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PROBLEM SET 3: SOLUTIONS

Point Distribution:

- 1), 2) : 5 points each
- 3), 4): 10 points each
- 5), 6): 15 points each

1) Denote the true value of β_1 and β_2 by β_{10} and β_{20} , respectively. Then.

$$c_i = \beta_{10} + \beta_{20}y_i^* + u_i^* = \beta_{10} + \beta_{20}y_i + (u_i^* - \beta_{20}\nu_i)$$

where we have used the equation $y_i = y_i^* + \nu_i$. Thus, if we run the regression of c_i on y_i and a constant, we have the error term in the regression, $u_i = u_i^* - \beta_{20}\nu_i$. Now, the covariance of y_i and u_i is calculated below:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(y_i, u_i) &= E[(y_i^* + \nu_i)(u_i^* - \beta_{20}\nu_i)] - E[(y_i^* + \nu_i)]E[(u_i^* - \beta_{20}\nu_i)] \\ &= -\beta_{20}\omega^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1) \quad (2)$$

since $\text{cov}(\nu_i, y_i^*) = 0$, $\text{cov}(\nu_i, u_i^*) = 0$, and $\text{cov}(u_i^*, y_i^*) = 0$, and since u_i^* and ν_i are mean-zero.

Since, $\beta_{20} > 0$, $\omega^2 > 0$, we have that $\text{cov}(y_i, u_i) < 0$, which implies that the correlation is negative.

2)

```
. tsset date
    time variable: date, 1967q1 to 1998q4
        delta: 1 quarter

. ivreg2 M Y L.M L2.M (R = L.R L2.R) if year>1967
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Instrumental variables (2SLS) regression

Total (centered) SS	=	13.09085971	Number of obs =	124
Total (uncentered) SS	=	15717.17658	F(4, 119) =	11585.54
Residual SS	=	.033525694	Prob > F =	0.0000
			Centered R2 =	0.9974
			Uncentered R2 =	1.0000
			Root MSE =	.01644

M		Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----						
R		-.0039326	.0008238	-4.77	0.000	-.0055473 -.0023179
Y		.0700983	.013829	5.07	0.000	.0429938 .0972027
M						
L1.		1.396964	.078166	17.87	0.000	1.243762 1.550167
L2.		-.4528233	.0730188	-6.20	0.000	-.5959375 -.309709
_cons		-.2631494	.0821198	-3.20	0.001	-.4241013 -.1021975

Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (identification/IV relevance test): 171.778
Chi-sq(2) P-val = 0.0000

Sargan statistic (overidentification test of all instruments): 14.902
Chi-sq(1) P-val = 0.0001

Instrumented: R

Included instruments: Y L.M L2.M

Excluded instruments: L.R L2.R

. ivendog

Tests of endogeneity of: R

H0: Regressor is exogenous

Wu-Hausman F test: 0.12547 F(1,118) P-value = 0.72380

Durbin-Wu-Hausman chi-sq test: 0.13171 Chi-sq(1) P-value = 0.71666

The rejection of the null in the Sargan test indicates that the excluded instruments are not valid instruments. The Durbin-Wu-Hausman test of exogeneity of r_t i.e. of the appropriateness of OLS fails to reject this null hypothesis, suggesting that IV regression is not needed. Since one would expect that lagged values of a variable to be reasonable instruments, the results of these two tests suggests that the original model might have been misspecified, and that the lagged values of r_t that were used as instruments ought not to have been omitted from the regression model.

3)

. regress logQty X_2 X_3 logPrice

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 120
Model	9.1604655	3	3.0534885	F(3, 116) = 116.03
Residual	3.05268076	116	.026316213	Prob > F = 0.0000
Total	12.2131463	119	.102631481	R-squared = 0.7500
				Adj R-squared = 0.7436
				Root MSE = .16222

logQty	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
X_2	.3830345	.0226551	16.91	0.000	.3381632 .4279058
X_3	-.197489	.0343902	-5.74	0.000	-.265603 -.1293749
logPrice	-.3951405	.025181	-15.69	0.000	-.4450146 -.3452665
_cons	3.4532	.1234017	27.98	0.000	3.208788 3.697613

. ivreg2 logQty X_2 X_3 (logPrice = X_4 X_5)

IV (2SLS) estimation

Total (centered) SS	=	12.21314626	Number of obs =	120
Total (uncentered) SS	=	3303.294588	F(3, 116) =	97.07
Residual SS	=	4.686889168	Prob > F =	0.0000
			Centered R2 =	0.6162
			Uncentered R2 =	0.9986
			Root MSE =	.1976

logQty	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
logPrice	-.5935736	.0389166	-15.25	0.000	-.6698487 -.5172985
X_2	.491335	.0305378	16.09	0.000	.4314819 .551188
X_3	-.2252342	.0420297	-5.36	0.000	-.307611 -.1428575
_cons	3.061598	.157588	19.43	0.000	2.752731 3.370465

Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (underidentification test): 116.545
Chi-sq(2) P-val = 0.0000

Cragg-Donald F statistic (weak identification test): 94.366
Stock-Yogo weak ID test critical values: 10% maximal IV size 19.93
15% maximal IV size 11.59
20% maximal IV size 8.75
25% maximal IV size 7.25

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Sargan statistic (overidentification test of all instruments): 0.975
Chi-sq(1) P-val = 0.3235

Instrumented: logPrice
Included instruments: X_2 X_3
Excluded instruments: X_4 X_5

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. ivendog
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Tests of endogeneity of: logPrice

H0: Regressor is exogenous

Wu-Hausman F test: 831.99234 F(1,115) P-value = 0.00000

Durbin-Wu-Hausman chi-sq test: 105.42755 Chi-sq(1) P-value = 0.00000

The null of the Durbin-Wu-Hausman test of exogeneity of p_t is overwhelmingly rejected, which implies that the OLS estimation is not valid. This can be seen also by comparing the coefficients from the OLS regression with those from the IV regression. The differences between the two are much larger than the standard errors of the OLS coefficients, which should not be the case if the OLS estimates are consistent. The null of the Sargan test for validity of the instruments is not rejected at any reasonable level, which indicates that the instruments, and the IV regression, is valid.

