqrt{d_i}$$

we have a quantity that increases with $y_i - \mu_i$ and for which $\sum r_{i,D}^2 = D$.

Residuals- Linear regression

Recall that variance of the true residuals is assumed to be constant. The variance of the fitted (observed) residuals is NOT constant, since there is variance in estimation of the line and of the expected values. Therefore, for model checking we need to standardize the observed residuals.

Lets explore it in normal regression

$$E(Y|X = x) = X\beta$$

↑
← design matrix

$$H = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$$

hat matrix

$$h_{ii} = h_i = x_i^T (X^T X)^{-1} x_i$$

ith leverage

$$e = y - \hat{y} \leftarrow$$

residuals and

$$\text{Var}(e) = (I - H)\sigma^2$$

Residuals- Linear regression (continue)

standardized residual $r_i = \frac{e_i}{S\sqrt{1-h_i}}$

sample variance

here e_i, S are not

independent since e_i enters
in the calculation of S .

studentized residuals $r_i^* = \frac{e_i}{S_{(i)}\sqrt{1-h_i}}$

sample variance with i^{th}
observation omitted

here numerator

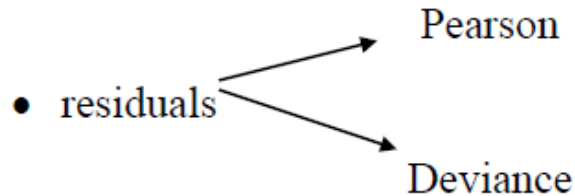
& denominator are independent

The distribution of $r_i^* \sim t_{n-p-1}$

The i^{th} leverage is large if $h_i \geq 2p'/n$ where p' = total # of covariates in the model including intercept, n = total # of observations.

Standardized residuals in GLMs

The key quantities for GLM diagnostics are:



The general definition of standardized residuals is:


General definition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r'_P = \frac{y - \hat{\mu}}{\sqrt{\hat{\phi} V(\hat{\mu})(1-h)}} \\ r'_D = \frac{r_D}{\sqrt{\hat{\phi}(1-h)}} \end{array} \right.$$

leverage

leverage

(standardized deviance residual)



Model checking

The predicted values and the residuals from the optimal model (the one including gender, fat and alcohol intake and age) are produced by STATA commands as follows:

```
. quietly reg retplasm sex fat alcohol age  
. predict yhat  
(option xb assumed; fitted values)  
. predict r, resid  
. predict rstan, rstand  
. predict rstud, rstud
```

Model checking: residuals

The assumptions of the model that must be checked are independence, normality and homoskedasticity. We usually work with the standardized residuals $r_{std,i} = \frac{r_i}{\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{1-h_{ii}}}$ (produced with

the option `rstan`) or the studentized residuals $r_{stud,i} = \frac{r_i}{\hat{\sigma}_{(i)}\sqrt{1-h_{ii}}}$ (with option `rstud`), where $\hat{\sigma}$ is

an estimate of the standard deviation derived with all the observations, while $\hat{\sigma}_{(i)}$ is the estimate

with the i^{th} observation missing. On the other hand, h_{ii} is the i^{th} diagonal element of the *hat* matrix

(recall that in regression $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$, where \mathbf{H} is the “hat” matrix). The leverage points

