

ECN627

# Problem Set III

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## 5.2

$$\widehat{wage} = 12.52 + 2.12 \times \text{male}, R^2 = 0.06, SER = 4.2$$

a)

$$\widehat{wage} = 12.52 + 2.12 \times 0 = 12.52$$

$$\widehat{wage} = 12.52 + 2.12 \times 1 = 13.64$$

Hence, the wage gap is  $13.64 - 12.52 = 2.12$

b)

$$H_0 : \text{wage}_1 = \text{wage}_2$$

$$H_1 : \text{wage}_1 \neq \text{wage}_2$$

$$t = \frac{2.12}{0.36} = 5\frac{8}{9}$$

$$\text{p-value} = 2\Phi\left(-\left|5\frac{8}{9}\right|\right) < 0.0001$$

Hence at 95% confidence,  $H_0$  is rejected

c)

At 95% confidence:

$$2.12 \pm 1.96 \times 0.36 = (1.41, 2.83)$$

d)

The estimated mean wage of women is 12.52

The estimated mean wage of men is 13.64

e)

$$\widehat{wage} = 13.64 - 2.12 \times \text{female}, R^2 = 0.06, SER = 4.2$$

## 5.5

$$\widehat{wage} = 918.0 + 13.9 \times \text{Small Class Size}, R^2 = 0.01, SER = 74.6$$

a)

$$\widehat{testscore} = 918.0 + 13.9 \times 0 = 918.0$$

$$\widehat{testscore} = 918.0 + 13.9 \times 1 = 931.9$$

Hence, the score gap is  $931.9 - 918.0 = 13.9$

The regression estimates that a smaller class size increases the test scores by 13.9 points

b)

$$H_0 : \text{test score}_1 = \text{test score}_2$$

$$H_1 : \text{test score}_1 \neq \text{test score}_2$$

$$t = \frac{13.9}{2.5} = 5.56 > 1.96$$

Hence, at 95% confidence,  $H_0$  is rejected.

c)

At 99% confidence:

$$13.9 \pm 2.575 \times 2.5 = (7.46, 20.34)$$

## 5.8

$$\hat{Y} = 43.2 + 61.5 \times X, R^2 = 0.54, SER = 1.52$$

a)

$$t = \frac{43.2}{10.2} \approx 4.23$$

At 95% confidence:

$$43.2 \pm 1.96 \times 10.2 = (23.21, 63.19)$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \beta_1 &= 55 \\ H_1 : \beta_1 &\neq 55 \\ t &= \frac{55}{7.4} \approx 7.43 > 1.96 \\ \text{Hence, reject } H_0 \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \beta_1 &= 55 \\ H_1 : \beta_1 &> 55 \\ t &= \frac{55}{7.4} \approx 7.43 > -1.645 \\ \text{Hence, there is not sufficient evidence to reject } H_0 \end{aligned}$$

## 5.9

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\beta} &= \frac{\bar{Y}}{\bar{X}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n \times \bar{X}} \times [Y_1 + , \dots, + Y_n] \\ \text{Hence, } \bar{\beta} &\text{is a linear function of } Y_1 + , \dots, + Y_n \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} E[\bar{\beta} | X_1, , \dots, + Y_n] &= E \left[ \frac{1}{n \times \bar{X}} \times [Y_1 + , \dots, + Y_n] \mid [X_1 + , \dots, + X_n] \right] \\ &= \frac{\beta \times [X_1 + , \dots, + X_n]}{n \times \bar{X}} \\ &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

## E5.1

a i)

reg earnings height

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	17870
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-----+-----				F( 1, 17868) = 196.46	
Model		1.4086e+11	1	1.4086e+11	Prob > F = 0.0000
Residual		1.2812e+13	17868	717020563	R-squared = 0.0109
-----+-----				Adj R-squared = 0.0108	
Total		1.2953e+13	17869	724863544	Root MSE = 26777

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earnings		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
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height		707.6716	50.48922	14.02	0.000	608.7078 806.6353
_cons		-512.7336	3386.856	-0.15	0.880	-7151.299 6125.832
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p-value = 0.0000 < 0.01

Hence, the regression is of significance.

