

CEE 123 Transport Systems 3: Planning & Forecasting**Spring 2026:** Michael G. Mc Nally (mmcnally-at-uci-dot-edu) [15450]**Homework #5 -- Trip Generation Modeling [Solutions]****Problem 1 [20 points]**

The data in Table 1 was collected from 10 households (HH). Variables include Household Identification Number, HHID), daily trips per household (Trips), HH Income (HHInc, in \$1,000s), number of cars in the HH (Cars), number of persons in the HH (HHSIZE), and dwelling unit type (DU, 1=Single Family; 2=Multiple Family). These 10 observations are the **first** set of 10 households in [Table 7](#) [[xls](#)].

- Hypothesize several alternate model structures (via causal arrow diagrams: $X \rightarrow Y$) and then find a valid bivariate trip generation model performing the calculations by hand.
- Hypothesize several alternate model structures (via causal arrow diagrams: $X_1, X_2 \rightarrow Y$) and then find a valid multivariate trip generation model (use any available software -- Excel, TransCAD, or a statistical package -- but please identify the software and include appropriate model output).

Table 1. Sample Household Travel and Demographic Data

HHID	Trips	HHInc	Cars	HHSIZE	DU
1	4	45.0	2	3	2
2	3	40.2	1	2	2
3	4	46.5	1	1	2
4	5	50.4	2	3	2
5	6	57.3	2	2	2
6	6	49.8	2	3	1
7	7	52.5	1	2	1
8	7	55.5	2	3	1
9	6	55.8	2	3	1
10	3	42.6	1	2	2

Solutions:

- All of the possible explanatory variables could be considered potential regressors (DU inversely, the rest directly). There is probably not significant intercorrelation between these variables for these 10 data points, but care should be exercised when developing multivariate models such as $\text{Trips} = f(\text{Cars}, \text{HHSIZE})$.*

Sample Hand Calculation Results for $\text{Trips}(Y) = f[\text{Income}(X)]$ (any of the four bivariate models could be estimated; hand calcs are shown for only one model (corresponding Excel results are also shown).

$\text{Trips} = f(\text{Income})$

Obs	Y	X	Y-sq	X-sq	XY
1	4	45.0	16	2025.00	180.0
2	3	40.2	9	1616.04	120.6
3	4	46.5	16	2162.25	186.0
4	5	50.4	25	2540.16	252.0
5	6	57.3	36	3283.29	343.8
6	6	49.8	36	2480.04	298.8
7	7	52.5	49	2756.25	367.5
8	7	55.5	49	3080.25	388.5
9	6	55.8*	36	3113.64	334.8
10	3	42.6	9	1814.76	127.8
sum	51	495.6	281	24871.68	2599.8
mean	5.1	49.56			
std	1.52	5.87			

 * HH 9 income was listed as 37.2 in the HW but as 55.8 in the Excel spreadsheet (credit will be given for either solution if consistent).

$$b1 = [\text{Sum}\{XY\} - nX'Y'] / [\text{Sum}\{X-sq\} - nX'sq] \\ = [2599.8 - (10)(49.56)(5.1)] / [24871.68 - (10)(49.56)(49.56)] = 0.2332$$

$$b0 = Y' - b1 X' = 5.1 - (0.2332)(49.56) = -6.4586$$

$$R = [\text{Sum}\{XY\} - nX'Y'] / [\text{Sqrt}(\text{Sum}\{X-sq\} - nX'sq) \text{ Sqrt}(\text{Sum}\{Y-sq\} - nY'sq)] \\ = \frac{[2599.8 - (10)(49.56)(5.1)]}{\text{Sqrt}[24871.68 - (10)(49.56)^2] \text{ Sqrt}[281 - (10)(5.1)^2]} = 0.8978$$

$$R-sq = R(R) = (0.8978)(0.8978) = 0.8061$$

$$\text{Sest} = \text{Sqrt} [(\text{Sum}\{Y-sq\} - b0(\text{Sum}\{Y\}) - b1(\text{Sum}\{XY\})) / (n-k-1)] \\ = \text{Sqrt} [{281 - (-6.4586)(51) - (0.2332)(2599.8)} / (10-1-1)] = 0.7117$$

$$Sb = \text{Sest} / [Sx \text{ Sqrt}(n-1)] = 0.7117 / [(5.87)(3)] = 0.0404$$

$$t = b1/Sb = 0.2332/0.0404 = 5.7676$$

Model:

$$Y (\text{trips}) = -6.4586 + 0.2332 X (\text{HHInc})$$

Excel results for Trips=f(Income) ; Trips=f(DUType) ; Trips=f(HHSize):

