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# 1.2 Econometric models using R packages
# R is rich in packages contributed by individuals from all over the world.
# packages comprise a set of functions executing tasks more or less related.
# R packages are easy to write and they offer an ordered way of access
## Installing and using R packages
# Command line code usable at the console to install a package is
# install.packages("package name")
# Let us install the package AER - You need internet connection for this
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install.packages("AER")
# Let us load the package into memory
library("AER")
## Ordinary least squares
# This is just a revision of 1.1. Let us reproduce the code here and take a
# closer look at our results. Recall, the essence lies in the
 interpretation/
# meaning of our results. Codes just facilitator.
# a prototypical call of a linear regression looks like fm <- lm(formula,
data, ...)
# An example from the mroz data:
# Dependent variable - nonwife income
# Independent variables - age, age^2, education, experience
# We allow for a quadratic term to allow for decreasing/increasing returns
# to age
dat<- read.csv("dat.csv",header = T,sep = " ") # load data set</pre>
reg1<- lm(dat$nonwife~dat$age + I(dat$age^2)+dat$education+dat$experience)
summary(reg1)
# Interpretation of the results?
# An example from the AER package
# load data from the package
data("Journals", package = "AER") #load data Journals into memory from the
#package "AER
names(Journals)
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# Explore the data
journals <- Journals[, c("subs", "price")] # create a data frame of two</pre>
# variables subs, price
journals$citeprice <- Journals$price/Journals$citations # generate new</pre>
# variable citeprice and add it to journals. Notice the $ sign
summary(journals) # a summary of the data frame
# The goal is to estimate the effect of the price per citation on the
# number of library subscriptions.
plot(log(subs) ~ log(citeprice), data = journals) # visualise relation-
#ship between variables.
# run a linear regression
jour_lm <- lm(log(subs) ~ log(citeprice), data = journals) # create</pre>
# regression object
summary(jour_lm)
abline(jour lm) # add plot of fitted values to scatter plot
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## Binary response models
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# Probit model
# we begin with a probit regression:
data("SwissLabor") # load data from the AER package
swiss_probit <- glm(participation ~ . + I(age^2),</pre>
                 data = SwissLabor, family = binomial(link = "probit"))
# The use of ~. implies regress participation on all other variables in the
# data set then add a quadratic term of age
summary(swiss_probit) # summary of results
#---->
# visualisation (using a spinogram)
plot(participation ~ age, data = SwissLabor, ylevels = 2:1)
# By setting ylevels = 2:1, the order of participation levels is
# reversed, highlighting participation (rather than non-participation).
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# Interpretation of results using the average partial effects
favp <- mean(dnorm(predict(swiss probit, type = "link")))</pre>
ape p = favp * coef(swiss probit) # these give the average partial effects
ape_p
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# Discussion:
# How would you calculate their standard errors and/or asymptotic
# distributions?
# Logit model
swiss_logit <- glm(participation ~ . + I(age^2),</pre>
                  data = SwissLabor, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
summary(swiss logit)
favl <- mean(dlogis(predict(swiss_logit, type = "link")))</pre>
ape_l = favl * coef(swiss_logit) # these give the average partial effects
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# compare average partial effects:
rbind(ape_p,ape_1)
# what do you say?
## Regression models for Count data
# These models have discrete dependent variables
# Poisson regression:
# We begin with the standard model for count data, a Poisson regression.
# Fitting is as simple as
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data("RecreationDemand") # load data from AER package
rd_pois <- glm(trips ~ ., data = RecreationDemand,</pre>
                 family = poisson)
# The dependent variable is the number of trips
summary(rd pois)
# Interpretation of results?
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# Negative binomial regression
# In R, tools for negative binomial regression are provided by the MASS
# package (Venables and Ripley 2002).
# Let us re-run the count data model using the negative binomial
library("MASS") # this package is in-built. you don't need to install it
rd_nb <- glm.nb(trips ~ ., data = RecreationDemand)</pre>
summary(rd_nb)
# compare poisson and negative binomial results:
rbind(rd pois$coefficients,rd nb$coefficients)
# observations?
## Quantile Regression
# The package to use is rq
# install.packages("quantreg")
require("quantreg") # the command require() is synonymous to library()
# To get documentation on a function fun in a package that is installed,
# type ?fun
# look up the function rg in quantreg
# skim through the documentation and run the example codes.
# you can do so by copying them into the editor and then run them or run
# them straight in the console.
data(stackloss)
rq(stack.loss ~ stack.x,tau=.5) # LAD is a special case of quantreg
rg(stack.loss ~ stack.x,tau=.25)
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## Bootstrapping a linear regression
# Conventional regression output relies on asymptotic approximations to the
# distributions of test statistics, which are often not very reliable in
# small samples or models with substantial nonlinearities. A possible remedy
# is to employ bootstrap methodology.
# For ease of reference, we reproduce the basic regression
data("Journals")
journals <- Journals[, c("subs", "price")]</pre>
journals$citeprice <- Journals$price/Journals$citations</pre>
jour_lm <- lm(log(subs) ~ log(citeprice), data = journals)</pre>
# Let us write a function to bootstrap
refit <- function(data, i) coef(lm(log(subs) ~ log(citeprice), data =
data[i,]))
library("boot") #load package for bootstapping
set.seed(123) # set seed for reproducibility
jour_boot <- boot(journals, refit, R = 999)</pre>
# A comparison with the standard regression output
coeftest(jour_lm)
boot.ci(jour_boot, index = 2, type = "basic") # compute confidence intervals
# while its classical counterpart is
confint(jour_lm, parm = 2)
# How do they compare?
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# Exercises:
# use data set "women" in the pre-loaded package "datasets"
# Use "height" as the outcome and "weight" as the covariate
# 1. Run a poisson regression: outcome - floor(height), covariate - weight
# 2. Run a negative binomial regression : outcome - floor(height), covariate
- weight
# 3. Run a quantile regression model at the following quantiles
    tau = c(0.2, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.8)
# 4. Run the gamma regression of "height" on "weight".
# Hint: use the "Gamma" family in glm( )
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Interpretation of the results?