

Economics 312  
Daily Problem #7

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We will use the same regression as in yesterday's daily problem.

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. reg wage exper exper2
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Source	SS	df	MS			
Model	11674.0923	2	5837.04616	Number of obs =	4733	
Residual	171032.322	4730	36.1590533	F( 2, 4730) =	161.43	
				Prob > F =	0.0000	
				R-squared =	0.0639	
				Adj R-squared =	0.0635	
Total	182706.415	4732	38.610823	Root MSE =	6.0132	

  

wage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exper	.4434305	.0263969	16.80	0.000	.3916802	.4951808
exper2	-.0087314	.000614	-14.22	0.000	-.0099351	-.0075278
_cons	6.043945	.2466821	24.50	0.000	5.560334	6.527557

1. If the coefficient on the squared-experience term is zero, then the relationship between wage and experience is linear. Use the  $t$ -statistic and the reported confidence interval to assess how likely that result is in this dataset.
2. Constant terms in regressions often do not have meaningful interpretations, but this one does. What is the economic interpretation of the constant term? Based on the  $t$ -statistic and confidence interval reported in the table, what can you say about the wage-earners in the sample?