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Instructions:

- Make sure you are working on your problem set as each problem set is different.
- The answers to the questions of this problem set are to be given exclusively in the answer sheet
- The answers sheet MUST be printed and not photocopied. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- Questions marked with the symbol & admit more than one correct answer
- Please fill the boxes in the answer sheet completely using a black pen as follows

Question 1: B C D E

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- You can hand back your problem set at the END of class on Friday, April 29th.



With a sample of 706 observations, we estimate the following model:

$$ln(hwage_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 age_i + \beta_2 age_i^2 + \beta_3 educ_i + \beta_4 yngkid_i + u_i$$

and obtain these results:

where *lhwage* is the logarithm of the hourly wage in euro, *age* is measured in years, *educ* is years of education and yngkid is a variable equal to 1 in case the person has a child younger than three years. **Question 1** What is the interpretation of β_4 ?

- A If a person has small kids (< 3 years old), he/she earns about 9.5% more per hour with respect to someone who does not have small kids, ceteris paribus.
- B If a person has small kids (< 3 years old), he/she earns about 0.095 euros more per hour with respect to someone who does not have small kids, ceteris paribus.
- C If a person has one small kid more, he/she earns about 9.5% more per hour with respect to someone who does not have small kids, ceteris paribus.
- D If a person has one small kid more, he/she earns about 0.095 more per hour with respect to someone who does not have small kids, ceteris paribus.

Question 2 What is the interpretation of β_1 ?

- A Increasing age by one year, the hourly wage increases by 7.1% on average, ceteris paribus.
- B By itself does not have a proper interpretation.
- C Increasing age by one year, the hourly wage increases by 0.071 euros on average, ceteris paribus.
- D Increasing age by one year and keeping its square fixed, the hourly wage increases by 7.1% on average, ceteris paribus.

Question 3 Is β_1 statistically significant?

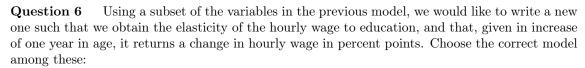
- A It is not at 5% level.
- B It is not at 1% level
- C We cannot check for this, it makes no sense.
- D It is at 10% level.

Question 4 What are we testing when we check whether β_2 is significant?

- A We check whether the logarithm of hourly wage depends on age.
- B We check whether the logarithm of hourly wage depends negatively on age.
- C We check whether the logarithm of hourly wage depends linearly on age.
- D We check whether the logarithm of hourly wage depends positively on age.

Question 5 Keeping other variables fixed, at what age the logarithm of hourly wage is maximized?

- A At about 46.7 years.
- B At about 56.3 years.
- C At about 93.3 years.
- D At about 0, but this makes no sense.



$$\boxed{A} ln(hwage_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 age_i + \beta_2 ln(educ_i) + u_i$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{B}} \ ln(hwage_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 age + ln(\beta_2 educ_i) + u_i$$

$$\boxed{C} hwage_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ln(age_i) + \beta_2 educ_i + u_i$$

$$\boxed{D} ln(hwage_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ln(age_i) + \beta_2 educ_i + u_i$$

$$\boxed{E} hwage_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 age_i + \beta_2 ln(educ_i) + u_i$$

Let us define with Y the amount of cholesterol in mlg in the blood and with Med a dummy variable which takes the value of 1 for medication B and 0 for medication A, where A and B are two different medications that lower cholesterol. Female is a dummy variable which takes the value of 1 for females and 0 otherwise.

Consider the following regression:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times med + \beta_2 \times female + \beta_3 \times med \times female + u$$

Question 7 Suppose you use this model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times med + \beta_2 \times female + u$ What would be the underlying assumption in this case?

- A Medication A and B may operate differently between females and males.
- B None of the others.
- C Males and females choose to take the same medication (either A or B).
- D There are no gender differences in the average cholesterol level.
- [E] Medication A and B do not operate differently between females and males.

Question 8 What is the average cholesterol value for women using medication B?

