Hypothesis Testing and Confidence Intervals with R

Econ 440 - Introduction to Econometrics

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Load dataset

```
library(readxl)
df <- read_xlsx("CASchools_EE141_InSample.xlsx", trim_ws=TRUE)</pre>
head(df)
## # A tibble: 6 x 25
##
     countyname districtname schoolname zipcode frpm_frac_s enrollment_s ell_frac_s
##
     <chr>>
                <chr>>
                              <chr>>
                                            <dbl>
                                                        <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
                                                                                 <dbl>
                                                        0.774
                                                                                 0.281
## 1 San Diego La Mesa-Spr~ La Presa ~
                                           91941
                                                                        411
## 2 Orange
                Centralia E~ Temple (R~
                                           90620
                                                        0.587
                                                                        509
                                                                                 0.230
## 3 Butte
                Palermo Uni~ Golden Hi~
                                                        0.820
                                                                        284
                                                                                 0.133
                                           95966
## 4 Butte
                Oroville Ci~ Oakdale H~
                                           95966
                                                        0.948
                                                                        442
                                                                                 0.177
## 5 Tulare
                Rockford El~ Rockford ~
                                           93257
                                                        0.557
                                                                        406
                                                                                 0.123
## 6 Santa Cla~ Campbell Un~ Castlemon~
                                           95008
                                                        0.513
                                                                        727
                                                                                 0.374
## # ... with 18 more variables: edi_s <dbl>, te_fte_s <dbl>, te_avgyr_s <dbl>,
       te salary low d <dbl>, te salary avg d <dbl>, te days d <dbl>,
       te_serdays_d <dbl>, age_frac_5_17_z <dbl>, pop_1_older_z <dbl>,
## #
       ed_frac_hs_z <dbl>, ed_frac_sc_z <dbl>, ed_frac_ba_z <dbl>,
## #
       ed_frac_grd_z <dbl>, med_income_z <dbl>, testscore <dbl>, str_s <dbl>,
## #
       ada_enrollment_ratio_d <dbl>, charter_s <dbl>
```

Regression of Test Score on Student/Teacher ratio

```
ols <- lm(testscore ~ str_s, data = df)</pre>
```

Add confidence intervals:

```
library(broom)
ols.augment <- augment(ols)
ols.augment</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 500 x 8
##
      testscore str_s .fitted .resid
                                                        .cooksd .std.resid
                                        .hat .sigma
##
          <dbl> <dbl>
                        <dbl> <dbl>
                                       <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
                                                                     <dbl>
##
   1
           728.
                27.0
                         751. -23.4 0.00344
                                               60.3 0.000261
                                                                  -0.389
##
   2
           756
                 25.5
                         752.
                                3.50 0.00232
                                               60.3 0.00000394
                                                                   0.0582
##
  3
           708. 23.1
                         755. -47.2 0.00214
                                               60.3 0.000660
                                                                  -0.785
##
   4
           686
                 25.1
                         753. -66.8 0.00219
                                               60.3 0.00135
                                                                  -1.11
                24.5
                         753. -18.9
##
  5
           734.
                                    0.00203
                                               60.3 0.000101
                                                                  -0.315
                         756. 51.7
##
   6
           808. 21.7
                                    0.00285
                                               60.3 0.00106
                                                                   0.860
##
   7
           734. 24.6
                         753. -19.0 0.00204
                                               60.3 0.000103
                                                                  -0.316
```

```
##
           685.
                  31.4
                          747. -62.1
                                       0.0106
                                                  60.3 0.00578
                                                                       -1.04
    9
           676.
                  27.6
                          750. -74.2
                                       0.00401
                                                  60.2 0.00306
                                                                       -1.23
##
                          753. 109.
           862.
                  24.6
                                       0.00206
                                                  60.1 0.00337
                                                                        1.81
         with 490 more rows
```

Model Fitness

- How well does a line fit data? How tightly clustered around the line are the data points?
- How much variation in Y_i is explained by the model?

$$\underbrace{Y_i}_{Obs} = \underbrace{\widehat{Y_i}}_{Pred} + \underbrace{\hat{u}}_{Error}$$

• OLS estimators minimize the Sum of Squared Errors (SSE):

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{u_i}^2 \to \min$$

Goodness of Fit (coefficient of determination): R^2

• The fraction of variation in Y explained by variation in predicted values \hat{Y}

$$R^{2} = \frac{var(\widehat{Y}_{i})}{var(Y_{i})} = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{TSS}$$

• Explained Sum of Squares (ESS): sum of squared deviations of predicted values from their mean

$$ESS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

• Total Sum of Squares (TSS): sum of squared deviations of observed values from their mean

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

• The OLS estimator satisfies:

$$\bar{\hat{Y}}_i = \bar{Y}$$

Goodness of Fit

• As the square of the correlation coefficient between X and Y:

$$R^2 = (r_{X,Y})^2$$

 \mathbb{R}^2 as the correlation coefficient squared:

```
# Base R
cor(df$testscore, df$str_s)^2
```

[1] 0.0031453

```
# dplyr
df %>%
  summarize(r_sq = cor(testscore,str_s)^2)
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
        r_sq
##
       <dbl>
## 1 0.00315
R^2 in R
  • Explore the broom package.
  • The broom augment() command produces:
       - .fitted: predicted values \hat{Y}_i
       - .resid: estimated residuals \hat{u_i}
library(broom)
ols %>%
  augment() %>%
  head(., n=5)
## # A tibble: 5 x 8
##
     testscore str_s .fitted .resid
                                                           .cooksd .std.resid
                                          .hat .sigma
##
         <dbl> <dbl>
                         <dbl> <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                             <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
## 1
          728.
                 27.0
                          751. -23.4 0.00344
                                                  60.3 0.000261
                                                                       -0.389
## 2
          756
                 25.5
                          752.
                                 3.50 0.00232
                                                  60.3 0.00000394
                                                                        0.0582
                 23.1
## 3
          708.
                          755. -47.2
                                       0.00214
                                                  60.3 0.000660
                                                                       -0.785
          686
                 25.1
                          753. -66.8
                                       0.00219
                                                  60.3 0.00135
                                                                       -1.11
## 5
          734.
                 24.5
                          753. -18.9 0.00203
                                                  60.3 0.000101
                                                                       -0.315
R^2 as a ratio of the variances
```

