

# Notes for Paper on Mis-measured, Binary, Endogenous Regressors

Francis J. DiTraglia & Camilo García-Jimeno

July 23, 2017

## 1 Model and Notation

### Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} p_{tk}^* &= P(T^* = t, Z = k) \\ p_{tk} &= P(T = t, Z = k) \\ p_k^* &= P(T^* = 1|Z = k) \\ p_k &= P(T = 1|Z = k) \\ q &= P(Z = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{00}^* &= P(T^* = 0|Z = 0)P(Z = 0) = (1 - p_0^*)(1 - q) = \left( \frac{1 - p_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) (1 - q) \\ p_{10}^* &= P(T^* = 1|Z = 0)P(Z = 0) = p_0^*(1 - q) = \left( \frac{p_0 - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) (1 - q) \\ p_{01}^* &= P(T^* = 0|Z = 1)P(Z = 1) = (1 - p_1^*)q = \left( \frac{1 - p_1 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) q \\ p_{11}^* &= P(T^* = 1|Z = 1)P(Z = 1) = p_1^*(1 - q) = \left( \frac{p_1 - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) q \end{aligned}$$

**CDFs** For  $t, Z \in \{0, 1\}$  define

$$\begin{aligned} F_{tk}^*(\tau) &= P(Y \leq \tau | T^* = t, Z = k) \\ F_{tk}(\tau) &= P(Y \leq \tau | T = t, Z = k) \\ F_k(\tau) &= P(Y \leq \tau | Z = k) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the second two are observed for all  $t, k$  while the first is never observed since it depends on the unobserved RV  $T^*$ .

## 2 Weakest Bounds on $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$

Assume that  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 < 1$  that  $T$  is independent of  $Z$  conditional on  $T^*$ . These standard assumptions turn out to yield informative bounds on  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  without *any further restrictions of any kind*. In particular, we assume nothing about the validity of the instrument  $Z$  and nothing about the relationship between the mis-classification error and the outcome  $Y$ : we impose only that the mis-classification error rates do not depend on  $z$  and that the mis-classification is not so bad that  $1 - T$  is a better measure of  $T^*$  than  $T$ .

By the Law of Total Probability and the assumption that  $T$  is conditionally independent of  $Z$  given  $T^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= P(T = 1|Z = k, T^* = 0)(1 - p_k^*) + P(T = 1|Z = k, T^* = 1)p_k^* \\ &= P(T = 1|T^* = 0)(1 - p_k^*) + P(T = 1|T^* = 1)p_k^* \\ &= \alpha_0(1 - p_k^*) + (1 - \alpha_1)p_k^* \\ &= \alpha_0 + (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)p_k^* \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - p_k &= P(T = 0|Z = k, T^* = 0)(1 - p_k^*) + P(T = 0|Z = k, T^* = 1)p_k^* \\ &= P(T = 0|T^* = 0)(1 - p_k^*) + P(T = 0|T^* = 1)p_k^* \\ &= (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*) + \alpha_1 p_k^* \\ &= \alpha_1 + (1 - p_k^*)(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} p_k - \alpha_0 &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)p_k^* \\ (1 - p_k) - \alpha_1 &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(1 - p_k^*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $p_k^*$  and  $(1 - p_k^*)$  are probabilities they are between zero and one which means that the sign of  $p_k - \alpha_0$  as well as that of  $(1 - p_k) - \alpha_1$  are both determined by that of  $1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1$ .

Accordingly, provided that  $1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_0 &< p_k \\ \alpha_1 &< (1 - p_k)\end{aligned}$$

so long as  $p_k^*$  does not equal zero or one, which is not a realistic case for any example that we consider. Since these bounds hold for all  $k$ , we can take the tightest bound over all values of  $Z$ .

Important: using these to bound  $\beta$  gives  $\beta \in [\text{ITT}, \text{Wald}]$ .

### 3 Stronger Bounds for $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$

Now suppose we add the assumption that  $T$  is conditionally independent of  $Y$  given  $T^*$ . This is essentially the non-differential measurement error assumption although it is slightly stronger than the version used by Mahajan (2006) who assumes only conditional mean independence. This assumption allows us to considerably strengthen the bounds from the preceding section by exploiting information contained in the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $T$  and  $Z$ . The key ingredient is a relationship that we can derive between the unobservable distributions  $F_{tk}^*$  and the observable distributions  $F_{tk}$  using this new conditional independence assumption. To begin, note that by Bayes' rule we have

$$\begin{aligned}P(T^* = 1|T = 1, Z = k) &= P(T = 1|T^* = 1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{p_k} \right) = (1 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{p_k} \right) \\ P(T^* = 1|T = 0, Z = k) &= P(T = 0|T^* = 1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) = \alpha_1 \left( \frac{p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) \\ P(T^* = 0|T = 1, Z = k) &= P(T = 1|T^* = 0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{p_k} \right) = \alpha_0 \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{p_k} \right) \\ P(T^* = 0|T = 0, Z = k) &= P(T = 0|T^* = 0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) = (1 - \alpha_0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Now, by the conditional independence assumption

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y \leq \tau|T^* = 0, T = t, Z = k) &= P(Y \leq \tau|T^* = 0, Z = k) = F_{0k}^*(\tau) \\ P(Y \leq \tau|T^* = 1, T = t, Z = k) &= P(Y \leq \tau|T^* = 1, Z = k) = F_{1k}^*(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

Finally, putting everything together using the Law of Total Probability, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - p_k)F_{0k}(\tau) &= (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + \alpha_1 p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \\ p_k F_{1k}(\tau) &= \alpha_0(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + (1 - \alpha_1)p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $k$ . Defining the shorthand

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) &\equiv (1 - p_k)F_{0k}(\tau) \\ \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\equiv p_k F_{1k}(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

this becomes

$$\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) = (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + \alpha_1 p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \quad (1)$$

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) = \alpha_0(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + (1 - \alpha_1)p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \quad (2)$$

Now, solving Equation 1 for  $p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau)$  we have

$$p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1} \left[ \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) \right]$$

Substituting this into Equation 2,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &= \alpha_0(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \left[ \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) \right] \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \left[ \alpha_0 - \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \alpha_0)}{\alpha_1} \right] (1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_0 \alpha_1 - (1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \alpha_0)}{\alpha_1} \right] (1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \left[ \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \alpha_0) - \alpha_0 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \right] (1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \left[ \frac{1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0}{\alpha_1} \right] \left( \frac{1 - p_k - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) F_{0k}^*(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) = \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \frac{1 - p_k - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} F_{0k}^*(\tau) \quad (3)$$

Equation 3 relates the observable  $\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)$  to the mis-classification error rate  $\alpha_1$  and the unobservable CDF  $F_{0k}^*(\tau)$ . Since  $F_{0k}^*(\tau)$  is a CDF, however, it lies in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

Accordingly, substituting 0 in place of  $F_{0k}^*(\tau)$  gives

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) \leq \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \quad (4)$$

while substituting 1 gives

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) \geq \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \frac{1 - p_k - \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \quad (5)$$

Rearranging Equation 4

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\leq (1 - \alpha_1) \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \\ \alpha_1 \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\leq \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \alpha_1 \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \\ \alpha_1 [\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)] &\leq \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

since  $\alpha_1 \in [0, 1]$  and therefore

$$\alpha_1 \leq \frac{\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau)}{\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)} = (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{F_{0k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right] \quad (6)$$

since  $\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \geq 0$ . Proceeding similarly for Equation 5,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\geq (1 - \alpha_1) \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - (1 - p_k - \alpha_1) \\ \alpha_1 [\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - 1] &\geq \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - (1 - p_k) \\ -\alpha_1 [1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau)] &\geq -[1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - p_k] \\ \alpha_1 [1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau)] &\leq 1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - p_k \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) = p_k F_{1k}(\tau) \leq p_k$  and  $\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) = (1 - p_k) F_{0k}(\tau) \leq (1 - p_k)$  it follows that  $1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \geq 0$  and hence

$$\alpha_1 \leq \frac{1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - p_k}{1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau)} = (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{1 - F_{0k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right] \quad (7)$$

The bounds given in Equations 6 and 7 relate  $\alpha_1$  to observable quantities *only* and hold for all values of  $\tau$  for which their respective denominators are non-zero. Moreover, these bounds hold for any value  $k$  that the instrument takes on.

We can proceed similarly for  $\alpha_0$ . First solve Equation 1 for  $(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau)$ :

$$(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_0} \left[ \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \alpha_1 p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \right]$$

and then substitute into Equation 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &= \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \left[ \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \alpha_1 p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \right] + (1 - \alpha_1) p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \left[ (1 - \alpha_1) - \frac{\alpha_0 \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0} \right] p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \left[ \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \alpha_0) - \alpha_0 \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0} \right] p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \left[ \frac{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0} \right] \frac{p_k - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} F_{1k}^*(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \frac{p_k - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} F_{1k}^*(\tau) \quad (8)$$

Now we can again obtain two bounds by substituting the smallest and largest possible values of  $F_{1k}^*(\tau)$ . Substituting zero gives

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) \geq \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \quad (9)$$

while substituting one gives

$$\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) \leq \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \frac{p_k - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \quad (10)$$

Now, rearranging Equation 9,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_0) \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\geq \alpha_0 \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) \\ \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\geq \alpha_0 \left[ \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) \right] \end{aligned}$$

since  $1 - \alpha_0 \geq 0$ . Therefore,

$$\alpha_0 \leq \frac{\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)}{\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)} = p_k \left[ \frac{F_{1k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right] \quad (11)$$

since  $\left[\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)\right] \geq 0$ . Similarly, rearranging Equation 10

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_0)\tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) &\leq \alpha_0\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + p_k - \alpha_0 \\ \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - p_k &\leq \alpha_0 \left[\tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) + \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - 1\right] \\ - \left[1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - (1 - p_k)\right] &\leq -\alpha_0 \left[1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)\right] \\ \left[1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - (1 - p_k)\right] &\geq \alpha_0 \left[1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\alpha_0 \leq \frac{1 - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau) - (1 - p_k)}{1 - \tilde{F}_{0k}(\tau) - \tilde{F}_{1k}(\tau)} = p_k \left[ \frac{1 - F_{1k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right] \quad (12)$$

**Putting Everything Together** For all  $k$  we have

$$\alpha_0 \leq p_k \min_{\tau} \left\{ \left[ \frac{F_{1k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right] \wedge \left[ \frac{1 - F_{1k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right] \right\} \leq p_k \quad (13)$$

$$\alpha_1 \leq (1 - p_k) \min_{\tau} \left\{ \left[ \frac{F_{0k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right] \wedge \left[ \frac{1 - F_{0k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right] \right\} \leq (1 - p_k) \quad (14)$$

Note that these bounds can only improve upon those derived in the previous section since the ratio of CDFs tends to one as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ . To derive these tighter bounds we have made no assumption regarding the relationship between  $Z$  and the error term  $\varepsilon$ . These bounds use only the assumption that  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 < 1$ , and the assumption that  $T$  is conditionally independent of  $Z, Y$  given  $T^*$ . Notice that that the bounds are related. In particular,

$$p_k \left[ \frac{F_{1k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right] = 1 - (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{F_{0k}(\tau)}{F_k(\tau)} \right]$$

and

$$p_k \left[ \frac{1 - F_{1k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right] = 1 - (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{1 - F_{0k}(\tau)}{1 - F_k(\tau)} \right]$$

## 4 Even Stronger Bounds on $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$

Try applying the stochastic dominance conditions from our simulation study.

