

ECONOMETRICS II

Topic 2.1: **HETEROSCEDASTICITY** AND AUTOCORRELATION

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1. Heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation

In topic 1, we reviewed the linear regression model

$$Y_t = X_t' \beta + u_t,$$

where:

- $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$
- $X_t = (1, X_{2t}, \dots, X_{kt})'$
- $\beta = (1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k)'$

... and where the classic HPs hold:

1. X_1, \dots, X_k and the Y are **iid**.
2. **there is not perfect multicollinearity**; $rg(X) = k$.
3. X_t and u_t have nonzero finite fourth order moments.
4. $E(u_t|X) = 0 \Rightarrow E(u_t) = 0, t = 1, 2, \dots, T$
5. $Var(u) = E(uu') = \sigma^2 I_T$.
 - $Var(u_t) = E(u_t^2) = \sigma^2, t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ (**homoscedasticity**)
 - $Cov(u_t, u_s) = E(u_t u_s) = 0, \forall t \neq s$ (**u_t not serially correlated**)
6. **Normality**: $u \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I); u_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$



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In this topic we will see the consequences of relaxing assumption 5 (and 1)

- **HETEROSCEDASTICITY:** $\exists i, j$ such that $V(u_i|X_i) \neq V(u_j|X_j)$,
- **AUTOCORRELATION:** $\exists i, j$ such that $Cov(u_i u_j | X) \neq 0$,



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Specifically, let's start with the estimation of the regression model with **heteroskedastic errors** but without the presence of serial autocorrelation, that is to say, assumptions 2-4 are verified while 5 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(u_t) &= E(u_t^2) = \sigma^2 \omega_t, t = 1, 2, \dots, T && \text{heteroscedasticity} \\ \text{cov}(u_t, u_s) &= E(u_t u_s) = 0, \forall t \neq s && u_i \text{ not serially correlated} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Var}(u) = E(uu') = \sigma^2 \Omega, \text{ where}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \omega_T \end{bmatrix}$$



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Estimation by OLS in the presence of heteroscedasticity:

1. The OLS estimator is unbiased: $E(\widehat{\beta}) = \beta$

2. The variance is:
$$Var(\widehat{\beta}|X) = \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \omega(X_t) X_t X_t' \right) (X'X)^{-1}$$



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Estimation by OLS in the presence of heteroscedasticity:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}|X) &= E \left[(\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta}|X))(\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta}|X))' | X \right] = E \left[(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' | X \right] \\ &= E \left[(X'X)^{-1} X' u u' X (X'X)^{-1} | X \right] = (X'X)^{-1} X' E(uu' | X) X (X'X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} X' \Omega X (X'X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} X' \Omega X &= \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega(X_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \omega(X_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \omega(X_T) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1' \\ X_2' \\ \vdots \\ X_T' \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega(X_1)X_1 & \omega(X_2)X_2 & \dots & \omega(X_T)X_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1' \\ X_2' \\ \vdots \\ X_T' \end{bmatrix} = \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \omega(X_t) X_t X_t' \right) \end{aligned}$$



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Estimation by OLS in the presence of heteroscedasticity:

Given that $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}|X) \neq \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$

- Therefore, $\hat{\sigma}^2(X'X)^{-1}$ is not an appropriate estimator for $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{OLS}})$
As a consequence of this result, the tests that we saw when the classical assumptions are met and that they were based on $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{OLS}}) = \hat{\sigma}^2(X'X)^{-1}$ are not valid when the errors are heteroskedastic.
- Also, when the errors are heteroskedastic the **OLS estimator is not the best linear unbiased estimator (T. Gauss-Markov does not hold).**



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Asymptotic properties:

- **Consistency:** if the observations are iid, and assumptions (a) and (c) hold, then the OLS estimator is consistent.

$$(a) E(u_t|X_t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow E(Y_t|X_t) = X_t'\beta$$

$$(c) \Sigma = E(X_t X_t') \text{ is positive definite}$$

Asymptotic normality: if the observations are iid, and the assumptions (a) and (c) hold, then

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2 \Psi) \Sigma^{-1}) \quad \Psi = E(\omega(X_t) X_t X_t')$$

The OLS estimator **is not asymptotically efficient**, since the assumption of homoscedasticity is not verified.



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TYPE OF HETEROSCEDASTICITY: possible formulations and examples

$$\text{Var}(u_t) = \sigma^2 X_{jt}^\alpha$$

$$\text{Var}(u_t) = (\alpha' Z_t)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(u_t) = \exp(\alpha' Z_t)$$

$$\text{Var}(u_t) = (\alpha' Z_t)$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2 + \alpha_1 Y_t \text{ with } \alpha_1 > 0$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = Z_t' \alpha_0 \text{ with } \alpha_0 > 0$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = (\sigma + Z_t' \alpha)^2 \text{ with } \alpha > 0$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j I_{jt} \text{ with } \alpha_j > 0$$

