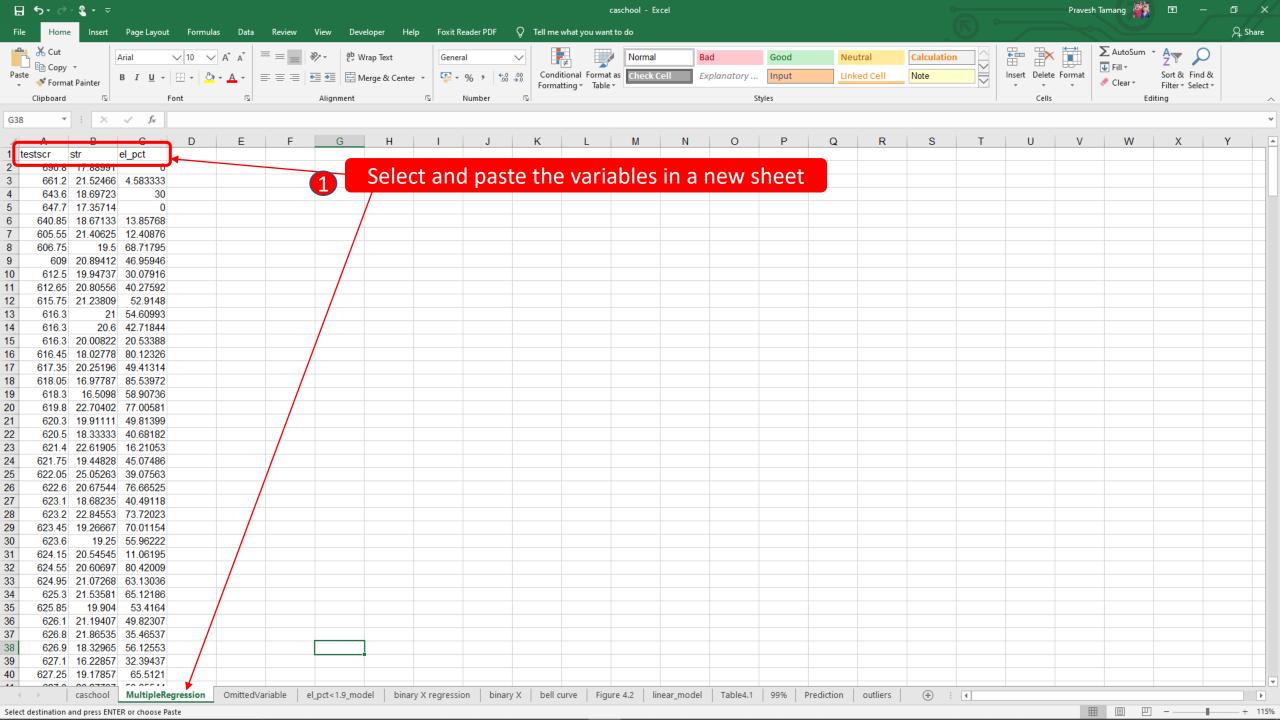
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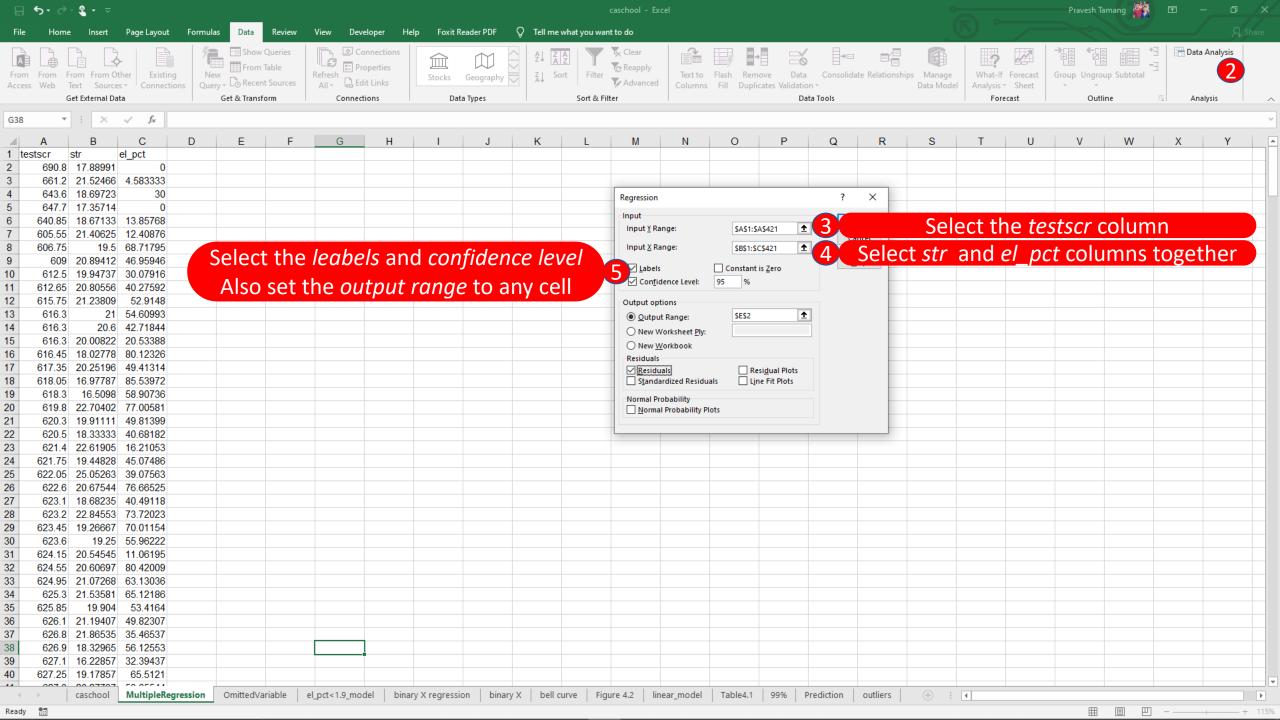
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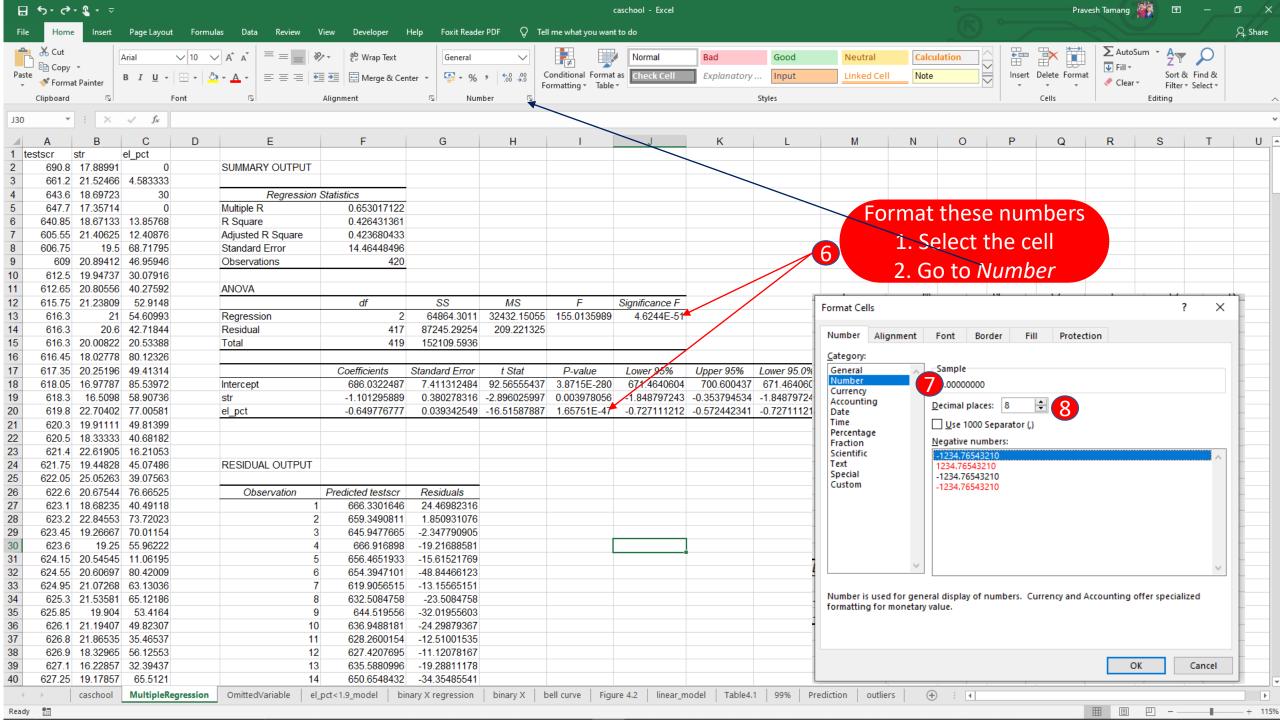
## Linear Regression with Multiple Regressors

