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## This R script presents solutions to ECON 121 Problem Set 4.
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# Clear environment, load R packages
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rm(list=ls())
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library(tidyverse)
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library(fixest)
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# Load the dataset
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```
#load("/Users/tvogl/Dropbox/courses/econ121/data/nlsy_kids/nlsy_kids.Rdata")
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load(url("https://github.com/tvogl/econ121/raw/main/data/nlsy_kids.Rdata"))
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# Problem 2 #
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# Summary statistics appear below. 21 percent of the sample participated  
# in HS. 32 percent of the sample is black, and 20 percent is Hispanic.  
# Average mother's education is 12 years. 3 in 10 repeat a grade, another  
# 3 in 10 go to college, and 7 in 10 graduate high school. Also worthy  
# of note is the number of NA values, which is very high for ppvt_3.  
# This high level of "missingness" will be important later.
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summary(nlsy_kids)
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##      head_start      sibdiff      mom_id      hispanic  
## Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :0.0000   Min.   : 3   Min.   :0.0000  
## 1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.: 3448   1st Qu.:0.0000  
## Median :0.0000   Median :0.0000   Median : 6400   Median :0.0000  
## Mean   :0.2066   Mean   :0.2321   Mean   : 6227   Mean   :0.2005  
## 3rd Qu.:0.0000   3rd Qu.:0.0000   3rd Qu.: 8870   3rd Qu.:0.0000  
## Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :12667   Max.   :1.0000  
##  
##      black      male      firstborn      lninc_0to3  
## Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :0.0000   Min.   : 3.909  
## 1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.: 9.586  
## Median :0.0000   Median :1.0000   Median :0.0000   Median :10.118  
## Mean   :0.3203   Mean   :0.5097   Mean   :0.4045   Mean   :10.070  
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000   3rd Qu.:1.0000   3rd Qu.:1.0000   3rd Qu.:10.584  
## Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :13.423  
##                               NA's   :218  
##      momed      dadhome_0to3      ppvt_3      lnbw  
## Min.   : 1.0   Min.   :0.000   Min.   : 0.00   Min.   :1.792  
## 1st Qu.:10.0   1st Qu.:0.250   1st Qu.: 12.00   1st Qu.:4.635  
## Median :12.0   Median :1.000   Median : 19.00   Median :4.745  
## Mean   :11.7   Mean   :0.678   Mean   : 21.88   Mean   :4.718  
## 3rd Qu.:13.0   3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.: 30.00   3rd Qu.:4.852  
## Max.   :20.0   Max.   :1.000   Max.   :101.00   Max.   :5.434  
## NA's   :6     NA's   :1603   NA's   :3591   NA's   :145  
## comp_score_5to6 comp_score_7to10 comp_score_11to14 repeat  
## Min.   : 0.00   Min.   : 0.00   Min.   : 0.6667   Min.   :0.0000  
## 1st Qu.:29.50   1st Qu.:26.00   1st Qu.:23.5000   1st Qu.:0.0000  
## Median :44.50   Median :45.00   Median :42.6667   Median :0.0000  
## Mean   :45.42   Mean   :45.19   Mean   :43.7758   Mean   :0.3158  
## 3rd Qu.:62.38   3rd Qu.:63.92   3rd Qu.:62.0000   3rd Qu.:1.0000  
## Max.   :98.50   Max.   :99.00   Max.   :99.0000   Max.   :1.0000
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## NA's :1845 NA's :1019 NA's :1384 NA's :1026
## learndis hsgrad somecoll idle
## Min. :0.00000 Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.0000 Min. :0.0000
## 1st Qu.:0.00000 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :0.00000 Median :1.0000 Median :0.0000 Median :0.0000
## Mean :0.04102 Mean :0.7152 Mean :0.3152 Mean :0.1591
## 3rd Qu.:0.00000 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.:0.0000
## Max. :1.00000 Max. :1.0000 Max. :1.0000 Max. :1.0000
## NA's :121 NA's :1077 NA's :1077 NA's :1078
## fphealth
## Min. :0.0000
## 1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :0.0000
## Mean :0.0988
## 3rd Qu.:0.0000
## Max. :1.0000
## NA's :1077
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*# The question asks about the backgrounds of kids who participated in HS.
 # HS participants are more likely to be black, have lower family income,
 # and have less educated mothers, on average. They are also more likely
 # to repeat a grade and less likely to go to college. However, these
 # differences in long-term outcomes may reflect selection bias rather
 # than the effects of HS. In other words, HS participants may have
 # worse outcomes because they come from disadvantaged backgrounds.*

```
nlsy_kids %>%
  group_by(head_start) %>%
  summarize(black = mean(black, na.rm = TRUE),
            lninc_0to3 = mean(lninc_0to3, na.rm = TRUE),
            momed = mean(momed, na.rm = TRUE),
            somecoll = mean(somecoll, na.rm = TRUE))
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```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
## head_start black lninc_0to3 momed somecoll
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0 0.269 10.1 11.8 0.329
## 2 1 0.518 9.78 11.5 0.269
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clustering standard error

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# Problem 3 #  
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# Run an OLS regression of the age 5-6 test score on the HS indicator,  
# clustering standard errors by mom_id.  
feols(comp_score_5to6 ~ head_start,  
      data = nlsy_kids,  
      vcov = ~mom_id)
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## NOTE: 1,845 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,845).
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## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: comp_score_5to6  
## Observations: 2,420  
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)  
##           Estimate Std. Error  t value   Pr(>|t|)  
## (Intercept) 46.65384   0.616964 75.61845 < 2.2e-16 ***  
## head_start  -5.84207   1.209494 -4.83018 1.5113e-06 ***  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
## RMSE: 22.2   Adj. R2: 0.010934
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# For reference, compute the standard deviation of the test score.  
sd(nlsy_kids$comp_score_5to6, na.rm=TRUE)
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## [1] 22.37593
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# Average scores are 5.8 points lower for participants than for non-participants.  
# The association is highly statistically significant and represents roughly  
# one-quarter of a standard deviation in test scores. If we assumed participation  
# is exogenous, then we would conclude that HS reduces test scores by one-  
# quarter of a standard deviation on average. However, we already know that  
# participation is associated with several background characteristics that  
# are likely to have independent effects on test scores, which implies that  
# the residual is correlated with HS participation. As a result, participation  
# is not exogenous, and we should not interpret the association as a causal  
# effect. The bias is probably negative, since disadvantaged families select  
# into HS, and kids from disadvantaged families may tend to have worse long-term  
# outcomes.
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Raw OLS

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# Problem 4 #  
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# First create a data frame of families instead of kids. We can do so  
# using group_by(), as follows:  
nlsy_families <-  
  nlsy_kids %>%  
    drop_na(comp_score_5to6, head_start) %>%  
    group_by(mom_id) %>%  
    summarise(mean_test = mean(comp_score_5to6),  
              mean_head_start = mean(head_start))  
  
# Now estimate OLS using the family averages  
feols(mean_test ~ mean_head_start,  
      data = nlsy_families,  
      vcov = 'hetero')  
  