• R^2 calculated from $\frac{ESS}{TSS}$

Standard Error of the Regression

• The standard Error of the Regression $hat\sigma_u$ is an estimator of the standard deviation of u_i :

$$\hat{\sigma_u} = \sqrt{\frac{SSE}{n-2}}$$

- Measures the mean distance between data points and the regression line - A mean prediction error of the regression line - Degrees of Freedom correction: n-2

Calculate SER

1 0.00315

```
ols %>%
  augment() %>%
  summarize(SSE = sum(.resid^2),
            df = n()-2,
            SER = sqrt(SSE/df))
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
##
          SSE
                  df
                       SER
##
        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 1808912.
                 498 60.3
  • In large samples, n-2 \approx n,
ols %>%
  augment() %>%
  summarize(sd_resid = sd(.resid))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     sd resid
##
        <dbl>
## 1
         60.2
```

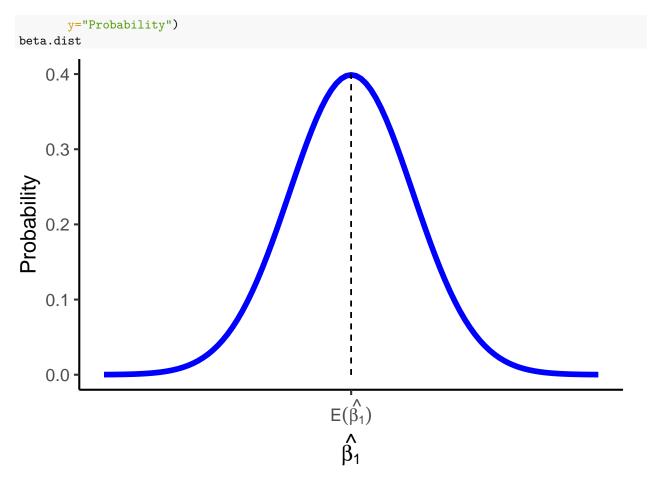
Sampling Distributions of the OLS Estimators

Inferential Statistics and Sampling Distributions

- Inferential statistics: Analyze a sample to make inferences about an unobservable population
- Each sample is **independent** of each other sample (due to replacement)
- Each sample comes from the identical underlying population distribution
- 1. Identification: Exogeneity Vs Endogeneity
 - X is **exogenous** if its variation is *independent* of the other factors that affect Y
 - X is **endogenous** if its variation is related to some factor that affects Y
- 2. Inference: Causality vs Randomness
 - Data is random due to **natural sampling variation**
 - Each sample from the same population yields (slightly) different information

Distributions of the OLS Estimators

- OLS estimators ($\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$) are computed from a finite (specific) sample of data
- The OLS model contains 2 sources of randomness:
 - Modeled randomness: u includes all factors affecting Y other than X
 - different samples will have different values of those other factors (u_i)
 - Sampling randomness: different samples will generate different OLS estimators
 - $-\hat{\beta}_0,\hat{\beta}_1$ are random variables



The Sampling Distribution of $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$\hat{\beta_1} \sim N(E[\hat{\beta_1}], \sigma_{\hat{\beta_1}})$$

- 1. $E[\hat{\beta}_1]$: The reference estimate for the distribution
- 2. $\sigma_{\hat{\beta_1}} \colon$ The precision of our estimate

Assumptions about Errors

1. The expected value of the residuals is 0

$$E[u] = 0$$

2. The variance of the residuals, conditioning on X is constant:

$$var(u|X) = \sigma_u^2$$

3. Errors are not correlated across observations:

$$cor(u_i, u_j) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

4. Errors are not correlated with X:

$$cor(X, u) = 0$$
 or $E[u|X] = 0$

- Assumptions 1 and 2 imply errors are **i.i.d.**, drawn from the same distribution with mean 0 and variance σ_u^2
- Assumption 2 means that errors are homoskedastic.
- Assumption 3: No Serial Correlation
 - Time-series & panel data nearly always contain serial correlation between errors. Also known as autocorrelation.
- Assumption 4: The Zero Conditional Mean Assumption
 - If X contain useful information about u, the model is **endogenous**, **biased** and **not-causal!**

Exogeneity and Unbiasedness

• $\hat{\beta}_1$ is *unbiased* iff there is no systematic difference, on average, between sample values of $\hat{\beta}_1$ and the true population parameter β_1 :

$$E[\hat{\beta_1}] = \beta_1$$

• Expect random errors above and below the true value to cancel out, so that on average $E[\hat{u}|X]=0$

Endogeneity and Bias

• Nearly all independent variables are endogenous, they are related to the error term u:

$$cor(X, u) \neq 0$$

Example: Suppose we estimate the following relationship:

Violent crimes_t = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ Ice cream sales_t + u_t

- We find $\hat{\beta}_1 > 0$
- It does not mean that Ice cream sales cause Violent crimes!
- The true expected value of $\hat{\beta}_1$ is actually:

$$E[\hat{\beta}_1] = \beta_1 + cor(X, u) \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_X}$$

- If X is exogenous: cor(X, u) = 0, this reduces to β_1
- The larger cor(X, u), the larger the bias: $\left(E[\hat{\beta}_1] \beta_1\right)$
- The direction of the bias depends on $cor(\hat{X}, u)$:
 - Positive cor(X, u) overestimates the true β_1 ($\hat{\beta_1}$ is too high
 - Negative cor(X, u) underestimates the true β_1 ($\hat{\beta}_1$ is too low

Example: Suppose we estimate the following relationship:

$$wages_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 education_i + u$$

- Is this an accurate reflection of the effect of education on wages?
- Is E[u|education] = 0?
- What would E[u|education] > 0 mean?

