

Lecture 4

OLS estimator:

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

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + u_i$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i$$

$E[u_i] = 0 \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1$ unbiased
 $\rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1$ consistent

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = V[\cancel{\beta_1}] + V\left[\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i\right]$$

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)^2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 V[u_i] + \sum_{i \neq j} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x}) \text{cov}(u_i, u_j) \right]$$

$$\text{cov}(aX + bY) = a^2 V[X] + b^2 V[Y] + 2ab \text{cov}(X, Y)$$

Classical model

→ G-M assumptions: ① $E[U_i] = 0$

② $V[U_i] = \sigma^2$

③ $\text{cov}(U_i, U_j) = 0 \quad i \neq j$

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = \left(\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)^2 \left[\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \underbrace{V[U_i]}_{\sigma^2} + \cancel{\sum_{i \neq j} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x}) \text{cov}(U_i, U_j)} \right]$$

→ simple formula for SE

→ in large samples, compare values from $N(0,1)$ $t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1^0}{SE}$ w/ critical

Normal linear model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + U_i$$

$$\uparrow U_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

→ then $\hat{\beta}_1$ has a $t(N-2)$

Random X_i s

$$E[U_i] = 0 \rightarrow E[U_i | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N] = 0$$

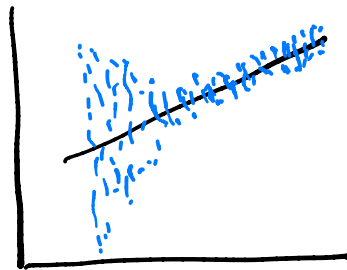
$$E[\hat{\beta}_1] = \beta_1 \rightarrow E[\hat{\beta}_1 | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N] = \beta_1$$

Heteroskedasticity

① $E[u_i | x_i] = 0$

② (x_i, y_i) iid

③ outliers unlikely



$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = \left(\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)^2 \left[\underbrace{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 V[u_i]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ u_i^2}} + \cancel{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x}) \text{cov}(u_i, u_j)} \right]$$

$V_{\text{cov}} = \text{'hetero'}$

Dependence

- ① clustered sample design
- ② group-level treatment

$U_i \perp U_j$ across clusters
not within clusters

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1] = \left(\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)^2 \left[\underbrace{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 V[U_i]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{hetero}}} + \sum_i \sum_{\substack{j \in i\text{'s cluster}}} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x}) \text{cov}(U_i, U_j) \right]$$

$\downarrow U_i U_j$

$\text{vcov} = \sim \text{clust var}$

"cluster-robust SE"

$$\bar{y}_k = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{x}_k + \bar{U}_k$$

WLS: $\hat{\beta}_1^{WLS} = \frac{\sum_i w_i (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_i w_i (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$

→ set w_i to account for heteroskedasticity: $w_i = \frac{1}{V[U_i]}$

→ known heteroskedasticity

→ grouped data

individual:

$$Y_{ig} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{ig} + U_{ig}$$

$$V[U_{ig}] = \sigma^2$$

group:

$$\bar{Y}_g = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{X}_g + \bar{U}_g$$

$$V[\bar{U}_g] = \frac{\sigma^2}{N_g}$$

→ WLS: $w_g = \frac{N_g}{\sigma^2}$

→ can just set

$$\boxed{w_g = N_g}$$