



QUESTIONS

NOTES

Question 4.

1. If all the observations on a particular explanatory variable are multiplied by λ , then the residuals of the regression are unchanged while the corresponding regression coefficient is multiplied by $1/\lambda$. Use this result to explain what will happen when a particular explanatory variable is measured in thousands of kgs instead of millions of kgs.

$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ can be represented in regression model as below.

$$y = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon$$

New explanatory variables which multiplied by λ are substitute x_i :

$$x_i = \lambda x'_i$$

$$y = \beta_1 \lambda x'_1 + \beta_2 \lambda x'_2 + \beta_3 \lambda x'_3 + \dots + \beta_k \lambda x'_k + \varepsilon$$

Then the new corresponding regression coefficients are:

$$\beta'_i = \lambda \beta_i$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{1}{\lambda} \beta'_i$$

$$y = \beta'_1 x'_1 + \beta'_2 x'_2 + \beta'_3 x'_3 + \dots + \beta'_k x'_k + \varepsilon$$

If all the observations on a particular explanatory variable are multiplied by λ , then the residuals of the regression are unchanged while the corresponding regression coefficient is multiplied by $1/\lambda$.

1 million kg = 1000 thousand kg

$$x_i = 1000 x'_i$$

Thus, the residuals of the regression are unchanged while the corresponding regression coefficient is multiplied by $1/1000$.

2. If a constant λ is added to all observations of a particular explanatory variable in a regression containing a constant term, then the corresponding regression coefficient is unchanged. Is any other coefficient affected? Use this result to explain that the coefficient of an explanatory variable appearing in a regression in logarithmic form, the corresponding coefficient is independent of the units in which the variable is measured.

$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ can be represented in regression model as below.

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon$$

New explanatory variables which multiplied by λ are substitute x_i :

$$\ln A_i = x_i = x'_i + \lambda$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x'_1 + \lambda) + \beta_2(x'_2 + \lambda) + \dots + \beta_k(x'_k + \lambda) + \varepsilon$$

$$= \beta_0 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i + \beta_1 x'_1 + \beta_2 x'_2 + \beta_3 x'_3 + \dots + \beta_k x'_k + \varepsilon$$

Then the new corresponding regression coefficients are:

$$\beta'_i = \beta_i$$

The corresponding regression coefficient is unchanged.

But, product of λ and the summation of regression coefficient is added to the constant term.

$$\beta'_0 = \beta_0 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i$$

$$y = \beta'_0 + \beta_1 x'_1 + \beta_2 x'_2 + \beta_3 x'_3 + \dots + \beta_k x'_k + \varepsilon$$

$$e^y = B = e^{\beta_0} A^{\beta_1} A^{\beta_2} \dots A^{\beta_k}$$

Thus the coefficient of an explanatory variable appearing in a regression in logarithmic form, the corresponding coefficient is independent of the units

$$\ln A_i = x_i = x'_i + 1000$$

$$A_i = 1000 A'_i$$