```
. regress logPrice X_2 X_3 logQty
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	120
				F(3, 116)	=	153.25
Model	52.6754551	3	17.558485	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	13.2904765	116	.114573073	R-squared	=	0.7985
				Adj R-squared	=	0.7933
Total	65.9659316	119	.55433556	Root MSE	=	.33849

logPrice	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
X_2	.8337184	.0418204	19.94	0.000	.7508878 .9165491
X_3	-.3845204	.0730633	-5.26	0.000	-.5292316 -.2398093
logQty	-1.720326	.1096305	-15.69	0.000	-1.937463 -1.503189
_cons	5.308666	.5204841	10.20	0.000	4.277782 6.33955

```
. ivreg2 logPrice X_2 X_3 (logQty = X_4 X_5)
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IV (2SLS) estimation

Total (centered) SS	=	65.96593159	Number of obs	=	120
Total (uncentered) SS	=	294.8998539	F(3, 116)	=	145.70
Residual SS	=	13.30781268	Prob > F	=	0.0000
			Centered R2	=	0.7983
			Uncentered R2	=	0.9549
			Root MSE	=	.333

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
logPrice					
logQty	-1.677681	.1102461	-15.22	0.000	-1.893759 -1.461603
X_2	.8265807	.0413213	20.00	0.000	.7455926 .9075689
X_3	-.3784546	.0719554	-5.26	0.000	-.5194846 -.2374247
_cons	5.12815	.5211023	9.84	0.000	4.106808 6.149492
Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (underidentification test):					378.000
				Chi-sq(2) P-val =	0.0000
Cragg-Donald F statistic (weak identification test):					1284.323
Stock-Yogo weak ID test critical values:					
10% maximal IV size					19.93
15% maximal IV size					11.59
20% maximal IV size					8.75
25% maximal IV size					7.25
Source: Stock-Yogo (2005). Reproduced by permission.					
Sargan statistic (overidentification test of all instruments):					0.970
				Chi-sq(1) P-val =	0.3246
Instrumented: logQty					
Included instruments: X_2 X_3					
Excluded instruments: X_4 X_5					

. ivendog

Tests of endogeneity of: logQty

H0: Regressor is exogenous

Wu-Hausman F test:	3.45111	F(1,115)	P-value = 0.06577
Durbin-Wu-Hausman chi-sq test:	3.49624	Chi-sq(1)	P-value = 0.06151

The DWH test rejects the null hypothesis that the OLS regression is consistent at the 10% level, but not the 5% level. Therefore exogeneity of q_t is doubtful, but in contrast to the previous specification, the level of correlation between the suspect regressor and the error term is much lower. An examination of the difference in the parameter estimates between the OLS and the IV regressions supports the notion that the OLS estimates are only slightly biased. The Sargan test indicates that the instrument set used is valid, and so the IV regression is valid.

Rewriting the demand equation as an inverse demand equation, we obtain

$$p_t = -\frac{\beta_1}{\gamma} - \frac{\beta_2}{\gamma}x_{t2} - \frac{\beta_3}{\gamma}x_{t3} + \frac{1}{\gamma}q_t - \frac{1}{\gamma}u_t$$

Thus, estimating the inverse demand equation

$$p_t = \beta_1^* + \beta_2^*x_{t2} + \beta_3^*x_{t3} + \gamma^*q_t + v_t$$

we obtain the following relationships between the parameters of the two regression models:

$$\beta_i^* = -\frac{\beta_i}{\gamma}, \quad \gamma^* = \frac{1}{\gamma} \implies \beta_i = -\frac{\beta_i^*}{\gamma^*}$$

Thus, we have four estimates of γ :

$$\hat{\gamma}_{OLS} = -0.3951, \quad \hat{\gamma}_{2SLS} = -0.5936, \quad \frac{1}{\hat{\gamma}_{OLS}^*} = -\frac{1}{1.7203} = -0.5813, \quad \frac{1}{\hat{\gamma}_{2SLS}^*} = -\frac{1}{1.6777} = -0.5961$$

It is a little surprising that the estimate obtained from OLS estimation of the inverse demand function matches so closely the estimates obtained from the two IV(2SLS) regressions. This adds support to the earlier finding that the OLS estimation of the inverse demand equation is adequate. However, it is clear that OLS estimation of the demand equation yields biased parameter estimates.

4) a)

