

INTRODUCTORY ECONOMETRICS

Lesson 2a

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2 The Linear Regression Model (I). Specification and Estimation.

2.1 Specification of the General Linear Regression Model (GLRM).

Specification of the GLRM (1)

■ **Objective:** Quantifying the relationship between:

- ◆ a variable Y and
- ◆ a set of K explanatory variables
 X_1, X_2, \dots, X_K ,
- ◆ by means of a linear model.

■ **Starting point:**

- ◆ a **linear model**:
 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_K X_K + u$,
- ◆ a data **sample** of **size** T :
 $Y_t, X_{1t}, X_{2t}, \dots, X_{Kt}, t = 1 \dots T$,
where

$$Y_t = t\text{-th obs of } Y,$$

$$X_{kt} = t\text{-th obs of } X_k, k = 1, 2 \dots K.$$

Specification of the GLRM (2)

■ GLRM:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Kt} + u_t, t = 1, 2 \dots T,$$

whose **elements** are (recall):

- ◆ Y : dependent variable,
- ◆ $X_k, k = 1 \dots K$: explanatory variables,
- ◆ β_0 : intercept,
- ◆ $\beta_k, k = 1 \dots K$: coefficients (parameters to be estimated),
- ◆ u : (non-observable random) error or disturbance,
that allows for:
 - variables not included in the model,
 - random behaviour of economic agents,
 - measurement errors, etc.

The GLRM in observation form

The model

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Kt} + u_t, t = 1, 2, \dots, T,$$

implies for each observation:

$$Y_1 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{11} + \beta_2 X_{21} + \dots + \beta_K X_{K1} + u_1$$

$$Y_2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{12} + \beta_2 X_{22} + \dots + \beta_K X_{K2} + u_2$$

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$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Kt} + u_t$$

.....

$$Y_T = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1T} + \beta_2 X_{2T} + \dots + \beta_K X_{KT} + u_T$$

The GLRM in matrix form (1)

or else in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \dots \\ Y_t \\ \dots \\ Y_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{11} + \beta_2 X_{21} + \dots + \beta_K X_{K1} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{12} + \beta_2 X_{22} + \dots + \beta_K X_{K2} \\ \dots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \dots + \beta_K X_{Kt} \\ \dots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1T} + \beta_2 X_{2T} + \dots + \beta_K X_{KT} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_t \\ \dots \\ u_T \end{bmatrix}$$

The GLRM in matrix form (2)

■ that is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \dots \\ Y_t \\ \dots \\ Y_T \\ Y \\ \text{\scriptsize } (T \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & X_{11} & X_{21} & \dots & X_{K1} \\ 1 & X_{12} & X_{22} & \dots & X_{K2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & X_{1t} & X_{2t} & \dots & X_{Kt} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & X_{1T} & X_{2T} & \dots & X_{KT} \\ X \\ \text{\scriptsize } (T \times (K+1)) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \\ \beta \\ \text{\scriptsize } (K+1 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_t \\ \dots \\ u_T \\ u \\ \text{\scriptsize } (T \times 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = X\beta + u.$$

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2.2 Basic (Classical) Assumptions. Interpretation.

Basic Assumptions of the GLRM (1)

1. Assumptions about the relationship:

- Model is **correctly specified**:

$$X_k \text{ explains } Y \Leftrightarrow X_k \in \text{model.}$$

2. Assumptions about the parameters:

- they are **constant** throughout the sample,
- they appear **linearly** (i.e. a constant plus coefficients)

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + u_t$$

- Note: but vars Y, X_1, X_2, \dots may be transformations:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_t^2 + \beta_3 \frac{1}{X_t} + u_t$$

$$Y_t = A X_{1t}^{\beta_1} X_{2t}^{\beta_2} e^{u_t} \text{ (Why?)}$$

$$\text{and this? } Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{1}{X_t - \beta_2} + u_t$$

$$\text{and these other? } \ln Y_t = \beta_0 X_t^{\beta_1} u_t; \quad Y_t = \beta_0 X_t^{\beta_1} + u_t$$

$$Y_t = \beta_1 X_{1t} + \beta_2 X_{1t} X_{2t} + u_t; \quad Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t}^{X_{2t}} + u_t$$

Basic Assumptions of the GLRM (2)

3. Assumptions about the explanatory variables:

- (a) X_1, \dots, X_K , are **quantitative and fixed** (i.e. not random).

