

# Lecture Note for Applied Econometrics

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# Chapter 1

## Preface

Welcome to Applied Econometrics using R!

### 1.1 About this

This lecture note is maintained by Yuta Toyama.

### 1.2 Update: April 23, 2019

- Upload chapter 6 (review of statistics)

### 1.3 Update: April 16, 2019

- Update chapter 3 (basic programming)
- Upload chapter 4 (Data frame)
- Upload chapter 5 (Exercise 1)

### 1.4 Acknowledgement (as of April 16, 2019)

- Chapter 2 through 4 are largely based on Applied Statistics with R. <https://davidalpiaz.github.io/appliedstats/>
- Chapter 6 is based on “Introduction to Econometrics with R”. <https://www.econometrics-with-r.org/index.html>



# Chapter 2

## Introduction to the course

### 2.1 What is econometrics?

1. Estimating economic relationships
  1. Demand curve  $\log(Q_t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 P_t + \epsilon_t$
  2. Production function  $Y_{it} = A_{it} K_{it}^\alpha L_{it}^\beta$
2. Testing economic theory
  - Does adverse selection exist in insurance markets?
  - Are consumers rational?
3. Determine the effect of a given intervention (causal inference)
  - What is the effect of increasing minimum wage on employment?
  - Do mergers increase the output price?
  - Does democracy cause economic growth? (a series of works by Acemoglu, Robinson, and their co-authors).
  - Effects of going to private colleges on your future earnings.
  - Note: Some questions may have underlying economic models, others may not.
4. Describe the data (prediction/forecasting)
  - How does the distribution of wage look like?
  - Relationship between electricity consumption and temperature (possibly nonlinear).
  - Related to machine learning (ML).

### 2.2 Why do we need to learn computation

1. Conduct statistical and empirical analysis using your own data set
  1. Construct the data set
  2. Describe the data
  3. Run regression or estimate an economic object
  4. Make tables and figures that show the results of your analysis.
2. Verify the econometric theory through numerical simulations.
  - Ex. Asymptotic theory considers the case when the sample size is large enough (i.e.,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ )
    - Law of large numbers, central limit theorem
    - How well is the asymptotic approximation?
  - **Monte Carlo simulations**
- We will learn both aspects in this course.

## 2.3 Why do we use R?

- Many alternatives: Stata, Matlab, Python, etc...
- 1. Free software!!
  - Stata and Matlab are expensive.
  - Though you can use Matlab through the campus license from this April.
- 2. Good balance between flexibility in programming and easy-to-use for econometric analysis
  - Stata is easy to use for econometric analysis, but hard to write your own program.
  - Matlab is the opposite.
  - You can do everything with R, including data construction, regression analysis, and complicated structural estimation.
- 3. Many users
  - Popular in engineering.
  - Many packages being developed (especially important for recently popular tools. )
- Note: Python seems also good, though I have not used it before.



## Chapter 3

# Introduction of R and R studio

### 3.1 Getting Started

- You can use R/R studio in the PC room.
- However, I strongly recommend you install R/Studio in your laptop and bring it to the class.
- Install in the following order
  1. R: <https://www.r-project.org/>
  2. Rstudio: <https://www.rstudio.com/>
- Now open Rstudio.

### 3.2 Helps

- The RStudio team has developed a number of “cheatsheets” for working with both R and RStudio.
- This particular cheatsheet for Base R will summarize many of the concepts in this document.

### 3.3 Quick tour of Rstudio

- There are four panels
  1. Source: Write your own code here.
  2. Console:
  3. Environment/History:
  4. Files/Plots/Packages/Help:
- In the Source panel,
  - Write your own code.
  - Save your code in .R file
  - Click **Run** command to run your entire code.
- In the console panel,
  - After clicking **Run** in the source panel, your code is evaluated.
  - You can directly type your code here to implement.

### 3.4 Basic Calculations

To get started, we'll use R like a simple calculator.

### Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

Math	R	Result
$3 + 2$	<code>3 + 2</code>	5
$3 - 2$	<code>3 - 2</code>	1
$3 \cdot 2$	<code>3 * 2</code>	6
$3/2$	<code>3 / 2</code>	1.5

### Exponents

Math	R	Result
$3^2$	<code>3 ^ 2</code>	9
$2^{(-3)}$	<code>2 ^ (-3)</code>	0.125
$100^{1/2}$	<code>100 ^ (1 / 2)</code>	10
$\sqrt{100}$	<code>sqrt(100)</code>	10

### Mathematical Constants

Math	R	Result
$\pi$	<code>pi</code>	3.1415927
$e$	<code>exp(1)</code>	2.7182818

### Logarithms

- Note that we will use `ln` and `log` interchangeably to mean the natural logarithm.
- There is no `ln()` in R, instead it uses `log()` to mean the natural logarithm.

Math	R	Result
$\log(e)$	<code>log(exp(1))</code>	1
$\log_{10}(1000)$	<code>log10(1000)</code>	3
$\log_2(8)$	<code>log2(8)</code>	3
$\log_4(16)$	<code>log(16, base = 4)</code>	2

### Trigonometry

Math	R	Result
$\sin(\pi/2)$	<code>sin(pi / 2)</code>	1
$\cos(0)$	<code>cos(0)</code>	1

## 3.5 Getting Help

- In using R as a calculator, we have seen a number of functions: `sqrt()`, `exp()`, `log()` and `sin()`.
- To get documentation about a function in R, simply put a question mark in front of the function name

and RStudio will display the documentation, for example:

```
?log  
?sin  
?paste  
?lm
```

## 3.6 Installing Packages

- One of the main strengths of R as an open-source project is its package system.
- To install a package, use the `install.packages()` function.
  - Think of this as buying a recipe book from the store, bringing it home, and putting it on your shelf.

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

- Once a package is installed, it must be loaded into your current R session before being used.
  - Think of this as taking the book off of the shelf and opening it up to read.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

- Once you close R, all the packages are closed and put back on the imaginary shelf.
- The next time you open R, you do not have to install the package again, but you do have to load any packages you intend to use by invoking `library()`.



## Chapter 4

# Data and Programming

### 4.1 Data Types

R has a number of basic data *types*.

- Numeric
  - Also known as Double. The default type when dealing with numbers.
  - Examples: 1, 1.0, 42.5
- Logical
  - Two possible values: `TRUE` and `FALSE`
  - You can also use `T` and `F`, but this is *not* recommended.
  - `NA` is also considered logical.
- Character
  - Examples: `"a"`, `"Statistics"`, `"1 plus 2."`

### 4.2 Data Structures

- R also has a number of basic data *structures*.
- A data structure is either
  - homogeneous (all elements are of the same data type)
  - heterogeneous (elements can be of more than one data type).

Dimension	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
1	Vector	List
2	Matrix	Data Frame
3+	Array	

### 4.3 Vectors

#### 4.3.1 Basics of vectors

- Many operations in R make heavy use of **vectors**.
  - Vectors in R are indexed starting at 1.
- The most common way to create a vector in R is using the `c()` function, which is short for “combine.”

```
c(1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9)
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9
```

- If we would like to store this vector in a **variable** we can do so with the **assignment** operator `=`.
  - The variable `x` now holds the vector we just created, and we can access the vector by typing `x`.

```
x = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9)
```

```
x
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9
```

```
# The following does the same thing.
```

```
x <- c(1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9)
```

```
x
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9
```

- The operator `=` and `<-` work as an assignment operator.
  - You can use both. This does not matter usually.
  - If you are interested in the weird cases where the difference matters, check out The R Inferno.
- In R code the line starting with `#` is **comment**, which is ignored when you run the code.
- A vector based on a sequence of numbers.
- The quickest and easiest way to do this is with the `:` operator, which creates a sequence of integers between two specified integers.

```
(y = 1:100)
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
## [18] 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
## [35] 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
## [52] 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68
## [69] 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
## [86] 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100
```

- By putting parentheses around the assignment,
  - R both stores the vector in a variable called `y` and
  - automatically outputs `y` to the console.

### 4.3.2 Useful functions for creating vectors

- Use the `seq()` function for a more general sequence.

```
seq(from = 1.5, to = 4.2, by = 0.1)
```

```
## [1] 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.8 2.9 3.0 3.1
## [18] 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 4.0 4.1 4.2
```

- Here, the input labels `from`, `to`, and `by` are optional.

```
seq(1.5, 4.2, 0.1)
```

```
## [1] 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.8 2.9 3.0 3.1
## [18] 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 4.0 4.1 4.2
```

- The `rep()` function repeat a single value a number of times.

```
rep("A", times = 10)
```

```
## [1] "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A" "A"
```

- The `rep()` function can be used to repeat a vector some number of times.

```
rep(x, times = 3)
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9 1 3 5 7 8 9 1 3 5 7 8 9
```

- We have now seen four different ways to create vectors:
  1. `c()`
  2. `:`
  3. `seq()`
  4. `rep()`
- They are often used together.

```
c(x, rep(seq(1, 9, 2), 3), c(1, 2, 3), 42, 2:4)
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9 1 3 5 7 9 1 3 5 7 9 1 3 5 7 9 1 2
## [24] 3 42 2 3 4
```

- The length of a vector can be obtained with the `length()` function.

```
length(x)
```

```
## [1] 6
```

```
length(y)
```

```
## [1] 100
```

### 4.3.3 Subsetting

- Use square brackets, `[]`, to obtain a subset of a vector.
- We see that `x[1]` returns the first element.

```
x
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5 7 8 9
```

```
x[1]
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
x[3]
```

```
## [1] 5
```

- We can also exclude certain indexes, in this case the second element.

```
x[-2]
```

```
## [1] 1 5 7 8 9
```

- We can subset based on a vector of indices.

```
x[1:3]
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5
```

```
x[c(1,3,4)]
```

```
## [1] 1 5 7
```

- We could instead use a vector of logical values.

```

z = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)
z

## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE
x[z]

## [1] 1 3 7 8

```

## 4.4 Vectorization

- One of the biggest strengths of R is its use of vectorized operations.
  - Frequently the lack of understanding of this concept leads of a belief that R is *slow*.
  - R is not the fastest language, but it has a reputation for being slower than it really is.)
- When a function like `log()` is called on a vector `x`, a vector is returned which has applied the function to each element of the vector `x`.

```

x = 1:10
x + 1

## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
2 * x

## [1] 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20
2 ^ x

## [1] 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 512 1024
sqrt(x)

## [1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068 2.449490 2.645751
## [8] 2.828427 3.000000 3.162278
log(x)

## [1] 0.0000000 0.6931472 1.0986123 1.3862944 1.6094379 1.7917595 1.9459101
## [8] 2.0794415 2.1972246 2.3025851

```

## 4.5 Logical Operators

Operator	Summary	Example	Result
<code>x &lt; y</code>	x less than y	<code>3 &lt; 42</code>	TRUE
<code>x &gt; y</code>	x greater than y	<code>3 &gt; 42</code>	FALSE
<code>x &lt;= y</code>	x less than or equal to y	<code>3 &lt;= 42</code>	TRUE
<code>x &gt;= y</code>	x greater than or equal to y	<code>3 &gt;= 42</code>	FALSE
<code>x == y</code>	xequal to y	<code>3 == 42</code>	FALSE
<code>x != y</code>	x not equal to y	<code>3 != 42</code>	TRUE
<code>!x</code>	not x	<code>!(3 &gt; 42)</code>	TRUE
<code>x   y</code>	x or y	<code>(3 &gt; 42)   TRUE</code>	TRUE
<code>x &amp; y</code>	x and y	<code>(3 &lt; 4) &amp; ( 42 &gt; 13)</code>	TRUE

- Logical operators are vectorized.



```

x = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9)
x > 3

## [1] FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
x < 3

## [1]  TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x == 3

## [1] FALSE  TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x != 3

## [1]  TRUE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
x == 3 & x != 3

## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x == 3 | x != 3

## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
  • This is extremely useful for subsetting.
x[x > 3]

## [1] 5 7 8 9
x[x != 3]

## [1] 1 5 7 8 9

```

#### 4.5.0.1 Short exercise

1. Create the vector  $z = (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2)$ , which has the same length as  $x$ .
2. Pick up the elements of  $x$  which corresponds to 1 in the vector  $z$ .

