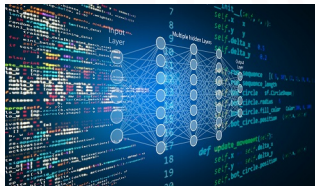


Environmental Data and Analysis

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Presentation Outline

- 1 **Basics of Modelling and Data Analysis**
- 2 **Finding Environmental Data**
- 3 **Environmental Data Analysis**
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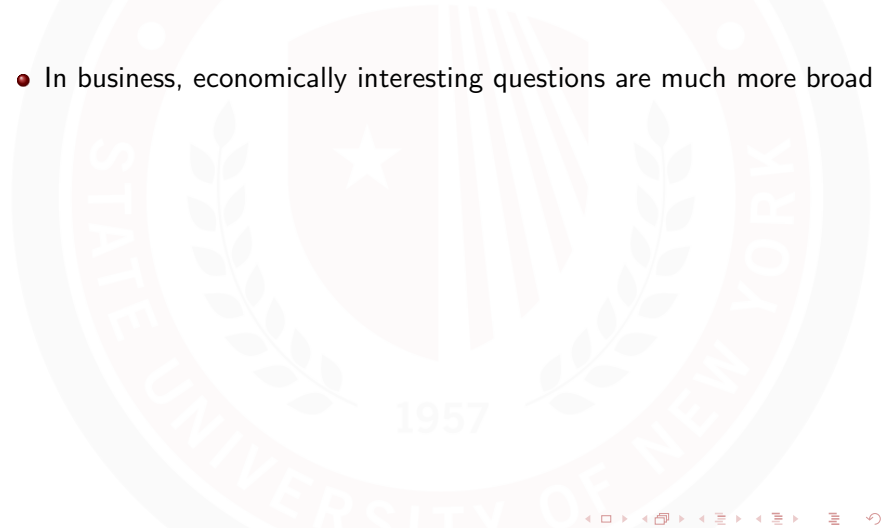


What is Economics about Really?

- Is economics about the stock market?
- Is economics about money?
- Is economics about the economy? Consumers? Business and profits?
Policy?

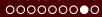
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What is an Economically Interesting Question: Business

- In business, economically interesting questions are much more broad
- In particular, in business, theories of human behavior are less important than empirical predictions
- Forecasting is almost anathema to traditional economics but is central to analysis in business
- Research in economics requires interesting complex new techniques
- Research in business often uses boring techniques because they work and are easy to explain



Structure of a Research Paper

- Abstract: Broad overview of paper and analysis
- Introduction: What is the paper about? Why is it important?
- Literature Review: What have others done? How are you different?
- Model: How do you think this industry or phenomenon works? Who are the players? What motivates them? What economic theory are you testing or building on?
- Data: Where is your data from? What makes it interesting? What features characterize the data?
- Estimation Strategy: How do you plan to estimate your model? What statistical models will you use?
- Results: What exactly came of your estimation strategy?



Knowing what Data you Need

- Data is almost always a major constraint on any research project
- Look at data used by others in field and replicate, replicate, replicate
- Start by thinking about level of granularity needed
 - Granularity is hard, you want to make sure that you answer the question you're asking
- Ask what in the data answers the question you have
- Ask what data are missing. How does this impact your model?

Steps to Access Data via API

1. Identify the API:

- Choose a suitable API for the data you need (e.g., EIA, SEC).

2. Obtain API Access:

- Sign up for an account, if required.
- Obtain an API key for authentication.

3. Understand API Documentation:

- Study the available endpoints, parameters, and response formats.

4. Make the API Request:

- Use tools like Python (requests library) or Postman.
- Example HTTP request: GET

```
https://api.example.com/data?key=API_KEY
```

5. Parse the Response:

- Decode JSON or XML response and extract the data.

6. Store and Use the Data:

- Save the data in your desired format (CSV, database, etc.).

Example: Making an API Request in Python

Python Code for API Request:

```
import requests

# Define the API endpoint and parameters
url = "https://api.example.com/data"
params = {
    "key": "YOUR_API_KEY",
    "date": "2024-12-01",
    "format": "json"
}
```


Example: Making an API Request in R

R Code for API Request:

```
# Load required libraries
library(httr)
library(jsonlite)

# Define the API endpoint and parameters
url <- "https://api.example.com/data"
params <- list(
  key = "YOUR_API_KEY",
  date = "2024-12-01",
  format = "json"
)

# Make the GET request
response <- GET(url, query = params)
```


Tips for Writing EIA API Queries

- **Understand the API Documentation:** Read the official EIA API documentation to know available endpoints, parameters, and data structure.
- **Choose the Right Endpoint:** Select the API endpoint that matches your data needs (e.g., electricity, petroleum, natural gas).
- **Use Filters:** Apply filters like geography, time, and series IDs to narrow down your data request.
- **Test Your Query:** Use tools like Postman or curl to test and debug your API queries.
- **Optimize for Efficiency:** Avoid excessively large queries by limiting your data request to only what you need.
- **Handle Errors Gracefully:** Write scripts to manage errors such as invalid keys, rate limits, or missing data.