X_j is a model regressor

Z_t is a onecolumn vector of observed variables

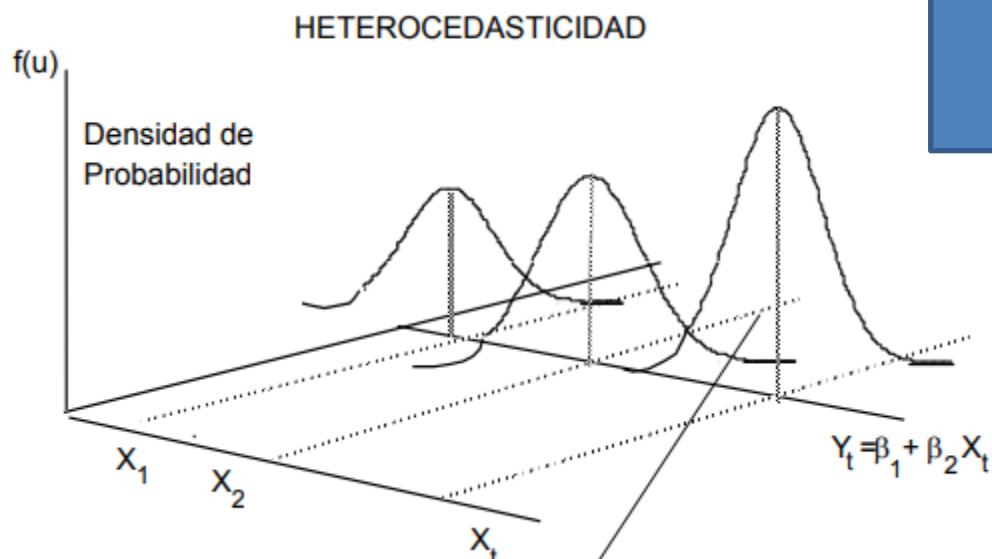


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EXAMPLE I: Graphically

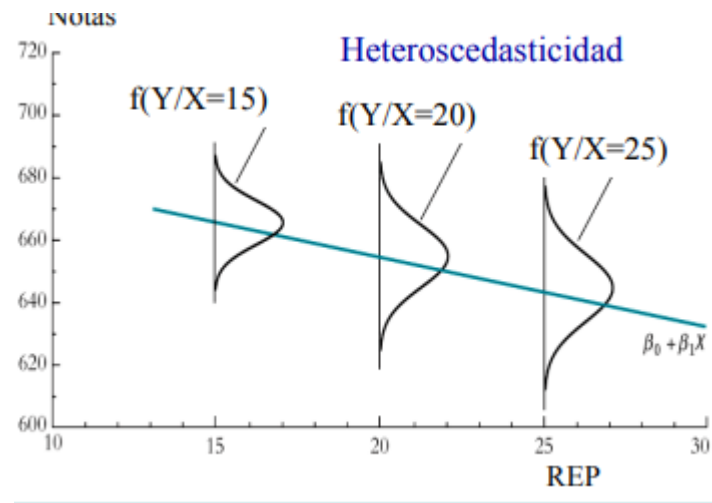
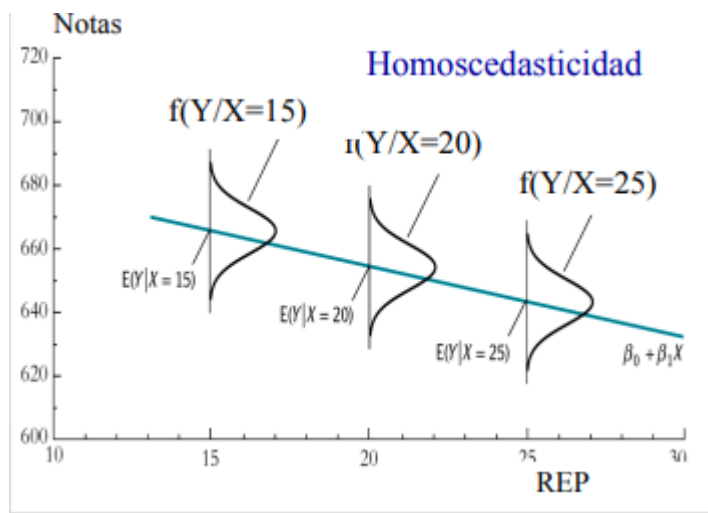
In this case, the variance decreases as the value of the independent variable increases



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EXAMPLE II: Graphically



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EXAMPLE III: Given the regression

$$Y_{ij} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{ij} + u_{ij} \quad i = 1, \dots, N; j = 1, \dots, n_i$$

where: $E(u_{ij}) = 0$, $E(u_{ij}^2) = \sigma_u^2$ y $E(u_{ij}u_{kl}) = 0 \forall i \neq k, j \neq l$,

We can show that: $\bar{Y}_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \bar{X}_i + \bar{u}_i \quad i = 1, \dots, N$ where

$$\bar{Y}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} Y_{ij}}{n_i} \quad \bar{X}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} X_{ij}}{n_i} \quad \bar{u}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} u_{ij}}{n_i}$$

presents heteroscedasticity. Let's calculate

$$E(\bar{u}_i) \quad E(\bar{u}_i)^2 \quad E(\bar{u}_i \bar{u}_k)$$



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$$E(\bar{u}_{i.}) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} u_{ij}}{n_i}\right) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} E(u_{ij})}{n_i} = 0$$

$$E(\bar{u}_{i.})^2 = E\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} u_{ij}}{n_i}\right)^2 = E\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} u_{ij}^2 + \sum_{j \neq l}^{n_i} u_{ij}u_{il}}{n_i^2}\right) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} E(u_{ij}^2) + \sum_{j \neq l}^{n_i} E(u_{ij}u_{il})}{n_i^2} = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n_i}$$

$$E(\bar{u}_{i.}\bar{u}_{k.}) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} u_{ij} \sum_{l=1}^{n_k} u_{kl}}{n_i^2}\right) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \sum_{l=1}^{n_k} u_{ij}u_{kl}}{n_i^2}\right) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \sum_{l=1}^{n_k} E(u_{ij}u_{kl})}{n_i^2} = 0$$

- We see that $E(\bar{u}_{i.})^2 = \sigma_u^2/n_i$ is not constant.
- Variance-covariance matrix?



