

Dummy variables.

e.g., in my own research, I study the investment decisions of telephone companies. There are over 1,000 telephone companies, but 4 of them, qwest, sbc, Bellsouth, and verizon, control 90% of the telephones in the united states. I am interested in researching qualitative issues like does Vz's behavior differ from smaller companies? Do companies who qualify for subsidized loans make different investments than firms that don't qualify for the subsidy.

We use the dummy variables to classify data into mutually exclusive categories.

Now consider models where the parameters may vary from one observation to another (similar to chow stability test)

Let us consider looking at the relationship between U.S. consumption and income during the period 1929-70.

Y_i = real per capita consumption year i

X_i = real per capital disposable income year i

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1 X_i \quad \text{for } i = 1929 \dots 1970$$

But during this period there was a war and therefore the relationship between income and consumption was altered during these years (e.g., rationing)

One way to capture this is through dummy variable--usually binary, 0, 1.

$D = 1$ if characteristic is present

$D = 0$ if characteristic is not present

Could use other values, e.g., 1 and 2. But it would be more difficult to interpret the predicted value if used 1,2 rather than 0,1 (with 0, the coefficient is multiplied by 0 and falls out when the condition does not apply).

$D = 1$ 1941, 1942...1946

$D = 0$ otherwise

Write out vector

1929 0

1930 0

...

1941 1

1942 1

...
 1946 1
 1947 0
 ...
 1970 0

Now we want to decide how the qualitative factor of war affected the relationship between income and consumption. Let's assume through autonomous consumption B_1 .

$$Y_i = B_{0i} + B_1 X_i$$

Where have added subscript to B_{0i} . Expect B_{0i} to be different in war years than non-war years.

$$B_{0i} = B_0 + \delta_0 \quad \delta = \text{delta}$$

Assuming consumption is less during the war years, the parameter δ is the reduction of autonomous consumption during the war years.

$$Y_i = B_0 + \delta_0 D_0 + B_1 X_i$$

$$Y_i = B_0 + \delta_0 D_{10} + B_1 X_i \quad \text{when } D_i = 1$$

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_2 X_i \quad \text{when } D_i = 0$$

Draw income consumption function with 2 lines, same slope, two intercepts, $B_0 + \delta_0 D_0$ when $D_i = 1$ and B_0 when $D_0 = 0$

δ_0 is the coefficient for dummy variable

Now allow for random nature of consumption

$$Y_i = B_0 + \delta_0 D_i + B_2 X_i + U_i$$

The parameter δ is treated like the other parameters in the model--we can construct an interval estimate for it or we can test its significance. If $\delta = 0$, then the war years had no effect on the amount of autonomous consumption.

Using 1958 constant dollars (all output for $C=f(\text{income})$ appears at page five).

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$$C_i = 101.36 - 204.95 D_i + .86 X_i \quad R^2 = .99$$

(3.98) (-10.91) (58.73) t-stats in parenthesis

$n=42$

at $\alpha = .05$,

$H_0: \delta_0 = 0$

$H_a: \delta_0 < 0$

Why one tailed test?

critical t is approximately -1.68

Since $-10.91 < -1.68$, we reject H_0 at alpha five percent

Had structural shift in economy during the war years. Draw income consumption line again, where now the Y intercept is -103.59 ($101.36 - 204.95$)

B_0 at of 101.36 is the non-war years benchmark.

Instead of assuming that the effect of a war was to change the level of autonomous consumption, it could be that MPC changed.

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1 X_i$$

Where have added subscript i to the coefficient on income, indicating that it is a time varying parameter

$B_{1i} = B_1 + \delta_1 D_i$ Where δ_1 is the difference in the slope in the war years.

