

Exercise – Function – Least squares statistics – Robust

This function calculates, among other statistics, the variance-covariance estimates of the OLS coefficient estimates that are not robust to heteroskedasticity, and those that are robust. Compare the matrix operations used to construct the two types of variance-covariance estimators. This comparison aims at clarifying the meaning of ‘robust’.

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3 function LSS = exercisefunctionlssrobust(y,X)
4 %% Number of observations and column dimension of X
5 LSS.N          = length(y);
6 LSS.K          = size(X,2);
7 %% Coefficient estimates, predictions, residuals
8 LSS.B_hat      = inv(X'*X)*(X'*y); % Or (X'*X)\(X'*y).
9 LSS.y_hat      = X*LSS.B_hat;
10 LSS.u_hat      = y-LSS.y_hat;
11 %% Total, explained, and residual sum of squares
12 LSS.TSS        = y'*y;
13 LSS.ESS        = LSS.y_hat'*LSS.y_hat;
14 LSS.RSS        = LSS.u_hat'*LSS.u_hat;
15 %% Model fit
16 LSS.R2_uc      = 1-LSS.RSS/LSS.TSS;
17 LSS.Mi         = eye(LSS.N)-ones(LSS.N)./LSS.N;
18 LSS.TSS_c      = y'*LSS.Mi*y;
19 LSS.R2_c       = 1-LSS.RSS/LSS.TSS_c;
20 %% Estimator of the variance of the regression error
21 LSS.sigma_hat_squared = LSS.RSS/(LSS.N-LSS.K);
22 LSS.sigma_hat   = sqrt(LSS.sigma_hat_squared);
23 %% Variance-covariance estimator of OLS estimator
24 LSS.B_hat_VCE   = inv(X'*X)*X'* ...
25                 (1/(LSS.N-LSS.K)* ...
26                 LSS.u_hat'*LSS.u_hat.*eye(LSS.N))* ...
27                 X*inv(X'*X);
28 LSS.B_hat_SEE   = sqrt(diag(LSS.B_hat_VCE));
29 %% Variance-covariance estimator of OLS estimator robust to heterosked.
30 LSS.B_hat_VCE_robust = inv(X'*X)*X'* ...
31                 (LSS.u_hat.*LSS.u_hat.*eye(LSS.N))* ...
32                 X*inv(X'*X)* ...
33                 LSS.N/(LSS.N-LSS.K);
34 LSS.B_hat_SEE_robust = sqrt(diag(LSS.B_hat_VCE_robust));
35 %% Inference
36 LSS.t           = LSS.B_hat./LSS.B_hat_SEE;
37 LSS.t_df        = LSS.N-LSS.K;
38 LSS.p           = tcdf(abs(LSS.t),LSS.t_df,'upper')*2;
39 %% Inference robust to heteroskedasticity
40 LSS.t_robust     = LSS.B_hat./LSS.B_hat_SEE_robust;
41 LSS.p_robust     = tcdf(abs(LSS.t_robust),LSS.t_df,'upper')*2;
42 end
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