

Econ 123

Lecture 5

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Overview for this lecture:

► **Agenda**

1. Simple Linear Regression
2. Omitted Variable Bias
3. Multivariate Linear Regression.

► **Application:**

- Wage Regression, The Mincer Model

Part I: Simple Linear Regression Models and OLS

Simple Linear Regression

Simple Linear Regression Model:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + e, \quad E[e] = E[eX] = 0. \quad (1)$$

Model of equation 1 equivalent to defining (β_0, β_1) by

$$(\beta_0, \beta_1) \equiv \underset{(b_0, b_1)}{\operatorname{argmin}} E[(Y - b_0 - b_1 X)^2], \quad (2)$$

and then defining

$$e \equiv Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X,$$

with $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ following from the FOC for 2. Equation 2 defines β_0, β_1 by the linear projection of Y on (a constant and) X , with $\beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ called the Best Linear Predictor (BLP) of Y given X .

Simple Linear Regression

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Assuming $\text{Var}(X) > 0$, model of equation 1 equivalent to defining

$$\beta_1 = \frac{E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]}{E[X^2] - (E[X])^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}, \quad (3)$$

$$\beta_0 = E[Y] - \beta_1 E[X]. \quad (4)$$

Simple Linear Regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + e, \quad E[e] = E[eX] = 0.$$

- ▶ $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ called “moment conditions.”
- ▶ If we are defining the regression model by BLP/linear projection, then $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ holds by definition (FOC for BLP).
- ▶ If we are defining the regression model as a causal/structural model, then $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ need not hold.

OLS Estimator for Simple Linear Regression

- The OLS estimators of β_0 and β_1 are defined as the values for b_0 and b_1 that minimize the sum of squared prediction errors over all observations

$$(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \underset{(b_0, b_1)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - b_0 - b_1 X_i)^2.$$

- If we then *define* $\hat{e}_i = Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i$, then the FOC for the above minimization problem can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_i = 0.$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_i = 0.$$

where $\hat{e}_i \equiv Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i$

- Let s_X^2 denote sample variance of X_i , and s_{XY} denote sample covariance of (X_i, Y_i) . Then, assuming $s_X^2 > 0$, can solve above FOC for $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2},$$
$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}.$$

Application: Returns to Education – Estimating the Univariate Model

Consider “log-linear” regression

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{educ}_i + e_i,$$

where educ_i is years of schooling.

- ▶ Linear model with $Y_i = \ln \text{Wage}_i$, but non-linear model for wages.
- ▶ Interpretation of β_1 ?
 - ▶ Observations with 1 more year of school have β_1 higher log wage.
 - ▶ Approximately:
Observations with 1 more year of school have $\beta_1 \cdot 100$ percent higher wage.

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where educ_i is years of schooling.

```
1 > lm(logwage ~ education , data = NLSYM)
2
3 Call:
4 lm(formula = logwage ~ education, data = NLSYM)
5
6 Coefficients:
7 (Intercept)      education
8      0.96571         0.05209
9 >
10 > ggplot(data=NLSYM, aes(x= education, y=logwage)) +
11 +   geom_point(shape=1) + ggtitle("Log Wage Regression, NLSYM") +
12 +   theme_bw() + xlab("Education") + ylab("Log Wage") +
13 +   geom_smooth(method = lm, se = FALSE)
```

Returns to Education – Estimating the Univariate Model

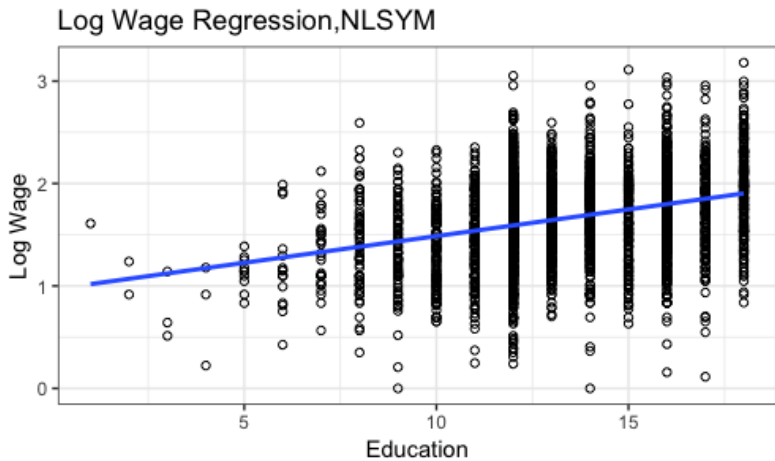


Figure 5.1: Linear regression of log wage on years of schooling.
Data Source: NLSYM

