ECO 82800 Panel Econometrics

Homework 4

Due: 2 May 2019

Use the wages.xls dataset that is discussed in Section 7.5 of Baltagi's textbook and attached to the email. The information about these data is as follows:

Source: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics, taken from Cornwell and Rupert (1988).

Description: Panel Data, 595 individuals over 7 years, 1976-1982.

Variables:

- (1) EXP = Years of full-time work experience.
- (2) WKS = Weeks worked.
- (3) OCC = (OCC=1, if the individual is in a blue-collar occupation).
- (4) IND = (IND=1, if the individual works in a manufacturing industry).
- (5) SOUTH = (SOUTH=1, if the individual resides in the South).
- (6) SMSA = (SMSA=1, if the individual resides in a standard metropolitan statistical area).
- (7) MS = (MS=1, if the individual is married).
- (8) FEM = (FEM=1, if the individual is female).
- (9) UNION = (UNION=1, if the individual's wage is set by a union contract).
- (10) ED = Years of education.
- (11) BLK = (BLK=1, if the individual is black).
- (12) LWAGE = Logarithm of wage.

Note that each group of 7 rows represent the seven years pertaining to a single individual. You need to add two variables to this dataset: "year" and "id". "year" runs from 1976 to 1982. "id" runs from 1 to 595.

- 1. Compute and report the descriptive statistics (means and standard deviations) for the twelve variables.
- 2. Replicate the results of Table 7.4 (you may use Stata's built-in commands: xtreg and xthtayl or).
- 3. How many instruments does each of the two HT regressions use, and thus what are the degrees of freedom of the test for overidentification?
- 4. Compare the RE (or GLS), FE (or WE), and AM estimators: do the proper HT and Hausman tests to figure out your recommended estimator.