

There are three main problems of applying OLS when the model is suffering from :-

- (i) Heteroscedasticity or non-constant error variance
- (ii) Multicollinearity
- (iii) Auto-correlation

Heteroscedasticity :- When variance of the error term is not constant for all observation then the problem is known as problem of heteroscedasticity

$$\text{Var}(u) = \sigma^2 u \rightarrow \text{Heteroscedasticity}$$

$$\text{Var}(u) = \sigma^2 u \cdot w_i \rightarrow \text{Heteroscedasticity}$$

Consequence of Heteroscedasticity

$$\hat{\beta} = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sum x_i (\beta x_i + u_i)}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$= \beta \frac{\sum x_i^2}{\sum x_i^2} + \frac{\sum x_i u_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$= \beta + \frac{\sum x_i u_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

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$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta + \frac{\sum E(x_i u_i)}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$= \beta \text{ as } E(x_i u_i) = 0 \forall i$$

Similarly, $\hat{d} = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta} \bar{x}$

$$= d + \beta \bar{x} - \hat{\beta} \bar{x}$$

$$= d - \bar{x} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)$$

$$\therefore E(\hat{d}) = d - \bar{x} E(\hat{\beta} - \beta)$$

$$= d \text{ as } E(\hat{\beta} - \beta) = 0$$

\hat{d} and $\hat{\beta}$ are still unbiased estimators though heteroscedasticity is present in the model.

Though heteroscedasticity is present

but $E(\hat{d}) = d$ and $E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$ are unbiased estimators of parameters.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) &= E\left[\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})\right]^2 \\ &= E\left[\hat{\beta} - \beta\right]^2 \\ &= E\left[\beta + \frac{\sum x_i u_i}{\sum x_i^2} - \beta\right]^2 \\ &= E\left[\frac{\sum x_i u_i}{\sum x_i^2}\right]^2 = \frac{1}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} E\left[\sum x_i^2 u_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} x_i x_j u_i u_j\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} \left[\sum x_i^2 E(u_i^2) + 0\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} \sum x_i^2 \sigma^2 u_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

Under homoscedasticity,

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2 u}{\sum x_i^2}$$

As $w_i = f(x_i)$ and is positive then

$$\frac{\sigma^2 u_i w_i}{\sum x_i^2} > \frac{\sigma^2 u_i}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(\hat{\beta})_{HE} > \text{Var}(\hat{\beta})_{H_0}$$

The minimum variance property of $\hat{\beta}$ is violated due to presence of heteroscedasticity. Now variance increases then $SE(\hat{\beta})$ also increases. Therefore the parameters are not BLUE.

We know that, t statistic for testing the significance of $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\alpha}$ are,

$$t_{\hat{\beta}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}}{SE(\hat{\beta})} \quad \text{and} \quad t_{\hat{\alpha}} = \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{SE(\hat{\alpha})}$$

Due to presence of heteroscedasticity or $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta})$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}) \uparrow$ es. Therefore $SE(\hat{\beta})$ and $SE(\hat{\alpha})$ also \uparrow es and the result $t_{\hat{\beta}}$ and $t_{\hat{\alpha}}$ are underestimated. As a result, the false H_0 may be accepted i.e. Type II error is committed.

Therefore total inference analysis is erroneous due to presence of heteroscedasticity and by applying OLS with this problem.

Detection of heteroscedasticity

Goldfeld - Quandt Test

Step-1

We have to order the X obs in descending order

Step-2

We select a center value or c and omit these from total n obs. i.e. $(n-c)$ obs. are there.

Step 3

We divide $(m-c)$ obs. by 2

$$\left(\frac{m-c}{2}\right)_1 \text{ and } \left(\frac{m-c}{2}\right)_2$$

Step 4

We have to calculate RSS for two groups of obs. i.e. RSS_1 as $\sum e_1^2$ and RSS_2 as $\sum e_2^2$

Step 5

Now we have done F test with $\left(\frac{m-c}{2} - k\right)$ d.f.

$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \dots = \sigma_m^2 = \sigma_u^2$$

(Homoscedasticity)

H_1 : Any one inequality i.e. (heteroscedasticity)

The F statistic is,

$$F = \frac{\sum e_1^2}{\sum e_2^2} \sim F\left(\frac{m-c}{2} - k\right)$$

Step 6

If we get, $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$ then H_0 is accepted and there is homoscedasticity. When, $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$ there is heteroscedasticity.

This test is easiest and popular but of detect the presence of heteroscedasticity

Generalised least Square Estimation (GLSE)

$$Y = \alpha + \beta X_i + u_i \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Var}(u_i) = \sigma^2 u \cdot w_i$$

The model is transformed to,

$$\frac{Y_i w_i}{\sqrt{w_i}} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{w_i}} + \beta \frac{X_i}{\sqrt{w_i}} + \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{w_i}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_i^* = \alpha^* + \beta^* X_i^* + v_i^* \quad \text{--- (2)}$$
$$\text{Var}(v_i^*) = E[v_i^* - E(v_i^*)]^2$$

$$= E\left[\left(\frac{u_i w_i}{\sqrt{w_i}}\right)^2\right] = E\left[\frac{u_i^2 w_i}{w_i}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_i} (u_i^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_i} (0^2 u_i \cdot w_i) = 0^2 u_i$$

Model (2) is free from heteroscedasticity and we apply OLS in this transformed model then OLS is renamed as generalized least squares (GLS) estimation process.