## 4.6 Matrices

### 4.6.1 Basics

- R can also be used for **matrix** calculations.
- Matrices have rows and columns containing a single data type.
- Matrices can be created using the **matrix** function.

```

x = 1:9
x

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
X = matrix(x, nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
X

##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    4    7
## [2,]    2    5    8

```

```
## [3,]    3    6    9
```

- We are using two different variables:
  - lower case `x`, which stores a vector and
  - capital `X`, which stores a matrix.
- By default the `matrix` function reorders a vector into columns, but we can also tell R to use rows instead.

```
Y = matrix(x, nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    2    3
## [2,]    4    5    6
## [3,]    7    8    9
```

- a matrix of a specified dimension where every element is the same, in this case 0.

```
Z = matrix(0, 2, 4)
Z
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,]    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    0    0    0
```

- Matrices can be subsetted using square brackets, `[]`.
- However, since matrices are two-dimensional, we need to specify both a row and a column when subsetting.
- Here we get the element in the first row and the second column.

```
X
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    4    7
## [2,]    2    5    8
## [3,]    3    6    9
```

```
X[1, 2]
```

```
## [1] 4
```

- We could also subset an entire row or column.

```
X[1, ]
```

```
## [1] 1 4 7
```

```
X[, 2]
```

```
## [1] 4 5 6
```

- Matrices can also be created by combining vectors as columns, using `cbind`, or combining vectors as rows, using `rbind`.

```
x = 1:9
rev(x)
```

```
## [1] 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

```
rep(1, 9)
```

```
## [1] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

```
rbind(x, rev(x), rep(1, 9))
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9]
## x      1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9
##      9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1
##      1    1    1    1    1    1    1    1    1
```

- When using `rbind` and `cbind` you can specify “argument” names that will be used as column names.

```
cbind(col_1 = x, col_2 = rev(x), col_3 = rep(1, 9))
```

```
##      col_1 col_2 col_3
## [1,]      1      9      1
## [2,]      2      8      1
## [3,]      3      7      1
## [4,]      4      6      1
## [5,]      5      5      1
## [6,]      6      4      1
## [7,]      7      3      1
## [8,]      8      2      1
## [9,]      9      1      1
```

### 4.6.2 Matrix calculations

- Perform matrix calculations.

```
x = 1:9
y = 9:1
X = matrix(x, 3, 3)
Y = matrix(y, 3, 3)
X
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]      1      4      7
## [2,]      2      5      8
## [3,]      3      6      9
```

```
Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]      9      6      3
## [2,]      8      5      2
## [3,]      7      4      1
```

```
X + Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]     10     10     10
## [2,]     10     10     10
## [3,]     10     10     10
```

```
X - Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]     -8     -2      4
## [2,]     -6      0      6
## [3,]     -4      2      8
```

```
X * Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    9   24   21
## [2,]   16   25   16
## [3,]   21   24    9
```

```
X / Y
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,] 0.1111111 0.6666667 2.3333333
## [2,] 0.2500000 1.0000000 4.0000000
## [3,] 0.4285714 1.5000000 9.0000000
```

- Note that `X * Y` is **not** matrix multiplication.
- It is element by element multiplication. (Same for `X / Y`).
- Matrix multiplication uses `%*%`.
- `t()` which gives the transpose of a matrix

```
X %*% Y
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]   90   54   18
## [2,]  114   69   24
## [3,]  138   84   30
```

```
t(X)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    2    3
## [2,]    4    5    6
## [3,]    7    8    9
```

- `solve()` which returns the inverse of a square matrix if it is invertible.

```
Z = matrix(c(9, 2, -3, 2, 4, -2, -3, -2, 16), 3, byrow = TRUE)
Z
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    9    2  -3
## [2,]    2    4  -2
## [3,]   -3   -2  16
```

```
solve(Z)
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,] 0.12931034 -0.05603448 0.01724138
## [2,] -0.05603448 0.29094828 0.02586207
## [3,] 0.01724138 0.02586207 0.06896552
```

- To verify that `solve(Z)` returns the inverse, we multiply it by `Z`.
  - We would expect this to return the identity matrix.
  - However we see that this is not the case due to some computational issues.
  - However, R also has the `all.equal()` function which checks for equality, with some small tolerance which accounts for some computational issues.

```
solve(Z) %*% Z
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]
```



```
diag(Z)
```

```
## [1]  9  4 16
```

- Or create a matrix with specified elements on the diagonal. (And 0 on the off-diagonals.)

```
diag(1:5)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    2    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    3    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    4    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    5
```

- Or, lastly, create a square matrix of a certain dimension with 1 for every element of the diagonal and 0 for the off-diagonals.

```
diag(5)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    1    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    1    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    1    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    1
```

## 4.7 Lists

- A list is a one-dimensional heterogeneous data structure.
  - It is indexed like a vector with a single integer value,
  - but each element can contain an element of any type.

```
# creation
```

```
list(42, "Hello", TRUE)
```

```
## [[1]]
## [1] 42
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "Hello"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] TRUE
```

```
ex_list = list(
  a = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  b = TRUE,
  c = "Hello!",
  d = function(arg = 42) {print("Hello World!")},
  e = diag(5)
)
```

- Lists can be subset using two syntaxes,
  1. the \$ operator, and
  2. square brackets [].

```

# subsetting
ex_list$e

##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    1    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    1    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    1    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    1

ex_list[1:2]

## $a
## [1] 1 2 3 4
##
## $b
## [1] TRUE

ex_list[1]

## $a
## [1] 1 2 3 4

ex_list[c("e", "a")]

## $e
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    1    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    1    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    1    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    1
##
## $a
## [1] 1 2 3 4

ex_list["e"]

## $e
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    1    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    1    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    1    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    1

ex_list$d

## function(arg = 42) {print("Hello World!")}

```

## 4.8 Data Frames

- We will talk about Dataframe in the next chapter.

## 4.9 Programming Basics -Control flow-

### 4.9.1 if/else

- The if/else syntax is:

```
if (...) {
  some R code
} else {
  more R code
}
```

- Example: To see whether x is large than y.

```
x = 1
y = 3
if (x > y) {
  z = x * y
  print("x is larger than y")
} else {
  z = x + 5 * y
  print("x is less than or equal to y")
}
```

```
## [1] "x is less than or equal to y"
```

```
z
```

```
## [1] 16
```

- R also has a special function `ifelse()`
  - It returns one of two specified values based on a conditional statement.

```
ifelse(4 > 3, 1, 0)
```

```
## [1] 1
```

- The real power of `ifelse()` comes from its ability to be applied to vectors.

```
fib = c(1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21)
ifelse(fib > 6, "Foo", "Bar")
```

```
## [1] "Bar" "Bar" "Bar" "Bar" "Bar" "Foo" "Foo" "Foo"
```

### 4.10 for loop

- A for loop repeats the same procedure for the specified number of times

```
x = 11:15
for (i in 1:5) {
  x[i] = x[i] * 2
}
```

```
x
```

```
## [1] 22 24 26 28 30
```

- Note that this for loop is very normal in many programming languages.
- In R we would not use a loop, instead we would simply use a vectorized operation.



- for loop in R is known to be very slow.

```
x = 11:15
x = x * 2
x
```

```
## [1] 22 24 26 28 30
```

## 4.11 Functions

- To use a function,
  - you simply type its name,
  - followed by an open parenthesis,
  - then specify values of its arguments,
  - then finish with a closing parenthesis.
- An **argument** is a variable which is used in the body of the function.

```
# The following is just a demonstration, not the real function in R.
function_name(arg1 = 10, arg2 = 20)
```

- We can also write our own functions in R.
- Example: “standardize” variables

$$\frac{x - \bar{x}}{s}$$

- When writing a function, there are three things you must do.
  1. Give the function a name. Preferably something that is short, but descriptive.
  2. Specify the arguments using `function()`
  3. Write the body of the function within curly braces, `{}`.

```
standardize = function(x) {
  m = mean(x)
  std = sd(x)
  result = (x - m) / std
  return(result)
}
```

- Here the name of the function is `standardize`,
- The function has a single argument `x` which is used in the body of function.
- Note that the output of the final line of the body is what is returned by the function.
- Let’s test our function
- Take a random sample of size `n = 10` from a normal distribution with a mean of 2 and a standard deviation of 5.

```
test_sample = rnorm(n = 10, mean = 2, sd = 5)
test_sample
```

```
## [1] 0.9198605 -1.8676522 1.8432812 11.8686578 0.3773466 -4.0180723
## [7] -8.2555190 -0.8944364 -0.4281426 7.9459623
```

```
standardize(x = test_sample)
```

```
## [1] 0.02999723 -0.45976285 0.19224030 1.95367775 -0.06532131
## [6] -0.83758711 -1.58209753 -0.28877088 -0.20684406 1.26446846
```

- The same function can be written more simply.

```
standardize = function(x) {
  (x - mean(x)) / sd(x)
}
```

- When specifying arguments, you can provide default arguments.

```
power_of_num = function(num, power = 2) {
  num ^ power
}
```

- Let's look at a number of ways that we could run this function to perform the operation  $10^2$  resulting in 100.

```
power_of_num(10)
```

```
## [1] 100
```

```
power_of_num(10, 2)
```

```
## [1] 100
```

```
power_of_num(num = 10, power = 2)
```

```
## [1] 100
```

```
power_of_num(power = 2, num = 10)
```

```
## [1] 100
```

- Note that without using the argument names, the order matters. The following code will not evaluate to the same output as the previous example.

```
power_of_num(2, 10)
```

```
## [1] 1024
```

- Also, the following line of code would produce an error since arguments without a default value must be specified.

```
power_of_num(power = 5)
```

- To further illustrate a function with a default argument, we will write a function that calculates sample variance two ways.
- By default, the function will calculate the unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$ , which we will call  $s^2$ .

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^2$$

- It will also have the ability to return the biased estimate (based on maximum likelihood) which we will call  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^2$$

```
get_var = function(x, unbiased = TRUE) {
```

```
  if (unbiased == TRUE){
    n = length(x) - 1
```

```
  } else if (unbiased == FALSE){  
    n = length(x)  
  }  
  
  (1 / n) * sum((x - mean(x)) ^ 2)  
}
```

```
get_var(test_sample)
```

```
## [1] 32.39418
```

```
get_var(test_sample, unbiased = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 32.39418
```

```
var(test_sample)
```

```
## [1] 32.39418
```

- We see the function is working as expected, and when returning the unbiased estimate it matches R's built in function `var()`. Finally, let's examine the biased estimate of  $\sigma^2$ .

```
get_var(test_sample, unbiased = FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 29.15476
```



# Chapter 5

## Data frame

### 5.1 Introduction

- A **data frame** is the most common way that we store and interact with data in this course.

```
example_data = data.frame(x = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9),  
                           y = c(rep("Hello", 9), "Goodbye"),  
                           z = rep(c(TRUE, FALSE), 5))
```

- A data frame is a **list** of vectors.
  - Each vector must contain the same data type
  - The different vectors can store different data types.

```
example_data
```

```
##      x      y      z  
## 1  1  Hello  TRUE  
## 2  3  Hello FALSE  
## 3  5  Hello  TRUE  
## 4  7  Hello FALSE  
## 5  9  Hello  TRUE  
## 6  1  Hello FALSE  
## 7  3  Hello  TRUE  
## 8  5  Hello FALSE  
## 9  7  Hello  TRUE  
## 10 9 Goodbye FALSE
```

- `write.csv` save (or export) the dataframe in `.csv` format.

