

11.1 Our aim is to estimate the parameters of the simultaneous equations model

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y_1 = \alpha_1 y_2 + e_1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y_2 = \alpha_2 y_1 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + e_2$$

We assume that x_1 and x_2 are exogenous and uncorrelated with the error terms e_1 and e_2 .

- a. Solve the two structural equations for the reduced-form equation for y_2 , that is, $y_2 = \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + v_2$. Express the reduced-form parameters in terms of the **structural parameters** and the reduced-form error in terms of the structural parameters and e_1 and e_2 . Show that y_2 is correlated with e_1 .

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ in } \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \alpha_2 (d_1 y_2 + e_1) + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 - d_1 \alpha_2 y_2 = d_2 e_1 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{\beta_1}{(1 - d_1 \alpha_2)} x_1 + \frac{\beta_2}{(1 - d_1 \alpha_2)} x_2 + \frac{e_2 + d_2 e_1}{(1 - d_1 \alpha_2)} = \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + v_2$$

$$\text{Cov}(e_1, y_2 | x) = E[(y_2 - E(y_2 | x))(e_1 - E(e_1 | x))]$$

$$(\because E(e_1 | x) = 0) \Rightarrow E(y_2 e_1 | x) = E\left[\frac{\beta_1}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} x_1 e_1 | x\right] + E\left[\frac{\beta_2}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} x_2 e_1 | x\right] + E\left[\frac{e_2 + d_2 e_1}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} e_1 | x\right]$$

$$= 0 + 0 + E\left[\frac{e_2 e_1 + d_2 e_1^2}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} | x\right]$$

$$= \frac{E(e_2 e_1 | x) + d_2 E(e_1^2 | x)}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} = \frac{d_2}{1 - d_1 \alpha_2} \sigma_1^2 \neq 0 \quad (\text{unless } d_2 = 0)$$

- b. Which equation parameters are consistently estimated using OLS? Explain.

Neither of the two structural equations is a reduced-form.

Both equations have endogenous variables on the right-hand side,

so using OLS would be inconsistent and biased.

c. Which parameters are "identified," in the simultaneous equations sense? Explain your reasoning.

$M=2$, it must excluded at least $M-1=1$ exogenous variable

$\begin{cases} \text{in ①} \Rightarrow \text{excludes } x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \Rightarrow \text{identified} \\ \text{in ②} \Rightarrow \text{excludes } 0 \Rightarrow \text{not identified} \end{cases}$

\Rightarrow possible to estimate α , consistently. *

d. To estimate the parameters of the reduced-form equation for y_2 using the method of moments (MOM), which was introduced in Section 10.3, the two moment equations are

$$N^{-1} \sum x_{i1}(y_2 - \pi_1 x_{i1} - \pi_2 x_{i2}) = 0$$

$$N^{-1} \sum x_{i2}(y_2 - \pi_1 x_{i1} - \pi_2 x_{i2}) = 0$$

Explain why these two moment conditions are a valid basis for obtaining consistent estimators of the reduced-form parameters.

To ensure OLS consistency,

$$\text{① } N^{-1} \sum x_{i1} V_{i2} = 0 \quad \Leftarrow \quad E(x_{i1} V_{i2} | X) = 0$$

$$\text{② } N^{-1} \sum x_{i2} V_{i2} = 0 \quad \Leftarrow \quad E(x_{i2} V_{i2} | X) = 0$$

then OLS is consistent.