```
. regress lwage educ exper tenure married black south urban
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 935		
Model	41.8377677	7	5.97682396	F(7, 927) = 44.75		
Residual	123.818527	927	.133569069	Prob > F = 0.0000		
Total	165.656294	934	.177362199	R-squared = 0.2526		
				Adj R-squared = 0.2469		
				Root MSE = .36547		
lwage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
educ	.0654307	.0062504	10.47	0.000	.0531642	.0776973
exper	.014043	.0031852	4.41	0.000	.007792	.020294
tenure	.0117473	.002453	4.79	0.000	.0069333	.0165613
married	.1994171	.0390502	5.11	0.000	.1227801	.2760541
black	-.1883499	.0376666	-5.00	0.000	-.2622717	-.1144282
south	-.0909036	.0262485	-3.46	0.001	-.142417	-.0393903
urban	.1839121	.0269583	6.82	0.000	.1310056	.2368185
_cons	5.395497	.113225	47.65	0.000	5.17329	5.617704

Ceteris paribus, the approximate difference in the log wage of blacks and nonblacks is -0.18835, where blacks receive a lower wage. The difference is statistically significant, as the p-value of the t-test for significance is basically 0 i.e. the null of the coefficient on black being zero is rejected at 0.1% level. Going from log wages to wages, we obtain that ceteris paribus the ratio of wages of blacks to nonblacks is $e^{-0.18835} = 0.8283$ i.e. about blacks earn about 17% lower than non-blacks, all other things being equal.

b)

```
. gen blackXeduc = black * educ

. regress lwage educ blackXeduc exper tenure married black south urban
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	935
Model	42.0055536	8	5.2506942	F(8, 926)	=	39.32
Residual	123.650741	926	.133532117	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.2536
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2471
Total	165.656294	934	.177362199	Root MSE	=	.36542

lwage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
educ	.0671153	.0064277	10.44	0.000	.0545008 .0797299
blackXeduc	-.0226237	.0201827	-1.12	0.263	-.0622327 .0169854
exper	.0138259	.0031906	4.33	0.000	.0075642 .0200876
tenure	.011787	.0024529	4.81	0.000	.0069732 .0166009
married	.1989077	.0390474	5.09	0.000	.1222761 .2755394
black	.0948094	.2553995	0.37	0.711	-.4064194 .5960383
south	-.0894495	.0262769	-3.40	0.001	-.1410187 -.0378803
urban	.1838523	.0269547	6.82	0.000	.130953 .2367516
_cons	5.374817	.1147027	46.86	0.000	5.149709 5.599924

