

Economics 312

Daily Problem #25

Spring 2020
St. Urho's Day!

A dataset from the Hill, Griffiths, and Lim text, which provided the x variable for your Project #2 Monte Carlo study, contains weekly observations on two variables, sales and advertising by a large department store. The Daily Problems this week will explore the dynamic relationship between these variables.

The simplest regression, which we would not really expect to be adequate, would regress this week's sales on this week's advertising expenditures.

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. reg sales adv
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	
Model	161.334577	1	161.334577	F(1, 155)	=	94.32
Residual	265.12239	155	1.71046703	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.3783
				Adj R-squared	=	0.3743
Total	426.456966	156	2.7336985	Root MSE	=	1.3078

sales	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
adv	5.982779	.6160225	9.71	0.000	4.765896 7.199662
_cons	21.92519	.6440184	34.04	0.000	20.65301 23.19738

1. Give a brief assessment of this regression. Are the results consistent with your expectations?

2. Would you expect the error in this regression to be autocorrelated? Why?

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. predict uhat , resid
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. reg uhat adv l.uhat
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	
Model	5.95769769	2	2.97884885	F(2, 153)	=	1.77
Residual	257.129967	153	1.68058802	Prob > F	=	0.1734
				R-squared	=	0.0226
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0099
Total	263.087665	155	1.69733977	Root MSE	=	1.2964

uhat	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
adv	.0469047	.6112425	0.08	0.939	-1.16066 1.254469
uhat					
l1.	.1498829	.0796299	1.88	0.062	-.0074331 .307199
_cons	-.0391273	.6387111	-0.06	0.951	-1.300959 1.222704

3. The equation above regresses the residual on the regressor (adv) and the lagged residual. Explain the logic of the regression and interpret the results using the χ^2 (Lagrange multiplier) version of the Breusch-Godfrey test at the 5% and 10% level of significance. Are you surprised at the results?