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**ECON 351\* -- NOTE 17**
**F-Tests of Linear Coefficient Restrictions: A General Approach**
**1. Introduction**

- The **population regression equation (PRE)** for the general multiple linear regression model takes the form:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{ki} + u_i \quad (1)$$

where  $u_i$  is an iid (independently and identically distributed) random error term.

**PRE (1) constitutes the unrestricted model.**

- The **OLS sample regression equation (OLS-SRE)** for equation (1) can be written as

$$Y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} + \hat{u}_i = \hat{Y}_i + \hat{u}_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, N) \quad (2)$$

where

- (1) the **OLS *estimated* (or *predicted*) values of  $Y_i$** , or the **OLS sample regression function (OLS-SRF)**, are

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- (2) the **OLS *residuals*** are

$$\hat{u}_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i = Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} - \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} - \cdots - \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- (3) the  **$\hat{\beta}_j$  are the OLS *estimators*** of the corresponding population regression coefficients  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ).

$$Y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} + \hat{u}_i = \hat{Y}_i + \hat{u}_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

(2)

- The **OLS decomposition equation** for the OLS-SRE (2) is

$$\sum_{i=1}^N y_i^2 = \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_{1i} y_i + \hat{\beta}_2 \sum_{i=1}^N x_{2i} y_i + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ki} y_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2$$

$\downarrow$   
 TSS =  
 (N-1)

$\uparrow$ 


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 $\downarrow$   
 ESS<sub>1</sub>  
 (K-1)

$\uparrow$ 


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 $\downarrow$   
 + RSS<sub>1</sub>  
 (N-K)

where the figures in parentheses are the respective *degrees of freedom* for the **Total Sum of Squares (TSS)**, the **Explained (Regression) Sum of Squares (ESS<sub>1</sub>)** and the **Residual (Error) Sum of Squares (RSS<sub>1</sub>)**.

## 2. The ANOVA F-Test

**What is it?** The ANOVA F-test is

- a *joint* test of *exclusion* restrictions on *all*  $K - 1$  slope coefficients
- a test of the *joint* significance of *all* the slope coefficients in a linear regression model.

**The Null and Alternative Hypotheses:** A test of the joint significance of all the  $K - 1 = k$  slope coefficient estimates  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) in OLS-SRE (2) consists of a test of the **null hypothesis**

$$H_0: \beta_j = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\beta_1 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_2 = 0 \text{ and } \dots \beta_k = 0$$

against the **alternative hypothesis**

$$H_1: \beta_j \neq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

$$\beta_1 \neq 0 \text{ and/or } \beta_2 \neq 0 \text{ and/or } \dots \beta_k \neq 0$$

**The Unrestricted Model** is the model corresponding to the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ . It is simply the **unrestricted PRE** given by equation (1):

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ki} + u_i \quad (1)$$

Number of free (unrestricted) regression coefficients in (1) is  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_1$ .

- From **the analysis-of-variance table for the OLS-SRE (2)**, it follows that the ANOVA F-statistic

$$\text{ANOVA} - F_0 = \frac{\text{ESS}_1 / (K - 1)}{\text{RSS}_1 / (N - K)} = \frac{\text{ESS}_1 (N - K)}{\text{RSS}_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.1)$$

has the  **$F[K-1, N-K]$  distribution under  $H_0$** .

- Since  $\text{ESS}_1 = \text{TSS} - \text{RSS}_1$ , the ANOVA F-statistic can also be written as

$$\text{ANOVA} - F_0 = \frac{(\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}_1)/(\text{K} - 1)}{\text{RSS}_1/(\text{N} - \text{K})} = \frac{(\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}_1)(\text{N} - \text{K})}{\text{RSS}_1 (\text{K} - 1)} \quad (3.2)$$

**The Restricted Model** is the model corresponding to the null hypothesis  $H_0$ . It is obtained by imposing on the PRE of the unrestricted model (1) the coefficient restrictions specified by  $H_0$ . Accordingly, **setting  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k = \mathbf{0}$  in equation (1) yields the restricted PRE:**

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + u_i \quad (4)$$

Number of free (unrestricted) regression coefficients in (4) is  $\mathbf{K}_0 = 1$ .

OLS estimation of (4) yields the **restricted OLS-SRE**

$$Y_i = \tilde{\beta}_0 + \tilde{u}_i \quad (5)$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}_0$  denotes the **restricted OLS estimator of the intercept coefficient  $\beta_0$**  and  $\tilde{u}_i$  denotes **the  $i$ -th restricted OLS residual**.

- **Proposition:** It can be shown that the restricted OLS-SRE (5) has an Explained Sum of Squares  $\text{ESS}_0 = 0$ . Hence, the **OLS decomposition equation for the restricted OLS-SRE** takes the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i^2 & = & \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{u}_i^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{TSS} & = & \mathbf{RSS}_0 \\ (\mathbf{N}-1) & & (\mathbf{N}-1) \end{array}$$

**Proof:**

1. From the restricted SRE (5), the ***restricted OLS residuals*** are

$$\tilde{u}_i = Y_i - \tilde{\beta}_0$$

2. Summing these restricted residuals over the sample yields:

$$\sum_i \tilde{u}_i = \sum_i Y_i - N\tilde{\beta}_0$$

3. But the sum of these OLS residuals must equal zero by computational property (C3); setting  $\sum_i \tilde{u}_i = 0$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \tilde{u}_i = \sum_i Y_i - N\tilde{\beta}_0 = 0 & \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \sum_i Y_i - N\tilde{\beta}_0 &= 0 \\ N\tilde{\beta}_0 &= \sum_i Y_i \\ \tilde{\beta}_0 &= \sum_i Y_i / N \\ &= \bar{Y} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{Y}$  is the sample mean value of the  $Y_i$  values over  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

