



# 9. Heteroskedasticity Cross-Sectional Analysis

Read Wooldridge (2013), Chapter 8



## Outline

- I. Consequences of Heteroskedasticity
- II. Testing for Heteroskedasticity
- III. Heteroskedasticity-Robust Inference
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## I. Consequences of Heteroskedasticity



- Motivation: Consider the model

$$sav_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 inc_i + u_i$$

$y = sav = saving$   
 $x = inc = income$

- Constant variances (MLR. 5)

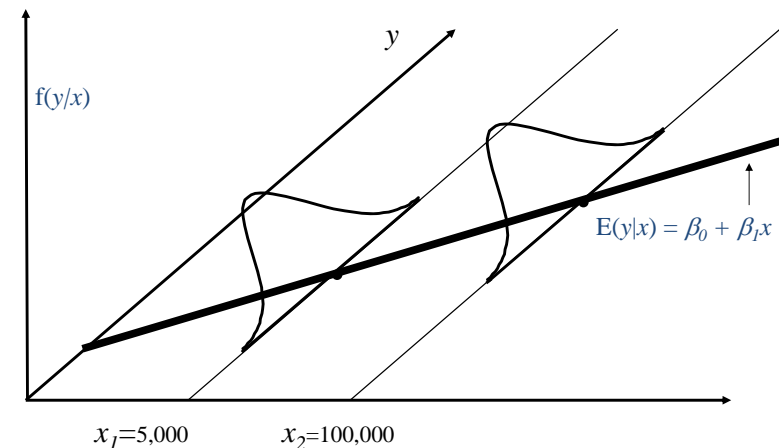
$$Var(u_i | inc_i) = \sigma^2,$$

which implies that

$$Var(sav_i | inc_i) = \sigma^2$$

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## Homoskedastic Case



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# Heteroskedasticity



- Violation of homoskedasticity:  
What if the variability of savings of the rich is **less than** that of the lower income group?
- Here we say that the variance of savings –  $y$  (or unobserved factors –  $u$ ) increases with income
 
$$\text{VAR}(sav_i | inc_i = 5,000) = \sigma^2_5 \quad (\text{see } x_1)$$

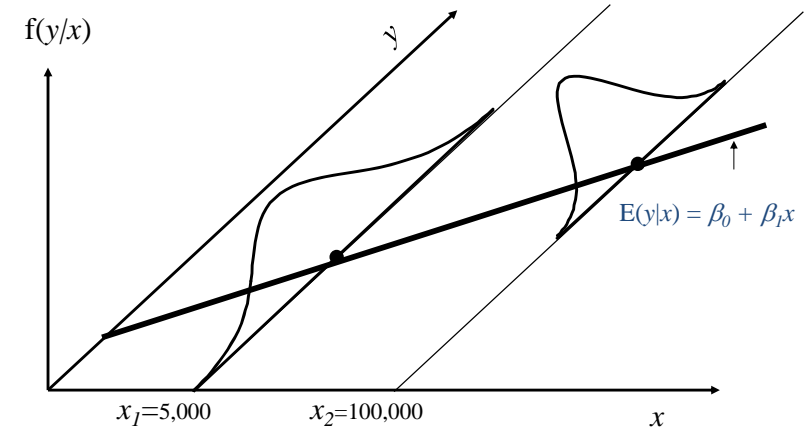
$$\text{VAR}(sav_i | inc_i = 100,000) = \sigma^2_{100} \quad (\text{see } x_2)$$
- When variances are unequal, this problem is called heteroskedasticity. (See Graph)

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# Example of Heteroskedasticity



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# MLR.5 violated: Heteroskedasticity



- Consider a model
 
$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + u$$
 Heteroskedasticity
 
$$\text{VAR}(u_i | x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sigma_i^2$$

Properties unaffected by heteroskedasticity:

- 1) OLS estimators are still unbiased and consistent.
- 2) The interpretation is the same for goodness-of-fit measures,  $R^2$  and  $R^2\text{-bar}$ .

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# Properties invalid under heteroskedasticity: unequal variances



- 1) The estimators of the variances,  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$ , are biased.
- 2) t, F and LM statistics no longer have t, F and LM distributions.
- 3) OLS is no longer best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE).

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## II. Testing for Heteroskedasticity

- There are many tests for heteroskedasticity, but we will learn two modern tests:
  - 1) Breusch-Pagan Test for Heteroskedasticity
  - 2) White Test
    - use no cross terms.
    - use cross terms.
    - use fitted values of the LHS variable
- These modern tests assume that the variance of the error depends or does not depend upon the explanatory variables.

