

Basic Econometrics - rewiev

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- Linear equation

$$y_i = x_{1i}\beta_1 + x_{2i}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{Ki}\beta_K + \varepsilon_i, \text{ dla } i = 1, \dots, N,$$

- Elements

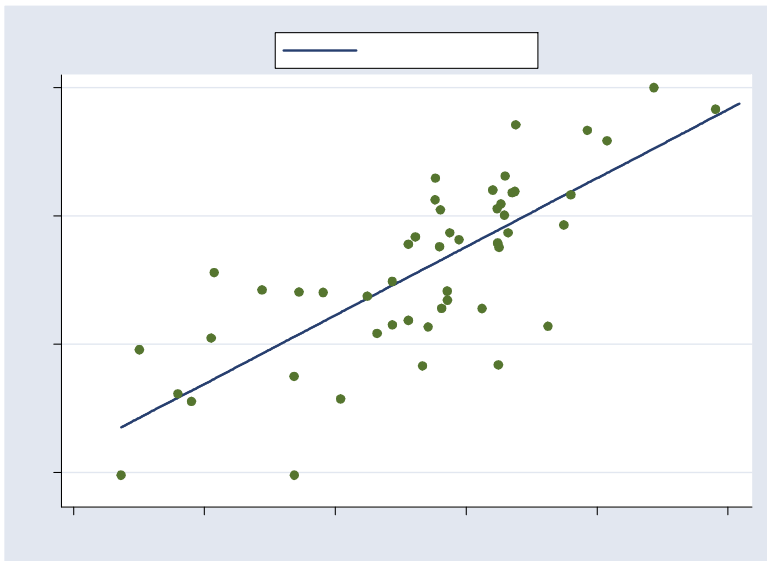
- dependent (endogenous) variable y_i
- independent (exogenous) variables x_{1i}, \dots, x_{Ki}
- parameters β_1, \dots, β_K
- error term ε_i

- Similar to model

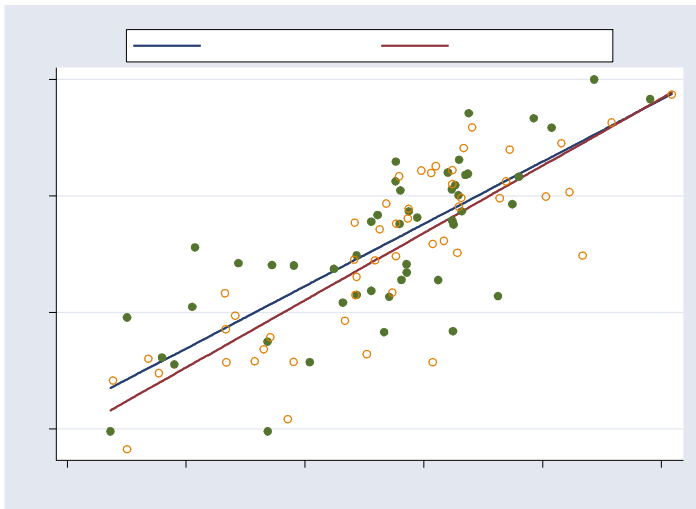
$$\hat{y}_i = x_{1i}b_1 + x_{2i}b_2 + \dots + x_{Ki}b_K.$$

- Differences:
 - fitted values \hat{y}_i instead of dependent variable y_i
 - estimates b_1, \dots, b_K instead of parameters β_1, \dots, β_K
 - residuals e_i instead of error terms ε_i
- Parameters are nonrandom but estimates are random

Fitted regression line (simulated data)



Same model different sample



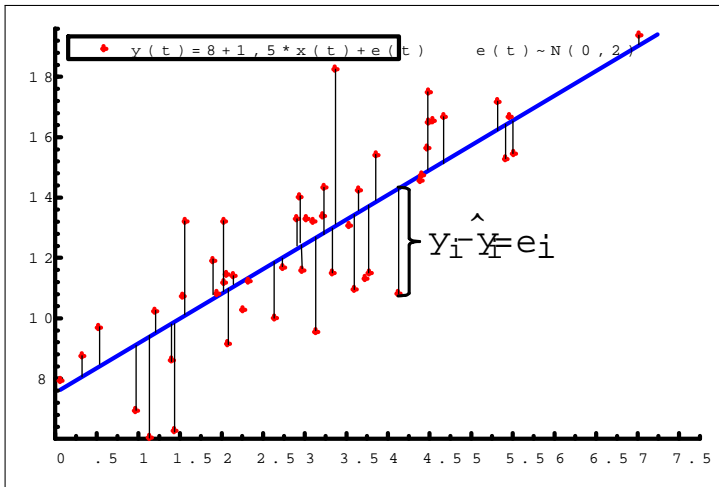
- Definition of the residual

$$e_i = y_i - x_{1i}b_1 - x_{2i}b_2 - \dots - x_{Ki}b_K = y_i - \hat{y}_i.$$

- Therefore

$$y_i = \hat{y}_i + e_i = x_{1i}b_1 + x_{2i}b_2 + \dots + x_{Ki}b_K + e_i.$$

Fitting the regression line



- The fit is the best if the sum of squares of residuals is the smallest possible:

$$\min_{\mathbf{b}} S(\mathbf{b}) = \min_{\mathbf{b}} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \min_{\mathbf{b}} \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2.$$

