

# Code documentation

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## 1 New approach (v2):

### 1.1 Counting parameters

$$\Delta \overline{\ln S_{ijet}^e} = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j - 1} \left( \sum_k \theta_{ke} \overline{S_{kejt}} \Delta \ln A_{kjt} - \Delta \ln A_{ijt} \right) + \varepsilon_{iej}$$

We have  $12JT$  observations, and we need to identify  $4JT$   $\pi$  parameters, and  $12\theta$ . So, my take on this is that we have the right number of observations, but it is unclear to me what is identifying what.

### 1.2 Model equations

At the job level it holds that:

$$\Delta \overline{\ln S_{ijet}^e} = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j - 1} \left( \sum_k \theta_{ke} \overline{S_{kejt}} \Delta \ln A_{kjt} - \Delta \ln A_{ijt} \right) + \varepsilon_{iej} \quad (1)$$

$$1 = \sum_k \theta_k^e \overline{S_{keJt}} \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

### 1.3 Building GMM

In our data we have 3 education levels, 4 skills,  $J$  jobs and  $T$  periods. We normalize  $\Delta \ln A_{4jt} = 0, \forall j, t$

- **Equation (1):** instruments for this equation are skills by job matrices. More specifically, let  $x_{ejt}$  be the row vector  $(S_{1ejt} \ S_{2ejt} \ S_{3ejt})$ . Define the matrix  $X_{ejt}$  as the  $4 \times 3$

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matrix containing the skill indexes by education. This matrix excludes the reference skill. For simplicity, I have ignored the bars in the notation.

$$X_{ejt} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{1ejt} & S_{2ejt} & S_{3ejt} \\ S_{1ejt} & S_{2ejt} & S_{3ejt} \\ S_{1ejt} & S_{2ejt} & S_{3ejt} \\ S_{1ejt} & S_{2ejt} & S_{3ejt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{ejt} \\ x_{ejt} \\ x_{ejt} \\ x_{ejt} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $X_e$  be the block-diagonal matrix with  $X_{ejt}$  in the diagonal.

$$X_e = \begin{pmatrix} X_{e11} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & X_{e12} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & X_{eJT} \end{pmatrix}$$

The set of instruments for equation 1 is then:

$$Z_1 = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

- **Equation (2):** instruments for the sum to restriction are the skill indexes by education level. Let  $\tilde{x}_{ejt}$  be the row vector  $(S_{1ejt} \ S_{2ejt} \ S_{3ejt} \ S_{4ejt})$  and let  $\tilde{X}_e$  be the  $N_e \times 4$  matrix stacking all the  $\tilde{x}_{ejt}$  for education level  $e$ . The instruments for equation 2 are the block diagonal matrix with elements  $\tilde{X}_e$ :

$$Z_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{X}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{X}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tilde{X}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Putting it all together:** let  $u_l$  be the stacked vector of equation  $l$  errors. Define:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ u &= \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

the moment equations from the model are given by  $\mathbb{E}(Z'u) = 0$ .

I choose parameters  $\theta$  to minimize the quadratic form:

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} (u'Z'(Z'Z)^{-1}Zu) \quad (5)$$