

Lecture 6-a

Testing in the CLM & Model Specification

Brooks (4th edition): Chapters 3 & 4

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Review: Testing $H_0: R\beta - q = 0$

- Q: Is $Rb - q$ close to 0? Two different approaches to this question.

Approach (1): Wald test.

Under H_0 and assuming (A5) & estimating σ^2 with $s^2 = e'e/(T - k)$:

$$W^* = (Rb - q)' \{R[s^2(X'X)^{-1}]R\}^{-1} (Rb - q)$$
$$F = W^*/J \sim F_{J, T-k}.$$

If (A5) is not assumed, the results are only asymptotic: $J * F \xrightarrow{d} \chi_J^2$

Approach (2): F-test to compare RSS_U & RSS_R .

$$F = \frac{\frac{RSS_R - RSS_U}{(k_U - k_R)}}{\frac{RSS_U}{(T - k_U)}} \sim F_{J, T-k}. \quad (\text{where } J = k_U - k_R)$$

F-test: Two Categories & The Chow Test

- Suppose we are interested in the effect of gender on CEO's compensation. We have data on CEO's compensation (y) and CEO's gender, along with CEO's experience (X_1), sales of the CEO's company (X_2), and profitability (X_3).

- We hypothesize that gender matter. Then, we estimate two models, one for each gender:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M1} \quad y_i &= \beta_0^1 + \beta_1^1 X_{1,i} + \beta_2^1 X_{2,i} + \beta_3^1 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i & \text{for } i = \text{Male} \\ \text{M2} \quad y_i &= \beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2 X_{1,i} + \beta_2^2 X_{2,i} + \beta_3^2 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i & \text{for } i \neq \text{Male} \end{aligned}$$

- Alternatively, we estimate only one model (**pooling**). That is, gender does not affect a CEO's compensation. Then, we estimate:

$$\text{Pooled} \quad y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1,i} + \beta_2 X_{2,i} + \beta_3 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for all } i$$

Q: Which model should we use?

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F-test: Two Categories & The Chow Test

- We test H_0 (No gender differences): $\beta_0^1 = \beta_0^2 = \beta_0$
 $\beta_1^1 = \beta_1^2 = \beta_1$
 $\beta_2^1 = \beta_2^2 = \beta_2$
 $\beta_3^1 = \beta_3^2 = \beta_3$

H_1 (gender differences): For at least k ($= 0, 1, 2, 3$): $\beta_k^1 \neq \beta_k^2$

- An F-Test can be used to test H_0 :

- The pooled estimation is the Restricted estimation
- The two estimations (by gender) are the Unrestricted estimation.

- The F-test constructed using a variable that can divide the data into 2 categories to compute RSS_R & RSS_U is usually referred as **Chow test**.

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F-test: Two Categories & The Chow Test

- A Chow Test is used to test if a variable that can divide the data into 2 categories matters. That is, a Chow test checks if we need only one model (“**pooling**”) for both categories or not.

- **Chow Test** (an F-test) –Chow (1960, *Econometrica*):

- (1) **Restricted regression**: Run OLS with all the data, with no distinction between categories (Pooled regression). Keep RSS_R .

- (2) **Unrestricted regression**: Run two separate OLS, one for each category. Keep RSS_1 & $RSS_2 \Rightarrow RSS_U = RSS_1 + RSS_2$.

- (3) Compute a standard F-test (Restricted vs. Unrestricted models):

$$F = \frac{(RSS_R - RSS_U)/(k_U - k_R)}{(RSS_U)/(T - k_U)} = \frac{(RSS_R - [RSS_1 + RSS_2])/k}{(RSS_1 + RSS_2)/(T - 2k)} \quad 5$$

Chow Test: Males or Females visit doctors more?

German Health Care Usage Data, 7,293 Individuals, Varying Numbers of Periods

Variables in the file are

Data downloaded from Journal of Applied Econometrics Archive. This is an unbalanced panel with 7,293 individuals. There are altogether **27,322** observations. The number of observations ranges from 1 to 7 per family. (Frequencies are: 1=1525, 2=2158, 3=825, 4=926, 5=1051, 6=1000, 7=987). The dependent variable of interest is

DOCVIS = number of visits to the doctor in the observation period

GENDER_F = gender (1 = female)

HHNINC = household nominal monthly net income in German marks / 10000.
(4 observations with income=0 were dropped)

HHKIDS = children under age 16 in the household = 1; otherwise = 0

EDUC = years of schooling

AGE = age in years

MARRIED= marital status (1 = if married)

WHITEC = 1 if has “white collar” job

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Chow Test: Males or Females visit doctors more?

```
Health_Da <-
read.csv("https://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/german_health.csv",
head=TRUE, sep=",")

x_fem <- Health_Da$Gender_F
x_age <- Health_Da$age
x_edu <- Health_Da$educ
x_hhinc <- Health_Da$hhninc/100
x_hhkids <- Health_Da$hhkids
x_married <- Health_Da$married
x_white_col <- Health_Da$whitecollar
x_docvis <- Health_Da$docvis

fit_doc_vis <- lm(x_docvis ~ x_age + x_edu + x_married + x_white_col +
x_hhkids + x_hhinc)
summary(fit_doc_vis)
```

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Chow Test: Males or Females visit doctors more?