Simple Linear Regression with Dummy Covariate

In general:

- ▶ $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + e$, with $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ implies

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}$$

$$\beta_0 = E[Y] - \beta_1 E[X]$$

- ▶ OLS regression:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}$$

Simple Linear Regression with Dummy Covariate

If X is binary:

- $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + e$, with $E[e] = E[eX] = 0$ implies

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)} \\ &= E[Y_i | X_i = 1] - E[Y_i | X_i = 0] \\ \beta_0 &= E[Y] - \beta_1 E[X] \\ &= E[Y_i | X_i = 0],\end{aligned}$$

- OLS regression:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2} \\ &= \bar{Y}_1 - \bar{Y}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X} \\ &= \bar{Y}_0,\end{aligned}$$

where \bar{Y}_x denotes the sample mean of Y_i among those with $X_i = x$.

Application: Returns to Experience – Estimating the Univariate Model

Consider

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Black}_i + e_i,$$

where Black_i is a dummy variable for being African-American.

```
1 > mean.lnwage<-with(NLSYM,tapply(logwage,black,mean))
2 > mean.lnwage
3      0      1
4 1.730930 1.412938
5 > mean.lnwage[2]-mean.lnwage[1]
6      1
7 -0.3179919
8 >
9 > lm(logwage ~ black , data = NLSYM)
10
11 Call:
12 lm(formula = logwage ~ black, data = NLSYM)
13
14 Coefficients:
15 (Intercept)      black
16      1.731      -0.318
```

Application: Effect of PROGRESA – Estimating the Univariate Model

Consider

$$\ln \text{SchoolEnroll}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Treat}_i + e_i,$$

where Treat_i is a dummy variable for being treated.

```
1 > mean.enroll <- with(dfPost, tapply(school, treat, mean))
2 > mean.enroll
3      0      1
4 0.7456201 0.7859343
5 > mean.enroll[2] - mean.enroll[1]
6      1
7 0.04031423
8 > lm(school ~ treat, data = dfPost)
9
10 Call:
11 lm(formula = school ~ treat, data = dfPost)
12
13 Coefficients:
14 (Intercept)      treat
15   0.74562      0.04031
```

Part II: Omitted Variable Bias

Linear Regression and Structural Model: Wage Equation

Suppose a labor economist has a hedonic model of wages with

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + e_i, \quad E[e_i] = E[e_i X_{1i}] = E[e_i X_{2i}] = 0,$$

where:

- ▶ Y_i denotes wages,
- ▶ X_{1i} is a dummy variable for being African-American,
- ▶ X_{2i} years of education.

The parameter of interest is β_1 , measuring taste-based discrimination.

What if we regress Y_i on X_{1i} alone by simple linear regression, omitting X_{2i} ?

OLS with Omitted Variables

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \xrightarrow{P} \beta_1 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})}}_{\text{Omitted Variable Bias}}.$$

Proof?

(Blackboard break)

Omitted Variable Bias

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \xrightarrow{P} \beta_1 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})}}_{\text{Omitted Variable Bias}}.$$

► $\frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})}$ is the coefficient of a projection of X_2 on X_1 .

Signing Omitted Variable Bias

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \xrightarrow{P} \beta_1 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})}}_{\text{Omitted Variable Bias}}.$$

- ▶ Omitted variable bias is zero if:
 - ▶ $\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i}) = 0$ (X_1 and X_2 are uncorrelated), or
 - ▶ $\beta_2 = 0$.
- ▶ Otherwise:
 - ▶ If $\text{Sign}\{\beta_2\} = \text{Sign}\{\text{Cov}(X_2, X_1)\}$, the bias is positive.
 - ▶ If $\text{Sign}\{\beta_2\} \neq \text{Sign}\{\text{Cov}(X_2, X_1)\}$, the bias is negative.

