

# Panel Data Methods

## 1: Short Panels - Basics

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# 1. Introduction

- Panel data are repeated measures on individuals ( $i$ ) over time ( $t$ ).
  - ▶ Regress  $y_{it}$  on  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .
- Here consider basic linear models for short panels.
- Presentation follows Cameron and Trivedi (2010) chapter 8.

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## 2. Panel Data Summary: Wages

- PSID wage data 1976-82 on 595 individuals. Balanced.
- Source: Baltagi and Khanti-Akom (1990).
  - ▶ Corrected version of Cornwell and Rupert (1998).
- Goal: estimate causative effect of education on wages.
- Complication: education is time-invariant in these data.
  - ▶ Rules out fixed effects estimation for coefficient of education.
  - ▶ Need to use IV methods (Hausman-Taylor).
  - ▶ These more advanced methods are presented in day 2.

# Reading in Panel Data

- Data organization may be
  - ▶ long form: each observation is an individual-time  $(i, t)$  pair
  - ▶ wide form: each observation is data on  $i$  for all time periods
  - ▶ wide form: each observation is data on  $t$  for all individuals
- xt commands require data in long form
  - ▶ use reshape long command to convert from wide to long form
  - ▶ see Cameron and Trivedi (2010) chapter 8.11.
- Data here are already in long form.

```
. * Read in data set
. use mus08psidextract.dta, clear
(PSID wage data 1976-82 from Baltagi and Khanti-Akom
(1990))
```

# Summarize Data using Non-panel Commands

```
. * Describe dataset
. describe
```

Contains data from mus08psidextract.dta

```
obs:      4,165      PSID wage data 1976-82 from Baltagi and Khanti-Akom
vars:      15        16 Aug 2007 16:29
size:     283,220 (97.5% of memory free)  (_dta has notes)
```

variable name	storage type	display format	value label	variable label
exp	float	%9.0g		years of full-time work experience
wks	float	%9.0g		weeks worked
occ	float	%9.0g		occupation; occ==1 if in a blue-collar occupation
ind	float	%9.0g		industry; ind==1 if working in a manufacturing industry
south	float	%9.0g		residence; south==1 if in the South area
smsa	float	%9.0g		smsa==1 if in the Standard metropolitan statistical area
ms	float	%9.0g		marital status
fem	float	%9.0g		female or male
union	float	%9.0g		if wage set be a union contract
ed	float	%9.0g		years of education
blk	float	%9.0g		black
lwage	float	%9.0g		log wage
id	float	%9.0g		
t	float	%9.0g		
exp2	float	%9.0g		

- Summary statistics combine variation over  $i$  and  $t$ .

```
. * Summarize dataset
. summarize
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
exp	4165	19.85378	10.96637	1	51
wks	4165	46.81152	5.129098	5	52
occ	4165	.5111645	.4999354	0	1
ind	4165	.3954382	.4890033	0	1
south	4165	.2902761	.4539442	0	1
smsa	4165	.6537815	.475821	0	1
ms	4165	.8144058	.3888256	0	1
fem	4165	.112605	.3161473	0	1
union	4165	.3639856	.4812023	0	1
ed	4165	12.84538	2.787995	4	17
blk	4165	.0722689	.2589637	0	1
lwage	4165	6.676346	.4615122	4.60517	8.537
id	4165	298	171.7821	1	595
t	4165	4	2.00024	1	7
exp2	4165	514.405	496.9962	1	2601

- Since 4165 ( $= 7 \times 595$ ) observations for all variables the dataset is balanced and complete.

- Listing the first few observations is useful

```
. * Organization of data set  
. list id t exp wks occ in 1/3, clean
```

	id	t	exp	wks	occ
1.	1	1	3	32	0
2.	1	2	4	43	0
3.	1	3	5	40	0

- Data are in long form, sorted by `id` and then by `t`



# Stata Commands for Panel Data Summary

- Commands describe, summarize and tabulate confound cross-section and time series variation.
- Instead use specialized panel commands after `xtset`:
  - ▶ `xtdescribe`: extent to which panel is unbalanced
  - ▶ `xtsum`: separate within (over time) and between (over individuals) variation
  - ▶ `xttab`: tabulations within and between for discrete data e.g. binary
  - ▶ `xttrans`: transition frequencies for discrete data
  - ▶ `xtline`: time series plot for each individual on one chart
  - ▶ `xtdata`: scatterplots for within and between variation.

# Summarize Data using Panel Commands

- `xtset` command defines  $i$  and  $t$ .
  - ▶ Allows use of panel commands and some time series operators

```
. * Declare individual identifier and time identifier
. xtset id t
panel variable:  id (strongly balanced)
time variable:  t, 1 to 7
delta:  1 unit
```

- `xtdescribe` command summarizes number of time periods each individual is observed.

