# Pol Sci 630: Problem Set 9 - Data Management and Omitted Variable Bias - Solutions

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Grading Due Date: Friday, October 30th, 12.00 PM (Beginning of Lab)

Insert your comments on the assignment that you are grading above the solution in bold and red text. For example write: "GRADER COMMENT: everything is correct! - 4/4 Points" Also briefly point out which, if any, problems were not solved correctly and what the mistake was.

Use the following scheme to assign points: For problems that were solved correctly in their entirety, assign the full point value of 4. For correctly solved bonus problems, add that value to the total score for a problem but do not go above 4 points per problem. If there are mistakes in any problem, subtract points according to the extent of the mistake. If you subtract points, explain why.

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and the following lines above the solution of the specific task:

\textbf{\color{red} GRADER COMMENT: everything is correct! - 4/4 Points}

## R Programming

### Problem 1

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### a
setwd("C:/Users/Jan/OneDrive/Documents/GitHub/ps630_lab/")
library(foreign)
LDC = read.dta("LDC_IO_replication.dta")
LDC$regime_class = NA
LDC$regime_class[LDC$polityiv_update2 > 5] = "Democracy"
unique(LDC$regime_class)
## [1] "Democracy" NA
LDC$regime_class[LDC$polityiv_update2 >= -5 & LDC$polityiv_update2 <= 5] = "Anocracy"
unique(LDC$regime_class)
## [1] "Democracy" "Anocracy" NA
LDC$regime_class[LDC$polityiv_update2 < -5] = "Autocracy"</pre>
unique(LDC$regime_class)
## [1] "Democracy" "Anocracy" "Autocracy" NA
### b
LDC$11polity_squared = (LDC$11polity)^2
lm_fdi2 = lm(fdignp ~ l1polity + l1polity_squared + l1signed + l1office + l1gdp_pc +
    11lnpop + l1ecris2 + l1bpc1 + l1avnewtar + factor(ctylabel) - 1, data = LDC)
summary(lm_fdi2)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = fdignp ~ l1polity + l1polity_squared + l1signed +
       11office + l1gdp_pc + l1lnpop + l1ecris2 + l1bpc1 + l1avnewtar +
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##
      factor(ctylabel) - 1, data = LDC)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               10 Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -32.027 -0.908 -0.124 0.604 152.058
##
## Coefficients:
                                           Estimate Std. Error t value
##
## l1polity
                                          4.233e-02 3.407e-02
                                                                 1.242
## l1polity_squared
                                          8.910e-03 7.833e-03
                                                                 1.138
## l1signed
                                         -2.362e-01 3.101e-01 -0.762
## l1office
                                         -3.138e-02 2.554e-02
                                                                -1.229
## l1gdp_pc
                                         -1.431e-04 3.028e-04
                                                                -0.473
## lllnpop
                                          3.489e+00 1.049e+00
                                                                 3.326
## 11ecris2
                                          8.556e-02 4.716e-01 0.181
                                                                -1.224
## l1bpc1
                                         -4.308e-01 3.520e-01
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## llavnewtar
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## factor(ctylabel)Algeria
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## factor(ctylabel)Jordan
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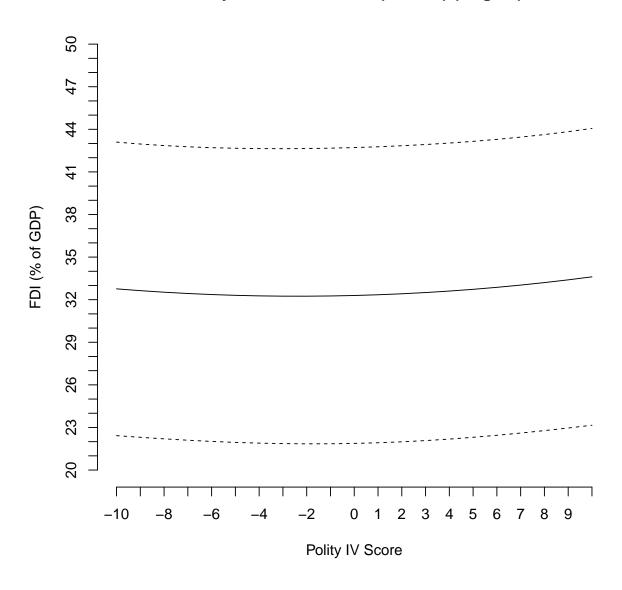
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## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.963 on 1546 degrees of freedom
     (3712 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
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## Multiple R-squared: 0.3616, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3153
## F-statistic: 7.817 on 112 and 1546 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
nd \leftarrow data.frame(l1polity = seq(-10, 10, by = 1), l1polity_squared = seq(-10, 10, by = 1)
    10, by = 1)^2, l1signed = rep(0.1511, 21), l1office = rep(8.431, 21), l1gdp_pc = rep
    21), 111npop = rep(15.1, 21), 11ecris2 = rep(0.0641, 21), 11bpc1 = rep(0.5909,
    21), l1avnewtar = rep(14.91, 21), ctylabel = rep("Angola", 21))
pred.p1 <- predict(lm_fdi2, type = "response", se.fit = TRUE, newdata = nd)</pre>
pred.table <- cbind(pred.p1$fit, pred.p1$se.fit)</pre>
fit <- pred.p1$fit
low <- pred.p1$fit - 2 * pred.p1$se.fit</pre>
high <- pred.p1$fit + 2 * pred.p1$se.fit
cis <- cbind(fit, low, high)</pre>
plot(pred.p1$fit, type = "1", ylim = c(20, 50), main = "Polity IV Score and FDI (% GDP)
    xlab = "Polity IV Score", ylab = "FDI (% of GDP)", axes = FALSE)
axis(1, at = seq(1, 21), labels = seq(-10, 10, 1))
axis(2, at = seq(20, 50), labels = seq(20, 50))
matlines(cis[, c(2, 3)], lty = 2, col = "black")
```

# Polity IV Score and FDI (% GDP) (Angola)



## Problem 2