4. The ***restricted OLS residuals***  $\tilde{u}_i = Y_i - \tilde{\beta}_0$  are therefore

$$\tilde{u}_i = Y_i - \tilde{\beta}_0 = Y_i - \bar{Y} = y_i \quad \text{where} \quad y_i = Y_i - \bar{Y} \text{ by definition.}$$

5. The ***squared restricted residuals*** are thus

$$\tilde{u}_i^2 = y_i^2,$$

so that the ***restricted residual sum of squares for the restricted SRE*** is

$$\sum_i \tilde{u}_i^2 = \sum_i y_i^2,$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbf{RSS}_0 = \mathbf{TSS}.$$

- **Implication:** The result  $RSS_0 = TSS$  implies that the ANOVA F-statistic (3.2)

$$ANOVA - F_0 = \frac{(TSS - RSS_1)/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(TSS - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.2)$$

can be written equivalently as:

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.3)$$

- **Summary:** We have derived *three different forms of the ANOVA F-statistic* for testing the joint significance of *all the slope coefficient estimates* -- i.e., for testing the **null hypothesis**

$$H_0: \quad \beta_j = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k \\ \beta_1 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_2 = 0 \text{ and } \dots \beta_k = 0$$

against the **alternative hypothesis**

$$H_1: \quad \beta_j \neq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \\ \beta_1 \neq 0 \text{ and/or } \beta_2 \neq 0 \text{ and/or } \dots \beta_k \neq 0$$

- **The three different forms of the ANOVA F-statistic are:**

$$ANOVA - F_0 = \frac{ESS_1/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{ESS_1 (N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.1)$$

$$ANOVA - F_0 = \frac{(TSS - RSS_1)/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(TSS - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.2)$$

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.3)$$

- **What is special about form (3.3) of the F-statistic?**

All three forms of the F-statistic can be used to perform the ANOVA F-test of the joint significance of all  $K-1 = k$  slope coefficients.

But **only form (3.3) of the F-statistic** can be used to perform a test of **any set of linear coefficient restrictions** in a multiple linear regression model. So the **F-statistic (3.3) is called a general F-statistic**.

- **Converting form (3.3) of the ANOVA F-statistic to the general F-statistic**

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - 1)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - 1)} \quad (3.3)$$

**Numerator degrees of freedom of ANOVA F-statistic in (3.3):**

$RSS_0$  has degrees-of-freedom =  $df_0 = N - 1$

$RSS_1$  has degrees-of-freedom =  $df_1 = N - K$

$$\therefore df_0 - df_1 = N - 1 - (N - K) = N - 1 - N + K = K - 1$$

**Denominator degrees of freedom of ANOVA F-statistic in (3.3):**

$RSS_1$  has  $df_1 = N - K$

**RESULT:** The ANOVA F-statistic in (3.3) is just a **special case of the general F-statistic**

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)}{RSS_1} \frac{df_1}{(df_0 - df_1)}$$

where  $df_0 - df_1 =$  the **number of independent coefficient restrictions specified by  $H_0$** .

### 3. General F-Statistic for Testing Linear Coefficient Restrictions

#### 3.1 Form 1 of the General F-Statistic

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - K_0)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1(K - K_0)} \quad (\text{F1})$$

where:

- $RSS_0$  = the *residual sum of squares* for the restricted OLS-SRE;
- $RSS_1$  = the *residual sum of squares* for the unrestricted OLS-SRE;
- $K_0$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the restricted model;
- $K$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the unrestricted model;
- $K - K_0$  = the *number of independent linear coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ ;
- $N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for  $RSS_1$* , the unrestricted RSS.

#### Form 1 of General F-Statistic: Alternative Formula

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - K_0)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)(N - K)}{RSS_1(K - K_0)} \quad (\text{F1})$$

Alternatively, the general F-statistic (F1) can be written as

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)}{RSS_1} \frac{df_1}{(df_0 - df_1)} \quad (\text{F1})$$

where:

- $df_0 = N - K_0$  = the *degrees of freedom for  $RSS_0$* , the restricted RSS;
- $df_1 = N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for  $RSS_1$* , the unrestricted RSS;
- $df_0 - df_1 = N - K_0 - (N - K) = N - K_0 - N + K = K - K_0$ .

*Note:*  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  = the *number of independent linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$* .



