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# The Effect of Government Regulations on Overall Economic Well Being in India(1995-2020)

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**Abstract:** Barriers to trade and other market regulations have long been thought to inhibit the ability of a Nation's economy to grow and prosper. We test this hypothesis using a multiple regression model and data from The Heritage Foundation and World Bank related to trade freedom and general economic regulation on a country to fully discern the impact of governmental regulation on a country's GDP per capita. We find that GDP per capita rises significantly as a India's business freedom and trade freedom grow. This provides strong confirmation for our hypothesis that deregulated economies experience higher levels of economic prosperity as measured by GDP per capita than their regulated counterparts and indicates that a market-specific look should be taken to fully understand the nuances of the results of different types of economic regulation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Trade can act as a powerful engine for economic growth and development. Developing countries like India have long strived for a development strategy that will sustain high economic growth, create employment opportunities and eliminate poverty. Trade policy is being used by the developing countries as a tool for attaining their development objectives, which aim to combine higher economic growth with employment generation in order to alleviate poverty. Trade facilitation is also found to have positive effects on gross domestic product (GDP), economic welfare and government revenue.

Free trade is widely thought to be prerequisite for sustained economic success, but many countries feel the need to promote domestic production by enforcing barriers and regulations on imported goods and regulating different aspects of the economy as a whole. The same is true of regulation in other sectors of the economy, such as the labor and business markets: lawmakers are often compelled to protect the interests of various stakeholders at the expense of economic freedom. Overall, we will look at the impact of regulations and trade barriers on GDP per capita as we analyze whether the statement that completely free trade and deregulated markets are always the most beneficial for an economy is true or if regulation in some or all sectors is of help as well.

This research is important because it gives guidance as to how much is too much and how little is too little when it comes to regulations and barriers. It shows the overall, broad trend relating trade freedom and economic regulations and to GDP per capita for a country. Using data from The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom and the World Bank, we analyze this relation. Our study focuses on regulatory efficiency and market openness, and within this the variables trade freedom, monetary freedom, and investment freedom, and by extension; FDI. We hypothesize that the overall trend will show a positive relationship between economic freedom and economic well-being as measured by GDP per capita. This hypothesis operates off of the free market assumption that economies do best when they are left to run themselves. Thus, allowing trade, monetary, and investment to happen freely without regulations or interruption should result in the optimal economic conditions for countries.

The testing has been done using Ordinary Least Squares Method under Classical Linear Regression Model.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

- 1) *Rajan Sudesh Ratna and Martina Francesca Ferracane*: According to them there is existing literature on the contribution of trade facilitation to the enhancement of trade as well as to the promotion of GDP growth, welfare improvements and government revenue, all of which go a long way towards poverty reduction. However, the government role is found to be crucial in ensuring that the poor fully benefit from the increased trade opportunities.
- 2) *Frankel and Romer (1999)*: Study provides some strong evidence in favour of the relationship between trade and growth while investigating whether the correlation between openness and growth was because openness causes growth, or because countries that grow faster tend to open up at the same time. Controlling the component of the openness due to such country characteristics as population, land area, and geographic distance that cannot be influenced by economic growth, they found that an increase of one percentage point in the openness ratio increased both the level of income and subsequent growth by around 0.5 per cent.

- 3) *Nguyen Viet Cuong*: The findings show that improvement in trade facilitation is positively correlated with exports and per capita GDP, and negatively correlated with poverty and inequality. More specifically, deterioration in trade facilitation – which is measured by the increase in the number of documents required and days taken for exporting and importing a good– can reduce per capita GDP, albeit to a small amount. Countries requiring a larger number of documents and more time for imports and exports tend to have higher levels of poverty and inequality (measured by the Gini index) than other countries.
- 4) *Prabir De and Ajitava Raychaudhuri*: The study reveals that there are many opportunities for the poor and microenterprises to benefit from trade facilitation measures in Mukdahan and Nakhon Phanom provinces, especially in the agricultural, services and investment sectors. There is growing demand in Viet Nam and China for agricultural products, especially organic rice, tapioca, rubber, sugar and fresh fruit. Farmers and agricultural employees in the two provinces can benefit more now from trade facilitation measures by harvesting and exporting such agricultural products to Viet Nam and China via the improved road infrastructure.

### III. DEPENDENT VARIABLE – GDP PER CAPITA (BILLION USD)

GDP stands for "Gross Domestic Product" and represents the total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country during a period of time.

GDP is the most commonly used measure of economic activity. GDP as an economic indicator is used worldwide to show the economic health of a country. For low-income or middle-income countries, high year-on-year GDP growth is essential to meet the growing needs of the population. Hence, the GDP growth rate of India is an essential indicator of the country's economic development and progress. Besides measuring the health of the economy and helping the government in framing policies, the GDP growth rate numbers are also useful for investors in better decision-making related to investments

#### A. GDP per Capita

Per capita income is national income divided by population size. Per capita income is often used to measure a sector's average income and compare the wealth of different populations. Per capita income is often used to measure a country's standard of living. Per capita GDP is a global measure for gauging the prosperity of nations and is used by economists, along with GDP, to analyze the prosperity of a country based on its economic growth.

Small, rich countries and more developed industrial countries tend to have the highest per capita GDP. per capita GDP shows how much economic production value can be attributed to each individual citizen. Alternatively, this translates to a measure of national wealth since GDP market value per person also readily serves as a prosperity measure.

### IV. INDEPENDENT VARIABLE – TRADE FREEDOM INDEX

Trade freedom is a composite measure of the absence of tariff and non-tariff barriers that affect imports and exports of goods and services. It measures the extent of tariff and nontariff barriers that affect imports and exports of goods and services and is calculated based on trade-weighted average tariff rate and rate of non-tariff barriers. An index of economic freedom measures jurisdictions against each other in terms of trade freedom, tax burden, judicial effectiveness, and so on.

Free and open trade has fueled vibrant competition, innovation, and economies of scale, allowing individuals and businesses to take advantage of lower prices and increased choice

International trade has occurred since the earliest civilisations began trading, but in recent years international trade has become increasingly important with a larger share of GDP devoted to exports and imports. International trade between different countries is an important factor in raising living standards, providing employment and enabling consumers to enjoy a greater variety of goods.

### V. INDEPENDENT VARIABLE – MONETARY FREEDOM INDEX

Monetary freedom combines a measure of price stability with an assessment of price controls. Both inflation and price controls distort market activity. Price stability without microeconomic intervention is the ideal state for the free market.

This variable is measured on a scale from 0-100 with 100 indicating a perfectly free market and 0 indicating a completely regulated or unfree market. The score for the monetary freedom component is based on two factors: The weighted average inflation rate for the most recent three years and Price controls. Higher index values denote price stability without microeconomic intervention.

As a vital component of human dignity, autonomy, and personal empowerment, economic freedom is valuable as an end itself. Just as important, however, is the fact that monetary freedom provides a proven formula for economic progress and success. Policies that allow greater freedom in these areas measured tend to spur growth.

## VI. INDEPENDENT VARIABLE – INVESTMENT FREEDOM INDEX

Investment freedom refers to constraints associated with the flow of investment capital within a country. It is generated as a composite of a nation's treatment or screening of foreign investment, foreign investment code, restrictions on land ownership, capital controls, and other factors related to investment. This variable is measured on a scale from 0-100 with 100 indicating a perfectly free market and 0 indicating a completely regulated or unfree market.

A country having freedom from restrictions on the movement and use of investment capital, regardless of activity, within and across the country's borders, & where individuals and firms would be allowed to move their resources into and out of specific activities, both internally and across the country's borders, without restriction. Such an ideal country would receive a score of 100 on the investment freedom component of the Index of Economic Freedom.

In practice, most countries have a variety of restrictions on investment; restrict access to foreign exchange; impose restrictions on payments, transfers, and capital transactions.

## VII. DUMMY VARIABLE – FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an investment from a party in one country into a business or corporation in another country with the intention of establishing a lasting interest. Lasting interest differentiates FDI from foreign portfolio investments, where investors passively hold securities from a foreign country. A foreign direct investment can be made by obtaining a lasting interest or by expanding one's business into a foreign country.

Foreign direct investment offers advantages to both the investor and the foreign host country. These incentives encourage both parties to engage in and allow FDI.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been a major non-debt financial resource for the economic development of India. Foreign companies invest in India to take advantage of relatively lower wages, special investment privileges like tax exemptions, etc. For a country where foreign investment is being made, it also means achieving technical know-how and generating employment.

The Indian Government's favourable policy regime and robust business environment has ensured that foreign capital keeps flowing into the country. The Government has taken many initiatives in recent years such as relaxing FDI norms across sectors such as defense, PSU oil refineries, telecom, power exchanges, and stock exchanges, among others.

