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Pol Sci 630: Problem Set 4 Solution - Regression Model Estimation

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1 Subset data frame

1.1 Download data

Download the following data from WDI and clean it as follows. Briefly comment on what each command does.

infant_mortality: number of mortality per 1000 live births
number_of_physician: number of physician per 1000 people

1.2 Subsetting

Use subsetting techniques to do the following:

- 1. Show the GDP per capita of Brazil across years
- 2. Show the country-years where infant mortality > 100 per 1000 live birth
- 3. Show the country-years where GDP per capita is above average
- 4. Show the country-years where GDP per capita is above average, but number of physician is below average

Solution

```
library(WDI)
# Download data from WDI, specifying the indicators and start / end year
d_wdi <- WDI(indicator = c("NY.GDP.PCAP.CD", "SP.DYN.IMRT.IN", "SH.MED.PHYS.ZS"),</pre>
             start = 2008, end = 2010, extra = TRUE)
# Remove aggregates rows, selecting wanted columns by name
d_wdi <- d_wdi[d_wdi$region != "Aggregates",</pre>
       c("country", "year", "NY.GDP.PCAP.CD", "SP.DYN.IMRT.IN", "SH.MED.PHYS.ZS")]
# Rename some of the columns
colnames(d_wdi)[3:5] <- c('gdppc', 'infant_mortality', 'number_of_physician')</pre>
# Remove all rows that have missing data
d_wdi <- na.omit(d_wdi)</pre>
# 1. Show the GDP per capita of Brazil across years
d_wdi[d_wdi$country == "Brazil", c("country", "year", "gdppc")]
##
      country year
                       gdppc
## 94 Brazil 2008 8706.819
## 95 Brazil 2009 8474.881
## 96 Brazil 2010 11121.421
# 2. Show the country-years where infant mortality > 100 per 1000 live birth
d_wdi[d_wdi$infant_mortality > 100, c("country", "year", "infant_mortality")]
##
                        country year infant_mortality
## 34
                         Angola 2009
                                                112.2
## 119 Central African Republic 2008
                                               105.5
## 120 Central African Republic 2009
                                               103.6
                 Sierra Leone 2010
## 568
                                                107.0
## 570
                  Sierra Leone 2008
                                                116.2
# 3. Show the country-years where GDP per capita is above average
d_wdi[d_wdi$gdppc > mean(d_wdi$gdppc), c("country", "year", "gdppc")]
##
                    country year
                                     gdppc
## 16
                    Andorra 2009 42701.45
## 17
                    Andorra 2010 39639.39
## 19 United Arab Emirates 2009 32905.05
## 20 United Arab Emirates 2008 45720.02
## 21 United Arab Emirates 2010 34341.91
## 44
          Austria 2010 46659.84
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## 46
                   Australia 2009
                                    42715.13
## 47
                   Australia 2010
                                    51845.65
## 63
                    Barbados 2010
                                    15901.43
## 67
                     Belgium 2010
                                    44382.88
## 68
                     Belgium 2008
                                    48424.59
## 76
                     Bahrain 2010
                                    20386.02
## 77
                     Bahrain 2008
                                    23043.03
## 78
                     Bahrain 2009
                                    19166.71
## 88
          Brunei Darussalam 2009
                                    27726.48
## 89
          Brunei Darussalam 2010
                                    31453.22
## 90
          Brunei Darussalam 2008
                                    37798.39
## 99
               Bahamas, The 2008
                                    23657.37
## 112
                      Canada 2008
                                    46596.34
## 114
                      Canada 2010
                                    47445.76
## 124
                Switzerland 2010
                                    74277.12
## 154
                      Cyprus 2008
                                    34950.35
## 155
                      Cyprus 2009
                                    31673.46
                      Cyprus 2010
## 156
                                    30438.90
## 157
                                    19763.96
             Czech Republic 2010
## 158
             Czech Republic 2008
                                    22649.38
## 160
                     Germany 2010
                                    41788.04
## 162
                     Germany 2008
                                    45699.20
## 166
                     Denmark 2010
                                    57647.67
## 167
                     Denmark 2009
                                    57895.50
## 168
                     Denmark 2008
                                    64181.99
## 181
                     Estonia 2008
                                    18094.55
## 183
                     Estonia 2010
                                    14641.40
## 190
                       Spain 2009
                                    32333.47
## 191
                       Spain 2010
                                    30737.83
## 192
                       Spain 2008
                                    35578.74
## 202
                     Finland 2010
                                    46205.17
## 203
                     Finland 2008
                                    53401.31
## 204
                     Finland 2009
                                    47107.16
## 214
                      France 2008
                                    45413.07
## 215
                      France 2010
                                    40705.77
## 222
             United Kingdom 2010
                                    38292.87
## 247
                      Greece 2010
                                    26919.36
