


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

$$y_1 = \alpha_1 y_2 + e_1$$

$$y_2 = \alpha_2 y_1 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + e_2$$

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

- 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 .
- Which equation parameters are consistently estimated using OLS? Explain.
- Which parameters are "identified," in the simultaneous equations sense? Explain your reasoning.

$$a. \quad y_2 = a_2(a_1 y_2 + e_1) + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{\beta_1}{1 - a_2 a_1} x_1 + \frac{\beta_2}{1 - a_2 a_1} x_2 + \frac{a_2 e_1 + e_2}{1 - a_2 a_1}$$

$$= \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + v_2, \text{ where } \pi_1 = \frac{\beta_1}{1 - a_2 a_1}, \pi_2 = \frac{\beta_2}{1 - a_2 a_1}, v_2 = \frac{a_2 e_1 + e_2}{1 - a_2 a_1}$$

$$\text{Corr}(y_2, e_1) = \sigma_{y_2} \cdot \sigma_{e_1} \cdot \text{Cov}(y_2, e_1) = \sigma_{y_2} \cdot \sigma_{e_1} \cdot \frac{a_2}{1 - a_2 a_1} \cdot \sigma_{e_1}^2 \neq 0$$

b. Since both equations contain endogenous variables (y_1 & y_2),

The OLS estimator won't be consistent.

c. There are 2 equations, so there must be $2-1=1$ variable be omitted to make the equation identified, in equation (1), there are 2 variables absent \Rightarrow identified, while equation have no variable absent. Therefore, only $y_1 = a_1 y_2 + e_1$ is identified.

- 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.

- 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).
- f. Using $\sum x_{i1}^2 = 1$, $\sum x_{i2}^2 = 1$, $\sum x_{i1} x_{i2} = 0$, $\sum x_{i1} y_{1i} = 2$, $\sum x_{i1} y_{2i} = 3$, $\sum x_{i2} y_{1i} = 3$, $\sum x_{i2} y_{2i} = 4$, 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 $\hat{\pi}_2 = 4$.

d. Combine two equations we have $E(x_{i1} \cdot v_2 | x_1, x_2) = E(x_{i2} \cdot v_2 | x_1, x_2)$
 replace v_2 by $\frac{a_2 \cdot e_1 + e_2}{1 - a_2 \cdot a_1}$ we have $= 0$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{a_2}{1 - a_2 \cdot a_1} \cdot E(x_{i1} \cdot e_1 | x_1, x_2) + \frac{1}{1 - a_2 \cdot a_1} E(x_{i1} \cdot e_2 | x_1, x_2) = 0 \\ \frac{a_2}{1 - a_2 \cdot a_1} \cdot E(x_{i2} \cdot e_1 | x_1, x_2) + \frac{1}{1 - a_2 \cdot a_1} \cdot E(x_{i2} \cdot e_2 | x_1, x_2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

while $E(x_{ik} \cdot e_1 | x_1 \dots x_k) = 0 = E(x_{ik} \cdot e_2 | x_1 \dots x_k)$

makes x_1, x_2 consistent

e. OLS: $\min \sum (y_2 - \pi_1 x_1 - \pi_2 x_2)^2$ by F.O.C. $\begin{cases} -2 \cdot \sum x_1 (y_2 - \pi_1 x_1 - \pi_2 x_2) = 0 \\ -2 \cdot \sum x_2 (y_2 - \pi_1 x_1 - \pi_2 x_2) = 0 \end{cases}$

are equivalent to 2 equations in part (d)

f. equations in part d. $\begin{cases} \sum x_1 y_2 - \pi_1 \cdot \sum x_1^2 - \pi_2 \cdot \sum x_1 x_2 = 0 \\ \sum x_2 y_2 - \pi_1 \cdot \sum x_2 x_1 - \pi_2 \cdot \sum x_2^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_1 + 0 \pi_2 = 3 \\ \Rightarrow \pi_1 = 3 \\ 0 \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 4 \\ \Rightarrow \pi_2 = 4 \end{cases}$

- 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 $\sum \hat{y}_{i2} (y_{i1} - \alpha_1 y_{i2}) = 0$ as a valid basis for consistently estimating α_1 . Obtain the IV estimate of α_1 .
- 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).

g.

$$\sum \hat{y}_2 (y_1 - \alpha_1 y_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot y_1}{\sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot y_2}, \text{ plug } \hat{y}_2 = \hat{\pi}_1 x_1 + \hat{\pi}_2 x_2 \text{ into it}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\alpha}_1 = \frac{\sum (\hat{\pi}_1 \cdot x_1 + \hat{\pi}_2 \cdot x_2) y_1}{\sum (\hat{\pi}_1 \cdot x_1 + \hat{\pi}_2 \cdot x_2) y_2} = \frac{3 \cdot \sum (x_1 y_1) + 4 \sum (x_2 y_1)}{3 \cdot \sum (x_1 y_2) + 4 \cdot \sum (x_2 y_2)} = \frac{3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3}{3 \times 3 + 4 \times 4} = \frac{18}{25}$$

This is consistent because we have $y_1 = \alpha_1 y_2 + e_1$, and the moment condition of (y_2, e_1) make $\hat{\alpha}_1$ consistent

h.