## 5 Independent Instrument

Assume that  $Z \perp U$ . The model is  $Y = \beta T^* + U$  and

$$F_U(\tau) = P(U \leq \tau) = P(Y - \beta T^* \leq \tau)$$

but if  $Z$  is independent of  $U$  then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} F_U(\tau) &= F_{U|Z=k}(\tau) = P(U \leq \tau | Z = k) = P(Y - \beta T^* \leq \tau | Z = k) \\ &= P(Y \leq \tau | T^* = 0, Z = k)(1 - p_k^*) + P(Y \leq \tau + \beta | T^* = 1, Z = k)p_k^* \\ &= (1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + p_k^*F_{1k}^*(\tau + \beta) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k$  by the Law of Total Probability. Similarly,

$$F_k(\tau) = (1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + p_k^*F_{1k}^*(\tau)$$

and rearranging

$$(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) = F_k(\tau) - p_k^*F_{1k}^*(\tau)$$

Substituting this expression into the equation for  $F_U(\tau)$  from above, we have

$$F_U(\tau) = F_k(\tau) + p_k^*[F_{1k}^*(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}^*(\tau)]$$

for all  $k$  and all  $\tau$ . Evaluating at two values  $k$  and  $\ell$  in the support of  $Z$  and equating

$$F_k(\tau) + p_k^*[F_{1k}^*(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}^*(\tau)] = F_\ell(\tau) + p_\ell^*[F_{1\ell}^*(\tau + \beta) - F_{1\ell}^*(\tau)]$$

or equivalently

$$F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau) = p_\ell^*[F_{1\ell}^*(\tau + \beta) - F_{1\ell}^*(\tau)] - p_k^*[F_{1k}^*(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}^*(\tau)] \quad (15)$$

for all  $\tau$ . Now we simply need to re-express all of the “star” quantities, namely  $p_k^*, p_\ell^*$  and  $F_{1k}^*, F_{1\ell}^*$  in terms of  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  and the *observable* probability distributions  $F_{1k}$  and  $F_{1\ell}$  and observable probabilities  $p_k, p_\ell$ . To do this, we use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{0k}(\tau) &= \frac{1 - \alpha_0}{1 - p_k}(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + \frac{\alpha_1}{1 - p_k}p_k^*F_{1k}^*(\tau) \\ F_{1k}(\tau) &= \frac{\alpha_0}{p_k}(1 - p_k^*)F_{0k}^*(\tau) + \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{p_k}p_k^*F_{1k}^*(\tau) \end{aligned}$$



for all  $k$  by Bayes' rule. Solving these equations,

$$p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) = \frac{1 - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} p_k F_{1k}(\tau) - \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} (1 - p_k) F_{0k}(\tau)$$

for all  $k$ . Combining this with Equation 15, we find that

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] = \alpha_0 \{ (1 - p_k) [F_{0k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0k}(\tau)] - (1 - p_\ell) [F_{0\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0\ell}(\tau)] \} \\ - (1 - \alpha_0) \{ p_k [F_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}(\tau)] - p_\ell [F_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1\ell}(\tau)] \}$$

Now, define

$$\Delta_{tk}^\tau(\beta) = F_{tk}(\tau + \beta) - F_{tk}(\tau) = E \left[ \frac{\mathbf{1}\{T = t, Z = k\}}{p_{tk}} (\mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau + \beta\} - \mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau\}) \right]$$

and note that we can express  $F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)$  similarly as

$$F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau) = E \left[ \mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau\} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}\{Z = k\}}{q_k} - \frac{\mathbf{1}\{Z = \ell\}}{q_\ell} \right) \right]$$

Using this notation, we can write the preceding as

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] = \alpha_0 [(1 - p_k) \Delta_{0k}^\tau(\beta) - (1 - p_\ell) \Delta_{0\ell}^\tau(\beta)] - (1 - \alpha_0) [p_k \Delta_{1k}^\tau(\beta) - p_\ell \Delta_{1\ell}^\tau(\beta)]$$

or in moment-condition form

$$E \left[ (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau\} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}\{Z = k\}}{q_k} - \frac{\mathbf{1}\{Z = \ell\}}{q_\ell} \right) - (\mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau + \beta\} - \mathbf{1}\{Y \leq \tau\}) \left\{ \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \alpha_0 \left( (1 - p_k) \frac{\mathbf{1}\{T = 0, Z = k\}}{p_{0k}} - (1 - p_\ell) \frac{\mathbf{1}\{T = 0, Z = \ell\}}{p_{0\ell}} \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - (1 - \alpha_0) \left( p_k \frac{\mathbf{1}\{T = 1, Z = k\}}{p_{1k}} - p_\ell \frac{\mathbf{1}\{T = 1, Z = \ell\}}{p_{1\ell}} \right) \right\} \right] = 0$$

Each value of  $\tau$  yields a moment condition.

## 6 Special Case: $\alpha_0 = 0$

In this case the expressions from above simplify to

$$(1 - \alpha_1) [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] = [p_\ell F_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - p_k F_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - p_\ell F_{1\ell}(\tau) + p_k F_{1k}(\tau)] \quad (16)$$

for all  $\tau$ . Now, provided that all of the CDFs are differentiable we have<sup>1</sup>

$$e^{i\omega\tau}(1 - \alpha_1) [f_k(\tau) - f_\ell(\tau)] = e^{i\omega\tau} [p_\ell f_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - p_k f_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - p_\ell f_{1\ell}(\tau) + p_k f_{1k}(\tau)]$$

where we have pre-multiplied both sides by  $e^{i\omega\tau}$ . Finally, integrating both sides with respect to  $\tau$  over  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , we have

$$(1 - \alpha_1) [\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega)] = \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega\tau} [p_\ell f_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - p_k f_{1k}(\tau + \beta)] d\tau - p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) + p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega) \right\}$$

where  $\varphi_k$  is the conditional characteristic function of  $Y$  given  $Z = k$  and  $\varphi_{1k}$  is the conditional characteristic function of  $Y$  given  $T = 1, Z = k$ . Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega\tau} p_\ell f_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) d\tau &= e^{i\omega\beta} p_\ell \int_{u=-\infty+\beta}^{u=\infty+\beta} e^{i\omega u} f_{1\ell}(u) du \\ &= e^{-i\omega\beta} p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

using the substitution  $u = \tau + \beta$ . Changing subscripts, the same holds for  $k$  and thus

$$(1 - \alpha_1) [\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega)] = e^{-i\omega\beta} [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) - p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega)] + [p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega) - p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega)]$$

which, after collecting terms, simplifies to

$$(1 - \alpha_1) [\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega)] = (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) - p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega)] \quad (17)$$

for all  $\omega$ . Equation 17 contains exactly the same information as Equation 16 but gives us a more convenient way to prove identification since  $\beta$  enters in a simpler way. Leibniz's formula for the  $r$ th derivative of a product of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  is:

$$(fg)^{(r)} = \sum_{s=0}^r \binom{r}{s} f^{(s)} g^{(r-s)}$$

---

<sup>1</sup>There must be a way to generalize this using Lebesgue.

where  $f^{(r)}$  denotes the  $r$ th derivative of the function  $f$  and  $g^{(r-s)}$  denotes the  $(r-s)$ th derivative of the function  $g$ . Applying this to the RHS,  $R(\omega)$  of Equation 17 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\omega^r} R(\omega) &= \sum_{s=0}^r \binom{r}{s} \frac{d}{d\omega^s} (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \frac{d}{d\omega^{r-s}} [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) - p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega)] \\ &= (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}^{(r)}(\omega) - p_k \varphi_{1k}^{(r)}(\omega)] + e^{-i\omega\beta} \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-i\beta)^s [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}^{(r-s)}(\omega) - p_k \varphi_{1k}^{(r-s)}(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

where we split off the  $s = 0$  term because our generic expression for the  $s$ th derivative of  $(e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1)$  only applies for  $s \geq 1$ . Evaluating at zero:

$$\frac{d}{d\omega^r} R(0) = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-i\beta)^s [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}^{(r-s)}(0) - p_k \varphi_{1k}^{(r-s)}(0)]$$

Combining this with the LHS of Equation 17, also differentiated  $r$  times and evaluated at zero, we have

$$(1 - \alpha_1) [\varphi_k^{(r)}(0) - \varphi_\ell^{(r)}(0)] = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-i\beta)^s [p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}^{(r-s)}(0) - p_k \varphi_{1k}^{(r-s)}(0)]$$

Now, recall that if  $\varphi(\omega)$  is the characteristic function of  $Y$  then  $\varphi^{(r)}(0) = i^r E[Y^r]$  provided that the expectation exists where  $\varphi^{(r)}$  denotes the  $r$ th derivative of  $\varphi$ . The same applies for the conditional characteristic functions we consider here. Hence, provided that the  $r$ th moments exist,

$$i^r (1 - \alpha_1) \{E[Y^r|Z = k] - E[Y^r|Z = \ell]\} = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-i\beta)^s i^{r-s} (p_\ell E[Y^{r-s}|T = 1, Z = \ell] - p_k E[Y^{r-s}|T = 1, Z = k])$$

After simplifying the terms involving  $i$  and cancelling them from both sides,

$$(1 - \alpha_1) (E[Y^r|Z = k] - E[Y^r|Z = \ell]) = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s (p_\ell E[Y^{r-s}|T = 1, Z = \ell] - p_k E[Y^{r-s}|T = 1, Z = k])$$

again provided that the moments exist. Abbreviating the conditional expectations according to  $E[Y^r|Z = k] = E_k[Y^r]$  and  $E[Y^r|T = t, Z = k] = E_{tk}[Y^r]$ , this becomes

$$(1 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y^r] - E_\ell[Y^r]) = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s (p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y^{r-s}] - p_k E_{1k}[Y^{r-s}]) \quad (18)$$

Equation 18 can be used to generate moment equations that are implied by the Equation 17 and the equivalent representation in terms of CDFs: Equation 16. Assuming that the

conditional first moments exist, we can evaluate Equation 18 at  $r = 1$ , yielding

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]) &= \sum_{s=1}^1 \binom{1}{s} (-\beta)^s (p_\ell E_{1\ell} [Y^{1-s}] - p_k E_{1k} [Y^{1-s}]) \\ &= -\beta (p_\ell - p_k) \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging, this gives us the expression for the probability limit of the Wald estimator

$$\mathcal{W} \equiv \frac{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} = \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \quad (19)$$

Evaluating Equation 18 at  $r = 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]) &= \sum_{s=1}^2 \binom{2}{s} (-\beta)^s (p_\ell E_{1\ell} [Y^{2-s}] - p_k E_{1k} [Y^{2-s}]) \\ &= 2\beta (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]) - \beta^2 (p_k - p_\ell) \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging, we have

$$E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2] = \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} [2 (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]) - \beta (p_k - p_\ell)] \quad (20)$$

Substituting Equation 19, we can replace  $\beta/(1 - \alpha_1)$  with a function of observables only, namely  $\mathcal{W}$ . Solving, we find that

$$\beta = \frac{2 (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y])}{p_k - p_\ell} - \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]} \quad (21)$$

This allows us to state low-level sufficient conditions for identification:

- (a)  $\alpha_1 < 1$
- (b)  $p_k \neq p_\ell$
- (c)  $E_k[Y] \neq E_\ell[Y]$
- (d)  $E_{1k}[|Y|], E_{1\ell}[|Y|], E_k[|Y^2|], E_\ell[|Y^2|] < \infty$ .

Note that, although  $\beta = 0$  is always a solution of Equation 16 this solution is ruled out by the assumption that  $E_k[Y] \neq E_\ell[Y]$  via Equation 19. The mis-classification error rate  $\alpha_1$  is likewise uniquely identified under these assumptions. Substituting  $\beta/\mathcal{W} = 1 - \alpha_1$  into

Equation 21

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_1) &= \left\{ \frac{p_k - p_\ell}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]} \right\} \left\{ \frac{2(p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y])}{p_k - p_\ell} - \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]} \right\} \\ &= \frac{2(p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y])}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]} - (p_k - p_\ell) \left\{ \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{(E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y])^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\alpha_1 = 1 + (p_k - p_\ell) \left\{ \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{(E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y])^2} \right\} - \frac{2(p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y])}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]}$$

## 7 Identification in the General Case

## 8 Characteristic Functions

Recall from above that in the general case an independent instrument combined with non-differential measurement error implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] &= \alpha_0 \{ (1 - p_k) [F_{0k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0k}(\tau)] - (1 - p_\ell) [F_{0\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0\ell}(\tau)] \} \\ &\quad - (1 - \alpha_0) \{ p_k [F_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}(\tau)] - p_\ell [F_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1\ell}(\tau)] \} \end{aligned}$$

Using the same steps as in the preceding section, we can convert this expression into characteristic function form by differentiating each side, multiplying by  $e^{i\omega\tau}$  and then integrating with respect to  $\tau$ , yielding

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) [\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega)] &= \alpha_0 \{ (1 - p_k) (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \varphi_{0k}(\omega) - (1 - p_\ell) (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \varphi_{0\ell}(\omega) \} \\ &\quad - (1 - \alpha_0) \{ p_k (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \varphi_{1k}(\omega) - p_\ell (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega) \} \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to

$$\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega) = (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \left( \frac{\alpha_0 [(1 - p_k) \varphi_{0k}(\omega) - (1 - p_\ell) \varphi_{0\ell}(\omega)] - (1 - \alpha_0) [p_k \varphi_{1k}(\omega) - p_\ell \varphi_{1\ell}(\omega)]}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right).$$

As above, we will differentiate both sides of this expression  $r$  times and evaluate at  $\omega = 0$ . Steps nearly identical to those given above yield

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y^r] - E_\ell[Y^r]) = \alpha_0 \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s \{ (1 - p_k) E_{0k}[Y^{r-s}] - (1 - p_\ell) E_{0\ell}[Y^{r-s}] \} \\ - (1 - \alpha_0) \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s \{ p_k E_{1k}[Y^{r-s}] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y^{r-s}] \}$$

**First Moments** Taking  $r = 1$  gives

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]) = \beta(p_k - p_\ell)$$

Simplifying,

$$\mathcal{W} \equiv \frac{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} = \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \quad (22)$$

**Second Moments** Now, taking  $r = 2$  gives

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]) = \alpha_0 \{ [(1 - p_k) E_{0k}[Y] - (1 - p_\ell) E_{0\ell}] - \beta^2 (p_k - p_\ell) \} \\ - (1 - \alpha_0) \{ -2\beta (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]) + \beta^2 (p_k - p_\ell) \} \\ = -2\beta\alpha_0 \{ (1 - p_k) E_{0k}[Y] - (1 - p_\ell) E_{0\ell}[Y] p_k E_{1k}[Y] + p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y] \} \\ + 2\beta (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]) - (p_k - p_\ell) \beta^2 (\alpha_0 + 1 - \alpha_0) \\ = -2\beta \{ \alpha_0 (E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]) - (p_k E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]) \} - \beta^2 (p_k - p_\ell)$$

