

Homework 5: Industrial Organisation

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N.B. The code for this exercise was written in R and is available on my Github account. www.github.com/dhananjayghei/io_estimation.

Problems 1 and 2 use the automobile data from Berry-Levinsohn-Pakes (1995). This data already accounts for the outside good (sum shares in any year and they will be less than one.)

Question 1

Replicate as closely as you can column 1-3 from GKP. Produce a table that looks similar and fill in with the results that you find. For column 3 do not worry about correcting standard errors for first two stages of estimation (i.e. just use results from non-linear least squares search). They will differ from results reported in the paper which are corrected for the first two stages of estimation.

Note that, columns I and II from GKP are the same as the ones in BLP homework.

Question 2

Reproduce Table 2 using your preferred estimates from column 3 of Table 1 of your results.

Table 1 Automobile elasticities: OLS, 2SLS, CMRCF (with interactions)

| Elasticities | OLS | IV | CMRCF |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Interactions | No | No | Yes |
| Median | -0.77 | -1.18 | -2.03 |
| Mean | -1.04 | -1.59 | -2.73 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.77 | 1.17 | 2.01 |
| Percent of Inelastic Demands | 67.75 | 33.65 | 0.36 |
| Elasticities from 1990 | | | |
| Median | -0.94 | -1.43 | -2.45 |
| Mean | -1.24 | -1.9 | -3.26 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.84 | 1.28 | 2.2 |
| Percent of Inelastic Demands | 52.67 | 19.85 | 0.76 |
| 1990 Models (from BLP) | | | |
| Masda 323 | -1.68 | -2.57 | -4.4 |
| Honda Accord | -3.32 | -5.09 | -8.71 |
| Acura Legend | -0.82 | -1.26 | -2.15 |
| BMW 735i | -0.45 | -0.69 | -1.17 |