

### 4 Testing Hypotheses about a Single Linear Combination of the Parameter

Consider

$$\log(\text{wage}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 jc + \beta_2 univ + \beta_3 \text{exper} + u$$

where  $jc$  = number of years attending a two-year college

$univ$  = number of years at a four-year college

$\text{exper}$  = months in the workforce.

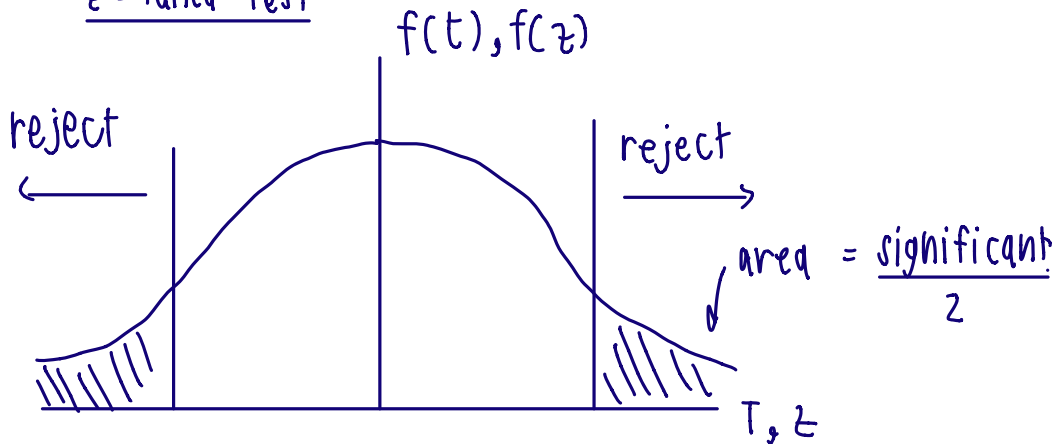
We want to test whether  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ .

if the returns from 1 more year of education at a junior college is the same as that of the university.

against  $H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 \rightarrow \beta_1 - \beta_2 = 0$

$H_a: \beta_1 \neq \beta_2 \rightarrow \beta_1 - \beta_2 \neq 0$

z-tailed test



calculate using STATA

$$t = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2) - 0}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2)}$$

we compute this t-statistic and compare with the critical value

where  $\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2) = \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2)}$

$$= \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_1) + \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) - 2\text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)}$$

not very straight forward to calculate.

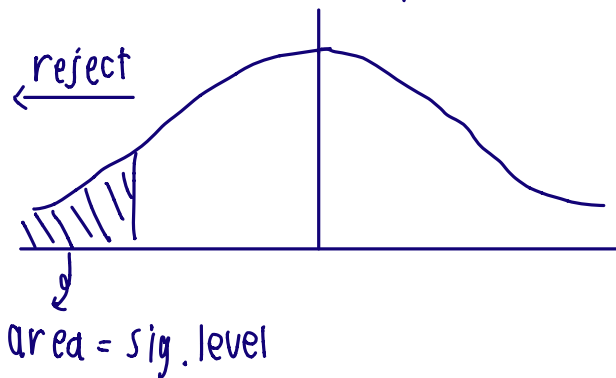
~ we use a variable transformation trick ~ see notes.

another possible hypothesis test (one-tailed alternative)

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 \rightsquigarrow H_0 : \beta_1 - \beta_2 = 0$$

$$H_a : \beta_1 < \beta_2 \rightsquigarrow H_a : \beta_1 - \beta_2 < 0$$

• It is assumed that  $\beta_1$  would not be more than  $\beta_2$   
 (returns to a 2-years college would never be more than  
 returns to university education)

