

# Some Recent Developments in Statistics

## Alcuni sviluppi recenti della metodologia statistica

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### Outline

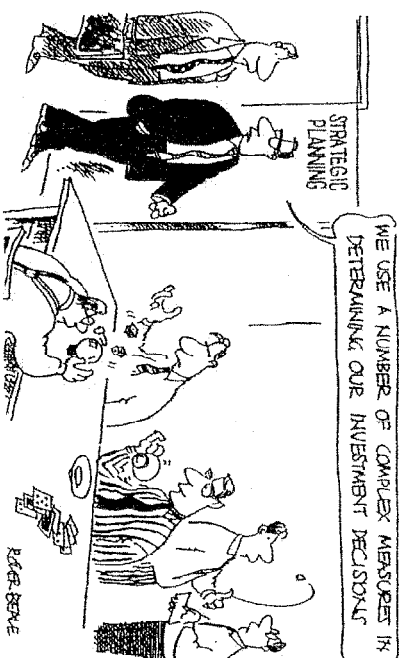
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### Statistical models for time series

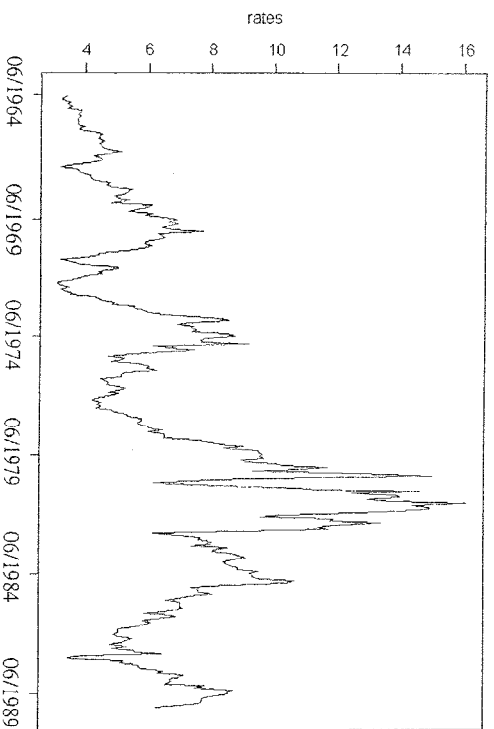
- Stylized facts
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## US monthly risk-free rates



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- One-month yields based on the average of bid and ask prices for Treasury bills.
- Normalized to reflect a standard month of 30.4 days.
- They are monthly observations covering the period from June 1964 to December 1989, a total of 307 observations.

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$$\boxed{\text{data}} = \boxed{\text{model}} + \boxed{\text{error}}$$

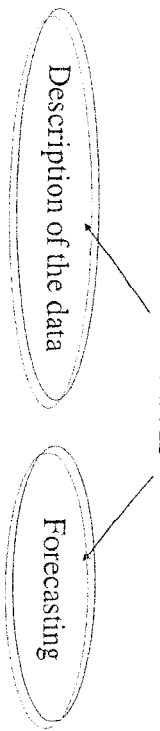
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**“All models are wrong, but some are useful.”**