```
. * Panel description of data set
. xtdescribe
```

```
id: 1, 2, ..., 595          n =          595
t:  1, 2, ..., 7           T =           7
Delta(t) = 1 unit
Span(t) = 7 periods
(id*t uniquely identifies each observation)
```

```
Distribution of T_i:  min      5%    25%    50%    75%    95%    max
                    7        7        7        7        7        7
```

Freq.	Percent	Cum.	Pattern
595	100.00	100.00	1111111
595	100.00		xxxxxxx

- Data are balanced with every individual  $i$  having 7 time periods of data.

- `xtsum` command splits overall variation into
  - ▶ between variation: variation in  $\bar{x}_i = T_i^{-1} \sum_i x_{it}$  across individuals
  - ▶ within variation: variation in  $x_{it}$  around  $\bar{x}_i$

```
. * Panel summary statistics: within and between variation
. xtsum lwage exp ed t
```

Variable		Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max	Observations	
lwage	overall	6.676346	.4615122	4.60517	8.537	N =	4165
	between		.3942387	5.3364	7.813596	n =	595
	within		.2404023	4.781808	8.621092	T =	7
exp	overall	19.85378	10.96637	1	51	N =	4165
	between		10.79018	4	48	n =	595
	within		2.00024	16.85378	22.85378	T =	7
ed	overall	12.84538	2.787995	4	17	N =	4165
	between		2.790006	4	17	n =	595
	within		0	12.84538	12.84538	T =	7
t	overall	4	2.00024	1	7	N =	4165
	between		0	4	4	n =	595
	within		2.00024	1	7	T =	7

- For time-invariant variable `ed` the within variation is zero.  
For individual-invariant variable `t` the between variation is zero.  
For `lwage` the within variation < between variation.

- `xttab` command provides more detail for discrete-valued variable.

```
. * Panel tabulation for a variable
. xttab south
```

south	Overall		Between		Within
	Freq.	Percent	Freq.	Percent	Percent
0	2956	70.97	428	71.93	98.66
1	1209	29.03	182	30.59	94.90
Total	4165	100.00	610	102.52	97.54

(n = 595)

- 29.03% on average were in the south.
- 30.59% were ever in the south.
- 94.9% of those ever in the south were always in the south.

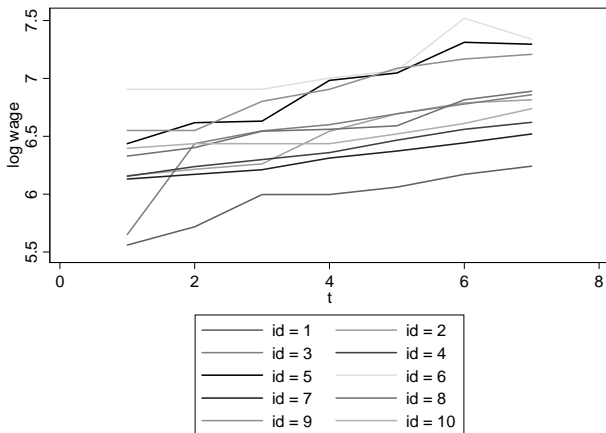
- `xttrans` provides transition probabilities for discrete-valued variable.

```
. * Transition probabilities for a variable
. xttrans south, freq
```

residence; south==1 if in the South area	residence; south==1 if in the South area		Total
	0	1	
0	2,527 99.68	8 0.32	2,535 100.00
1	8 0.77	1,027 99.23	1,035 100.00
Total	2,535 71.01	1,035 28.99	3,570 100.00

- For the 28.99% of the sample ever in the south, 99.23% remained in the south the next period.

- \* Time series plots of log wage for first 10 individuals
- xtline lwage if id<=10, overlay



- Much autocorrelation in each person's wage.

# Autocorrelations

- Because `xtset` set a time variable can use time series commands
  - ▶ `Lj.x` gives `x` lagged `j` periods.
- Can compute autocorrelations for a variable.

```
. * First-order autocorrelation in a variable
. sort id t

. correlate lwage L.lwage L2.lwage L3.lwage L4.lwage L5.lwage L6.lwage
(obs=595)
```

	lwage	L. lwage	L2. lwage	L3. lwage	L4. lwage	L5. lwage	L6. lwage
lwage	1.0000						
--							
L1.	0.9238	1.0000					
L2.	0.9083	0.9271	1.0000				
L3.	0.8753	0.8843	0.9067	1.0000			
L4.	0.8471	0.8551	0.8833	0.8990	1.0000		
L5.	0.8261	0.8347	0.8721	0.8641	0.8667	1.0000	
L6.	0.8033	0.8163	0.8518	0.8465	0.8594	0.9418	1.0000

- High serial correlation:  $\text{Cor}[y_t, y_{t-6}] = 0.80$  and not AR(1).
- Note that estimated autocorrelations without imposing stationarity.
- Weakness: Only 595 observations used as needed `L6.lwage`



# Autocorrelations - better

- Command `pwcorr` uses all the available data

```
. * The previous uses few observations as needs L6.lwage
. * The following uses as much data as is available
. pwcorr lwage L.lwage L2.lwage L3.lwage L4.lwage L5.lwage L6.lwage
```

	lwage	L.lwage	L2.lwage	L3.lwage	L4.lwage	L5.lwage	L6.lwage
lwage	1.0000						
L.lwage	0.9189	1.0000					
L2.lwage	0.8858	0.9128	1.0000				
L3.lwage	0.8649	0.8748	0.9044	1.0000			
L4.lwage	0.8460	0.8565	0.8684	0.8988	1.0000		
L5.lwage	0.8220	0.8444	0.8602	0.8631	0.8944	1.0000	
L6.lwage	0.8033	0.8163	0.8518	0.8465	0.8594	0.9418	1.0000

## Autocorrelations - nonstationary

- The preceding imposed stationarity:  $\text{Corr}[y_{it}, y_{it-j}] = \text{Corr}[y_{it+k}, y_{it+k-j}]$ .
- Following does not constrain e.g. correlation between years 1 and 2 to equal that between 2 and 3 (so no longer stationary)

```
. * First-order autocorrelation differs in different year pairs
. forvalues s = 2/7 {
2.     quietly corr lwage L1.lwage if t == `s'
3.     display "Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year `s' = " %6.3f r(rho)
4.     }
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 2 = 0.942
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 3 = 0.867
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 4 = 0.899
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 5 = 0.907
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 6 = 0.927
Autocorrelation at lag 1 in year 7 = 0.924
```

### 3. Pooled OLS (a Population-Averaged Estimator)

- Pooled OLS is regular OLS of  $y_{it}$  on  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$ 
  - ▶ Consistent if  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is uncorrelated with the error  $u_{it}$ .

