

TODAY'S LECTURE



- 1. Hypotheses testing intuition
- 2. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) model
- **3.** OLS model validation
- 4. Multiple OLS practical example
- 5. OLS model assumptions





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Hypotheses

- 1. Investment in sustainability has a positive impact on company revenues.
- Healthy diet decreases the time needed for a recovery from a viral disease.
- The higher the unemployment of a city, the higher the crime rate.
- 1. Women are less likely to get a promotion.



Hypotheses Terminology

EXAMPLE: Unemployment rate has a significant impact on the crime rate.

Null hypothesis: There is <u>no relationship</u> between the unemployment rate and the crime rate.

Alternative hypothesis: A higher unemployment rate leads to a higher crime rate.

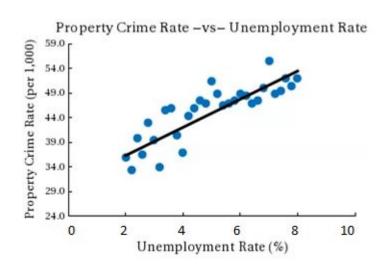
Goal: to (not) reject the null hypothesis

We never say that we accept a hypothesis!



Hypotheses Testing Intuition

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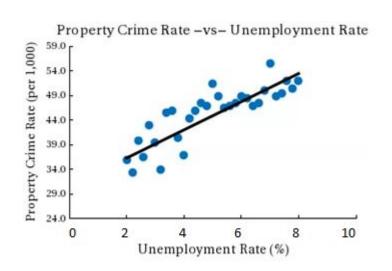
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This way, we make an assumption that the relationship is linear.



Hypotheses Testing Intuition

Null hypothesis: There is <u>no relationship</u> between unemployment rate and crime rate.



- 1) We want to generalize the relationship between unemployment and crime □ we fit a straight line through data
- 2) We want to test if the relationship is statistically significant



Linear Regression – Ordinary Least Squares

crime rate =
$$\beta_0 + \beta_1$$
 unemployment rate + ε

Null hypothesis H_0 : There is <u>no relationship</u> between unemployment rate and crime rate.

$$H_0$$
: $\beta_1 = 0$

- \rightarrow This is a convention.
- → We expect we will reject the null hypothesis.



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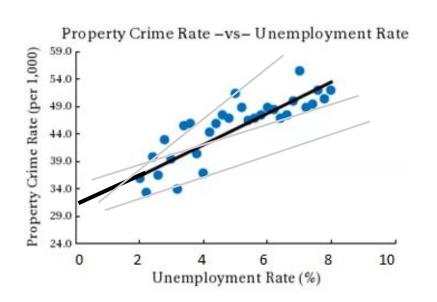
We reject the null hypothesis, if our calculated β_1 is "far enough from zero".



OLS MODEL: CALCULATING BETA COEFFICIENT

Linear Regression – Fitted Line

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 β_0 – intersection with y-axis

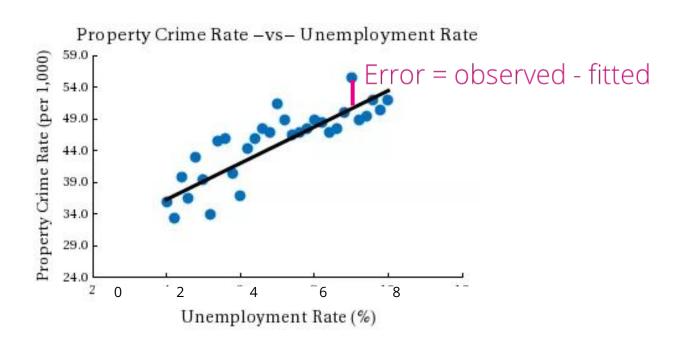
 β_1 – slope of the fitted line

How do we know which line should be fitted?



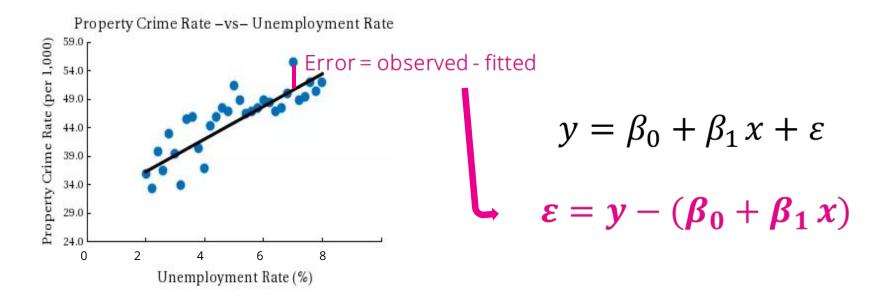
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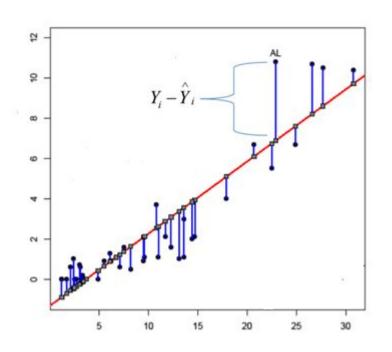