**G.E.P. Box**

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## Models

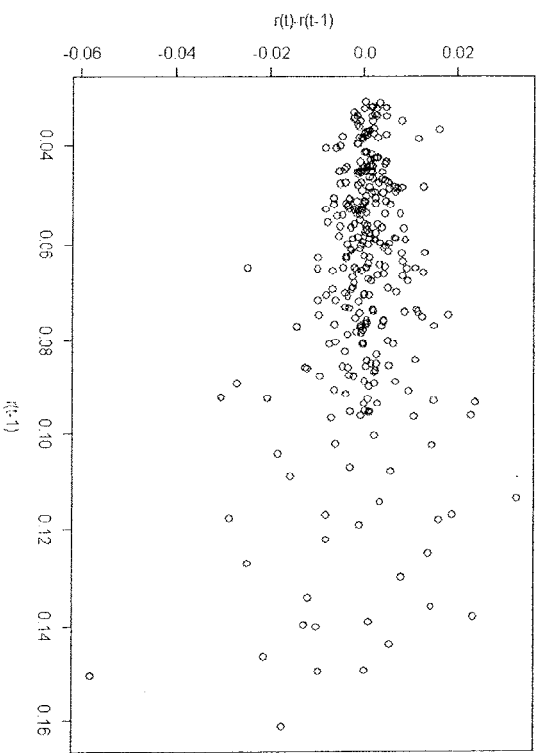
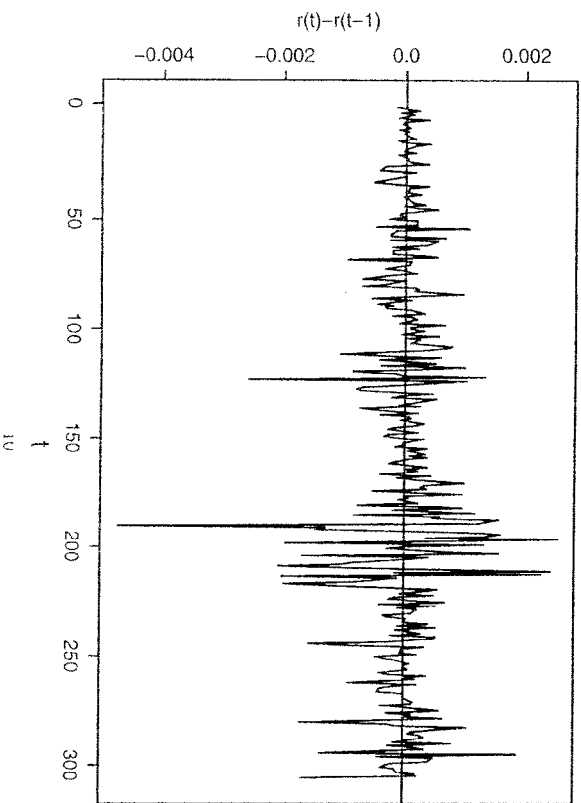


### Which models?

They should reflect observed features of the data, e.g. here

- Variance of monthly rate changes varies over time.
- ⇒ Model conditional distribution at time  $t$  given the information up to time  $(t - 1)$ , e.g. ARCH, GARCH (Engle)

### US rates: first differences



Stochastic model (*single-factor short-rate model*):

$$r_t - r_{t-1} = (\alpha + \beta r_{t-1}) + \sigma r_{t-1}^{\gamma} \epsilon_t$$

with  $\epsilon_t$  identically distributed standard normal variables.

$$\text{Drift: } \alpha + \beta r_{t-1}$$

$$\text{Volatility: } \text{Var}(\sigma r_{t-1}^{\gamma} \epsilon_t | r_{t-1}) = \sigma^2 r_{t-1}^{2\gamma}$$

Volatility at time  $t$  depends on the level of the interest rates up to time  $t - 1$ .

### Alternative Models of the Short Rate

$$r_t - r_{t-1} = (\alpha + \beta r_{t-1}) + \sigma r_{t-1}^\gamma \epsilon_t$$

Model	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\sigma$	$\gamma$
Merton	0	0	0	0
Vasicek	0	0	0	0
Cox Ing. Ross	0	0	0	0
Dothan	0	0	0	1
Geom. B. Mot.	0	0	0	1
Brenn. Schw.	0	0	0	1
Variab. Rate	0	0	0	3/2
Const. El. Var.	0	0	0	3/2

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Continuous time (*single-factor short-rate model*):

$$dr_t = \mu(r_t)dt + \sigma(r_t)dW(t)$$

where  $W(t)$  is a standard Brownian motion.

Estimate the drift  $\mu(r_t)$  and the volatility  $\sigma(r_t)$  parametrically or nonparametrically.