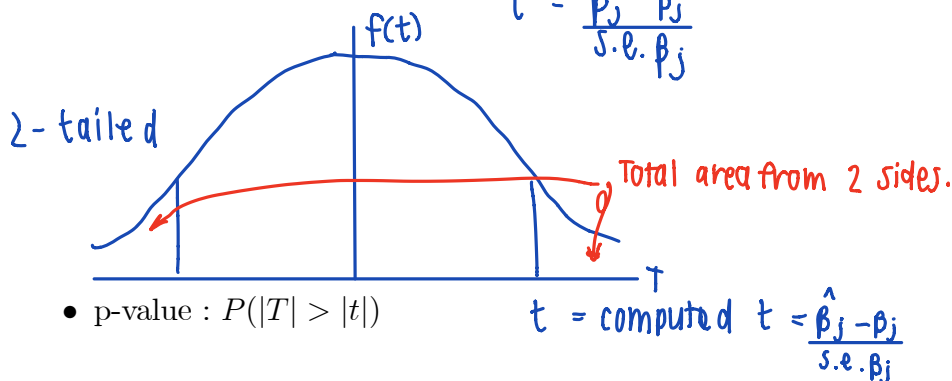
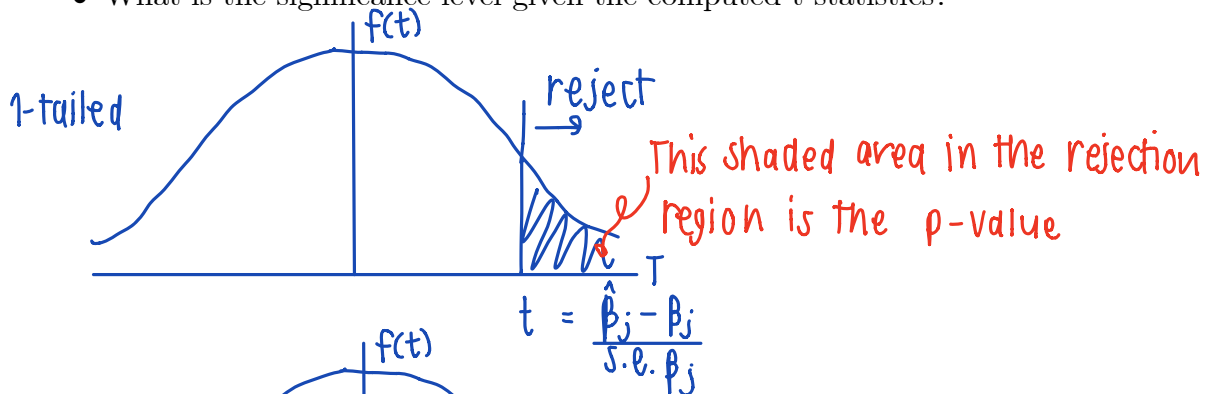


$$t = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2) - 0}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2)}$$

\* then go to the extra note

### 5 Computing p-Values for t-Tests

- What is the significance level given the computed t-statistics?



- p-value :  $P(|T| > |t|)$

$T$  = t-distributed random variable with d.f. =  $n - k - 1$

$t$  = computed t-statistic

→ p-value = probability that a random  $T$  value will be greater  
 (in the | term) than our  $t$  in the  $H_0$  test.

## In-class exercise

consider the multiple regression model, assume MLR 1-6 are satisfied.

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + u$$

you would like to test the  $H_0: \beta_1 - 3\beta_2 = 1$

1<sup>st</sup>) write the t-statistic for testing  $H_0$

$$t = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - 3\hat{\beta}_2) - 1}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1 - 3\hat{\beta}_2)}$$

2<sup>nd</sup>) Define  $\theta_1 = \hat{\beta}_1 - 3\hat{\beta}_2 \rightarrow H_0: \theta_1 = 1, H_a: \theta_1 \neq 1$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - 1}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\theta}_1)} \rightarrow \text{we need our regression to have } \theta_1 \text{ in it.}$$

So, STATA or OLS estimation will automatically give  $\hat{\theta}_1$  & s.e.  $\hat{\theta}_1$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= \hat{\theta}_1 + 3\hat{\beta}_2 \\ \beta_1 &= \theta_1 + 3\beta_2\end{aligned}$$

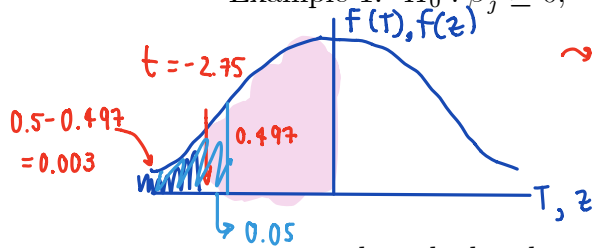
Substitute in the main regression and get

$$\begin{aligned}Y &= \beta_0 + (\theta_1 + 3\beta_2)X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + u \\ &= \beta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + 3\beta_2 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + u \\ &= \beta_0 + \theta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 (3X_1 + X_2) + \beta_3 X_3 + u\end{aligned}$$

\* now, the explanatory variables are going to be  $X_1$ ,  $X_2 + 3X_1$ , and  $X_3$

• we can calculate  $t = \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - 1}{\text{s.e.}\hat{\theta}_1}$

Example 1:  $H_0: \beta_j \geq 0$ ,  $H_a: \beta_j < 0$ , d.f. = 140.  $\rightarrow$  z table