- $A \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$
- B None of the above.
- $C \beta_2 + \beta_3$
- $D \beta_3$
- $\mid E \mid \beta_2 \mid$

These data are taken from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey survey conducted in 1996. These data were provided by Professor Harvey Rosen of Princeton University and were used in his paper with Craig Perry "The Self-Employed Are Less Likely Than Wage-Earners to Have Health Insurance. So What?" in Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Harvey S. Rosen, eds., Entrepeneurship and Public Po licy, MIT Press 2004.

Among the variables in the dataset, ins is a dummy equal to one if the interviewee has the insurance; selfemp is equal to one if the interviewee is a self-employed workers; gender is equal to one if the individual is a male; married is one if the individual is married; health is one if the individual reports to be in good health; educ is 0 if the person has no education, 1 if he/she achieved middle school diploma, 2 for the high school diploma, 3 for the bachelor degree, 4 for the master degree and 5 for the PhD; age is in years and age2 is the square of age.

We estimate two models:

$$Pr(ins = 1|X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times selfemp + \beta_2 \times married + \beta_3 \times gender + \beta_4 \times health + \beta_5 \times gender * health + \beta_6 \times educ + \beta_7 \times age + \beta_8 \times age^2$$

Coefficients:

| | Estimate St | d. Error t | value H | Pr(> t) |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|
| (Intercept) | 0.2974634 | 0.0580248 | 5.13 | 0.000003 |
| selfemp | -0.1742361 | 0.0141740 | -12.29 | < 2e-16 |
| married | 0.1181062 | 0.0094187 | 12.54 | < 2e-16 |
| gender | -0.0232270 | 0.0343575 | -0.68 | 0.49903 |
| health | 0.0744310 | 0.0247243 | 3.01 | 0.00262 |
| ${\tt genderxhealth}$ | -0.0206248 | 0.0353131 | -0.58 | 0.55920 |
| educ | 0.0529807 | 0.0029210 | 18.14 | < 2e-16 |
| age | 0.0105315 | 0.0027482 | 3.83 | 0.00013 |
| age2 | -0.0000788 | 0.0000333 | -2.37 | 0.01796 |
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Heteroskadasticity robust standard errors used

$$Pr(ins = 1|X) = \Phi(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times selfemp + \beta_2 \times married + \beta_3 \times gender + \beta_4 \times health + \beta_5 \times gender * health + \beta_6 \times educ + \beta_7 \times age + \beta_8 \times age^2)$$
 (II)

Coefficients:

| | Estimate Std. | Error z v | alue Pr | (> z) |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| (Intercept) | -0.844932 | 0.195991 | -4.31 | 0.000016 |
| selfemp | -0.651923 | 0.046842 | -13.92 | < 2e-16 |
| married | 0.455241 | 0.034845 | 13.06 | < 2e-16 |
| gender | -0.040238 | 0.111653 | -0.36 | 0.71856 |
| health | 0.300503 | 0.082988 | 3.62 | 0.00029 |
| genderxhealth | n -0.124880 | 0.116613 | -1.07 | 0.28422 |
| education | 0.226139 | 0.012852 | 17.60 | < 2e-16 |
| age | 0.029150 | 0.009899 | 2.94 | 0.00323 |
| age2 | -0.000162 | 0.000126 | -1.29 | 0.19821 |
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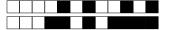
Question 9 What is the interpretation of β_2 in model (II)?

- A On average, a married worker has a probability of 45.5% to have an insurance, ceteris paribus.
- B On average, married individuals are 45.5% more likely than others to have an insurance, controlling for all other factors.
- $\boxed{\mathbf{C}}$ On average, married individuals are 45.5% less likely than others to have an insurance, controlling for all other factors.
- D It does not have a proper interpretation in terms of magnitude.



Question 10 Is being married significantly linked to having an insurance under model (II)?

- A It depends on the values of all other covariates.
- $\boxed{\mathrm{B}}$ No, since the coefficient β_2 is not significant.
- $\boxed{\mathbb{C}}$ Yes, since the coefficient β_2 is significant.
- D Yes, since the model includes the variable "married".





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Question 1: A B C D

Question 2: A B C D

Question 3: A B C D

Question 4: A B C D

Question 5: A B C D

Question 6: A B C D E

Question 7: A B C D E

Question 8: A B C D E

Question 9: A B C D

Question 10: A B C D