

Notes for laboratory session 3

1. Single-factor analysis of variance

Consider the effect of gender on levels of retinol in plasma. The one-way ANOVA is given by the following output:

```
. anova retplasm sex
```

	Number of obs =	314	R-squared =	0.0392	
	Root MSE =	204.801	Adj R-squared =	0.0361	
Source	Partial SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Model	533837.408	1	533837.408	12.73	0.0004
sex	533837.408	1	533837.408	12.73	0.0004
Residual	13086344.5	312	41943.4117		
Total	13620181.9	313	43514.958		

- a) How can we test if gender has a statistically significant impact on plasma retinol levels? How is the appropriate statistic calculated?

Now do the same using the `regress` command of STATA

```
. reg
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	314
Model	533837.408	1	533837.408	F(1, 312) =	12.73
Residual	13086344.5	312	41943.4117	Prob > F =	0.0004
Total	13620181.9	313	43514.958	R-squared =	0.0392
				Adj R-squared =	0.0361
				Root MSE =	204.8

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
sex					
Female	-122.3759	34.30232	-3.57	0.000	-189.8691 -54.88283
_cons	710.0976	31.98453	22.20	0.000	647.1649 773.0302

- b) How can we check now if there is a statistically significant gender effect on plasma retinol levels? What is the relation between the statistics used in the `anova` and `regress` commands?
- c) How can we calculate the best estimates for mean retinol level for women and men?

Another way of doing this is by using the `xi` STATA command as follows:

```
. xi: reg retplasm i.sex
i.sex          Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; Isex_1 omitted)

-----+-----
Source |          SS      df      MS                Number of obs =      314
-----+-----                F( 1, 312) =      12.73
Model  | 533837.408      1 533837.408          Prob > F      = 0.0004
Residual | 13086344.5    312 41943.4117          R-squared     = 0.0392
-----+-----                Adj R-squared = 0.0361
Total  | 13620181.9    313 43514.958          Root MSE     = 204.80

-----+-----
retplasm |          Coef.   Std. Err.      t    P>|t|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
Isex_2 | -122.3759     34.30232     -3.568  0.000     -189.8691    -54.88283
_cons |  710.0976     31.98453     22.201  0.000      647.1649     773.0302
```

Notice that the `xi` command creates the dummy variables defining the lowest numerical value of the categorical variable as the default reference level. However we can change the reference level as shown below:

```
. char sex[omit] 2

. xi: reg retplasm i.sex
i.sex          Isex_1-2      (naturally coded; Isex_2 omitted)

-----+-----
Source |          SS      df      MS                Number of obs =      314
-----+-----                F( 1, 312) =      12.73
Model  | 533837.408      1 533837.408          Prob > F      = 0.0004
Residual | 13086344.5    312 41943.4117          R-squared     = 0.0392
-----+-----                Adj R-squared = 0.0361
Total  | 13620181.9    313 43514.958          Root MSE     = 204.80

-----+-----
retplasm |          Coef.   Std. Err.      t    P>|t|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
Isex_1 |  122.3759     34.30232      3.568  0.000      54.88283     189.8691
_cons |  587.7216     12.39511     47.416  0.000      563.333      612.1102
```

- d) Calculate the best estimates for mean retinol level for women and men. Check the consistency of the results. (You can check the ANOVA model too, by using the following command: `oneway retplasm sex, tabulate`)

Now using the glm command:

```
. char sex[omit] 2

. xi: glm retplasm i.sex
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)

Iteration 0:   log likelihood = -2115.6635

Generalized linear models                    No. of obs   =       314
Optimization   : ML: Newton-Raphson         Residual df  =       312
Scale parameter = 41943.41
Deviance       = 13086344.45                (1/df) Deviance = 41943.41
Pearson        = 13086344.45                (1/df) Pearson  = 41943.41

Variance function: V(u) = 1                 [Gaussian]
Link function    : g(u) = u                 [Identity]
Standard errors  : OIM

Log likelihood   = -2115.663535             AIC          = 13.4883
BIC              = 13084550.64

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retplasm |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
  _Isex_1 |   122.3759   34.30232     3.57  0.000    55.14464    189.6073
   _cons |   587.7216   12.39511    47.42  0.000    563.4276    612.0156
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```

e) Try to notice the similarities between the two approaches.