aii)

$$608.7078 \leq \widehat{height} \leq 806.6353$$

b i)

reg earnings height if sex == 0

Source		SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	9974
-----+-----					F( 1, 9972) =	26.72
Model		1.9194e+10	1	1.9194e+10	Prob > F	= 0.0000
Residual		7.1628e+12	9972	718288013	R-squared	= 0.0027
-----+-----					Adj R-squared =	0.0026
Total		7.1820e+12	9973	720140552	Root MSE	= 26801

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earnings		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
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height		511.2222	98.89631	5.17	0.000	317.3654 705.0789
_cons		12650.86	6383.741	1.98	0.048	137.4364 25164.28
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p-value = 0.0000 < 0.01

Hence, the regression is of significance.

bii)

$$317.3654 \leq \widehat{height} \leq 705.0789$$

c i)

reg earnings height if sex ==1

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	7896
Model	1.1965e+11	1	1.1965e+11	F( 1, 7894)	=	168.20
Residual	5.6155e+12	7894	711357894	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	5.7351e+12	7895	726423097	R-squared	=	0.0209
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0207
				Root MSE	=	26671

  

earnings	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
height	1306.86	100.7662	12.97	0.000	1109.332	1504.388
_cons	-43130.34	7068.481	-6.10	0.000	-56986.43	-29274.25

p-value = 0.0000 < 0.01

Hence, the regression is of significance.

cii)

$$1109.332 \leq \widehat{height} \leq 1504.388$$

d)

$$H_0 : \beta_{1,m} - \beta_{1,w} = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_{1,m} - \beta_{1,w} \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{1306.86 - 511.2222}{\sqrt{100.7662^2 + 98.89631^2}} \approx 5.635 > 1.96$$

Hence, there is not sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$

d)

If 4.3 holds, then  $E[X_i|u_i] = 0$ . If it does not hold, then linear regression is inappropriate.

## E5.2

a)

drop in 65  
(1 observation deleted)

reg growth tradeshare

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	64
Model	9.28031557	1	9.28031557	F( 1, 62)	=	2.90
Residual	198.527844	62	3.20206201	Prob > F	=	0.0937
Total	207.80816	63	3.29854222	R-squared	=	0.0447
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0292
				Root MSE	=	1.7894

  

growth	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
tradeshare	1.680905	.9873624	1.70	0.094	-.2928046 3.654614
_cons	.9574107	.5803727	1.65	0.104	-.2027378 2.117559

p-value = 0.0937 < 0.1

Hence, cannot reject  $H_0$  at 99% or 95% confidence. However can reject  $H_0$  at 90%.

b)

p-value = 0.094 < 0.1

c)

$$-.2928046 \leq \widehat{tradeshare} \leq 3.654614$$

## 6.1

$$1 : \bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{7440 - 1}{7440 - 2 - 1} \times (1 - 0.162) \approx 0.162$$

$$2 : \bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{7440 - 1}{7440 - 3 - 1} \times (1 - 0.180) \approx 0.180$$

$$3 : \bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{7440 - 1}{7440 - 6 - 1} \times (1 - 0.182) \approx 0.181$$

## 6.2

b)

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\Delta Test Scores} &= -5.82 \times 4 \\ &= -23.28\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{Test Scores}_{av} &= 520.4 - 5.82 \times 21.4 \\ &= 395.852\end{aligned}$$

## 6.3

a)

On average, a worker earns \$ 0.51 more for every year.

b)

$$1.87 + 8.32 \times 1 - 3.81 \times 1 + 0.51 \times 29 = 21.17$$

Sally predicted to earn \$ 21.17

$$1.87 + 8.32 \times 1 - 3.81 \times 1 + 0.51 \times 34 = 23.72$$

Betsy predicted to earn \$ 23.72

Hence the difference is \$ 2.55



## 6.9

Omitted variable bias occurs where  $X_1$  is correlated with the omitted variable and said variable is a determinant of the dependent variable.  $\beta_1$  does not have a omitted variable bias, since  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not correlated.