- OLS Estimation for **ALL**. Keep $RSS_{ALL} = 858,435$ ($= 5.606^2 * 27,315$)

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	2.683700	0.249282	10.766	< 2e-16 ***
x_age	0.061810	0.003444	17.947	< 2e-16 ***
x_edu	-0.118858	0.015573	-7.632	2.38e-14 ***
x_married	-0.090716	0.089056	-1.019	0.308
x_white_col	-0.115412	0.076540	-1.508	0.132
x_hhkids	-0.492028	0.080014	-6.149	7.89e-10 ***
x_hhinc	-0.015429	0.002046	-7.539	4.87e-14 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 5.606 on 27,315 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.02949, Adjusted R-squared: 0.02928

F-statistic: 138.3 on 6 and 27315 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Note: We compute RSS_R by pooling, that is, by imposing no gender effect on the coefficients.

$$RSS_R = s^2 * (T - k) = 5.606^2 * 27,315 = 858,435$$

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Chow Test: Males or Females visit doctors more?

Run a regression with only **Women** data. Use Allgen to collect relevant data for women only. We will do a for loop and keep data if x_fem is greater than 0.

```
xx <- cbind(x_fem, x_docvis, x_age, x_edu, x_married, x_white_col, x_hhkids, x_hhinc)
Allgen = NULL      # Initialize empty (to collect variables by one sex (f/m) only)
i <- 1
T <- length(x_fem)
k <- ncol(xx)

for (i in 1:T) {
  if (xx[i,1] > 0) {
    Allgen = rbind(Allgen, xx[i,2:k])
  }
}

y_g <- Allgen[1]      # Dependent variable: doctor's visits by women only
x_g <- Allgen[2:(k-1)]
```

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Chow Test: Males or Females visit doctors more?

```
fit_doc_vis_f <- lm(y_g ~ x_g)
summary(fit_doc_vis_f)
```

- OLS Estimation for **Women** only. Keep $RSS_W = 478,894.2$

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	2.999559	0.453506	6.614	3.88e-11 ***
x_gx_age	0.049366	0.005719	8.632	< 2e-16 ***
x_gx_edu	-0.048141	0.027011	-1.782	0.0747 .
x_gx_married	-0.119853	0.133846	-0.895	0.3706
x_gx_white_col	-0.006734	0.124768	-0.054	0.9570
x_gx_hhkids	-0.636619	0.128844	-4.941	7.87e-07 ***
x_gx_hhinc	-0.015651	0.003174	-4.932	8.25e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: **6.052** on **13075** degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.01984, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01939

F-statistic: 44.11 on 6 and 13075 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

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Chow Test: **Males** or Females visit doctors more?

```
# Use above code, but change for loop (now, keep data if x_fem less than 1)
for (i in 1:T) {
  if (xx[i,1] < 1) {
    Allgen = rbind(Allgen, xx[i,2:k])
  }
}

y_g <- Allgen[,1]          # Dependent variable: doctor's visits by women only
x_g <- Allgen[,2:(k-1)]

fit_doc_vis_m <- lm (y_g ~ x_g)
summary(fit_doc_vis_m)
```

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Chow Test: **Males** or Females visit doctors more?

- OLS Estimation for **Men** only. Keep $RSS_M = 379.8470$

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1.801539	0.290792	6.195	5.98e-10 ***
x_gx_age	0.067656	0.004421	15.302	< 2e-16 ***
x_gx_edu	-0.105462	0.018814	-5.605	2.12e-08 ***
x_gx_married	0.022278	0.121467	0.183	0.854480
x_gx_white_col	-0.367075	0.096300	-3.812	0.000139 ***
x_gx_hhkids	-0.428916	0.102070	-4.202	2.66e-05 ***
x_gx_hhinc	-0.015438	0.002629	-5.872	4.40e-09 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: **5.118** on **14233** degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.03602, Adjusted R-squared: 0.03561

- Chow Test:

$$F = \frac{(RSS_R - [RSS_1 + RSS_2])/k}{(RSS_1 + RSS_2)/(T - 2k)} = \frac{(858,435 - [372,818.1 + 478,894.2])/7}{(372,818.1 + 478,894.2)/(27,323 - 14)}$$

$$= 31.1178 \Rightarrow \text{since } F(7, 27309) = 2.009925 \Rightarrow \text{reject } H_0 \text{ at 5\% level.}$$

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F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

- Suppose there is an event that we think had a big effect on the behaviour of our model. Suppose the event occurred at time T_{SB} . We think that the before and after behaviour of the model is significantly different. For example, the parameters are different before and after T_{SB} . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \beta_0^1 + \beta_1^1 X_{1,i} + \beta_2^1 X_{2,i} + \beta_3^1 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i & \text{for } i \leq T_{SB} \\ y_i &= \beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2 X_{1,i} + \beta_2^2 X_{2,i} + \beta_3^2 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i & \text{for } i > T_{SB} \end{aligned}$$

The event caused *structural change* in the model. T_{SB} separates the behaviour of the model in two regimes/categories (“*before*” & “*after*”).

- A Chow test tests if one model applies to both regimes:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1,i} + \beta_2 X_{2,i} + \beta_3 X_{3,i} + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for all } i$$
- Under H_0 (No *structural change*), the parameters are the same for all i .¹³

F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

- We test H_0 (No *structural change*):

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0^1 &= \beta_0^2 = \beta_0 \\ \beta_1^1 &= \beta_1^2 = \beta_1 \\ \beta_2^1 &= \beta_2^2 = \beta_2 \\ \beta_3^1 &= \beta_3^2 = \beta_3 \end{aligned}$$
- H_1 (*structural change*): For at least k ($= 0, 1, 2, 3$): $\beta_k^1 \neq \beta_k^2$
- What events may have this effect on a model? A financial crisis, a big recession, an oil shock, Covid-19, etc.
- Testing for structural change is the more popular use of Chow tests.
- Chow tests have many interpretations: tests for structural breaks, pooling groups, parameter stability, predictive power, etc.
- One important consideration: T may not be large enough.¹⁴