Multi collinearity

One of the important assumption of OLS is the two explanatory variables are not exactly perfectly related. i.e. $r_{x_1 x_2} \neq \pm 1$

$$\alpha^* = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{w_i}}$$

$$\beta^* = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{w_i}}$$

There are two types of multi co-linearity -

- (i) exact multi collinearity or perfect
- (ii) near exact multi collinearity.

In case of exact multi collinearity

$$x_{2i} = k x_{1i}, k > 0$$

$$\text{Var}(x_1) = k^2 \text{Var}(x_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(x_1, x_2) = \text{Cov}(k x_2, x_2)$$

$$= k \cdot \text{Var}(x_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_1 - \bar{x}_1)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum k(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) \\ &= k \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 \\ &= k \cdot \text{Var}(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Multi collinearity arises in more than one explanatory variable model. We take three variable model as

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + u_i$$

By applying OLS

$$\hat{\alpha} = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}_2$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\text{Cov}(y, x_1) \text{Var}(x_2) - \text{Cov}(y, x_2) \text{Cov}(x_1, x_2)}{\text{Var}(x_1) \text{Var}(x_2) - \text{Cov}(x_1, x_2)^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X_2) \cdot \text{Var}(X_1) - \text{Cov}(Y, X_1) \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\text{Var}(X_1) \text{Var}(X_2) - \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)^2}$$

Now when we apply OLS with the presence of perfect MC then we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_1) \cdot \text{Var}(X_2) - \{ \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \}^2 \\ = k^2 [\text{Var}(X_2)]^2 - k \cdot \text{Var}(X_2) \cdot k \cdot \text{Var}(X_2) \\ = k^2 [\text{Var}(X_2)]^2 - k^2 [\text{Var}(X_2)]^2 \\ = 0 \end{aligned}$$

as denominator of $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are zero, therefore we are unable to estimate the parameters with exact MC

In case of near exact MC

In case of near exact MC that is (X_1, X_2) close to ± 1 then we estimate the parameters but they are not minimum variance i.e. BLUE property is lost

though they are unbiased

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \frac{\sigma^2 u}{\sum X_1^2 (1 - r_{12}^2)} \\ \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2) &= \frac{\sigma^2 u}{\sum X_2^2 (1 - r_{12}^2)} \end{aligned}$$

and the term, $\frac{1}{(1 - r_{12}^2)}$ is known as Variance

Inflationary factor (VIF)

$$\therefore \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum X_1^2} (\text{VIF}), \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \frac{\sigma^2 u}{\sum X_2^2} (\text{VIF})$$

(1) When $r_{12} = 0$ then $\text{VIF} = 1$

(2) When $r_{12} = \pm 1$ then $\text{VIF} = \infty$

\therefore VIF ranges from 1 to ∞

The value of VIF determines the existence of the model with application of OLS. When VIF \downarrow then variances

and SEs are also underestimated and
 statistics are underestimated.

Therefore estimation is erroneous and we are
 unable to get a good fitted model.

Q) Here it is given that $\sum Y_i^2 = 656$, $\sum Y_i = 654$
 $\sum X_i Y_i = 490$, $\sum X_i = 62$, $\sum X_i^2 = 461$, $n = 16$.

- (i) Estimate the parameters in the model $Y_i = a + bX_i + e_i$
- (ii) Comment on the values of parameters
- (iii) Estimate R^2 and comment on the validity of the model.
- (iv) Test the hypothesis that $\beta = 2$.

2)

Output	210.2	210.1	211.5	202.9	207.4	205.2	192.2	192.1
No. of workers (in 1000)	706.2	703.1	701.2	699.1	697.4	795.2	682.7	680.1

- (i) estimate the linear production fn.
- (ii) find average and marginal prod. of labour.
- (iii) estimate t ratios and test their significance.

3) Estimate the investment fn $I = a + bC + e$
 the following sample is given

I	9	5.5	2.5	4	2.5	2.5	3	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5
C	2	3	2	4	3	6	4	6	8	7	9

- (i) estimate the investment fn by OLS.
- (ii) Test the significance of coefficient at 1% level of significance.
- (iii) Construct a 95% confidence interval for β .
- (iv) find the value of R^2 at 1% level of significance.

4) A sample of 20 obs. on x and y is to be used for estimating the linear fn $y = \alpha + \beta x + u$.

