

MIDTERM EXAMINATION OF ECONOMETRIC II

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Problem 1. In the model

$$Y = X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + \epsilon$$

show that the least squares estimator of $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$ subject to the constraint that $\beta_1 = c$ (where c is some given vector) is simply the OLS regression of $Y - X_1c$ on X_2 .

Proof. Denote $X = (X_1, X_2)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= \begin{pmatrix} c \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1'X_1 & X_1'X_2 \\ X_2'X_1 & X_2'X_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} X_1Y \\ X_2Y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E^{-1} & -E^{-1}X_1'X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1} \\ -(X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2'X_1E^{-1} & (X_2'X_2)^{-1} + (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2'X_1E^{-1}X_1X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1Y \\ X_2Y \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

where $E = (X_1'X_1)^{-1} - X_1'X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2'X_1$. So we have

$$c = E^{-1}X_1Y - E^{-1}X_1'X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2'Y$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_2 &= (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2Y + (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2X_1E^{-1}X_1X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2Y - (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2'X_1E^{-1}X_1Y \\ &= (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2 \left(Y + X_1E^{-1}X_1X_2(X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2Y - X_1E^{-1}X_1Y \right) \\ &= (X_2'X_2)^{-1}X_2(Y - X_1c)\end{aligned}$$

This show that $\hat{\beta}$ is simply the OLS regression of $Y - X_1c$ on X_2 . □

Problem 2. Let $T_n = \hat{\theta}_n - \theta$ where $\hat{\theta}_n$ is an estimate of a parametor of interest. Efron's bootstrapping confidence interval is constructed by

$$C = \left[\hat{\theta}_n + q_n^*(\alpha/2), \hat{\theta}_n + q_n^*(1 - \alpha/2) \right].$$

q_n^* is the sample quantile of the bootstrapping samples $\{T_{n1}^*, \dots, T_{nB}^*\}$ where $T_n^* = \hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n$. Show the asymptotic coverage probability of C .

Since $q_n^* \xrightarrow{P} q_n$, then $C \xrightarrow{P} C^0 = \left[\hat{\theta}_n + q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), \hat{\theta}_n + q_n\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$. The latter has converage probability

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\theta_0 \in C^0) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta}_n + q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \leq \theta_0 \leq \hat{\theta}_n + q_n\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(-q_n\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \leq \hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0 \leq -q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) \\ &= G_n\left(-q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), F_0\right) - G_n\left(-q_n\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right), F_0\right)\end{aligned}$$

which generally is not $1 - \alpha$.

However, if $\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0$ has a symmetric distribution, then $G_n\left(-q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), F_0\right) = 1 - G_n\left(q_n\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), F_0\right)$, so

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\theta_0 \in C^0) &= \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\right) \\ &= 1 - \alpha\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. Consider the following model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + x_{1i}\beta_1 + x_{2i}\beta_2 + \mu_i, \quad E(x_i\mu_i) = 0$$

Drive a t-statistic when $\mathbb{H}_0 : \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} = r$, where r is a constant.

- (1) Set $\hat{\theta} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\hat{\beta}_2}$. Define $\hat{H}_1 = \left(0, \frac{1}{\hat{\beta}_2}, -\frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\hat{\beta}_2}\right)'$. So that the standard error of $\hat{\theta}$ is $s(\hat{\theta}) = \left(n^{-1}\hat{H}_1'\hat{V}\hat{H}_1\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, where $\hat{V} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i'\hat{\beta})^2}{n-3} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i\mathbf{x}_i'\right)^{-1}$ is the variance-covariance matrix estimator. Therefore, A t-statistic for \mathbb{H}_0 is

$$t_{1n} = \frac{\frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\hat{\beta}_2} - r}{s(\hat{\theta})} \sim T_{\alpha/2}(n-3).$$

- (2) Reformulating $\mathbb{H}_0 : \beta_1 - r\beta_2 = 0$, then A t-statistic is

$$t_{2n} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - r\hat{\beta}_2}{\left(n^{-1}H_2'\hat{V}H_2\right)^{1/2}} \sim T_{\alpha/2}(n-3).$$

where $H_2 = (0, 1, -r)'$.

Problem 4. Define $h_t = \mathbf{x}_t'(X'X)^{-1}\mathbf{x}_t'$, which is the t^{th} diagonal element of the matrix P_X , and X is a $n \times k$ matrix.

- Prove that $0 \leq h_t \leq 1$.
- Prove that $\sum_{t=1}^n h_t = k$.

