

Use the data in LOANAPP.xls for this exercise. The binary variable to be explained is *approve*, which is equal to one if a mortgage loan to an individual was approved. The key explanatory variable is *white*, a dummy variable equal to one if the applicant was white.

- i To test for discrimination in the mortgage loan market, a linear probability model can be used:

$$approve = \beta_1 + \beta_2 white \quad (1)$$

Regress *approve* on *white* and report the results in the usual form. Interpret the coefficient on *white*. Is it statistically significant?

- ii Estimate a probit model of *approve* on *white*. Is the estimated coefficient statistically significant. Find the estimated probability of loan approval for both whites and nonwhites.
- iii Estimate a logit model of *approve* on *white*. Is the estimated coefficient statistically significant. Compare the coefficient on *white* to the probit estimate.