Signing Omitted Variable Bias

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \xrightarrow{P} \beta_1 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})}}_{\text{Omitted Variable Bias}}.$$

► In special case of binary X_{1i} ,

- $\frac{\text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i})}{\text{Var}(X_{1i})} = E[X_{2i} \mid X_{1i} = 1] - E[X_{2i} \mid X_{1i} = 0],$
- $\text{Sign} \{ \text{Cov}(X_{2i}, X_{1i}) \} = \text{Sign} \{ E[X_{2i} \mid X_{1i} = 1] - E[X_{2i} \mid X_{1i} = 0] \}.$
- Connection to selection bias for treatment effects?

Signing Omitted Variable Bias

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- If the omitted variable is observed, there exist a simple cure to the OVB problem: *include the omitted variable in the model*, leading to multiple linear regression. Not always possible.
- Another option: run RCT, also not always possible. . .

Part III: Multivariate Linear Regression Models and OLS

Why more variables?

- ▶ We introduced linear regression models as a tool to model the relationship between a dependent variable Y and explanatory variables X 's.
- ▶ Why do we want to consider more than one explanatory variable?
 - ▶ **Prediction:** Additional predictors might improve our predictions. *“Macroeconomic indicators help to predict asset prices”*
 - ▶ **Omitted Variable Bias:** If have structural or causal model, may need to include additional covariates to avoid omitted variable bias.
 - ▶ **Improving Precision:** For example, analyzing RCT while controlling for baseline covariates appropriately.
 - ▶ **Testing Models:** Economic models typically involve multiple variables.
- ▶ In this lecture we will focus on wage regressions.

Multivariate Linear Regression Models

- Multivariate Linear Regression Models are of the form:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Ki} + e_i, \quad (5)$$

with

$$E[e_i] = E[e_i X_{1i}] = \dots = E[e_i X_{Ki}] = 0. \quad (6)$$

- Equations 5 and 6 equivalent to

$$(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_K) = \underset{(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_K)}{\operatorname{argmin}} E[(Y - b_0 - b_1 X_1 - \dots - b_K X_K)^2]. \quad (7)$$

- If define model by linear projection (as solution to 7), then moment conditions (6) holds by FOC for equation 7.

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- If we are defining the regression model as a causal/structural model, then (6) need not hold, and $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_K)$ need not be solution to equation 7.

Marginal Effects

- ▶ We call the change in predicted Y induced by a *ceterus paribus* marginal increase in X_j the **marginal effect** of changing X_j on Y .
 - ▶ May or may not be causal
- ▶ For binary X_j this is understood to mean changing X_j from 0 to 1.
- ▶ What if there is a functional relationship between regressors, e.g., $X_2 = X_1^2$?
 - ▶ $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_1^2 + e \Rightarrow$ marginal effect of X_1 equals $\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 X_1$.
 - ▶ Are marginal effects always constant in linear models? No!

Multivariate OLS

- The OLS estimator of $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_K)$ are defined as the values for (b_0, \dots, b_K) that minimize the sum of squared prediction errors over all observations:

$$(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_K) = \arg \min_{b_0, \dots, b_K} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_0 - b_1 x_{1i} - b_2 x_{2i} - \dots - b_K x_{Ki})^2.$$

- If we then *define*

$$\hat{e}_i = y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_{1i} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_K x_{Ki},$$

then the FOC for the above minimization problem can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i x_{1i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i x_{2i} = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i x_{Ki} = 0.$$

Multivariate OLS

- $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_K)$ solve

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_{1i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_{2i} = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_{Ki} = 0,$$

where $\hat{e}_i = y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} - \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_K X_{Ki}$.

- In order to have a unique solution to the OLS minimization problem, we need one additional assumption: No *perfect multicollinearity*.
- OLS estimator has desirable properties for estimation of $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_K)$ as long as no perfect multicollinearity and moment equation (6) holds.

Multivariate OLS

Rewrite with vector notation?

(time for blackboard break)

Frisch-Waugh-Lovell (FWL)

(time for blackboard break)

Multicollinearity

- ▶ Two or more regressors are said to exhibit **perfect multicollinearity**, if one of the regressors is a perfect linear function of the others.
- ▶ Can not estimate OLS on a set of X' s that include collinear variables.
- ▶ Intuitively, multicollinearity is a problem because it is not possible to disentangle the effects of two variables that always move together.
- ▶ Multicollinearity most often can be avoided by choosing the appropriate set of covariates. Will come back to this later in the context of the “Dummy-Variable Trap”.