```
. test black blackXeduc
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( 1) black = 0
( 2) blackXeduc = 0

F( 2, 926) = 13.13
Prob > F = 0.0000
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The returns to education for blacks is lower than that of whites, but the difference is not statistically significantly different from zero at any reasonable level. It is interesting to note that the negative effect of being black on the log wage is no longer negative or significant. Jointly testing to see if there is an effect of being black, we reject the hypothesis that the regression is stable over the category of race. Thus, even though neither black nor blackXeduc were significantly different from zero individually, they are jointly significantly different from zero.

c)

```
. gen MB = married * black

. gen mB = (1 - married) * black

. gen Mb = married * (1 - black)
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```
. gen mb = (1 - married ) * (1 - black)

. regress lwage educ exper tenure MB Mb mB south urban
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	935
Model	41.8849419	8	5.23561773	F(8, 926)	=	39.17
Residual	123.771352	926	.133662368	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.2528
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2464
Total	165.656294	934	.177362199	Root MSE	=	.3656

lwage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
educ	.0654751	.006253	10.47	0.000	.0532034 .0777469
exper	.0141462	.003191	4.43	0.000	.0078837 .0204087
tenure	.0116628	.0024579	4.74	0.000	.006839 .0164866
MB	.0094485	.0560131	0.17	0.866	-.1004788 .1193757
Mb	.1889147	.0428777	4.41	0.000	.1047659 .2730635
mB	-.2408201	.0960229	-2.51	0.012	-.4292678 -.0523724
south	-.0919894	.0263212	-3.49	0.000	-.1436455 -.0403333
urban	.1843501	.0269778	6.83	0.000	.1314053 .2372948
_cons	5.403793	.1141222	47.35	0.000	5.179825 5.627761

```
. lincom MB -Mb
```

```
( 1) MB - Mb = 0
```

lwage	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)	-.1794663	.0405386	-4.43	0.000	-.2590244 -.0999082

The log wage differential between married black and married nonblacks is -0.1795, and is significantly different from zero. In terms of wage levels, this difference translates to a 16.5% lower wage for married blacks than for married nonblacks ($e^{-0.1795} = 0.8357$).

5) a) One would expect that higher SAT scores would imply higher college GPA. Similarly, lower academic percentile (measured as the percentage who performed better than the student in question) would suggest better college performance as measured by college GPA. It is unclear how size (or the square of the size) of the high-school class would affect college GPA. One might suppose that being an athlete would detract from studying, which would lower college GPA. It is unclear how gender would affect GPA.

b)

```
. regress colgpa hsize hsizesq hsperc sat female athlete
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	4137
Model	524.819305	6	87.4698842	F(6, 4130)	=	284.59
Residual	1269.37637	4130	.307355053	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.2925
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2915
Total	1794.19567	4136	.433799728	Root MSE	=	.5544

colgpa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
hsize	-.0568543	.0163513	-3.48	0.001	-.0889117 -.0247968
hsizesq	.0046754	.0022494	2.08	0.038	.0002654 .0090854
hsperc	-.0132126	.0005728	-23.07	0.000	-.0143355 -.0120896
sat	.0016464	.0000668	24.64	0.000	.0015154 .0017774
female	.1548814	.0180047	8.60	0.000	.1195826 .1901802
athlete	.1693064	.0423492	4.00	0.000	.0862791 .2523336
_cons	1.241365	.0794923	15.62	0.000	1.085517 1.397212

The estimated GPA differential between athletes and nonathletes is 0.169, and is statistically significant at the 0.1% level.