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## Breusch-Pagan Test

- Given MLR.1-MLR.4, consider the Model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u$$

- Want to test  $H_0$ : whether MLR.5 is true

$$H_0 : \text{VAR}(u_i | x_1, \dots, x_3) = E(u_i^2) = \sigma^2$$

$$u^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + v$$

- To test whether  $u_i^2$  is related to  $x_i$ 's

$$H_0 : \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_k = 0$$

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## Use residuals for $u_i^2$

- Since we don't observe  $u_i$ , but we have estimates of  $\hat{u}_i$  - residuals.

$$\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + v$$

- Use F-test or LM test to test the overall significance

$$H_0 : \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_k = 0$$

$$F = \frac{R_{\hat{u}^2}^2 / k}{(1 - R_{\hat{u}^2}^2) / (n - k - 1)} \sim F_{k, (n-k-1)}$$

$$LM = n * R_{\hat{u}^2}^2 \sim \chi_k^2$$

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## Example: Consider cigarette demand function

*income*: annual income in dollars

*cigpric*: state cigarette price, cents per pack

*educ*: years of schooling

*age*: age measured in years

*restaurn* = 1 if a state has restaurant smoking restrictions

= 0 if a state has no restaurant smoking restrictions

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$

### BP Test for heteroskedasticity

**Step 1:** Estimate the above equation.

**Step 2:** obtain residuals from the *cigs* equation or  $\hat{u}$

In Eviews, obtain residual series – *resid01*

**Step 3:** Regress  $\hat{u}_i^2$  on all  $x_i$ 's.

$resid01^2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$

**Step 4:** Use F and LM Tests for heteroskedasticity. Compute F and LM statistics and compare to critical values of the  $F_{k, n-k-1}$  and  $\chi_k^2$  distributions

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# LM version of the Bruesch-Pagan Test



**Step 4:** Use F-test and LM-test

1) F-statistic = 5.55  
p-value = (0.000012)

2) LM statistic = Obs\*R-squared  
= 807\*.039973 = 32.26

**Chi square distribution with 6 DFs**

- c = 12.59 (5% significance level)
  - c = 16.81(1% significance level)
- What can we say about heteroskedasticity?

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# Views: **Step 1:** Estimate the cigarette demand equation



Dependent Variable: CIGS				
Sample: 1 807				
Included observations: 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-3.639823	24.07866	-0.151164	0.8799
LOG(INCOME)	0.880268	0.727783	1.209519	0.2268
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.750862	5.773342	-0.130057	0.8966
EDUC	-0.501498	0.167077	-3.001596	0.0028
AGE	0.770694	0.160122	4.813155	0
AGE^2	-0.009023	0.001743	-5.176494	0
RESTAURN	-2.825085	1.111794	-2.541016	0.0112
R-squared	0.052737	Mean dependent var	8.686493	
Adjusted R-squared	0.045632	S.D. dependent var	13.72152	
S.E. of regression	13.40479	Akaike info criterion	8.037737	
Sum squared resid	143750.7	Schwarz criterion	8.078448	
Log likelihood	-3236.227	F-statistic	7.423062	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.012825	Prob(F-statistic)	0	

**Proc/Make Residual Series. Step 2: name for residual series: resid01**

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# Step 3: Regress resid01^2 ( $\hat{u}_i^2$ ) on all $x_i$ 's



Dependent Variable: RESID01^2				
Sample: 1 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-636.303	652.4945	-0.975186	0.3298
LOG(INCOME)	24.63847	19.7218	1.249302	0.2119
LOG(CIGPRIC)	60.97663	156.4487	0.389755	0.6968
EDUC	-2.38423	4.527535	-0.526606	0.5986
AGE	19.41748	4.339068	4.475034	0
AGE^2	-0.21479	0.047234	-4.547398	0
RESTAURN	-71.1814	30.12789	-2.362641	0.0184
R-squared	0.039973	Mean dependent var	178.1297	
Adjusted R-squared	0.032773	S.D. dependent var	369.3519	
S.E. of regression	363.2491	Akaike info criterion	14.63669	
Sum squared resid	1.06E+08	Schwarz criterion	14.6774	
Log likelihood	-5898.91	<b>F-statistic</b>	<b>5.551687</b>	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.937302	<b>Prob(F-statistic)</b>	<b>0.000012</b>	

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# White Test of Heteroskedasticity



- Consider the three-variable model

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + u$$

$$H_0: \text{Var}(u_i | x_{1i}, x_{2i}, x_{3i}) = \sigma^2$$

- Weaker assumption by White (1980)

$u^2$  is uncorrelated with  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), (x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2), (x_1 x_2, x_1 x_3, x_2 x_3)$

$$\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2 + \delta_3 x_3 + \delta_4 x_1^2 + \delta_5 x_2^2 + \delta_6 x_3^2 + \delta_7 x_1 x_2 + \delta_8 x_1 x_3 + \delta_9 x_2 x_3 + v$$

- $H_0: \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_9 = 0$

Use F and LM Test

What are the rejection rules?