## VIII. EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

### A. Objective

To determine the impact of India's Trade Freedom, Monetary Freedom, Investment Freedom, and Foreign Direct Investment on its GDP per capita (billion USD).

### B. Data Source

Secondary data has been collected for all the variables from 1995-2020. Following are the sources of the data:

- 1) The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom
- 2) The World Bank

### C. Methodology and Results

Multiple Linear Regression, Double Log Regression, Dummy Variable and Interactive Dummy Variable Regression using Ordinary Least Squares Method under the assumptions of Classical Linear Regression Model.

### Linear Model

### One Dependent And Three Explanatory Variables Multiple Linear Regression Model

#### ➤ Interpretation

Effect of India's Trade Freedom, Monetary Freedom, and Investment Freedom on its GDP per capita (billion USD)

Y: GDP per capita (billion USD)  $X_{2i}$  : Trade Freedom (index)

$X_{3i}$  : Monetary Freedom (index)  $X_{4i}$  : Investment Freedom (index)

$$Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + \beta_4 X_{4i} + u_i,$$

(where  $\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$  are the parameters and  $u_i$  is the random error term)

$\beta_1$  is the mean value of GDP per capita when there is no Trade, Monetary and Investment Freedom

$\beta_2, \beta_3,$  and  $\beta_4$  are the partial slope coefficients of mean GDP per capita w.r.t Trade, Monetary and Investment Freedom

Estimated equation

$$\hat{Y} (Y \text{ Hat}) = b_1 + b_2 X_{2i} + b_3 X_{3i} + b_4 X_{4i},$$

(where  $b_1, b_2, b_3,$  and  $b_4$  are estimators of  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3, \beta_4$  respectively)

➤ *Apriori Expectations of Partial Coefficients*

Here, apriori expectations of  $\beta_2$  are positive as increases in trade freedom result in corresponding increases in GDP per capita, due to higher trade in goods and services with other countries.

Apriori expectations of  $\beta_3$  is positive since higher monetary freedom leads to price stability, thus encouraging savings and investment, hence leading to a higher per capita GDP.

Apriori expectations of  $\beta_4$  is positive because higher is the investment freedom, higher would be the investment in the country by residents and foreigners, hence greater would be the GDP per capita.

➤ *Running the Regression by OLS method:*

Model 1: OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: GDP PERCAPITA USD

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-ratio	p-value	
Const	-3998.06	810.534	-4.933	<0.0001	***
TRADEFREEDOM	101.152	11.1091	9.105	<0.0001	***
MONETARYFREEDOM	-29.6823	12.8667	-2.307	0.0309	**
M					
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	6.49479	7.04364	0.9221	0.3665	
OM					
Mean dependent var		1070.181	S.D. dependent var		597.2691
Sum squared resid	1199325		S.E. of regression		233.4840
R-squared		0.865520	Adjusted R-squared		0.847182
F(3, 22)		47.19782	P-value(F)		9.42e-10
Ln-likelihood		-176.5016	Akaike criterion		361.0033
Schwarz criterion		366.0357	Hannan-Quinn		362.4524
Rho		0.857601	Durbin-Watson		0.358754

$$\hat{Y} (Y \text{ Hat}) = -3998.06 + 101.152X_{2i} - 29.6823X_{3i} + 6.49479 X_{4i}$$

According to the regression run by OLS method, it can be seen that the estimated coefficients are:  $b_1 = -3998.06$

$b_2 = 101.152$

$b_3 = -29.6823$

$b_4 = 6.49479$

According to this estimated model, if there is no Trade, Monetary & Investment freedom in India, then the estimated mean value of India's Per Capita GDP (in billion USD) is  $b_1 = -3998.06$

$b_2$  is positive implies that as India's Trade Freedom (index) increases by 1 unit, the estimated mean value of its per capita GDP increases by 101.152 billion USD, holding everything else constant

$b_3$  is negative implying that as India's Monetary Freedom (index) increases by 1 unit, the estimated mean value of its per capita GDP decreases by 29.6823 billion USD, holding everything else constant. *This does not conform to our a priori expectations of  $\beta_3$  being positive, possibly because of some CLRM assumptions not being satisfied.*

$b_4$  is positive implies that as India's Investment Freedom (index) increases by 1 unit, the estimated mean value of its per capita GDP increases by 6.49479 billion USD, holding everything else constant

$R^2$  value (overall goodness of fit measure) of 0.865520 means that 86.5520% of total variation in the India's GDP per capita around its mean value is explained by India's Trade, Monetary and Investment freedom together.

➤ *t-Testing of  $b_2$  and  $b_3$*

$H_0: \beta_2 = 0; \beta_3 = 0; \beta_4 = 0$   $H_a: \beta_2 > 0; \beta_3 > 0; \beta_4 > 0$

Assuming that  $b_1, b_2$  and  $b_3, b_4, u_i$  all follow approx. normal distribution with mean  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3, \beta_4$ , and 0 respectively:

At 5% Level of Significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (9.105) is greater than the  $t_{critical, 0.05, 22}$  (1.717), we reject  $H_0$  at 5% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_2$  is statistically significant at 5% LOS).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (-2.307) is less than the  $t_{critical, 0.05, 22}$  (-1.717), we reject  $H_0$  at 5% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_3$  is statistically significant at 5% LOS).
- For  $\beta_4$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (0.9221) is less than the  $t_{critical, 0.05, 22}$  (1.717), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at 5% LOS).

At 10% Level of Significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (9.105) is greater than the  $t_{critical, 0.10, 22}$  (1.321), we reject  $H_0$  at 10% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_2$  is statistically significant at 10% LOS).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (-2.307) is less than the  $t_{critical, 0.10, 22}$  (-1.321), we reject  $H_0$  at 10% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_3$  is statistically significant at 10% LOS).
- For  $\beta_4$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc}$  (0.9221) is less than the  $t_{critical, 0.10, 22}$  (1.321), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% Level Of Significance (or  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at 10% LOS).

➤ *Comparing p-value and  $\alpha$*

$H_0: \beta_2 = 0; \beta_3 = 0; \beta_4 = 0$   $H_a: \beta_2 > 0; \beta_3 > 0; \beta_4 > 0$

When p value  $\leq \alpha$ ; we reject  $H_0$  When p value  $> \alpha$ ; we fail to reject  $H_0$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

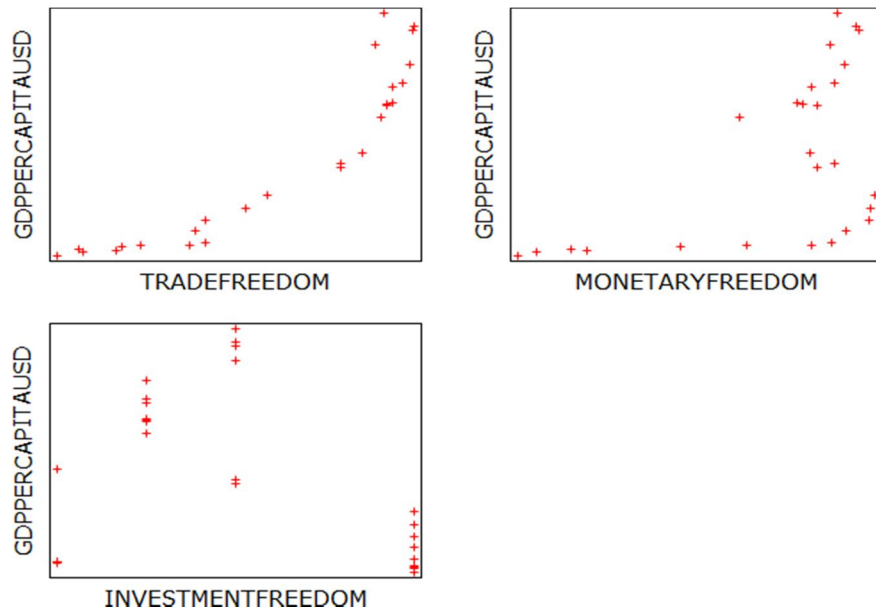
- $\beta_1$  is statistically significant as its p-value  $6.20e^{-05}$  (0.04177) is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.04177) \leq 0.05$ .
- $\beta_2$  is statistically significant as its p-value  $6.46e^{-09}$  ( $7.97 \times 10^{-4}$ ) is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $0.0007 \leq 0.05$
- $\beta_3$  is statistically significant as its p-value is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.0309) \leq 0.05$
- $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant as its p-value is greater than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.3665) > 0.05$

