

ARE 212 Midterm

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Question One: Replicate an important paper

“Linkages among climate change, crop yields and Mexico - US cross-border migration”

Load OLS function

```
to_matrix <- function(the_df, vars) {  
  # Create a matrix from variables in var  
  new_mat <- the_df %>%  
    # Select the columns given in 'vars'  
    select_(.dots = vars) %>%  
    # Convert to matrix  
    as.matrix()  
  # Return 'new_mat'  
  return(new_mat)  
}  
  
# Function for OLS coefficient estimates and measures of fit  
b_ols <- function(data, y_data, X_data, intercept=TRUE) {  
  
  # y matrix  
  y <- to_matrix (the_df = data, vars = y_data)  
  # X matrix  
  X <- to_matrix (the_df = data, vars = X_data)  
  # If 'intercept' is TRUE, then add a column of ones  
  if (intercept == T) {  
    X <- cbind(1,X)  
    colnames(X) <- c("intercept", X_data)  
  }  
  
  # Calculate beta hat -----  
  beta_hat <- solve( t(X) %*% X ) %*% t(X) %*% y  
  # Change the name of 'ones' to 'intercept'  
  if(intercept == T){  
    rownames(beta_hat) <- c("intercept", X_data) }  
  else  
    rownames(beta_hat) <- c(X_data)  
  
  y_hat <- X %*% b  
  e <- y - y_hat  
  
  # Useful -----  
  n <- nrow(X) # number of observations  
  k <- ncol(X) # number of independent variables  
  dof <- n - k # degrees of freedom
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i <- rep(1,n) # column of ones for demeaning matrix
A <- diag(i) - (1 / n) * i %*% t(i) # demeaning matrix
y_star <- A %*% y # for SST
X_star <- A %*% X # for SSM
SST <- drop(t(y_star) %*% y_star)
SSM <- drop(t(b) %*% t(X_star) %*% X_star %*% b)
SSR <- drop(t(e) %*% e)

# Measures of fit and estimated variance ----
R2uc <- drop((t(y_hat) %*% y_hat)/(t(y) %*% y)) # Uncentered R^2
R2 <- 1 - SSR/SST # Uncentered R^2
R2adj <- 1 - (n-1)/dof * (1 - R2) # Adjusted R^2
AIC <- log(SSR/n) + 2*k/n # AIC
SIC <- log(SSR/n) + k/n*log(n) # SIC
s2 <- SSR/dof # s^2

# Return beta_hat & adjusted r2
return(list(b=beta_hat, adjR2 = R2adj))
}

```

Load & clean data

1. Estimate model (1) via OLS by regressing emigration rate on log of yields and a time period fixed effect. Report coefficient on yield and adjusted R^2 . Does this match the results in the first column of table #1?
2. Estimate model (1) again via fixed effects and FWT. Report coefficient on yield and adjusted R^2 . Does this match the results in the third column of table #1?
3. Repeat step 1 without the the fixed effects. Report coefficient on yield and adjusted R^2 . Do the results look different from what you estimated before? From what is in the paper?
4. Repeat step 2 without the the fixed effects. Report coefficient on yield and adjusted R^2 . Do the results look different from what you estimated before? From what is in the paper?
5. What happened here? What are the consequences?

Question Two: Normality of OLS

Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i$

Truth: $\beta_0 = 3$, $\beta_1 = 1$, $\beta_2 = -2$

Load functions for use in simulation

Generate data function (given a sample size, n)

```

gen_data <- function(sample_size) {
  # Create data.frame with random x and error
  data_df <- data.frame(
    x1 = rnorm(sample_size),
    x2 = rnorm(sample_size),
    e = rnorm(sample_size))
  # Calculate y = 3 + 1 x1 - 2 x2 + e; drop 'e'
}

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data_df %<>% mutate(y = 3 + 1 * x1 - 2 * x2 + e) %>%
  select(-e)
# Return data_df
return(data_df)
}

```

Run a single simulation of OLS

```

one_sim <- function(sample_size) {
  # Estimate via OLS
  ols_est <- ols(data = gen_data(sample_size),
    y_data = "y", X_data = c("x1", "x2"))
  # Grab the estimated coefficient on x
  # (the second element of 'coef')
  b1 <- ols_est %$% coef[2]
  # Grab the second p-value
  # (the first p-value is for the intercept)
  p_value <- ols_est %$% p_value[2]
  # Return a data.frame with b1 and p_value
  return(data.frame(b1, p_value))
}

```