

1.1(5 points) Interpret each of the slope coefficient estimates $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_4$ in regression equation Eq.1; that is, explain in words what the numerical values of the slope coefficient estimates $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_4$ mean.

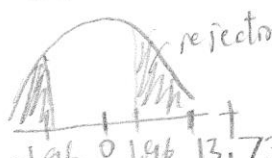
$\hat{\beta}_2 = -0.9535$ (decreases)
As NOX increases by 1% the P will decrease (increases) by 0.9535% on average.
P is the median house price
NOX is the level of nitrous oxide

$\hat{\beta}_4 = 0.2545$
As ROOMS increases (decreases) by 1 unit, P will increase (decrease) by $0.2545 \times 100\% = 24.54\%$ on avg.
ROOMS is the avg number of rooms per house

1.2(4 points) Use the estimation results for regression equation Eq.1 to test the individual significance of each of the slope coefficient estimates $\hat{\beta}_2$ for $\ln(\text{NOX})$ and $\hat{\beta}_4$ for ROOMS. For each test, state the null and alternative hypotheses, show how you calculate the required test statistic, and draw the conclusion. Which of these two slope coefficient estimates are individually significant at the 5 percent significance level?

$H_0: \beta_2 = 0$
 $H_a: \beta_2 \neq 0$
 $t_{cal} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2}{SE(\hat{\beta}_2)} = \frac{-0.9535}{0.1167} = -8.17$
 $t_{crit} = \frac{t_{0.05, 501}}{2} \approx t_{0.025, \infty} = 1.96$

since t_{cal} fall into rejection region we reject H_0 that $\beta_2 = 0$ at 0.05 level of significance.
That is β_2 is statistically significant difference from 0 at 0.05 level of significant.

$H_0: \beta_4 = 0$
 $H_a: \beta_4 \neq 0$
 $t_{cal} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_4 - \beta_4}{SE(\hat{\beta}_4)} = \frac{0.2545}{0.01653} = 13.73$
 $t_{crit} \approx 1.96$

since t_{cal} fall into rejection region we reject H_0 that $\beta_4 = 0$ at 0.05 level of significance.
That is β_4 is statistically significant difference from 0 at 0.05 level of significant.

That is $\ln(\text{NOX})$ is able to explain OR That is ROOMS is able to

1.3(5 points) Use the estimation results for regression equation Eq.1 to test the joint significance of all the slope coefficient estimates at the 1 percent significance level (i.e., for significance level $\alpha = 0.01$). State the null and alternative hypotheses, show how you calculate the required test statistic, and state the decision rule you use, and the conclusion you would draw from the test.

$$H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

H_a : At least one of β_i is ^{not} equal to 0

$$F_{cal} = \frac{ESS/k-1}{RSS/n-k} = \frac{ESS/4}{RSS/501} = \frac{49.3987/4}{35.1835/501} = \frac{12.3497}{0.07} = 176.42$$

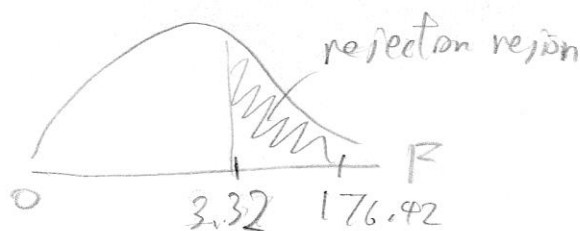
$$TSS = ESS + RSS$$

$$84.5822 = ESS + 35.1835$$

$$ESS = 49.3987$$

$$F_{crit} = F_{4, 501} \approx F_{4, \infty} = 3.32$$

0.01 0.01



Since F_{cal} fall into rejection region, we reject H_0 that $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$ at 0.01 level of significant.

That is at least one of slope coefficient ($\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5$) is statistically significant difference from 0 at 0.01 level of significant

1.4(6 points) Use the estimation results for regression equation Eq.1 to test the proposition that $\beta_2 = \beta_3$, i.e., the marginal effect of $\ln(\text{NOX})$ on $\ln(P)$ equals the marginal effect of $\ln(\text{DIST})$ on $\ln(P)$.

Explain in words what this proposition means. Perform the test at the 1 percent significance level.