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## Intractable: more regressors



- Consider the model with 6 regressors

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2(cigpric) + \beta_3educ + \beta_4age + \beta_5age^2 + \beta_6restaurn + u$$

- $\hat{u}_i^2 = \delta_0 + 25$  regressors +  $v$ 
  - LOG(INCOME), (LOG(INCOME))^2, (LOG(INCOME))\*(LOG(CIGPRIC)), (LOG(INCOME))\*EDUC, (LOG(INCOME))\*AGE, (LOG(INCOME))\*(AGE^2), (LOG(INCOME))\*RESTAURN,
  - LOG(CIGPRIC), (LOG(CIGPRIC))^2, (LOG(CIGPRIC))\*EDUC, (LOG(CIGPRIC))\*AGE, (LOG(CIGPRIC))\*(AGE^2), (LOG(CIGPRIC))\*RESTAURN
  - EDUC, EDUC^2, EDUC\*AGE, EDUC\*(AGE^2), EDUC\*RESTAURN
  - AGE, AGE^2, AGE\*(AGE^2), AGE\*RESTAURN, (AGE^2)^2, (AGE^2)\*RESTAURN
  - RESTAURN

$$H_0 : \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_{25} = 0$$

k = 25  
n - k - 1 = n - 26

What are the rejection rules?

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## Easier way to implement White Test



- Idea : use OLS fitted values in a test for heteroskedasticity

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k x_k$$

When we square  $\hat{y}$ , we get a particular function of all the squares and cross products

- Simpler form of White Test

$$\hat{u}^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \hat{y} + \delta_2 \hat{y}^2 + v$$

- What are the null hypothesis and rejection rules?

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## Model:

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$



### A Special case of the White Test for heteroskedasticity

**Step 1:** Estimate the above equation.

**Step 2:** obtain fitted value from the cigarette equation.

In Eviews, obtain residual series – *resid01* (or  $\hat{u}_i$ )

Note that  $y_i = \hat{y}_i + \hat{u}_i$  or  $cigs_i = \hat{cigs}_i + \hat{u}_i$

Generating series for  $\hat{cigs}_i$  called *cigshat*

$$cigshat = cigs_i - resid01$$

**Step 3:** Regress  $\hat{u}_i^2$  on  $\hat{cigs}_i$  and  $\hat{cigs}_i^2$

$$resid01^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 cigshat + \delta_2 cigshat^2 + v$$

**Step 4:** Use F and LM Tests for heteroskedasticity. Compute F and LM statistics and compare to critical values of the  $F_{2,n-3}$  and  $\chi^2_2$  distributions

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## Eviews: **Step 1:** Estimate the cigarette demand equation



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Sum squared resid	143750.7	Schwarz criterion		8.078448
Log likelihood	-3236.227	F-statistic		7.423062
Durbin-Watson stat	2.012825	Prob(F-statistic)		0

**Step 2:** Generating series for  $\hat{cigs}_i^2$  called *cigshat*

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### Step 3: Regress $resid01^2$ on $cigs_i$ and $cigs_i^2$



Dependent Variable: RESID01^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Sample: 1 807				
Included observations: 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	14.05341	47.79852	0.294013	0.7688
CIGSHAT	14.05344	11.56743	1.214914	0.2248
CIGSHAT^2	0.491978	0.755633	0.65108	0.5152
R-squared	0.032928	Mean dependent var		178.1297
Adjusted R-squared	0.030522	S.D. dependent var		369.3519
S.E. of regression	363.6715	Akaike info criterion		14.63409
Sum squared resid	1.06E+08	Schwarz criterion		14.65154
Log likelihood	-5901.86	F-statistic		13.6876
Durbin-Watson stat	1.93512	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000001

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### Step 4. LM and F-test for White Test



- $resid01^2 = \delta_0 + \delta_1 cigshat + \delta_2 cigshat^2 + v$   
 $H_0: \delta_1 = \delta_2 = 0$
- F-test  
 $F = 13.6876$   
 $p\text{-value} = .000001$   
 Could you find critical values to verify this?
- LM test  
 $LM = obs * R\text{-squared} = 807 * .032928 = 26.57$   
Chi square distribution with 2 DFs  
 –  $c = 5.99$  (5% significance level)  
 –  $c = 9.21$  (1% significance level)

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### Model:

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$



- We could follow similar steps to test for heteroskedasticity using White Tests.

#### 3) White Test with no cross terms

$$\hat{u}_i^2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + \beta_7 [\log(income)]^2 + \beta_8 [\log(cigpric)]^2 + \beta_9 educ^2 + \beta_{10} [age^2]^2 + v$$

#### 4) White Test with cross terms.

$$\hat{u}_i^2 = \beta_0 + 25 \text{ regressors} + v$$

#### • Eviews:

It has commands to find F and LM statistics using White Tests (methods 3-4).

In the [equation output](#) window,

- (3) Choose [View/Residual Tests/White heteroskedasticity](#) (with no cross terms)
- (4) Choose [View/Residual Tests/White heteroskedasticit](#) (with cross terms) for (4)

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### In the “Equation” window, run the following regression.