### Interpretation of Form 1 of General F-Statistic

□ The ***restricted OLS-SRE*** estimated under the null hypothesis

$H_0$ : the  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ) satisfy  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  independent linear coefficient restrictions

takes the form

$$Y_i = \tilde{\beta}_0 + \tilde{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \tilde{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \tilde{\beta}_k X_{ki} + \tilde{u}_i = \tilde{Y}_i + \tilde{u}_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, N) \quad (7.1)$$

where:

- the  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ) are the ***restricted OLS coefficient estimates***
- the  $\tilde{Y}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) are the ***restricted predicted values*** of the dependent variable  $Y$ , the ***restricted OLS-SRF***

$$\tilde{Y}_i = \tilde{\beta}_0 + \tilde{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \tilde{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \tilde{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- the  $\tilde{u}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) are the ***restricted OLS residuals***

$$\tilde{u}_i = Y_i - \tilde{Y}_i = Y_i - \tilde{\beta}_0 - \tilde{\beta}_1 X_{1i} - \tilde{\beta}_2 X_{2i} - \dots - \tilde{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- the ***OLS decomposition equation*** for the ***restricted OLS-SRE*** is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{TSS} & = & \text{ESS}_0 + \text{RSS}_0 \\ (N-1) & & (K_0 - 1) \quad (N - K_0) \end{array} \quad (7.2)$$

- the ***restricted R-squared*** for the ***restricted OLS-SRE*** is

$$R_R^2 = \frac{\text{ESS}_0}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}_0}{\text{TSS}}. \quad (7.3)$$

□ The ***unrestricted OLS-SRE*** estimated under the alternative hypothesis

$H_1$ : the  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ) ***do not*** satisfy the  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  independent linear coefficient restrictions specified by  $H_0$

takes the form

$$Y_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} + \hat{u}_i = \hat{Y}_i + \hat{u}_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, N) \quad (8.1)$$

where:

- the  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ) are the ***unrestricted OLS coefficient estimates***
- the  $\hat{Y}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) are the ***unrestricted predicted values*** of the dependent variable  $Y$ , the ***unrestricted OLS-SRF***

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- the  $\hat{u}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) are the ***unrestricted OLS residuals***

$$\hat{u}_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i = Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1i} - \hat{\beta}_2 X_{2i} - \dots - \hat{\beta}_k X_{ki} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

- the ***OLS decomposition equation*** for the ***unrestricted OLS-SRE*** is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{TSS} & = & \text{ESS}_1 + \text{RSS}_1 \\ & & (8.2) \\ (N-1) & & (K-1) \quad (N-K) \end{array}$$

- the ***unrestricted R-squared*** for the ***unrestricted OLS-SRE*** is

$$R_U^2 = \frac{\text{ESS}_1}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}}. \quad (8.3)$$

- Compare the OLS decomposition equations for the restricted and unrestricted OLS-SREs.

$$\text{TSS} = \text{ESS}_0 + \text{RSS}_0. \quad [\text{for } \underline{\text{restricted}} \text{ SRE}] \quad (7.2)$$

$$\text{TSS} = \text{ESS}_1 + \text{RSS}_1. \quad [\text{for } \underline{\text{unrestricted}} \text{ SRE}] \quad (8.2)$$

- Since the Total Sum of Squares (TSS) is the same for both decompositions, it follows that

$$\text{ESS}_0 + \text{RSS}_0 = \text{ESS}_1 + \text{RSS}_1. \quad (9)$$

- Subtracting first  $\text{RSS}_1$  and then  $\text{ESS}_0$  from both sides of equation (9) allows equation (9) to be rewritten as:

$$\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}_1 = \text{ESS}_1 - \text{ESS}_0 \quad (10)$$

where

$\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}_1 =$  the **increase in RSS** attributable to *imposing the restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ ;

$\text{ESS}_1 - \text{ESS}_0 =$  the **increase in ESS** attributable to *relaxing the restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

***NOTE:*** Imposing one or more linear coefficient restrictions on the regression coefficients  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) always *increases* (or *leaves unchanged*) the *residual sum of squares*, and hence always *reduces* (or *leaves unchanged*) the *explained sum of squares*. Consequently,

$$\text{RSS}_0 \geq \text{RSS}_1 \Leftrightarrow \text{ESS}_1 \geq \text{ESS}_0$$

so that

$$\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}_1 \geq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{ESS}_1 - \text{ESS}_0 \geq 0.$$

In other words, **both sides of equation (10) are always non-negative.**

### 3.2 Form 2 of the General F-Statistic

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(K - K_0)}{(1 - R_U^2)/(N - K)} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2) (N - K)}{(1 - R_U^2) (K - K_0)} \quad (\text{F2})$$

where:

$R_R^2$  = the *R-squared value* for the restricted OLS-SRE;

$R_U^2$  = the *R-squared value* for the unrestricted OLS-SRE;

$K_0$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the restricted model;

$K$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the unrestricted model;

$K - K_0$  = the number of *independent linear coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ ;

$N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_1$ , the unrestricted RSS.

#### Form 2 of the General F-Statistic: Alternative Formula

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(K - K_0)}{(1 - R_U^2)/(N - K)} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2) (N - K)}{(1 - R_U^2) (K - K_0)} \quad (\text{F2})$$

Alternatively, the general F-statistic (F2) can be written as

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(df_0 - df_1)}{(1 - R_U^2)/df_1} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2) df_1}{(1 - R_U^2) (df_0 - df_1)} \quad (\text{F2})$$

where:

$df_0 = N - K_0$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_0$ , the restricted RSS;

$df_1 = N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_1$ , the unrestricted RSS;

$df_0 - df_1 = N - K_0 - (N - K) = N - K_0 - N + K = K - K_0$ .

*Note:*  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  = the **number of independent linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$** .

