Applied Statistical Analysis I

Multiple linear regression

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Today's Agenda

(1) Lecture recap
(2) Monte Carlo simulation
(3) Tutorial exercises: What is the relationship between education and Euroscepticism?

Multiple linear regression

Why do we need multiple linear regression? And what is a multiple linear regression model?

Multiple linear regression

Why do we need multiple linear regression?

Working Hours $\xrightarrow{\quad\quad +\quad\quad}$ Political Knowledge

```
## Call:
## lm(formula = polknow ~ work_hours, data = samp)

## Residuals:
##    Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max
## -7.686 -1.760 -0.061  1.683 10.385

## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 14.59166    1.09142  13.369   <2e-16 ***
## work_hours   0.06791    0.02640   2.572   0.0103 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1

## Residual standard error: 2.565 on 998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.006585,  Adjusted R-squared:  0.00559
## F-statistic: 6.615 on 1 and 998 DF,  p-value: 0.01025
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How convincing is this finding?

Multiple linear regression

Why do we need multiple linear regression?

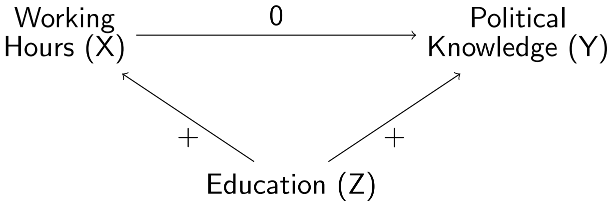

Figure: Education as confounder—Controlling for education is relevant, because it might drive both working hours and political knowledge. Education is causally prior to working hours.

$\rightarrow$ Avoid omitted variable bias. Include relevant control variables (Z) which are correlated with both X and Y, and causally prior to X.

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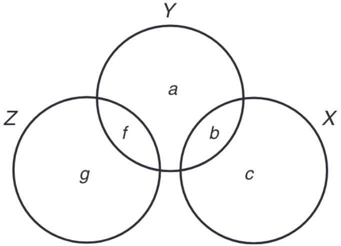

Figure 9.2. Venn diagram in which X and Z are correlated with Y, but not with each other.

"In that case – which, we have noted, is unlikely in applied research – we can safely omit consideration of Z when considering the effects of X on Y. In that figure, the relationship between X and Y – the area b – is unaffected by the presence (or absence) of Z in the model" (Kellstedt and Whitten 2018, 213).

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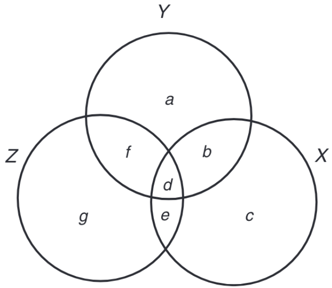

Figure 9.1. Venn diagram in which *X*, *Y*, and *Z* are correlated.

"If, hypothetically, we erased the circle for Z from the figure, we would (incorrectly) attribute all of the area b + d to X, when in fact the d portion of the variation in Y is shared by both X and Z. This is why, when Z is related to both X and Y, if we fail to control for Z, we will end up with a biased estimate of X's effect on Y" (Kellstedt and Whitten 2018, 212).

Multiple linear regression

What is a multiple linear regression model?

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + ... + \beta_k X_{ik} + \epsilon_i$$

- α (intercept): expected value of Y when $X_1 = 0$, ..., $X_k = 0$.
- β_1 (coefficient): expected change in Y when X_1 increases by one unit, while controlling for the remaining independent variables in the model.
- ...
- β_k (coefficient): expected change in Y when X_k increases by one unit, while controlling for the remaining independent variables in the model.

Multiple linear regression

What is a multiple linear regression model?

```
## Call:
## lm(formula = polknow ~ work_hours + edu, data = samp)

## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -6.7835 -1.6733  0.0035  1.5941 10.6778

## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 4.854461   1.368601   3.547 0.000408 ***
## work_hours  0.006205   0.025623   0.242 0.808714
## edu         0.767650   0.070797  10.843  < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

## Residual standard error: 2.427 on 997 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1114,  Adjusted R-squared:  0.1096
## F-statistic: 62.48 on 2 and 997 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The effect of working hours *disappears*.

