

SAMPLE MID THEORY QNS

Q1) Consider a linear regression model with 2 independent variables (assume both are correlated with the response variable). If we add an interaction term between the independent variables to the model, how will the model be affected:

- A) The R^2 will increase (or remain the same) with certainty while the adjusted R^2 can increase or decrease
- B) Both the R^2 and adjusted R^2 will increase with certainty.
- C) The R^2 will decrease (or remain the same) with certainty while the adjusted R^2 can increase or decrease
- D) Both the R^2 and adjusted R^2 will decrease with certainty.

Q2) Which of the following is **NOT** a binary dependent variable?

- (a). Whether a customer will default on his debt.
- (b). Would a student pass a course.
- (c). Change in value of an investment.
- (d). If a firm would go bankrupt in the next year.

Q3) The odds for your team winning is 0.6 in the next game. What is the probability of your team losing in the next game?

- (A) 0.4
- (B) 0.375
- (C) 0.6
- (D) 0.625

Q4) While calculating a difference in difference, we run a regression which is as follows:
 $\text{lm}(y \sim d1 + d2 + d3)$ where $d1$ and $d2$ are dummy variables and $d3$ is their interaction term. We thus get its coefficients according to the below equation: $Y = a + b*d1 + c*d2 + d*d3$
What is the difference in difference estimator?

- (A) a
- (B) $(d-c)-(b-a)$
- (C) $a+b+c+d$
- (D) d

Q5) We want to observe a column “y” in dataset. We divide the observations into 2 parts, where y_0 is the set of observations of control group and y_1 is the set of observations of treatment group. (Let function $\text{mean}(X)$ gives the mean value of X) What is the difference estimator given by?

- (A) $\text{mean}(y_1) - \text{mean}(y_0)$
- (B) $\text{Covariance}(y_1, y_0)$
- (C) $1 - \text{mean}(y_1)/\text{mean}(y_0)$
- (D) $\text{mean}(y_0) - \text{mean}(y_1)$

Q6) Which of these asset classes has historically been the safest (least risky)?

- a) Small Cap Stocks
- b) Large Cap Stocks
- c) Corporate Bonds
- d) Treasury Bonds

Q7) A company of market value \$10 billion has a stock split of 2 for 1. Each share is valued at \$100 before the stock split. What is the value of each share after the stock split?

- a) \$50
- b) \$100
- c) \$150
- d) \$200

Q8) A speculative fund manager wants to take advantage of mis-pricing in the market, where he sees a stock trading at \$13.00 after the closing bell at around 5:00 PM and decides to place a bet the next day once the market opens. Unfortunately, when he wakes up, he sees the the best bid and offer prices of the stock (in \$) as follows:

Bid: 13.20 x200	Ask: 13.27 x1,000
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What is the delay cost per share he will incur if he places a market order immediately?

- a) \$0.20
- b) \$0.27
- c) \$0.235
- d) There is no delay cost and the order will get executed at \$13

Q9) The stock price of Tesla on 31st December 2019 was \$418.33 and on 25th February 2020 it is \$799.91. Its book value per share is \$41.25 which is same for both dates. Calculating the change in value factor (book value to price ratio) and momentum (percentage change in price). What does this imply about the value factor and momentum factor?

- A. Value Factor and Momentum Factor both go up
- B. Value Factor and momentum Factor both go down
- C. Value Factor goes up and momentum Factor goes down
- D. Value Factor goes down and momentum Factor goes up

Q10) Suppose we ran a factor regression for a stock fund to see which factors explains its returns and got the following output:

	<i>Coefficients</i>	<i>Standard Error</i>	<i>t Stat</i>	<i>P-value</i>
Intercept	-0.003	0.004	-0.724	0.473
Mkt-RF	0.757	0.140	5.394	1.634E-06
SMB	-0.721	0.159	-4.543	3.238E-05
HML	-0.056	0.165	-0.338	0.736

Where Mkt-RF is the excess market return, SMB is the Size factor and HML is the Value factor. Looking at the coefficients of the factors, this fund is most likely a:

- A. Growth Fund
- B. Large-Cap Fund
- C. Small-Cap Fund
- D. Value Fund

CODING QNS

Load dataset “**College**” from Package “ISLR” in R for Q1 and 2.