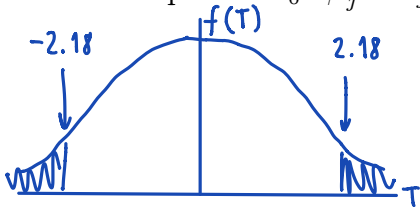


$\rightarrow$  p-value = what should be the significant level, given the critical value of -2.75??  
 $\rightarrow$  find the shaded area!

suppose the calculated  $t_{\hat{\beta}_j} = -2.75$   $\rightarrow$   $t_{\hat{\beta}_j} = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j)}{s.e. \hat{\beta}_j}$

- From the z-table, the value -2.75 corresponds to area = .003
- Thus, p-value = 0.003
- Would we reject  $H_0$  if we use the significance level = 5%? Yes  
 \* rule! we reject  $H_0$  if p-value < sig. level

Example 2:  $H_0: \beta_j = a_j$ ,  $H_a: \beta_j \neq a_j$ , d.f. = 18.  $\leftarrow$  Use t-table



suppose the calculated  $t_{\hat{\beta}_j} = -2.18$

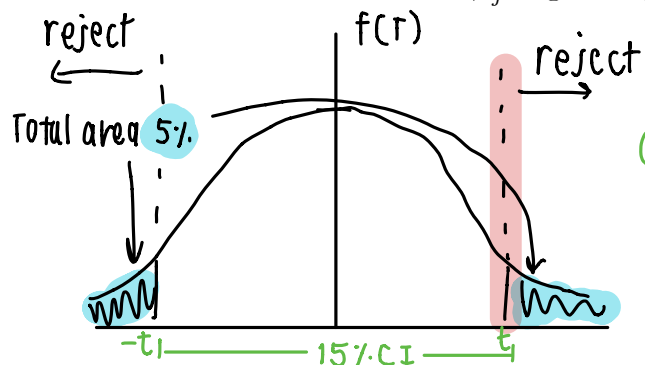
- From the t-table, the value -2.18 corresponds to area = 0.02 to 0.05
- Thus, p-value = is between 0.02- 0.05
- Would we reject  $H_0$  if we use the significance level = 5%?  
Yes, reject  $H_0$  because the area is less than 0.05 or p-value < 0.05

## 6 Confidence Intervals (CI)

• Confidence Intervals for the POPULATION PARAMETER ( $\beta_j$ )

• A 95% CI of  $\beta_j$  is given by

The range of values that would capture the true  $\beta_j$  at a 15% chance



$$CI \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_j \pm C \times s.e. (\hat{\beta}_j)$$

C is the 97.5 percentile in the t-distribution with  $n-k-1$  d.f.

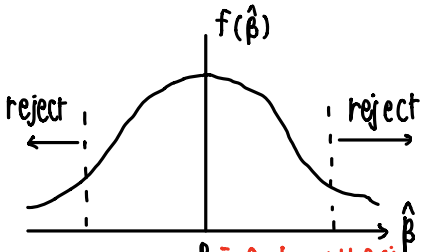


Inference  $\leadsto$  hypothesis testing about " $\beta$ " the true parameter

$$\text{wage} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{educ} + \beta_2 \text{experience} + \dots + u$$

we want to test hypotheses about the true impact ( $\beta$ ) of each  $X$  variables (educ, experience) on the dependent variable ( $Y$ )

BUT. we don't know what the true  $\beta$  are. so, we use  $\hat{\beta}$  (estimator) and  $s.e.(\hat{\beta})$  to test the hypotheses.



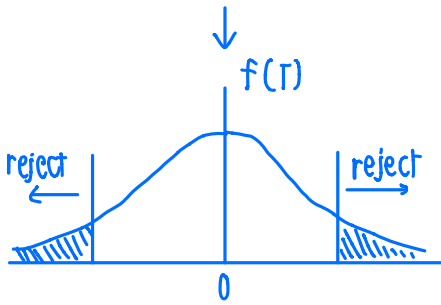
$\beta = a$  hypothesized value  
e.x.  $\beta = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ , etc.