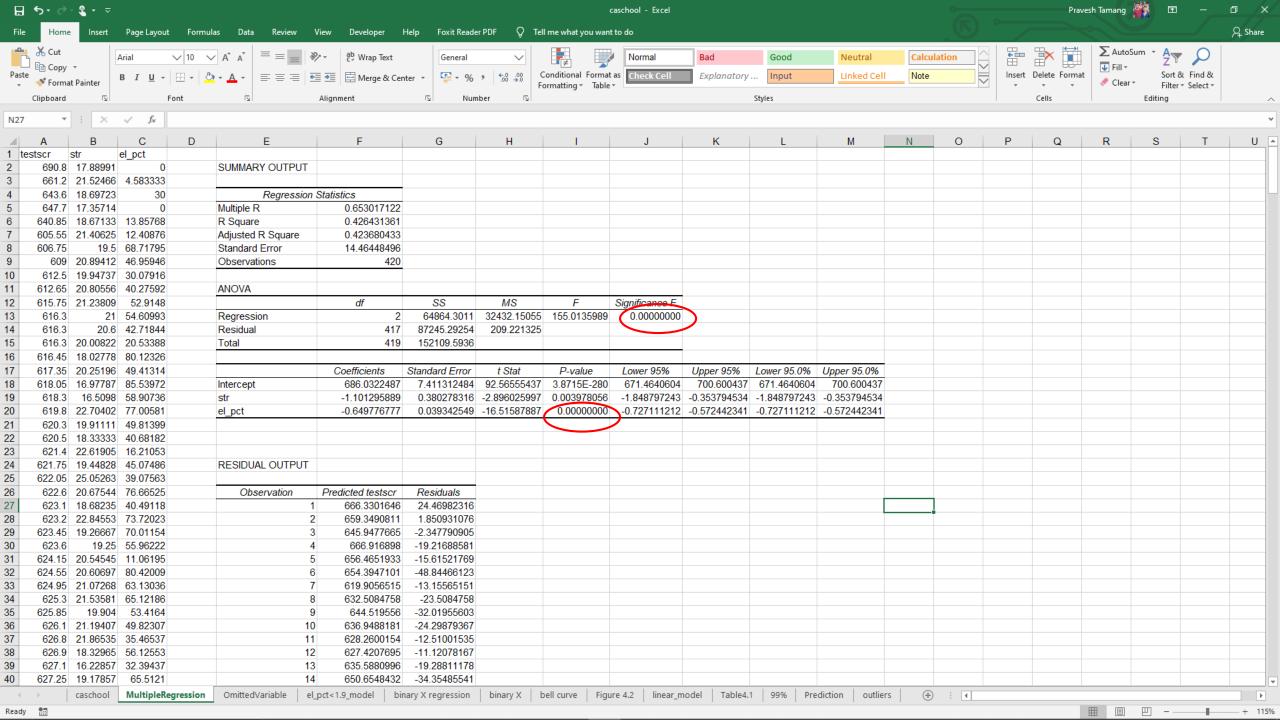
# The Multiple Regression Model

• Our multiple regression model is  $TestScore = \beta_0 + \beta_1 STR + \beta_2 PctEL$ , where PctEl is the percentage of students in the district who are English learners.









### Omitted Variable Bias

#### **SERIES IN DATA SET caschool:**

DIST\_CODE: DISTRICT CODE;

READ\_SCR: AVG READING SCORE;

MATH\_SCR: AVG MATH SCORE;

COUNTY: COUNTY;

DISTRICT: DISTRICT;

GR\_SPAN: GRADE SPAN OF DISTRICT;

ENRL TOT: TOTAL ENROLLMENT;

TEACHERS: NUMBER OF TEACHERS;

COMPUTER: NUMBER OF COMPUTERS;

TESTSCR: AVG TEST SCORE (= (READ\_SCR+MATH\_SCR)/2 );

COMP STU: COMPUTERS PER STUDENT ( = COMPUTER/ENRL TOT);

EXPN\_STU: EXPENTITURES PER STUDENT (\$'S);

STR: STUDENT TEACHER RATIO (ENRL TOT/TEACHERS);

EL\_PCT: PERCENT OF ENGLISH LEARNERS;

MEAL\_PCT: PERCENT QUALIFYING FOR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH;

CALW\_PCT: PERCENT QUALIFYING FOR CALWORKS;

AVGINC: DISTRICT AVERAGE INCOME (IN \$1000'S);

#### **Example #1: Percentage of English learners**

- What was our previous assessment about testscr?
  - We estimated the linear model  $testscr = 698.9 2.27 \times str$
  - Interpretation: Class with higher *str* i.e. larger class size tend to have **lower** *testscr*.
- Reasons for considering *el\_pct* as omitted variable;
  - Large immigration population in California
  - Students in the district who are still learning English.
    - Students who are still learning English might perform worse on standardized tests as compared to native English speakers.
    - The larger class sizes str might also have students still learning English. Therefore, considering the OLS estimate  $testscr = 698.9 2.27 \times str$ , the policy would be considering lowering the str value to improve testscr. But this might not solve the problem because of the English learning students in the class.

### Omitted Variable Bias in Regression with a Single Regressor

Omitted variable bias is the bias in the OLS estimator that arises when the regressor, X, is correlated with an omitted variable. For omitted variable bias to occur, two conditions must be true:

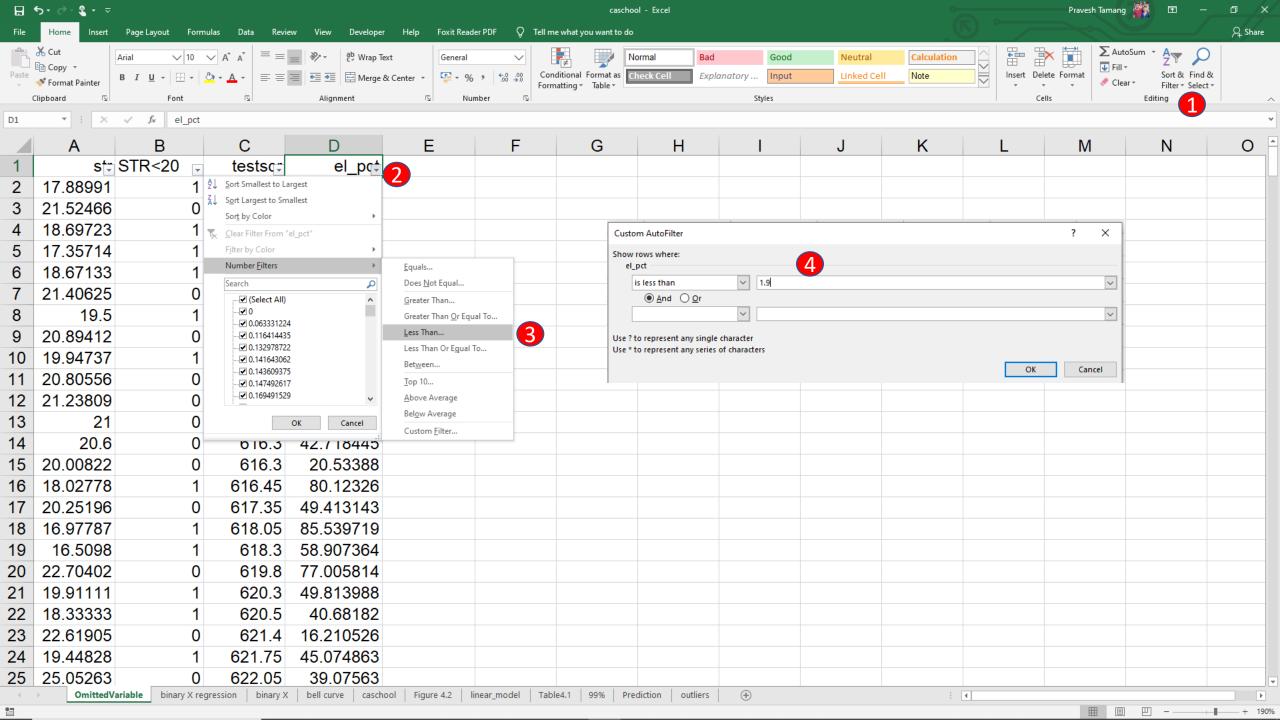
- 1. X is correlated with the omitted variable.
- 2. The omitted variable is a determinant of the dependent variable, Y

