## Assignment 2: Bivariate and Multiple Regression

## ECO 321

## DUE: Thursday March 8 in class

Instructions: You need to write a Stata do-file to answer question (2). Your do-file must produce a log file that contains your Stata output. You must submit your log file along with your answers to the assignment. Assignments that do not contain log files will be marked down. You may work in groups (up to 4 people), but each student must submit his/her own assignment. If you work in a group and do not submit your own assignment, you will receive a zero for the assignment. Remember that late assignments will not be accepted.

Consider the OLS estimates of the multiple regression model:

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{i1} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{i2}$$
 $SE(\hat{\beta}_0) SE(\hat{\beta}_1) SE(\hat{\beta}_2)$ 
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where  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , and  $\hat{\beta}_2$  are the estimates of the coefficients, and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_0)$ ,  $SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$ , and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_2)$  are the standard errors of the estimates.

- a) What is the definition of consistency? Which assumptions do we need for  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , and  $\hat{\beta}_2$  to be consistent?
- b) We want to test the statistical significance of β<sub>2</sub>. Write down the null hypothesis, alternative hypothesis, select α, and write down the t-statistic.
- c) Write down the steps you would use to find the p-value for the statistical significance test for  $\beta_2$ . Now suppose  $\hat{\beta}_2 = 2.1$  and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_2) = 1$ . Find the p-value.
- d) Write down the general expression for a 99% confidence interval for  $\beta_1$ .
- e) Suppose  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 3.5$  and  $SE(\hat{\beta}_1) = 2.2$ . What is the 99% confidence interval for a one-unit change in  $X_{i1}$  ( $\Delta X_{i1} = 1$ )? What is the 99% confidence interval for a 8-unit change in  $X_{i1}$  ( $\Delta X_{i1} = 8$ )? Using only the confidence intervals, what can we conclude about the statistical significance of  $\beta_1$ ?
- (f) Based on your answers to parts (c) and (e), how might you rewrite the model? (Hint: Would you exclude any variable, and if so, why?)

- Smoking and birth outcomes. The data set bwght.dta contains two variables: the birth weight (in ounces) of a newborn (bwght) and the number of cigarettes the mother smoked per day during pregnancy (cigs).
- a) Load the data set in Stata (via the use command). Construct a dummy variable (using the gen command) named anycig that equals one if the mother smoked at least one cigarette per day and zero otherwise. Use the tab command (or whatever command you like) to determine what share (percent) of moms smoked during pregnancy.
  - b) We want to test the null hypothesis that the average birth weight of babies born to smokers vs. non-smokers is the same. Use the reg command to estimate the model:  $bwght_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 any cig_i + u_i$ . How do you interpret  $\beta_0$ ? Can you reject the null hypothesis that the average birth weights of babies born to smokers vs. non-smokers is the same (use  $\alpha = 0.05$ )?
  - c) Rather than looking at the effect of smoking versus not smoking, we want to determine how smoking intensity affects birth weights. Use the reg command to estimate: bwght<sub>i</sub> = β<sub>0</sub> + β<sub>1</sub>cigs<sub>i</sub> + u<sub>i</sub>. Report your regression results in standard form. What is the marginal effect of smoking an additional cigarette on birthweight? Is the effect statistically significant?
- \*d) Using your regression results in part (c), compute the predicted birth weight of a child whose mother does not smoke, and of a child whose mother smokes a pack a day (assume 20 cigarettes per pack). Is the difference between these values statistically significant?
  - e) Does the simple regression in part (c) necessarily capture a causal relationship between the child's birth weight and the mother's smoking habits? Explain. (Hint: What is contained in u<sub>i</sub>?)
  - f) What is homoskedasticity, and is it likely to be a valid assumption in this example?
  - g) Estimate the regression from part (c) without assuming homoskedasticity (i.e. use the reg command, but specify the option robust to account for heteroskedasticity in the error terms). Compare your standard errors to the standard errors from the regression that assumes homoskedasticity. What is the difference? Do you suspect heteroskedasticity is a problem in this data? Is there a benefit or cost to using robust standard errors?

