# Slide 1 Chapter 12: Strategies for Variable Selection (Class 3 of 3) **Chapter 12: Strategies for Variable** Chapter 13: ANOVA for 2-way Selection (Class 3 of 3) classifications (Class 1 of 2) Chapter 13: ANOVA for 2-way classifications (Class 1 of 2) Class 21, 4/27/09 M NOTES: Slide 2 HW 13 due Weds 4/29/09 Noon HW 13 due Weds 4/29/09 Noon Submit as Myname-HW12.doc (or \*.rtf) HW 13 Cammen's ingestion rate data. Note that NOTES: this was a 2003 final exam problem ► Read Cammen (1980) & evaluate his regression model ► Due Weds 4/29/09 Noon This problem will count Read Chapter 13: Two-factor ANOVA • Read Chapter 14 Multifactor studies without replication & 16 Repeated Measures and other designs Skipping Chapter 15 (serial correlation) HW 14: Due Friday 5/1/09 Noon ▶ 13.19 Nature Nurture Wimba Sessions ► Weds night 10 pm Slide 3 HW13: Cammen model **HW13: Cammen model** Cammen (1980) compiled data from the literature on the ingestion rates of 22 deposit feeders. Deposit feeders are organisms that live in mud and sand and ingest mud and sand. Deposit feeders use the organic matter in the mud and sand for growth. Table 1 shows the NOTES: species from the literature, their ingestion rates, the fraction organic matter in sediment, and the body weights of individual deposit feeders. Cammen (1980) used regression to estimate the ingestion rate of deposit feeders (ING) (mg dry weight/day) using the fraction organic matter in the sediment (OM) and body weight of the deposit feeder (WT). He regressed log<sub>10</sub> (ING) as the response variable with two explanatory variables log<sub>10</sub> (WT) and log<sub>10</sub> (OM). He deleted the three bivalves from his analyses because they appeared to be outliers, and based his regressions on the 19 non-bivalve species.

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### Slide 7 Number of cases for regression Number of cases for regression (2 of 2)(2 of 2)Tabachnik & Fidell (2001, p 117) • For multiple regression (from Green 1991) ► $N_{\geq}$ 50+ 8m, where m is the number of explanatory variables, for testing R<sup>2</sup>, and ► N ≥ 104 + *m* for individual predictors NOTES: ► A higher case to explanatory variable ratio is needed when ■ Data are skewed Measurement error is expected in explanatory variables ► Automated selection procedures (statistical regression) ■ Cases > 40 \* explanatory variables Green's more precise rule N ≥ (8 / 12)+ (m-1), where 12 = 0.01, 0.15, and 0.35 for small, medium and large effect sizes. $f^2 = R^2/(1-R^2)$ , where $R^2$ is the expected squared multiple correlation coefficient Slide 8 Multicollinearity, collinearity Multicollinearity, collinearity Multicollinearity is NOT solved by having a large N If the explanatory variables are strongly correlated NOTES: ► The regression coefficient estimates have a huge variance ► They can change in sign and significance with a slight change in the data, bouncing betas Assessed with Variance inflation factors (VIF) or tolerance VIF₁ = 1 (1-R²₁), where R²₁ is the squared multiple correlation coefficient between explanatory variable 'i' and the other explanatory variables ▶ Neter et al. (1996): VIF's > 10 are cause for concern (but smaller VIF's can also be a problem) ► Marayuma (1998): VIF> 6 or 7, as a very rough rule, indicate strong multicollinearity Slide 9 Ways of detecting multicollinearity Ways of detecting multicollinearity Marayuma (1998, p. 64) When the variance (standard errors) of beta weights is NOTES: When signs on beta weights are inappropriate [e.g., larger classes ⇒ higher test scores] • When regression weights and signs change radically upon the addition or removal of single variables When the Variance Inflation Factor is high (VIF> 6 or 7 as a very rough rule) When simple correlations are > 0.8-0.9 When correlations among predictor variables > R<sup>2</sup> for response with all predictor variables

