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Assumptions of OLS: MR1: y = X\beta + e. MR2: E[e|X] = 0 \rightarrow Cov(e, e)
X) = 0 MR3: E[ee'|X] = \sigma^2 I_T (Homoscedasticity and No
Autocorrelation). MR4: Non-stochastic Matrix X. MR5: Rank(x) =
k \subset T. MR6: f(e|X) \sim N(0, \sigma^2) (Optional). (MR1-MR5: Gauss-
Markov Theorem: smallest variance of linear & unbiased
estimators i.e. BLUE). Var (e<sub>t</sub>) or (\sigma^2) = E [e<sub>t</sub>-E(e<sub>t</sub>)]<sup>2</sup> = \Sigma ê t<sup>2</sup> (or
\hat{e}'\hat{e})/T (biased) Or = \Sigma \hat{e}_{t^2} (or \hat{e}'\hat{e})/(T-k) (unbiased) Or =
SSE/(T-k).Var(b) = E[(b-\beta) (b-\beta)'] = \sigma^2(XX')^{-1}.; (b-\beta) = (XX')
<sup>1</sup>X'e; e = error term. If e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I) then, b \sim N[\beta, \sigma^2(XX')^{-1}].
Idempotent Matrix: [I - X X'(XX')-1] = M (symmetric and
Idempotent); MM = M and MX = 0.
Use of T-dist. instead of N-dist. for hypothesis test:
Derivation of t-stat: we can transform normal random variable
(b<sub>k</sub>) into standard normal variable Z, Z = (b<sub>k</sub> - \beta_k)/\sqrt{\text{var}(b_k)} ~
N[0,1]; k = 1, 2, ...K. When we replace \sigma^2 by estimator \hat{\sigma}^2, then, t
= (b_k - \beta_k)/\sqrt{var}(b_k) \sim t_{(t-k)} \rightarrow t = (b_k - \beta_k)/se(b_k) \sim t_{(t-k)}. Chi-
square Dist. = (SNV)^2. If Z_1, Z_2 ... Z_m are m independent N(0,1)
RVs, then V = (Z_1)^2 + (Z_1)^2 + ... + (Z_m)^2 \sim \chi^2_{(m)} \rightarrow V \sim \chi^2_{(m)} V = \Sigma \hat{e}
t^2/\sigma^2 = (T-k)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2; with T-k df. (All T residuals \hat{e} = y-Xb depends
upon least square estimators b_k & T-k of the least squares
residuals are independent. V= (T-k)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi^2_{(T-k)}. If Z \sim N[0,1]
and V \sim \chi^{2}(m), and Z and V are independent, then t =
\mathbb{Z}/\sqrt{(V/m)}\sim t_{(m)}. The t-dist. shape is determined by df parameter
m i.e. t_{(m)}. \mathbf{t} = Z/\sqrt{[V/(T-k)]} = [(b_k - \beta_k)/\sqrt{(\sigma^2 c_{kk})}]/\sqrt{[\{(T-k) \hat{\sigma}^2/(T-k)\}]}
\sigma^2/(T-k)] = (b<sub>k</sub> - β<sub>k</sub>)/ se(b<sub>k</sub>) ~ t<sub>(t-k)</sub>; c<sub>kk</sub> is the k<sub>th</sub> element of
cofactor matrix. \rightarrow T-stat = (b_k - \beta_k)/se(b_k); se(b_k) = \sqrt{var(b_k)}.
Standardized normal RV?: Normal Distribution: X \sim N (\beta, \sigma^2).
Prob fn: f(x) = \exp[-(x-\beta)^2/(2\sigma^2)] * [1/\sqrt{(2\pi \sigma^2)}] Probability of
normal random variables given by area of pdf and hard to
compute \rightarrow Standardize NRV! If X \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2), \rightarrow Z = (x - \beta)/\sigma;
Z \sim N(0, 1) then, f(z) = \exp[-Z^2/2]/\sqrt{(2\pi)}.
Compute probabilities for normal random variable:
P[X \ge a] = P[\{(x-\beta)/\sigma\} \ge \{(a-\beta)/\sigma\}] \rightarrow P[Z \ge \{(a-\beta)/\sigma\}].
Confidence Interval = \beta_k \pm t_{cric} * se(b_k); t_{0.05/2} = 1.96.
CI for Prediction (forecast) Error: y = X\beta + e; (e_{t+1}) \sim N(0_{T+1})
\sigma^2 I_T) & y_0 = X'_0 \beta + e_0 \sim N(0(T+1)^*1, \sigma^2 I_{T+1}). Let, point forecast \tilde{y}_0 = X'_0 \beta
X'_{0}b is BLU Forecast of y_{0}. Then, \tilde{y}_{0} is normal, and var of (\tilde{y}_{0} - y_{0})
= X'_0b - X'_0\beta + e_0 = X'_0(b-\beta) - e_0 = \sigma^2X'_0(XX')^{-1}X_0 + \sigma^2 = \sigma^2[X'_0(XX')^{-1}X_0 + \sigma^2]
<sup>1</sup> X<sub>0</sub> + 1]. 1. Z = (\tilde{y}_0 - y_0) var of (\tilde{y}_0 - y_0). 2. V= (T-k)\hat{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi^2_{(T-k)}.
3. t = Z/\sqrt{[V/(T-k)]} (solve) 4. Construct CI for y_0 = \tilde{y}_0 \pm t_{\alpha/2(T-k)}
\sqrt{[\hat{\sigma}^2[X'_0(XX')^{-1}X_0+1]]}.
Coefficient of Determination (R2)
y_t - \bar{y} = b_2(x_t - \bar{x}) = (\hat{e}_t - \bar{\hat{e}}) = b_2(x_t - \bar{x}) + \hat{e}_t = \tilde{y}_t - \bar{y} + \hat{e}_t
Propty: R^2 = 1 \rightarrow SSE = 0; R^2 = 1 \rightarrow SSR = 0; 1 \ge R^2 \ge 0.
SST = SSR + SSE \rightarrow \Sigma (y_t - \bar{y})^2 = (b_2)^2 \Sigma (x_t - \bar{x})^2 + \Sigma (\hat{e}_t)^2
\Sigma(\mathbf{y}_t - \overline{\mathbf{y}})^2 (\mathbf{SST}) = \Sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_t - \overline{\mathbf{y}})^2 (\mathbf{SSR}) + \Sigma(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t)^2 (\mathbf{SSE}).
SSR = \sqrt{[SSE/(T-K)]}
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Coefficient of Determination (R<sup>2</sup>)

