

AFRE 802

Statistical Methods for Agricultural, Food, & Resource Economists



Linear models & estimation by least squares – Part 3 of 3 (WMS Ch. 11.5 & Wooldridge pp. 113-136)

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GAME PLAN

- Housekeeping issues:
 - Office hours this week are Wednesday, 11 AM-1 PM
 - Friday optional review session this week will be 4-5 PM
 - I will hold extra office hours next Tuesday (Dec. 12) from 3-5 PM in the Cook Hall basement
- Return take-home graded exercise (see answer key in 2014 final exam on D2L)
- Collect Thursday's additional practice problem
- Distribute new additional practice problem
- Review
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- Linear models & estimation by least squares – Part 3 of 3
 - Classical linear model assumptions
 - Inference
 - Hypothesis testing & p-values
 - Confidence intervals

Review: Total, explained, & residual SS, R^2

Total sum of squares: $SST \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

Explained sum of squares: $SSE \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2$

Residual sum of squares: $SSR \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2$

$$SST = SSE + SSR$$

Coefficient of determination or R^2 : *Interpretation?*

$$R^2 = SSE / SST = 1 - (SSR / SST)$$

The proportion of the sample variation in y that is explained by x

Review: Simple linear regression assumptions & implications

SLR.1-
SLR.4
→ OLS
estimators
are
unbiased

SLR.1. Linear in parameters:

SLR.2. Random sampling

****SLR.3. Zero conditional mean (exogeneity):**

$$E(u | x) = E(u) = 0$$

SLR.4. Sample variation in x

SLR.5. Homoskedasticity (constant variance):

$$V(u | x) = V(u) = \sigma^2$$

→ Formulas for variances of OLS estimators are:

$$V(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad V(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\sigma^2 N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

→ SLR.1-SLR.5 → OLS is **BLUE** (Gauss-Markov Theorem)

Unbiased & consistent estimator of $V(u) = \sigma^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2 = \frac{SSR}{N-2}$$

Use in formulas to estimate variances and obtain standard errors of our OLS estimators:

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j} = \sqrt{\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \text{ for } j = 0, 1$$

Review

Annotated Stata output for simple linear regression so far: N, OLS estimates, SSE, SSR, SST, R^2

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use "/Users/nicolemason/Documents/AEC802/data/WAGE1_Stata13.dta"
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reg wage educ
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Source		SS	df	MS	
SSE	Model	1179.73204	1	1179.73204	
SSR	Residual	5980.68225	524	11.4135158	$\hat{\sigma}^2$
SST	Total	7160.41429	525	13.6388844	

Number of obs =	526
F(1, 524) =	103.36
Prob > F =	0.0000
R-squared =	0.1648
Adj R-squared =	0.1632
Root MSE =	3.3784

wage		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
$\hat{\beta}_1$ educ		.5413593	.053248	10.17	0.000	.4367534 .6459651
$\hat{\beta}_0$ cons		-.9048516	.6849678	-1.32	0.187	-2.250472 .4407687

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}$$

What we know about the sampling distributions of the OLS estimators so far

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

OLS estimators for β_0 and β_1 :

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

Expected values (under SLR.1-SLR.4):

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1 \text{ and } E(\hat{\beta}_0) = \beta_0$$

Sample variances (under SLR.1-SLR.5):

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2 = \frac{SSR}{N-2}$$

$\hat{\sigma}$ is the **standard error** of the regression

The sampling distributions of the OLS estimators

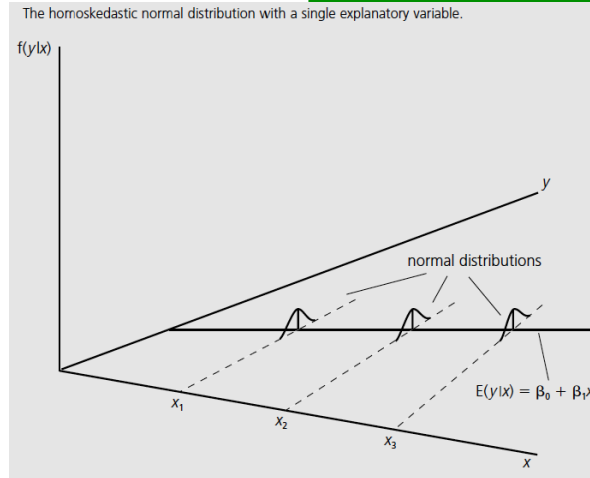
- **By CLT**, Under assumptions SLR.1-SLR.5, the OLS estimators are **asymptotically** (i.e., as $N \rightarrow \infty$) **normally distributed** with the means & variances on the previous slides
- If we **add one more assumption**, then we can obtain the sampling distribution of the OLS estimators in **finite samples**

