

Econometrics I - TA section

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There can be redundant constraints. The important thing is the constraints don't contradict each other.

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- What is the objective function?

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x'_{i1}\beta_1 - x'_{i2}\beta_2)'(y_i - x'_{i1}\beta_1 - x'_{i2}\beta_2)$$

subject to $\beta_1 = c$

- Simplifies to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x'_{i1}c - x'_{i2}\beta_2)'(y_i - x'_{i1}c - x'_{i2}\beta_2)$$

- Can redefine $\tilde{y}_i = y_i - x'_{i1}c$

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with X_1 and X_2 each $n \times k$, find the CLS estimate of $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$, subject to the constraint that $\beta_1 = -\beta_2$.

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- Plugging in the constraint

$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (x'_{i1} - x'_{i2})\beta_1)'(y_i - (x'_{i1} - x'_{i2})\beta_1)$$

- It's just OLS

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i1} - x_{i2})'(x_{i1} - x_{i2}) \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i1} - x_{i2})'y_i \right)$$

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$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta_0}{se(\hat{\beta})} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

- As a result, we know the cdf of $\hat{\beta}$ i.e. $\Phi\left(\frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta_0}{se(\hat{\beta})}\right)$

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- For example if $Pr(\hat{\beta} \leq \hat{\beta}_{obs})$ is really small i.e. less than say 5 percent.
- If $Pr(\hat{\beta} \leq \hat{\beta}_{obs}) \leq 5$ that means – you had 100 samples generated using β_0 , then you would only expect 5 of them to have $\hat{\beta} \leq \hat{\beta}_{obs}$

9.2 You have two independent samples (y_1, X_1) and (y_2, X_2) which satisfy $y_1 = X_1\beta_1 + e_1$ and $y_2 = X_2\beta_2 + e_2$, where $E(x_{1i}e_{1i}) = 0$ and $E(x_{2i}e_{2i}) = 0$, and both X_1 and X_2 have k columns. Let $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ be the OLS estimates of β_1 and β_2 . For simplicity, you may assume that both samples have the same number of observations n .

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- Apply Lindeberg-Levy CLT. Both statistics are independent from each other.

$$\mathcal{N}(0, V_{\beta_1} + V_{\beta_2})$$

- Also, notice how picking β_1 and β_2 would result in different asymptotic distributions i.e. $\beta_1 = 1$ would be a different distribution for $\hat{\beta}_1$ than $\beta_1 = 3$

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- Find an appropriate test statistic for $H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_1$.
- Find the asymptotic distribution of this statistic under H_0

9.2 For $k = 1$ use $\hat{\beta}_2/se(\hat{\beta}_2) - \hat{\beta}_1/se(\hat{\beta}_1)$

- From part 1 we know the distribution of

$$\sqrt{n}((\hat{\beta}_2 - \hat{\beta}_1) - (\beta_2 - \beta_1))$$

- Under the null, this expression simplifies to

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- As a result, $\sqrt{n} \frac{\hat{\beta}_2 - \hat{\beta}_1}{se(\hat{\beta}_2) + se(\hat{\beta}_1)} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

The more general version of this would involve a Wald statistic.

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- False positives - Your null hypothesis was actually pretty good, but you reject β_0 anyway. Just a weird sample. The test is too aggressive.
- False negatives - Your null hypothesis is bad, but you don't reject β_0 . Not aggressive enough at rejecting.

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- Apply theorem 9.3 $W \rightarrow d \chi_q^2$ under H_0
- Size is the probability of a False rejection i.e.

$$Pr(W \geq c_1) + Pr(W \leq c_2)$$

- As a result the asymptotic size is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr(W \leq c_1) + Pr(W \geq c_2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr(W \leq c_1) + 1 - Pr(W < c_2)$$

- Since W has a χ_q^2 distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr(W \leq c_1) + 1 - Pr(W > c_2) = \alpha/2 + 1 - (1 - \alpha/2) = \alpha$$

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- Pick c'_1 as the α quantile.
- The test is still consistent and has size α , but local rejection probability is higher for any n

$$Pr_n(W \leq c'_1) > Pr_n(W \leq c_1)$$

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- Theil's \bar{R}^2 is

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{(n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2}{(n-k) \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

Let SST be $S_{yy} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

$$(1 - \bar{R}^2) = \frac{n-1}{n-k} \left(1 - 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2}{S_{yy}} \right) = \frac{n-1}{S_{yy}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2}{n-k}$$

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- \bar{R}^2 is inversely related with s^2 . First equation.
- s^2 is inversely related with T_{k+1} . Second equation.
- \bar{R}^2 is positively related with T_{k+1} .