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View/Residual Tests/White heteroskedasticity (no cross terms) for (3)



White Heteroskedasticity Test:				
F-statistic	3.732565	Probability	0.000065	
Obs*R-squared	36.14649	Probability	0.000079	
Dependent Variable: RESID^2				
Included observations: 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	18981.92	18710.46	1.014509	0.3106
LOG(INCOME)	16.21011	277.0494	0.05851	0.9534
(LOG(INCOME))^2	0.413056	15.27585	0.02704	0.9784
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-9800.158	9251.297	-1.059328	0.2898
(LOG(CIGPRIC))^2	1219.708	1144.864	1.065374	0.287
EDUC	16.17731	27.71945	0.583609	0.5596
EDUC^2	-0.782004	1.09046	-0.717132	0.4735
AGE	35.95817	11.20129	3.210181	0.0014
AGE^2	-0.499351	0.185168	-2.69675	0.0071
(AGE^2)^2	1.92E-05	1.22E-05	1.572888	0.1161
RESTAURN	-64.69514	30.44613	-2.124905	0.0339
R-squared	0.044791	Mean dependent var	178.1297	
Log likelihood	-5896.875	F-statistic	3.732565	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.937056	Prob(F-statistic)	0.000065	

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View/Residual Tests/White heteroskedasticity (with cross terms) for (4)



White Heteroskedasticity Test:				
F-statistic	2.159258	Probability	0.000905	
Obs*R-squared	52.17245	Probability	0.00114	
Dependent Variable: RESID^2				
Included observations: 807				
Variable (25 regressors)	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	29374.77	20559.14	1.428794	0.1535
LOG(INCOME)	-1049.63	963.4359	-1.08947	0.2763
(LOG(INCOME))^2	-3.94118	17.07122	-0.23087	0.8175
(LOG(INCOME))*(LOG(CIGPRIC))	329.8896	239.2417	1.378897	0.1683
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RESTAURN	-2868.2	2986.776	-0.9603	0.3372
R-squared Mean	0.06465	dependent var	178.1297	
Log likelihood	-5888.4	F-statistic	2.159258	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.933288	Prob(F-statistic)	0.000905	

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### III. Heteroskedasticity – Robust Inference after OLS Estimation



- In the presence of heteroskedasticity, Eviews can adjust standard errors, t, F, and LM, statistics so that they are valid.
  - This method is called the heteroskedastic-robust procedure.
- Technically, this procedure is valid, at least in **large samples**, whether or not the errors have constant variances.

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### Sketch the procedure



- Consider the simple regression model
 
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + u_i$$

$$\text{Var}(u_i | x_i) = \sigma_i^2$$
- Steps to find robust standard errors:
  - Find estimator of  $\beta_1$
  - Under the assumptions MLR.1 – MLR.4, the variance can be found.
  - White(1980) suggests using  $\hat{u}^2$  in place of  $\sigma_i^2$ . Thus, we can find the estimator of  $\text{VAR}(\hat{\beta}_j)$
  - A heteroskedastic-robust standard error can be found.
- Sketch for the general case?

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## Variance with Heteroskedasticity



For the simple case,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}, \text{ so}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sigma_i^2}{SST_x^2}, \text{ where } SST_x = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

A valid estimator for this when  $\sigma_i^2 \neq \sigma^2$  is

$$\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \hat{u}_i^2}{SST_x^2},$$

where  $\hat{u}_i$  are the OLS residuals

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## Variance with Heteroskedasticity



For the general multiple regression model, a valid estimator of  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$  with heteroskedasticity is

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \frac{\sum \hat{r}_{ij} \hat{u}_i^2}{SSR_j^2},$$

where  $\hat{r}_{ij}$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  residual from regressing  $x_j$  on all other independent variables, and

$SSR_j$  is the sum of squared residuals from this regression

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## Example: *cigs* equation



- Consider the model

$$\text{cigs} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{income}) + \beta_2 \log(\text{cigpric}) + \beta_3 \text{educ} + \beta_4 \text{age} + \beta_5 \text{age}^2 + \beta_6 \text{restaurn} + u$$

- Find the *cigs* equation using heteroskedastic-robust procedure.

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## Steps in Eviews:



- Step 1:** Estimate the log equation in usual OLS method.
 
$$\text{cigs} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{income}) + \beta_2 \log(\text{cigpric}) + \beta_3 \text{educ} + \beta_4 \text{age} + \beta_5 \text{age}^2 + \beta_6 \text{restaurn} + u$$

- Step 2:** Find the log equation with heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors.

In the “Equation” window,

- Choose Estimate.

In the “Equation Estimation” box,

- click *option* button. Then,
- click “heteroskedasticity consistent coefficient covariance.”
  - click “White”

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## Step 1: Estimate the *cigs* equation in usual way



Dependent Variable: CIGS				
Included observations: 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-3.639823	24.07866	-0.151164	0.8799
LOG(INCOME)	0.880268	0.727783	1.209519	0.2268
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.750862	5.773342	-0.130057	0.8966
EDUC	-0.501498	0.167077	-3.001596	0.0028
AGE	0.770694	0.160122	4.813155	0
AGE^2	-0.009023	0.001743	-5.176494	0
RESTAURN	-2.825085	1.111794	-2.541016	0.0112
R-squared	0.052737	Mean dependent var	8.686493	
Adjusted R-squared	0.045632	S.D. dependent var	13.72152	
S.E. of regression	13.40479	Akaike info criterion	8.037737	
Sum squared resid	143750.7	Schwarz criterion	8.078448	
Log likelihood	-3236.227	F-statistic	7.423062	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.012825	Prob(F-statistic)	0	

