

Quiz II.

Question 1. In the lab on multicollinearity last week, we examined the case of multiple regression model with two explanatory variables. The four cases were: a) Case 1. Correlation (x1, x2) =0; b) Case 2. Correlation (x1, x2) =0.4; c) Case 3. Correlation (x1, x2) =0.7 and d) Case 4. Correlation (x1, x2) =0.9.

The following Stata commands were issued in each case (this example refers to case 3):

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clear
mat C=(1,.7\7,1)
set seed 999
corr2data x1 x2, n(30) corr (C)
generate r=invnorm(uniform())
generate y=.5 + x1 + x2 + r
regress y x1 x2
estat vce, block format(%7.2f)
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The results below represent the variance-covariance matrix for the four cases when n=30. Can you match the matrixes with the cases?

Hint: Remember that the variance-covariance matrix can be summarized as:

$$\text{Var}(\beta) = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} s_1^2 & s_{12} & s_{13} & \dots & s_{1j} \\ s_{21} & s_2^2 & s_{23} & \dots & s_{2j} \\ s_{31} & s_{32} & s_3^2 & \dots & s_{3j} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ s_{j1} & s_{j2} & s_{j2} & \dots & s_j^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that $s_j^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2 = \text{variance of } j\text{th variable}$

and $s_{jk} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)(x_{ik} - \bar{x}_k) = \text{covariance of } j\text{th and } k\text{th variables}$

and $\bar{x}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}$

Hint: Please note that we are creating a data generating process with a positive correlation between X1 and X2. However, in the Variance-Covariance Matrix (VCE) below there are negative covariances reported. This is because if there is positive covariance, the VCE should have a negative sign for the covariance between X1 and X2. This is because when taking the inverse of X'X, the off-diagonal elements switch signs. If the correlation

between X1 and X2 was negative in the DGP, the off-diagonal in the VCE would take on a positive sign.

A)

Covariance matrix of coefficients of regress model
covariance

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	0.06		
x2	-0.04	0.06	
_cons	0.00	0.00	0.03

Case 3. Correlation (x1, x2) = 0.7

B)

Covariance matrix of coefficients of regress model
covariance

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	0.03		
x2	-0.01	0.03	
_cons	0.00	-0.00	0.03

Case 2. Correlation (x1, x2) = 0.4

C)

Covariance matrix of coefficients of regress model

covariance

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	0.15		
x2	-0.14	0.15	
_cons	0.00	0.00	0.03

Case 4. Correlation (x1, x2) =0.9

D)

Covariance matrix of coefficients of regress model

covariance

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	0.03		
x2	-0.00	0.03	
_cons	0.00	-0.00	0.03

Case 1. Correlation (x1, x2) =0

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regress y x1 x2
estat vce

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The results below represent the correlation matrix for the four cases when n=30. Can you match the matrixes with the cases?

Hint: Remember that the correlation matrix can be summarized as:

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{matrix} & 1 & r_{12} & r_{13} & \dots & r_{1j} \\ & r_{21} & 1 & r_{23} & \dots & r_{2j} \\ & r_{31} & r_{32} & 1 & \dots & r_{3j} \\ & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & r_{j1} & r_{j2} & r_{j2} & \dots & 1 \end{matrix}$$

such that

$$r_{jk} = \frac{S_{jk}}{S_j S_k} \text{ or the correlation coefficient between } x_j \text{ and } x_k$$

A)

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Correlation matrix of coefficients of regress model

correlation

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	x1	x2	_cons
x1	1.00		
x2	-0.70	1.00	
_cons	0.00	0.00	1.00

Case 3. Correlation (x1, x2) =0.7

B)

Correlation matrix of coefficients of regress model

correlation

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	1.00		
x2	-0.40	1.00	
_cons	0.00	-0.00	1.00

Case 2. Correlation (x1, x2) = 0.4

C)

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. estat vce, correlation block format(%7.2f)
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Correlation matrix of coefficients of regress model

correlation

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	1.00		
x2	-0.90	1.00	
_cons	0.00	0.00	1.00

Case 4. Correlation (x1, x2) = 0.9

D)

Correlation matrix of coefficients of regress model

correlation

	x1	x2	_cons
x1	1.00		
x2	-0.00	1.00	
_cons	0.00	-0.00	1.00

Case 1. Correlation (x1, x2) = 0