- Solution of this minimization problem gives the formula for *OLS* estimator \mathbf{b}
- This also explains why this estimator is called *Least Squares* estimator

- Matrix formulation of the model

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{K1} \\ \vdots & & \\ x_{1N} & \cdots & x_{KN} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_N \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}},$$

- Therefore we can write:

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

- Similarly

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

- We sometimes use as well the notation

$$y_i = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_{1i} & \cdots & x_{Ki} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}_i} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \varepsilon_i,$$

- so that

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

- First order derivative of $S(\mathbf{b})$ w.r.t. \mathbf{b} :

$$\frac{\partial S(\mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = -2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} + 2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}.$$

- First order conditions (system of normal equations)

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$$

- Solution (OLS estimator):

$$\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} .$$

- But:

- Matrix \mathbf{X} has to be invertible (if it is not we have perfect collinearity)

- **Total Sum of Squares**

$$TSS = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})' (\mathbf{y} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})$$

- **Explained Sum of Squares**

$$ESS = \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - \bar{\hat{y}})^2 = (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \bar{\hat{\mathbf{y}}})' (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \bar{\hat{\mathbf{y}}})$$

- **Residual Sum of Squares**

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}$$

- It can be proven that

$$TSS = ESS + RSS$$

- So we can define:

$$R^2 = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = \frac{\text{explained variation}}{\text{total variation}}$$

- and

$$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

- R^2 can be interpreted as percent of total variation of dependent variable explained by the model

- Dummy variable can only take values 0 or 1
- Define a model

$$y_i = \beta_1 x_{1i} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Ki} + \gamma D_i + \varepsilon_i.$$

- For $D_j = 0$

$$y_i = \beta_1 x_{1i} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Ki} + \varepsilon_i.$$

- For $D_j = 1$,

$$y_j = \beta_1 x_{1j} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Kj} + \gamma + \varepsilon_j.$$

- So the difference between expected values of y_j and y_i is equal to

$$E(y_j) - E(y_i) = \gamma.$$

- General case

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \gamma_0 + \sum_{s=2}^S D_{s,i} \gamma_s + \varepsilon_i.$$

- For $z_i = 1$, $z_j = s$:

$$E(y_j) - E(y_i) = \mathbf{x} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \gamma_0 + \gamma_s - \mathbf{x} \boldsymbol{\beta} - \gamma_0 = \gamma_s$$

- ① Model is linear:

$$y_i = x_{1i}\beta_1 + \dots + x_{ki}\beta_k + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N.$$

or:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}.$$

- ② Explanatory variables x_{1i}, \dots, x_{ki} are nonrandom for $i = 1, \dots, N$
- ③ Expected value of the error term is equal to zero:

$$E(\varepsilon_i) = 0 \quad \text{dla } i = 1, \dots, N.$$

or:

$$E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

4. Covariance (correlation) between two error terms is equal to zero:

$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0 \quad \text{dla} \quad i \neq j.$$

Absence of autocorrelation

5. Variance is the same for all observations (homoscedasticity):

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2 \quad \text{dla} \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

- Two last assumptions can be formulated as $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

- OLS estimator is unbiased

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{b}) &= E\left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\right) + E\left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) \\ &= E(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\underbrace{E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}_0 = \boldsymbol{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

- Variance of the OLS estimator is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathbf{b}) &= \text{Var}\left(\boldsymbol{\beta} + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\underbrace{\text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}_{\sigma^2\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{I}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} = \circ, \end{aligned}$$

- It can be proven that

$$s^2 = \frac{\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}}{N - K} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2}{N - K}.$$

is unbiased estimator of σ^2

- So σ^2 can be estimated with

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = s^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

Theorem (Gauss-Markov)

Under assumptions of CRM, OLS estimator is best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE)

Hypothesis testing

- Additional assumption of normality of error term $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ needed for derivation of statistics distributions
- Simple hypothesis

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : \beta_k = \beta_k^* \\ H_1 : \beta_k \neq \beta_k^* \end{cases}$$

- Test statistics

$$t = \frac{b_k - \beta_k^*}{\widehat{se}(b_k)} \sim t_{N-K}$$

- Most popular case - testing significance of the variables

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : \beta_k = 0 \\ H_1 : \beta_k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Indeed if $\beta_k = 0$ then variable is redundant in our model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \dots + \underbrace{\beta_k}_{0} x_{ki} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Ki} + \varepsilon_i,$$

- Statistics $t = \frac{b_k}{\widehat{se}(b_k)}$

- General case: joint hypothesis

$$H_0 : \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{h}$$

- Statistics

$$F = \frac{(\mathbf{e}'_R \mathbf{e}_R - \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e})/g}{\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e}/(N-K)} \sim F(g, N-K),$$

- where \mathbf{e}_R are residuals of the restricted model (model estimated under assumption that H_0 is true)

- Significance intervals

$$\Pr \left(b_k - \widehat{se}(b_k) t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} < \beta_k < b_k + \widehat{se}(b_k) t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right) = 1 - \alpha$$