## **PS1 Solutions**

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### Solution (a).

```
set.seed(2025)
2 n <- 100
u_i \leftarrow rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = sqrt(5))
4 g_i \leftarrow rgamma(n, shape = 2, scale = 2)
_{5} r_i <- rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
6 x_star_i <- numeric(n)</pre>
8 for (i in 1:n) {
9 if (r_i[i] == 1) {
10 \times star_i[i] \leftarrow rgamma(1, shape = 3, scale = 1)
    } else {
       x_star_i[i] \leftarrow rgamma(1, shape = 7, scale = 1)
     }
13
14 }
15
16 beta_0 <- 400
17 beta_1 <- 5
18 beta_2 <- 200
19 beta_3 <- 10
21 y_i <- beta_0 + beta_1 * x_star_i + beta_2 * r_i + beta_3 * g_i + u_i
23 \text{ n1_i} \leftarrow \text{rnorm}(n, \text{mean} = 10, \text{sd} = \text{sqrt}(3))
24 \text{ n2}_i \leftarrow \text{rnorm}(n, \text{mean} = 5 + \text{sqrt}(x_\text{star}_i), \text{sd} = \text{sqrt}(3))
26 data <- data.frame(</pre>
       y = y_i
       x_star = x_star_i,
28
       r = r_i
29
       g = g_i,
30
       n1 = n1_i,
31
       n2 = n2_i
33 )
```

#### Solution (b).

We consider the true model:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + u_i,$$

with the following Data Generating Process (DGP):

- $u_i \sim N(0,5)$ .
- $g_i \sim \Gamma(2,2)$ , so that

$$\mathbb{E}[g_i] = \frac{2}{2} = 1, \quad \mathbb{V}[g_i] = \frac{2}{2^2} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5.$$

- $r_i \in \{0, 1\}$  with  $P(r_i = 1) = 0.5$ .
- Conditionally on  $r_i$ , the fertilizer variable  $x_i^*$  is distributed as:

– If 
$$r_i = 1$$
:  $x_i^* \sim \Gamma(3, 1)$ , so that

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i = 1] = 3, \quad \mathbb{V}[x_i^* \mid r_i = 1] = 3.$$

- If  $r_i = 0$ :  $x_i^* \sim \Gamma(7,1)$ , so that

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i = 0] = 7, \quad \mathbb{V}[x_i^* \mid r_i = 0] = 7.$$

By the law of total expectation, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^*] = 0.5 \cdot 3 + 0.5 \cdot 7 = 5.$$

Similarly, by the law of total variance:

$$\mathbb{V}[x_i^*] = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{V}[x_i^* \mid r_i]\right] + \mathbb{V}\left(\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i]\right) = 0.5 \cdot 3 + 0.5 \cdot 7 + 0.5 \left[(3-5)^2 + (7-5)^2\right] = 5 + 4 = 9.$$

# Calculation of $Cov(x_i^*, g_i)$

We have

$$Cov(x_i^*, g_i) = \mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i] - \mathbb{E}[x_i^*] \mathbb{E}[g_i].$$

Since  $\mathbb{E}[x_i^*] = 5$  and  $\mathbb{E}[g_i] = 1$ , it remains to compute  $\mathbb{E}[x_i^*g_i]$ . Conditioning on  $r_i$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i] = E\left[\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i \mid r_i]\right] = 0.5 \,\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i \mid r_i = 1] + 0.5 \,\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i \mid r_i = 0].$$

For each group we write:

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* q_i \mid r_i = i] = \mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i = i] \mathbb{E}[q_i \mid r_i = i] + \text{Cov}(x_i^*, q_i \mid r_i = i), \quad i = 0, 1.$$

Since the DGP does not explicitly state a dependence between  $x_i^*$  and  $g_i$ , we denote their conditional covariance by

$$Cov(x_i^*, g_i \mid r_i = i) = \rho_i \sqrt{\mathbb{V}[x_i^* \mid r_i = i]\mathbb{V}[g_i]}, \quad i = 0, 1,$$

with  $\rho_i$  being the (conditional) correlation. Thus, for  $r_i = 1$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i \mid r_i = 1] = 3 \cdot 1 + \rho_1 \sqrt{3 \cdot 0.5} = 3 + \rho_1 \sqrt{1.5},$$

and for  $r_i = 0$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i \mid r_i = 0] = 7 \cdot 1 + \rho_0 \sqrt{7 \cdot 0.5} = 7 + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5}.$$

