

Exercise 2.4.2

$$e_i = 0.03 - 0.06EL2_i - 0.09EL3_i + 0.06EL4_i + \text{res}_i$$
$$R^2 = 0.04$$

(a) Give an intuitive interpretation of the four regression coefficients.

For $EL1 = 1$, $e_i = 0.03$. Actual wage is about 3% higher than predicted by the current model for education level 1.

For $EL2 = 1$, $e_i = 0.03 - 0.06 = -0.03$. Actual wage is about 3% lower than predicted by the current model for education level 2.

For $EL3 = 1$, $e_i = 0.03 - 0.09 = -0.06$. Actual wage is about 6% lower than predicted by the current model for education level 3.

For $EL4 = 1$, $e_i = 0.03 + 0.06 = 0.09$. Actual wage is about 9% higher than predicted by the current model for education level 4.

(b) Test if the three dummy coefficients are jointly significant, by means of the F-test

$$F = \frac{(R_1^2 - R_0^2)/g}{(1 - R_1^2)/(n - k)}$$

$$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$$

$$e_i = \beta_1 + \text{res}_i$$

$$e = X\beta_1 + \text{res}$$

$$\text{where } x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (x \times 1) \text{ vector}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\
\hat{\beta}_1 &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T e \\
&= \left((1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} (1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_0 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} \\
&= n^{-1} (1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_0 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = \bar{e}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{res}_i &= e_i - \hat{\beta}_i \\
&= e_i - \bar{e}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
SSR &= \sum \text{res}_i^2 = \sum (e_i - \bar{e})^2 \\
SST &= \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum (e_i - \bar{e})^2 \\
R_0^2 &= 1 - \frac{\sum \text{res}_i^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{1} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

F-test :

$$R_1^2 = 0.04 \text{ (given)}$$

$$R_0^2 = 0$$

$$g = 3 \ (\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4)$$

$$n = 500 \text{ (given)}$$

$$k = 4 \ (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4)$$

$$\text{Critical value } f_{0.025, 3, 496} = 2.6$$

$$F = \frac{(R_1^2 - R_0^2)/g}{(1 - R_1^2)/(n - k)} = \frac{(0.04 - 0)/3}{(1 - 0.04)/(496)} = 6.89$$

$$F = 6.89 > 2.6, \text{ reject } H_0$$

(c) Give an economic interpretation of the result in part (b).

$$\text{Original } \log(\text{Wage})_i = 3.05 - 0.04\text{Female}_i + 0.03\text{Age}_i + 0.23\text{Educ}_i \\ - 0.37\text{Parttime}_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$\text{New } \log(\text{Wage})_i = 3.32 - 0.03\text{Female}_i + 0.03\text{Age}_i + 0.17\text{EL2}_i + 0.38\text{EL3}_i \\ + 0.78\text{EL4}_i - 0.37\text{Parttime}_i + \epsilon_i$$

Model with fixed education level effects gives systematically biased wage forecast for each education level.

For example:

In the original model, for education level 2, wage is $e^{0.23} = 26\%$ higher. In the new model, wage is only $e^{0.17} = 19\%$ higher.

(d) Above, it was stated that the residuals res_i have sample mean zero for each of the four education levels. Can you prove this result?

$$X^T e = 0$$

$$X^T \text{res} = 0$$

$$\sum \text{res}_i = \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=1} \text{res}_i + \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=2} \text{res}_i + \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=3} \text{res}_i + \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=4} \text{res}_i = 0$$

$$\text{Regression property } \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=2} \text{res}_i = \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=3} \text{res}_i = \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=4} \text{res}_i = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{Educ}_i=1} \text{res}_i = 0$$

Since the sum of residual is zero, the sample mean for each education level must be zero.