### 5.2 Load csv file

- We can also import data from various file types into R, as well as use data stored in packages.
- Read `csv` file into R.
  - `read.csv()` function as default
  - `read_csv()` function from the `readr` package. This is faster for larger data.

```
# install.packages("readr")  
#library(readr)
```

```
#example_data_from_csv = read_csv("example-data.csv")
example_data_from_csv = read.csv("example-data.csv")
```

- Note: This particular line of code assumes that the file `example_data.csv` exists in your current working directory.
- The current working directory is the folder that you are working with. To see this, you type

```
getwd()
```

```
## [1] "C:/Users/Yuta/Dropbox/Teaching/2019S_Applied_Econometrics_JPN_ENG/Material_Github"
```

- If you want to set the working directory, use `setwd()` function

```
setwd(dir = "directory path" )
```

### 5.3 Examine dataframe

- Inside the `ggplot2` package is a dataset called `mpg`. By loading the package using the `library()` function, we can now access `mpg`.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

- Three things we would generally like to do with data:
  - Look at the raw data.
  - Understand the data. (Where did it come from? What are the variables? Etc.)
  - Visualize the data.
- To look at the data, we have two useful commands: `head()` and `str()`

```
head(mpg, n = 10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 11
##   manufacturer model displ  year   cyl trans drv     cty   hwy fl      cla~
##   <chr>          <chr> <dbl> <int> <int> <chr> <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <ch~
## 1 audi          a4      1.8  1999     4 auto~ f      18    29 p     com~
## 2 audi          a4      1.8  1999     4 manu~ f      21    29 p     com~
## 3 audi          a4      2    2008     4 manu~ f      20    31 p     com~
## 4 audi          a4      2    2008     4 auto~ f      21    30 p     com~
## 5 audi          a4      2.8  1999     6 auto~ f      16    26 p     com~
## 6 audi          a4      2.8  1999     6 manu~ f      18    26 p     com~
## 7 audi          a4      3.1  2008     6 auto~ f      18    27 p     com~
## 8 audi          a4 q~    1.8  1999     4 manu~ 4      18    26 p     com~
## 9 audi          a4 q~    1.8  1999     4 auto~ 4      16    25 p     com~
## 10 audi         a4 q~    2    2008     4 manu~ 4      20    28 p     com~
```

- The function `str()` will display the “structure” of the data frame.
  - It will display the number of **observations** and **variables**, list the variables, give the type of each variable, and show some elements of each variable.
  - This information can also be found in the “Environment” window in RStudio.

```
str(mpg)
```

```
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame':   234 obs. of  11 variables:
## $ manufacturer: chr  "audi" "audi" "audi" "audi" ...
## $ model       : chr  "a4" "a4" "a4" "a4" ...
## $ displ       : num  1.8 1.8 2 2 2.8 2.8 3.1 1.8 1.8 2 ...
## $ year        : int  1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 ...
```

```
## $ cyl      : int  4 4 4 4 6 6 6 4 4 4 ...
## $ trans    : chr  "auto(l5)" "manual(m5)" "manual(m6)" "auto(av)" ...
## $ drv      : chr  "f" "f" "f" "f" ...
## $ cty      : int  18 21 20 21 16 18 18 18 16 20 ...
## $ hwy      : int  29 29 31 30 26 26 27 26 25 28 ...
## $ fl       : chr  "p" "p" "p" "p" ...
## $ class    : chr  "compact" "compact" "compact" "compact" ...
```

- `names()` function to obtain names of the variables in the dataset

```
names(mpg)
```

```
## [1] "manufacturer" "model"      "displ"      "year"
## [5] "cyl"          "trans"      "drv"        "cty"
## [9] "hwy"         "fl"         "class"
```

- To access one of the variables **as a vector**, we use the `$` operator.

```
mpg$year
```

```
## [1] 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008
## [15] 2008 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008
## [29] 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999 2008 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999 1999 2008
## [43] 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 1999
## [57] 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 1999 2008 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008
## [71] 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999
## [85] 1999 1999 1999 2008 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008
## [99] 2008 1999 1999 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008
## [113] 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999
## [127] 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999 2008 1999 2008 2008
## [141] 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008
## [155] 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999
## [169] 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008
## [183] 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 1999
## [197] 2008 2008 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008
## [211] 2008 1999 1999 1999 1999 2008 2008 2008 2008 1999 1999 1999 1999 1999
## [225] 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008 2008 1999 1999 2008
```

```
mpg$hwy
```

```
## [1] 29 29 31 30 26 26 27 26 25 28 27 25 25 25 24 25 23 20 15 20 17 17
## [24] 26 23 26 25 24 19 14 15 17 27 30 26 29 26 24 24 22 22 24 24 17 22 21
## [47] 23 23 19 18 17 17 19 19 12 17 15 17 17 12 17 16 18 15 16 12 17 17 16
## [70] 12 15 16 17 15 17 17 18 17 19 17 19 19 17 17 17 16 16 17 15 17 26 25
## [93] 26 24 21 22 23 22 20 33 32 32 29 32 34 36 36 29 26 27 30 31 26 26 28
## [116] 26 29 28 27 24 24 24 22 19 20 17 12 19 18 14 15 18 18 15 17 16 18 17
## [139] 19 19 17 29 27 31 32 27 26 26 25 25 17 17 20 18 26 26 27 28 25 25 24
## [162] 27 25 26 23 26 26 26 26 25 27 25 27 20 20 19 17 20 17 29 27 31 31 26
## [185] 26 28 27 29 31 31 26 26 27 30 33 35 37 35 15 18 20 20 22 17 19 18 20
## [208] 29 26 29 29 24 44 29 26 29 29 29 23 24 44 41 29 26 28 29 29 29 28
## [231] 29 26 26 26
```

- We can use the `dim()`, `nrow()` and `ncol()` functions to obtain information about the dimension of the data frame.

```
dim(mpg)
```

```
## [1] 234 11
```

```
nrow(mpg)
```

```
## [1] 234
```

```
ncol(mpg)
```

```
## [1] 11
```

## 5.4 Subsetting data

- Subsetting data frames can work much like subsetting matrices using square brackets, `[,]`.
- Here, we find fuel efficient vehicles earning over 35 miles per gallon and only display `manufacturer`, `model` and `year`.

```
mpg[mpg$hwy > 35, c("manufacturer", "model", "year")]
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   manufacturer model      year
##   <chr>         <chr>    <int>
## 1 honda        civic      2008
## 2 honda        civic      2008
## 3 toyota       corolla    2008
## 4 volkswagen   jetta      1999
## 5 volkswagen   new beetle 1999
## 6 volkswagen   new beetle 1999
```

- An alternative would be to use the `subset()` function, which has a much more readable syntax.

```
subset(mpg, subset = hwy > 35, select = c("manufacturer", "model", "year"))
```

- Lastly, we could use the `filter` and `select` functions from the `dplyr` package which introduces the `%>%` operator from the `magrittr` package.

```
library(dplyr)
mpg %>%
  filter(hwy > 35) %>%
  select(manufacturer, model, year)
```

- I will give you an assignment about `dplyr` package in the DataCamp as a makeup lecture.



# Chapter 6

## Exercise 1

- Due date: April 22th (Monday) 11pm

### Rules for Problem Sets

- If you are enrolled in Japanese class (i.e., Wednesday 2nd), you can use both Japanese and English to write your answer.
- Submit your solution through `CourseN@vi`.
- Submit both your answer and R script.
- Using `Rmarkdown` would be appreciated, though not mandatory.
  - `Rmarkdown` introduction in Japanese: [https://kazutan.github.io/kazutanR/Rmd\\_intro.html](https://kazutan.github.io/kazutanR/Rmd_intro.html)
  - `Rmarkdown` introduction in English: [https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles\\_intro.html](https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles_intro.html)
- I might cover `Rmarkdown` in the course later.

### 6.1 Update (as of 10am, April 18th)

- Please calculate the standard deviation, not the variance in your simulation. The parameter you set when drawing the random number is the mean  $\mu$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma$  in normal distribution.
- Use `seq` function to create the sequence of the sample sizes that you use in the simulation.

### 6.2 Question: Examine the law of large numbers through numerical simulations

Consider the random sample of  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  drawn from the random variable  $X$ . The law of large numbers implies that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \xrightarrow{p} E[X]$$

In other words, the sample mean converges to the population mean in probability as the sample size goes to infinity (i.e.,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Similarly, the sample variance also converges to the population variance in probability

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \xrightarrow{p} V[X]$$

**(Note on 4/18) This implies that the sample standard deviation also converges to the population standard deviation**

(This is an application of the law of large numbers, though it is a bit involved to prove this.)

The goal of this problem set is to demonstrate these two properties through numerical simulations. Here is what we are going to do:

1. For a certain sample size  $N$ , draw  $N$  random numbers from the normal distribution with known mean and standard deviation.
2. Calculate the sample mean and the sample variance for the “data” you draw.
3. Repeat this for many different sample sizes.
4. Examine to see whether the sample mean and **standard deviation** are getting closer to the true value, which you set when you draw the random numbers, as the sample size gets larger.

### 6.2.1 How to implement

I explain how to implement this in R step by step below.

1. Prepare a function like this
  1. There are two inputs: (1) a vector that contains the data  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and (2) the indicator of whether you calculate the mean or the standard deviation.

```
fun_something = function(firstinput, secondinput){

  # Two inputs: firstinput, secondinput
  # One output: output

  # Do something.

  return(output)

}
```

2. Use if/else sentence. Example:

```
# "secondinput" is the name of the input variable in your function
if ( secondinput == "mean"){
  # calculate mean of the data (firstinput)

} else if ( secondinput == "sd"){
  # Calculate standard deviation of the data (firstinput)
}
```

3. Use return function to define the output of the function.

2. Construct a vector that contains the sample size you want to use in your simulation. For example:

```
samplesize_vec = seq(from = 100, to = 100000, by = 100)
```

Here, let's try 100 different sample sizes that ranges from 100 to 100000.

3. Prepare two vectors that contain the result in the forloop below. Since we are trying 100 different sample sizes, let's create a vector with the length of 100.

```
# Hint:
# numeric(k) returns a zero vector with the length of k
# length( vector) returns the length of `vector`

# result_mean = ....
# result_sd = ....
```

4. To create the random draw from the normal distribution, use below

```
# You can choose the mean and the standard deviation as you like.
rnorm(n = 100, mean = 2, sd = 5)
```

4. Use forloop to calculate both mean and the standard deviation for each sample size. For example:

```
for (i in 1:length(samplesize_vec)){

  # Draw the random number

  # Calculate the mean using the function you construct.

  # Calculate the standard deviation using the function you construct.

}
```

5. Plot the result with ggplot2.

1. Install the package if you have not done it yet.
2. Load ggplot2 by library(ggplot2)
3. Use qplot command to make a figure

```
# Create plot and save it as the variable `plot1`
plot1 <- qplot(x = samplesize_vec, y = yourresult, geom = "line")

# print "plot1"
print(plot1)

# save the plot as PNG file
ggsave(file = "filename.png", plot = plot1)
```

### 6.2.2 What to submit

Your answer should include

1. The true value of mean and variance you choose in your simulation.
2. The plot that describes the relationship between the sample mean (variance) and the sample size.
3. Explain what the plots from your simulation indicate.



# Chapter 7

## A Review of Statistics

**Acknowledgement:** This chapter is largely based on chapter 3 of “Introduction to Econometrics with R”.  
<https://www.econometrics-with-r.org/index.html>

The goal of this chapter is

1. Review of important concepts in statistics
  1. Estimation
  2. Hypothesis testing
2. Review of tools from probability theory
  1. Law of large numbers
  2. Central limit theorem

### 7.1 Estimation

- Estimator: A mapping from the sample data drawn from an unknown population to a certain feature in the population
- Example: Consider hourly earnings of college graduates  $Y$ .
- You want to estimate the mean of  $Y$ , defined as  $E[Y] = \mu_y$
- Draw a random sample of  $n$  i.i.d. (identically and independently distributed) observations  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_N$
- How to estimate  $E[Y]$  from the data?
- Idea 1: Sample mean

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i,$$

- Idea 2: Pick the first observation of the sample.
- Question: How can we say which is better?

#### 7.1.1 Properties of the estimator

Consider the estimator  $\hat{\mu}_N$  for the unknown parameter  $\mu$ .

1. Unbiasdeness: The expectation of the estimator is the same as the true parameter in the population.

$$E[\hat{\mu}_N] = \mu$$

2. Consistency: The estimator converges to the true parameter in probability.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}(|\hat{\mu}_N - \mu| < \epsilon) = 1$$

- Intuition: As the sample size gets larger, the estimator and the true parameter is close with probability one.
- Note: a bit different from the usual convergence of the sequence.