Averaging, we obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* g_i] = 5 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5} \right).$$

Therefore,

$$Cov(x_i^*, g_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5} \right).$$

**Regression 1:**  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \text{error}_i$ 

The working regression is

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \varepsilon_i$$
, with  $\varepsilon_i = \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + u_i$ .

The OLS estimator for  $\beta_1$  is given by

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(x_i^*, \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i)}{\mathbb{V}[x_i^*]}.$$

By linearity,

$$Cov(x_i^*, \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i) = \beta_2 Cov(x_i^*, r_i) + \beta_3 Cov(x_i^*, g_i).$$

Calculation of  $Cov(x_i^*, r_i)$ :

$$Cov(x_i^*, r_i) = \mathbb{E}[x_i^* r_i] - \mathbb{E}[x_i^*] \mathbb{E}[r_i].$$

Since

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* r_i] = P(r_i = 1)\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i = 1] + P(r_i = 0) \cdot 0 = 0.5 \cdot 3 = 1.5,$$

and  $\mathbb{E}[r_i] = 0.5$ , it follows that

$$Cov(x_i^*, r_i) = 1.5 - 5 \cdot 0.5 = 1.5 - 2.5 = -1.$$

Thus, the probability limit of  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is:

$$\operatorname{plim} \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{\beta_2(-1) + \beta_3 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5} \right) \right\}}{9}.$$

That is, the **omitted variable bias** is:

Bias<sup>(1)</sup> = 
$$\frac{-\beta_2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta_3 \left(\rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5}\right)}{9}$$

**Regression 2:**  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \text{error}_i$ 

Now the regression is:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \varepsilon_i$$
, with  $\varepsilon_i = \beta_3 g_i + u_i$ .

By the Frisch-Waugh-Lovell theorem, we partial out  $r_i$  from  $x_i^*$ . Define the residual:

$$\tilde{x}_i = x_i^* - \mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i],$$

with

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i] = \begin{cases} 3, & r_i = 1, \\ 7, & r_i = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then the OLS estimator becomes:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(\tilde{x}_i, \beta_3 g_i)}{\mathbb{V}[\tilde{x}_i]} = \beta_1 + \beta_3 \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(\tilde{x}_i, g_i)}{\mathbb{V}[\tilde{x}_i]}.$$

Assuming that  $\mathbb{E}[g_i \mid r_i] = \mathbb{E}[g_i] = 1$ , note that

$$Cov(\tilde{x}_i, g_i) = Cov(x_i^*, g_i) - Cov(\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i], g_i).$$

A brief calculation shows:

$$Cov(\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i], g_i) = 0.5 [3 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 1] - \mathbb{E}[x_i^*] \mathbb{E}[g_i] = 5 - 5 = 0.$$

Also,

$$\mathbb{V}[\tilde{x}_i] = E[\mathbb{V}[x_i^* \mid r_i]] = 0.5 \cdot 3 + 0.5 \cdot 7 = 5.$$

Thus, the probability limit is:

$$\operatorname{plim} \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \frac{\beta_3 \operatorname{Cov}(x_i^*, g_i)}{5} = \beta_1 + \frac{\beta_3 \frac{1}{2} \left(\rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5}\right)}{5}.$$

That is, the bias in Regression 2 is:

Bias<sup>(2)</sup> = 
$$\frac{\beta_3 \left(\rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5}\right)}{10}$$
.

The asymptotic variance is:

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\beta}_1] \approx \frac{1}{n} \frac{\mathbb{V}[\beta_3 g_i + u_i]}{5}.$$

**Regression 3:**  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + \text{error}_i$ 

Here the regression exactly matches the true DGP:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + u_i.$$

Under the exogeneity assumption  $\mathbb{E}[u_i \mid x_i^*, r_i, g_i] = 0$ , the OLS estimator for  $\beta_1$  is **consistent**:

$$\operatorname{plim} \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1.$$

Its finite-sample variance is given by the standard OLS formula:

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\beta}_1] = \sigma_u^2 \left[ (X'X)^{-1} \right]_{11},$$

where the design matrix X includes the moments and cross-moments of  $x_i^*$ ,  $r_i$ , and  $g_i$ .