- (b) X_1, \dots, X_K , are **linearly independent**:

- $\nexists X_k | X_k = \text{lin. comb. of others}$ (Why?)

- Examples of **not valid cases**:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 (2X_t + 3) + u_t$$

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \beta_3 (X_{1t} + X_{2t}) + u_t$$

- Examples of **valid cases**:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_t^2 + u_t$$

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \beta_3 X_{1t} X_{2t} + u_t$$

Basic Assumptions of the GLRM (3)

4. Assumptions about the disturbance term:

- (a) **Zero mean**:

$$E(u_t) = 0 \quad \forall t \quad (\text{isn't obvious?}).$$

- (b) **Homoscedastic**:

$$\text{Var}(u_t) = E(u_t^2) = \sigma_u^2 (= \sigma^2) \quad \text{const} (\forall t).$$

- (c) **Serially uncorrelated**:

$$\text{Cov}(u_t, u_s) = E(u_t u_s) = 0 \quad \forall t \neq s.$$

- (d) **Normally distributed**^(*) :

$$u_t \sim \mathcal{N} \quad \forall t.$$

(* added)

- Assumptions 4a–4d jointly:

$$u_t \sim \text{iid } \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_u^2)$$

Basic Assumptions in matrix form (1)

- from 4a: **Mean Vector**:

$$E(u) = \begin{matrix} E(u_1) \\ E(u_2) \\ \vdots \\ E(u_T) \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0_T$$

- from 4b and 4c: **Covariance Matrix**:

$$E(uu') = \begin{matrix} E(u_1^2) & E(u_1 u_2) & \dots & E(u_1 u_T) \\ E(u_2 u_1) & E(u_2^2) & \dots & E(u_2 u_T) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ E(u_T u_1) & E(u_T u_2) & \dots & E(u_T^2) \end{matrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_u^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_u^2 I_T$$

Basic Assumptions in matrix form (2)

- more compactly:

$$u \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma_u^2 I_T \end{pmatrix}$$

$(T \times 1)$ $(T \times 1)$ $(T \times T)$

- plus 4d:

$$u \sim \mathcal{N} \left(0, \sigma_u^2 I_T \right)$$

$(T \times 1)$ $(T \times 1)$ $(T \times T)$

2.3a Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) in a Single Linear Regression Model (SLRM).

SLRM: the PRF

- With $K = 1 \rightsquigarrow Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1t} + u_t$,

$$\text{(SLRM): } Y_t = \alpha + \beta X_t + u_t. \quad (1)$$

- Population Regression Function (PRF):
 $E(u_t) = 0 \rightsquigarrow$ *systematic part* or PRF:

$$E(Y_t) = \alpha + \beta X_t$$

- Interpretation of the parameters:

- ◆ $\alpha = E(Y_t | X_t = 0)$: Expected value of Y_t when the explanatory variable is zero.

- ◆ $\beta = \frac{\partial E(Y_t)}{\partial X_t} \simeq \frac{\Delta E(Y_t)}{\Delta X_t}$: Increase in (expected) value of Y_t when $X \uparrow$ one unit (c.p.).

- Objective: To obtain estimates $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$ of the unknown parameters α, β in (1).

The Sample Regression Function (SRF)

- $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta} \rightsquigarrow$ estimated model or SRF:

$$\hat{Y}_t = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} X_t$$

- Interpretation of the estimates:

- ◆ $\hat{\alpha} = (\hat{Y}_t | X_t = 0)$: Estimated value of Y_t when the explanatory variable is zero.

- ◆ $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_t}{\partial X_t} \simeq \frac{\Delta \hat{Y}_t}{\Delta X_t}$: Estimated increase in Y_t when $X \uparrow$ one unit (c.p.).

- Note difference: **an estimator** (a formula) vs. **an estimate** (a number).

Disturbances vs. Residuals

- Disturbances in PRF:

$$u_t = Y_t - E(Y_t) = Y_t - \alpha - \beta X_t$$

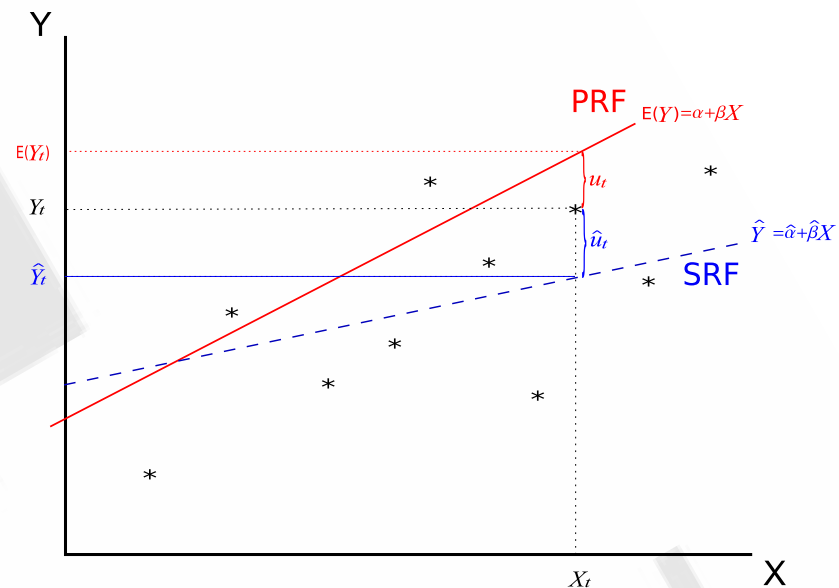
- Residuals in SRF:

$$\hat{u}_t = Y_t - \hat{Y}_t = Y_t - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} X_t$$

- Residuals are to the SRF

what disturbances are to the PRF.

SLRM: PRF and SRF

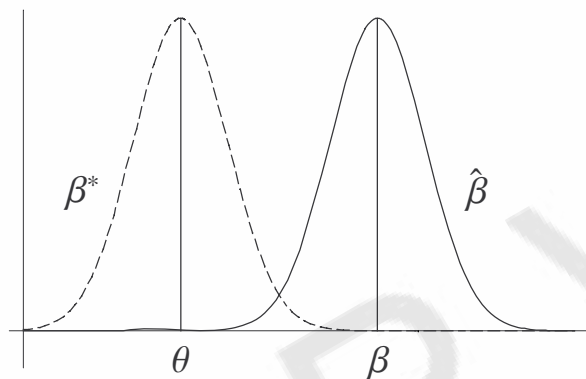


Estimation: Desired Properties (1)

Let $\hat{\beta}$ be an estimator of β ...

Unbiasedness:

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta \Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta} \text{ unbiased}$$

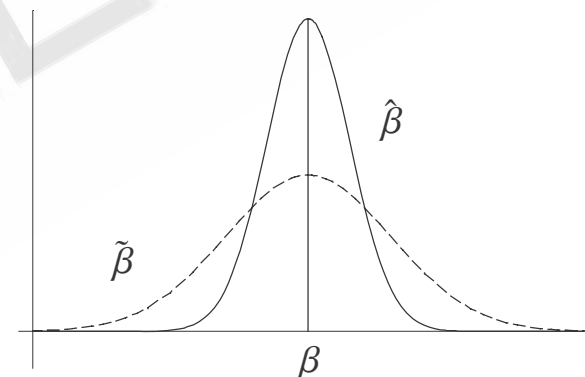


Estimation: Desired Properties (2)

Let $\hat{\beta}$ and $\tilde{\beta}$ be unbiased estimators of β ...