### Solutions to multicollinearity

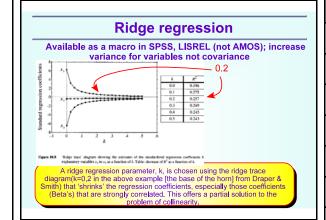
- If the goal of the model is to produce predicted values for one analysis, then multicollinearity is **not** a problem. All variables can be included.
- However, if the equation is to be used for new data, then the model will be badly overfitted, the predicted values will be biased
   Significant coefficients could be spurious or nonsense
- Solutions
- ► Reduce the number of explanatory variables using theory & insight into the field
- Cluster analysis of variables: Choose 1 from each cluster
- Ridge regression (available using syntax for SPSS Raynald Lavasque's web site)
- Principal components regression
   Principal component scores are usually orthogonal (uncorrelated)
   Use principal component scores as explanatory variables
   Structural equation modeling

# Slide 11 Ridge regression

Slide 10 Solutions to multicollinearity

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# Ayres & Donohue (2003): Too many covariates produces less crime

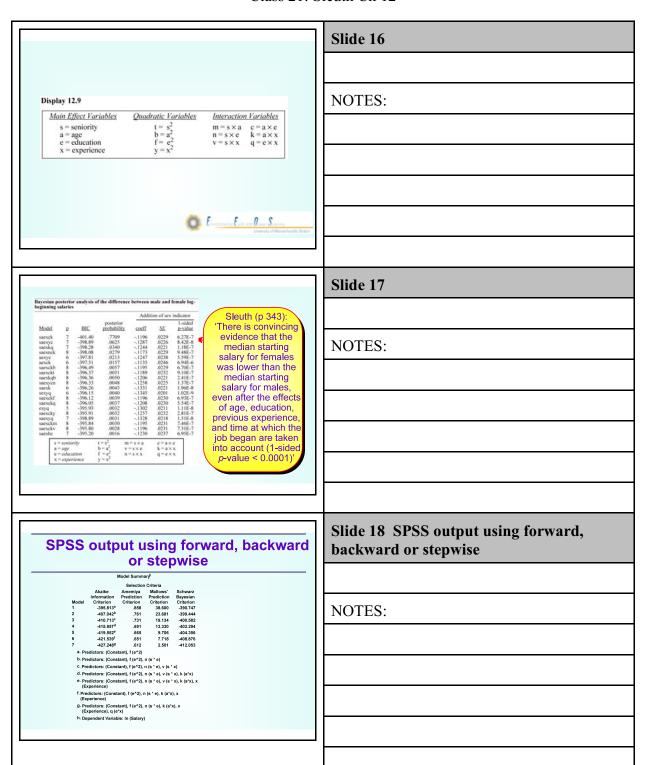
Lott used 36 demographic covariates, severe collinearity problems

- Lott & Mustard (1997) argue lenient 'will carry' gun law states had less crime
- •L&M used 36 demographic variables in their regressions
- •The excessive number of covariates produced Multicollinearity effects, changing the sign of the crime terms Note: the sign of a term in a multiple regression is a partial correlation, given the other terms. The sign an change depending on other terms.

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# Has gender equity really been rejected?

Campbell & Kenny: statistical equating often produces gender discrimination when there is none, and racial differences when there are none

# Slide 19 Has gender equity really been rejected?

**NOTES:** 

### Statistical Equating & RTM

Campbell & Kenny: The regression artifact

- The sophomore jinx
- Spontaneous remission of depression
- Misclassification of individuals using standardized tests
- Perhaps:
- ► Ashland cancer study
- ► Washington D.C. vouchers
- ► Sanders' analysis of African-American failure on the bar exam
- Statistical equating
- ▶ Regression to the mean leads to a bias in estimating gender differences using "equating"
- Page 84: Ethnic differences in intellectual ability:

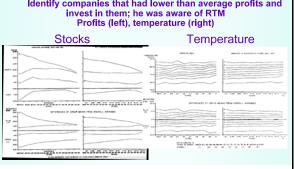
  "We believe that the blas in statistical equating for ethnic differences in achievement and intelligence testing is underadjustment"

