

**Homework 8. Due Wednesday May 5.**

1. You want to estimate the model

$$y_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i + e_i$$

by maximum likelihood. Assume that the variance of the error term is  $\text{var}(e_i) = \gamma x_i^2$ . Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for  $\alpha_1$  and  $\gamma$ .

2. Continue the computer problem from Homeworks 6 and 7.

This time, test for heteroskedasticity by regressing the squared residuals on the regressors and check (using the t-stats) if any are significant. Also test for correlated errors by regressing the period- $t$  residual on the period- $t - 1$  residual and testing if the coefficient is significant.