Regression of test scores on student ratios

```
library(broom)
ols.tidy <- tidy(ols, conf.int = TRUE)
ols.tidy</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 7
##
     term
                  estimate std.error statistic
                                                  p.value conf.low conf.high
##
     <chr>
                     <dbl>
                                <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
                                          42.2 1.45e-166
                  777.
                              18.4
                                                             741.
                                                                       813.
## 1 (Intercept)
## 2 str_s
                    -0.950
                               0.758
                                          -1.25 2.11e-
                                                              -2.44
                                                                         0.539
```

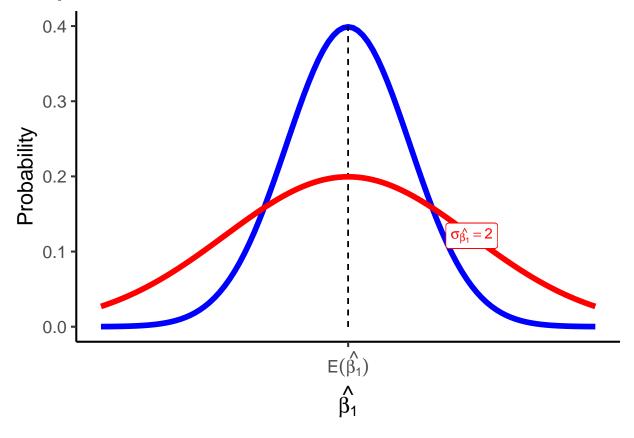
The Sampling Distribution of $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N(E[\hat{\beta}_1], \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1})$$

• Standard "error" is the analog of standard deviation when talking about the sampling distribution of a sample statistic (such as \bar{X} or $\hat{\beta}_1$).

```
beta.dist +
  stat_function(fun=dnorm, args=list(mean=0, sd=2), size=2, color="red") +
  geom_label(x=2, y=dnorm(2,0,2), label=expression(sigma[hat(beta[1])]==2), color="red")
```

Warning in is.na(x): is.na() applied to non-(list or vector) of type
'expression'



What Affects Variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$var(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{(SER)^2}{n \times var(X)}$$

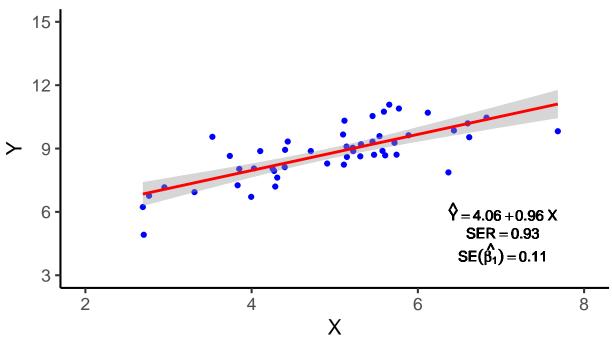
$$se(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{var(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{SER}{\sqrt{n} \times sd(X)}$$

- Variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$ is affected by 3 things:
- 1. Goodness of fit of the model SER:
- Larger $SER \implies \text{larger } var(\hat{\beta}_1)$
- 2. Sample size n
- Larger $n \implies \text{smaller } var(\hat{\beta_1})$
- 3. Variance of X:
- Larger $var(X) \implies \text{smaller } var(\hat{\beta}_1)$

```
df1 \leftarrow tibble(x=rnorm(50,5,1),
              u=rnorm(50,1,1),
              y=3+x+u
sd_x_1 \leftarrow lm(y^x, data=df1) \%
 tidy() %>%
  slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(std.error) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta0_1 <- lm(y~x, data=df1) %>%
 tidy() %>%
  slice(1) %>% # get first row (which is intercept, beta 0)
  pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta1_1 <- lm(y~x, data=df1) %>%
  tidy() %>%
  slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(estimate)%>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ser_1 <- lm(y~x, data=df1) %>%
  glance() %>%
 pull(sigma) %>%
 round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ggplot(data=df1, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", color="red") +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=6)),
            label=list(paste('~hat(Y)==', beta0_1, '~+', beta1_1, '~X')), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=5),
            label=list(paste('~SER==', ser_1)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=4),
            label=list(paste('~SE(hat(beta[1])) ==', sd_x_1)), parse=TRUE) +
```

Model With Better Fit

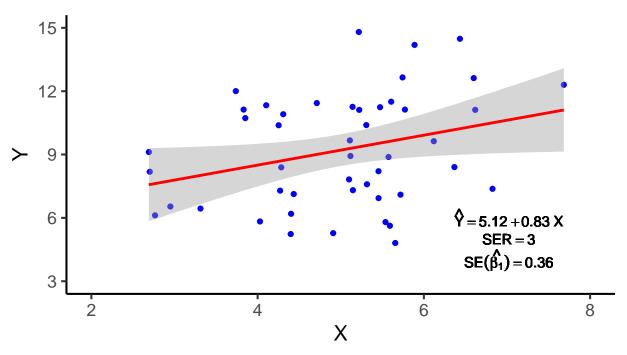
Lower SER lowers variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$



```
pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta1_2 <- lm(y \sim x, data=df2) %>%
  tidy() %>%
  slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ser_2 \leftarrow lm(y~x, data=df2) \%\%
  glance() %>%
  pull(sigma) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ggplot(data=df2, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", color="red") +
  geom\_text(aes(x=7,y=6), label=list(paste('~hat(Y)==', beta0_2, '~+', beta1_2, '~X')), parse=TRUE) + (aes(x=7,y=6), label=list(paste('~hat(Y)==', beta0_2, '~+', beta1_2, '~X')))
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=5), label=list(paste('~SER==', ser_2)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=4), label=list(paste('~SE(hat(beta[1])) ==', sd_x_2)), parse=TRUE) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(2,8,2),
                       limits=c(2,8)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(3,15,3),
                       limits=c(3,15)) +
  labs(x = "X",
       y = "Y",
       title = "Model With Worse Fit",
       subtitle = expression(paste("Higher SER raises variation in ", hat(beta[1]))))
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
## Warning: Removed 3 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).
## Warning: Removed 3 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

Model With Worse Fit

Higher SER raises variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$

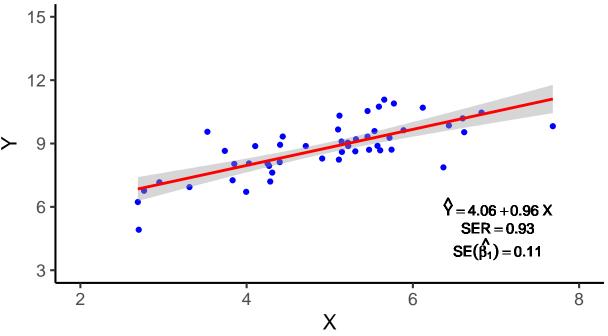


Variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$: Sample Size