```
### a
setwd("C:/Users/Jan/OneDrive/Documents/GitHub/ps630_lab/")
library(readstata13)
na_data = read.dta13("na_data.dta")
summary(na_data)
```

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## countrycode year v_c
                 Min. :1950
                             Min. :0.000e+00
## Length:10624
## Class :character
                 1st Qu.:1973 1st Qu.:7.600e+02
## Mode :character
                 Median :1986 Median :1.296e+04
##
                 Mean :1985 Mean :8.369e+06
##
                 3rd Qu.:1999 3rd Qu.:2.230e+05
##
                 Max. :2011 Max. :4.053e+09
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                            NA's :561
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                     v_g
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## Min. :
           -7427 Min. :
             251
                   1st Qu.:
                             171 1st Qu.:4.260e+02
## 1st Qu.:
## Median :
           4319
                             3197 Median :5.520e+03
                   Median:
## Mean : 4418919
                   Mean : 1658085
                                 Mean :4.787e+06
                   3rd Qu.: 49433 3rd Qu.:8.595e+04
##
  3rd Qu.: 70963
  Max. :2433863510 Max. :667440135 Max. :1.955e+09
##
                 NA's :561 NA's :519
   NA's :561
##
                  v_gdp
  v_m
                                 q_c
##
## Min. :0.000e+00 Min. :0.000e+00 Min. :2.000e+00
                 1st Qu.:1.188e+03 1st Qu.:7.238e+03
  1st Qu.:5.320e+02
##
 Median :6.670e+03
                 Median :2.077e+04 Median :1.263e+05
                 Mean :1.473e+07 Mean :1.202e+07
## Mean :4.538e+06
##
  3rd Qu.:1.094e+05
                  3rd Qu.:3.398e+05
                                 3rd Qu.:9.104e+05
## Max. :2.194e+09
                 Max. :7.427e+09 Max. :2.343e+09
## NA's :519
                  NA's :519
                                 NA's :561
                                 q_x
  q_i
                   q_g
##
                  Min. : 6 Min. :0.000e+00
   Min. : -39042
##
                   1st Qu.:
                            1865 1st Qu.:3.730e+03
##
  1st Qu.:
            2543
                                 Median :4.116e+04
## Median :
           39263
                   Median :
                           27296
                   Mean : 2764949
                                 Mean :7.191e+06
## Mean : 6616470
##
  3rd Qu.: 279383 3rd Qu.: 224138
                                 3rd Qu.:2.672e+05
## Max. :1098261440 Max. :372916568 Max. :1.453e+09
## NA's :561 NA's :519
                  q_{-}gdp pop
##
  q_m
  Min. :7.000e+00 Min. :9.000e+00 Min. :4.608e+03
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## 1st Qu.:5.002e+03 1st Qu.:1.252e+04 1st Qu.:7.673e+05
## Median :4.708e+04
                                          Median :4.951e+06
                      Median :2.065e+05
## Mean
          :6.188e+06
                      Mean
                              :2.188e+07
                                                 :3.177e+07
                                          Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:3.579e+05
                      3rd Qu.:1.424e+06
                                          3rd Qu.:1.614e+07
          :1.223e+09
                              :3.903e+09
                                                 :1.324e+09
##
   Max.
                      Max.
                                          Max.
                       NA's
                              :519
                                           NA's
##
   NA's
         :519
                                                 :459
                                            v_gfcf
##
         xr
                           xr2
   Min.
               0.00
                      Min. :
                                0.00
                                        Min.
                                                :0.000e+00
##
                                        1st Qu.:3.900e+02
##
   1st Qu.:
               0.90
                      1st Qu.:
                                0.91
## Median:
               2.57
                      Median: 2.64
                                        Median :7.822e+03
         : 220.40
                           : 221.12
                                        Mean :4.854e+06
## Mean
                      Mean
                                 31.64
                                        3rd Qu.:1.101e+05
   3rd Qu.:
              28.58
                      3rd Qu.:
##
   Max.
          :31900.00
                      Max.
                            :31900.00
                                        Max.
                                               :2.378e+09
          :459
                      NA's
                                        NA's
##
   NA's
                             : 459
                                               :2370
##
       q_gfcf
   Min.
          :3.000e+00
   1st Qu.:1.826e+03
## Median :4.209e+04
          :6.118e+06
## Mean
   3rd Qu.:3.044e+05
##
## Max.
          :1.004e+09
##
   NA's
          :2390
### b
na_data gdpgrowth = NA
for (i in 2:length(na_data$q_gdp)) {
   if (na_data$countrycode[i] == na_data$countrycode[i - 1]) {
       na_data$gdpgrowth[i] = (na_data$q_gdp[i]/na_data$q_gdp[i - 1] - 1) *
           100
    }
summary(na_data$gdpgrowth)
                           Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
                                                    NA's
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
```

