

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA
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AEC 4105 – BASIC ECONOMETRICS

Answer ALL questions



Time: Two hour (02)

01)

a) Define the following variables:

- i) Dependent variable
- ii) Independent variable

b) Define the following assumptions of the multiple regression model:

- i) Heteroscedasticity
- ii) Autocorrelation
- iii) Normality

02)

a) list three different applicable examples where quantitative methods are applied in economics.

b) A researcher has 100 observations of Y , X_1 , X_2 and X_3 . She uses MLR (Multiple Linear Regressions) to create a dependent factor of Y using X_1 , X_2 and X_3 as predictors. The regression equation is $Y = 22.0 - 2.04 X_1 + 0.3 X_2 + 0.78 X_3$. The researcher now notices that the first number in X_3 should have been 16 instead of 6, so he changes only that number and re-fits the model. Now the regression equation is $Y = 22 - 2.04 X_1 + 3.09 X_2 - 0.008 X_3$. The researcher assumed MLR assumption violation behind this data set by looking at the two results.

Answer the following:

- i) What may be the cause/violation of this data set?
- ii) Comment on the properties of the estimators of the above models?
- iii) Give one reason for the above violation in regression models?
- iv) How this researcher will handle/overcome the above situation?

03) Using the SPSS output tables for a defined analysis given below, answer the following:

a) Name the analysis done to generate this output,

b) Interpret the results obtained.

ANOVA (b)

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	191747559	1	191747559	48.302	0.000(a)
	Residual	599.768		9.768		
	Total	623253814	157	3969769518.2	12	
		359.232				
		815001373	158			
		959.001				

a Predictors: (Constant), AGLAND

b Dependent Variable: farm income

Coefficients (a)

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error			
1	(Constant)	3870.379	9976.521	Beta	0.388	0.699
	AGLAND	4831.818	695.230			
				.485	6.950	.000

a Dependent Variable: farm income

04)

a) The output table for a multiple regression analysis is given below. Answer the following questions based on the results.

Independent variables	Coefficients	Standard error	t-value	Sig.
Education of household head	0.022*	0.011	1.992	0.049
Age of household head	-0.003	0.004	-0.638	0.525
Young is to adult ratio	-0.063	0.047	-1.337	0.184
Diversity index	0.013	0.022	0.608	0.545
Sex of household	0.241*	0.079	3.069	0.003
Constant	3.515*	0.262	13.42	0.000

Number of observations: 97, R-Square: .344 (Prob>F), Adjusted R-Square: .300

Regression mean square > residual mean square (.838 > .107)

Dependent variable: Household income

*Significant at 5% level (P < 0.05)

(Note: Coding given for sex of household head during data entry female: 0, male: 1)

- I. Interpret the R² value of this output.
- II. Write down the estimated equation for the above output.
- III. Interpret the relationship between the dependent and predictors of this output.