```
ggplot(data=df1, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", color="red") +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=6), label=list(paste('~hat(Y)==', beta0_1, '~+', beta1_1, '~X')), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=5), label=list(paste('~SER==', ser_1)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=4), label=list(paste('~SE(hat(beta[1])) ==', sd_x_1)), parse=TRUE) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(2,8,2),
                     limits=c(2,8)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(3,15,3),
                     limits=c(3,15)) +
  labs(x = "X",
      y = "Y"
      title = "Model With Fewer Observations",
       subtitle = expression(paste("Smaller n raises variation in ", hat(beta[1]))))
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_smooth).
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

Model With Fewer Observations

Smaller n raises variation in $\hat{\beta_1}$



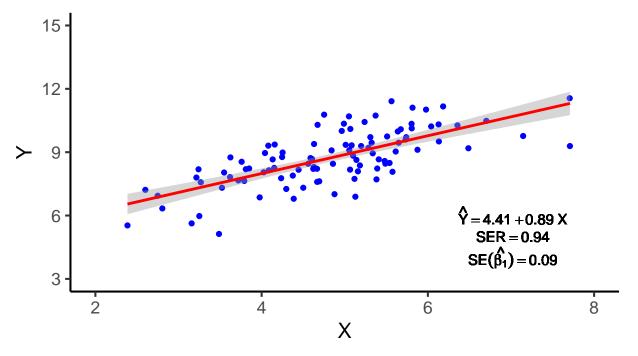
```
df3 <- tibble(x=rnorm(100,5,1),
              u=rnorm(100,1,1),
              y=3+x+u
sd_x_3 \leftarrow lm(y^x, data=df3) \%\%
  tidy() %>%
  slice(2) \%>\% \# get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(std.error) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta0_3 <- lm(y~x, data=df3) \%>\%
  tidy() %>%
  slice(1) %>% # get first row (which is intercept, beta 0)
  pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta1_3 <- lm(y~x, data=df3) \%>\%
  tidy() %>%
  slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ser_3 <- lm(y~x, data=df3) %>%
  glance() %>%
 pull(sigma) %>%
```

```
round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ggplot(data=df3, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", color="red") +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=6), label=list(paste('-hat(Y)==', beta0_3, '-+', beta1_3, '-X')), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=5), label=list(paste('~SER==', ser_3)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=4), label=list(paste('~SE(hat(beta[1])) ==', sd_x_3)), parse=TRUE) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(2,8,2),
                     limits=c(2,8)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(3,15,3),
                     limits=c(3,15)) +
 labs(x = "X",
      y = "Y"
      title = "Model With More Observations",
       subtitle = expression(paste("Larger n lowers variation in ", hat(beta[1]))))
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

Model With More Observations

Larger n lowers variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$



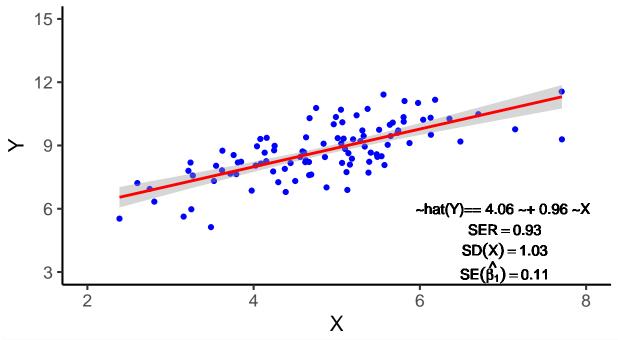
Variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$: Variation in X

```
sd_X_3 <- df3 %>%
summarize(sd_x_3=sd(x)) %>%
round(.,2) %>%
as.character()
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

Model With More Variation in X

Larger var(X) lowers variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$



```
df4 <- df3 %>%
  filter(x>4.5, x<5.5)

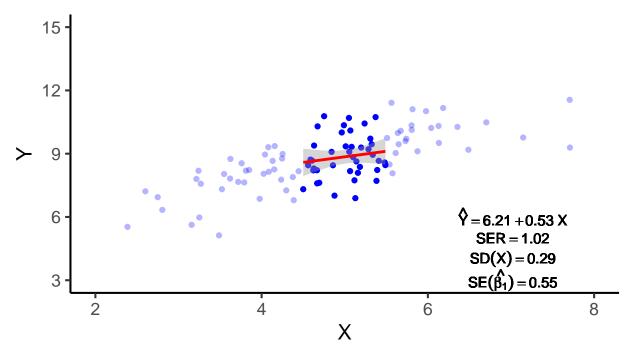
sd_X_4 <- df4 %>%
  summarize(sd_x_4=sd(x)) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()

sd_x_4 <- lm(y~x, data=df4) %>%
  tidy() %>%
```

```
slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(std.error) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta0_4 <- lm(y~x, data=df4) \%>\%
 tidy() %>%
  slice(1) %>% # get first row (which is intercept, beta 0)
  pull(estimate) %>%
 round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
beta1 4 \leftarrow lm(y~x, data=df4) %>%
 tidy() %>%
  slice(2) %>% # get second row (which is x coefficient, beta 1)
  pull(estimate) %>%
  round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ser_4 \leftarrow lm(y~x, data=df4) %>%
  glance() %>%
 pull(sigma) %>%
 round(.,2) %>%
  as.character()
ggplot(data=df4, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_point(data=df3, aes(x=x, y=y), color="blue", alpha=0.3) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", color = "red") +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=6), label=list(paste('~hat(Y)==', beta0_4, '~+', beta1_4, '~X')), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=5), label=list(paste('~SER==', ser_4)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=4), label=list(paste('~SD(X) ==', sd_X_4)), parse=TRUE) +
  geom_text(aes(x=7,y=3), label=list(paste('~SE(hat(beta[1])) ==', sd_x_4)), parse=TRUE) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(2,8,2),
                     limits=c(2,8)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(3,15,3),
                     limits=c(3,15)) +
  labs(x = "X",
      y = "Y"
       title = "Model With Less Variation in X",
       subtitle = expression(paste("Smaller ", var(X), " raises variation in ", hat(beta[1]))))
```

