BUS 230: Business and Economics Research and Communication

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SPSS Handout: Regression Analysis

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1 Bivariate Relationships

1.1 Chi-Squared Test for Independence

Unsatisfied Customers: Reason for Hotel Guests' Stay vs. Reasons They will Not Return

Reason for Not Returning

Reason for Stay	Price	Location	Amenities
Personal/Vacation	56	49	0
Business	20	47	27

Using SPSS:

• Dataset: hotel.sav.

• First column, ReasonStay: 0=Personal/Vacation, 1=Business.

• Second column, NoReturn: 0=Price, 1=Location, 2=Amenities.

• Go to Analyze, Descriptive Statistics, Crosstabs.

• Put one of the variables in the Row(s) box.

• Put the other variable in the Column(s) box.

• Click Statistics button.

• Check the box for Chi-square.

• Click OK!

1.2 Correlation

Example: Public Expenditure

- Data from 1960! about public expenditures per capita, and variables that may influence it:
 - Economic Ability Index
 - Percentage of people living in metropolitan areas.
 - Percentage growth rate of population from 1950-1960.

- Percentage of population between the ages of 5-19.
- Percentage of population over the age of 65.
- Dummy variable: Western state (1) or not (0).
- Is there a statistically significant linear correlation between the percentage of the population who is young and the public expenditure per capita?
- Is there a statistically significant linear correlation between the public expenditure per capita and whether or not the state is a western state?
- 1. Open the dataset publicexp.sav in SPSS.
- 2. For a parametric test (Pearson correlation):
- 3. Select Analyze menu, select Correlate, then select Bivariate.
- 4. Select at least two variables (it will do all pairwise comparisons) on the left and click right arrow button.
- 5. Select check-box for Pearson and/or Spearman.
- 6. Click OK!

2 Regression Analysis

Example: Public Expenditure

- Data from 1960 about public expenditures per capita, and variables that may influence it.
- Select your independent (aka explanatory) variables. These are the variables that you think can explain the dependent variable. I suggest you select these:
 - ECAB: Economic Ability
 - MET: Metropolitan
 - GROW: Growth rate of population
 - WEST: Western state = 1.

Conduct Regression Analysis to answer the following questions:

- 1. Accounting for the effects of all the variables in the model, if the percentage of the population living in metropolitan areas in expected to increase by 1%, what change should we expect in public expenditure?
- 2. Is this change statistically significantly different from zero?
- 3. Accounting for the effects of all the variables in the model, how much more to Western states spend on public expenditure per capita?

Using SPSS

- 1. Open publicexp.sav in SPSS.
- 2. Select from menu: Analyze, Regression, then Linear.
- 3. Move EX to the Dependent variable list.
- 4. Move ECAB, MET, GROW, and WEST to your Independent variable list.
- 5. Click OK!

Regression output shows:

- Coefficient of Determination (aka R^2)
- Analysis of Variance Table
- Coefficient Estimates, including standard errors, t-statistics, p-values.

Using SPSS to examine violations of assumptions

- To examine normality of error term:
 - Check to see if the residuals are normally distributed.
 - 1. Set up regression dialog as before.
 - 2. Click Plots
 - 3. Select checkbox for Normal Probability Plot.
 - 4. Select checkbox for Histogram.
 - 5. Click Continue
 - 6. Click OK.
 - The histogram of standardized residuals should appear bell-shaped.
 - The Normal Probability Plot should contain datapoints close to the line, with no discernible pattern.
 - Do the residuals appear to be approximately normally distributed?
- To examine linearity issues:
 - Compute standardized residuals.
 - 1. Set up regression dialog as before.
 - 2. Click Save
 - 3. Under Residuals, select checkbox for Standardized.
 - 4. Click Continue
 - 5. Click OK.
 - Plot residuals against one of the explanatory variable to look for a pattern (there shouldn't be any).

- 1. Select menu item Graphs, Legacy Dialogs, Scatter/Dot
- 2. Select Simple Scatter and click Define
- 3. Move standardized residuals to the Y-Axis, move one of the continuous explanatory variables to the X-Axis.
- 4. Click OK.
- These plots should have residuals randomly above and below zero with no discernible pattern (violation may imply a non-linear relationship).