```
. * Pooled OLS with incorrect default standard errors
. regress lwage exp exp2 wks ed, noheader
```

lwage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.044675	.0023929	18.67	0.000	.0399838	.0493663
exp2	-.0007156	.0000528	-13.56	0.000	-.0008191	-.0006121
wks	.005827	.0011827	4.93	0.000	.0035084	.0081456
ed	.0760407	.0022266	34.15	0.000	.0716754	.080406
_cons	4.907961	.0673297	72.89	0.000	4.775959	5.039963

- Important: The default standard errors are too small
  - ▶ they erroneously assume errors are independent over  $t$  for given  $i$ .
  - ▶ this assumes more information content from data than is the case.

## Cluster-Robust Standard Errors

- Should instead use cluster-robust standard errors

```
. * Pooled OLS with cluster-robust standard errors
. regress l wage exp exp2 wks ed, noheader vce(cluster id)
      (Std. Err. adjusted for 595 clusters in id)
```

l wage	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.044675	.0054385	8.21	0.000	.0339941	.055356
exp2	-.0007156	.0001285	-5.57	0.000	-.0009679	-.0004633
wks	.005827	.0019284	3.02	0.003	.0020396	.0096144
ed	.0760407	.0052122	14.59	0.000	.0658042	.0862772
_cons	4.907961	.1399887	35.06	0.000	4.633028	5.182894

- Cluster-robust standard errors here are twice as large as default!  
Cluster-robust t-statistics are half as large as default!
- Typical result. Need to use cluster-robust se's if use pooled OLS.

## Pooled FGLS (a Population-Averaged Estimator)

- Do more efficient Feasible GLS assuming an error correlation model (over time) such as AR(1) or equicorrelated.

- Here specify AR(2):  $u_{it} = \rho_1 u_{i,t-1} + \rho_2 u_{i,t-2} + \varepsilon_{it}$

```
. xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, pa corr(ar 2) vce(robust) nolog
```

