

Multiple Regression Analysis: Estimation

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Roadmap

- Regression analysis with cross-sectional data
 - The multiple regression analysis
 - Basics: estimation, inference, analysis with dummy variables
 - More technically involved: asymptotics, heteroskedasticity, specification and data issues
- Advanced topics
 - Limited dependent variable models
 - Panel data analysis
 - Regression analysis with time series data

Outline (Wooldridge, Ch. 2.4, 3.1 - 3.5)

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- Ordinary least squares (OLS) estimates
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Multiple Regression Model

- Definition

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- y : dependent variable (observable)
 - x_1, \dots, x_k : independent variables (observable)
 - β_1, \dots, β_k : slope parameters (to be estimated)
 - β_0 : intercept parameter (to be estimated)
 - u : error term or disturbance (unobservable)
 - k : the number of independent variables
- The disturbance u represents factors other than x 's
 - With the intercept β_0 , the unconditional mean of u can always be set to zero: $E(u) = 0$

Zero Conditional Mean Assumption

- Consider a simple regression model: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$
- If other factors in u are held fixed ($\Delta u = 0$), the causal effect of x on y is β_1 :

$$\Delta y = \beta_1 \Delta x$$

- But under what condition u can be held fixed while x changes?
 - As x and u are treated as random variables, “ u is fixed while x varying” is described as “the mean of u for any given x is the same (zero)”
 - The required condition is

$$E(u|x) = E(u) = 0,$$

which is known as **zero-conditional-mean (ZCM) assumption**

- ZCM implies that x and u are uncorrelated, i.e., $Cov(x, u) = 0$

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- This is NOT true if, on average, people with higher ability choose to become more educated

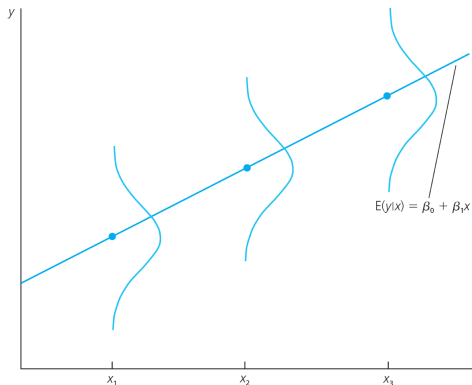
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- For the multiple regression model, the ZCM assumption is

$$E(u|x_1, \dots, x_k) = 0$$

- It requires the average of u to be the same irrespective of the values of x 's
- It implies that the factors in u are uncorrelated with x_1, \dots, x_k
- It is a key condition for the OLS estimators being unbiased
- It defines the **population regression function (PRF)**
$$E(y|x_1, \dots, x_k) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k$$

Population Regression Function



The distribution of $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$ is centred around $E(y|x)$

- Systematic part of y : $E(y|x)$
- Unsystematic part of y : u

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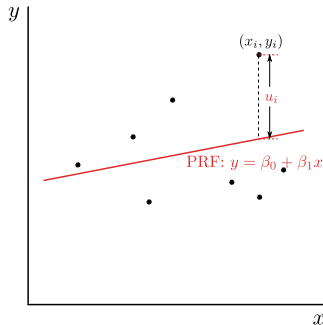
Observations on (x_1, \dots, x_k, y)

- A random sample is a set of independent observations $\{(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ik}, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- At observation level, the model may be written as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik} + u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where i is the observation index

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Estimate Multiple Regression

- The model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{ik} + u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Let $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k)$ be estimates of $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$
- Corresponding residual is

$$\hat{u}_i = y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \cdots - \hat{\beta}_k x_{ik}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- The **sum of squared residuals (SSR)**

$$SSR = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \cdots - \hat{\beta}_k x_{ik})^2$$

indicates the goodness of the estimates

- Good estimates should make SSR small

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

- The OLS estimates $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k)$ minimize the SSR
- Detailed steps
 - The first order conditions lead to

$$\frac{\partial SSR}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} = -2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_k x_{ik}) = 0$$

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- Solve the system of $k + 1$ equations