### 7.1.2 Sample mean $\bar{Y}$ is unbiased and consistent

- Showing these two properties using mathematics is straightforward:
  - Unbiasedness: Take expectation.
  - Consistency: Law of large numbers.
- Let's examine these two properties using R.
- Step 1: Prepare a population. Here, I prepare income and age data from PUMS 5% sample of U.S. Census 2000.
  - PUMS: Public Use Microdata Sample
  - Download the example data here as a .csv file. Put this file in the same folder as your R script file.

```
# Use "readr" package
library(readr)
pums2000 <- read_csv("data_pums_2000.csv")
```

```
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##   AGE = col_double(),
##   INCTOT = col_double()
## )
```

- We treat this dataset as **population**.

```
pop <- as.vector(pums2000$INCTOT)
```

- *Population* mean and standard deviation

```
pop_mean = mean(pop)
pop_sd = sd(pop)
```

```
# Average income in population
pop_mean
```

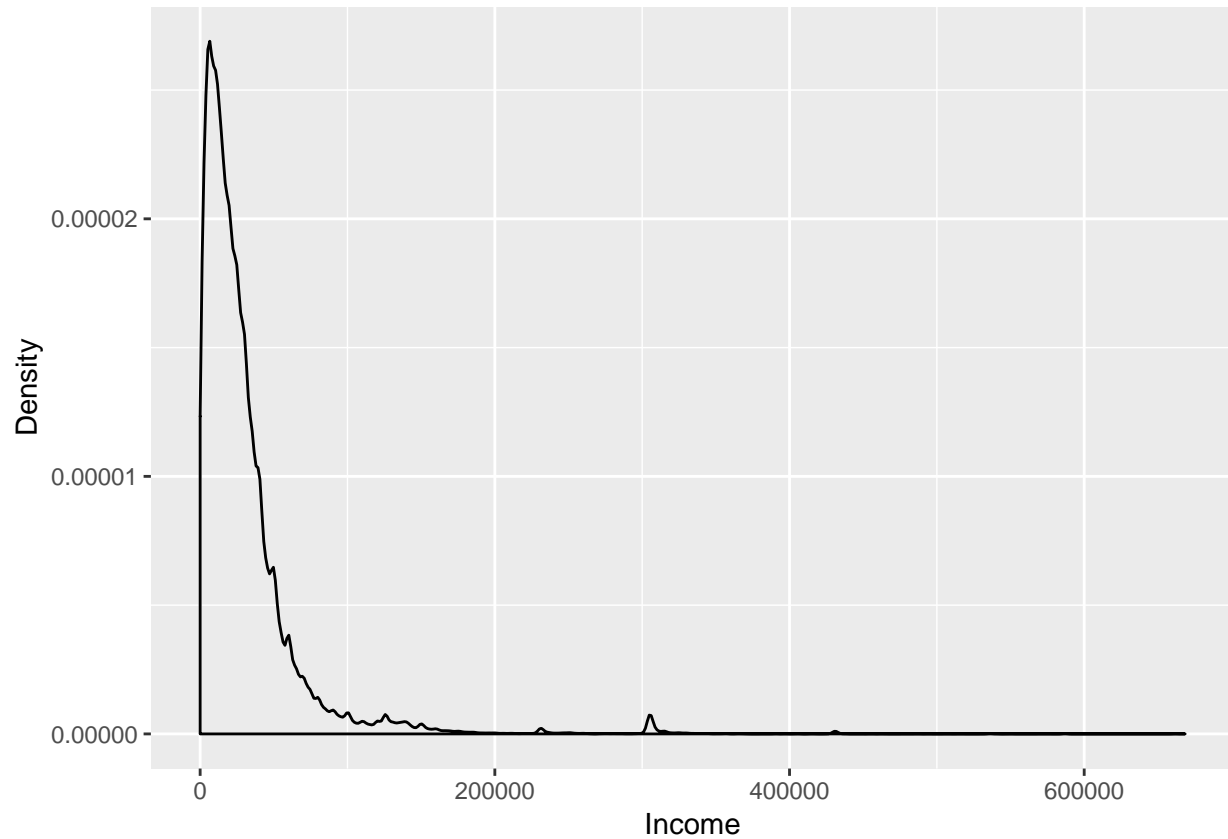
```
## [1] 30165.47
```

```
# Standard deviation of income in population
pop_sd
```

```
## [1] 38306.17
```

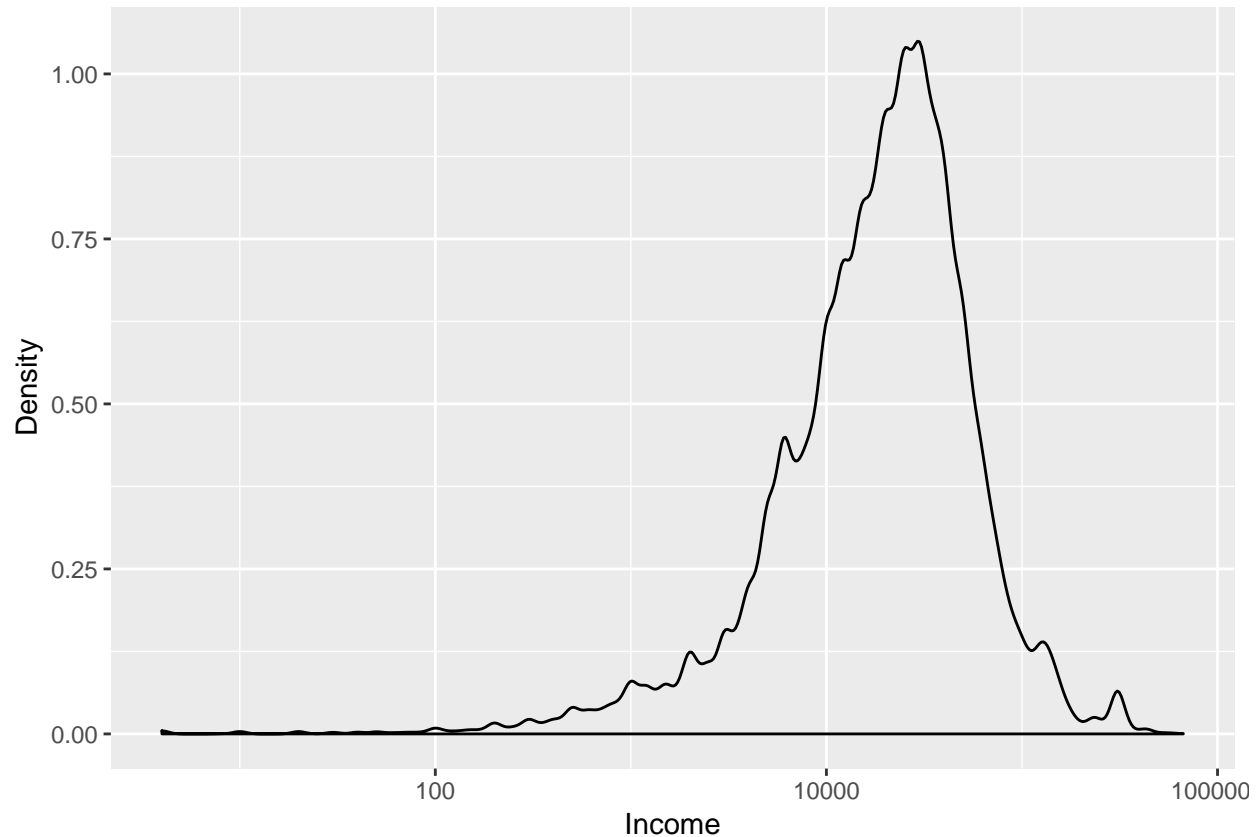
```
# income distribution in population
# Note that the unit is in USD.
```

```
library("ggplot2")
qplot(pop, geom = "density",
      xlab = "Income",
      ylab = "Density")
```



- The distribution has a long tail.
- Let's plot the distribution in *log* scale

```
# `log` option specifies which axis is represented in log scale.  
qplot(pop, geom = "density",  
      xlab = "Income",  
      ylab = "Density",  
      log = "x")
```



- Let's investigate how close the sample mean constructed from the random sample is to the true population mean.
- Step 1: Draw random samples from this population and calculate  $\bar{Y}$  for each sample.
  - Set the sample size  $N$ .
- Step 2: Repeat 2000 times. You now have 2000 sample means.

```
# Set the seed for the random number. This is needed to maintain the reproducibility of the results.
set.seed(123)

# draw random sample of 100 observations from the variable pop
test <- sample(x = pop, size = 100)

# Use loop to repeat 2000 times.
Nsamples = 2000
result1 <- numeric(Nsamples)

for (i in 1:Nsamples){

  test <- sample(x = pop, size = 100)
  result1[i] <- mean(test)

}

# Simple approach
result1 <- replicate(expr = mean(sample(x = pop, size = 10)), n = Nsamples)
result2 <- replicate(expr = mean(sample(x = pop, size = 100)), n = Nsamples)
result3 <- replicate(expr = mean(sample(x = pop, size = 500)), n = Nsamples)
```



```
# Create dataframe
```

```
result_data <- data.frame( Ybar10 = result1,
                           Ybar100 = result2,
                           Ybar500 = result3)
```

- Step 3: See the distribution of those 2000 sample means.

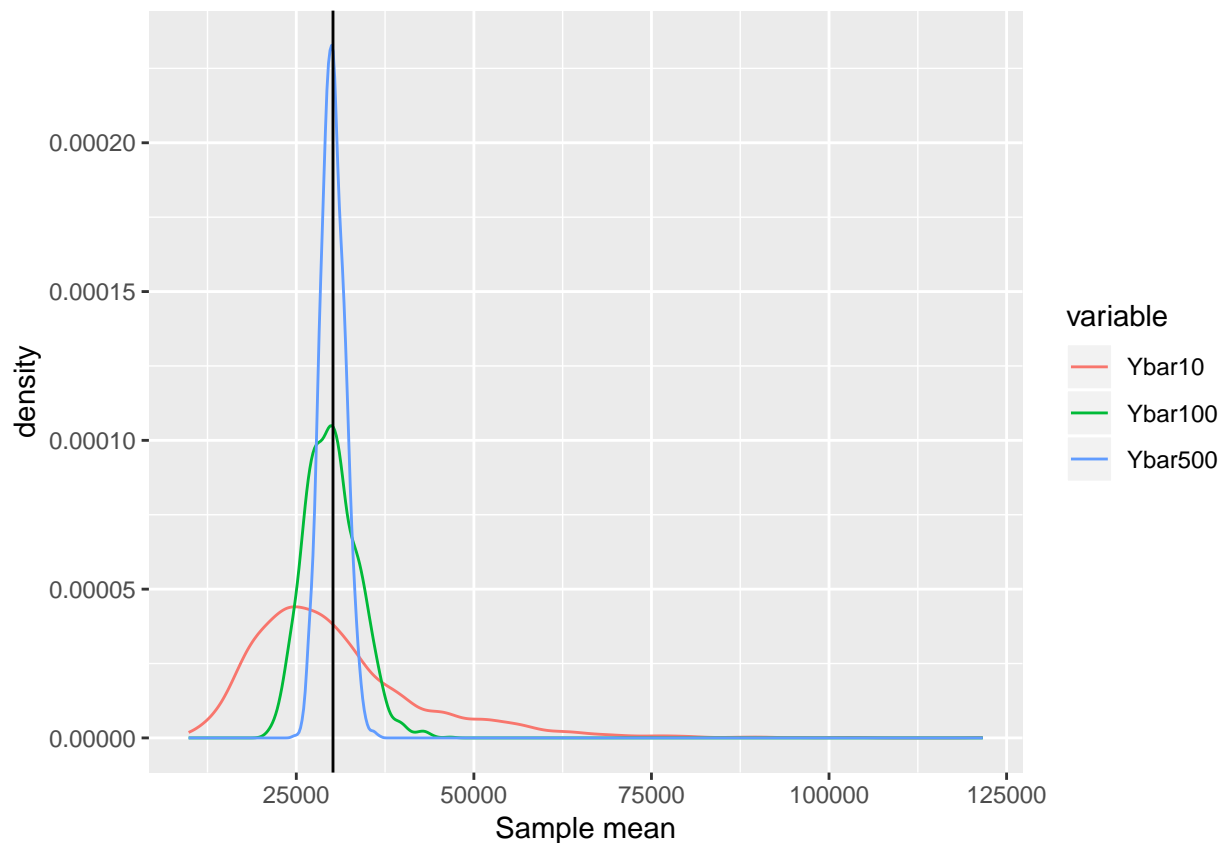
```
# Use reshape library
# install.packages("reshape")
library("reshape")
```

```
# Use "melt" to change the format of result_data
data_for_plot <- melt(data = result_data, variable.name = "Variable" )
```

```
## Using as id variables
```

```
# Use "ggplot2" to create the figure.
# The variable `fig` contains the information about the figure
fig <-
  ggplot(data = data_for_plot) +
  xlab("Sample mean") +
  geom_line(aes(x = value, colour = variable ), stat = "density" ) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=pop_mean ,colour="black")
```

```
# Display the figure
plot(fig)
```