Linear Regression – Fitted Line







$$\min \; \sum \varepsilon_i^2$$

min
$$\sum (y_i - (b_0 + b_1 x_i))^2$$



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Take derivative with respect to b_1 and set it equal to 0.

$$b_1 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})^2}$$



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6.1	45
7.3	48
5.2	42
3.9	36
5.5	44

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 $AVG = 39$



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$$=\frac{(4-4.9)(38-39)+(4.2-4.9)(39-39)+...}{(4-4.9)^2+(4.2-4.9)^2+...}$$

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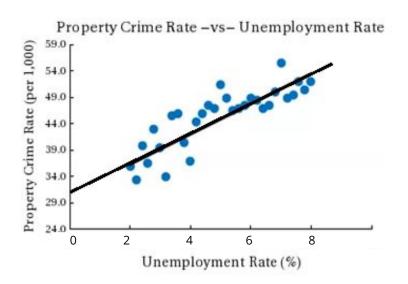
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Fitted Model

crime rate = 29.4 + 2.86 unemployment rate + ε

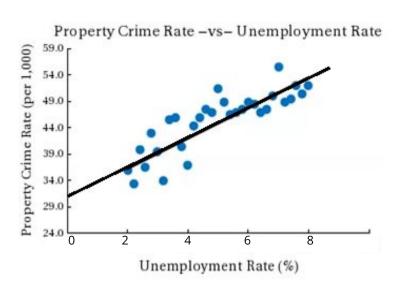


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Interpretation

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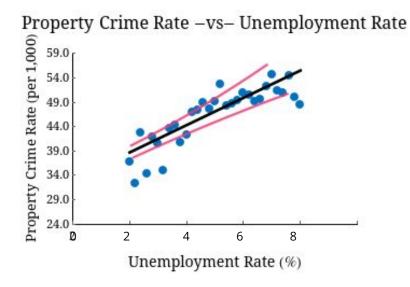
One percentage point increase in the unemployment rate

→ Increase of 2.86 in property crime rate on average.



Standard errors and confidence interval of beta estimate

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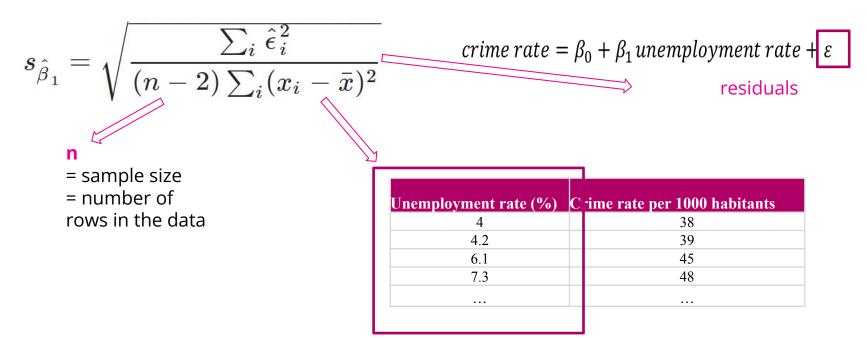


Standard errors: represent the average distance that the observed values have from the regression line

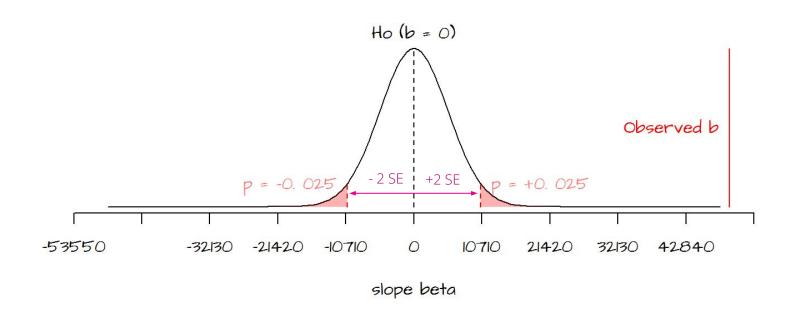
 \rightarrow base for confidence interval.



