

# 1 Mechanics and Fit

1. Let *GPA* be  $Y$  and *ACT* be  $X$ .

a)  $\bar{Y} = 3.21$ ,  $\bar{X} = 25.88$ ,  $s_{XY} = 5.8125$ ,  $s_X^2 = 56.875$ . Recall that

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{s_{XY}}{s_X^2} = \frac{\sum_i (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_i (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X} \quad (1)$$

Thus  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0.1022$  and  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0.5681$

b) No

c) A one unit increase in *ACT* is, on average, associated with a  $\hat{\beta}_1$  unit increase in *GPA*

d) Observation specific values are in the table below

Student	$\hat{Y}_i$	$\hat{u}_i$
1	2.7143	0.0857
2	3.0209	0.3791
3	3.2253	-0.2252
4	3.3275	0.1725
5	3.5319	0.0681
6	3.1231	-0.1231
7	3.1231	-0.4231
8	3.6341	0.0659
		$\sum_i \hat{u}_i = -0.0001$

e)  $\hat{Y}(X = 20) = 0.5681 + 0.1022(20) = 2.6121$

f)  $ESS = 0.5940$ ,  $TSS = 1.0288$ . Recall that

$$R^2 = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = \frac{\sum_i (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2}{\sum_i (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$$

Thus  $R^2 = 0.5774$ .

2.  $\bar{X} = \bar{Y} = 0$

a) If  $k = 2$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ,  $Y_i = X_i$  (i.e.  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 1$ ),  $\hat{u}_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i = Y_i - X_i = 0$ ,  
 $SSR = \sum_i \hat{u}_i = 0$ ,  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{TSS} = 1 - 0 = 1$

b) Given the formulae in equation (1) above,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{5+k}{7}, \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = 0$$

c) If  $k = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{6}{7}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_i = \frac{6}{7}X_i$ . Thus  $R^2 = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = \frac{144/7}{22} = \frac{72}{77}$

d) If  $k = 3$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{8}{7}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_i = \frac{8}{7}X_i$ .  $R^2 = \frac{256/7}{38} = \frac{128}{133}$

e) If  $k = 10$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{15}{7}$ ,  $\hat{Y}_i = \frac{15}{7}X_i$ .  $R^2 = \frac{900/7}{220} = \frac{45}{77}$

f) Given that  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{5+k}{7}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . That is, the fitted line converges to a vertical line going through the origin. And since  $\hat{Y}_i = \frac{5+k}{7}X_i$ ,  $ESS = \frac{1}{7}(100 + 4k^2 + 40k)$ ,  $TSS = 20 + 2k^2$ , and

$$R^2 = \frac{50 + 20k + 2k^2}{70 + 7k^2}$$

$$R^2 \rightarrow \frac{2}{7} \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

### 3. Stock & Watson 4.1

a) The predicted average test score is

$$\widehat{TestScore} = 520.4 - 5.82 \times 22 = 392.36$$

b) The predicted change in the classroom average test score is

$$\Delta \widehat{TestScore} = (-5.82 \times 19) - (-5.82 \times 23) = 23.28$$

c) Using the formula for  $\hat{\beta}_0$  in equation (4.8), we know the sample average of the test score across the 100 classroom is

$$\overline{TestScore} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \overline{CS} = 520.4 - 5.82 \times 21.4 = 395.85$$

## 2 Estimation and Inference

### 1. Stock & Watson 4.4

2. Stock & Watson 4.6

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y_i | X_i) &= E(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i | X_i) \\
 &= E(\beta_0 | X_i) + E(\beta_1 X_i | X_i) + E(u_i | X_i) \\
 &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Stock & Watson 4.7

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(\hat{\beta}_0) &= E(\bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}) \\
 &= E\left[\left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{X} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_i u_i\right) - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}\right] \\
 &= \beta_0 + \underbrace{E(\beta_1 - \hat{\beta}_1)}_{=0 \text{ since } \hat{\beta}_1 \text{ is unbiased}} \bar{X} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \underbrace{E(u_i)}_{=0 \text{ by assumption}} \\
 &= \beta_0
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Stock & Watson 5.2 (a)-(d)

a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_1 &= E(Wage_i | Male_i = 1) - E(Wage_i | Male_i = 0) \\
 &= \text{difference in mean earnings between men and women} \\
 &= \text{wage gender gap}
 \end{aligned}$$

The estimated gender gap =  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \$2.12 / \text{hour}$

b)  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0, H_1 : \beta \neq 0. t = \frac{2.12-0}{0.36} = 5.89, p\text{-value} = \Pr(Z \leq -5.89) \times 2 \approx 0 < 0.01$ .  
Thus reject  $H_0$  at  $\alpha = 1\%$ . That is, the estimated gender gap is significantly different from 0.

c)  $\{2.12 \pm 1.96 \times 0.36\} = (1.4144, 2.8256)$

d)  $\overline{Wage} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \overline{Male}$ .