## E6.1

a)

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. reg birthweight smoker,r
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Linear regression

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Number of obs =    3000
F(   1,  2998) =    89.21
Prob > F       =    0.0000
R-squared      =    0.0286
Root MSE      =   583.73
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		Robust				
birthweight		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
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smoker		-253.2284	26.81039	-9.45	0.000	-305.797 -200.6597
_cons		3432.06	11.89053	288.64	0.000	3408.746 3455.374
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The estimated effect on smoking is a lose of 253.22 grams

bi)

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. reg birthweight smoker alcohol nprevist, r
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Linear regression

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Number of obs =    3000
F(   3,  2996) =    59.48
Prob > F       =    0.0000
R-squared      =    0.0729
Root MSE      =   570.47
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			Robust				
birthweight		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	

smoker	-217.5801	26.10764	-8.33	0.000	-268.7708	-166.3894
alcohol	-30.49129	72.59671	-0.42	0.675	-172.8357	111.8531
nprevist	34.06991	3.608326	9.44	0.000	26.99487	41.14496
_cons	3051.249	43.71445	69.80	0.000	2965.535	3136.962

The variable smoker may be correlated with alcohol or nprevist. Furthermore, alcohol or nprevist may be determinants of birthweight. If both conditions are satisfied, then omitted bias occurs.

**bii)** The omitted variable has not substantially changed the effect of smoker on birthweight. Hence, there may not be omitted variable bias.

**biii)**

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. reg birthweight smoker alcohol nprevist
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	3000
Model	76610831.2	3	25536943.7	F( 3, 2996) =	78.47
Residual	975009173	2996	325436.974	Prob > F =	0.0000
Total	1.0516e+09	2999	350656.887	R-squared =	0.0729
				Adj R-squared =	0.0719
				Root MSE =	570.47

birthweight	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
smoker	-217.5801	26.6796	-8.16	0.000	-269.8923 -165.2679
alcohol	-30.49129	76.23405	-0.40	0.689	-179.9677 118.9851
nprevist	34.06991	2.854994	11.93	0.000	28.47197 39.66786
_cons	3051.249	34.01596	89.70	0.000	2984.552 3117.946

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. predict bhat
(option xb assumed; fitted values)
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. sort nprevist alcohol smoker
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$$\widehat{birthweight} = 3106.228$$

iv)

R-squared = 0.0729

Adj R-squared = 0.0719

The values are similar because there are few extraneous variables in the model.

c)

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. reg smoker alcohol nprevist
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 3000		
Model	11.8897961	2	5.94489803	F( 2, 2997)	=	38.97
Residual	457.202204	2997	.152553288	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	469.092	2999	.156416139	R-squared	=	0.0253
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0247
				Root MSE	=	.39058

  

smoker	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
alcohol	.334529	.0518358	6.45	0.000	.2328917	.4361662
nprevist	-.0111667	.001944	-5.74	0.000	-.0149785	-.0073549
_cons	.3102729	.0225893	13.74	0.000	.2659807	.3545651

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. predict xhat, resid
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. reg birthweight smoker alcohol nprevist
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 3000		
Model	76610831.2	3	25536943.7	F( 3, 2996)	=	78.47
Residual	975009173	2996	325436.974	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	1.0516e+09	2999	350656.887	R-squared	=	0.0729
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0719
				Root MSE	=	570.47

  

birthweight	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
smoker	-217.5801	26.6796	-8.16	0.000	-269.8923	-165.2679
alcohol	-30.49129	76.23405	-0.40	0.689	-179.9677	118.9851

npredict		34.06991	2.854994	11.93	0.000	28.47197	39.66786
_cons		3051.249	34.01596	89.70	0.000	2984.552	3117.946

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. predict yhat, resid

. reg yhat xhat

Source		SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	3000
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Model		0	1	0	F( 1, 2998) =	0.00
Residual		975009173	2998	325219.871	Prob > F =	1.0000
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Total		975009173	2999	325111.428	R-squared =	0.0000
					Adj R-squared =	-0.0003
					Root MSE =	570.28

yhat		Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
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xhat		7.07e-07	26.6707	0.00	1.000	-52.29472 52.29472
_cons		1.27e-07	10.41185	0.00	1.000	-20.41509 20.41509

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