

Regression w/ Dummy Variables \rightarrow Categorical Variables
 \rightarrow binary Variables

$$\text{Wage} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Female}) + \beta_2(\text{educ}) + \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Female} = 1$$

$$\text{if male, } \text{Wage}_{\text{male}} = \beta_0 + \beta_2(\text{educ}) + \varepsilon_m$$

$$\text{if Female, } \text{Wage}_{\text{fem}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2(\text{educ}) + \varepsilon_f$$

for given error term,

$$\text{Wage}_f - \text{Wage}_m = \beta_1$$

β_1 = difference in wage for F and m given equal education

What about in log form?

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\text{Price}) = & -1.35 + .168(\text{lotsize}) \\ & + .707(\log(\text{sq ft})) \\ & + .027(\text{bedrooms}) \\ & + .054(\text{colonial}) \rightarrow \text{Dummy for style} \rightarrow 1 \text{ if Colonial} \end{aligned}$$

for given lot size, sq ft, and bedrooms, Colonial sells for 5.4% higher

Dummies w/ multiple categories

\hookrightarrow more than 2 categories

$$\text{Wage} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{educ}) + \beta_2(\text{exp}) + \beta_3(\text{hatness})$$

\hookrightarrow homely, plain, average,
good, striking

aggregate the categories

below average

above average

average \rightarrow reference category

$$\text{Men} \rightarrow \log(\text{Wage}) = \beta_0 - .164(\text{below}) + .16(\text{above}) + \beta_2(\text{educ}) + \varepsilon$$

below average men earn 16.4% less than average if all else is equal

F-test

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_k = 0$$

None of the explanatory variables have an effect on y

H_a : at least one β is different from zero

overall significance of model