Terminology

- ▶ We call $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Ki} + e_i$, the **population regression function**.
- ▶ We call the function $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{1i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_K x_{Ki}$ the **fitted regression function**.
- ▶ We call $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{1i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_K x_{Ki}$ the **fitted values**.
- ▶ We call $\hat{e}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$ the **residuals**.

Inference

Under appropriate regularity conditions,

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, V_j)$$

Suppose have consistent estimator of V_j ,

$$\hat{V}_j \xrightarrow{p} V_j.$$

- Consistent standard errors:

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{V}_j}{N}}$$

- 95% Asymptotic Confidence Interval:

$$\left[\hat{\beta}_j - 1.96 \cdot \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_j), \hat{\beta}_j + 1.96 \cdot \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_j) \right].$$

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► To test null $H_0 : \beta_j = \beta_{j0}$, can define test statistic

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_{j0}}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \\ \Rightarrow T &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \quad \text{under } H_0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus reject null at at 5% level if

$$|T| \geq 1.96.$$

Inference

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$$\hat{V}_j \xrightarrow{p} V_j.$$

- ▶ Default s.e. in **R** and most packages are only consistent under homoscedasticity, if $\mathbb{E}[e_i^2 \mid X_{1i}, \dots, X_{Ki}]$ is a constant. Typically implausible in economics.
- ▶ Typically heteroscedastic-robust s.e. in economics.
- ▶ Often believe data is “clustered”, use s.e. that are both heteroscedastic-robust and robust to dependence within a cluster.
- ▶ We will return to further discuss inference for OLS next lecture.

Part III : Application – Estimating the Returns to Education

Estimating the Returns to Education

- ▶ Economists have studied and tried to estimate the returns to education for more than 60 years
- ▶ Mincer (JPE, 1958): “Investment in Human Capital and Personal Income Distribution”
- ▶ Implies $\ln(\text{wage}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{educ} + \beta_2 \text{exp} + \beta_3 \text{exp}^2 + e$
- ▶ Wages increase at a constant rate (%) in education
- ▶ Regressions of $\ln(\text{wage})$ on educ , exp and exp^2 (and other covariates) are called *Mincer regressions*.
- ▶ Original Mincer regressions did not include ethnicity, but often additionally include dummy variable for being African American.

- ▶ Following regressions use data from National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men (NLSYM) that was used by Card (1995).
- ▶ Data is from 1976, when respondents were between 24 and 34 years old.
- ▶ True years of work experience are not recorded in data set, and thus define “potential experience”:

$$\text{experience} = \text{Age} - \text{Education} - 6.$$

- ▶ See [card.dta documentation](#) for more details.

Returns to Education – Estimating the Univariate Model

► Let's run some regressions

```
1 > reg.1<-lm(logwage ~ education , data = NLSYM)
2 > reg.2<- lm(logwage ~ experience , data = NLSYM)
3 > reg.1
4
5 Call:
6 lm(formula = logwage ~ education, data = NLSYM)
7
8 Coefficients:
9 (Intercept)      education
10      0.9657      0.0521
11
12 > reg.2
13
14 Call:
15 lm(formula = logwage ~ experience, data = NLSYM)
16
17 Coefficients:
18 (Intercept)      experience
19      1.64481      0.00134
```

Returns to Education – Estimating Bivariate Model

Lets estimate the bivariate model:

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{experience}_i + e_i$$

```
1  
2 > reg.3<- lm(logwage ~ education+experience , data = NLSYM)  
3 > reg.3  
4  
5 Call:  
6 lm(formula = logwage ~ education + experience, data = NLSYM)  
7  
8 Coefficients:  
9 (Intercept)      education      experience  
10      0.0609      0.0932      0.0407  
11 >  
12 > with(NLSYM, cor(education, experience))  
13 [1] -0.653
```

► Why, in this sample, are education and experience so strongly negatively correlated?

Fitted Regression Function: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{experience}_i$

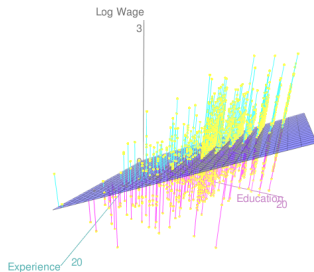


Figure 5.2: Linear regression of log wage on years of schooling and years of experience, using NLSYM.