The first 10 obs. yield the following results:

$$\bar{X} = 15.3 \quad \bar{Y} = 16.0 \quad \sum x_i^2 = 78 \quad \sum y_i^2 = 45600$$

$\sum x_i y_i = -2568$. The ten subsequent pairs of values of x and y yields:

$$\bar{X} = 14.08 \quad \bar{Y} = 106 \quad \sum x_i^2 = 98.16 \quad \sum y_i^2 = 62400$$

$$\sum x_i y_i = -2308.8$$

has the fn. changed over the two decades.

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 Q. Define Auto correlation. What are the sources of autocorrelation. (1+3) = 4

Correlation is defined as the measurement of degree of association between two variables. Autocorrelation is defined as the measurement of degree of association between the two values of a same variable. Auto correlation is special type of correlation. It is basically a time series problem. As, it is a time series problem, it is also known as serial correlation i.e. the correlation between two series of a same variable.

Here, the two series of disturbance term are correlated. The actual meaning of autocorrelation is,

$$E(u_t \cdot u_{t+s}) \neq 0 \quad \forall t, s \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(u_t, u_{t+s}) \neq 0$$

- u_1
- u_2
- u_3
- \vdots
- u_{n-1}
- u_n

It means that u_t and u_{t+s} are pairwise autocorrelated. i.e. covariance between u_t and u_{t+s} is not equal to zero. This violates the classical assumption of applying OLS method.

Though autocorrelation is a time series problem but it does not confirm that it is not appear in cross section data. It also comes up in the presence of cross section data. When we speak of autocorrelation in case of cross section data we measure the degree of association between two disturbance terms of two economic agents.

$$E(u_{it} \cdot u_{jt}) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(u_{it}, u_{jt}) \neq 0$$

At the same point of time, the two disturbance term of the two economic agent is correlated. It is the autocorrelation at the same point of time. This type of autocorrelation is known as contemporaneous autocorrelation.

Sources of Autocorrelation

The presence of autocorrelation is very common in empirical research work. Autocorrelation comes up —

(1) Due to mis-specification of a model. The specified model is,

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + u_t$$

But the actual model is,

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_t^2 + u_t$$

we are neglecting a term X_t^2 in the specified model. Then,

$$\text{Cov}(u_t, \beta_2 X_t^2 + u_t) = \sigma_u^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{Cov}(u_t, \beta_2 X_t^2 + u_t) \neq 0$$

That means in the specified model autocorrelation is present

The specified u_t and the actual u_t (i.e. $\beta_2 X_t^2 + u_t$) is correlated, it is not equal to zero. Then we can not estimate the model.

(2) Omission of relevant variables may lead to misspecification we specify the model.

$$D_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 P_t + u_t$$

But the actual model is,

$$D_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 P_t + \beta_2 Y_t + u_t$$

$$\therefore \text{cov}(u_t, \beta_2 Y_t + u_t) \neq 0$$

Thus, the omission of certain variables may lead to the appearance of autocorrelation.

(3) Due to some measurement errors autocorrelation may come up. In generally we can write the consumption function as,

$$C_t = \alpha + \beta Y_t + u_t$$

C_t = consumption in period t

Y_t = disposable income in period t

But the actual model is,

$$C_t = \alpha + \beta (Y_t + v_t) + u_t$$

$$= \alpha + \beta Y_t + \beta v_t + u_t$$

v_t = measurement error, Y_t = income in period t

$$\text{cov}(u_t, \beta v_t + u_t) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \text{cov}(u_t, v_t) + \sigma_{u_t}^2 \neq 0$$

If we introduce proxy variable then measurement error comes up.

(4) In case of cob-web model

$$Q_t^d = f(p_t, u_t) = a_0 + a_1 p_t + u_{1t} \rightarrow \text{demand function}$$

$$Q_t^s = f(p_{t-1}, u_t) = b_0 + b_1 p_{t-1} + u_{2t} \rightarrow \text{Supply function}$$

$$Q_t^d = Q_t^s$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 p_t + u_{1t} = b_0 + b_1 p_{t-1} + u_{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_t = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{a_1} + \frac{b_1}{a_1} p_{t-1} + \frac{u_{2t} - u_{1t}}{a_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_t = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{a_1} + \frac{b_1}{a_1} p_{t-1} + v_t$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{t-1} = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{a_1} + \frac{b_1}{a_1} p_{t-2} + v_{t-1}$$

$$p_{t-2} = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{a_1} + \frac{b_1}{a_1} p_{t-3} + v_{t-2}$$

In P_{t-1} case can find a vector V_{t-1} . Therefore,

$$\text{cov}(V_t, V_{t-1}) \neq 0.$$

Thus, if we use cob-web model then there is no guarantee that autocorrelation is not come up.

(5) Due to averaging technique

Auto correlation may come up due to averaging technique.

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Then we fit a trend equation,

$$\ln Y_t = \alpha + \beta t$$

$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{20}$

Here, $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3$ are also interlinked or correlated. Therefore in case of moving average method autocorrelation also comes up.

When we use averaging technique, moving average technique, interpolation technique, extrapolation technique then the different values of a same variable is correlated i.e. autocorrelation appears. ✓