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Assignment 1
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Agricultural & Resource Economics / Economics 535
Applied Econometrics

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This assignment is worth 25 points. This work is to be an independent effort on your part. Please show your work concisely. Printed spreadsheet pages are sufficient for calculations. A handwritten document is sufficient for the other questions. Correct answers that are disorganized and do not have clear supporting discussion are worth little. Communication is important. And so is clarity.

1. Answer exercise 2.9 in Gujarati & Porter.
2. Answer exercise 3.11 in Gujarati & Porter. Do not use sample notation: $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{X_i}{N}$. Use expectation notation: $E(X)$ – also $V(X)$ and $Cov(X,Y)$.
3. Answer exercise 3.17 in Gujarati & Porter.
4. Refer to exercise 3.23. Using $\ln(\text{RGDP})$ as Y and X as defined in the exercise, construct a table that is similar to Table 3.2 and that includes the notes at the bottom. (One printed page for the spreadsheet and results in a clearly labeled table.) Use the data provided and not the data in the textbook. Be careful to define $Y = \ln(\text{RGDP})$. Also, there are some typos in the table notes that are correct in the text. Refer to the text.
5. Using the data from question 4, also construct: the correlation of Y and X , the correlation of y and x , the mean of Y and X , the variance and standard deviation of Y and X , and the predicted value of Y for the year 2023. (One year out of sample.)
6. Conduct a two-tailed test of intercept and slope coefficient estimates. Use an alpha level of 5%. Conduct a one-tailed test of the slope coefficient as in the notes. Calculate the p-value for the intercept and slope coefficients. Calculate a 90% confidence interval for the error variance.
7. What are the variance, and square root of, for the predicted value of Y ? (This is needed for a confidence interval.)
8. What is the estimate of the error variance, and square root of, using the maximum likelihood estimator? Likewise, what are the variances, and standard errors, of the intercept and slope coefficients?
9. Answer exercise 5.5 in Gujarati & Porter.
10. Optional: Answer exercise 4.3 in Gujarati & Porter.

1. (2.9)

$Y_i = \frac{1}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i}$ can be estimated by the following linear-in-parameters model $\frac{1}{Y_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$

$Y_i = \frac{X_i}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i}$ can be estimated by $\frac{X_i}{Y_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$

$Y_i = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\beta_0 - \beta_1 X_i)}$ can be estimated by $\left(-\ln\left(\frac{1}{Y_i} - 1\right) \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$

So, the models can be made linear in parameters and estimated, and then the estimates can be used with the nonlinear model...

2. (3.11)

Show $r_1 = \text{Corr}(Y, X) = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = r_2 = \text{Corr}(aX + b, cY + d)$

$$r_1 = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)}\sqrt{V(Y)}} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{\text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d)}{\sqrt{V(aX + b)}\sqrt{V(cY + d)}} = \frac{ac\sigma_{YX}}{ac\sigma_Y \sigma_X} = \frac{\sigma_{YX}}{\sigma_Y \sigma_X}$$

First, $\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2\text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{Var}(cY + d) = c^2\text{Var}(Y)$

Second, using $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$,

then $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$, $E(cY + d) = cE(Y) + d$, and

$E((aX + b)(cY + d)) = acE(XY) + adE(X) + bcE(Y) + bd$,

So $\text{Cov}(aX + b, cY + d) = ac \text{Cov}(X, Y)$.

Constant shifts do not change measures of variance or covariance. Scaling matters but cancels in the correlation.

3. (3.17)

If $Y_i = \beta_0 + e_i$ then $e_i = Y_i - \beta_0$ and $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \beta_0)^2$ so minimizing the sum of squared errors

yields $\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\sum y_i}{N} = \bar{y}$ which is the mean.

And $V(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$ which is the variance of the mean.

RSS is then equal to TSS.

If we add a variable as long as it has some correlation with the dependent variable (Y) then RSS will decrease. If the new variable is not correlated with Y then just report the mean Blue Crab price!