3. In this question we want to explore the importance (or lack thereof) of unionization on household earnings. In particular, some economic theories suggest that collective bargaining (such as unionization) matters more for traditionally marginalized groups female and minority workers. Consider the models:

$$FamIncome_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 HAge_i + \beta_2 WAge_i + u_i$$
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FamIncome<sub>i</sub> =  $\beta_{0} + \beta_{1}HAge_{i} + \beta_{2}WAge_{i} + \beta_{3}HUnion_{I} + \beta_{4}WUnion_{i} + u_{i}$  (2)

where  $FamIncome_i$  is a family's annual income,  $HAge_i$  is the husband's age,  $WAge_i$  is the wife's age,  $HUnion_i$  is a dummy variable indicating that the husband is in a union, and  $WUnion_i$  is a dummy variable for the wife's union status. Suppose average family income in the sample is \$50,000. Estimating these models using OLS gives the following results:

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		(1351)		50%
WUnion		8972		Time.
		(1594)		11-4
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		(2380)		
$R^2$	0.0173	0.0441		
n	2574	2574		

a) Consider regression (1). How do you interpret the coefficient on WAge? Is the coefficient estimate on WAge in regression (1) economically significant?

b) According to regression (2), how much more (in dollars) can the average (married) family expect to earn in ten years (holding union status constant)?

c) Construct a t-statistic for the significance test of HAge in regression (2). Is the relationship between husband's age and family earnings statistically significant?

d) How do you interpret the coefficient on HUnion?

e) What is the average effect on family income of a husband and wife both joining a labor union, if neither were previously in a union?

f) Extra Credit: Assuming homoskedasticity, are the coefficients on unionization jointly statistically significant?

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81 . reg bwght anycig
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	1,180
				F(1, 1178)	-	31.54
Model	12531.7427	1	12531.7427	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	468107.677	1,178	397.374938	R-squared	-	0.0263
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0252
Total	480639.419	1,179	407.667022	Root MSE	-	19.934
bwght	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t  [95% Co	nf.	Interval]



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83 . \*regression used to view total number of sample points

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85 . reg bwght anycig if anycig==1
 note: anycig omitted because of collinearity

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	-	187
				F(0, 186)	=	0.00
Model	0	0		. Prob > F	=	
Residual	70664.3636	186	379.91593	4 R-squared	=	0.0000
				- Adj R-squared	-	0.0000
Total	70664.3636	186	379.91593	4 Root MSE	-	19.491
bwght	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t  [95% Co	onf.	Interval]
anycig	0	(omitted)				

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                                               are 3 assumptions where if
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                                               they hold, the OLS estimators
                                               are (1) unbiased
                                                    (2) consistent
                                                 & (3) normally distributed when
                                                 the sample is large.
                                             If, in addition, the regression errors are homoskedastic & if the regression errors are normally distributed, then
                                              the OLS +-statistic conjusted using
                                             homoskedasticity-only standard errors has
                                              a student + distribution when the null
                                             hypothesis is true.
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Assignment 2: Bivariate and Multiple Regression

1) Description: a.) Consistency= lot's say we repeat the experiment multiple times. As we increase sample size in these experiments, we can say the forthwing: no Bi = B, which translates to mean that with increasing sample size the Bi, Sample slope coefficient can be more confidently as started in approximation to the true value of p. . With consistency, Smaller variance is created for efficiency. #As in Lecture #4, When assumptions #1, 2 and 3 are true, then B, and Bo are normally distributed in largesamples (as well as B2), so Bo, B, and B2 will get closer to the true population parameters as n goes to infinity. As n increases, the variances of B, and Bo go toward zero. \* Note that unbiasedness & consistency are similar but consistency describes what his sons to B, and Bo as n gots large. Assumption () E(uilXi) = 0 where the conditional distribution of un given Xi has a mean of zero, (2) (X; Yi), i=1 ..., n, are independently & identically distribute 3) large ontliers are wrikely.
So if the p-value is sufficiently small, we can show & s not to Concept: No: Ba = 0 -Statistic = estimator - hypothesized value Ha: 62 \$ 0 Stringerd error of the estimator significant. = 2.1-9 = 2.1 0= D.05 C) To find the p-value for the statistical significance test for \$2.

