

# Chapter 11

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## Exercise 11.7

Upload packages

```
library(wooldridge)
library(lmreg)
library(car)
```

Upload database

```
data<-wooldridge::consump
attach(data)
```

Use CONSUMP.RAW for this exercise. One version of the permanent income hypothesis (PIH) of consumption is that the growth in consumption is unpredictable. [Another version\*\* is that the change in consumption itself is unpredictable; see Mankiw (1994, Chapter 15) \*\*for discussion of the PIH.] Let  $gc_t = \log(c_t) - \log(c_{t-1})$  be the growth in real per capita consumption (of nondurables and services). Then the PIH implies that  $\mathbb{E}(gc_t | I_{t-1}) = \mathbb{E}(gc_t)$ , where  $I_{t-1}$  denotes information known at time (t - 1); in this case, t denotes a year.

(i) Test the PIH by estimating  $gc_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 gc_{t-1} + u_t$ . Clearly state the null and alternative hypotheses. What do you conclude ?

```
summary(lm1<-lm(gc~gc_1))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = gc ~ gc_1)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.027878 -0.005974 -0.001450  0.007142  0.020227
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  0.011431   0.003778   3.026  0.00478 **
## gc_1         0.446133   0.156047   2.859  0.00731 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.01161 on 33 degrees of freedom
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1985, Adjusted R-squared:  0.1742
## F-statistic: 8.174 on 1 and 33 DF, p-value: 0.007311
```

The estimated equation is expressed as follows

$$\widehat{gc}_t = 0.01 + 0.44gc_{t-1}$$

The null hypothesis is that  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  and the alternative  $H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$

```
linearHypothesis(lm1, c("gc_1=0"))
```

```
## Linear hypothesis test
##
## Hypothesis:
## gc_1 = 0
##
## Model 1: restricted model
## Model 2: gc ~ gc_1
##
##      Res.Df      RSS Df Sum of Sq      F    Pr(>F)
## 1         34 0.0055456
## 2         33 0.0044447   1 0.0011009 8.1737 0.007311 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Based in the p-value of F-Test we can reject the null hypothesis, so the PIH isn't corroborated.

**(ii) To the regression in part (i) add the variables  $gy_{t-1}$ ,  $i3_{t-1}$ , and  $inf_{t-1}$ . Are these new variables individually or jointly significant at the 5% level? (Be sure to report the appropriate p-values.)**

```
i3_1<-append(diff(i3), NA)

inf_1<-append(diff(inf), NA)

summary(lm2<-lm(gc~gc_1+gy_1+i3_1+inf_1))
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = gc ~ gc_1 + gy_1 + i3_1 + inf_1)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.022729 -0.005809 -0.001347  0.008502  0.018728
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  0.0164518  0.0039692   4.145  0.00027 ***
## gc_1         0.2047445  0.2884065   0.710  0.48343
## gy_1        -0.0020640  0.1822825  -0.011  0.99104
## i3_1         0.0004618  0.0015623   0.296  0.76964
## inf_1        0.0032139  0.0014309   2.246  0.03248 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.01059 on 29 degrees of freedom
## (3 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.407, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3252
## F-statistic: 4.976 on 4 and 29 DF, p-value: 0.003534
```

```
linearHypothesis(lm2, c("gc_1=0", "gy_1=0", "i3_1=0", "inf_1=0"))
```

```
## Linear hypothesis test
##
## Hypothesis:
## gc_1 = 0
## gy_1 = 0
## i3_1 = 0
## inf_1 = 0
##
## Model 1: restricted model
## Model 2: gc ~ gc_1 + gy_1 + i3_1 + inf_1
##
##   Res.Df      RSS Df Sum of Sq    F  Pr(>F)
## 1      33 0.0054841
## 2      29 0.0032521   4  0.002232 4.9759 0.003534 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The explanatory variables are only jointly significant.

**(iii) In the regression from part (ii), what happens to the p-value for the t statistic on  $gc_{t-1}$ ? Does this mean the PIH hypothesis is now supported by the data?**

The coefficient associated to  $gc_{t-1}$  is not significant at any level.

**(iv) In the regression from part(ii), what is the F statistic and its associated p-value for joint significance of the four explanatory variables? Does your conclusion about the PIH now agree with what you found in part (i)?**

The p-value of F-Test is equal to 0.0035, hence its possible to reject the null. However, the coefficients of the model individually dont presents significance, which means a poor capacity of explain the model.