1.) test if  $\beta = \text{some number}$   
e.g.  $\beta_j = 0 \rightarrow X_j$  has no impact on  $Y$

$\beta_j = 1 \rightarrow 1$  unit  $\uparrow$  in  $X_j$  correspond to 1 unit  $\uparrow$  in  $Y$

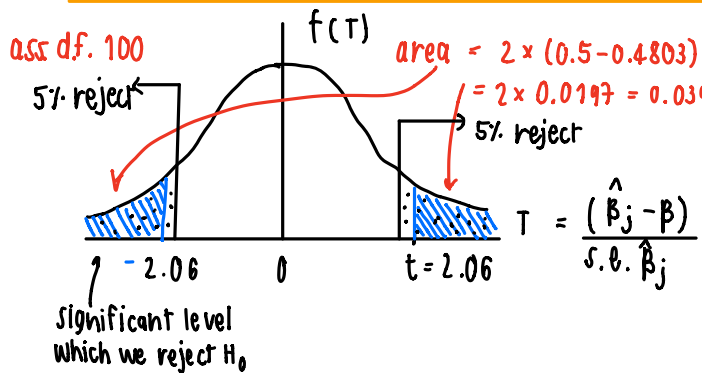
$\rightarrow$  t-test  $\star \rightarrow$  how?

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{s.e.(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim t_{d.f.}$$



$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{s.e.(\hat{\beta}_j)}$$

Significant level = area in the rejection region



• suppose, we calculate a t-statistic =  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{s.e.(\hat{\beta}_j)} = 2.06$

• suppose, we are testing  $H_0: \beta_j = 0$ ,  $H_a: \beta_j \neq 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  2 tailed test

• p-value = total shaded area

p-value = significant level which we will reject the  $H_0$  or prob that we will reject  $H_0$   
if p-value < significant level  $\rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$



## F-test motivation

→ We want to test the significance of a group of hypotheses (multiple hypotheses)

$$\text{Grade}_{325} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \# \text{times\_front} + \beta_2 \# \text{times\_back} + \beta_3 \text{hr\_study} + \beta_4 \text{past\_GPA} + \beta_5 \text{gender} + u$$

$H_0$  : seat position doesn't have impact on GPA

$$\beta_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$$

$H_a$  : seat position matters

$$\beta_1 \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 \neq 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \beta_1 \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \beta_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 \neq 0$$

} at least one of the  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \neq 0$

### 7 Testing Multiple Linear Restrictions: The F-test

Suppose the model is specified by

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u$$

$H_0 : \beta_2 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_3 = 0 \rightarrow$  we want to test if  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  BOTH have no impact on  $y$   
 $H_a, H_1 : H_0 \text{ is not true}$

We can use the F-test to test this type of "multiple hypotheses".

1. Our full model is called the "unrestricted" model (ur). <sup>Big model</sup> Suppose it can be expressed as:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u \quad \text{is true} \rightarrow \text{reject } H_0$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$$

2. The model which takes out  $x$  (which we think its associated  $\beta = 0$ ) is called the restricted model (r). <sup>small model</sup>

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u \quad \text{is true} \rightarrow \text{do not reject } H_0$$

Suppose there are "q" number of  $\beta$  that we would like to perform a joint-test of =0  
 e.g. in this model  $q=2$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_{k-q} x_{k-q} + u$$

$$H_0 = \beta_{k-q+1} = \beta_{k-q+2} = \dots = \beta_k = 0$$

(the last  $q$   $\beta_s = 0$ )