→ Controlling for working hours, with every additional year of education, the political knowledge increases by 0.76765 scale points.

Categorical independent variables

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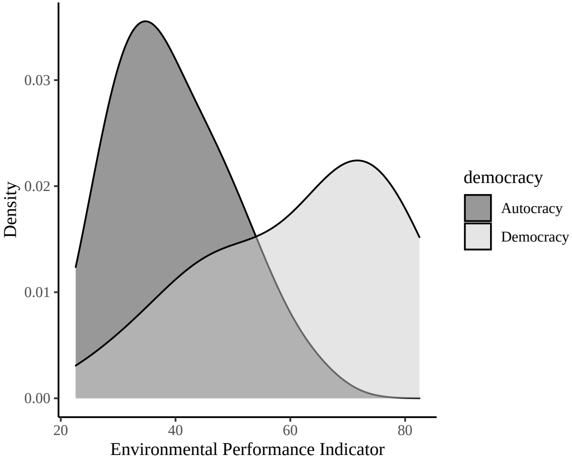

$$\textit{Environmental Performance}_i = \alpha + \beta_1 * \textit{Regime Type}_i$$

What is the reference category?

Dummy variables should take value 0 and 1 for easy interpretation → Re-code existing variables.

```
# Import data from Quality of Government dataset
qog_data <- read.csv("qog_bas_cs_jan21.csv")

# Generate dummy variable for regime type as factor variable - democracy
# vdem_polyarchy ranges between 0 and 1; cutoff at 0.7
# Countries with score equal or above 0.7 are democracies, those below autocracies
qog_data$democracy <- factor(ifelse(qog_data$vdem_polyarchy >= 0.7, 1, 0))

# Define levels of democracy in factor variable
levels(qog_data$democracy) <- c("Autocracy", "Democracy")

# Summarize generated dummy variable
summary(qog_data$democracy)
```

```
## Autocracy Democracy      NA's
##       119        54        21
```

What is the reference category?

```r
# Generate dummy variable for regime type as factor variable — autocracy
qog_data$autocracy <- factor(ifelse(qog_data$vdem_polyarchy < 0.7, 1, 0))

# Define levels of autocracy in factor variable
levels(qog_data$autocracy) <- c("Democracy", "Autocracy")

# Print first 10 rows in dataset
head(qog_data[c("democracy", "autocracy")], 10)
```

```
     democracy      autocracy
1    0 Autocracy    1 Autocracy
2    0 Autocracy    1 Autocracy
3    0 Autocracy    1 Autocracy
4    <NA>           <NA>
5    0 Autocracy    1 Autocracy
6    <NA>           <NA>
7    0 Autocracy    1 Autocracy
8    1 Democracy    0 Democracy
9    1 Democracy    0 Democracy
10   1 Democracy    0 Democracy
```

What happens if we run:

$$\textit{Environmental Performance}_i = \alpha + \beta_1 \textit{Democracy}_i + \beta_2 \textit{Autocracy}_i + \epsilon_i$$

What is the reference category?

$$Environmental\ Performance_i = \alpha + \beta_1 Democracy_i + \beta_2 Auocracy_i + \epsilon_i$$

```r
# Fit regression model
m1_trap <- lm(epi_epi ~ democracy + autocracy, data = qog_data)

# Print results
summary(m1_trap)
```

```
lm(formula = epi_epi ~ democracy + autocracy, data = qog_data)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
-34.107  -8.860  -0.610   9.293  26.190

Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   39.610      1.138   34.80   <2e-16 ***
democracy1    22.098      2.002   11.04   <2e-16 ***
autocracy1        NA         NA      NA       NA
---
Signif. codes:  0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1
```

Violates assumption of no perfect multicollinearity (essentially a data problem) $\rightarrow$ One category needs to be excluded = reference category. Interpretation of the model is relative to the reference category.

Binary independent variables

How to include binary independent variables in multiple linear regression?