Now, simplifying

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) = -2\beta\alpha_0 \left( \frac{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) + 2\beta \left( \frac{p_{1k} E_{1k}[Y] - p_{\ell} E_{1\ell}[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - \beta^2$$

and substituting Equation 22 to eliminate  $\beta$ , this becomes

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) = -2\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}^2 + 2\mathcal{W}(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{p_{1k} E_{1k}[Y] - p_{\ell} E_{1\ell}[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \\ - (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 \mathcal{W}^2 \\ \left( \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) = -2\alpha_0 \mathcal{W}^2 + 2\mathcal{W} \left( \frac{p_{1k} E_{1k}[Y] - p_{\ell} E_{1\ell}[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}^2$$

And thus, simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} -2\alpha_0\mathcal{W}^2 - (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W}^2 &= \left( \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - 2\mathcal{W} \left( \frac{p_{1k}E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \\ \alpha_1 - \alpha_0 &= 1 + \left[ \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{\mathcal{W}^2(p_k - p_\ell)} \right] - 2 \left[ \frac{p_{1k}E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]}{\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\alpha_1 - \alpha_0 = 1 + (p_k - p_\ell) \left[ \frac{E_k[Y^2] - E_\ell[Y^2]}{(E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y])^2} \right] - 2 \left[ \frac{p_{1k}E_{1k}[Y] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y]}{E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]} \right] \quad (23)$$

**“Product” Moments** Recall that in our initial draft of the paper we worked with moments such as  $E[TY|Z = k]$ ,  $E[TY|Z = \ell]$  and  $E[TY^2|Z = k]$ ,  $E[TY^2|Z = \ell]$ . In the notation of this document, we can express these quantities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E[TY^r|z = k] &= E[TY^r|T = 1, z = k]p_k + E[TY^r|T = 0, z = k](1 - p_k) \\ &= p_k E[Y^r|T = 1, z = k] + 0 \\ &= p_k E_{1k}[Y^r] \end{aligned}$$

for any  $r$ . We will use this relationship to motivate some shorthand notation below.

**Some Shorthand** The notation above is becoming very cumbersome and we haven’t even looked at the third moments yet! To make life easier, define the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{y_{1k}^r} &= p_k E_{1k}[Y^r] \\ \widetilde{y_{0k}^r} &= (1 - p_k) E_{1k}[Y^r] \\ \Delta \overline{y^r} &= E_k[Y^r] - E_\ell[Y^r] \\ \Delta \overline{T y^r} &= p_k E_{1k}[Y^r] - p_\ell E_{1\ell}[Y^r] = \widetilde{y_{1k}^r} - \widetilde{y_{1\ell}^r} \\ \mathcal{W} &= (E_k[Y] - E_\ell[Y]) / (p_k - p_\ell) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r$ . When no  $r$  superscript is given this means  $r = 1$ . Note, moreover, that when  $r = 0$  we have  $\widetilde{y_{1k}^0} = p_k$  and  $\widetilde{y_{0k}^0} = (1 - p_k)$ . Thus  $\Delta \overline{T y^0} = p_k - p_\ell$ . In contrast,  $\Delta y^0 = 0$ .

Among other things, this notation will make it easier for us to link the derivations here to our earlier derivations from the first draft of the paper that used slightly different notation and did not work explicitly with the independence of the instrument.

**Simplifying the Moment Equalities** Using the final two pieces of notation defined in the preceding section, we can re-rewrite the collection of moment equalities arising from the characteristic function equations as

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\Delta\bar{y}^r = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s \left[ \alpha_0 \left( \widetilde{y_{0k}^{r-s}} - \widetilde{y_{0\ell}^{r-s}} \right) - (1 - \alpha_0) \left( \widetilde{y_{1k}^{r-s}} - \widetilde{y_{1\ell}^{r-s}} \right) \right]$$

Now, simplifying the terms in the square brackets,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 \left( \widetilde{y_{0k}^{r-s}} - \widetilde{y_{0\ell}^{r-s}} \right) - (1 - \alpha_0) \left( \widetilde{y_{1k}^{r-s}} - \widetilde{y_{1\ell}^{r-s}} \right) &= \alpha_0 \left[ \left( \widetilde{y_{0k}^{r-s}} + \widetilde{y_{1k}^{r-s}} \right) - \left( \widetilde{y_{0\ell}^{r-s}} + \widetilde{y_{1\ell}^{r-s}} \right) \right] - \left( \widetilde{y_{1k}^{r-s}} - \widetilde{y_{1\ell}^{r-s}} \right) \\ &= \alpha_0 \left( E_k[Y^{r-s}] - E_\ell[Y^{r-s}] \right) - \Delta\bar{T}y^{r-s} \\ &= \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^{r-s} - \Delta\bar{T}y^{r-s} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\Delta\bar{y}^r = \sum_{s=1}^r \binom{r}{s} (-\beta)^s \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^{r-s} - \Delta\bar{T}y^{r-s} \right) \quad (24)$$

**Third Moments** Evaluating Equation 24 at  $r = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\Delta\bar{y}^3 &= \sum_{s=1}^3 \binom{3}{s} (-\beta)^s \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^{3-s} - \Delta\bar{T}y^{3-s} \right) \\ &= -3\beta \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^2 - \Delta\bar{T}y^2 \right) + 3\beta^2 \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y} - \Delta\bar{T}y \right) + \beta^3(p_k - p_\ell) \end{aligned}$$

**Solving the System** Using  $\mathcal{W} = \beta/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$  we can re-write the third moment expression as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\bar{y}^3 &= -3\mathcal{W} \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^2 - \Delta\bar{T}y^2 \right) + 3\beta\mathcal{W} \left( \alpha_0\Delta\bar{y} - \Delta\bar{T}y \right) + \beta^2\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) \\ \frac{\Delta\bar{y}^3}{\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)} &= \beta^2 + 3\beta \left( \frac{\alpha_0\Delta\bar{y} - \Delta\bar{T}y}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - 3 \left( \frac{\alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^2 - \Delta\bar{T}y^2}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \\ \frac{\Delta\bar{y}^3 - 3\mathcal{W}\Delta\bar{y}^2\bar{T}}{\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)} &= \beta^2 + 3\beta \left( \frac{\alpha_0\Delta\bar{y} - \Delta\bar{T}y}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - 3 \left( \frac{\alpha_0\Delta\bar{y}^2}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, translating the second moment equation into the shorthand notation defined above, we have



**Simplifying the Characteristic Function Equation** From above, we have

$$\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega) = (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) \left( \frac{\alpha_0 [(1 - p_k)\varphi_{0k}(\omega) - (1 - p_\ell)\varphi_{0\ell}(\omega)] - (1 - \alpha_0) [p_k\varphi_{1k}(\omega) - p_\ell\varphi_{1\ell}(\omega)]}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right).$$

Using the fact that  $\varphi_k = p_k\varphi_{1k} + (1 - p_k)\varphi_{0k}$ , we can simplify this further, yielding

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) = (e^{-i\omega\beta} - 1) [\alpha_0 - \xi(\omega)]$$

where we define

$$\xi(\omega) \equiv \frac{\varphi_k(\omega) - \varphi_\ell(\omega)}{p_k\varphi_{1k}(\omega) - p_\ell\varphi_{1\ell}(\omega)}$$

Now, re-arranging

$$(1 - \alpha_1) - \xi(\omega) = e^{-i\omega\beta} [\alpha_0 - \xi(\omega)]$$

or equivalently

$$e^{i\omega\beta} [(1 - \alpha_1) - \xi(\omega)] = \alpha_0 - \xi(\omega)$$

or

$$e^{i\omega\beta} = \frac{\alpha_0 - \xi(\omega)}{(1 - \alpha_1) - \xi(\omega)}$$

provided the denominator does not vanish. By taking differences or ratios evaluated at  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  we can eliminate  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha_0$  or  $\alpha_1$  but it's not clear how or if we can prove identification in terms of a restriction on the characteristic functions.

Suppose we consider three values  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$  for which that yield to distinct, non-zero values  $\xi_1, \xi_2$  and  $\xi_3$  of  $\xi(\omega)$ .

$$e^{i\omega_1\beta} [(1 - \alpha_1) - \xi_1] - e^{i\omega_2\beta} [(1 - \alpha_1) - \xi_2] = \xi_2 - \xi_1$$

## 8.1 Simplifying the Characteristic CDF Equation

Recall from above that

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] = \alpha_0 \{ (1 - p_k) [F_{0k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0k}(\tau)] - (1 - p_\ell) [F_{0\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{0\ell}(\tau)] \} \\ - (1 - \alpha_0) \{ p_k [F_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1k}(\tau)] - p_\ell [F_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta) - F_{1\ell}(\tau)] \}$$

We can simplify the RHS as follows

$$\text{RHS} = \alpha_0 \{ [F_k(\tau + \beta) - F_\ell(\tau + \beta)] - [F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau)] \} \\ - \{ [p_k F_{1k}(\tau + \beta) - p_\ell F_{1\ell}(\tau + \beta)] - [p_k F_{1k}(\tau) - p_\ell F_{1\ell}(\tau)] \}$$

Now, define

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\tau) &= F_k(\tau) - F_\ell(\tau) \\ \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) &= p_k F_{1k}(\tau) - p_\ell F_{1\ell}(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

Using this notation, our equation becomes

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\Delta(\tau) = \alpha_0 [\Delta(\tau + \beta) - \Delta(\tau)] - [\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau)]$$

which simplifies to

$$\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) = \alpha_0 \Delta(\tau + \beta) - (1 - \alpha_1)\Delta(\tau)$$

**Suppose  $\alpha_0 = 0$ :** In this case we obtain

$$(1 - \alpha_1) = \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

Now, evaluating at two values of  $\tau$  and taking differences, we find

$$\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)} - \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau') - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau' + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau')} = 0$$

**Suppose  $\alpha_1 = 0$ :** In this case we obtain

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) + \Delta(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau + \beta)}$$

Again, taking differences evaluated at two values of  $\tau$ ,

$$\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) + \Delta(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau + \beta)} - \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau' + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau') + \Delta(\tau')}{\Delta(\tau' + \beta)} = 0$$

**Some Equations to Check Numerically** We can use the same basic idea when either  $\alpha_0$  or  $\alpha_1$  is known but nonzero. This isn't realistic in practice, but can be used to check our

equations:

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) + (1 - \alpha_1)\Delta(\tau)}{\Delta(\tau + \beta)}$$

$$(1 - \alpha_1) = \frac{\alpha_0\Delta(\tau + \beta) + \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)}$$

As above, after substituting the true value of either  $\alpha_1$  or  $\alpha_0$ , we can eliminate the remaining mis-classification probability by evaluating at two quantiles  $\tau$ ,  $\tau'$  and taking differences.

These appear to work just fine!

**What if  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  are both unknown?** Suppose we take differences at two quantiles  $\tau$  and  $\nu$  to eliminate  $\alpha_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{\alpha_0\Delta(\tau + \beta) + \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)} \right] - \left[ \frac{\alpha_0\Delta(\nu + \beta) + \tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu + \beta)}{\Delta(\nu)} \right] = 0 \\ \alpha_0 & \left[ \frac{\Delta(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)} - \frac{\Delta(\nu + \beta)}{\Delta(\nu)} \right] - \left[ \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta)}{\Delta(\tau)} - \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu + \beta)}{\Delta(\nu)} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**The Equation that Didn't Work...**

$$\frac{[\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau)] - [\tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau' + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\tau')]}{\Delta(\tau + \beta) - \Delta(\tau' + \beta)} - \frac{[\tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu)] - [\tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu' + \beta) - \tilde{\Delta}_1(\nu')]}{\Delta(\nu + \beta) - \Delta(\nu' + \beta)} = 0$$

where  $\Delta(\nu) = \Delta(\nu')$  and  $\Delta(\tau) = \Delta(\tau')$ .