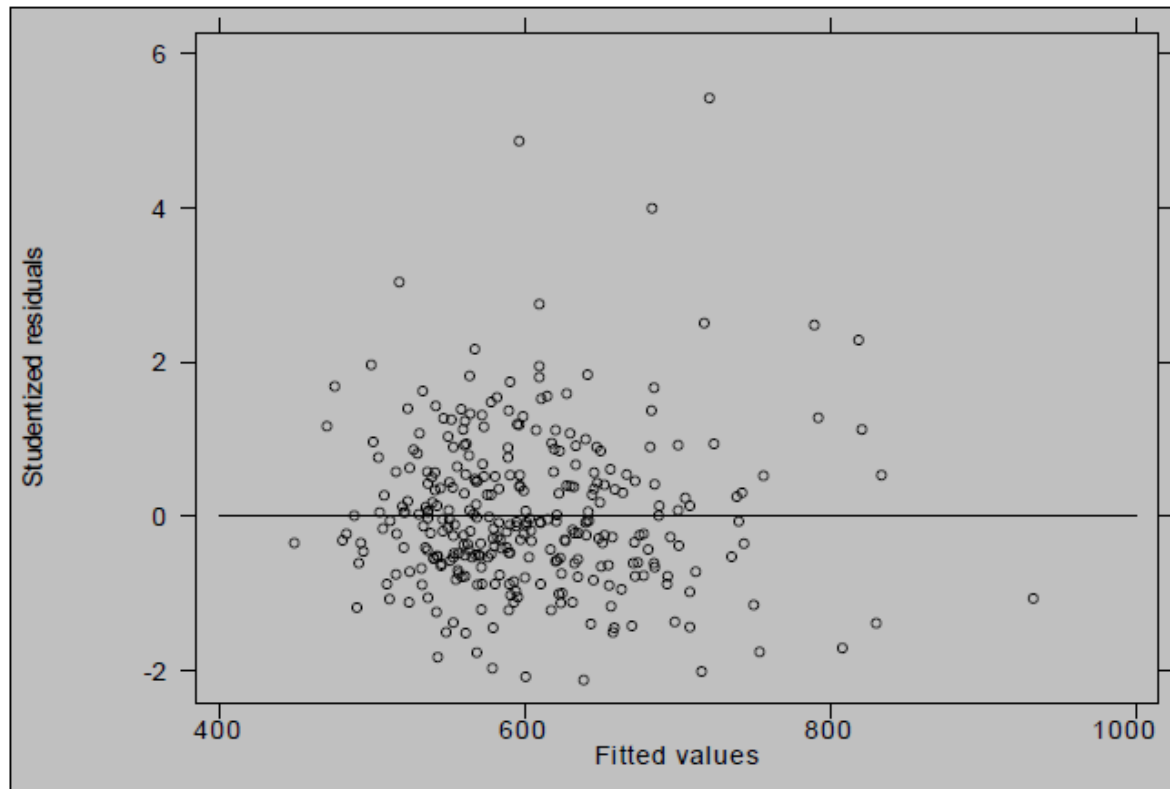
are a measure of *distance* (*outlier, potential influential point*). We use the Cook’s distances as a

combined measure of influence and distance since they are $D_i = r_{std,i}^2 \frac{h_{ii}}{(1-h_{ii})}$.

Homoskedasticity

This refers to the homogeneity of variance. We can see what the stud. residuals look like as follows:

```
. graph r yhat, yline(0) xlab ylab border
```

