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1. A research team is investigating the association between a “gold standard” measure of hearing (the variable RESP_PRE) and several non-invasive measures (signal-noise of responsive emissions at different frequencies). The variables are:

RESP_PRE	The “gold standard” measure
SN2_PRE	Signal/noise ratio at 2 kHz
SN4_PRE	Signal/noise ratio at 4 kHz
SN6_PRE	Signal/noise ratio at 6 kHz
SN10_PRE	Signal/noise ratio at 10 kHz

SAS/INSIGHT output for the regression of RESP_PRE on all four regressors is shown in Figures 1-3.

- (a) (10 points) What proportion of the variation in RESP_PRE is explained by the regression model?

ANS: $R^2 = 0.6264$.

- (b) (10 points) At the 0.05 level of significance, conduct a test for $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$, versus $H_a : \text{not } H_0$. Tell the observed value of the test statistic, its p -value, and your conclusion.

ANS: *Test statistic: $F^* = 17.19$, p -value: less than 0.0001. Since this is less than 0.05, reject H_0 , and conclude at least one β_i is non-zero.*

- (c) (10 points) To see which regressor(s) are responsible for the significant relationship with RESP_PRE, for each of $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, conduct a test of $H_{0i} : \beta_i = 0$, versus $H_{ai} : \beta_i \neq 0$ at the 0.05 level of significance. What do you find?

ANS: *Since all p -values are less than 0.05, we reject H_{0i} for all i . Therefore, we conclude each of the regressors is significantly related to RESP_PRE.*

- (d) (10 points) Is there evidence of lack of fit or violation of model assumptions? Justify your answer.

ANS: *The studentized residuals show a slight left skewness, indicating that the assumption of normality is questionable. A few of the studentized residuals are slightly smaller than -2 , but they do not appear to be outliers. The residual plots give no reason to suspect non-randomness.*

- (e) (10 points) Interpret the coefficient of SN2_PRE in the fitted model

ANS: *If all other regressors are held constant, a one unit increase in SN2_PRE increases the prediction of RESP_PRE by 0.1599.*

- (f) (10 points) The researchers want to predict a new observation at SN2_PRE=8, SN4_PRE=7, SN6_PRE=-3, SN10_PRE=9. Find the value of the predictor based on the fitted model.

ANS:

$$\hat{Y}_{new} = -8.9548 + (0.1599)(8) + (0.4205)(7) - (0.2360)(-3) + (0.2255)(9) = -1.9946.$$

2. The researchers considered a second model which includes the above regressors and adds SN3_PRE, the signal-noise ratio at 3 kHz. SAS/INSIGHT output for the resulting model is shown in Figure 4.

- (a) (10 points) Does the t test for the significance of SN3_PRE indicate this regressor should be included in the model? Justify your answer.

ANS: *No, its p -value of 0.2236 is too large to be significant.*

- (b) (10 points) What do the adjusted R^2 values suggest about including SN3_PRE in the model? Justify your answer.

ANS: *Since $R_a^2 = 0.5952$ for this model, which exceeds its value of 0.5900 for the previous model, R_a^2 suggests SN3_PRE should be included in the model.*

- (c) (10 points) Does multicollinearity appear to be a problem for this model? Justify your answer.

ANS: *No, since all VIFs are well below 10.*

3. (10 points) Consider again the model from problem 1. If $t_{41,0.975} = 2.0195$, and if a level 0.95 confidence interval for the mean response at SN2_PRE=8, SN4_PRE=7, SN6_PRE=-3, SN10_PRE=9 is $(-3.0533, -0.9364)$, obtain a level 0.95 prediction interval for a new observation at SN2_PRE=8, SN4_PRE=7, SN6_PRE=-3, SN10_PRE=9.

ANS: We know that $(-3.0530, -0.9362) = \hat{Y} \pm \hat{\sigma}(\hat{Y})t_{41,0.975} = -1.9946 \pm 2.0195\hat{\sigma}(\hat{Y})$, which implies that $\hat{\sigma}(\hat{Y}) = 0.5241$.

We also know that $\hat{\sigma}(Y_{new} - \hat{Y}_{new}) = \sqrt{MSE + \hat{\sigma}^2(\hat{Y})} = \sqrt{6.3979 + 0.5241^2} = 2.5831$. Thus, the desired interval is $-1.9946 \pm (2.0195)(2.5831) = (-7.2115, 3.2217)$.

