

# EasyReg Transformations

## 1 Parameters

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	# <b>z</b>	
= <i>Actual function</i>		
<b>Linear combination</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $b(1)z_1 + b(2)z_2 + \dots$		
<b>Multiplicative combination</b>	$\geq 1$	(1)
= $z_1^{b(1)} z_2^{b(2)} z_3^{b(3)} \dots$		

*Note*

(1) This transformation is only valid if the  $z_i$ 's are positive

## 2 Transformations related to the normal distribution

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	# <b>z</b>	
= <i>Actual function</i>		
<b>Normal: density of N(0,1)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $f(z) = \exp(-z^2/2) / \sqrt{2\pi} = \text{Normal}(z)$		
<b>Probit: c.d.f. of N(0,1)</b>	$\geq 1$	(1)
= $F(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z f(x)dx = \text{Probit}(z)$		
<b>NormalIntegral(a,b)</b>	2	(2)
= $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(a + b.x)f(x)dx$		
<b>NormalIntegralUp(a,b,c)</b>	3	(2)
= $\int_c^{\infty} F(a + b.x)f(x)dx$		
<b>NormalIntegralDown(a,b,c)</b>	3	(2)
= $\int_{-\infty}^c F(a + b.x)f(x)dx$		

*Notes:*

(1) The Probit function does not have a closed form, and is therefore computed numerically.

(2) These integrals are computed numerically. They become only visible if the exact number of variables (# **z**) is selected.

The following integrals can be computed indirectly via the **Normal(z)** and **Probit(z)** transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^c f(a+bx)f(x)dx &= f\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2+1}}\right)/\sqrt{b^2+1} \\ &\quad \times F\left(\frac{c\sqrt{b^2+1}+ab}{\sqrt{b^2+1}}\right) \\ \int_c^{\infty} f(a+bx)f(x)dx &= f\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2+1}}\right)/\sqrt{b^2+1} \\ &\quad \times \left[1 - F\left(\frac{c\sqrt{b^2+1}+ab}{\sqrt{b^2+1}}\right)\right] \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(a+bx)f(x)dx &= f\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2+1}}\right)/\sqrt{b^2+1} \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Other integrals

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	# <b>z</b>	
= <i>Actual function</i>		
<b>IntegralUp((a[1+x+d.b.(x+c)^r+(1-d)b.x^r]^(-a-1)dx)(a,b,c,d,r)</b>	5	(1)
= $\int_0^{\infty} a [1+x+d.b(x+c)^r+(1-d)bx^r]^{-a-1} dx$ $a > 0, b \geq 0, c \geq 0, d \geq 0, r \geq 0,$		
<b>Integral(a[b+x+c(q^r-x^r)]^(-a-1).dx p&lt;x&lt;q)(a,b,c,p,q,r)</b>	6	
= $\int_p^q a [b+x+c(q^r-x^r)]^{-a-1} dx,$ $a > 0, b \geq 0, p \geq 0, q \geq p, r \geq 0, c > -\left(\frac{b+p}{q^r-p^r}\right)$ if $r > 0.$		
<b>Integral(exp[-c.exp(d.(ln(1/x))^e)(ln(1/x))^f]dx a&lt;x&lt;b)(a,b,c,d,e,f)</b>	6	(1)
= $\int_a^b \exp\left[-c \exp(d \cdot (\ln(1/x))^e) (\ln(1/x))^f\right] dx$ $0 \leq a < b \leq 1, d > 0, e > 0.$		
<b>Integral(exp[-c.(ln(1/x))^d]dx a&lt;x&lt;b)(a,b,c,d)</b>	4	(1)
= $\int_a^b \exp\left[-c \cdot (\ln(1/x))^d\right] dx, 0 \leq a < b \leq 1, d > 0.$		

*Note*

(1) These integrals may occur in multiple duration models. They are computed numerically. These transformations become only visible if the exact number of variables (# **z**) involved is selected.

## 4 Other transformations

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	# <b>z</b>	
= <i>Actual function</i>		
<b>EXP(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\exp(z) = e^z$		
<b>(EXP(z)-1)/z</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $(\exp(z) - 1) / z = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (z^{k-1} / k!)$		
<b>Logit: 1/(1+EXP(-z))</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $1 / (1 + \exp(-z)) = \text{Logit}(z)$		
<b>LOG(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	(1)
= $\ln(z)$ (= <i>natural logarithm</i> ), $z > 0$		
<b>LOG(z+1)/z</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\ln(z + 1) / z = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-z)^{k-1} / k$ , $z > -1$		
<b>SIN(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\sin(z)$		
<b>SIN(z)/z</b>	$\geq 1$	(2)
= $\sin(z) / z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k z^{2k+1} / (2k + 1)!$		
<b>COS(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\cos(z)$		
<b>(COS(z)-1)/(z^2)</b>	$\geq 1$	(2)
= $(\cos(z) - 1) / z^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k z^{2k-2} / (2k)!$		
<b>TAN(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\sin(z) / \cos(z)$ (= <i>tangents</i> )		
<b>ATN(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	(3)
= $\text{TAN}^{-1}(z) = \int_0^z (1 + x^2)^{-1} dx$ (= <i>arctangents</i> ).		
<b>ABS(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $ z $ (= <i>absolute value</i> ).		
<b>Negative: -z</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $-z$		
<b>LogGamma(z)</b>	$\geq 1$	
= $\ln(\Gamma(z))$ , $z > 0$ , were $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{z-1} \exp(-x) dx$ (= <i>gamma function</i> )		
<b>FixedPoint(a,b,c)</b>	3	(4)
= Solution of $z^a = b.z + c$ , $z > 0$ , $a > 0$		

