

8.6 a.

null hypothesis $H_0 : \sigma_M^2 = \sigma_F^2$

alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \sigma_M^2 \neq \sigma_F^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_M^2 = SSE_M / (n_M - k) = 97161.9174 / (577 - 4) = 169.567$$

$$\text{test statistic: } F = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_M^2}{\hat{\sigma}_F^2} = \frac{169.567}{12.024^2} = 1.17285$$

$$RR = \{F^* \mid F^* > 1.19614 \text{ or } F^* < 0.83804\}$$

We fail to reject the null hypothesis, indicating that there is no statistically significant difference in the error variances between males and females.

b.

null hypothesis $H_0 : \sigma_{MARRIED}^2 = \sigma_{SINGLE}^2$

alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \sigma_{MARRIED}^2 > \sigma_{SINGLE}^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{SINGLE}^2 = SSE_{SINGLE} / (400 - 5) = 56231.0382 / 395 = 142.357$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{MARRIED}^2 = SSE_{MARRIED} / (600 - 5) = 100,703.0471 / 595 = 169.2488$$

$$\text{test statistic: } F = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{SINGLE}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_{MARRIED}^2} = \frac{142.357}{169.2488} = 1.1889$$

$$RR = \{F^* \mid F^* > 1.1647\}$$

We reject the null hypothesis, indicating that the variance of the error term is not constant and is systematically related to the explanatory variables

c.

null hypothesis $H_0 : \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_5 = 0$

alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \text{not all } \alpha_i = 0 \text{ for } i=2,3,4,5$

$$NR^2 = 59.03 > \chi_{0.95,4}^2 = 9.488$$

So we reject the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity in the pooled regression.

d.

original variable : *EDUC, EXPER, METRO, FEMALE*

quadratic variable : *EDUC*², *EXPER*², *METRO*(indicator variable), *FEMALE*(indicator variable)

cross-products: $4 \times 3 / 2 = 6$

There are 12 degrees of freedom.

$$\chi_{0.95,12}^2 = 21.026 \text{ so we reject the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity in the pooled regression}$$

e.

The confidence intervals for the intercept and the EDUC coefficient have expanded, while those for the remaining variables have become narrower. This outcome is not contradictory, as heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors can be either larger or smaller than the conventional OLS standard errors, which may be biased under the incorrect assumption of homoskedasticity.

f.

Including the dummy variable MARRIED in the model allows us to examine whether expected wages, after controlling for EDUC, EXPER, METRO, and FEMALE, differ between married and unmarried individuals. The results indicate no statistically significant difference in expected wages between the two groups. In contrast, part (b) focused on whether the variance of wages differs between married and unmarried individuals. That analysis did reveal a significant difference in variability. These two questions address distinct aspects of the model: one concerns the average outcome, and the other concerns the dispersion around that average.

8.16

a.

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> #8.16.a
> model_ols <- lm(miles ~ income + age + kids, data = vacation)
> summary(model_ols)
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Call:

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lm(formula = miles ~ income + age + kids, data = vacation)
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Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-1198.14	-295.31	17.98	287.54	1549.41

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-391.548	169.775	-2.306	0.0221	*
income	14.201	1.800	7.889	2.10e-13	***
age	15.741	3.757	4.189	4.23e-05	***
kids	-81.826	27.130	-3.016	0.0029	**

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 452.3 on 196 degrees of freedom

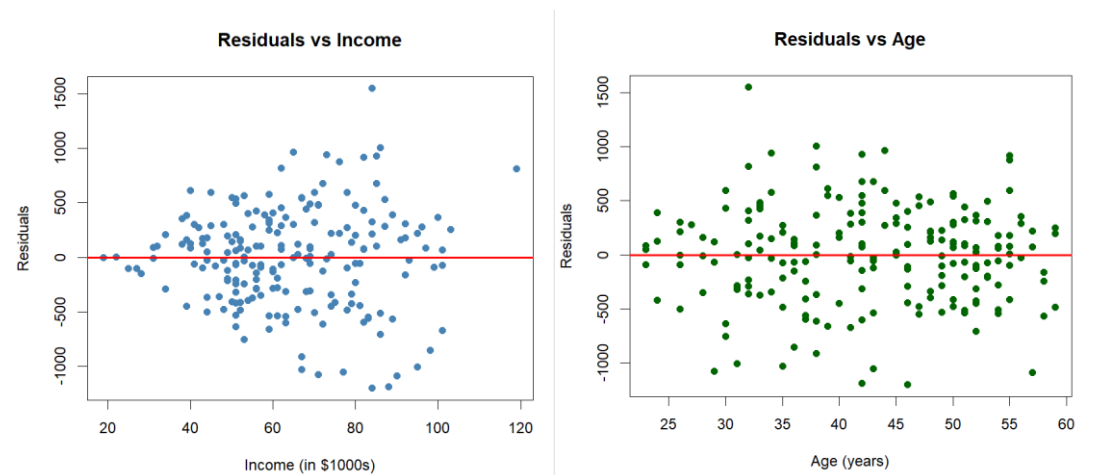
Multiple R-squared: 0.3406, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3305

F-statistic: 33.75 on 3 and 196 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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> confint(model_ols, level = 0.95)
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	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	-726.36871	-56.72731
income	10.65097	17.75169
age	8.33086	23.15099
kids	-135.32981	-28.32302

b.



