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**Example 1: Bivariate Regression**

Consider the following regression model:

$$cgrowth_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ygrowth_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (1)$$

where *cgrowth* is the consumption growth rate, *ygrowth* is the real income growth rate,  $\varepsilon$  is an error term, and  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are parameters. Using the average (1953-1990) cross-sectional data from G. Karras (May 1996), "Are the Output Effects of Monetary Policy Asymmetric? Evidence from a Sample of European Countries" *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* ( $N = 18$ ), write the following simple RATS program:

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* E534 -- Example 1
allocate 18
* cross section data from Karras, Oxford Bulletin, 1996 (Appendix)
data(unit=input,org=obs) / number ygrowth cgrowth
1      4.108      2.467
2      3.264      1.932
3      3.163      1.560
4      3.943      1.985
5      3.807      2.218
6      4.001      2.250
7      4.903      3.369
8      4.967      2.838
9      3.757      2.065
10     4.311      2.578
11     3.909      2.333
12     3.810      1.569
13     4.764      3.173
14     4.739      2.815
15     2.883      1.439
16     3.203      1.683
17     5.406      3.552
18     2.743      1.861
*
linreg cgrowth
# constant ygrowth
*
end
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Save the program as e534ex1.rat. To execute the program on ICARUS, give the command

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rats e534ex1.rat e534ex1.out
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which will store the output in the file e534ex1.out. The output obtained includes the following regression information:

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RATS386 4.21. Run on Sep  9 1998
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* E534 -- Example 1
... other lines ...
*
linreg cgrowth
# constant ygrowth

Dependent Variable CGROWTH - Estimation by Least Squares
Usable Observations      18      Degrees of Freedom      16
Centered R**2            0.845949      R Bar **2            0.836321
Uncentered R**2          0.989829      T x R**2            17.817
Mean of Dependent Variable      2.31594444444
Std Error of Dependent Variable 0.6335956655
Standard Error of Estimate      0.2563355945
Sum of Squared Residuals        1.0513269924
Regression F(1,16)              87.8617
Significance Level of F          0.00000007
Durbin-Watson Statistic         2.205428

      Variable      Coeff      Std Error      T-Stat      Signif
*****
1.  Constant      -0.739169492  0.331485129   -2.22987   0.04042983
2.  YGROWTH        0.767177507  0.081845730    9.37346   0.00000007

*
end
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Normal Completion