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## Step 2: White Heteroskedasticity-Consistent s.e.'s



Dependent Variable: CIGS				
Included observations: 807				
White Heteroskedasticity-Consistent Standard Errors & Covariance				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-3.63982	25.61646	-0.142089	0.887
LOG(INCOME)	0.880268	0.596011	1.476931	0.1401
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.75086	6.035401	-0.12441	0.901
EDUC	-0.5015	0.162394	-3.088167	0.0021
AGE	0.770694	0.138284	5.573262	0
AGE^2	-0.00902	0.001462	-6.170768	0
RESTAURN	-2.82509	1.008033	-2.802573	0.0052
R-squared	0.052737	Mean dependent var	8.686493	
Adjusted R-squared	0.045632	S.D. dependent var	13.72152	
S.E. of regression	13.40479	Akaike info criterion	8.037737	
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## OLS and Robust estimates: compared



Dependent Variable: CIGS

Variable	Coefficient	s.e	s.e (robust)	Prob.	Prob. (robust)
C	-3.639823	24.07866	25.61646	0.8799	0.887
LOG(INCOME)	0.880268	0.727783	0.596011	0.2268	0.1401
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.750862	5.773342	6.035401	0.8966	0.901
EDUC	-0.501498	0.167077	0.162394	0.0028	0.0021
AGE	0.770694	0.160122	0.138284	0	0
AGE^2	-0.009023	0.001743	0.001462	0	0
RESTAURN	-2.825085	1.111794	1.008033	0.0112	0.0052

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## Interpretation: *cigs* demand equation

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$



- 1) In this application, any variable that is statistically significant at 1% level using the usual t test is still significant under the heteroskedasticity-robust procedure.  
variables: *educ*, *age*, *age*<sup>2</sup> and *restaurn*.
- 2) The robust standard errors are either larger or smaller than the usual standard error
- 3) The robust s.e. on  $\log(income)$  becomes smaller, but that on  $\log(cigpric)$  is larger.
- 4) How to interpret the coefficients of various variables in the model?

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# Robust F-test and Wald Test

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$

- Want to test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$$

In the equation with robust standard errors, we can easily obtain heteroskedastic robust F-statistic – also called **heteroskedastic robust Wald statistic**.

- [Step 1](#). White Heteroskedasticity-Consistent s.e.'s
- [Step 2](#). View/Coefficient Tests/Wald-Coefficient Restrictions
- [Step 3](#). Type in c(2)=0, c(3)=0

- The F-statistic is

$$F = 0.733326; \quad \text{p-value} = .480631 \text{ (incorrect)}$$

$$\text{robust F-statistic} = 1.099; \quad \text{p-value} = .3338 \text{ (correct)}$$

Since p-value >  $\alpha$ , we do not reject  $H_0$  and conclude that income and price together do not have an effect on cigarette demand.

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# Step 1: White Heteroskedasticity-Consistent s.e.'s

Dependent Variable: CIGS

Included observations: 807

White Heteroskedasticity-Consistent Standard Errors & Covariance

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# View/Coefficient Tests/Redundant Variables ...



Redundant Variables: LOG(INCOME) LOG(CIGPRIC)

Test	Value	Probability
F-statistic	0.733326	0.480631
Log-likelihood ratio	1.478131	0.47756

# View/Coefficient Tests/Wald Coefficient Restrictions

Test Statistic	Value	df	Probability
F-statistic	1.098858	(2, 800)	0.3338
Chi-square	2.197717	2	0.3333

Normalized Restriction (= 0)	Value	Std. Err.
C(2)	0.880268	0.596011
C(3)	-0.75086	6.035401

Restrictions are linear in coefficients.

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# IV. Weighted Least Squares

- Assume that MLR.1-MLR.4 hold, but MLR.5 does not.

Let  $\underline{x}$  denote  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$

$$\text{VAR}(u_j | \underline{x}) = \sigma_i^2 \text{ (heteroskedasticity)}$$

$$\text{Let } \sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 h(\underline{x})$$

$$\therefore \text{VAR}(u_j | \underline{x}) = \sigma^2 h(\underline{x}) \quad h(\underline{x}) > 0 \text{ (since VAR} > 0)$$

- Heteroskedasticity can be corrected under two cases:
  - $\sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 h(\underline{x})$ .  $h(\underline{x})$  is known up to a multiplicative constant
  - $h(\underline{x})$  has to be estimated – feasible GLS

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## Case 1: $h(x)$ is known up to a multiplicative constant



- Consider the model

Let  $y_i = sav_i$ ;  $x_i = inc_i$ ;  $h_i = x_i$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + u_i \quad (\text{OLS})$$

$$\text{var}(u_i | x_i) = \sigma^2 h_i \quad (\text{heteroskedastic})$$

- Trick : Divide the equation by  $\text{sqr}(h_i)$

$$\frac{y_i}{\sqrt{h_i}} = \beta_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_i}} + \beta_1 \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{h_i}} + \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{h_i}} \quad (\text{IV.1})$$

- Show that the errors in (IV.1) are homoskedastic!