Binary independent variables

$$Environmental\ Performance_i = \alpha + \beta_1 * Regime\ Type_i + \beta_2 * Income_i$$

```
## Call:
## lm(epi_epi ~ democracy + income, data = qog_data)

## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -53.563  -6.502   0.498   6.773  20.198

## Coefficients:
##                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)         35.3027     1.1269  31.327  < 2e-16 ***
## democracyDemocracy  16.5270     1.8409   8.978 9.08e-16 ***
## income               3.5793     0.4266   8.390 2.92e-14 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1

## Residual standard error: 9.982 on 154 degrees of freedom
##   (37 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6175,Adjusted ## R-squared:  0.6126
## F-statistic: 124.3 on 2 and 154 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

In comparison to autocracies (= reference category), democracies have a 16.5270 scale point higher score on the Environmental Performance Index, under control of income.

Binary independent variables

$\hat{Y}_i = \alpha + \beta_1 * Regime\ Type_i + \beta_2 * Income_i$

Model for Autocracies:
$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (16.527 * Regime\ Type_i) + (3.579 * Income_i)$
$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (16.527 * 0) + (3.579 * Income_i)$
$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (3.579 * Income_i)$

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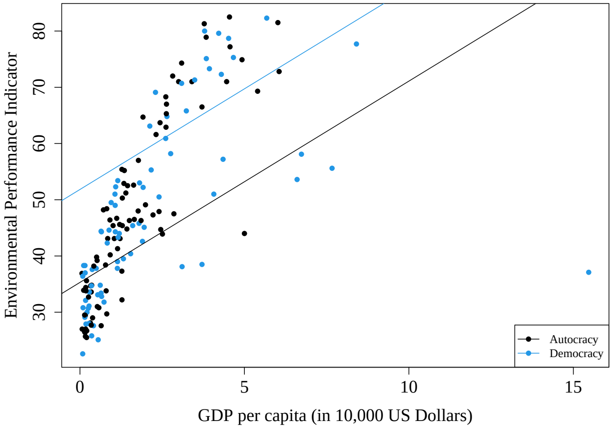
$\hat{Y}_i = 51.83 + (3.579 * Income_i)$

Binary independent variables



Categorical independent variables

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```
# Run regression model with democracy variable
m1_dem <- lm(epi_epi ~ income + democracy, data = qog_data)

# Run regression model with autocracy variable
m1_aut <- lm(epi_epi ~ income + autocracy, data = qog_data)

# Get regression table with stargazer
stargazer(m1_dem, m1_aut)
```

	Dependent variable:	
	epi_epi	
	(1)	(2)
income	3.579^{***}	3.579^{***}
	(0.427)	(0.427)
democracy1	16.527^{***}	
	(1.841)	
autocracy1		-16.527^{***}
		(1.841)
Constant	35.303^{***}	51.830^{***}
	(1.127)	(1.892)
Observations	157	157
R^2	0.618	0.618
Adjusted R^2	0.613	0.613
F Statistic (df = 2; 154)	124.331^{***}	124.331^{***}
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

How to select the reference category?

Model 1 for Autocracies:

$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (16.527 * Regime\ Type_i) + (3.579 * Income_i)$

$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (16.527 * 0) + (3.579 * Income_i)$

$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (3.579 * Income_i)$

Model 2 for Autocracies:

$\hat{Y}_i = 51.830 + (-16.527 * Regime\ Type_i) + (3.579 * Income_i)$

$\hat{Y}_i = 51.830 + (-16.527 * 1) + (3.579 * Income_i)$

$\hat{Y}_i = 35.303 + (3.579 * Income_i)$

$\rightarrow$ Mathematically identical models.

How do we select the reference category?

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```
# Run regression model with democracy variable
m1 <- lm(epi_epi ~ income + democracy, data = qog_data)