- (1) since P_X is symmetric positive matrix, then

$$\exists P \text{ s.t. } P_X = P'\Lambda P \text{ and } P'P = I$$

where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ λ_i is the eigenvalue of P_X . we have

$$0 \leq h_t = e_t'P_X e_t = e_t'P'\Lambda P e_t \leq \lambda_{\max}(P_X) e_t'P'IP e_t = \lambda_{\max}(P_X) = 1$$

where the last equality comes from

$$\lambda_{\max}(P_X) = \max_x \frac{x'P_X x}{x'x} = 1$$

or $\because P_X$ is idempotent, $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ must be satisfied.

or

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq h_t = e_t'X(X'X)^{-1}X'e_t \\ &\leq \lambda_{\max}\left((X'X)^{-1}\right) e_t'XX'e_t \\ &\leq \lambda_{\max}^{-1}(X'X) \lambda_{\max}(X'X) e_t'e_t \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

by lemma $X'AX \leq \lambda_{\max}(A)X'X$

- (2) $\sum_{t=1}^n h_t = \text{tr}(P_X) = \text{tr}\left(X(X'X)^{-1}X'\right) = \text{tr}\left(X'X(X'X)^{-1}\right) = \text{tr}(I_k) = k$

Problem 5. Consider the following model

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

where Y and ϵ are of dimension $N \times 1$ and X is of dimension $N \times K$, and rank K . The assumption of heteroskedastic Y can be written as

$$E[(Y - X\beta)(Y - X\beta)'] = E[\epsilon\epsilon'] = \sigma^2\Lambda = V$$

where $V = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_N^2) = \sigma^2\Lambda$.

- (1) Find the GLS estimate of β .
- (2) Find the var-cov. matrix of β .

We know work in terms of the general notation

$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 h_i(\alpha) = \sigma^2 h(z_i' \alpha) = \sigma^2 \Lambda$$

where α is an $s \times 1$ vector of unknown parameters, and $h_i(\cdot)$ is a differentiable function of those parameters, and an $s \times 1$ vector z_i which can be identical to or different from x_i . The loglikelihood function can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} L &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(h_i(\alpha)) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - x_i' \beta)^2}{h_i(\alpha)} \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\Lambda| - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)' \Lambda^{-1} (Y - X\beta) \end{aligned}$$

- (3) Find MLE $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ conditional on knowing α .

Substituting your results in (3) into L yields the concentrated loglikelihood function

$$L^*(\alpha) = \text{constant} - \frac{n}{2} \ln \left[(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\alpha))' \Lambda^{-1} (Y - X\hat{\beta}(\alpha)) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Lambda|$$

- (4) Show that the information matrix is given by

$$I(\beta, \alpha, \sigma^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x' \Lambda^{-1} x}{\sigma^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i^2(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} & \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider a possible specification

$$h_i(\alpha) = \exp(\alpha_1 z_{1i} + \dots + \alpha_s z_{si}).$$

Note that $h_i(0)$ implies a model with homoskedastic errors. A test for heteroskedasticity can be formulated in terms of the hypothesis $\mathbb{H}_0: \alpha = 0$ v.s. $\mathbb{H}_1: \alpha \neq 0$.

- (5) Construct a likelihood ratio test.
- (6) Construct a wald test.
- (7) Construct a LM test.

- (1) First let $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$ be left-multiplied by $(\sigma\Lambda)^{-1/2}$, then

$$Y^* = X^* \beta + \epsilon^*$$

where $Y^* = (\sigma\Lambda)^{-1/2} Y$, $X^* = (\sigma\Lambda)^{-1/2} X$ and $\epsilon^* = (\sigma\Lambda)^{-1/2} \epsilon$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_{GLS} &= (X^{*'} X^*)^{-1} X^{*'} Y^* \\ &= (X' \Lambda^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Lambda^{-1} Y \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i x_i'}{\lambda_i} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i y_i}{\lambda_i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which is BLUE since $E(\epsilon^* \epsilon^{*'}) = I$ within model $Y^* = X^* \beta + \epsilon^*$.

- (2) $Var(\hat{\beta}_{GLS}) = (X^{*'} X^*)^{-1} = (X' \Lambda^{-1} X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 (X' \Lambda^{-1} X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i x_i'}{\lambda_i} \right)^{-1}$

(3) from the F.o.c.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\hat{\beta}} = 0 & : -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \left(-2X'\Lambda^{-1}Y + 2X'\Lambda^{-1}X\hat{\beta} \right) = 0 \\ \text{and } \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma^2} \Big|_{\hat{\sigma}^2} = 0 & : -\frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} + \frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta})' \Lambda^{-1} (Y - X\hat{\beta})}{2\hat{\sigma}^4} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_{MLE}(\alpha) &= (X'\Lambda^{-1}X)^{-1} X'\Lambda^{-1}Y \\ \text{and } \hat{\sigma}^2(\alpha) &= \frac{1}{n} (Y - X\beta(\alpha))' \Lambda^{-1} (Y - X\beta(\alpha)) \end{aligned}$$