### Derivation of Form 2 of the General F-Statistic

The second form of the general F-statistic can be obtained by dividing the numerator and denominator of the F-statistic (F1) by TSS; this yields

$$F = \frac{[\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}_1] (N - K)}{\text{RSS}_1 (K - K_0)} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\text{RSS}_0}{\text{TSS}} - \frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}} \right] (N - K)}{\frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}} (K - K_0)} \quad (11)$$

- Equation (7.3) shows that  $\text{ESS}_0/\text{TSS} = R_R^2$  and  $\text{RSS}_0/\text{TSS} = 1 - R_R^2$ :

$$R_R^2 = \frac{\text{ESS}_0}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}_0}{\text{TSS}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{RSS}_0}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - R_R^2. \quad (7.3)$$

- Equation (8.3) shows that  $\text{ESS}_1/\text{TSS} = R_U^2$  and  $\text{RSS}_1/\text{TSS} = 1 - R_U^2$ :

$$R_U^2 = \frac{\text{ESS}_1}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - R_U^2. \quad (8.3)$$

- Equations (7.3) and (8.3) thus imply that:

$$\frac{\text{RSS}_0}{\text{TSS}} - \frac{\text{RSS}_1}{\text{TSS}} = 1 - R_R^2 - (1 - R_U^2) = 1 - R_R^2 - 1 + R_U^2 = R_U^2 - R_R^2. \quad (12)$$

- Substituting from (8.3) and (12) into equation (11) yields the second form of the general F-statistic:

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(K - K_0)}{(1 - R_U^2)/(N - K)} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2) (N - K)}{(1 - R_U^2) (K - K_0)} \quad (\mathbf{F2})$$

### Interpretation of the General F-statistics (F1) and (F2)

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - K_0)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1) (N - K)}{RSS_1 (K - K_0)} \quad (\mathbf{F1})$$

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(K - K_0)}{(1 - R_U^2)/(N - K)} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2) (N - K)}{(1 - R_U^2) (K - K_0)} \quad (\mathbf{F2})$$

- The **F-statistic (F1)** in effect determines whether *imposing the coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  significantly *increases the residual sum of squares RSS*.
- The **F-statistic (F2)** in effect determines whether *imposing the coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  significantly *reduces the coefficient of determination,  $R^2$* .
- Note that since  $ESS_1 \geq ESS_0$  (and  $RSS_0 \geq RSS_1$ ), the *unrestricted  $R^2$  is greater than or equal to the restricted  $R^2$* ; i.e.,

$$R_U^2 \geq R_R^2.$$

- The *sample values of the F-statistics (F1) and (F2) are always equal and non-negative*.

#### 4. Outline of the General F-Test Procedure

The procedure for testing a set of  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  independent linear coefficient restrictions consists of **four basic steps**.

**Step 1:** Estimate the *unrestricted* model by OLS to obtain the *unrestricted* OLS SRE and associated statistics.

**Step 2:** Estimate the *restricted* model by OLS, after imposing on the unrestricted PRE the linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis. This yields the *restricted* OLS SRE and associated statistics.

**Step 3:** Compute the *sample value* of either one of the *general F-statistics*.

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)}{RSS_1} \frac{df_1}{(df_0 - df_1)} \quad (F1)$$

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(df_0 - df_1)}{(1 - R_U^2)/df_1} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)}{(1 - R_U^2)} \frac{df_1}{(df_0 - df_1)} \quad (F2)$$

where:

$df_0 = N - K_0 =$  the *degrees of freedom* for  $RSS_0$ , the *restricted* RSS;  
 $df_1 = N - K =$  the *degrees of freedom* for  $RSS_1$ , the *unrestricted* RSS;  
 $df_0 - df_1 = N - K_0 - (N - K) = N - K_0 - N + K = K - K_0$   
 = the *number of linear coefficient restrictions* specified by  $H_0$ .

**Step 4:** Apply the conventional *decision rule*.

- (1) If  $F_0 > F_{\alpha}(K-K_0, N-K)$ , or if the **p-value** for  $F_0 < \alpha$ , *reject* the coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  at the **100 $\alpha$ % significance level**.
- (2) If  $F_0 \leq F_{\alpha}(K-K_0, N-K)$ , or if the **p-value** for  $F_0 \geq \alpha$ , *retain (do not reject)* the coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  at the **100 $\alpha$ % significance level**.

## 5. Properties of the Restricted and Unrestricted Coefficient Estimators

The statistical properties of the *restricted* OLS coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) and the *unrestricted* OLS coefficient estimators  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) depend on whether the linear coefficient restrictions are *true* or *false*.

**5.1. If the linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  are TRUE, then**

- (1) the *restricted* coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are **unbiased** and have *smaller variances* than (i.e., are **efficient** relative to) the unrestricted coefficient estimators  $\hat{\beta}_j$  -- i.e.,

$$E(\tilde{\beta}_j) = \beta_j \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_j) \leq \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) \quad \text{for all } j = 0, 1, \dots, k;$$

whereas

- (2) the *unrestricted* coefficient estimators  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are also **unbiased**, but have *larger variances* than (i.e., are **inefficient** relative to) the restricted coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  -- i.e.,

$$E(\hat{\beta}_j) = \beta_j \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) \geq \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_j) \quad \text{for all } j = 0, 1, \dots, k.$$

**Implication:** If the **linear coefficient restrictions** specified by the null hypothesis are **retained** by an F-test, then the *restricted* coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are **preferred** because they have *smaller variances* than the unrestricted coefficient estimators  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ). **Both estimators are unbiased if the coefficient restrictions are true.**



**5.2. If the linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  are FALSE, then**

- (1) the **restricted coefficient estimators**  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are ***biased***, although they still have ***smaller variances*** than the unrestricted coefficient estimators  $\hat{\beta}_j$  -- i.e.,

$$E(\tilde{\beta}_j) \neq \beta_j \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_j) \leq \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) \quad \text{for all } j = 0, 1, \dots, k;$$

whereas

- (2) the **unrestricted coefficient estimators**  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) are ***unbiased***, though they have ***larger variances*** than the restricted coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$ .

$$E(\hat{\beta}_j) = \beta_j \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_j) \leq \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) \quad \text{for all } j = 0, 1, \dots, k.$$

**Implication:** If the **linear coefficient restrictions** specified by the null hypothesis **are rejected** by an F-test, then the **unrestricted coefficient estimators**  $\hat{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ) **are preferred** because they are ***unbiased***, even though they have larger variances than the restricted coefficient estimators  $\tilde{\beta}_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ ).