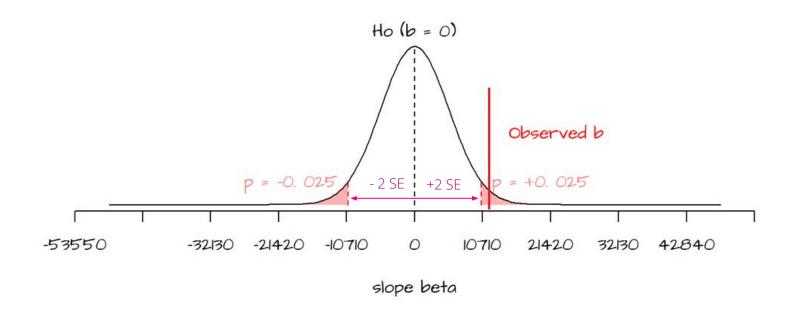
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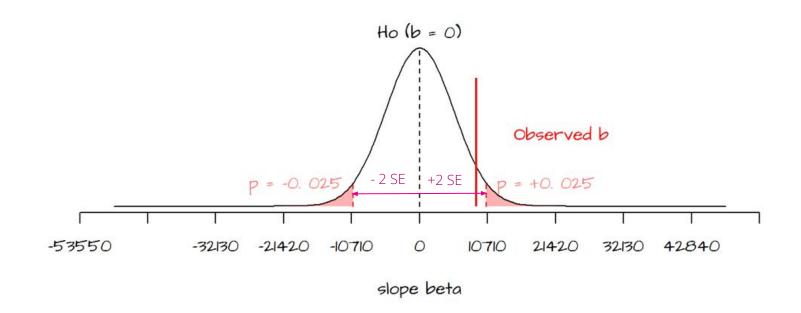
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Statistical significance: Is the p-value small enough?

If **p-value = 0.10** □ we have **90% confidence**, that our variable is significant

If **p-value = 0.05** □ we have **95% confidence**, that our variable is significant

If **p-value = 0.01** □ we have **99% confidence**, that our variable is significant



OLS MODEL: VALIDATION

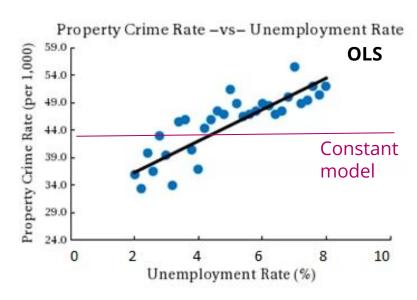
OLS Model Validation

F-test:

Ho: Model with no independent variables fits the data as well as your model

→ we want to reject H₀

 $crime\ rate = \beta_0 + \beta_1\ unemployment\ rate + \varepsilon$



OLS Model Validation

R-squared:

- Indicates the percentage of the variance in the dependent variable that the independent variables explain collectively
- 0-100% scale (the higher the better)

$$R^2 = \frac{\text{Variance explained by the model}}{\text{Total variance}}$$

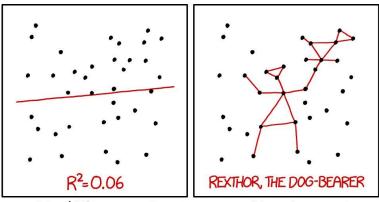
$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{SS_{RES}}{SS_{TOT}} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i} (y_{i} - \overline{y})^{2}}$$



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OLS MODEL: MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION

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Example:

Impact of various marketing investments on product sales

$$Sales = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Youtube \ Ads + \beta_2 \ Facebook \ Ads + \beta_3 \ Newspaper \ Ads + \varepsilon$$



Hypotheses Testing with OLS

Assumption: Investment in Facebook advertising has a positive impact on sales.

Sales =
$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 Y$$
outube Ads + β_2 Facebook Ads + β_3 Newspaper Ads + ϵ ?



Hypotheses Testing with OLS

Null hypothesis: Investment in Facebook advertising has NO impact on sales.

Sales =
$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 Y$$
outube Ads + β_2 Facebook Ads + β_3 Newspaper Ads + ϵ ?

- \rightarrow Economic significance: is β_2 large enough for our business?
- → Statistical significance: Is p-value small enough?



OLS MODEL:

MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION WITH EXAMPLE IN PYTHON

Hypotheses Testing with OLS

EXAMPLE: Impact of marketing investments (youtube, facebook, newspaper) on sales

Data in thousands USD

youtube	facebook	newspaper	† sales †
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Hypotheses Testing with OLS in Python

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Hypotheses Testing with OLS – Results in Python

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F-stats is statistically significant (p-value < 0.05), so the model makes sense overall.