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EXAMPLE IV:

Given the following model $Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i$, $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2)$

Suppose by mistake we specify the model $Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + e_i$

Therefore $e_i = \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i$ presents heteroscedasticity since

$$E(e_i)^2 = \sigma_u^2 + \beta_3^2 X_{3i}^2$$

Variance-covariance matrix?



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Example I:

Given the following model, consumption (Y_i) and income (X_i)

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + u_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

being

$$\text{Var}(u_i) \equiv \sigma^2_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 X_i$$

Variance-covariance matrix?



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION:

- Graphically:
 - ✓ Graph of the variables
 - ✓ Graph of the residuals
 - ✓ Graph of the squared residuals
- Hypothesis test
 - ✓ Golfeld-Quandt test. GQ
 - ✓ Breusch-Pagan test. BP
 - ✓ White test.

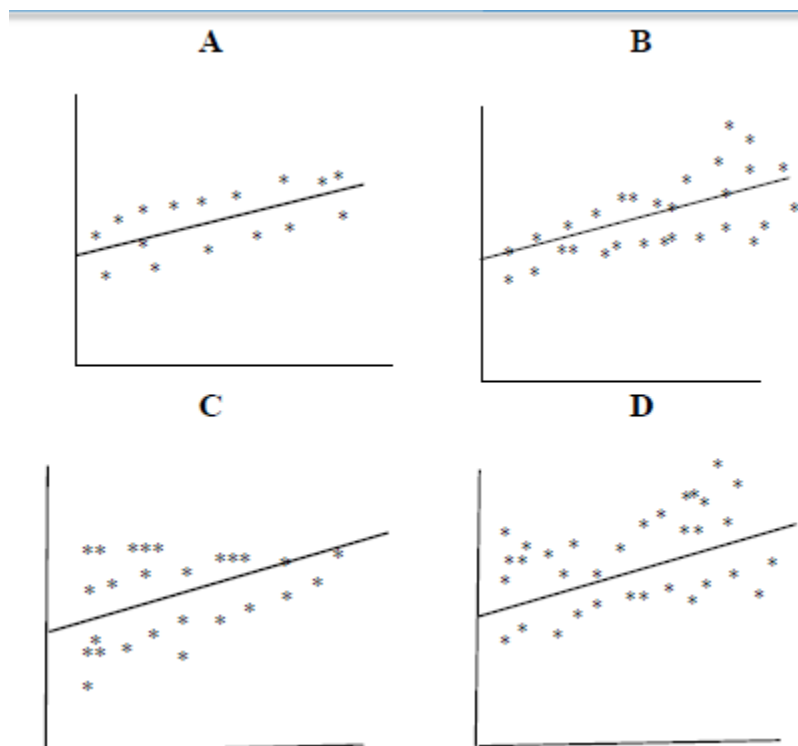


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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: Graphically:

✓ Graph of the variables



CASE A: homoscedastic

CASE B: increasing heteroscedasticity

CASE C: decreasing heteroscedasticity

CASE D: squared heteroscedasticity, it increases while stepping away from the mean on both sides.