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: mean_test  
## Observations: 1,426  
## Standard-errors: Heteroskedasticity-robust  
##  
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
## (Intercept)  47.26384   0.622140 75.96982 < 2.2e-16 ***  
## mean_head_start -7.58640   1.366079 -5.55341 3.3379e-08 ***  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
## RMSE: 20.0 Adj. R2: 0.018928  
  
# The estimated coefficient on HS participation is now even more negative  
# than the one from question 3. That is consistent with family-level  
# omitted variables: kids from disadvantaged families enroll in HS,  
# and they have lower average test scores due to their disadvantage.
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Fixed Effects

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# Problem 5 #  
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# Estimate the model with mother fixed effects.
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feols(comp_score_5to6 ~ head_start | mom_id,  
      data = nlsy_kids)
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## NOTE: 1,845 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,845).
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## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: comp_score_5to6
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## Observations: 2,420
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## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,426
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## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
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##           Estimate Std. Error t value   Pr(>|t|)
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## head_start  7.63285    2.01362  3.7906 0.00015655 ***
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## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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## RMSE: 10.7      Adj. R2: 0.442754
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##              Within R2: 0.016246
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# The fixed effect model suggests that HS participation raises test scores,  
# in contrast to the negative effects suggested by OLS and the between effect  
# model. The likely reason is that between-family variation in HS  
# participation is correlated with family disadvantage, which biases us toward  
# finding a negative association in the pooled and between effect models.  
# The full-sample fixed effect model without controls indicates that HS  
# raises test scores by 7.6 points, or one-third of a SD, on average.
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Mother Fixed Effects Regression

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# Problem 6 #
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# In the fixed effect regression, we can include child-level covariates
# only. We cannot control for any family-level variables that do not
# vary between siblings. I choose male, firstborn, lninc_0to3,
# dadhome_0to3, and lnbw as covariates. I do not use ppvt_3 because
# it is available for few observations. When I include it, the sample
# shrinks and changes composition a lot. This was a judgment call, and
# you could have done it differently. as researchers we often face
# tradeoffs between having more information (by controlling for PPVT)
# and maintaining the composition of the sample (by not controlling for PPVT).
feols(comp_score_5to6 ~ head_start + male + firstborn + lninc_0to3 +
      dadhome_0to3 + lnbw | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)

## NOTE: 2,370 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,845, RHS: 1,732).

## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: comp_score_5to6
## Observations: 1,895
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,251
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error   t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start    5.64711    2.35257   2.400400 0.016523 *
## male          -2.81106    1.27581  -2.203352 0.027752 *
## firstborn      1.66089    1.17064   1.418783 0.156212
## lninc_0to3     2.27392    1.73535   1.310356 0.190316
## dadhome_0to3  -3.26060    3.27771  -0.994781 0.320035
## lnbw           6.91016    3.42362   2.018376 0.043765 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 9.48045      Adj. R2: 0.492933
##                   Within R2: 0.029561

# The estimate is still positive and statistically significant, but it
# is slightly smaller, in magnitude: HS participation raises test scores
# by 5.6 points on average. It is useful to check whether this is due to
# omitted variable bias or the different composition of the subsample
# with non-missing covariates. I re-estimate the model with no pre-HS
# covariates, but this time using the sub-sample with non-missing covariates.
# This was not necessary for full credit, but it is good practice.
nlsy_kids_subsample <-
  nlsy_kids %>%
  drop_na(male, firstborn, lninc_0to3, dadhome_0to3, lnbw)

feols(comp_score_5to6 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids_subsample)

## NOTE: 638 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 638).
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## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: comp_score_5to6
## Observations: 1,895
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,251
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start    5.971      2.3642 2.52559 0.011673 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 9.5773      Adj. R2: 0.486544
##              Within R2: 0.009632

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# The coefficient on HS is much closer to the regression with pre-HS
# covariates. This suggest that within-family OVB is *NOT* the issue, but
# rather that individuals with missing data on covariates have larger effects.
# The estimates are robust to controlling for pre-HS covariates

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Standardize variable outcomes

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# Problem 7 #
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# Standardize outcome variables by subtracting mean and dividing by SD.
# The scale() function in R does this in one step:
nlsy_kids <-
  nlsy_kids %>%
  mutate(std_5to6 = scale(comp_score_5to6),
         std_7to10 = scale(comp_score_7to10),
         std_11to14 = scale(comp_score_11to14))
# You were not expected to know this function. You could have also used:
nlsy_kids <-
  nlsy_kids %>%
  mutate(stdb_5to6 = (comp_score_5to6 - mean(comp_score_5to6, na.rm = TRUE))/sd(comp_score_5to6, na.rm = TRUE),
         stdb_7to10 = (comp_score_7to10 - mean(comp_score_7to10, na.rm = TRUE))/sd(comp_score_7to10, na.rm = TRUE),
         stdb_11to14 = (comp_score_11to14 - mean(comp_score_11to14, na.rm = TRUE))/sd(comp_score_11to14, na.rm = TRUE))

# Now we run a FE regression of each standardized score on HS participation,
# finding that the estimated effects shrink as children get older. HS raises
# scores by 0.34 standard deviations on average at ages 5-6, by 0.16 standard
# deviations at ages 7-10, and by 0.15 standard deviations at ages 11 to 14.
feols(std_5to6 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

NOTE: 1,845 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,845).

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_5to6
## Observations: 2,420
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,426
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value   Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.341119   0.089991  3.7906 0.00015655 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.478179      Adj. R2: 0.442754
##           Within R2: 0.016246
```

```
feols(std_7to10 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

NOTE: 1,019 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,019).

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_7to10
## Observations: 3,246
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,546
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.159245   0.06204  2.56682 0.010357 *
```