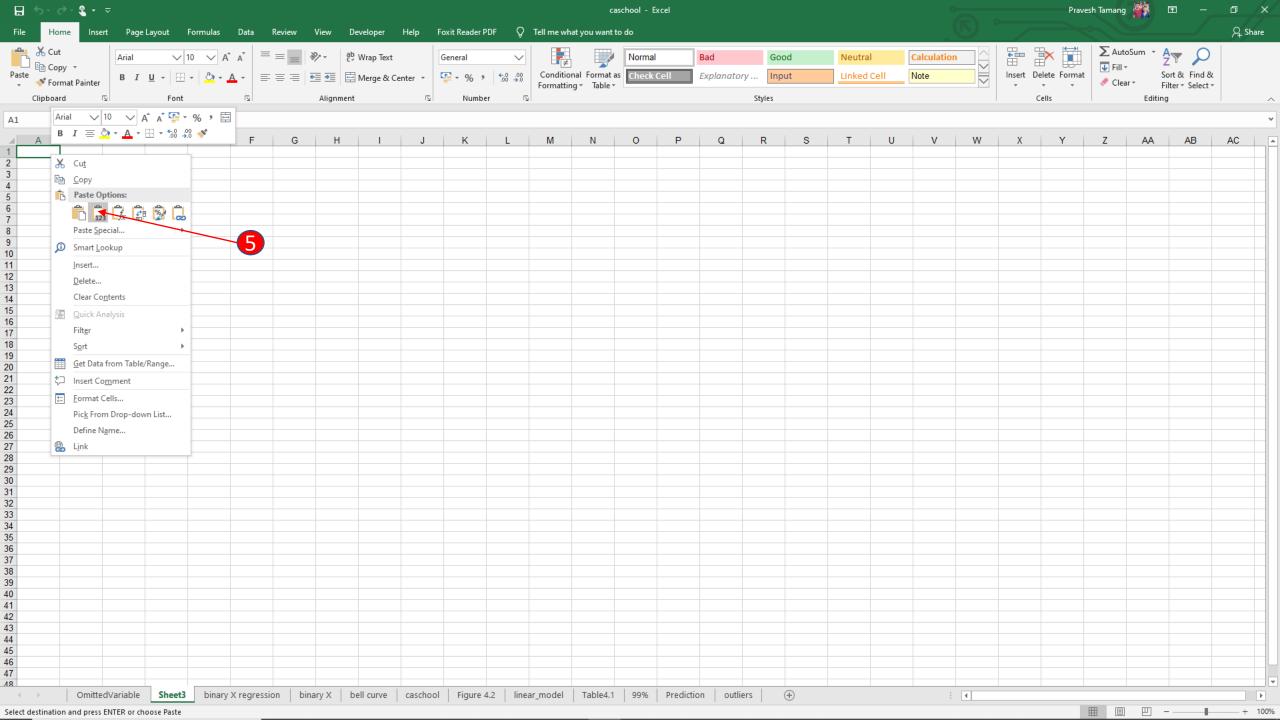
#### Addressing Omitted Variable Bias by Dividing the Data into Groups

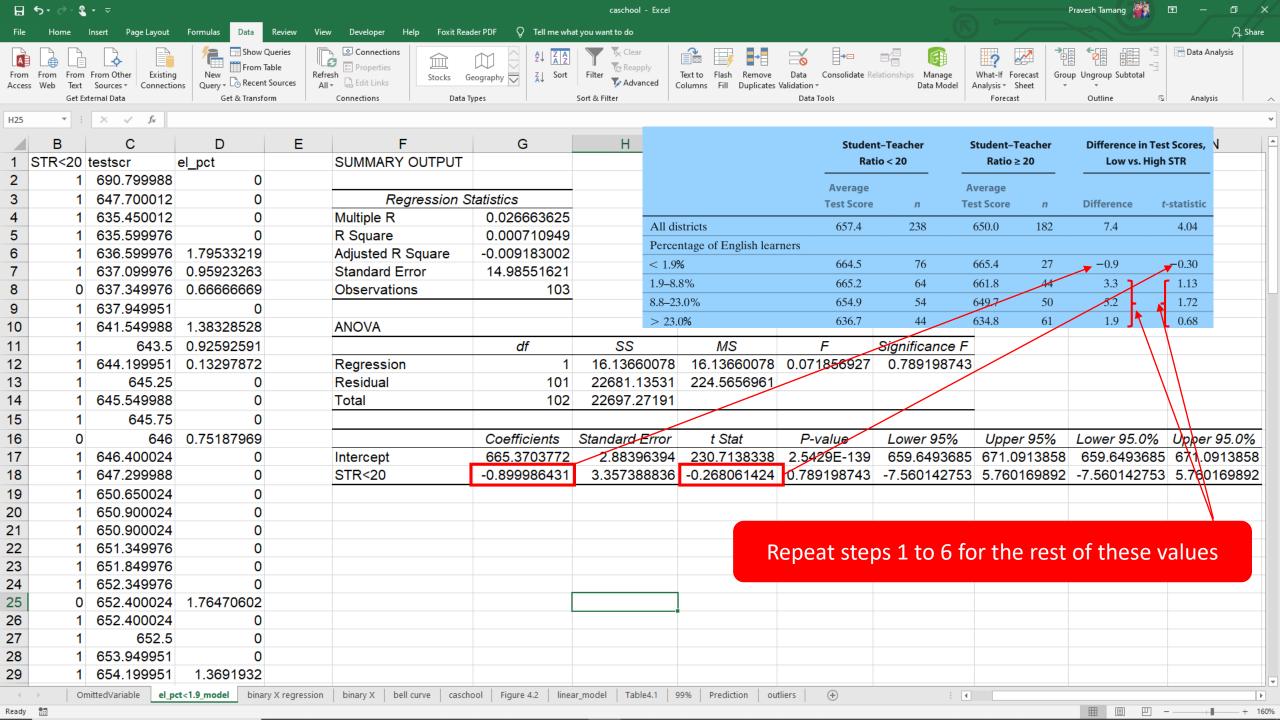
- Relationship between class size **str** and test scores **testscr** within districts with comparable percentages of English learners.
  - First, the districts are broken into four categories that correspond to the quartiles of the distribution of the percentage of English learners across districts.
  - Second, within each of these four categories, districts are further broken down into two groups, depending on whether the student–teacher ratio is small str < 20 or large  $str \ge 20$ .

