

Mid-Term Answers

1. Given the general linear model $y = XB + u$ where y is $n \times 1$ and X is $n \times k$ and the OLS estimate of B ,

$$\hat{b} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y, \text{ show that}$$

a) $X'\hat{u} = 0$

(5 marks)

b) $E(\hat{b}) = B$

(5 marks)

c) \hat{b} is the Best Linear Unbiased (minimum variance) estimator

(15 marks)

- Answers to all these can be found in your lecture notes

2. The following is taken from a regression of the log of output on the log of labour input and log of capital input. Some of the information has been concealed.

Source	Sum of Squares	df	MS			
Model	14.2115637		7.10578187	Number of obs = 27		
Residual	.85163374		.035484739	F(,) =		
Total	15.0631975			Prob > F = 0.0000		
				R-squared =		
				Adj R-squared = 0.9388		
				Root MSE		

logo	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
logl	.6029994					
logk	.3757102	.085346	4.40	0.000	.1995648	.5518556
_cons	1.170644	.326782	3.58	0.002	.4961988	1.845089

The variance/co-variance matrix of the parameter estimates is given by

	logl	logk
logl	.0158644	
logk	-.0096162	.00728393

Find

the standard error of the estimate of logl,

the estimated t value

the 95% confidence interval around this estimate

(10 marks)

b) Test the hypothesis that there is constant returns to scale

(5 marks)

c) Test the significance of the goodness of fit of the model as a whole

(7 marks)

d) Find the estimated residual variance

(3 marks)

- see attached answer

3. Given the model

$$y = b_1 + b_2 X_2 + b_3 X_3 + u$$

and the following information

$$X'X = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad X'y = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ 16 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sum_i (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 = 80.5$$

What is the sample size ?

(3 marks)

Find the OLS estimates of

- a) the slope coefficients (6 marks)
- b) the intercept (3 marks)
- c) the residual sum of squares (RSS) (3 marks)
- d) the standard error of the slope coefficients, b_2 and b_3 (3 marks)

e) What are “outliers” in data sets? (3 marks)

f) Outline the form of a test that you might use to detect the presence of outliers (4 marks)

- see attached answer

4. The following output is taken from a regression of y on d_1 z_1 d_2 z_2 over a 15 year period, where d_1 is an intercept term for the first sub-period of the data, d_2 is an intercept term for the second sub-period of the data, z_1 is the slope estimate for the first sub-period of the data and z_2 is the slope estimate for the second sub-period of the data.

regress y d1 d2 z1 z2, noconstant

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 15		
Model	505.000000	4	126.250000	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	3.00000000	11	.272727272	R-squared	=	0.9940
Total	508.00	15	33.9333333			

y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
d1	-.0625	.4831417	-0.13	0.899	-1.125888	1.000888
d2	.4	.366156	1.09	0.298	-.405904	1.205904
z1	.4375	.0599263	7.30	0.000	.305603	.569397

z2		.5090909	.0295057	17.25	0.000	.4441493	.5740325
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An alternative regression estimated over the first 10 year sub-period gives

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regress y z1 if time<=10
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 10		
Model	85.5000000	1	85.5000000	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	2.5000000	8	.3090909	R-squared	=	0.9719
Total	88.00	9	9.7777778			

y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
z1	.5090909	.0306046	16.63	0.000	.4385167	.5796652
d1	.4	.3797926	1.05	0.323	-.4758033	1.275803

- a) Write down the restricted and unrestricted models in matrix form (5 marks)
- a) Do the Chow forecast test of parameter constancy (5 marks)
- c) Explain, (without giving formal proof), why the unrestricted residual sum of squares is equivalent to that estimated over the first sub-period. (6 marks)
- d) What is the CUSUM test? (6 marks)
- e) what is its main advantage over the Chow forecast test? (3 marks)

- see attached answer