## 9 New Results from September 2016

### 9.0.1 Relationship between observed and unobserved CDFs

Let

$$F_{tk}^*(\tau) = P(Y \leq \tau | T^* = t, z_k)$$

$$F_{tk}(\tau) = P(Y \leq \tau | T = t, z_k)$$

Now, by the assumption of non-differential measurement error,

$$\begin{aligned} p_k F_{1k}(\tau) &= (1 - \alpha_1) p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) + \alpha_0 (1 - p_k^*) F_{0k}^*(\tau) \\ (1 - p_k) F_{0k}(\tau) &= \alpha_1 p_k^* F_{1k}^*(\tau) + (1 - \alpha_0) (1 - p_k^*) F_{0k}^*(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

Solving the linear system as above, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{0k}^*(\tau) &= F_{0k}(\tau) + \left( \frac{\alpha_1 p_k}{1 - p_k - \alpha_1} \right) [F_{0k}(\tau) - F_{1k}(\tau)] \\ F_{1k}^*(\tau) &= F_{1k}(\tau) + \left( \frac{\alpha_0 (1 - p_k)}{p_k - \alpha_0} \right) [F_{1k}(\tau) - F_{0k}(\tau)] \end{aligned}$$

## 9.1 Can we relax the measurement error assumptions?

Suppose that we continue to assume that  $P(Y|T^*, T, z) = P(Y|T^*, z)$  but relax the assumption that  $P(T|T^*, z) = P(T|T^*)$ . Define:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{0k} &= P(T = 1|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ \alpha_{1k} &= P(T = 1|T^* = 0, z_k) \end{aligned}$$

As before, the Wald estimator converges in probability to

$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{E[Y|z_k] - E[Y|z_\ell]}{p_k - p_\ell}$$

but the relationship between  $p_1 - p_0$  and the unobserved  $p_1^* - p_0^*$  changes. By the law of total probability

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= P(T = 1|z_k) = P(T = 1|T^* = 1, z_k)P(T^* = 1|z_k) + P(T = 1|T^* = 0, z_k)P(T^* = 0|z_k) \\ &= (1 - \alpha_{1k})p_k^* + \alpha_{0k}(1 - p_k^*) = p_k^*(1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k}) + \alpha_{0k} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$p_k^* = \frac{p_k - \alpha_{0k}}{1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k}}, \quad 1 - p_k^* = \frac{1 - p_k - \alpha_{1k}}{1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k}}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_k^* - p_\ell^* &= \left( \frac{p_k - \alpha_{0k}}{1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k}} \right) - \left( \frac{p_0 - \alpha_{0\ell}}{1 - \alpha_{0\ell} - \alpha_{1\ell}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(p_k - \alpha_{0k})(1 - \alpha_{0\ell} - \alpha_{1\ell}) - (p_0 - \alpha_{0\ell})(1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k})}{(1 - \alpha_{0k} - \alpha_{1k})(1 - \alpha_{0\ell} - \alpha_{1\ell})} \end{aligned}$$

## 9.2 Is there a LATE interpretation of our results?

Let  $J \in \{a, c, d, n\}$  index an individual's *type*: always-taker, complier, defier, or never-taker. Let  $\pi_a, \pi_c, \pi_d, \pi_n$  denote the population proportions of always-takers, compliers, defiers, and never-takers. The unconfounded type assumption is  $P(J = j|z = 1) = P(J = j|z = 0)$ . Combined with the law of total probability, this gives

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^* &= P(T^* = 1|z = 1) = \pi_a + \pi_c \\ 1 - p_1^* &= P(T^* = 0|z = 1) = \pi_d + \pi_n \\ p_0^* &= P(T^* = 1|z = 0) = \pi_d + \pi_a \\ 1 - p_0^* &= P(T^* = 0|z = 0) = \pi_n + \pi_c \end{aligned}$$

Imposing no-defiers,  $\pi_d = 0$ , these expressions simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^* &= \pi_a + \pi_c \\ 1 - p_1^* &= \pi_n \\ p_0^* &= \pi_a \\ 1 - p_0^* &= \pi_n + \pi_c \end{aligned}$$

Solving for  $\pi_c$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_c &= p_1^* - p_0^* \\ \pi_a &= p_0^* \\ \pi_n &= 1 - p_1^* \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $Y(1)$  indicate the potential outcome when  $T^* = 1$  and  $Y(0)$  indicate the potential outcome when  $T^* = 0$ . The standard LATE assumptions (no defiers, mean exclusion,

unconfounded type) imply

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(Y|T^* = 1, z = 1) &= \left(\frac{p_0^*}{p_1^*}\right) \mathbb{E}[Y(1)|J = a] + \left(\frac{p_1^* - p_0^*}{p_1^*}\right) \mathbb{E}[Y(1)|J = c] \\
\mathbb{E}(Y|T^* = 0, z = 0) &= \left(\frac{p_1^* - p_0^*}{1 - p_0^*}\right) \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = c] + \left(\frac{1 - p_1^*}{1 - p_0^*}\right) \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = n] \\
\mathbb{E}(Y|T^* = 1, z = 0) &= \mathbb{E}[Y(1)|J = a] \\
\mathbb{E}(Y|T^* = 0, z = 1) &= \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = n]
\end{aligned}$$

### 9.2.1 LATE Version of Theorem 2 from the Draft

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \overline{yT} &= \mathbb{E}(yT|z = 1) - \mathbb{E}(yT|z = 0) \\
&= (1 - \alpha_1) [p_1^* \mathbb{E}(y|T^* = 1, z = 1) - p_0^* \mathbb{E}(y|T^* = 1, z = 0)] \\
&\quad + \alpha_0 [(1 - p_1^*) \mathbb{E}(y|T^* = 0, z = 1) - (1 - p_0^*) \mathbb{E}(y|T^*, z = 0)]
\end{aligned}$$

So we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \overline{yT} &= (p_1^* - p_0^*) \{ (1 - \alpha_1) \mathbb{E}[Y(1)|J = c] - \alpha_0 \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = c] \} \\
&= (1 - \alpha_1) \left\{ \frac{\mathbb{E}[Y(1) - Y(0)|J = c]}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} (p_1 - p_0) \right\} + (p_1 - p_0) \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = c]
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that the analogous expression in the homogeneous treatment effect case is

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \overline{yT} &= (1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_1 - p_0) + \mu_{10}^* \\
&= (1 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) (p_1 - p_0) + (p_1 - \alpha_0) m_{11}^* - (p_0 - \alpha_0) m_{10}^*
\end{aligned}$$

while the expression for the difference of variances is

$$\Delta \overline{y^2} = \beta \mathcal{W}(p_1 - p_0) + 2\mathcal{W}\mu_{10}^*$$

From above we see that the analogue of  $\mu_{10}^*$  in the heterogeneous treatment effects setting is  $(p_1 - p_0) \mathbb{E}[Y(0)|J = c]$  and since the LATE is  $\mathbb{E}[Y(1) - Y(0)|J = c]$ , the analogue of  $\mathcal{W}$  is

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[Y(1) - Y(0)|J = c]}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

so *if* we could establish that

$$\Delta \overline{y^2} = \left( \frac{p_1 - p_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \mathbb{E} [Y(1) - Y(0)|J = c] \cdot \mathbb{E} [Y(1) + Y(0)|J = c]$$

in the heterogeneous treatment effects case, the proof of Theorem 2 would go through immediately. Now, if we assume an exclusion restriction on the *second* moment of  $y$  an argument almost identical to the standard LATE derivation gives

$$\Delta \overline{y^2} = \frac{\mathbb{E} [Y^2(1) - Y^2(0)|J = c]}{p_1^* - p_0^*} = \left( \frac{p_1 - p_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \mathbb{E} [Y^2(1) - Y^2(0)|J = c]$$

so we see that the necessary and sufficient condition for our proof to go through is

$$\mathbb{E} [Y^2(1) - Y^2(0)|J = c] = \mathbb{E} [Y(1) - Y(0)|J = c] \cdot \mathbb{E} [Y(1) + Y(0)|J = c]$$

Rearranging, this in turn is equivalent to

$$\text{Var} [Y(1)|J = c] = \text{Var} [Y(0)|J = c]$$

### 9.3 Partial Identification Under Independence Assumption

Suppose we only make the LATE independence assumption  $Y(T^*, z) = Y(T^*)$  rather than the conditional independence assumption  $P(Y < \tau|T^*, z_k) = P(Y < \tau|T^*, z_\ell)$ . Then we still obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(Y|T^* = 1, z = 1) &= \left( \frac{p_0^*}{p_1^*} \right) \mathbb{P}[Y(1)|J = a] + \left( \frac{p_1^* - p_0^*}{p_1^*} \right) \mathbb{P}[Y(1)|J = c] \\ \mathbb{P}(Y|T^* = 0, z = 0) &= \left( \frac{p_1^* - p_0^*}{1 - p_0^*} \right) \mathbb{P}[Y(0)|J = c] + \left( \frac{1 - p_1^*}{1 - p_0^*} \right) \mathbb{P}[Y(0)|J = n] \\ \mathbb{P}(Y|T^* = 1, z = 0) &= \mathbb{P}[Y(1)|J = a] \\ \mathbb{P}(Y|T^* = 0, z = 1) &= \mathbb{P}[Y(0)|J = n] \end{aligned}$$

From above, we also know that

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y|T^* = 0, z_k) &= P(Y|T = 0, z_k) + \left( \frac{\alpha_1 p_k}{1 - p_k - \alpha_1} \right) [P(Y|T = 0, z_k) - P(Y|T = 1, z_k)] \\ P(Y|T^* = 1, z_k) &= P(Y|T = 1, z_k) + \left( \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_k)}{p_k - \alpha_0} \right) [P(Y|T = 1, z_k) - P(Y|T = 0, z_k)] \end{aligned}$$

The notation is getting a bit unwieldy so let  $\pi_{tk}^*(y) = P(Y = y|T^* = t, z_k)$  and similarly define  $\pi_{tk}(y) = P(Y = y|T = t, z_k)$ . Using this new notation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)\pi_{0k}^*(y) &= (1 - p_k - \alpha_1)\pi_{0k}(y) + \alpha_1 p_k [\pi_{0k}(y) - \pi_{1k}(y)] \\ (p_k - \alpha_0)\pi_{1k}^*(y) &= (p_k - \alpha_0)\pi_{1k}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_k) [\pi_{1k}(y) - \pi_{0k}(y)]\end{aligned}$$

Writing these out for all values of  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(p_1 - \alpha_0)\pi_{11}^*(y) &= (p_1 - \alpha_0)\pi_{11}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_1) [\pi_{11}(y) - \pi_{01}(y)] \\ (1 - p_0 - \alpha_1)\pi_{00}^*(y) &= (1 - p_0 - \alpha_1)\pi_{00}(y) + \alpha_1 p_0 [\pi_{00}(y) - \pi_{10}(y)] \\ (p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}^*(y) &= (p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_0) [\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] \\ (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}^*(y) &= (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}(y) + \alpha_1 p_1 [\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)]\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using the fact that  $p_k^* = (p_k - \alpha_0)/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{11}^*(y) &= \left(\frac{p_0 - \alpha_0}{p_1 - \alpha_0}\right) P[Y(1)|J = a] + \left(\frac{p_1 - p_0}{p_1 - \alpha_0}\right) P[Y(1)|J = c] \\ \pi_{00}^*(y) &= \left(\frac{p_1 - p_0}{1 - p_0 - \alpha_1}\right) P[Y(0)|J = c] + \left(\frac{1 - p_1 - \alpha_1}{1 - p_0 - \alpha_1}\right) P[Y(0)|J = n] \\ \pi_{10}^*(y) &= P[Y(1)|J = a] \\ \pi_{01}^*(y) &= P[Y(0)|J = n]\end{aligned}$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned}(p_1 - \alpha_0)\pi_{11}^*(y) &= (p_0 - \alpha_0) P[Y(1)|J = a] + (p_1 - p_0) P[Y(1)|J = c] \\ (1 - p_0 - \alpha_1)\pi_{00}^*(y) &= (p_1 - p_0) P[Y(0)|J = c] + (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1) P[Y(0)|J = n] \\ (p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}^*(y) &= (p_0 - \alpha_0) P[Y(1)|J = a] \\ (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}^*(y) &= (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1) P[Y(0)|J = n]\end{aligned}$$

Equating,

$$\begin{aligned}(p_0 - \alpha_0) P[Y(1)|J = a] + (p_1 - p_0) P[Y(1)|J = c] &= (p_1 - \alpha_0)\pi_{11}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_1) [\pi_{11}(y) - \pi_{01}(y)] \\ (p_1 - p_0) P[Y(0)|J = c] + (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1) P[Y(0)|J = n] &= (1 - p_0 - \alpha_1)\pi_{00}(y) + \alpha_1 p_0 [\pi_{00}(y) - \pi_{10}(y)] \\ (p_0 - \alpha_0) P[Y(1)|J = a] &= (p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_0) [\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] \\ (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1) P[Y(0)|J = n] &= (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}(y) + \alpha_1 p_1 [\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)]\end{aligned}$$



and substituting the third and fourth equalities into the first and second we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_0)[\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] + (p_1 - p_0)P[Y(1)|J = c] &= (p_1 - \alpha_0)\pi_{11}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_1)[\pi_{11}(y) - \pi_{01}(y)] \\
(p_1 - p_0)P[Y(0)|J = c] + (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}(y) + \alpha_1 p_1[\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)] &= (1 - p_0 - \alpha_1)\pi_{00}(y) + \alpha_1 p_0[\pi_{00}(y) - \pi_{10}(y)] \\
(p_0 - \alpha_0)P[Y(1)|J = a] &= (p_0 - \alpha_0)\pi_{10}(y) + \alpha_0(1 - p_0)[\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] \\
(1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)P[Y(0)|J = n] &= (1 - p_1 - \alpha_1)\pi_{01}(y) + \alpha_1 p_1[\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)]
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying and re-arranging,

$$\begin{aligned}
P[Y(1) = y|J = c] &= \left[ \frac{p_1\pi_{11}(y) - p_0\pi_{10}(y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_0 \left[ \frac{p_1\pi_{11}(y) - p_0\pi_{10}(y) + (1 - p_1)\pi_{01}(y) - (1 - p_0)\pi_{00}(y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \\
P[Y(0) = y|J = c] &= \left[ \frac{(1 - p_0)\pi_{00}(y) - (1 - p_1)\pi_{01}(y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{(1 - p_0)\pi_{00}(y) - (1 - p_1)\pi_{01}(y) + p_0\pi_{10}(y) - p_1\pi_{11}(y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \\
P[Y(1) = y|J = a] &= \pi_{10}(y) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_0)}{p_0 - \alpha_0} \right] [\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] \\
P[Y(0) = y|J = n] &= \pi_{01}(y) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_1 p_1}{1 - p_1 - \alpha_1} \right] [\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)]
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the first two equations can be simplified as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
P[Y(1) = y|J = c] &= \left[ \frac{P(Y = y, T = 1|z = 1) - P(Y, T = 1|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_0 \left[ \frac{P(Y = y|z = 1) - P(Y = y|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \\
P[Y(0) = y|J = c] &= \left[ \frac{P(Y = y, T = 0|z = 1) - P(Y = y, T = 0|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{P(Y = y|z = 0) - P(Y = y|z = 1)}{p_1 - p_0} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Now, since probabilities must be between zero and one, we obtain the bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \left[ \frac{P(Y = y, T = 1|z = 1) - P(Y = y, T = 1|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_0 \left[ \frac{P(Y = y|z = 1) - P(Y = y|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \leq 1 \\
0 &\leq \left[ \frac{P(Y = y, T = 0|z = 1) - P(Y = y, T = 0|z = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{P(Y = y|z = 0) - P(Y = y|z = 1)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

which we abbreviate

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \left[ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 1)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \alpha_0 \left[ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \leq 1 \\
0 &\leq \alpha_1 \left[ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] - \left[ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 0)}{p_1 - p_0} \right] \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta P(Y = y) &= P(Y = y|z = 1) - P(Y = y|z = 0) \\
\Delta P(Y = y, T = t) &= P(Y = y, T = t|z = 1) - P(Y = y, T = t|z = 0).
\end{aligned}$$