O State your null and after nate hipotheses. The null hipothesis being where we state what we think what would happen normally. It is the assumption we're happing is true. The attender hap other's is what we conclude to be true if the p-value is found to be too small. If the p-value is found to be too small. If the p-value is too small, it represents the probability that whatever this data represents, the null hypothesis is too strange to be accepted as true. 2) Organize the data to locate the z-score that corresponds to a standardized test statistic. This test statistic is calculated via various for mules depending on the scenario of the data. This test statistic is also known as the critical value. Action Steps: (3) Calculate/find the p-value z or t-score via the table Date and/or Further calculation. (4) Compare p-value to critical value to decide if you support or reject the null. utilizing the model of the distribution. with the numerical data given, we calculate our ît to be=2.1. a 全= |2.1 |> 1.96= taitos 7(2) z=2.1 the area above is > = Drob(2 at 2.1) => 950% Our hypothesis is \$=0 =1-.982 = .0179 So we have to test both Multiply by 2 for two tails: (2)(-0179)=-0358 tails to checkif Bis in -196 either region. Compare to x = .05: this is where the . 0358 < . 05 We reject the null would be true. When we get a z greater than or less than 1.96, it forces us to conclude that the \$ = 0 because its 2-score is not within the accepted range of values.

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a two-sided hypothesistest us a 10/0 significance level. And (2) it is an interval that has a 9900 probability of containing the true value of B,; that is, in 9900 of the possible samples that might be drawn, the confidence interval will contain the true value of B. 990/0 confidence interval for B = [B, - 2.5765E(B), B, + 2.5765E(B) Description: e) The predicted change in Yassociated with the change in X is B, DX. Because we can construct a confidence interval for B., we can construct a confidence interval for the predicted effect \$, DX. \$, -2.576 SE(\$,) => (B-2.576 SE(\$,)) + AX .. for Axi = 1, we get [3.5 - (2.576)(2.2), 3.5+(2.576)(2.2)] \*1 = [-2.1672, 9.1672] : The effect of a one unit change in XiI could be as little as -2,1672 or as great as 9,1672, creating a change in Y: anywhere between approx -2 to 9 points with a 99% confidence level. (p. 153 +xtbook) Concept: : With a AXII=8, the impact is greater on the range of Yn-3.5 - (2.576)(2.2) 3.5 + (2.576)(2.2) +8 => -17.8376, 73.3376 Here the change in Ki, could be as little as -17 to 73 approximately. O creating a change in XI, to this degree of points with a 99 5% confidence level. To conclude about the statistical significance of B: £ = 3.5-0 = 1.59 990% 1.59 is within the range of expected values so we say it's not statistically significant. value @ 1.59= 2 \*(1-.9441) = 1118 D-value @ 2.576 = 2 + (1-.9950) = 1.01 2.576 2.576 Action Steps: Since . 1118 > . 01 again we can conclude Mental Trick & is not statistically significant. for P-values! P < . 05 Significant > = -01 highly Signific p > . 05 not significant f) The hint on excluding a variable leads to commenting on the theory of omitted variable bias. If we omit Bix, due to Bis lack of statistical significance we have to be sure it is uncorrelated with X. This is the case because if we were to leave B,X, in the equation it could skew

regression results if B,X, is found to be a linear map of another variable.

To be found as a linear function of another regressor is the same as soutine the variable is a determinant of Y; and if it's correlated with another regressor then the first least squares assumption is violated.