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

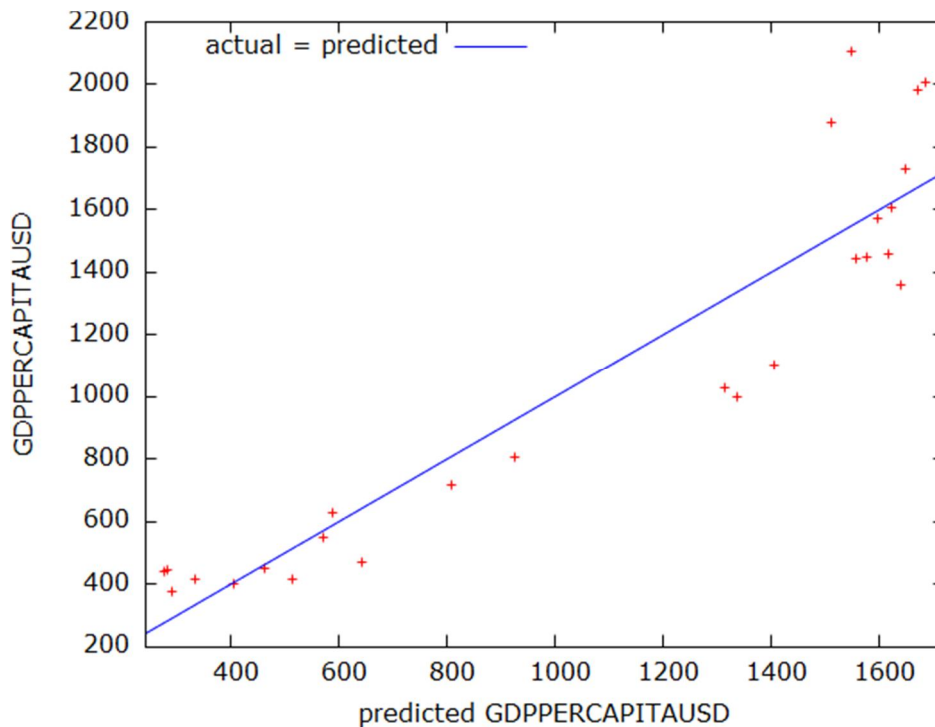
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**According to both t testing and p-value testing, it is evident that  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ , are statistically significant and  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at both 5% and 10% LOS**

Scatter Plot of X2, X3 and Y



Actual vs. Fitted Graph



➤ ANOVA Table

Analysis of Variance:

	Sum of squares	df	Mean square
Regression	7.71893e+006	3	2.57298e+006
Residual	1.19932e+006	22	54514.8
Total	8.91826e+006	25	356730

$$R^2 = 7.71893e+006 / 8.91826e+006 = 0.865520$$

$$F(3, 22) = 2.57298e+006 / 54514.8 = 47.1978 \text{ [p-value } 9.42e-010]$$

To check if this model is significant or not:

$$\text{Test Statistic} = 47.1978$$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

$$\text{Critical Values: } F_{0.05,3,22} = 3.05$$

$$H_0: R^2 = 0 \quad H_a: R^2 > 0$$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS.

*Model is significant at 5% LOS.*

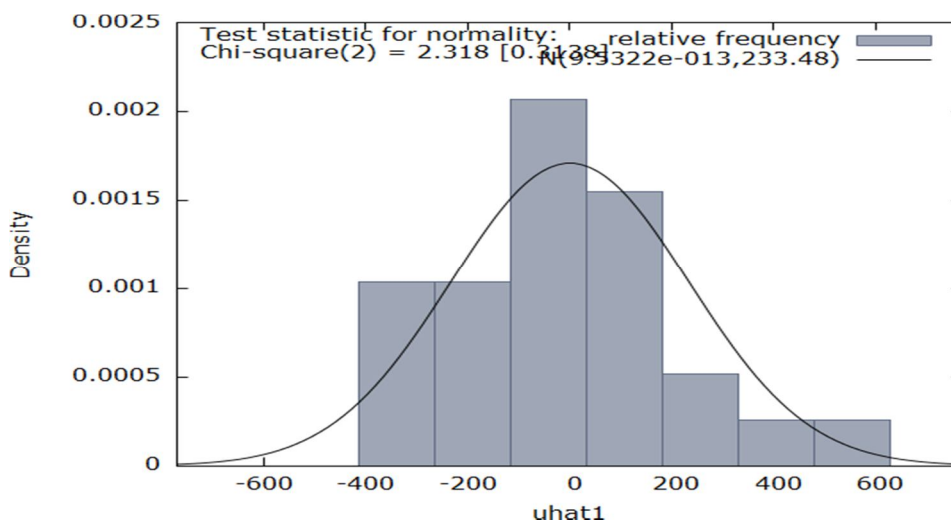
When  $\alpha$  is 10%

$$\text{Critical Values: } F_{0.1,3,22} = 2.35$$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS.

*Model is significant at 10% LOS.*

**Normality of Residual**



➤ Test for Normality of Residual

$H_0$  :  $u_j$  is normally distributed  $H_a$  :  $u_j$  is not normally distributed

$$\text{Chi-square}(2) = 2.318 \text{ with p-value } 0.31385$$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Since p-value (0.31385) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.05), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 5% LOS.

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

Since p-value (0.31385) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.1), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 10% LOS.



### Testing For Heteroscedasticity

➤ *BP Test*

Breusch-Pagan test for heteroskedasticity OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: scaled uhat<sup>2</sup>

coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	-5.48372	4.90202	-1.119 0.2753
TRADEFREEDOM	0.118478	0.0671869	1.763 0.0917 *
MONETARYFREEDOM	-0.0309425	0.0778167	-0.3976 0.6947
M			
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	0.0142674	0.0425992	0.3349 0.7409
OM			

Explained sum of squares = 10.312 Test statistic: LM = 5.156023,  
with p-value = P(Chi-square(3) > 5.156023) = 0.160722

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Ho :  $R^2 = 0$

Ha :  $R^2 > 0$

aux

aux

As  $nR^2$  (Test statistic: LM = 5.156023) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 3}$  (7.8147), we fail to reject Ho at 5% LOS  
Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LM = 5.156023) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 3}$  (6.2514), we fail to reject Ho at 10% LOS  
Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

➤ *White's Test*

White's test for heteroskedasticity

OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)

Dependent variable: uhat<sup>2</sup>

coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	-1.80930e+06	7.11417e+06	-0.2543 0.8025
TRADEFREEDOM	18305.1	154558	0.1184 0.9072
MONETARYFREEDOM	42002.6	232144	0.1809 0.8587
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	97645.4	-15703.4	-0.1608 0.8742
sq_TRADEFREEDOM	-1021.17	1485.88	-0.6873 0.5018
X2_X3	1190.19	2233.87	0.5328 0.6015
X2_X4	1056.79	1025.39	1.031 0.3180
sq_MONETARYFREEDOM	-794.184	1975.38	-0.4020 0.6930
X3_X4	-386.702	1051.25	-0.3678 0.7178
sq_INVESTMENTFREEDOM	-290.749	945.516	-0.3075 0.7624

Unadjusted R-squared = 0.428191

Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 11.132958$ ,

with p-value = P(Chi-square(9) > 11.132958) = 0.266705

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

$$H_0 : R^2 = 0$$

$$H_a : R^2 > 0$$

aux

aux

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 11.132958$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 9}$  (16.919), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 11.132958$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 9}$  (14.6837), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

**Hence both BP and White's Test show no heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% & 10% LOS**

➤ *BG Test*

Testing for Autocorrelation

Breusch-Godfrey test for first-order autocorrelation OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)

Dependent variable: uhat

coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	171.967	475.196	0.3619 0.7211
TRADEFREEDOM	2.79461	6.51703	0.4288 0.6724
MONETARYFREEDOM	-3.34293	7.54917	-0.4428 0.6624
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	-2.69740	4.14363	-0.6510 0.5221
M			
uhat_1	0.883187	0.134372	6.573 1.65e-06 ***
Unadjusted R-squared	= 0.672899		

Test statistic: LMF = 43.200294,

with p-value =  $P(F(1,21) > 43.2003) = 1.65e-006$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

$H_0$ : There is no autocorrelation in the model  $H_a$ : There is autocorrelation in the model

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 43.200294) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 1}$  (3.8415), we reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS

Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 43.200294) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 1}$  (2.7055), we reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS

Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 10% LOS

**BG Test shows evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% and 10% LOS. This may be a possible reason for nonconformity of  $b_4$  with its a priori expectation**

➤ *Durbin-Watson Test*

Durbin-Watson statistic 0.358754

**$H_0$  : No positive auto-correlation  $H_0$  : No negative auto-correlation**

At alpha = 0.05, n=26, k' = 3 , dL = 1.143, du = 1.652

As,  $0 < \text{Sample calculated d test statistic} = 0.358754 < dL$  , therefore we reject H0 i.e. there is evidence of positive auto-correlation.