y_t - \bar{y} = b_2(x_t - \bar{x}) = (\hat{e}_t - \bar{\hat{e}}) = b_2(x_t - \bar{x}) + \hat{e}_t = \tilde{y}_t - \bar{y} + \hat{e}_t

Propty: R^2 = 1 \rightarrow SSE = 0; R^2 = 1 \rightarrow SSR = 0; 1 \ge R^2 \ge 0.

SST = SSR + SSE \rightarrow \Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2 = (b_2)^2 \Sigma(x_t - \bar{x})^2 + \Sigma(\hat{e}_t)^2 \Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2 (SSR) + \Sigma(\hat{e}_t)^2 \Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2 (SSE).

SSR = \sqrt{[SSE/(T-K)]}

R^2 = SSR/SST = \Sigma(\tilde{y}_t - \bar{y})^2/\Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2 Or

R^2 = 1 - SSE/SST = 1 - \Sigma(\hat{e}_t)^2/\Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2

Centered R^2 = \Sigma(\tilde{y}_t - \bar{y})^2/\Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2

Uncentered R^2 : \Sigma_t(\tilde{y}_t)^2/\Sigma_t(y_t)^2

Adj R^2 = 1 - [SSE/(T-K)]/[SST/(T-1)]

Adj R^2 = 1 - [\hat{\sigma}^2/\{\Sigma(y_t - \bar{y})^2/(T-1)\}] Or

Adj R^2 = 1 - [(1-R^2)(T-1)/(T-k)]

AIC (Akaike Info. Criterion) = \ln(\hat{e} \hat{e}'/T) + (2k/T)

SC (Schwarz Criterion) = \ln(\hat{e} \hat{e}'/T) + (k/T)\ln T

F-value = [\hat{e}_r \hat{e}'_r/s]/[\hat{e} \hat{e}'/(T-k)]

F-value = [(SSE_R - SSE_U)/S]/[SSE_U/(T-k)] \sim F_{(s,T-k)}.
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F-value = $[SSR/(k-1)]/[SSE(T-k)] \sim F_{(k-1, T-k)}$.

