

Damages Update

Simple vs. Multiple Variable Regression

- Simple regression involves one Y (dependent variable) and one X (independent variable)
 - $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i, i = 1, \dots, n$
- Multiple regression involves more than one X (i.e., multiple independent variables)
 - $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + u_i, i = 1, \dots, n$
 - $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + u_i, i = 1, \dots, n$
 - *Etc.*

Regression Analyses Of Interest

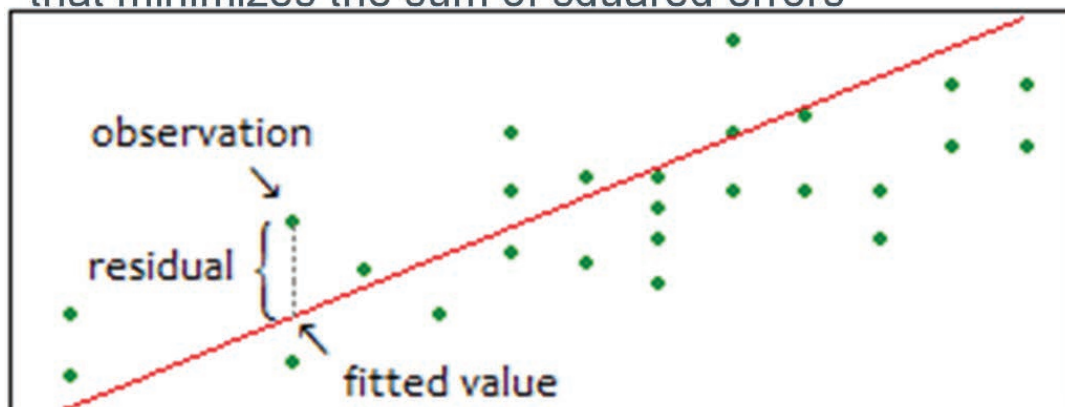
- Simple vs. multiple variable models
- Hedonic pricing model
- Structural break test



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Ordinary Least Squares (“OLS”)

- Consider simple linear regression:
$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i, i = 1, \dots, n$$
- OLS involves us putting the regression line in the place that minimizes the sum of squared errors



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In Math-Speak....

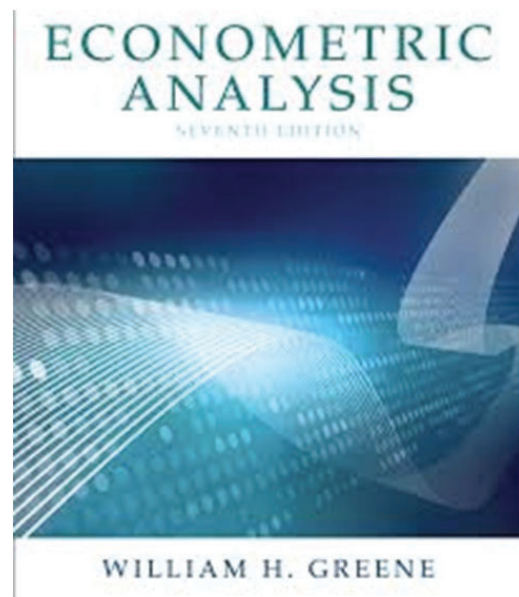
When we use OLS to estimate the unknown parameters β_0 and β_1 , we are picking b_0 and b_1 such that they solve the following calculus problem:

$$\min_{b_0, b_1} \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_i - (b_0 + b_1 X_i)]^2$$

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Why Use Regression?

- Per the classic text by NYU’s William Greene:
 - Explore relationships among variables
 - Way to get yes-or-no answer to the question: Is there a significant relationship here?
 - Making predictions



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