F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

- We structure the Chow test to test H_0 (No *structural change*), as usual.
- Steps for Chow (Structural Change) Test:
 - (1) Run OLS with all the data, with no distinction between regimes. (Restricted or pooled model). Keep RSS_R .
 - (2) Run two separate OLS, one for each regime (Unrestricted model):
 - Before Date T_{SB} . Keep RSS_1 .
 - After Date T_{SB} . Keep $RSS_2 \Rightarrow RSS_U = RSS_1 + RSS_2$.
 - (3) Run a standard F -test (testing Restricted vs. Unrestricted models):

$$F = \frac{(RSS_R - RSS_U)/(k_U - k_R)}{(RSS_U)/(T - k_U)} = \frac{(RSS_R - [RSS_1 + RSS_2])/k}{(RSS_1 + RSS_2)/(T - 2k)}$$

F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

Example: 3 Factor Fama-French Model for IBM (continuation)

Q: Did the dot.com bubble (end of 2001, $T_{SB} = 348$) affect the structure of the FF Model? Sample: January 1973 – December 2024 ($T = 624$).

Pooled RSS = **2.0826**

Jan 1973 – Dec 2001 RSS = $RSS_1 = 1.3481$ ($T = 347$)

Jan 2002 – June 2024 RSS = $RSS_2 = 0.7645$ ($T = 276$)

$$F = \frac{[RSS_R - (RSS_1 + RSS_2)]/J}{(RSS_1 + RSS_2)/(T - k)} = \frac{[2.1299 - (1.3481 + 0.7645)]/4}{(1.3481 + 0.7645)/(623 - 2*4)} = 1.2598$$

\Rightarrow Since $F_{4,619,05} = 3.01$, we cannot reject H_0

	Constant	Mkt - rf	SMB	HML	RSS	T
1973-2025	-0.0049*	0.8920*	-0.2141*	-0.0491	2.1299	623
1973-2001	-0.0030	0.7987*	-0.21557*	-0.2264	1.3481	347
2002 – 2024	-0.0054	0.9414*	-0.2611*	-0.03098	0.7645	276

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F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

Example (continuation): The R package *sctrucchange* estimates the Chow test. (As usual, you need to install package first.)

```
>library(sctrucchange)
> t_sb <- 348
> sctest(ibm_x ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML, type = "Chow", point = T_sb)
```

Chow test

```
data: ibm_x ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML
F = 1.2598, p-value = 0.2846
```

Note: For Coca-Cola (KO), the results are quite different

```
> y <- ko_x
> sctest(y ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML, type = "Chow", point = T_sb)
```

Chow test

```
data: y ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML
F = 3.6331, p-value = 0.006158
```

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F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

Example: We test if the Oct 1973 ($T_{SB} = 108$) oil shock in quarterly GDP growth rates had an structural change on the GDP model.

We model the GDP growth rate with an AR(1) model, that is, GDP growth rate depends only on its own lagged growth rate:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

```
GDP_da <- read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/GDP_q.csv", head=TRUE,
sep=",")
x_date <- GDP_da$DATE
x_gdp <- GDP_da$GDP
x_dummy <- GDP_da$D73
T <- length(x_gdp)
t_s <- 108                                # T_SB = Oct 1973

lr_gdp <- log(x_gdp[-1]/x_gdp[-T])
T <- length(lr_gdp)
lr_gdp0 <- lr_gdp[-1]
lr_gdp1 <- lr_gdp[-T]
t_s <- t_s -1                             # Adjust t_s (we lost the first observation)
```

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F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

Example (continuation):

```

y <- lr_gdp0
x1 <- lr_gdp1
T <- length(y)
x0 <- matrix(1,T,1)
x <- cbind(x0,x1)
k <- ncol(x)

# Restricted Model (Pooling all data)
fit_ar1 <- lm(lr_gdp0 ~ lr_gdp1)
e_R <- fit_ar1$residuals
RSS_R <- sum(e_R^2)

# Fitting AR(1) (Restricted) Model
# regression residuals, e
# RSS Restricted

> summary(fit_ar1)

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  0.011565   0.001145  10.097 < 2e-16 ***
lr_gdp1      0.244846   0.056687   4.319 2.14e-05 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.01296 on 294 degrees of freedom

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F-Test: Structural Change & Chow Test

Example (continuation):

```

# Unrestricted Model (Two regimes)

y_1 <- y[1:t_s]
x_u1 <- x[1:t_s,]
fit_ar1_1 <- lm(y_1 ~ x_u1 - 1)
e1 <- fit_ar1_1$residuals
RSS1 <- sum(e1^2)

# AR(1) Regime 1
# Regime 1 regression residuals, e
# RSS Regime 1

kk = t_s+1
# Starting date for Regime 2

y_2 <- y[kk:T]
x_u2 <- x[kk:T,]
fit_ar1_2 <- lm(y_2 ~ x_u2 - 1)
e2 <- fit_ar1_2$residuals
RSS2 <- sum(e2^2)