# Slide 20 Statistical Equating & RTM

**NOTES:** 

Identify companies that had lower than average profits and invest in them; he was aware of RTM Profits (left), temperature (right)

**Poor Horace Secrist (1933)** 



### Slide 21 Poor Horace Secrist (1933)

### Hotelling's (1933) JASA review

- Business varies, but average temperatures don't vary nearly as much
- Secrist chose cities spread out throughout the country and looked at interannual variability
- Small year-to-year variations compared to the big cityto-city variations
- Secrist rebuttal (1934)



# Slide 22 Hotelling's (1933) JASA review

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### Hotelling's (1934) rejoinder

Quoted in Stigler's "Statistics on the Table"

"To 'prove' such a mathematical result [regression to the mean in annual reports] by a costly and prolonged numerical study of many kinds of business profit and expense ratios is analogous to proving the multiplication table by arranging elephants in rows and columns, and then doing the same for numerous other kinds of animals. The performance, though perhaps entertaining, and having a certain pedagogical value, is not an important contribution to either zoology or to mathematics."

# Slide 23 Hotelling's (1934) rejoinder

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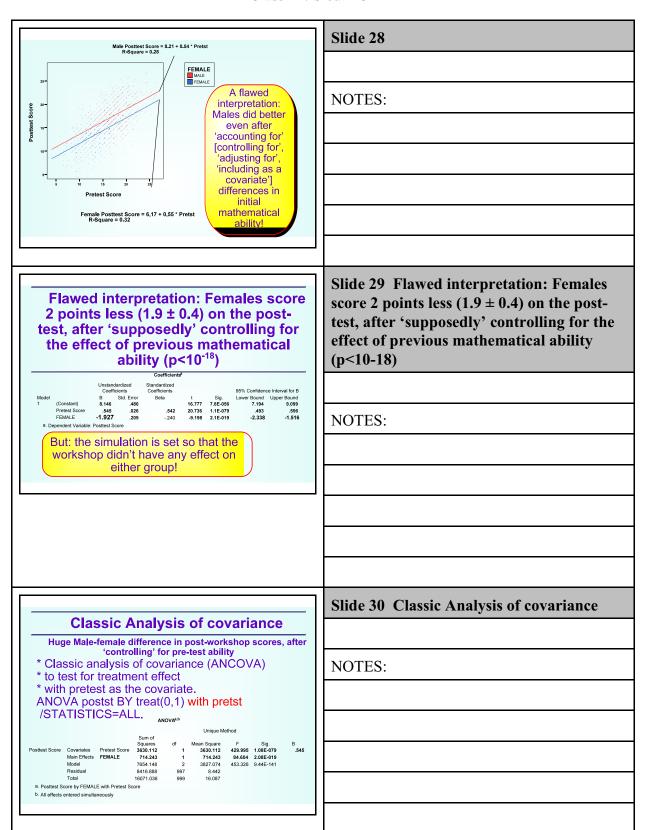
# Statistical Equating

Effects on gender bias & racial differences "Including a covariate, like socioeconomic status, can produce a racial or gender bias, when none really exists!"



### **Slide 24 Statistical Equating**

# Slide 25 A hypothetical test of gender A hypothetical test of gender effects effects Read Campbell & Kenny Chapters 4 & 5 • Are women inferior in mathematics? • Randomly select 500 women & 500 men for admission to a intense workshop on advanced mathematics. Give both groups a pretest of mathematical ability In the simulation (rtm-ck.sps) generate test scores by 4 tosses of a die. Assign males 4 units higher score in both pre & post test Males: sum of 4 dice + 0. **NOTES:** Assume that the workshop does NOTHING to improve ability for either group Retest each student, the post-test, which is modeled to have a a correlation of 0.5 between pre- & post-test ▶ 2 dice the same, 2 new dice throws for each student Test whether males did better than females in this advanced workshop, even after controlling for their previous math background Slide 26 MALE Pre-Test MALE Post-Test FEMALE Pre-Test FEMALE Post-Test Post-test score NOTES: Pre-test score Slide 27 Pretest Score ■ Posttest Score **NOTES:**