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R² is high (we want it as close to 1 as possible), so our variables explain sales well.



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Youtube and Facebook investments are statistically significant because their p-values are nearly zero.

Newspaper investment is not significant.



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Resulting equation

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Quiz

Variables that are significant at **5% or lower** level:

- **A**. x1, x2, x4, x5
- **A.** only x2
- **A.** x1, x2, x4

Coefficients	S:			
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.1675	0.1384	-1.210	0.23281
x1	0.5306	0.1754	3.025	0.00414
x2	-0.4115	0.1769	-2.326	0.02470
x 3	0.1289	0.1673	0.771	0.44510
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x5	-0.2476	0.1432	-1.728	0.09094



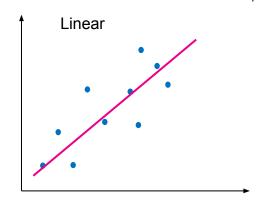
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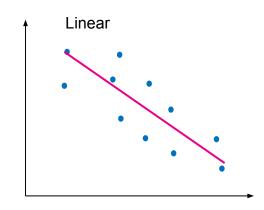
OLS Assumptions

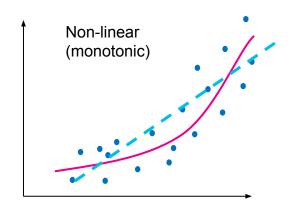
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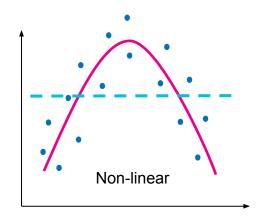


1. Linear Relationship









Main Takeaway

- · Relationship should be linear
- Non-linear relationship may or may not jeopardize our conclusion

Formal Assumption

$$Y_i = X_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i, \qquad \mathbb{E}[e_i | X_i] = 0$$

$$X_{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_{1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{0} \\ \beta_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{k} \end{pmatrix}$$



Multicollinearity - occurrence of high correlations among two or more independent variables in a multiple regression model.

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WHY?

- An isolated relationship between each independent variable and the dependent variable is needed.
- Stronger multicollinearity ⇒ higher standard errors (explodes to infinity for correlation approaching 1).

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HOW TO TEST?

• Correlation matrix: correlation above, say, 70% may be problematic

	youtube	facebook	newspaper
youtube	1.000		
facebook	0.055	1.000	
newspaper	0.057	0.354	1.000

- Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
 - Above 5: multicollinearity might be present
 - Above 10: multicollinearity certainly present



SOLUTION?

Remove variable

- remove one of the two highly correlated variables
- hypotheses or theory should guide your decision

2. Specialized methods

- ridge regression, LASSO, elastic net, principal component analysis
- better for large datasets with many variables



3. Random Sample & Sample Bias

Random Sample:

- Individual observations are independent from each other
- All individuals have the same probability of sampling

Examples of violations:

- Analyzing impact of education on income using one individual over her/his lifetime
- Analyzing the impact of education on income when high-income individuals are less willing to share information about their income
- MSD project example: analyzing the productivity of farms in France only for farms that have good data about productivity



4. No Omitted Variable

Causal Impact

"Impact of X on Y while everything else remains the same."

Wage Example

Consider two models

$$wage = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 education + e$$

$$wage = \beta_0 + \beta_1 education + \beta_2 ability + u$$

- Problem: education and ability is correlated \Rightarrow α_1 captures impact of education and partially impact of ability
- "Solution": we have to add ability to the model to control it ("keep it the same")
- Omitted Variable Bias: α_1 β_1



4. No Omitted Variable

Possible solutions:

- 1. Include all relevant variables
- **2.** Panel models (covered next time)
- 3. Randomized experiment
- 4. Regression Discontinuity Design
- 5. ..



4. No Omitted Variable - Correlation Is Not Causation

Examples of omitted variable bias (funny?)

- Regression of children injuries on ice cream consumption within one month has positive beta
 ⇒ ice cream is causing injuries
- Regression of health on recent visit of hospital has negative beta
 - ⇒ hospitals have negative impact on health



Violation of OLS Assumptions

- 1. Linear relationship \rightarrow biased betas (underestimates or overestimated betas)
- 2. No multicollinearity \rightarrow high variance of beta estimates
- 3. Random sample → biased betas
- **4.** No omitted variable \rightarrow biased betas

The first four assumptions are crucial to obtain correct betas.