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS): Matrix Form

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- Or collectively,

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{1,1} & \cdots & x_{1,k} \\ 1 & x_{2,1} & \cdots & x_{2,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 1 & x_{n,1} & \cdots & x_{n,k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Matrix notation: $y = X\beta + u$
- OLS estimates: $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$

Sample Regression Function (SRF)

- Once OLS estimates are obtained,

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{ik}$$

is the **fitted value** of y when $(x_1, \dots, x_k) = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ik})$

- The **OLS regression line** or **sample regression function** (SRF) is

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k x_k,$$

which is an estimate of the PRF

- “Run a regression of y on x_1, \dots, x_k ”: use OLS to estimate the multiple regression model

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Interpretation of SRF

- The OLS regression line or SRF can be written in the form of changes:

$$\Delta \hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_1 \Delta x_1 + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k \Delta x_k$$

- The coefficient on x_j is the partial effect of x_j on y holding other x 's fixed: $\Delta \hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_j \Delta x_j$
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- The dependent variable y may be decomposed either as the sum of the SRF and the residual

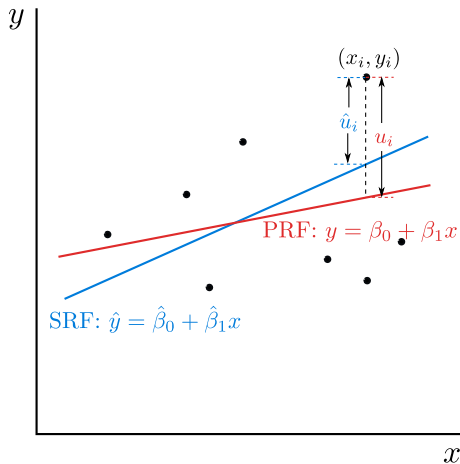
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or as the sum of the PRF and the disturbance

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- Hope: $\text{SRF} = \text{PRF}$ “on average” or “when n goes to infinity”

Goodness-of-Fit

- How well does x explain y ? Or how well does the OLS regression line fit data?
- We may use the fraction of variation in y that is explained by x 's (or by the SRF) to measure the goodness-of-fit

Goodness-of-Fit: Sum of Squares

- Each y_i may be decomposed into $y_i = \hat{y}_i + \hat{u}_i$
- Measure variations from \bar{y}
 - Total sum of squares (total variation in y_i):

$$SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- Explained sum of squares (variation in \hat{y}_i):

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- Sum of squared Residuals (variation in \hat{u}_i):

$$SSR = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i^2$$

- It can be shown that $SST = SSE + SSR$

Goodness-of-Fit: R-Squared

- R-squared (coefficient of determination):

$$R^2 = \frac{SSE}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST}$$

- larger R^2 , better fit
- $0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$

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- $R^2 = 0.165$ indicates that 16.5% of variation in wage is explained by *educ*

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- The R^2 does not change when varying units of measurement

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- The OLS only requires the regression model

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to be **linear in parameters** $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$

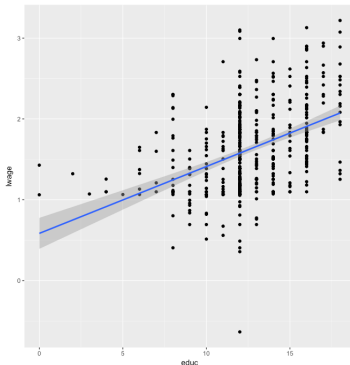
- Nonlinear relationships between y and x can be easily accommodated

Nonlinear Relationship between x and y : An Example

- Example 2.4 (wage1.RData) A better model to reflect the nonlinear relationship between *wage* and *educ* can be

$$\log(\text{wage}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{educ} + u.$$

- ```
> ggplot(data = wage.data, aes(x = educ, y = lwage)) +
 geom_point() + stat_smooth(method = "lm")
```