# AR(1) Regime 2
# Regime 2 regression residuals, e
# RSS Regime 2

F <- ((RSS_R - (RSS1+RSS2))/k)/((RSS1+RSS2)/(T - 2*k))
> F
[1] 4.877371
p_val <- 1 - pf(F, df1 = 2, df2 = T - 2*k) # p-value of F_test
> p_val
[1] 0.00824892

```

⇒ small p-values: Reject H_0 (No structural change).

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Non-nested Models and Tests

- So far, all our tests (t-, F- & Wald tests) have been based on **nested models**, where the R model is a restricted version of the U model. Typical situation, restricted model (Model R) has fewer regressors:

$$\text{Model U} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\delta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{Unrestricted})$$

$$\text{Model R} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\xi} \quad (\text{Restricted})$$

Model U becomes Model R under $H_0: \boldsymbol{\delta} = \mathbf{0}$. We know how to select a model, using, for example, a Wald test or an F-test.

Example:

Model U: 3-factor FF Model

$$(r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \beta_2 SMB_t + \beta_3 HML_t + \varepsilon_t$$

Model R: CAPM (imposing $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$)

$$(r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \varepsilon_t$$

Non-nested Models and Tests

- Sometimes, we have two rival **non-nested models** -i.e., neither is a restricted version of the other. How do we choose a model?

Example:

$$\text{Model 1} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\delta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{Model 2} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

- There are two common approaches to select a model:

(1) Encompassing test: Form an “unrestricted” model, combining both models. Then, test the two restricted versions of the model against the unrestricted model.

(2) J-test: Test directly one model against the other.

Non-nested Models and Tests: Encompassing

- **Testing-based Method 1:** Encompassing

We have two models for excess returns, based on the Fama-French factors, M1 & M2:

$$\text{M1: } (r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \gamma_2 \text{SMB}_t + \gamma_3 \text{HML}_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{M2: } (r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \delta_0 + \delta_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \delta_2 \text{CMA}_t + \delta_3 \text{RMW}_t + \varepsilon_t$$

To select one model, we use an encompassing test. Steps:

(1) Form a *encompassing model* that nests both rival models – M1 & M2.

$$(r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \beta_2 \text{SMB}_t + \beta_3 \text{HML}_t + \beta_4 \text{CMA}_t + \beta_5 \text{RMW}_t + \varepsilon_t \quad (\text{The } \mathbf{unrestricted \text{ Model, ME}}.)$$

(2) Do two F-test to the restrictions of each rival model against **ME**.

(i) Test **ME** (Unrestricted Model) against Model 1: $H_0: \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$

(ii) Test **ME** (Unrestricted Model) against Model 2 $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

Non-nested Models and Tests: Encompassing

- Steps:

(1) Form a *encompassing model*, combining M1 & M2.

$$(r_{IBM,t} - r_f) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (r_{m,t} - r_f) + \beta_2 \text{SMB}_t + \beta_3 \text{HML}_t + \beta_4 \text{CMA}_t + \beta_5 \text{RMW}_t + \varepsilon_t \quad (\text{The } \mathbf{unrestricted \text{ Model, ME}}.)$$

(2) Do two F-test to the restrictions of each rival model against **ME**.

(i) Test **ME** (Unrestricted Model) against Model 1: $H_0: \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$

(ii) Test **ME** (Unrestricted Model) against Model 2 $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

- Suppose we reject the restrictions against one M1 and we cannot reject the restrictions against M2, we are done: We select the M2, that is, the model that the F test do not reject restrictions (M2).

- Q: What happens if the restrictions cannot be rejected? Then, we prefer the model with the lower F statistic for the test of restrictions.

Non-nested Models and Tests: Encompassing

Example: We have:

Model 1 $y = X\beta + W\delta + \varepsilon$

Model 2 $y = X\beta + Z\gamma + \xi$

Then, the **Encompassing Model (ME)** is:

ME: $y = X\beta + W\delta + Z\gamma + \varepsilon$

Now test, separately, the hypotheses (1) $\delta = 0$ and (2) $\gamma = 0$. That is,

F-test for $H_0: \gamma = 0$: ME (**U Model**) vs **Model 1** (**R Model**).

F-test for $H_0: \delta = 0$: ME (**U Model**) vs **Model 2** (**R Model**).

If we reject $H_0: \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow$ We have evidence against **Model 1**

If we reject $H_0: \delta = 0 \Rightarrow$ We have evidence against **Model 2**.

Note: We test a hybrid model, a combination of two models. Also, multicollinearity may appear.

Non-nested Models and Tests: IFE or PPP?

- Two of the main theories to explain the behaviour of exchange rates, S_t , are the **International Fisher Effect (IFE)** and the **Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)**. We use the direct notation for S_t , that is, units of Domestic Currency per 1 unit of Foreign currency.

- IFE:** In equilibrium, changes in exchange rates (e_f) are driven by the interest rates differential between the domestic currency, i_d , and the foreign currency, i_f . A DGP consistent with IFE is:

$$e_f = \alpha^1 + \beta^1 (i_d - i_f) + \varepsilon^1$$

- Relative PPP:** In equilibrium, e are driven by the inflation rates differential between the domestic Inflation rate, I_d , and the foreign Inflation rate, I_f . A DGP consistent with IFE is:

$$e_f = \alpha^2 + \beta^1 (I_d - I_f) + \varepsilon^2$$

- Theories are non-nested, use non-nested methods to pick a model.

Non-nested Models and Tests: IFE or PPP?

Example: What drives log changes in exchange rates for the USD/GBP (e_f): ($i_d - i_f$) or ($I_d - I_f$)?

Model 1 (IFE): $e_f = \alpha^1 + \beta^1 (i_d - i_f) + \varepsilon^1$

Model 2 (PPP): $e_f = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 (I_d - I_f) + \varepsilon^2$

```
SF_da <- read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/SpFor_prices.csv", head=TRUE, sep=",")
x_date <- SF_da$Date
x_S <- SF_da$GBPSP
x_F3m <- SF_da$GBP3M
i_us3 <- SF_da$Dep_USD3M
i_uk3 <- SF_da$Dep_UKP3M
cpi_uk <- SF_da$UK_CPI
cpi_us <- SF_da$US_CPI
T <- length(x_S)
int_dif <- (i_us3[-1] - i_uk3[-1])/100
lr_usdgbp <- log(x_S[-1]/x_S[-T])
I_us <- log(cpi_us[-1]/cpi_us[-T])
I_uk <- log(cpi_uk[-1]/cpi_uk[-T])
inf_dif <- (I_us - I_uk)
```

Non-nested Models and Tests: IFE or PPP?

Example (continuation): Encompassing Model

$$e_f = \alpha + \beta^1 (i_d - i_f) + \beta_2 (I_d - I_f) + \varepsilon \quad (\text{U Model})$$

Encompassing Model and Test

```
fit_me <- lm(lr_usdgbp ~ int_dif + inf_dif)
```

```
> summary(fit_me)
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.0009633	0.0016210	-0.594	0.5527	
int_dif	-0.0278510	0.0741189	-0.376	0.7073	⇒ cannot reject $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$.
inf_dif	0.7444711	0.3429106	2.171	0.0306 *	⇒ reject $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$.

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.02662 on 360 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.01316, Adjusted R-squared: 0.007673

F-statistic: 2.399 on 2 and 360 DF, p-value: 0.09221

Note: Two F-tests are needed, but for the one variable case, the t-tests are equivalent.

Non-nested Models and Tests: IFE or PPP?

Example (continuation): The package in R, *lmtest*, performs this test, *encomptest*. Recall you need to install it first: `install.packages("lmtest")`.

Note: The test reported is an F -test $\sim F_{1,T-k}$, which, in this case with only one variable in each Model, is equal to $(t_{T-k})^2$.

```
library(lmtest)
fit_m1 <- lm(lr_usdgbp ~ int_dif)           # Restricted Model 1 (IFE)
fit_m2 <- lm(lr_usdgbp ~ inf_dif)          # Restricted Model 2 (PPP)
> encomptest(fit_m1, fit_m2)
```

1: lr_usdgbp ~ int_dif
 Model 2: lr_usdgbp ~ inf_dif
 Model E: lr_usdgbp ~ int_dif + inf_dif

	Res.Df	Df	F	Pr(>F)	
M1 vs. ME	360	-1	4.7134	0.03058 *	\Rightarrow reject $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$. Check: $(2.171)^2 = 4.713$
M2 vs. ME	360	-1	0.1412	0.70732	

Non-nested Models and Tests: J -test

• **Testing-based Method 2:** Davidson-MacKinnon (1981)'s **J -test**.

We start with two non-nested models. Say,

Model 1: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

Model 2: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Z}\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$

Idea: If Model 2 is true, then the fitted values from the Model 1, when added to the 2nd equation, should be insignificant.

• Steps:

(1) Estimate **Model 1** \Rightarrow obtain fitted values: $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}$.

(2) Add $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}$ to the list of regressors in Model 2

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Z}\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \boldsymbol{\lambda} \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

(3) Do a t -test on $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$. A significant t -value would be evidence against Model 2 and in favour of **Model 1**.

Non-nested Models and Tests: *J*-test

- (4) Repeat the procedure for the models the other way round.
 - (4.1) Estimate **Model 2** \Rightarrow obtain fitted values: \mathbf{Zc} .
 - (4.2) Add \mathbf{Zc} to the list of regressors in Model 1:

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \lambda \mathbf{Zc} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$
 - (4.3) Do a *t*-test on λ . A significant *t*-value would be evidence against **Model 1** and in favour of **Model 2**.
- (5) Rank the models on the basis of this test.

- “Best situation:” We only reject one $H_0: \lambda = 0$. In this case, it is clear which model to select.

But, it is possible that we cannot reject both models. This is possible in small samples, even if one model, say Model 2, is true.

Non-nested Models and Tests: *J*-test

- It is also possible that both *t*-tests reject H_0 ($\lambda \neq 0$ & $\lambda \neq 0$). This is not unusual. McAleer's (1995), in a survey, reports that out of 120 applications all models were rejected 43 times.

- Situations:

- (1) Both OK: $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda = 0$ \Rightarrow get more data
- (2) Only 1 is OK: $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\lambda = 0$ (**Model 2** is OK)
 (“Best situation”) $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\lambda = 0$ (**Model 1** is OK)
- (3) Both rejected: $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\lambda \neq 0$ \Rightarrow new model is needed.

Technical Note: As some of the regressors in step (3) are stochastic, Davidson and MacKinnon (1981) show that the *t*-test is *asymptotically* valid.

Non-nested Models: *J*-test – IFE or PPP?

Example: Now, we test Model 1 vs Model 2, using the *J*-test.

Model 1 (IFE): $e_f = \alpha^1 + \beta^1 (i_d - i_f) + \varepsilon^1$

Model 2 (PPP): $e_f = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 (I_d - I_f) + \varepsilon^2$

```
y <- lr_usdgbp
fit_m1 <- lm(y ~ int_dif)
summary(fit_m1)
y_hat1 <- fitted(fit_m1)
fit_J1 <- lm(y ~ inf_dif + y_hat1)
summary(fit_J1)

fit_m2 <- lm(y ~ inf_dif)
summary(fit_m2)
y_hat2 <- fitted(fit_m2)
fit_J2 <- lm(y ~ int_dif + y_hat2)
summary(fit_J2)
```

Non-nested Models: *J*-test – IFE or PPP?

Example (continuation):

```
> fit_m1 <- lm(y ~ int_dif)
> y_hat1 <- fitted(fit_m1)
> fit_J1 <- lm(formula = y ~ inf_dif + y_hat1)
> summary(fit_J1)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.136310	-0.014168	0.000351	0.017227	0.092421

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.0001497	0.0025556	0.059	0.9533
inf_dif	0.7444711	0.3429106	2.171	0.0306 *
y_hat1	1.2853298	3.4206106	0.376	0.7073

⇒ cannot reject $H_0: \lambda=0$. (Good for Model 2)

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

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Non-nested Models: *J*-test – IFE or PPP?

Example (continuation):

```
> fit_m2 <- lm(y ~ inf_dif)
> y_hat2 <- fitted(fit_m2)
> fit_J2 <- lm(formula = y ~ int_dif + y_hat2)
> summary(fit_J2)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.136310	-0.014168	0.000351	0.017227	0.092421

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.0003045	0.0016409	-0.186	0.8529
int_dif	-0.0278510	0.0741189	-0.376	0.7073
y_hat2	1.0066945	0.4636932	2.171	0.0306 *

 Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.02662 on 360 degrees of freedom
 Multiple R-squared: 0.01316, Adjusted R-squared: 0.007673
 F-statistic: 2.399 on 2 and 360 DF, p-value: 0.09221

Non-nested Models: *J*-test – IFE or PPP?

Example (continuation):

The *lmtest* package also performs this test. Recall that you need to install it first: `install.packages("lmtest")`.

```
library(lmtest)
fit_m1 <- lm(lr_usdgbp ~ int_dif)
fit_m2 <- lm(lr_usdgbp ~ inf_dif)
> jtest(fit_m1, fit_m2)
```

J test

Model 1: $lr_usdgbp \sim int_dif$
 Model 2: $lr_usdgbp \sim inf_dif$

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
M1 + fitted(M2)	1.0067	0.4637	2.1710	0.03058 *
M2 + fitted(M1)	1.2853	3.4206	0.3758	0.70732

\Rightarrow Reject $H_0: \lambda=0$. (Model 2 selected)

Non-nested Models: J -test – Remarks

- The J -test was designed to test non-nested models (one model is the true model, the other is the false model), not for choosing competing models –the usual use of the test.
- The J -test is likely to **over reject** (an “aggressive test”) the true (model) hypothesis when one or more of the following features is present:
 - i) A poor fit of the true model.
 - ii) A low/moderate correlation between the regressors of the 2 models.
 - iii) The false model includes more regressors than the correct model.

Davidson and MacKinnon (2004) state that the J -test will over-reject, **often quite severely** in finite samples when the sample size is small or where conditions (i) or (iii) above are obtained.

Testing Remarks: A word about α

- Ronald Fisher, before computers, tabulated distributions. He used a .10, .05, and .01 percentiles. These tables were easy to use and, thus, those percentiles became the de-facto standard α for testing H_0 .
- “It is usual and convenient for experimenters to take 5% as a standard level of significance.” –Fisher (1934).
- Given that computers are powerful and common, why is $p = 0.051$ unacceptable, but $p = 0.049$ is great? There is no published work that provides a theoretical basis for the standard thresholds.
- Rosnow and Rosenthal (1989): “... surely God loves .06 nearly as much as .05.”

Testing Remarks: A word about α

Practical advise: In the usual Fisher's null hypothesis (significance) testing, significance levels, α , are arbitrary. Make sure you pick one, say 5%, and stick to it throughout your analysis or paper.

- Report *p-values*, along with CI's. Search for **economic significance**.

Testing Remarks: A word about rejecting H_0

- In applied work, we only learn when we reject H_0 ; say, when the *p-value* $< \alpha$. But, rejections are of two types:
 - Correct ones, driven by the power of the test.
 - Incorrect ones, driven by **Type I Error** (“*statistical accident*,” luck).
 - It is important to realize that, however small the *p-value*, there is always a finite chance that the result is a pure accident. At the 5% level, there is 1 in 20 chances that the rejection of H_0 is just luck.
 - Since negative results are difficult to publish (*publication bias*), there is an unknown but possibly large number of false claims taken as truths.
- Example:** We have $N = 1,000$ tests of H_0 . If $\alpha = 0.05$, proportion of false $H_0 = 10\%$, and the power of the test equals 50% ($\pi = .50$), then, **47.4%** of rejections are true H_0 -i.e., “*false positives*.”

Testing Remarks: A word about rejecting H_0

Example: We conduct a 1,000 studies of some H_0 (say, $H_0: \mu = 0$)

- Assume the proportion of false H_0 is 10% (100 false cases).
- Use standard 5% significance level (45 rejections under H_0).
- Power 50% (50% correct rejections)

Decision	State of World	
	H_0 true	H_1 true (H_0 false)
Cannot reject H_0	855	50 (Type II error)
Reject H_0	45 (Type I error)	50
	900	100

Note: Of the 95 studies which result in a “statistically significant” (i.e., $p < 0.05$) result, 45 (47.4%) are true H_0 and so are “false positives.”⁴¹

Testing Remarks: A word about rejecting H_0

Example (continuation): Now, with same proportion of false H_0 (10%) and same $\alpha = 5\%$, assume the power is 80% (80% correct rejections of H_0).

Decision	State of World	
	H_0 true	H_1 true (H_0 false)
Cannot reject H_0	855	20 (Type II error)
Reject H_0	45 (Type I error)	80
	900	100

Now, of the 125 studies which result in a “statistically significant” (i.e., $p < 0.05$) result, 45 (36%) are true H_0 and so are “false positives.”

Conclusion: Higher power, lower proportion of false positives.

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Model Specification: Checking (A1)

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OLS Estimation – Assumptions

- CLM Assumptions

(A1) DGP: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is correctly specified.

(A2) $E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} | \mathbf{X}] = 0$

(A3) $\text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} | \mathbf{X}] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_T$

(A4) \mathbf{X} has full column rank – $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = k$ –, where $T \geq k$.

Q: What happens when (A1) is not correctly specified?

- We look at (A1). We have already studied what happens when we impose restrictions in the DGP: If we impose a true restriction, estimation is unbiased & more efficient; a false restriction causes bias!

This short lecture: Are we omitting a relevant regressor? Are we including an irrelevant variable? Can we test for omitted variables?

Specification Errors: Omitted & Irrelevant X's

- Omitting relevant variables: Suppose the correct model (DGP) is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$
 –the “*long regression*,” with \mathbf{X}_1 & \mathbf{X}_2 .

But, we compute OLS omitting \mathbf{X}_2 , a true driver of \mathbf{y} . That is,

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{–the “short regression.”}$$

Implication: Restricted estimator \mathbf{b}^* is **biased**, but **more efficient**.

- Irrelevant variables . Suppose the correct model is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{–the “short regression,” with } \mathbf{X}_1.$$

But, we estimate, ignoring the true restriction $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = 0$:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{–the “long regression.”}$$

Implication: Estimator \mathbf{b} is **unbiased**, but **inefficient**.

Specification Errors: Omitted & Irrelevant X's

- Omitting relevant variables is considered a very serious problem since it produces a biased (& inconsistent) estimator. In general, inconsistency is a fatal flaw for an estimator.
- For this reason it is very important that (A1) does not have omitted variables. A lot of the testing in econometrics is devoted to making sure that there are no omitted variables in a model.

Example: We have used the Wald test to test the CAPM for omitted variables: SMB and HML. In all our tests, we have rejected the restricted model, the CAPM, in favor of the 3-factor F-F model. That is, the CAPM has omitted variables.

Trilogy of Asymptotic Tests: LR, Wald, and LM

- **Wald test**: In practice, to test joint hypothesis $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$, we rely on the asymptotic distribution of the **Wald test**. We constructed the Wald test based on the unrestricted estimation (OLS), which in the produces \mathbf{b} and s^2 .

Then, the Wald test:

$$W^* = (\mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q})' \{ \mathbf{R}[\mathbf{s}^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}] \mathbf{R}' \}^{-1} (\mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q}) \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_j.$$

- In more general terms, we construct the Wald test based on the unrestricted estimation, which produces $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^U$.
- There are two other popular tests that are asymptotically equivalent –i.e., with same asymptotic distribution: the **Likelihood Ratio (LR)** and the **Lagrange Multiplier (LM)** tests.

Trilogy of Asymptotic Tests: LR

- **LR test**: Based on the (log) *Likelihood*. It needs two ML estimations:
 - The unrestricted estimation, producing $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML}$
 - The restricted estimation, producing $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^R$.

Then, the **LR** test:

$$LR = 2[\log(L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML})) - \log(L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^R))] \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_j$$

Note: MLE requires **assuming a distribution**, usually, a normal.

Technical note: The **LR** test is a **consistent test**. An asymptotic test which rejects H_0 with probability one when the H_1 is true is called a *consistent test*. That is, a consistent test has asymptotic power of 1. The LR test is a consistent test.

LR Test: Are SMB and HML Priced Factors?

Example: We do a LR test to test if the **SMB** & **HML** FF factors are significant, using monthly data 1973 – 2025 ($T = 624$). That is,

$$H_0: \beta_{SMB} = \beta_{HML} = 0$$

We use the function `lrtest` from R package `lmtest`. It assumes normality.

```
library(lmtest)
fit_ibm_ff3 <- lm (ibm_x ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML)
fit_ibm_capm <- lm (ibm_x ~ Mkt_RF)
lrtest(fit_ibm_ff3, fit_ibm_capm)
```

Likelihood ratio test

Model 1: $\text{ibm_x} \sim \text{Mkt_RF} + \text{SMB} + \text{HML}$

Model 2: $\text{ibm_x} \sim \text{Mkt_RF}$

```
#Df LogLik Df Chisq Pr(>Chisq)
```

```
1 5 884.85
```

```
2 3 880.93 -2 7.8329 0.01991 *
```

\Rightarrow p-value is small: Reject H_0

Trilogy of Asymptotic Tests: LM

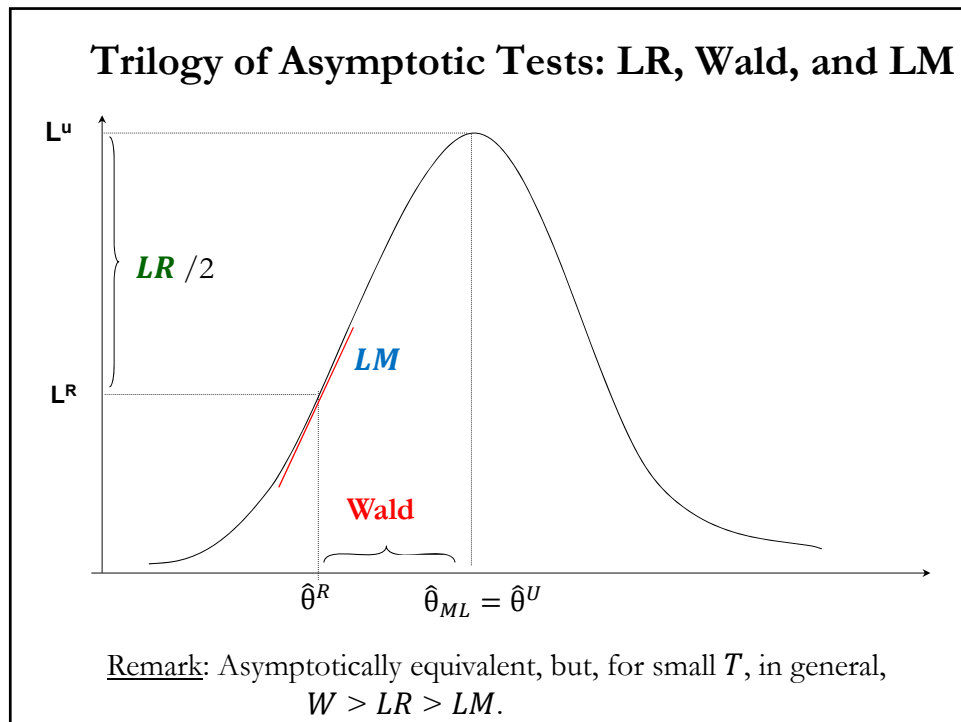
- **LM Test:** It needs only one estimation: the restricted estimation, that is, imposing $H_0: \mathbf{R}\beta - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$, producing $\hat{\theta}^R$.