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## Weighted Least Squares



- Weighted least squares – obtain the values of  $\beta_j^*$  that makes the weighted SSR as small as possible:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_i^2}{h_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n [(y_i - \beta_0^* - \beta_1^* x_{i1} - \dots - \beta_k^* x_{ik})^2] / h_i$$

where each **squared residual** is weighted by  $1/h_i$ .

- Bring  $1/h_i$  inside the squared residual:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_i^2}{h_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{y_i}{\sqrt{h_i}} - \beta_0^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{h_i}} - \beta_1^* \frac{x_{i1}}{\sqrt{h_i}} - \dots - \beta_k^* \frac{x_{ik}}{\sqrt{h_i}} \right)^2$$

- GLS is an efficient procedure.

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## Example: Saving equation



- OLS :  $sav_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 inc_i + u_i$   
 $\text{VAR}(u_i | inc_i) = \sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 inc_i$  is not constant.  
 $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are not BLUE.

- GLS : transformed equation  
 $sav_i / (inc_i)^{1/2} = \beta_0 / (inc_i)^{1/2} + \beta_1 inc_i / (inc_i)^{1/2} + u_i / (inc_i)^{1/2}$   
 $\text{VAR}[u_i / inc_i] = \sigma^2$  is constant.  
 $\beta_0^*$  and  $\beta_1^*$  are BLUE

- The GLS estimators after correcting the error for heteroskedasticity is called weighted least squares (WLS) estimators.

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## OLS & WLS compared



	OLS	WLS
MLR.1-MLR-4	yes	yes
MLR.5	heteroskedasticity	homoskedasticity
error variance	not constant	constant
BLUE	no	yes
t and F Dist	invalid	valid
R-squared	meaningful	not meaningful

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## OLS and WLS Results: saving equation



**OLS:**  $sav = 124.8 + 0.147inc$   
 prob { .8493 } { 0.0124 }  
 n=100,  $R^2=.0621$   $R^2\text{-bar}=.0526$

**WLS:**  $sav/inc^{.5} = -125.0[1/inc^{.5}] + 0.172inc^{.5}$   
 prob { .7955 } { .0032 }  
 n=100,  $R^2=.0225$   $R^2\text{-bar}=.0125$

- Eview Trick: WLS
  - Step 1:** Obtain Original output
  - Step 2:** In the [Equation:...] window, Choose Estimate and then options. click Weighted LS/TSLs Type in the weight,  $1/inc^{.5}$  or  $1/sqr(inc)$

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## Step 1: OLS – Regress sav on inc (with intercept)



Dependent Variable: SAV				
Method: Least Squares				
Sample: 1 100				
Included observations: 100				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	124.8424	655.3931	0.190485	0.8493
INC	0.146628	0.057549	2.547897	0.0124
R-squared	0.062127	Mean dependent var	1582.51	
Adjusted R-squared	0.052557	S.D. dependent var	3284.902	
S.E. of regression	3197.415	Akaike info criterion	18.99787	
Sum squared resid	1.00E+09	Schwarz criterion	19.04997	
Log likelihood	-947.894	F-statistic	6.491778	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.536387	Prob(F-statistic)	0.012391	

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## WLS: Regress sav/(inc<sup>.5</sup>) on 1/inc<sup>.5</sup> and inc<sup>.5</sup> (with no intercept)



Dependent Variable: SAV/(INC <sup>.5</sup> )				
Method: Least Squares				
Sample: 1 100				
Included observations: 100				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
1/(INC <sup>.5</sup> )	-124.953	480.8606	-0.259852	0.7955
INC <sup>.5</sup>	0.171756	0.056813	3.023184	0.0032
R-squared	0.022487	Mean dependent var	15.25151	
Adjusted R-squared	0.012512	S.D. dependent var	29.89943	
S.E. of regression	29.71179	Akaike info criterion	9.640762	
Sum squared resid	86513.48	Schwarz criterion	9.692866	
Log likelihood	-480.038	Durbin-Watson stat	1.567035	

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Dependent Variable: SAV				
Included observations: 100				
<b>Step 2: Compare to the regression of</b> $sav_i/(inc_i)^{1/2} = \beta_0/(inc_i)^{1/2} + \beta_1 inc_i/(inc_i)^{1/2} + u_i/(inc_i)^{1/2}$				
<b>Weighting series: 1/INC<sup>.5</sup></b>				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-124.953	480.8606	-0.25985	0.7955
INC	0.171756	0.056813	3.023184	0.0032
Weighted Statistics				
R-squared	0.022487	Mean dependent var	1364.931	
Adjusted R-squared	0.012512	S.D. dependent var	2675.843	
S.E. of regression	2659.05	Akaike info criterion	18.62912	
Sum squared resid	6.93E+08	Schwarz criterion	18.68123	
Log likelihood	-929.456	F-statistic	9.139642	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.567035	Prob(F-statistic)	0.003192	
Unweighted Statistics				
R-squared	0.060303	Mean dependent var	1582.51	
Adjusted R-squared	0.050714	S.D. dependent var	3284.902	
S.E. of regression	3200.523	Sum squared resid	1.00E+09	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.559211			

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WLS: In practice, we rarely know  $h(x)$ . Consider the model:  
 $sav_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 inc_i + \beta_2 size_i + \beta_3 educ_i + \beta_4 age_i + \delta_0 black_i + u_i$   
 Does the variance depend on “age” or “education”?

