

Ch 7

Dummy / binary indep var

y

trade / env
performance

wage

x

trade / env
agreement

marital
status

u

political
preferences

work ethic,
reliability

Single dummy variable

$$y = \beta_0 + \delta_0 x + u$$

\downarrow
0/1

$$\bar{E}(y|x) = \beta_0 + \delta_0 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_0 = E(y|x=1) - \bar{E}(y|x=0)$$

$$\hat{\delta}_0 = \bar{y}_{x=1} - \bar{y}_{x=0}$$

$$= \overline{\text{wage}}_{\text{marr}} - \overline{\text{wage}}_{\text{not marr}}$$

effect of $x=1$
rel to $x=0$
(base/reference group)

if $y \rightarrow$ wage
 $x \rightarrow$ 1 for marr
0 otherwise

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \delta_0 x_2 + u$$

if y wage

x_1 educ .

x_2 1 for
marr

0 o w

$$E(y | x_1, x_2) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \delta_0 x_2$$

$$\delta_0 = E(y | x_1, x_2 = 1) - E(y | x_1, x_2 = 0)$$

effect of $x_2 = 1$ rel to $x_2 = 0$

after controlling for x_1 .

→ base/reference
group