(4) from

$$l_i = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(h_i(\alpha)) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i'\beta)^2}{h_i(\alpha)}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial \beta} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \epsilon_i}{h_i} \\ \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial \alpha} &= -\frac{1}{2h_i} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{h_i} \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon_i = y_i - \mathbf{x}_i'\hat{\beta}$ and the second equality come true for β is not a function of α .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'}{h_i} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \epsilon_i}{h_i^2(\alpha)} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^4} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \epsilon_i}{h_i} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} &= \frac{1}{2h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} - \frac{1}{2h_i} \frac{\partial^2 h_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} - \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{h_i^3} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} + \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{h_i^2} \frac{\partial^2 h_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{\epsilon_i^2}{2\sigma^4} \frac{1}{h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_i}{(\partial \sigma^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{\sigma^6 h_i} \end{aligned}$$

since $E[\epsilon_i] = 0$ and $E[\epsilon_i^2] = \sigma^2 h_i(\alpha)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'}\right] &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'}{h_i} \\
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha'}\right] &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i E[\epsilon_i]}{h_i^2(\alpha)} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} = 0 \\
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2}\right] &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^4} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i E[\epsilon_i]}{h_i} = 0 \\
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'}\right] &= \frac{1}{2h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} - \frac{1}{2h_i} \frac{\partial^2 h_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} - \frac{E[\epsilon_i^2]}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{h_i^3} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} + \frac{E[\epsilon_i^2]}{2\sigma^2} \frac{1}{h_i^2} \frac{\partial^2 h_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} = -\frac{1}{2h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} \\
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \sigma^2}\right] &= -\frac{E[\epsilon_i^2]}{2\sigma^4} \frac{1}{h_i^2} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2 h_i} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \\
E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l_i}{(\partial \sigma^2)^2}\right] &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{E[\epsilon_i^2]}{\sigma^6 h_i} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^4}
\end{aligned}$$

by Yang theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
I(\beta, \alpha, \sigma^2) &= -E \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \beta \partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \alpha \partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \beta'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \alpha'} & \frac{\partial^2 L}{(\partial \sigma^2)^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'}{h_i} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i^2(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} & \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

(5) from the concentrated loglikelihood function

$$L^*(\alpha) = \text{constant} - \frac{n}{2} \ln \left[(Y - X\hat{\beta}(\alpha))' \Lambda^{-1} (Y - X\hat{\beta}(\alpha)) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\Lambda|$$

the likelihood ratio (LR) test statistic is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{LR} &= 2[L(\hat{\alpha}) - L(0)] \\
&= n \cdot \ln \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i' \hat{b})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i' \hat{\beta}(\hat{\alpha}))^2}{h_i(\hat{\alpha})}} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln [h_i(\hat{\alpha})]
\end{aligned}$$

and $\gamma_{LR} \stackrel{\mathbb{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2(s)$ since α is a $s \times 1$ vector.

(6) The wald test statistic is

$$\gamma_w = \hat{\alpha}' \hat{V}_\alpha^{-1} \hat{\alpha}$$

recall wald statistic, which for testing $\mathbb{H}_0 : h(\theta) = c$, is given by

$$W = (h(\hat{\theta}) - c)' \left[H(\hat{\theta})' I(\hat{\theta})^{-1} H(\hat{\theta}) \right]^{-1} (h(\hat{\theta}) - c)$$

Since $H(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} = (0, 1, 0)'$, so the wald test statistic is

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_w &= \hat{\alpha}' \hat{V}_\alpha^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \\
&\stackrel{\mathbb{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2(s)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\hat{V}_\alpha^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i^2(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h_i(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \alpha'} \right)$$

(7) recall LM test statistic is given by

$$LM = s(\theta_0)' I(\theta_0)^{-1} s(\theta_0)$$

where $s(\theta_0) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} |_{\theta_0}$. Therefore, LM statistic is

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{LM} &= s_0' I_0^{-1}(\alpha, \sigma^2) s_0 \\ &\stackrel{\mathbb{H}_0}{\sim} \chi^2(s) \end{aligned}$$

where $s_0 = \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma^2} \right)'$ is evaluated at

$$\alpha = 0, \sigma^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2(0), \text{ and } \beta = b.$$

$I_0^{-1}(\alpha, \sigma^2)$ is the bottom-right block of the information matrix, evaluated at

$$\alpha = 0, \text{ and } \sigma^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2(0).$$