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**ECON 351\* -- Addendum to NOTE 17**

**General F-Tests of Linear Coefficient Restrictions: A Numerical Example**

**1. An Example**

**Multiple Linear Regression Model 1**

*The PRE* (population regression equation) for Model 1 is:

$$\text{price}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{wgt}_i + \beta_2 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_3 \text{wgt}_i^2 + \beta_4 \text{mpg}_i^2 + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \text{mpg}_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

$$K = 6; \quad K - 1 = 5.$$

- *Marginal effect of wgt<sub>i</sub>*

$$\frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{wgt}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \text{wgt}_i, \text{mpg}_i)}{\partial \text{wgt}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \bullet)}{\partial \text{wgt}_i} = \beta_1 + 2\beta_3 \text{wgt}_i + \beta_5 \text{mpg}_i.$$

- *Marginal effect of mpg<sub>i</sub>*

$$\frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \text{wgt}_i, \text{mpg}_i)}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \bullet)}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i.$$

**Proposition 1 to Test**

The *marginal effect of mpg<sub>i</sub> on price<sub>i</sub> is zero*: i.e., *mpg<sub>i</sub> has no effect on price<sub>i</sub>*; or *car price<sub>i</sub> is unrelated to fuel efficiency* as measured by *mpg<sub>i</sub>*.

Examine the above expression for the **marginal effect of mpg<sub>i</sub> on price<sub>i</sub>**. We see that a sufficient condition for the proposition to be true for all cars (regardless of their values for wgt<sub>i</sub> and mpg<sub>i</sub>) is that the **three coefficients β<sub>2</sub>, β<sub>4</sub> and β<sub>5</sub> all equal zero**.

If **β<sub>2</sub> = 0 and β<sub>4</sub> = 0 and β<sub>5</sub> = 0**, then  $\frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0 \quad \forall i$ .

**Null and Alternative Hypotheses**

$$\text{price}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{wgt}_i + \beta_2 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_3 \text{wgt}_i^2 + \beta_4 \text{mpg}_i^2 + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \text{mpg}_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \text{wgt}_i, \text{mpg}_i)}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \frac{\partial E(\text{price}_i | \bullet)}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i.$$

- **H<sub>0</sub>: β<sub>2</sub> = 0 and β<sub>4</sub> = 0 and β<sub>5</sub> = 0**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

- **H<sub>1</sub>: β<sub>2</sub> ≠ 0 and/or β<sub>4</sub> ≠ 0 and/or β<sub>5</sub> ≠ 0**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i$$

- $H_0: \beta_2 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_4 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_5 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0$

**Restricted model** corresponding to  $H_0$ : set  $\beta_2 = 0$  and  $\beta_4 = 0$  and  $\beta_5 = 0$  in the unrestricted model given by PRE (1).

$$\text{price}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{wgt}_i + \beta_3 \text{wgt}_i^2 + u_i \quad (2)$$

$$K_0 = 3; \quad K_0 - 1 = 2; \quad N - K_0 = 74 - 3 = 71;$$

$$\text{RSS}_0 = 384779934; \quad \text{df}_0 = N - K_0 = 71; \quad R_R^2 = 0.3941.$$

### The OLS SRE for the Restricted Model – Model 2

```
. regress price wgt wgtsq
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	74
Model	250285462	2	125142731	F( 2, 71) =	23.09
Residual	384779934	71	5419435.69	Prob > F =	0.0000
Total	635065396	73	8699525.97	R-squared =	0.3941
				Adj R-squared =	0.3770
				Root MSE =	2328.0

price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
wgt	-7.273097	2.691747	-2.702	0.009	-12.64029 -1.905906
wgtsq	.0015142	.0004337	3.491	0.001	.0006494 .002379
_cons	13418.8	3997.822	3.357	0.001	5447.372 21390.23

- $H_1: \beta_2 \neq 0$  and/or  $\beta_4 \neq 0$  and/or  $\beta_5 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i$$

*Unrestricted model* corresponding to  $H_1$ : is PRE (1).

$$\text{price}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{wgt}_i + \beta_2 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_3 \text{wgt}_i^2 + \beta_4 \text{mpg}_i^2 + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \text{mpg}_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

$$K = 6; \quad K - 1 = 5; \quad N - K = 74 - 6 = 68;$$

$$\text{RSS}_1 = 326680563; \quad \text{df}_1 = N - K = 68; \quad R_U^2 = 0.4856.$$

### The OLS SRE for the *Unrestricted Model* – Model 1

