Problem Set #2

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Question 1

(a) To determine $Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^*)^2 = 0 | \{W_i\}\right)$, we need only find $Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^* = 0 | \{W_i\}\right)$. Since $X_i \in \{0,1\}$, $X_i^* \in \{0,1\}$, so:

$$Pr\left(X_i^* - \overline{X}_i^* = 0 | \{W_i\}\right) = Pr\left(X_i^* = X_j^* \forall i, j | \{W_i\}\right)$$

Where $Pr(X_i^* = X_i^*) \ge \frac{1}{2} \ \forall i, j$. Then,

$$Pr\left(X_i^* = X_j^* \forall i, j | \{W_i\}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

Where, for finite $n, 2^{-n} > 0$.

(b) If the conditions for the Lindeberg CLT are satisfied, then $\hat{\theta}_n^*$ converges to the same distribution as $\hat{\theta}_n$. Thus, we must show that

$$\sup \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |X_i(s)|^{2+\delta} < \infty$$

For some $\delta > 0$. By the domain of X, this is necessarily satisfied.

(c) Since $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$ is a constant,

$$\frac{F_{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n)|\{W_i\}}^{-1}\left(0.75|\{W_i\}\right) - F_{\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n)|\{W_i\}}^{-1}\left(0.25|\{W_i\}\right)}{\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25)} \to_{p}$$

$$\frac{F_{\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_u^2/\sigma_X^2)}^{-1}\left(0.75\right) - F_{\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_u^2/\sigma_X^2)}^{-1}\left(0.25\right)}{\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25)}$$

Thus,

$$v_n^{iqr} \to_{a.s.} \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_X} \left(\Phi^{-1}(0.75) - \Phi^{-1}(0.25) \right) = \sigma_u / \sigma_X$$

(d) First, we can solve for $Var(\hat{\theta}_n^{\dagger}|\{W_i\})$:

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger}|\{W_{i}\}\right] &= \hat{\theta}_{n} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})^{2}} \mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_{i}|\{W_{i}\}\right] \\ &= \hat{\theta}_{n} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}} \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger}|\{W_{i}\}\right]^{2} &= \hat{\theta}_{n}^{2} + 2\hat{\theta}_{n}\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})^{2}} + \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}\right)^{2} \\ &(\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger})^{2} &= \hat{\theta}_{n}^{2} + 2\hat{\theta}_{n}\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}\varepsilon_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}\varepsilon_{i}} + \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}\varepsilon_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}\varepsilon_{i}}\right)^{2} \\ &Var(\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger}|\{W_{i}\}) &= \mathbb{E}\left[(\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger})^{2}|\{W_{i}\}\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\theta}_{n}^{\dagger}|\{W_{i}\}\right]^{2} \\ &= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}\right)^{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_{i}^{2}|\{W_{i}\}\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}\right)^{2} \end{split}$$

By the law of large numbers, this converges to its unconditional expectation. By assumption,

$$\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X}_{n})\hat{u}_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X}_{n})^{2}}\right)^{2} \to_{a.s.} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[(X-\mathbb{E}\left[X\right])^{2}\right]}{\mathbb{E}\left[(X-\mathbb{E}\left[X\right])^{2}\right]^{2}}\mathbb{E}\left[u^{2}\right] = \sigma_{u}^{2}/\sigma_{X}^{2}$$

(e) The results of the simulation are below. See edgel_ps2.jl and functions.jl for the code that generates them.

	Mean	SD	Coverage
$s.e.^{asy}$	0.322	0.089	0.907
$s.e.^{bt}$	0.152	0.075	0.595
$s.e.^{IQR}$	0.366	0.071	0.964
$s.e.^{bt-r}$	0.052	0.027	0.218
$s.e.^{sbt-normal}$	0.111	0.070	0.443
$s.e.^{sbt-rad}$	0.111	0.070	0.441

Question 2

(a) The inequalities for this data generating process are:

$$\begin{split} [g(0,0)-g(1,0)](-1) &\geq 0 \\ [g(0,0)-g(1,1)](-1-\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(0,0)-g(0,1)](-\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,0)-g(0,0)] &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,0)-g(0,1)](1-\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,0)-g(1,1)](-\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,1)-g(1,0)](\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,1)-g(0,0)](1+\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(1,1)-g(0,0)](\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(0,1)-g(0,0)](\theta) &\geq 0 \\ [g(0,1)-g(1,1)](-1) &\geq 0 \end{split}$$

Note that the trivial inequalities $(0 \ge 0)$ are excluded. The unique set of inequalities, letting $g(x_1, x_2) = F(x_1 + \theta x_2)$, is:

$$[F(\theta) - F(0)]\theta \ge 0 \tag{1}$$

$$[F(1) - F(0)] \ge 0 \tag{2}$$

$$[F(1+\theta) - F(0)](1+\theta) \ge 0 \tag{3}$$

$$[F(1) - F(\theta)](1 - \theta) \ge 0 \tag{4}$$

$$[F(1+\theta) - F(1)]\theta \ge 0 \tag{5}$$

$$[F(1+\theta) - F(\theta)] \ge 0 \tag{6}$$

Note that this set of inequalities holds for all values of θ .

(b) If $\theta = 1$, then

$$g(1,0) = g(0,1) = F(1)$$

 $g(0,0) = F(0)$
 $g(1,1) = F(2)$

Thus, the only useful moment inequalities for identification yield:

$$\hat{\Theta}_n = \{\theta : \theta \ge 0\}$$

(c) In this case, any variation in Y is due entirely to variation in ε . Then, for each (x_1, x_2) , $Var(Y) = Var(\varepsilon)$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y|(x_1, x_2)] = F(x_1 + \theta x_2)$. Thus, the standard error of $\hat{\theta}_n$ is $\frac{1}{n} \widehat{Var(Y)}$, where $\widehat{Var(Y)}$ is asymptotically normal.