EXCEL: Trips=f(Income)			EXCEL: Trips=f(DUType)			EXCEL: Trips=f(HHSize)		
b1 b0	0.23 -6.46		b1 b0	-2.33 8.83		b1 b0	0.82 3.14	
se	0.04 2.02		se	0.64 1.07		se	0.71 1.78	
R2 SEy	0.81 0.71		R2 SEy	0.63 0.99		R2 SEy	0.14 1.50	
F df	33.27 8.00		F, df	13.34 8.00		F, df	1.31 8.00	
SSR SSE	16.85 4.05		SSR, SSE	13.07 7.83		SSR, SSE	2.95 17.95	
t-stats	5.76 -3.20		t-stats	-3.65 8.26		t-stats	1.15 1.76	

- b. **BURPP!** estimation of best multivariate models: For the first 10 observations, there are strong correlations for HHInc and DUType, weaker for Cars and HHSize. Correspondingly, the associated simple regressions are significant for the first two variables. Multivariable models were estimated for all combinations of two explanatory variable but only the model using HHInc and DUType was a significant model (below).

DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips EXPLANATORY VARIABLES: HHInc, DUType

MULTIPLE R	0.9618	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.9250	REGRESSION	19.33	2	9.67	43.18
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.9036	RESIDUALS	1.57	7	0.22	
S.E. OF EST.	0.4731	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. HHInc	0.1722	0.6627	0.0325	5.2909
2. DUType	-1.2316	-0.4173	0.3696	-3.3317
Constant	-1.4614			

Problem 2 [20 points]

Table 2 provides a category distribution of 40 households by number of persons per household (categorized as 1-2 or 3 plus) and HH income (categorized as 45k and under, 45.1 to 60k, or >60k). Each cell contains the total number of trips and the total number of households for the first 40 of 50 data points in **Table 7**.

- Add the remaining 10 households to this table
- Build a *category trip generation model* by computing trip production rates for each cell (*and* for row and column totals) of the matrix. Round to nearest tenth of a trip.

c. How would this model be used in Trip Generation?

Table 2a. 40 HH Trip Summary

HHInc+	HHSIZE		Row
	1-2	3+	Tot
.LE.	24	4	28
45k	7	1	8
45.1	53	98	151
to 60k	10	15	25
.GT.	0	66	66
60k	0	7	7
Column	77	168	245
Total	17	23	40

Table 2b. 50 HH Trip Summary

HHInc+	HHSIZE		Row
	1-2	3+	Tot
.LE.	42	4	46
45k	14	1	15
45.1	53	110	163
to 60k	10	17	27
.GT.	0	74	74
60k	0	8	8
Column	95	188	283
Total	24	26	50

Table 2c. Trip Generation Model

HHInc+	HHSIZE		Row
	1-2	3+	Tot
.LE.	3.0	4.0	3.1
45k	[2.8]	[3.9]	[2.9]
45.1	5.3	6.5	6.0
to 60k	[5.4]	[6.5]	[6.1]
.GT.	0.0	9.3	9.3
60k	[8.0]	[9.1]	[9.1]
Column	4.0	7.2	5.7
Total	[3.9]	[7.2]	

Solutions:

In Table 2b, each cell contains the total number of trips followed by the total number of households, for all 50 households. In Table 2c, each cell contains, first, trips per household from the category model (total trips in a cell divided by total households in a cell) and, second, the corresponding trip rate from the regression model (see Problem 3). For the **regression estimates**, the following values were used for the average value of each cell: HHInc[40k, 52k, 64k], HHSIZE [1.5, 4.0] and row and column sums are weighted averages of row and column estimates. In this case, there is very good agreement between the two models, with the exception being cell (3,1) which, since there were no observations in the category model, did not have a category estimate.

Problem 3 [10 points]

Compare your category model from Problem 2 with the corresponding regression model (see output below).

- Evaluate the regression estimation results statistically.
- Interpret the model coefficients -- what do these values imply?
- Compute regression estimates corresponding to each cell of the category model (use appropriate discrete values). Compare results.