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	Student-Teacher Ratio < 20		Student–Teacher Ratio ≥ 20		Difference in Test Scores, Low vs. High STR	
	Average Test Score	n	Average Test Score	n	Difference	t-statistic
All districts	657.4	238	650.0	182	7.4	4.04
Percentage of English learners						
< 1.9%	664.5	76	665.4	27	-0.9	-0.30
1.9-8.8%	665.2	64	661.8	44	3.3	1.13
8.8–23.0%	654.9	54	649.7	50	5.2	1.72
> 23.0%	636.7	44	634.8	61	1.9	0.68





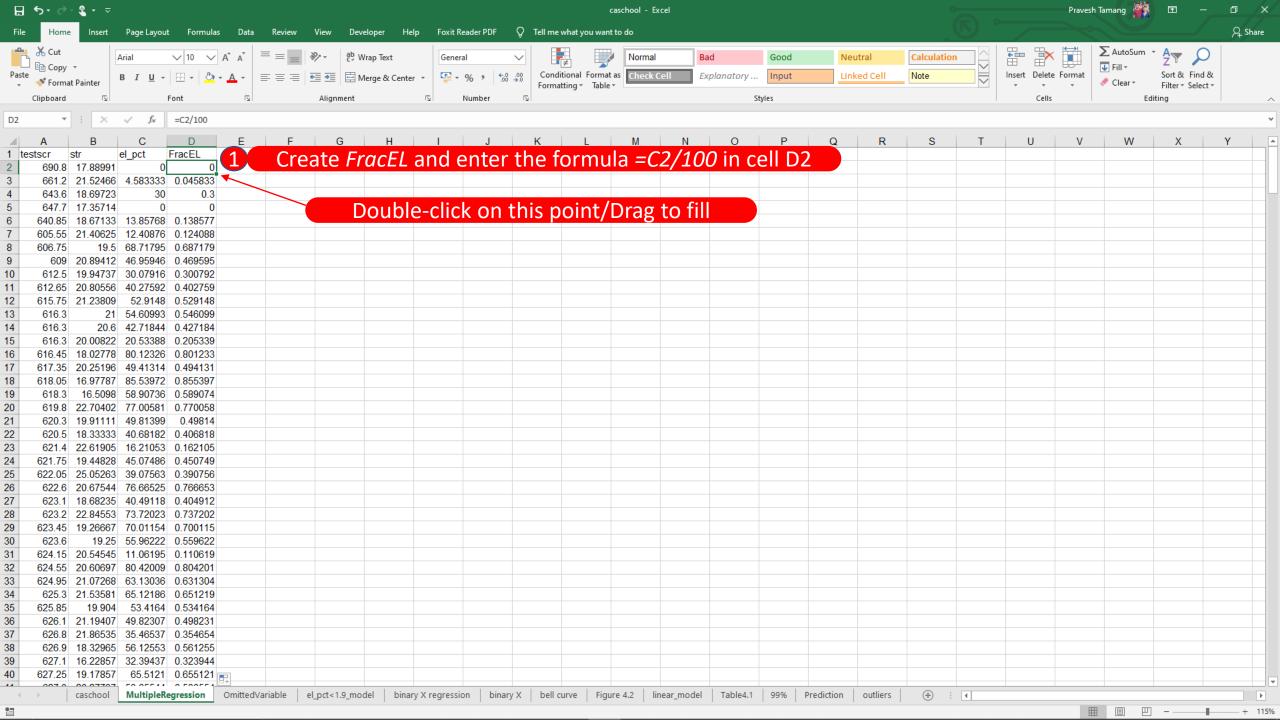


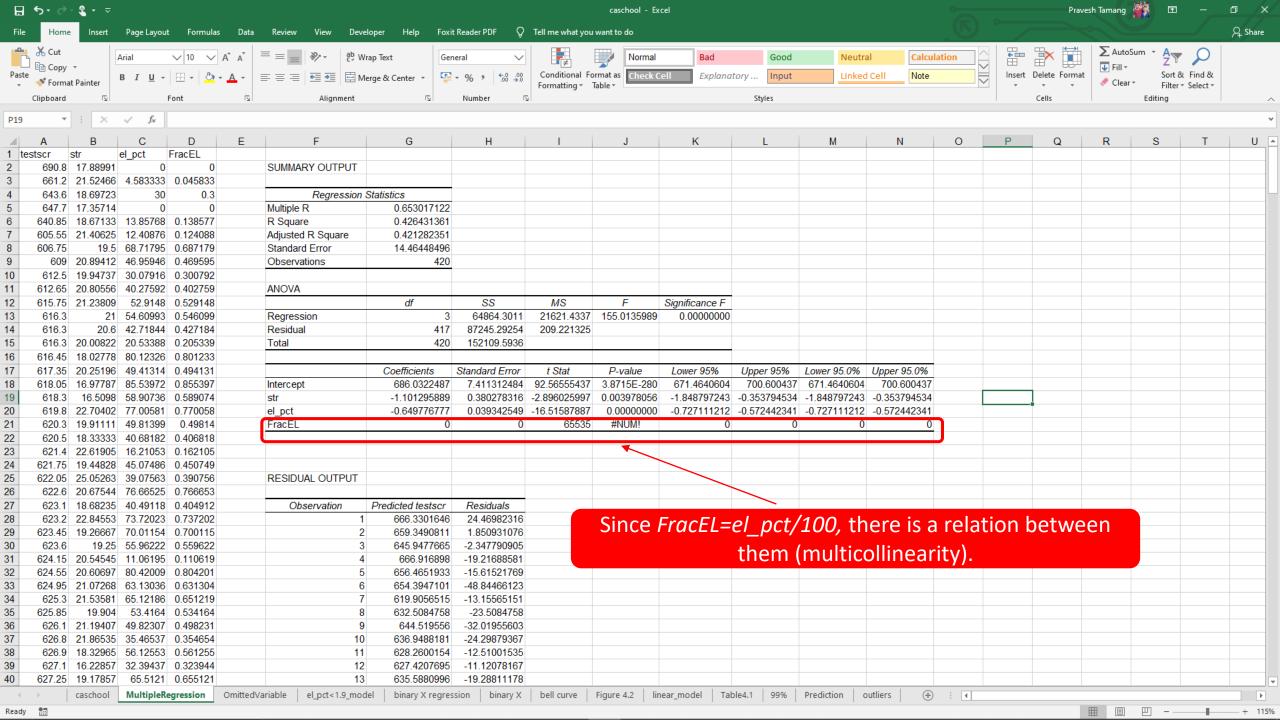
## Multicollinearity

Example #1: Fraction of English Learners

Consider the following model, where we add another variable  $FracEL = \frac{el\_pct}{100}$ , i.e. the fraction of English learners.

Create a new variable *FracEL* in a new column.