Relative efficiency:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) \leq \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}) \Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta} \text{ relatively efficient}$$



Estimation: OLS criteria

SLRM: $Y_t = \alpha + \beta X_t + u_t$,

- apply **Least-Squares** fit:

$$\min_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{t=1}^T u_t^2 \quad \text{where} \quad u_t = Y_t - \alpha - \beta X_t$$

- **First derivatives:**

- ◆ $\frac{\partial \sum u_t^2}{\partial \alpha} = 2 \sum u_t \frac{\partial u_t}{\partial \alpha} = 2 \sum u_t (-1)$
- ◆ $\frac{\partial \sum u_t^2}{\partial \beta} = 2 \sum u_t \frac{\partial u_t}{\partial \beta} = 2 \sum u_t (-X_t)$

- **1st.o.c. (minimum)** ⇒ first derivatives are zero:

- ◆ $\sum \hat{u}_t = \sum (Y_t - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} X_t) = 0$
- ◆ $\sum \hat{u}_t X_t = \sum (Y_t X_t - \hat{\alpha} X_t - \hat{\beta} X_t^2) = 0$

Estimation: Normal equations & LSE of α

- From the above 1st.o.c's:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (Y_t - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} X_t) &= 0 \\ \sum (Y_t X_t - \hat{\alpha} X_t - \hat{\beta} X_t^2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- we obtain the **Normal Equations:**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum Y_t &= T \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} \sum X_t \\ \sum Y_t X_t &= \hat{\alpha} \sum X_t + \hat{\beta} \sum X_t^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ equation system} \\ \text{with } 2 \text{ unknowns!!} \end{array}$$

- Dividing the 1st. normal eq. by T :

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum Y_t = \frac{1}{T} T \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} \frac{1}{T} \sum X_t$$

- That is:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{OLS} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}$$

Estimation: Normal equations & LSE of β

- Substituting $\hat{\alpha}$ in the 2nd. normal eq.:

$$\sum Y_t X_t = (\bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}) \sum X_t + \hat{\beta} \sum X_t^2$$

- ... dividing by T and gathering terms together:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum Y_t X_t &= (\bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}) \frac{1}{T} \sum X_t + \hat{\beta} \frac{1}{T} \sum X_t^2 \\ \frac{1}{T} \sum Y_t X_t - \bar{Y} \bar{X} &= \hat{\beta} \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum X_t^2 - \bar{X}^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

- ... and solving for the unknown:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum Y_t X_t - \bar{Y} \bar{X}}{\frac{1}{T} \sum X_t^2 - \bar{X}^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum y_t x_t}{\frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Why?} \\ \text{Why?} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$$

- That is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = \frac{\sum y_t x_t}{\sum x_t^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)}{\text{Var}(X)}$$

Recall: variances and covariances?

- variance from original (uncentred) data?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2 = \frac{1}{T} \sum (x_t - \bar{X})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2 + \frac{1}{T} \sum \bar{X}^2 - \frac{2}{T} \bar{X} \sum x_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2 = \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2 - \bar{X}^2$$

- covariance from original (uncentred) data?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Y, X) &= \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t y_t = \frac{1}{T} \sum (x_t - \bar{X})(y_t - \bar{Y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t y_t + \frac{1}{T} \sum \bar{X} \bar{Y} - \frac{1}{T} \bar{Y} \sum x_t - \frac{1}{T} \bar{X} \sum y_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum x_t y_t = \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t y_t - \bar{X} \bar{Y}$$

Numerical example: strawberry prod data

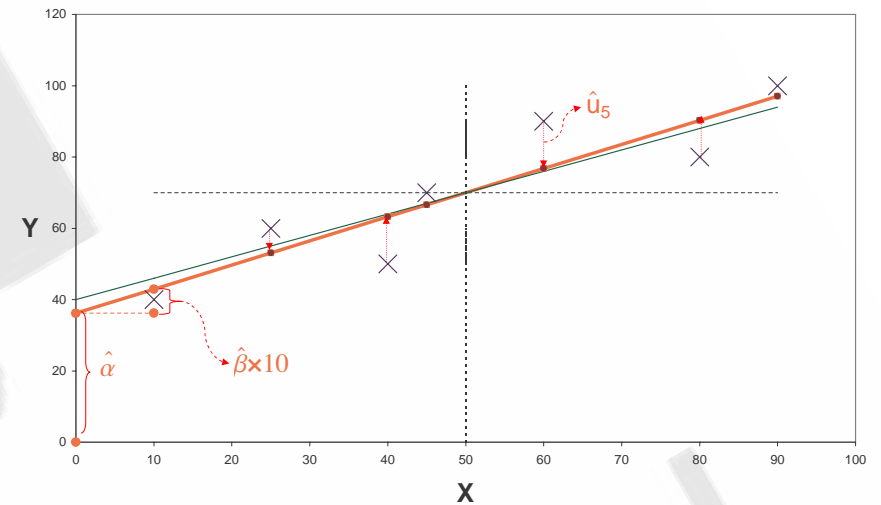
- Data...
- Centred data or "in deviation form" (deviations from respective means)...