**Regression 4:**  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + \beta_4 n_i^1 + \text{error}_i$ 

Since  $n_i^1 \sim N(10,3)$  is generated independently of  $x_i^*$ ,  $r_i$ ,  $g_i$ , and  $u_i$ , it is an *irrelevant regressor*. Under the standard OLS assumptions, the inclusion of an irrelevant regressor does not cause bias in the estimated coefficient of  $x_i^*$ :

$$\operatorname{plim} \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1.$$

However, its inclusion may increase the finite-sample variance of  $\hat{\beta}_1$ . In particular, the variance formula now becomes

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\beta}_1] = \sigma_u^2 \left[ (X'X)^{-1} \right]_{11},$$

where the design matrix X now includes the column corresponding to  $n_i^1$ . If  $n_i^1$  is only weakly correlated with  $x_i^*$ , then the increase in variance is modest. In summary, **Regression 4** yields a consistent estimator for  $\beta_1$ , with no additional bias but possibly a slight inflation in variance.

**Regression 5:**  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^* + \beta_2 r_i + \beta_3 g_i + \beta_4 n_i^2 + \text{error}_i$ Here,

$$n_i^2 \sim N\left(5 + \sqrt{x_i^*}, 3\right),\,$$

so that  $n_i^2$  is a non-linear function of  $x_i^*$ . This implies that  $n_i^2$  is correlated with  $x_i^*$ . In particular, since

$$\mathbb{E}[n_i^2 \mid x_i^*] = 5 + \sqrt{x_i^*},$$

we have

$$\operatorname{Cov}(x_i^*, n_i^2) \neq 0.$$

The inclusion of  $n_i^2$  does not cause endogeneity provided that

$$\mathbb{E}[u_i \mid x_i^*, r_i, g_i, n_i^2] = 0.$$

Thus, by the Frisch-Waugh-Lovell theorem, the coefficient  $\beta_1$  is still identified and

$$\operatorname{plim} \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1.$$

However, the strong correlation between  $x_i^*$  and  $n_i^2$  increases multicollinearity. To see this more formally, consider the variance of  $\hat{\beta}_1$  in a multiple regression:

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\beta}_1] = \sigma_u^2 \left[ (X'X)^{-1} \right]_{11}.$$

When  $x_i^*$  is highly collinear with  $n_i^2$ , the effective variation in  $x_i^*$  (after partialling out the effect of  $n_i^2$  along with  $r_i$  and  $g_i$ ) is reduced. Denote by  $R_{x,n^2}^2$  the coefficient of determination from regressing  $x_i^*$  on the other regressors (including  $n_i^2$ ). Then, the variance inflation factor (VIF) for  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is given by

$$VIF = \frac{1}{1 - R_{x,n^2}^2}.$$

Thus, the asymptotic variance becomes

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\beta}_1] \approx \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n \, \mathbb{V}[x_i^*]} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - R_{x,n^2}^2},$$

which is larger than that in Regression 3 (which does not include  $n_i^2$ ). In summary, while **Regression 5** still provides a consistent estimate of  $\beta_1$ , the estimator's variance is inflated due to the high collinearity between  $x_i^*$  and  $n_i^2$ .

```
reg1 <- lm(y ~ x_star, data = data)
summary_reg1 <- summary(reg1)

reg2 <- lm(y ~ x_star + r, data = data)
summary_reg2 <- summary(reg2)

reg3 <- lm(y ~ x_star + r + g, data = data)
summary_reg3 <- summary(reg3)

reg4 <- lm(y ~ x_star + r + g + n1, data = data)
summary_reg4 <- summary(reg4)

reg5 <- lm(y ~ x_star + r + g + n1 + n2, data = data)
summary_reg5 <- summary(reg5)

extract_results <- function(reg_summary, reg_name) {
    beta1_estimate <- reg_summary$coefficients["x_star", "Estimate"]</pre>
```