SLR.6. Normality: The population error, **u , is independent of x** and is **normally distributed** with $E(u)=0$ and $V(u)=\sigma^2$, i.e.:

$$u \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$$

SLR.1-SLR.6 = “classical linear model assumptions”

- CLM = Gauss-Markov + SLR.6 (normality)
- CLM assumptions imply $y | x \sim \text{Normal}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \sigma^2)$



Source: Wooldridge (2003)

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$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

The sampling distributions of the OLS estimators under the CLM assumptions (SLR.1-SLR.6):

$$\hat{\beta}_j \sim \text{Normal}(\beta_j, V(\hat{\beta}_j)) \quad \text{where } V(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2},$$

$$V(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\sigma^2 N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2 = \frac{SSR}{N-2}$$

If we **know** σ^2 , then we can standardize beta-hat_j to a **Z-statistic**; otherwise, we can **estimate** σ^2 and compute a **T-statistic** – i.e.:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{V(\hat{\beta}_j)}} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1) \quad T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{\hat{V}(\hat{\beta}_j)}} \sim t \text{ with } N-2 \text{ d.f.}$$

$\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_j}$ $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}$

Testing hypotheses about β_0 or β_1

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

1. State the **null & alternative hypotheses**: e.g., $H_0 : \beta_j = 0, H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$
2. Define an appropriate **test statistic**: $\hat{\beta}_j$
3. Determine the **distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis**

$$\hat{\beta}_j \sim \text{Normal}(0, V(\hat{\beta}_j))$$

4. **Standardize the test statistic** to something with known/tailed probabilities for its sampling distribution (e.g., Z , t , χ^2 , F)

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_j}} \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}} \sim t \text{ with } N - 2 \text{ d.f.}$$

5. Choose a **significance level** (α , the $P(\text{Type I error}) = P(\text{reject the null when it is true})$, typically 0.01, 0.05, or 0.10) & a **rejection region** OR compute the **p-value** for the test statistic.
6. **Reject the null hypothesis if** the standardized statistic lies **in the rejection region (or if p-value $\leq \alpha$)**; fail to reject otherwise

Example #1: Testing hypotheses about β_0 or β_1

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reg bwght cigs
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Source	SS	df	MS
Model	13060.4194	1	13060.4194
Residual	561551.3	1386	405.159668
Total	574611.72	1387	414.283864

Number of obs = 1388
 F(1, 1386) = 32.24
 Prob > F = 0.0000
 R-squared = 0.0227
 Adj R-squared = 0.0220
 Root MSE = 20.129

	Coef.	Std. Err.
bwght		
cigs	-.5137721	.0904909
_cons	119.7719	.5723407

Test the following hypotheses at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level. Also find the p-values.

$$H_0 : \beta_{cigs} = 0 \text{ vs. } H_1 : \beta_{cigs} \neq 0$$

and

$$H_0 : \beta_{cigs} = 0 \text{ vs. } H_1 : \beta_{cigs} < 0$$

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}} \sim t \text{ with } N - 2 \text{ d.f.}$$

T-stats and p-values in Stata output

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bwght				
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The p-values reported by Stata are for $H_0: \beta_j = 0$ vs. $H_1: \beta_j \neq 0$

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Example #2: Testing hypotheses about β_0 or β_1

$$\log(\text{crime}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{enroll}) + u$$

$$\log(\hat{\text{crime}}) = -6.63 + 1.27 \log(\text{enroll})$$

(1.03) (0.11)

$$n = 97, R^2 = .585.$$

[Aside on interpreting results in log-log models](#)

crime is the annual number of crimes on college campuses and *enroll* is student enrollment. The numbers in parentheses are standard errors.

Use the regression output above to test the following hypotheses at the $\alpha=0.05$ level. Also find the associated p-values.

