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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions

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QUESTION ONE (25 MARKS)

- a) The assumptions underlying the classical linear regression model are:
- A.1 Linearity
 - A.2 Full rank: $rank(X) = k$
 - A.3 Errors have zero mean: $E(\varepsilon) = 0$
 - A.4 Spherical errors
 - A.5 The process that generates X is unrelated to the process that generates
 - A.6 Normality of errors

Under these assumptions, estimation of the linear model by OLS is sensible. Estimation of the variance of \mathbf{b} by $s^2(X'X)^{-1}$ is also sensible. For each of the assumptions listed above, explain:

- (i) how the assumption might be violated [3 Marks]
- (ii) The implications for estimating the model by OLS [3 Marks]
- (iii) How the problem might be corrected, or how an alternative estimator might be used to correct the problem (if possible). [4 Marks]

- b) A researcher is considering two regression specifications to estimate the relationship between a variable X and Y,

$$\log Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \log X + U \quad \text{(Equation 1)}$$

$$\log \frac{X}{Y} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \log X + V \quad \text{(Equation 2)}$$

Where the Greek letters refer to parameters and X and Y are two random, variables, which we have a random sample of, size n.

- i. Determine whether (Equation2) can be represented as a restricted version of (Equation1) [3 Marks]
- ii. Using the same n observations of variable X and Y, the researcher fits two specifications using ordinary least squares (OLS). The fits are:

$$\widehat{\log Y} = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \log X \quad \text{(Equation 3)}$$

$$\widehat{\log \frac{X}{Y}} = \hat{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\alpha}_2 \log X \quad \text{(Equation 4)}$$

Using the expressions for the estimates write $\hat{\beta}_2$ in terms of $\hat{\alpha}_2$, Write $\hat{\beta}_1$ in terms of $\hat{\alpha}_1$ [2 Marks]

- iii. Demonstrate that $\widehat{\log Y} - \log X = \widehat{\log \frac{X}{Y}}$ [3 Marks]
- iv. Demonstrate that the residuals in (Equation 3) are identical to those in (Equation 4) [2 Marks]
- v. Determine the relationship between the t statistic using $\hat{\beta}_2$ and the t statistic using $\hat{\alpha}_2$ [3 Marks]
- vi. Explain with detailed arguments whether R^2 would be the same in the two regressions. [3 Marks]

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

a) Consider the following model:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -0.261 - 2.306D_{2i} - 1.7327D_{3i} + 2.1289D_2D_{3i} + 0.8028X_i$$

$$t = (-0.2357) (-5.4873)^* (-2.1803)^* (9.9094)^*$$

$$R^2 = 0.2032, n = 528, \alpha = 0.05$$

*→ indicate P value is less than 0.05

Where Y_i → hourly wage in dollar

X → education (Years of schooling)

$D_2 = 1$ if female, 0 if male

$D_3 = 1$ if non-white and non-Hispanic

=0 if otherwise

Interpret these results

[5 Marks]

b) The following are the daily stock prices of a company listed at the Nairobi Stock Exchange during the month of September 2017

12,16,14,17,19,15,11,19,23,15,16,18,16,24,10,20,15,24,15,15,16

- i. Compute the sample mean, variance, skewness, excess kurtosis, and minimum and maximum of the daily simple returns [3 Marks]
- ii. Compute the daily log returns rt [2 Marks]
- iii. Compute the sample mean, variance, skewness, excess kurtosis, and minimum and maximum of the daily log returns [3 Marks]
- iv. Perform the Jarque and Bera test on the normality of rt [2 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

a) Write the functional form of $E(y_i / x_i, \beta)$, the conditional mean function, that is used in each of the following

i. Probit model

[2 Marks]

ii. Logit model

[2 Marks]

b) For the logit model, derive the marginal effect, or partial derivative

$$\partial E(y_i / x_i, \beta) / \partial x_{ij}, \text{ where } x_{ij}, \text{ is the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ element of the } x_i \text{ vector [4 Marks]}$$

c) Suppose logit model estimation produces the following table

Variable Name	Estimated Coefficient	Standard Error	Asymptotic T-Ratio
X1	3.8	1.7	2.2
X2	-1.6	0.54	-3.0
Constant	-4.2	2.3	-1.8