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beta1_se <- reg_summary$coefficients["x_star", "Std. Error"]
18
      beta1_true <- 5
19
      cat(paste0("\n", reg_name, ":\n"))
21
      cat(paste0("Estimated : ", round(beta1_estimate, 4), "\n"))
22
      cat(paste0("True : ", beta1_true, "\n"))
23
      cat(paste0("Standard Error: ", round(beta1_se, 4), "\n"))
      cat(paste0("Difference from true value: ", round(beta1_estimate -
     beta1_true, 4), "\n"))
      cat(paste0("Adjusted Rš: ", round(reg_summary$adj.r.squared, 4), "\n
     "))
27 }
29 extract_results(summary_reg1, "Regression 1 (y ~ x_star)")
30 extract_results(summary_reg2, "Regression 2 (y ~ x_star + r)")
extract_results(summary_reg3, "Regression 3 (y ~ x_star + r + g)")
extract_results(summary_reg4, "Regression 4 (y ~ x_star + r + g + n1)")
extract_results(summary_reg5, "Regression 5 (y ~ x_star + r + g + n1 +
    n2)")
```

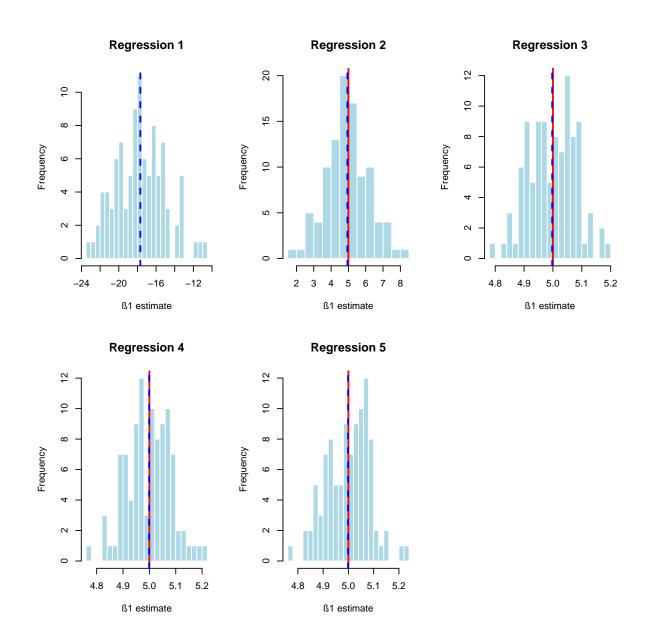
Table 1: Regression Results for Question (b)

Regression	Estimated $\beta_1$	True $\beta_1$	SE	Difference	Adjusted $\mathbb{R}^2$
$y \sim x^*$	-16.9809	5	2.5386	-21.9809	0.3065
$y \sim x^* + r$	4.3648	5	1.2873	-0.6352	0.9029
$y \sim x^* + r + g$	5.0395	5	0.0957	0.0395	0.9995
$y \sim x^* + r + g + n1$	5.0675	5	0.0962	0.0675	0.9995
$y \sim x^* + r + g + n1 + n2$	5.0628	5	0.0976	0.0628	0.9995

### Solution (c).

From a theoretical perspective, the Monte Carlo simulation allows us to empirically approximate the sampling distribution of each estimator. The histograms should confirm our theoretical derivations:

- 1.  $\hat{\beta}_1^{(1)}$  should show a systematic bias from the true value of 5.
- 2.  $\hat{\beta}_1^{(2)}$  might show a smaller bias if there's still correlation between  $g_i$  and  $x_i^*$  after controlling for  $r_i$ .
- 3.  $\hat{\beta}_1^{(3)}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1^{(4)}$ , and  $\hat{\beta}_1^{(5)}$  should be centered around 5, but with increasing variance.