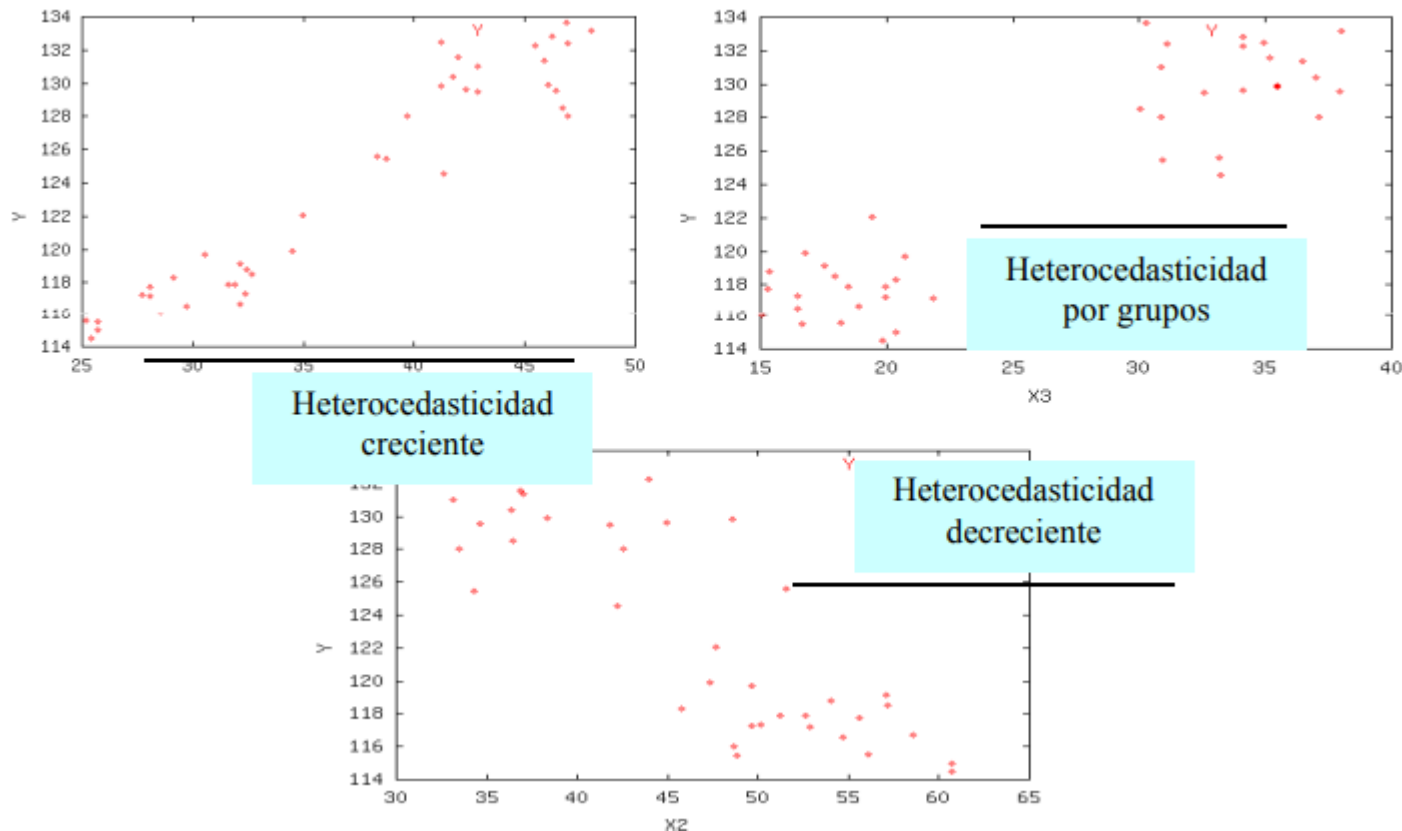


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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: Graphically:

- ✓ With respect to independent variables (X_i):



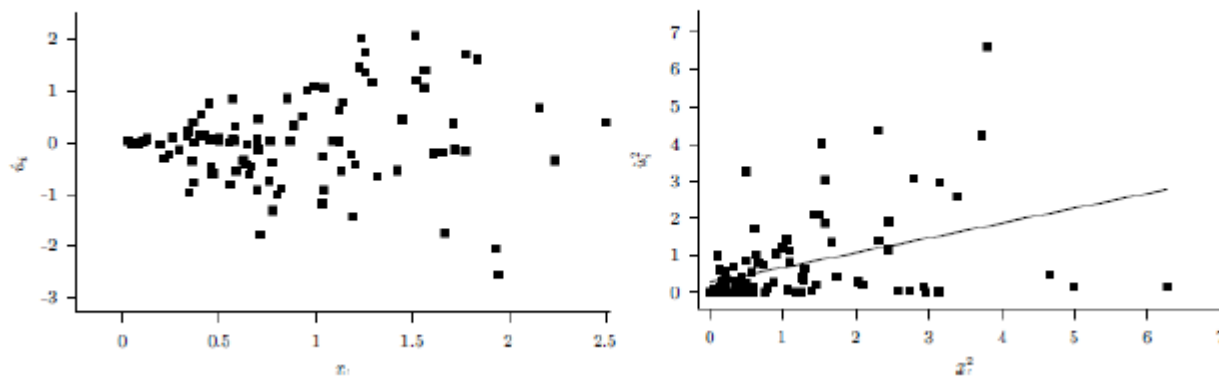
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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: Graphically:

✓ Residuals graph:

Scatter plot of \hat{u}_i vs x_i and of \hat{u}_i^2 vs x_i^2

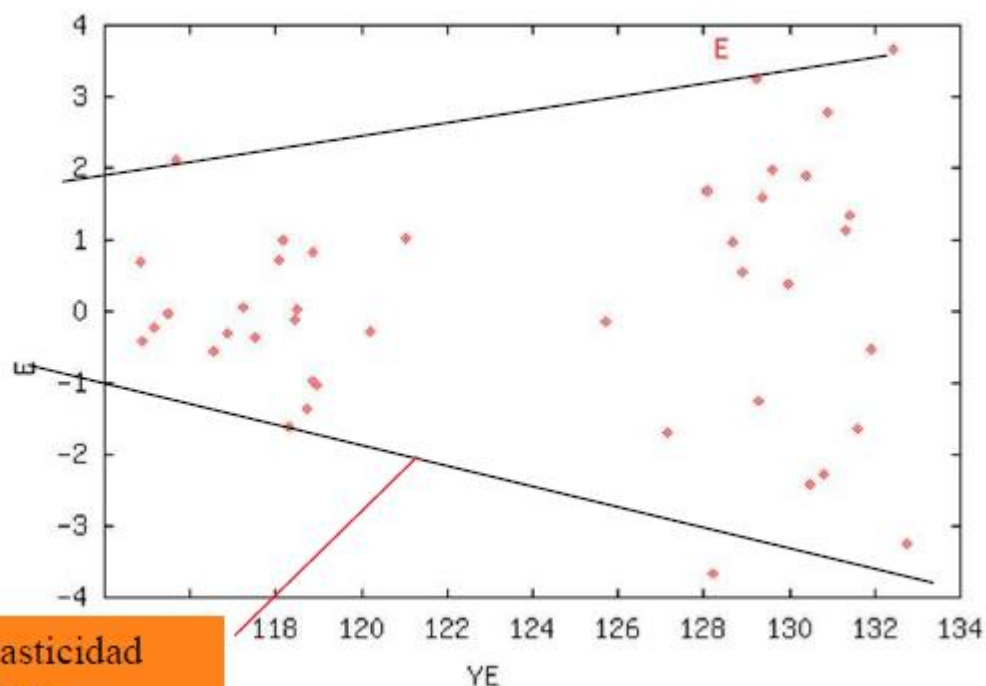


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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: Graphically:

- ✓ Graph of the residuals vs y_i



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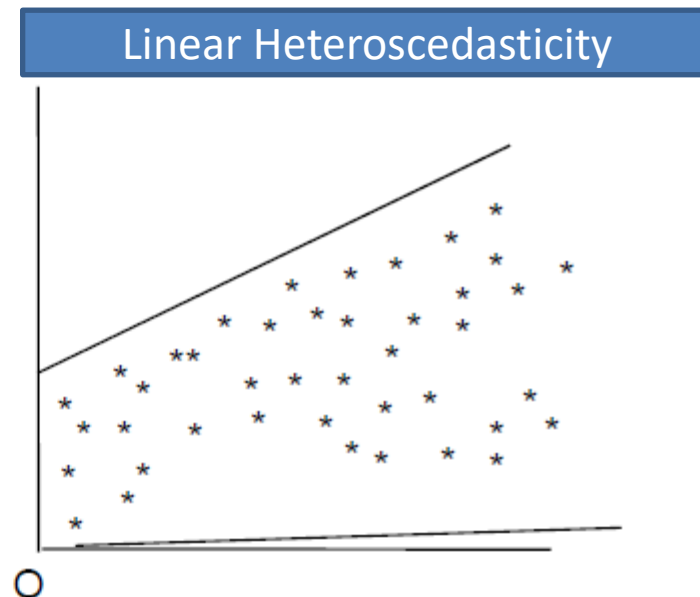
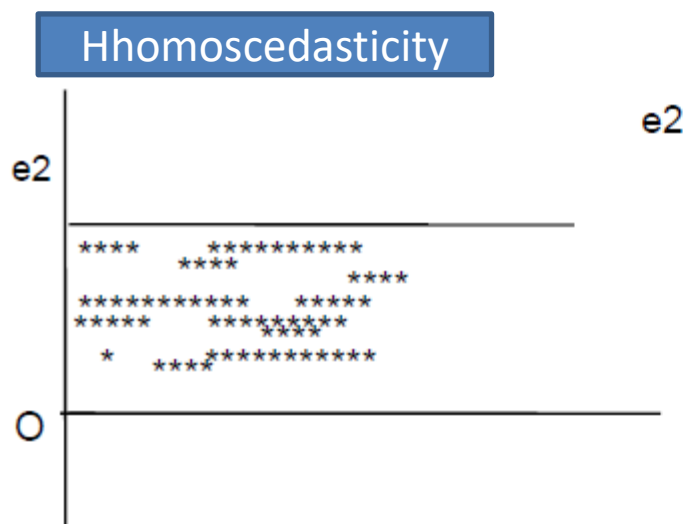


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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: Graphically:

- ✓ Graph of squared residuals



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION:

- Hypothesis testing
 - ✓ Goldfeld-Quandt test. G-Q
 - ✓ Breusch-Pagan test. BP
 - ✓ White test.

Consider the model:

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

- ✓ Goldfeld-Quandt test. G-Q

The test of Goldfeld-Quandt should be applied when we suspect that the variation of the error increases with the values of a known variable Z .

$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma_u^2 Z_i$$

The test would be:

$$H_0 : \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_u^2$$

$$H_1 : \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_u^2 Z_i \quad i = 2, \dots, p$$

H_0 : Homoscedasticity

H_1 : Heteroscedasticity



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

✓ **Golfeld-Quandt test. G-Q**

Steps of the test:

1. Identifying the variable causing heteroscedasticity, let's say Z .
2. Order the table of data by increasing values of Z
3. Split the table of data in subsamples. The central subsample with m observations, and the others two subsamples with $(n - m)/2$ observations. Practically $m \approx n/3$
4. Skip the m central observations, and estimate by OLS the regression in each subsample.
5. Calculate the RSS_1 and RSS_2 . We reject H_0 if $RSS_2 > RSS_1$
6. Calculate the test statistics:

$$F = \frac{SCR_2}{SCR_1} \sim F_{\frac{n-m}{2}-k, \frac{n-m}{2}-k}$$

7. We reject H_0 if $F > F_{\frac{n-m}{2}-k, \frac{n-m}{2}-k, \alpha}$



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

✓ Breush-Pagan test, BP

Consider the following model:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$$

With linear heteroscedasticity: $E(u^2) = \sigma^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k$

Which originates from the model $u^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + v$

Where $E(v|X) = 0$

Hypothesis to be tested:

$$H_0: \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_k = 0$$

H_0 : Homoscedasticity

$$H_1: \delta_i \neq 0 \quad \text{for any } i=1, \dots, k$$

H_1 : Heteroscedasticity



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A. HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