$$\hat{v}_2 = y_2 - \hat{y}_2 \Rightarrow \hat{y}_2 = y_2 - \hat{v}_2, \hat{\alpha}_{1,2SLS} = \frac{\sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot y_1}{\sum \hat{y}_2^2}, \text{ so we need to prove}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sum \hat{y}_2 y_2 - \sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot \hat{v}_2 = \sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot y_2, \text{ note that } \sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot \hat{v}_2 = 0$$

if $\text{cov}(\hat{y}_2, \hat{v}_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \hat{y}_2 y_2 - 0 = \sum \hat{y}_2 \cdot y_2 \#$$

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

- 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.
- Which structural parameters can you solve for from the results in part (a)? Which equation is "identified"?
- 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**.
- Obtain the fitted values from the reduced-form equation for P , and apply 2SLS to obtain estimates of the demand equation.

a.

$$Q_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 P_i + e_{di} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 P_i + \beta_3 W_i + e_{si}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = \frac{\beta_1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} + \frac{\beta_3}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} W_i + \frac{e_{di} + e_{si}}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} = \pi_1 + \pi_2 W + v_1$$

$$Q_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (\pi_1 + \pi_2 W + v_1) + e_{di}$$

$$= \left(\alpha_1 + \frac{\alpha_2 (\beta_1 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_2 \beta_3}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} W_i + \left(e_{di} + \frac{\alpha_2 (e_{di} + e_{si})}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} \right) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 W + v_2$$

b.

Only Demand Equation is "identified" because $M=2$, and there is zero variable being omitted in Supply equation, which require at least $2-1=1$ variable being omitted to make equation "identified" $\Rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2$ can be solved

c.

$$5 + 0.5w = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(2.4 + w) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2.4\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 = 5 \\ \alpha_2 = 0.5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 3.8, \alpha_2 = 0.5$$

d.

$$\hat{p} = 2.4 + w, \quad \bar{\hat{p}} = 4.4, \quad \bar{Q} = 6$$

w	\hat{p}	$\hat{p} - \bar{\hat{p}}$	$Q - \bar{Q}$	$(\hat{p} - \bar{\hat{p}})^2$	$(\hat{p} - \bar{\hat{p}})(Q - \bar{Q})$
2	4.4	0	-2	0	0
3	5.4	1	0	1	0
1	3.4	-1	3	1	-3
1	3.4	-1	-3	1	3
3	5.4	1	2	1	2
sum	10	0	0	4	2

$$Q_i = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \hat{p}_i + e_i$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\sum (\hat{p}_i - \bar{\hat{p}}_i)(Q_i - \bar{Q})}{\sum (\hat{p}_i - \bar{\hat{p}}_i)^2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\alpha}_1 = \bar{Q} - \alpha_2 \bar{\hat{p}} = 6 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4.4$$

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

11.17 Example 11.3 introduces Klein's Model I.

- Do we have an adequate number of IVs to estimate each equation? Check the necessary condition for the identification of each equation. The necessary condition for identification is that in a system of M equations at least $M - 1$ variables must be omitted from each equation.
- An equivalent identification condition is that the number of excluded exogenous variables from the equation must be at least as large as the number of included right-hand side endogenous variables. Check that this condition is satisfied for each equation.
- Write down in econometric notation the first-stage equation, the reduced form, for W_{1t} , wages of workers earned in the private sector. Call the parameters π_1, π_2, \dots
- Describe the two regression steps of 2SLS estimation of the consumption function. This is not a question about a computer software command.
- Does following the steps in part (d) produce regression results that are identical to the 2SLS estimates provided by software specifically designed for 2SLS estimation? In particular, will the t -values be the same?

$$CN_t = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(W_{1t} + W_{2t}) + \alpha_3P_t + \alpha_4P_{t-1} + e_{1t} \quad (11.17)$$

$$I_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2P_t + \beta_3P_{t-1} + \beta_4K_{t-1} + e_{2t} \quad (11.18)$$

$$W_{1t} = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2E_t + \gamma_3E_{t-1} + \gamma_4TIME_t + e_{3t} \quad (11.19)$$

a. $M=8$, Endogenous = 8, Exogenous = 8, at least $8-1=7$ variable should be omitted to make equation identified.

Consumption: 5 variable included, 11 omitted \Rightarrow identified

Investment: 4 " 12 " \Rightarrow " " " "

Wage : 4 " 11 " \Rightarrow " " " "

b.

Consumption: 2 endogenous variables included and exclude 5 exogenous

Investment: 1 " " 5 " "

Wage : 1 " " 5 " "

\Rightarrow all satisfied

c.
$$W_{1t} = \pi_1 + \pi_2 G_t + \pi_3 W_{2t} + \pi_4 TX_t + \pi_5 TIME_t + \pi_6 P_{t-1} + \pi_7 K_{t-1} + \pi_8 E_{t-1}$$

d. from (c), we get \hat{w}_{it} , and apply same method to obtain \hat{p}_t ,
then regress CN_t by OLS with \hat{w}_{it} and \hat{p}_t

e.

Coefficient will be the same, but t-values won't.