## 248
                      Greece 2008
                                    31997.28
## 268
                     Croatia 2008
                                    15893.86
## 275
                     Hungary 2008
                                    15649.72
## 280
                     Ireland 2008
                                    61189.73
## 282
                     Ireland 2010
                                    48260.67
## 283
                      Israel 2010
                                    30736.36
## 298
                     Iceland 2010
                                    41620.07
                     Iceland 2008 55229.61
## 299
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## 300
                     Iceland 2009
                                   40362.04
## 301
                       Italy 2009
                                   36976.85
## 302
                       Italy 2010
                                   35851.51
## 303
                       Italy 2008
                                   40640.18
## 313
                       Japan 2010
                                   42935.25
## 315
                       Japan 2008
                                   37865.62
## 337
                Korea, Rep. 2008
                                   20474.89
## 338
                 Korea, Rep. 2010
                                   22151.21
## 339
                Korea, Rep. 2009
                                   18338.71
## 340
                      Kuwait 2009
                                   36754.95
## 341
                      Kuwait 2008
                                   54484.30
## 342
                      Kuwait 2010
                                   37725.14
                                   14961.57
## 371
                  Lithuania 2008
## 373
                 Luxembourg 2010 103267.28
## 377
                      Latvia 2008
                                   16323.77
## 381
                       Libya 2008
                                   14231.60
## 425
                       Malta 2010
                                   19694.08
## 426
                       Malta 2009
                                   19636.01
## 460
                Netherlands 2010
                                   50341.25
## 462
                Netherlands 2008
                                    56928.82
## 463
                      Norway 2010
                                   87646.27
## 464
                      Norway 2009
                                   80017.78
## 465
                      Norway 2008
                                    96880.51
## 472
                New Zealand 2009
                                    28200.94
                New Zealand 2008
## 473
                                   31287.61
## 474
                New Zealand 2010
                                   33692.17
## 478
                        Oman 2009
                                   17518.83
## 479
                        Oman 2010
                                   19920.65
## 480
                        Oman 2008
                                   22963.38
## 501
                      Poland 2008
                                   13906.22
## 508
                    Portugal 2008
                                   24815.61
## 509
                    Portugal 2010
                                   22540.00
## 510
                    Portugal 2009
                                   23063.97
## 517
                       Qatar 2008
                                   82990.07
## 518
                       Qatar 2010
                                   70870.23
## 519
                       Qatar 2009
                                   61463.90
## 544
               Saudi Arabia 2008
                                   19436.86
## 545
               Saudi Arabia 2009
                                   15655.08
## 546
               Saudi Arabia 2010
                                   18753.98
                      Sweden 2008
## 556
                                   55746.84
## 557
                      Sweden 2010
                                   52076.43
## 558
                      Sweden 2009
                                   46207.06
## 559
                  Singapore 2009
                                   38577.56
## 560
                  Singapore 2010
                                   46569.68
## 561
                  Singapore 2008 39721.05
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## 562
                   Slovenia 2010
                                   23438.85
## 564
                   Slovenia 2008
                                   27501.82
            Slovak Republic 2009
## 565
                                   16460.22
## 566
            Slovak Republic 2010
                                   16554.88
## 650
        Trinidad and Tobago 2010
                                   15840.44
              United States 2010
                                   48374.09
## 664
## 665
              United States 2009
                                   47001.56
## 666
              United States 2008
                                   48401.43
# 4. Show the country-years where GDP per capita is above average,
# but number of physician is below average
d_wdi[d_wdi$gdppc > mean(d_wdi$gdppc) &
        d_wdi$number_of_physician < mean(d_wdi$number_of_physician),</pre>
      c("country", "year", "gdppc")]
##
                   country year
## 76
                   Bahrain 2010 20386.02
## 77
                   Bahrain 2008 23043.03
## 78
                   Bahrain 2009 19166.71
         Brunei Darussalam 2009 27726.48
## 88
## 89
         Brunei Darussalam 2010 31453.22
         Brunei Darussalam 2008 37798.39
## 90
                    Kuwait 2008 54484.30
## 341
                 Singapore 2008 39721.05
## 561
## 650 Trinidad and Tobago 2010 15840.44
```

2 Build linear model

2.1 Download

Download 2 variables of interest and build a linear model of their relationship using lm(). Show the summary() of results.

