

**15.6** Using the NLS panel data on  $N = 716$  young women, we consider only years 1987 and 1988. We are interested in the relationship between  $\ln(WAGE)$  and experience, its square, and indicator variables for living in the south and union membership. Some estimation results are in Table 15.10.

**TABLE 15.10** Estimation Results for Exercise 15.6

|           | (1)<br>OLS 1987     | (2)<br>OLS 1988     | (3)<br>FE           | (4)<br>FE Robust    | (5)<br>RE           |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| $C$       | 0.9348<br>(0.2010)  | 0.8993<br>(0.2407)  | 1.5468<br>(0.2522)  | 1.5468<br>(0.2688)  | 1.1497<br>(0.1597)  |
| $EXPER$   | 0.1270<br>(0.0295)  | 0.1265<br>(0.0323)  | 0.0575<br>(0.0330)  | 0.0575<br>(0.0328)  | 0.0986<br>(0.0220)  |
| $EXPER^2$ | -0.0033<br>(0.0011) | -0.0031<br>(0.0011) | -0.0012<br>(0.0011) | -0.0012<br>(0.0011) | -0.0023<br>(0.0007) |
| $SOUTH$   | -0.2128<br>(0.0338) | -0.2384<br>(0.0344) | -0.3261<br>(0.1258) | -0.3261<br>(0.2495) | -0.2326<br>(0.0317) |
| $UNION$   | 0.1445<br>(0.0382)  | 0.1102<br>(0.0387)  | 0.0822<br>(0.0312)  | 0.0822<br>(0.0367)  | 0.1027<br>(0.0245)  |
| $N$       | 716                 | 716                 | 1432                | 1432                | 1432                |

(standard errors in parentheses)

- The OLS estimates of the  $\ln(WAGE)$  model for each of the years 1987 and 1988 are reported in columns (1) and (2). How do the results compare? For these individual year estimations, what are you assuming about the regression parameter values across individuals (heterogeneity)?
- The  $\ln(WAGE)$  equation specified as a panel data regression model is

$$\ln(WAGE_{it}) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 EXPER_{it} + \beta_3 EXPER_{it}^2 + \beta_4 SOUTH_{it} + \beta_5 UNION_{it} + (u_i + e_{it}) \quad (XR15.6)$$

- Explain any differences in assumptions between this model and the models in part (a).
- Column (3) contains the estimated fixed effects model specified in part (b). Compare these estimates with the OLS estimates. Which coefficients, apart from the intercepts, show the most difference?
- The  $F$ -statistic for the null hypothesis that there are no individual differences, equation (15.20), is 11.68. What are the degrees of freedom of the  $F$ -distribution if the null hypothesis (15.19) is true? What is the 1% level of significance critical value for the test? What do you conclude about the null hypothesis?
- Column (4) contains the fixed effects estimates with cluster-robust standard errors. In the context of this sample, explain the different assumptions you are making when you estimate with and without cluster-robust standard errors. Compare the standard errors with those in column (3). Which ones are substantially different? Are the robust ones larger or smaller?

**15.17** The data file *liquor* contains observations on annual expenditure on liquor (*LIQUOR*) and annual income (*INCOME*) (both in thousands of dollars) for 40 randomly selected households for three consecutive years.

- Create the first-differenced observations on *LIQUOR* and *INCOME*. Call these new variables *LIQUORD* and *INCOMED*. Using OLS regress *LIQUORD* on *INCOMED* without a constant term. Construct a 95% interval estimate of the coefficient.

