

Short rules: one A4 cheatsheet is allowed, calculators are ok, offline, 120 minutes.

1. Using a large dataset Donald Trump has estimated two parameters,  $\hat{a} = 1$ ,  $\hat{b} = 2$  with  $se(\hat{a}) = 0.2$ ,  $se(\hat{b}) = 0.3$ . Estimators are uncorrelated.

(a) [6] Find the standard error of  $\hat{\gamma} = \hat{a}^2\hat{b} + \hat{b}^2\hat{a}$ .

(b) [4] Find the 95% confidence interval for  $\gamma = a^2b + b^2a$ .

2. The price level  $p_t$  and production  $q_t$  are endogenous variables. Taxes  $a_t$  and income  $b_t$  are exogenous. All variables are centered. The structural form is given by the system

$$\begin{cases} p_t = \alpha_1 q_t + \alpha_2 a_t + u_{1t} \\ q_t = \beta_1 p_t + \beta_2 b_t + u_{2t} \end{cases}$$

The estimates of the reduced form via equation-by-equation ols:

$$\begin{cases} p_t = 2a_t + 4b_t \\ q_t = -3a_t + 2b_t \end{cases}$$

(a) [6] Recover the estimates of the coefficients in structural form.

(b) [4] Describe how you will estimate the standard errors of the structural form.

3. The price level  $p_t$ , production  $q_t$  and interest rate  $r_t$  are endogenous variables. Taxes  $a_t$  and income  $b_t$  are exogenous. All variables are centered. The structural form is given by the system

$$\begin{cases} p_t = \alpha_1 q_t + \alpha_2 a_t + u_{1t} \\ q_t = \beta_1 p_t + \beta_2 b_t + u_{2t} \\ r_t = \gamma_1 p_t + \gamma_2 q_t + \gamma_3 b_t + u_{3t} \end{cases}$$

(a) [5] Check the order condition for each equation.

(b) [5] Check the rank condition for each equation.

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4. The logit model was estimated:  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}(y_1 = 1 \mid x_i, d_i) = F(-0.3 + 0.2x_i + 0.1d_i)$ .
- [3] Forecast the odds of  $y_1 = 1$  for  $x_i = 1, d_i = 1$ .
  - [3] Find the partial effect of changing the value of the dummy variable  $d_i$  from zero to one for  $x_i = 1$ .
  - [4] Find the marginal effect of changing the value of the variable  $x_i$  for  $x_i = 1$  and  $d_i = 1$ .

5. The probit model was estimated using 1000 observations with 200 observations where  $y_i = 1$ . Standard errors are given in brackets.

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}(y_1 = 1 \mid x_i, d_i) = F\left(\underset{(0.01)}{-0.3} + \underset{(0.02)}{0.2} x_i + \underset{(0.01)}{0.1} d_i\right), \quad AIC = 606.$$

- [3] Provide a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_x$ .
- [4] Find the log-likelihood of the trivial probit model,  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}(y_1 = 1 \mid x_i, d_i) = F(\hat{\beta}_0)$ .
- [3] Compare the initial model and the trivial model using likelihood ratio test at 5% significance level.

Hint: 5% critical values are  $\chi_1^2 = 3.84, \chi_2^2 = 5.99, \chi_3^2 = 7.81, \chi_4^2 = 9.49$ .

6. (from UOL past exams) It is postulated that a reasonable demand–supply model for the wine industry in Australia would be given by:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_t &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 P_t^w + \alpha_2 P_t^b + \alpha_3 Y_t + \alpha_4 A_t + u_t & (\text{demand}) \\ Q_t &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 P_t^w + \beta_3 S_t + v_t & (\text{supply}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_t$  = real per capita consumption of wine,  $P_t^w$  = price of wine relative to CPI,  $P_t^b$  = price of beer relative to CPI,  $Y_t$  = real per capita disposable income,  $A_t$  = real per capita advertising expenditure, and  $S_t$  = storage cost. CPI is the Consumer Price Index.

The endogenous variables in this model are  $Q$  and  $P^w$ , and the exogenous variables are  $P^b$ ,  $Y$ ,  $A$ , and  $S$ .

The variance of  $u_t$  and  $v_t$  are, respectively,  $\sigma_u^2$  and  $\sigma_v^2$ , and  $\text{Cov}(u_t, v_t) = \sigma_{uv} \neq 0$ . The errors do not exhibit any correlation over time.

- [3] Provide the reduced form for  $P_t^w$ .
- [2] The OLS estimation of the demand function, based on annual data from 1955–1975 ( $T = 20$ ), gave the following results (all variables are in logs and figures in parentheses are  $t$ -ratios).

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Q}_t &= -23.651 + 1.158 P_t^w - 0.275 P_t^b + 3.212 Y_t - 0.603 A_t. \\ &\quad (-6.04) \quad (4.0) \quad (-0.45) \quad (4.5) \quad (-1.3) \end{aligned}$$

All the coefficients except that of  $Y$  have the wrong signs. The coefficient of  $P^w$  (price elasticity of demand,  $\alpha_1$ ) not only has the wrong sign but also appears significant.

Explain why the OLS parameter estimator may give rise to these counter-intuitive results. You are expected to use your results in part (a) to support your answer.

- [3] The supply equation is overidentified. Clearly explain this terminology. What distinguishes overidentification from exact identification and underidentification? Provide one set of assumptions that would render the supply equation exactly identified.
- [2] Discuss how you should estimate the supply equation in light of the overidentification.