c)

```
. regress colgpa hsize hsizesq hsperc female athlete
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	4137
Model	338.217123	5	67.6434246	F(5, 4131)	=	191.92
Residual	1455.97855	4131	.35245184	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.1885
				Adj R-squared	=	0.1875
Total	1794.19567	4136	.433799728	Root MSE	=	.59368

colgpa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
hsize	-.0534038	.0175092	-3.05	0.002	-.0877313 -.0190763
hsizesq	.0053228	.0024086	2.21	0.027	.0006007 .010045
hsperc	-.0171365	.0005892	-29.09	0.000	-.0182916 -.0159814
female	.0581231	.0188162	3.09	0.002	.0212333 .095013
athlete	.0054487	.0447871	0.12	0.903	-.0823582 .0932556

_cons	3.047698	.0329148	92.59	0.000	2.983167	3.112229
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Yes, the effect is greatly lessened, though still positive. However, the estimate is not statistically significantly different from zero at any reasonable level.

Why would this happen? It suggests that `athelte` and `sat` are negatively correlated. What we have is omitted variable bias. Suppose the true specification of some process is

$$y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \epsilon$$

Suppose instead we run the regression

$$y = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \nu$$

Then, $\nu = \beta_3 x_3 + \epsilon$, and our estimate of α_2 will not be unbiased.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\alpha}_2 &= \frac{\text{cov}(y, x_2)}{\text{var}(x_2)} = \frac{\text{cov}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \nu, x_2)}{\text{var}(x_2)} \\ &= \alpha_2 + \beta_3 \frac{\text{cov}(x_3, x_2)}{\text{var}(x_2)} = \alpha_2 + \beta_3 \rho_{x_2, x_3} \sqrt{\frac{\text{var}(x_3)}{\text{var}(x_2)}}\end{aligned}$$

So, what must be happening to have `athlete` become insignificantly different from 0 is that the negative correlation between the `athlete` and `sat` is biasing the estimated effect of begin an athlete in this variant of the model. The following unconditional correlation matrix and conditional correlation (via the regression) both indicate the negative correlation necessary for such a biased estimate result.

```
. corr athlete sat
(obs=4137)

|   athlete      sat
+-----+
athlete | 1.0000
sat    | -0.1851  1.0000

. regress sat athlete female white hsize hsizesq hsperc

Source |       SS          df          MS
+-----+
Model  | 14637941.7      6  2439656.96
Residual | 65735904.6  4130  15916.6839
+-----+
Total   | 80373846.3  4136  19432.7481

Number of obs = 4137
F( 6, 4130) = 153.28
Prob > F     = 0.0000
R-squared     = 0.1821
Adj R-squared = 0.1809
Root MSE      = 126.16

+-----+
sat | Coef. Std. Err.      t      P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
```

athlete	-74.9073	9.679523	-7.74	0.000	-93.88437	-55.93022	
female	-57.84925	3.999139	-14.47	0.000	-65.68971	-50.00878	
white	106.3164	7.613348	13.96	0.000	91.39015	121.2427	
hsize	1.211836	3.7214	0.33	0.745	-6.084113	8.507785	
hsizesq	.3737667	.5118486	0.73	0.465	-.6297322	1.377266	
hsperc	-2.495847	.1254639	-19.89	0.000	-2.741823	-2.24987	
_cons	1002.015	9.763235	102.63	0.000	982.8739	1021.156	

d)

```
. gen FA = female * athlete
. gen Fa = female * (1 - athlete)
. gen fA = (1 - female) * athlete
. gen fa = (1 - female) * (1 - athlete)
. regress colgpa hsize hsizesq hsperc sat FA Fa fA
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	4137
Model	524.821272	7	74.9744674	F(7, 4129)	=	243.88
Residual	1269.3744	4129	.307429015	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	1794.19567	4136	.433799728	R-squared	=	0.2925
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2913
				Root MSE	=	.55446

colgpa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
hsize	-.0568006	.0163671	-3.47	0.001	-.0888889	-.0247124
hsizesq	.0046699	.0022507	2.07	0.038	.0002573	.0090825
hsperc	-.0132114	.000573	-23.06	0.000	-.0143349	-.012088
sat	.0016462	.0000669	24.62	0.000	.0015151	.0017773
FA	.3297256	.0840593	3.92	0.000	.1649242	.4945271
Fa	.1546151	.0183122	8.44	0.000	.1187133	.1905168
fA	.1674185	.0484877	3.45	0.001	.0723564	.2624806
_cons	1.241575	.0795453	15.61	0.000	1.085623	1.397526

```
. test FA = Fa
( 1)  FA - Fa = 0
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```
F( 1, 4129) = 4.34
Prob > F = 0.0372
```

```
. lincom FA - Fa
```

```
( 1) FA - Fa = 0
```

colgpa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1) .1751106	.0840258		2.08	0.037	.0103748 .3398464

The hypothesis that there is no difference between female athletes and female nonathletes is rejected. Female athletes have higher GPAs than female nonathletes.

