Introductory Applied Econometrics EEP/IAS 118

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Practice Exercise #4

Practice Problem

Let kids denote the number of children ever born to a woman, and let educ denote years of education for the woman. A simple model relating fertility to years of education is:

$$kids = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ + u$$

where u is the unobserveed error.

- 1. What kind of factors are contained in u?
- 2. Give an example of one factor that is positively correlated with educ, one that is negatively correlated with educ, and one that is not correlated with educ.