To manipulate these bounds, we need to know the sign of  $R = \Delta P(Y = y)/(p_1 - p_0)$ . Presumably this will be positive for most values of  $y$ , but it could be negative.

**Case I:  $R$  is positive.**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 1) - (p_1 - p_0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} &\leq \alpha_0 \leq \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 1)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} \\ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} &\leq \alpha_1 \leq \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 0) + (p_1 - p_0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} \end{aligned}$$

**Case II:  $R$  is negative.**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 1)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} &\leq \alpha_0 \leq \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 1) - (p_1 - p_0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} \\ \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 0) + (p_1 - p_0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} &\leq \alpha_1 \leq \frac{\Delta P(Y = y, T = 0)}{\Delta P(Y = y)} \end{aligned}$$

Note that we *two-sided* bounds for the misclassification probabilities. These may be trivial in some cases, but I don't think it's obvious that they always will be.

Do these bounds have anything to do with the testability of the LATE assumptions? That is, do we get a lower bound for measurement error *precisely when* we would otherwise violate a testable LATE assumption?

Note that we also obtain bounds from the potential outcome distributions of always-takers and never-takers, namely

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \pi_{10}(y) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_0)}{p_0 - \alpha_0} \right] [\pi_{10}(y) - \pi_{00}(y)] \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq \pi_{01}(y) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_1 p_1}{1 - p_1 - \alpha_1} \right] [\pi_{01}(y) - \pi_{11}(y)] \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

but these are redundant. From the assumption of non-differential measurement error, we already have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{0k}^* &= \pi_{0k} + \left( \frac{\alpha_1 p_k}{1 - p_k - \alpha_1} \right) (\pi_{0k} - \pi_{1k}) \\ \pi_{1k}^* &= \pi_{1k} + \left( \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_k)}{p_k - \alpha_0} \right) (\pi_{1k} - \pi_{0k}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k$  as given at the beginning of this section. These expressions imply

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \pi_{0k} + \left( \frac{\alpha_1 p_k}{1 - p_k - \alpha_1} \right) (\pi_{0k} - \pi_{1k}) \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq \pi_{1k} + \left( \frac{\alpha_0 (1 - p_k)}{p_k - \alpha_0} \right) (\pi_{1k} - \pi_{0k}) \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (1 - p_k)\pi_{0k} - \alpha_1\pi_{0k} + \alpha_1 p_k (\pi_{0k} - \pi_{1k}) \leq 1 - p_k - \alpha_1 \\ 0 &\leq p_k\pi_{1k} - \alpha_0\pi_{1k} + \alpha_0(1 - p_k) (\pi_{1k} - \pi_{0k}) \leq p_k - \alpha_0 \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (1 - p_k)\pi_{0k} - \alpha_1 [(1 - p_k)\pi_{0k} + p_k\pi_{1k}] \leq 1 - p_k - \alpha_1 \\ 0 &\leq p_k\pi_{1k} - \alpha_0 [p_k\pi_{1k} + (1 - p_k)\pi_{0k}] \leq p_k - \alpha_0 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the first inequality. Re-arranging the right-hand side we obtain

$$\alpha_1 \leq \frac{(1 - p_k)(1 - \pi_{0k})}{1 - [(1 - p_k)\pi_{0k} + p_k\pi_{1k}]} = (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{P(Y = 0|T = 0, z = k)}{P(Y = 0|z = k)} \right]$$

and re-arranging the left-hand side we find

$$\alpha_1 \leq \frac{(1 - p_k)\pi_{0k}}{(1 - p_k)\pi_{0k} + p_k\pi_{1k}} = (1 - p_k) \left[ \frac{P(Y = 1|T = 0, z = k)}{P(Y = 1|z = k)} \right]$$

For the second inequality, the left-hand side gives

$$\alpha_0 \leq \frac{p_k\pi_{1k}}{p_k\pi_{1k} + (1 - p_k)\pi_{0k}} = p_k \left[ \frac{P(Y = 1|T = 1, z = k)}{P(Y = 1|z_k)} \right]$$

while the right-hand side gives

$$\alpha_0 \leq \frac{p_k(1 - \pi_{1k})}{1 - [p_k\pi_{1k} + (1 - p_k)\pi_{0k}]} = p_k \left[ \frac{P(Y = 0|T = 1, z = k)}{P(Y = 0|z = k)} \right]$$

These are analogous to our CDF bounds from above although they may not be tighter than the bounds

$$\alpha_0 \leq p_k, \quad \alpha_1 \leq (1 - p_k)$$

because we cannot argue, as we did above, about a limit in which the ratio of CDFs ap-

proaches one. As before, however, we can take the tightest bound over  $k = 0, 1$ .

## 9.4 Bounding the LATE

Even if we didn't know anything about  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  beyond the fact that they are probabilities, it looks like we could still bound the LATE. I think we can do this without using the independence of the instrument, that is only using the mean exclusion restriction. Write out the LATE expressions with the  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  in them and then just plug in zero and one. Could then tighten the bounds by imposing additional assumptions to get bounds for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ , from weakest to strongest. If you have an independent instrument, you also get bounds for the outcome distributions. Need to think some more about this...

## 9.5 Stochastic Dominance Conditions

What if we imposed a stochastic ordering, e.g.  $Y(1) > Y(0)$  for compliers? Presumably this would give joint bounds for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  from the LATE expressions from above. Alternatively, perhaps one would choose to impose an ordering on the  $Y(0)$  distributions for compliers versus never-takers or the  $Y(1)$  distributions for the compliers versus always-takers. This might be interesting in situations where one is concerned that the assumption we need for identification does not in fact hold and should give additional bounds.

# 10 Outline For New Draft

### 1. Introduction / Literature Review

#### (a) Why is this an important question?

- Treatments of interest in economics usually endogenous and often binary.
- Randomized encouragement designs are common in applied work.
- Treatment status is often self-reported.
- This problem is much more challenging than people realize.

#### (b) Why are we different from Ura?

- Main difference is that we, in line with the existing literature, study the case of non-differential measurement error. This allows us to obtain point identification under certain assumptions.
- In contrast, Ura considers arbitrary forms of mis-classification but as a consequence presents only partial identification results.

- Second, while we do provide results for LATE in Section blah, we mainly focus on additively separable model in which heterogeneity is captured by observed covariates while Ura considers only a LATE model. (And also doesn't allow for covariates.)

## 2. Mahajan/Lewbell-style Assumptions

### (a) Setup and Assumptions:

- Homogenous treatment effect model (additively separable)
- Conditional mean version of non-differential measurement error assumption.
- Conditional mean independence for IV.

### (b) Show that the model is not identified, regardless of (discrete) support of IV.

### (c) Derive sharp bounds for $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$ and treatment effect.

### (d) Show that second and third-moment independence for IV identifies this model? Maybe this isn't interesting in and of itself?

## 3. Independence Assumption

### (a) Motivation

- Showed above that stronger assumptions are needed for identification, but the additional moment restrictions seem a bit artificial.
- When instruments are derived from economic theory that yields conditional mean independence only, we wouldn't want to use them.
- They would make sense, however, in an RCT or natural experiment.
- The whole point in these settings is *not* to rely on functional form assumptions. It would be strange to say that  $z$  is an instrument for  $y$  but not  $\log y$ .
- This points towards an *independence* assumption for the instrument.
- Can make a similar argument for measurement error: seems strange to assume that  $T$  is non-differential for  $y$  but not  $\log y$ .

### (b) Sharp Bounds for $\alpha_0$ and $\alpha_1$ without valid instrument

- Assume "independence" version of non-differential measurement error.
- Derive CDF bounds.

### (c) Conditional Independence for Instrument

- Exactly what assumptions do we need here?
- Characteristic functions.

- Identification conditions?
- Overidentifying restrictions? Test model?

#### 4. LATE Model

##### (a) Introduction

- Most of the existing mis-classification literature focuses on a homogeneous treatment effects model.
- What if we don't have an additively separable model?
- These results complement Ura because we work under the assumption of non-differential measurement error while he asks what can be learned when one is unwilling to make any assumptions about the form of the mis-classification.

##### (b) Mahajan/Lewbel Setup

- Presumably the partial identification results go through for a LATE.
- The second and third moment conditions would require restrictions on form of heterogeneity. These would seem to be satisfied by a generalized Roy model.

##### (c) Independence Assumptions

- Presumably the CDF bounds go through as before but need to state exact form of independence assumption in terms of potential outcomes.
- Kitagawa-style independence assumption for IV:  $Y(T^*, z) = Y(T^*)$ . This gives bounds for all quantile treatment effects.
- Stochastic dominance conditions?

#### 5. Estimation / Inference

#### 6. Simulation Study

#### 7. Empirical Examples

- Try to look at a number of examples under different assumptions to illustrate both point and partial identification results. Don't forget about Oreopoulos: the sample size is so huge that inference isn't a major concern.

## 11 Weak Identification

### 11.1 Moment Equations

First we write the moment equations in a more familiar GMM-style form.

**First Moment Condition:** This is simply the IV moment condition:

$$\text{Cov}(y, z)/\text{Cov}(T, z) = \beta/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$$

Rearranging gives a more “canonical” GMM form:

$$\text{Cov}(y, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \text{Cov}(T, z) = 0$$

**Second Moment Condition:** The equations used to identify  $(\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$  in the paper are

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{k\ell}^* &= (p_k - \alpha_0)m_{1k}^* - (p_\ell - \alpha_0)m_{1\ell}^* \\ \Delta \overline{y^2} &= \beta \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) + 2\mathcal{W}\mu_{k\ell}^* \\ \Delta \overline{yT} &= (1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) + \mu_{k\ell}^*\end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging the third equation,  $\mu_{k\ell}^* = \Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)$ . Substituting into the second equation,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \overline{y^2} &= \mathcal{W} [\beta(p_k - p_\ell) + 2\mu_{k\ell}^*] \\ &= \mathcal{W} \{ \beta(p_k - p_\ell) + 2 [\Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] \} \\ &= \mathcal{W} \{ (p_k - p_\ell) [\beta - 2(1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W}] + 2\Delta \overline{yT} \}\end{aligned}$$

Now, substituting  $\mathcal{W} = \beta/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \overline{y^2} &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \left\{ \beta(p_k - p_\ell) \left[ 1 - \frac{2(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] + 2\Delta \overline{yT} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \left\{ 2\Delta \overline{yT} - \beta(p_k - p_\ell) \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

We now write this in a more standard form. Let  $w$  be any random variable. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(w, z) &= E(wz) - E(w)E(z) = [1 \times E(w|z = 1)q + 0 \times E(w|z = 0)(1 - q)] - E(w)q \\ &= qE(w|z = 1) - qE(w) = qE(w|z = 1) - q[E(w|z = 1)q + E(w|z = 0)(1 - q)] \\ &= q[E(w|z = 1)(1 - q) + E(w|z = 0)(1 - q)] \\ &= q(1 - q)[E(w|z = 1) - E(w|z = 0)]\end{aligned}$$

Using this fact, we can express the quantities that appear in the second moment equality in terms of covariances as follows

$$\Delta \overline{y^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(y^2, z)}{q(1-q)}, \quad \Delta \overline{yT} = \frac{\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{q(1-q)}, \quad (p_k - p_\ell) = \frac{\text{Cov}(T, z)}{q(1-q)}$$

leading to

$$\frac{\text{Cov}(y^2, z)}{q(1-q)} = \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \left\{ \frac{2\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{q(1-q)} - \beta \frac{\text{Cov}(T, z)}{q(1-q)} \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \right\}$$