State the null hypothesis H_0 and the alternative hypothesis H_1 . Write the restricted regression equation implied by the null hypothesis H_0 .

OLS estimation of this **restricted regression equation** yields a **Residual Sum-of-Squares value of $\text{RSS} = 41.9532$** . Use this information, together with the results from OLS estimation of equation Eq.1, to calculate the required test statistic, and state the decision rule you use, and the conclusion you would draw from the test.

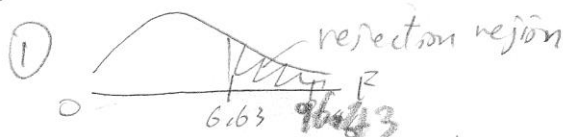
① $H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3$
 $H_a: \beta_2 \neq \beta_3$

① Restricted equation is $\ln(P)_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln(\text{NOX})_i + \beta_3 \ln(\text{DIST})_i + \beta_4 \text{ROOMS}_i + \beta_5 \text{START}_i + u_i$
 $\ln(P)_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 (\ln(\text{NOX})_i + \ln(\text{DIST})_i) + \beta_4 \text{ROOMS}_i + \beta_5 \text{START}_i + u_i$

① This proposition is that the marginal effect of $\ln(\text{NOX})$ and $\ln(\text{DIST})$ on $\ln(P)$ is equal to each other, that is $\beta_2 = \beta_3$

$$F_{\text{cal}} = \frac{(\text{RSS}_R - \text{RSS}_{UR})/m}{(\text{RSS}_{UR})/(n-k)} = \frac{(41.9532 - 35.1835)/1}{35.1835/501} = \frac{6.7697}{0.0702} = 96.43$$

① $F_{\text{crit}} = F_{1, 501, 0.01} \approx F_{1, 100, 0.01} = 6.63$



① since F_{cal} fall into rejection region we reject H_0 that $\beta_2 = \beta_3$ at 0.01 level of significant. That is the marginal effect of $\ln(\text{NOX})$ & $\ln(\text{DIST})$ is statistically significant difference from each other.

2 (20 points) Consider an equation to explain salaries of CEOs in terms of annual firm sales, return on equity (ROE in percentage form), and return on the firm's stock (ROS, in percentage form):

$$\log(\text{salary}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{sales}) + \beta_2 \text{ROE} + \beta_3 \text{ROS} + u$$

2.1 (5 points) In terms of the model parameters, state the null hypothesis that, after controlling for sales and ROE, ROS has no effect on CEO salary. State the alternative hypothesis that better stock market performance increase a CEO's salary.

$$H_0 : \beta_3 = 0$$

$$H_a : \beta_3 > 0$$

2.2 (5 points) Using the sample data, the following equation was obtained by OLS:

$$\widehat{\log(\text{salary})} = 4.32 + 0.280 \log(\text{sale}) + 0.0174 \text{ ROE} + 0.00024 \text{ ROS}$$

(0.3200) (0.0350) (0.0041) (0.00054)

(Eq.2)

$$R^2 = 0.283 \quad n = 209$$

By what percentage is salary predicted to increase if ROS increase by 50 points?
Does ROS have a practically large effect on salary?

If ROS increases by 50 basis point or 0.5 unit,
salary will increase by $0.5 \times 0.00024 \times 100 = 0.12\%$
on average.

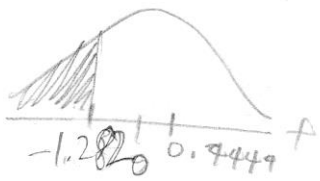
2.3 (5 points) Test the null hypothesis that ROS has no effect on salary against the alternative that ROS has a positive effect. Carry out the test at the 10 %

$$H_0: \beta_3 = 0$$

$$H_a: \beta_3 > 0$$

$$t_{cal} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_3 - \beta_3}{SE(\hat{\beta}_3)} = \frac{0.00024}{0.00054} = 0.4444$$

$$t_{crit} = t_{0.1, 205} \approx t_{0.1, \infty} = -1.282$$



Since t_{cal} doesn't fall into rejection region,
 we cannot reject H_0 that $\beta_3 = 0$ at 0.1 level of significance.
 That is ROS isn't statistically significant difference
 from 0 at 0.1 level of significance.
 * On the other hand, we also have no statistical evidence to claim
 that ROS has positive effect on salary at 0.1 level of sig.