$$H_a = H_0 \text{ is not true.}$$

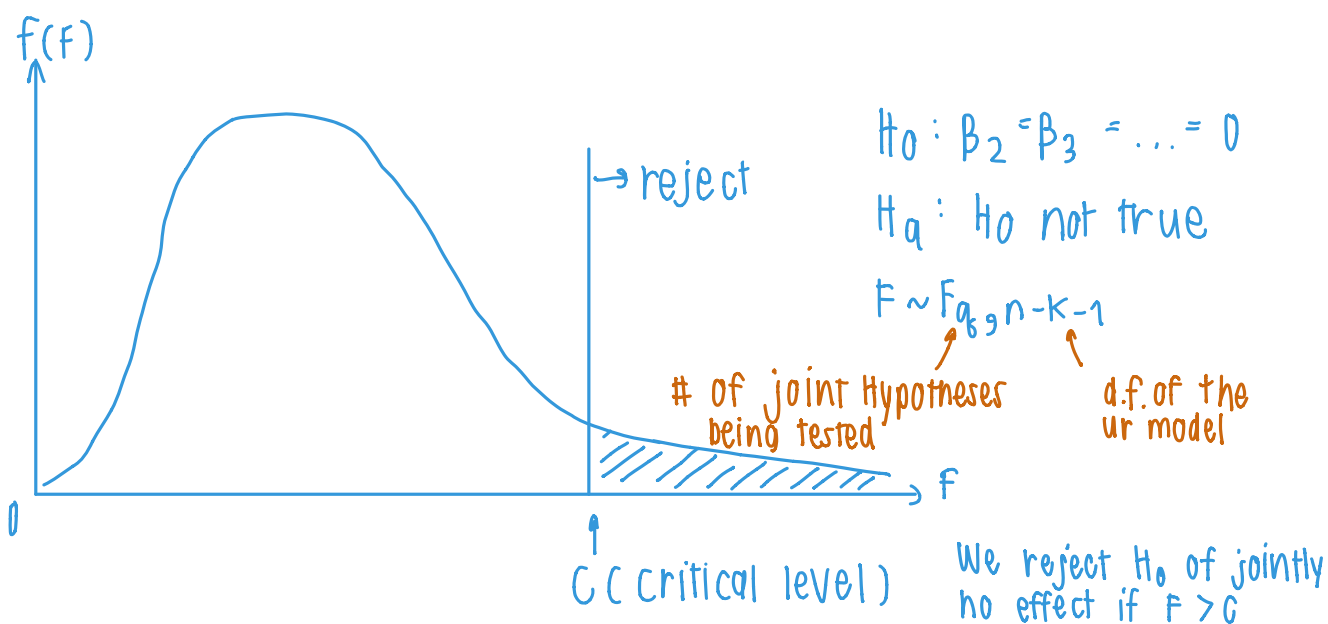
$$y = \underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_{k-q} x_{k-q}}_r + \underbrace{\beta_{k-q-1} x_{k-q-1} + \beta_{k-q+2} x_{k-q+2} + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u}_{ur}$$

$$F = \frac{(SSR_r - SSR_{ur})}{q} \cdot \frac{(n-k-1)}{SSR_{ur}}$$

This is always (+)  
 b/c  $SSR_{ur} < SSR_r$   
 Every time you add 1 more  $x$ , the model will be better explained.  
 d.f. of the "ur" model

• So, if every time you add 1 more  $X$  variables, the  $SSR \downarrow$  and  $R^2 \uparrow$ , why don't we just keep the additional  $X$  in the model??

→ because every time we add 1 more  $X$ ,  $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_s)$  will increase, making the prediction of  $\beta$  less precise. So, we only keep the addition  $X_s$  if it/they can improve the model enough can significantly  $\downarrow SSR$  and  $\uparrow R^2$



3. Some useful facts

①  $R^2_{ur} > R^2_r$  because any additional  $X$  would increase  $R^2$  (improve fit)  
 $\rightarrow SSR_{ur} < SSR_r$

② By including more  $X$ , the model is certainly better explained. However, we would like to reject  $H_0$  if the inclusion of extra variables does not improve the model enough.

4. Other ways to calculate the F-statistics:

$\rightarrow$  From  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST}$    
 $\swarrow$  RSS   
 $\searrow$  TSS

We have  $F = \frac{(R^2_{ur} - R^2_r)}{\frac{(1 - R^2_{ur})}{n - k - 1}}$   
 $q$  # of  $\beta$  that are set to "0"   
 $n - k - 1$  # of intercept   
 $n$  # of obs.   
 $k$  # of slope  $\beta$

$\rightarrow$  If we want to test the overall significance of the model

$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \dots = \beta_k = 0$ ,  $H_a = 0$  otherwise

$F \equiv \frac{R^2/k}{(1 - R^2)/(n - k - 1)}$    
 $R^2$  of the model  $\approx$   $ur$    
 the " $r$ " model has no  $X$  at all.

**Example:** Suppose we are interested in understanding the determinant of a baseball player's salary.

- $Y$  salary = season salary
- $r$  {  $years$  = years in major leagues
- $ur$  {  $gamesyr$  = games per year in the league
- $avg$  = career batting average
- $hrunsyr$  = homeruns per year
- $rbisyr$  = runs batted in per year

If we want to test whether performance has any impact on salary.

$H_0: \beta_{0avg} = \beta_{nrunsyr} = \beta_{rbisyr} = 0$   
 $H_a: \text{otherwise}$

- the unrestricted model ( $ur$ ) is defined by

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. regress log_salary years gamesyr bavg hrunsyr rbisyr
    