Pro Tip: Check the “Examples” section in the EIA API documentation for sample queries.

Getting an API Key from PJM

- 1 Visit the PJM API Portal:** Navigate to the PJM API Portal.
- 2 Register for an Account:** Click on "Sign Up" and provide the necessary information to create a PJM tools account.
- 3 Email Verification:** Check your email for a verification link from PJM and follow the instructions to verify your account.
- 4 Request API Access:** After logging in, request access to the Data Miner API by subscribing to the relevant API products.
- 5 Obtain Your API Key:** Once approved, retrieve your unique API key from your profile on the PJM API Portal.

Example Data Miner Query

Scenario: Retrieve real-time five-minute Locational Marginal Prices (LMPs) for a specific date.

API Query:

```
https://api.pjm.com/api/v1/rt_fivemin_hrl_lmps?startRow =  
1rowCount = 5000sort = datetime_beginning_eptorder =  
ascdatetime_beginning_ept = 2023 - 12 - 01T00 : 00to2023 - 12 - 01T23 :  
59format = csv
```

Explanation:

- `startRow` and `rowCount`: Define the pagination of results.
- `sort` and `order`: Specify sorting by date and ascending order.
- `datetime_beginning_ept`: Set the date range for December 1, 2023.
- `format`: Request data in CSV format.

Note: Include your API key in the request header as specified in the PJM API documentation.

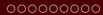
Model Estimation Code in R

Estimating a Hedonic Pricing Model:

```
# Load required library
library(tidyverse)

# Example dataset
data <- tibble(
  price = c(300000, 250000, 400000, 350000),
  size = c(1500, 1200, 1800, 1600),
  age = c(10, 20, 5, 15),
  park_proximity = c(1, 0, 1, 0) # 1 = Near park, 0
    = Not near
)

# Fit the Hedonic Pricing Model
model <- lm(price ~ size + age + park_proximity, data
  = data)
```

Logistic Regression for Non-Market Valuation

Why Use Logistic Regression?

- Predicts the probability that an individual accepts or rejects a bid for a non-market good.
- Useful for estimating willingness to pay (WTP).

Model Framework:

- Dependent Variable (Y):
 - $Y = 1$: Accept the bid (e.g., willing to pay).
 - $Y = 0$: Reject the bid (e.g., not willing to pay).
- Independent Variables:
 - Bid amount (e.g., \$5, \$10, \$20).
 - Demographics (e.g., income, education).
 - Attitudes or preferences (e.g., environmental concern).

Applications:

- Valuation of clean air, water quality, park access, etc.



Logistic regression visualized

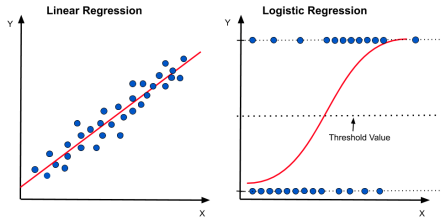


Figure 3: Linear vs. Logistic

Example: Logistic Regression for Individual Valuation

Example Research Question:

- What is the probability that an individual is willing to pay \$X for improved water quality in a local lake?

Example Logistic Regression Model:

$$\log \left(\frac{P(Y = 1)}{1 - P(Y = 1)} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Bid}) + \beta_2(\text{Income}) + \beta_4(\text{EnvConcern})$$

- $Y = 1$: Respondent is willing to pay the bid amount.
- Bid: Amount offered in the survey.
- Income: Respondent's household income.
- EnvConcern: Level of environmental concern (e.g., Likert scale).