F-value = $[R^2/(k-1)]/[(1-R^2)/(T-k)] \sim F_{(k-1, T-k)}$.

Find St. Err. (& \mathbb{R}^2 s) when XX', X'v, $\Sigma(v_t)^2$ are given: St. Er.: 1.

N = A₁₁ of XX'. 2. SSE = \hat{e} \hat{e} [= $\Sigma(y_t)^2$] - X'y (= b' hatt)* XX'. 3. $\hat{\sigma}^2$ =

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I ê ê'/(T-k) = SSE/(T-K) 4. Var(b) = \hat{\sigma}^2(X'X)<sup>-1</sup> (first, find inverse matrix of XX'). 5. The diagonals → covariance of b<sub>0</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>. 6. St Er = \sqrt{\text{Diagonals.}} 2. SST = \Sigma(y<sub>t</sub> - \overline{y})<sup>2</sup> → \Sigma(y<sub>t</sub>)<sup>2</sup> + 2y<sub>t</sub>*\overline{y} + \overline{y}<sup>2</sup>*N; [\overline{y} = \Sigma(y<sub>t</sub>)/N] [\Sigma(y<sub>t</sub>) = A<sub>11</sub> of X'y]. 3. Use R<sup>2</sup>s fmla. Seasonal Adjustments (Deseasonalizing): 1. Regress y on D: y = Db + y<sup>s</sup> → y<sup>s</sup> = y - Db 2. Regress y on D and Trend: y = Db + Pc (trend term) + e → y<sup>T</sup> = y - Db. T = # of years.
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Chow Test: Use two sub-sample or dummy variables: Two Methods. First: Construct restricted model (main effects only) and unrestricted model (main and interaction effects), obtain SSE_R, SSE_R, and do F-test. Second: 1. Divide full sample into two sub-sample 2. Estimate model with each sub-sample to get SSE₁ & SSE₂; SSE_U = SSE₁+SSE₂ 3. Estimate restricted mode (as above) with full sample to get SSE_R 4. Do f-test. $F = [(SSE_R - SSE_U)/S]/[SSEU/(T-2k)] \sim F_{(s,T_1+T_2-2s)}$; S = # of parameters.

Multi-collinearity & Model Specification Error (Presence/Absence, Severity & Nature): The data from uncontrolled experiment makes economic variables move together in systematic way. These variables are collinear variables and problem is collinearity or multi-collinearity. Consequences: 1. Exact linear relationship between explanatory variables → least squares estimator is not defined. 2. Variance, Standard Error and Covariance large → hypothesis test from t & F-tests are likely NOT reject H_0 despite high R^2 & F-value (Type II Error).

3. Estimates may be sensitive to addition or deletion of a few observations (but accurate forecast is still possible). **4.** Affects efficiency but not predictability and still remain unbiased.

Identification: 1. Sample correlation coefficient 2. Determinants of XX' 3. Auxiliary Regression (test for each IVs) 4. Variance Infatuation Factor (VIF). Remedy: 1. Obtain more info 2) Add structure to the problem by introducing non-sample information (prior) 3. Drop problematic variable and find proxy variable. 4. Ridge regression (increase diagonal element of XX' matrix leaving off diagonal elements unchanged but biased, and variance are small. Problem in interpretation of estimates).

Specification Error: 1. Choice of functional form: Variables can be transformed in any convenient way as long as OLS assumptions met and functional form fits data. (Parameter in linear form). A. Linear Model: $y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + e$: β_2 (Slope/Marginal Effect) $\beta_2(x/y)$ (Elasticity) **B.** Reciprocal Model: v = $\beta_1 + \beta_2(1/x) + e$: $\delta y / \delta x = -\beta_2(1/x^2)$ (slope) & $(\delta y / \delta x)^*(x/y) = -\beta_2(1/x^2)$ $\beta_2(1/xy)$ (Elasticity). C. Log-log Model: Log(y) = $\beta_1+\beta_2\log(x)+e$: $\delta y/\delta x = \beta_2(y/x)$ (slope) & $(\delta y/\delta x)^*(x/y) = \beta_2$ (Elasticity) D. Loglinear (exponential) Model: $\log(y) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + e$: $\delta y / \delta x = \beta_2 y$ (slope) & $(\delta y/\delta x)^*(x/y) = \beta_2 x$ (Elasticity) E. Linear-log (semilog) model: $y = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \log(x) + e \beta_2(1/x)$ (Slope) & $\beta_2(1/y)$ (Elasticity) 2. Choice of regressors/IVs: A. Test of Model Misspecification: Kolmogorov's nonlinearity test: Include all variables and their interactions in regression and test H₀: interactions are zero using F-test. Ha: at least one of them are different. B. Regression Specification Error Test (Ramsey RESET Test) 3. Meet assumptions of OLS (MR1-MR6) or not.