***This could be a possible reason for non-conformity of estimated coefficient ( $\beta_4$ ) with our a priori expectations.***

Testing for Multicollinearity

Variance Inflation Factors Minimum possible value = 1.0

Values > 10.0 may indicate a collinearity problem

TRADEFREEDOM	2.562
MONETARYFREEDOM	2.103
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	1.334
M	

VIF(j) = 1/(1 - R(j)^2), where R(j) is the multiple correlation coefficient between variable j and the other independent variables

**Since none of the VIF's are > 10, there is no evidence of Multicollinearity in the estimated model**

➤ Correlation Matrix

Correlation coefficients, using the observations 1995 - 2020 5% critical value (two-tailed) = 0.3882 for n = 26

GDPPERCAPI	TRADEFREED	MONETARYF	INVESTMENTF	
T	O	RE	REEDOM	
AUSD	M	EDOM		
1.0000	0.9115	0.5340	-0.4010	GDPPERCAPIT
	1.0000	0.7173	-0.4848	AUSD
		1.0000	-0.2606	TRADEFREED
			1.0000	O
				M
				MONETARYFR
				E
				EDOM
				INVESTMENTF
				REEDOM

➤ Confidence Intervals for Coefficients

t(22, 0.025) = 2.074

Variable	Coefficient	95 confidence interval
const	-3998.06	(-5679.00, -2317.11)
TRADEFREEDOM	101.152	(78.1130, 124.191)
MONETARYFREEDOM	-29.6823	(-56.3663, -2.99831)
INVESTMENTFREEDOM	6.49479	(-8.11283, 21.1024)
M		

➤ *Extension*

Restricted vs. Unrestricted

Restricted Model:  $Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + u_i$   $(R^2 = 0.830801)$

Unrestricted Model:  $Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 X_{3i} + \beta_4 X_{4i} + u_i$   $(R^2 = 0.865520)$

(m is number of restrictions imposed = 2)

**Ho:  $\beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$**

**Ha: At least one of either  $\beta_3$  or  $\beta_4 \neq 0$**

$$f_{calc} = \frac{(R^2_{ur} - R^2) / m}{(1 - R^2) / (n - k)}$$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%: As  $f_{calc}$  is less than  $f_{crit}$  0.05, 2, 22 (3.44), we fail to reject Ho at 5% LOS

Restrictions imposed are valid at 5% LOS. When  $\alpha$  is 10%: As  $f_{calc}$  is greater than  $f_{crit}$  0.1, 2, 22 (2.56), we reject Ho at 5% LOS. Restrictions imposed are not valid at 10% LOS.

The restricted model has both lower Schwartz criterion and Akaike criterion than the unrestricted model, therefore, we can conclude that restricted model is better.

**Linear Model**

**One Dependent And Three Explanatory Variables Functional Forms: Double Log Model**

➤ *Interpretation*

- Effect of log Trade freedom, log monetary freedom and log investment freedom on log of GDP per capita

Y: GDP per capita (billion USD)  $X_{2i}$ : Trade Freedom (index)

$X_{3i}$ : Monetary Freedom (index)  $X_{4i}$ : Investment Freedom (index)

$$\ln Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln X_{2i} + \beta_3 \ln X_{3i} + \beta_4 \ln X_{4i} + u_i$$

(where  $\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$  are the parameters and  $u_i$  is the random error term)

$\beta_1$  is the mean value of ln GDP per capita when Trade, Monetary and Investment Freedom are all 1.

$\beta_2$  is the elasticity of GDP per capita with respect to trade freedom, holding other variables constant.

$\beta_3$  is the elasticity of GDP per capita with respect to monetary freedom, holding other variables constant.

$\beta_4$  is the elasticity of GDP per capita with respect to investment freedom, holding other variables constant.

Estimated equation

$$\ln \hat{Y} = b_1 + b_2 \ln X_{2i} + b_3 \ln X_{3i} + b_4 \ln X_{4i}$$

(where  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  and  $b_4$  are estimators of  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  and  $\beta_4$  respectively).

➤ *Apriori Expectations of Partial Coefficients*

Here, apriori expectations of  $\beta_2$  are positive, an increase in ln trade freedom results in corresponding increase in ln GDP per capita, due to higher trade in goods and services with other countries.

Apriori expectations of  $\beta_3$  is positive, an increase in ln monetary freedom leads to price stability, thus encouraging savings and investment, hence leading to a higher ln per capita GDP.

Apriori expectations of  $\beta_4$  is positive because an increase in the ln investment freedom, higher would be the investment in the country by residents and foreigners, hence greater would be ln GDP per capita.

➤ *Running the Regression by OLS method*

Model 1: OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: L\_GDPPERCAPITAcurentUS

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-ratio	p-value	
Const	-16.4788	2.03094	-8.114	<0.0001	***
L_TRADEFREEDOM	7.06879	0.480212	14.72	<0.0001	***
L_MONETARYFREED	-1.74612	0.587367	-2.973	0.0070	***
OM					
L_INVESTMENTFREE	0.240161	0.176585	1.360	0.1876	
D					
OM					
Mean dependent var	6.804483	S.D. dependent var		0.616540	
Sum squared resid	0.500334	S.E. of regression		0.150806	
R-squared	0.947350	Adjusted R-squared		0.940171	
F(3, 22)	131.9516	P-value(F)		3.25e-14	
Ln-likelihood	14.46507	Akaike criterion		-20.93015	
Schwarz criterion	-15.89776	Hannan-Quinn		-19.48100	
Rho	0.643499	Durbin-Watson		0.742500	

$$\hat{Y} (Y \text{ Hat}) = -16.4788 + 7.06879X_{2i} - 1.74612X_{3i} + 0.24161X_{4i}$$

According to the regression run by OLS method, it can be seen that the estimated coefficients are:  $b_1 = -16.4788$

$$b_2 = 7.06879$$

$$b_3 = -1.74612$$

$$b_4 = 0.240161$$

$b_1$ , Theoretically, when trade freedom, monetary freedom and investment freedom are all 1, then the estimated mean value of Ln GDP per capita would be  $-16.4788$  per USD. In the current, it is insignificant as India's Trade freedom, monetary freedom, and investment freedom have not been zero in the last 25 years.

$b_2$  is positive implying that an increase in the trade freedom will lead to an increase in per capita GDP. In other words, an increase in India's trade freedom by 1% leads to an increase in estimated mean GDP per capita by 7.06879%, holding other factors constant.

$b_3$  is negative implying that an increase in the monetary freedom will lead to a decrease in per capita GDP. In other words, an increase in India's monetary freedom by 1% will lead to a decrease in estimated mean GDP per capita by 1.74612%, holding other factors constant. *But this does not conform to our a priori expectations of  $b_3$  possibly because of some CLRM assumptions not being satisfied.*

$b_4$  is positive implying that an increase in the investment freedom will lead to an increase in per capita GDP. In other words, an increase in India's investment freedom by 1%, leads to an increase in estimated mean GDP per capita by 0.24161 %, holding other factors constant.

$R^2$  value (overall goodness of fit measure) of 0.947350 means that 94.73% of total variation in the Ln GDP per capita around its mean value is explained by Ln trade freedom, Ln monetary freedom and Ln investment freedom together.

➤ *t-Testing of  $b_2$  and  $b_3$*

$$H_0: \beta_2 = 0; \beta_3 = 0; \beta_4 = 0 \quad H_a: \beta_2 > 0; \beta_3 > 0; \beta_4 > 0$$

Assuming that  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  and  $b_4$  follow approx. normal distribution with mean  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  and  $\beta_4$  respectively:

At 5% level of significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the t-ratio or  $t_{calc} = 14.72$  is greater than  $t_{critical, 0.05, 22} = 1.717$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or data is statistically significant at 5% LOS).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc} = -2.973$  is less than  $t_{critical, 0.05, 22} = -1.717$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or data is statistically significant at 5% LOS).

- For  $\beta_4$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc} = -1.360$  is greater than  $t_{critical,0.05,22} = -1.717$ , we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or data is statistically insignificant at 5% LOS).

At 10% level of significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the t-ratio or  $t_{calc} = 14.72$  is greater than  $t_{critical,0.10,22} = 1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 10% level of significance (or data is statistically significant at 10% LOS).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc} = -2.973$  is less than  $t_{critical,0.10,22} = -1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 10% level of significance (or data is statistically significant at 10% LOS).
- For  $\beta_4$ : As the t ratio or  $t_{calc} = -1.360$  is greater than  $t_{critical,0.10,22} = -1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 10% level of significance (or data is statistically significant at 10% LOS).