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 1 \text{ vs. } H_1: \beta_1 \neq 1$$

and

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 1 \text{ vs. } H_1: \beta_1 > 1$$

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Summary of Functional Forms Involving Logarithms

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

Model	Dependent Variable	Independent Variable	Interpretation of β_1
level-level	y	x	$\beta_1 = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ $\Delta y = \beta_1 \Delta x$
level-log	y	$\log(x)$	$\frac{\beta_1}{100} = \frac{\Delta y}{\% \Delta x}$ $\Delta y = (\beta_1/100)\% \Delta x$
log-level	$\log(y)$	x	$100\beta_1 = \frac{\% \Delta y}{\Delta x}$ $\% \Delta y = (100\beta_1)\Delta x$
log-log	$\log(y)$	$\log(x)$	$\beta_1 = \frac{\% \Delta y}{\% \Delta x}$ $\% \Delta y = \beta_1 \% \Delta x$

Source: Wooldridge (2003)

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Confidence intervals for β_0 or β_1

Recall from earlier in the course:

Two-sided, large-sample $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for θ : $\hat{\theta} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sigma_{\hat{\theta}}$

Two-sided, small-sample $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ : $\bar{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{Y}}$,
($N - 1$ d.f. for $t_{\alpha/2}$)

**Two-sided, finite sample $(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for β_j
(in the case of simple linear regression):**

$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}$$

($N - 2$ d.f. for $t_{\alpha/2}$)

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$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}$$

(N - 2 d.f. for $t_{\alpha/2}$)

a. Find the 95% (two-sided) confidence interval for β_{cigs} .

Relate this to $H_0 : \beta_{cigs} = 0$ vs. $H_1 : \beta_{cigs} \neq 0$ at $\alpha=0.05$.

b. Find the 95% upper confidence interval for β_{cigs} .

Relate this to $H_0 : \beta_{cigs} = 0$ vs. $H_1 : \beta_{cigs} < 0$ at $\alpha=0.05$.

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95% confidence intervals in Stata output

. reg bwght cigs

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				Adj R-squared = 0.0220		
				Root MSE = 20.129		

bwght	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
cigs	-.5137721	.0904909	-5.68	0.000	-.6912861	-.3362581
_cons	119.7719	.5723407	209.27	0.000	118.6492	120.8946

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Example #2: Confidence intervals for β_0 or β_1

$$\log(\text{crime}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{enroll}) + u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\hat{\text{crime}}) &= -6.63 + 1.27 \log(\text{enroll}) \\ &\quad (1.03) \quad (0.11) \\ n &= 97, R^2 = .585. \end{aligned}$$

crime is the annual number of crimes on college campuses and *enroll* is student enrollment. The numbers in parentheses are standard errors.

- Find the 95% (two-sided) confidence interval for β_1 .
Relate this to $H_0: \beta_1 = 1$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 1$ at $\alpha=0.05$.
- Find the 95% lower confidence interval for β_1 .
Relate this to $H_0: \beta_1 = 1$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 > 1$ at $\alpha=0.05$.

$$\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_j}$$

($N - 2$ d.f. for $t_{\alpha/2}$)

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Answers:*2-sided 95% CI for β_1 : [1.054, 1.486]**Lower 1-sided 95% CI for β_1 : [1.089, ∞)*

Annotated Stata output (see handout)

Homework: Ch. 11 (cont'd)

1. Finish the other parts of Thursday's HW
 2. Using the data in WMS 11.3, test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0$, and $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 < 0$, both at the $\alpha=0.05$ level. Also find the 95% two-sided and upper CIs, and relate the results to your hypothesis tests above.
 3. Using the data in *tourism.dta* (on D2L) and Stata, regress household tourism expenditure (*tourismexp*) on household income (*income*). Interpret the estimate for β_1 , and construct 99% two-sided and lower CIs for β_1 . Use the CI results to test $H_0: \beta_1 = 0.05$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0.05$, and $H_0: \beta_1 = 0.05$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 > 0.05$ at $\alpha=0.01$ level.
- Please try to complete all Ch. 11 HW before class on Thursday so that we can go over it then (you won't turn in Ch. 11)

Game plan for Thursday (last day of class)

- Finish any material on today's slides that we didn't get to
- Go over answers to additional practice problem
- Go over any questions you have on the Ch. 11 HW, past final exams, or other HWs/course material

Final exam details

- Cumulative but with emphasis on Ch. 7-Ch. 11
- Please bring paper, pencil, calculator, and cheat sheets (two 8.5x11" sheets, front and back). Please write last 4 digits of your PID on paper in advance to save time.
- Exam is closed book/notes except for cheat sheets
- Exam is in this room from 12:45-2:45 PM (hard stop) next Thursday, December 14