The residual plot against income shows the variance of the residuals may increase with income. This suggests the presence of heteroskedasticity. In contrast, the residuals plotted against age appear fairly homoscedastic, with no clear trend or pattern. These visual patterns provide preliminary evidence that error variance may depend on income.

c.

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Call:
lm(formula = miles ~ income + age + kids, data = data_low)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-684.07 -245.39   8.69  202.87  631.43

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -392.511    214.166  -1.833  0.07030 .
income       10.960      3.770   2.907  0.00464 **
age          18.869      3.783   4.988 3.14e-06 ***
kids        -70.371     29.138  -2.415  0.01785 *
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 319 on 86 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.309,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.2849
F-statistic: 12.82 on 3 and 86 DF,  p-value: 5.31e-07
> summary(model_low)
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Call:
lm(formula = miles ~ income + age + kids, data = data_high)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1215.44 -426.21   73.56  304.71 1602.70

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -476.803    548.833  -0.869  0.3874
income       15.556      5.450   2.855  0.0054 **
age          16.388      7.385   2.219  0.0291 *
kids        -116.017    49.861  -2.327  0.0223 *
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 562 on 86 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.1514,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.1218
F-statistic: 5.116 on 3 and 86 DF,  p-value: 0.002642
> summary(model_high)
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$$GQ = 3.1041 > 1.4286 = F_{(0.95, 86, 86)}$$

Thus, we reject null hypothesis and conclude that the error variance depends on income.

d.

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> coefci(model_ols, vcov. = robust_se, level = 0.95)["kids", ]
      2.5 %      97.5 %
-139.32297 -24.32986
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The robust 95% confidence interval for the effect of an additional child is slightly wider than the one based on standard OLS errors.

e.

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Call:
lm(formula = miles ~ income + age + kids, data = vacation, weights = weights)
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Weighted Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-15.1907	-4.9555	0.2488	4.3832	18.5462

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-424.996	121.444	-3.500	0.000577	***
income	13.947	1.481	9.420	< 2e-16	***
age	16.717	3.025	5.527	1.03e-07	***
kids	-76.806	21.848	-3.515	0.000545	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 6.765 on 196 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.4573, Adjusted R-squared: 0.449
F-statistic: 55.06 on 3 and 196 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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> confint(model_gls, level = 0.95)
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	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	-664.50116	-185.49119
income	11.02744	16.86718
age	10.75260	22.68240
kids	-119.89450	-33.71808

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> coefci(model_gls, vcov. = gls_robust_se, level = 0.95)
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	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	-613.93428	-236.05807
income	11.29086	16.60376
age	11.20062	22.23438
kids	-121.41339	-32.19919

The GLS estimates are slightly smaller than the OLS estimates for the INCOME and KIDS variables, but slightly larger for AGE and the intercept. GLS produces smaller standard errors than robust OLS, resulting in narrower confidence intervals. Applying robust standard errors to GLS further reduces the standard errors (except for KIDS), and they remain smaller than those from robust OLS. For example, the 95% confidence interval for KIDS using GLS is [-119.89, -33.72], and with robust GLS, it is [-121.41, -32.20], both narrower than the robust OLS interval.

	Coefficient	Std. Error	Confidence Interval
OLS (a)	-81.826	27.130	[-135.32981, -28.32302]
Robust OLS (d)	-81.826	29.154	[-139.32297, -24.32986]
GLS	-76.806	21.848	[-119.89450, -33.71808]
Robust GLS	-76.806	22.619	[-121.41339, -32.19919]

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a.

F statistic: 1.0481 Critical region: $F < 0.9451$ or $F > 1.0579 \rightarrow$ We fail to reject the null hypothesis. No significant difference in error variances.

b.

Using the NR^2 test with the selected variables (metro, female, and black), we obtain an R^2 of 0.0024 and a test statistic of 23.5568. Since this exceeds the 1% critical value of 11.3449 ($\chi^2(3)$), we reject the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity. When using all explanatory variables, the R^2 increases to 0.0112 and the NR^2 statistic becomes 109.4243, which also exceeds the critical value of 21.6660 ($\chi^2(9)$). Therefore, we again reject the null hypothesis, confirming strong evidence of heteroskedasticity.

c.