WTP Estimation:

- Mean WTP can be derived as:

$$\text{Mean WTP} = - \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_2(\text{Avg Income}) + \beta_4(\text{Avg EnvConcern})}{\beta_1}$$

Example Code: Logistic Regression for WTP in R

R Code for Non-Market Valuation:

```
# Load required libraries
library(tidyverse)

# Example dataset
data <- tibble(
  accept = c(1, 0, 1, 0, 1), # 1 = Willing to pay,
    0 = Not willing
  bid = c(5, 10, 15, 20, 5),
  income = c(50000, 45000, 60000, 40000, 55000),
  education = c(16, 14, 18, 12, 16),
  env_concern = c(4, 3, 5, 2, 4) # 1-5 Likert scale
)
```

Example Code: Logistic Regression for WTP in R

R Code for Non-Market Valuation:

```
# Fit the logistic regression model
model <- glm(accept ~ bid + income + education + env_
  concern ,
             data = data ,
             family = binomial)

# Summarize the results
summary(model)
```


Example Code: Logistic Regression for WTP in R

R Code for Non-Market Valuation:

```
# Calculate Mean WTP (example)
beta <- coef(model)
avg_income <- mean(data$income)
avg_education <- mean(data$education)
avg_env_concern <- mean(data$env_concern)
mean_wtp <- -(beta[1] + beta[3] * avg_income +
              beta[4] * avg_education +
              beta[5] * avg_env_concern) / beta[2]
cat("Estimated Mean WTP:", mean_wtp, "\n")
```

Example Code: Logistic Regression for WTP in R: Explanation

- **accept:** Dependent variable (willingness to pay).
- **bid, income, education, env_concern:** Independent variables.
- **glm():** Fits a logistic regression model.
- **Mean WTP:** Derived from the model coefficients.

Visualization of Predicted Probabilities

Predicted Probability of Bid Acceptance:

- Visualization of the probability that respondents accept a bid.
- Helps identify trends in willingness to pay.

R Code for Visualization:

```
ggplot(new_data, aes(x = bid, y = predicted_
  probability)) +
  geom_line(color = "blue") +
  labs(title = "Predicted_Probability_of_Accepting_Bid
    ",
    x = "Bid_Amount_($)",
    y = "Predicted_Probability") +
  theme_minimal()
```

Production Function Estimation for Environmental Valuation

What is Production Function Estimation?

- A method to estimate the relationship between inputs (e.g., labor, capital, environmental quality) and outputs (e.g., agricultural yield, fisheries production).
- Useful for valuing environmental goods by estimating their contribution to economic production.

Example Applications:

- Valuing water quality improvements in agricultural production.
- Estimating the effect of air quality on labor productivity.

General Form:

$$Q = f(K, L, E) + \epsilon$$

Example Code: Production Function Estimation in R

R Code for Estimating a Cobb-Douglas Production Function:

```
# Load required library
library(tidyverse)

# Example dataset
data <- tibble(
  output = c(100, 150, 200, 250, 300),      # Output (
    e.g., crop yield)
  capital = c(10, 15, 20, 25, 30),          # Capital
    input (e.g., machinery)
  labor = c(5, 7, 9, 11, 13),              # Labor
    input (e.g., workers)
  water_quality = c(8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10)    #
    Environmental input
)
```

Example Code: Production Function Estimation in R

R Code for Estimating a Cobb-Douglas Production Function:

```
# Log-transform the data
data <- data %>%
  mutate(log_output = log(output),
         log_capital = log(capital),
         log_labor = log(labor),
         log_water_quality = log(water_quality))
```

Production Function Estimation

```
Summarize the results summary(model)
Calculate marginal productivity of water quality
beta_water <- coef(model)["log_water_quality"]
MeanQuality<-mean(data$water_quality)
MeanOutput<-mean(data$output)
marginal_productivity <- beta _water * ) /MeanQuality
cat("MP Quality:", marginal_productivity, "\n")
```

Explanation:

- **output:** Dependent variable (e.g., crop yield).
- **capital, labor, water_quality:** Independent variables.
- **log-transform:** Transforms data for Cobb-Douglas estimation.
- **Marginal Productivity:** Value of an additional unit of environmental input.

Basic Time-Series Forecasting

What is Time-Series Forecasting?

- Predicting future values based on past observations of a variable.
- Assumes temporal dependence between data points.

Key Concepts:

- **Stationarity:** The statistical properties of the series do not change over time.
- **Autocorrelation:** Correlation between observations at different time lags.
- **Lag Order:** Number of past observations used to predict future values.

Common Models:

Common Time-series Models

- **Autoregressive (AR):** Depends on its own past values.
- **Moving Average (MA):** Depends on past forecast errors.
- **ARIMA:** Combines AR and MA with differencing to handle non-stationarity.

AR Visualized

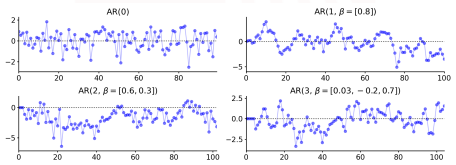


Figure 4: Go ahead. Add more terms...

