

Quiz 5  
Econ 526 - Introduction to Econometrics

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SECTION A - MULTIPLE CHOICE

[Same dataset from Quiz 4] Consider a random sample with the Grade Point Average (GPA) and standardized test scores (ACT), along with the performance in an introductory economics course, for students at a large public university. The variable to be explained is *score*, which is the final score in the course measured as a percentage. The variable *hsgpa* is the high school GPA, *actmth* is the ACT in math and *colgpa* is the college GPA of the student prior to take the economics course.

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                        Dependent variable:
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                                log(score)
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hsgpa                        0.0274
                               (0.0204)

log(actmth)                   0.3082***
                               (0.0388)

colgpa                         0.1784***
                               (0.0125)

Constant                       2.7073***
                               (0.1119)

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Observations                    814
R2                              0.3704
Adjusted R2                     0.3681
Residual Std. Error             0.1662 (df = 810)
F Statistic                     158.8443*** (df = 3; 810)
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Note:                            *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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- Based on the above, what is the effect on the dependent variable if *colgpa* increases one unit?
  - $\widehat{\log(score)}$  will increase 17.8%
  - $\widehat{\log(score)}$  will increase 1.78%
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase by 0.178 units
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase 17.8%

- 12.5% 2. Based on the above, what is the effect on the dependent variable if  $actmth$  increases 10%?
- $\log(\widehat{score})$  will increase 3.08%
  - $\log(\widehat{score})$  will increase 30.8%
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase by 0.308 units
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase 3.08%
- 12.5% 3. In order to find the OLS estimators for the true parameters  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  for the regression above, how many First Order Conditions do we have?
- 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5
- 12.5% 4. Assume that  $hsgpa$  and  $\log(actmth)$  are uncorrelated with  $u$ , but  $colgpa$  is correlated with  $u$ . Then:
- We say that  $colgpa$  is an endogenous explanatory variable, therefore  $E(u|x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0$ .
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SECTION B - TRUE OR FALSE

Consider a random sample with 1005 observations of house purchases in Kansas. Your dataset consists of the following variables (variable's name and variable description):

<code>house_price</code>	price paid in thousands of dollars
<code>number_bedrs</code>	number of bedrooms
<code>number_fullbaths</code>	number of full bathrooms
<code>number_halfbaths</code>	number of half bathrooms
<code>number_baths</code>	= <code>number_fullbaths</code> + <code>number_halfbaths</code>
<code>crime_rate</code>	crime rate in the neighborhood
<code>lot_size</code>	lot size in square feet

- 12.5% 1. Consider the following regression model:

$$\log(\text{house\_price}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{lot\_size}) + \log(\beta_2) \text{crime\_rate} + u$$

where  $\log()$  represents the natural logarithm. Then this model is linear in parameters.

- True    False

- 12.5% 2. Consider the following regression model:

$$\text{house\_price} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{number\_bedrs} + \beta_2 \text{number\_baths} + \beta_3 \text{number\_fullbaths} + \beta_4 \text{number\_halfbaths} + u$$

Then this model suffers from perfect collinearity.

- True    False

- 12.5% 3. Consider the following models:

$$\text{Model 1: } house\_price = \beta_0 + \beta_1 number\_bedrs + \beta_2 number\_baths + u$$

$$\text{Model 2: } house\_price = \beta_0 + \beta_1 number\_bedrs + \beta_2 number\_baths + \beta_3 crime\_rate + u$$

Then,  $R^2_{model1} > R^2_{model2}$ .

- True    False

- 12.5% 4. Consider the following regression model:

$$house\_price = \beta_0 + \beta_1 number\_bedrs + \beta_2 number\_baths + u$$

Knowing that  $\text{Corr}(number\_bedrs, number\_baths) = 0.98$ , then the OLS estimator is a biased estimator for the true parameters.

- True    False