Regressing the squared residuals on all regressors, their squares, and selected interactions gives an R^2 of 0.0198 and an NR2 statistic of 194.4447. With 44 regressors, the 5% critical value from the $\chi^2(44)$ distribution is 60.4809. Since the test statistic exceeds this threshold, we reject the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity.

d.

	OLS_SE	OLS_Robust_SE	SE_Change	OLS_Width
(Intercept)	3.211489e-02	3.277743e-02	變大	0.1259036061
educ	1.758260e-03	1.904848e-03	變大	0.0068931063
exper	1.300342e-03	1.314237e-03	變大	0.0050978780
I(exper^2)	2.635448e-05	2.758278e-05	變大	0.0001033205
female	9.529136e-03	9.483417e-03	變小	0.0373581454
black	1.694240e-02	1.608548e-02	變小	0.0664212100
metro	1.230675e-02	1.157624e-02	變小	0.0482475482
south	1.356134e-02	1.389454e-02	變大	0.0531660647
midwest	1.410367e-02	1.371725e-02	變小	0.0552922035
west	1.440237e-02	1.454941e-02	變大	0.0564632233
	OLS_Robust_Width	CI_Change		
(Intercept)	0.1285010626	變寬		
educ	0.0074677917	變寬		
exper	0.0051523513	變寬		
I(exper^2)	0.0001081359	變寬		
female	0.0371789103	變窄		
black	0.0630617199	變窄		
metro	0.0453836492	變窄		
south	0.0544723330	變寬		
midwest	0.0537772884	變窄		
west	0.0570397063	變寬		

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< print(Comparison_0)
      OLS_Robust_SE      FGLS_SE SE_Change OLS_Robust_Width
(Intercept) 3.277743e-02 3.184437e-02 變小 0.1285010626
educ 1.904848e-03 1.761461e-03 變小 0.0074677917
exper 1.314237e-03 1.298873e-03 變小 0.0051523513
I(exper^2) 2.758278e-05 2.657195e-05 變小 0.0001081359
female 9.483417e-03 9.505454e-03 變大 0.0371789103
black 1.608548e-02 1.696582e-02 變大 0.0630617199
metro 1.157624e-02 1.186360e-02 變大 0.0453836492
south 1.389454e-02 1.354227e-02 變小 0.0544723330
midwest 1.371725e-02 1.404549e-02 變大 0.0537772884
west 1.454941e-02 1.438967e-02 變小 0.0570397063
      FGLS_Width CI_Change
(Intercept) 0.124843079 變窄
educ 0.006905656 變窄
exper 0.005092118 變窄
I(exper^2) 0.000104173 變窄
female 0.037265303 變寬
black 0.066513034 變寬
metro 0.046510222 變寬
south 0.053091297 變窄
midwest 0.055064111 變寬
west 0.056413445 變窄

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f.

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< print(Comparison_1)
      Variable OLS_Robust_SE FGLS_Robust_SE SE_Change
(Intercept) (Intercept) 3.277743e-02 3.250910e-02 變小
educ educ 1.904848e-03 1.895323e-03 變小
exper exper 1.314237e-03 1.307055e-03 變小
I(exper^2) I(exper^2) 2.758278e-05 2.744395e-05 變小
female female 9.483417e-03 9.445177e-03 變小
black black 1.608548e-02 1.595853e-02 變小
metro metro 1.157624e-02 1.155933e-02 變小
south south 1.389454e-02 1.384176e-02 變小
midwest midwest 1.371725e-02 1.369010e-02 變小
west west 1.454941e-02 1.450663e-02 變小
      OLS_Robust_Width FGLS_Robust_Width CI_Change
(Intercept) 0.1285010626 0.1274490902 變窄
educ 0.0074677917 0.0074304492 變窄
exper 0.0051523513 0.0051241957 變窄
I(exper^2) 0.0001081359 0.0001075916 變窄
female 0.0371789103 0.0370289927 變窄
black 0.0630617199 0.0625640260 變窄
metro 0.0453836492 0.0453173516 變窄
south 0.0544723330 0.0542654167 變窄
midwest 0.0537772884 0.0536708228 變窄
west 0.0570397063 0.0568719873 變窄

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g.

Given the evidence of heteroskedasticity established through various diagnostic tests, I would recommend using the robust OLS results. These estimates are reliable

under heteroskedasticity and, in this example, all the coefficients—except for WEST—remain statistically significant at the 0.001 level or better. Moreover, using FGLS does not offer any meaningful advantage in this case, as the results are nearly identical and the performance gains from using it are negligible.