Consequences of Omitted Variables: 1. OLS estimators for β 's and σ^2 (variance) will be biased unless each omitted variable is uncorrelated with the included variables (omitting intercept, OLS estimators for estimated variables are biased unless variables have zero means). Variance of OLS estimator is small and biased upward (low efficiency) but estimated variance might not necessarily be small. Consequences of including Irrelevant Variables: OLS estimators and variance are unbiased. Variance

of OLS estimators and estimated variance are larger than those from true model.

Scaling the Data: Scaling data does not affect the underlying relationship (i.e. elasticity) but the interpretation of coefficient estimates and some summary measures are affected. Scaling x: the standard error of regression coefficient changes with same multiplicative factor as the coefficient. Thus their ratio, t-stat does not change. Scaling y: the OLS residuals will also be scaled due to scaling in error term and affect the standard error of the regression coefficients but does not affect t-stat and R². Scaling x & y by same factor: Intercept, residuals and Interpretations of parameters changes.

<u>Heteroscedasticity</u>: (violation of MR3): $y = X\beta + e$; $e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \Omega_T)$ Regression model consistently and accurately predicts the lower values of the DV but highly inconsistent and inaccurate when it predicts high values or vice versa. **Consequences**: The variance of standard error is not equal; least square is still unbiased and consistent but inefficient (variance unequal, inaccurate predictions); the standard error for least square estimates is incorrect, the hypothesis test and confidence intervals based on standard errors are incorrect; increase type I error.

Homoscedasticity of ERROR TERMS determines whether a regression model is consistent and accurate across all the value of DV and its prediction. **Some Additional Notes: The unbiased estimator E(b)=β and unbiasedness** is small sample property. It has nothing to do with large sample. **The R² and Adj R²** only measures linear relationship between dependent and independent variables. **T-distribution or F-distribution**: to test single hypothesis test. **F-distribution**: to test multiple hypothesis.

Testing Heteroscedasticity: 1. Residual Plots: Pattern = Heteroscedasticity. 2) Goldfeld-Quandt (GQ) Test: Split data ~ equally, run separate regression and estimate variance for both regression and divide GQ = (σ_1^2/σ_2^2) > 1. If GQ > $F_{((T_1-K), (T_2-K))}$, Reject H₀. 2. The Lagrange Multiplier Test: Run regression model, compute variance regression, and compute residual, Run auxiliary regression: a. Breusch-Pagan test b. Glesjer Test c. Haravey-Godfrey test, compute TS: **LM** = $T*R^2$ (R^2 from variance equation) H₀: parameter estimates are equal. Reject H₀ if LM > $\chi^{2}_{(p-1)}$. 3. White Test: Run the regression, compute residuals, regress the squared residuals on squares and interactions of variables, compute TS: LM = $T*R^2$ (R^2 from variance equation) H_0 : parameter estimates are equal. Reject H_0 if LM > $\chi^2_{(p-1)}$. Problem: large number of variables gives problem due to df, reduce power of test resulting homoscedasticity. 4. Asymptotic test statistics: a. Likelihood Ratio (LR) Test LR = max L(θ) rest / max L(θ) unrest; LR TS = $-2\ln\lambda$ = $2[\ln(\max L(\theta) \text{ rest})-\ln(\max L(\theta)$ unrest)] $\rightarrow \chi^2_{(q = \# \text{ of hypo.})}$ OR LR = $T(\ln(ee)_{rest} - \ln(ee)_{unrest}) \rightarrow \chi^2_{(q = \# \text{ of } ee)}$ hypo.) **b.** Wald Test W = $T(SSE_R-SSE_U)/SSE_U \rightarrow \chi^2_{(q = \# of hypo.)}$ **c.** Lagrange Multiplier Test LM = T* R2 (from regression of erest on X) = $T_{(= \# \text{ of obs.})} * (SSE_R - SSE_U) / SSE_U \rightarrow \chi^2_{(q = \# \text{ of hypo.})}$.