✓ Breush-Pagan test, BP

- We use the residuals to estimate the errors in the last equation:

$$\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + error$$

- let's make an F -test of joint significance of the parameters in this model. The statistics in this case is:

$$F = \frac{R_{\hat{u}^2}^2/k}{(1 - R_{\hat{u}^2}^2)/(n - k - 1)} \sim F_{k, n-k-1}$$

- We reject H_0 if $F > F_{k, n-k-1, \alpha}$
- Alternatively LM equivalent test (blackboard)



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HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

✓ Breush-Pagan test, BP

Steps:

1. Estimate by OLS the equation

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$$

2. Get the residuals \hat{u}_i and estimate by OLS the model

$$\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + error$$

3. Calculate the F-statistic

$$F = \frac{R_{\hat{u}^2}^2/k}{(1 - R_{\hat{u}^2}^2)/(n - k - 1)} \sim F_{k, n-k-1}$$

4. We reject H_0 if $F > F_{k, n-k-1, \alpha}$



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HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis contrast

✓ White test

Consider the following model: $y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

Hypothesis to be tested $H_0 : E(u_i^2) = \sigma_u^2$

H_0 : Homoscedasticity

$H_1 : E(u_i^2) = \sigma_i^2$

H_1 : Heteroscedasticity

Steps:

1. Estimate by OLS and get the residuals \hat{u}_i

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

2. Estimate by OLS, the following auxiliary regression and calculate R^2

$$\hat{u}_i^2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 X_{2i} + \alpha_3 X_{3i} + \alpha_4 X_{2i}^2 + \alpha_5 X_{3i}^2 + \alpha_6 X_{2i} X_{3i} + e_i$$



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HETEROSCEDASTICITY DETECTION: hypothesis testing

✓ Test White

3. Calculate test statistic:

$$LM = nR^2$$

distributed as a $\chi^2_{(p-1)}$, (i.e. auxiliary regression degrees of freedom)

4. We reject H_0 if $LM > \chi^2_{(p-1),\alpha}$



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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ Test GQ

Let B be the following model $y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 V_i + u_i \quad i=1, \dots, 20$

The estimate for OLS is:

Modelo 1: MCO, usando las observaciones 1-20
Variable dependiente: B

	<i>Coefficiente</i>	<i>Desv. Típica</i>	<i>Estadístico t</i>	<i>Valor p</i>	
const	10,2229	1,35823	7,5267	<0,00001	***
V	0,0638456	0,0112223	5,6892	0,00002	***
Media de la vble. dep.	17,64500	D.T. de la vble. dep.		2,751550	
Suma de cuad. residuos	51,40902	D.T. de la regresión		1,689987	
R-cuadrado	0,642619	R-cuadrado corregido		0,622765	
F(1, 18)	32,36647	Valor p (de F)		0,000021	
Log-verosimilitud	-37,81959	Criterio de Akaike		79,63917	
Criterio de Schwarz	81,63063	Crit. de Hannan-Quinn		80,02792	



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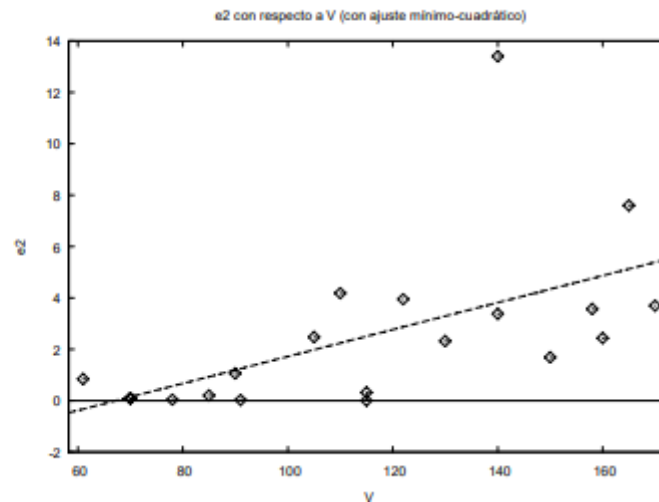
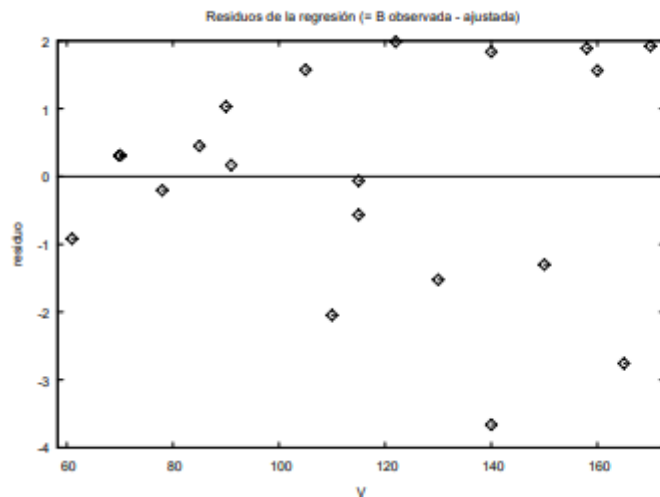
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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ Test GQ

Heteroscedasticity detection:

- Graphically:



We note that if sales increase, the dispersion of the residuals also increases, indicating the presence of heteroscedasticity



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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ TestGQ

Heteroscedasticity detection:

- GQ test:

$$H_0 : \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_u^2$$

H_0 :Homoscedasticity

$$H_1 : \sigma_i^2 = \sigma_u^2 Z_i$$

H_1 :Heteroscedasticity

1. We sort the sample in ascending order by the variable V_i
2. We divide the sample into three parts, $20/3 \cong 6$
3. We estimate by OLS the 1st and 3rd sample
4. We calculate the test statistic

$$GQ = \frac{SQR2}{SQR1} \sim F_{\alpha}(n-q)$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = 5\%; F(5.5) = 5.05033$$

$$GQ = \frac{SCR2}{SCR1} = \frac{32,935}{1,134} = 29,043$$

Therefore $29.043 > 5.05033$ We reject H_0



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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ TestGQ

1st subsample

Modelo 1: MCO, usando las observaciones 1-7

Variable dependiente: B

	<i>Coefficiente</i>	<i>Desv. Típica</i>	<i>Estadístico t</i>	<i>Valor p</i>	
const	7,5343	1,34079	5,6193	0,00247	***
V	0,100477	0,0170653	5,8878	0,00201	***
Media de la vble. dep.	15,35714	D.T. de la vble. dep.	1,224550		
Suma de cuad. residuos	1,134109	D.T. de la regresión	0,476258		
R-cuadrado	0,873948	R-cuadrado corregido	0,848738		
F(1, 5)	34,66614	Valor p (de F)	0,002009		
Log-verosimilitud	-3,562349	Criterio de Akaike	11,12470		
Criterio de Schwarz	11,01652	Crit. de Hannan-Quinn	9,787616		



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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ TestGQ

3rd subsample

Modelo 2: MCO, usando las observaciones 14-20 ($n = 7$)
Variable dependiente: B

	<i>Coefficiente</i>	<i>Desv. Típica</i>	<i>Estadístico t</i>	<i>Valor p</i>
const	1,15735	13,7885	0,0839	0,93636
V	0,121975	0,0889012	1,3720	0,22841
Media de la vble. dep.	20,02857	D.T. de la vble. dep.	2,748766	
Suma de cuad. residuos	32,93469	D.T. de la regresión	2,566503	
R-cuadrado	0,273515	R-cuadrado corregido	0,128218	
F(1, 5)	1,882452	Valor p (de F)	0,228412	
Log-verosimilitud	-15,35273	Criterio de Akaike	34,70545	
Criterio de Schwarz	34,59727	Crit. de Hannan-Quinn	33,36837	



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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ **White test**

Consider a model where you want to study the relationship between employment and GDP. $GDP = \beta_1 + \beta_2 empl_i + u_i$

Test:

H_0 : homoscedasticity

H_1 : heteroscedasticity

Test statistic: $\chi_{exp}^2 = nR^2 \rightarrow \chi_{p-1}^2$

Where R^2 is the coefficient of determination obtained from an auxiliary regression of the squared residuals on the explanatory variables, their squares and their cross products.



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1.1 Heteroscedasticity

EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

✓ White test

We get:

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White Heteroskedasticity Test:
=====
F-statistic          3.698591  Probability      0.049458
Obs*R-squared       5.944912  Probability      0.051177
=====
Test Equation:
LS // Dependent Variable is RESID^2
Sample: 1 18
Included observations: 18
=====
Variable              Coefficient    Std. Error    t-Statistic    Prob.
=====
          C             -3.03E+11     2.39E+11     -1.266662     0.2246
        EMPLEO           1.44E+09     6.56E+08      2.195207     0.0443
        EMPLEO^2       -512657.3     302565.4     -1.694368     0.1109
=====
R-squared             0.330273     Mean dependent var    2.52E+11
Adjusted R-squared    0.240976     S.D. dependent var    5.29E+11
S.E. of regression    4.61E+11     Akaike info criter    53.86446
Sum squared resid     3.19E+24     Schwarz criterion     54.01286
Log likelihood        -507.3210     F-statistic           3.698591
Durbin-Watson stat    1.230263     Prob(F-statistic)     0.049458
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EXAMPLES: hypothesis testing

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Test statistic: $NR^2 = 18 \times 0.330273 = 5.944$

So:

$No^2 > X^2 (p-1) = 0.011778$. We reject H_0



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B. HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

SOLUTIONS:

- Estimate by OLS and estimate an appropriate matrix of variance-covariance
- Estimate by Generalized Least Squares: GLS
- Estimate by Feasible Generalized Least Squares: FGLS



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B. HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

- **A first solution to the problem:** use OLS and estimate a variance-covariance matrix robust to HET
- When the errors are heteroscedastics, the matrix $\widehat{var}_W(\hat{\beta}_{OLS})$ is an appropriate estimator for the variance/covariance matrix of $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$. It is called **White's estimator**, and allows us to make valid inference once we have estimated the model by OLS without the need to specify the type of heteroscedasticity.

$$\widehat{Var}_W(\hat{\beta}_{MCO}) = (X'X)^{-1} \widehat{\Sigma}_V (X'X)^{-1}$$

Where $\widehat{\Sigma}_V = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i X_i' \hat{u}_i^2$ is the estimator of $\Sigma_V \equiv Cov(X_i u_i) = E(X_i X_i' u_i^2)$

- This estimator makes sense, because, with the assumptions 2-4, OLS is consistent to β , thus \hat{u}_i will converge in probability to u_i .