$\therefore x_1, x_2$ are uncorrelated with e_2

$\Rightarrow x_1, x_2$ also uncorrelated with the reduced form error term V_2

From the structural system, we derive $y_2 = \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + V_2$

$$\text{where } \pi_1 = \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\beta_2}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2} \quad V_2 = \frac{e_2 + \alpha_2 e_1}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2} \quad \text{From (a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \left[x_{ik} \left(\frac{e_2 + \alpha_2 e_1}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2} \right) | X \right] = E \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2} x_{ik} e_2 | X \right] + E \left[\frac{\alpha_2}{1 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2} x_{ik} e_1 | X \right] = 0 + 0 = 0$$

- e. Are the MOM estimators in part (d) the same as the OLS estimators? Form the sum of squared errors function for $y_2 = \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + v_2$ and find the first derivatives. Set these to zero and show that they are equivalent to the two equations in part (d).

$$\text{OLS-SSFE} \Rightarrow S(\pi_1, \pi_2 | y, x) = \sum (y_2 - \pi_1 x_{1i} - \pi_2 x_{2i})^2$$

$$\begin{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial S}{\partial \pi_1} = 2 \sum (y_2 - \pi_1 x_{1i} - \pi_2 x_{2i}) x_{1i} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial S}{\partial \pi_2} = 2 \sum (y_2 - \pi_1 x_{1i} - \pi_2 x_{2i}) x_{2i} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \div 2 = (d) \times N$$

- f. Using $\sum x_{1i}^2 = 1$, $\sum x_{2i}^2 = 1$, $\sum x_{1i} x_{2i} = 0$, $\sum x_{1i} y_{1i} = 2$, $\sum x_{1i} y_{2i} = 3$, $\sum x_{2i} y_{1i} = 3$, $\sum x_{2i} y_{2i} = 4$, and the two moment conditions in part (d) show that the MOM/OLS estimates of π_1 and π_2 are $\hat{\pi}_1 = 3$ and $\hat{\pi}_2 = 4$.

Two moment conditions:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad N^{-1} \sum x_{1i} (y_2 - \pi_1 x_{1i} - \pi_2 x_{2i}) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad N^{-1} \sum x_{2i} (y_2 - \pi_1 x_{1i} - \pi_2 x_{2i}) = 0$$

$$\sum x_{1i} y_{2i} = \pi_1 \sum x_{1i}^2 + \pi_2 \sum x_{1i} x_{2i} \Rightarrow \hat{\pi}_1 = 3$$

$$\sum x_{2i} y_{2i} = \pi_1 \sum x_{2i} x_{1i} + \pi_2 \sum x_{2i}^2 \Rightarrow \hat{\pi}_2 = 4$$

- g. The fitted value $\hat{y}_2 = \hat{\pi}_1 x_1 + \hat{\pi}_2 x_2$. Explain why we can use the moment condition $\sum \hat{y}_{2i} (y_{1i} - \alpha_1 y_{2i}) = 0$ as a valid basis for consistently estimating α_1 . Obtain the IV estimate of α_1 .

To estimate the structural equation $y_1 = \alpha_1 y_2 + e_1$, we use 2SLS. Since \hat{y}_2 is generated from exogenous variables x_1 and x_2 , it is uncorrelated with the structural error term e_1 . This satisfies the orthogonality condition required for consistent estimation.

$$\text{Use the moment condition } \sum \hat{y}_{2i} (y_{1i} - \alpha_1 \hat{y}_{2i}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_{2i} y_{1i}}{\sum \hat{y}_{2i}^2}$$

$$\text{Substituting } \hat{y}_{2i} = \hat{\pi}_1 x_{1i} + \hat{\pi}_2 x_{2i}, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1 \sum x_{1i} y_{1i} + \hat{\pi}_2 \sum x_{2i} y_{1i}}{\hat{\pi}_1 \sum x_{1i} \hat{y}_{2i} + \hat{\pi}_2 \sum x_{2i} \hat{y}_{2i}} = \frac{3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3}{3 \times 3 + 4 \times 4} = \frac{18}{25}$$

- h. Find the 2SLS estimate of α_1 by applying OLS to $y_1 = \alpha_1 \hat{y}_2 + e_1^*$. Compare your answer to that in part (g).

$$\hat{\alpha}_1, 2SLS = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_{i2} y_{i1}}{\sum \hat{y}_{i2}^2}$$

$$\sum \hat{y}_2^2 = \sum \hat{y}_2 (y_2 - \hat{v}_2) = \sum \hat{y}_2 y_2 - \sum \hat{y}_2 \hat{v}_2 = \sum \hat{y}_2 y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2SLS \text{ estimate of } \hat{\alpha}_1 = \hat{\alpha} \text{ (by moment condition) } *$$

11.16 Consider the following supply and demand model

$$\text{Demand: } Q_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 P_i + e_{di}, \quad \text{Supply: } Q_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 P_i + \beta_3 W_i + e_{si}$$

where Q is the quantity, P is the price, and W is the wage rate, which is assumed exogenous. Data on these variables are in Table 11.7.