Table 3. Regression Results for Trips versus HHInc and HHSIZE

O R D I N A R Y L E A S T S Q U A R E S							
VARIABLE	MEAN	S.D.	OBS	CORREL	HHInc	HHSIZE	Trips
1. HHInc	50.5080	8.7108	50	HHInc	1.0000	0.8033	0.9499
2. HHSIZE	2.7400	1.1031	50	HHSIZE	0.8033	1.0000	0.8356
3. Trips	5.6600	2.4042	50	Trips	0.9499	0.8356	1.0000
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MODEL: Cat.Mod.Compar. DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips Produced							
MULTIPLE R	0.9577	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F	
R-SQUARE	0.9171	REGRESSION	259.74	2	129.87	260.01	
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.9136	RESIDUALS	23.48	47	0.50		
S.E. OF EST.	0.7067	TOTAL SS	283.22	49			
VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T			
1. HHInc	0.2168	0.7856	0.0195	11.1411			
2. HHSIZE	0.4458	0.2045	0.1537	2.9009			
Constant	-6.5124						

Solutions:

- a. Evaluate the estimation results statistically.

The model is statistically significant (t- and F-statistics), has a very good R², is properly signed, and only minor indication of multi-colinearity. Care must be exercised given the negative value of the constant since this implies that smaller, low income households would make a negative number of trips, thus, the model is only valid for the range of data used in model estimation.

- b. Interpret the model coefficients? What do these values imply?

The coefficient of HHSize implies that an added person in a household generates 0.45 additional trips per household, while each additional \$1000 of HH income generates an average 0.22 more trips per HH.

- c. Compute regression estimates corresponding to each category model cell. Compare.

See Table 2c. Consider these numbers relative to the discussion in part (b).

Problem 4 [10 points]

Using both the category and the regression production models, forecast the number of trips per household for the six household not used in model estimation (households 51-56; see **Table 4**), comparing forecast and observed trip rates.

Table 4. Households for Validation Test

ID	Trips	Income	Cars	HHS	DU	ID	Trips	Income	Cars	HHS	DU
51	6	45.0	2	3	2	54	10	59.4	3	5	1
52	3	40.2	1	2	2	55	8	58.5	3	4	1
53	4	49.5	1	1	2	56	5	43.8	2	2	1

Table 4b. Results of Validation Test

Obs.	HH	HH	Regr.	Table		Obs.	HH	HH	Regr.	Table	
HH	Trips	Size	Inc	Est.	Est.	HH	Trips	Size	Inc	Est.	Est.
51	6	3	45.0	4.6	4.0	54	10	5	59.4	8.6	6.5
52	3	2	40.2	3.1	3.0	55	8	4	58.5	8.0	6.5
53	4	1	49.5	4.7	5.2	56	5	2	43.8	3.9	3.0

Results for both models are similar but not extremely close. In the Category Model, categorization of both HHInc and HHSize makes application difficult since the model reflects averages for categories and not actual HHInc or HHSize). The percent errors for individual households can be high, so a measure of overall fit should be estimated.

Problem 5 [10 points]

The 50 households were sampled from a study area divided into three zones (TAZs). The associated population-level distributions for these zones are provided in Table 5. Compute the total number of trips produced per zone using your final category model from Problem 2.

Table 5. Population Distribution of Households (HHInc by HHSize)

TAZ 1				TAZ 2				TAZ 3			
HHSiz	1-2	3-5	Row	HHSiz	1-2	3-5	Row	HHSiz	1-2	3-5	Row
HInc			Tot	HInc			Tot	HInc			Tot
LE 45	0	0	0	LE 45	40	40	80	LE 45	30	70	100
45-60	0	60	60	45-60	40	80	120	45-60	70	20	90
GT 60	0	40	40	GT 60	20	80	100	GT 60	0	10	10
Col	0	100	100	Col	100	200	300	Col	100	100	200

For each TAZ, the number of households in each cell is multiplied by the category model trip rate from Table 2b, summing these results over all types of households in each TAZ.

Table 5d. Trip Production Summary

TAZ	HH	Trips			Total
1	100	0(3.0)+	0(5.3)+	0(0.0)	
		+ 0(4.0)+	60(6.5)+	40(9.3)	= 762
2	300	40(3.0)+	40(5.3)+	20(5.7)	
		+40(4.0)+	80(6.5)+	80(9.3)	= 1756 + 114
3	200	30(3.0)+	70(5.3)+	0(0.0)	
		+70(4.0)+	20(6.5)+	10(9.3)	= 964
Tot	600				3482 3596

Note: An average of 5.7 trips/HH over 3 TAZs

Note: Since no rate was available for cell (3,1), the table average was used, adding 114 trips.

Problem 6 [10 points]

The other side of the trip generation stage is estimating trip attractions. The following regression-based total trip attraction model was estimated for the region:

$$A_j = 1.5 \text{ POP}_j + 3.0 \text{ EMP}_j$$

Table 6 provides regional demographic information. Compute total attractions and compare these results with the estimates for total productions from Problem 5. Since every trip has a production and an attraction, normalize the attractions so that the total equals total productions.