(2) Smoking & Birth Outcomes. bught dta: birth weight (oz) = bught # of cigarettes the mom smoked / day during pregnancy (cigs) a) Title: USc "bwght dta" gon any cia= 1 if cias>1 Description: replace anycig=0 if cig=0 \*\* KEY LINE! Date to tabulate % of mons who smoked 4- dependent ( E of where any cig = 1) - anycig=1 (E of # of data pts in sample) 6) Ho i bughts = bughtns or anycig of 1 = anycig of 0 . X=independent reg to estimate bught, = Bo+ Branycig; + ui what does to mean here? It represents the extent of the significance of the relationship between % of moms who smoked and their impact on their newborn's weight, that is the extent of the correlation between smoking & baby weight. Bo here represents the base level weight of the children without error accounted for (1C#8 Slide #9 reg bught anycig Concept: Table of % of moms who smoked : 187/1180 = 158 or 15.8% on, From the regression, the regression of 1-5.461 > 1.95@ 5% significance level en some can reject the must hapothesis that the birthweights between the children Sing of smokers vs. norsmokers is the same. the coefficient estimate of smoking determines the birth weight difference & the coefficient estimate corresponding to the regressor "anycig" is -8.92883, it indicates that smoking any amount of cigaretts decrease birthweight by 902 on average appropriately. is the effect start sig? means we've testing whether or not it's impact is zero. Arin 2: 2- statistic = -8.92-0 = |-5.61359... | >1.96 We can reject the null himsthesis@ 5% lovel. of the effect being realigible. . The effect of smoking any number of cigarettes can be seen as detrimental and importful on fitted birth weight of a mother's future child during pregnancy. Action Steps: Testing whether a one unit increase in the Danycig would decrosse bught by an oz Ho = \$0= -1 Vs H, is = -1 = -8.92-(-1) = 1-4.98427... > 1.96 We again reject the null hypothesis @ the 5% Reference 1.589 c) write in State: margins, dydk(\*) So the marginal addition of one cigarotte a day during prognancy decreased baby birthweight by little more than half an owner. The dyldx value given 15 - 5096199. With a null of Ho: sig = 0, we have the += -5.46 > 1.96 so we reject the null of significance of zero

meaning the impact of cigarettes on a marginal level is statistically significant

Fam Income: = Bo + B, HAge: + B2WAge: + Ui (1)

Fam Income: = Bo + B, HAge: + B2WAge: + B2HUnion + B4WUnion: + Ui (2)

Family's income age age husband wife in a union

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a) The coefficient on Wage represents the marginal effect age of the wife has on the dependent variable, the annual family income. To be economically significant, we have to relate the  $\beta_2$  as the number where with increasing age, we see observed change in the annual. In other words, it's to conclude that an additional year in age will lead to  $+\beta_2$  change in annual income

50000 = \$0-90.8 HAge; +495 WAge;

Here in order to increase income by \$1 in family income, the wife needs to advance to advance to advance to advance to advance to a sout or inage 495 = .002 years or (.002 × 365 = 74) about 74 days.

This is somewhat a reasonable portrayal of reality but not reasonable if she needs to make an additional 30,000 or whatever. This is about \$5 per year so this is then not economically significant.

- b) To hold union status constant, we give a coefficient of 1 for HUnion, and WUnion; and fill in the coefficients as such: Silver 1 × 10 years

  AIncome in rea = 24164+205 HAge + 322 WAge; 1805 HUnion; + 8972 WUnion; (2)

  AIncome in reas = -90.8 HAge; + 495 WAge; (1)

  For equation (2), substituting 10 to account for the change in 10 years the regression gives 24164 + 205(10) + 322(10) 1805(40) + 8972(10) £ 101, 104 more
- Construct a + Statistic for the significance test of HAGE in regression (2).

  2 = 205-0 = 1.64 < 1.96 : HAGE is not statistically significant in relation to annual family earnings.
- d) The coefficient on HUnion represents the estimated slope, predicting the change in value of family earnings due to one unit change in the husband's union status.
- e) As seeing the average effect is akin to observing a charge in value as in part (d), the effect of both husband and wife joining a labor union is the equivalent of HUnion; = 1 and so the effect increases by the sum of the coefficients of the two variables: (-1805) + (8972) according to the transition from regression 1 to regression 2 => 7167 is added to yearly family income.

  f) Restricted regression is one in which coefficients of some indipendent variable are assisted.

  F= (R2 R2/4) = (1-R2)/(n-k\_0)