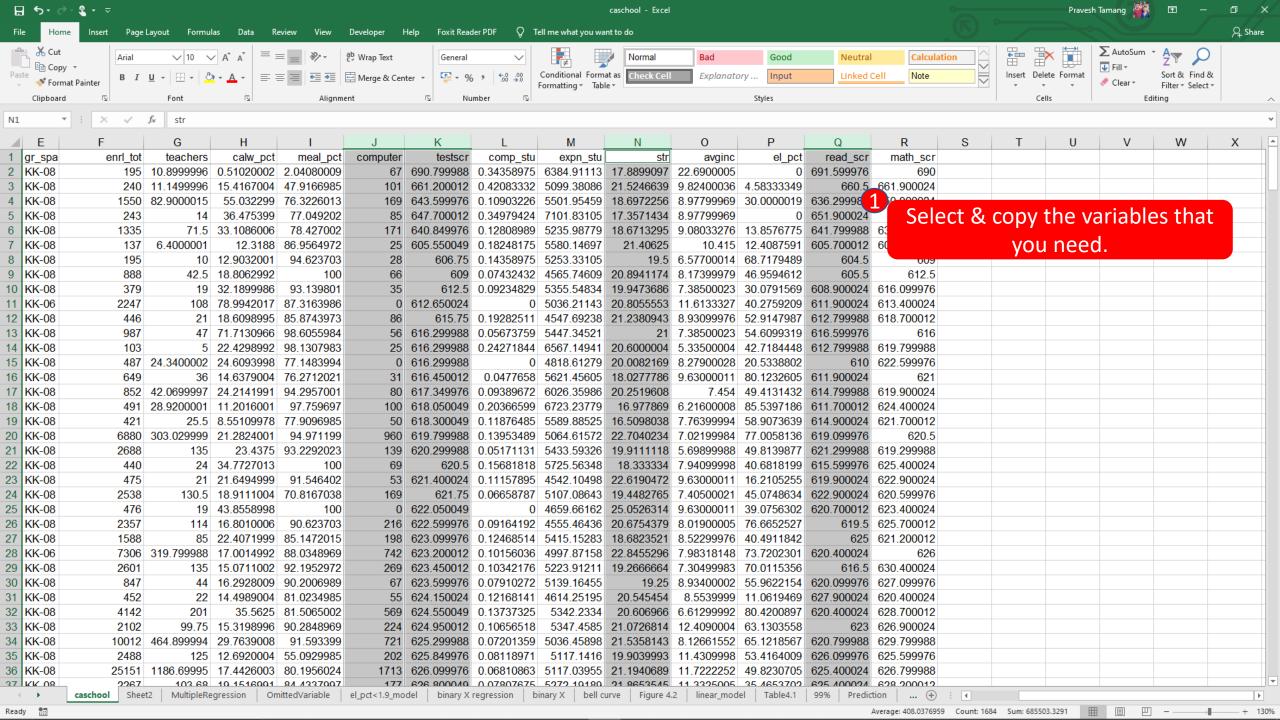


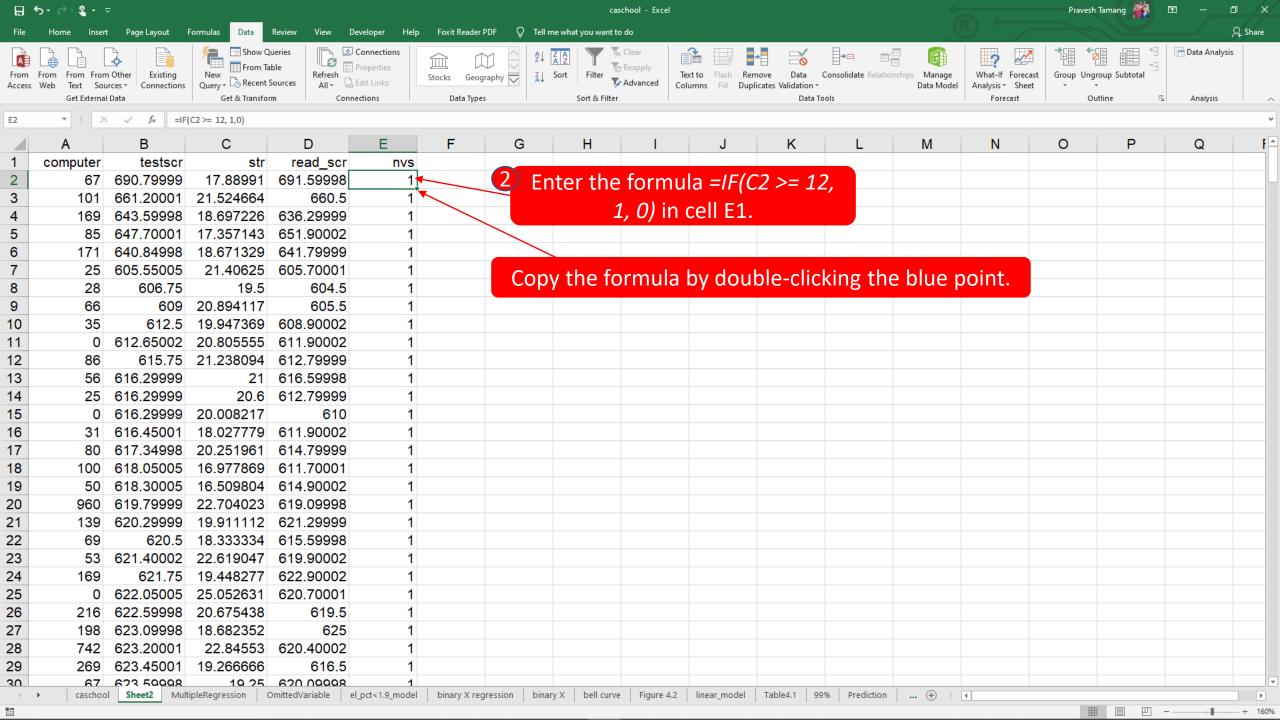
Example #2: "Not very small" classes.

Let  $NVS_i$  be a binary variable that equals 1 if the student-teacher ratio in the  $i^{th}$  district is "not very small", specifically,  $NVS_i$  equals 1 if  $STR_i \ge 12$  and equals 0 otherwise.

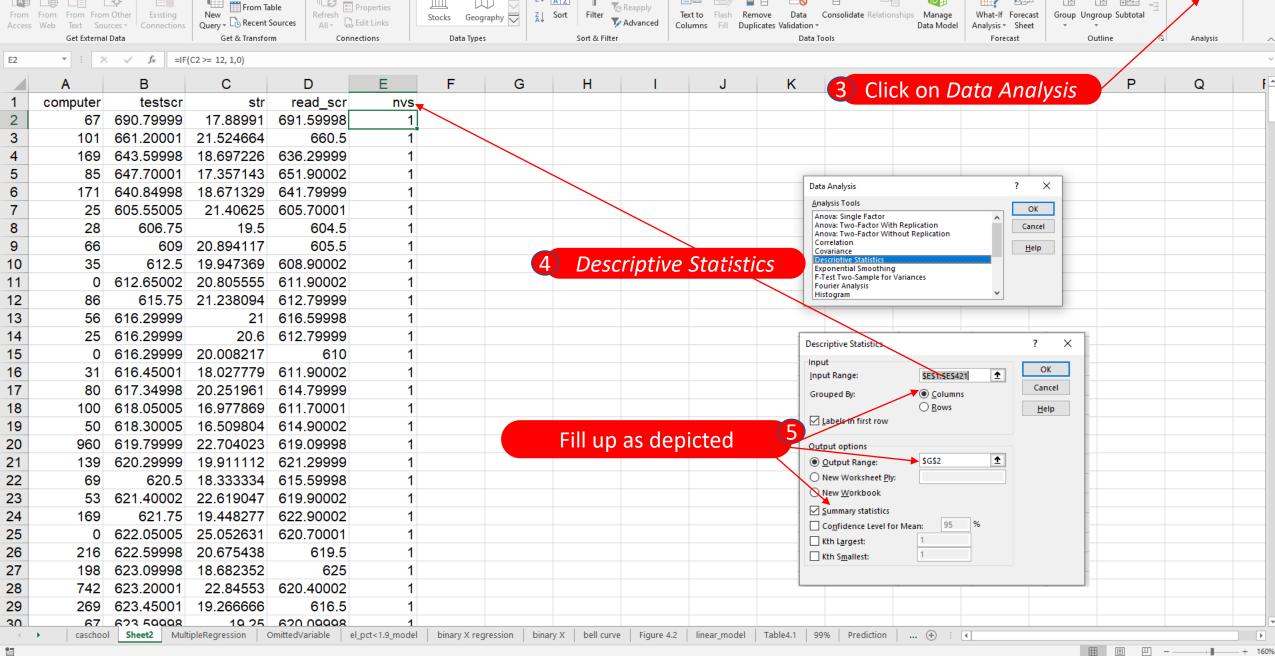
$$NVS = \begin{cases} 1, & if STR \ge 12 \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Variables used: testscr, read\_scr, computer, nvs









