

Lecture 3: Multiple OLS Regression

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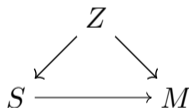
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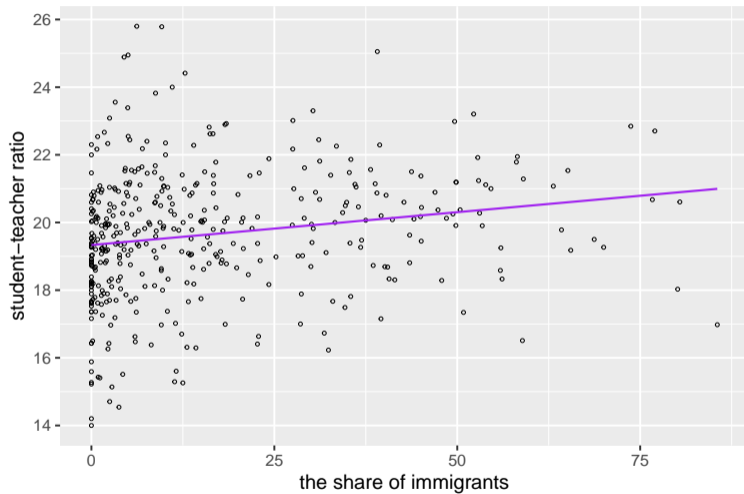
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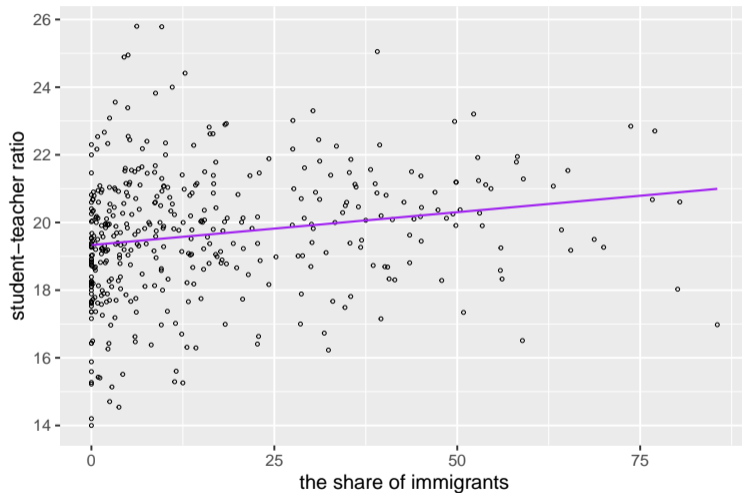
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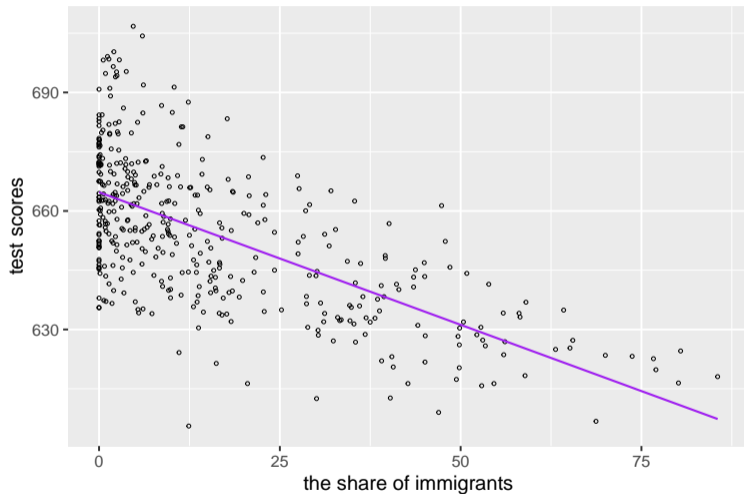


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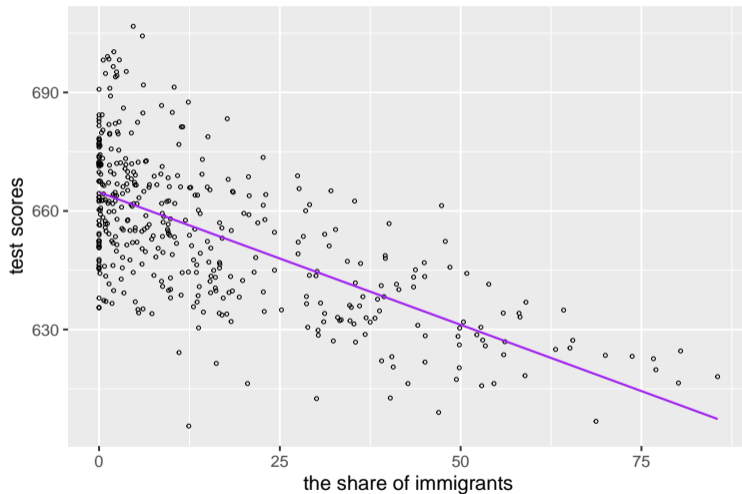


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 3. $\hat{\beta}_j$ measures the effect of X_1 after the effects of X_2, \dots, X_k have been **partialled out or netted out**.
- FWL Theorem provides a new and important perspective to understand the multiple OLS estimator.

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```
tilde.str <- residuals(lm(str ~ el_pct, data=ca))
tilde.score <- residuals(lm(testscr ~ str+el_pct, data=ca))
sum(tilde.str) # also is zero
```

```
#> [1] 1.837419e-14
```

```
sum(tilde.str*ca$el_pct) # also should be zero
```

```
#> [1] -3.423928e-13
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reg3 <- lm(testscr ~ tilde.str,data = ca)
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#>
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#> lm(formula = testscr ~ tilde.str, data = ca)
#>
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#>      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
#> -48.693 -14.124   0.988  13.209  50.872
#>
#> Coefficients:
#>              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept)  654.1565     0.9254  706.864  <2e-16 ***
#> tilde.str    -1.1013     0.4986   -2.209   0.0277 *
#> ---
#> Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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#>
#> Residuals:
#>      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
#> -48.845 -10.240  -0.308   9.815  43.461
#>
#> Coefficients:
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#> (Intercept)  686.03225    7.41131   92.566 < 2e-16 ***
#> str          -1.10130    0.38028   -2.896  0.00398 **
#> el_pct       -0.64978    0.03934  -16.516 < 2e-16 ***
#> ---
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<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
testscr		
	(1)	(2)
tilde.str	-1.101** (0.499)	
str		-1.101*** (0.380)
el_pct		-0.650*** (0.039)
Constant	654.157*** (0.925)	686.032*** (7.411)
Observations	420	420
Adjusted R ²	0.009	0.424

Note: * p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01

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Example: Test scores and Student Teacher Ratios

```
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```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	420
Model	64864.3011	2	32432.1506	F(2, 417)	=	155.01
Residual	87245.2925	417	209.221325	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	152109.594	419	363.030056	R-squared	=	0.4264
				Adj R-squared	=	0.4237
				Root MSE	=	14.464

testscr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
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- The default intercept term, β_0 , represents the large-sized class. Then, the coefficients (β_1, β_2) represent *testscore* gaps between small_sized, middle-sized class and large-sized class, respectively.

- regress *Testscore* on *Class size* and *the percentage of English learners*

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#> Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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nel_pct		0.650*** (0.039)
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Constant	686.032*** (7.411)	685.382*** (7.416)
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Adjusted R²	0.424	0.424

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- Again, our estimate of the **treatment effect** (ρ) is only going to be as good as our ability to eliminate the **selection bias**, thus

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