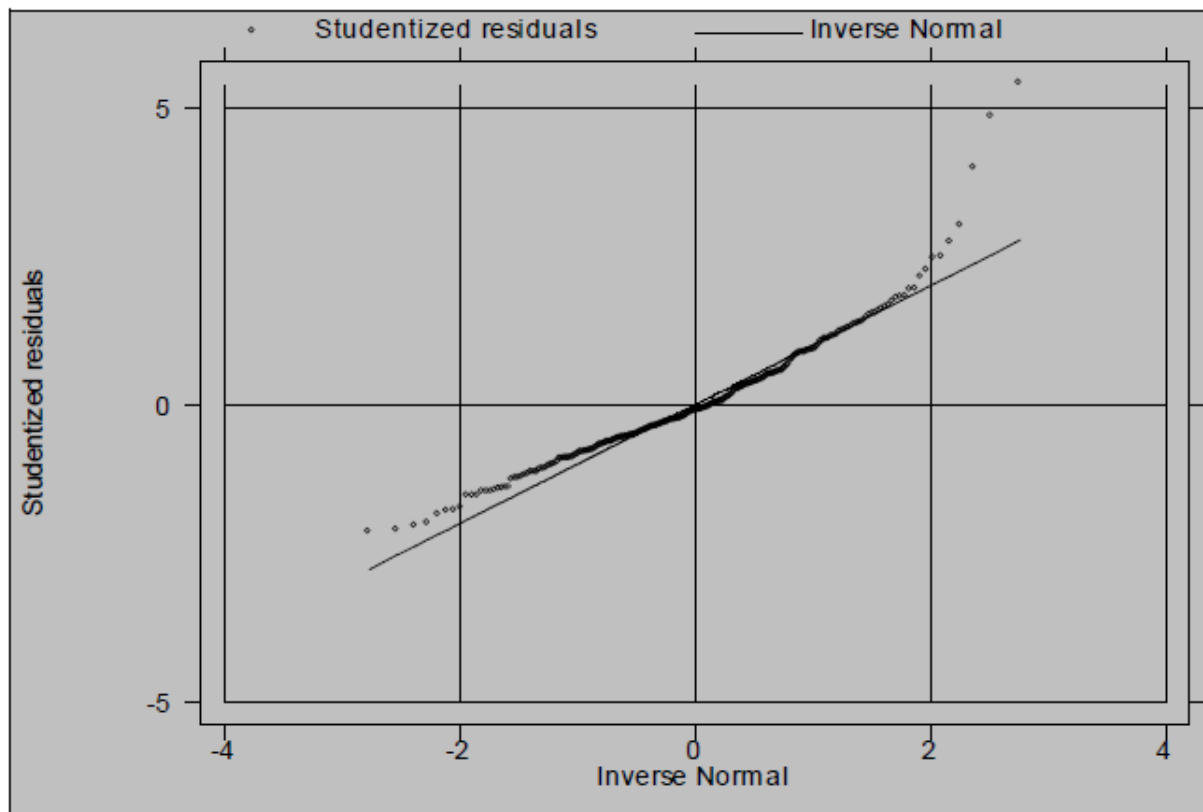


We see that there is no obvious problem with lack of homoskedasticity in these data.

Normality

The next assumption of the general linear model is that of normality of the residuals.

This can be checked using the `qnorm` command in STATA as follows:



Q-Q plots

These are plots that compare the distribution of a variable to a known distribution. They can be used alternatively to compare the distributions of two variables. In general, if the distributions are approximately equal the points on the graph should lie on a straight line.

In the plot above, we see that there are problems with the distribution of retinol levels at the “tails” which are shorter for small values and “fatter” for larger values.

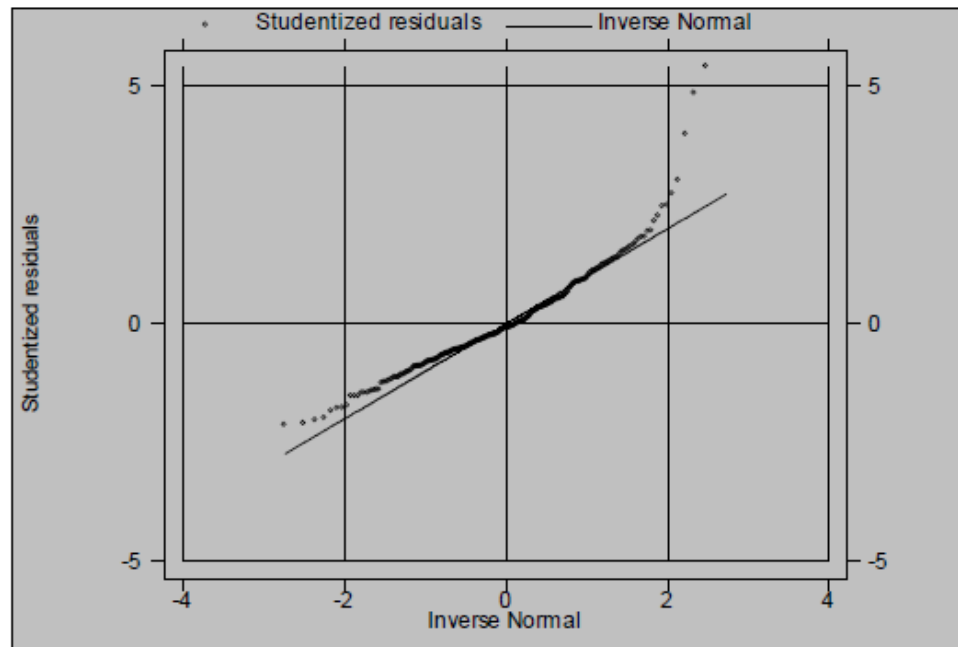
This Q-Q plot can be produced manually following these steps:

