

## Quiz #6

## Chapter 8 and Maximum Likelihood Estimators

## Group 1

## Respuestas Sugeridas

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1. Una de las siguientes afirmaciones es **incorrecta** (escoja la mejor opción):
- Para encontrar un estimador de máxima verosimilitud (MV) es necesario conocer (o suponer) la función de distribución de la que proviene la muestra.
  - Si se supone que  $\varepsilon \sim (0, \sigma^2 I_n)$  los estimadores MV para los betas son iguales a los estimador MCO.
  - El estimador de la varianza MV difiere del estimador de la varianza por MCO.
  - El estimador de la varianza MV es insesgado.

Answer d

2. The purpose of a recent research project is to determine whether there exists a racial discrimination in salaries or not, in a given city. A sample of 20000 workers is used, where 5000 of the workers are black, 10000 are white and 5000 are Latin American workers. The following variables were used:

$S_i$ : is the salary of the worker i

$Ex_i$ : is the experience of the worker i

$Edu_i$ : is the education level of the worker i

$W_i \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th worker is white} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$

$B_i \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th worker is black} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$

$LA_i \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th worker is Latin American} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$

The following model was estimated:

$$S_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Ex_i + \beta_2 B_i + \beta_3 LA_i + \beta_4 Edu_i + \varepsilon_i$$

One of the following sentences is **not true**, choose the appropriate

- The model is appropriate to reach the objective of the research.
- If there is racial discrimination, the coefficients associated with  $W_i$ ,  $B_i$  and  $LA_i$  will not be significant.
- The expected sign of the coefficient associated to  $LA_i$ , if there's discrimination in the salary against people that are not white, is negative and significant.
- None of the above

Answer b

3. A dummy variable:

- a. Is also known as a binary variable, and it can take several values from 0 to 1.
- b. Is also called binary variable, and can take any value between -1 or 1.
- c. Is also known as a binary variable, and it can not take just two values.
- d. Is also known as a binary variable, and can take the value 0 or 1.

Answer d

4. One of the following models it's the best to determine whether there exist any type of discrimination of gender in salaries or not. Suppose that  $Ex_i$ : is the experience of the worker i ,  $Edu_i$ : is the education level of the worker i, and:

$$W_i \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th worker is woman} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

$$N_i \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{th worker is man} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

- a.  $S_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Ex_i + \beta_2 W_i + \beta_3 N_i + \beta_5 Edu + \varepsilon_i$
- b.  $S_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Ex_i + \beta_2 W_i + \beta_3 W_i Ex_i + \beta_5 Edu_i + \beta_6 Edu_i W_i + \varepsilon_i$
- c.  $S_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Ex_i + \beta_2 W_i + \beta_5 Edu_i + \beta_6 Edu_i W_i + \varepsilon_i$
- d.  $S_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Ex_i + \beta_2 N_i + \beta_5 Edu_i + \varepsilon_i$

Answer b

5. One of the following statements is **not** true:
- a. The dummy variables are used to indicate the absence or presence of a particular qualitative characteristic.
  - b. We can incorporate any qualitative characteristic into a regression with a dummy variable.
  - c. The dummy variables are used to indicate the absence or presence of a particular quantitative characteristic.
  - d. None of the above.

Answer c