

Week 10 Monday Worksheet

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Nonlinear Relationships

Polynomial

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2$$
$$\frac{\partial E[Y|X]}{\partial X} \Big|_{X=x} = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 x$$

Log

Case	Regression Specification	Interpretation of β_1
I	$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln(X_i) + u_i$	A 1% change in X is associated with a change in Y of $0.01\beta_1$.
II	$\ln(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i$	A change in X by one unit ($\Delta X = 1$) is associated with a $100\beta_1\%$ change in Y .
III	$\ln(Y_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln(X_i) + u_i$	A 1% change in X is associated with a $\beta_1\%$ change in Y , so β_1 is the elasticity of Y with respect to X .

Interaction

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 (X_1 \times X_2)$$
$$\frac{\partial E[Y|X_1, X_2]}{\partial X_1} \Big|_{X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2} = \beta_1 + \beta_3 x_2$$

Example

$$\text{wage} = 10 + \text{exp} + 2\text{exp}^2 + 3\text{male} + 4(\text{exp} \times \text{male}) + 5 \log(\text{edu})$$

- 1) Find and interpret the partial derivative for experience, education, and gender.
- 2) What is the effect of gender when you have 5 years of experience?
- 3) What is the marginal effect of 10 years of experience when you are male compared to being female?
- 4) What is the difference in wage between males and females with 10 years of experience?
- 5) What is the effect of an increase in education?