PO12Q - Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis II: Worksheet Week 7 - Solutions



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1 | Regression – Hypothesis Testing & Confidence Intervals

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## $coefficients
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -94306.813 10406.7267 -9.062101 3.328834e-16
## lifeexp 1503.211 144.3715 10.412105 7.027122e-20
```

1. Build the regression function and interpret the coefficients.

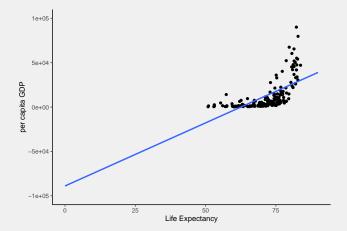
$$\widehat{\mathsf{gdp}}_i = -9\widehat{4306.813} + 1\widehat{503.211} \, \mathsf{life}_i$$

- intercept: if life expectancy was zero years, the per capita GDP would be US\$-94,306.81, on average (substantively, this makes zero sense.)
- slope: For each additional year of life expectancy, per capita GDP increases by US\$1,503.21, on average.

2. Plot the regression function in a suitable diagram using ggplot.

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library(tidyverse)

ggplot(data=wdi, aes(x=lifeexp, y=gdppc)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_smooth(method=lm, se=FALSE, fullrange=TRUE) +
    theme_classic()+
    scale_x_continuous(name = "Life Expectancy", limits=c(0,90)) +
    scale_y_continuous(name = "per capita GDP", limits=c(-100000, 100000))+
    theme(
        panel.background = element_rect(fill='transparent'), #transparent panel bg
        plot.background = element_blank(), #remove major gridlines
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(), #remove minor gridlines
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank(), #remove minor gridlines
        legend.background = element_rect(fill='transparent'), #transparent legend bg
        legend.box.background = element_rect(fill='transparent') #transparent legend panel
)
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3. Explain how the t-value for life is obtained.

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{\hat{se}(\hat{\beta}_2)} = \frac{1503.211}{144.3715} = 10.412105$$

- 4. What does the value of "Multiple R-Squared" (this is equivalent to the R-Squared we calculated by hand last week) mean?
 - R-Squared is 0.3936, which means that life expectancy is able to explain 39.36% of the variation in GDP.
- 5. Calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the coefficient life and the intercept. Compare your results to the R output below.

$$1503.211 - 1.96 \times 144.4 \le \text{life} \le 1503.211 + 1.96 \times 144.4$$

- 6. Find two explanations in the output for why the coefficient for lifeexp is statistically significant at the 5% level?
 - 1. p-value is 7.027122e-20
 - 2. |t| > 2 with df=167