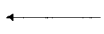
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$$r_t - r_{t-1} = (\alpha + \beta r_{t-1}) + \sigma r_{t-1}^\gamma \epsilon_t$$

Model	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\sigma$	$\gamma$
Unres.	0.0034	-0.0493	0.3656	1.4999
Merton	0.0005	0	0.0062	0
Vasicek	0.0005	-0.0013	0.0062	0
CIR	0.0011	-0.0102	0.0254	1/2
Dothan	0	0	0.0320	1
GBM	0	0.0084	0.0993	1
BS	0.0020	-0.0262	0.0994	1
VRR	0	0	0.05	3/2
CEV	0	0.0086	0.1554	1.1711

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Quality of the models



Based on predictive power

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## Simulation of the model

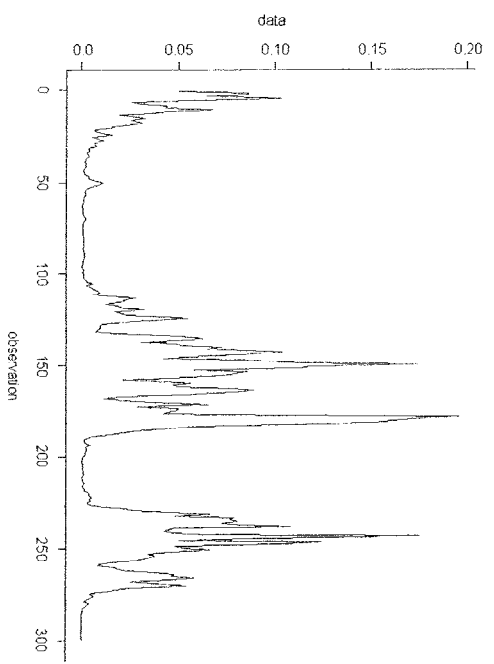
- What does it mean?
- How do we do that?
  - Generation of random normal variables  $\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

## Alternative Models of the Short Rate

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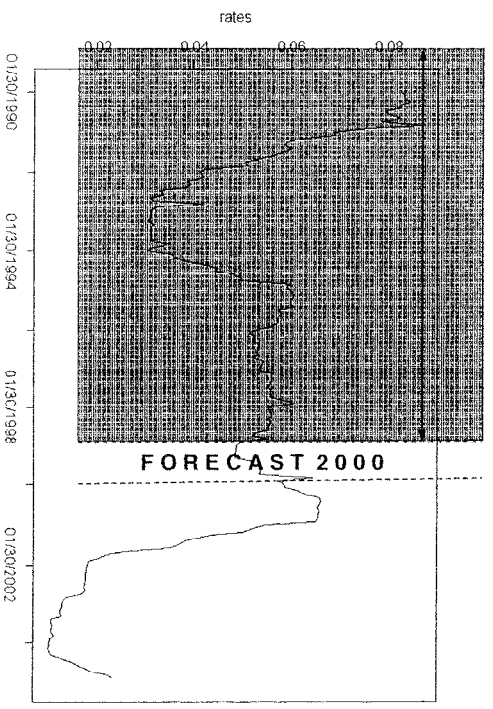
Model	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\sigma$	$\gamma$
Merton	0	0	0	0
Vasicek	0	0	0	0
Cox Inq. Ross	1/2	1/2	1	2
Dothan	0	0	0	1
Geom. B. Mot.	0	0	0	1
Brenn. Schw.	0	0	0	1
Variab. Rate	0	0	0	3/2
Const. El. Var.	0	0	0	0

Simulated data from a GBM with  $\beta = 0.1, \sigma = 0.5$  :



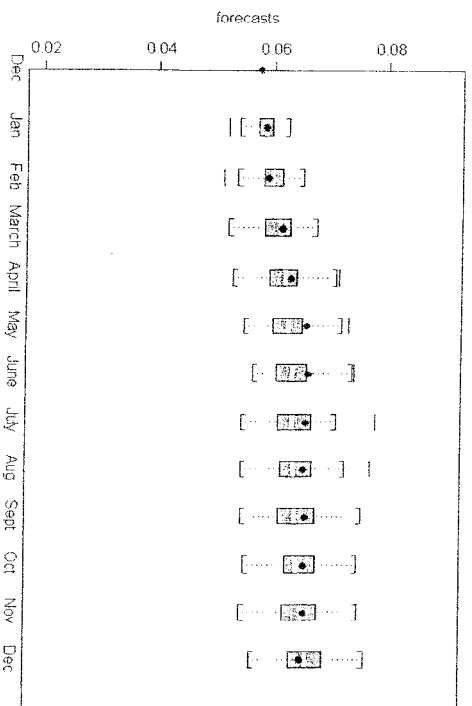
Cross-validation (out-of-sample performance)