- i. What is the predicted probability that $y = 1$ when $x_1 = 2$ and $x_2 = 0.5$? [2 Marks]
- ii. Compute the change in the predicted probability when x_2 increases by one unit from $x_2 = 0.5$ to $x_2 = 1.5$, holding x_1 at $x_1 = 2$ [2 Marks]
- iii. Using the derivative result from part (a) and the estimates of the above table, compute the partial derivative $\partial E(y/x_1, x_2, \beta) / \partial x_2$, at the x value given in part (i) [3 Marks]
- iv. Comment on the difference between the answers to (ii) and (iii) [2 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

The following model has been developed for studying the relationship of the GDP with interest rate, inflation and exchange rate.

$$GDP_i = a_0 + a_{INT} INT + a_{INF} INF + a_{EXR} EXR + e_i$$

In the above model GDP has been taken as a dependent variable whereas, interest rate, inflation and exchange rate has been included as an independent variables.

- *GDP* is the Gross Domestic Product of Pakistan which has been converted into real form by using financial year 1976 as a base period and log of it has been taken.
- *INT* is the nominal discount rate. It is used into real form after adjusting it for inflation.
- *INF* is the inflation rate of Pakistan which is shows the annual percentage change in consumer price index
- *EXR* is the nominal exchange rate of Pakistan rupee against US dollar.

Table. 1.1: Regressions Results

Dependent Variable : GDP

Method : Least Squares

Sample : 1973-2008

	Coefficient	t-stat	Variable	prob.
EX	2.04* (0.32)	6.25		0.00
IF	1.89* (0.53)	3.56		0.00
R	0.11* (0.04)	3.08		0.01
C	4.50* (1.75)	2.57		0.01
R2	0.67	Akaik Info Criterion		2.66
Adjusted R2	0.64	Schwarz Criterion		2.84
F-Stat	21.56	Durbin Watson Stat		0.78
Prob (F-Stat)	0.00			

1. “*” shows 5 % level of significance
2. A rise in exchange rate means devaluation
3. Figures in parenthesis shows SE of the estimates

a) Comment on the use and meaning of the following statistics from the table above

- i. R-squared [2 Marks]
- ii. The Akaike information and Schwarz criteria [3 Marks]
- iii. The F statistics and Durbin Watson [3 Marks]

b) For examining the serial correlation in data, and confirmation of the above results Correlogram, Q-Statistics, Correlogram squared Residuals and Breusch- Godfrey Serial Correlation LM test are used given in figures 1.2, and 1.3 respectively.

Figure 1.2: Correlogram test results

obs	Actual	Fitted	Residual	Residual Plot			
1973	11.0767		12.3973	-1.32060	*	.	.
1974	11.3432		11.2464	0.09679	.	*	.
1975	11.5759		11.2424	0.33349	.	*	.
1976	11.7350		12.0948	-0.35975	.	*	.
1977	11.8736		12.5834	-0.70976	.	*	.
1978	12.0371		13.1197	-1.08262	*	.	.
1979	12.1373		14.3830	-2.24576	*	.	.
1980	12.3208		14.1044	-1.78366	.	.	.
1981	12.4930		13.5113	-1.01825	*	.	.
1982	12.6459		12.9506	-0.30465	.	*	.
1983	12.7629		12.4378	0.32516	.	*	.
1984	12.9045		13.0820	-0.17747	.	*	.
1985	13.0220		12.9870	0.03498	.	*	.
1986	13.1080		12.0021	1.10588	.		*
1987	13.2147		13.5667	-0.35205	.	*	.
1988	13.3800		13.4600	-0.08003	.	*	.
1989	13.5108		13.5909	-0.08019	.		*
1990	13.6169		14.4305	-0.81361	.	*	.
1991	13.7928		13.3300	0.46284	.		*
1992	13.9642		12.9864	0.97783	.		*
1993	14.0663		13.3507	0.71566	.		*
1994	14.2255		13.5224	0.70305	.		*
1995	14.4048		13.8966	0.50826	.		*
1996	14.5341		14.9232	-0.38907	.		*
1997	14.6715		14.2990	0.37251	.		*
1998	14.7574		13.8803	0.87707	.		*
1999	14.8503		14.7203	0.13005	.		*
2000	15.1143		16.1517	-1.03737	*	.	.
2001	15.2099		15.4278	-0.21788	.		*
2002	15.2660		14.0209	1.24506	.		*
2003	15.3567		14.7712	0.58546	.		*
2004	15.5024		14.9553	0.54716	.		*
2005	15.6442		14.9959	0.64830	.		*
2006	15.8036		15.1651	0.63851	.		*
2007	15.9327		14.9947	0.93796	.		*
2008	16.1031		15.3764	0.72672	.		*