```
GEE population-averaged model
Group and time vars:          id t
Link:                         identity
Family:                       Gaussian
Correlation:                  AR(2)
Scale parameter:              .1966639
                             wald chi2(4) = 873.28
                             Prob > chi2   = 0.0000
```

(Std. Err. adjusted for clustering on id)

lwage	Coef.	Semirobust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.0718915	.003999	17.98	0.000	.0640535	.0797294
exp2	-.0008966	.0000933	-9.61	0.000	-.0010794	-.0007137
wks	.0002964	.0010553	0.28	0.779	-.001772	.0023647
ed	.0905069	.0060161	15.04	0.000	.0787156	.1022982
_cons	4.526381	.1056897	42.83	0.000	4.319233	4.733529

- Same as `xtgee lwage $xlist, pa corr(ar 2) vce(robust) nolog`

## 4. Linear Short Panels Overview: Basic considerations

- ① Regular time intervals assumed.
- ② Unbalanced panel okay (`xt` commands handle unbalanced data).  
[Should then rule out selection/attrition bias].
- ③ Short panel assumed, with  $T$  small and  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .  
[Versus long panels, with  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $N$  small or  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .]
- ④ Errors are correlated.  
[For short panel: correlated over  $t$  for given  $i$ , but not over  $i$ .]
- ⑤ Parameters may vary over individuals or time.  
Intercept: Individual-specific effects model (fixed or random effects).  
Slopes: Pooling and random coefficients models.
- ⑥ Regressors: time-invariant, individual-invariant, or vary over both.
- ⑦ Prediction.  
[Not always possible even if marginal effects computed.]
- ⑧ Dynamic models: possible.  
[Usually static models are estimated.]

# Summary of Basic Linear Short Panel Models

- Pooled model (or population-averaged)

$$y_{it} = \alpha + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + u_{it}.$$

- Two-way effects model allows intercept to vary over  $i$  and  $t$

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \gamma_t + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it}.$$

- Individual-specific effects model

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $\alpha_i$  may be fixed effect or random effect  
and  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  may include time dummies.

- Mixed model or random coefficients model allows slopes to vary over  $i$

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \varepsilon_{it}.$$

# Fixed effects versus random effects model

- Individual-specific effects model:

$$y_{it} = \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + (\alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}).$$

- Fixed effects (FE):

- ▶  $\alpha_i$  is a random variable possibly correlated with  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$
- ▶ so regressor  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  may be endogenous (wrt to  $\alpha_i$  but not  $\varepsilon_{it}$ )  
e.g. education ( $x_{it}$ ) is correlated with time-invariant ability ( $\alpha_i$ )
- ▶ pooled OLS, pooled GLS, RE are inconsistent for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$
- ▶ within (FE) and first difference estimators are consistent.

- Random effects (RE) or population-averaged (PA):

- ▶  $\alpha_i$  is purely random (usually iid  $(0, \sigma_\alpha^2)$ ) unrelated to  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$
- ▶ so regressor  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is exogenous
- ▶ all estimators are consistent for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

- Fundamental divide: microeconometricians FE versus others RE.



## Fixed effects model

- The FE model allows consistent estimation of  $\beta$  even if  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is correlated with the error, without the need to instrument!
- How? It is assumed that  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  is correlated only with the time-invariant component of the error
  - ▶ e.g. time-invariant unobserved ability in an earnings - schooling panel regression.
- In principal there is an incidental parameters problem
  - ▶  $k \beta'$ s and  $N \alpha'_i$ s to estimate with  $N \rightarrow \infty$
  - ▶ in linear models okay as can difference out  $\alpha_i$
  - ▶ but this is not possible in most nonlinear models.
- There is also great loss in estimation precision
  - ▶ only within variation is used and data may have little within variation
    - ★ extreme case: time-invariant regressor not identified.

# Summary of Linear Panel Estimators

- Pooled or population-averaged estimator:
  - ▶ OLS of  $y_{it}$  on intercept and  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$
  - ▶ FGLS of  $y_{it}$  on intercept and  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  where assume e.g. equicorrelated errors or AR(1) errors.
- Within or fixed effects estimator
  - ▶ OLS of  $(y_{it} - \bar{y}_i)$  on  $(\mathbf{x}_{it} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)$ .
- Between estimator
  - ▶ OLS of  $\bar{y}_i$  on  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i$
- Random effects estimator
  - ▶ OLS of  $(y_{it} - \hat{\lambda}\bar{y}_i)$  on  $(1 - \hat{\lambda})\mu$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_{it} - \hat{\lambda}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)$
  - ▶  $\hat{\lambda}$  is consistent for  $\lambda = 1 - \sigma_\varepsilon / \sqrt{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 + T\sigma_\alpha^2}$ .
- First difference estimator
  - ▶ OLS of  $\Delta y_{it}$  on  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_{it}$ .

# Panel Robust Inference

- There are many different panel estimators.
- Many methods assume  $\varepsilon_{it}$  and  $\alpha_j$  (if present) are iid.
  - ▶ This yields wrong standard errors if errors are heteroskedastic or if errors are not equicorrelated over time for a given individual.
- Instead, for a short panel can relax assumptions and use cluster-robust inference.
  - ▶ This allows heteroskedasticity and general correlation over time for given  $i$ .
  - ▶ Independence over  $i$  is still assumed.
- Implementation in Stata
  - ▶ For `xtreg` use option `vce(robust)` does cluster-robust
  - ▶ For some other `xt` commands use option `vce(cluster id)`
  - ▶ And for some other `xt` commands there is no option, but may be able to do a cluster bootstrap.

# Panel Robust Inference (continued)

- For simplicity, consider OLS

$$y_{it} = \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + u_{it}.$$

- Stack all years for given  $i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{iT} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}'_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}'_{iT} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \begin{bmatrix} u_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{iT} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{u}_i$$

$T \times 1$                      
  $T \times k$   $k \times 1$                      
  $T \times 1$

## Panel Robust Inference (continued)

- Then stack over all years

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_T \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{NT \times 1} = \mathbf{X}_{NT \times k} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{k \times 1} + \mathbf{u}_{NT \times 1}$$

- Then three equivalent representations

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{OLS}} &= [\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}]^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} \\ &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{x}_i \right]^{-1} \sum_i \mathbf{x}_i' y_i \\ &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}_{it} \mathbf{x}_{it}' \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{x}_{it} y_{it}. \end{aligned}$$

## Panel Robust Inference (continued)

- Usual algebra yields

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= \beta + [\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}]^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u} \\ \text{Var}[\widehat{\beta}] &= [\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}]^{-1}\text{Var}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}]^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

- Old approach:  $\text{Var}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{X}'\text{Var}[\mathbf{u}]\mathbf{X}$  and estimate  $\text{Var}[\mathbf{u}]$
- New approach (White (1980)): Estimate  $k \times k$   $\text{Var}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u}]$
- For panel robust use independence over  $i$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u}] &= \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{X}_i' \mathbf{u}_i\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}\left[\mathbf{X}_i' \mathbf{u}_i\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \text{E}[\mathbf{X}_i' \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i' \mathbf{X}_i]\end{aligned}$$

- So use

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{X}_i' \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i' \mathbf{X}_i$$

- ▶ where  $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i' \widehat{\beta}$ .

## Panel Robust Inference (continued)

- Panel robust variance estimate that controls for both serial correlation and heteroskedasticity is

$$\widehat{V}[\widehat{\beta}_{OLS}] = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{x}_i \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i' \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i' \mathbf{x}_i \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{x}_i \right]^{-1},$$

- ▶ where  $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i' \widehat{\beta}$
  - ▶ need  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and independence over  $i$ .
- Literature:
  - ▶ Generalizes White (1980) for heteroskedasticity
  - ▶ Liang and Zeger (1986) proposed for biostatistics models
  - ▶ Arellano (1989) proposed for fixed effects estimator
  - ▶ Rogers (1983) popularized through Stata option `vce(cluster)`.

## Panel Robust Inference (continued)

- Now extend to RE, FE ... estimators.
- These are OLS on transformed data  $(y_{it}^*, \mathbf{w}_{it}^*)$  where e.g.  $y_{it}^* = y_{it} - \bar{y}_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y_{it}^* &= \mathbf{w}_{it}^{*'} \boldsymbol{\theta} + u_{it}^* \\ \mathbf{y}_i^* &= \mathbf{W}_i^* \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{u}_i^* \end{aligned}$$

- Then similar to OLS of  $y_{it}$  on  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$ , we get

$$\widehat{V}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{OLS}}] = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{w}_i^{*'} \mathbf{w}_i^* \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{w}_i^{*'} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i^* \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i^{*'} \mathbf{w}_i^* \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{w}_i^{*'} \mathbf{w}_i^* \right]^{-1},$$

- ▶ where  $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_i^* = \mathbf{y}_i^* - \mathbf{W}_i^* \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
- ▶ need  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and independence over  $i$ .

- An equivalent expression is

$$\widehat{V}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{OLS}}] = \left[ \sum_i \sum_t \mathbf{w}_{it}^* \mathbf{w}_{it}^{*'} \right]^{-1} \sum_i \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \mathbf{w}_{it}^* \mathbf{w}_{is}^{*'} u_{it}^* u_{is}^* \left[ \sum_i \sum_t \mathbf{w}_{it}^* \mathbf{w}_{it}^{*'} \right]^{-1}.$$



## 5. Fixed Effects Estimator

- Mean-differencing eliminates  $\alpha_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{it} &= \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it} \\
 \Rightarrow \bar{y}_i &= \alpha_i + \bar{\mathbf{x}}'_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \bar{\varepsilon}_i \\
 \Rightarrow (y_{it} - \bar{y}_i) &= (\mathbf{x}_{it} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)'\boldsymbol{\beta} + (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

- The within or fixed effects estimator is OLS of  $(y_{it} - \bar{y}_i)$  on  $(\mathbf{x}_{it} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)$ 
  - ▶ Efficiency loss as use only within variation
  - ▶ Coefficient of any time-invariant regressor is not identified ( $x_{it} = \bar{x}_i$ )
  - ▶ Use cluster-robust standard errors
  - ▶ Stata command `xtreg, fe`

- Within or FE estimates:

```
. * within or FE estimator with cluster-robust standard errors
. xtreg l wage exp exp2 wks ed, fe vce(robust)
```

```
Fixed-effects (within) regression      Number of obs   =   4165
Group variable: id                    Number of groups =    595

R-sq:  within = 0.6566                Obs per group:  min =     7
        between = 0.0276                avg   =    7.0
        overall = 0.0476                max   =     7

corr(u_i, xb) = -0.9107                F(3,594)        =   1059.72
                                           Prob > F         =    0.0000
```

(Std. Err. adjusted for 595 clusters in id)

l wage	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.1137879	.0040289	28.24	0.000	.1058753	.1217004
exp2	-.0004244	.0000822	-5.16	0.000	-.0005858	-.0002629
wks	.0008359	.0008697	0.96	0.337	-.0008721	.0025439
ed (dropped)						
_cons	4.596396	.0600887	76.49	0.000	4.478384	4.714408
sigma_u	1.0362039					
sigma_e	.15220316					
rho	.97888036	(fraction of variance due to u_i)				

- Variable ed is not identified as time-invariant regressor in this dataset.

## Fixed Effects Estimator (continued)

- Several ways to compute FE estimator aside from xtreg, fe.
- Least squares dummy variables:
  - ▶  $d_{ji,t}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, N$  are  $N$  dummies equal to 1 if  $i = j$
  - ▶ Estimate directly using regress or use areg

$$y_{it} = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j d_{ji,t} + \mathbf{x}'_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it}$$

\* FE model fitted as LSDV using areg  
 areg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, absorb(id) vce(cluster id)

\* FE model fitted using LSDV using regress  
 set matsize 800  
 quietly xi: regress lwage exp exp2 wks ed i.id,  
 vce(cluster id)  
 estimates table, keep(exp exp2 wks ed \_cons) b se b(%12.7f)

## Mundlak/Chamberlain Model

- Mundlak and Chamberlain suppose the fixed effects

$$\alpha_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i' \boldsymbol{\pi} + \text{error}.$$

- So OLS regress  $y_{it}$  on intercept  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i$
- Yields same  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  estimate as the FE estimator.

\* FE model fitted by add mean of x as a regressor

```
global xlist exp exp2 wks ed
```

```
sort id
```

```
foreach x of varlist $xlist {
```

```
    by id: egen mean'x' = mean('x')
```

```
}
```

```
regress lwage exp exp2 wks ed mean*, vce(robust)
```

## 6. Between Estimator

- OLS of  $\bar{y}_i$  on intercept and  $\bar{x}_i$ 
  - ▶ `xtreg, be` has no heteroskedastic robust option but can bootstrap.

```
. ***** BETWEEN ESTIMATOR
.
. * Between estimator with default standard errors
. xtreg l wage exp exp2 wks ed, be

Between regression (regression on group means)   Number of obs   =   4165
Group variable: id                               Number of groups =   595

R-sq:  within = 0.1357                               Obs per group: min =    7
        between = 0.3264                               avg =              7.0
        overall = 0.2723                               max =              7

sd(u_i + avg(e_i.))=   .324656                       F(4,590)         =   71.48
                                                Prob > F         =   0.0000
```

l wage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.038153	.0056967	6.70	0.000	.0269647	.0493412
exp2	-.0006313	.0001257	-5.02	0.000	-.0008781	-.0003844
wks	.0130903	.0040659	3.22	0.001	.0051048	.0210757
ed	.0737838	.0048985	15.06	0.000	.0641632	.0834044
_cons	4.683039	.2100989	22.29	0.000	4.270407	5.095672

## 7. Random Effects Estimator

- Random effects estimator is FGLS estimator for the RE model

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{it} &= \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it} \\
 \alpha_i &\sim \text{i.i.d.}[\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2] \\
 \varepsilon_{it} &\sim \text{i.i.d.}[0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

- The RE model implies equicorrelated (or exchangeable) errors
  - ▶  $\text{Var}[\alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}] = \text{Var}[\alpha_i] + \text{Var}[\varepsilon_{it}] = \sigma_\alpha^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2$
  - ▶ For  $s \neq t$ ,  $\text{Cov}[\alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{is}] = \text{Cov}[\alpha_i, \alpha_i] = \sigma_\alpha^2$
  - ▶ So  $\text{Corr}[\alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{is}] = \sigma_\alpha^2 / (\sigma_\alpha^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$  for all  $s \neq t$ .
- FGLS can be shown to equal OLS in the transformed model

$$(y_{it} - \hat{\theta}_i \bar{y}_i) = (\mathbf{x}_{it} - \hat{\theta}_i \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)' \boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{error},$$

where  $\hat{\theta}_i$  is a consistent estimate of  $\theta_i = 1 - \sqrt{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 / (T_i \sigma_\alpha^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2)}$ .

- Random effects estimates:

```
. * Random effects estimator with cluster-robust standard errors
. xtreg l wage exp exp2 wks ed, re vce(robust) theta
```

```
Random-effects GLS regression                Number of obs   =    4165
Group variable: id                          Number of groups =     595

R-sq:  within = 0.6340                      Obs per group:  min =      7
        between = 0.1716                      avg   =     7.0
        overall = 0.1830                      max   =      7

corr(u_i, X) = 0 (assumed)                   wald chi2(4)    =   1598.50
theta        = .82280511                     Prob > chi2     =    0.0000
```

(Std. Err. adjusted for 595 clusters in id)

l wage	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.0888609	.0039992	22.22	0.000	.0810227	.0966992
exp2	-.0007726	.0000896	-8.62	0.000	-.0009481	-.000597
wks	.0009658	.0009259	1.04	0.297	-.000849	.0027806
ed	.1117099	.0083954	13.31	0.000	.0952552	.1281647
_cons	3.829366	.1333931	28.71	0.000	3.567921	4.090812
sigma_u	.31951859					
sigma_e	.15220316					
rho	.81505521	(fraction of variance due to u_i)				

- Option theta gives  $\hat{\theta} = 0.82 = 1 - \sqrt{0.152^2 / (7 \times 0.319^2 + 0.152^2)}$ .

## 8. Fixed versus Random Effects Estimators

- RE has advantages: estimates all parameters & may be more efficient.
  - ▶ But RE is inconsistent if fixed effects present.
- Use Hausman test to discriminate between FE and RE.
  - ▶ This tests difference between FE and RE estimates is statistically significantly different from zero.
- Do not use `hausman` command – it requires that RE estimator is fully efficient (see next slide).
- Instead do one of the following
  - ▶ 1. Do a panel bootstrap of the Hausman test.
  - ▶ 2. Do the Wooldridge (2002) robust version of Hausman test.
    - ★ Test  $H_0 : \gamma = \mathbf{0}$  in the auxiliary OLS regression

$$(y_{it} - \hat{\theta}\bar{y}_i) = (1 - \hat{\theta})\alpha + (\mathbf{x}_{it} - \hat{\theta}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)' \boldsymbol{\beta} + (\mathbf{x}_{1it} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{1i})' \boldsymbol{\gamma} + v_{it},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{1i} \subset \mathbf{x}_i$  denotes time-varying regressors only.

- ★ Use cluster-robust standard errors for this test.
- ★ Stata add-on `xtoverid` after `xtreg, re` does this.



# Hausman Test Theory

- Hausman test compares to estimators  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$ 
  - ▶ Test  $H_0 : \text{plim}(\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}) = 0$  against  $H_a : \text{plim}(\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}) \neq 0$ .
  - ▶ e.g. OLS versus 2SLS with possible endogenous regressor
  - ▶ e.g. RE versus FE with possible fixed effect.
- Under  $H_0$ , as usual  $(\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}) \overset{a}{\sim} N[\mathbf{0}, V[\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}]]$ .
- So form  $\chi^2$  statistic:  $H = (\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta})' [V[\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}]]^{-1} (\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta})$ 
  - ▶ reject  $H_0$  if  $H > \chi^2$  critical value.
- Problem: To implement we need estimate of  $V[\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}]$ .
- Hausman (1978) assumed  $\hat{\theta}$  is fully efficient under  $H_0$ 
  - ▶ then  $\text{Cov}[\hat{\theta}, \tilde{\theta}] = \text{Var}[\hat{\theta}]$
  - ▶ implying  $V[\hat{\theta} - \tilde{\theta}] = V[\hat{\theta}] + V[\tilde{\theta}] - 2 \times V[\hat{\theta}] = V[\tilde{\theta}] - V[\hat{\theta}]$ .
  - ▶ but we rarely have  $\hat{\theta}$  fully efficient.

# Hausman Test Wrong

```
. * Wrong Hausman test assuming RE estimator is fully efficient under null hypothesis
. hausman FE_def RE_def, sigmamore
```

	— Coefficients —		(b-B) Difference	sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B)) S.E.
	(b) FE_def	(B) RE_def		
exp	.1137879	.0888609	.0249269	.0012778
exp2	-.0004244	-.0007726	.0003482	.0000285
wks	.0008359	.0009658	-.0001299	.0001108

b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtreg  
 B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtreg

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

```
chi2(3) = (b-B)'[(V_b-V_B)^(-1)](b-B)
          = 1513.02
Prob>chi2 = 0.0000
```

# Hausman Test Correct

- Following is manual

```
. * Correct Robust Hausman test using method of wooldridge (2002)
. global xlist exp exp2 wks

. foreach x of varlist $xlist {
  2.   by id: egen mean`x' = mean(`x')
  3.   }

. quietly regress lwage exp exp2 wks meanexp meanexp2 meanwks, vce(cluster id)

. test meanexp meanexp2 meanwks

( 1) meanexp = 0
( 2) meanexp2 = 0
( 3) meanwks = 0

      F( 3, 594) = 630.59
      Prob > F = 0.0000
```

- Get exactly same result using simpler
 

