

- 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.
 - i. The t-statistic for b_1 .
 - ii. The standard error for b_2 .
 - iii. The estimate b_3 .
 - iv. R^2 .
 - v. $\hat{\sigma}$.
- 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) $t = \frac{b_1}{se(b_1)} = \frac{1.4515}{2.2019} = 0.659$

(ii) $t = \frac{2.7648}{se(b_2)} = 5.9103$

$$\Rightarrow se(b_2) = \frac{2.7648}{5.9103} = 0.4842$$

(iii) $t = \frac{b_3}{se(b_3)} = \frac{-0.1503}{0.0235} = -6.4019$

$$\Rightarrow b_3 = 0.1503 \times -6.4019 = -0.9600$$

(iv) $SS_E = 46221.62$

$$SS_J = (N-1) Sy^2$$

$$= (1200-1) \cdot 6.39547^2$$

$$= 49041.54$$

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{SS_E}{SS_J} = 1 - \frac{46221.62}{49041.54}$$

$$= 0.9376$$

(v). $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{e}_i^2}{N-K} = \frac{46221.62}{1200-4}$

$$= 38.6468$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{38.6468} = 6.196$$

- b. β_2 : 其他變數維持不變，TOTEXP 增加 1%，WALC 增加 $0.027648\% (2.7648 \div 100)$
 β_3 : 其他變數維持不變，每增加 1 名 child，WALC 減少 1.4549% .
 β_4 : 其他變數維持不變，每增加一單位 AGE，WALC 減少 0.1503% .

c. $[-0.1503 \pm 1.96 \times 0.0275] = [-0.19636, -0.10424]$

- d. β_1, β_2 的 p-value 大於 0.05 \Rightarrow 不拒絕 $H_0 \Rightarrow \beta_1$ 沒有顯著異於 0.
 $\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ 的 p-value 小於 0.05 \Rightarrow 拒絕 $H_0 \Rightarrow \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ 皆顯著異於 0.

e. $\begin{cases} H_0: \beta_3 = -2 \\ H_1: \beta_3 \neq -2 \end{cases}$

$$t = \frac{-1.4549 - (-2)}{0.19695} = 1.4752$$

RR: $\{t \mid t > 1.96 \text{ or } t < -1.96\}$

$\Rightarrow t < 1.96 \Rightarrow$ 不拒絕 $H_0 \Rightarrow$ 每增加 1 名 child，WALC 增加異於 -2% .

- 5.23 The file *cocaine* contains 56 observations on variables related to sales of cocaine powder in northeastern California over the period 1984–1991. The data are a subset of those used in the study Caulkins, J. P. and R. Padman (1993), “Quantity Discounts and Quality Premia for Illicit Drugs,” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 88, 748–757. The variables are

PRICE = price per gram in dollars for a cocaine sale

QUANT = number of grams of cocaine in a given sale

QUAL = quality of the cocaine expressed as percentage purity

TREND = a time variable with 1984 = 1 up to 1991 = 8

Consider the regression model

$$PRICE = \beta_1 + \beta_2 QUANT + \beta_3 QUAL + \beta_4 TREND + e$$

- What signs would you expect on the coefficients β_2 , β_3 , and β_4 ?
- Use your computer software to estimate the equation. Report the results and interpret the coefficient estimates. Have the signs turned out as you expected?
- What proportion of variation in cocaine price is explained jointly by variation in quantity, quality, and time?
- It is claimed that the greater the number of sales, the higher the risk of getting caught. Thus, sellers are willing to accept a lower price if they can make sales in larger quantities. Set up H_0 and H_1 that would be appropriate to test this hypothesis. Carry out the hypothesis test.
- Test the hypothesis that the quality of cocaine has no influence on expected price against the alternative that a premium is paid for better-quality cocaine.
- What is the average annual change in the cocaine price? Can you suggest why price might be changing in this direction?

- a. β_2 預期為負，大量購買 cocaine 會有折扣使單價降低
 β_3 預期為正，cocaine 的品質越好，單價越高
 β_4 取決於市場趨勢，若 cocaine 價格隨時間上升， β_4 為正，若 cocaine 價格隨時間下降， β_4 為負。

b.

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Call:
lm(formula = price ~ quant + qual + trend, data = cocaine)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-43.479 -12.014  -3.743  13.969  43.753 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 90.84669   8.58025 10.588 1.39e-14 ***
quant       -0.05997   0.01018 -5.892 2.85e-07 ***
qual        0.11621   0.20326  0.572  0.5700    
trend       -2.35458   1.38612 -1.699  0.0954 .  
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 20.06 on 52 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.5097, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4814 
F-statistic: 18.02 on 3 and 52 DF,  p-value: 3.806e-08
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$\beta_2 = -0.05997$, 符合預期, 表示每購買多一單位的 cocaine, 單價下降約 0.06.

$\beta_3 = 0.11621$, 符合預期, 表示 cocaine 每增加 1 單位的 quality, 單價上升約 0.11621.

$\beta_4 = -2.35458$, 當時間增加 1 年, 單價減少約 2.3546, 代表 cocaine 的價格隨時間下降, 表示 cocaine 的供給速度大於需求。

c. $R = 0.5097$ → 模型可以解釋 50.97% 的 cocaine 價格變異。

d. $\begin{cases} H_0: \beta_2 \geq 0 \\ H_1: \beta_2 < 0 \end{cases}$ RR: $\{t: t < -1.674689\}$

$t\text{-value} = -5.892 < -1.675 \Rightarrow \text{拒絕 } H_0$.
→ 若賣家可以一次賣出大量 cocaine, 賣家更願意接受低價

e. $\begin{cases} H_0: \beta_3 \leq 0 \\ H_a: \beta_3 > 0 \end{cases}$ RR: $\{t > 1.675\}$

t-value = 0.57 < 1.675 \rightarrow 不拒絕 H_0 .

\rightarrow 高品質的 cocaine 並沒有溢價

f. $b_4 = -2.38458 \rightarrow$ cocaine 價格隨時間下降.

\rightarrow 供給隨時間的增加速度大於需求

\rightarrow 可能原因是生產技術的改善