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|                                | <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|                                | wage<br>(1)                | lwage<br>(2)        |
| educ                           | 0.541***<br>(0.053)        | 0.083***<br>(0.008) |
| Constant                       | -0.905<br>(0.685)          | 0.584***<br>(0.097) |
| Observations                   | 526                        | 526                 |
| R <sup>2</sup>                 | 0.165                      | 0.186               |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>        | 0.163                      | 0.184               |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 524) | 3.378                      | 0.480               |
| F Statistic (df = 1; 524)      | 103.363***                 | 119.582***          |

*Note:*

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$



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- For two observations  $(educ_1, wage_1)$  and  $(educ_2, wage_2)$ , we have

$$\log(wage_1) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ_1 + u_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\log(wage_2) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ_2 + u_2 \quad (2)$$

- Subtracting (2) from (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \log(wage_1) - \log(wage_2) &= \beta_1(educ_1 - educ_2) + (u_1 - u_2) \\ \Rightarrow \Delta \log(wage) &= \beta_1 \Delta educ + \Delta u \end{aligned}$$

- When  $\Delta u = 0$ , the percentage change in the wage is approximately  $\% \Delta \log(wage) = \beta_1 \Delta educ$ .

# Nonlinear Relationship between $x$ and $y$

- Linear models are linear in parameters
- OLS applies to linear models no matter how  $x$  and  $y$  are defined
- But be careful about the interpretation of  $\beta$

**TABLE 2.3**

**Summary of Functional Forms Involving Logarithms**

| Model       | Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Interpretation of $\beta_1$           |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Level-level | $y$                | $x$                  | $\Delta y = \beta_1 \Delta x$         |
| Level-log   | $y$                | $\log(x)$            | $\Delta y = (\beta_1/100)\% \Delta x$ |
| Log-level   | $\log(y)$          | $x$                  | $\% \Delta y = (100\beta_1) \Delta x$ |
| Log-log     | $\log(y)$          | $\log(x)$            | $\% \Delta y = \beta_1 \% \Delta x$   |

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$$\Delta \widehat{\log(wage)} = .004 + .022 = .026$$

- $R^2 = 0.316$  indicates that 31.6% of variation in wage is explained by *educ*, *exper*, and *tenure*

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# OLS Estimators

- A **random sample**, containing independent draws from the same population, is random
  - A data set is a realization of the random sample
- OLS “estimates”  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k)$  computed from a random sample is random, called the **OLS estimators**
- To make inference about the population parameters  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ , we need to understand the statistical properties of the OLS estimators
- In particular, we like to know the **means** and **variances** of the OLS estimators

# Unbiasedness of OLS Estimators

## Theorem (3.1)

*With a “good” model (where certain conditions are satisfied), the OLS estimators are unbiased, i.e.,  $E(\hat{\beta}_j) = \beta_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$*

Unbiased estimators  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k)$

- They are “centred” around  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_k)$
- They correctly estimate  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_k)$  on average
- They will be “near”  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_k)$  for a “typical” sample



# What if an irrelevant $x$ is included?

- “Irrelevant” means the population coefficient of that variable is 0
- Eg.  $x_3$  is irrelevant in the model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u.$$

The OLS estimators are unbiased:  $E(\hat{\beta}_j) = \beta_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$

- In particular,  $E(\hat{\beta}_3) = \beta_3 = 0$
- The estimate of  $\beta_3$  will “typically” be near 0

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- Example 3.2.(wage1.RData) Use *educ*, *exper*, *tenure* (years with current employer) to explain hourly wage. What if we include an irrelevant variable?
- ```
> log.m2 <- lm(lwage ~ educ + exper + tenure, data = wage.  
data)  
> irr <- rnorm(nrow(wage.data), mean = 0, sd = 1)  
> log.m3 <- lm(lwage ~ educ + exper + tenure + irr, data =  
wage.data)  
> stargazer(log.m2, log.m3, align = TRUE, no.space = TRUE)
```

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	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	lwage	
	(1)	(2)
educ	0.092*** (0.007)	0.092*** (0.007)
exper	0.004** (0.002)	0.004** (0.002)
tenure	0.022*** (0.003)	0.022*** (0.003)
irr		0.004 (0.019)
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R ²	0.316	0.316
Adjusted R ²	0.312	0.311
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F Statistic	80.391*** (df = 3; 522)	60.193*** (df = 4; 521)

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What if a relevant x is omitted?