	Y	X	y	x	y ²	x ²	yx
	40	10	-30	-40	900	1600	1200
	60	25	-10	-25	100	625	250
	50	40	-20	-10	400	100	200
	70	45	0	-5	0	25	0
	90	60	20	10	400	100	200
	80	80	10	30	100	900	300
	100	90	30	40	900	1600	1200
Sum					2800	4950	3350
Average	70	50	0	0	400	707.14	478.57

$$\hat{\alpha} = 36.162 (= \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}\bar{X}) \qquad \hat{\beta} = 0.677 \left(= \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)}{\text{Var}(X)} \right)$$

Can also use formulae based on original data... (Exercise: Try it!!)

Numerical example: strawberry regres plot



2.4a Properties of the Sample Regression Function.

Properties of residuals and SRF (1)

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} \rightsquigarrow \hat{\alpha}_{OLS} \rightsquigarrow \hat{Y}_t = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}X_t \rightsquigarrow \hat{u}_t = Y_t - \hat{Y}_t$$

- residuals add up to zero: $\sum \hat{u}_t = 0$

Demo: directly from 1st.o.c. □

- $\bar{\hat{Y}} = \bar{Y}$

Demo: by def.: $\hat{u}_t = Y_t - \hat{Y}_t \rightsquigarrow \bar{\hat{Y}} = \bar{Y} - \bar{\hat{u}}$,
but $\bar{\hat{u}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum \hat{u}_t = 0$ (from prop 1) $\rightsquigarrow \bar{\hat{Y}} = \bar{Y}$. □

- the SRF passes thru the pair of means (\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) :

$$\bar{Y} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}\bar{X}$$

Demo: from $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}\bar{X}$ (1st. normal eq.) □

Properties of residuals and SRF (2)

4. residuals orthogonal to expl. v. $X: \sum X_i \hat{u}_i = 0$

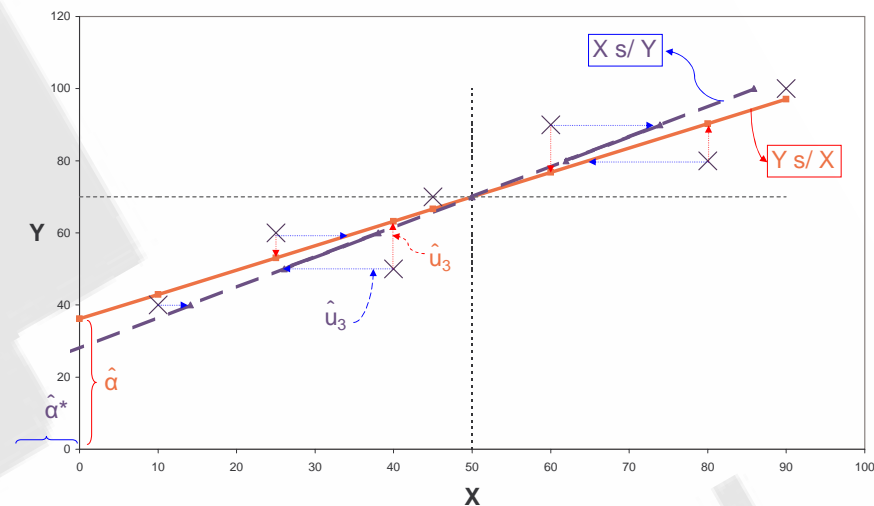
Demo: directly from 1st.o.c. □

5. residuals orthogonal to the explained part of $Y: \sum \hat{Y}_i \hat{u}_i = 0$

Demo: $\sum (\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} X_i) \hat{u}_i = 0$ □

$$\hat{\alpha} \underbrace{\sum \hat{u}_i}_{=0 \text{ (from prop 1)}} + \hat{\beta} \underbrace{\sum X_i \hat{u}_i}_{=0 \text{ (from prop 4)}} = 0$$

Causality: Y on X vs X on Y



Properties of residuals and SRF (5)

8. $\hat{\alpha}_{OLS}$ and $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$ unbiased \rightsquigarrow expected value = true value!