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B. HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATION METHODS:

1. Generalized Least Squares: GLS
2. Feasible Generalized Least Squares: FGLS

Given that: $Y = X\beta + v$ where v is distributed as $N(0, \Omega)$

$$\Omega = \text{diag} (\sigma_1^2 \dots \sigma_T^2) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_T^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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B. HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

1. MQG:

If the matrix Ω is known, the transformation to be applied is:

$$P = \Omega^{-1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sigma_1 & 0 \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 1/\sigma_T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } P'P = \Omega^{-1}$$

And the transformation is:

$$\begin{cases} y_t^* = y_t / \sigma_t & t = 1 \dots T \\ x_{jt}^* = x_{jt} / \sigma_t & t = 1 \dots T \quad j = 0 \dots j \end{cases}$$

being $\hat{\beta}_{MCG} = (X^*X^{*'})^{-1}X^*Y'^*$ or $\hat{\beta}_{MCG} = (X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}y$



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1.1 Heteroscedasticity

GLS, a case specific of known heteroscedasticity: multiplicative constant

Given $Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ki} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

where $E(u_i) = 0, E(u_i^2) = \sigma_u^2 \omega_i$ y $E(u_i u_j) = 0 \forall i \neq j,$

Heteroscedastic model, we estimate the model by GLS, $\hat{\beta}_{MCG} = (\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{y}$

being $V(\hat{\beta}_{MCG}) = \sigma_u^2(\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ $u_i^* = \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}}$

Then:

1. $E(u_i^*) = E\left(\frac{u_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}}\right) = \frac{E(u_i)}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} = 0$

2. $E(u_i^{*2}) = E\left(\frac{u_i^2}{\omega_i}\right) = \frac{E(u_i^2)}{\omega_i} = \frac{\sigma_u^2 \omega_i}{\omega_i} = \sigma_u^2$

3. $E(u_i^* u_j^*) = E\left(\frac{u_i u_j}{\sqrt{\omega_i} \sqrt{\omega_j}}\right) = \frac{E(u_i u_j)}{\omega_i \omega_j} = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$

u_i^* meets the basic assumptions



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Given
$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{ki} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

the transformed model is:

$$\frac{Y_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} = \beta_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} + \beta_2 \frac{X_{2i}}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} + \cdots + \beta_k \frac{X_{ki}}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} + \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$Y_i^* = \beta_1 X_{1i}^* + \beta_2 X_{2i}^* + \cdots + \beta_k X_{ki}^* + u_i^*, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

If $\Omega^{-1} = P'P \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{\beta}_{MCG} = (X'P'PX)^{-1}X'P'Py$



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where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{\omega_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{\omega_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1/\sqrt{\omega_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

and the transformed data is:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1/\sqrt{\omega_1} \\ y_2/\sqrt{\omega_2} \\ \vdots \\ y_n/\sqrt{\omega_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} \quad \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{\omega_1} & X_{21}/\sqrt{\omega_1} & \dots & X_{k1}/\sqrt{\omega_1} \\ 1/\sqrt{\omega_2} & X_{22}/\sqrt{\omega_2} & \dots & X_{k2}/\sqrt{\omega_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ 1/\sqrt{\omega_n} & X_{2n}/\sqrt{\omega_n} & \dots & X_{kn}/\sqrt{\omega_n} \end{pmatrix}$$



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EXAMPLE:

1. Consider the simple regression with heteroscedasticity where $E(u_i) = 0$, $E(u_i^2) = \sigma_u^2 X_i^2$ y $E(u_i u_j) = 0 \forall i \neq j$.

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + u_i$$

Write the transformed model.

2. Consider the simple regression with heteroscedasticity where $E(u_i) = 0$, $E(u_i^2) = \sigma_u^2 e^{X_i}$ y $E(u_i u_j) = 0 \forall i \neq j$.

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + u_i$$

Write the transformed model.



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HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

1. FGLS:

If the matrix Ω is unknown, the estimation process needs an additional step. We want to estimate

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{ki} + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

And we don't know the form of heteroscedasticity. If we suspect that:

$$\sigma_i^2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 Z_{2i} + \cdots + \alpha_p Z_{pi} \quad (1)$$

Since we don't know the σ_i^2 we need to estimate the following regression by OLS:

$$\hat{u}_i^2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 Z_{2i} + \cdots + \alpha_p Z_{pi} + e_i \quad (2)$$

We need to get the $\hat{\alpha}_i$ and substitute them in (1), and we obtain $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = \hat{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\alpha}_2 Z_{2i} + \cdots + \hat{\alpha}_p Z_{pi}$$



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HETEROSCEDASTICITY TREATMENT

1. MQGF:

Once we get $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$, the original model can be transformed in this way

$$\frac{Y_i}{\hat{\sigma}_i} = \beta_1 \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_i} + \beta_2 \frac{X_{2i}}{\hat{\sigma}_i} + \dots + \beta_k \frac{X_{ki}}{\hat{\sigma}_i} + \frac{u_i}{\hat{\sigma}_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

We estimate by OLS the transformed model and obtain:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MQGF}} = (X' \hat{\Omega}^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \hat{\Omega}^{-1} y$$