e)

```
. regress colgpa hsize hsizesq hsperc sat femXsat female athlete
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	4137
Model 524.867644	7	74.981092		F(7, 4129) =	243.91
Residual 1269.32803	4129	.307417784		Prob > F =	0.0000
Total 1794.19567	4136	.433799728		R-squared =	0.2925
				Adj R-squared =	0.2913
				Root MSE =	.55445

colgpa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
hsize -.0569121	.0163537	-3.48	0.001	-.0889741	-.0248501
hsizesq .0046864	.0022498	2.08	0.037	.0002757	.0090972
hsperc -.013225	.0005737	-23.05	0.000	-.0143497	-.0121003
sat .0016255	.0000852	19.09	0.000	.0014585	.0017924
femXsat .0000512	.0001291	0.40	0.692	-.000202	.0003044
female .1023066	.1338023	0.76	0.445	-.1600179	.3646311
athlete .1677568	.0425334	3.94	0.000	.0843684	.2511452
_cons 1.263743	.0974952	12.96	0.000	1.0726	1.454887

The effect of SAT scores do not differ by gender, since the coefficient on `femXsat` is statistically insignificantly different from 0.

6) a)

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. regress netffa e401k
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	9275
Model	786249.663	1	786249.663	F(1, 9273)	=	196.22
Residual	37157139.8	9273	4007.02468	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	37943389.5	9274	4091.3726	R-squared	=	0.0207
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0206
				Root MSE	=	63.301

nettfa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
e401k	18.85832	1.346275	14.01	0.000	16.21933 21.49732
_cons	11.67677	.8430406	13.85	0.000	10.02423 13.32932

The average net total financial assets, which is measured in thousands of dollars, does differ by 401k eligibility, and the estimated difference is \$18,858.

b)

. regress nettfa inc incsq age agesq male e401k

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	9275
Model	7673992.51	6	1278998.75	F(6, 9268)	=	391.61
Residual	30269397	9268	3266.01176	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	37943389.5	9274	4091.3726	R-squared	=	0.2022
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2017
				Root MSE	=	57.149

nettfa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
inc	-.2702243	.0746105	-3.62	0.000	-.4164772 -.1239713
incsq	.010216	.0005871	17.40	0.000	.0090651 .0113669
age	-1.939771	.4834769	-4.01	0.000	-2.887492 -.9920497
agesq	.0345662	.0055482	6.23	0.000	.0236906 .0454418
male	3.369048	1.485813	2.27	0.023	.4565283 6.281569
e401k	9.713482	1.277127	7.61	0.000	7.210032 12.21693
_cons	21.19779	9.992211	2.12	0.034	1.610861 40.78472

Yes, both the quadratic terms included are statistically (and economically) significant. The estimated dollar effect of 401k eligibility is \$9,713, and is statistically significant.

c)

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. gen e401kXage41 = e401k * (age - 41)

. gen e401kXage41sq = e401k * (age - 41) * (age - 41)

. regress nettfa inc incsq age agesq e401kXage41 e401kXage41sq male e401k

```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	9275
Model	7763594.46	8	970449.308	F(8, 9266)	=	297.95
Residual	30179795	9266	3257.04673	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.2046
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2039
Total	37943389.5	9274	4091.3726	Root MSE	=	57.071

nettfa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
inc	-.2705924	.0745119	-3.63	0.000	-.4166522 -.1245326
incsq	.0101878	.0005864	17.37	0.000	.0090383 .0113373
age	-2.287514	.5908919	-3.87	0.000	-3.445792 -1.129235
agesq	.0360854	.0067801	5.32	0.000	.0227948 .0493759
e401kXage41	.6524833	.1313038	4.97	0.000	.395099 .9098676
e401kXage4~q	-.0038891	.0116248	-0.33	0.738	-.0266762 .0188981
male	3.310739	1.483828	2.23	0.026	.4021098 6.219369
e401k	9.978824	1.718176	5.81	0.000	6.610821 13.34683
_cons	32.75766	12.21115	2.68	0.007	8.821123 56.6942

The linear interaction term between `e401k` and `age - 41` is significant, but not the quadratic interaction term. These interaction terms allow the effect of 401k eligibility to differ with age, centering around the age of 41. The difference in the effect of 401k eligibility between this interacted model with the previous model is not statistically significant, which is easy to see by noticing that the estimates have overlapping 95% confidence intervals.

