

Quiz 4  
Econ 526 - Introduction to Econometrics

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SECTION A - MULTIPLE CHOICE

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.

REGRESSION (A)

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                        Dependent variable:
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                                log(score)
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hsgpa                        0.2120***
                               (0.0199)

Constant                      3.5563***
                               (0.0668)

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Observations                   856
R2                             0.1174
Adjusted R2                    0.1163
Residual Std. Error           0.1997 (df = 854)
F Statistic                   113.5666*** (df = 1; 854)
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Note:                          *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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12.5%

- Based on the **Regression (A)** above, what is the effect on the dependent variable if *hsgpa* increases one unit?
  - $\widehat{\log(score)}$  will increase 21.2%
  - $\widehat{\log(score)}$  will increase 0.212%
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase by 0.212 units
  - $\widehat{score}$  will increase 21.2%

## REGRESSION (B)

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                        Dependent variable:
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                                log(score)
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log(actmth)                0.5084***
                           (0.0406)

Constant                    2.6735***
                           (0.1274)

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Observations                814
R2                          0.1616
Adjusted R2                 0.1606
Residual Std. Error        0.1915 (df = 812)
F Statistic                 156.4957*** (df = 1; 812)
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Note:                       *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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2. Based on the **Regression (B)** above, what is the effect on the dependent variable if *actmth* increases 10%?
- $\widehat{\log(\text{score})}$  will increase 0.5084%
  - $\widehat{\log(\text{score})}$  will increase 50.84%
  - $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will increase by 5.084 units
  - $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will increase 5.084%

## REGRESSION (C)

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                        Dependent variable:
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                                score
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colgpa                      14.3155***
                           (0.6997)

Constant                    32.3061***
                           (2.0049)

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Observations                856
R2                          0.3289
Adjusted R2                 0.3281
Residual Std. Error        10.9842 (df = 854)
F Statistic                 418.5822*** (df = 1; 854)
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Note:                       *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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3. Based on the **Regression (C)** above, what is the effect on the dependent variable if *colgpa* decreases 2 units?
- $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will decrease by 28.631 units
  - $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will decrease 14.316%
  - $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will decrease 28.631%
  - $\widehat{\text{score}}$  will decrease by 7.158 units

- 12.5% 4. The variable  $colgpa$  is a number from 0 to 4. Consider the case that you would like to transform the college GPA to a scale from 0 to 100. Thus, you create a new variable:  $colgpa\_scaled$ , such that  $colgpa\_scaled = 25 \cdot colgpa$ . Then you rerun the **Regression (C)** replacing  $colgpa$  by  $colgpa\_scaled$ . What is your new  $\hat{\beta}_1$  ?
- A.  $25 \cdot 14.3155$
- B.  $\frac{1}{25} \cdot 14.3155$
- C.  $\frac{100}{25} \cdot 14.3155$
- D.  $0.25 \cdot 14.3155$

## SECTION B - TRUE OR FALSE

For all models below, assume that you have a random sample, and that (i)  $Var(x) \neq 0$  and (ii)  $E(u|x) = 0$  for any independent variable  $x$ .

- 10% 1. Consider the following regression model:  $\log(score) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 colgpa^3 + u$ . Then this model is linear in parameters.  
 True  False
- 10% 2. Consider the following regression model:  $\log(score) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(colgpa) + u$ . Then the OLS is an unbiased estimator for the true  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ .  
 True  False
- 10% 3. The following regression model:  $\log(score) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(hsgpa) + u$  is also known as constant percentage model.  
 True  False
- 10% 4. The following regression model:  $\log(score) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 colgpa + u$  is also known as constant elasticity model.  
 True  False
- 10% 5. In the following regression model:  $\log(score) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(colgpa) + u$ ,  $\beta_1$  is the elasticity of  $score$  with respect to  $hsgpa$ .  
 True  False