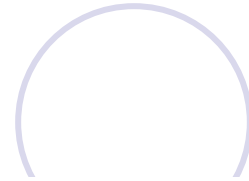
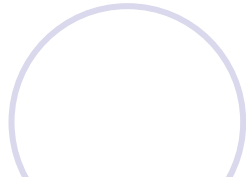
- Sort the residuals from smaller to largest (we are still working with studentized residuals)
- Imagining that the residuals have a normal distribution then their ranked values should be close to standard normal distribution percentiles, that is, $z_{(i)} = \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i}{n+1}\right), i=1, \dots, n$ (this is actually the way STATA produces a q-q plot).

Q-Q plot (continued)

To create the q-q plot above manually we proceed as follows:

```
. sort rstud  
. gen zi=invnorm(_n/(_N+1))  
. label var zi "Inverse Normal"  
. graph rstud zi zi, xlab ylab c(.1) s(oi) rlab yline xline
```





The Shapiro-Wilks test of normality

To formally test the hypothesis of normality, we can use the Shapiro-Wilks test as follows:

```
. swilk rstud
```

Shapiro-Wilk W test for normal data					
Variable	Obs	W	V	z	Prob>z
-----+-----					
rstud	314	0.93618	14.159	6.235	0.00000

The test p value is $0.000 < 0.05$ which means that the normality assumption is not fulfilled.

Box-Cox transformations

In order to find which transformation to use, a general method is that of Box and Cox. The general Box-Cox transformation is as follows:

$$y^* = \begin{cases} \frac{y^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, & y \neq 0 \\ \log(y), & y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Several possible choices of λ are tried. The best choice is given through a likelihood criterion.

Some usual transformations are given as follows:

- $\lambda = -1$ Inverse transformation
- $\lambda = 1$ No transformation is necessary
- $\lambda = 0.5$ Square-root transformation
- $\lambda = 0$ Logarithmic transformation

Box-cox transformation

To implement the Box-Cox technique in STATA we proceed as follows:

```
. boxcox retplasm, lstart(-1) graph generate (newret)
(note: iterations performed using zero =.001)
```

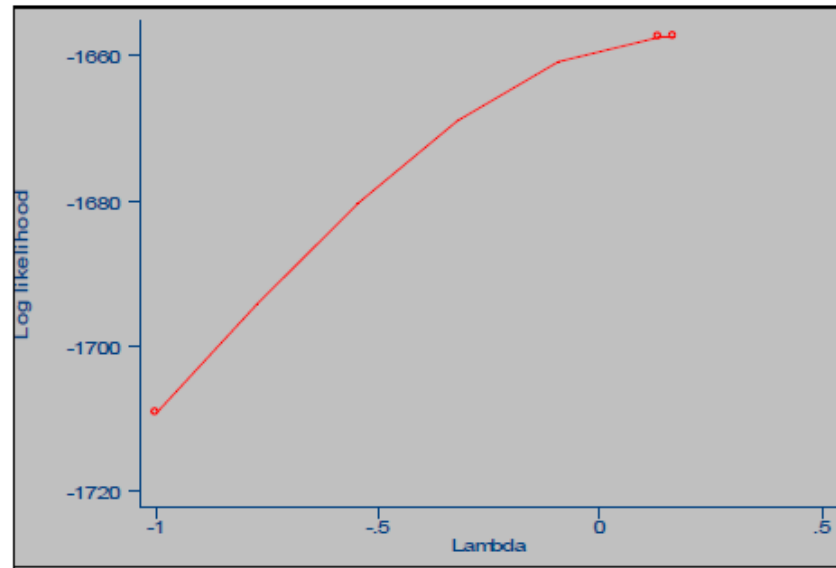
Iteration	Lambda	Zero	Variance	LL
0	-1.0000	89.67819	51344.1853	-1702.87019
1	0.1327	2.56310	37070.2753	-1651.72960
2	0.1676	0.00243	37062.7391	-1651.69768
3	0.1676	0.00000	37062.742	-1651.69770