2. Regression models for general two-way ANOVA

Asses the effect of sex and vitamin use on plasma retinol levels using the glm command with females and no-vitamine-use categories as reference categories.

```

. char sex[omit] 2

. char vituse[omit] 3

. xi: glm retplasm i.sex i.vituse i.sex*i.vituse
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.vituse       _Ivituse_1-3       (naturally coded; _Ivituse_3 omitted)
i.sex*i.vituse _IsexXvit_#_#      (coded as above)
note: _Isex_1 dropped due to collinearity
note: _Ivituse_1 dropped due to collinearity
note: _Ivituse_2 dropped due to collinearity

Iteration 0:   log likelihood = -2111.9911

Generalized linear models          No. of obs      =          314
Optimization      : ML: Newton-Raphson  Residual df    =          308
Scale parameter = 41505.82
Deviance          = 12783793.58         (1/df) Deviance = 41505.82
Pearson           = 12783793.58         (1/df) Pearson  = 41505.82

Variance function: V(u) = 1          [Gaussian]
Link function     : g(u) = u          [Identity]
Standard errors   : OIM

Log likelihood    = -2111.991142       AIC              = 13.49039
BIC               = 12782022.77

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      retplasm |      Coef.   Std. Err.    z    P>|z|    [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
      _Isex_1 | 166.3468   47.76693    3.48  0.000   72.72537   259.9683
      _Ivituse_1 | 33.46968  29.28935    1.14  0.253  -23.93638   90.87575
      _Ivituse_2 | 39.49589  31.87656    1.24  0.215  -22.98102  101.9728
      _IsexXvit_~1 | -11.72721  76.51943   -0.15  0.878  -161.7025  138.2481
      _IsexXvit_~2 | -255.6611 105.4603   -2.42  0.015  -462.3596 -48.96267
      _cons | 563.2184   21.84213   25.79  0.000   520.4086  606.0282
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```

- a) Calculate the estimates for mean plasma retinol levels for each one of the six categories, which can be created by the combination of gender and vitamin use categories.

The descriptive statistics of the plasma retinol levels by gender and vitamin use are given in the STATA output below:

```
. tabulate sex vituse, summarize(retplasm)
```

Means, Standard Deviations and Frequencies of Plasma retinol (ng/ml)

Sex	Vitamine use			Total
	1	2	3	
1	751.30769	513.4	729.56522	710.09756
	329.43269	298.59303	290.0285	305.52208
	13	5	23	41
2	596.68807	602.71429	563.21839	587.72161
	203.71816	184.6959	159.92785	185.43069
	109	77	87	273
Total	613.16393	597.26829	598	603.70064
	223.83038	192.02109	204.39088	208.60239
	122	82	110	314

b) Compare the results listed above with those calculated in the previous question.

3. Regression models for the analysis of covariance

The analysis of covariance can be expressed in terms of a linear regression. We can assess the effect of gender and age on plasma retinol levels using the following command in STATA (the model includes the gender-age interaction):

```
. xi: glm retplasm i.sex*age
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)
i.sex*age      _IsexXage_#        (coded as above)
```

Iteration 0: log likelihood = -2110.4432

Generalized linear models	No. of obs	=	314
Optimization : ML: Newton-Raphson	Residual df	=	310
	Scale parameter	=	40833.46
Deviance = 12658374.05	(1/df) Deviance	=	40833.46
Pearson = 12658374.05	(1/df) Pearson	=	40833.46

Variance function: V(u) = 1 [Gaussian]
Link function : g(u) = u [Identity]
Standard errors : OIM

Log likelihood	= -2110.443238	AIC	= 13.46779
BIC	= 12656591.74		

retplasm	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
age	2.810887	.8693928	3.23	0.001	1.106909 4.514866
_Isex_1	235.3007	151.7706	1.55	0.121	-62.16429 532.7657
_IsexXage_1	-2.421536	2.502083	-0.97	0.333	-7.325528 2.482455
_cons	451.2649	43.94161	10.27	0.000	365.1409 537.3888

From the STATA output above we have that there is no significant interaction between gender and age (Why?).

a) Check the parallelism by creating an appropriate graph.

Thus we proceed with a more parsimonious model excluding the interaction term.

```
. xi: glm retplasm i.sex age
i.sex          _Isex_1-2          (naturally coded; _Isex_2 omitted)

Iteration 0:   log likelihood = -2110.9169

Generalized linear models              No. of obs      =       314
Optimization      : ML: Newton-Raphson  Residual df    =       311
                                                Scale parameter = 40825.15
Deviance          = 12696620.84         (1/df) Deviance = 40825.15
Pearson          = 12696620.84         (1/df) Pearson  = 40825.15

Variance function: V(u) = 1             [Gaussian]
Link function     : g(u) = u           [Identity]
Standard errors   : OIM

Log likelihood    = -2110.916892        AIC              = 13.46444
BIC              = 12694832.78

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      retplasm |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
      _Isex_1 |    92.42252   35.20318     2.63   0.009    23.42555    161.4195
        age |     2.518526  .8151396     3.09   0.002     .920882     4.116171
        _cons |    465.4578   41.41804    11.24   0.000    384.2799    546.6356
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```

Which leads to a significant gender effect (p value 0.009) at the 5% level.