Individual level data vs. Averages of data

- There is a case where weights needed arise naturally.

Example: the effect of earnings on the contribution to Private Provident Fund.

Individual data:

$$contrib_{i,e} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 earn_{i,e} + u_{i,e}$$

Assume MLR.1-MLR.4 and  $Var(u_{i,e}) = \sigma^2$

$i$  : denote a particular firm

$e$ : an employee within the firm

$contrib_{i,e}$ : annual contribution

$earn_{i,e}$ : annual earnings

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Average data at the firm level:

$$\overline{contrib}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \overline{earn}_i + \bar{u}_i$$

$VAR(u\text{-bar}) = \sigma^2/m_i$  (Heteroskedastic)

$$h_i = 1/m_i$$

$$\text{weight} = m_i$$

$$= m_i^{1/2} \text{(in the transformed equation and Eviews)}$$

Show the error in the transformed equation is homoskedastic!

WLS: to use with per-capita data

- A similar weighting arises when we use data at the city, province, or country level.
- In summary, WLS gives us an efficient way to treat averages of data.

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## Case 2: $h(x)$ must be estimated



- Suppose the heteroskedasticity function is unknown  
 i.e.,  $VAR(u_i | x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sigma^2 h(x)$   
 where  $h(x)$  is unknown and must be **estimated**; i.e., find  $\hat{h}_i$ .
- Using  $\hat{h}_i$  in GLS transformation yields an estimator, called an FGLS estimator.
- **FGLS is no longer unbiased but consistent in large samples.**  
 FGLS is no longer BLUE but asymptotically more efficient than OLS.

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## Feasible GLS Estimator, $\hat{h}_i$

- Assume that  
 $VAR(u | \underline{x}) = \sigma^2 \exp(\delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \dots + \delta_k x_k)$   
 $u^2 = \sigma^2 \exp(\delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \dots + \delta_k x_k) v$   
 $\log(u^2) = \alpha_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + e$
- Estimate  
 $\log(\hat{u}^2) = \alpha_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + e$   
 $\hat{g}_i$  = fitted value of  $\log(\hat{u}^2)$   
 The estimates of  $h_i$  are simply  
 $\hat{h}_i = \exp(\hat{g}_i)$

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## Properties: OLS, GLS and FGLS

	OLS	known $h_i$	$\hat{h}_i$ : FGLS
<b>Unbiasedness</b>	yes	yes	<b>no longer unbiased but consistent</b>
<b>BLUE</b>	no	yes	<b>no longer BLUE but asymptotically more efficient</b>
<b>t and F dist.</b>	no	exact t and F distributions	<b>approximately t and F distributions</b>

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## Example: FGLS and cigarette equation

$$cigs = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(income) + \beta_2 \log(cigpric) + \beta_3 educ + \beta_4 age + \beta_5 age^2 + \beta_6 restaurn + u$$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \beta_5 x_5 + \beta_6 x_6 + u$$

- Using Breusch-Pagan Test or White Tests, we found that the variances are nonconstant.

### Steps in running FGLS equation

**Step 1:** Run the regression of

$y$  on  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6$  and obtain residuals  $\hat{u}_i$  (called, *resid01*) in Eviews.

**Step 2:** Run the regression of  $\log(\hat{u}_i^2)$  or

$\log(resid01^2)$  on  $x_1, \dots, x_6$  and obtain residuals  $\hat{h}_i$  (called, *lresid02* in Eviews)

**Step 3:** From step 2, obtain  $\hat{g}_i$  and  $\hat{h}_i$

and the fitted values of  $\log(\hat{u}_i^2)$  (called  $\hat{g}_i$ )

$$\hat{g}_i = \log(resid01^2) - lresid02$$

Since  $h_i = \exp(\hat{g}_i)$ , then in Eview

$$h01 = \exp(\log(resid01^2) - lresid02)$$

**Step 4:** Run the FGLS equation using  $1/h01$  as weights. ( $1/\sqrt{h01}$  are weights in Eviews)

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## Eviews: Step 1: Estimate the cigarette demand equation