Model With Less Variation in X

Smaller var(X) raises variation in $\hat{\beta}_1$



Presenting Regression Results

```
library(huxtable)

##
## Attaching package: 'huxtable'

## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
## add_rownames

## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
## theme_grey
huxreg(ols)
```

Presenting Regression Results

• Can give title to each column

	(1)	
(Intercept)	776.678 ***	
	(18.406)	
str_s	-0.950	
	(0.758)	
N	500	
R2	0.003	
logLik	-2757.876	
AIC	5521.753	

*** p <	0.001;	** p <	0.01;	* p •	< 0.05.
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	Test Score	
Intercept	776.68 ***	
	(18.41)	
STR	-0.95	
	(0.76)	
N	500	
R-Squared	0.00	
SER	60.27	

*** p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05.

- Can rename coefficients
- Can choose what statistics to include
- Can choose how many decimal places to round to

Regression Diagnostics

• Examine the Residuals:

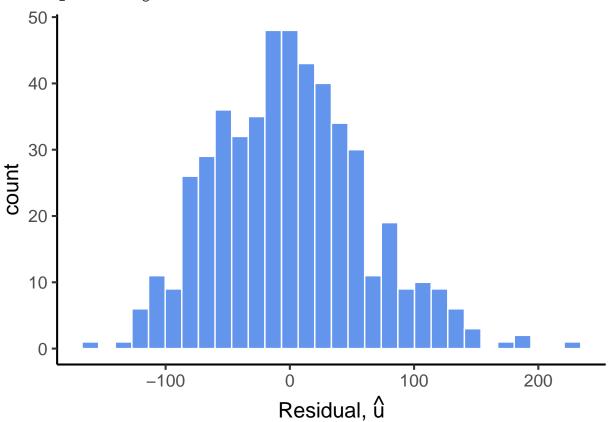
```
ols.augment %>%
 summarize(E_u = mean(.resid),
      sd_u = sd(.resid))
```

E_u	sd_u
-8.12e-14	60.2

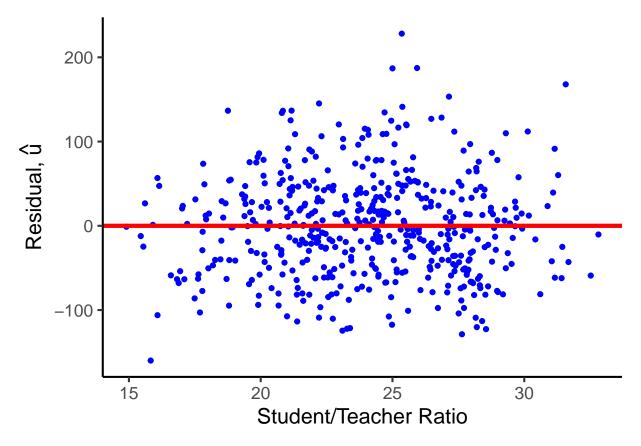
• Histogram of the Residuals:

```
ggplot(data=ols.augment, aes(x=.resid)) +
  geom_histogram(color="white", fill="cornflowerblue") +
  labs(x = expression(paste("Residual, ", hat(u))))
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



- Scatter of the Resdiuals:
- Look for systematic patterns about residuals
 - $x\text{-}\mathrm{axis}$ are X values (str)
 - -y-axis are u values (.resid)



Heteroskedasticity

- Heterosked asticity: variance of the residuals conditional on X is NOT constant:

$$var(u|X) \neq \sigma_u^2$$

- The estimate $\hat{\beta_1}$ is not biased.
- The usual standard error of $\hat{\beta_1}$ is incorrect!
- Inference is invalid.
- Under heterosked asticity, the standard error of $\hat{\beta_1}$ is:

$$se(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \hat{u}^2}{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right]^2}}$$

• Under homoskedasticity, the standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$ simplifies to:

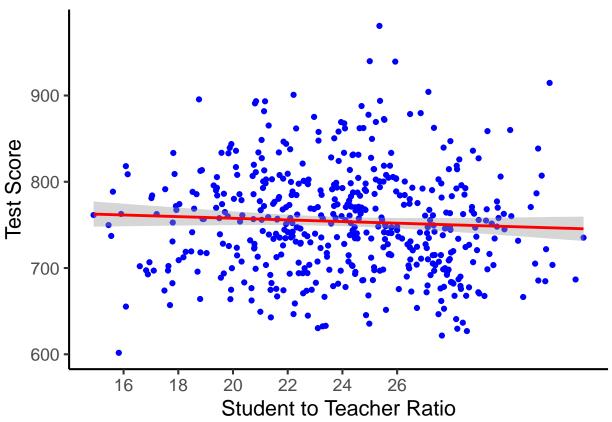
$$se(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{var(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{SER}{\sqrt{n} \times sd(X)}$$

Heteroskedasticity

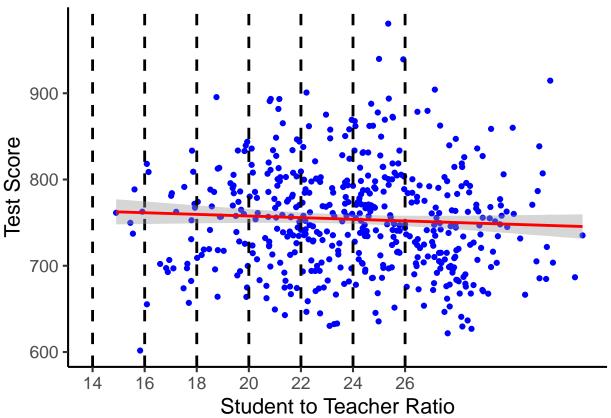
- Does the spread of the errors change over different values of str?
 - No: homoskedastic

- Yes: heteroskedastic

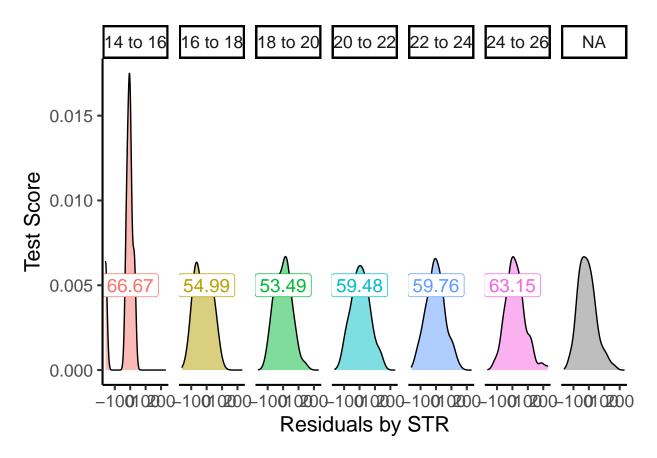
`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'



$geom_smooth()$ using formula 'y ~ x'