- Observation 1: Regardless of the sample size, the average of the sample means is close to the population mean. **Unbiasdeness**
- Observation 2: As the sample size gets larger, the distribution is concentrated around the population mean. **Consistency (law of large numbers)**

## 7.2 Hypothesis Testing

### 7.2.1 Central limit theorem

- Central limit theorem: Consider the i.i.d. sample of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  drawn from the random variable  $Y$  with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . The following  $Z$  converges in distribution to the normal distribution.

$$Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

In other words,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P(Z \leq z) = \Phi(z)$$

- The central limit theorem implies that if  $N$  is large **enough**, we can **approximate** the distribution of  $\bar{Y}$  by the standard normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2/N$  **regardless of the underlying distribution of  $Y$** .
- Let's examine this property through simulation!!
- Use the same example as before. Remember that the underlying income distribution is clearly NOT normal.
  - Population mean  $\mu = 30165.4673315$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 38306.1712336$ . Use these numbers.

```
# Set the seed for the random number
set.seed(124)

# define function for simulation
f_simu_CLT = function(Nsamples, samplesize, pop, pop_mean, pop_sd ){

  output = numeric(Nsamples)
  for (i in 1:Nsamples ){
    test <- sample(x = pop, size = samplesize)
    output[i] <- ( mean(test) - pop_mean ) / (pop_sd / sqrt(samplesize))
  }

  return(output)
}

# Comment: You can do better without using forloop. Let me know if you come with a good idea.

# Run simulation
Nsamples = 2000
result_CLT1 <- f_simu_CLT(Nsamples, 10, pop, pop_mean, pop_sd )
result_CLT2 <- f_simu_CLT(Nsamples, 100, pop, pop_mean, pop_sd )
result_CLT3 <- f_simu_CLT(Nsamples, 1000, pop, pop_mean, pop_sd )
```

```
# Random draw from standard normal distribution as comparison
result_stdnorm = rnorm(Nsamples)

# Create dataframe
result_CLT_data <- data.frame( Ybar_standardized_10 = result_CLT1,
                              Ybar_standardized_100 = result_CLT2,
                              Ybar_standardized_1000 = result_CLT3,
                              Standard_Normal = result_stdnorm)

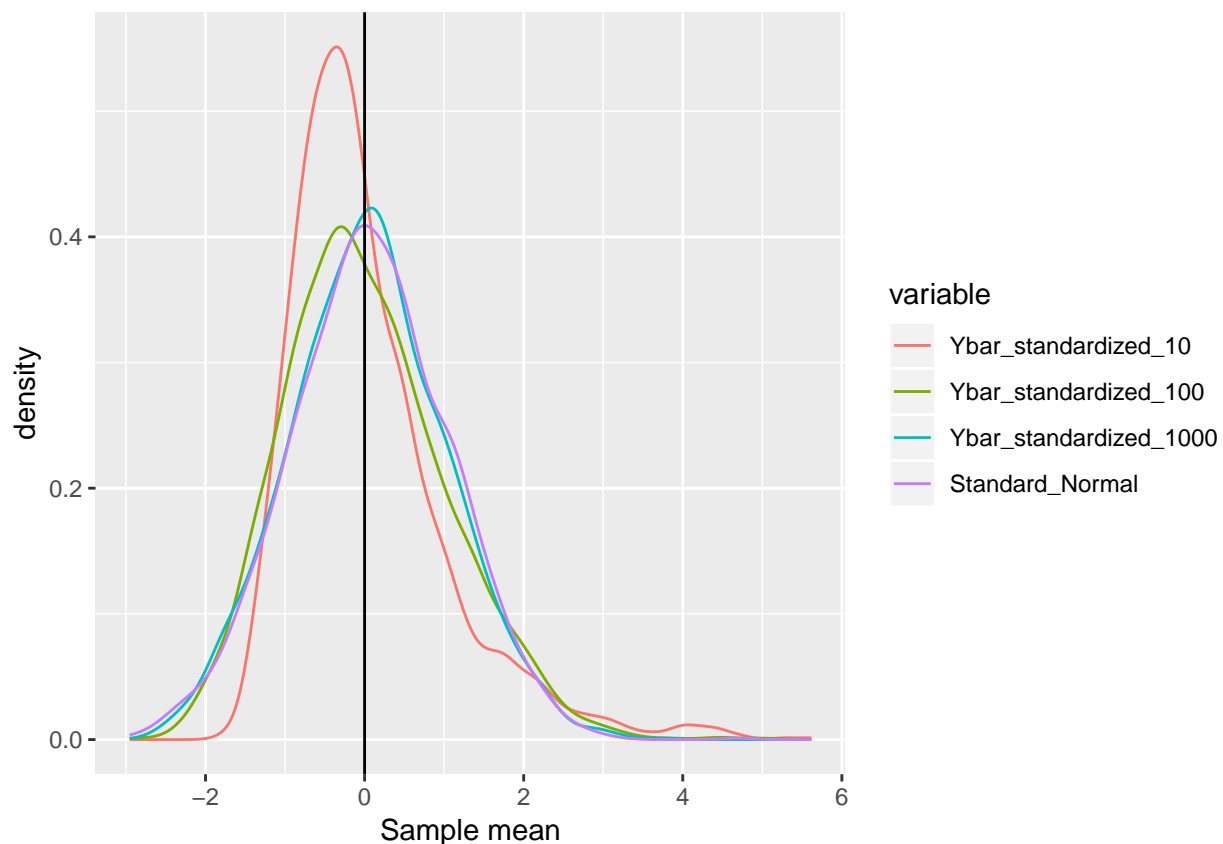
# Note: If you wanna quickly plot the density, type `plot(density(result1))`.
```

- Now take a look at the distribution.

```
# Use "melt" to change the format of result_data
data_for_plot <- melt(data = result_CLT_data, variable.name = "Variable" )

## Using as id variables
# Use "ggplot2" to create the figure.
fig <-
  ggplot(data = data_for_plot) +
  xlab("Sample mean") +
  geom_line(aes(x = value, colour = variable ), stat = "density" ) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=0 ,colour="black")

plot(fig)
```



- As the sample size grows, the distribution of  $Z$  converges to the standard normal distribution.

### 7.2.2 Hypothesis testing

To be added.

## Chapter 8

# Linear Regression 1: Theory

### 8.1 Regression framework

- Let  $Y_i$  be the dependent variable and  $X_{ik}$  be  $k$ -th explanatory variable.
  - We have  $K$  explanatory variables (along with constant term)
  - $i$  is an index for observations.  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .
  - Data (sample):  $\{Y_i, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iK}\}_{i=1}^N$
- **Linear regression model** is defined as

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_K X_{iK} + \epsilon_i$$

- $\epsilon_i$ : error term (unobserved)
- $\beta$ : coefficients
- **Assumptions for Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) estimation**
  1. Random sample:  $\{Y_i, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iK}\}$  is i.i.d. drawn sample
    - i.i.d.: identically and independently distributed
  2.  $\epsilon_i$  has zero conditional mean
$$E[\epsilon_i | X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iK}] = 0$$
  3. Large outliers are unlikely: The random variable  $Y_i$  and  $X_{ik}$  have finite fourth moments.
  4. No perfect multicollinearity: There is no linear relationship between explanatory variables.
- OLS estimators are the minimizers of the sum of squared residuals:

$$\min_{\beta_0, \dots, \beta_K} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \dots + \beta_K X_{iK}))^2$$

- Using matrix notation, we have the following analytical formula for the OLS estimator

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$$

where

$$\underbrace{X}_{N \times (K+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X_{11} & \dots & X_{1K} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{N1} & \dots & X_{NK} \end{pmatrix}, \underbrace{Y}_{N \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_N \end{pmatrix}, \underbrace{\beta}_{(K+1) \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{pmatrix}$$

### 8.2 Theoretical Properties of OLS estimator

- We briefly review theoretical properties of OLS estimator.

1. **Unbiasdness:** Conditional on the explanatory variables  $X$ , the expectation of the OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  is equal to the true value  $\beta$ .

$$E[\hat{\beta}|X] = \beta$$

2. **Consistency:** As the sample size  $N$  goes to infinity, the OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  converges to  $\beta$  in probability

$$\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{p} \beta$$

3. **Asymptotic normality:** Will talk this later

## 8.3 Interpretation and Specifications of Linear Regression Model

- Remember that

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \cdots + \beta_K X_{Ki} + \epsilon_i$$

- The coefficient  $\beta_k$  captures the effect of  $X_k$  on  $Y$  **ceteris paribus (all things being equal)**
- Equivalently,

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X_k} = \beta_k$$

if  $X_k$  is continuous random variable.

- If we can estimate  $\beta_k$  without bias, we can obtain **causal effect** of  $X_k$  on  $Y$ .
  - This is of course very difficult task. We will see this more later.
- We will see several specifications that are frequently used in empirical analysis. 1. Nonlinear term 1. log specification 2. dummy (categorical) variables 3. interaction terms

### 8.3.1 Nonlinear term

- We can capture non-linear relationship between  $Y$  and  $X$  in a linearly additive form

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 X_i^2 + \beta_3 X_i^3 + \epsilon_i$$

- As long as the error term  $\epsilon_i$  appreas in a additively linear way, we can estimate the coefficients by OLS.
  - Multicollinearity could be an issue if we have many polynomials (see later).
  - You can use other non-linear variables such as  $\log(x)$  and  $\sqrt{x}$ .

### 8.3.2 log specification

- We often use **log** variables in both dependent and independent variables.
- Using **log** changes the interpretation of the coefficient  $\beta$  in terms of scales.

Dependent variable	Explanatory variable	interpretation
$Y$	$X$	1 unit increase in $X$ causes $\beta$ units change in $Y$
$\log Y$	$X$	1 unit increase in $X$ causes $100\beta\%$ incchangerease in $Y$
$Y$	$\log X$	1% increase in $X$ causes $\beta/100$ unit change in $Y$
$\log Y$	$\log X$	1% increase in $X$ causes $\beta\%$ change in $Y$

### 8.3.3 Dummy variable

- A dummy variable takes only 1 or 0. This is used to express qualititative information

- Example: Dummy variable for race

$$white_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if white} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The coefficient on a dummy variable captures the difference of the outcome  $Y$  between categories
- Consider the linear regression

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 white_i + \epsilon_i$$

The coefficient  $\beta_1$  captures the difference of  $Y$  between white and non-white people.

### 8.3.4 Interaction term

- You can add the interaction of two explanatory variables in the regression model.
- For example:

$$wage_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ_i + \beta_2 educ_i \times white_i + \epsilon_i$$

where  $wage_i$  is the earnings of person  $i$  and  $educ_i$  is the years of schooling for person  $i$ .

- The effect of  $educ_i$  is

$$\frac{\partial wage_i}{\partial educ_i} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 white_i,$$

- This allows for heterogenous effects of education across races.

## 8.4 Measures of Fit

- We often use  $R^2$  as a measure of the model fit.
- Denote **the fitted value** as  $\hat{y}_i$

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{i1} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_K X_{iK}$$

– Also called prediction from the OLS regression.

- $R^2$  is defined as

$$R^2 = \frac{SSE}{TSS},$$

where

$$SSE = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad TSS = \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- $R^2$  captures the fraction of the variation of  $Y$  explained by the regression model.
- Adding variables always (weakly) increases  $R^2$ .
- In a regression model with multiple explanatory variables, we often use **adjusted**  $R^2$  that adjusts the number of explanatory variables

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{N-1}{N-(K+1)} \frac{SSR}{TSS}$$

where

$$SSR = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 (= \sum_i \hat{u}_i^2),$$

## 8.5 Statistical Inference

- Notice that the OLS estimators are **random variables**. They depend on the data, which are random variables drawn from some population distribution.
- We can conduct statistical inferences regarding those OLS estimators: 1. Hypothesis testing 2. Constructing confidence interval
- I first explain the sampling distribution of the OLS estimators.

