EDS241: Assignment 4

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This question will ask you to estimate the price elasticity of demand for fresh sardines across 56 ports located in 4 European countries with monthly data from 2013 to 2019. The data are contained in the file EU_sardines.csv, which is available on Gauchospace.

Each row in the data file is a combination of port location (where the fish is landed and sold) in a given year and month. You can ignore the fact that the sample is not balanced (the number of monthly observations varies across ports).

For the assignment, you will need the following variables: year, month, country, port (port where sardines are landed and sold), price_euro_kg (price per kg in €), and volume_sold_kg (quantity of sardines sold in kg). In the questions below, I use log() to denote the natural logarithm.

Read in the data:

```
sardines <- read.csv(here("data", "EU_sardines.csv")) %>%
  mutate(log_price_euro_kg = log(price_euro_kg), log_volume_sold_kg = log(volume_sold_kg))
```

Question a: Estimate a bivariate regression of log(volume_sold_kg) on log(price_euro_kg). What is the price elasticity of demand for sardines? Test the null hypothesis that the price elasticity is equal to -1.

```
model_a <- lm_robust(data = sardines, log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg)

model_a_table <- broom::tidy(model_a) %>%
  dplyr::select(term, estimate, std.error, p.value,) %>%
  knitr::kable()

model_a_table
```

term	estimate	std.error	p.value
(Intercept)	7.759061	0.0430246	0
log_price_euro_kg	-1.545335	0.0781254	0

```
linearHypothesis(model_a, c("log_price_euro_kg = -1"), white.adjust = "hc2")
```

```
## Linear hypothesis test
##
## Hypothesis:
## log_price_euro_kg = - 1
##
```

```
## Model 1: restricted model
## Model 2: log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg
##
##   Res.Df Df  Chisq        Pr(>Chisq)
## 1   3987
## 2   3986  1 48.724 0.000000000002946 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The price elasticty of sardines is -1.55. Because our linear hypothesis gives us a very low p-value under 0.001, we can reject the null hypthesis that the price eleasticity is equal to -1.

Question b: Like in Lecture 8 (see the IV.R script), we will use wind_m_s as an instrument for log(price_euro_kg). To begin, estimate the first-stage regression relating log(price_euro_kg) to wind_m_s. Interpret the estimated coefficient on wind speed. Does it have the expected sign? Also test for the relevance of the instrument and whether it is a "weak" instrument by reporting the proper F-statistic.

```
model_b <- lm_robust(data = sardines, formula = log_price_euro_kg ~ wind_m_s)

model_b_table <- broom::tidy(model_b) %>%
  dplyr::select(term, estimate, std.error, p.value) %>%
  knitr::kable()

model_b_table
```

term	estimate	std.error	p.value
(Intercept)	-0.3048875	0.0273093	0
wind_m_s	0.0673459	0.0055995	0

```
summary(model_b)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm_robust(formula = log_price_euro_kg ~ wind_m_s, data = sardines)
##
## Standard error type:  HC2
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value                                  Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.30489   0.027309  -11.16 0.00000000000000000000000000160909845
## wind_m_s     0.06735   0.005599   12.03 0.00000000000000000000000000009379
##             CI Lower CI Upper   DF
## (Intercept) -0.35843 -0.25135 3986
## wind_m_s     0.05637  0.07832 3986
##
## Multiple R-squared:  0.0379 ,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.03766
## F-statistic: 144.7 on 1 and 3986 DF,  p-value: < 0.00000000000000022
```

The estimated coefficient for wind speed on log(price/kg) is 0.07, meaning that for every 1 m/s increase of wind speed, the log(price/kg) will increase by an estimated 0.07 euros. This is the sign that we would expect

to see because higher windspeed would make fishing more difficult, which would raise the price of fish. The F-statistic for wind speed is 144.6526487, so it is a relevant and non-weak instrument.

Question c: Estimate the TSLS estimator of the price elasticity of demand for sardines using wind_m_s as an instrument for log(price_euro_kg). What is the estimated price elasticity of demand for sardines?

```
tsls <- ivreg(log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg | wind_m_s, data = sardines)
summary(tsls)
```

```
##
## Call:
## ivreg(formula = log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg | wind_m_s,
##     data = sardines)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -8.8626 -1.9790 -0.2333  2.0950  6.2354
##
## Coefficients:
##                   Estimate Std. Error t value            Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)        7.75534    0.04331  179.08 <0.0000000000000002 ***
## log_price_euro_kg -1.08802    0.37003   -2.94              0.0033 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.728 on 3986 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: 0.09529, Adjusted R-squared: 0.09506
## Wald test: 8.646 on 1 and 3986 DF,  p-value: 0.003297
```

```
tsls_table <- broom::tidy(tsls) %>%
  dplyr::select(term, estimate, std.error, p.value) %>%
  knitr::kable()

tsls_table
```

term	estimate	std.error	p.value
(Intercept)	7.755341	0.0433068	0.0000000
log_price_euro_kg	-1.088015	0.3700295	0.0032973

The 2 stage least square estimator for price elasticity of demarnd for sardines, using wind speed as an instrument for log(price_euro_kg), is -1.0880152.

Question d: Repeat the exercise in (c), but include fixed effects for each year, month, and country. [Hint: you can use the command "as.factor(country) + as.factor(year) +as.factor(month)" to the ivreg function in R]. Report the estimated price elasticity of demand and the F-statistic testing for relevant and non-weak instruments.

```
tsls_d <- ivreg(log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg | wind_m_s +
                as.factor(country) +
                as.factor(year) +
                as.factor(month),
```

```
               data = sardines)

summary(tsls_d)
```

```
##
## Call:
## ivreg(formula = log_volume_sold_kg ~ log_price_euro_kg | wind_m_s +
##     as.factor(country) + as.factor(year) + as.factor(month),
##     data = sardines)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -10.449  -2.153  -0.140   2.263   6.746
##
## Coefficients:
##                   Estimate Std. Error t value            Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)        7.74350    0.04673 165.702 <0.0000000000000002 ***
## log_price_euro_kg  0.36697    0.31005   1.184               0.237
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.947 on 3986 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-Squared: -0.05549,    Adjusted R-squared: -0.05576
## Wald test: 1.401 on 1 and 3986 DF,  p-value: 0.2366
```

```
tsls_d_table <- broom::tidy(tsls_d) %>%
  dplyr::select(term, estimate, std.error, p.value) %>%
  knitr::kable()

tsls_d_table
```

term	estimate	std.error	p.value
(Intercept)	7.7435045	0.0467316	0.0000000
log_price_euro_kg	0.3669746	0.3100514	0.2366449