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## -66.120 1.372 4.038 3.997 6.776 205.000
### c
na_data$date = na_data$year
LDC$countrycode = NA
LDC$countrycode[LDC$ctylabel == "Turkey"] = "TUR"
LDC$countrycode[LDC$ctylabel == "SouthAfrica"] = "ZAF"
LDC$countrycode[LDC$ctylabel == "Mexico"] = "MEX"
merged_data = merge(LDC, na_data, by = c("countrycode", "date"))
newmodel = lm(newtar ~ l1polity + gdpgrowth + factor(countrycode) - 1, data = merged_dat
summary(newmodel)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = newtar ~ l1polity + gdpgrowth + factor(countrycode) -
      1, data = merged_data)
##
## Residuals:
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
##
                                      Max
## -9.4339 -3.7056 -0.2797 4.1416 11.7623
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## l1polity
                                    0.2978 -4.792 3.40e-05 ***
                          -1.4270
## gdpgrowth
                           0.4709
                                     0.2907 1.620
                                                       0.115
## factor(countrycode)MEX 15.1326
                                     1.5137 9.997 1.63e-11 ***
                                      2.7362 10.675 3.08e-12 ***
## factor(countrycode)TUR 29.2080
## factor(countrycode)ZAF 20.5447
                                      2.5459 8.070 2.59e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 5.694 on 33 degrees of freedom
```

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## (52 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9176, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9051
## F-statistic: 73.52 on 5 and 33 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16</pre>
```

#### Problem 3

a) As grader, please make sure that the person who has submitted the homework has answered all questions of this problem. This includes a brief explanation (2-3 sentences) of the student's theory and a reference to both the dependent and key independent variable.

Make sure that the students has done the following things:

- 1. The student has explained which datasets contain the variables and provided an overview of how the variables are coded there.
- 2. If and only if there were variables that were nominal or ordinal scale or coded as characters, the student has recognized that these variables have to be transformed to be used for a linear regression. Nominal variables have to be introduced as factors (dummies). Ordinal variables have to be either used as factors (dummies) or have to be assigned numerical values. Similarly, variables that are coded as characters have to be either introduced as factors (dummies) or recoded as numerical variables.
- 3. The students has discussed the numbers of units and the time periods covered by the datasets.
- b) As grader, please make sure that the person who has submitted the homework has answered all questions of this problem. This includes a brief theoretical explanation for the importance of at least two control variables that the student suggests to use for the final paper. For all control variables there should be a brief reference to either literature that has used the variable, the concept of omitted variable bias, or both.

Make sure that the students has done the following things:

- 1. The student has explained which datasets contain the variables and provided an overview of how the variables are coded there.
- 2. If and only if there were variables that were nominal or ordinal scale or coded as characters, the student has recognized that these variables have to be transformed to

be used for a linear regression. Nominal variables have to be introduced as factors (dummies). Ordinal variables have to be either used as factors (dummies) or have to be assigned numerical values. Similarly, variables that are coded as characters have to be either introduced as factors (dummies) or recoded as numerical variables.

- 3. The students has addressed potential differences in the time periods and units covered. For example, data for the control variables may be available only for OECD countries while the data for the dependent variable may only be available for developing countries. Another example would be that data for the control variables may be available on a quarterly basis while data for the dependent variable may be available on an annual basis.
- 4. The students has addressed differences in the coding of time periods and units. For example, the names of countries are coded as full names in one dataset while another dataset uses 3-letter isocodes to refer to countries. Another example would be that time in one dataset could be coded in the format YYYY-MM (Y = year, M = month) while it could be coded in the format YY-MM in another dataset.

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#### Problem 4

- **a**)
- b)