### Monthly Eurodollar rates



## Millennium forecast of the Eurodollar rates

Unrestricted model, IRGMM estimation



More details in:

- **Czellar, V., Karolyi, G.A. and Ronchetti, E.,(2007) 'Indirect Robust Estimation of the Short-term Interest Rate Process', *Journal of Empirical Finance***

Webpages:

<http://www.unige.ch/se/metric/ronchetti>

<https://studies2.hec.fr/jahia/Jahia/czellarw>

## Bootstrap methods

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### Conclusions

- Statistical methods are powerful tools for analysis and prediction.
- Interaction between theoretical (methodological) developments and computer simulation

Bootstrapping LS and Robust Estimators  
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Data  
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Job eval. points X1	Sex X2	Years at company X3	Years at job X4	Performance rating X5	Monthly salary \$ Y
350	1	2	2	5	1000
350	1	5	5	5	1400
350	0	4	4	4	1200
350	1	20	20	1	1800
425	0	10	2	3	2800
425	1	15	10	3	4000
425	0	1	1	4	2500
425	1	5	5	4	3000
600	1	10	5	2	3500
600	0	4	3	4	2900
600	1	20	10	2	3800
600	1	7	7	5	4200
700	1	8	8	1	4600
700	0	25	15	5	5000
700	1	19	16	4	4600
700	0	20	14	5	4700
400	0	6	4	3	1800
400	1	20	8	3	3400
400	0	5	3	5	2000
500	1	22	12	3	3200
500	1	25	10	3	3200
500	0	8	3	4	2800
500	0	2	1	5	2400
800	1	10	10	3	5200
475	1	10	4	3	2400
475	0	3	3	4	2400
475	1	8	8	2	3000
475	1	6	6	4	2800
475	0	12	4	3	2500
475	0	4	2	5	2100

LS-Regression  
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Residual Standard Error = 487.1608, Multiple R-Square = 0.8445  
 N = 30, F-statistic = 26.0594 on 5 and 24 df, p-value = 0

	coef	std.err	t.stat	p.value	
Intercept	-1218.8057	539.7278	-2.2582	0.0333	*
X1	7.2617	0.8108	8.9562	0.0000	*
X2	265.4467	213.1381	1.2454	0.2250	
X3	40.8374	21.7706	1.8758	0.0729	
X4	-8.5019	35.6586	-0.2384	0.8136	
X5	10.0480	86.5031	0.1162	0.9085	

Residual Standard Error = 552.472, Multiple R-Square = 0.7666  
 N = 30, F-statistic = 91.9726 on 1 and 28 df, p-value = 0

	coef	std.err	t.stat	p.value	
Intercept	-1047.8282	434.6394	-2.4108	0.0227	*
X1	8.0287	0.8372	9.5902	0.0000	*