```
set.seed(2025)
<sub>2</sub> M <- 100
3 n <- 100
5 beta1_estimates <- matrix(NA, nrow = M, ncol = 5)</pre>
  colnames(beta1_estimates) <- c("Reg1", "Reg2", "Reg3", "Reg4", "Reg5")</pre>
8 for (m in 1:M) {
    u_i \leftarrow rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = sqrt(5))
    g_i \leftarrow rgamma(n, shape = 2, scale = 2)
10
    r_i \leftarrow rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
11
12
    x_star_i <- numeric(n)</pre>
13
    for (i in 1:n) {
      if (r_i[i] == 1) {
```

```
x_{star_i[i]} \leftarrow r_{gamma}(1, shape = 3, scale = 1)
       } else {
17
         x_{star_i[i]} \leftarrow r_{gamma}(1, shape = 7, scale = 1)
       }
19
    }
20
21
    beta_0 <- 400
22
    beta_1 <- 5
23
    beta_2 <- 200
24
    beta_3 <- 10
25
    y_i <- beta_0 + beta_1 * x_star_i + beta_2 * r_i + beta_3 * g_i + u_i</pre>
27
29
    n1_i \leftarrow rnorm(n, mean = 10, sd = sqrt(3))
    n2_i \leftarrow rnorm(n, mean = 5 + sqrt(x_star_i), sd = sqrt(3))
30
31
    data <- data.frame(</pre>
32
       y = y_i
       x_star = x_star_i,
       r = r_i
       g = g_i
      n1 = n1_i
37
       n2 = n2_i
38
    )
39
40
    reg1 <- lm(y ~ x_star, data = data)</pre>
41
    reg2 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x_star + r, data = data)
42
    reg3 <-lm(y ~ x_star + r + g, data = data)
43
    reg4 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x_star + r + g + n1, data = data)
    reg5 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x_star + r + g + n1 + n2, data = data)
45
       # Store estimates
47
    beta1_estimates[m, 1] <- coef(reg1)["x_star"]</pre>
48
    beta1_estimates[m, 2] <- coef(reg2)["x_star"]</pre>
49
    beta1_estimates[m, 3] <- coef(reg3)["x_star"]</pre>
50
    beta1_estimates[m, 4] <- coef(reg4)["x_star"]</pre>
    beta1_estimates[m, 5] <- coef(reg5)["x_star"]</pre>
53 }
55 beta1_df <- data.frame(</pre>
    Estimate = c(beta1_estimates),
    Regression = rep(colnames(beta1_estimates), each = M)
57
58 )
60 beta1_summary <- data.frame(</pre>
       Regression = colnames(beta1_estimates),
       Mean = colMeans(beta1_estimates),
       SD = apply(beta1_estimates, 2, sd),
```

```
Bias = colMeans(beta1_estimates) - 5

par(mfrow = c(2, 3))

for (i in 1:5) {
    hist(beta1_estimates[, i],
        main = past\mathbb{E}["Regression", i],
        xlab = " estimate",
        breaks = 20,
        col = "lightblue",
        border = "white")