Repeated measures designs (Chapter 16) produce the correct solution: No effect of gender on post-test  There is no pre-test to post-test x gender interaction  Tosts of Within-Subjects Effects  Measure: MEASURE 1  Sucre propost Sphericity Assumed 1 148 1.000 1.458 2.86 8.008 1.000 1.458 1.000 1.458 2.86 8.008 1.000 1.458 1.000 1.458 2.86 8.008 1.000 1.0	Slide 31 Repeated measures designs (Chapter 16) produce the correct solution: No effect of gender on post-test  NOTES:
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### Why didn't regression & ANCOVA work?

### See Cambell & Kenny (Ch 4-5) for full analysis

- Whenever there is less than perfect correlation between the covariate and the response, the effect of the covariate on the response is **not** removed by regression (=Analysis of covariance)
- This is due to regression to the mean
- Since the correlation between pre-test and post-test was set at r=0.5, only 50% of the pre-test effect can be 'explained' or accounted for by multiple regression
- Whenever the covariate is less than perfectly correlated with the
- response, multiple regression does not fully 'control for' or 'account for' or 'adjust for' the effects of the covariate.

  Note that if the pre-test score had a correlation with the post-test score of 0.25, then only 1/4 of the pre-test difference would be accounted for by including pre-test as a covariate. There would a 3-point advantage for males after including pre-test as a covariate

# Slide 34 Why didn't regression & ANCOVA work?

**NOTES:** 

# Galton's regression to the mean

Son's height 1" taller than father's, r=0.5, SD=2.5"

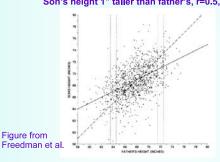
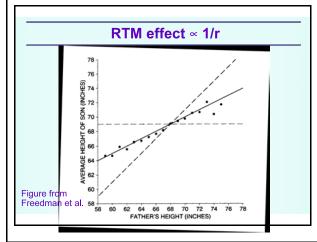


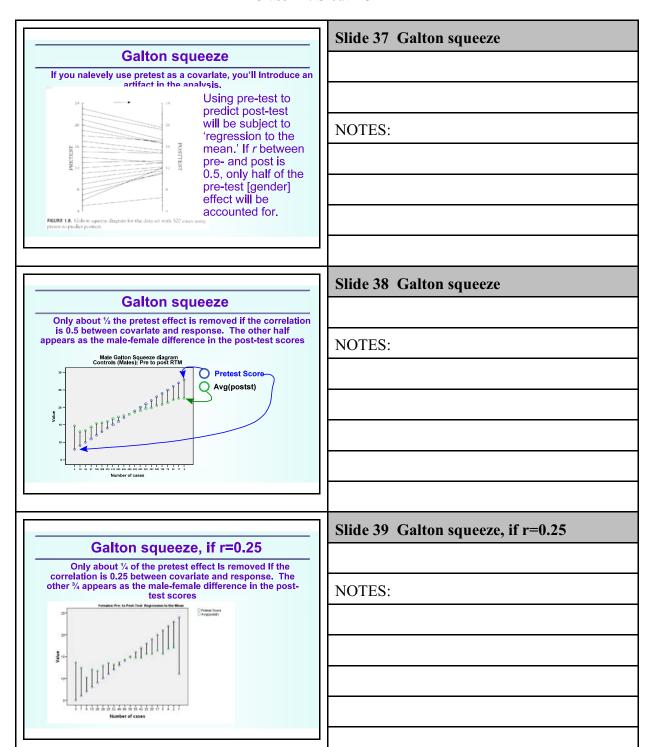
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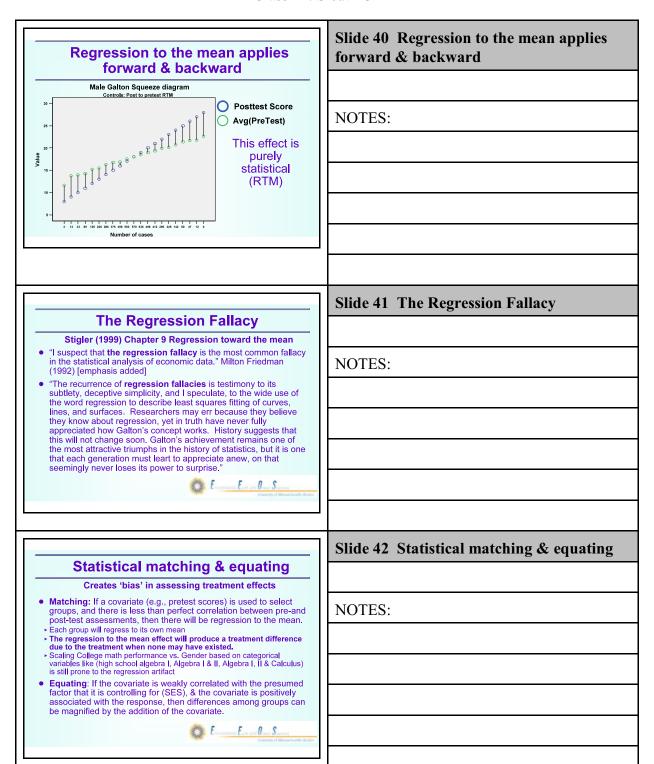
### Slide 35 Galton's regression to the mean