Transform: (retplasm^{L-1})/L

L	[95% Conf. Interval]	Log Likelihood
0.1676	(not calculated)	-1651.6977

```
Test: L == -1   chi2(1) = 104.14   Pr>chi2 = 0.0000
      L == 0    chi2(1) = 2.19     Pr>chi2 = 0.1387
      L == 1    chi2(1) = 49.39    Pr>chi2 = 0.0000
```

Box-cox transformation (continued)



A value of zero for lambda is not unreasonable, suggesting a logarithmic transformation of (retplasm). The new variable `newret` contains the transformed values of `retplasm` (with $\lambda = 0.1676$).

Further model checking

Running the model newret with as the dependent variable we have:

```
. xi: sw reg newret age i.sex (i.smokstat) quetelet (i.vituse) calories fat fi
> ber alcohol betadiet retdiet, pr(.1)
i.sex                Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; Isex_2 omitted)
i.smokstat           Ismoks_1-3    (naturally coded; Ismoks_1 omitted)
i.vituse             Ivitus_1-3    (naturally coded; Ivitus_1 omitted)
begin with full model
p = 0.6699 >= 0.1000  removing retdiet
p = 0.6327 >= 0.1000  removing quetelet
p = 0.5945 >= 0.1000  removing Ivitus_2 Ivitus_3
p = 0.5018 >= 0.1000  removing betadiet
p = 0.2852 >= 0.1000  removing Isex_1
p = 0.1146 >= 0.1000  removing Ismoks_2 Ismoks_3
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	314
Model	34.2403962	5	6.84807924	F(5, 308) =	7.93
Residual	265.811233	308	.863023485	Prob > F =	0.0000
Total	300.05163	313	.958631405	R-squared =	0.1141
				Adj R-squared =	0.0997
				Root MSE =	.92899

newret	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	.0161012	.0038357	4.198	0.000	.0085538	.0236487
fat	-.0092023	.0042933	-2.143	0.033	-.0176502	-.0007544
calories	.0004638	.0002721	1.704	0.089	-.0000716	.0009992
fiber	-.0235039	.0140948	-1.668	0.096	-.0512381	.0042303
alcohol	.0368435	.0115156	3.199	0.002	.0141843	.0595027
_cons	10.6249	.2747965	38.665	0.000	10.08418	11.16561

Ερμηνεία συντελεστών

$E(l, n)$

Checks for outliers and influential observations

We produce residuals, *leverage* values and Cook's distances as follows:

```
. predict rstud, rstud  
. predict d, cooksdist  
. predict h, hat
```

A studentized residual greater than 2 in absolute value, a leverage greater than $2p/n=0.0382$, where p is the number of predictors plus the intercept, and a Cook's distance of 1 or higher are indicative of an outlier or of excessive influence, or both respectively.

```
. list rstud d h if abs(rstud)>2.0 | h>.0382  
  
      rstud      d      h  
1. -2.880156 .0283224 .0205401  
2. -3.392216 .0174023 .0092961  
.  
.  
313.  3.294111 .0123143 .0069778  
314.  3.587223 .0196182 .0094104  
      (37 cases)  
. list rstud d h if abs(rstud)>2.0 & h>.0382  
( 0 cases)
```


Model checking (continued)

To summarize the Cook's distances we proceed as follows:

```
. summarize d
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
d	314	.0031528	.0058947	9.35e-11	.0390723

There are no observations with Cook's distance above 1, although there are several points with large residuals or leverage. However, the number of points that we are testing for large residuals is so large, that the criterion of 2.0 or higher is probably very liberal (as 314 repeated tests are being conducted!). Thus, the fit is probably acceptable.