ablin\mathbb{E}[v = 5, col = "red", lwd = 2] # True value
    ablin\mathbb{E}[v = mean(beta1_estimates[, i]], col = "blue", lty = 2,
        lwd = 2) # Mean estimate
```

### Solution (d).

When 
$$x_i^* \mid (r_i = 1) = x_i^* \mid (r_i = 0) \sim \Gamma(5, 1)$$

If we set

$$x_i^* \mid (r_i = 1) = x_i^* \mid (r_i = 0) \sim \Gamma(5, 1),$$

then

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* \mid r_i] = 5 \quad \text{for both } r_i = 0, 1,$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^*] = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{V}[x_i^*] = 5.$$

In this case,

$$Cov(x_i^*, r_i) = \mathbb{E}[x_i^* r_i] - \mathbb{E}[x_i^*] \mathbb{E}[r_i] = 0.5 \cdot 5 - 5 \cdot 0.5 = 0.$$

Thus, in Regression 1 the omitted variable bias reduces to:

Bias<sup>(1)</sup> = 
$$\frac{0 + \beta_3 \operatorname{Cov}(x_i^*, g_i)}{5}$$
.

When  $\beta_2 = 0$ 

Then the bias in Regression 1 simplifies to:

$$\mathrm{Bias}^{(1)} = \frac{\beta_3 \ \mathrm{Cov}(x_i^*, g_i)}{\mathbb{V}[x_i^*]}.$$

A similar simplification applies for Regression 2.

When  $r_i = 1$  with probability 0.1

Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[r_i] = 0.1, \quad \mathbb{E}[x_i^*] = 0.1 \cdot 3 + 0.9 \cdot 7 = 6.6,$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i^* r_i] = 0.1 \cdot 3 = 0.3.$$

Thus,

$$Cov(x_i^*, r_i) = 0.3 - 6.6 \cdot 0.1 = 0.3 - 0.66 = -0.36.$$

Accordingly, the bias in Regression 1 becomes:

Bias<sup>(1)</sup> = 
$$\frac{\beta_2(-0.36) + \beta_3 \operatorname{Cov}(x_i^*, g_i)}{\mathbb{V}[x_i^*]}$$
,

with  $\mathbb{V}[x_i^*]$  recalculated under the new mixture proportions.

When  $\beta_3 = 50$ 

Then, for Regression 1, the bias is:

Bias<sup>(1)</sup> = 
$$\frac{-\beta_2 + 50 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\rho_1 \sqrt{1.5} + \rho_0 \sqrt{3.5}\right)}{\mathbb{V}[x_i^*]}$$
.

For the original DGP with  $\mathbb{V}[x_i^*] = 9$ , the bias becomes substantially larger due to the amplified effect of  $\beta_3$ .

Table 2:	Simulation	Summary	Statistics	for	Question	$(\mathbf{d})$	)

	Scenario	Regression	Mean	SD	Bias
Reg11	$x_i r_1 = 1 \ x_i r_i = 0$	Reg1	5.530295	4.3563060	0.5302951
Reg21	$x_i r_1 = 1 \ x_i r_i = 0$	Reg2	4.994777	1.3270007	-0.0052234
Reg31	$x_i r_1 = 1 \ x_i r_i = 0$	Reg3	4.991522	0.1105130	-0.0084783
Reg12	$\beta_2 = 0$	Reg1	5.211875	0.9578191	0.2118745
Reg22	$\beta_2 = 0$	Reg2	5.282412	1.2969897	0.2824116
Reg32	$\beta_2 = 0$	Reg3	5.005810	0.0950364	0.0058101
Reg13	$p(r_i = 1) = 0.1$	Reg1	-4.152274	2.6530512	-9.1522744
Reg23	$p(r_i = 1) = 0.1$	Reg2	4.941895	1.1553780	-0.0581046
Reg33	$p(r_i = 1) = 0.1$	Reg3	4.993826	0.0973356	-0.0061737
Reg14	$\beta_3 = 50$	Reg1	-18.371055	6.5915167	-23.3710551
Reg24	$\beta_3 = 50$	Reg2	4.394012	6.1969404	-0.6059882
Reg34	$\beta_3 = 50$	Reg3	4.996611	0.1112587	-0.0033893

```
run_monte_carlo <- function(x_star_equal = FALSE, beta2_zero = FALSE, r_
    prob = 0.5, beta3_value = 10) {
    M <- 100
    n <- 100

beta1_estimates <- matrix(NA, nrow = M, ncol = 3)
    colnames(beta1_estimates) <- c("Reg1", "Reg2", "Reg3")

for (m in 1:M) {
    # Generate data according to modified DGP
    u_i <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = sqrt(5))
    g_i <- rgamma(n, shape = 2, scale = 2)
    r_i <- rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = r_prob)</pre>
```