**NOTES:** 



### Slide 36 RTM effect $\propto 1/r$





### Structural modeling vs. ANCOVA

### Cook & Campbell 1979. Primer on Regression artifacts

- "The usefulness of analysis of covariance is closely coupled to the assumption that each covariate be measured without error"
- ► Other assumptions too
- ► Violation of this assumption could be disastrous
- Using unreliable covariates can produce treatment effects that do not exist and can mask strong treatment
- ▶ Gender discrimination
- ► Racial differences on standardized tests
- Really unreliable covariates can change the sign of a treatment effect

Slide 43	Structural	modeling vs.
ANCOV	A	

**NOTES:** 

### **Solutions to Equating & matching** problems

- Need a procedure that can adjust for the effect of the covariate, to correct for the 'bias' due to the regression to the mean phenomenan
- Equating & ANCOVA, may be ok when
- Randomized assignment of subjects to cases
   Equating not needed at all for reliability, but only for increasing 'power'
- ▶ If there is little correlation between the treatment groups and the covariate.
- Alternatives to multiple regression: Structural equation modeling, change-score analysis (Campbell & Kenny 1999), Hierarchical linear models, James-Stein (empirical Bayes) estimators

# Slide 44 Solutions to Equating & matching problems

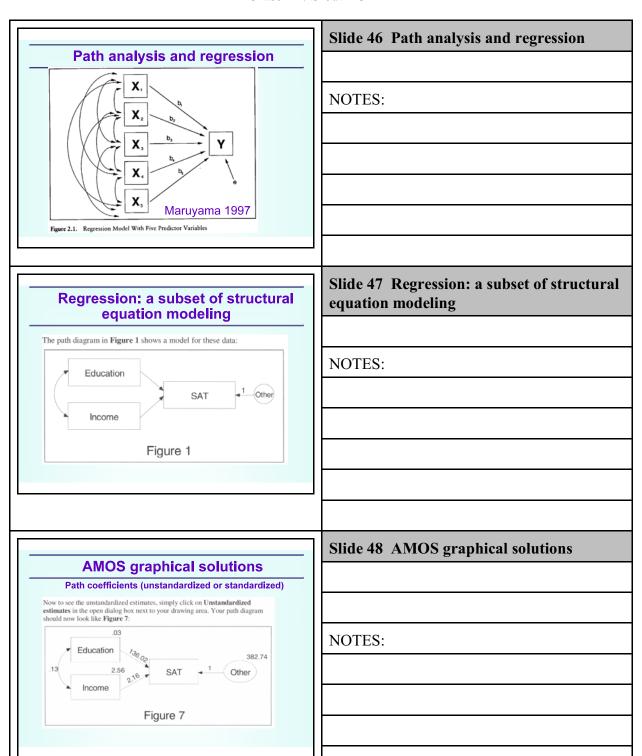
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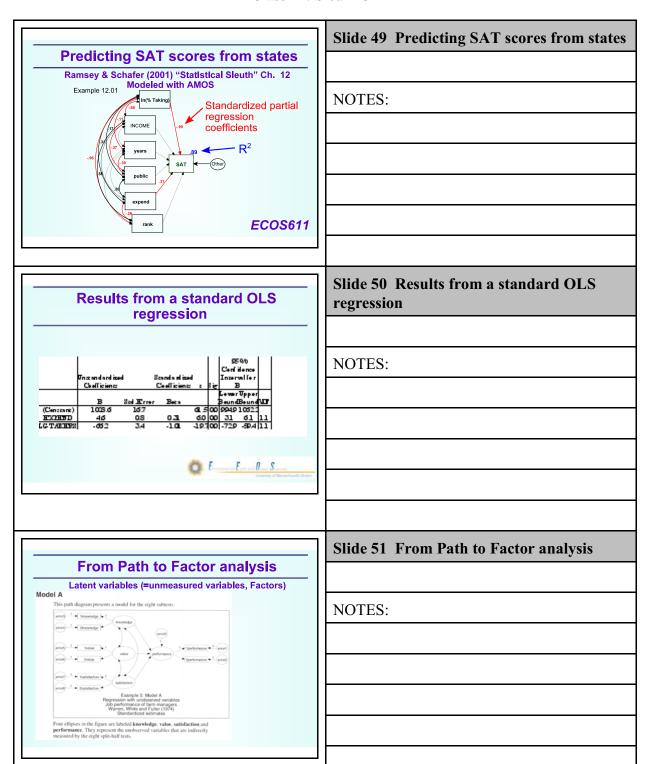
# Structural equation modeling AMOS: Analysis of moment structures

User's Guide No time in EEOS611

Covered in EEOS612:

### Slide 45 Structural equation modeling





Measurement Model  The set of connections between the observed and unobserved variables is often called the measurement model. The current problem has four distinct measurement submodels:  Structural model  The model component connecting realled the structural model:  The model component connecting realled the structural model:	Slide 52 Measurement & Structural submodels  NOTES:
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Applications to SAT & MCAS  SAT scores: can be analyzed using SEM  Taking exams and expenditure per students are the most important variabels  How should socioeconomic factors be included in evaluating schools with MCAS  Strong collinearity among socio-economic variables  Gaudet & UMASS Donahue Institute  Socioeconomic variables are strongly correlated  Used principal component regression (didn't need to)  Could have used ridge regression  Tuerck, Beacon Hill Institute  Class size increases MCAS scores: probably an artifact, but need original data.  Chen & Ferguson (2002) simultaneous spatial autoregressive model (SAR)	Slide 54 Applications to SAT & MCAS  NOTES:

# Slide 55 Gaudet's Ranking of MA Schools Gaudet's Ranking of MA Schools 1998 UMASS/Amherst Ph.D. and Donahue Institute Annual reports Gaudet's method for evaluating school quality NOTES: Socioeconomic variables from the 1990 census database, per student expenditure from MA DOE, MEAP results ▶ 6 variables used in a "Major Axis" or principal components regression average education level, average income, poverty rate, single-parent status, language spoken, and percentage of school-age population enrolled in private schools. ▶ 86% of the variation in 1998 MCAS score is due to socioeconomic background of the students ► Reduced to 85%, 83%, 81% and 81%MA • Rerank 240 communities after controlling for 6 socioeconomic factors. Slide 56 The best 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes The best 10th grade classes Gaudet's ranking for President Bulger's office District Math 10 Overs Similar to Case Study 12.1, the residual after NOTES: fitting covariates 253 246 245 (Socio-economic factors) is used to assess teaching 249 Quality 250 251 250 Slide 57 The thrip/regression fallacy The thrip/regression fallacy Variation in Baccanaca variable/s) V can be partititioned NOTES: Variation explained by W variation Figure 10.10 Partition of the variation of a response starbilety among two sets of explanatory variables X and W. The length of the horizontal line corresponds to 100% of the variation in y. Fraction [h] in the intersection of the linear effects of X and W on y. Adapted from Legendre (1973). Andrewartha & Birch (1954) on 'weather' vs. Biological interactions controlling thrip abundance and Smith's critique