```
quietly regress lwage exp exp2 wks ///
meanexp meanexp2 meanwks, vce(cluster id)
test meanexp meanexp2 meanwks
```
- Can also use Stata add-on `xtoverid` after `xtreg, re`

## 9. First Difference Estimator

- First-differencing eliminates  $\alpha_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{it} &= \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it} \\
 \Rightarrow y_{i,t-1} &= \alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i,t-1}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{i,t-1} \\
 \Rightarrow (y_{it} - y_{i,t-1}) &= (\mathbf{x}_{it} - \mathbf{x}_{i,t-1})'\boldsymbol{\beta} + (\varepsilon_{it} - \varepsilon_{i,t-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

- First differences estimator

- ▶ OLS regression of  $\Delta y_{it}$  on  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_{it}$ , i.e. use first differences.
- ▶ Coefficient of any time-invariant regressor is not identified ( $x_{it} = x_{i,t-1}$ ).

- Not used much for basic FE model

- ▶ FE estimator is fully efficient if  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is iid  $(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$
- ▶ FD estimator is fully efficient if  $\varepsilon_{it} = \varepsilon_{it-1} + v_{it}$  where  $v_{it}$  is iid  $(0, \sigma_v^2)$
- ▶ FE=FD if  $T = 2$  as then  $y_{i2} - \bar{y}_i = y_{i2} - \frac{y_{i1} + y_{i2}}{2} = (y_{i2} - y_{i1})/2$ .

# First Difference Estimator (continued)

- No direct Stata command.
- Can regress `D.(lwage $xlist), vce(cluster id)`
- More comparable to FE is regress with noconstant  
regress `D.(lwage $xlist), noconstant vce(cluster id)`
  - ▶ FE is also noconstant, but then adds back in  $\bar{y}$ .

- First differences estimator

```
. regress d.lwage d.exp d.exp2 d.wks d.ed, noconstant vce(cluster id)
note: _delete omitted because of collinearity
```

Linear regression

```
Number of obs = 3570
F( 3, 594) = 1035.19
Prob > F = 0.0000
R-squared = 0.2209
Root MSE = .18156
```

(Std. Err. adjusted for 595 clusters in id)

D.lwage	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
exp D1.	.1170654	.0040974	28.57	0.000	.1090182	.1251126
exp2 D1.	-.0005321	.0000808	-6.58	0.000	-.0006908	-.0003734
wks D1.	-.0002683	.0011783	-0.23	0.820	-.0025824	.0020459
ed D1.	(omitted)					

## 10. Estimator comparison

- . \* Compare various estimators (with cluster-robust se's)
- . global xlist exp exp2 wks ed
- . quietly regress lwage \$xlist, vce(cluster id)
- . estimates store OLS
- . quietly xtgee lwage exp exp2 wks ed, corr(ar 2)  
vce(robust)
- . estimates store PFGLS
- . quietly xtreg lwage \$xlist, be
- . estimates store BE
- . quietly xtreg lwage \$xlist, re vce(robust)
- . estimates store RE
- . quietly xtreg lwage \$xlist, fe vce(robust)
- . estimates store FE
- . estimates table OLS PFGLS BE RE FE, b(%9.4f) se stats(N)

Variable	OLS	PFGLS	BE	RE	FE
exp	0.0447	0.0719	0.0382	0.0889	0.1138
	0.0054	0.0040	0.0057	0.0040	0.0040
exp2	-0.0007	-0.0009	-0.0006	-0.0008	-0.0004
	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
wks	0.0058	0.0003	0.0131	0.0010	0.0008
	0.0019	0.0011	0.0041	0.0009	0.0009
ed	0.0760	0.0905	0.0738	0.1117	(omitted)
	0.0052	0.0060	0.0049	0.0084	
_cons	4.9080	4.5264	4.6830	3.8294	4.5964
	0.1400	0.1057	0.2101	0.1334	0.0601
N	4165	4165	4165	4165	4165

Legend: b/se

- Coefficients vary considerably across OLS, RE, FE and RE estimators.
  - ▶ FE and RE similar as  $\hat{\theta} = 0.82 \simeq 1$ .
- Not shown is that even for FE and RE cluster-robust changes se's.
- Coefficient of ed not identified for FE as time-invariant regressor!



# Standard Errors Comparison

- Compares default to panel-robust standard errors for RE and FE.

Variable	RE_def	RE	FE_def	FE
exp	0.0889 0.0028	0.0889 0.0040	0.1138 0.0025	0.1138 0.0040
exp2	-0.0008 0.0001	-0.0008 0.0001	-0.0004 0.0001	-0.0004 0.0001
wks	0.0010 0.0007	0.0010 0.0009	0.0008 0.0006	0.0008 0.0009
ed	0.1117 0.0061	0.1117 0.0084	(omitted)	(omitted)
_cons	3.8294 0.0936	3.8294 0.1334	4.5964 0.0389	4.5964 0.0601
N	4165	4165	4165	4165

legend: b/se

# 11. Panel Bootstrap

- Do pairs bootstrap where resample  $(y, \mathbf{x})$  over individuals  $i$  rather than observations  $(i, t)$
- Do  $B$  iterations of this step. On the  $b^{\text{th}}$  iteration:
  - ▶ form a sample of  $G$  clusters  $\{(\mathbf{y}_1^*, \mathbf{X}_1^*), \dots, (\mathbf{y}_G^*, \mathbf{X}_G^*)\}$  by resampling with replacement  $G$  times from the original sample
  - ▶ obtain estimate  $\hat{\beta}_g$ .
- Then  $\widehat{V}[\hat{\beta}] = \frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{b=1}^B (\hat{\beta}_b - \bar{\hat{\beta}})(\hat{\beta}_b - \bar{\hat{\beta}})'$ ,  $\bar{\hat{\beta}} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \hat{\beta}_b$ .
- In Stata use `cluster(id)` option of bootstrap
  - ▶ need to replace `xtset id t` with simply `xtset id`
  - ▶ and if FE then also add `idcluster(newid)` option
- This pairs panel (or clustered) bootstrap
  - ▶ yields essentially the same results as usual cluster-robust standard errors
  - ▶ is a bootstrap without asymptotic refinement.

# Panel Bootstrap OLS Estimator