Bootstrap LS  
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```
f.BOOTREG
function(X, y, nrep)
{
  boot <- NULL
  p <- ncol(X) + 1
  ssize <- length(y)
  val <- matrix(0, ncol = p, nrow = nrep)
  u <- runif(nrep * ssize)
  ut <- ceiling(u * ssize)
  index <- matrix(ut, ncol = ssize, nrow = nrep, byrow =
    T)
  for(i in 1:nrep) {
    val[i, ] <- lsfit(X[index[i, ], ], y[index[
      i, ]])$coef
    abline(val[i, ])
  }
  boot$val <- val
  boot$mean <- rep(0, p)
  boot$sd <- boot$mean
  for(j in 1:p) {
    boot$mean[j] <- mean(val[, j])
    boot$sd[j] <- sqrt(var(val[, j]))
  }
  boot
}
```

Bootstrap results (LS; 100 replicates)

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Intercept      X1
[1,] -1518.88870 8.952058
[2,] -1714.76868 8.919573
[3,]  -646.59344 7.272577
[4,]  -689.47536 7.344992
[5,] -1451.59709 8.503735
[6,]  -960.56338 7.941901
[7,] -1141.10665 8.225868
[8,]  -687.92021 7.647950
[9,] -1624.50099 8.912042
[10,] -1305.06903 8.656805
[11,]  -751.07238 7.296650
[12,]  -867.87540 7.718666
[13,]  -949.53956 7.634279
[14,]  -86.79141 6.432581
[15,] -1707.75956 9.180328
[16,] -1133.94860 8.221963
[17,]  -609.01769 7.301208
[18,] -1332.00135 8.545208
[19,] -1001.40865 7.943847
[20,] -1312.22961 8.329319
[21,]  -906.06424 7.841177
[22,] -1042.50711 7.951600
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[23,]	-492.14135	7.210859
[24,]	-1170.90451	8.193850
[25,]	-1133.36194	8.013302
[26,]	-1301.60690	8.650310
[27,]	-1265.44237	8.341067
[28,]	-1342.23035	8.518282
[29,]	-1658.83709	9.101631
[30,]	-363.17759	6.816965
[31,]	-1370.89371	8.417167
[32,]	-738.90475	7.515183
[33,]	-949.53431	7.883887
[34,]	-1107.29730	8.182432
[35,]	-846.21212	7.523852
[36,]	-1294.95504	8.141359
[37,]	37.99811	5.946354
[38,]	-1835.58979	9.574969
[39,]	-1606.59067	8.934301
[40,]	-1323.56526	8.300660
[41,]	-981.62708	7.819259
[42,]	-732.21965	7.505127
[43,]	-1277.40835	8.487504
[44,]	-998.82896	7.758694
[45,]	-1074.10107	8.202138
[46,]	-916.24758	7.791103
[47,]	-1498.09374	8.740386
[48,]	-1461.58301	8.541506
[49,]	-935.62963	7.877584
[50,]	-501.11702	7.202128
[51,]	-214.84896	6.500562
[52,]	-887.53837	7.748829
[53,]	-808.13430	7.607392
[54,]	-1457.05302	8.549938
[55,]	-1047.37687	7.857602
[56,]	-710.77825	7.359698