```
ols.augment.het <- ols.augment %>%
  mutate(range = case_when(str_s>=14 & str_s<16 ~ "14 to 16",</pre>
                           str_s>=16 & str_s<18 ~ "16 to 18",
                           str_s>=18 & str_s<20 ~ "18 to 20",
                           str_s>=20 & str_s<22 ~ "20 to 22",
                           str_s>=22 & str_s<24 ~ "22 to 24",
                           str_s>=24 & str_s<26 ~ "24 to 26"),
         range = factor(range, levels = c("14 to 16", "16 to 18", "18 to 20", "20 to 22", "22 to 24", "...
ols.augment.het.sigmas <- ols.augment.het %>%
  group_by(range) %>%
  summarize(sigmas = as.character(round(sd(.resid),2))) %>%
  slice(1:6) # remove NA row 7
ggplot(data=ols.augment.het, aes(x=.resid)) +
  geom_density(aes(fill=range), alpha=0.5) +
  geom_label(data=ols.augment.het.sigmas,
             aes(x=0,y=0.005,
                 label=sigmas,
                 color=range), size=5) +
  facet_grid(~range) +
  guides(fill="none", color="none") +
  labs(x = "Residuals by STR",
       y = "Test Score")
```



Visualize Heteroskedasticity

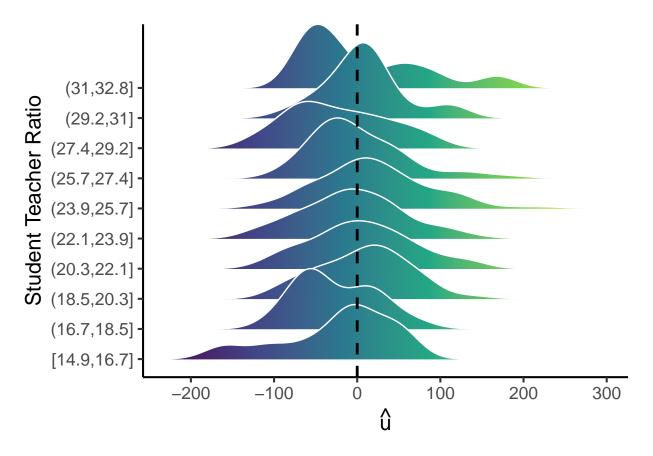
- Using the ggridges package
- Plot the (conditional) distribution of errors by STR
- See that the variation in errors (\hat{u}) changes across class sizes!

```
library(ggridges)
library(viridis)
```

```
## Loading required package: viridisLite
```

```
ols.augment %>%
  mutate(bins=cut_interval(str_s, n=10)) %>%
ggplot(data=., aes(x=.resid, y=bins)) +
  geom_density_ridges_gradient(
    aes(fill = ..x..),
    color = "white",
    scale = 2.5,
    size = 0.5
) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=0, size=1 , linetype="dashed") +
  scale_fill_viridis_c() +
  labs(x = expression(hat(u)),
    y = "Student Teacher Ratio") +
  theme(legend.position="none")
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 23.7

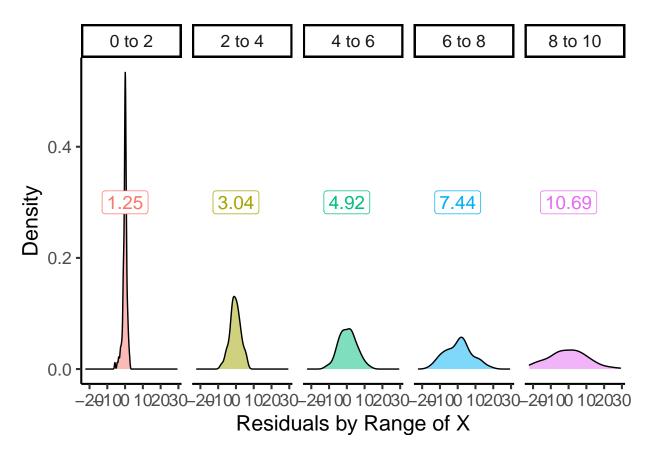


Visualize Heteroskedasticity

- Visual cue: data is "fan-shaped"
 - Data points are closer to line in some areas
 - Data points are more spread from line in other areas

