

Econ 361: Advanced Econometrics

“Panel Regressions”

Regression Equation

$$Y_i = X_i' \beta + \epsilon_i \quad \epsilon_i \text{ is regression error}$$

$$Y_i = X_i' b_{ols} + e_i \quad e_i \text{ is regression residual}$$

Linearity Condition

$$E[Y|X] = X\beta = \begin{pmatrix} X_1' \beta \\ \vdots \\ X_N' \beta \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow E[\epsilon|X] = \vec{0}$$

Panel Regression Equation

$$Y_{it} = X'_{it}\beta + \epsilon_i \quad \epsilon_i \text{ is regression error}$$

$$Y_{it} = X'_{it}b_{ols} + e_{it} \quad e_i \text{ is regression residual}$$

Split regressors X into two $X = (X_1 X_2)$ and similarly $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$Y_{it} = X'_{1it}\beta_1 + X'_{2it}\beta_2 + \epsilon_i$$

$$Y_{it} = X'_{1it}b_{1ols} + X'_{2it}b_{2ols} + e_{it}$$

- X_1 regressors are random variables that vary across both indices (i, t)
- X_2 regressors are random variables that vary **only** across one of the indices (i, t)

Data Types

- When Sample only varies in one dimension (index)
 - **Cross-sectional** (i)
 - **Time Series** (t)
- When Sample varies in more than one dimension (index): **Panel**

Panel data allows for the estimation of **interaction** terms, including **fixed effects**

Fixed effects are the interaction terms with respect to the intercept

Fixed effects may be estimated directly or “indirectly” through **differencing**