Dependent Variable: CIGS

Sample: 1 807

Included observations: 807

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-3.639823	24.07866	-0.151164	0.8799
LOG(INCOME)	0.880268	0.727783	1.209519	0.2268
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.750862	5.773342	-0.130057	0.8966
EDUC	-0.501498	0.167077	-3.001596	0.0028
AGE	0.770694	0.160122	4.813155	0
AGE^2	-0.009023	0.001743	-5.176494	0
RESTAURN	-2.825085	1.111794	-2.541016	0.0112
R-squared	0.052737	Mean dependent var		8.686493
Adjusted R-squared	0.045632	S.D. dependent var		13.72152
S.E. of regression	13.40479	Akaike info criterion		8.037737
Sum squared resid	143750.7	Schwarz criterion		8.078448
Log likelihood	-3236.227	F-statistic		7.423062
Durbin-Watson stat	2.012825	Prob(F-statistic)		0

Proc/Make Residual Series. Then, name for residual series: *resid01*

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## Step 2: Run the regression of $\log(\hat{u}_i^2)$ or $\log(resid01^2)$ on $x_1, \dots, x_6$



Dependent Variable: LOG(RESID01^2)

Included observations: 807

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-1.92069	2.563033	-0.749382	0.4538
LOG(INCOME)	0.29154	0.077468	3.763351	0.0002
LOG(CIGPRIC)	0.195418	0.614539	0.317992	0.7506
EDUC	-0.0797	0.017784	-4.481657	0
AGE	0.204005	0.017044	11.96928	0
AGE^2	-0.00239	0.000186	-12.89313	0
RESTAURN	-0.62701	0.118344	-5.298213	0
Log likelihood	-1428.44	F-statistic		43.82129
Durbin-Watson stat	2.024587	Prob(F-statistic)		0

Proc/Make Residual Series. Then, name for residual series: *lresid02*

**Step 3:** Generating Series:  $h01 = \exp(\log(resid01^2) - lresid02)$

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### Step 4: FGLS equation with weights, $1/\sqrt{h01}$

View Trick: WLS; In the "Equation" window, Choose **Estimate** and then **options**. Click **Weighted LS/TSLS**. Type in the weight,  $1/\sqrt{h01}$ .



Dependent Variable: CIGS				
Included observations: 807				
<b>Weighting series: 1/SQR(H01)</b>				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	5.635471	17.80314	0.316544	0.7517
LOG(INCOME)	1.295239	0.437012	2.963855	0.0031
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-2.94031	4.460145	-0.659242	0.5099
EDUC	-0.46345	0.120159	-3.856953	0.0001
AGE	0.481948	0.096808	4.978378	0
AGE^2	-0.00563	0.000939	-5.989706	0
RESTAURN	-3.46106	0.795505	-4.350776	0
Weighted Statistics				
R-squared	0.002751	Mean dependent var	7.158227	
Log likelihood	-3126.19	F-statistic	17.05549	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.049719	Prob(F-statistic)	0	
Unweighted Statistics				
R-squared	0.045739	Mean dependent var	8.686493	

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Alternatively, [Step 4](#): Regress  $cigs/\sqrt{h01}$  on  $1/\sqrt{h01}$ ,  $\log(\text{income})/\sqrt{h01}$ , ... with no intercept



Dependent Variable: CIGS/SQR(H01)				
Included observations: 807				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
1/SQR(H01)	5.635471	17.80314	0.316544	0.7517
LOG(INCOME)/SQR(H01)	1.295239	0.437012	2.963855	0.0031
LOG(CIGPRIC)/SQR(H01)	-2.94031	4.460145	-0.659242	0.5099
EDUC/SQR(H01)	-0.46345	0.120159	-3.856953	0.0001
AGE/SQR(H01)	0.481948	0.096808	4.978378	0
AGE^2/SQR(H01)	-0.00563	0.000939	-5.989706	0
RESTAURN/SQR(H01)	-3.46106	0.795505	-4.350776	0
R-squared	0.002751	Mean dependent var	0.966192	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.00473	S.D. dependent var	1.574979	
S.E. of regression	1.578698	Akaike info criterion	3.759715	
Sum squared resid	1993.831	Schwarz criterion	3.800425	
Log likelihood	-1510.05	Durbin-Watson stat	2.049719	

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### OLS & FGLS Results Compared



Dep. Var = <i>cigs</i>	OLS	FGLS	OLS	FGLS
Variable	Coefficient	Coefficient	Prob.	Prob.
C	-3.6398	5.635471	0.8799	0.7517
LOG(INCOME)	0.88027	1.295239	0.2268	0.0031
LOG(CIGPRIC)	-0.7509	-2.940314	0.8966	0.5099
EDUC	-0.5015	-0.463446	0.0028	0.0001
AGE	0.77069	0.481948	0	0
AGE^2	-0.009	-0.005627	0	0
RESTAURN	-2.8251	-3.461064	0.0112	0

Interpretation:

1. Income effect is now statistically significant and larger in magnitude.
2. Price effect is still statistically insignificant.
3. Cigarette smoking is negatively related to schooling.
4. Age has a diminishing marginal effect on smoking. Smoking increases with age up until 42.8 years old and then smoking decreases with age.
5. Cigarette smoking is negatively affected by restaurant smoking restrictions.

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### Recap of Heteroskedasticity



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