9. (5.5)

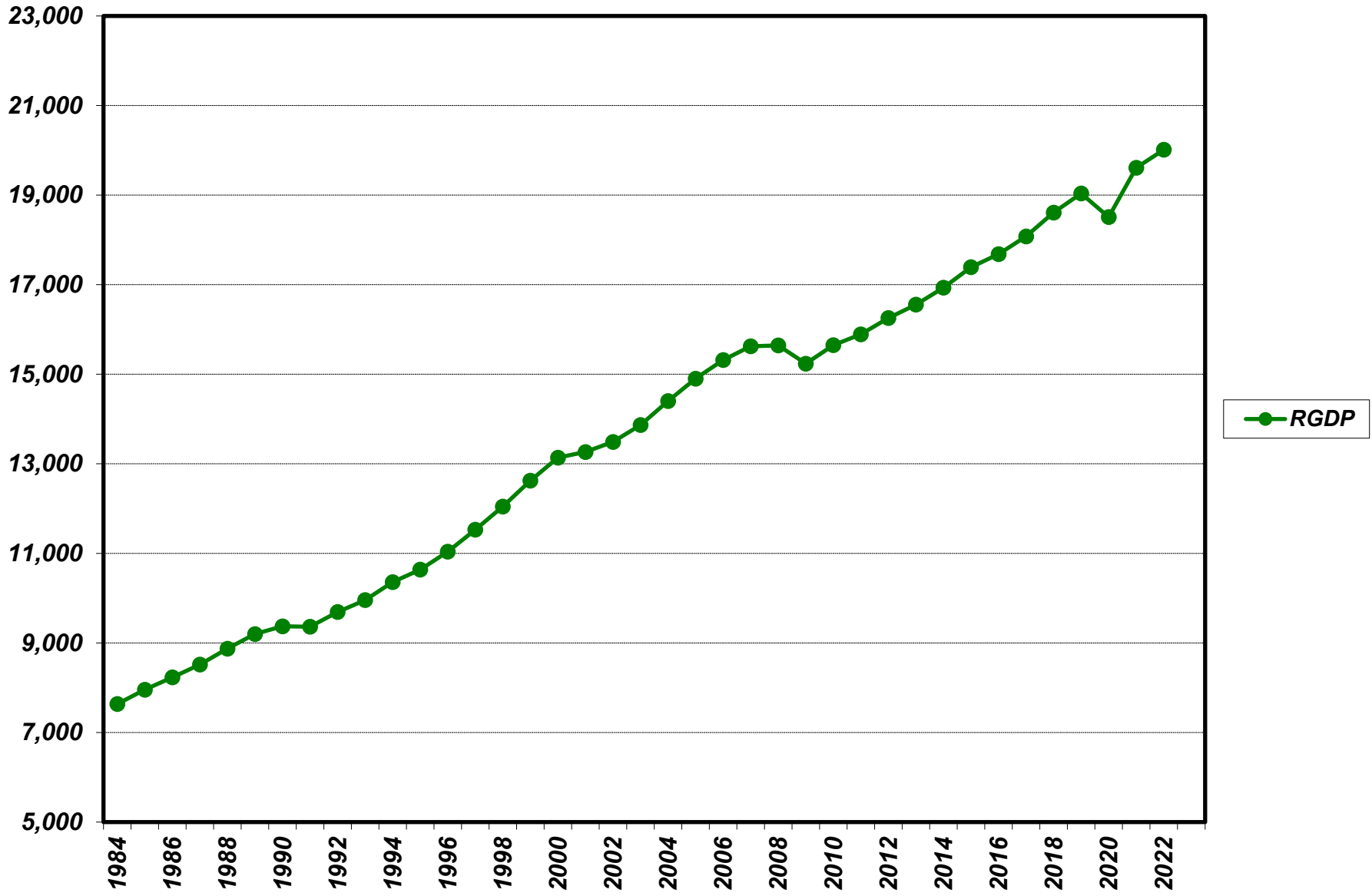
Conduct formal t-test on (stock market) Beta and (stock market) Alpha.

