

Economics 312
Daily Problem #16

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The following regression results from a regression of the log of wage on years of education, years of potential experience, and the square of potential experience using data from the 1991 Current Population Survey.

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. regress lwage educ exper expersq
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| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs | = | 3,286 |
|----------|------------|-------|------------|---------------|---|--------|
| Model | 185.380638 | 3 | 61.7935461 | F(3, 3282) | = | 281.59 |
| Residual | 720.208763 | 3,282 | .219442036 | Prob > F | = | 0.0000 |
| | | | | R-squared | = | 0.2047 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared | = | 0.2040 |
| Total | 905.589401 | 3,285 | .275674095 | Root MSE | = | .46845 |

| lwage | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| educ | .0989959 | .0035216 | 28.11 | 0.000 | .092091 | .1059007 |
| exper | .0197854 | .0032841 | 6.02 | 0.000 | .0133463 | .0262246 |
| expersq | -.0003472 | .000077 | -4.51 | 0.000 | -.0004981 | -.0001963 |
| _cons | .6504143 | .0587319 | 11.07 | 0.000 | .5352594 | .7655692 |

1. Interpret the signs of the coefficients on experience and its square. Sketch roughly the shape of the estimated relationship between log-wage and experience for a given level of education. Is this what you would expect?
2. Calculate the marginal effect of an additional year of experience for someone with $exper = 10$ and for someone with $exper = 20$. Do these results conform to the shape of your relationship in question 1?
3. The effects of experience for question 2 do not depend on the level of education. Should they? How could you change the model to incorporate this?