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Source	SS	df	MS	
Model	308.989208	5	61.7978416	Number of obs = 353
Residual	183.186327	347	.527914487	F( 5, 347) = 117.06
Total	492.175535	352	1.39822595	Prob > F = 0.0000
				R-squared = 0.6278
				Adj R-squared = 0.6224
				Root MSE = .72658

log_salary	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
years	.0688626	.0121145	5.68	0.000	.0450355 .0926898
gamesyr	.0125521	.0026468	4.74	0.000	.0073464 .0177578
bavg	.0009786	.0011035	0.89	0.376	-.0011918 .003149
hrunsyr	.0144295	.016057	0.90	0.369	-.0171518 .0460107
rbisyr	.0107657	.007175	1.50	0.134	-.0033462 .0248776
_cons	11.19242	.2888229	38.75	0.000	10.62435 11.76048

the restricted model (r) is defined by

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. regress log_salary years gamesyr
    
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Source	SS	df	MS	
Model	293.864058	2	146.932029	Number of obs = 353
Residual	198.311477	350	.566604221	F( 2, 350) = 259.32
Total	492.175535	352	1.39822595	Prob > F = 0.0000
				R-squared = 0.5971
				Adj R-squared = 0.5948
				Root MSE = .75273

log_salary	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
years	.071318	.012505	5.70	0.000	.0467236 .0959124
gamesyr	.0201745	.0013429	15.02	0.000	.0175334 .0228156
_cons	11.2238	.108312	103.62	0.000	11.01078 11.43683

When considering each of the performance X one-by-one, none of them has a significant impact at 5%.

Now, our  $H_0$  and  $H_a$  becomes

$$F = \frac{(SSR_r - SSR_{ur}) / q}{SSR_{ur} / (n - k - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{198.311 - 183.186 / 3}{183.186 / (353 - 5 - 1)} \approx 9.55$$

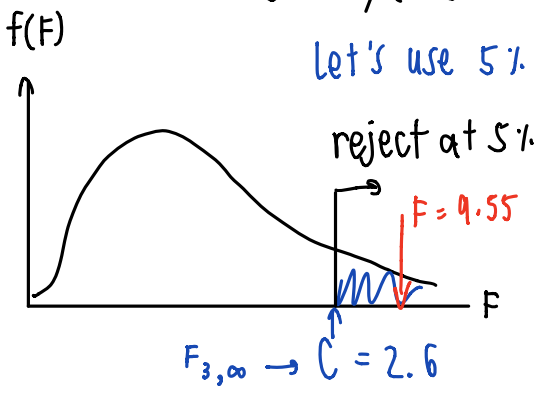
But when performing an F-test, performances have joint impact.

HW

$$F = \frac{R^2 / q}{(1 - R^2) / (n - k - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{0.6278 / 3}{(1 - 0.6278) / (353 - 5 - 1)} \approx 195.0981$$

Let's use 5% level of sig.

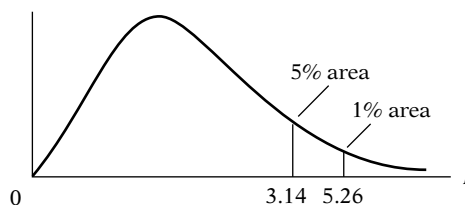


Since  $F = 9.55 > 2.6$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level and conclude that performances have joint effects on salary.

**TABLE D.3** UPPER PERCENTAGE POINTS OF THE  $F$  DISTRIBUTION

**Example**

$\Pr(F > 1.59) = 0.25$   
 $\Pr(F > 2.42) = 0.10$  for  $df\ N_1 = 10$   
 $\Pr(F > 3.14) = 0.05$  and  $N_2 = 9$   
 $\Pr(F > 5.26) = 0.01$