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1 X_i + \delta_1 D_i X_i$$

$D_i = 0$ non-war years

$D_i = 1$ war years

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1 X_i + \delta_1 D_i X_i \text{ when } D_i = 1$$

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1 X_i \text{ when } D_i = 0$$

Draw 2 SRF with same intercept but flatter slope during the war years

Slope for war years is $B_2 + \delta_1$

If assumed that the war affected both autonomous consumption and the marginal propensity to consume, both effects may be incorporated in the model.

$$Y_i = B_0 + \delta_0 D_i + B_1 X_i + \delta_1 D_i X_i + U_i$$

Draw two SRFs

Non-war years has intercept and slope B_1, B_2

War years have intercept $B_1 + \delta_0$, slope $B_2 + \delta_1$

Could do F test for both dummy variables:

$$Y_i = B_1 + \delta_0 D_i + B_2 X_i + \delta_1 D_i X_i + U_i$$

$$Y_i = B_1 + B_2 X_i + U_i$$

As pointed out by G. at page 309 in his discussion of savings/income relationship, you can get the same results from Chow stability test and dummy variables. The advantage of the dummy variable approach is that you run one regression versus the 3 regressions doing the Chow

stability test ((a) full model; (b) period 1970-81; (c) period 82-90). Furthermore, unlike with the Chow stability test, we can see why the periods are different (slope or intercept, or both, by looking at t statistics of coefficients associated with the dummy variables.).

We can have interactions between dummy variables. Suppose we had observations on the wages earned by individuals.

$$Y_i = \text{Wage} = B_0 + B_2 * \text{gender} + B_3 * \text{race} + B_4 * \text{education}$$

Gender 0 F, 1 M

Race 0 white, 1 non-white

B_0 = mean wage WF. This is what G refers to at p. 302 as the base or benchmark category.

$B_0 + B_2$ = WM

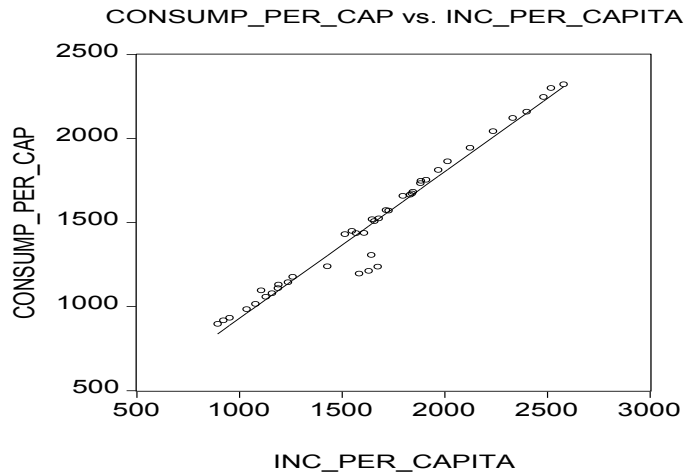
$B_0 + B_2 + B_3$ = Non-white male

$B_0 + B_3$ nonwhite female

We can have interaction

$$Y_i = \text{Wage} = B_0 + B_2 * \text{gender} + B_3 * \text{race} + B_4 * \text{education} + B_5 \text{gender} * \text{education}$$

B_5 is picking up earnings for males with a given level of education is different than for females



Dependent Variable: CON_PER_CAPITA

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/03/03 Time: 08:32

Sample: 1929 1970

Included observations: 42

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| C | 57.89570 | 49.94908 | 1.159094 | 0.2533 |
| INC_PER_CAPITA | 0.872335 | 0.029190 | 29.88482 | 0.0000 |
| R-squared | 0.957132 | Mean dependent var | | 1498.786 |
| Adjusted R-squared | 0.956061 | S.D. dependent var | | 403.3989 |
| S.E. of regression | 84.55942 | Akaike info criterion | | 11.75923 |
| Sum squared resid | 286011.8 | Schwarz criterion | | 11.84198 |
| Log likelihood | -244.9439 | F-statistic | | 893.1023 |
| Durbin-Watson stat | 0.337628 | Prob(F-statistic) | | 0.000000 |

Dependent Variable: CON_PER_CAPITA

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/03/03 Time: 08:17

Sample: 1929 1970

Included observations: 42

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| C | 101.3574 | 25.44646 | 3.983162 | 0.0003 |
| INC_PER_CAPITA | 0.863749 | 0.014708 | 58.72483 | 0.0000 |
| D1 | -204.9532 | 18.78852 | -10.90842 | 0.0000 |
| R-squared | 0.989418 | Mean dependent var | | 1498.786 |
| Adjusted R-squared | 0.988876 | S.D. dependent var | | 403.3989 |
| S.E. of regression | 42.54731 | Akaike info criterion | | 10.40786 |
| Sum squared resid | 70600.67 | Schwarz criterion | | 10.53198 |
| Log likelihood | -215.5650 | F-statistic | | 1823.304 |
| Durbin-Watson stat | 1.634669 | Prob(F-statistic) | | 0.000000 |