d)

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. replace fs1 = (fsize == 1)
(7258 real changes made)

. replace fs2 = (fsize == 2)
(7076 real changes made)

. replace fs3 = (fsize == 3)
(7446 real changes made)

. replace fs4 = (fsize == 4)
(7285 real changes made)

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. replace fs5 = (fsize >= 5)
(424 real changes made)

. regress nettfa inc incsq age agesq male e401k fs2 fs3 fs4 fs5
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	9275
Model	7730274.7	10	773027.47	F(10, 9264)	=	237.03
Residual	30213114.8	9264	3261.34659	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total	37943389.5	9274	4091.3726	R-squared	=	0.2037
				Adj R-squared	=	0.2029
				Root MSE	=	57.108

nettfa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
inc	-.2412311	.0755141	-3.19	0.001	-.3892554 -.0932069
incsq	.0100501	.0005895	17.05	0.000	.0088946 .0112056
age	-1.504553	.4947967	-3.04	0.002	-2.474464 -.5346428
agesq	.029165	.0057032	5.11	0.000	.0179855 .0403444
male	1.323946	1.652795	0.80	0.423	-1.915896 4.563789
e401k	9.481517	1.278268	7.42	0.000	6.97583 11.9872
fs2	-.3536808	1.924384	-0.18	0.854	-4.125898 3.418536
fs3	-4.081595	2.013317	-2.03	0.043	-8.02814 -.1350509
fs4	-5.696103	2.021384	-2.82	0.005	-9.65846 -1.733746
fs5	-6.748335	2.235513	-3.02	0.003	-11.13043 -2.366237
_cons	15.74294	10.143	1.55	0.121	-4.13958 35.62545

```
. test fs2 = fs3 = fs4 = fs5 = 0
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( 1) fs2 - fs3 = 0
( 2) fs2 - fs4 = 0
( 3) fs2 - fs5 = 0
( 4) fs2 = 0
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F( 4, 9264) = 4.31
Prob > F = 0.0017
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Yes, they are jointly significantly different from the zero vector. This implies that family size affects net total financial assets.

e)

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. regress nettfa inc incsq age agesq male e401k _INfs_2 _INfs_3 _INfs_4 _INfs_5 _INfsXinc_2
> _INfsXinc_3 _INfsXinc_4 _INfsXinc_5 _IN2fsXincsq_2 _IN2fsXincsq_3 _IN2fsXincsq_4
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> _IN2fsXincsq_5 _AfsXage_2 _AfsXage_3 _AfsXage_4 _AfsXage_5 _A2f sXagesq_2
> _A2fsXagesq_3 _A2fsXagesq_4 _A2fsXagesq_5 _MfsXmal_2_1 _MfsXmal_3_1 _MfsXmal_4_1
> _MfsXmal_5_1 _EfsXe40_2_1 _EfsXe40_3_1 _EfsXe40_4_1 _EfsXe40_5_1

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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	9275
Model	7962430.63	34	234189.136	F(34, 9240) =	72.18
Residual	29980958.9	9240	3244.69252	Prob > F =	0.0000
				R-squared =	0.2099
				Adj R-squared =	0.2069
Total	37943389.5	9274	4091.3726	Root MSE =	56.962

nettfa	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
inc	.7324251	.2465294	2.97	0.003	.249173 1.215677
incsq	.0004576	.0025611	0.18	0.858	-.0045627 .0054779
age	-1.593533	.9856013	-1.62	0.106	-3.525529 .3384627
agesq	.0289718	.0115668	2.50	0.012	.0062982 .0516454
male	2.468105	2.622154	0.94	0.347	-2.671897 7.608106