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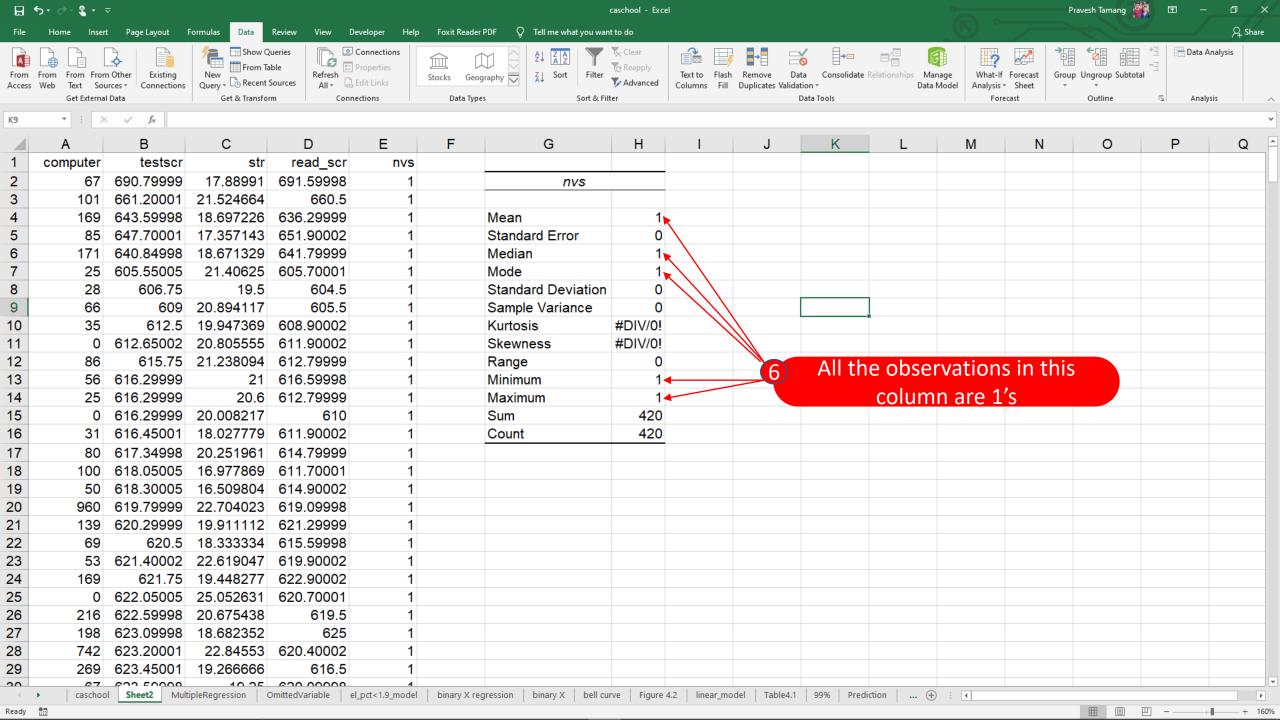
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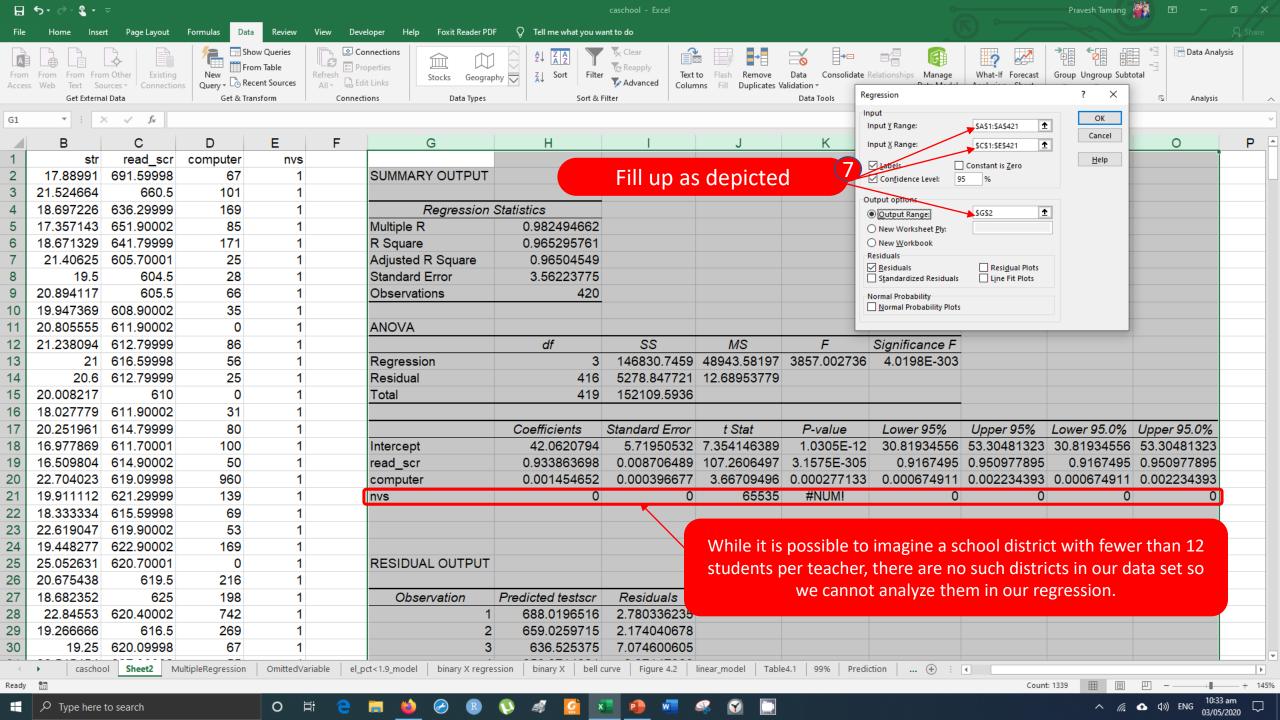
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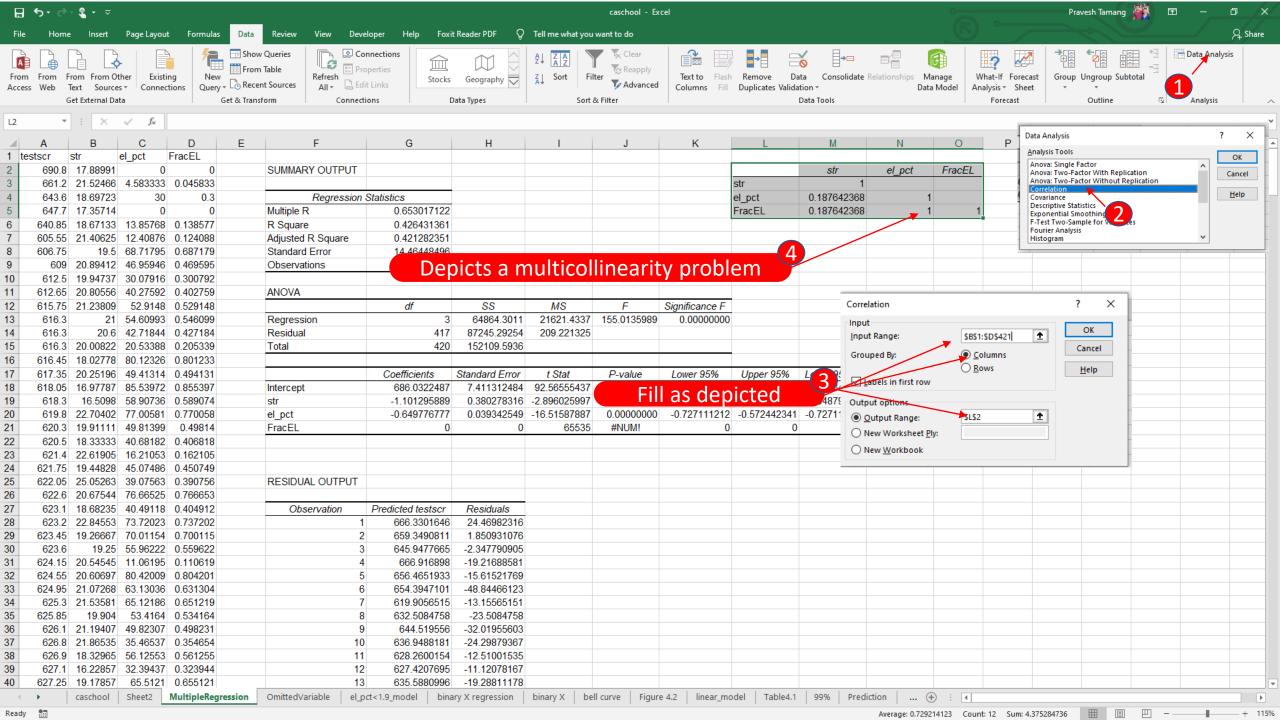




## Identifying multicollinearity

Pairwise correlation coefficients

- Calculate the sample correlation coefficient.
- As a rule of thumb, correlation coefficients around 0.8 or above may signal a multicollinearity problem.
- Use the *caschool* dataset that we used earlier.
- The independent variables are; str, el\_pct, FracEL



## Identifying multicollinearity

Auxiliary regression and the variance inflation factor (VIF)