- Eg. When x_2 is omitted from the true model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + u.$$

- It becomes: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + v$, with $v = \beta_2 x_2 + u$
- The estimated model is $\tilde{y} = \tilde{\beta}_0 + \tilde{\beta}_1 x_1$
- It can be shown that OLS is biased: $E(\tilde{\beta}_1) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \tilde{\delta}$, where $\beta_2 \tilde{\delta}$ is known as **omitted variable bias** and $\tilde{\delta}$ is the coefficient of regressing x_2 on x_1
- The omitted variable bias is zero in two special cases
 - when $\beta_2 = 0$ or
 - when $\tilde{\delta} = 0$

Omitted Variable Bias

- The OLS estimators will generally be biased
- The direction and size of bias depend on how the omitted is related to the included

	$Corr(x_1, x_2) > 0$	$Corr(x_1, x_2) < 0$
$\beta_2 > 0$	Positive bias	Negative bias
$\beta_2 < 0$	Negative bias	Positive bias

- In practice, the knowledge about the signs of β_2 and $Corr(x_1, x_2)$ is useful for interpreting estimation result

Omitted Variable Bias: An Example

- Example 3.2.(wage1.RData) Use *educ*, *exper*, *tenure* (years with current employer) to explain hourly wage. What if we omit *exper* in the model?
- ```
> log.m2 <- lm(lwage ~ educ + exper + tenure, data = wage.
data)
> log.m4 <- lm(lwage ~ educ + tenure, data = wage.data)
> stargazer(log.m2, log.m4, align = TRUE, no.space = TRUE)
```

# Omitted Variable Bias: An Example

|                         | <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | lwage                      |                          |
|                         | (1)                        | (2)                      |
| educ                    | 0.092***<br>(0.007)        | 0.087***<br>(0.007)      |
| exper                   | 0.004**<br>(0.002)         |                          |
| tenure                  | 0.022***<br>(0.003)        | 0.026***<br>(0.003)      |
| Constant                | 0.284***<br>(0.104)        | 0.404***<br>(0.092)      |
| Observations            | 526                        | 526                      |
| R <sup>2</sup>          | 0.316                      | 0.309                    |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> | 0.312                      | 0.306                    |
| Residual Std. Error     | 0.441 (df = 522)           | 0.443 (df = 523)         |
| F Statistic             | 80.391*** (df = 3; 522)    | 116.674*** (df = 2; 523) |

*Note:*

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

# Variance of OLS Estimators

## Theorem (3.2)

*With a “good” model, the variances of the OLS estimators are given by*

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{\sigma^2}{SST_j(1 - R_j^2)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k,$$

*where  $SST_j = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2$ ,  $\bar{x}_j = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}$ , and  $R_j^2$  is the  $R$ -squared from regressing  $x_j$  on all other independent variables.*

- The larger  $\sigma^2$ , the greater  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$
- The larger the variation in  $x_j$ , the smaller  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$
- The larger  $R_j^2$ , the greater  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$



# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $\sigma^2$

```
> x <- rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 2)
> y1 <- x + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 2)
> y2 <- x + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> m1 <- lm(y1 ~ x)
> m2 <- lm(y2 ~ x)
> stargazer(m1, m2, align = TRUE, no.space = TRUE)
```

# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $\sigma^2$

|                                | <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|                                | y1                         | y2                 |
|                                | (1)                        | (2)                |
| x                              | 0.948***<br>(0.107)        | 0.947**<br>(0.427) |
| Constant                       | 1.001***<br>(0.264)        | 1.510<br>(1.048)   |
| Observations                   | 100                        | 100                |
| R <sup>2</sup>                 | 0.442                      | 0.048              |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>        | 0.437                      | 0.038              |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 98)  | 2.158                      | 8.582              |
| F Statistic (df = 1; 98)       | 77.769***                  | 4.910**            |
| <i>Note:</i>                   |                            |                    |
| * p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01 |                            |                    |

# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $SST_j$

```
> x1 <- rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 1)
> y1 <- x1 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> x2 <- rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> y2 <- x2 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> m1 <- lm(y1 ~ x1)
> m2 <- lm(y2 ~ x2)
> stargazer(m1, m2, align = TRUE, no.space = TRUE)
```

# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $SST_j$

|                               | <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | y1                         | y2                  |
|                               | (1)                        | (2)                 |
| x1                            | 1.861**<br>(0.711)         |                     |
| x2                            |                            | 1.056***<br>(0.107) |
| Constant                      | 0.016<br>(1.040)           | 0.906<br>(0.818)    |
| Observations                  | 100                        | 100                 |
| R <sup>2</sup>                | 0.065                      | 0.497               |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>       | 0.056                      | 0.492               |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 98) | 7.737                      | 8.060               |
| F Statistic (df = 1; 98)      | 6.851**                    | 96.798***           |

*Note:*

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $R_j^2$

```
> x1 <- rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 2)
> x2 <- x1 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 1)
> x3 <- x1 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> y1 <- x1 + x2 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> y2 <- x1 + x3 + rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 8)
> m1 <- lm(y1 ~ x1 + x2)
> m2 <- lm(y2 ~ x1 + x3)
> stargazer(m1, m2, align = TRUE, no.space = TRUE)
```

# Variance of OLS Estimators: Impact of $R_j^2$

|                               | <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|                               | y1                         | y2                  |
|                               | (1)                        | (2)                 |
| x1                            | 1.515*<br>(0.888)          | 1.069***<br>(0.373) |
| x2                            | 0.900<br>(0.802)           |                     |
| x3                            |                            | 0.837***<br>(0.092) |
| Constant                      | -0.439<br>(1.187)          | 2.039**<br>(0.832)  |
| Observations                  | 100                        | 100                 |
| R <sup>2</sup>                | 0.281                      | 0.539               |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>       | 0.266                      | 0.530               |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 97) | 7.958                      | 7.195               |
| F Statistic (df = 2; 97)      | 18.942***                  | 56.783***           |

*Note:*

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

# Multicollinearity

- The larger  $R_j^2$ , the greater  $Var(\hat{\beta}_j)$ 
  - $R_j^2$  is the R-squared from regressing  $x_j$  on all other  $x$ 's
  - The more variation in  $x_j$  is explained by other  $x$ 's, the larger is  $R_j^2$
- High correlation between two or more independent variables is known as **multicollinearity**

# Estimation of $\sigma^2$

- As the residual approximates  $u$ , the estimator of  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSR}{n - (k + 1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i^2}{n - (k + 1)}$$

- The **degrees of freedom (df)** for the regression is  $n - (k + 1) = \# \text{ of observations} - \# \text{ of estimated coefficients}$
- $\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2}$  is known as the **standard error of the regression**



# Outline

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- Reporting regression results

# Reporting Regression Results

- Good practice (minimum)
  - Report estimated coefficients AND standard errors
  - Report R-squared
  - Report sample size
  - Report in equation-form if the number of equations is small
    - Eg. Log wage model (standard errors are in brackets):

$$\widehat{\log(wage)} = .284 + .092 educ + .0041 exper + .022 tenure$$

$(.104) \quad (.007) \quad (.0017) \quad (.003)$

$$n = 526, R^2 = .316$$

- Report in table-form

# Reporting Regression Results

```
lm(formula = bwght ~ cigs, data = data)
```

Residuals:

| Min     | 1Q      | Median | 3Q     | Max     |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| -96.772 | -11.772 | 0.297  | 13.228 | 151.228 |

Coefficients:

|             | Estimate  | Std. Error | t value | Pr(> t )     |
|-------------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| (Intercept) | 119.77190 | 0.57234    | 209.267 | < 2e-16 ***  |
| cigs        | -0.51377  | 0.090      | -5.678  | 1.66e-08 *** |

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 20.13 on 13 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared: 0.02273, Adjusted R-squared: 0.02202  
F-statistic: 32.24 on 1 and 13 DF, p-value: 1.662e-08