

Code documentation

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1 New approach (v2):

1.1 Counting parameters

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

We have $12JT$ observations, and we need to identify $3JT$ π parameters, and 12θ .

1.2 Model equations

Let $\pi_{kjt} = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j - 1} \Delta \ln A_{kjt}$ and $\beta_j = \frac{\sigma_j - 1}{\sigma_j}$. At the job level it holds that:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \overline{\ln S_{ijet}^e} &= \sum_k \theta_{ke} \overline{S_{kejt}} \pi_{kjt} - \pi_{ijet} \\ 1 &= \sum_k \theta_k^e \overline{S_{keJt}} \\ \Delta \left[\ln \frac{q_{eJt}}{q_{e'Jt}} \right] &= \beta_j \left[\sum_k \left(\theta_k^e \overline{S_{kJt}} - \theta_k^{e'} \overline{S_{kJe't}} \right) \pi_{kjt} \right] + \text{const}_{e,e't} \end{aligned}$$

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 the average skill of the other education group in that job, and skill-job-time dummies.

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- **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 θ to minimize the quadratic form:

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

1.4 Calculating the gradient

Reminder:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = x'(A + A')$$

I can write the quadratic form as:

$$Q(\gamma) = \frac{1}{N} (u(\gamma)'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'u(\gamma))$$

then,

$$\frac{\partial Q(\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{2}{N} \left(\frac{\partial u(\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)' Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Zu(\gamma)$$

now, I start element by element:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta \ln S_{iejt}}{\partial \ln A_{kjt}} &= \theta_{ke} S_{kejt} \\ \frac{\partial \Delta \ln S_{iejt}}{\partial \ln A_{ijt}} &= \theta_{ie} S_{iejt} - 1 \\ \frac{\partial \Delta \ln S_{iejt}}{\partial \ln \theta_{ke}} &= S_{kjt} \Delta \ln A_{kjt} \end{aligned}$$

for the sum to 1 restrictions we have:

$$\frac{\partial g_{ejt}(\gamma)}{\partial \theta_{ke}} = -S_{kejt}$$

next thing to do: write the gradient