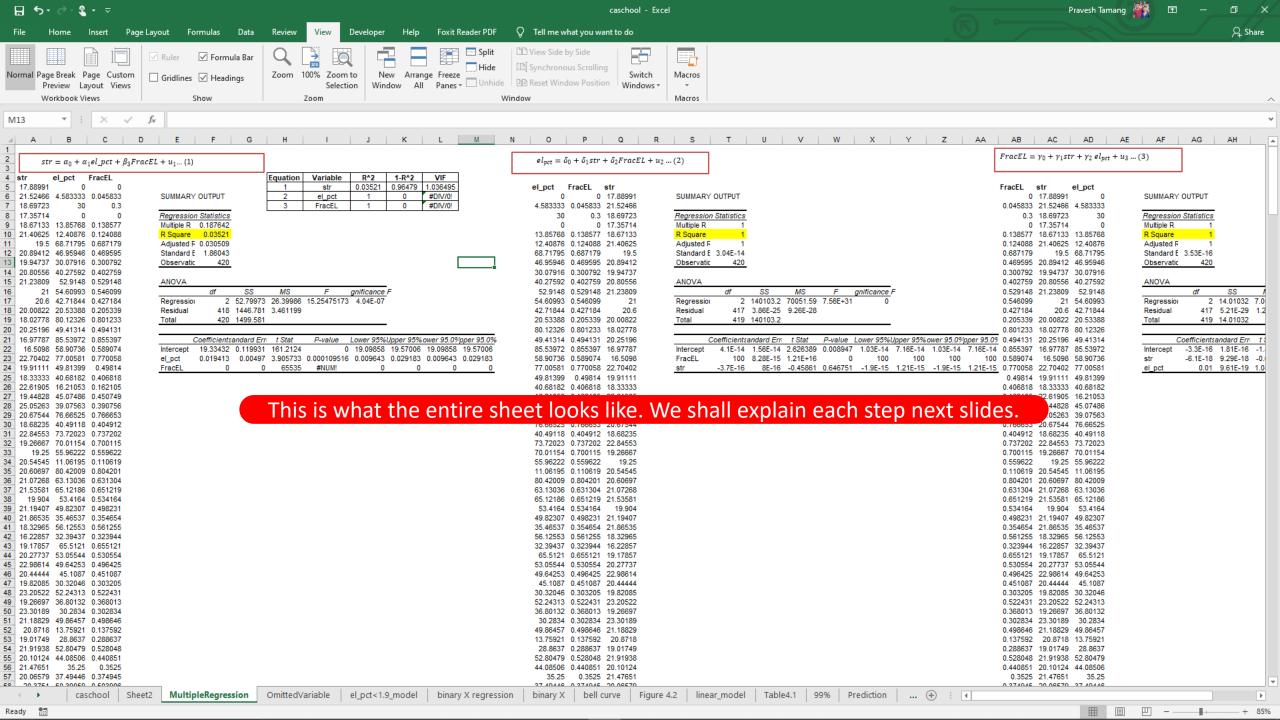
#### Steps:

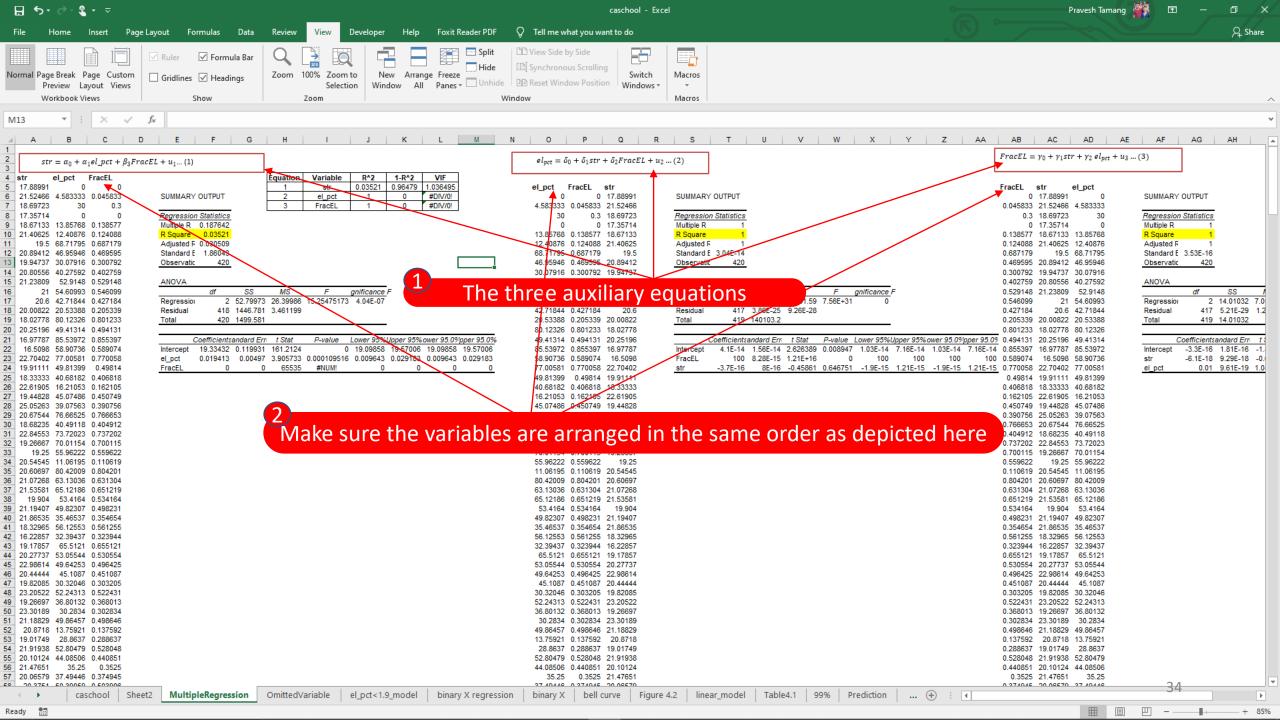
- 1. Our model is  $testscr = \beta_0 + \beta_1 str + \beta_2 el\_pct + \beta_3 FracEL + u$
- 2. Estimate the auxiliary regressions

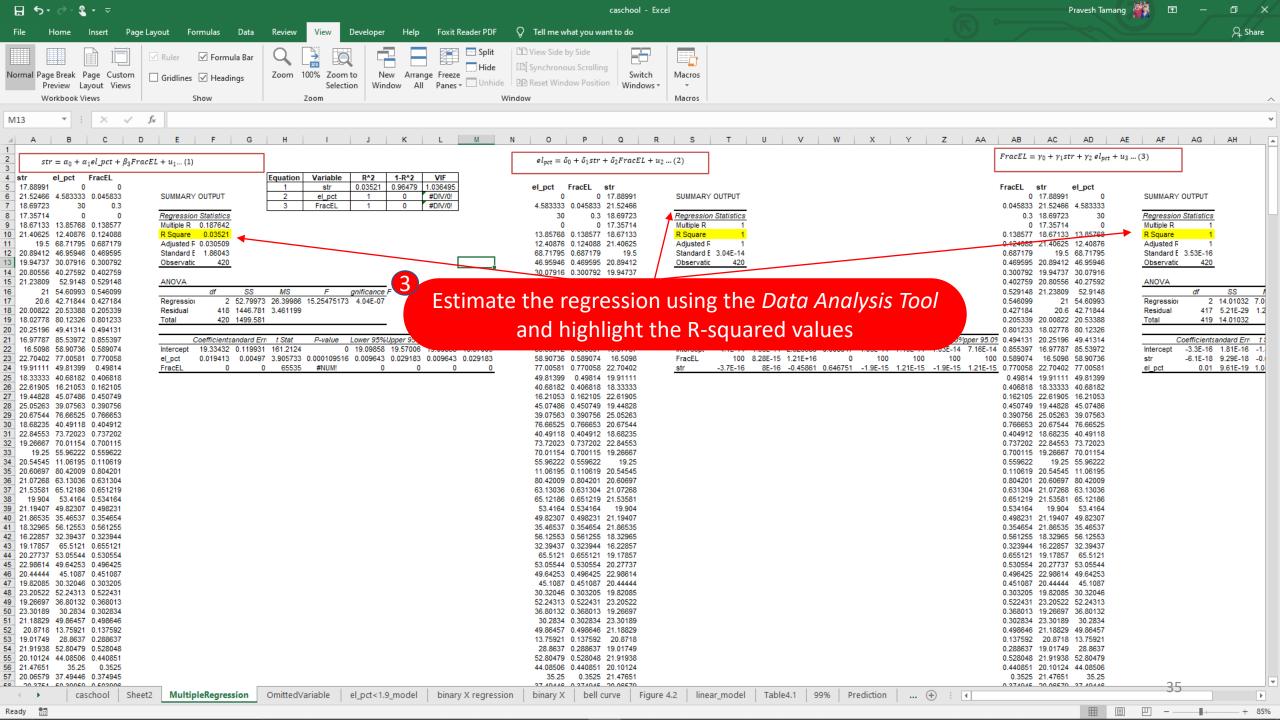
$$str = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 el\_pct + \beta_3 FracEL + u_1... (1)$$
 
$$el_{pct} = \delta_0 + \delta_1 str + \delta_2 FracEL + u_2 ... (2)$$
 
$$FracEL = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 str + \gamma_2 el_{pct} + u_3 ... (3)$$
 to obtain  $R_1^2, R_2^2, R_3^2$ .