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## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.526513      Adj. R2: 0.470368
##                      Within R2: 0.004229
```

```
feols(std_11to14 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,384 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,384).
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```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_11to14
## Observations: 2,881
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,346
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.153001    0.06088 2.51317 0.012081 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.511791      Adj. R2: 0.508071
##                      Within R2: 0.004263
```

*# You may notice that the sample changes across regressions due to missingness.
 # You could have also held the sample constant, as we did above for adding
 # covariates. The effect on the test score at age 5-6 is still largest.*

```
nlsy_kids_subsample <-
  nlsy_kids %>%
  drop_na(std_5to6, std_7to10, std_11to14)

feols(std_5to6 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids_subsample)
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_5to6
## Observations: 1,728
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,021
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.321301    0.103263 3.11147 0.0019133 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.472877      Adj. R2: 0.449221
##                      Within R2: 0.014944
```

```
feols(std_7to10 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids_subsample)
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_7to10
## Observations: 1,728
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,021
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.091516    0.095592 0.957356 0.33861
```

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## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.437615      Adj. R2: 0.536713
##                      Within R2: 0.001435
```

```
feols(std_11to14 ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids_subsample)
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: std_11to14
## Observations: 1,728
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,021
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.182914   0.101884 1.79531  0.0729 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.443297      Adj. R2: 0.524396
##                      Within R2: 0.005564
```

