

5.3 Consider the following model that relates the percentage of a household's budget spent on alcohol $WALC$ to total expenditure $TOTEXP$, age of the household head AGE , and the number of children in the household NK .

$$WALC = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln(TOTEXP) + \beta_3 NK + \beta_4 AGE + e$$

This model was estimated using 1200 observations from London. An incomplete version of this output is provided in Table 5.6.

TABLE 5.6 Output for Exercise 5.3

Dependent Variable: WALC Included observations: 1200				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.4515	2.2019		0.5099
$\ln(TOTEXP)$	2.7648		5.7103	0.0000
NK		0.3695	-3.9376	0.0001
AGE	-0.1503	0.0235	-6.4019	0.0000
R-squared		Mean dependent var		6.19434
S.E. of regression		S.D. dependent var		6.39547
Sum squared resid	46221.62			

a. Fill in the following blank spaces that appear in this table.

- The t -statistic for b_1 .
 - The standard error for b_2 .
 - The estimate b_3 .
 - R^2 .
 - $\hat{\sigma}$.
- b. Interpret each of the estimates b_2 , b_3 , and b_4 .
- c. Compute a 95% interval estimate for β_4 . What does this interval tell you?
- d. Are each of the coefficient estimates significant at a 5% level? Why?
- e. Test the hypothesis that the addition of an extra child decreases the mean budget share of alcohol by 2 percentage points against the alternative that the decrease is not equal to 2 percentage points. Use a 5% significance level.

$$(a). (i) \quad t = \frac{1.4515}{2.2019} = 0.6592$$

$$(ii) \quad se: \frac{2.7648}{5.7103} = 0.4842$$

$$(iii) \quad b_3 = 0.3695 \cdot -3.9376 = -1.4549$$

$$(iv) \quad R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum \hat{e}_i^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\sum \hat{e}_i^2}{(n-1) \text{var}(y_i)} = 0.0595$$

$$(v) \quad \hat{\sigma} = \frac{\sum \hat{e}_i^2}{1200-4} = 6.2167$$

(b) Holding other constants:

Increase +1 in $TOTEXP$, increase in 2.7648 in $WALC$

Increase +1 in NK , decrease in 1.4549 in $WALC$

Increase +1 in AGE , decrease in 0.1503 in $WALC$.

(c) 95% interval: $b_4 \pm 1.993 \times 0.0235: [-0.1971, -1.035]$

\Rightarrow 95% of this interval will cover the true parameter.

(d) No, we see that the p-value for β_1 is 0.5099 $>$ 0.05.

(e) $H_0: \beta_3 = -0.1239$ (6.19434 \times 2%), $H_a: \beta_3 \neq -0.1239$.

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{b_3 - (-0.1239)}{0.3695} = -3.6022 < -t_{0.995, \infty} = -1.993$$

\Rightarrow We reject $H_0 \Rightarrow \beta_3 \neq -0.1239$.

$$K=2, \quad y = X\beta + \epsilon, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{12} \\ 1 & x_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad (X'X)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} n & n\bar{x} \\ n\bar{x} & \sum x^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n\sum x^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x^2 & -n\bar{x} \\ -n\bar{x} & n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = (X'X)^{-1}X'y = \frac{1}{n\sum x^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x^2 & -n\bar{x} \\ -n\bar{x} & n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n\bar{y} \\ \sum xy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n\sum x^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} \begin{bmatrix} n\bar{y}\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}\sum xy \\ -n^2\bar{x}\bar{y} + n\sum xy \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (*)$$

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum (x_i^2 - 2\bar{x}x_i + \bar{x}^2) = \sum (x_i^2 - \bar{x})$$

$$= \sum x^2 - n\bar{x}, \quad \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum (xy - \bar{y}x - \bar{x}y + \bar{x}\bar{y})$$

$$= \sum (xy - \bar{x}\bar{y}) = \sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y},$$

$$b_2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{n\sum xy - n^2\bar{x}\bar{y}}{n\sum x^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \quad \#$$

$$b_1 = \frac{n\bar{y}\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}\sum xy}{n\sum x^2 - n^2\bar{x}^2} = \frac{\bar{y}(\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2) + \bar{y}n\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x}\sum xy}{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2}$$

$$= \bar{y} - \bar{x} \left(\frac{\sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2} \right) = \bar{y} - b_2\bar{x} \quad \#$$

$$K=2, \text{var}(b) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{n \sum X^2 - n^2 \bar{X}^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum X^2 & -n\bar{X} \\ -n\bar{X} & n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sum X^2}{n \sum X^2 - n^2 \bar{X}^2} & -\frac{n\bar{X}}{n \sum X^2 - n^2 \bar{X}^2} \\ -\frac{n\bar{X}}{n \sum X^2 - n^2 \bar{X}^2} & \frac{n}{n \sum X^2 - n^2 \bar{X}^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sum X^2}{n \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & -\frac{\bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ -\frac{\bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} & \frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{var}(b_1|X) = \sigma^2 \frac{\sum X^2}{n \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}, \text{var}(b_2|X) = \sigma^2 \frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{cov}(b_1, b_2|X) = \sigma^2 \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \#$$