

Homework 2

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library(tidyverse)
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-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr      1.1.4      v readr      2.1.5
v forcats    1.0.0      v stringr    1.5.1
v ggplot2    3.4.4      v tibble     3.2.1
v lubridate  1.9.3      v tidyr      1.3.1
v purrr      1.0.2
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become
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Question 1

Here is code to import and clean the cps data, with the additional filtering line added in.

```
D <- read.csv("../data/cps-econ-4261.csv") %>%
  filter(YEAR>=2014,YEAR<=2018,AGE<=40) %>% #<- see, right here!
  mutate(EARNWEEK = na_if(EARNWEEK,9999.99),
         UHRSWORKT = na_if(na_if(UHRSWORKT,999),997),0),
         HOURWAGE = na_if(HOURWAGE,999.99)) %>%
  mutate(Wage = case_when(PAIDHOUR==1 ~ EARNWEEK/UHRSWORKT,PAIDHOUR==2 ~ HOURWAGE)) %>%
  mutate(kids = NCHILD>0,female = SEX==2) %>%
  filter(!is.na(Wage))
```

Question 2

Estimate the model:

$$\log(W_n) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 F_n$$

where W_n is the wage and F_n a dummy variable that is equal to one if the individual is female.

```
lm(log(Wage) ~ female,D) %>%
  summary()
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(Wage) ~ female, data = D)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-7.1332	-0.4317	-0.0634	0.3624	3.6552

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	2.856502	0.004771	598.72	<2e-16 ***
femaleTRUE	-0.119104	0.006862	-17.36	<2e-16 ***

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Residual standard error: 0.5857 on 29174 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.01022, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01019

F-statistic: 301.3 on 1 and 29174 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Question 3

Now calculate the difference between the sample mean of log wages for women and the sample mean for men. What do you notice? Explain why.

```
d <- D %>%
  group_by(SEX) %>%
  summarize(meanwage = mean(log(Wage)))

gap <- d$meanwage[2] - d$meanwage[1]
print(gap)
```

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[1] -0.1191041
```

The difference is exactly the same as the point estimate for β_1 . This is because the OLS estimator (as we discussed in recitation) must give that $\hat{\beta}_0$ is the sample mean of log wages for all men, and $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1$ gives the sample mean of log wages for all women, implying that $\hat{\beta}_1$ must be the difference in sample means.

Question 4

Write down a linear model that allows for wage gaps to be different by the individual's fertility status.

$$\mathbb{E}[\log(W_n)|F_n, kids_n] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 F_n + \beta_2 kid_n + \beta_3 kids_n F_n$$

where $kids_n$ is a dummy that indicates children in the household. β_3 represents the difference in age gaps by fertility status.

Question 5

Suppose that the null hypothesis is that wage gaps are the same for each. Write this null hypothesis in terms of the parameters of your model.

This is equivalent to $\beta_3 = 0$.

Question 6

Test the null hypothesis against a two-sided alternative. Make your test size 5%. Recall that we used the variable NCHILD to impute fertility status.

We use the variable `kids` that we constructed already:

```
lm(log(Wage) ~ female*kids,D) %>%
summary()
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(Wage) ~ female * kids, data = D)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-7.2899	-0.3896	-0.0565	0.3633	3.5451

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	2.764539	0.005932	466.010	<2e-16 ***
femaleTRUE	-0.076768	0.008912	-8.614	<2e-16 ***
kidsTRUE	0.248696	0.009756	25.493	<2e-16 ***
femaleTRUE:kidsTRUE	-0.141810	0.013800	-10.276	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.5782 on 29172 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.03567, Adjusted R-squared: 0.03557

F-statistic: 359.7 on 3 and 29172 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

We estimate the the wage gap is 14 percentage points larger among individuals with children. The last column gives p-values for the two-sided hypothesis test that $\beta_3 = 0$ and strongly rejects the null. It certainly does at 5% size. Equivalently, the test statistic is much large than the 5% critical value of 1.96.

Question 7

Re-write the model to allow for:

- (1) A linear trend for all wages with age;
- (2) A linear trend for wage gaps with age; AND
- (3) A linear trend for the the *difference* in wage gaps by fertility status.

Use this model to test the null hypothesis that the difference in wage gaps by fertility status does not change with age. Use a two-sided alternative with size 10%.

There are several models that satisfy these properties. Here are two examples.

Example 1

The model is:

$$\mathbb{E}[\log(Wage)|Age_n, kids_n, F_n] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 F_n + \beta_2 kid_n + \beta_3 kids_n F_n + \beta_4 Age_n + \beta_5 Age_n F_n + \beta_6 Age_n F_n kids_n$$

Which can be estimated using:

```
D %>%  
  mutate(female = as.integer(female)) %>% #<- convert female from a factor variable to an integer  
  lm(log(Wage) ~ female*kids + AGE + female:AGE + female:kids:AGE, data=.) %>%  
  summary()
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = log(Wage) ~ female * kids + AGE + female:AGE + female:kids:AGE,
    data = .)
```

Residuals:

```
      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-6.9132 -0.3202 -0.0350  0.3160  3.3358
```

Coefficients:

```
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)    1.6709800   0.0224386   74.469 < 2e-16 ***
female         -0.1876136   0.0364279   -5.150 2.62e-07 ***
kidsTRUE        0.0164775   0.0101212    1.628 0.103531
AGE             0.0395450   0.0007869   50.255 < 2e-16 ***
female:kidsTRUE 0.1721093   0.0526579    3.268 0.001083 **
female:AGE      0.0050601   0.0013027    3.884 0.000103 ***
female:kidsTRUE:AGE -0.0104521 0.0016573  -6.307 2.89e-10 ***
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Residual standard error: 0.5337 on 29169 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1785, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1783

F-statistic: 1056 on 6 and 29169 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Under the null hypothesis, $\beta_6 = 0$. The point estimate of β_6 suggests that the difference in the wage gaps grows with age, and the two-sided p-value strongly rejects the null. Since the p-value is less than 0.05, we reject the null at 95% significance (as well as at much higher levels of significance).

Example 2:

The model is:

$$\mathbb{E}[\log(Wage)|Age_n, kids_n, F_n] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 F_n + \beta_2 kid_n + \beta_3 kids_n F_n + \beta_4 Age_n + \beta_5 Age_n F_n + \beta_6 Age_n kids_n + \beta_7 Age_n kids_n F_n$$

Notice that compared to example 1, this model has an additional lower order interaction ($Age_n \times kids_n$). This makes β_7 now the coefficient that represents how the difference in wage gaps grows with age.

We can estimate it as:

```
lm(log(Wage) ~ female*kids*AGE,D) %>%
summary()
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = log(Wage) ~ female * kids * AGE, data = D)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-6.9352	-0.3196	-0.0352	0.3154	3.3358

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1.6466563	0.0261550	62.958	< 2e-16 ***
femaleTRUE	-0.1632899	0.0388268	-4.206	2.61e-05 ***
kidsTRUE	0.1180983	0.0570545	2.070	0.03847 *
AGE	0.0404246	0.0009249	43.709	< 2e-16 ***
femaleTRUE:kidsTRUE	0.0704884	0.0769768	0.916	0.35983
femaleTRUE:AGE	0.0041806	0.0013904	3.007	0.00264 **
kidsTRUE:AGE	-0.0031852	0.0017599	-1.810	0.07033 .
femaleTRUE:kidsTRUE:AGE	-0.0072669	0.0024174	-3.006	0.00265 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.5336 on 29168 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1786, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1784

F-statistic: 905.8 on 7 and 29168 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

And similarly strongly reject the null that $\beta_7 = 0$.