

Brent et al. (1999) measured baseline plasma glycolate and arterial pH on 18 patients admitted for ethylene glycol poisoning (ethylene glycol is a colorless, odorless, sweet-tasting chemical found in many household products, including antifreeze, detergents, paints, and cosmetics).

- > ethpois.dat <- read.table("poison.csv", header=T, sep=",")  
     > attach(ethpois.dat)  
     > names(ethpois.dat)  
     [1] "glyco" "ph"  
     > plot(ph, glyco, xlab="Arterial pH", ylab="Plasma Glycolate (mg/dl)",  
         main="ethylene glycol poisoning", pch=18)
  - To create a linear model, we use the `lm` command:  
     > pois.reg <- lm(glyco ~ ph)  
     Residuals:  

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-59.953	-29.463	-2.525	28.045	60.341

     Coefficients:  

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	3082.58	381.02	8.090	4.79e-07 ***
ph	-414.97	52.83	-7.855	7.02e-07 ***
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     Residual standard error: 37.69 on 16 degrees of freedom  
     Multiple R-squared: 0.7941, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7812  
     F-statistic: 61.7 on 1 and 16 DF, p-value: 7.023e-07  
     > resid(pois.reg) # to get the residual values  
     > fitted(pois.reg) # to get the predicted values  
     > abline(pois.reg) # to add the regression line to your plot  
     > plot(pois.reg, resid(pois.reg), xlab="Plasma Glycolate (mg/dl)",  
         ylab="lm residuals", main="residuals, ethylene glycol poisoning", pch=18)  
     > abline(h=0)
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