For women:

$$Male_i = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{Male} = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{Wage} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \times 0 = \$12.52 / \text{hour}$$

For men:

$$Male_i = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{Male} = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{Wage} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 = \$14.64/\text{hour}$$

5. Stock & Watson 5.3

The 99% confidence interval is  $1.5 \times \{3.94 \pm 2.58 \times 0.31\}$  or

$$4.71\text{lbs} \leq \text{WeightGain} \leq 7.11\text{lbs}.$$

6.

- a. 130
- b. 124
- c. The  $R^2$  never decreases. This question relies on Chapter 6 knowledge.
- d. No, the estimator is a random variable.

7.

a-c. See book.

- d. No. Yes. Yes. Last one: yes, because it depends on  $\hat{\beta}_1$ .

### 3 Prediction and Forecasting

1. Stock & Watson 14.1

- a)  $Y_t$  is stationary so its probability distribution does not change over time. As a results expected value of  $Y_t$  and  $Y_{t-1}$  are the same.

b)

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Y_{t-1} + u_t \Rightarrow E(Y_t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 E(Y_{t-1})$$

From (a) we know  $E(Y_t) = E(Y_{t-1})$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y_t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 E(Y_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \beta_1)E(Y_t) = \beta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y_t) = \beta_0 / (1 - \beta_1)$$

2.

a) Using the result from 1(b),  $E(Y_t) = \frac{\beta_0}{1-\beta_1} = \frac{2.5}{1-0.7} = 8.33$ .

$$\text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(0.7Y_{t-1} + u_t) = 0.7^2 \text{Var}(Y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(u_t) = 0.49 \text{Var}(Y_t) + \text{Var}(u_t)$$

(Note that  $\text{Var}(Y_t) = \text{Var}(Y_{t-1})$  because  $Y_t$  is stationary.)

$$\text{Thus } (1 - 0.49) \text{Var}(Y_t) = 9, \text{ and therefore } \text{Var}(Y_t) = 9 / (1 - 0.49) = 17.647.$$

b)  $\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) = \text{Cov}(2.5 + 0.7Y_{t-1} + u_t, Y_{t-1}) = 0.7 \text{Var}(Y_{t-1}) + \text{Cov}(u_t, Y_{t-1})$   
 $= 0.7 \text{Var}(Y_t) = 0.7 \times 17.647 = 12.3529$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-2}) &= \text{Cov}(2.5 + 0.7(2.5 + 0.7Y_{t-2} + u_{t-1}) + u_t, Y_{t-2}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(0.49Y_{t-2} + 0.7u_{t-1} + u_t, Y_{t-2}) \\ &= 0.49 \text{Cov}(Y_{t-2}, Y_{t-2}) + 0.7 \text{Cov}(u_{t-1}, Y_{t-2}) + \text{Cov}(u_t, Y_{t-2}) \\ &= 0.49 \text{Var}(Y_{t-2}) = 0.49 \text{Var}(Y_t) = 0.49 \times 17.647 = 8.64703 \end{aligned}$$

c) (not assigned)

d)  $Y_{T+1|T} = E(Y_{T+1} | Y_T, Y_{T-1}, \dots) = E(2.5 + 0.7Y_T + u_t | Y_T, Y_{T-1}, \dots) = 2.5 + 0.7Y_T$   
 $= 2.5 + 0.7 \times 102.3 = 74.11$

3. Let  $(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) = (-1, 1, -1)$ .

a) Recall that

$$\widehat{\text{cov}}(Y_t, Y_{t-j}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=j+1}^T (Y_t - \bar{Y}_{j+1:T})(Y_{t-j} - \bar{Y}_{1:T-j})$$

where  $T = 3$  and  $j = 1$  for this question (and note that both  $\bar{Y}$ s equal zero). Applying this formula we get

$$\widehat{\text{cov}}(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{3} [(Y_2 - 0)(Y_1 - 0) + (Y_3 - 0)(Y_2 - 0)] = -\frac{2}{3}.$$

b) Recall that

$$\hat{\rho}_j = \frac{\widehat{\text{cov}}(Y_t, Y_{t-j})}{\widehat{\text{var}}(Y_t)}$$

where  $j = 1$  for this question. Since  $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{3}(-1 + 1 - 1) = -\frac{1}{3}$ ,

$$\widehat{\text{var}}(Y_t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left(-1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \right] = \frac{4}{3}$$

Thus,

$$\hat{\rho}_1 = \frac{-2/3}{4/3} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

c) Yes, consider  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ .

4. See “forecasts and predicted values” on p.533 of Stock & Watson.