```
13
       x_star_i <- numeric(n)</pre>
14
       if (x_star_equal) {
         x_star_i <- rgamma(n, shape = 5, scale = 1)</pre>
16
       } else {
17
         for (i in 1:n) {
18
           if (r_i[i] == 1) {
19
              x_star_i[i] \leftarrow rgamma(1, shape = 3, scale = 1)
20
           } else {
21
              x_{star_i[i]} \leftarrow r_{gamma}(1, shape = 7, scale = 1)
           }
         }
       }
       beta_0 <- 400
27
       beta_1 <- 5
28
       beta_2 <- ifels\mathbb{E}[beta2_zero, 0, 200]</pre>
29
       beta_3 <- beta3_value</pre>
31
       y_i <- beta_0 + beta_1 * x_star_i + beta_2 * r_i + beta_3 * g_i + u_</pre>
33
       data <- data.frame(</pre>
34
         y = y_i,
35
         x_star = x_star_i,
36
         r = r_i
37
         g = g_i
38
       )
39
       reg1 <- lm(y ~ x_star, data = data)
41
       reg2 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x_star + r, data = data)
42
       reg3 \leftarrow lm(y \sim x_star + r + g, data = data)
43
44
       beta1_estimates[m, 1] <- coef(reg1)["x_star"]</pre>
45
       beta1_estimates[m, 2] <- coef(reg2)["x_star"]</pre>
46
       beta1_estimates[m, 3] <- coef(reg3)["x_star"]</pre>
    }
48
    return(beta1_estimates)
51 }
results_original <- run_monte_carlo()</pre>
54 results_xstar_equal <- run_monte_carlo(x_star_equal = TRUE)</pre>
results_beta2_zero <- run_monte_carlo(beta2_zero = TRUE)</pre>
results_r_prob_0.1 <- run_monte_carlo(r_prob = 0.1)
57 results_beta3_50 <- run_monte_carlo(beta3_value = 50)</pre>
59 calc_summary <- function(results, scenario_name) {</pre>
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```
summary_df <- data.frame(</pre>
       Scenario = rep(scenario_name, 3),
61
       Regression = c("Reg1", "Reg2", "Reg3"),
       Mean = colMeans(results),
       SD = apply(results, 2, sd),
64
       Bias = colMeans(results) - 5
65
66
    return(summary_df)
67
68 }
69
70 summary_original <- calc_summary(results_original, "Original DGP")</pre>
71 summary_xstar_equal <- calc_summary(results_xstar_equal, "x_star equal")
72 summary_beta2_zero <- calc_summary(results_beta2_zero, " = 0")</pre>
73 summary_r_prob_0.1 <- calc_summary(results_r_prob_0.1, "r_prob = 0.1")
74 summary_beta3_50 <- calc_summary(results_beta3_50, " = 50")</pre>
75
76 all_summaries <- rbind(</pre>
    summary_original,
    summary_xstar_equal,
    summary_beta2_zero,
    summary_r_prob_0.1,
    summary_beta3_50
81
82 )
83
84 latex_table_d <- kable(all_summaries, format = "latex", booktabs = TRUE,</pre>
                           caption = "Simulation Summary Statistics for
      Question (d)")
87 output_file_d <- "d.tex"</pre>
88 cat(latex_table_d, file = output_file_d)
89 cat("\n\% Table saved to ", output_file_d, "\n", sep = "", file = output
      _file_d, append = TRUE)
90
92 plot_scenario_comparison <- function(original, modified, title) {</pre>
    par(mfrow = c(2, 3))
94
    for (i in 1:3) {
       hist(original[, i],
            main = past\mathbb{E}["Reg", i, "- Original"],
97
            xlab = " estimate",
98
            breaks = 15,
99
            col = "lightblue",
            border = "white",
            xlim = rang\mathbb{E}[c(original[, i], modified[, i]]))
       ablin\mbox{mathbb}{E}[v = 5, col = "red", lwd = 2]
103
       ablin\mathbb{E}[v = mean(original[, i]], col = "blue", lty = 2, lwd
      = 2)
```

```
105
       hist(modified[, i],
106
            main = past\mathbb{E}["Reg", i, "- Modified"],
107
            xlab = " estimate",
108
            breaks = 15,
109
            col = "lightgreen",
110
            border = "white",
111
            xlim = rang\mathbb{E}[c(original[, i], modified[, i]]))
112
       ablin\mbox{mathbb}{E}[v = 5, col = "red", lwd = 2]
113
       ablin\mathbb{E}[v = mean(modified[, i]], col = "blue", lty = 2, lwd
114
      = 2)
     }
115
     mtext(title, side = 3, line = -1.5, outer = TRUE)
116
117 }
118
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```