[57,]	-1219.73748	8.213006
[58,]	-1561.40684	8.897338
[59,]	92.85535	6.266734
[60,]	-1229.71126	8.282790
[61,]	-1162.31337	8.221279
[62,]	-1578.94565	9.075311
[63,]	-1002.65544	7.971503
[64,]	-1546.60032	8.738931
[65,]	-324.96818	6.637047
[66,]	-762.88258	7.685031
[67,]	-1230.59909	8.221587
[68,]	-1194.70320	8.390823
[69,]	-998.10198	7.977337
[70,]	-1211.24762	8.364330
[71,]	-1088.56738	8.016993
[72,]	-509.44772	7.169714
[73,]	-1197.29730	8.247104
[74,]	-1472.68216	8.707276
[75,]	-1494.56091	8.883853
[76,]	-1530.78567	9.052809
[77,]	-519.84944	7.316331
[78,]	-693.98088	7.569100
[79,]	-1911.52566	9.414675
[80,]	-1379.57980	8.434666
[81,]	-1603.97066	8.894284
[82,]	-1154.05455	8.161084
[83,]	-1508.13222	8.808761
[84,]	-1970.34601	9.666246
[85,]	-838.01821	7.653413
[86,]	-897.65934	7.768174
[87,]	-1367.44678	8.591300
[88,]	-601.9835	7.158678
[89,]	-1385.8122	8.430488
[90,]	-1076.6677	8.079341

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[91,] -1197.7181 8.306116
[92,] -1256.0069 8.514206
[93,] -127.6532 6.511425
[94,] -1018.8638 7.991046
[95,] -729.3370 7.708739
[96,] -1087.2939 8.145975
[97,] -1702.3258 9.070088
[98,] -398.4102 6.856828
[99,] -357.8578 7.169447
[100,]-1904.1339 9.378481
```

```
$mean -1076.19 8.06
```

```
$sd 440.74 0.74
```

```
Data with 1 outlier
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Replace salaryy[18] (=3400) with value 8000
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Estimate by LS and robust estimator (Huber estimator)
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Bootstrap LS
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$mean -401.23 7.00
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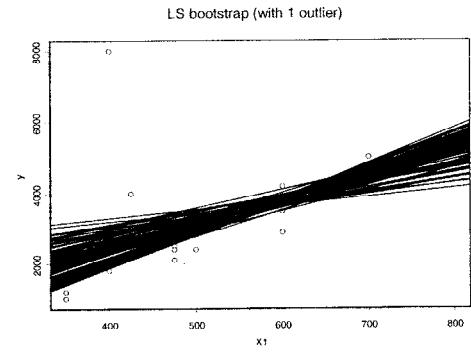
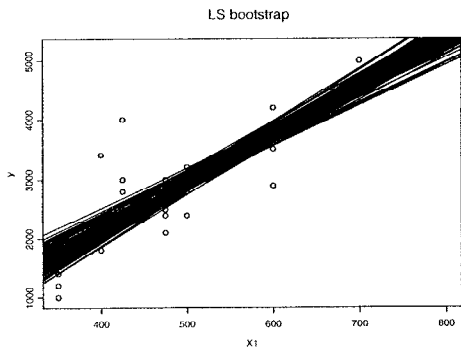
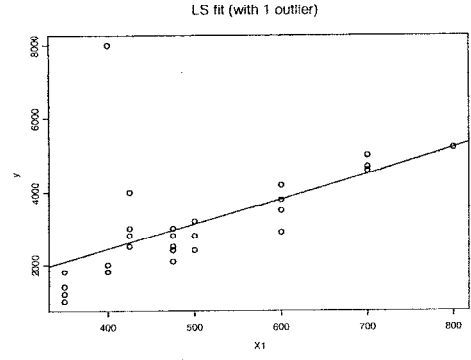
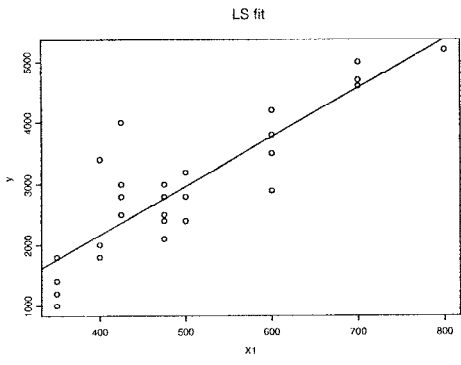
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$sd 962.74 1.58
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Bootstrap Huber
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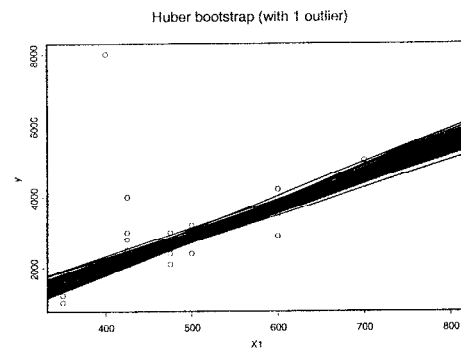
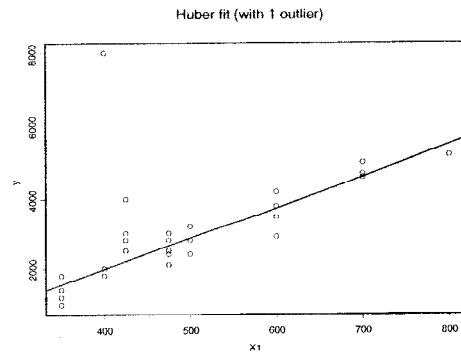
```
$mean -1522.25 8.77
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$sd 310.44 0.56
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