`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'

```
40 -
     30
     20
     10
      0
    -10
                                                5
                           2
                                  3
            0
                                         4
                                                       6
                                                               7
                                                                                    10
                                                Χ
het.reg <- lm(y~x, data = df.het)</pre>
aug.het.reg <- het.reg %>% augment()
aug.het.reg <- aug.het.reg %>%
  mutate(range = case\_when(x>=0 & x<2 ~ "0 to 2",
                           x>=2 & x<4 ~ "2 to 4",
                           x>=4 & x<6 ~ "4 to 6",
                           x \ge 6 & x < 8 \sim 6 to 8,
                           x>=8 & x<=10 ~ "8 to 10"),
         range = factor(range, levels = c("0 to 2", "2 to 4", "4 to 6", "6 to 8", "8 to 10"))) # needs
aug.het.reg_sigmas <- aug.het.reg %>%
  group_by(range) %>%
  summarize(sigmas = as.character(round(sd(.resid),2))) %>%
  slice(1:6) # remove NA row 7
ggplot(data=aug.het.reg, aes(x = .resid)) +
  geom_density(aes(fill=range), alpha=0.5) +
  geom_label(data=aug.het.reg_sigmas,
             aes(x=0, y=0.3,
                 label=sigmas,
                 color=range),size=5) +
  facet_grid(~range) +
  guides(fill="none", color="none") +
  labs(x = "Residuals by Range of X",
       y = "Density")
```

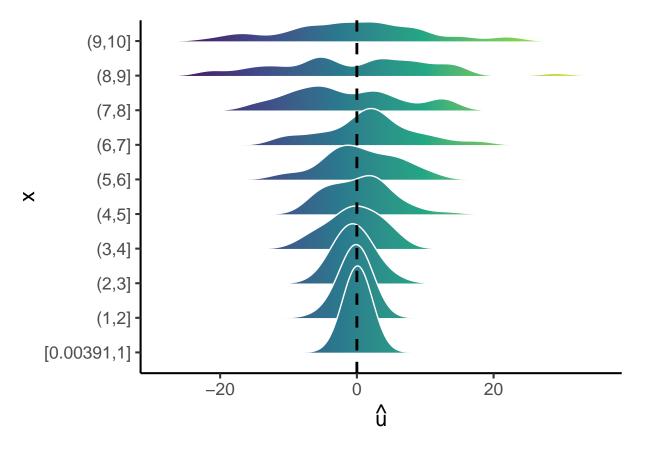


Heteroskedasticity: Another View

- Using the ggridges package
- \bullet Plotting the (conditional) distribution of errors by x

```
aug.het.reg %>%
  mutate(bins=cut_interval(x, n=10)) %>%
ggplot(data=., aes(x=.resid, y=bins)) +
  geom_density_ridges_gradient(
    aes(fill = ..x..),
    color = "white",
    scale = 2.5,
    size = 0.5
) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=0, size=1 , linetype="dashed") +
  scale_fill_viridis_c()+
  labs(x = expression(hat(u)),
    y = "x") +
  theme(legend.position="none")
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 2.12



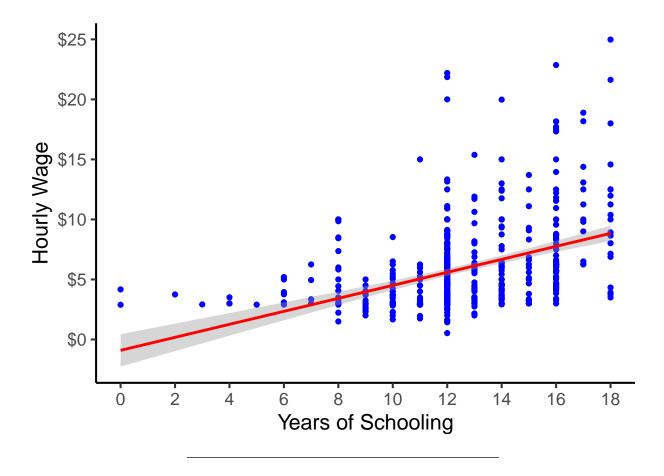
What Might Cause Heteroskedastic Errors?

$$\widehat{wage_i} = \hat{\beta_0} + \hat{\beta_1}educ_i$$