Or, multiplying through by  $q(1-q)$  and re-arranging,

$$\text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \left\{ 2\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \beta \text{Cov}(T, z) \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \right\} = 0$$

**Third Moment Condition:** The third and final set of moment conditions is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \overline{y^3} &= \beta^2 [\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] + 3\beta [\mathcal{W}\mu_{k\ell}^*] + 3\mathcal{W}\lambda_{k\ell}^* \\ \Delta \overline{y^2T} &= \beta(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) + 2(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}\mu_{k\ell}^* + \lambda_{k\ell}^* \end{aligned}$$

To put this into a more familiar format, we first eliminate  $\mu_{k\ell}^*$  using

$$\mu_{k\ell}^* = \Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)$$

from the derivation of the second moment equation from above, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \overline{y^3} &= \beta^2 [\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] + 3\beta \mathcal{W} [\Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] + 3\mathcal{W}\lambda_{k\ell}^* \\ \Delta \overline{y^2T} &= \beta(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) + 2(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W} [\Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] + \lambda_{k\ell}^* \end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging and factoring the first equation gives

$$\Delta \overline{y^3} = \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) \left\{ \beta^2 + \frac{3\beta \Delta \overline{yT}}{p_k - p_\ell} - 3\beta \mathcal{W}(1 - \alpha_1) + \frac{3\lambda_{k\ell}^*}{p_k - p_\ell} \right\}$$

Now, by re-arranging the second equation we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{k\ell}^* &= \Delta \overline{y^2T} - \beta(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) - 2(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W} [\Delta \overline{yT} - (1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)] \\ &= \Delta \overline{y^2T} - \beta(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell) - 2(1 - \alpha_1) \mathcal{W} \Delta \overline{yT} + 2(1 - \alpha_1)^2 \mathcal{W}^2(p_k - p_\ell) \end{aligned}$$



and thus

$$\frac{3\lambda_{k\ell}^*}{p_k - p_\ell} = 3 \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y^2 T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) - 3\beta(1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W} - 6(1 - \alpha_1)\mathcal{W} \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) + 6(1 - \alpha_1)^2 \mathcal{W}^2$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta \overline{y^3}}{\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)} &= \left\{ \beta^2 - 6\beta\mathcal{W}(1 - \alpha_1) + 6\mathcal{W}^2(1 - \alpha_1)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) [3\beta - 6\mathcal{W}(1 - \alpha_1)] + 3 \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y^2 T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \beta^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} + \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)^2}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \right] + 3\beta \left[ 1 - \frac{2(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) + 3 \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y^2 T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying, we find that

$$\left[ 1 - \frac{2(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] = \frac{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) - 2(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} = \frac{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - 2 + 2\alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} = \frac{\alpha_1 - \alpha_0 - 1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ 1 - \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} + \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)^2}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \right] &= 1 - \left[ \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \\ &= 1 - \left[ \frac{6(1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \left[ \frac{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) - (1 - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\frac{\Delta \overline{y^3}}{\mathcal{W}(p_k - p_\ell)} = \left\{ \beta^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \right] - 3\beta \left[ \frac{1 - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) + 3 \left( \frac{\Delta \overline{y^2 T}}{p_k - p_\ell} \right) \right\}$$

Therefore, re-arranging and multiplying through by  $q(1 - q)$ ,

$$\text{Cov}(z, y^3) = \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \left\{ \beta^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \right] \text{Cov}(z, T) - 3\beta \left[ \frac{1 - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \text{Cov}(z, yT) + 3\text{Cov}(z, y^2 T) \right\}$$

### Full Set of Moment Conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(y, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \left\{ 2\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \beta\text{Cov}(T, z) \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \right\} &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^3, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \left\{ \beta^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)}{(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2} \right] \text{Cov}(T, z) - 3\beta \left[ \frac{1 - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \text{Cov}(yT, z) + 3\text{Cov}(y^2 T, z) \right\} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 11.2 Simple Special Case: $\alpha_0 = 0$

Suppose that  $\alpha_0$ . Then the model is identified using the first and second moment equalities, which simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(y, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) [2\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \beta\text{Cov}(T, z)] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

In this simple special case, it is easy to solve for  $\beta$  by substituting the first moment condition into the second:

$$\beta = \frac{2\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{\text{Cov}(T, z)} - \frac{\text{Cov}(y^2, z)}{\text{Cov}(y, z)}$$

I checked this equation in our simulation experiment and it is indeed correct

Notice that if  $\beta \approx 0$  then both  $\text{Cov}(y^2, z)$  and  $\text{Cov}(y, z)$  are close to zero so their ratio becomes extremely noisy.

**Standard GMM form:** To express this system in the standard GMM form, we need to agument these moment equalities with expressions for the means of  $z, y, y^2, T$ , and  $yT$  as follows. Let  $\mathbf{w}_i = (y_i, z_i, T_i)'$ ,  $\theta = (\beta, \alpha_1)'$  and  $\gamma = (q, p, \mu, s, r)'$  where

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \mathbb{E}[z] \\ p &= \mathbb{E}[T] \\ \mu &= \mathbb{E}[y] \\ s &= \mathbb{E}[y^2] \\ r &= \mathbb{E}[yT]. \end{aligned}$$

We can express our problem in terms of two blocks of moment conditions, namely

$$f(\mathbf{w}; \theta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} g(\mathbf{w}; \theta, \gamma) \\ h(\mathbf{w}; \gamma) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$g(\mathbf{w}; \theta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} (zy - q\mu) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) (zT - qp) \\ (zy^2 - qs) - 2 \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) (zyT - qr) + \left( \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) (zT - qp) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$h(\mathbf{w}; \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} z - q \\ T - p \\ y - \mu \\ y^2 - s \\ yT - r \end{bmatrix}$$

We can view this as a two-step or “plug-in” GMM estimation problem where  $\hat{\gamma}$  solves the sample moment condition

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(\mathbf{w}_i; \gamma) = 0$$

and  $\hat{\theta}$  solves

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta, \hat{\gamma}) = 0.$$

Unfortunately, in our example the first-step estimation affects the asymptotic variance of the second since an inconsistent estimator of  $\gamma$  yields an inconsistent estimator of  $\theta$ .<sup>2</sup> This means that we will have to proceed “the hard way.”

Under standard regularity conditions, a GMM estimator based on the sample analogue  $f_n(\theta, \gamma)$  of  $\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w}; \theta, \gamma)] = 0$  using a weighting matrix  $\widehat{W} \rightarrow_p W$  converges in distribution to

$$-(F'WF)^{-1}F'WM, \quad M \sim N(0, \Omega)$$

where  $\sqrt{n}f_n(\theta_0, \gamma_0) \rightarrow_d M$  and  $F = \mathbb{E}[\nabla'_\theta f(\mathbf{w}; \theta_0, \gamma_0), \nabla'_\gamma f(\mathbf{w}; \theta_0, \gamma_0)]$ . The present example, however, is just-identified which means that  $F$  is square and hence

$$-(F'WF)^{-1}F'W = F^{-1}W^{-1}(F')^{-1}F'W = -F^{-1}$$

Now, given the special structure of our example,

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}\{\nabla'_\theta g(\mathbf{w}; \theta_0, \gamma_0)\} & \mathbb{E}\{\nabla'_\gamma g(\mathbf{w}; \theta_0, \gamma_0)\} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} G_\theta & G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

because  $h$  does not involve  $\theta$  and  $\nabla'_\gamma h(\mathbf{w}, \gamma) = -\mathbf{I}$ . Inverting, we have

$$-F^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -G_\theta & -G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -G_\theta^{-1} & -G_\theta^{-1}G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

---

<sup>2</sup>See Newey & McFadden (1994), Section 6.

We see from this expression that if  $G_\gamma$  were zero, the first step-estimation would not affect the limit distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$ . Differentiating,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla g_\beta & \nabla g_{\alpha_1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\left(\frac{zT - qp}{1 - \alpha_1}\right) & -\left\{\frac{\beta(zT - qp)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2}\right\} \\ 2\left\{\frac{\beta(zT - qp) - (zyT - qr)}{1 - \alpha_1}\right\} & \frac{\beta^2(zT - qp) - 2\beta(zyT - qr)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus, taking expectations,

$$G_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\text{Cov}(z, T)}{1 - \alpha_1} & \frac{-\beta\text{Cov}(z, T)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} \\ 2\left\{\frac{\beta\text{Cov}(z, T) - \text{Cov}(yT, z)}{1 - \alpha_1}\right\} & \frac{\beta^2\text{Cov}(z, T) - 2\beta\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, for  $G_\gamma$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_\gamma &= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_q g & \nabla_p \mu & \nabla_\mu g & \nabla_s g & \nabla_r g \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{p\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} - \mu\right) & \left(\frac{q\beta}{1 - \alpha_1}\right) & -q & 0 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1}\right)(2r - \beta p) - s & \frac{-q\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} & 0 & -q & \frac{2\beta q}{1 - \alpha_1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The next step is to invert  $G_\theta$ . First we calculate the determinant. For the purposes of this calculation, use the shorthand  $C = \text{Cov}(z, T)$  and  $D = \text{Cov}(yT, z)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} |G_\theta| &= \left[\frac{-C}{1 - \alpha_1}\right] \left[\frac{\beta^2 C - 2\beta D}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2}\right] - \left[\frac{-\beta C}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2}\right] \left[\frac{2\beta C - 2D}{1 - \alpha_1}\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 - \alpha_1}\right)^3 [2\beta CD - \beta^2 C^2 + 2\beta^2 C^2 - 2\beta CD] \\ &= \frac{\beta^2 \text{Cov}(z, T)^2}{(1 - \alpha_1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{\theta}^{-1} &= \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)^3}{\beta^2 \text{Cov}(z, T)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\beta^2 \text{Cov}(z, T) - 2\beta \text{Cov}(yT, z)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} & \frac{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T)}{(1 - \alpha_1)^2} \\ -2 \left\{ \frac{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T) - \text{Cov}(yT, z)}{1 - \alpha_1} \right\} & \frac{-\text{Cov}(z, T)}{1 - \alpha_1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\text{Cov}(z, T)} \right\} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T)} \right\} & \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T)} \\ \frac{2(1 - \alpha_1)^2}{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T)} \left\{ \frac{\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{\beta \text{Cov}(z, T)} - 1 \right\} & \frac{-(1 - \alpha_1)^2}{\beta^2 \text{Cov}(z, T)} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

The next step is to calculate  $\Omega$ :

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var} [\sqrt{n} f_n(\theta_0, \gamma_0)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) \right]$$

If  $\mathbf{w}_i$  is an iid sequence of RVs, then

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{Var} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var} [f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)] = \text{Var} [f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)]$$

And assuming that our model is correctly specified, so that  $\mathbb{E} [f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)] = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var} [f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)] &= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' & g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' \\ h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' & h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0) h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' \end{bmatrix} \\
&\equiv \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{gg} & \Omega_{gh} \\ \Omega_{gh} & \Omega_{hh} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

We now calculate each block.

I don't think this is actually going to give us anything interpretable. The expressions are quite involved and it seems unlikely that they'll cancel in a useful way. This doesn't matter for implementation, of course, since it's easy to calculate the estimate of  $\hat{\Omega}$  by plugging the GMM estimates into the sample moment conditions, taking the outer product, and averaging.

