Rapport package team

Linear Regression

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### Overview

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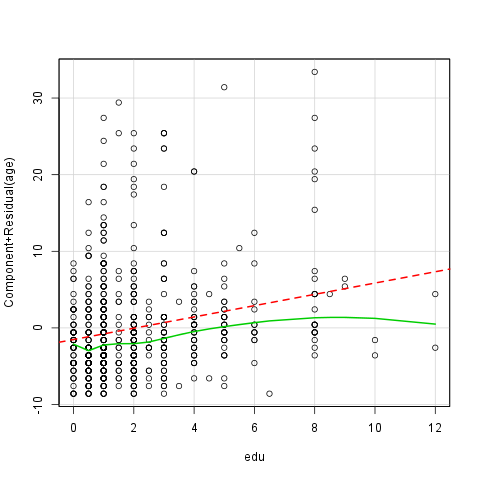
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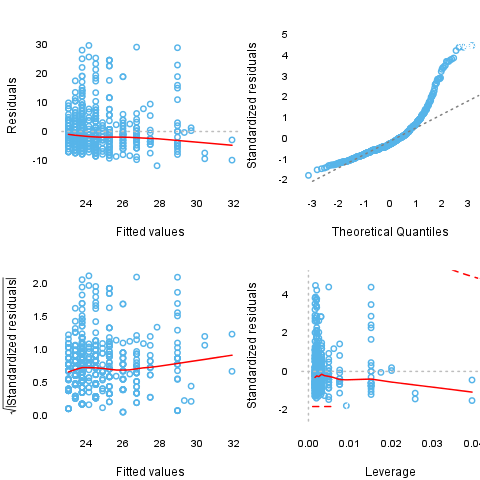
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Fitting linear model: age based on *edu*

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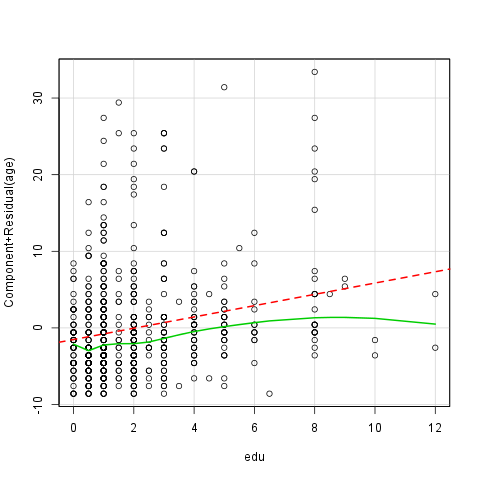
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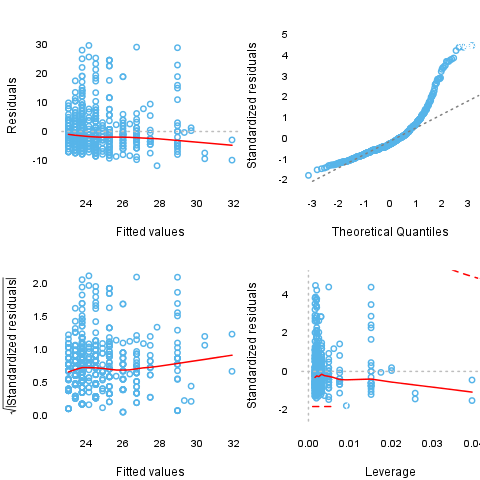
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| **Skewness** | 7.299 | 0.006899 |
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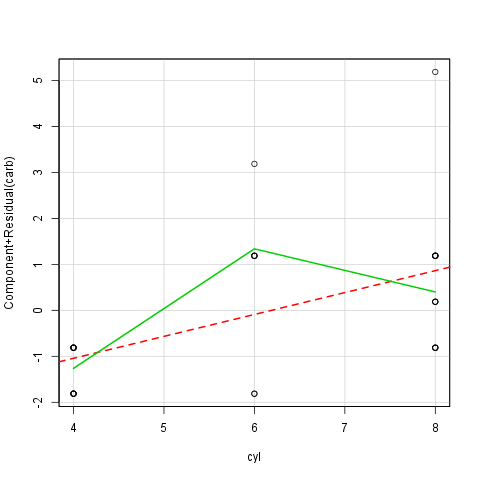
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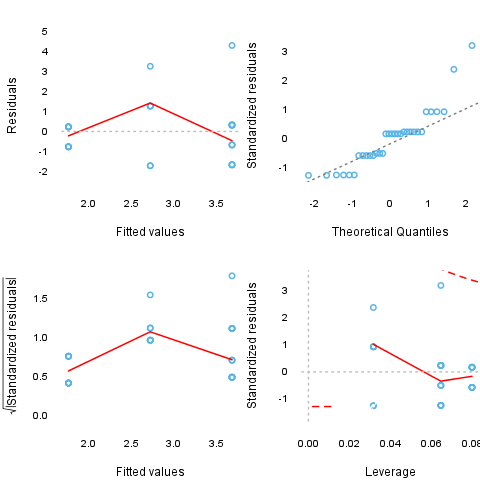
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| **cyl** | 0.4766 | 0.1403 | 3.396 | 0.001942 |
| **(Intercept)** | -0.1365 | 0.9027 | -0.1513 | 0.8808 |

Fitting linear model: carb based on *cyl*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Cases | Adjusted R Squared | AIC | BIC |
| 32 | 0.2536 | 116.1 | 120.5 |

From the table one can see that cyl has significant effect on the dependent variable, the p-value of that is 0.002

The model fits well, because the Adjusted R Square is *0.2536*.

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