Forecasting Natural Gas Futures Prices with AR(1)

AR(1) Model:

$$P_t = \alpha + \beta P_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

- P_t : Futures price at time t .
- P_{t-1} : Futures price at time $t - 1$ (lagged price).
- α : Intercept term.
- β : Autoregressive coefficient, measuring dependence on the previous value.
- ϵ_t : White noise error term.

Forecasting Natural Gas Futures Prices with AR(1)

Steps:

- 1 Obtain historical natural gas futures prices from EIA.
- 2 Test for stationarity using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test.
- 3 Fit an AR(1) model to the data.
- 4 Use the model to forecast future prices.

Applications:

- Energy market price prediction.
- Risk management and portfolio optimization.

Example Code: AR(1) Model for Natural Gas Prices in R

R Code for AR(1) Estimation:

```
# Load libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(forecast)

# Example dataset: Simulated natural gas futures
prices
set.seed(123)
data <- tibble(
  date = seq.Date(from = as.Date("2023-01-01"), by =
    "month", length.out = 36),
  price = cumsum(rnorm(36, mean = 0.5, sd = 2)) +
    100
)
```

Example Code: AR(1) Model for Natural Gas Prices in R

R Code for AR(1) Estimation:

```
# Convert to time series object
gas_prices <- ts(data$price, start = c(2023, 1),
  frequency = 12)

# Test for stationarity
adf_test <- tseries::adf.test(gas_prices)
print(adf_test)

# Fit AR(1) model
ar_model <- arima(gas_prices, order = c(1, 0, 0))
summary(ar_model)
```

Example Code: AR(1) Model for Natural Gas Prices in R Explanation

- **Stationarity:** Checked using the ADF test.
- **AR(1) Model:** Fit using the 'arima()' function.
- **Forecast:** Predicted prices for the next 12 months.

Example Code: AR(1) Model for Natural Gas Prices in R

R Code for AR(1) Estimation:

```
# Forecast future prices
forecast_values <- forecast(ar_model, h = 12)
print(forecast_values)

# Plot the forecast
autoplot (forecast_values) + labs (title = "Natural Gas
  futures price forecast", x = "Time",
    y = "Price ($)")
```


Example Code: AR(1) Model for Natural Gas Prices in R Explanation

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Forecasting with Exponential Smoothing

What is Exponential Smoothing?

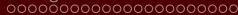
- A forecasting method that applies exponentially decreasing weights to past observations.
- Suitable for time series with trends and seasonality.

Types of Exponential Smoothing:

- **Simple Exponential Smoothing (SES):**
 - For series with no trend or seasonality.
 - Formula: $\hat{y}_{t+1} = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)\hat{y}_t$.
- **Holt's Linear Trend Method:**
 - For series with a trend.
- **Holt-Winters Method:**
 - For series with both trend and seasonality.

Key Parameters Exponential Smoothing

- α : Smoothing parameter for the level.
- β : Smoothing parameter for the trend.
- γ : Smoothing parameter for the seasonality.



Exponential Smoothing Visualized

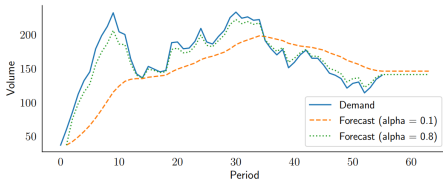


Figure 3.2: Simple smoothing

Figure 5: Exponential Smoothing

Example Code: Exponential Smoothing in R

R Code for Exponential Smoothing:

```
# Load required libraries
library(forecast)

# Simulated time series data
set.seed(123)
data <- ts(rnorm(50, mean = 100, sd = 10), start = c
           (2023, 1), frequency = 12)

# Simple Exponential Smoothing
ses_model <- ses(data, h = 12)
summary(ses_model)

# Holt's Linear Trend Method
holt_model <- holt(data, h = 12)
summary(holt_model)
```

Example Code: Exponential Smoothing in R

R Code for Exponential Smoothing:

```
# Holt-Winters Seasonal Method
hw_model <- hw(data, h = 12, seasonal = "additive")
summary(hw_model)

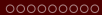
# Plot forecasts
autoplot(data) +
  autolayer(ses_model, series = "SES", PI = FALSE) +
  autolayer(holt_model, series = "Holt", PI = FALSE) +
  autolayer(hw_model, series = "Holt-Winters", PI =
    TRUE) +
  labs(title = "Exponential Smoothing Forecasts",
        x = "Time",
        y = "Value") +
  theme_minimal()
```

Exponential Smoothing in R Explanation

- **SES:** Suitable for series without trend or seasonality.
- **Holt:** Accounts for trends in the data.
- **Holt-Winters:** Captures both trends and seasonality.
- **autoplot():** Visualizes forecasts with historical data.



Thank You So Much!



List of References