➤ *Comparing p-value and  $\alpha$*

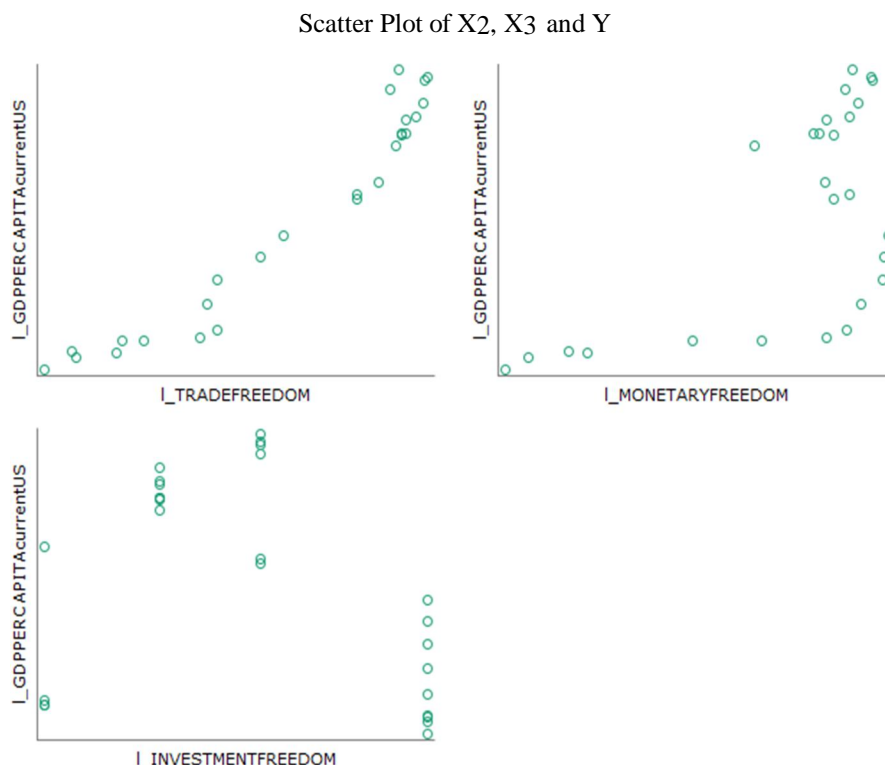
When  $\alpha$  is 5%

- $\beta_2$  is statistically significant as its p-value  $7.17e^{-013}$  ( $1.62 \times 10^{-5}$ ) is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(1.62 \times 10^{-5}) \leq 0.05$ .
- $\beta_3$  is statistically significant as its p-value 0.0070 is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $0.0070 \leq 0.05$ .
- $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant as its p-value 0.1876 is greater than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $0.1876 \geq 0.05$ .

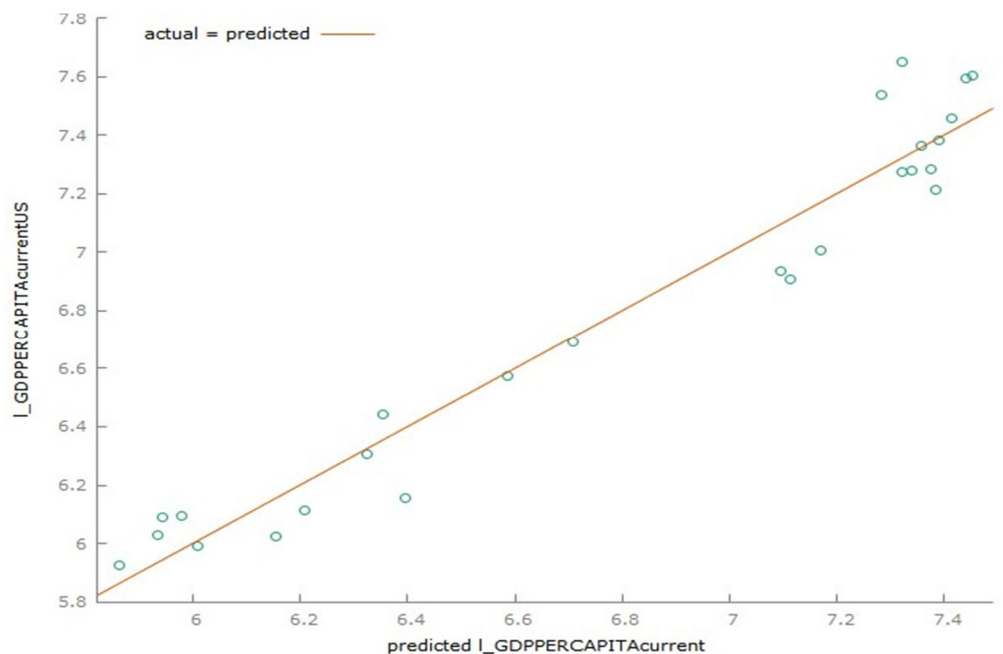
When  $\alpha$  is 10%

- $\beta_2$  is statistically significant as its p-value  $7.17e^{-013}$  ( $1.62 \times 10^{-5}$ ) is less than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $1.62 \times 10^{-5} \leq 0.1$ .
- $\beta_3$  is statistically significant as its p-value 0.0070 is less than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $0.0070 \leq 0.1$
- $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant as its p-value 0.1876 is greater than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $0.1876 > 0.1$

**According to both t testing and p-value testing, it is evident that  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ , are statistically significant and  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at both 5% and 10% LOS**



Actual vs. Fitted



➤ Anova Table

Analysis of Variance:

Sum of squares	df	Mean square		
Regression		9.00272	3	3.00091
Residual		0.500334	22	0.0227425
Total		9.50305	25	0.380122

$$R^2 = 9.00272 / 9.50305 = 0.947350$$

$$F(3, 22) = 3.00091 / 0.0227425 = 131.952 \text{ [p-value } 3.25e-014]$$

To check if the model is significant or not

Test Statistic=  $f=131.952$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Critical Values:  $F_{0.05,3,22} = 3.05$

➤  $H_0 : R^2 = 0$   $H_a : R^2 > 0$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS.

*Model is significant at 5% LOS.*

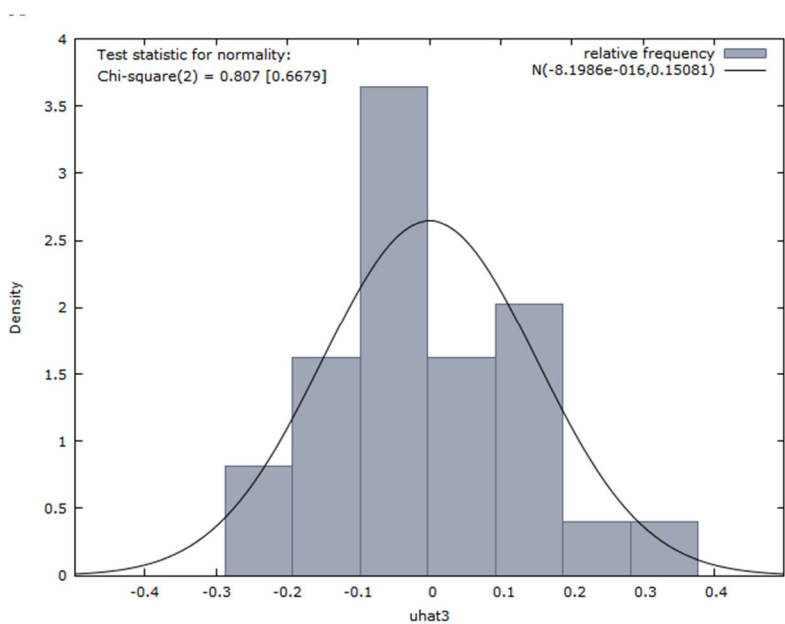
When  $\alpha$  is 10%

Critical Values:  $F_{0.1,3,22} = 2.35$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS.

*Model is significant at 10% LOS.*

Normality of Residual



➤ Test for Normality of Residual:

$H_0$  :  $u_i$  is normally distributed

$H_a$  :  $u_i$  is not normally distributed

Chi-square (2) = 0.807 with p-value 0.6679

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Since p-value (0.6679) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.05), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 5% LOS.

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

Since p-value (0.6679) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.1), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 10% LOS.

**Testing for Heteroscedasticity**

It is possible that are model is suffering from heteroskedasticity as there are few statistical insignifcancratios, as a result t test are unreliable.

