

Econometrics 2018, Final Exam, Time to complete : 60 minutes

Minimum points required for a positive grade: 20

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This exam contains 4 pages (including this cover page) and 2 questions.
Total of points is 40.

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You can find the repository for this exam here:

<https://github.com/feb-uni-sofia/econometriccs2018-exam-2018-06-22>

1. The dataset `trips` contains data on 1991 randomly sampled taxi trips that took place during 2015 in New York, USA. For each trip the data contains:

tip_amount (numeric): The tip given to the driver in USD.

trip_distance (numeric): Trip distance in miles.

- (a) (2 points) Create a new variable in the dataset `trips` called `distance` that equals $\frac{tip_amount}{trip_distance}$. Fit the linear model $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$ with $i = 1, \dots, n$ and where ϵ_i are independent random terms with zero mean and constant variance. Note that the `lm` function treats logical variables as 0/1 variables: TRUE corresponds to 1 and FALSE corresponds to 0.

- (b) (2 points) Write down the estimated regression equation.

- (d) (3 points) Let μ_{cash} denote the expected tip amount for trips that are paid with cash. Estimate μ_{cash} using the estimated regression coefficients.

- (e) (3 points) Let μ_{card} denote the expected tip amount for trips that are paid with a credit card. Estimate μ_{card} using the estimated regression coefficients.

- (f) (2 points) Give an approximate 95% confidence interval for the *difference* between the expected tip amount on card-paid trips μ_{card} and the expected tip amount on cash-paid trips μ_{cash} using the estimated regression coefficients.

- (g) (3 points) A taxi driver claims that the expected tip amount on card-paid trips (μ_{card}) is actually lower than the expected tip amount on cash-paid trips (μ_{cash}). Formulate this hypothesis in terms of β_1 (note that the alternative is one-sided).

- (h) (3 points) Write down the t-test statistic for the hypothesis from (g). Compute the p-value of the test in R and explain your decision to reject or not to reject the hypothesis at a 90% significance level (10% error probability).

2. The dataset **homeCredit** is a random sample of 2000 loan records from Home Credit, a consumer finance provider that lends to people with little or no credit history. Assume that each row in the data corresponds to a single person who has received a loan from Home Credit. The dataset contains the following columns:

credit (numeric): Amount of credit received (in USD).

income (numeric): The person's yearly income in USD.

age (numeric): Person's age in years.

- (a) (2 points) Create two new variables in the dataset **homeCredit** called **income1000** that equals **income** divided by 1000 and **credit1000** that equals **credit** divided by 1000.
- (b) (2 points) Fit the linear regression model :

$$\text{credit1000}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{income1000}_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

with $i = 1, \dots, n$ and where u_i are independent random terms with zero mean and constant variance.

- (c) (3 points) Take a look at the estimated regression coefficients. How would you explain the positive association between the level of income and the expected amount of credit received (short answer)?

- (d) (5 points) Estimate the expected amount of credit for persons with 100,000 USD yearly income and give an approximate 95% confidence interval. Explain the meaning of the confidence interval.

- (e) (2 points) What is the meaning of the intercept β_0 in this model (in the context of *this* data)?

- (f) (2 points) Estimate the following linear regression model:

$$\text{credit1000}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{income1000}_i + \beta_2 \text{age}_i + u_i \quad (2)$$

with the same assumptions about u_i as in model (1).

- (g) (2 points) Interpret the intercept in model (2). Is this a meaningful quantity?

- (h) (2 points) A 20 year old person with no income applies for a credit. Estimate the amount of credit she can expect to receive: