

Lecture 3

Specification & Testing in the Classical Linear Model

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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?

- In this lecture, we look at (A1), always in the context of linearity. Are we omitting a relevant regressor? Are we including an irrelevant variable? What happens when we impose restrictions in the DGP?

Specification Errors: Omitted Variables

- Omitting relevant variables: Suppose the correct model is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{--i.e., with two sets of variables.}$$

But, we compute OLS omitting \mathbf{X}_2 . That is,

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{<= the "short regression."}$$

Some easily proved results:

(1) $E[\mathbf{b}_1 | \mathbf{X}] = E[(\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{y}] = \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + (\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \neq \boldsymbol{\beta}_1$. So, unless $\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_2 = 0$, \mathbf{b}_1 is *biased*. The bias can be huge. It can reverse the sign of a price coefficient in a "demand equation."

(2) $\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}_1 | \mathbf{X}] \leq \text{Var}[\mathbf{b}_{1,2} | \mathbf{X}]$. (The latter is the northwest submatrix of the full covariance matrix.) The proof uses \mathbf{M} , the residual maker. We get a smaller variance when we omit \mathbf{X}_2 .

Specification Errors: Omitted Variables

- We get a smaller variance when we omit \mathbf{X}_2 .

Interpretation: Omitting \mathbf{X}_2 amounts to using extra information --i.e., $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \mathbf{0}$. Even if the information is wrong, it reduces the variance.

(3) MSE

\mathbf{b}_1 may be more "precise."

Precision = Mean squared error

= variance + squared bias.

Smaller variance but positive bias. If bias is small, may still favor the short regression.

Note: Suppose $\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{0}$. Then the bias goes away. Interpretation, the information is not "right," it is irrelevant. \mathbf{b}_1 is the same as $\mathbf{b}_{1,2}$.

Omitted Variables Example: Gasoline Demand

- We have a linear model for the demand for gasoline:

$$G = PG \beta_1 + Y \beta_2 + \epsilon,$$

Q: What happens when you wrongly exclude Income (Y)?

$$E[b_1 | \mathbf{X}] = \beta_1 + \frac{\text{Cov}[\text{Price}, \text{Income}]}{\text{Var}[\text{Price}]} \beta_2$$

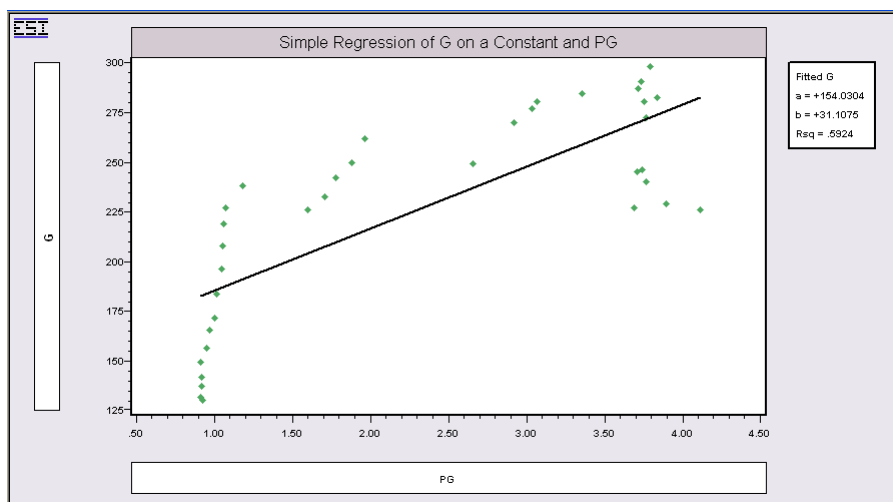
In time series data, $\beta_1 < 0$, $\beta_2 > 0$ (usually)

$\text{Cov}[\text{Price}, \text{Income}] > 0$ in time series data.

⇒ The short regression will overestimate the price coefficient.

In a simple regression of G (demand) on a constant and PG, the Price Coefficient (β_1) should be negative.

Estimation of a 'Demand' Equation (Greene): Shouldn't the Price Coefficient be Negative?



Estimation of a 'Demand' Equation (Greene): Multiple Regression - Theory Works.

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Ordinary      least squares regression .....
LHS=G        Mean          =      226.09444
              Standard deviation =      50.59182
              Number of observs. =          36
Model size    Parameters    =          3
              Degrees of freedom =          33
Residuals    Sum of squares =     1472.79834
              Standard error of e =       6.68059
Fit           R-squared     =       .98356
              Adjusted R-squared =       .98256
Model test    F[ 2,    33] (prob) =    987.1(.0000)
    
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Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-ratio	P[T >t]
Constant	-79.7535***	8.67255	-9.196	.0000
Y	.03692***	.00132	28.022	.0000
PG	-15.1224***	1.88034	-8.042	.0000

- Note: Income is helping us to identify a demand equation –i.e., with a negative slope for the price variable.

Specification Errors: Irrelevant Variables

- Irrelevant variables . Suppose the correct model is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \text{–i.e., with one set of variables.}$$

But, we estimate

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

Some easily proved results: Including irrelevant variables just reverse the results: It increases variance -the cost of not using information-; but does not create biases.

⇒ Since the variables in \mathbf{X}_2 are truly irrelevant, then $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \mathbf{0}$,

$$\text{so } E[\mathbf{b}_{1,2} | \mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\beta}_1.$$

Specification Errors: Irrelevant Variables

- A simple example

Suppose the correct model is: $y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \varepsilon$

But, we estimate: $y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$

- Unbiased: given that $\beta_3 = 0 \Rightarrow E[b_2 | X] = \beta_2$
- Efficiency:

$$\sigma_{b_2}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (X_{2i} - \bar{X}_2)^2} \times \frac{1}{1 - r_{X_2, X_3}^2} > \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (X_{2i} - \bar{X}_2)^2}$$

Note: These are the results in general. Note that if X_2 and X_3 are uncorrelated, there will be no loss of efficiency after all.

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Other Models

- Looking ahead to nonlinear models: neither of the preceding results extend beyond the linear regression model.

“Omitting relevant variables from a model is always costly. (No exceptions.) The benign result above almost never carries over to more involved nonlinear models.” (Greene)

Specification and Functional Form: Non-linearity

- In the context of OLS estimation, we can introduce some non-linearities: quadratic, cubic and interaction effects can be easily estimated by OLS. For example:

$$y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_2^2 + \beta_4 X_2 X_3 + \varepsilon$$

- Partial effects, $\partial y / \partial X_2$, (and standard errors) can be different. In the above model

$$\partial y / \partial X_2 = \beta_2 + 2 \beta_3 X_2 + \beta_4 X_3 \neq \beta_2$$

Note: Recall that in a simple linear model:

$$y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$$

the partial effect is equal to the β_2 coefficient:

$$\partial y / \partial X_2 = \beta_2.$$

Specification and Functional Form: Non-linearity

- The estimator of partial effects and their variances are different from b_i and $\text{Var}[b_i | \mathbf{X}]$ in the presence of non-linearities

Example: Quadratic Effect

Population

$$y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 x^2 + \beta_4 z + \varepsilon$$

$$\delta_x = \frac{\partial E[y | x, z]}{\partial x} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_3 x$$

Estimators

$$\hat{y} = b_1 + b_2 x + b_3 x^2 + b_4 z$$

$$\hat{\delta}_x = b_2 + 2b_3 x$$

Estimator of the variance of $\hat{\delta}_x$

$$\text{Est. Var}[\hat{\delta}_x] = \text{Var}[b_2] + 4x^2 \text{Var}[b_3] + 4x \text{Cov}[b_2, b_3]$$

Note: Now, the partial effect and the variance are a function of the data! Usually, an average is used in the estimation.

Application (Greene): Log Income Equation

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Ordinary least squares regression .....
LHS=LOGY Mean = -1.15746 Estimated Cov[b1,b2]
Standard deviation = .49149
Number of observs. = 27322
Model size Parameters = 7
Degrees of freedom = 27315
Residuals Sum of squares = 5462.03686
Standard error of e = .44717
Fit R-squared = .17237
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1	4.54799e-006	-5.1285e-008
2	-5.1285e-008	5.87973e-010
3	.00034e-005	.00107e-007

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Variable| Coefficient Standard Error b/St.Er. P[|z|>z] Mean of X
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AGE| .06225*** .00213 29.189 .0000 43.5272
AGESQ| -.00074*** .242482D-04 -30.576 .0000 2022.99
Constant| -3.19130*** .04567 -69.884 .0000
MARRIED| .32153*** .00703 45.767 .0000 .75869
HHKIDS| -.11134*** .00655 -17.002 .0000 .40272
FEMALE| -.00491 .00552 -.889 .3739 .47881
EDUC| .05542*** .00120 46.050 .0000 11.3202
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At Average Age = $x = 43.5272$.

Estimated Partial effect = $.066225 - 2(.00074) \times 43.5272 = .00018$.

Estimated Variance $4.54799e-6 + 4(43.5272)^2(5.87973e-10) + 4(43.5272) \times (-5.1285e-8) = 7.4755086e-08$.

Estimated standard error = $.00027341$.

Specification and Functional Form: Non-linearity

Example: Interactive Effect

Population	Estimators
$y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 z + \beta_4 xz + \varepsilon$	$\hat{y} = b_1 + b_2 x + b_3 z + b_4 xz$
$\delta_x = \frac{\partial E[y x, z]}{\partial x} = \beta_2 + \beta_4 z$	$\hat{\delta}_x = b_2 + b_4 z$
Estimator of the variance of $\hat{\delta}_x$	
$Est.Var[\hat{\delta}_x] = Var[b_2] + z^2 Var[b_4] + 2z Cov[b_2, b_4]$	

Application (Greene): Interaction Effect

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Ordinary least squares regression -----
LHS=LOGY Mean = -1.15746
Standard deviation = .49149
Number of observs. = 27322
Model size Parameters = 4
Degrees of freedom = 27318
Residuals Sum of squares = 6540.45988
Standard error of e = .48931
Fit R-squared = .00896
Adjusted R-squared = .00885
Model test F[ 3, 27318] (prob) = 82.4(.0000)
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Variable| Coefficient Standard Error b/St.Er. P[|Z|>z] Mean of X
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Constant| -1.22592*** .01605 -76.376 .0000
AGE| .00227*** .00036 6.240 .0000 43.5272
FEMALE| .21239*** .02363 8.987 .0000 .47881
AGE_FEM| -.00620*** .00052 -11.819 .0000 21.2960
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Do women earn more than men (in this sample?) The .21239 coefficient on
FEMALE would suggest so.
But, the female "difference" -i.e., partial effect- is: .21239 - .00620*Age.
At average Age, the effect is: .21239 - .00620 * (43.5272) = -.05748.

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OLS Subject to Restrictions

- Restrictions: Theory imposes certain restrictions on parameters.

Examples:

- Dropping variables from the equation. That is, certain coefficients in \mathbf{b} forced to equal 0. (Is variable \mathbf{x}_3 "size significant?")
- Adding up conditions: Sums of certain coefficients must equal fixed values. Adding up conditions in demand systems. Constant returns to scale in production functions ($\alpha + \beta = 1$ in a Cobb-Douglas production function).
- Equality restrictions: Certain coefficients must equal other coefficients. Using real vs. nominal variables in equations.

- Usual formulation with J linear restrictions (\mathbf{R} is $J \times k$ and \mathbf{q} is $J \times 1$):

$$\text{Min}_{\mathbf{b}} \{S(\mathbf{x}_i, \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^T e_i^2 = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})\} \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{q}$$

Restricted Least Squares

- In practice, restrictions can usually be imposed by solving them out.

(1) Dropping variables –i.e., force a coefficient to equal zero.

Problem:
$$\min_b \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_1 x_{i1} - b_2 x_{i2} - b_3 x_{i3})^2 \quad \text{s.t. } b_3 = 0$$

$$\min_b \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_1 x_{i1} - b_2 x_{i2})^2$$

(2) Adding up. Do least squares subject to $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 1$. Then, $b_3 = 1 - b_1 - b_2$. Make the substitution so $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_3) = b_1(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_3) + b_2(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3) + \mathbf{e}$.

Problem:
$$\text{Min}_b \sum_{i=1}^n ((y_i - x_{i3}) - b_1(x_{i1} - x_{i3}) - b_2(x_{i2} - x_{i3}))^2$$

(3) Equality. If $b_3 = b_2$, then $\mathbf{y} = b_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + b_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + b_2 \mathbf{x}_3 + \mathbf{e}$
 $= b_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + b_2 (\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_3) + \mathbf{e}$

Problem:
$$\text{Min}_b \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - b_1 x_{i1} - b_2 (x_{i2} + x_{i3}))^2$$

Restricted Least Squares

- Theoretical results provide insights and the foundation of several tests.

- Programming problem with J restrictions (\mathbf{R} is $J \times k$ and \mathbf{q} is $k \times 1$):

$$\text{Minimize wrt } \mathbf{b} \quad S = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})' (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{q}$$

- Quadratic programming problem

⇒ Minimize a quadratic criterion s.t. a set of linear restrictions.

- Concave programming problem, all binding constraints. No need for Kuhn-Tucker

- Solve using a Lagrangean formulation.

- The Lagrangean approach (the 2 is for convenience with is $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ $J \times 1$).

$$\text{Min}_{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}} \quad L^* = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})' (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + 2 \boldsymbol{\lambda}' (\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q})$$

$$= (\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + 2 \boldsymbol{\lambda}' (\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q})$$

Restricted Least Squares

- The Lagrangean approach

$$\text{Min}_{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}} L^* = (\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - 2\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + 2\boldsymbol{\lambda}'(\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q})$$

f.o.c:

$$\partial L^*/\partial \mathbf{b}' = -2\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^*) + 2\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow -\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^*) + \mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\partial L^*/\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}' = 2(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{0}$$

Then, from the 1st equation (and assuming full rank for \mathbf{X}):

$$-\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^* + \mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}^* = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} \\ = \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

Premultiply both sides by \mathbf{R} and then subtract \mathbf{q}

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} - \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{0} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda} + (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

$$\text{Solving for } \boldsymbol{\lambda} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

$$\text{Substituting in } \mathbf{b}^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

Linear Restrictions

- Q: How do linear restrictions affect the properties of the least squares estimator?

$$\text{Model (DGP): } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{Theory (information): } \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{Restricted LS estimator: } \mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

1. Unbiased?

$$E[\mathbf{b}^* | \mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}E[(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q}) | \mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

2. Efficiency?

$$\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}^* | \mathbf{X}] = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} - \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}^* | \mathbf{X}] = \text{Var}[\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{X}] - \text{a nonnegative definite matrix} < \text{Var}[\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{X}]$$

3. \mathbf{b}^* may be more “precise.”

$$\text{Precision} = \text{Mean squared error} = \text{variance} + \text{squared bias.}$$

Linear Restrictions

1. $\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{m}$, \mathbf{m} = the “discrepancy vector” $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q}$.

Note: If $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b}$. (Q: What does $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0}$ mean?)

2. $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q}) = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}\mathbf{m}$

When does $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$? What does this mean?

3. Combining results: $\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\boldsymbol{\lambda}$

4. Recall: $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}) \leq \mathbf{e}^{*\prime}\mathbf{e}^* = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^*)'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^*)$

\Rightarrow Restrictions cannot increase $R^2 \Rightarrow R^2 \geq R^{2*}$

Linear Restrictions – Interpretation

- Two cases

- Case 1: Theory is correct: $\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ (restrictions hold).

- \mathbf{b}^* is unbiased & $\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}^* | \mathbf{X}] \leq \text{Var}[\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{X}]$

- Case 2: Theory is incorrect: $\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{0}$ (restrictions do not hold).

- \mathbf{b}^* is biased & $\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}^* | \mathbf{X}] \leq \text{Var}[\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{X}]$.

- Interpretation

- The theory gives us information.

Bad information produces bias (away from “the truth.”)

Any information, good or bad, makes us more certain of our answer. In this context, *any* information reduces variance.

Linear Restrictions - Interpretation

- What about ignoring information (theory)?
 - Not using the correct information does not produce bias.
 - Not using information foregoes the variance reduction.

Testing in Economics



“The three golden rules of econometrics are test, test and test.” David Hendry (1944, England)



“The only relevant test of the validity of a hypothesis is comparison of prediction with experience.” Milton Friedman (1912-2006, USA)

Hypothesis Testing

- Testing involves the comparison between two competing hypothesis:
 - H_0 : The maintained hypothesis.
 - H_1 : The hypothesis considered if H_0 .
- Idea: We collect a sample, $X = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$. We construct a statistic $T(X) = f(X)$, called the *test statistic*. Now we have a decision rule:
 - If $T(X)$ is contained in space R , we reject H_0 (& we learn).
 - If $T(X)$ is in the complement of R (R^c), we fail to reject H_0 .

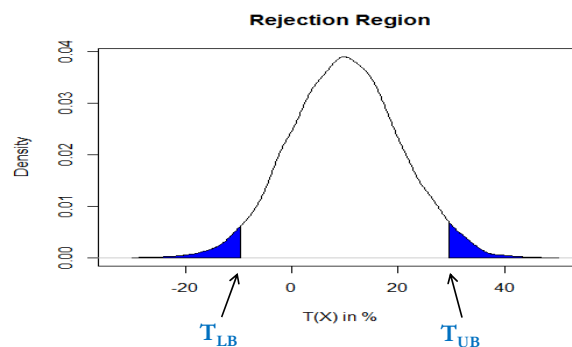
Note: $T(X)$, like any other statistic, is a RV. It has a distribution. We use the distribution of $T(X)$ to determine R , the *rejection region* (& we associate a probability to R).

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Hypothesis Testing: Rejection Region

Example: Suppose $T(X) = \bar{X}$. If data is normal, the distribution of \bar{X} is also normal. Then, under H_0 , we build a Rejection Region, R :

$$R = [\bar{X} < T_{LB}, T_{UB} > \bar{X}]$$



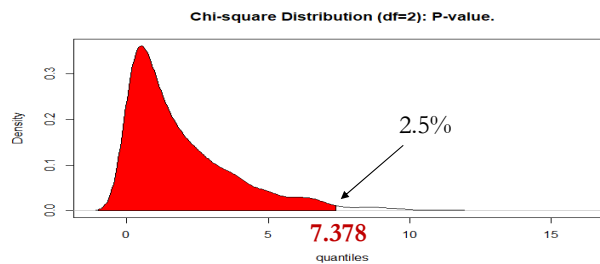
Note: The blue area (“*significance level*”) represents the $P[R | H_0]$. For example, if the blue area is 5%, then, $T_{LB} = -1.96$ & $T_{UB} = 1.96$.

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Hypothesis Testing: *p-value*

- The *classical approach*, also known as *significance testing*, relies on *p-values*: *p-value* is the probability of observing a result at least as extreme as the test statistic, under H_0 .

Example: Suppose $T(X) \sim \chi_2^2$. We compute $\widehat{T(X)} = 7.378$. Then,
 $p\text{-value}(\widehat{T(X)} = 7.378) = 1 - \text{Prob}[T(X) < 7.378] = 0.025$



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Hypothesis Testing: Steps

- Steps for the *classical approach*, also known as *significance testing*:

- Identify H_0 & set a *significance level* ($\alpha\%$).
- Determine the appropriate test statistic $T(X)$ and its distribution under the assumption that H_0 is true.
- Calculate $T(X)$ from the data.
- Rule:** If *p-value* of $T(X) < \alpha \Rightarrow$ Reject H_0 (& we learn $H_0!$ is not true).
 If *p-value* of $T(X) > \alpha \Rightarrow$ Fail to reject H_0 . (No learning.)

Note: In Step 4, setting $\alpha\%$ is equivalent to setting R . Thus, instead of looking at *p-value*, we can look if $T(X)$ falls in R (in the blue area). We do this by constructing a $(1 - \alpha)\%$ C.I.

- Mistakes are made. We want to quantify these mistakes.

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Hypothesis Testing: Error Types

- Type I and Type II errors

A *Type I error* is the error of rejecting H_0 when it is true.

A *Type II error* is the error of “accepting” H_0 when it is false (that is, when H_1 is true).

Notation: Probability of Type I error: $\alpha = P[X \in R | H_0]$
 Probability of Type II error: $\beta = P[X \in R^c | H_1]$

Example: From the U.S. Jury System

Type I error is the error of finding an innocent defendant guilty.

Type II error is the error of finding a guilty defendant not guilty.

- There is a trade-off between both errors.

Hypothesis Testing: Type I and Type II Errors

- Traditional view: Set *Type I error* equal to a small number & find a test that minimizes *Type II error*.

The usual tests (t-tests, F-tests, Likelihood Ratio tests) incorporate this traditional view.

Definition: Power of the test

The probability of rejecting H_0 based on a test procedure is called the *power of the test*. It is a function of the value of the parameters tested, θ :

$$\pi = \pi(\theta) = P[X \in R].$$

Note: when $\theta \in H_1 \quad \Rightarrow \pi(\theta) = 1 - \beta(\theta)$ -the usual application.

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Hypothesis Testing: Summary

- Hypothesis testing in Econometrics:

(1) We need a model. For example, $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{X}, \theta) + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

(2) We gather data (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}) and estimate the model \Rightarrow we get $\hat{\theta}$

(3) We formulate a hypotheses. For example, $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ vs. $H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0$

(4) Find an appropriate test and know its distribution under H_0

(5) Decision Rule (Test H_0). Reject H_0 : if θ_0 is too far from $\hat{\theta}$ (“the hypothesis is *inconsistent* with the sample evidence.”)

The decision rule will be based on a statistic, $T(X)$. If the statistic is large, then, we reject H_0 .

- To determine if the statistic is “large,” we need a *null distribution*.

- Ideally, we use a test that is most powerful to test H_0 .

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Hypothesis Testing: Issues

- Logic of the Neyman-Pearson methodology:

If H_0 is true, then $T(X)$ will have a certain distribution (under H_0). We call this distribution *null distribution* or *distribution under the null*.

- It tells us how likely certain values are, if H_0 is true. Thus, we expect ‘large values’ for θ_0 to be unlikely.

- Decision rule.

If the observed value for $T(X)$ falls in rejection region R

\Rightarrow Assumed distribution must be incorrect: H_0 should be rejected.

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Hypothesis Testing: Issues

- Issues:
 - What happens if the model is wrong?
 - What is a testable hypothesis?
 - Nested vs. Non-nested models
 - Methodological issues
 - Classical (frequentist approach): Are the data consistent with H_0 ?
 - Bayesian approach: How do the data affect our prior odds? Use the posterior odds ratio.

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Testing in the CLM: Single Parameter

- We test a hypotheses about a single parameter, say β_k , of the DGP.

Example: The linear model (DGP): $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

1. Formulate H_0 : \mathbf{X}_k should not be in the DGP \Rightarrow

$$H_0: \beta_k = \beta_k^0$$

$$H_1: \beta_k \neq \beta_k^0.$$

2. Construct $T(X)$ test H_0 : $t_k = (\mathbf{b}_k - \beta_k^0) / \sqrt{s^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})_{kk}^{-1}}$

Distribution of $T(X)$ under H_0 , with s^2 estimating σ^2 (unknown):

If **(A5)** $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} | \mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_T)$, $\Rightarrow t_k \sim t_{T-k}$.

If **(A5)** not true, asymptotic results: $\Rightarrow t_k \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$.

3. Using OLS, we estimate $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k, \dots$, & estimate $t_k \Rightarrow \hat{t}$.

4. Decision Rule: Set α level. We reject H_0 if $\text{p-value}(\hat{t}) < \alpha$.

Or, reject H_0 , if $|\hat{t}| > t_{T-k, 1-\alpha/2}$.

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Testing in the CLM: *t*-value

- Special case: $H_0: \beta_k = 0$
 $H_1: \beta_k \neq 0$.

Then,

$$t_k = (\mathbf{b}_k / \text{sqrt}\{s^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})_{kk}^{-1}\}) = \mathbf{b}_k / \text{SE}[\mathbf{b}_k] \quad \Rightarrow t_k \sim t_{T-k}.$$

This special case of t_k is called the *t*-value. That is, the *t*-value is the ratio of the estimated coefficient and its SE.

- The *t*-value is routinely reported in all regression packages. In the `lm()` function, it is reported in the third row of numbers.
- Usually, $\alpha = 5\%$, then if $|\hat{t}| > \mathbf{1.96} \approx 2$, we say the coefficient \mathbf{b}_k is “*significant*.”

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Hypothesis Testing: Confidence Intervals

- The OLS estimate \mathbf{b} is a point estimate for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, meaning that \mathbf{b} is a single value in \mathbb{R}^k .
- Broader concept: Estimate a set C_n , a collection of values in \mathbb{R}^k .
- When the parameter is real-valued, it is common to focus on intervals $C_n = [L_n; U_n]$, called an *interval estimate* for θ . The goal of C_n is to contain the true value, e.g. $\theta \in C_n$, with high probability.
- C_n is a function of the data. Therefore, it is a RV.
- The coverage probability of the interval $C_n = [L_n; U_n]$ is $\text{Prob}[\theta \in C_n]$.

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Hypothesis Testing: Confidence Intervals

- The randomness comes from C_n , since θ is treated as fixed.
- Interval estimates C_n are called *confidence intervals* (C.I.) as the goal is to set the coverage probability to equal a pre-specified target, usually 90% or 95%. C_n is called a $(1 - \alpha)\%$ C.I.

- When we know the distribution for the point estimate, it is easy to construct a C.I. For example, under **(A5)**, the distribution of \mathbf{b} is normal, then a 95% C.I. is given by:

$$C_n = [\mathbf{b}_k + z_{.025} \times \text{Estimated SE}(\mathbf{b}_k), \mathbf{b}_k + z_{.975} \times \text{Estimated SE}(\mathbf{b}_k)]$$

(Note: The Normal distribution is symmetric $\Rightarrow -z_{.025} = z_{.975} = \mathbf{1.96}$).

- This C.I. is symmetric around \mathbf{b}_k , with length proportional to its SE.

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Hypothesis Testing: Confidence Intervals

- Equivalently, C_n is the set of parameter values for \mathbf{b}_k such that the z-statistic $z_n(\mathbf{b}_k)$ is smaller (in absolute value) than $z_{\alpha/2}$. That is,

$$C_n = \{\mathbf{b}_k : |z_n(\mathbf{b}_k)| \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}\} \quad \text{with coverage probability } (1 - \alpha)\%.$$

- In general, the coverage probability of C.I.'s is unknown, since we do not know the distribution of the point estimates.

- In Lecture 8, we will use asymptotic distributions to approximate the unknown distributions. We will use these asymptotic distributions to get asymptotic coverage probabilities.

- Summary: C.I.'s are a simple but effective tool to assess estimation uncertainty.

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Recall: A t -distributed variable

- Recall a t_v -distributed variable is a ratio of two independent RV: a $N(0, 1)$ RV and the square root of a χ_v^2 RV divided by v .

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{Let } U = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

Assume that Z and U are independent (check the middle matrices in the quadratic forms!). Then,

$$t = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} / (n-1)}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{x} - \mu)}{s} = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{s / \sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

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Hypothesis Testing: Testing Example in R

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

$$\text{IBM}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f = \beta_1 + \beta_{\text{Mkt}} (\text{Mkt}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f) + \beta_{\text{SMB}} \text{SMB} + \beta_{\text{HML}} \text{HML} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

```
Returns <- read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/phd/K-DIS-IBM.csv",
head=TRUE, sep=",")
```

```
b <- solve(t(x)%*% x)%*% t(x)%*% y          # b = (X'X)-1X'y (OLS regression)
e <- y - x%*% b                             # regression residuals, e
RSS <- as.numeric(t(e)%*% e)                # RSS
R2 <- 1 - as.numeric(RSS)/as.numeric(t(y)%*% y) # R-squared
Sigma2 <- as.numeric(RSS)/(T-k)             # Estimated σ2 = s2
SE_reg <- sqrt(Sigma2)                     # Estimated σ – Regression stand error
Var_b <- Sigma2*solve(t(x)%*% x)            # Estimated Var[b|X] = s2(X'X)-1
SE_b <- sqrt(diag(Var_b))                  # SE[b|X]
t_b <- b/SE_b                               # t-stats (See Chapter 4)
```

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OLS Estimation – Is IBM’s Beta equal to 1?

> t(b)

	Mkt_RF	SMB	HML
[1,]	-0.005088944	0.9082989	-0.2124596 -0.1715002

> t(SE_b)

	Mkt_RF	SMB	HML
[1,]	0.002487509	0.05672206	0.08411188 0.08468165

> t(t_b)

	Mkt_RF	SMB	HML		
[1,]	-2.045799	16.01315	-2.525917	-2.025235	⇒ all coefficients are <i>significant</i> ($ t > 2$).

• Q: Is the market beta (β_1) equal to 1? That is,

$H_0: \beta_1 = 1$ vs. $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 1$

⇒ $t_k = (\mathbf{b}_k - \beta_k^0) / \text{Est. SE}(\mathbf{b}_k)$

$t_1 = (0.9082989 - 1) / 0.05672206 = -1.616674$

⇒ $|t_1| < 1.96$ ⇒ Cannot reject H_0 at 5% level 41

Testing: The Expectation Hypothesis (EH)

Example: EH states that forward/futures prices are good predictors of future spot rates: $E_t[S_{t+T}] = F_{t,T}$.

Implication of EH: $S_{t+T} - F_{t,T} = \text{unpredictable}$.

That is, $E_t[S_{t+T} - F_{t,T}] = E_t[\varepsilon_t] = 0!$

Empirical tests of the EH are based on a regression:

$$(S_{t+T} - F_{t,T}) / S_t = \alpha + \beta Z_t + \varepsilon_t, \quad (\text{where } E[\varepsilon_t] = 0)$$

where Z_t represents any economic variable that might have power to explain S_t , for example, $(i_d - i_f)$.

Then, under EH, $H_0: \alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$.

vs $H_1: \alpha \neq 0$ and/or $\beta \neq 0$. 42

Testing: The Expectation Hypothesis (EH)

Example (continuation): We will informally test EH using exchange rates (USD/GBP), 3-mo forward rates and 3-mo interest rates.

```
SF_da <- read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/SpFor_prices.csv",
head=TRUE, sep=",")
summary(SF_da)
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
T <- length(x_S)
prem <- (x_S[-1] - x_F3m[-T])/x_S[-1]
int_dif <- (i_us3 - i_uk3)/100
y <- prem
x <- int_dif[-T]
fit <- lm(y ~ x)
```

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Testing: The Expectation Hypothesis (EH)

Example (continuation): We do two individual t-tests on α & β .

```
> summary(fit)
Call:
lm(formula = y ~ x)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-0.125672 -0.014576 -0.000439  0.017356  0.094283

Coefficients:
            Estimate    Std. Error t value Pr(> |t|)
(Intercept) -0.0001854  0.0016219  -0.114  0.90906  => constant not significant (|t| < 2)
x            -0.2157540  0.0731553  -2.949  0.00339  ** => slope is significant (|t| > 2). => Reject H0
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.02661 on 361 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.02353, Adjusted R-squared:  0.02082
F-statistic: 8.698 on 1 and 361 DF, p-value: 0.003393
```

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Testing: The Expectation Hypothesis (EH)

- 95% C.I. for b :

$$C_n = [b_k \pm t_{k,1-.05/2} * \text{Estimated SE}(b_k)]$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= [-0.215754 - 1.96 * 0.0731553, -0.215754 + 1.96 * 0.0731553] \\ &= [-0.3591384, -0.07236961] \end{aligned}$$

Since $\beta = 0$ is not in C_n with 95% confidence \Rightarrow Reject $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$
at 5% level.

Note: The EH is a joint hypothesis, it should be tested with a joint test!

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Testing a Hypothesis: Wald Statistic

- Most of our test statistics, including joint tests, are Wald statistics.

Wald = normalized distance measure:

One parameter: $t_k = (b_k - \beta^0_k) / s_{b,k} = \text{distance/unit}$

More than one parameter.

Let \mathbf{z} = (random vector – hypothesized value) be the distance

$$W = \mathbf{z}' [\text{Var}(\mathbf{z})]^{-1} \mathbf{z} \quad (\text{a quadratic form})$$

- Distribution of W ? We have a quadratic form.

– If \mathbf{z} is normal and σ^2 known, $W \sim \chi^2_{v=\text{Rank}(\text{Var}[\mathbf{z}])}$

– If \mathbf{z} is normal and σ^2 unknown, $W \sim F$

– If \mathbf{z} is not normal and σ^2 unknown, we rely on asymptotic theory, $W \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{v=\text{Rank}(\text{Var}[\mathbf{z}])}$



Abraham Wald (1902–1950, Hungary)

Testing a Hypothesis: Wald Statistic

- Distribution of W ? We have a quadratic form.

Recall **Theorem 7.4**. Let the $n \times 1$ vector $y \sim N(\mu_y, \Sigma_y)$. Then,

$$(y - \mu_y)' \Sigma_y^{-1} (y - \mu_y) \sim \chi_n^2. \quad \text{—note: } n = \text{rank}(\Sigma_y).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \mathbf{z} \sim N(0, \text{Var}(\mathbf{z})) \Rightarrow W \text{ is distributed as } \chi_{v=\text{Rank}(\text{Var}[\mathbf{z}])}^2$$

In general, $\text{Var}(\mathbf{z})$ is unknown, we need to use an estimator of $\text{Var}(\mathbf{z})$. In our context, we need an estimator of σ^2 . Suppose we use s^2 . Then, we have the following result:

Let $\mathbf{z} \sim N(0, \text{Var}(\mathbf{z}))$. We use s^2 instead of σ^2 to estimate $\text{Var}(\mathbf{z})$

$$\Rightarrow W \sim F \text{ distribution.}$$

Recall the F distribution arises as the ratio of two χ^2 variables divided by their degrees of freedom.

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Recall: An F -distributed variable

$$\text{Let } F = \frac{\chi_J^2 / J}{\chi_T^2 / T} \sim F_{J,T}$$

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\text{Let } U = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

If Z and U are independent, then

$$F = \frac{\left[\frac{\sqrt{n} (\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sigma} \right]^2 / 1}{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} / (n-1)} = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{s^2 / n} \sim F_{1,n-1}$$

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Recall: An F -distributed variable

- There is a relationship between t and F when testing one restriction.
 - For a single restriction, $m = r'b - q$. The variance of m is: $r \text{Var}[b] r$.
 - The distance measure is $t = m / \text{Est. SE}(m) \sim t_{T-k}$.
 - This t -ratio is the $\text{sqrt}\{F\text{-ratio}\}$.
- t -ratios are used for individual restrictions, while F -ratios are used for joint tests of several restrictions.

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The General Linear Hypothesis: $H_0: R\beta - q = 0$

- Suppose we are interested in testing J joint hypotheses.

Example: We want to test that in the 3 FF factor model that the SMB and HML factors have the same coefficients, $\beta_{SMB} = \beta_{HML} = \beta^0$.

We can write linear restrictions as $H_0: R\beta - q = 0$,
 where R is a $J \times k$ matrix and q a $J \times 1$ vector.

In the above example ($J=2$), we write:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_{Mkt} \\ \beta_{SMB} \\ \beta_{HML} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta^0 \\ \beta^0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The General Linear Hypothesis: $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$

• Q: Is $\mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q}$ close to $\mathbf{0}$? There are two different approaches to this questions. Both have in common the property of unbiasedness for \mathbf{b} .

(1) We base the answer on the discrepancy vector:

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q}.$$

Then, we construct a Wald statistic:

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathbf{m}' (\text{Var}[\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{X}])^{-1} \mathbf{m}$$

to test if \mathbf{m} is different from 0.

(2) We base the answer on a model loss of fit when restrictions are imposed: RSS must increase and R^2 must go down. Then, we construct an F test to check if the unrestricted RSS (RSS_U) is different from the restricted RSS (RSS_R).

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Wald Test Statistic for $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$

- To test H_0 , we calculate the discrepancy vector:

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q}.$$

Then, we compute the Wald statistic:

$$W = \mathbf{m}' (\text{Var}[\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{X}])^{-1} \mathbf{m}$$

It can be shown that $\text{Var}[\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{R}[\sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'$. Then,

$$W = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})' \{\mathbf{R}[\sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'\}^{-1} (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

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

$$W^* = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})' \{\mathbf{R}[s^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'\}^{-1} (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

$$F = W^*/J \sim F_{J, T-k}$$

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

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Wald Test Statistic for $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$

Example: In the 3 FF factor model for IBM excess returns ($T=569$)

$$\mathbf{IBM}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f = \beta_1 + \beta_{Mkt} (\mathbf{Mkt}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f) + \beta_{SMB} \mathbf{SMB} + \beta_{HML} \mathbf{HML} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

we want to test if $\beta_{SMB} = 0.2$ and $\beta_{HML} = 0.6$.

1. $H_0: \beta_{SMB} = 0.2$ and $\beta_{HML} = 0.6$.
 $H_1: \beta_{SMB} \neq 0.2$ and/or $\beta_{HML} \neq 0.6$. $\Rightarrow J = 2$

We define \mathbf{R} (2x4) below and write $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_{Mkt} \\ \beta_{SMB} \\ \beta_{HML} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Test-statistic: $F = W^*/J = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})' \{\mathbf{R}[s^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'\}^{-1} (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$

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Wald Test Statistic for $H_0: R\beta - q = 0$

Example (continuation):

2. Test-statistic: $F = W^*/J = (\mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q})' \{\mathbf{R}[\mathbf{J}^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'\}^{-1} (\mathbf{Rb} - \mathbf{q})$

Distribution under H_0 : $F = W^*/J \sim F_{2,T-2}$ (asymptotic, $2^*F \xrightarrow{d} \chi_2^2$)

3. Get OLS results, compute F.

4. Decision Rule: $\alpha = 0.05$ level. We reject H_0 if $p\text{-value}(F) < .05$.

Or, reject H_0 , if $F > F_{J=2, T-2, .05}$.

```
J <- 2 # number of restriction
R <- matrix(c(0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1), nrow=2) # matrix of restrictions
q <- c(.2,1) # hypothesized values
m <- R%*%b - q # m = Estimated R*Beta - q
```

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Wald Test Statistic for $H_0: R\beta - q = 0$

Example (continuation):

```
Var_m <- R %*% Var_b %*% t(R) # Variance of m
det(Var_m) # check for non-singularity
W <- t(m)%*%solve(Var_m)%*%m
F_t <- as.numeric(W/J) # F-test statistic

qf(.95, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # exact distribution (F-dist) if errors normal
p_val <- 1 - pf(F_t, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # p-value(F_t) under errors normal
p_val

> F_t
[1] 49.21676
>
> qf(.95, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # exact distribution (F-dist) if errors normal
[1] 3.011672 F_t > 3.011672 => reject H_0 at 5% level
> p_val <- 1 - pf(F_t, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # p-value(F_t) under errors normal
> p_val
[1] 0 very low chance H_0 is true.
```

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Wald Test Statistic for H_0 : Does EH hold?

Example: Now, we do a joint test of the EH. $H_0: \alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$.

Using the previous program but with:

```
J <- 2 # number of restriction
R <- matrix(c(1,0,0,1), nrow=2) # matrix of restrictions
q <- c(0,0) # hypothesized values
> F_t
[1] 4.1024
>
> qf(.95, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # exact distribution (F-dist) if errors normal
[1] 3.020661 F_t > 3.020661 => reject H_0 at 5% level
>
> p_val <- 1 - pf(F_t, df1=J, df2=(T - k)) # p-value(F_t) under errors normal
> p_val
[1] 0.01731 very low chance H_0 is true.
```

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The F Test: $H_0: \mathbf{R}\beta - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$

(2) We know that imposing restrictions leads to a loss of fit: R^2 must go down. Does it go down a lot? –i.e., significantly?

Recall (i) $\mathbf{e}^* = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{e} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{b})$

(ii) $\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{e}^{*'}\mathbf{e}^* = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{b})'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{b})$

$\mathbf{e}^{*'}\mathbf{e}^* = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$

$\mathbf{e}^{*'}\mathbf{e}^* - \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$

Recall

– $W = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})'[\mathbf{R}\{\sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}'\}]^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q}) \sim \chi_J^2$ (if σ^2 is known)

– $\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} / \sigma^2 \sim \chi_{T-k}^2$.

Then,

$$F = (\mathbf{e}^{*'}\mathbf{e}^* - \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}) / J / [\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} / (T - k)] \sim F_{J, T-k}. \quad 58$$

The F Test: $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$

- $F = (\mathbf{e}^{*\prime}\mathbf{e}^* - \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e})/J / [\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}/(T - k)] \sim F_{J,T-K}$

Let $R^2 =$ unrestricted model $= 1 - \text{RSS}/\text{TSS}$
 $R^{*2} =$ restricted model fit $= 1 - \text{RSS}^*/\text{TSS}$

Then, dividing and multiplying F by TSS we get

$$F = ((1 - R^{*2}) - (1 - R^2))/J / [(1 - R^2)/(T - k)] \sim F_{J,T-K}$$

or

$$F = \{ (R^2 - R^{*2})/J \} / [(1 - R^2)/(T - k)] \sim F_{J,T-K}$$

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The F Test: F-test of goodness of fit

- In the linear model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{X}_k\boldsymbol{\beta}_k + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

- We want to test if the slopes $\mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k$ are equal to zero. That is,

$$H_0: \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \dots = \boldsymbol{\beta}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

$$H_1: \text{at least one } \boldsymbol{\beta} \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow J = k - 1$$

- We can write $H_0: \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \dots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- We have $J = k - 1$. Then,

$$F = \{ (R^2 - R^{*2})/(k - 1) \} / [(1 - R^2)/(T - k)] \sim F_{k-1,T-K}$$

- For the restricted model, $R^{*2} = 0$.

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The F Test: F-test of goodness of fit

Then, $F = \{ R^2 / (k-1) \} / [(1 - R^2) / (T-k)] \sim F_{k-1, T-k}$.

- Recall ESS/TSS is the definition of R^2 . RSS/TSS is equal to $(1 - R^2)$.

$$F(k-1, n-k) = \frac{R^2 / (k-1)}{(1 - R^2) / (T-k)} = \frac{\frac{ESS}{TSS} / (k-1)}{\frac{RSS}{TSS} / (T-k)} = \frac{ESS / (k-1)}{RSS / (T-k)}$$

- This test statistic is called the *F-test of goodness of fit*.

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The F Test: F-test of goodness of fit

Example: We want to test if all the FF factors (Market, SMB, HML) are significant, using monthly data 1973 – 2020 ($T=569$).

```

y <- ibm_x
T <- length(x)
x0 <- matrix(1,T,1)
x <- cbind(x0,Mkt_RF, SMB, HML)
k <- ncol(x)
b <- solve(t(x)%*%x)%*%t(x)%*%y #OLS regression
e <- y - x%*%b
RSS <- as.numeric(t(e)%*%e)
R2 <- 1 - as.numeric(RSS)/as.numeric(t(y)%*%y) #R-squared
> R2
[1] 0.338985
F_goodfit <- (R2/(k-1))/((1-R2)/(T-k)) #F-test of goodness of fit.
> F_goodfit
[1] 96.58204 => F_goodfit > F_{2,565,05} = 2.387708 => Reject H_0. 62

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The F Test: General Case – Example

- In the linear model

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon = \beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + X_3\beta_3 + X_4\beta_4 + \varepsilon$$

- We want to test if the slopes X_3, X_4 are equal to zero. That is,

$$H_0 : \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_3 \neq 0 \text{ or } \beta_4 \neq 0 \text{ or both } \beta_3 \text{ and } \beta_4 \neq 0$$

- We can use, $F = (\mathbf{e}^*\mathbf{e}^* - \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e})/J / [\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}/(T - k)] \sim F_{J, T-K}$

Define $Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \varepsilon$ RSS_R

$Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_4 + \varepsilon$ RSS_U

$$F(\text{cost in } df, \text{ unconstr } df) = \frac{RSS_R - RSS_U / k_U - k_R}{RSS_U / T - k_U}$$

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The F Test: General Case – Example

Example: We want to test if the additional FF factors (SMB, HML) are significant, using monthly data 1973 – 2020 (T=569).

Unrestricted Model:

$$(U) \quad \mathbf{IBM}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (\mathbf{Mkt}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f) + \beta_2 \mathbf{SMB} + \beta_3 \mathbf{HML} + \varepsilon$$

Hypothesis: $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$

$H_1: \beta_2 \neq 0$ and/or $\beta_3 \neq 0$

Then, the Restricted Model:

$$(R) \quad \mathbf{IBM}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (\mathbf{Mkt}_{\text{Ret}} - \mathbf{r}_f) + \varepsilon$$

Test: $F = \frac{(RSS_R - RSS_U)/J}{RSS_U/(T - k_U)} \sim F_{J, T-K}$ with $J = k_U - k_R = 4 - 2 = 2$

The F Test: General Case – Example

Example (continuation): The unrestricted model was already estimated. For the restricted model:

```

y <- ibm_x
x0 <- matrix(1,T,1)
x_r <- cbind(x0,Mkt_RF)           # Restricted X vector
T <- nrow(x)
k2 <- ncol(x)

b2 <- solve(t(x_r)%*% x_r)%*% t(x_r)%*%y   # Restricted OLS regression
e2 <- y - x_r%*%b2
RSS2 <- as.numeric(t(e2)%*%e2)
> RSS = 1.932442                    # RSSU
> RSS2 = 1.964844                  # RSSR
J <- k - k2                         # J = degrees of freedom of numerator
F_test <- ((RSS2 - RSS)/J)/(RSS/(T-k))

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The F Test: General Case – Example

Example (continuation):

```

F_test <- ((RSS2 - RSS)/J)/(RSS/(T-k))
> F_test
[1] 4.736834
> qf(.95, df1=J, df2=(T-k))         # F2,565,05 value (≈ 3)
[1] 3.011672                         ⇒ Reject H0.
p_val <- 1 - pf(F_test, df1=J, df2=(T-k)) # p-value of F_test
> p_val
[1] 0.009117494                    ⇒ p-value is small ⇒ Reject H0.

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Lagrange Multiplier Statistics

- Specific to the classical model.

Recall the Lagrange multipliers:

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \mathbf{m}$$

Suppose we just test $H_0: \boldsymbol{\lambda} = \mathbf{0}$, using the Wald criterion.

$$W = \boldsymbol{\lambda}'(\text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\lambda} | \mathbf{X}])^{-1}\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

where

$$\text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\lambda} | \mathbf{X}] = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}\text{Var}[\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{X}] [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}$$

$$\text{Var}[\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{R}[\sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\boldsymbol{\lambda} | \mathbf{X}] &= [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1}\mathbf{R}[\sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]\mathbf{R}'[\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \mathbf{m}' [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \{ \sigma^2 [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \}^{-1} [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \mathbf{m} \\ &= \mathbf{m}' [\sigma^2 \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{R}']^{-1} \mathbf{m} \end{aligned}$$

Application (Greene): Gasoline Demand

- Time series regression,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LogG} &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 \text{logY} + \beta_3 \text{logPG} + \beta_4 \text{logPNC} + \beta_5 \text{logPUC} \\ &\quad + \beta_6 \text{logPPT} + \beta_7 \text{logPN} + \beta_8 \text{logPD} + \beta_9 \text{logPS} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Period = 1960 - 1995.

- A significant event occurs in October 1973: the first oil crash. In the next lecture, we will be interested to know if the model 1960 to 1973 is the same as from 1974 to 1995.

Note: All coefficients in the model are elasticities.

Application (Greene): Gasoline Demand

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Ordinary least squares regression .....
LHS=LG Mean = 5.39299
Standard deviation = .24878
Number of observs. = 36
Model size Parameters = 9
Degrees of freedom = 27
Residuals Sum of squares = .00855 <*****
Standard error of e = .01780 <*****
Fit R-squared = .99605 <*****
Adjusted R-squared = .99488 <*****
-----+-----
Variable| Coefficient Standard Error t-ratio P[|T|>t] Mean of X
-----+-----
Constant| -6.95326*** 1.29811 -5.356 .0000
LY| 1.35721*** .14562 9.320 .0000 9.11093
LPG| -.50579*** .06200 -8.158 .0000 .67409
LPNC| -.01654 .19957 -.083 .9346 .44320
LPUC| -.12354* .06568 -1.881 .0708 .66361
LPPT| .11571 .07859 1.472 .1525 .77208
LPN| 1.10125*** .26840 4.103 .0003 .60539
LPD| .92018*** .27018 3.406 .0021 .43343
LPS| -1.09213*** .30812 -3.544 .0015 .68105
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Application (Greene): Gasoline Demand

• Q: Is the price of public transportation really relevant? $H_0 : \beta_6 = 0$.

(1) Distance measure: $t_6 = (b_6 - 0) / s_{b_6} = (.11571 - 0) / .07859$
 $= 1.472 < 2.052 \Rightarrow$ cannot reject H_0 .

(2) Confidence interval: $b_6 \pm t_{(.95,27)} \times$ Standard error
 $= .11571 \pm 2.052 \times (.07859)$
 $= .11571 \pm .16127 = (-.045557, .27698)$
 \Rightarrow C.I. contains 0 \Rightarrow cannot reject H_0 .

(3) Regression fit if X_6 drop? Original $R^2 = .99605$,
 Without LPPT, $R^{*2} = .99573$
 $F(1,27) = [(.99605 - .99573)/1]/[(1 - .99605)/(36 - 9)] = 2.187$
 $= 1.472^2$ (with some rounding) \Rightarrow cannot reject H_0 .

Gasoline Demand (Greene) - Hypothesis Test: Sum of Coefficients

• Do the three aggregate price elasticities sum to zero?

$$H_0: \beta_7 + \beta_8 + \beta_9 = 0$$

$$R = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1], \quad q = 0$$

Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-ratio	P[T >t]
LPN	1.10125***	.26840	4.103	.0003
LPD	.92018***	.27018	3.406	.0021
LPS	-1.09213***	.30812	-3.544	.0015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1.6851	-0.189024	-0.0256198	-0.218091	-0.0240267	-0.0295907	-0.0261772	0.197857	0.176068
2	-0.189024	0.0212045	0.00290895	0.0243971	0.00269963	0.0032894	0.00280174	-0.0222154	-0.0195876
3	-0.0256198	0.00290895	0.00384368	-0.000682307	-0.000413822	-0.00176052	-0.0114883	-0.0044953	0.0108144
4	-0.218091	0.0243971	-0.000682307	0.0398293	0.00350897	0.00824835	0.0236143	-0.0311143	-0.0453555
5	-0.0240267	0.00269963	-0.000413822	0.00350897	0.00431411	0.001419	0.00979376	-0.0118214	-0.00970482
6	-0.0295907	0.0032894	-0.00176052	0.00824835	0.001419	0.00617673	0.0134911	-0.00740557	-0.0198458
7	-0.0261772	0.00280174	-0.0114883	0.0236143	0.00979376	0.0134911	0.0720371	-0.0335608	-0.0705545
8	0.197857	-0.0222154	-0.0044953	-0.0311143	-0.0118214	-0.00740557	-0.0335608	0.0729982	0.0346625
9	0.176068	-0.0195876	0.0108144	-0.0453555	-0.00970482	-0.0198458	-0.0705545	0.0346625	0.0949391

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Gasoline Demand (Greene) - Hypothesis Test: Sum of Coefficients – Wald Test

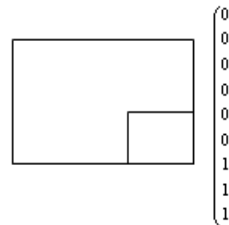
```
--> MATRIX ; list ; R = [0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1] ; q = [0]
      ; m = R*b - q
      ; Varm = R*Varb*R'
      ; Wald = m' <Varm> m $
```

$$\text{Var}[m] = R \times \text{Var}[b] \times R' = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^9 \sum_{j=1}^9 R_i R_j \text{Cov}(b_i, b_j) = 0.10107$$

$$m' [\text{Var}(m)]^{-1} m = 8.5446$$

The critical chi squared with 1 degree of freedom is 3.84, so the hypothesis is rejected.



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Gasoline Demand (Greene) - Imposing Restrictions

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Linearly restricted regression
LHS=LG      Mean          = 5.392989
            Standard deviation = .2487794
            Number of observs. = 36
Model size  Parameters     = 8 <*** 9 - 1 restriction
            Degrees of freedom = 28
Residuals  Sum of squares  = .0112599 <*** With the restriction
Residuals  Sum of squares  = .0085531 <*** Without the
restriction
Fit         R-squared      = .9948020
Restrictns. F[ 1, 27] (prob) = 8.5(.01)
Not using OLS or no constant.R2 & F may be < 0
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Variable| Coefficient   Standard Error  t-ratio  P[|T|>t]  Mean of X
-----+-----
Constant| -10.1507***   .78756         -12.889  .0000
LY|      1.71582*** .08839        19.412  .0000    9.11093
LPG|     -.45826*** .06741        -6.798  .0000    .67409
LPNC|    .46945*** .12439        3.774   .0008    .44320
LPUC|    -.01566   .06122        -.256   .8000    .66361
LPPT|    .24223*** .07391        3.277   .0029    .77208
LPN|     1.39620*** .28022        4.983   .0000    .60539
LPD|     .23885   .15395        1.551   .1324    .43343
LPS|    -1.63505*** .27700        -5.903  .0000    .6810573
-----+-----
F = [(0.0112599 - .0085531)/1] / [.0085531/(36 - 9)] = 8.544691
    
```

Gasoline Demand (Greene) - Joint Hypotheses

- Joint hypothesis: Income elasticity = +1, Own price elasticity = -1.
The hypothesis implies that $\log G = \beta_1 + \log Y - \log P_g + \beta_4 \log P_{NC} + \dots$

Strategy: Regress $\log G - \log Y + \log P_g$ on the other variables and

- Compare the sums of squares

With two restrictions imposed

Residuals Sum of squares = .0286877

Fit R-squared = .9979006

Unrestricted

Residuals Sum of squares = .0085531

Fit R-squared = .9960515

$$F = ((.0286877 - .0085531)/2) / (.0085531/(36-9)) = 31.779951$$

The critical F for 95% with 2,27 degrees of freedom is 3.354 $\Rightarrow H_0$ is rejected.

- Q: Are the results consistent? Does the R^2 really go up when the restrictions are imposed?

Gasoline Demand - Using the Wald Statistic

```

--> Matrix ; R = [0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0 /
                  0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0]$
--> Matrix ; q = [1/-1]$
--> Matrix ; list ; m = R*b - q $
Matrix M          has 2 rows and 1 columns.
      1
+-----+
1|    .35721
2|    .49421
+-----+
--> Matrix ; list ; vm = R*varb*R' $
Matrix VM         has 2 rows and 2 columns.
      1          2
+-----+-----+
1|    .02120    .00291
2|    .00291    .00384
+-----+-----+
--> Matrix ; list ; w = 1/2 * m'<vm>m $
Matrix W          has 1 rows and 1 columns.
      1
+-----+
1|   31.77981
+-----+
    
```

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Gasoline Demand (Greene) – Testing Details

- Q: Which restriction is the problem? We can look at the J_{x1} estimated LM, λ , for clues:

$$\lambda = [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})\mathbf{R}']^{-1}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{q})$$

- Recall that under H_0 , λ should be 0.

Matrix Result has 2 rows and 1 columns.

```

      1
+-----+
1|   -.88491    Income elasticity
2|  129.24760    Price elasticity
+-----+
    
```

Results *suggest* that the constraint on the price elasticity is having a greater effect on the sum of squares.

Gasoline Demand (Greene) - Basing the Test on R^2

- After building the restrictions into the model and computing restricted and unrestricted regressions: Based on R^2 s,

$$F = [(.9960515 - .997096)/2]/[(1 - .9960515)/(36-9)] \\ = -3.571166 (!)$$

- Q: What's wrong?

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