# Chen & Ferguson (2002)

### Evaluating school quality

 $Y_i = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{4} \beta_j X_{ij} + \varepsilon_i$ 

(A5.1)

where,  $Y_i$ ,  $i = 1,2,\cdots 226$  is the grand average of MCAS scores for years 1998, 1999, and 2000 for district i, and  $X_0$ , j = 1,2,3,4 are the covariates of economic and demographic factors. They are AFRICAN-AMERICAN, PERCAP, TWOPHLD, and TAFDCPER. (LIM.ENG, which might quite reasonably be deemed a non-school related variable, is not used in this equation, since in combination with these variables alone it is not significant.) Once again, however, a Moran test indicates that the residuals of (A5.1) are spatially autocorrelated.



Slide 58 Chen & Ferguson (2002)

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Just as in the earlier equation we employ spatial models. Here the model is:

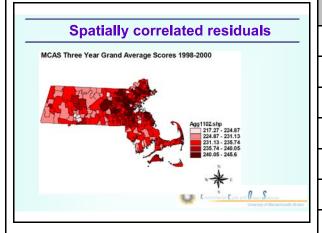
$$Y_{i} = \beta_{0} + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \beta_{j} X_{ij} + \delta_{i} + \varepsilon_{i}$$
(A5.2)

Again, as in Appendix 3, we estimate both a Conditional Spatial Autoregression (CAR) model using S-Plus and a Bayesian spatial approach estimated with WinBUGS. The estimated coefficients and p-values are listed in Table A5.3.

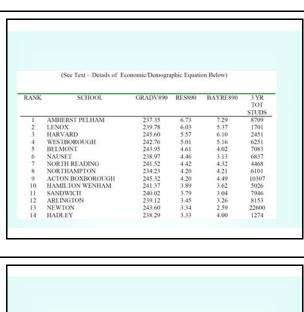
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AFRICAN	-0.160(.00)	-0.162	
PERCAP	0.594(.00)	0.602	
TWOPHLD	0.122(.00)	0.125	
TAFDCPER	-2.124(.00)	-2.213	

# Slide 59 Chen & Ferguson (2002)

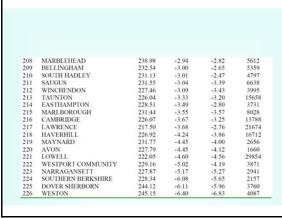
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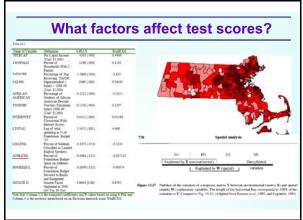
# Slide 60 Spatially correlated residuals



Slide 61 Chen & Ferguson (2002)
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# Slide 62 Chen & Ferguson (2002) NOTES:



Slide 63 What factors affect test scores?
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### **Beacon Hill Institute Study**

Goal to rank schools & to evaluate educational policy

- Use 2000 MCAS scores as response variables
- Variables in Multiple regression:
- ▶ Policy: % change in per pupil spending, percentage change in student-teacher ratios, number of students per computer
- Socioeconomic: crime rates, % of workers that are professionals, % households headed by single females, Urban or non-urban
- ▶ Choice variables: % students in charter schools, % students in METCO
- ▶ Previous performance: 1994 MEAP scores

### Slide 64 Beacon Hill Institute Study

NOTES:

### **Beacon Hill Results**

### Increase class sizes for "good schools"

- School performance rises with % professionals or managers
  School performance drops as the crime rate increases
  School performance drops with higher % single parent households
  Urbanized school districts have poorer performance
- Choice