### 8.5.1 Distribution of the OLS estimators based on asymptotic theory

- Deriving the exact (finite-sample) distribution of the OLS estimators is very hard.
  - The OLS estimators depend on the data  $Y_i, X_i$  in a complex way.
  - We typically do not know the distribution of  $Y$  and  $X$ .
- We rely on **asymptotic** argument. We approximate the sampling distribution of the OLS estimator based on the central limit theorem.
- Under the OLS assumption, the OLS estimator has **asymptotic normality**

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, V)$$

where

$$\underbrace{V}_{(K+1) \times (K+1)} = E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i]^{-1} E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i \epsilon_i^2] E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i]^{-1}$$

and

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_i}_{(K+1) \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ X_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{iK} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can **approximate** the distribution of  $\hat{\beta}$  by

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, V/N)$$

- The above is joint distribution. Let  $V_{ij}$  be the  $(i, j)$  element of the matrix  $V$ .
- The individual coefficient  $\beta_k$  follows

$$\hat{\beta}_k \sim N(\beta_k, V_{kk}/N)$$

#### 8.5.1.1 Estimation of Asymptotic Variance

- $V$  is an unknown object. Need to be estimated.
- Consider the estimator  $\hat{V}$  for  $V$  using sample analogues

$$\hat{V} = \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i \right)^{-1}$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}_i = y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_K X_{iK})$  is the residual.

- Technically speaking,  $\hat{V}$  converges to  $V$  in probability. (Proof is out of the scope of this course)
- We often use the (asymptotic) **standard error**  $SE(\hat{\beta}_k) = \sqrt{\hat{V}_{kk}/N}$ .
- The standard error is an estimator for the standard deviation of the OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}_k$ .



### 8.5.2 Hypothesis testing

- OLS estimator is the random variable.
- You might want to test a particular hypothesis regarding those coefficients.
  - Does  $x$  really affects  $y$ ?
  - Is the production technology the constant returns to scale?
- Here I explain how to conduct hypothesis testing.
- Step 1: Consider the null hypothesis  $H_0$  and the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = k, H_1 : \beta_1 \neq k$$

where  $k$  is the known number you set by yourself.

- Step 2: Define **t-statistic** by

$$t_n = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_1)}$$

- Step 3: We reject  $H_0$  is at  $\alpha$ -percent significance level if

$$|t_n| > C_{\alpha/2}$$

where  $C_{\alpha/2}$  is the  $\alpha/2$  percentile of the standard normal distribution.

- We say we **fail to reject**  $H_0$  if the above does not hold.

#### 8.5.2.1 Caveats on Hypothesis Testing

- We often say  $\hat{\beta}$  is **statistically significant** at 5% level if  $|t_n| > 1.96$  when we set  $k = 0$ .
- Arguing the statistical significance alone is not enough for argument in empirical analysis.
- Magnitude of the coefficient is also important.
- Case 1: Small but statistically significant coefficient.
  - As the sample size  $N$  gets large, the  $SE$  decreases.
- Case 2: Large but statistically insignificant coefficient.
  - The variable might have an important (economically meaningful) effect.
  - But you may not be able to estimate the effect precisely with the sample at your hand.

#### 8.5.2.2 F test

- We often test a composite hypothesis that involves multiple parameters such as

$$H_0 : \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 0, H_1 : \beta_1 + \beta_2 \neq 0$$

- We use **F test** in such a case (to be added).

### 8.5.3 Confidence interval

- 95% confidence interval

$$CI_n = \left\{ k : \left| \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_1)} \right| \leq 1.96 \right\} = \left[ \hat{\beta}_1 - 1.96 \times SE(\hat{\beta}_1), \hat{\beta}_1 + 1.96 \times SE(\hat{\beta}_1) \right]$$

- Interpretation: If you draw many samples (dataset) and construct the 95% CI for each sample, 95% of those CIs will include the true parameter.

### 8.5.4 Homoskedasticity vs Heteroskedasticity

- So far, we did not put any assumption on the variance of the error term  $\epsilon_i$ .
- The error term  $\epsilon_i$  has **heteroskedasticity** if  $Var(u_i|X_i)$  depends on  $X_i$ .
- If not, we call  $\epsilon_i$  has **homoskedasticity**.
- This has an important implication on the asymptotic variance.
- Remember the asymptotic variance

$$\underbrace{V}_{(K+1) \times (K+1)} = E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i]^{-1} E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i \epsilon_i^2] E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i]^{-1}$$

Standard errors based on this is called **heteroskedasticity robust standard errors**/

- If homoskedasticity holds, then

$$V = E[\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{x}_i]^{-1} \sigma^2$$

where  $\sigma^2 = V(\epsilon_i)$ .

- In many statistical packages (including R and Stata), the standard errors for the OLS estimators are calculated under homoskedasticity assumption as a default.
- However, if the error has heteroskedasticity, the standard error under homoskedasticity assumption will be **underestimated**.
- In OLS, **we should always use heteroskedasticity robust standard error**.
  - We will see how to fix this in R.

## Chapter 9

# Linear Regression 2: Implementation in R

## 9.1 Implementation in R

### 9.1.1 Preliminary: packages

- We use the following packages:
  - **AER** :
  - **dplyr** : data manipulation
  - **stargazer** : output of regression results

```
# Install package if you have not done so
install.packages("AER")
install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages("stargazer")
install.packages("lmtest")

# load packages
library("AER")
library("dplyr")
library("stargazer")
library("lmtest")
```

### 9.1.2 Empirical setting: Data from California School

- Question: How does the student-teacher ratio affects test scores?
- We use data from California school, which is included in **AER** package.
  - See here for the details: <https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/AER/versions/1.2-6/topics/CASchools>

```
# load the the data set in the workspace
data(CASchools)
```

- Use `class()` function to see `CASchools` is `data.frame` object.

```
class(CASchools)
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

- We take 2 steps for the analysis.
  - Step 1: Look at data (descriptive analysis)
  - Step 2: Run regression

### 9.1.3 Step 1: Descriptive analysis

- It is always important to grasp your data before running regression.
- `head()` function give you a first overview of the data.

```
head(CASchools)
```

```
##   district                school county grades students
## 1   75119      Sunol Glen Unified Alameda KK-08      195
## 2   61499      Manzanita Elementary Butte KK-08      240
## 3   61549      Thermalito Union Elementary Butte KK-08    1550
## 4   61457 Golden Feather Union Elementary Butte KK-08      243
## 5   61523      Palermo Union Elementary Butte KK-08    1335
## 6   62042      Burrel Union Elementary Fresno KK-08      137
## teachers calworks lunch computer expenditure income english read
## 1   10.90   0.5102  2.0408      67   6384.911 22.690001 0.000000 691.6
## 2   11.15  15.4167 47.9167     101   5099.381  9.824000  4.583333 660.5
## 3   82.90  55.0323 76.3226     169   5501.955  8.978000 30.000002 636.3
## 4   14.00  36.4754 77.0492      85   7101.831  8.978000  0.000000 651.9
## 5   71.50  33.1086 78.4270     171   5235.988  9.080333 13.857677 641.8
## 6    6.40  12.3188 86.9565      25   5580.147 10.415000 12.408759 605.7
## math
## 1 690.0
## 2 661.9
## 3 650.9
## 4 643.5
## 5 639.9
## 6 605.4
```

- Alternatively, you can use `browse()` to see the entire dataset in browser window.

#### 9.1.3.1 Create variables

- Create several variables that are needed for the analysis.
- We use `dplyr` for this purpose.

```
CASchools %>%
  mutate( STR = students / teachers ) %>%
  mutate( score = (read + math) / 2 ) -> CASchools
```

#### 9.1.3.2 Descriptive statistics

- There are several ways to show descriptive statistics
- The standard one is to use `summary()` function

```
summary(CASchools)
```

```
##   district                school                county      grades
## Length:420      Length:420      Sonoma      : 29  KK-06: 61
```

```
## Class :character   Class :character   Kern      : 27   KK-08:359
## Mode  :character   Mode  :character   Los Angeles: 27
##                                           Tulare      : 24
##                                           San Diego   : 21
##                                           Santa Clara: 20
##                                           (Other)    :272
##      students      teachers      calworks      lunch
## Min.   : 81.0      Min.   : 4.85      Min.   : 0.000      Min.   : 0.00
## 1st Qu.: 379.0      1st Qu.: 19.66      1st Qu.: 4.395      1st Qu.: 23.28
## Median : 950.5      Median : 48.56      Median :10.520      Median : 41.75
## Mean   : 2628.8      Mean   : 129.07      Mean   :13.246      Mean   : 44.71
## 3rd Qu.: 3008.0      3rd Qu.: 146.35      3rd Qu.:18.981      3rd Qu.: 66.86
## Max.   :27176.0      Max.   :1429.00      Max.   :78.994      Max.   :100.00
##
##      computer      expenditure      income      english
## Min.   : 0.0      Min.   :3926      Min.   : 5.335      Min.   : 0.000
## 1st Qu.: 46.0      1st Qu.:4906      1st Qu.:10.639      1st Qu.: 1.941
## Median : 117.5      Median :5215      Median :13.728      Median : 8.778
## Mean   : 303.4      Mean   :5312      Mean   :15.317      Mean   :15.768
## 3rd Qu.: 375.2      3rd Qu.:5601      3rd Qu.:17.629      3rd Qu.:22.970
## Max.   :3324.0      Max.   :7712      Max.   :55.328      Max.   :85.540
##
##      read      math      STR      score
## Min.   :604.5      Min.   :605.4      Min.   :14.00      Min.   :605.5
## 1st Qu.:640.4      1st Qu.:639.4      1st Qu.:18.58      1st Qu.:640.0
## Median :655.8      Median :652.5      Median :19.72      Median :654.5
## Mean   :655.0      Mean   :653.3      Mean   :19.64      Mean   :654.2
## 3rd Qu.:668.7      3rd Qu.:665.9      3rd Qu.:20.87      3rd Qu.:666.7
## Max.   :704.0      Max.   :709.5      Max.   :25.80      Max.   :706.8
##
```

- This returns the descriptive statistics for all the variables in dataframe.
- You can combine this with `dplyr::select`

```
CASchools %>%
  select(STR, score) %>%
  summary()
```

```
##      STR      score
## Min.   :14.00      Min.   :605.5
## 1st Qu.:18.58      1st Qu.:640.0
## Median :19.72      Median :654.5
## Mean   :19.64      Mean   :654.2
## 3rd Qu.:20.87      3rd Qu.:666.7
## Max.   :25.80      Max.   :706.8
```

- You can do a bit lengthy thing manually like this.

```
# compute sample averages of STR and score
avg_STR <- mean(CASchools$STR)
avg_score <- mean(CASchools$score)

# compute sample standard deviations of STR and score
sd_STR <- sd(CASchools$STR)
sd_score <- sd(CASchools$score)
```

```
# set up a vector of percentiles and compute the quantiles
quantiles <- c(0.10, 0.25, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.75, 0.9)
quant_STR <- quantile(CASchools$STR, quantiles)
quant_score <- quantile(CASchools$score, quantiles)

# gather everything in a data.frame
DistributionSummary <- data.frame(Average = c(avg_STR, avg_score),
                                  StandardDeviation = c(sd_STR, sd_score),
                                  quantile = rbind(quant_STR, quant_score))

# print the summary to the console
DistributionSummary
```

```
##              Average StandardDeviation quantile.10. quantile.25.
## quant_STR    19.64043          1.891812      17.3486   18.58236
## quant_score  654.15655          19.053347      630.3950  640.05000
##              quantile.40. quantile.50. quantile.60. quantile.75.
## quant_STR    19.26618          19.72321      20.0783   20.87181
## quant_score  649.06999          654.45000      659.4000  666.66249
##              quantile.90.
## quant_STR    21.86741
## quant_score  678.85999
```

- My personal favorite is to use `stargazer` function.

