

A photograph of a nuclear power plant at dusk or dawn. Several large, grey, hyperboloid cooling towers are visible, with thick white steam rising from them into a dark, cloudy sky. In the foreground, there are industrial buildings, including one with a prominent red roof section, and a network of red pipes. The overall scene is industrial and atmospheric.

Energy Industry Projections

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Data Collection & Expected Signs of Variables

Dependent Variables:

- Yearly Global Fossil Fuel Energy Consumption (*TWh*)
- Yearly Global Renewable Energy Consumption (*TWh*)

Independent Variables:

- Yearly World GDP (*USD*) (+) (+)
- Yearly Crude Oil Prices (*USD*) (-) (+)
- Yearly Global Tertiary Education Enrollments (+) (+)
- Yearly Global Nuclear Powerplants Built (-) (+)
- Environmentalism Movement (*Dummy Variable for Year > 2007*) (-) (+)

Generate Log Differences of Variables

- Approximates growth rates
- Reduces heteroskedasticity
- Reduces multicollinearity
- Prevents trending relationships from inflating results (spurious correlations)

"How much did a variable change in percentage from one year to the next?"

Empirical Models

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dln_FossilFuelTotal}_t = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{dln_WorldGDP}_t + \beta_2 * \text{dln_CrudeOilPrice} + \beta_3 * \\ & \text{dln_TertiaryEnrollment}_t + \beta_4 * \text{dln_NuclearPlants} + \beta_5 * \text{EnviroDummy} + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dln_RenewableTotal}_t = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{dln_WorldGDP}_t + \beta_2 * \text{dln_CrudeOilPrice} + \beta_3 * \\ & \text{dln_TertiaryEnrollment}_t + \beta_4 * \text{dln_NuclearPlants} + \beta_5 * \text{EnviroDummy} + \varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

Predicting Fossil Fuel Energy Consumption

```
. reg dln_FossilFuelTotal dln_WorldGDP dln_CrudeOilPrice dln_TertiaryEnrollment dln_NuclearPlants EnviroDummy
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 51 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|---------------|---|--------|
| Model | .008072011 | 5 | .001614402 | F(5, 45) | = | 6.24 |
| Residual | .011643522 | 45 | .000258745 | Prob > F | = | 0.0002 |
| Total | .019715533 | 50 | .000394311 | R-squared | = | 0.4094 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | 0.3438 |
| | | | | Root MSE | = | .01609 |

| dln_FossilFuelTotal | Coefficient | Std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. interval] | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| dln_WorldGDP | .176529 | .0486956 | 3.63 | 0.001 | .078451 | .2746071 |
| dln_CrudeOilPrice | .004592 | .0104722 | 0.44 | 0.663 | -.0165001 | .0256842 |
| dln_TertiaryEnrollment | .0902082 | .1268508 | 0.71 | 0.481 | -.1652823 | .3456988 |
| dln_NuclearPlants | .0072385 | .0034326 | 2.11 | 0.041 | .0003248 | .0141521 |
| EnviroDummy | -.0022642 | .0054171 | -0.42 | 0.678 | -.0131747 | .0086463 |
| _cons | .0047125 | .0058947 | 0.80 | 0.428 | -.00716 | .016585 |

- Model explains 34.38% of variation within fossil fuel based energy consumption
- Statistically Significant Variables: WorldGDP & Nuclear Plants Built (+?)
- Surprising to see Crude Oil have a low impact and positive coefficient

Further Testing

Variance Inflation Factor Test

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. vif
```

| Variable | VIF | 1/VIF |
|--------------|------|----------|
| dln_CrudeOve | 1.52 | 0.655787 |
| dln_WorldGDP | 1.47 | 0.678328 |
| EnviroDummy | 1.15 | 0.868132 |
| dln_Nuclea~s | 1.14 | 0.877222 |
| dln_Tertia~t | 1.08 | 0.927430 |
| Mean VIF | 1.27 | |

Heteroskedasticity Test

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Breusch-Pagan/Cook-Weisberg test for heteroskedasticity
Assumption: Normal error terms
Variable: Fitted values of `dln_FossilFuelTotal`

H0: Constant variance

chi2(1) = 0.82
Prob > chi2 = 0.3644

Omitted Variable Test

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Ramsey RESET test for omitted variables
Omitted: Powers of fitted values of `dln_FossilFuelTotal`

H0: Model has no omitted variables

F(3, 42) = 1.92
Prob > F = 0.1414

No signs of significant multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, or omitted variables

Predicting Renewable Energy Consumption

```
. reg dln_RenewableTotal dln_WorldGDP dln_CrudeOilPrice dln_TertiaryEnrollment dln_NuclearPlants EnviroDummy
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 51 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|---------------|---|--------|
| Model | .003334542 | 5 | .000666908 | F(5, 45) | = | 7.10 |
| Residual | .004228574 | 45 | .000093968 | Prob > F | = | 0.0001 |
| Total | .007563115 | 50 | .000151262 | R-squared | = | 0.4409 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | 0.3788 |
| | | | | Root MSE | = | .00969 |

| dln_RenewableTotal | Coefficient | Std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. interval] | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| dln_WorldGDP | .0248489 | .0293457 | 0.85 | 0.402 | -.0342564 | .0839542 |
| dln_CrudeOilPrice | .0019446 | .0063109 | 0.31 | 0.759 | -.0107662 | .0146555 |
| dln_TertiaryEnrollment | -.384521 | .0764448 | -5.03 | 0.000 | -.5384887 | -.2305533 |
| dln_NuclearPlants | .004658 | .0020686 | 2.25 | 0.029 | .0004916 | .0088244 |
| EnviroDummy | .0041742 | .0032645 | 1.28 | 0.208 | -.0024009 | .0107492 |
| _cons | .0298719 | .0035523 | 8.41 | 0.000 | .0227171 | .0370267 |

- Marginally better results than the fossil fuel regression
- Model explains 37.88% of variation within renewable energy consumption
- Statistically Significant Variables: Tertiary Education Enrollments (-?) & Nuclear Plants Built

Further Testing (again)

Variance Inflation Factor Test

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Heteroskedasticity Test

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Breusch-Pagan/Cook-Weisberg test for heteroskedasticity
Assumption: Normal error terms
Variable: Fitted values of `dln_RenewableTotal`

H0: Constant variance

chi2(1) = 0.10
Prob > chi2 = 0.7498

Omitted Variable Test

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Ramsey RESET test for omitted variables
Omitted: Powers of fitted values of `dln_RenewableTotal`

H0: Model has no omitted variables

F(3, 42) = 3.49
Prob > F = 0.0239

No signs of significant multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, or omitted variables

Why does this matter to business majors?