df for denom- inator $N_2$	df for numerator $N_1$													
	Pr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1 <i>(n-k-1)</i>	.25	5.83	7.50	8.20	8.58	8.82	8.98	9.10	9.19	9.26	9.32	9.36	9.41	
	.10	39.9	49.5	53.6	55.8	57.2	58.2	58.9	59.4	59.9	60.2	60.5	60.7	
	.05	161	200	216	225	230	234	237	239	241	242	243	244	
	.01	2.57	3.00	3.15	3.23	3.28	3.31	3.34	3.35	3.37	3.38	3.39	3.39	
2	.25	8.53	9.00	9.16	9.24	9.29	9.33	9.35	9.37	9.38	9.39	9.40	9.41	
	.10	18.5	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	
	.05	98.5	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	
	.01	2.02	2.28	2.36	2.39	2.41	2.42	2.43	2.44	2.44	2.44	2.45	2.45	
3	.25	5.54	5.46	5.39	5.34	5.31	5.28	5.27	5.25	5.24	5.23	5.22	5.22	
	.10	10.1	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81	8.79	8.76	8.74	
	.05	34.1	30.8	29.5	28.7	28.2	27.9	27.7	27.5	27.3	27.2	27.1	27.1	
	.01	1.81	2.00	2.05	2.06	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	
4	.25	4.54	4.32	4.19	4.11	4.05	4.01	3.98	3.95	3.94	3.92	3.91	3.90	
	.10	7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96	5.94	5.91	
	.05	21.2	18.0	16.7	16.0	15.5	15.2	15.0	14.8	14.7	14.5	14.4	14.4	
	.01	1.69	1.85	1.88	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	
5	.25	4.06	3.78	3.62	3.52	3.45	3.40	3.37	3.34	3.32	3.30	3.28	3.27	
	.10	6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77	4.74	4.71	4.68	
	.05	16.3	13.3	12.1	11.4	11.0	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.96	9.89	
	.01	1.62	1.76	1.78	1.79	1.79	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	
6	.25	3.78	3.46	3.29	3.18	3.11	3.05	3.01	2.98	2.96	2.94	2.92	2.90	
	.10	5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	4.03	4.00	
	.05	13.7	10.9	9.78	9.15	8.75	8.47	8.26	8.10	7.98	7.87	7.79	7.72	
	.01	1.57	1.70	1.72	1.72	1.71	1.71	1.70	1.70	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.68	
7	.25	3.59	3.26	3.07	2.96	2.88	2.83	2.78	2.75	2.72	2.70	2.68	2.67	
	.10	5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.64	3.60	3.57	
	.05	12.2	9.55	8.45	7.85	7.46	7.19	6.99	6.84	6.72	6.62	6.54	6.47	
	.01	1.54	1.66	1.67	1.66	1.66	1.65	1.64	1.64	1.63	1.63	1.63	1.62	
8	.25	3.46	3.11	2.92	2.81	2.73	2.67	2.62	2.59	2.56	2.54	2.52	2.50	
	.10	5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.35	3.31	3.28	
	.05	11.3	8.65	7.59	7.01	6.63	6.37	6.18	6.03	5.91	5.81	5.73	5.67	
	.01	1.51	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.62	1.61	1.60	1.60	1.59	1.59	1.58	1.58	
9	.25	3.36	3.01	2.81	2.69	2.61	2.55	2.51	2.47	2.44	2.42	2.40	2.38	
	.10	5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.14	3.10	3.07	
	.05	10.6	8.02	6.99	6.42	6.06	5.80	5.61	5.47	5.35	5.26	5.18	5.11	
	.01	1.51	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.62	1.61	1.60	1.60	1.59	1.59	1.58	1.58	

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TABLE D.3 UPPER PERCENTAGE POINTS OF THE F DISTRIBUTION (Continued)