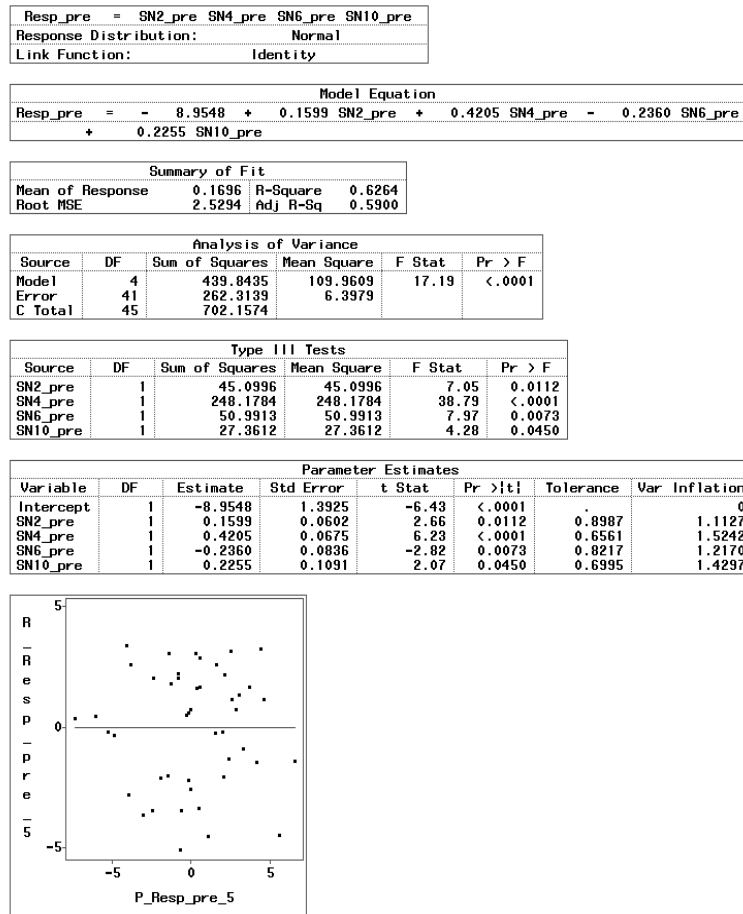


Figure 1: SAS output for problem 1

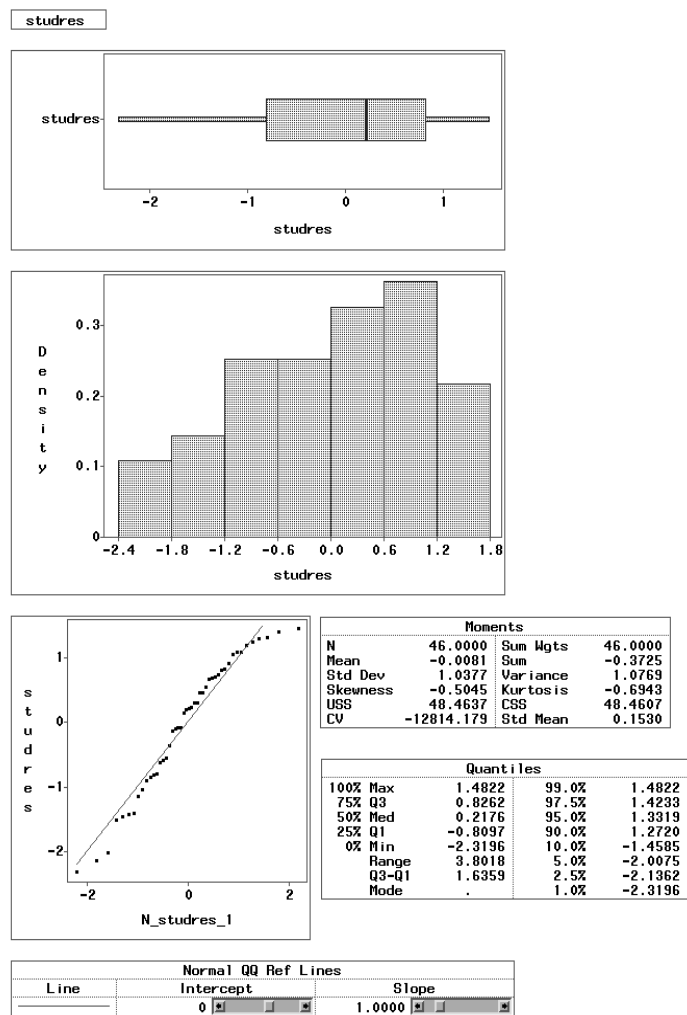


Figure 2: SAS output for problem 1