Call:

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lm(formula = LIQUORD ~ INCOMED, data = data_diff)
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Residuals:

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      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-3.5012 -0.8399  0.0298  1.0077  3.5049
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Coefficients:

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            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -0.40287    0.40600  -0.992   0.324
INCOMED      0.09815    0.07487   1.311   0.194
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Residual standard error: 1.417 on 78 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.02156,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.009012
F-statistic: 1.718 on 1 and 78 DF,  p-value: 0.1937
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> # 計算 95% 信賴區間
> conf_interval <- confint(model, level = 0.95)
> print(conf_interval)
              2.5 %      97.5 %
(Intercept) -1.21116108  0.4054114
INCOMED      -0.05090933  0.2472087
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a. 估計差異不大  $\Rightarrow$  無異質性

b. 加入隨時間變化 ( $t$ ) 但誤差  $u_i$  不隨時間變化。

c. South, from -0.2128  $\rightarrow$  -0.2326

d.  $F = 11.68 > F_{0.01}(14, 716) \approx 1.32 \Rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$ , we should use FE model

e. column (4) 的 SE 普遍  $\uparrow$  within transformation  $\tilde{e}_{it} = e_{it} - \bar{e}_i$

**15.20** This exercise uses data from the STAR experiment introduced to illustrate fixed and random effects for grouped data. In the STAR experiment, children were randomly assigned within schools into three types of classes: small classes with 13–17 students, regular-sized classes with 22–25 students, and regular-sized classes with a full-time teacher aide to assist the teacher. Student scores on achievement tests were recorded as well as some information about the students, teachers, and schools. Data for the kindergarten classes are contained in the data file *star*.

- Estimate a regression equation (with no fixed or random effects) where *READSCORE* is related to *SMALL*, *AIDE*, *TCHEXPER*, *BOY*, *WHITE\_ASIAN*, and *FREELUNCH*. Discuss the results. Do students perform better in reading when they are in small classes? Does a teacher’s aide improve scores? Do the students of more experienced teachers score higher on reading tests? Does the student’s sex or race make a difference?
- Reestimate the model in part (a) with school fixed effects. Compare the results with those in part (a). Have any of your conclusions changed? [*Hint*: specify *SCHID* as the cross-section identifier and *ID* as the “time” identifier.]
- Test for the significance of the school fixed effects. Under what conditions would we expect the inclusion of significant fixed effects to have little influence on the coefficient estimates of the remaining variables?

A.

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Call:
lm(formula = readscore ~ small + aide + tchexper + white_asian +
    freelunch, data = star)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-110.05  -20.27   -4.02   14.45   189.12

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 434.52072  1.28572  337.958  < 2e-16 ***
small        5.81416   0.99437   5.847  5.28e-09 ***
aide         0.79682   0.95784   0.832   0.406
tchexper     0.51286   0.06986   7.341  2.41e-13 ***
white_asian  3.74427   0.95823   3.907  9.43e-05 ***
freelunch    -14.75206   0.89478  -16.487  < 2e-16 ***
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Residual standard error: 30.34 on 5760 degrees of freedom
(因為不存在 20 個觀察量被刪除了)
Multiple R-squared:  0.08748, Adjusted R-squared:  0.08668
F-statistic: 110.4 on 5 and 5760 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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B.