```
. regress price wgt wgtsq mpg mpgsq wgtmpg
```

Source	SS	df	MS			
Model	308384833	5	61676966.6	Number of obs =	74	
Residual	<u>326680563</u>	<u>68</u>	4804125.93	F( 5, 68) =	12.84	
Total	635065396	73	8699525.97	Prob > F =	0.0000	
				R-squared =	0.4856	
				Adj R-squared =	0.4478	
				Root MSE =	2191.8	

  

price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
wgt	-31.88985	9.148215	-3.486	0.001	-50.14483	-13.63487
wgtsq	.0034574	.0008629	4.007	0.000	.0017355	.0051792
mpg	-3549.495	1126.464	-3.151	0.002	-5797.318	-1301.672
mpgsq	38.74472	12.62339	3.069	0.003	13.55514	63.9343
wgtmpg	.5421927	.1971854	2.750	0.008	.1487154	.9356701
_cons	92690.55	25520.53	3.632	0.001	41765.12	143616

## 2. The General F-Statistic

- **Usage:** Can be used to test *any linear* restrictions on the regression coefficients in a linear regression model.
- **Formula 1** for the general F-statistic is:

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(K - K_0)}{RSS_1/(N - K)} \sim F[df_0 - df_1, df_1] \quad \dots(\mathbf{F1})$$

where:

$RSS_0$  = the *residual sum of squares* for the restricted OLS-SRE;  
 $RSS_1$  = the *residual sum of squares* for the unrestricted OLS-SRE;  
 $K_0$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the restricted model;  
 $K$  = the *number of free regression coefficients* in the unrestricted model;  
 $K - K_0$  = the *number of independent linear coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ ;  
 $N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_1$ , the unrestricted RSS;  
 $df_0 = N - K_0$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_0$ , the restricted RSS;  
 $df_1 = N - K$  = the *degrees of freedom for*  $RSS_1$ , the unrestricted RSS;  
 $df_0 - df_1 = N - K_0 - (N - K) = N - K_0 - N + K = K - K_0$ .

*Note:*  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  = the *number of independent linear coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

- **Formula 2** for the general F-statistic is:

$$F = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(df_0 - df_1)}{(1 - R_U^2)/df_1} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(K - K_0)}{(1 - R_U^2)/(N - K)} \sim F[df_0 - df_1, df_1] \quad (\mathbf{F2})$$

where:

$R_R^2$  = the *R-squared value* for the restricted OLS-SRE;  
 $R_U^2$  = the *R-squared value* for the unrestricted OLS-SRE.

### 3. Performing a General F-Test of Exclusion Restrictions

*Calculate the sample value of the general F-statistic using Formula 1*

$$RSS_0 = 384779934; \quad df_0 = N - K_0 = 71; \quad R_R^2 = 0.3941.$$

$$RSS_1 = 326680563; \quad df_1 = N - K = 68; \quad R_U^2 = 0.4856.$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_0 &= \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} \\ &= \frac{(384779934 - 326680563)/(71 - 68)}{326680563/68} \\ &= \frac{58099371/3}{326680563/68} \\ &= \mathbf{4.031} \end{aligned}$$

*Calculate the sample value of the general F-statistic using Formula 2*

$$\begin{aligned} F_0 &= \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(df_0 - df_1)}{(1 - R_U^2)/df_1} \\ &= \frac{(0.4856 - 0.3941)/3}{(1 - 0.4856)/68} \\ &= \frac{0.0915/3}{0.5144/68} \\ &= \mathbf{4.032} \end{aligned}$$

**Result:  $F_0 = 4.032$**

**Decision Rule -- Formulation 1**

Let  $F_\alpha[df_0 - df_1, df_1]$  = the  *$\alpha$ -level critical value* of the  $F[df_0 - df_1, df_1]$  distribution.

*Retain  $H_0$*  at significance level  $\alpha$  if  $F_0 \leq F_\alpha[df_0 - df_1, df_1]$ .

*Reject  $H_0$*  at significance level  $\alpha$  if  $F_0 > F_\alpha[df_0 - df_1, df_1]$ .

- *Critical values of  $F[3, 68]$*

$$\alpha = 0.05: \quad F_{0.05}[3, 68] = 2.79$$

$$\alpha = 0.01: \quad F_{0.01}[3, 68] = 4.08$$

```
. display invFtail(3, 68, 0.05)
2.794891
```

```
. display invFtail(3, 68, 0.01)
4.083395
```

*Inference:*

- $F_0 = 4.032 > 2.79 = F_{0.05}[3, 68] \Rightarrow$  *reject  $H_0$  at 5% significance level*
- $F_0 = 4.032 < 4.08 = F_{0.01}[3, 68] \Rightarrow$  *retain  $H_0$  at 1% significance level*

**Decision Rule -- Formulation 2**

*Retain  $H_0$*  at significance level  $\alpha$  if the **p-value for  $F_0 \geq \alpha$** .

*Reject  $H_0$*  at significance level  $\alpha$  if the **p-value for  $F_0 < \alpha$** .

- **p-value for  $F_0 = 0.0106$**

```
. display Ftail(3, 68, 4.032)
.01062773
```

*Inference:*

- p-value for  $F_0 = 0.0106 < 0.05 \Rightarrow$  *reject  $H_0$  at 5% significance level*
- p-value for  $F_0 = 0.0106 > 0.01 \Rightarrow$  *retain  $H_0$  at 1% significance level*



## Computing this General F-Test with *Stata*

The *Stata test* command computes general F-tests of any set of coefficient restrictions on linear regression models.

### The OLS SRE for the Unrestricted Model – Model 1