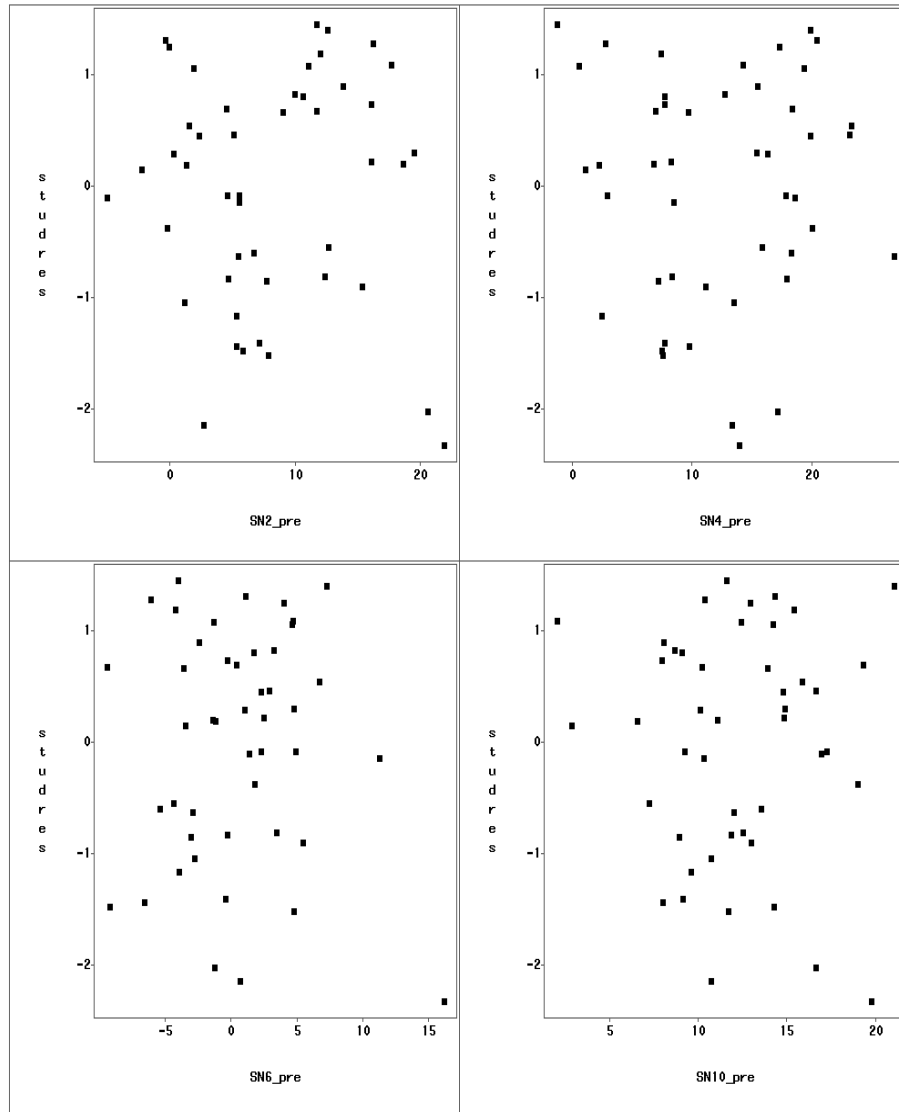


Figure 3: *SAS output for problem 1*

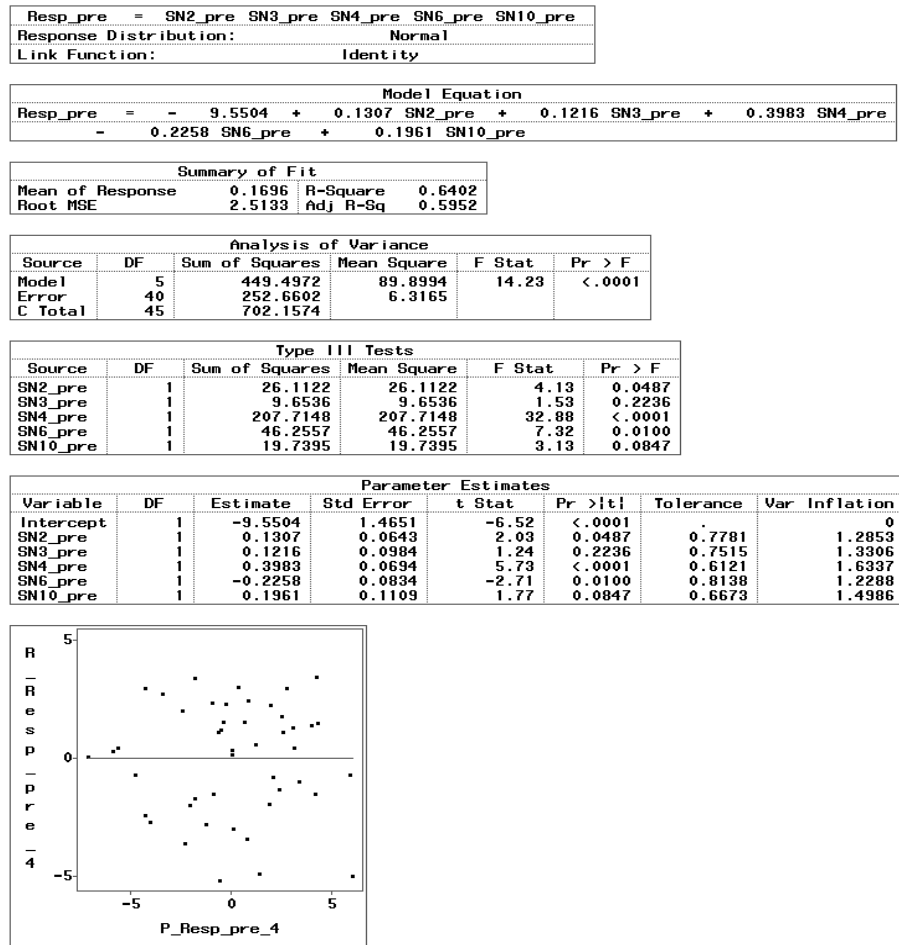


Figure 4: SAS output for problem 2