2.2 Calculate the regression coefficients WITHOUT using 'lm'

Use the mathematical formula of the regression coefficients you saw in class and implement it in R. Is this result the same as the result output by 'lm'?

2.3 Model output

Show the result with stargazer, customizing:

• The labels of the independent variables (i.e. the covariate)

- The label of the dependent variable
- Make the model name (i.e. OLS) show up

Hint: The options to do those things are in help(stargazer). I have worded the task in a way that should help you find the relevant options.

Solution

Build the linear model

```
m1 <- lm(infant_mortality ~ gdppc, data = d_wdi)</pre>
summary(m1)
##
## lm(formula = infant_mortality ~ gdppc, data = d_wdi)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -27.697 -16.248 -6.166 11.606 80.199
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 3.633e+01 1.384e+00 26.25 <2e-16 ***
## gdppc
              -7.307e-04 5.933e-05 -12.32
                                              <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 20.9 on 350 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3024, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3004
## F-statistic: 151.7 on 1 and 350 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Calculate the regression coef by hand, using covariance and variance:

```
cov(d_wdi$infant_mortality, d_wdi$gdppc) / var(d_wdi$gdppc)
## [1] -0.00073073
```

or fully by hand (the result will be slightly different because R's 'cov' and 'var' divided by 'n - 1' while 'mean' divides by 'n') (read more at http://nebula.deanza.edu/~bloom/math10/m10divideby_nminus1.pdf):

Table 1:

Table 1.	
	Dependent variable:
	Infant Mortality (per 1000 births)
	OLS
GDP per capita	-0.001***
	(0.0001)
Constant	36.332***
	(1.384)
Observations	352
\mathbb{R}^2	0.302
Adjusted R ²	0.300
Residual Std. Error	20.905 (df = 350)
F Statistic	$151.705^{***} (df = 1; 350)$
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

3 Calculate sum of squares and RMSE

- 1. Extract the residuals and predicted values (fitted values) from the model object (from the linear model built above)
- 2. Calculate three "sum of squares" (TSS, RegSS, RSS)
- 3. Calculate the root mean square error and compare with R. (In R and stargazer, RMSE is called "Residual standard error".)

Note: the data you feed to lm() may have missing data, so R has to modify the data a little before using it. To extract the data that are actually used by lm(), use $my_model\mbox{model}$. Use this data to calculate \bar{y} in the sum of squares. Solution

```
res <- m1$residuals # Residuals
pred <- m1$fitted.values # Predicted values
y <- m1$model$infant_mortality # Data of Y that is used by lm()

# Calculate 3 sum of squares
TSS <- sum( (y - mean(y)) ** 2)
RegSS <- sum( (pred - mean(y)) ** 2)
RSS <- sum( res ** 2 )

# Calculate root mean square error
N <- nrow(d_wdi)
k <- 1 # We only have 1 predictor, which is log_gdppc
rmse <- sqrt(RSS / (N - k - 1))</pre>
```

The calculated root mean square error is 20.9048032, the same as reported by R in summary(m1).

4 Explore why we have standard errors

```
x <- rnorm(mean = 5, 100)
y <- 1 + 2 * x + rnorm(100)
plot(y, x)

c_nsim <- 100
model_data <- vector("list", length = c_nsim)
model_results <- vector("list", length = c_nsim)
for (i in 1:c_nsim) {
   sample_index <- sample(100, 10, replace = TRUE)
   sample_x <- x[sample_index]
   sample_y <- y[sample_index]
   model_data[[i]] <- list(sample_x, sample_y)
   model_results[[i]] <- lm(sample_y ~ sample_x)
}

plot(y, x)</pre>
```

```
for (i in 1:c_nsim) {
}
```