➤ Breush-Pagan Test

Breusch-Pagan test for heteroskedasticity

OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)

Dependent variable: scaled  $uhat^2$

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	-16.5880	18.3590	-0.9035	0.3760
l_TRADEFREEDOM	3.37788	4.34097	0.7781	0.4448
l_MONETARYFREEDOM	0.272133	5.30961	0.05125	0.9596
l_INVESTMENTFREE~	0.582898	1.59627	0.3652	0.7185

Explained sum of squares = 2.63358

Test statistic: LM = 1.316791,

with p-value =  $P(\text{Chi-square}(3) > 1.316791) = 0.725150$



When  $\alpha$  is 5%

$H_0: R^2 = 0$

$H_a: R^2 > 0$

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LM = 1.316791) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 3}$  (7.8147), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LM = 1.316791) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 3}$  (6.2514), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

➤ White's General Test

White's test for heteroskedasticity

OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)

Dependent variable: uhat^2

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	-47.7713	48.0176	-0.9949	0.3346
l_TRADEFREEDOM	-1.80242	18.4971	-0.09744	0.9236
l_MONETARYFREED	25.2109	26.4965	0.9515	0.3555
OM				
l_INVESTMENTFREE	-1.18796	6.11119	-0.1944	0.8483
~				
sq_l_TRADEFREED	-1.53762	3.02609	-0.5081	0.6183
M				
X2_X3	2.66111	4.54450	0.5856	0.5663
X2_X4	0.957254	1.03397	0.9258	0.3683
sq_l_MONETARYFRE	-4.01616	3.86481	-1.039	0.3142
~				
X3_X4	-0.639635	1.21299	-0.5273	0.6052
sq_l_INVESTMENTF~	-0.000732506	0.616480	-0.001188	0.9991

Unadjusted R-squared = 0.297537 Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 7.735972$ , with p-value =  $P(\text{Chi-square}(9) > 7.735972) = 0.560957$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

$H_0: R^2 = 0$

$H_a: R^2 > 0$

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 7.73597$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 9}$  (16.919), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 7.73597$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 9}$  (14.6837), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS

Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

**Hence both BP and White's Test show no heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% & 10% LOS**

### Testing For Autocorrelation

There is possibility that the model is suffering from autocorrelation.

➤ *BG Test*

Breusch-Godfrey test for first-order autocorrelation OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: uhat

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	0.0977565	1.65504	0.05907	0.9535
l_TRADEFREEDOM	0.0119301	0.391289	0.03049	0.9760
l_MONETARYFREEDOM	0.00190859	0.478584	0.003988	0.9969
OM				
l_INVESTMENTFREE	-0.0406852	0.144353	-0.2818	0.7808
~				
uhat_1	0.653370	0.187537	3.484	0.0022 ***

Unadjusted R-squared = 0.366286

Test statistic: LMF = 12.137973,  
with p-value = P(F(1,21) > 12.138) = 0.00221

➤ *Ho: There is no autocorrelation in the model* *Ha: There is autocorrelation in the model*

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 12.137973) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.05}(1)$  (3.8415), we reject Ho at 5% LOS  
Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 12.137973) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.1}(1)$  (2.7055), we reject Ho at 10% LOS  
Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 10% LOS

**BG Test shows evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% and 10% LOS. This may be a possible reason for nonconformity of  $b_4$  with its apriori expectation**

➤ *Durbin Watson Test*

Durbin-Watson statistic = 0.7425 p-value = 1.05318e-005

Ho : No positive auto-correlation H0' : No negative auto-correlation

At alpha = 0.05, n=26, k' = 3, dL = 1.143, dU = 1.652

As,  $0 < \text{Sample calculated d test statistic} = 0.7425 < dL$ , therefore we reject H0 i.e. there is evidence of positive auto-correlation.

*This could be a possible reason for non-conformity of estimated coefficient ( $b_4$ ) with our apriori expectations.*

### Testing For Multicollinearity

Variance Inflation Factors Minimum possible value = 1.0

Values > 10.0 may indicate a collinearity problem

I_TRADEFREEDOM	2.569
I_MONETARYFREEDOM	2.242
I_INVESTMENTFREEDOM	1.239
M	

$VIF(j) = 1/(1 - R(j)^2)$ , where  $R(j)$  is the multiple correlation coefficient between variable  $j$  and the other independent variables

**Since none of the VIF's are > 10, there is no evidence of Multicollinearity in the estimated model**

#### ➤ Coefficient Covariance Matrix

Const	I_TRADEFREE DOM	I_MONETARY F REEDOM	I_INVESTME N TFREEDOM	const
4.12471	-0.217126 0.230603	-0.575486 -0.203932	-0.201566 0.0313437	I_TRADEFREE DOM
		0.345000	-0.0107057	I_MONETARYF REEDOM
			0.0311822	I_INVESTMEN TFREEDOM

#### ➤ Confidence Intervals for Coefficients

$t(22, 0.025) = 2.074$

Variable	Coefficient	95 confidence interval
const	-16.4788	(-20.6907, -12.2668)
I_TRADEFREEDOM	7.06879	(6.07289, 8.06469)
I_MONETARYFREEDOM	-1.74612	(-2.96424, -0.527991)
M		
I_INVESTMENTFREEDOM	0.240161	(-0.126054, 0.606375)
M		

### Dummy Model

#### One Dependent, Two Explanatory Variables And Two Dummy Variables

#### ➤ Interpretation

Effect of India's Trade Freedom, Monetary Freedom and level of Foreign Direct Investment on GDP per capita (USD) along with effect of Investment Freedom on GDP per capita (USD) by enacting structural break in data set for two different periods :1995-2007 and 2007-2020.

Y: GDP per capita (billion USD) X<sub>2i</sub> : India's Trade Freedom (index)

X<sub>3i</sub> : India's Investment Freedom (index)

D<sub>1i</sub> = 1 if FDI (% of GDP) is ≥ 2% 0 if FDI (% of GDP) is < 2%

D<sub>2i</sub> = 1 for the time period 1995-2007 0 for the time period 2008-2020

$$Y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \beta_3 D_{1i} + \beta_4 D_{2i} X_{3i} + u_i$$

(where  $\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$  are the parameters and  $u_i$  is the random error term)

- Reference category:  $\beta_1 = E(Y^{\wedge}|X=0, D_{1i} = 0 \text{ and } D_{2i} = 0)$  - The mean GDP per capita for the period 2008-2020 when India's trade freedom and investment freedom are zero and FDI(% ofGDP) is < 2%.
- Slope Coefficient :  $\beta_2 = E(Y^{\wedge}|X=1, D_{1i} = 0 \text{ and } D_{2i} = 0)$  is the partial slope coefficients of meanGDP per capita w.r.t Trade Freedom.
- Differential Intercept Coefficient:  $\beta_3 = E(Y^{\wedge}|X=0, D_{1i} = 1 \text{ and } D_{2i} = 0)$  is the difference between the mean GDP per capita when FDI(% of GDP) is greater than 2% as compared to the reference category, keeping everything constant.
- Differential Slope Coefficient:  $\beta_4 = E(Y^{\wedge}|X=1, D_{1i} = 0 \text{ and } D_{2i} = 1)$ , when India's investment freedom increases by 1 unit, the estimated mean GDP per capita for the period 1995-2007 is higher by  $\beta_4$  units as compared to the estimated mean GDP per capita for the period 2007-2020,keeping everything else constant.

$$Y^{\wedge} (\text{Y Hat}) = b_1 + b_2 X_{2i} + b_3 D_{1i} + b_4 D_{2i} X_{3i}$$

(where  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$  and  $b_5$  are estimators of  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$  and  $\beta_5$  respectively).

➤ *Running the Regression by OLS method*

Model 2: OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)Dependent variable: GDPPERCAPITAUSD

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-ratio	p-value	
Const	-3574.08	956.585	-3.736	0.0011	***
TRADEFREEDOM	70.2234	13.0030	5.401	<0.0001	***
DummyFDI	-274.899	107.342	-2.561	0.0178	**
DiInvFree	-5.43497	3.57790	-1.519	0.1430	
Mean dependent var	1070.181	S.D. dependent var		597.2691	
Sum squared resid	1011109	S.E. of regression		214.3816	
R-squared	0.886625	Adjusted R-squared		0.871165	
F(3, 22)	57.34871	P-value(F)		1.46e-10	
Ln-likelihood	-174.2824	Akaike criterion		356.5648	
Schwarz criterion	361.5972	Hannan-Quinn		358.0139	
Rho	0.638151	Durbin-Watson		0.686341	

$$Y^{\wedge} (\text{Y Hat}) = -3574.08 + 70.2234 X_{2i} - 274.899 D_{1i} - 5.43487 D_{2i} X_{3i}$$

According to the regression run by OLS method, it can be seen that the estimated coefficients are:  $b_1 = -3574.08$

$$b_2 = 70.2234$$

$$b_3 = -274.899$$

$$b_4 = -5.43497$$

$b_1$  in the current model is insignificant as India's trade freedom, investment freedom and FDI(% of GDP) have not been zero in the last 26 years.

$b_2$  is positive implying that an increase in India's trade freedom by 1 unit, leads to an increase in estimated mean GDP per capita by 70.2234 billion USD.

$b_3 = -274.899$  billion USD is the difference between the mean GDP per capita when FDI(% ofGDP) is greater than 2% as compared to the reference category, keeping everything constant.

$b_4$ , when India's investment freedom increases by 1 unit, the estimated mean GDP per capita for the period 1995-2007 is less by 5.43497 billion USD as compared to the estimated mean GDP per capita for the period 2007-2020, keeping everything else constant.