Q1) Please estimate a linear regression model (using the lm function) with Personal as the dependent variable and Room.Board as the independent variable. What are the model’s R-squared and adjusted R-squared values?

- a) 0.00549, 0.048
- b) 0.0143, 0.022
- c) 0.0398, 0.0385
- d) 0.0325, 0.0336

Q2) Based on the linear-linear regression model in the previous question (with Personal as the dependent variable and Room.Board as the independent variable), fit three nonlinear models using those two variables. Based on their adjusted R-squared values, which one of the four models is most appropriate to use?

- a) Log-Linear
- b) Log-Log
- c) Linear-Linear
- d) Linear-Log

Q3) Interpret the coefficient of the independent variable for the Log-Log model.

- a) 1% increase in Room.Board leads to $(e^{(0.0040568)} - 1) * 100\%$ decrease in Personal
- b) 1 unit increase in Room.Board leads to $0.40568 * 100\%$ decrease in Personal
- c) 1 unit increase in Room.Board leads to $(e^{0.40568}) * 100\%$ decrease in Personal
- d) 1% increase in Room.Board leads to 0.40568% increase in Personal

Instructions for Q4 – 5

Imagine you are interested in knowing how variables like GRE (Graduate Record Exam scores), GPA (Grade Point Average) etc affect admission into graduate school. The response variable, "**admit**" (admit/don't admit), is a binary variable. Create a logistic regression model using the dataset **binary.csv**. Use the information from the model to answer the following five questions. Select the closest answer.

Q4) How to interpret the coefficient of gre?

- A. If gre increases by 1 unit, the natural log of the odds of admission increases by 0.003.
- B. If gre increases by 1 unit, the odds of admission increase by a factor of $\exp(0.003)$.
- C. If gre increases by 1 unit, the odds of admission increase by roughly 100×0.003 percent.
- D. All of the above.

Q5)

If a student has a GRE score of 330, with 0.1 unit increase in GPA, what is the change of the natural log of predicted odds of this student getting admitted into graduate school?

- A. $\exp(-4.949 + 0.003 \times 0.1 + 0.755 \times 330) / [1 + \exp(-4.949 + 0.003 \times 0.1 + 0.755 \times 330)]$
- B. $\exp(-4.949 + 0.003 \times 0.1 + 0.755 \times 330)$
- C. 0.0755
- D. None of the above

Instructions for Q6 to Q8

Use the dataset **Berkshire.csv** with the following variables.

- Column (1): *Date*, Calendar Date
- Column (2): *BRKret*, Berkshire Hathaway's monthly return
- Column (3): *MKT*, the return on the aggregate stock market
- Column (4): *RF*, the risk free rate of return

Q6) Relative to the aggregate market, Berkshire Hathaway has:

- a. Underperformed the market
- b. Outperformed the market by 0.25% to 0.50% per month on average
- c. Outperformed the market by greater than 0.75% per month on average

Q7) \$10,000 invested in Berkshire Hathaway at the start of the sample period would have grown to _____ by the end of the sample period

- a. \$900,000
- b. \$10,000,000
- c. \$25,000,000
- d. Over \$30,000,000

Q8) What is Berkshire Hathaway's monthly Sharpe ratio?

- a. 0.10
- b. 0.55
- c. 0.80
- d. 0.23

Instructions for Q9 to Q10

Use the data set UPS_KO.csv to answer the following questions:

Date: This column represents date from 09/2014 to 08/2019.

Mkt_RF: This column represents market premium (i.e., Market return – risk_free rate).

SMB: This column represents the value of the size factor.

HML: This column represents the value of the value factor.

RF: This column represents risk free rate.

UPS: This column represents the return of UPS.

KO: This column represents the return of KO.

Estimate a three-factor model by regressing return in excess of the risk free rate on Mkt_rf; SMB; and HML for both UPS and KO

Q9) The coefficient of HML for the three factor model for UPS suggests that:

- A. UPS is tilted towards small cap stocks
- B. UPS is tilted towards large cap stocks
- C. UPS is tilted towards value stocks
- D. UPS is tilted towards growth stocks

Q10) Based on their three factor model, which firm has a higher level of performance? What is this firm's return (performance level)?

- A. UPS, 0.06% per month
- B. UPS, 0.09% per month
- C. KO, 0.2 % per month
- D. KO, 0.2% per year