We are only interested in the asymptotic variance matrix  $V_{\theta}$  of our parameters of interest

$\theta = (\beta, \alpha_1)$ . We calculate this as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
V_\theta &= \begin{bmatrix} G_\theta^{-1} & G_\theta^{-1}G_\gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{gg} & \Omega_{gh} \\ \Omega_{hg} & \Omega_{hh} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (G_\theta^{-1})' \\ (G_\theta^{-1}G_\gamma)' \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} G_\theta^{-1}(\Omega_{gg} + G_\gamma\Omega_{gh}) & G_\theta^{-1}(\Omega_{gh} + G_\gamma\Omega_{hh}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (G_\theta^{-1})' \\ G_\gamma'(G_\theta^{-1})' \end{bmatrix} \\
&= G_\theta^{-1}(\Omega_{gg} + G_\gamma\Omega_{gh})(G_\theta^{-1})' + G_\theta^{-1}(\Omega_{gh} + G_\gamma\Omega_{hh})G_\gamma'(G_\theta^{-1})' \\
&= G_\theta^{-1}(\Omega_{gg} + G_\gamma\Omega_{hg} + \Omega_{gh}G_\gamma' + G_\gamma\Omega_{hh}G_\gamma')(G_\theta^{-1})'
\end{aligned}$$

### 11.3 Easier(?) Derivation of Simple Special Case: $\alpha_0 = 0$

Recall that we could eliminate  $\alpha_1$  from the moment conditions, yielding,

$$\beta = \frac{2\text{Cov}(yT, z)}{\text{Cov}(T, z)} - \frac{\text{Cov}(y^2, z)}{\text{Cov}(y, z)}$$

We can treat this as our  $g$  block of moment conditions with a parameter vector  $\theta$  that is simply  $\beta$ . This gives

$$g(\mathbf{w}; \beta, \gamma) = \left[ 2 \left( \frac{zTy - qr}{zT - qp} \right) - \frac{zy^2 - qs}{zy - q\mu} - \beta \right]$$

The  $h$  block of moment conditions is unchanged. Now, we have

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E} \{ \nabla'_\beta g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) \} & \mathbb{E} \{ \nabla'_\gamma g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) \} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} G_\beta & G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

since the derivative of  $g$  with respect to  $\beta$  is -1 and that of  $h$  with respect to  $\gamma$  is  $-\mathbf{I}$ . Inverting,

$$-F^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -G_\beta & -G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -G_\beta^{-1} & -G_\beta^{-1}G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & G_\gamma \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

We calculate  $G_\gamma$  as follows:

$$G_\gamma = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_q g & \nabla_p g & \nabla_\mu g & \nabla_s g & \nabla_r g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_q g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) &= \nabla_q \left[ 2 \left( \frac{zTy - qr}{zT - qp} \right) - \frac{zy^2 - qs}{zy - q\mu} - \beta \right] \\ &= 2 \left[ \frac{-r(zT - qp) + p(zTy - qr)}{(zT - qp)^2} \right] - \frac{-s(zy - q\mu) + \mu(zy^2 - qs)}{(zy - q\mu)^2} \\ &= \frac{2zT(py - r)}{(zT - qp)^2} - \frac{zy(\mu y - s)}{(zy - q\mu)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_p g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) = \frac{2q(zTy - qr)}{(zT - qp)^2}$$

$$\nabla_\mu g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) = \frac{-q(zy^2 - qs)}{(zy - q\mu)^2}$$

$$\nabla_s g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) = \frac{q}{zy - q\mu}$$

$$\nabla_r g(\mathbf{w}; \beta_0, \gamma_0) = \frac{-2q}{zT - qp}$$

The next step is to calculate  $\Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \text{Var} [f(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' & g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' \\ h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)g(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' & h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)h(\mathbf{w}_i; \theta_0, \gamma_0)' \end{bmatrix} \\ &\equiv \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{gg} & \Omega_{gh} \\ \Omega_{gh} & \Omega_{hh} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We now calculate each block.

Still need to do this!

## 11.4 Two-Step Inference Idea

If  $\beta$  is small, then confidence intervals based on the GMM limit distribution from above will perform badly. But even in this case, inference for the *identified set*  $[\beta_{RF}, \beta_{IV}]$  should still be well-behaved, so long as the instrument is strong. The idea of this section is to

explore a two-step procedure that chooses between reporting the GMM confidence interval or inference for the identified set based on a pre-test of  $\beta_{RF}$ . Presumably conducting valid inference based on such a procedure will require a Bonferroni correction. The first step, however, is to determine the joint limiting behavior of the reduced form, IV, and GMM estimators.

**Reduced Form Estimator** The reduced form is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 z + \eta \\ \gamma_0 &= \mathbb{E}[y|z = 0] \\ \gamma_1 &= \mathbb{E}[y|z = 0] - \mathbb{E}[y|z = 1] \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to write  $\eta$  in terms of the “primitives” of our model. The first stage and main equation are

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon \\ T^* &= \pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v \\ \pi_1 &= p_1^* - p_0^* \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$y = (c + \beta\pi_0) + (\beta\pi_1)z + (\varepsilon + \beta v)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \beta(p_1^* - p_0^*) \\ \eta &= \varepsilon + \beta v \end{aligned}$$

Now, define  $W = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{z})$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1)'$ . Then the reduced form estimator is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = (W'W)^{-1} W'\mathbf{y} = (W'W)^{-1} W'(W\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) = \boldsymbol{\gamma} + (W'W)^{-1} W'\boldsymbol{\eta}$$

and hence

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \left( \frac{W'W}{n} \right)^{-1} \frac{W'\boldsymbol{\eta}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Now,

$$\left( \frac{W'W}{n} \right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{\mathbf{z}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{z}} & \mathbf{z}'\mathbf{z}/n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & q \\ q & q \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{q(1-q)} \begin{bmatrix} q & -q \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



and by the Central Limit Theorem,

$$\frac{W'\boldsymbol{\eta}}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z_i \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\varepsilon_i + \beta v_i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z_i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow_d N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_i^2 & z_i \eta_i^2 \\ z_i \eta_i^2 & z_i^2 \eta_i^2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} (\varepsilon_i + \beta v_i)^2 & z_i (\varepsilon_i + \beta v_i)^2 \\ z_i (\varepsilon_i + \beta v_i)^2 & z_i^2 (\varepsilon_i + \beta v_i)^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_i^2 + 2\beta \varepsilon_i v_i + \beta^2 v_i^2 & z_i^2 \varepsilon_i + 2\beta z_i \varepsilon_i v_i + \beta^2 z_i v_i^2 \\ z_i^2 \varepsilon_i + 2\beta z_i \varepsilon_i v_i + \beta^2 z_i v_i^2 & z_i^2 \varepsilon_i^2 + 2\beta z_i^2 \varepsilon_i v_i + \beta^2 z_i^2 v_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The next step is to work out the joint distribution of  $v$  and the other primitives of our model:

$$\begin{aligned} T^* = 0, z = 0 &\implies 0 = \pi_0 + v \implies v = -\pi_0 = -p_0^* \\ T^* = 1, z = 0 &\implies 1 = \pi_0 + v \implies v = 1 - \pi_0 = 1 - p_0^* \\ T^* = 0, z = 1 &\implies 0 = \pi_0 + \pi_1 + v \implies v = -(\pi_0 + \pi_1) = -p_1^* \\ T^* = 1, z = 1 &\implies 1 = \pi_0 + \pi_1 + v \implies v = 1 - (\pi_0 + \pi_1) = 1 - p_1^* \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0, z = 0) &= \mathbb{P}(v = -p_0^*) = (1 - p_0^*)(1 - q) \\ \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1, z = 0) &= \mathbb{P}(v = 1 - p_0^*) = p_0^*(1 - q) \\ \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0, z = 1) &= \mathbb{P}(v = -p_1^*) = (1 - p_1^*)q \\ \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1, z = 1) &= \mathbb{P}(v = 1 - p_1^*) = p_1^*q \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, as must be true *by construction*,  $v$  is mean zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[v] &= -p_0^*(1 - p_0^*)(1 - q) + (1 - p_0^*)p_0^*(1 - q) - p_1^*(1 - p_1^*)q + (1 - p_1^*)p_1^*q \\ &= (1 - q)(1 - p_0^*)(p_0^* - p_0^*) + q(1 - p_1^*)(p_1^* - p_1^*) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and uncorrelated with  $v$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[zv] &= q\mathbb{E}[v|z = 1] = q\{p_1^*\mathbb{E}[v|T^* = 1, z = 1] + (1 - p_1^*)\mathbb{E}[v|T^* = 0, z = 1]\} \\ &= q[p_1^*(1 - p_1^*) - p_1^*(1 - p_1^*)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, to calculate  $\Sigma$ , we need  $\mathbb{E}[v^2]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[z\varepsilon v]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[z^2\varepsilon v]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[zv^2]$ , and  $\mathbb{E}[z^2v^2]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[v^2] &= p_0^{*2}(1-p_0^*)(1-q) + (1-p_0^*)^2 p_0^*(1-q) + p_1^{*2}(1-p_1^*)q + (1-p_1^*)^2 p_1^*q \\ &= (1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*)[p_0^* + (1-p_0^*)] + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)[p_1^* + (1-p_1^*)] \\ &= (1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*) + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v] &= \mathbb{E}[v\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|v)] \\ &= -p_0^*\mathbb{P}(v = -p_0^*)\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|v = -p_0^*) - p_1^*\mathbb{P}(v = -p_1^*)\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|v = -p_1^*) \\ &\quad + (1-p_0^*)\mathbb{P}(v = 1-p_0^*)\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|v = 1-p_0^*) + (1-p_1^*)\mathbb{P}(v = 1-p_1^*)\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|v = 1-p_1^*) \\ &= -p_0^*(1-p_0^*)(1-q)\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z = 0] - p_1^*(1-p_1^*)q\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z = 1] \\ &\quad + (1-p_0^*)p_0^*(1-q)\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z = 0] + (1-p_1^*)p_1^*q\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z = 1] \\ &= -p_0^*(1-p_0^*)(1-q)(m_{00}^* - c) - p_1^*(1-p_1^*)q(m_{01}^* - c) \\ &\quad + (1-p_0^*)p_0^*(1-q)(m_{10}^* - c) + (1-p_1^*)p_1^*q(m_{11}^* - c) \\ &= (1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*)(m_{10}^* - m_{00}^*) + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[z\varepsilon v] &= \mathbb{E}[z^2\varepsilon v] = \mathbb{E}[z^2\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v|z]] = q\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v|z = 1] = q\mathbb{E}_{T^*|z=1}[\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v|T^* = 1, z = 1]] \\ &= q\{p_1^*\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v|T^* = 1, z = 1] + (1-p_1^*)\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon v|T^* = 0, z = 1]\} \\ &= q\{p_1^*(1-p_1^*)\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z = 1] - p_1^*(1-p_1^*)\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z = 1]\} \\ &= qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)[m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[zv^2] &= \mathbb{E}[z^2v^2] = \mathbb{E}[z^2\mathbb{E}[v^2|z]] = q\mathbb{E}[v^2|z = 1] = q\mathbb{E}_{T^*|z=1}[\mathbb{E}[v^2|T^*, z = 1]] \\ &= q\{p_1^*\mathbb{E}[v^2|T^* = 1, z = 1] + (1-p_1^*)\mathbb{E}[v^2|T^* = 0, z = 1]\} \\ &= q\{p_1^*(1-p_1^*)^2 + p_1^{*2}(1-p_1^*)\} \\ &= qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)[(1-p_1^*) + p_1^*] \\ &= qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)\end{aligned}$$

Using these calculations, we find the elements of  $\Sigma$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[\eta^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 + 2\beta\varepsilon v + \beta^2 v^2] \\
&= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + 2\beta [(1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*)(m_{10}^* - m_{00}^*) + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)] \\
&\quad + \beta^2 [(1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*) + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)] \\
&= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + (1-q)p_0^*(1-p_0^*)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{10}^* - m_{00}^*)] + qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)] \\
\mathbb{E}[z^2\eta^2] &= \mathbb{E}[z\eta^2] = \mathbb{E}[z\varepsilon^2 + 2\beta z\varepsilon v + \beta^2 zv^2] = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + 2\beta\mathbb{E}[z\varepsilon v] + \beta^2\mathbb{E}[zv^2] \\
&= q\sigma_\varepsilon^2 + 2\beta qp_1^*(1-p_1^*)(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*) + \beta^2 qp_1^*(1-p_1^*) \\
&= q \{ \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + p_1^*(1-p_1^*)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)] \}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, using the fact that  $\mathbb{E}[z^2\eta] = \mathbb{E}[z\eta]$ , the asymptotic variance of the reduced form estimator can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{AVAR} [\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma)] &= \frac{1}{q^2(1-q)^2} \begin{bmatrix} q & -q \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}(\eta^2) & \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \\ \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) & \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q & -q \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{q^2(1-q)^2} \begin{bmatrix} q & -q \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q \{ \mathbb{E}(\eta^2) - \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \} & \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) - q\mathbb{E}(\eta^2) \\ 0 & (1-q)\mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{q^2(1-q)^2} \begin{bmatrix} q^2 \{ \mathbb{E}(\eta^2) - \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \} & -q^2 \{ \mathbb{E}(\eta^2) - \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \} \\ -q^2 \{ \mathbb{E}(\eta^2) - \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \} & q^2\mathbb{E}(\eta^2) + (1-2q)\mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we are only interested in the reduced form slope coefficient  $\gamma_1$ . The asymptotic variance of its OLS estimator is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{AVAR} [\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma}_1 - \gamma_1)] &= \frac{1}{q^2(1-q)^2} [q^2\mathbb{E}(\eta^2) + (1-2q)\mathbb{E}(z\eta^2)] \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{E}(\eta^2)}{(1-q)^2} + \left[ \frac{1-2q}{q^2(1-q)^2} \right] \mathbb{E}(z\eta^2)
\end{aligned}$$

In general, this will lead to quite a complicated expression. In our simulation design, however,

$$\begin{aligned}
q &= 1/2 \\
p_0^*(1-p_0^*) &= \delta(1-\delta) \\
p_1^*(1-p_1^*) &= (1-\delta)\delta \\
(m_{10}^* - m_{00}^*) &= (m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*) > 0
\end{aligned}$$

leading to the following simplifications:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{AVAR} [\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma}_1 - \gamma_1)] &= 4\mathbb{E}(\eta^2) \\ &= 4 \left\{ \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + 1/2 \times \delta(1 - \delta)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{10}^* - m_{00}^*)] + 1/2 \times \delta(1 - \delta)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)] \right\} \\ &= 4 \left\{ \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + \delta(1 - \delta)\beta [\beta + 2(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Notice that, since  $(m_{11}^* - m_{01}^*)$  is positive, as in the simulation design, the asymptotic variance is *smallest* when  $\beta = 0$  so that there is no treatment effect.

