

Problem 1: Employee Data (in excel file) gives the number of employees (in thousands) for a metal fabricator and one of their primary vendors for each month over a 5-year period, so  $n = 60$ .

- a. Fit a simple linear regression model to predict employees for a metal fabricator from employees of primary vendors using this data. Plot the residuals versus time. Is there any indication of autocorrelation?
- b. Use the DurbinWatson test to determine if there is positive autocorrelation in the errors. What are your conclusions?
- c. Use one iteration of the CochraneOrcutt procedure to estimate the regression coefficients.
- d. Is there positive autocorrelation remaining after the first iteration? Would you conclude that the iterative parameter estimation technique has been successful?

Problem - 2 The data in the excel file (Problem2) gives the percentage share of market of a particular brand of canned peaches for the past 15 months and the relative selling price.

- a. Fit a simple linear regression model to predict share using price using this data. Plot the residuals versus time. Is there any indication of autocorrelation?
- b. Use the DurbinWatson test to determine if there is positive autocorrelation in the errors. What are your conclusions?
- c. Use one iteration of the CochraneOrcutt procedure to estimate the regression coefficients.
- d. Is there positive autocorrelation remaining after the first iteration? Would you conclude that the iterative parameter estimation technique has been successful?