Then, if the restriction is true, then the slope of the objective function (say, the Likelihood) at $\hat{\theta}^R$ should be zero. The slope is called the **Score**, $S(\hat{\theta}^R)$.

- The *LM* test is based on a Wald test on $H_0: S(\hat{\theta}^R) = 0$.

$$LM = S(\hat{\theta}^R)' [Var(S(\hat{\theta}^R))]^{-1} S(\hat{\theta}^R) \xrightarrow{d} \chi_f^2$$

It turns out that there is a much simpler formulation for the LM test, based on the residuals of the restricted model. We will present this version of the test next.



Testing Model Specification with an LM Test

- We can use the LM test to check for omitted variables, $H_0: \beta = 0$. We have already presented LR & W tests of $H_0: \beta = 0$. Why use an LM test? LM tests only use the restricted estimation, producing $\hat{\theta}^R$.
- The simpler formulation of the LM test is based on the residuals of the restricted model, e_R .

Simple intuition. Everything that is omitted from (& belongs to!) a model should appear in the residuals (e_R). Suppose the true model is:

$$y = X\beta_1 + Z\beta_2 + \varepsilon$$

But, we omit the Z variables, Z , implicitly imposing $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$:

$$y = X\beta_1 + \varepsilon \quad (\varepsilon = Z\beta_2 + \varepsilon)$$

LM tests check if e_R can be explained by the Z omitted variables Z . ⁵²

Testing Model Specification with an LM Test

- We use a simple regression of e_R against Z (dimension $J \times T$) to check for the misspecification.

- LM test steps:

(1) Run restricted model ($y = X\beta_1 + \epsilon$). Get restricted residuals, e_R .

(2) (Auxiliary Regression). Run the regression of e_R on all the omitted J variables, Z , and the k included variables, X . In our case:

$$e_{R,i} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_{1,i} + \dots + \alpha_k x_{k,i} + \gamma_1 z_{1,i} + \dots + \gamma_J z_{J,i} + v_i$$

\Rightarrow Keep the R^2 from this regression, R_{eR}^2 .

- (3) Compute LM-statistic:

$$LM = T * R_{eR}^2 \xrightarrow{d} \chi_J^2.$$

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Testing Model Specification with an LM Test

Technical Note: We include the original variables in (2), X , in the auxiliary regression to get the convenient form for the LM -test.

- The LM Test is very general. It can be used in many settings, for example, to test for nonlinearities, interactions among variables, autocorrelation or heteroscedasticity (discussed later).

Remark: Asymptotically speaking, the LM Test, the LR Test and the Wald Test are equivalent. They have the same limiting distribution, χ_J^2 .

With small T , they can have different conclusions. In general, we find:

$$W > LR > LM.$$

That is, the LM test is more conservative (rejects less often) and the Wald test is more aggressive (rejects more often).

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Testing Model Specification with an LM Test

Example: We use an LM test to check if the standard CAPM for IBM returns omits **SMB** and **HML**. ($J = 2$)

```
fit_ibm_capm <- lm (ibm_x ~ Mkt_RF)           # Restricted Model
resid_r <- fit_ibm_capm$residuals             # extract residuals from R model
fit_lm <- lm (resid_r ~ Mkt_RF + SMB + HML)    # auxiliary regression
> summary(fit_lm)
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.0003065	0.0023892	0.128	0.89797
Mkt_RF	0.0276474	0.0541081	0.511	0.60956
SMB	-0.2140617	0.0803507	-2.664	0.00792 **
HML	-0.0491383	0.0779484	-0.630	0.52867

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.05866 on 619 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.01249, Adjusted R-squared: 0.007708
F-statistic: 2.611 on 3 and 619 DF, p-value: 0.05058

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Testing Model Specification with an LM Test

Example (continuation):

```
R2_r <- summary(fit_lm)$r.squared           # extracting R^2 from fit_lm
> R2_r
[1] 0.01249

LM_test <- R2_r * T
> LM_test
[1] 7.78127                                     ⇒ LM_test > qchisq (.95,df=2) ⇒ Reject H0.

> qchisq(.95, df = 2)                         # chi-squared (df=2) value at 5% level
[1] 5.991465

p_val <- 1 - pchisq(LM_test, df = 2)         # p-value of LM_test
> p_val
[1] 0.0204331                               ⇒ p-value is small ⇒ Reject H0.
```

Note: In Lecture 5 we performed the same test with the Wald test (using the F distribution), the p-value was 0.0204. (This almost exact coincidence is not always the case.)

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