 $W \ge LR \ge LM$. When to use: $W \to small$ sample, linear hypothesis and linear model, LR or $LM \to nonlinear$ model, nonlinear hypothesis. Eg. Multiplicative heteroscedasticity test $\to LR$ or LM. Estimating under Heteroscedasticity: 1. White variance covariance matrix (HCC) 2. GLS when V is known: find heterovariable, scale by $\sqrt{(X_t)}$ including intercept, run OLS with transformed variables. 3. GLS when unknown V (FGLS): Estimate V & run GLS. $Var(e_t) = Var(e_t) = 1/x_t var(e_t) = \sigma^{2*} 1/x \sigma^2 = \sigma^2$. Autocorrelation: (violation of MR4) AR Nature:



AR(P): $e_t = \lambda e_{t-1} + \lambda e_{t-2} + ... + \lambda_p e_{t-p} u_t$; $|\lambda| < 1$, $u_t \sim iid (0, \sigma_u^2)$. **d.** Moving Average (MA) Process: Ist order MA: MA(1) $e_t = \theta u_{t-1} + u_t$; $u_t \sim iid (0, \sigma_u^2)$. **Consequences: 1.** Least square estimator is still linear and upbised and

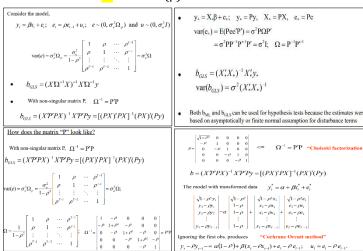
still linear and unbiased and consistent but not best/smallest.

2. Standard errors from OLS are wrong and confidence interval, hypothesis test are wrong. **Proof (right):**

Proof Consider the model, $y_c = \beta x_c + c_i$: $c_c = \rho x_{c+1} + u_i$; $c \sim (0, \sigma_c^2 \Omega_p)$ and $u \sim (0, \sigma_c^2 \Omega_p)$ and $u \sim (0, \sigma_c^2 \Omega_p)$ and $u \sim (0, \sigma_c^2 \Omega_p)$ • $b = \beta + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'c \implies E(\mathbf{b}) = \beta + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'E(c) = \beta$ • $VAR[\mathbf{b}] - E[(\mathbf{b} - \beta)(\mathbf{b} - \beta)']$ $= F[((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'c)'((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]$ $= F[(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'c)'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}]$ $= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'[c]^{-1}[\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X})^{-1}]$.

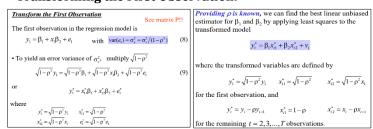
 $VAR[b] = (X'X)^{-1}X'(\sigma_s^2\Omega_n)X(X'X)$

GLS Procedure: 1. When Ω (ρ) is Known:

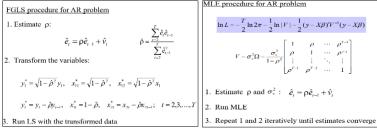


Recovering first observation (Prais-Winsten): Dropping the first observation and applying OLS is not the BLUE method (limitation of Co. & Or.): lost efficiency (variance of error associated with First obs. is not equal to that of others).

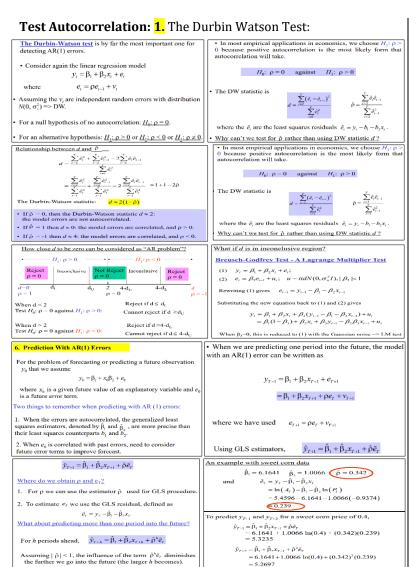
Transforming the First Observation:



2. GLS Procedure when Ω (ρ) is Unknown: FGLS:



Note: The OLS estimator of ρ in step 1 has good statistical properties if sample size (T) is large.