```
. * OLS with cluster(id) bootstrap
. bootstrap _b, reps(400) seed(10101) cluster(id) nodots: ///
> regress lwage exp exp2 wks ed
```

```
Linear regression                Number of obs      =      4165
                                Replications        =        400
                                Wald chi2(4)            =     305.95
                                Prob > chi2            =     0.0000
                                R-squared              =     0.2836
                                Adj R-squared          =     0.2829
                                Root MSE            =     0.3908
```

(Replications based on 595 clusters in id)

lwage	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.044675	.0051437	8.69	0.000	.0345936	.0547565
exp2	-.0007156	.0001192	-6.00	0.000	-.0009493	-.000482
wks	.005827	.0019416	3.00	0.003	.0020216	.0096324
ed	.0760407	.0049605	15.33	0.000	.0663182	.0857632
_cons	4.907961	.1382027	35.51	0.000	4.637088	5.178833

- Note: the following gives exactly the same

```
▶ xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, ///
  pa corr(ind) vce(boot, reps(400) seed(10101))
```

# Panel Bootstrap RE Estimator

```
. * RE with cluster(id) bootstrap
. bootstrap _b, reps(400) seed(10101) cluster(id) nodots: ///
> xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, re
```

```
Random-effects GLS regression              Number of obs   =   4165
Group variable: id                       Number of groups =    595

R-sq:  within = 0.6340                   Obs per group:  min =    7
        between = 0.1716                  avg   =   7.0
        overall = 0.1830                  max   =    7

corr(u_i, x) = 0 (assumed)                Wald chi2(4)    =   767.06
                                           Prob > chi2     =    0.0000
```

(Replications based on 595 clusters in id)

lwage	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.0888609	.0043459	20.45	0.000	.0803431	.0973788
exp2	-.0007726	.0000939	-8.23	0.000	-.0009567	-.0005885
wks	.0009658	.0008768	1.10	0.271	-.0007527	.0026842
ed	.1117099	.007582	14.73	0.000	.0968495	.1265704
_cons	3.829366	.1330233	28.79	0.000	3.568645	4.090087
sigma_u	.31951859					
sigma_e	.15220316					
rho	.81505521	(fraction of variance due to u_i)				

- Same as `xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, ///`  
`re vce(boot, reps(400) seed(10101) nodots)`

# Panel Bootstrap FE Estimator - add idcluster()

```
. * FE with cluster(id) bootstrap - add idcluster
. bootstrap_b, reps(400) seed(10101) cluster(id) idcluster(newid) ///
>      nodots: xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, fe
```

Fixed-effects (within) regression

Number of obs	=	4165
Group variable: id		
Number of groups	=	595

R-sq:

within	=	0.6566	Obs per group: min	=	7
between	=	0.0276	avg	=	7.0
overall	=	0.0476	max	=	7

wald chi2(3) = 2787.50  
Prob > chi2 = 0.0000

corr(u\_i, Xb) = -0.9107

(Replications based on 595 clusters in id)

lwage	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
exp	.1137879	.0041335	27.53	0.000	-.1056863	.1218894
exp2	-.0004244	.0000827	-5.13	0.000	-.0005865	-.0002622
wks	.0008359	.0008459	0.99	0.323	-.0008221	.0024938
ed (omitted)						
_cons	4.596396	.0711119	64.64	0.000	4.45702	4.735773
sigma_u	1.0362039					
sigma_e	.15220316					
rho	.97888036	(fraction of variance due to u_i)				

- Same as `xtreg lwage exp exp2 wks ed, ///  
fe vce(boot, reps(400) seed(10101) nodots)`

# Panel Jackknife

- An alternative re-sampling scheme is a leave-one-cluster-out jackknife.
- Let  $\widehat{\beta}_{-i}$  denote the estimator of  $\beta$  when the  $i^{\text{th}}$  cluster (here  $i^{\text{th}}$  if  $N$  individuals) is deleted

$$\widehat{V}_{\text{jack;boot}}[\widehat{\beta}] = \frac{N-1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\widehat{\beta}_{-i} - \overline{\widehat{\beta}})(\widehat{\beta}_{-i} - \overline{\widehat{\beta}})',$$

where  $\overline{\widehat{\beta}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\beta}_{-i}$ .

- For Stata xt commands this is option `vce(jackknife)`

## 12. Summary of Stata Commands

- Linear panel estimators for short panels with exogenous regressors

**Panel summary**    `xtset; xtdescribe; xtsum; xtdata;`  
                           `xtline; xttab; xttran`

**Pooled OLS**        `regress`

**Feasible GLS**     `xtreg, pa`  
                           `xtgee, family(gaussian)`

**Random effects**   `xtreg, re; xtregar, re`

**Fixed effects**     `xtreg, fe; xtregar, fe`

**Random slopes**   `xtmixed; quadchk; xtrc (later)`

**First differences** `regress (with differenced data)`