# Get regression table with stargazer
stargazer(m1)
```

	Dependent variable:
	epi_epi
democracy1	16.527***
	(1.841)
income	3.579***
	(0.427)
Constant	35.303***
	(1.127)
Observations	157
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F Statistic (df = 2; 154)	124.331***
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Categorical independent variables

How to include categorical independent variables with more than two levels?

Categorical independent variables

Country	X_{region}
Afghanistan	Asia
Albania	EE
Algeria	MENA
Argentina	LA
Australia	Advanced
⋮	⋮

Country	X_{region}
Afghanistan	2
Albania	3
Algeria	5
Argentina	4
Australia	1
⋮	⋮

Country	X_{Asia}	X_{EE}	X_{LA}	X_{MENA}	$X_{Sub-Saharan}$
Afghanistan	1	0	0	0	0
Albania	0	1	0	0	0
Algeria	0	0	0	1	0
Argentina	0	0	1	0	0
Australia	0	0	0	0	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

$$\textit{School enrollment rate} = \alpha + \beta_1 \textit{Democracy}_i + \beta_2 \textit{Region}_{EE} + \beta_3 \textit{Region}_{LA} + \beta_4 \textit{Region}_{MENA} + \beta_5 \textit{Region}_{Sub-Saharan} + \epsilon_i$$

→ Include binary/dummy variables for all levels minus one (=reference category).

- α (intercept): expected value of Y when $X_k = 0$
- β (coefficient): expected change in Y for $X = 1$, in comparison to reference category

Categorical independent variables

→ Convert into factor variable, then R automatically generates dummy variables, with first level as reference category (or change with relevel-function).

```r
# Code dummy variables on the fly
# specify region Sub-Saharan Africa = reference category
lm <- lm(primary_ser ~ democracy + relevel(as.factor(region), ref="Sub-Saharan
     Africa"), data = paglayan2021)

# Print model output
summary(lm)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = primary_ser ~ democracy + relevel(as.factor(region),
    ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa"), data = paglayan2021)

Coefficients:
                                                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)                                             48.060      1.796  26.754  < 2e-16 ***
democracy                                               41.291      1.351  30.557  < 2e-16 ***
ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa")Advanced Economies            3.063      2.143   1.429 0.153007
ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa")Asia and the Pacific         -9.101      2.437  -3.734 0.000192 ***
ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa")Eastern Europe               12.991      2.825   4.599 4.46e-06 ***
ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa")Latin America and the Caribbean -13.090  2.073  -6.315 3.20e-10 ***
ref = "Sub-Saharan Africa")Middle East and North Africa  4.389      2.695   1.629 0.103515
```

Under control of regime type, Eastern Europe has a student enrollment rate of 12.991 percentage points higher than Sub-Saharan Africa.

What is the relationship between education and Euroscepticism?

$$\text{Education (X)} \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad\quad\text{-}\quad\quad\quad\quad} \text{Euroscepticism (Y)}$$

Hypothesis$_1$: The higher the years of education, the lower the level of Euroscepticism.

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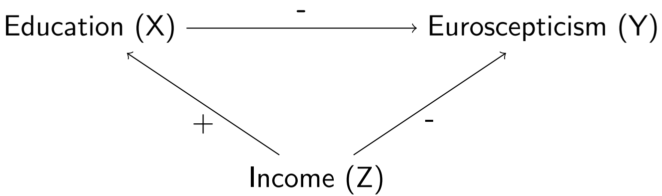

Hypothesis$_2$: The higher the income, the lower the level of Euroscepticism. → Economic dimension

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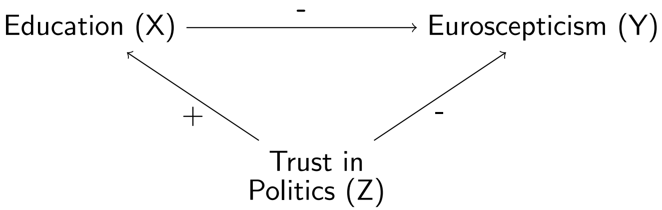

Hypothesis$_3$: The higher the trust in politics, the lower the level of Euroscepticism. $\rightarrow$ Political dimension

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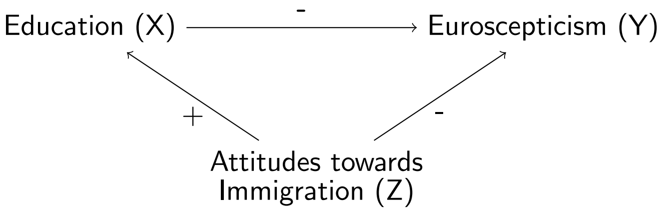

Hypothesis$_3$: The more positive attitudes towards immigration, the lower the level of Euroscepticism. → Cultural dimension

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