

EC3090 – Econometrics -

Lab session 3

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Data file: SLEEP75

Exercise C8.1, Wooldridge 4 E, page 298.

Consider the following model to explain sleeping behavior:

$$sleep = \beta_0 + \beta_1 totwrk + \beta_2 educ + \beta_3 age + \beta_4 age^2 + \beta_5 yngkid + \beta_6 male + u,$$

- i) Write down a model that allows the variance of u to differ between men and women. The variance should not depend on other factors.
- ii) Use the data in SLEEP75 to estimate the parameters of the model for heteroskedasticity. Is the estimated variance of u higher for men than for women?
- iii) Is the variance of u statistically different for men and women?

Variables

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. age | in years |
| 2. black | =1 if black |
| 3. case | identifier |
| 4. clerical | =1 if clerical worker |
| 5. construc | =1 if construction worker |
| 6. educ | years of schooling |
| 7. earns74 | total earnings, 1974 |
| 8. gdhlth | =1 if in good or excellent health |
| 9. inlf | =1 if in labor force |
| 10. leis1 | sleep - totwrk |
| 11. leis2 | slpnaps - totwrk |
| 12. leis3 | rlxall - totwrk |
| 13. smsa | = 1 if live in smsa |
| 14. lhrwage | log hourly wage |
| 15. lothinc | log othinc, unless othinc < 0 |
| 16. male | = 1 if male |
| 17. marr | = 1 if married |
| 18. prot | = 1 if Protestant |
| 19. rlxall | slpnaps + personal activs |
| 20. selfe | =1 if self employed |

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| 21. sleep | mins sleep at night, per week |
| 22. slpnaps | mins sleep, including naps, per week |
| 23. south | =1 if live in south |
| 24. spsepay | spousal wage income |
| 25. spwrk75 | =1 if spouse works |
| 26. totwrk | mins worked per week |
| 27. union | =1 if belong to union |
| 28. worknrm | mins work main job |
| 29. workscnd | mins work second job |
| 30. exper | age - educ - 6 |
| 31. yngkid | =1 if children < 3 present |
| 32. yrsmarr | years married |
| 33. hrwage | hourly wage |
| 34. agesq | age ² |