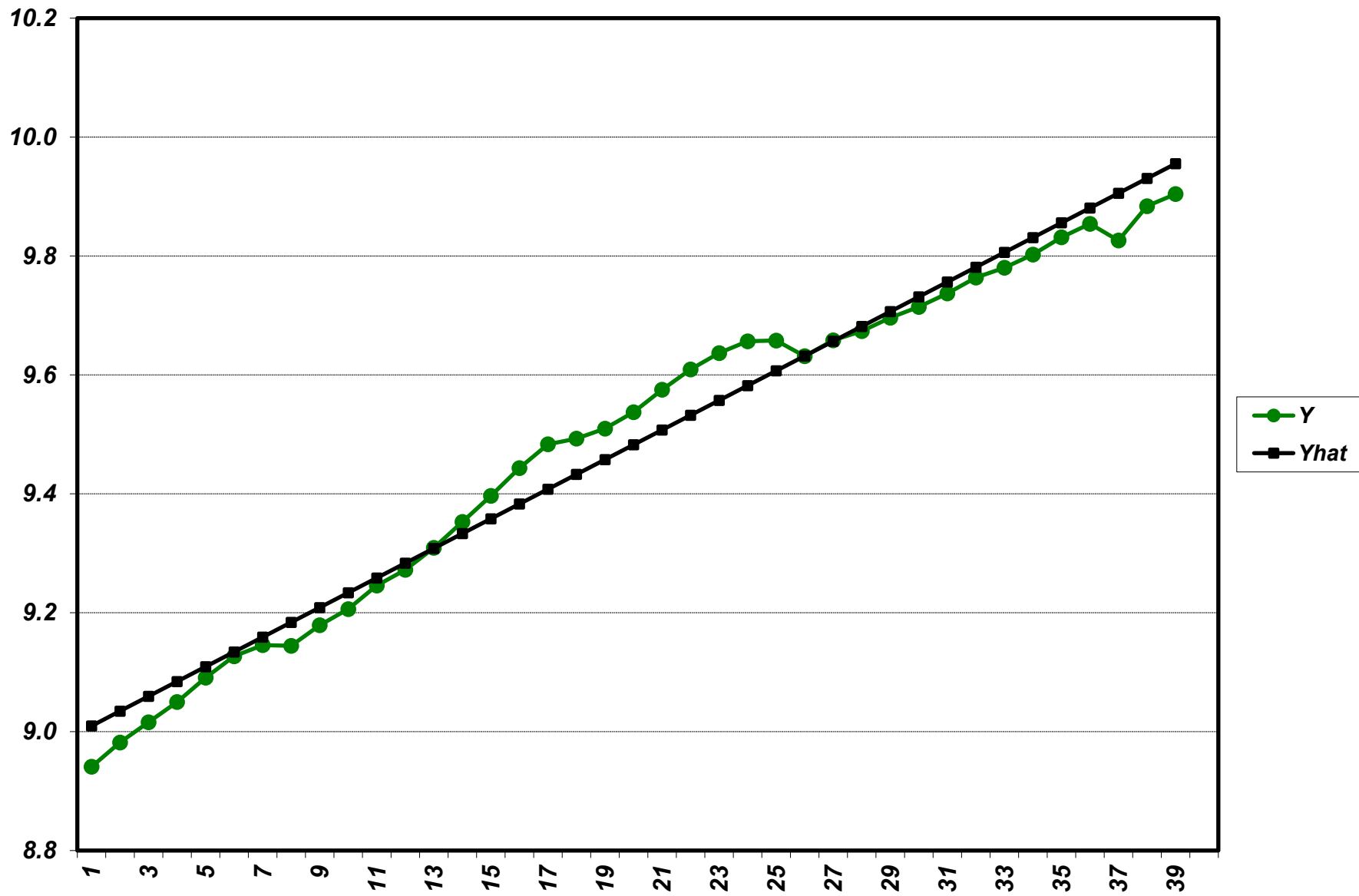
Beta is not different from one.

t-stat = $(1.0598 - 1) / 0.0728 = 0.8214$ and CV 1.9700 or 1.6513 (from MSExcel).
Fail to reject null hypothesis.

Alpha is different from zero.

t-stat = $0.7264 / 0.3001 = 2.4205$ with same critical values.
Reject null hypothesis.





10. (4.3)

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \text{ and } f(X_i) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\theta}}$$

Construct the likelihood function.

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\theta}}$$

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\ln \theta - \frac{x_i}{\theta} \right)$$

$$\ln L = -N \ln \theta - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

Find the maximum likelihood estimator for θ .

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{N}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \text{set} = 0$$

$$\frac{N}{\tilde{\theta}} = \frac{1}{\tilde{\theta}^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$\tilde{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$