Table of Results

- ▶ Can use `stargazer` to produce table of results.
- ▶ Problem: default s.e., p-values based on default s.e., require homoscedasticity for validity.
- ▶ Alternatively, can use `coeftest` with `vcov=vcovHC` for heteroscedastic-robust s.e.:

```
1 > library(sandwich)
2 > library(lmtest)
3 > reg.test.1<-coeftest(reg.1,vcov = vcovHC)
4 > reg.test.2<-coeftest(reg.2,vcov = vcovHC)
5 > reg.test.3<-coeftest(reg.3,vcov = vcovHC)
6 > stargazer(reg.1,reg.2,reg.3,
7 +         se= list(reg.test.1[,2], reg.test.2[,2],reg.test.3[,2]),
8 +         p=list(reg.test.1[,4], reg.test.2[,4],reg.test.3[,4]),
9 +         dep.var.labels="Enrollment", intercept.bottom = FALSE,
10 +         keep.stat=c("n","rsq"),
11 +         notes.append = FALSE, notes.align = "l", notes = "Reporting
    heteroscedastic-robust standard errors in parenthesis.")
```

Returns to Education – Estimating Bivariate Model

Table 5.1: Log Wage Regressions, Using NLSYM Data

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
	Log Wages		
Constant	0.966*** (0.039)	1.645*** (0.019)	0.061 (0.065)
education	0.052*** (0.003)		0.093*** (0.004)
experience		0.001 (0.002)	0.041*** (0.002)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.0002	0.181

Note: Reporting heteroscedastic-robust standard errors in parenthesis.

- How do estimated coefficients compare?
- Intuition?

Returns to Education – What if add age?

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{experience}_i + \beta_3 \text{age}_i + e_i$$

```
1 > lm(logwage ~ education+experience +age , data = NLSYM)
2
3 Call:
4 lm(formula = logwage ~ education + experience + age, data =
   NLSYM)
5
6 Coefficients:
7 (Intercept)      education      experience          age
8      0.0609         0.0932         0.0407          NA
```

- Why the NA when we add age?
 - Perfect multicollinearity!
 - Recall experience is potential experience,

$$\text{experience} = \text{Age} - \text{Education} - 6.$$

Returns to Education – Estimating Multivariate Model

Lets estimate the model with quadratic in experience:

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{experience}_i + \beta_3 \text{experience}_i^2 + e_i,$$

implying marginal effect of experience:

$$\beta_2 + 2\beta_3 \text{experience}_i.$$

```
1 > reg.4 <- lm(logwage ~ education + experience + I(experience^2) ,  
  data = NLSYM)
```

Returns to Education – Estimating Multivariate Model

Table 5.2: Log Wage Regressions, Using NSLYM Data

	Dependent variable:			
	Log Wages			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Constant	0.966*** (0.039)	1.645*** (0.019)	0.061 (0.065)	—0.137* (0.070)
education	0.052*** (0.003)		0.093*** (0.004)	0.093*** (0.004)
experience		0.001 (0.002)	0.041*** (0.002)	0.090*** (0.007)
l(experience^2)				—0.002*** (0.0003)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010	3,010
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In model with quadratic in experience,

Estimated Marginal Effect of Experience: $\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\beta_3\text{experience}$.

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experience		0.001 (0.002)	0.041*** (0.002)	0.090*** (0.007)
l(experience^2)				—0.002*** (0.0003)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.0002	0.181	0.196

In model with quadratic in experience,
Estimated Marginal Effect of Experience: $\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\beta_3 \text{experience}$.

If experience = 0, estimated marginal effect: 0.09.

Returns to Education – Estimating Multivariate Model

Table 5.2: Log Wage Regressions, Using NSLYM Data

	Dependent variable:			
	Log Wages			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Constant	0.966*** (0.039)	1.645*** (0.019)	0.061 (0.065)	—0.137* (0.070)
education	0.052*** (0.003)		0.093*** (0.004)	0.093*** (0.004)
experience		0.001 (0.002)	0.041*** (0.002)	0.090*** (0.007)
l(experience^2)				—0.002*** (0.0003)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.0002	0.181	0.196

In model with quadratic in experience,

Estimated Marginal Effect of Experience: $\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\beta_3 \text{experience}$.