e401k	7.060432	2.76795	2.55	0.011	1.63464 12.48622
_INfs_2	8.472165	27.89939	0.30	0.761	-46.2168 63.16113
_INfs_3	7.819918	30.6623	0.26	0.799	-52.28495 67.92479
_INfs_4	-15.20342	32.39481	-0.47	0.639	-78.7044 48.29755
_INfs_5	-2.197631	39.65744	-0.06	0.956	-79.93497 75.53971
_INfsXinc_2	-1.168416	.2829879	-4.13	0.000	-1.723134 -.6136971
_INfsXinc_3	-.9147828	.2906207	-3.15	0.002	-1.484463 -.3451022
_INfsXinc_4	-1.044873	.3030632	-3.45	0.001	-1.638944 -.4508028
_INfsXinc_5	-1.380207	.338948	-4.07	0.000	-2.044619 -.7157936
_IN2fsXinc^2	.0118186	.0027563	4.29	0.000	.0064157 .0172214
_IN2fsXinc^3	.0081092	.0027966	2.90	0.004	.0026272 .0135912
_IN2fsXinc^4	.0098486	.0029118	3.38	0.001	.0041407 .0155564
_IN2fsXinc^5	.0131491	.0032414	4.06	0.000	.0067952 .0195029
_AfsXage_2	-.0562306	1.349162	-0.04	0.967	-2.700886 2.588425
_AfsXage_3	.3185739	1.506122	0.21	0.832	-2.633759 3.270906
_AfsXage_4	1.54704	1.600657	0.97	0.334	-1.590602 4.684681
_AfsXage_5	1.542528	1.92175	0.80	0.422	-2.224526 5.309583
_A2fsXages^2	.0062072	.0155267	0.40	0.689	-.0242286 .036643
_A2fsXages^3	-.0032207	.0175261	-0.18	0.854	-.0375758 .0311343
_A2fsXages^4	-.0190828	.0188308	-1.01	0.311	-.0559953 .0178298
_A2fsXages^5	-.0242004	.0223179	-1.08	0.278	-.0679484 .0195475
_MfsXmal_2_1	-3.4121	4.331588	-0.79	0.431	-11.90297 5.078768
_MfsXmal_3_1	-1.427265	5.08321	-0.28	0.779	-11.39148 8.536948
_MfsXmal_4_1	-.0454875	5.213619	-0.01	0.993	-10.26533 10.17436
_MfsXmal_5_1	-3.886421	6.284615	-0.62	0.536	-16.20565 8.432812
_EfsXe40_2_1	6.348744	3.796426	1.67	0.095	-1.09309 13.79058
_EfsXe40_3_1	.9601566	3.992241	0.24	0.810	-6.865516 8.785829

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_EfsXe40_4_1 | .8992764 3.88614 0.23 0.817 -6.718416 8.516969
_EfsXe40_5_1 | 4.071537 4.510328 0.90 0.367 -4.769702 12.91278
    _cons | 2.123567 19.91196 0.11 0.915 -36.90827 41.15541
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.
. test _Ifs_2 _Ifs_3 _Ifs_4 _Ifs_5 _IfsXinc_2 _IfsXinc_3 _IfsXinc_4 _IfsXinc_5 _IfsXincsq_2 _IfsXincsq_3 _IfsXincsq_4 _IfsXincsq_5 _IfsXmale_2 _IfsXmale_3 _IfsXe401k_4 _IfsXe401k_5
( 1) _Ifs_2 = 0
( 2) _Ifs_3 = 0
( 3) _Ifs_4 = 0
( 4) _Ifs_5 = 0
( 5) _IfsXinc_2 = 0
( 6) _IfsXinc_3 = 0
( 7) _IfsXinc_4 = 0
( 8) _IfsXinc_5 = 0
( 9) _IfsXincsq_2 = 0
(10) _IfsXincsq_3 = 0
(11) _IfsXincsq_4 = 0
(12) _IfsXincsq_5 = 0
(13) _IfsXage_2 = 0
(14) _IfsXage_3 = 0
(15) _IfsXage_4 = 0
(16) _IfsXage_5 = 0
(17) _IfsXagesq_2 = 0
(18) _IfsXagesq_3 = 0
(19) _IfsXagesq_4 = 0
(20) _IfsXagesq_5 = 0
(21) _IfsXmale_2 = 0
(22) _IfsXmale_3 = 0
(23) _IfsXmale_4 = 0
(24) _IfsXmale_5 = 0
(25) _IfsXe401k_2 = 0
(26) _IfsXe401k_3 = 0
(27) _IfsXe401k_4 = 0
(28) _IfsXe401k_5 = 0
F( 28, 9240) = 3.17
Prob > F = 0.0000

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The null hypothesis of the Chow test, which is distributed as an F-statistic, is that the categories don't matter. However, the null is rejected at 5% (and even the 0.1%!) level, which implies that the regression is not stable over family size categories.