```
library(wooldridge)
wage.reg <- lm(wage~educ, data=wage1)</pre>
huxreg("Wage" = wage.reg,
       coefs = c("Intercept" = "(Intercept)",
        "Years of Schooling" = "educ"),
       statistics = c("N" = "nobs",
              "R-Squared" = "r.squared",
                    "SER" = "sigma"),
       number_format=2)
plot_wage <- ggplot(data=wage1, aes(x=educ, y=wage))+</pre>
  geom_point(color="blue") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", color="red") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(0,20,2)) +
  scale_y_continuous(labels=scales::dollar) +
    labs(x = "Years of Schooling",
         y = "Hourly Wage")
plot_wage
```

	Wage	
Intercept	-0.90	
	(0.68)	
Years of Schooling	0.54 ***	
	(0.05)	
N	526	
R-Squared	0.16	
SER	3.38	

^{***} p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05.

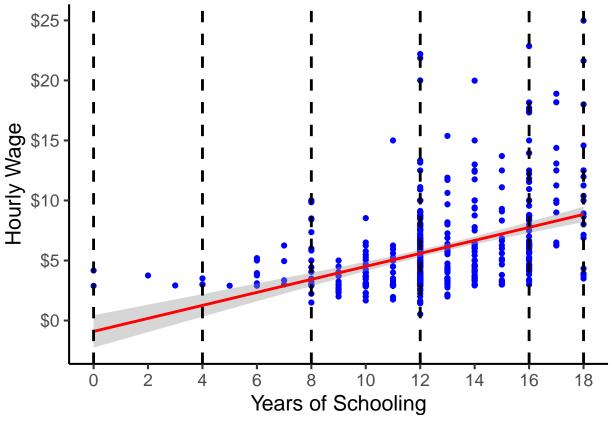


What Might Cause Heteroskedastic Errors?

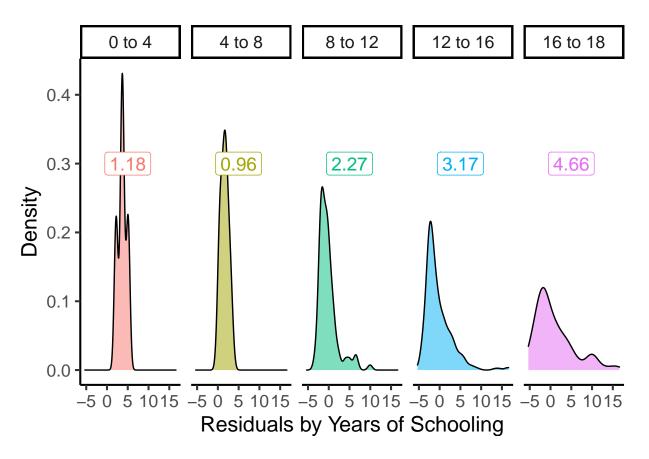
$$\widehat{wage_i} = \hat{\beta_0} + \hat{\beta_1}educ_i$$

Wage
-0.90
(0.68)
0.54 ***
(0.05)
526
0.16
3.38

$geom_smooth()$ using formula 'y ~ x'



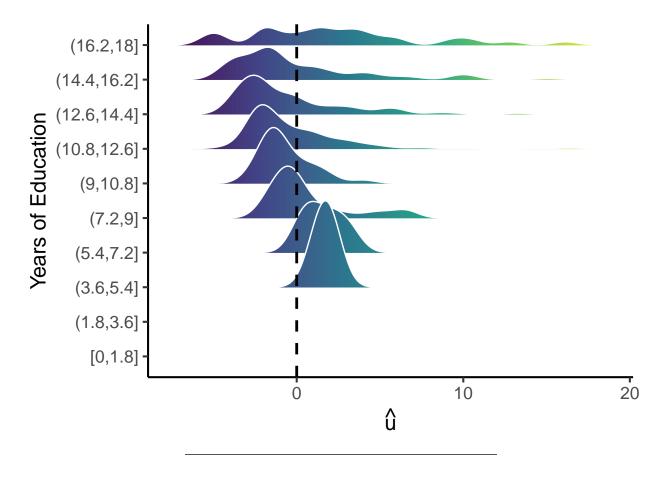
```
aug.wage.reg <- aug.wage.reg %>%
  mutate(range = case_when(educ>=0 & educ<4 ~ "0 to 4",</pre>
                           educ>=4 & educ<8 ~ "4 to 8",
                           educ>=8 & educ<12 ~ "8 to 12",
                           educ>=12 & educ<16 ~ "12 to 16",
                           educ>=16 \& educ<20 ~ "16 to 18"),
         range = factor(range, levels = c("0 to 4", "4 to 8", "8 to 12", "12 to 16", "16 to 18"))) # ne
aug.wage.reg.het.sigmas <- aug.wage.reg %>%
  group_by(range) %>%
  summarize(sigmas = as.character(round(sd(.resid),2))) %>%
  slice(1:6) # remove NA row 7
ggplot(data=aug.wage.reg, aes(x=.resid)) +
  geom_density(aes(fill=range), alpha=0.5) +
  geom_label(data=aug.wage.reg.het.sigmas,
             aes(x=5,y=0.3,
                 label=sigmas,
                 color=range),size=5) +
  facet_grid(~range) +
  guides(fill="none", color="none") +
  labs(x="Residuals by Years of Schooling",
       y="Density")
```



Heteroskedasticity

```
aug.wage.reg %>%
  mutate(bins = cut_interval(educ, n=10)) %>%
ggplot(data=., aes(x=.resid, y=bins)) +
  geom_density_ridges_gradient(
    aes(fill = ..x..),
    color = "white",
    scale = 2.5,
    size = 0.5
) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, size =1 , linetype="dashed") +
  scale_fill_viridis_c() +
  labs(x = expression(hat(u)),
    y = "Years of Education") +
  theme(legend.position="none")
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 0.754



Detecting Heteroskedasticity

- Several tests to check if data is heteroskedastic
- One common test is **Breusch-Pagan test**
- Can use bptest() with 1mtest package in R
 - H_0 : homoskedastic
 - If p-value < 0.05, reject $H_0 \implies$ heteroskedastic

```
# install.packages("lmtest")
library("lmtest")
## Loading required package: zoo
##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       as.Date, as.Date.numeric
bptest(ols)
##
    studentized Breusch-Pagan test
##
##
## data: ols
## BP = 0.446, df = 1, p-value = 0.5
```

Fixing Heteroskedasticity

- Heteroskedasticity is easy to fix with software that can calculate robust standard errors
- One approach is to use estimatr package
 - lm_robust() command (instead of lm) to run regression
 - set se_type="stata" to calculate robust SEs using the formula above

```
#install.packages("estimatr")
library(estimatr)
ols.robust <-lm_robust(testscore ~ str_s, se_type="stata", data=df)
ols.robust

## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) CI Lower CI Upper DF
## (Intercept) 776.67816 18.02677 43.0847 4.1817e-170 741.2603 812.09605 498
## str_s -0.95009 0.74704 -1.2718 2.0403e-01 -2.4178 0.51764 498
```

Fixing Heteroskedasticity

	Normal	Robust
Intercept	776.68 ***	776.68 ***
	(18.41)	(18.03)
STR	-0.95	-0.95
	(0.76)	(0.75)
N	500	500
R-Squared	0.00	0.00
SER	60.27	

^{***} p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05.