Figure. 1.3: Correlogram Q-Statistics Results

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob			
. ***	. ***			1	0.561	0.561	12.315	0.000
. **	. *			2	0.242	-0.107	14.665	0.001
. **	. *			3	0.233	0.210	16.908	0.001
. *	. *			4	0.101	-0.169	17.343	0.002
. *	. *			5	0.085	0.157	17.660	0.003
. *	. .			6	0.110	-0.038	18.208	0.006
. .	. *			7	0.003	-0.067	18.209	0.011
. .	. *			8	0.059	0.143	18.380	0.019
. *	. .			9	0.143	0.033	19.416	0.022
. *	. *			10	0.152	0.113	20.629	0.024
. *	. .			11	0.139	-0.046	21.685	0.027
. .	. *			12	-0.027	-0.195	21.726	0.041
. *	. .			13	-0.148	-0.063	23.035	0.041
. *	. *			14	-0.145	-0.090	24.338	0.042
. *	. .			15	-0.138	0.023	25.582	0.043
. .	. *			16	-0.025	0.144	25.626	0.060

Figure. 1.4: Correlogram Squared Residuals

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob			
. ***	. ***			1	0.415	0.415	6.7443	0.009
. *	. *			2	0.077	-0.115	6.9858	0.030
** .	** .			3	-0.216	-0.250	8.9171	0.030
** .	. .			4	-0.216	-0.024	10.913	0.028
** .	. *			5	-0.207	-0.112	12.807	0.025
. *	. *			6	0.085	0.213	13.138	0.041
. *	. .			7	0.144	-0.011	14.110	0.049
. .	** .			8	-0.025	-0.244	14.140	0.078
. *	. .			9	-0.107	0.019	14.725	0.099
. .	. *			10	-0.058	0.074	14.900	0.136
. .	. .			11	-0.036	-0.017	14.971	0.184
. .	. .			12	0.001	-0.038	14.971	0.243
. .	. .			13	0.072	-0.016	15.279	0.290
. .	. .			14	0.011	-0.031	15.286	0.359
. .	. .			15	-0.055	0.016	15.486	0.417
. *	. .			16	-0.074	-0.052	15.865	0.462

Comment on the following:

- i. The presence or absence of autocorrelation between the variables using the Q-statistics [3 Marks]
- ii. Correlogram of the squared residuals for test heteroscedasticity from Figure 1.4.[4 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

Suppose the following equations were set up as a simple macroeconomic model of USA. Altogether 2 mutually dependent Y variables were simultaneously determined by 3 predetermined X variables.

$$Y_1 = \gamma_2 Y_2 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \epsilon$$

$$Y_2 = \gamma_1 Y_1 + \beta_3 X_3 + \epsilon$$

a) Outline how you would estimate:

- i. The first equation (2 marks)
- ii. The second equation (2 marks)

b) Now consider a smaller simultaneous system than the one in (a) with two mutually dependent Y variables and just 1 predetermine X variable.

$$Y_1 = \gamma_2 Y_2 + \epsilon$$
$$Y_2 = \gamma_1 Y_1 + \beta_1 X_1 + \epsilon$$

Y_1	Y_2	X_1
38	8	21
27	15	17
31	10	20
21	18	14
20	15	12
43	6	24

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- i. Using the above data, derive the 2SLS estimate of the coefficient γ_2 in the first equation. (4 marks)
- ii. Using 2SLS on the second equation set up the appropriate estimating equations for γ_1 and β_1 in symbols and numbers. (4 marks)
- iii. Give reason why you couldn't solve for γ_1 and β_1 ? (3 marks)

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