

V. Extensions of Multiple Regression

A. Dummy Variables

B. Scaling Variables

C. Non-Linear Models

1. Basic Idea for Estimation.
2. Models that don't require logs
3. Models that require log transform.

C. Non-Linear Models

1. **Basic idea:** Make the model look linear in the parameters. Then estimate using OLS.

2. **Models that don't require a log transform.**

Quadratic form:

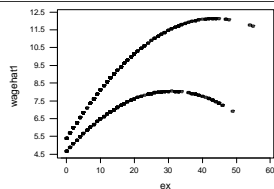
Examples:

Interpretation:

wage = - 5.49 + 0.905 ed + 0.309 ex - 0.00352 exsq
- 0.726 fe - 0.0903 feex

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	P
Constant	-5.494	1.2140	-4.53	0.000
ed	0.9046	0.0791	11.43	0.000
ex	0.3093	0.0554	5.59	0.000
exsq	-0.0035	0.0012	-2.98	0.003
fe	-0.7264	0.6725	-1.08	0.281
feex	-0.0903	0.0309	-2.93	0.004

S = 4.388 R-Sq = 27.8% R-Sq(adj) = 27.1%



C. Non-Linear Models

Inverse form:

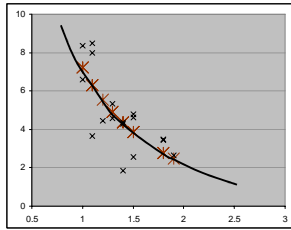
Example:

Interpretation:

The regression equation is
w-dot = - 1.04 + 7.91 INV(U)

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-1.044	2.373	-0.44	0.666
INV(U)	7.907	3.164	2.50	0.025

S = 1.734 R-Sq = 29.4% R-Sq(adj) = 24.7%



C. Non-Linear Models

3. Models that require a log transform.

- **Cobb-Douglas:** log-log models.

$$Y = AX_1^{\beta_1} X_2^{\beta_2} \exp^u$$

- Transform using natural logarithm.
- Interpretation:

3. Models that require a log transform.

- **Semi-Log models:** log-linear

$$Y = \exp^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + u}$$

- Transform using natural logarithm.
- Parameters:

3. Models that require a log transform.

- **Semi-Log models:** linear-log.

$$\exp^Y = AX_1^{\beta_1} X_2^{\beta_2} \exp^u$$

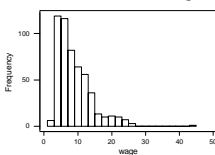
- Transform using natural logarithm.
- Parameters:

4. Other Items for nonlinear models:

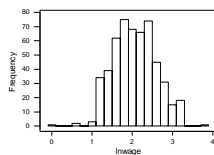
a. CRM Normality Assumption

- What did we assume was normally distributed?
- What part of our analysis relies on this assumption?
- Some data are not normally distributed – wages.
- Log transformation – the natural log is normal.

Distribution of Wages



Distribution of Ln(Wage)



b. Dummy Variables in Log Models.

- Dependent variable is now lnY. Not in the natural units.
- Dummy variable coefficient measures:
 $\delta = \ln Y(D=1) - \ln Y(D=0)$
- Proper interpretation:
% change in Y = $(\exp^\delta - 1) \cdot 100$

lnwage = - 0.921 + 0.988 lned + 0.235 lnex + 0.047 fe
- 0.124 lnexfe

Predictor	Coef	StDev	T	P
Constant	-0.9212	0.2524	-3.65	0.000
lned	0.98774	0.08731	11.31	0.000
lnex	0.23505	0.03111	7.56	0.000
fe	0.0475	0.1256	0.38	0.706
lnexfe	-0.12383	0.04555	-2.72	0.007

S = 0.4471 R Sq = 27.4% R Sq(adj) = 26.8%