*But this does not confirm to our a priori expectations of  $b_2$  possibly because of some CLRM assumptions not being satisfied.*

$R^2$  value (overall goodness of fit measure) of 0.886625 means that 88.6625 % of total variation in estimated GDP per capita around its mean value is explained by Trade freedom, Investment freedom and FDI(% of GDP)

➤ *t*-Testing of  $b_2$  and  $b_3$

Assuming that  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  and  $b_3$  follow approx. normal distribution with mean  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  respectively:

At 5 % level of significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = 5.401$  is greater than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = 1.717$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_2$  is statistically significant at 5% level of significance).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = -2.561$  is less than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = -1.717$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_3$  is statistically significant at 5% level of significance).
- For  $\beta_4$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = -1.519$  is less than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = -1.717$ , we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at 5% level of significance).

At 10% level of significance

- For  $\beta_2$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = 5.401$  is greater than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = 1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_2$  is statistically significant at 5% level of significance).
- For  $\beta_3$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = -2.561$  is less than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = -1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_3$  is statistically significant at 5% level of significance).
- For  $\beta_4$ : As the  $t$  ratio or  $t_{\text{calc}} = -1.519$  is more than the  $t_{\text{critical},0.05,22} = -1.321$ , we reject  $H_0$  at 5% level of significance (or  $\beta_4$  is statistically significant at 5% level of significance).

➤ Comparing  $p$ -value and  $\alpha$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

- $\beta_1$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value 0.0011 is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.0011) \leq 0.05$ .
- $\beta_2$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value  $<0.0001$  is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $<0.0001 \leq 0.05$
- $\beta_3$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value 0.0178 is less than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.0178) \leq 0.05$
- $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant as its  $p$ -value 0.1430 is greater than 5%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.1430) >0.05$

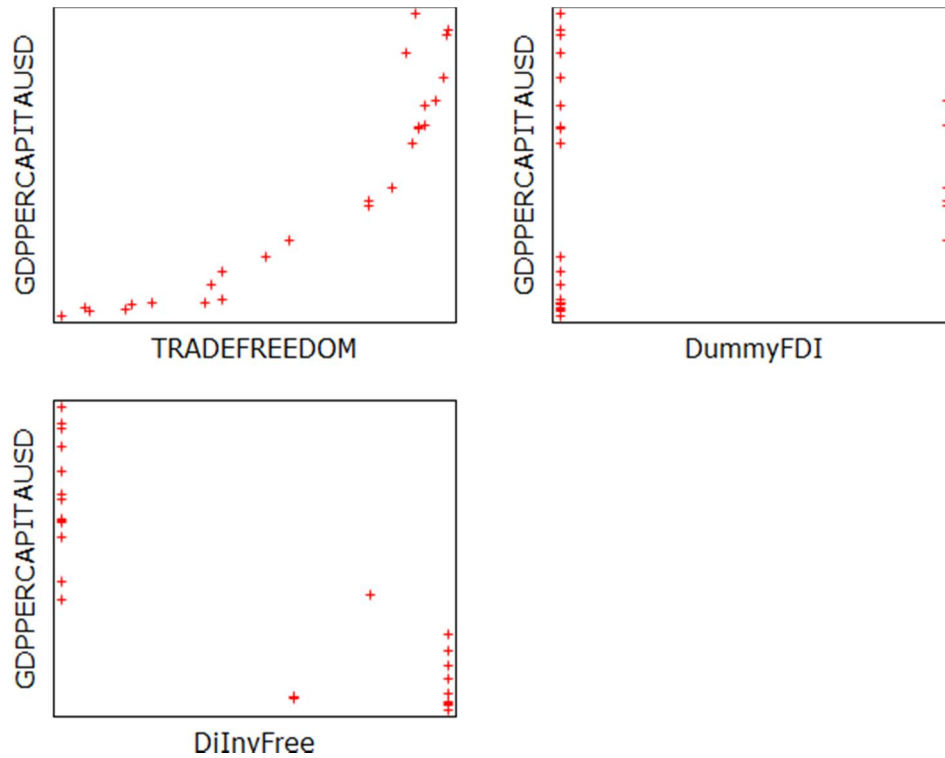
When  $\alpha$  is 10%

- $\beta_1$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value 0.0011 is less than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.0011) \leq 0.1$ .
- $\beta_2$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value  $<0.0001$  is less than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $<0.0001 \leq 0.1$ .
- $\beta_3$  is statistically significant as its  $p$ -value 0.0178 is less than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.0178) \leq 0.1$
- $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant as its  $p$ -value 0.1430 is greater than 10%  $\alpha$  or  $(0.1430) >0.1$

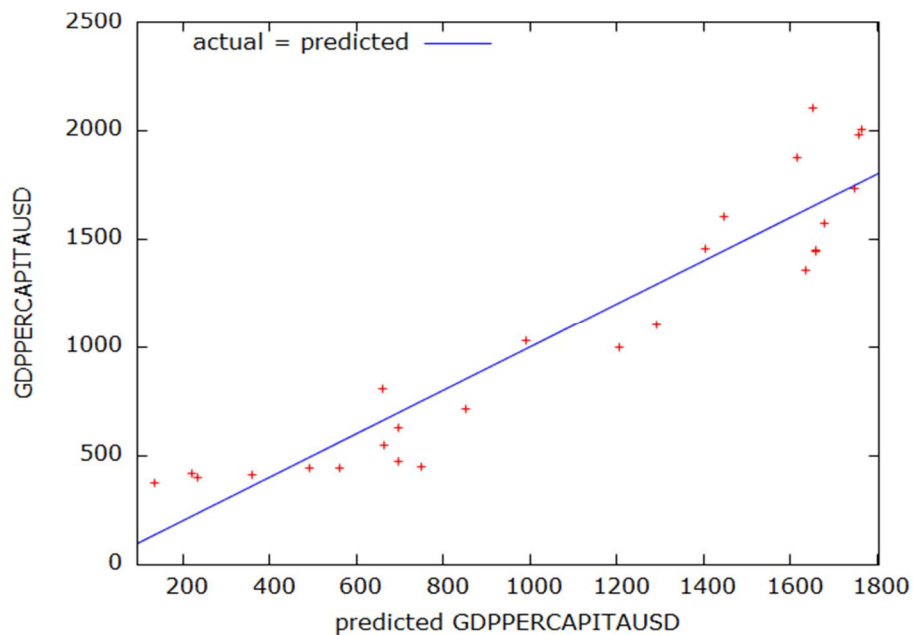
**According to  $t$  testing, it is evident that  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ , are statistically significant at both 5% and 10% LOS and  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at 5% and significant at 10%**

**According to  $p$  value, it is evident that  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  are statistically significant and  $\beta_4$  is statistically insignificant at both 5% and 10% LOS.**

Scatter Plot of X2, X3 and Y



Actual vs. Fitted Graph



➤ Anova Table

Analysis of Variance:

	Sum of squares	df	Mean square
Regression	7.90715e+006	3	2.63572e+006
Residual	1.01111e+006	22	45959.5
Total	8.91826e+006	25	356730

$$R^2 = 7.90715e+006 / 8.91826e+006 = 0.886625$$

$$F(3, 22) = 2.63572e+006 / 45959.5 = 57.3487 \text{ [p-value } 1.46e-010]$$

To check if this model is significant or not:

Test Statistic = 57.3487

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Critical Values:  $F_{0.05,3,22} = 3.05$

➤  $H_0: R^2 = 0$   $H_a: R^2 > 0$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS.

*Model is significant at 5% LOS.*

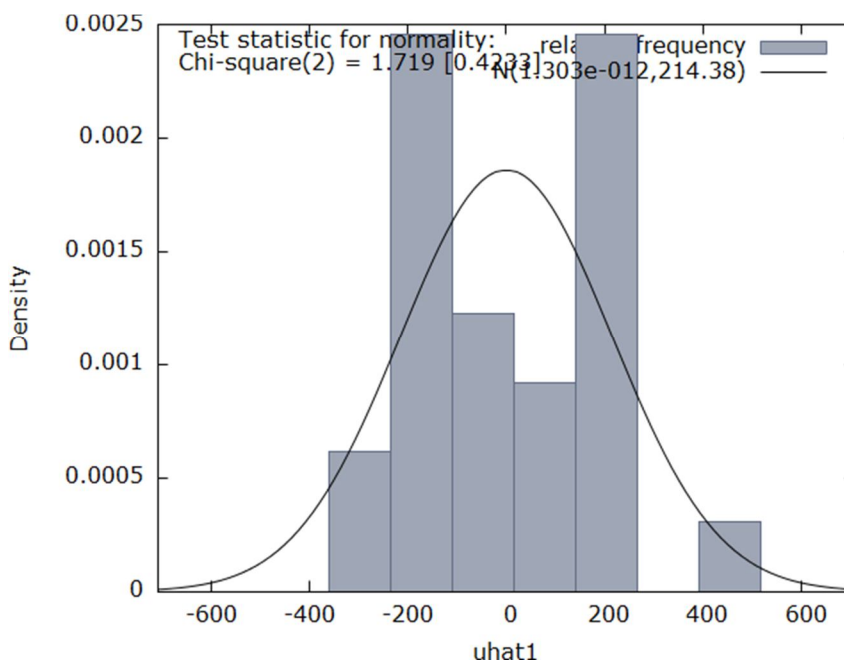
When  $\alpha$  is 10%

Critical Values:  $F_{0.1,3,22} = 2.35$

As Test Statistic value is greater than the Critical Value, it lies in the rejection region. Hence we reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS.