```
stargazer(CASchools, type = "text")
```

```
##
## =====
## Statistic      N      Mean      St. Dev.      Min      Pctl(25)  Pctl(75)      Max
## -----
## students      420  2,628.793  3,913.105      81         379         3,008      27,176
## teachers      420   129.067   187.913     4.850       19.662     146.350    1,429.000
## calworks      420    13.246    11.455     0.000        4.395     18.981      78.994
## lunch         420    44.705    27.123     0.000       23.282     66.865     100.000
## computer      420   303.383   441.341      0          46         375.2      3,324
## expenditure   420  5,312.408  633.937   3,926.070  4,906.180  5,601.401  7,711.507
## income        420    15.317     7.226     5.335       10.639     17.629      55.328
## english       420    15.768    18.286      0          1.9         23.0        86
## read          420   654.970    20.108    604.500     640.400     668.725    704.000
## math          420   653.343    18.754      605         639.4       665.8       710
## STR           420    19.640     1.892     14.000      18.582     20.872     25.800
## score         420   654.157    19.053     605.550     640.050     666.662    706.750
## -----
```

- You can choose summary statistics you want to report.

```
CASchools %>%
  stargazer( type = "text", summary.stat = c("n", "p75", "sd") )
```

```
##
## =====
## Statistic      N  Pctl(75)  St. Dev.
## -----
## students      420    3,008    3,913.105
## teachers      420   146.350    187.913
```

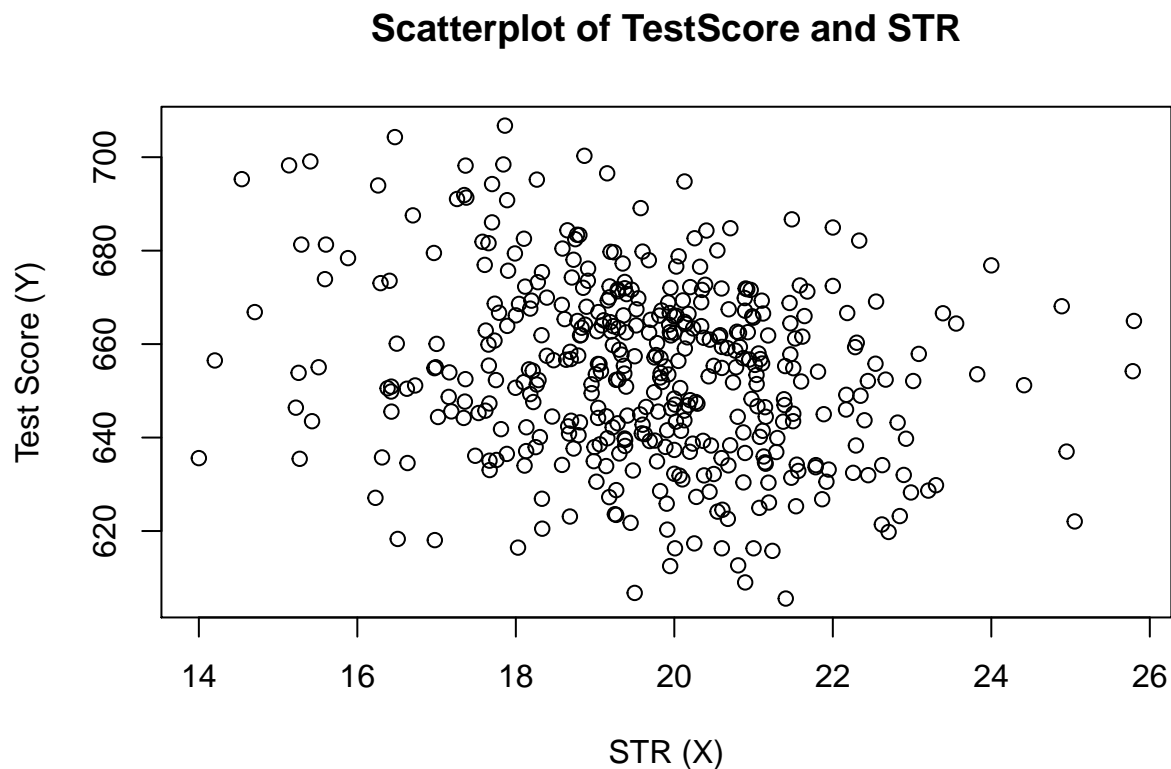
```
## calworks      420  18.981    11.455
## lunch         420  66.865    27.123
## computer      420  375.2     441.341
## expenditure   420 5,601.401   633.937
## income        420  17.629     7.226
## english       420   23.0     18.286
## read          420 668.725    20.108
## math          420  665.8     18.754
## STR           420  20.872     1.892
## score         420 666.662    19.053
## -----
```

- See <https://www.jakeruss.com/cheatsheets/stargazer/#the-default-summary-statistics-table> for the details.
- We will use `stargazer` to report regression results.

### 9.1.3.3 Scatter plot

- Let's see how test score and student-teacher-ratio is correlated.

```
plot(score ~ STR,
     data = CASchools,
     main = "Scatterplot of TestScore and STR",
     xlab = "STR (X)",
     ylab = "Test Score (Y)")
```



- Use `cor()` to compute the correlation between two numeric vectors.

```
cor(CASchools$STR, CASchools$score)
```

```
## [1] -0.2263627
```

## 9.1.4 Step 2: Run regression

### 9.1.4.1 Simple linear regression

- We use `lm()` function to run linear regression
- First, consider the simple linear regression

$$score_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 size_i + \epsilon_i$$

where  $size_i$  is the class size (student-teacher-ratio).

– From now on we call student-teacher-ratio (STR) class size.

- To run this regression, we use `lm`

```
# First, we rename the variable `STR`
CASchools %>%
  dplyr::rename( size = STR) -> CASchools

# Run regression and save results in the variable `model1_summary`
model1_summary <- lm( score ~ size, data = CASchools)

# See the results
summary(model1_summary)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = score ~ size, data = CASchools)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -47.727 -14.251   0.483  12.822  48.540
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  698.9329     9.4675   73.825 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
## size        -2.2798     0.4798   -4.751   0.00000278 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 18.58 on 418 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.05124,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.04897
## F-statistic: 22.58 on 1 and 418 DF,  p-value: 0.000002783
```

- Interpretations
  - An increase of one student per teacher leads to 2.2 point decrease in test scores.
  - p value is very small. The effect of the class size on test score is significant. Note: Be careful. These standard errors are NOT heteroskedasticity robust. We will come back to this point soon.
  - $R^2 = 0.051$ , implying that 5.1% of the variance of the dependent variable is explained by the model.
- You can add more variable in the regression (will see this soon)



## 9.1.4.2 Correction of Robust standard error

- We use `vcovHC()` function, a part of the package `sandwich`, to obtain the robust standard errors.
  - The package `sandwich` is automatically loaded if you load `AER` package.

```
# compute heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors
vcov <- vcovHC(model1_summary, type = "HC1")

# get standard error: the square root of the diagonal element in vcov
robust_se <- sqrt(diag(vcov))
robust_se
```

```
## (Intercept)      size
## 10.3643617    0.5194893
```

- Notice that robust standard errors are larger than the one we obtained from `lm`!
- How to combine the robust standard errors with the original summary? Use `coeftest()` from the package `lmtest`

```
# load `lmtest`
library(lmtest)

# Combine robust standard errors
coeftest(model1_summary, vcov. = vcov)
```

```
##
## t test of coefficients:
##
##              Estimate Std. Error t value      Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 698.93295    10.36436  67.4362 < 0.00000000000000022 ***
## size        -2.27981     0.51949  -4.3886    0.00001447 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## 9.1.4.3 Report by Stargazer

- `stargazer` is useful to show the regression result.

```
# load
library(stargazer)

# Create output by stargazer
stargazer::stargazer(model1_summary, type = "text")
```

```
##
## =====
##              Dependent variable:
##              -----
##              score
## -----
## size              -2.280***
##                  (0.480)
##
## Constant          698.933***
##                  (9.467)
##
```

```
## -----
## Observations          420
## R2                    0.051
## Adjusted R2           0.049
## Residual Std. Error   18.581 (df = 418)
## F Statistic           22.575*** (df = 1; 418)
## =====
## Note:                  *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01
```

- Use robust standard errors in stargazer output

```
# Prepare robust standard errors in list
rob_se <- list( sqrt(diag(vcovHC(model1_summary, type = "HC1")) ) )

# generate regression table.

stargazer( model1_summary,
            se = rob_se,
            type = "text")
```

```
##
## =====
##                               Dependent variable:
##                               -----
##                               score
## -----
## size                          -2.280***
##                               (0.519)
##
## Constant                      698.933***
##                               (10.364)
##
## -----
## Observations                  420
## R2                           0.051
## Adjusted R2                   0.049
## Residual Std. Error          18.581 (df = 418)
## F Statistic                   22.575*** (df = 1; 418)
## =====
## Note:                        *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01
```

#### 9.1.4.4 Full results

Taken from <https://www.econometrics-with-r.org/7-6-analysis-of-the-test-score-data-set.html>

```
# load the stargazer library

# estimate different model specifications
spec1 <- lm(score ~ size, data = CASchools)
spec2 <- lm(score ~ size + english, data = CASchools)
spec3 <- lm(score ~ size + english + lunch, data = CASchools)
spec4 <- lm(score ~ size + english + calworks, data = CASchools)
spec5 <- lm(score ~ size + english + lunch + calworks, data = CASchools)

# gather robust standard errors in a list
```

```
rob_se <- list(sqrt(diag(vcovHC(spec1, type = "HC1"))),
               sqrt(diag(vcovHC(spec2, type = "HC1"))),
               sqrt(diag(vcovHC(spec3, type = "HC1"))),
               sqrt(diag(vcovHC(spec4, type = "HC1"))),
               sqrt(diag(vcovHC(spec5, type = "HC1"))))

# generate a LaTeX table using stargazer
stargazer(spec1, spec2, spec3, spec4, spec5,
           se = rob_se,
           digits = 3,
           header = F,
           column.labels = c("(I)", "(II)", "(III)", "(IV)", "(V)"),
           type = "text",
           keep.stat = c("N", "adj.rsq"))
```

```
##
## =====
##                               Dependent variable:
##                               -----
##                               score
##                               (I)      (II)      (III)      (IV)      (V)
##                               (1)      (2)      (3)      (4)      (5)
## -----
## size          -2.280***   -1.101**   -0.998***   -1.308***   -1.014***
##                (0.519)    (0.433)    (0.270)    (0.339)    (0.269)
##
## english              -0.650***   -0.122***   -0.488***   -0.130***
##                      (0.031)    (0.033)    (0.030)    (0.036)
##
## lunch                -0.547***
##                      (0.024)
##
## calworks              -0.790***   -0.048
##                      (0.068)    (0.059)
##
## Constant          698.933***  686.032***  700.150***  697.999***  700.392***
##                   (10.364)   (8.728)   (5.568)   (6.920)   (5.537)
## -----
## Observations      420         420         420         420         420
## Adjusted R2       0.049        0.424        0.773        0.626        0.773
## =====
## Note:                                *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01
```

- The coefficient on the class size decreases as we add more explanatory variables. Can you explain why? (Hint: omitted variable bias)



## Chapter 10

# Linear Regression 3: Discussions on OLS Assumptions

### 10.1 Introduction

- Remember that we have four assumptions in OLS estimation
- 1. Random sample:  $\{Y_i, X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iK}\}$  is i.i.d. drawn sample - i.i.d.: identically and independently distributed
- 2.  $\epsilon_i$  has zero conditional mean
$$E[\epsilon_i | X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iK}] = 0$$
  - This implies  $Cov(X_{ik}, \epsilon_i) = 0$  for all  $k$ . (or  $E[\epsilon_i X_{ik}] = 0$ )
  - **No correlation between error term and explanatory variables.**
- 3. Large outliers are unlikely:
  - The random variable  $Y_i$  and  $X_{ik}$  have finite fourth moments.
- 4. No perfect multicollinearity:
  - There is no linear relationship between explanatory variables.
- The OLS estimator has ideal properties (consistency, asymptotic normality, unbiasedness) under these assumptions.
- In this chapter, we study the role of these assumptions.
- In particular, we focus on the following two assumptions
  1. No correlation between  $\epsilon_{it}$  and  $X_{ik}$
  2. No perfect multicollinearity

### 10.2 Endogeneity problem

- When  $Cov(x_k, \epsilon) = 0$  does not hold, we have **endogeneity problem**
  - We call such  $x_k$  an **endogenous variable**.
- There are several cases in which we have endogeneity problem
  1. Omitted variable bias
  2. Measurement error
  3. Simultaneity
  4. Sample selection
- Here, I focus on the omitted variable bias.