```
. regress price wgt wgtsq mpg mpgsq wgtmpg
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	74
Model	308384833	5	61676966.6	F( 5, 68) =	12.84
Residual	326680563	68	4804125.93	Prob > F =	0.0000
				R-squared =	0.4856
				Adj R-squared =	0.4478
Total	635065396	73	8699525.97	Root MSE =	2191.8

price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
wgt	-31.88985	9.148215	-3.486	0.001	-50.14483 -13.63487
wgtsq	.0034574	.0008629	4.007	0.000	.0017355 .0051792
mpg	-3549.495	1126.464	-3.151	0.002	-5797.318 -1301.672
mpgsq	38.74472	12.62339	3.069	0.003	13.55514 63.9343
wgtmpg	.5421927	.1971854	2.750	0.008	.1487154 .9356701
_cons	92690.55	25520.53	3.632	0.001	41765.12 143616

```
. test mpg mpgsq wgtmpg
( 1) mpg = 0.0
( 2) mpgsq = 0.0
( 3) wgtmpg = 0.0
```

```
F( 3, 68) = 4.03
Prob > F = 0.0106
```

#### 4. Outline of the General F-Test Procedure

Once the null hypothesis  $H_0$  and the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  have been formulated, the procedure for testing a set of  $df_0 - df_1 = K - K_0$  independent linear coefficient restrictions consists of **four basic steps**.

**Step 1:** Estimate by OLS the *unrestricted* model implied by the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  to obtain the *unrestricted OLS SRE* and associated statistics:

$$RSS_1; \quad df_1 = N - K; \quad R_U^2 = ESS_1/TSS = 1 - RSS_1/TSS.$$

**Step 2:** Estimate by OLS the *restricted* model implied by the null hypothesis  $H_0$ , after imposing on the unrestricted PRE the linear coefficient restrictions specified by the null hypothesis. This yields the *restricted OLS SRE* and associated statistics:

$$RSS_0; \quad df_0 = N - K_0; \quad R_R^2 = ESS_0/TSS = 1 - RSS_0/TSS.$$

**Step 3:** Compute the *sample value of either of the general F-statistics*.

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1)/(df_0 - df_1)}{RSS_1/df_1} = \frac{(R_U^2 - R_R^2)/(df_0 - df_1)}{(1 - R_U^2)/df_1} \sim F[df_0 - df_1, df_1]$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} df_0 &= N - K_0 = \text{the } \mathbf{degrees\ of\ freedom\ for\ } RSS_0, \text{ the } \mathbf{restricted\ RSS}; \\ df_1 &= N - K = \text{the } \mathbf{degrees\ of\ freedom\ for\ } RSS_1, \text{ the } \mathbf{unrestricted\ RSS}; \\ df_0 - df_1 &= N - K_0 - (N - K) = N - K_0 - N + K = K - K_0 \\ &= \text{the } \mathbf{number\ of\ coefficient\ restrictions\ specified\ by\ } H_0. \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4:** Apply the conventional decision rule:

- (1) If  $F_0 > F_{\alpha}(K-K_0, N-K)$ , or if the **p-value for  $F_0 < \alpha$** , *reject the coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  **at the 100 $\alpha$ % significance level**;
- (2) If  $F_0 \leq F_{\alpha}(K-K_0, N-K)$ , or if the **p-value for  $F_0 \geq \alpha$** , *retain (do not reject) the coefficient restrictions* specified by the null hypothesis  $H_0$  **at the 100 $\alpha$ % significance level**.

**Proposition 2 to Test**

The **marginal effect of  $mpg_i$  on  $price_i$  is zero** for cars that weigh **3,000 pounds** and have fuel efficiency of **23 miles per gallon**: i.e.,  **$mpg_i$  has no effect on  $price_i$**  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 23$** ; or **car  $price_i$  is unrelated to fuel efficiency** as measured by  **$mpg_i$**  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 23$** .

***Null and Alternative Hypotheses***

$$price_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 wgt_i + \beta_2 mpg_i + \beta_3 wgt_i^2 + \beta_4 mpg_i^2 + \beta_5 wgt_i mpg_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \frac{\partial E(price_i | wgt_i, mpg_i)}{\partial mpg_i} = \frac{\partial E(price_i | \bullet)}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i .$$

- **H<sub>0</sub>**:  $\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i = 0$  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 23$**

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 23 + \beta_5 3000 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_2 + 46\beta_4 + 3000\beta_5 = 0$$

(number of restrictions = 1)

- **H<sub>1</sub>**:  $\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i \neq 0$  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 23$**

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 23 + \beta_5 3000 \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_2 + 46\beta_4 + 3000\beta_5 \neq 0$$

**OLS Estimation of Model 1 in Stata**

```
. regress price wgt wgtsq mpg mpgsq wgtmpg
```

Source	SS	df	MS			
Model	308384833	5	61676966.6	Number of obs =	74	
Residual	<u>326680563</u>	<u>68</u>	4804125.93	F( 5, 68) =	12.84	
Total	635065396	73	8699525.97	Prob > F =	0.0000	
				R-squared =	0.4856	
				Adj R-squared =	0.4478	
				Root MSE =	2191.8	

  

price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
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**Appropriate Test Statistics for Testing Proposition 2**• **t-statistic:**

$$t(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000) = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000}{\text{s}\hat{e}(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000)}$$

Null distribution of  $t(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000)$  under  $H_0$  is  $t[N - K] = t[74 - 6] = t[68]$ .