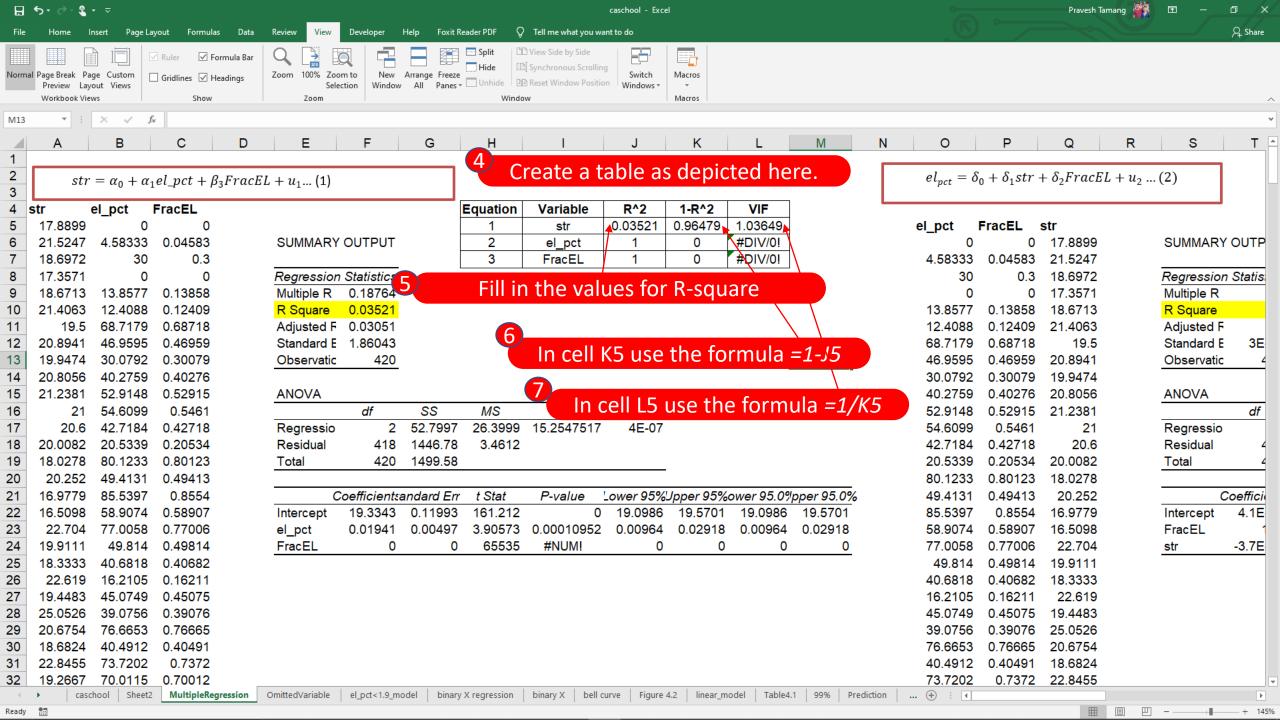
3. Obtain the VIF for each independent variable using the formula

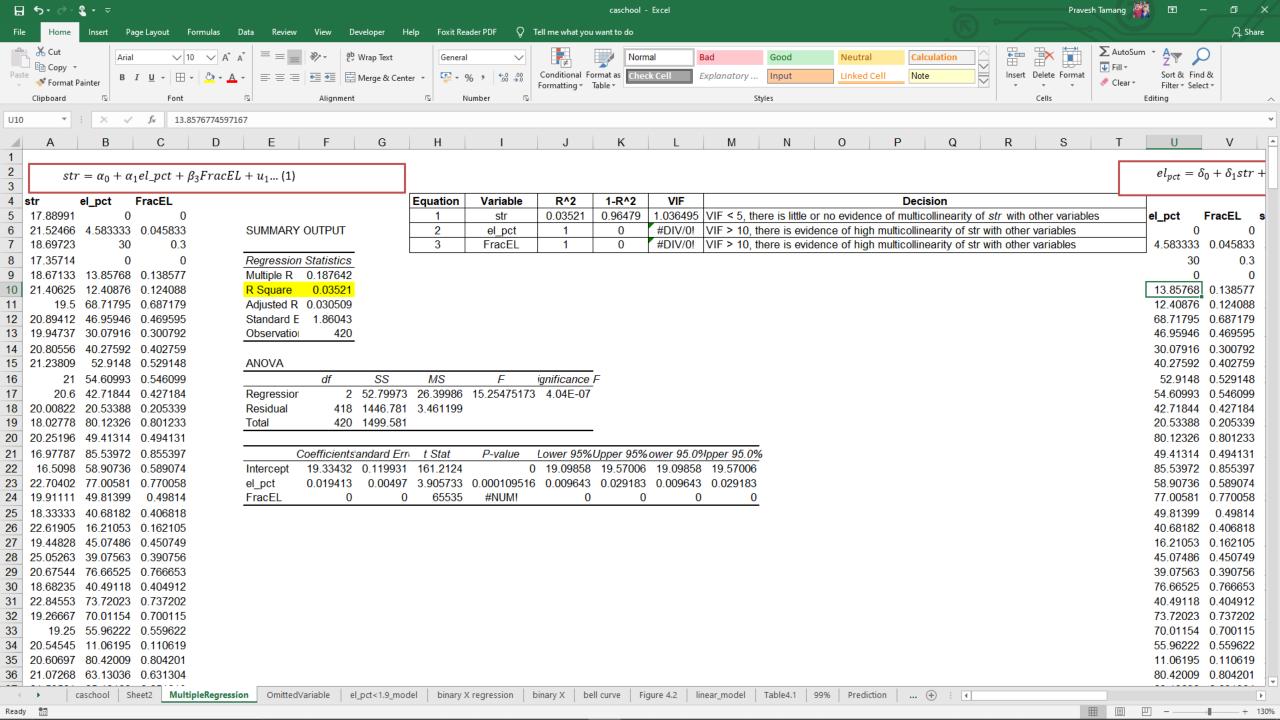
$$VIF_k = \frac{1}{1 - R_k^2}$$











### Exercises

- E6.1 Use the **Birthweight\_Smoking** data set introduced in Empirical Exercise E5.3 to answer the following questions.
- (a). Regress Birthweight on Smoker. What is the estimated effect of smoking on birth weight?
- (b). Regress Birthweight on Smoker, Alcohol, and Nprevist.
- (i). Using the two conditions in Key Concept 6.1, explain why the exclusion of Alcohol and Nprevist could lead to omitted variable bias in the regression estimated in (a).
- (ii). Is the estimated effect of smoking on birth weight substantially different from the regression that excludes Alcohol and Nprevist? Does the regression in (a) seem to suffer from omitted variable bias?
- (iii). Jane smoked during her pregnancy, did not drink alcohol, and had 8 prenatal care visits. Use the regression to predict the birth weight of Jane's child.

- E6.2 Using the data set **Growth** described in Empirical Exercise E4.1, but excluding the data for Malta, carry out the following exercises.
- (a). Construct a table that shows the sample mean, standard deviation, and minimum and maximum values for the series Growth, TradeShare, YearsSchool, Oil, Rev\_Coups, Assassinations, and RGDP60. Include the appropriate units for all entries.
- (b). Run a regression of Growth on TradeShare, YearsSchool, Rev\_Coups, Assassinations, and RGDP60. What is the value of the coefficient on Rev\_Coups? Interpret the value of this coefficient. Is it large or small in a real-world sense?
- (c). Use the regression to predict the average annual growth rate for a country that has average values for all regressors.
- (d). Repeat (c) but now assume that the country's value for TradeShare is one standard deviation above the mean.
- (e). Why is Oil omitted from the regression? What would happen if it were included?