Final effects regression

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# Problem 7 #  
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# We run FE regressions for longer-term outcomes. We find that HS participation  
# reduces grade repetition by 5 percentage points, reduces learning disability  
# diagnosis by 4 percentage points, raises high school graduation by 13 percentage  
# points, raises college attendance by 7 percentage points, reduces idleness  
# (not working or studying) by 7 percentage points, and reduces fair/poor health  
# by 7 percentage points. All of these results but one (for grade repetition)  
# are significant at the 5 percent level. The grade repetition result is significant  
# at the 9 percent level.
```

```
feols(learndis ~ head_start | mom_id,  
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 121 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 121).
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: learndis  
## Observations: 4,144  
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,714  
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)  
##           Estimate Std. Error  t value  Pr(>|t|)  
## head_start -0.037349   0.013224 -2.82444 0.0047912 **  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
## RMSE: 0.144667      Adj. R2: 0.092616  
##           Within R2: 0.003505
```

```
feols(hsgrad ~ head_start | mom_id,  
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,077 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,077).
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: hsgrad  
## Observations: 3,188  
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,367  
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)  
##           Estimate Std. Error t value  Pr(>|t|)  
## head_start 0.131179   0.030895 4.24594 2.3239e-05 ***  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
## RMSE: 0.31008      Adj. R2: 0.17344  
##           Within R2: 0.009208
```

```
feols(somecoll ~ head_start | mom_id,  
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,077 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,077).
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: somecoll
## Observations: 3,188
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,367
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start 0.073996    0.030749  2.40648 0.016239 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.310531      Adj. R2: 0.217764
##                      Within R2: 0.00294
```

```
feols(idle ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,078 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,078).
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```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: idle
## Observations: 3,187
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,367
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start -0.072788    0.031397 -2.31828 0.020581 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.263083      Adj. R2: 0.093811
##                      Within R2: 0.003961
```

```
feols(fphealth ~ head_start | mom_id,
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,077 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,077).
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: fphealth
## Observations: 3,188
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,367
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## head_start -0.065942    0.023907 -2.75822 0.0058891 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## RMSE: 0.224664      Adj. R2: 0.007413
##                      Within R2: 0.004454
```

interaction terms race collinear effects

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#####  
# Problem 8 #  
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# The easiest way to test for heterogeneous effects by race, ethnicity, and sex  
# is include interactions of the HS dummy with race, ethnicity, and sex dummies.  
# We also need to control for the main effect of sex, but not for the main effects  
# or race and ethnicity because they are collinear with the mother fixed effects.  
# I do this below for the high school graduation outcome. The results do not  
# show strong evidence of heterogeneity in effects by race, ethnicity, or sex.  
# The coefficients on the interaction terms are large, but none are significant  
# at the 5% level.  
  
# Here I use R's nice approach to interaction terms, but you could have also  
# directly generated new variables for the interaction terms.  
  
feols(hsgrad ~ head_start*(hispanic + black + male) | mom_id,  
      data = nlsy_kids)
```

```
## NOTE: 1,077 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 1,077).
```

```
## The variables 'hispanic' and 'black' have been removed because of collinearity (see $collin.var).
```

```
## OLS estimation, Dep. Var.: hsgrad  
## Observations: 3,188  
## Fixed-effects: mom_id: 1,367  
## Standard-errors: Clustered (mom_id)  
##  
##           Estimate Std. Error   t value   Pr(>|t|)  
## head_start      0.021739   0.081351   0.267217 7.8934e-01  
## male            -0.108291   0.022182  -4.882017 1.1737e-06 ***  
## head_start:hispanic 0.071468   0.097529   0.732784 4.6382e-01  
## head_start:black   0.110709   0.087847   1.260241 2.0780e-01  
## head_start:male     0.062209   0.045927   1.354534 1.7579e-01  
## ... 2 variables were removed because of collinearity (hispanic and black)  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
## RMSE: 0.307758      Adj. R2: 0.18398  
##                   Within R2: 0.023991
```

conclusion

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# # # # #  
# Problem 9 #  
# # # # #
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# The evidence suggests that HS participation has lasting effects on children's  
# outcomes, which provides some justification for the program's existence. Whether  
# the government should expand or cut funding for this and similar programs depends  
# on its cost-effectiveness compared with other potential use of funds. In general,  
# it is difficult to extrapolate the effects of program expansion from our estimated  
# average effects of treatment on the treated because the effects may be different  
# in the new subpopulations that would gain access if the program expanded. At the  
# same time, the lack of significant treatment effect heterogeneity in Problem 9  
# suggests that perhaps we can extrapolate. Many answers could receive full credit  
# for this question.
```