If experience = 10, estimated marginal effect: $0.09 + 2 \cdot (-0.002) \cdot 10 = 0.05$.

Returns to Education – Estimating Multivariate Model

Table 5.2: Log Wage Regressions, Using NSLYM Data

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experience		0.001 (0.002)	0.041*** (0.002)	0.090*** (0.007)
l(experience^2)				—0.002*** (0.0003)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.0002	0.181	0.196

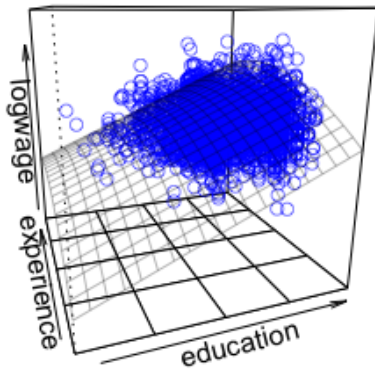
In model with quadratic in experience,

Estimated Marginal Effect of Experience: $\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\beta_3 \text{experience}$.

If experience = 20, estimated marginal effect: $0.09 + 2 \cdot (-0.002) \cdot 20 = 0.01$.

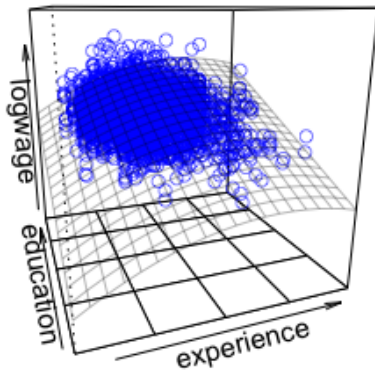
Fitted Regression Function:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{experience}_i + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{experience}_i^2$$



Fitted Regression Function:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{experience}_i + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{experience}_i^2$$



Returns to Education – Education and Ethnicity

► Linear Regression Models on Education and Ethnicity:

```
1  
2 > reg.1<-lm(logwage ~ education , data = NLSYM)  
3 > reg.5<-lm(logwage ~ black , data = NLSYM)  
4 > reg.6<- lm(logwage ~ education + black , data = NLSYM)  
5 > with(NLSYM, cor(education, black))  
6 [1] -0.2694  
7 > with(NLSYM, tapply(education, black, mean))  
8      0      1  
9 13.66 11.96
```

- Why not also add dummy variable for not being black?
Dummy Variable Trap, would result in perfect multicollinearity.

Returns to Education – Estimating Bivariate Model

Table 5.3: Log Wage Regressions, Using NLSYM Data

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
	Log Wages		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Constant	0.966 *** (0.039)	1.731 *** (0.009)	1.163 *** (0.040)
education	0.052 *** (0.003)		0.042 *** (0.003)
black		−0.318 *** (0.018)	−0.247 *** (0.018)
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.092	0.150

Note: Reporting heteroscedastic-robust standard errors in parenthesis.

- ▶ How does estimated coefficient compare?
- ▶ Intuition?

Returns to Education – Estimating Bivariate Model

$$\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{Black}_i + e_i,$$

```
1 > reg.6<- lm(logwage ~ education + black , data = NLSYM)
2 >
3 > equation.6w=function(x){coef(reg.6)[2]*x+coef(reg.6)[1]}
4 > equation.6b=function(x){coef(reg.6)[2]*x+coef(reg.6)[1]+coef(reg.6)[3]}
5 >
6 > ggplot(data=NLSYM, aes(x= education, y=logwage,color=as.factor(black)))+
7 +   geom_point(shape=1) +ggtitle("Log Wage Regression, NLSYM 1988")+ theme_bw() +
8 +   xlab("Education") + ylab("Log Wage")+
9 +   stat_function(fun=equation.6w,geom="line",color=scales::hue_pal()(2)[1])+
10 +   stat_function(fun=equation.6b,geom="line",color=scales::hue_pal()(2)[2])+
11 +   scale_color_hue(labels = c("Caucasian", "African Americans"))+
12 +   labs(colour="Ethnicity")
```

Fitted Regression Function: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{Black}_i$