2.4 (5 points) Would you include ROS in a final model explaining CEO compensation in terms of firm performance? Explain.

Any answer according to the hypothesis test in (2.3) will receive
 correct 4 points.

To get the additional 1 point, you need to mention about
 something else such as multicollinearity/hetero. or errors.
 other

3 (15 points) Consider the estimated model explaining college GPA (colGPA), with the high school GPA (hsGPA), the ACT Test (ACT), and the average number of lectures missed per week (skipped). The estimated model is

$$\widehat{\text{colGPA}} = 1.39 + 0.412 \text{ hsGPA} + 0.015 \text{ ACT} - 0.083 \text{ skipped}$$

(0.33) (0.094) (0.011) (0.026)

(Eq. 3)

$$R^2 = 0.234 \quad n = 141$$

3.1 (5 points) Using the standard normal approximation, find the 95% confidence interval for β_{hsGPA} .

The 95% confidence interval of β_{hsGPA} is

$$\pm \hat{\beta}_{\text{hsGPA}} \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} SE(\hat{\beta}_{\text{hsGPA}})$$

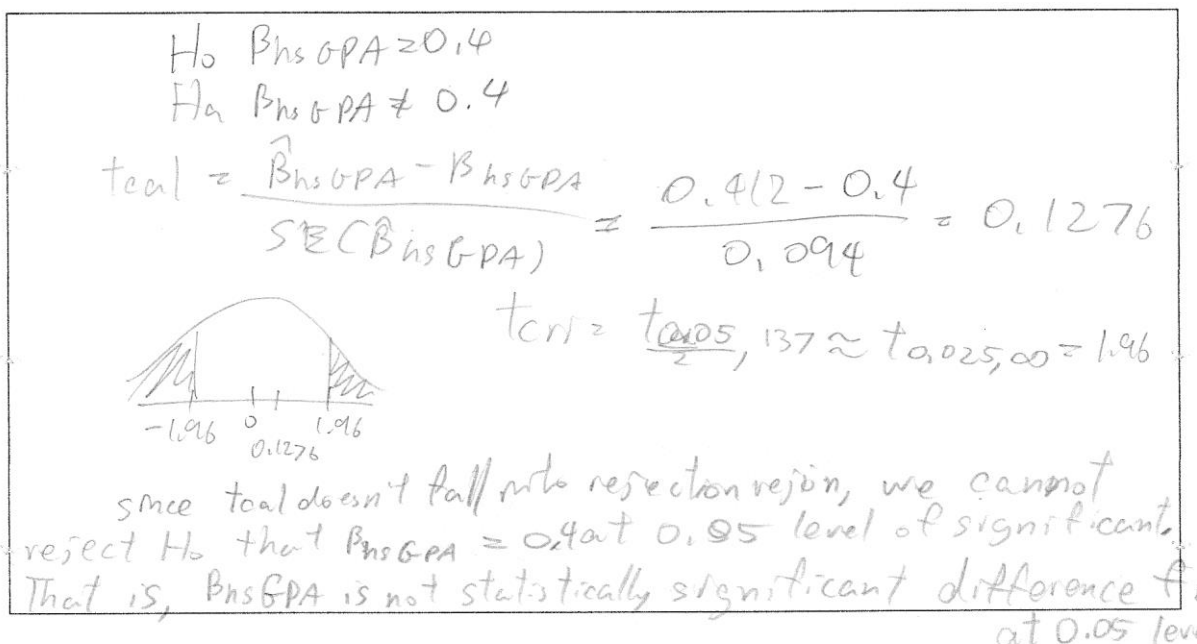
$$0.412 \pm \frac{t_{0.05}}{2} (0.094)$$

$$0.412 \pm 0.184$$

$$(0.228, 0.596)$$

In repeated sampling, 95% of the time, the constructed interval with this method will contain the true value of β_{hsGPA} .

3.2 (5 points) Can you reject the hypothesis $H_0 : \beta_{hsGPA} = 0.4$ against the two-sided alternative at the 5% level?



3.3 (5 points) Can you reject the hypothesis $H_0 : \beta_{hsGPA} = 1$ against the two-sided alternative at the 5% level?