Dependent Variable: CON_PER_CAPITA

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/03/03 Time: 08:13

Sample: 1929 1970

Included observations: 42

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| C | 100.9623 | 24.23278 | 4.166353 | 0.0002 |
| INC_PER_CAPITA | 0.864224 | 0.014012 | 61.67629 | 0.0000 |
| D1*INC_PER_CAPITA | -0.130357 | 0.011219 | -11.61963 | 0.0000 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| R-squared | 0.990393 | Mean dependent var | 1498.786 |
| Adjusted R-squared | 0.989900 | S.D. dependent var | 403.3989 |
| S.E. of regression | 40.54129 | Akaike info criterion | 10.31127 |
| Sum squared resid | 64100.27 | Schwarz criterion | 10.43539 |
| Log likelihood | -213.5366 | F-statistic | 2010.182 |
| Durbin-Watson stat | 1.606587 | Prob(F-statistic) | 0.000000 |

Dependent Variable: CON_PER_CAPITA

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/03/03 Time: 08:18

Sample: 1929 1970

Included observations: 42

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| C | 95.86297 | 21.85102 | 4.387116 | 0.0001 |
| D1 | 957.1416 | 299.3662 | 3.197226 | 0.0028 |
| INC_PER_CAPITA | 0.867056 | 0.012632 | 68.63733 | 0.0000 |
| D1*INC_PER_CAPITA | -0.729283 | 0.187598 | -3.887476 | 0.0004 |

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| R-squared | 0.992429 | Mean dependent var | 1498.786 |
| Adjusted R-squared | 0.991831 | S.D. dependent var | 403.3989 |
| S.E. of regression | 36.45912 | Akaike info criterion | 10.12065 |
| Sum squared resid | 50512.16 | Schwarz criterion | 10.28615 |
| Log likelihood | -208.5337 | F-statistic | 1660.425 |
| Durbin-Watson stat | 1.267800 | Prob(F-statistic) | 0.000000 |

Note that the intercept during the war years is now = $95.86297 + 957.1416 = 1053$. The slope during the war years is $.867056 - .729283 = .1377$. This same result can be obtained by just running a regression for the war years:

Dependent Variable: CON_PER_CAPITA

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/03/03 Time: 12:32

Sample: 1941 1946

Included observations: 6

| Variable | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob. |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| C | 1053.005 | 816.3406 | 1.289908 | 0.2666 |
| INC_PER_CAPITA | 0.137773 | 0.511764 | 0.269212 | 0.8011 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|
| R-squared | 0.017796 | Mean dependent var | 1272.50 |
| Adjusted R-squared | -0.227755 | S.D. dependent var | 89.9661 |
| S.E. of regression | 99.68612 | Akaike info criterion | 12.3031 |
| Sum squared resid | 39749.29 | Schwarz criterion | 12.2337 |
| Log likelihood | -34.90939 | F-statistic | 0.07247 |
| Durbin-Watson stat | 0.719312 | Prob(F-statistic) | 0.80108 |

Note the negative R². Also, the t-statistics are low illustrating the value of putting all of the data into one SRF.

Now, returning to the unrestricted model:

Ho: B1= B3 = 0

H_a: At least one of the B_s does not equal zero

Alpha = .05

$$F = ((.992429 - 0.957132) / 2) / ((1 - .992429) / (42-4)) = 88.508$$

F(2,38) at alpha = 5% = approximately 3.24. Since 88.508 > 3.24 we do not accept H₀ at alpha

Omitted Variable Bias

Economic theory provides a basis for choosing the variables to include as RHS variables. However, economic theory often provides only a general guideline. In most instances there is uncertainty with regards to the variables that should be included or excluded from a regression. Economic theory may suggest a primary set of variables that should be included, but there may be a secondary, possibly extraneous, set of variables that may or may not have a systematic affect on Y. E.g., suppose you are modeling the demand for a good. Clearly you include the price of the product. But how many competing and complementary products' prices should be included? E.g., modeling the demand for Coke? Do you include the price of milk? Beer? Vodka? Orange Juice?