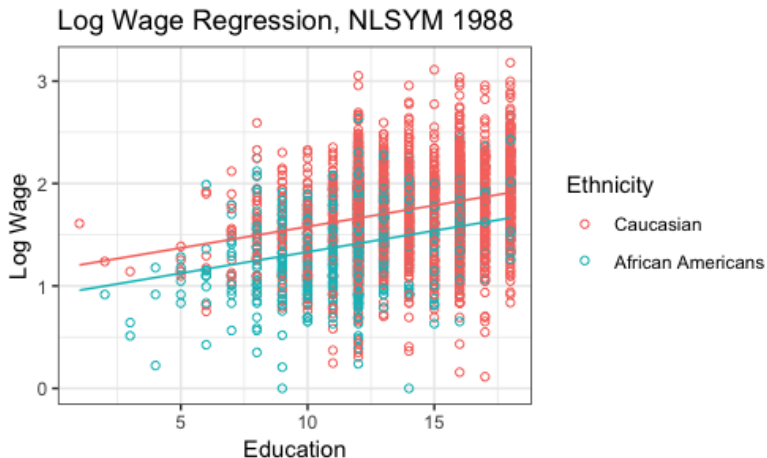


Figure 5.4: Linear regression of wage on years of schooling and dummy variable for being African-American.

Returns to Education – Estimating Model with Interactions, Education and Ethnicity

► Additive model

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \text{Wage}_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{Black}_i + e_i \\ &= \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + e_i & \text{if not Black} \\ (\beta_0 + \beta_2) + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + e_i & \text{if Black} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

► Model with interactions:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \text{Wage}_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{Black}_i + \beta_3 \text{Black}_i \cdot \text{education}_i + e_i \\ &= \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + e_i & \text{if not Black} \\ (\beta_0 + \beta_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_3) \text{education}_i + e_i & \text{if Black} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

- OLS regression on model with interactions equivalent to running regressions $\ln \text{Wage}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{education}_i + e_i$ separately on black and non-black samples.

Returns to Education – Estimating Model with Interactions

```
1 reg.7w <- lm(logwage ~ education, data = NLSYM[NLSYM$black==0,])
2 reg.7b <- lm(logwage ~ education, data = NLSYM[NLSYM$black==1,])
3 reg.7 <- lm(logwage ~ education*black, data = NLSYM)
```

Returns to Education – Estimating Model with Interactions

Table 5.4: Log Wage Regressions, Using NLSYM Data

<i>Dependent variable:</i>						
	Log Wages					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Constant	0.966*** (0.039)	1.731*** (0.009)	1.163*** (0.040)	1.245*** (0.046)	0.690*** (0.003)	1.245*** (0.082)
education	0.052*** (0.003)		0.042*** (0.003)	0.036***	0.060***	0.036***
black		−0.318*** (0.018)	−0.247*** (0.018)			−0.555***
education:black						0.025***
Sample:	Full	Full	Full	Non-Black	Black	Full
Observations	3,010	3,010	3,010	2,307	703	3,010
R ²	0.099	0.092	0.150	0.046	0.142	0.154

Note: Reporting heteroscedastic-robust standard errors in parenthesis.

Fitted Regression: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{Black}_i + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{Black}_i \cdot \text{education}_i$

```
1 > reg.7
2
3 Call:
4 lm(formula = logwage ~ education * black, data = NLSYM)
5
6 Coefficients:
7 (Intercept)      education          black  education:black
8      1.2453         0.0355       -0.5550         0.0249
9
10 #fitted regression line for non-blacks:
11 > equation.7w=function(x){coef(reg.7)[2]*x+coef(reg.7)[1]}
12 #fitted regression line for blacks:
13 > equation.7b=function(x){(coef(reg.7)[2]+coef(reg.7)[4])*x
14   +coef(reg.7)[1]+coef(reg.7)[3]}
```

Fitted Regression: $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{Black}_i + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{Black}_i \cdot \text{education}_i$

```
1 > ggplot(data=NLSYM, aes(x= education, y=logwage, color=as.factor(black)))+  
2 +   geom_point(shape=1) +  
3 +   ggtitle("Log Wage Regression, With Interaction, NLSYM Data")+  
4 +   theme_bw() + xlab("Education") + ylab("Log Wage")+ylim(0,5) +  
5 +   stat_function(fun=equation.7w, geom="line", color=scales::hue_pal()(2)[1])+  
6 +   stat_function(fun=equation.7b, geom="line", color=scales::hue_pal()(2)[2])+  
7 +   scale_color_hue(labels = c("Caucasian", "African Americans"))+  
8 +   labs(colour="Ethnicity")
```