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	# z	
= <i>Actual function</i>		
<b>z<sup>2</sup></b>	≥ 1	
= z <sup>2</sup>		
<b>SQR(z)</b>	≥ 1	
= √z, z > 0		
<b>Reciprocal: 1/z</b>	≥ 1	
= 1/z, z ≠ 0		
<b>Dummy z&gt;0</b>	≥ 1	
= 1 if z > 0, = 0 if z ≤ 0		
<b>Dummy z=0</b>	≥ 1	
= 1 if z = 0, = 0 if z ≠ 0		
<b>Dummy z&lt;0</b>	≥ 1	
= 1 if z < 0, = 0 if z ≥ 0		
<b>Dummy z&gt;c, with c a constant</b>	≥ 1	(5)
= 1 if z > c, = 0 if z ≤ c		
<b>Dummy z=c, with c a constant</b>	≥ 1	(5)
= 1 if z = c, = 0 if z ≠ c		
<b>Dummy z&lt;c, with c a constant</b>	≥ 1	(5)
= 1 if z < c, = 0 if z ≥ c		
<b>c*z, with c a constant</b>	≥ 1	(5)
= c.z		
<b>z<sup>c</sup>, with c a constant</b>	≥ 1	(5)
= z <sup>c</sup> , z > 0		
<b>Add up</b>	≥ 2	
= z <sub>1</sub> + z <sub>2</sub> + z <sub>3</sub> + ...		
<b>Subtract</b>	2	
= z <sub>1</sub> - z <sub>2</sub>		
<b>Ratio</b>	2	
= z <sub>1</sub> /z <sub>2</sub> , z <sub>2</sub> ≠ 0		
<b>Multiply</b>	≥ 2	
= z <sub>1</sub> .z <sub>2</sub> .z <sub>3</sub> .....		
<b>Minimum</b>	≥ 2	
= min(z <sub>1</sub> , z <sub>2</sub> , z <sub>3</sub> , .....)		
<b>Maximum</b>	≥ 2	
= max(z <sub>1</sub> , z <sub>2</sub> , z <sub>3</sub> , .....)		

<b>EasyReg transformation</b>	<b># z</b>	
<b>Sample sum</b>	1	(6)
<b>Sample mean</b>	1	(6)

*Notes*

- (1) Logarithm with base 10,  $\log^{10}(z)$ , can be computed as  $\ln(z)/\ln(10)$ .
- (2) These functions are computed via their series expansion for  $z$  close to zero.
- (3) Note that  $\text{ATN}(\infty) = \pi/2$ ,  $\text{ATN}(-\infty) = -\pi/2$ ,  $\text{ATN}(1) = \pi/4$ . Moreover, note that

$$\frac{\text{ATN}(z) + 2.\text{ATN}(1)}{4.\text{ATN}(1)} = \frac{\text{ATN}(z) + \pi/2}{\pi} = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx$$

is the distribution function of the standard Cauchy distribution. The latter is equal to the t distribution with 1 degree of freedom.

- (4) This transformation was used in Bierens, H. J. (2007), "Econometric Analysis of Linearized Singular Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium Models", *Journal of Econometrics* 236, 595-627.
- (5) EasyReg will ask for the value of the constant  $c$ .
- (6) This transformation only applies to cross-section data. Missing values will be skipped.

## 5 Conditional execution statements

EasyReg allows you to execute transformations conditional on the value of a dummy variable. These conditional execution statements are:

**If z = 0 then next = 0**  
**If z = 0 then next = 1**  
**If z = 1 then next = 0**  
**If z = 1 then next = 1**

where  $\mathbf{z}$  is a previously declared dummy variable. The effect of these statements is that the next transformation will be skipped, and instead the new variable involved gets either the value 1 or 0. These statements are used in the code as, for example,  $Z(34)=\text{If } Z(12) = 0 \text{ then next} = 1$ . Then  $Z(35)=1$  if  $Z(12) = 0$ , regardless how  $Z(35)$  is specified. The variable  $Z(34)$  should not be used in any following transformation (It actually gets the value of  $Z(12)$ ).