

1 Question

The following table contains the quantity and the price of a barrel of oil for twelve periods. Price is in dollars and quantity is in thousand of barrels.

period	World Q	oil price
1	61440	145.43
2	62083	145.21
3	62769	134.41
4	64494	121.29
5	66023	114.24
6	67769	107.88
7	69652	103.73
8	70206	94.62
9	73530	86.70
10	74540	75.07
11	76258	73.26
12	75502	67.35

- (i) USING EXCELL, Estimate the relationship between Quantity Q and price using OLS; that is, obtain the intercept and slope estimates in the equation

$$\hat{Q} = \hat{\alpha}_0 + \hat{\alpha}_1 price$$

Comment on the direction of the relationship. Does the intercept have a useful interpretation here? Explain. How much higher is the Quantity predicted to be if the price is increased by 25 dollars?

- (ii) Compute the fitted values and residuals for each observation, and verify that the residuals (approximately) sum to zero.
- (iii) What is the predicted value of Quantity when price = 100?
- (iv) How much variation in Quantity for these twelve periods is explained by price? Explain.