df for denominator $N_2$	df for numerator $N_1$												
	Pr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
22	.25	1.40	1.48	1.47	1.45	1.44	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.38	1.37
	.10	2.95	2.56	2.35	2.22	2.13	2.06	2.01	1.97	1.93	1.90	1.88	1.86
	.05	4.30	3.44	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.55	2.46	2.40	2.34	2.30	2.26	2.23
	.01	7.95	5.72	4.82	4.31	3.99	3.76	3.59	3.45	3.35	3.26	3.18	3.12
24	.25	1.39	1.47	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.36
	.10	2.93	2.54	2.33	2.19	2.10	2.04	1.98	1.94	1.91	1.88	1.85	1.83
	.05	4.26	3.40	3.01	2.78	2.62	2.51	2.42	2.36	2.30	2.25	2.21	2.18
	.01	7.82	5.61	4.72	4.22	3.90	3.67	3.50	3.36	3.26	3.17	3.09	3.03
26	.25	1.38	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.42	1.41	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.36	1.35
	.10	2.91	2.52	2.31	2.17	2.08	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.88	1.86	1.84	1.81
	.05	4.23	3.37	2.98	2.74	2.59	2.47	2.39	2.32	2.27	2.22	2.18	2.15
	.01	7.72	5.53	4.64	4.14	3.82	3.59	3.42	3.29	3.18	3.09	3.02	2.96
28	.25	1.38	1.46	1.45	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.34
	.10	2.89	2.50	2.29	2.16	2.06	2.00	1.94	1.90	1.87	1.84	1.81	1.79
	.05	4.20	3.34	2.95	2.71	2.56	2.45	2.36	2.29	2.24	2.19	2.15	2.12
	.01	7.64	5.45	4.57	4.07	3.75	3.53	3.36	3.23	3.12	3.03	2.96	2.90
30	.25	1.38	1.45	1.44	1.42	1.41	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.34
	.10	2.88	2.49	2.28	2.14	2.05	1.98	1.93	1.88	1.85	1.82	1.79	1.77
	.05	4.17	3.32	2.92	2.69	2.53	2.42	2.33	2.27	2.21	2.16	2.13	2.09
	.01	7.56	5.39	4.51	4.02	3.70	3.47	3.30	3.17	3.07	2.98	2.91	2.84
40	.25	1.36	1.44	1.42	1.40	1.39	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.34	1.33	1.32	1.31
	.10	2.84	2.44	2.23	2.09	2.00	1.93	1.87	1.83	1.79	1.76	1.73	1.71
	.05	4.08	3.23	2.84	2.61	2.45	2.34	2.25	2.18	2.12	2.08	2.04	2.00
	.01	7.31	5.18	4.31	3.83	3.51	3.29	3.12	2.99	2.89	2.80	2.73	2.66
60	.25	1.35	1.42	1.41	1.38	1.37	1.35	1.33	1.32	1.31	1.30	1.29	1.29
	.10	2.79	2.39	2.18	2.04	1.95	1.87	1.82	1.77	1.74	1.71	1.68	1.66
	.05	4.00	3.15	2.76	2.53	2.37	2.25	2.17	2.10	2.04	1.99	1.95	1.92
	.01	7.08	4.98	4.13	3.65	3.34	3.12	2.95	2.82	2.72	2.63	2.56	2.50
120	.25	1.34	1.40	1.39	1.37	1.35	1.33	1.31	1.30	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.26
	.10	2.75	2.35	2.13	1.99	1.90	1.82	1.77	1.72	1.68	1.65	1.62	1.60
	.05	3.92	3.07	2.68	2.45	2.29	2.17	2.09	2.02	1.96	1.91	1.87	1.83
	.01	6.85	4.79	3.95	3.48	3.17	2.96	2.79	2.66	2.56	2.47	2.40	2.34
200	.25	1.33	1.39	1.38	1.36	1.34	1.32	1.31	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.26	1.25
	.10	2.73	2.33	2.11	1.97	1.88	1.80	1.75	1.70	1.66	1.63	1.60	1.57
	.05	3.89	3.04	2.65	2.42	2.26	2.14	2.06	1.98	1.93	1.88	1.84	1.80
	.01	6.76	4.71	3.88	3.41	3.11	2.89	2.73	2.60	2.50	2.41	2.34	2.27
$\infty$	.25	1.32	1.39	1.37	1.35	1.33	1.31	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.25	1.24	1.24
	.10	2.71	2.30	2.08	1.94	1.85	1.77	1.72	1.67	1.63	1.60	1.57	1.55
	.05	3.84	3.00	2.60	2.37	2.21	2.10	2.01	1.94	1.88	1.83	1.79	1.75
	.01	6.63	4.61	3.78	3.32	3.02	2.80	2.64	2.51	2.41	2.32	2.25	2.18

## 8 How the Hypothesis Testing is done in Practice

1. Check the values of  $t$  – *statistic* reported by the statistical software (i.e. STATA, SPSS, SAS)

⇒ These  $t$  – *statistics* are to test  $H_0 : \beta_i = 0$

⇒ If the d.f. > 30, then when  $t > 1.96$ , we can reject  $H_0$  *with 5% sig level*

⇒ **When  $t > 1.96$** , we can say that  $\beta_i$  is **statistically significant** at 5% level.  
(value of  $\beta_i \neq 0$ )

⇒ **When  $t < 1.96$**  we can say that  $\beta_i$  is **not statistically significant** at 5% level.

⇒ If  $t < 1.96$  we can drop  $x_i$  from the model

⇒ After we drop  $x_i$ , we estimate the new regression function and obtain a new set of  $\hat{\beta}$ .

2. We can also perform other hypothesis testings of interest.

e.g.  $H_0 : \beta_i = \beta_j$

or  $H_0 : \beta_i = 5$  etc.

or perform an F-test for testing multiple linear restrictions

3. Usually, in economics, the estimation results are reported using this form

Dependent Variable: log(salary)			
Independent Variables	(1)	(2)	(3)
log(sales)	.224 (.027)	.158 (.040)	.188 (.040)
log(mktval)	—	.112 (.050)	.100 (.049)
profmarg	—	-.0023 (.0022)	-.0022 (.0021)
ceoten	—	—	.0171 (.0055)
comten	—	—	-.0092 (.0033)
intercept	4.94 (0.20)	4.62 (0.25)	4.57 (0.25)
Observations	177	177	177
R-squared	.281	.304	.353

↑  
like a simple regression with 1 X

sales →

other company performance {

CEO characteristics {