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Interpretation of beta coefficients

The β_1 coefficient in the model reflects the magnitude, sign and significance of this relationship. The β_0 coefficient is the expected value of the dependent variable when the independent is zero.

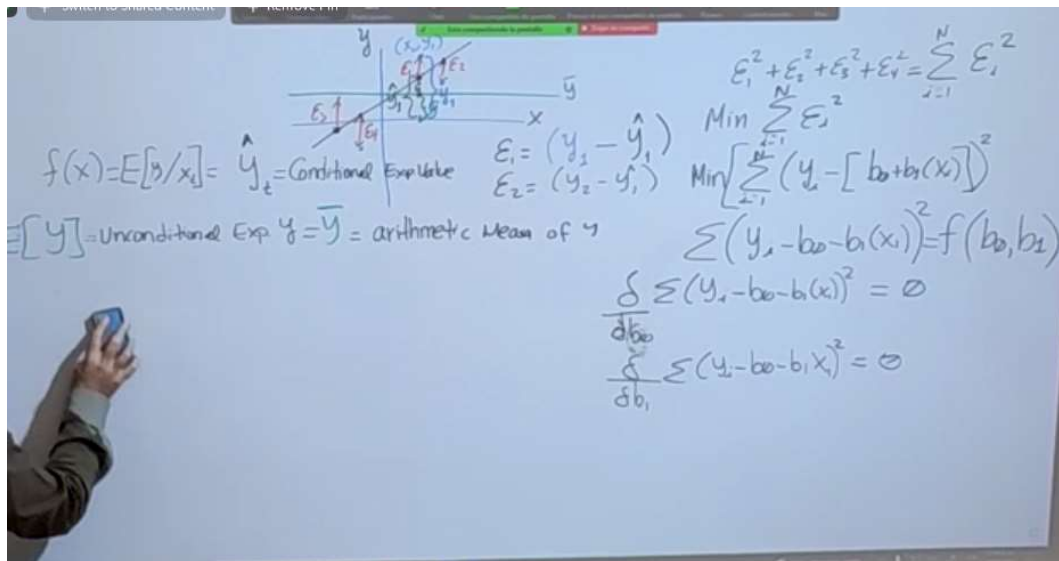
- **Beta 1:** measure of the linear relationship between a dependent variable and an independent variable.
If $\beta_1 > 0 \Rightarrow$ on average the linear relationship will be positive.
If $\beta_1 < 0 \Rightarrow$ on average the linear relationship will be negative.
- **Beta0:** expected value of the dependent variable when the independent variable is equal to zero, thus the **intercept**. It defines how high or low the regression line will be.

Since β_0 and β_1 are linear combination of random variables, then according to the CLT, both will behave like a normal distributed variable with mean equal to their OLS estimated value and standard deviation equal to the OLS standard error.

In a stock returns in comparison with the market returns:

- If $\beta_1=1$ or is **NOT significantly different than 1**, this means that the stock is practically **equally risky** than the market;
- if $\beta_1>1$ and is **significantly bigger than 1**, this means that the stock is **significantly riskier** than the market;
- if $\beta_1<1$ and is **significantly less than 1**, this means that the stock is **significantly less risky** than the market;
- if $\beta_1=0$ and is **NOT significantly different than 0**, this means that the stock is **not significantly related to the market**.
- If $\beta_0=0$ and is **NOT significantly different than 0**, this means that the stock is NOT offering excess returns or less returns over the market; in other words, when the market returns=0, it is expected that the stock also will have returns=0.
- if $\beta_0>0$ and is **significantly greater than 0**, this means that the stock is significantly offering returns over the market; in other words, the stock is **significantly beating the market**. it is supposed that according to the efficient hypothesis in financial markets, there is NO stock, instrument or portfolio that systematically beats the market.
- if $\beta_0<0$ and is **significantly less than 0**, this means that the stock is significantly offering returns bellow the market

- beta coefficient (OLS BLUE - Best, Linear, Unbiased estimator). It is the mean value of its 95% Confidence Interval
- Standard error (SE) - the standard deviation of the beta coefficient; it is the average movement or variability that the beta will have with new data
- t-Statistic or tvalue - the # of standard deviations of the coefficient that the estimated beta value is away from the zero (the null value)
- pvalue - the probability that I will be wrong if I reject the null hypothesis, which states that the beta = 0.
- 95% confidence interval - the minimum and maximum possible values that the beta can have 95% of the time when new observations are considered.



Unconditional expected value = arithmetic mean

Conditional expected value = conditional mean = regression function