In demand theory, we have talked about how the demand for tuna is also influenced by the price of other brands and temperature. This suggests the need for more than one right hand side explanatory variable.

When we turn to an economic model with more than one explanatory variable into its corresponding linear statistical model, where the outcome is a function of more than one explanatory variable, it becomes a general linear statistical model or the multiple regression model.

We are now going to learn how to use least squares rules to estimate B_s for multiple regression model.

Let's try example where McDonald's must decide how much money should be spent advertising their products and what special (lower prices) should be introduced for that week. Of particular interest is how total receipts changes as the level of advertising expenditures changes. Does an increase in advertising expenditures lead to an increase in total receipts? Is this a profitable undertaking? Also, does special increase total sales?

Imagine you are an economic consultant hired by McDonald's to solve this problem. You may posit a linear model like

$$TR = B_0 + B_1 * P + B_2 * A$$

TR = total receipts (measured in thousands)

P = price

A = advertising expenditures (in thousands)

P is an average price for all products.

Interpreting Parameters

B_1 = the change in TR when p is increased by one unit (one dollar) and advertising expenditures is held constant (partial TR with respect to P).

A partial derivative describes how one variable changes (TR in this case) when another variable changes (P in this case) and all other variables are held constant.

B_1 can be considered a response coefficient.

If an increase in B is positive, the demand for McDonald's hamburgers is price inelastic. If $B_1 < 0$, demand elastic.

Would we ever observe $B_1 > 0$? No, top half of demand curve is elastic region. P down, TR down, but costs up, hence profits down. Don't expect elasticity to be less than 1 in absolute value terms.

Response parameter B_2 .

B_2 = change in TR (in thousands of dollars) when a is increased by one unit (one thousand dollars) and p is held constant. Partial TR w.r.t. A.

Expect $B_2 > 0$. if $B_2 < 1$, imply don't advertise; increase in expenditures is greater than increase in receipts; also have cost of additional sales.

$B_2 > 1$, may advertise.

B_1 . Mathematically if $P=A=0$, value of TR since we will never have data where p and a are zero, it is unrealistic to think our model will be a good approximation to reality in that region, and so the strict mathematical interpretation is not realistic. Thus we are not interested in B_1 for its own sake, but it is important ingredient for estimation of the equation as a whole.

What have we done so far—we have turned management's general questions about advertising and pricing policies into questions that require us to use sample data to estimate and draw inferences about the unknown Bs. Now have to convert economic model into statistical model.

Like earlier models, we recognize observations can't fall on straight line, have to allow for random error term. Adding U_i making it a statistical model.

$$TR = B_0 + B_1 * P + B_2 * A + U_i$$

TR is now a random variable that depends on P and A.

More generally,

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1X_{i2} + B_2X_{i3} + \dots B_kX_{ik} + U_i$$

Where X_{i2} , X_{i3} , ... X_{ik} are called regressor variables, or more simply regressors. B_1 , B_2 , ... B_k are response coefficient. B_0 is the intercept parameter.

The true relationship among economic variables is never known with certainty and therefore may accept $H_0: B_k=0$ when not true.

Suppose true error is

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1X_{i1} + B_2X_{i2} + U_i$$

But we estimate

$$Y_i = B_0 + B_1X_{i1} + V_i$$

Consequences of omitting X_2 can be as following

1. If X_2 is correlated X_1 , B_0 hat and B_1 hat are biased (expectations don't equal population parameters). It can be shown that $E(B_1\text{hat}) =$ using Wooldridge 3.23, p. 79 and 3.45 p. 90, $E(B_1\sim) = B_1 + B_2 \bar{\delta}_1$ where $\bar{\delta}_1 =$ slope from reg X_2 (the omitted variable) on X_1 (the included variable). Unless $b_{21}=0$, B_1 hat is biased. If B_2 and b_{21} are positive B_1 hat will have an upward bias. If $B_2 > 0$, and $b_{12} < 0$, B_1 hat $< B_1$.