Table 6. Demographic Data Summary

TAZ	HH	POP	EMP	
1	100	300	0	HH = total households
2	300	1100	400	POP = total population
3	200	600	100	EMP = total employment
Tot	600	2000	500	

Table 6b. Demographic Data Summary

TAZ	HH	POP	EMP	Prod.	Trip Attractions	Total	Norm A
1	100	300	0	762	1.5(300)+3.0(0) =	450	360

2	300	1100	400	1870	$1.5(1100)+3.0(400) =$	2850	2277
3	200	600	100	964	$1.5(600)+3.0(100) =$	1200	959
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Tot	600	2000	500	3596		4500	3596

The "Prod" column contains the trip production totals from Table 5d. The trip attraction column provides the calculations using the estimated regression equation provided. The "Norm A" column contains the normalized (balanced) attractions. These numbers are the raw attractions multiplied by the balancing factor of 0.7991 (the ratio of total productions, 3496, to total attractions, 4500).

Table 7. Household Travel Survey Data Not Shown in Solutions

Problem 7 [Optional: 10 points Extra Credit for CEE123]

The following regression results summarize an attempt to build a home-to-work trip production model. Fill in the blanks, interpret the parameters, and discuss the results, and select a significant model (if any).

Solutions: Available to those who complete the Extra Credit Problem.

Appendix

BURPP! output for 2 variable regressions using first 10 data points.

----- O R D I N A R Y L E A S T S Q U A R E S -----								

--- BASIC STATISTICS ---				--- CORRELATIONS ---				
VARIABLE NAME	MEAN	S.D.	OBS	Trips	HHInc	Cars	HHSize	DUType
1. Trips	5.1000	1.5239	10	1.0000	0.8978	0.4801	0.3754	-0.7907
2. HHInc	49.5600	5.8665	10	0.8978	1.0000	0.6030	0.3186	-0.5634
3. Cars	1.6000	0.5164	10	0.4801	0.6030	1.0000	0.8001	-0.2500
4. HHSize	2.4000	0.6992	10	0.3754	0.3186	0.8001	1.0000	-0.4308
5. DUType	1.6000	0.5164	10	-0.7907	-0.5634	-0.2500	-0.4308	1.0000

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips

MULTIPLE R	0.9028	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.8150	REGRESSION	17.03	2	8.52	15.42
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.7622	RESIDUALS	3.87	7	0.55	
S.E. OF EST.	0.7432	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. HHInc	0.2250	0.8662	0.0445	5.0507
2. HHSize	0.2168	0.0995	0.3738	0.5802
Constant	-6.5710			

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips

MULTIPLE R	0.9011	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.8120	REGRESSION	16.97	2	8.49	15.12
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.7583	RESIDUALS	3.93	7	0.56	
S.E. OF EST.	0.7491	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. HHInc	0.2483	0.9559	0.0534	4.6539
2. Cars	-0.2843	-0.0963	0.6061	-0.4690
Constant	-6.7516			

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips

MULTIPLE R	0.9618	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.9250	REGRESSION	19.33	2	9.67	43.18
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.9036	RESIDUALS	1.57	7	0.22	
S.E. OF EST.	0.4731	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. HHInc	0.1722	0.6627	0.0325	5.2909
2. DUType	-1.2316	-0.4173	0.3696	-3.3317
Constant	-1.4614			

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips

MULTIPLE R	0.7916	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.6267	REGRESSION	13.10	2	6.55	5.88
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.5200	RESIDUALS	7.80	7	1.11	
S.E. OF EST.	1.0558	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. HHSIZE	0.0930	0.0427	0.5577	0.1668
2. DUType	-2.2791	-0.7723	0.7552	-3.0180
Constant	8.5233			

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE => Trips

MULTIPLE R	0.4803	* ANOVA *	SUM OF SQR	df	MEAN SQR	F
R-SQUARE	0.2307	REGRESSION	4.82	2	2.41	1.05
ADJ R-SQUARE	0.0109	RESIDUALS	16.08	7	2.30	
S.E. OF EST.	1.5156	TOTAL SS	20.90	9		

VARIABLE NAME	B	BETA	S.E. B	T
1. Cars	1.4737	0.4994	1.6309	0.9036
2. HHSIZE	-0.0526	-0.0241	1.2045	-0.0437
Constant	2.8684			

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