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> # 比較兩個模型的係數
> summary(model_a)$coefficients
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 434.5207225 1.28572307 337.9582536 0.000000e+00
small        5.8141611 0.99436939  5.8470837 5.277351e-09
aide         0.7968162 0.95784135  0.8318875 4.055069e-01
tchexper     0.5128553 0.06985898  7.3412937 2.408842e-13
white_asian  3.7442696 0.95823207  3.9074768 9.433391e-05
freelunch    -14.7520583 0.89477693 -16.4868560 1.045669e-59
> summary(model_b)$coefficients
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 407.4698192 4.1186586  98.9326520 0.000000e+00
small        6.4814512 0.9173873  7.0651197 1.797342e-12
aide         0.9869604 0.8859669  1.1139924 2.653296e-01
tchexper     0.3000867 0.0711614  4.2169874 2.514345e-05
white_asian  7.9348573 1.5430510  5.1423169 2.804640e-07
freelunch    -14.5737713 0.8842691 -16.4811504 1.192945e-59
factor(schid)123056 12.9971165 5.4677187  2.3770639 1.748398e-02
factor(schid)128068 16.3555461 5.3942056  3.0320583 2.439879e-03
factor(schid)128076 5.2778131 5.3273831  0.9906952 3.218766e-01
factor(schid)128079 14.6145399 5.2786239  2.7686269 5.647556e-03
factor(schid)130085 9.1424904 5.0832286  1.7984811 7.215386e-02
factor(schid)159171 48.1160507 4.7525317 10.1243829 6.861405e-24
factor(schid)161176 6.2762620 4.9889947  1.2580214 2.084357e-01
factor(schid)161183 34.5113179 4.6964027  7.3484580 2.288415e-13
factor(schid)162184 16.8560395 5.2851203  3.1893389 1.433732e-03
factor(schid)164198 26.9716363 5.3935829  5.0006900 5.884146e-07
factor(schid)165199 42.4468120 5.4747470  7.7532007 1.054785e-14
factor(schid)166203 15.2038846 5.1371617  2.9595885 3.093221e-03
factor(schid)168211 18.3812639 4.8096562  3.8217418 1.339280e-04
factor(schid)168214 32.7594827 5.3778141  6.0915982 1.191277e-09
factor(schid)169219 36.5559376 5.5723463  6.5602415 5.847608e-11
factor(schid)169229 34.6394065 4.5305216  7.6457877 2.423457e-14
factor(schid)169231 6.2898399 5.3900679  1.1669315 2.432870e-01
factor(schid)169280 32.8707555 5.4160577  6.0691295 1.369181e-09
factor(schid)170295 34.4091651 5.1828527  6.6390397 3.450757e-11
factor(schid)173312 65.7613248 5.3294090 12.3393278 1.535214e-34
factor(schid)176329 38.8846623 5.1512687  7.5485603 5.097143e-14
factor(schid)180344 25.6324180 4.8201184  5.3177984 1.090457e-07
factor(schid)189378 11.9739483 5.1094126  2.3435078 1.913765e-02
factor(schid)189382 28.8218821 5.2190549  5.5224332 3.491730e-08
factor(schid)189396 9.1453922 5.2541681  1.7405976 8.180828e-02
factor(schid)191411 35.4219788 5.6805325  6.2356793 4.822422e-10
factor(schid)193422 34.8484768 5.3110368  6.5615205 5.798034e-11
factor(schid)193423 22.1658016 5.0426504  4.3956650 1.124462e-05
factor(schid)201449 37.2982361 4.6603703  8.0032774 1.457320e-15
factor(schid)203452 25.4093431 4.8533249  5.2354506 1.705032e-07
factor(schid)203457 44.3355808 5.7863275  7.6621277 2.136908e-14
factor(schid)205488 23.2771012 5.4282276  4.2881587 1.831449e-05
factor(schid)205489 30.7663913 5.4719401  5.6225745 1.970968e-08
factor(schid)205490 6.4954316 5.2947092  1.2267778 2.199569e-01
factor(schid)205491 15.6315044 5.1503261  3.0350514 2.415834e-03
factor(schid)205492 40.6713881 5.0259204  8.0923264 7.099252e-16
factor(schid)208501 18.1771196 5.2246280  3.4791222 5.068337e-04
factor(schid)208503 3.4118982 5.2972590  0.6440875 5.195447e-01
factor(schid)209510 17.4450062 4.8495953  3.5927087 2.243853e-04
factor(schid)212522 24.2528145 5.1758855  4.6857324 3.854588e-06
factor(schid)215533 33.2689050 4.6350949  7.1776103 8.002919e-13
factor(schid)216536 15.4698752 4.7841716  3.2335536 2.125929e-03
factor(schid)257905 41.1168032 4.6199316  8.8998727 7.400564e-19
factor(schid)259915 15.2066172 5.3288522  2.8536384 4.337801e-03
factor(schid)261927 22.0613092 4.9457738  4.4606385 8.329120e-06
factor(schid)262937 46.2394311 5.1727585  8.9390276 5.222171e-19
factor(schid)264945 30.4659105 4.8264407  6.3122935 2.957466e-10
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C.

Analysis of Variance Table

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Model 1: readscore ~ small + aide + tchexper + white_asian + freelunch
Model 2: readscore ~ small + aide + tchexper + white_asian + freelunch +
    factor(schid)
    Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F    Pr(>F)
1      5760 5302072
2      5682 4311147  78      990925 16.744 < 2.2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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