To illustrate, consider the hamburger example. For this data set, we saw if estimate $Y = B_0 + B_1 \text{price} = 122.038 - .8569 \text{price}$

$S_{12} = .13893 = \text{sample cov}(\text{price}, \text{advertising expenditures})$. get this in stata correlate price, adv, covariance

$S_{11} = \text{sample variance price} = .267712^2 = .07167$

$B_2\text{hat} = B_2 + B_3 \cdot (S_{23}/S_{22}) = -6.64193 + 2.9843 \cdot (0.13893/.07167) = -.8569$

. reg receipts price

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 52 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|---------------|---|---------|
| Model | 2.6838586 | 1 | 2.6838586 | F(1, 50) | = | 0.01 |
| Residual | 13578.6685 | 50 | 271.573369 | Prob > F | = | 0.9212 |
| Total | 13581.3523 | 51 | 266.301026 | R-squared | = | 0.0002 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | -0.0198 |
| | | | | Root MSE | = | 16.479 |

| receipts | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| price | -.8568949 | 8.619684 | -0.10 | 0.921 | -18.17004 16.45625 |
| _cons | 122.0383 | 17.40497 | 7.01 | 0.000 | 87.07944 156.9973 |

. reg receipts price advertising

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 52 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|---------------|---|--------|
| Model | 11776.1841 | 2 | 5888.09204 | F(2, 49) | = | 159.83 |
| Residual | 1805.16823 | 49 | 36.840168 | Prob > F | = | 0.0000 |
| Total | 13581.3523 | 51 | 266.301026 | R-squared | = | 0.8671 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | 0.8617 |
| | | | | Root MSE | = | 6.0696 |

| receipts | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| price | -6.641929 | 3.191193 | -2.08 | 0.043 | -13.05487 | -.2289874 |
| advertising | 2.984299 | .1669361 | 17.88 | 0.000 | 2.648828 | 3.31977 |
| _cons | 104.7855 | 6.482719 | 16.16 | 0.000 | 91.758 | 117.813 |

. sum

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
|-------------|-----|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| receipts | 52 | 120.3231 | 16.31873 | 89 | 153.5 |
| intercept | 52 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| price | 52 | 2.001731 | .2677116 | 1.5 | 2.47 |
| advertising | 52 | 9.661538 | 5.117642 | 1.8 | 19.6 |
| quantity | 52 | 61.20974 | 12.07142 | 44.61538 | 95 |
| lnprice | 52 | .6851 | .1354609 | .4054651 | .9042181 |
| lnadv | 52 | 2.098994 | .6319994 | .5877867 | 2.97553 |
| lnq | 52 | 4.096047 | .191564 | 3.798079 | 4.553877 |

. corr advertising price
(obs=52)

| | advert~g | price |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| advertising | 1.0000 | |
| price | 0.1014 | 1.0000 |

The error u arises because of factors, or variables, that influence Y but are not included in the regression function. There are always omitted variables.

The bias in the OLS estimator that occurs as a result of an omitted factor, or variable, is called **omitted variable** bias. For omitted variable bias to occur, the omitted variable “ Z ” must satisfy two conditions:

The two conditions for omitted variable bias

1. Z is a determinant of Y (i.e. Z is part of u); **and**
2. Z is correlated with the regressor X (i.e. $\text{corr}(Z, X) \neq 0$)

Both conditions must hold for the omission of Z to result in omitted variable bias.

A formula for omitted variable bias: recall the equation,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 - \theta_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i}{\left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) s_X^2}$$

where $v_i = (X_i - \bar{X}) u_i \approx (X_i - \mu_X) u_i$. Under Least Squares Assumption #1, $E[(X_i - \mu_X) u_i] = \text{cov}(X_i, u_i) = 0$.

But what if $E[(X_i - \mu_X) u_i] = \text{cov}(X_i, u_i) = \sigma_{Xu} \neq 0$?

Multicollinearity

Variance of the OLS Estimators

In economics, unlike natural sciences, we generally do not conduct experiments. Other fields are able to hold everything constant, change one variable, and measure impact of change. Don't/Can't do this in economics --have variables moving at the same time.