- Charter schools 'spur schools to do better'
   METCO has no effect
   % of students attending public schools positively associated with scores
- Policy implications

- Spending doesn't improve performance
   Increased class size for "good districts" improves perfomrance
   "Win-win situation" Increase class size in good districts by decreasing their funding and shift to poorer districts



### Slide 65 Beacon Hill Results

NOTES:

### The 15 best schools?

### The 15 Best-Performing Massachusetts School Districts

	Achieving Good Performance (G Rating)			Reducing Poor Performance (P Rating)		
DISTRICT (number of ratings for which district fell in the top 10)	4"	84	10 <sup>th</sup>	4"	8 <sup>th</sup>	10
Hadley (5)	X	X	X		X	X
Clinton (3)	X	X		X		
Methuen (3)	X			X	X	
Stoneham (3)		X	X			X
Tyngsborough (3)	X		X			X
Nantucket (2)		X			X	
Chelsea (2)				X		X
Dighton-Rehoboth (2)		X			Х	
Eastham (2)	X			X		
Everett (2)	X			X		
Hanover (2)		X			X	
Oxford (2)	X			X		
Provincetown (2)			X			X
Shrewsbury (2)			X			X
Sutton (2)	Х			X		

### Slide 66 The 15 best schools?

### Slide 67 The 12 worst schools? The 12 worst schools? Beacon Hill Inst: Weighted average of 4th, 8th & 10th grades The 12 Worst-Performing Massachusetts School Districts NOTES: Achieving Good Performance (G Rating) DISTRICT (number of ratings for which district fell in the bottom 10) iarragansett (4) Gateway (3) Somerset (3) hesterfield-Goshen (2) Adams Cheshire (2) Hudson (2) Leicester (2) Millis (2) Mount Greylock (2) Randolph (2) Swampscott (2) Watertown (2) Slide 68 The Worst 10th grade schools The Worst 10th grade schools Beacon Hill Institute Foxborough Weston Quabbin 86 22 128 210 192 Winchendon Wareham McIrose Carver Leicester NOTES: 186 113 North Attleborough 171 Berkshire Hills Uxbridge 133 170 187 142 168 17 193 Winthrop Westford Quaboag Regional Harvard 188 63 Peabody Lunenburg Randolph 104 Longmeadow Southwick Tolland North Middlesex 46 199 200 67 36 132 88 152 Sutton Watertown Bellingham Somerset Narragansett Hopedale Mount Greylock 135 60 172 196 191 Douglas 197 210 Slide 69 The Beacon Hill Institute Report The Beacon Hill Institute Report Would Increasing class size improve performance? Beacon Hill study No attempt was made to assess collnearlty among the many strongly NOTES: No attempt was made to assess collnearity among the many strongly correlated explanatory variables Multicollinearity would invalidate many of their interpretations of betas, especially class size The authors should have calculated VIF's Solutions Do ridge regression or principal components regression Create a structural equation model for the hypotheses A major conclusion from the study that increased class size improves MCAS performance runs counter to controlled experiments Experiments or quasi-experiments peformed on class size indicate a negative correlation between class size and ► STAR E E O S

# Slide 70 Class size and test scores Class size and test scores Inference: reduced class size causes improved performance The Tennessee Star Study NOTES: ► A controlled experiment ▶ Students randomly assiged to class sizes of 15 or 24 ► Long-lasting effects The Wisconsin SAGE study Students randomly assigned to small and large classes. • Analysis of covariance (i.e, multiple regression) IS NOT a valid alternative to a randomized experiment E E O S **Slide 71 Conclusions** Conclusions Regression to the mean will be present whenever an explanatory variable (covariate) exhibits less than NOTES: perfect correlation with the response variable. The higher the variability in the covariate, the more the regression to the mean effect • For pre-test vs. Post-test analyses, regressing with pretest score as an explanatory variable DOES NOT remove the effects of pre-test differences. Better approaches: Repeated measures designs, hierarchical linear longitudinal models, or subtract pretest from posttest (called change score analysis) E E O S