Simultaneous Equation Models: considers econometric models for data that are jointly determined by two or more economic relations. In each models there are two or more dependent variables and have set of equations. Eg. **Supply and Demand Model** (takes two (supply: $Q = \beta_1 P + e_s$) and demand ($Q = \alpha_1 P + \alpha_2 X + e_d$) equations to describe equilibrium. P & Q are endogenous as their values are determined within their system (we created). Income (X) is created outside system (Exogenous variable). $E(e_d) = 0$, $E(e_s) = 0$, $Var(e_d) = \sigma_d^2$, $Var(e_s) = \sigma_s^2$ Cov (e_{dt} , e_{dk}) = 0, Cov (e_{st} , e_{sk}) = 0, Cov (e_{dt} , e_{st}) \neq 0.

Makes OLS estimator biased and inconsistent. Because X is not correlated with V_1 and V_2 , (zero mean, constant variance and zero covariance) the LSE is BLUE to estimate π_1 & π_2 . P is still correlated with e_s and e_d . So, LSE

Reduced Form Equations

The two previous demand and supply model, structural equations model, can be solved to express the endogenous variables
$$P$$
 and Q as functions of the exogenous variable X : called the reformulation of the model to the reduced form model => Solving for P and Q with the equilibrium condition, $Q_d - Q_s$ leads to:

$$P = \frac{\alpha_2}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)} X + \frac{e_d - e_s}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)}$$

$$= \pi_1 X + v_1$$

$$= \frac{\beta_1 \alpha_2}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)} X + \frac{\beta_1 e_d - \alpha_1 e_s}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)} + e_s$$

$$= \frac{\beta_1 \alpha_2}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)} X + \frac{\beta_1 e_d - \alpha_1 e_s}{(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)}$$

in is biased and inconsistent due to correlation between endogenous variables on the right hand side of the equation and the random error.

<u>Identification:</u> Necessary condition: In a system of M equations, which jointly determine the values of M endogenous

variables, at least M-1 variables must be absent from an equation for estimation of its parameter to be possible. Then equation is identified. If fewer than M-1 variables are omitted, it is unidentified. If more than M-1 variables are omitted, it is over identified (preferable). Check identification problem and address endogenous explanatory variable problem.

The Two Stage Least Square (2LS) Estimation:

After equations are identified, there are two steps: **1.** least square estimation of the reduced form equation for P and the calculation of its predicted value *P*-hatt **2.** Least square estimation of the structural equation in which the right-hand-side endogenous variable *P* is replaced by its predicted value *P*-hatt. **Properties of two-stage least squares estimators:** Biased but consistent. For large sample, 2SLS estimators normally distributed.

Reduced Form Equations: specify each endogenous variable as a function of all exogenous variables. Shift variables should be statistically significant to identify the equations. Two stage least squares estimators perform very poorly if the shift variables are not strongly significant.

Instrumental Variables (IV) Estimators /IV/ 2SLS:

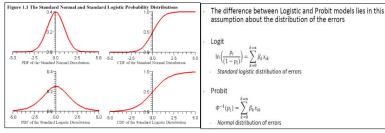
 $X_k = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 X_2 + ... + \gamma_{k-1} X_{k-1} + \Theta_1 z_1$

Stage I: Regress endogenous variable on all exogenous variables and instrumental variables. The strength of the instrumental variable is the strength of its relationship with X_k . Required: at least one instrumental variable should be strong.

Stage II: Replace X_k with the predicted X_k to run the regression as $y = \beta 1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_k X_{k\text{-pred}} + e^*$

Necessary conditions for IV estimation: If G good explanatory variables, B bad explanatory variables and L lucky instrumental variables, then $L \ge B$. if L = B, just enough variables to do IV estimation and parameters can be consistently estimated. If L > B, more instrumental variables, and over-identified.

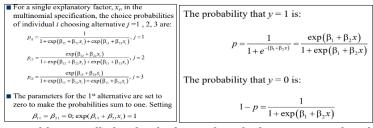
Discrete and Limited Dependent Variable Models:



The shape of the logistic and normal probability functions are different and MLE of β_1 & β_2 will be different. Marginal probabilities and predicted probabilities differs very little in most cases.

Note: If a model has **unobservable dependent variable**, that the model is called index model. This is not regression model.

The distinguishing feature of the **multinomial logit** model is that there is a single explanatory variable that describes the individual, not the alternatives facing the individual. Such



variable are called individual specific, which is contrasted with alternative specific (varies from individual to individual and choices) in the **conditional logit model**.