Demo:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum y_i x_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{1}{\sum x_i^2} \sum \underbrace{E(y_i)}_{\beta x_i} x_i = \frac{1}{\sum x_i^2} \beta \sum x_i^2$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{X}$$

$$E(\hat{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum E(Y_i) - E(\hat{\beta}) \bar{X}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \sum (\alpha + \beta X_i) - \beta \bar{X} = \alpha + \beta \bar{X} - \beta \bar{X}$$

$$E(\hat{\alpha}) = \alpha$$

2.5a Goodness of Fit: the Coefficient of Determination (R^2).

Goodness of fit: Coefficient of determination

- Sum-of-Squares decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum Y_t^2 &= \sum (\hat{Y}_t^2 + \hat{u}_t^2 + 2\hat{Y}_t\hat{u}_t) \\ &= \sum \hat{Y}_t^2 + \sum \hat{u}_t^2 \quad (\text{from prop 5}) \end{aligned}$$

- $\sum Y_t^2 - T\bar{Y}^2 = \sum \hat{Y}_t^2 - T\bar{\hat{Y}}^2 + \sum \hat{u}_t^2$ (from prop 2)

$$\sum y_t^2 = \sum \hat{y}_t^2 + \sum \hat{u}_t^2$$

(TSS) (ESS) (RSS)

- Definition of R^2 :

$$R^2 = \frac{ESS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS}$$

$0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$ (Interpretation in terms of total variance??)

No intercept \rightsquigarrow invalid R^2

SLRM: $Y_t = \beta X_t + u_t$,

- apply **Least-Squares** fit:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T u_t^2 \quad \text{where} \quad u_t = Y_t - \beta X_t$$

- First derivatives:**

$$\frac{\partial \sum u_t^2}{\partial \beta} = 2 \sum u_t \frac{\partial u_t}{\partial \beta} = 2 \sum u_t (-X_t)$$

- 1st.o.c. (minimum)** \Rightarrow first derivative = zero:

$$\sum \hat{u}_t X_t = \sum (Y_t X_t - \hat{\beta} X_t^2) = 0$$

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\nexists 1st equation!! \rightsquigarrow $\begin{cases} \sum \hat{u}_t \neq 0, \\ \bar{\hat{Y}} \neq \bar{Y}, \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow$ **invalid R^2** (Why?)

Relationship of R^2 with correlation coef

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 &= \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum \hat{y}_t^2}{\frac{1}{T} \sum y_t^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum (\hat{\beta} x_t)^2}{\frac{1}{T} \sum y_t^2} = \frac{\hat{\beta}^2 \frac{1}{T} \sum x_t^2}{\frac{1}{T} \sum y_t^2} \\ &= \hat{\beta}^2 \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{\text{Var}(Y)} = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)^2 \text{Var}(X)}{\text{Var}(X)^2 \text{Var}(Y)} \\ &= \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)^2}{\text{Var}(X) \text{Var}(Y)} \\ R^2 &= r_{X,Y}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Numerical example: strawberry prod data (cont)

- recall data & previous calculations...
- do the same for fitted values...
- now calculate R^2 ...

	y^2	\hat{Y}	\hat{y}	\hat{y}^2	\hat{u}	\hat{u}^2
	900	42.92	-27.07	732.82	-2.92	8.58
	100	53.08	-16.91	286.25	6.91	47.87
	400	63.23	-6.76	45.80	-13.23	175.09
	0	66.61	-3.38	11.45	3.38	11.45
	400	76.76	6.76	45.80	13.23	175.09
	100	90.30	20.30	412.21	-10.30	106.15
	900	97.07	27.07	732.82	2.92	8.58
Average	400	70	0	323.88		
Sum	2800			2267.17		532.82
	TSS			ESS		RSS

$$R^2 = 0.8097 (= \frac{ESS}{TSS} = 1 - \frac{RSS}{TSS})$$

(Exercise: How does this compare with $\text{Corr}(X, Y)$? ... Try it!!)