This cause a problem because in the model:

$$Y = B_0 + B_1 X_1 + B_2 X_2 + U_i$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{B}_1) = \sigma^2 / \sum (X_{i1} - \bar{X}_1)^2 (1 - r_{12}^2)$$

As r_{12} goes to 1, $\text{var}(\hat{B}_2)$ goes to infinity.

Or Wooldridge 3.51

$$\sigma^2$$

$$\frac{SST_j(1-R_j^2)}{n-1}$$

Where $SST_j = \sum (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_j)^2$

R_j is the R^2 from regression X_j on all other independent variables.

For example, if want to estimate demand for airline tickets. Delta lowers price as a promotional fare & everyone matches => in demand equation, high r_{12} .

Macro example--consider an aggregate consumption function in which we express consumption in a given period as a function of income. May also believe that income in past period or periods influence your consumption habits. Reflect notion of business cycle where next quarter affected by this quarter and past quarter. Would expect the R.H.S. variables to be highly correlated.

Or if estimating output function over time as a function of amount of various inputs would expect to see K&L used in relatively fixed proportions--problem of collinearity.

Klein-Goldberger example estimate consumption as a function of

W - wage income

P - non-wage income

A - farm income

Expect components of income to move together over time due to linkages in the economy

$$Y = \text{Consumption} = B_0 + B_1W + B_2P + B_3A + U_i$$

Run regression using data 1928-1950 with 1942 to 1944 excluded.

| | B0 | B1 | B2 | B3 |
|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Coefficient | 8.133 | 1.059 | .452 | .121 |
| Standard error | 8.92 | 0.17 | 0.66 | 1.09 |
| t-value | .91 | 6.1 | 0.69 | 0.11 |
| C.I.E. 95% | (-10.78,27.04) | (.69,1.43) | (-.94,1.84) | (-2.18,2.43) |

$R^2=0.95$; $n=20$; $F_{107,37}=5.29$ => model doing a good job but doesn't show up in t values.

Also note that $B_2 > 1$

The interrelationships among the different components of income mask separate contributions of each component toward the explanation of spending behavior. Since the variables are highly correlated there is no way of disentangling the separate influences of the variables.

Statistical consequences of collinearity

1. If an exact linear relationship exists between variables then can't estimate OLS--Bhats are not defined.

When the data on RHS exhibit nearly exact linear dependencies, or collinearity

2. Sampling variance large for Bs=> interval C.I.E. wide and the information provided by the sample data about the unknown parameters is relatively imprecise.
3. With high variance of Bs, t tests will likely lead to accept $H_0: B=0$ despite high R^2 or F. the problem is that collinear variables do not provide enough information to estimate their separate effects even though economic theory, and their total effect, may indicate their importance in the relationship.
4. Parameter estimates may be very sensitive to the selection or deletion of a few observations or the deletion of an apparently insignificant variable.
5. Despite the difficulties in isolating the effect of an individual variable from such a sample, accurate forecasts may still be possible if the nature of the collinear relationships remain the same within the new (future) observations.
6. Parameter estimates are still unbiased.

When are we likely to have a problem?

If correlation coefficient between two explanatory variables is greater than 0.8 or 0.9. In the Klein-Goldberger model

| | W | P | A |
|---|------|------|---|
| W | 1 | | |
| P | .718 | 1 | |
| A | .915 | .630 | 1 |

Correlation coefficients work when problem is with 2 variables. G. table 10.1 at page 351 nicely illustrates how the correlation between X_2 and X_3 increases the variance of the coefficients. Also see Wooldridge figure 3.1.

But doesn't work if have linear relationship with 3 or more variables.

For 3 or more variables, could run auxiliary regression (G. p.361).

First, before we consider the 3 variable case, recall that in the two variable model,

$$Y = B_0 + B_2X_1 + B_3X_2$$

In this linear model, the correlation between $X_2, X_3 = r$. $r^2 = R^2$ (p.85 G).

It is r^2 that appears in our denominator for the variance of $B_2\text{hat}$ r_{23}^2

What if we have more than 2 explanatory variables? G. talks of auxiliary regressions.

$$X_1 = B_0 + B_2X_1 + B_3X_2 + \dots B_kX_k$$

Can run this regression for each of the X_s . Klien's rule of thumb suggests that multicollinearity may be a troublesome problem if the R^2 obtained from an auxiliary regression is greater than the overall R^2 . P.361 Gujarati.