*Model is significant at 10% LOS.*

Normality of Residual



➤ *Test for Normality of Residual:*

$H_0$  :  $u_j$  is normally distributed  $H_a$  :  $u_j$  is not normally distributed

Chi-square(2) = 1.719 with p-value 0.4233

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

Since p-value (0.4233) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.05), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 5% LOS.

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

Since p-value (0.4233) is greater than  $\alpha$  (0.1), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS. This means that error terms are normally distributed at 10% LOS.

**Testing for Heteroscedasticity**

It is possible that are model is suffering from heteroskedasticity as there are few statistical insignifcantratos, as a result t test are unreliable.

➤ *Breusch-Pagan Test*

Breusch-Pagan test for heteroskedasticity OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: scaled uhat<sup>2</sup>

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	1.75129	4.71488	0.3714	0.7139
TRADEFREEDOM	-0.00295394	0.0640899	-0.04609	0.9637
M				
DummyFDI	-0.721107	0.529072	-1.363	0.1867
DiInvFree	-0.0171132	0.0176350	-0.9704	0.3424

Explained sum of squares = 5.14258 Test statistic: LM = 2.571289, with p-value = P(Chi-square(3) > 2.571289) = 0.462545

$$H_0 : R^2_{aux} = 0$$

$$H_a : R^2_{aux} > 0$$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LM = 2.571289) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 3}$  (7.8147), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS  
Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LM = 2.571289) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 3}$  (6.2514), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS  
Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

➤ *White's Test*

White's test for heteroskedasticity

OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26)

Dependent variable: uhat<sup>2</sup>

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value
const	-5.19205e+06	6.92426e+06	-0.7498	0.4636
TRADEFREEDOM	155024	187131	0.8284	0.4189
DummyFDI	-649578	1.74311e+06	-0.3727	0.7140
DiInvFree	18983.1	56614.6	0.3353	0.7415
sq_TRADEFREEDOM	-1133.10	1275.77	-0.8882	0.3868
M				
X2_X3	8157.61	23388.7	0.3488	0.7315



X2_X4	-324.652	692.187	-0.4690	0.6450
X3_X4	2737.37	3394.07	0.8065	0.4311
sq_DiInvFree	13.6848	187.439	0.07301	0.9427

Unadjusted R-squared = 0.252721  
 Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 6.570747$ ,  
 with p-value =  $P(\text{Chi-square}(8) > 6.570747) = 0.583571$

$$H_0 : R^2_{aux} = 0$$

$$H_a : R^2_{aux} > 0$$

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 6.570747$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 8}$  (16.919), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS  
 Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $nR^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic:  $TR^2 = 6.570747$ ) is less than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 8}$  (14.6837), we fail to reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS  
 Thus there is no evidence of heteroscedasticity in the model at 10% LOS

**Hence both BP and White's Test show no heteroscedasticity in the model at 5% & 10% LOS**

### Testing for Autocorrelation

➤ *BG Test*

Breusch-Godfrey test for first-order autocorrelation OLS, using observations 1995-2020 (T = 26) Dependent variable: uhat

	coefficient	std. error	t-ratio	p-value	
const	-371.815	757.418	-0.4909	0.6286	
TRADEFREEDOM	4.78096	10.2868	0.4648	0.6469	
DummyFDI	63.9707	85.9299	0.7445	0.4649	
DiInvFree	1.57927	2.83968	0.5561	0.5840	
uhat_1	0.691260	0.180436	3.831	0.0010	***

Unadjusted R-squared = 0.411385

Test statistic: LMF = 14.676996,

with p-value =  $P(F(1,21) > 14.677) = 0.000972$

Alternative statistic:  $TR^2 = 10.696021$ ,

with p-value =  $P(\text{Chi-square}(1) > 10.696) = 0.00107$  Ljung-Box Q' = 10.3135,

with p-value =  $P(\text{Chi-square}(1) > 10.3135) = 0.00132$

➤ *H<sub>0</sub>: There is no autocorrelation in the model* *H<sub>a</sub>: There is autocorrelation in the model*

When  $\alpha$  is 5%

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 14.676996) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.05, 1}$  (3.8415), we reject  $H_0$  at 5% LOS  
 Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% LOS

When  $\alpha$  is 10%

As  $(n-p)R^2_{aux}$  (Test statistic: LMF = 14.676996) is greater than  $\chi^2_{0.1, 1}$  (2.7055), we reject  $H_0$  at 10% LOS  
 Thus there is evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 10% LOS

**BG Test shows evidence of autocorrelation in the model at 5% and 10% LOS. This may be a possible reason for nonconformity of  $b_4$  with its a priori expectation**

**Testing for Multicollinearity**

Variance Inflation Factors Minimum possible value = 1.0

Values > 10.0 may indicate a collinearity problem

TRADEFREED	4.163
M	
DummyFDI	1.157
DiInvFree	3.861

VIF(j) = 1/(1 - R(j)^2), where R(j) is the multiple correlation coefficient between variable j and the other independent variables

**Since none of the VIF's are > 10, there is no evidence of Multicollinearity in the estimated model**

➤ *Correlation Matrix*

Correlation coefficients, using the observations 1995 - 2020 5% critical value (two-tailed) = 0.3882 for n = 26

GDPPERCAPI	TRADEFREED	DummyFDI	DiInvFree	
T	O			
AUSD	M			
1.0000	0.9115	0.0901	-0.8560	GDPPERCAPIT
	1.0000	0.3170	-0.8546	AUSD
		1.0000	-0.1733	TRADEFREED
			1.0000	O
				M
				DummyFDI
				DiInvFree

➤ *Confidence Intervals for Coefficients*

$$t(22, 0.025) = 2.074$$

Variable	Coefficient	95 confidence interval
Const	-3574.08	(-5557.91, -1590.24)
TRADEFREEDOM	70.2234	(43.2569, 97.1899)
DummyFDI	-274.899	(-497.512, -52.2859)
DiInvFree	-5.43497	(-12.8551, 1.98514)

**IX. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS & POLICYRECOMMENDATIONS**

All things considered, we find compelling evidence that with lower levels of governmental regulation and fewer trade barriers along with substantial level of Foreign Direct Investment in the country lead to greater economic prosperity as measured by GDP per capita.

Perhaps the most interesting takeaway is that of the many variables experimented with during the model specification process, we ended up achieving the best results (on the basis of Schwartz Criterion) using only one of the original indices -- trade freedom. This suggests that of all the sectors in an economy, it is most critical for a nation to be open to international trade. It seems that in the absence of free trade nations struggle to achieve economic prosperity.

We set out to examine how economic freedoms influence GDP per capita and found that trade and to a lesser extent monetary freedom were explanatory of the dependent variable in all models while investment freedom ended up being insignificant in all models. However, in particular models, monetary freedom did not conform to our prior expectations.

Future work could consider even more aspects of an economy overall, including potential indices for variables such as taxation and presence of black markets. It could additionally control for more factors that influence GDP per capita, including health facilities, literacy level etc, to help capture more of the variance of the independent variable within the model.

In conclusion, the research has significant implications with respect to a nation's economic policy and decision making. The primary goal of every governing entity is to maximize overall economic prosperity for its citizens. With lower barriers and fewer stringent economic policies, greater economic welfare can be achieved.

## X. LIMITATIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK

No work is free from limitations and this paper is no exception and thus the limitations need to be highlighted for better critical appreciation.

It was hard finding accurate data for the variables. Since we could not find appropriate data in our stipulated time frame for an important factor-Labour Freedom, this variable had to be dropped from our model.

The a priori expectations of the impact of Monetary Freedom were not matching with the regression results in the Multiple Linear and Double Log Regression Model, possibly due to CLRM assumption of No Autocorrelation not being satisfied, which could be rectified by using a larger database for more accurate result or by applying a 'p' period lag on the estimated equation (for model suffering from AR<sub>p</sub>)

## XI. CONCLUSION

This study analysed the impact of government regulations and trade barriers on India's Overall Economic Wellbeing for 26 years from 1995-2020. The a priori expectations of the impact of Monetary Freedom were not matching with the regression results in the Multiple Linear and Double Log Regression Model, possibly due to CLRM assumption of No Autocorrelation not being satisfied. Residuals were normally distributed.

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