TABLE 11.7

**Data for
Exercise 11.16**

Q	P	W
4	2	2
6	4	3
9	3	1
3	5	1
8	8	3

- a. Derive the algebraic form of the reduced-form equations, $Q = \theta_1 + \theta_2 W + v_2$ and $P = \pi_1 + \pi_2 W + v_1$, expressing the reduced-form parameters in terms of the structural parameters.

$$d_1 + d_2 P_i + e_{di} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 P_i + \beta_3 W_i + e_{si}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = \frac{\beta_1 - d_1}{d_2 - \beta_2} + \frac{\beta_3}{d_2 - \beta_2} W_i + \frac{e_{si} - e_{di}}{d_2 - \beta_2} = \pi_1 + \pi_2 W + v_1$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\beta_1 - d_1}{d_2 - \beta_2}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\beta_3}{d_2 - \beta_2}, \quad v_1 = \frac{e_{si} - e_{di}}{d_2 - \beta_2}$$

$$Q_i = d_1 + d_2 (\pi_1 + \pi_2 W + v_1) + e_{di} = \frac{d_2 \beta_1 - d_1 \beta_2}{d_2 - \beta_2} + \frac{d_2 \beta_3}{d_2 - \beta_2} W + \frac{d_2 e_{si} - \beta_2 e_{di}}{d_2 - \beta_2}$$

$$= \theta_1 + \theta_2 W + v_2$$

$$\text{where } \theta_1 = \frac{d_2 \beta_1 - d_1 \beta_2}{d_2 - \beta_2}, \quad \theta_2 = \frac{d_2 \beta_3}{d_2 - \beta_2}, \quad v_2 = \frac{d_2 e_{si} - \beta_2 e_{di}}{d_2 - \beta_2}$$

- b. Which structural parameters can you solve for from the results in part (a)? Which equation is "identified"?

① d_1, d_2

② $M=2, M-1=1$

Demand \Rightarrow identified (1)

Supply \Rightarrow not identified (0)

- c. The estimated reduced-form equations are $\hat{Q} = 5 + 0.5W$ and $\hat{P} = 2.4 + 1W$. Solve for the identified structural parameters. This is the method of **indirect least squares**.

$$\hat{P} = 2.4 + W = \pi_1 + \pi_2 W \quad \hat{\pi}_1 = 2.4, \quad \hat{\pi}_2 = 1$$

$$\hat{Q} = 5 + 0.5W = \theta_1 + \theta_2 W \quad \hat{\theta}_1 = 5 \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + 0.5W = d_1 + d_2(2.4 + W) = d_1 + 2.4d_2 + d_2W$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5 = d_1 + 2.4d_2 \\ d_2 = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 = 3.8, \quad d_2 = 0.5$$

- d. Obtain the fitted values from the reduced-form equation for P , and apply 2SLS to obtain estimates of the demand equation.

$$\hat{p}_i = 2.4 + w_i$$

$$Q_i = d_1 + d_2 \hat{p}_i + e_i$$

$$d_2 = \frac{\sum (\hat{p}_i - \bar{\hat{p}})(Q_i - \bar{Q})}{\sum (\hat{p}_i - \bar{\hat{p}})^2} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$\bar{Q}_i = d_1 + 0.5 \bar{\hat{p}}_i, \quad d_1 = 6 - 0.5 \times 0.4 = 3.8$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Q} = 3.8 + 0.5 \hat{p}$$