Returns to Education – Estimating the Model with Interactions

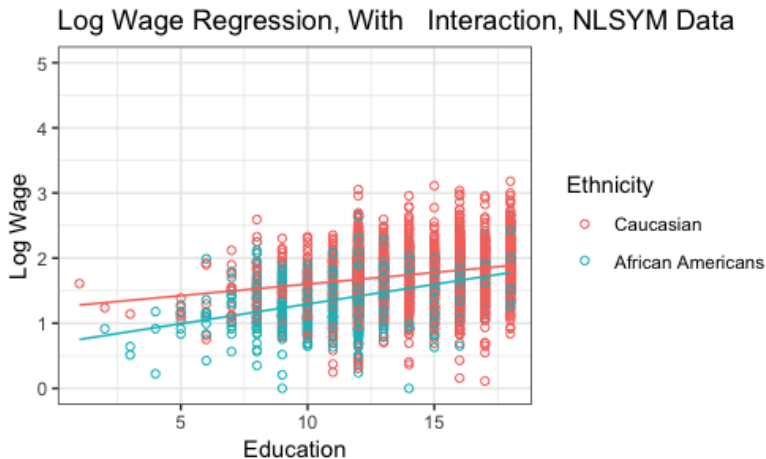


Figure 5.5: Linear regression of wage on years of schooling, dummy variable for being African-American, and interaction.

```

1 > reg.8<- lm(logwage ~ education*black+experience
2 +           + I(experience^2) , data = NLSYM)
3 > reg.9w <- lm(logwage ~ education+experience
4 +           + I(experience^2), data = NLSYM[NLSYM$black==0,])
5 > reg.9b <- lm(logwage ~ education+experience
6 +           + I(experience^2), data = NLSYM[NLSYM$black==1,])
7 > reg.9<- lm(logwage ~ education*black+experience*black
8 +           + I(experience^2)*black , data = NLSYM)

```

Table 5.5: Log Wage Regressions, Using NLSYM Data

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>				
	Log Wages				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Constant	1.245*** (0.046)	0.369*** (0.069)	0.249*** (0.074)	0.208 (0.140)	0.249*** (0.074)
education	0.036*** (0.003)	0.075*** (0.004)	0.080*** (0.004)	0.084*** (0.008)	0.080*** (0.004)
black	-0.555*** (0.082)	-0.615*** (0.079)			-0.041 (0.158)
experience		0.040*** (0.002)	0.045*** (0.003)	0.020*** (0.005)	0.045*** (0.003)
education:black	0.025*** (0.006)	0.031*** (0.006)			0.004 (0.009)
black:experience					-0.025*** (0.006)
Sample:	<i>Full</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>Non — Black</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Full</i>
Observations	3,010	3,010	2,307	703	3,010
R ²	0.154	0.233	0.159	0.164	0.238

Note: Reporting heteroscedastic-robust standard errors in parenthesis.

Fitted Regression Function:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{education}_i + \beta_2 \text{experience}_i + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{Black}_i$$

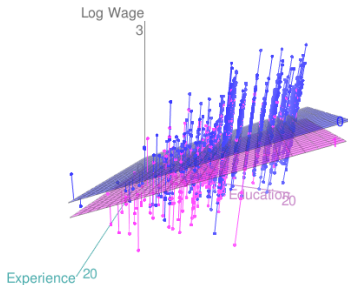


Figure 5.6: Linear regression of wage on years of schooling, years of experience, and dummy variable for being African-American.

Fitted Regression Function: Including Interactions with Being African-American

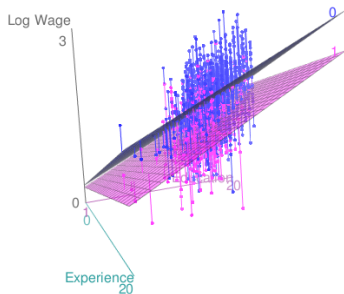


Figure 5.7: Linear regression of wage on years of schooling, years of experience, dummy variable for being African-American, and interactions with being African-American.

Additional Resources, Next Week

Additional resources for this lecture:

► [code](#), [data](#).