For the case where we have more than two explanatory variables, consider material at page 101 of Wooldridge: equation 3.51. This is a related way of detecting if we have a problem with multicollinearity.

$$\text{Var}(B_k) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum(X_k - \bar{X}_k)^2} * \frac{1}{(1 - R_j^2)}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum(X_k - \bar{X}_k)^2} * \text{VIF (variance inflating factor)}$$

where $R_j^2 = R^2$ in the regression of X_j on the remaining $(k-2)$ regressors

Large $R_j^2 \Rightarrow$ larger $\text{var}(B_k)$

Intuitively, the precision of estimators of a single parameter is the ratio of the uncertainty of the model, σ^2 , to the amount of variability in the k th explanatory variable that is not explained by the other $k-1$ explanatory variables, $(1 - R_j^2)$. If VIF high, or the R^2 for the auxiliary is high, a collinear relationship exists.

Solutions for collinear Data

1. Data set doesn't have enough information about individual effects of X s. **Obtain more data.** But this is not always possible—expensive to collect and sometimes especially time series have limited data. If do longer period of time the structure of the economy can change. Also the new data may also be collinear.
2. Introduce non-sample information in the form of restrictions of the parameters. For example, in the consumption function, we might assume the effect of income on consumption, B_1 , is greater than the effect of non-wage income, B_2 , and from farm income, B_3 . Perhaps from earlier research we might impose the restriction that $B_3 = .625B_1$.

$$Y = \text{Consumption} = B_0 + B_1w + B_2p + B_3a + U_i$$

$$= B_0 + B_1w + B_2p + .625B_1a + U_i$$

$$= B_0 + B_1(w + .625a) + B_2p + U_i$$

run this regression. Once estimate B_1 , $B_3 = .625B_1$

Known as restricted least squares.

How do we know if the restriction is valid?

Stata: `test wage = .625 * nonwageincome`

Use F test

$$F = \frac{(RSS_r - RSS_{ur})/r}{\dots}$$

$$RSS_u/(n-k)$$

$$= \frac{(R^2_{ur} - R^2_r)/r}{(1-R^2_{ur})/(n-k)}$$

$$= (.9527 - .9521)/1 \div (1 - .9527)/16 = .21$$

For data set 1928 – 1950

| | B0 | B1 | B2 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Coefficient restricted least squares | 8.486 | .989 | .491 | |
| s.e. | 8.68 | .08 | .63 | |
| T | .98 | 12.36 | .78 | |
| Old s.e. | 8.92 | .17 | .66 | |
| t-value (old) | .91 | 6.1 | 0.69 | 0.11 |

Note that B1 is now less than 1. And the t statistics have increased relative to prior to imposing the restriction.

$$\text{How do we get } B_3 = B_1 \cdot .625 = .989 \cdot .625 = .618125$$

$$\text{Var}(ax) = a^2 \text{var}(x) \text{ page 881 G. and ec249.}$$

$$\text{Std}(ax) = \sqrt{\text{var}(ax)} = \sqrt{a^2 \text{var}(x)} = a \text{std}(x) = .625(.08) = .05$$

$$\text{So the t value for } B_3 = .618/.05 = 12.36, \text{ which is also the t value for } B_1.$$

$$\text{For this problem } F^{.01}_c(1,16) = 4.49$$

$$F \text{ value for restricted model} = .21 \Rightarrow \text{don't reject } H_0: B_3 = .625B_1$$

We have shown that using theory or prior work (non-sample information) in the form of linear constraints on the parameter values reduces estimator-sampling variability. However, the restricted estimator is biased unless the restrictions are true. Thus it is important to use good non-sample information, so that the reduced sampling variability is not brought at a price of large estimator biases.

Other solutions:

1. collect more data
2. dropping a variable (but this raises the likelihood of specification bias—chapter 13).
3. transform the data. E.g. $Y = B_1 + B_2X_2 + B_3X_3 + U_i$

$$\text{Divide each side by } X_3 \text{ and get } Y/X_3 = B_1(1/X_3) + B_2(X_2/X_3) + B_3 + u/X_3$$

or do first differences