• **F-statistic:**

$$F(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000) = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000)^2}{\text{V}\hat{a}\text{r}(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000)}$$

Null distribution of  $F(\hat{\beta}_2 + 2\hat{\beta}_4 23 + \hat{\beta}_5 3000)$  under  $H_0$  is  $F[1, N - K] = F[1, 74 - 6] = F[1, 68]$ .

**Note:** Both the t-statistic and the F-statistic are computed using **only unrestricted coefficient estimates of Model 1** computed under the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ .

**Using *Stata* to Compute the Two-Tail t-test:** Use the *Stata* `lincom` command.

- $H_0: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 23$
- $H_1: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \neq 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 23$

```
. lincom _b[mpg] + 2*_b[mpgsq]*23 + _b[wgtmpg]*3000
```

```
( 1) mpg + 46 mpgsq + 3000 wgtmpg = 0
```

	price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)		-140.6595	90.73004	-1.55	0.126	-321.7085 40.38948

```
. return list
```

```
scalars:
```

```
      r(df) = 68
      r(se) = 90.73004185185361
      r(estimate) = -140.6594967166902
```

```
. display r(estimate)/r(se)
```

```
-1.5503079
```

```
. display 2*ttail(r(df), abs(r(estimate)/r(se)))
```

```
.12570961
```

```
. display 2*ttail(68, abs(r(estimate)/r(se)))
```

```
.12570961
```

**Using *Stata* to Compute the F-test:** Use the *Stata* `test` command.

- $H_0: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 23$
- $H_1: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \neq 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 23$

```
. test mpg + 2*mpgsq*23 + wgtmpg*3000 = 0
```

```
( 1)  mpg + 46 mpgsq + 3000 wgtmpg = 0
```

```
      F( 1,    68) =    2.40
      Prob > F =    0.1257
```

```
. return list
```

```
scalars:
```

```
      r(drop) = 0
      r(df_r) = 68
      r(F) = 2.403454450376304
      r(df) = 1
      r(p) = .1257096143054587
```

```
. display Ftail(r(df), r(df_r), r(F))
.12570961
```

```
. display Ftail(1, 68, r(F))
.12570961
```

```
. display sqrt(r(F))
1.5503079
```

**Proposition 3 to Test**

The **marginal effect of  $mpg_i$  on  $price_i$  is zero** for cars that weigh **3,000 pounds** and have fuel efficiency of **18 miles per gallon**: i.e.,  **$mpg_i$  has no effect on  $price_i$**  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 18$** ; or **car  $price_i$  is unrelated to fuel efficiency** as measured by  **$mpg_i$**  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 18$** .

***Null and Alternative Hypotheses***

$$price_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 wgt_i + \beta_2 mpg_i + \beta_3 wgt_i^2 + \beta_4 mpg_i^2 + \beta_5 wgt_i mpg_i + u_i \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \frac{\partial E(price_i | wgt_i, mpg_i)}{\partial mpg_i} = \frac{\partial E(price_i | \bullet)}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i .$$

- **H<sub>0</sub>:**  $\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i = 0$  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 18$**

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 18 + \beta_5 3000 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_2 + 36\beta_4 + 3000\beta_5 = 0$$

(number of restrictions = 1)

- **H<sub>1</sub>:**  $\frac{\partial price_i}{\partial mpg_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 mpg_i + \beta_5 wgt_i \neq 0$  when  **$wgt_i = 3000$  and  $mpg_i = 18$**

$$\Rightarrow \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 18 + \beta_5 3000 \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \beta_2 + 36\beta_4 + 3000\beta_5 \neq 0$$

**Using Stata to Compute the Two-Tail t-test:** Use the *Stata lincom* command.

- $H_0: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 18$
- $H_1: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \neq 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 18$

```
. lincom _b[mpg] + 2*_b[mpgsq]*18 + _b[wgtmpg]*3000
```

```
( 1) mpg + 36 mpgsq + 3000 wgtmpg = 0
```

	price	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)		-528.1067	162.9029	-3.24	0.002	-853.1744 -203.039

```
. return list
```

```
scalars:
```

```
      r(df) = 68
      r(se) = 162.9029293974137
r(estimate) = -528.1067029465044
```

```
. display r(estimate)/r(se)
-3.241849
```

```
. display (r(estimate)/r(se))^2
10.509585
```

```
. display 2*ttail(r(df), abs(r(estimate)/r(se)))
.00184092
```



**Using Stata to Compute the F-test:** Use the *Stata* test command.

- $H_0: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i = 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 18$
- $H_1: \frac{\partial \text{price}_i}{\partial \text{mpg}_i} = \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \text{mpg}_i + \beta_5 \text{wgt}_i \neq 0$  when  $\text{wgt}_i = 3000$  and  $\text{mpg}_i = 18$

```
. test mpg + 2*mpgsq*18 + wgtmpg*3000 = 0
( 1)  mpg + 36 mpgsq + 3000 wgtmpg = 0

      F( 1,    68) =   10.51
      Prob > F =    0.0018

. return list

scalars:
      r(drop) = 0
      r(df_r) = 68
      r(F) = 10.50958510526579
      r(df) = 1
      r(p) = .0018409212648082

. display Ftail(r(df), r(df_r), r(F))
.00184092

. display Ftail(1, 68, r(F))
.00184092

. display sqrt(r(F))
3.241849
```