ECON61001: Econometric Methods

Programming Assignment # 3.

Please complete the following problems and submit a file named PA3.R.

Remember:

- Do not rename external data files or edit them in any way. In other words, don't modify wage.csv. Your code won't work properly on my version of that data set, if you do.
- Do not use global paths in your script. Instead, use setwd() interactively in the console, but do not forget to remove or comment out this part of the code before you submit. The directory structure of your machine is not the same as the one on Gradescope's virtual machines.
- Do not destroy or overwrite any variables in your program. I check them only after I have run your entire program from start to finish.
- Check to make sure you do not have any syntax errors. Code that doesn't run will get a very bad grade.
- Do not install or require any libraries unless specified in the task.
- Make sure to name your submission PA3.R

Tip: before submitting, it might help to clear all the objects from your workspace, and then source your file before you submit it. This will often uncover bugs. Before you start, download the file wage.csv from the Blackboard and save it in the same folder as the R script PA3.R. Make sure you set a correct working directory.

Consider the dataset wage.csv from the Blackboard. Download it and read the data first.

- 1. Import the data stored in 'wage.csv' as a data frame with name Data. The data frame contains the cross-sectional data on hourly wages in USD and years of education of 526 individuals.
- 2. Create new variables: the dependent variable of interest y = Data\$wage hourly wage of US workers, x2 = Data\$educ years of schooling, x3 = Data\$exper years of labour market experience, x4 = Data\$female a dummy variable which equals 1 if the individual is a female and equals 0 otherwise.

Verify that the relationship $1 - R^2 = (1 - r_2^2)(1 - r_{u,3|2}^2)$ holds. For that proceed as follows:

3. Estimate the following model specification:

$$y_i = \delta_1 + \delta_2 x_{2,i} + \delta_3 x_{3,i} + u_i, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, 526.$$

Report the coefficient of determination R^2 saved in a variable called R2.

- 4. Compute the sample correlation coefficient between the dependent variable y and years of education x_2 . Save it as rho_y2.
- 5. The sample partial correlation coefficient $r_{y,3|2}$ can be computed as a sample correlation coefficient between e_2 and $e_{3|2}$, where e_2 denotes the vector of residuals from the regression $y = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + u$ and $e_{3|2}$ denotes the vector of residuals from the regression $x_3 = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 x_2 + \xi$. Compute $r_{y,3|2}$ and save it as rho_y32.
- 6. Report the values of $1 R^2$ and $(1 r_2^2)(1 r_{u,3/2}^2)$ as 1s and rs respectively.

Verify that the relationship $1 - R^2 = (1 - r_4^2)(1 - r_{y,3|4}^2)(1 - r_{y,2|3,4}^2)$ holds for the following model:

$$y_i = \delta_1 + \delta_2 x_{2,i} + \delta_3 x_{3,i} + \delta_4 x_{4,i} + u_i, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, 526.$$

Proceed as above and report the following quantities:

- 7. $1 R^2$ as 1s2.
- 8. r₄ as rho_4.
- 9. $r_{y,3|4}$ as rho_34.
- 10. $r_{y,2|3,4}$ as rho_234.
- 11. $(1 r_4^2)(1 r_{y,3|4}^2)(1 r_{y,2|3,4}^2)$ as rs2.
- 12. Based on the estimation results for the model in specified in 6. :

$$y_i = \delta_1 + \delta_2 x_{2,i} + \delta_3 x_{3,i} + \delta_4 x_{4,i} + u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 526.$$

Conduct a test of the following hypotheses pair: $H_0: \delta_4 \geq 0$ vs $H_1: \delta_4 < 0$ at the 5% significance level. Save the test statistic as t1, corresponding critical value as cv1 and the p-value as pv1.

- 13. Next conduct a test of the following hypotheses pair: $H_0: \delta_4 \leq -2$ vs $H_1: \delta_4 > -2$ at the 1% significance level. Save the test statistic as t2, corresponding critical value as cv2 and the p-value as pv2.
- 14. Which hourly wage does the model predict for a female worker with 12 years of education and 3 years of labour market experience? Save the answer as a variable Ew_female.
- 15. Which hourly wage does the model predict for a male worker with 12 years of education and 3 years of labour market experience? Save the answer as a variable Ew_male.