### 10.2.1 Omitted variable bias

- Consider the wage regression equation (true model)

$$\begin{aligned}\log W_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 S_i + \beta_2 A_i + u_i \\ E[u_i | S_i, A_i] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

where  $W_i$  is wage,  $S_i$  is the years of schooling, and  $A_i$  is the ability.

- What we want to know is  $\beta_1$ , the effect of the schooling on the wage **holding other things fixed**. Also called the returns from education.
- An issue is that we do not often observe the ability of a person directly.
- Suppose that you omit  $A_i$  and run the following regression instead.

$$\log W_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 S_i + v_i$$

- Notice that  $v_i = \beta_2 A_i + u_i$ , so that  $S_i$  and  $v_i$  is likely to be correlated.
- The OLS estimator  $\hat{\alpha}_1$  will have the bias:

$$E[\hat{\alpha}_1] = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(S_i, A_i)}{\text{Var}(S_i)}$$

- You can also say  $\hat{\alpha}_1$  is not consistent for  $\beta_1$ , i.e.,

$$\hat{\alpha}_1 \xrightarrow{p} \beta_1 + \beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(S_i, A_i)}{\text{Var}(S_i)}$$

- This is known as **omitted variable bias formula**.
- Omitted variable bias depends on 1. The effect of the omitted variable ( $A_i$  here) on the dependent variable:  $\beta_2$  2. Correlation between the omitted variable and the explanatory variable.
- This is super-important: You can make a guess regarding the direction and the magnitude of the bias!!
- This is crucial when you read an empirical paper and do an empirical exercise.
- Here is the summary table -  $x_1$ : included,  $x_2$  omitted.  $\beta_2$  is the coefficient on  $x_2$ .

	$\text{Cov}(x_1, x_2) > 0$	$\text{Cov}(x_1, x_2) < 0$
$\beta_2 > 0$	Positive bias	Negative bias
$\beta_2 < 0$	Negative bias	Positive bias

### 10.2.2 Correlation v.s. Causality

- Omitted variable bias is related to a well-known argument of “Correlation or Causality”.
- Example: Does the education indeed affect your wage, or the unobserved ability affects both the education and the wage, leading to correlation between education and wage?
- See my lecture note from Intermediate Seminar (Fall 2018) for the details.

## 10.3 Multicollinearity issue

### 10.3.1 Perfect Multicollinearity

- If one of the explanatory variables is a linear combination of other variables, we have perfect multicollinearity.
- In this case, you cannot estimate all the coefficients.
- For example,

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 \cdot x_2 + \epsilon_i$$

and  $x_2 = 2x_1$ .

- These explanatory variables are collinear. You are not able to estimate both  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ .
- To see this, the above model can be written as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 \cdot 2x_1 + \epsilon_i$$

and this is the same as

$$y_i = \beta_0 + (\beta_1 + 2\beta_2)x_1 + \epsilon_i$$

- You can estimate the composite term  $\beta_1 + 2\beta_2$  as a coefficient on  $x_1$ , but not  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  separately.

#### 10.3.1.1 Some Intuition

- Intuitively speaking, the regression coefficients are estimated by capturing how the variation of the explanatory variable  $x$  affects the variation of the dependent variable  $y$
- Since  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are moving together completely, we cannot say how much the variation of  $y$  is due to  $x_1$  or  $x_2$ , so that  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ .

#### 10.3.1.2 Dummy variable

- Consider the dummy variables that indicate male and female.

$$male_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if male} \\ 0 & \text{if female} \end{cases}, \quad female_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if female} \\ 0 & \text{if male} \end{cases}$$

- If you put both male and female dummies into the regression,

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 female_i + \beta_2 male_i + \epsilon_i$$

- Since  $male_i + female_i = 1$  for all  $i$ , we have perfect multicollinearity.
- You should always omit the dummy variable of one of the groups in the linear regression.
- For example,

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 female_i + \epsilon_i$$

- In this case,  $\beta_1$  is interpreted as the effect of being female **in comparison with male**.
  - The omitted group is the basis for the comparison.

- You should the same thing when you deal with multiple groups such as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{freshman}_i &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if freshman} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{sophomore}_i &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if sophomore} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{junior}_i &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if junior} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{senior}_i &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if senior} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{freshman}_i + \beta_2 \text{sophomore}_i + \beta_3 \text{junior}_i + \epsilon_i$$

### 10.3.2 Imperfect multicollinearity.

- Though not perfectly co-linear, the correlation between explanatory variables might be very high, which we call imperfect multicollinearity.
- How does this affect the OLS estimator?
- To see this, we consider the following simple model (with homoskedasticity)

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i, V(\epsilon_i) = \sigma^2$$

- You can show that the conditional variance (not asymptotic variance) is given by

$$V(\hat{\beta}_1 | X) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N \cdot \hat{V}(x_{1i}) \cdot (1 - R_1^2)}$$

where  $\hat{V}(x_{1i})$  is the sample variance

$$\hat{V}(x_{1i}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum (x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1)^2$$

and  $R_1^2$  is the R-squared in the following regression of  $x_2$  on  $x_1$ .

$$x_{2i} = \pi_0 + \pi_1 x_{1i} + u_i$$

- You can see that the variance of the OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is small if
  1.  $N$  is large (i.e., more observations!)
  2.  $\hat{V}(x_{1i})$  is large (more variation in  $x_{1i}$ !)
  3.  $R_1^2$  is small.
- Here, high  $R_1^2$  means that  $x_{1i}$  is explained well by other variables in a linear way. – The extreme case is  $R_1^2 = 1$ , that is  $x_{1i}$  is the linear combination of other variables, implying perfect multicollinearity!!

#### 10.3.2.1 Lesson for an empirical analysis

- We often say **the variation of the variable of interest is important in an empirical analysis.**
- If we have more variation, the standard error of the OLS estimator is small, meaning that we can precisely estimate the coefficient.
- The variation of the variable **after controlling for other factors that affects  $y$**  is also crucial (corresponding to  $1 - R_1^2$  above).
  - If you do not include other variables (say  $x_2$  above), you will have omitted variable bias.



- To address research questions using data, it is important to find a good variation of the explanatory variable that you want to focus on. This is often called **identification strategy**.
  - Identification strategy is context-specific. To have a good identification strategy, you should be familiar with the background knowledge of your study.



# Chapter 11

## Exercise 2 (Problem Set 3)

- Due date: June 4th (Tue) 11pm.

### 11.1 Rules

- If you are enrolled in Japanese class (i.e., Wednesday 2nd), you can use both Japanese and English to write your answer.
- Submit your solution through `CourseN@vi`.
- **Important:** Submission format
- If you use Rmarkdown, please compile your Rmarkdown file into either “html” or “PDF” file and submit **both** the compiled file and a Rmarkdown file.
- If you do not use Rmarkdown, please submit the document file that contains your answer and R script file (.R file) **separately**, that is, you submit **two files**.

### 11.2 Question 1: Omitted Variable Bias

The goal of this question is to investigate the omitted variable bias through Monte Carlo simulations. Consider the following model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \epsilon_i$$

You compare the sampling distribution of OLS estimates for  $\beta_1$  with and without  $x_2$  included in the regression. Here is the suggested procedure for this exercise.

1. Set the data generating process.
  - Set the parameters  $\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 2, \beta_2 = 1$
  - The explanatory variables  $(x_1, x_2)$  are i.i.d. drawn from the multivariate normal distribution

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- The error term  $\epsilon_i$  is i.i.d. drawn from  $N(0, 1)$
2. Draw the dataset  $\{y_i, x_{i1}, x_{i2}\}_{i=1}^N$  with  $N = 200$ .
  3. Using the drawn dataset, regress  $y$  on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  with constant term. Obtain the OLS estimate for  $\beta_1$ . Let's call this  $\hat{\beta}_1^{long}$

4. Regress  $y$  on  $x_1$  with constant term **by omitting**  $x_2$  and obtain the OLS estimate for  $\beta_1$ . Let's call this  $\hat{\beta}_1^{short}$
5. Repeat step 2 to 4 for 500 times and obtain  $\hat{\beta}_1^{long}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1^{short}$  for each drawn sample.
6. Plot the distribution of  $\hat{\beta}_1^{long}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1^{short}$  across samples.

Please answer the following questions using your simulation results.

- (1) Show the sampling distribution for  $\hat{\beta}_1^{long}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1^{short}$ .
- (2) Are these estimates biased? If biased, is the magnitude of bias consistent with theory?
- (3) We set  $Cov(x_1, x_2) = 1$  above. Repeat the same simulation with  $Cov(x_1, x_2) = 0$ . How does the result would change?

## 11.3 Question 2: Empirical Analysis using Data from Washington(2008, AER)

*Acknowledgement: This exercise is based on the material from Econ 281 "Introductory Applied Econometrics" in Winter 2017 taught by Daley Kutzman at Northwestern University*

This exercise uses the data from Ebonya Washington's paper, "Female Socialization: How Daughters Affect Their Legislator Father's Voting on Women's Issues," published in *American Economic Review* in 2008. This paper studies whether having a daughter affects legislator's voting on women's issues.

### 11.3.1 Preliminary: data cleaning

You can find the file "data\_PS3\_basic.dta" that is available at the journal website. This file is in Stata format. You can use `read.dta` function included in `foreign` packages.

```
# Example:
library(foreign)
mydata <- read.dta("c:/mydata.dta")
```

The original dataset contains data from the 105th to 108th U.S. Congress. We only use the observation from the 105th congress. The variable `congress` indicates this information. Use `filter` function in `dplyr` to subtract observations from the 105th.

The dataset contains many variables, some of which are not used in this exercise. Keep the following variables in the final dataset (Hint: use `select` function in `dplyr`).

Name	Description
aauw	AAUW score
totchi	Total number of children
ngirls	Number of daughters
party	Political party. Democrats if 1, Republicans if 2, and Independent if 3.
female	Female dummy variable
white	White dummy variable
srving	Years of service
age	Age
demvote	State democratic vote share in most recent presidential election
medinc	District median income
perf	Female proportion of district voting age population
perw	White proportion of total district population

Name	Description
perhs	High school graduate proportion of district population age 25
percol	College graduate proportion of district population age 25
perur	Urban proportion of total district population
moredef	State proportion who favor more defense spending
stateabb	State abbreviation
district	id for electoral district

You can find the detailed description of each variable in the original paper. The main variable in this analysis is **AAUW**, a score created by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). For each congress, AAUW selects pieces of legislation in the areas of education, equality, and reproductive rights. The AAUW keeps track of how each legislator voted on these pieces of legislation and whether their vote aligned with the AAUW's position. The legislator's score is equal to the proportion of these votes made in agreement with the AAUW.

### 11.3.2 Questions

1. Report summary statistics of the following variables in the dataset: political party, age, race, gender, AAUW score, the number of children, and the number of daughters.
2. Plot the AAUW score against the number of daughters.
3. Estimate the following linear regression models using `lm` command. Do not forget to correct the standard errors! Report your regression results in a table.

$$aauw_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ngirls_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$aauw_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ngirls_i + \beta_2 totchi + \epsilon_i$$

$$aauw_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ngirls_i + \beta_2 totchi + \beta_3 famale_i + \beta_4 repub_i + \epsilon_i$$

- All the variables used in the above specifications are in the dataset except for *repub<sub>i</sub>*. *repub<sub>i</sub>* takes 1 if the legislator *i* is affiliated with the Republican party.
  - **Important** Never put the raw output from `lm` command shown in R console into your answer! Please prepare a table for regression results as if you write a report or a paper. **If you copy and paste the raw output from `lm` command, you will get 0 points for the empirical exercise part of this problem set.**
4. Compare the OLS estimates of  $\beta_1$  across the above three specifications. Discuss what explains the difference (if any) of the estimate across three specifications?
  5. Consider the third specification (with 3 controls in addition to *ngirls<sub>i</sub>*). Conditional on the number of children and other variables, do you think *ngirls<sub>i</sub>* is plausibly exogenous (i.e., uncorrelated with the error term)? Discuss.
  6. It is possible that the effects of having daughters might be different for female and male legislators. Estimate a regression model that allow for heterogenous effects of daughters for male and female. Discuss whether this story is true or not.