```
. reg dln_ChevronStock dln_WorldGDP dln_CrudeOilPrice dln_TertiaryEnrollment dln_NuclearPlants EnviroDummy
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 51 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|---------------|---|--------|
| Model | .197109971 | 5 | .039421994 | F(5, 45) | = | 1.59 |
| Residual | 1.11466381 | 45 | .024770307 | Prob > F | = | 0.1819 |
| | | | | R-squared | = | 0.1503 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | 0.0558 |
| Total | 1.31177378 | 50 | .026235476 | Root MSE | = | .15739 |

| dln_ChevronStock | Coefficient | Std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. interval] | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| dln_WorldGDP | .6347096 | .4764527 | 1.33 | 0.190 | -.3249155 | 1.594335 |
| dln_CrudeOilPrice | .1269868 | .1024633 | 1.24 | 0.222 | -.0793848 | .3333585 |
| dln_TertiaryEnrollment | .4721215 | 1.241146 | 0.38 | 0.705 | -2.027675 | 2.971918 |
| dln_NuclearPlants | .0058849 | .0335859 | 0.18 | 0.862 | -.0617606 | .0735303 |
| EnviroDummy | -.0025144 | .0530021 | -0.05 | 0.962 | -.1092661 | .1042374 |
| _cons | .0610587 | .0576753 | 1.06 | 0.295 | -.0551054 | .1772228 |

- Statistically Significant Variables: None

Further Testing (again, again)

Variance Inflation Factor Test

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|--------------|------|----------|
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| EnviroDummy | 1.15 | 0.868132 |
| dln_Nuclea~s | 1.14 | 0.877222 |
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Heteroskedasticity Test

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Breusch-Pagan/Cook-Weisberg test for heteroskedasticity
Assumption: Normal error terms
Variable: Fitted values of `dln_ChevronStock`

H0: Constant variance

chi2(1) = 2.15
Prob > chi2 = 0.1427

Omitted Variable Test

```
. estat ovtest
```

Ramsey RESET test for omitted variables
Omitted: Powers of fitted values of `dln_ChevronStock`

H0: Model has no omitted variables

F(3, 42) = 3.11
Prob > F = 0.0362

No signs of significant multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, or omitted variables

One final regression!

```
. reg dln_NEESTock dln_WorldGDP dln_CrudeOilPrice dln_TertiaryEnrollment dln_NuclearPlants EnviroDummy
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 36 |
|----------|-----------|----|------------|---------------|---|---------|
| Model | .0393785 | 5 | .0078757 | F(5, 30) | = | 0.51 |
| Residual | .45886869 | 30 | .015295623 | Prob > F | = | 0.7628 |
| | | | | R-squared | = | 0.0790 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | -0.0745 |
| Total | .49824719 | 35 | .014235634 | Root MSE | = | .12368 |

| dln_NEESTock | Coefficient | Std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. interval] | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| dln_WorldGDP | .2803077 | .4825143 | 0.58 | 0.566 | -.7051179 | 1.265733 |
| dln_CrudeOilPrice | -.1064215 | .0879279 | -1.21 | 0.236 | -.2859942 | .0731513 |
| dln_TertiaryEnrollment | .7911505 | 1.315831 | 0.60 | 0.552 | -1.896135 | 3.478436 |
| dln_NuclearPlants | -.0067154 | .0295641 | -0.23 | 0.822 | -.0670934 | .0536626 |
| EnviroDummy | .0449871 | .0456695 | 0.99 | 0.332 | -.0482824 | .1382567 |
| _cons | .0685848 | .064979 | 1.06 | 0.300 | -.06412 | .2012897 |

- Statistically Significant Variables: None

Further Testing (again, again, again)

Variance Inflation Factor Test

```
. vif
```

| Variable | VIF | 1/VIF |
|--------------|------|----------|
| dln_CrudeO~e | 1.46 | 0.684868 |
| dln_WorldGDP | 1.39 | 0.717334 |
| dln_Nuclea~s | 1.22 | 0.817815 |
| EnviroDummy | 1.17 | 0.857169 |
| dln_Tertia~t | 1.13 | 0.885070 |
| Mean VIF | 1.27 | |

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Heteroskedasticity Test

```
. estat hettest
```

Breusch-Pagan/Cook-Weisberg test for heteroskedasticity
Assumption: Normal error terms
Variable: Fitted values of `dln_NEEStock`

H0: Constant variance

chi2(1) = 0.07
Prob > chi2 = 0.7909

Omitted Variable Test

```
. estat ovtest
```

Ramsey RESET test for omitted variables
Omitted: Powers of fitted values of `dln_NEEStock`

H0: Model has no omitted variables

F(3, 27) = 0.06
Prob > F = 0.9810

No signs of significant multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, or omitted variables

Thank you!

Data Source Citations

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