- 5. Homoskedasticity
- 6. Normality



Unbiasedness of OLS

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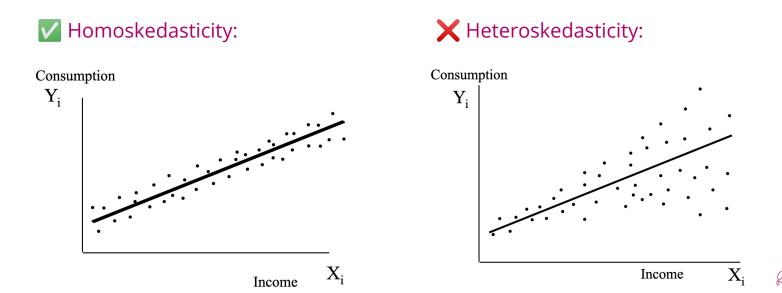
Violation of the other assumptions does not make beta estimates invalid. It makes **statistical inference invalid** (standard errors, p-values, ...).



5. Homoskedasticity

MEANING

Variance of residuals is the same across all values of the independent variables.



OLS Assumptions

5. Homoskedasticity

Solution of Heteroskedasticity

Robust standard errors (White standard errors)

Recommendation

- Use robust standard errors unless you have strong reason to believe the errors are homoskedastic, do not perform test of heteroskedasticity (sequential testing)
- Non-robust errors under heteroskedasticity
 ⇒ errors are inconsistent (potentially completely wrong for any sample size)
- Robust errors under homoskedasticity
 ⇒ errors are consistent, but inefficient (= estimation is less precise, but increasing sample size gives "true" value)

OLS Assumptions

5. Homoskedasticity

HOW TO TEST?

Two tests are commonly used:

- Breusch-Pagan Test tests simple form of heteroskedasticity
- White Test tests various forms of heteroskedasticity

- ☐ Null hypothesis: homoskedasticity
- ☐ Available in statistical software



6. Normality

Hypothesis test \mathbb{H}_0 : $\beta_i = 0$

- How unlikely it is to obtain estimate $\widehat{\beta_j}$ or something more distant from 0 when \mathbb{H}_0 is true? (= p-value)
- We need to know distribution of $\widehat{\beta_j}$ to answer the question

Need normality of betas (under \mathbb{H}_0)

$$\widehat{\beta}_{j} \sim N\left(0, \sigma_{\widehat{\beta}_{j}}^{2}\right)$$

Normality holds when:

- 1. Residuals are normally distributed
- OR
- 2. We have large sample



6. Normality of residuals

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8.64 14.97 -6.33

Not tested in practice



6. Asymptotic normality

- When number of observations is high the estimates of betas are approximately normal
- Follows from central limit theorem (and few other theorems)
- In practice you almost always rely on asymptotic normality



Quiz

Which statement is **false** about OLS assumptions?

- A. Heteroskedasticity implies we have invalid p-values
- A. We have to use a random sample
- A. Homoskedasticity cannot be statistically tested
- **A.** Omitted variable causes bias in OLS estimators



SUMMARY

Hypotheses testing: (not) rejecting our assumption with help of historical data

→ We did not predict anything today :)

Example: "Women earn lower salaries than men."



Hypotheses testing: (not) rejecting our assumption with help of historical data

"Women earn lower salaries than men."

$$Income = \beta_0 + \beta_1 FemaleGender + \beta_2 Education + \beta_3 Age + \varepsilon$$

Personal ID	FemaleGender	Income	Education (years)	Age
2343	1	50 000	17	35
1213	0	35 000	15	32
4533	0	40 000	15	53
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newspaper	-0.0010	0.006	-0.177	0.860	-0.013	0.011
youtube	0.0458	0.001	32.809	0.000	0.043	0.049



When testing with linear model (OLS), we are interested in:

- Model performance
- Beta coefficients
- Statistical significance

Dep. Variable: sales R-squared: 0.897 Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.896 F-statistic: Method: Least Squares 570.3 Sun, 23 Apr 2023 Prob (F-statistic): 1.58e-96 Date:

OLS Regression Results

We want p-value < 0.1, ideally even p-value < 0.05

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We need to check that **model assumptions** hold.

1.	Linear relationship	→ biased betas
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- 2. No multicollinearity \rightarrow high variance of beta estimates
- 3. Random sample \rightarrow biased betas
- **4**. No omitted variable \rightarrow biased betas
- 5. Homoskedasticity \rightarrow invalid inference (use robust errors)
 - 6. Normality → invalid inference (large sample desired)

Values of betas

Validity of inference



Thank you for your attention!