**Robust Standard Errors** When implementing the reduced form estimator in practice we base our inference on sample residuals:

$$\hat{\eta}_i = y_i - \hat{\gamma}_0 - \hat{\gamma}_1 z_i$$

As we saw above, however, the errors  $\eta$  are heteroskedastic:  $\mathbb{E}(z\eta^2) \neq \mathbb{E}(z)\mathbb{E}(\eta^2)$  etc. For this reason, we must use robust standard errors:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\eta}_i^2 & z_i \hat{\eta}_i^2 \\ z_i \hat{\eta}_i^2 & z_i^2 \hat{\eta}_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

leading to

$$\widehat{\text{AVAR}} [\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma}_1 - \gamma_1)] = \frac{\widehat{\mathbb{E}}(\eta^2)}{(1 - \hat{q})^2} + \left[ \frac{1 - 2\hat{q}}{\hat{q}^2(1 - \hat{q})^2} \right] \widehat{\mathbb{E}}(z\eta^2)$$

Note that  $\hat{q}$  is fixed and equal to 1/2 in our simulation design, so this becomes  $4\hat{\sigma}_\eta^2$ .

**Values of  $m_{tk}^*$  in the Simulation** To calculate  $\Sigma$  in our simulation design, we'll need to know the values of  $m_{tk}^*$  in the threshold-crossing model with bivariate normal errors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$T^* = \mathbf{1} \{ \kappa_0 + \kappa_1 z + \xi > 0 \}$$

$$\kappa_0 = \Phi^{-1}(\delta)$$

$$\kappa_1 = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \delta) - \Phi^{-1}(\delta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m_{00}^* - c &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | T^* = 0, z = 0] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi \leq -\kappa_0] \\
m_{01}^* - c &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | T^* = 0, z = 1] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi \leq -(\kappa_0 + \kappa_1)] \\
m_{10}^* - c &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | T^* = 1, z = 0] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi > -\kappa_0] \\
m_{11}^* - c &= \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | T^* = 1, z = 1] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi > -(\kappa_0 + \kappa_1)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\xi | \varepsilon \sim N(\rho\varepsilon, 1 - \rho^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon \leq x | \xi \leq a) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon \leq x, \xi \leq a)}{\mathbb{P}(\xi \leq a)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^a f(\xi | \varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\xi d\varepsilon}{\Phi(a)} \\
&= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x F_{\xi | \varepsilon}(a) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon}{\Phi(a)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(\varepsilon) \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right) d\varepsilon}{\Phi(a)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(\varepsilon | \xi \leq a) = \frac{\varphi(\varepsilon)}{\Phi(a)} \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi \leq a] = \frac{1}{\Phi(a)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon \varphi(\varepsilon) \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right) d\varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon \leq x | \xi > a) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon \leq x, \xi > a)}{\mathbb{P}(\xi > a)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x \int_a^{\infty} f(\xi | \varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\xi d\varepsilon}{1 - \Phi(a)} \\
&= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x [1 - F_{\xi | \varepsilon}(a)] f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon}{1 - \Phi(a)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(\varepsilon) \left[1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right)\right] d\varepsilon}{1 - \Phi(a)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(\varepsilon | \xi > a) = \frac{\varphi(\varepsilon)}{1 - \Phi(a)} \left[1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right)\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \xi > a] = \frac{1}{1 - \Phi(a)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon \varphi(\varepsilon) \left[1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \rho\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}\right)\right] d\varepsilon$$

I've checked all of these integrals in R and they're definitely correct.

**IV Estimator** First we calculate the probability limits of the IV estimators of  $\beta$  and  $c$ . Notice that *both* are inconsistent:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{IV} &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\mathbf{y}/n \right) = \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \tilde{Z}' \left( \tilde{T}^*\tilde{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \right) /n \\ &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \left[ \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}^*/n \right] \tilde{\beta} + \tilde{Z}'\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}/n \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{Z}'\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}/n \rightarrow_p \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon \\ z\varepsilon \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{T} \\ \bar{z} & \mathbf{z}'\mathbf{T}/n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow_p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p \\ q & p_1q \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{q(p_1 - p)} \begin{bmatrix} p_1q & -p \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}^*/n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{T}^* \\ \bar{z} & \mathbf{z}'\mathbf{T}^*/n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow_p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p^* \\ q & p_1^*q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}^*/n \right) \rightarrow_p \frac{1}{q(p_1 - p)} \begin{bmatrix} qp_1 & -p \\ -q & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p^* \\ q & qp_1^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (p_1p^* - p_1^*p)/(p_1 - p) \\ 0 & (p_1^* - p^*)/(p_1 - p) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{p_1^* - p^*}{p_1 - p} = \frac{1}{p_1 - p} \left( \frac{p_1 - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} - \frac{p - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

$$\frac{p_1p^* - p_1^*p}{p_1 - p} = \frac{1}{p_1 - p} \left[ \frac{p_1(p - \alpha_0)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} - \frac{p(p_1 - \alpha_0)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] = \frac{-\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{IV} \rightarrow_p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (p_1p^* - p_1^*p)/(p_1 - p) \\ 0 & (p_1^* - p^*)/(p_1 - p) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \begin{bmatrix} c - \alpha_0\beta \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} c_{IV} \\ \beta_{IV} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now that we have the probability limit of the IV estimator, we can work out the error term  $\omega$  that corresponds to it as a function of the “primitives” of our model. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta &= y - (c_{IV} + \beta_{IV}T) = (c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon) - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} [(c - \alpha_0\beta) + \beta T] \\
&= \varepsilon + c - \left( \frac{c - \alpha_0\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) + \beta \left( T^* - \frac{T}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \\
&= \varepsilon + \left[ \frac{\alpha_0(\beta - c) - \alpha_1 c}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] + \beta \left[ \frac{(T^* - T) - (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1)T^*}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \\
&= \varepsilon + \left[ \frac{\alpha_0(\beta - c) - \alpha_1 c}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] + \beta \left[ \frac{w - (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1)(\pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

This looks pretty complicated. I’m also not sure we need to work this out analytically. All we really need is to write out the joint limit distribution of the IV and RF...

**Joint Distribution of IV and RF** To carry out inference for the identified set, we need to work out the joint distribution of the reduced form and IV estimators:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta}_{IV} &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\mathbf{y}/n \right) \\
\hat{\gamma} &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{Z} \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\mathbf{y}/n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

The probability limits of each estimator define an associated error term, each of which depends in a complicated way on our “primitive” model parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= c_{IV} + \beta_{IV}T + \zeta \\
y &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 z + \eta
\end{aligned}$$

But because these two estimators depend only on observable quantities, we can use their residuals to work out the covariance matrix of  $(\zeta, \eta)$ . Accordingly, we proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta}_{IV} &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}' \left[ \tilde{T}\beta_{IV} + \boldsymbol{\zeta} \right] /n \right) = \beta_{IV} + \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\boldsymbol{\zeta}/n \right) \\
\hat{\gamma} &= \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{Z} \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}' \left[ \tilde{Z}\gamma + \boldsymbol{\eta} \right] /n \right) = \gamma + \left( \tilde{Z}'\tilde{Z}/n \right)^{-1} \left( \tilde{Z}'\boldsymbol{\eta}/n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

yielding

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{IV} - \beta_{IV}) &= (\tilde{Z}'\tilde{T}/n)^{-1} (\tilde{Z}'\zeta/\sqrt{n}) \\ \sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma) &= (\tilde{Z}'\tilde{Z}/n)^{-1} (\tilde{Z}'\eta/\sqrt{n})\end{aligned}$$

## 11.5 Other Stuff...

- Manski was interested in a heterogenous treatment effect model and whether we could bound *ATE* rather than *LATE*.
- Would it help in the performance of the GMM estimator if we enforced the bounds on  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ ?

**Exogenous Covariates in a Linear Model:** These should be very easy to handle because we can just stack the GMM moment conditions to include an IV estimator for the parameter on the exogenous covariates in the main equation. Recall that the usual IV estimator for these parameters is unaffected by measurement error. We should write this out since it's the case that many people will use in practice given the extreme sample size demands of fully non-parametric estimation!

**More About Weak Identification:** Sophocles pointed out in an email exchange that I had been assuming (incorrectly) that  $\text{Cov}(y, z)$  is always well-behaved. This is not the case if  $z$  is a weak instrument. I don't think we can simply assume we have a strong instrument and consider the weak identification that arises from  $\beta \approx 0$  in isolation. I think the two problems of  $\beta \approx 0$  and weak  $z$  interact in an important way since, as we saw from above, the determinant  $|G_\theta|$  that measures the strength of identification depends on the *product* of  $\beta$  and  $\text{Cov}(z, T)$ . I think the correct interpretation of this is that the magnitude of  $\beta$  that gives strong identification should be always relative to the strength of  $z$ . If  $z$  is very strong, then  $\beta$  can be smaller without causing problems. But if  $z$  is weak then I think  $\beta$  needs to be really large to get strong identification. If I recall correctly, we uncovered something in our simulations that appears to agree with this intuition but I need to go back and check.

To see why  $\text{Cov}(y, z)$  is badly behaved when  $z$  is weak, write out an explicit first-stage equation for our model as follows:

$$T^* = \pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_0 &= \mathbb{E}[T^*|z=0] = p_0^* \\ \pi_1 &= \mathbb{E}[T^* = 1|z=1] - \mathbb{E}[T^*|z=0] = p_1^* - p_0^*\end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbb{E}[zv] = 0$  by construction. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(z, y) &= \mathbb{E}(zy) - \mathbb{E}(z)\mathbb{E}(y) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[z(c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon)] - q\mathbb{E}(c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[z\{c + \beta(\pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v) + \varepsilon\}] - q\mathbb{E}[c + \beta(\pi_0 + \pi_1 z + v) + \varepsilon] \\ &= q(c + \beta\pi_0) + \beta\pi_1\mathbb{E}(z^2) - q(c + \beta\pi_0 + \beta\pi_1\mathbb{E}[z]) \\ &= q(c + \beta\pi_0 + \beta\pi_1) - q(c + \beta\pi_0 + \beta\pi_1 q) \\ &= q(\beta\pi_1 - \beta\pi_1 q) = \beta\pi_1 q(1 - q) \\ &= \beta(p_1^* - p_0^*)q(1 - q)\end{aligned}$$

**Auxiliary Moment Inequalities** Notice that if  $\beta = 0$ , then the preceding moment equalities do *not* identify  $\alpha_1$ . However, we do have auxiliary moment *inequalities* that partially identify  $\alpha_1$  regardless of the value of  $\beta$ . The simplest of these comes from the relationship

$$p_k^* = \frac{p_k - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}, \quad 1 - p_k^* = \frac{1 - p_k - \alpha_1}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

where  $p_k = P(T = 1|z_k)$  and  $p_k^* = P(T^* = 1|z_k)$ . (This follows from the Law of Total Probability and our assumption that the mis-classification probabilities rates depend only on  $T^*$ , not  $z$ .) Under our assumption that  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 < 1$ , we obtain  $\alpha_0 < \min_k p_k$  and  $\alpha_1 < \min_k (1 - p_k)$ . If  $\alpha_0 = 0$ , as we assume in the present special case, then without any assumption on the true value of  $\alpha_1$  we have

$$0 \leq \alpha_1 < \min_k (1 - p_k) = 1 - \max_k p_k.$$

Is there some way to use these moment inequalities in estimation?

**Under Normality** In our simulation for the CDF bounds on  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ , we found that the upper bounds were in fact equal to the true parameter values. This is very surprising and is very likely comes from the specific parametric model from which we simulated. This happens to have been a model with normally distributed errors. Can we say anything about such a model theoretically? Perhaps try to write down the likelihood function? This could

also be a useful way to look at the weak identification problem.

## 12 April 2017 – New GMM Formulation

Consider the special case in which  $\alpha_0 = 0$  so the model is identified from

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(y, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \left( \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} \right) [2\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \beta\text{Cov}(T, z)] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Above we wrote this in a standard GMM form by adding auxiliary moment equations to identify  $\mathbb{E}[y^2]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[yT]$ , etc. But there's a simpler and more transparent way to do this. Under our assumptions and  $\alpha_0 = 0$ , some algebra shows that

Add the algebra from the whiteboard notes later

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ y - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right] = c$$

and that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ y^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T^2 \right] = \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + c^2$$

where  $c$  is the intercept from the regression model and  $\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} = \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ . Now, re-writing the first covariance equation using the linearity of expectation,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[ yz - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} Tz \right] - \mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E} \left[ y - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ yz - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} Tz \right] - \mathbb{E}[z]c &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y - c - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right\} z \right] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and proceeding similarly for the second covariance equation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[ y^2 z - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yTz + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T^2 z \right] - \mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E} \left[ y^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T^2 \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ y^2 z - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yTz + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T^2 z \right] - \mathbb{E}[z] (\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + c^2) &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y^2 - \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - c^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T^2 \right\} z \right] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can express our estimator in terms of the following four moment equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[ y - c - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ y^2 - \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - c^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y - c - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right\} z \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y^2 - \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - c^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right\} z \right] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

To simplify the notation, let  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\alpha_1, \beta, c, \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon})'$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}u(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= y - c - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \\ v(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= y^2 - \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - c^2 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T\end{aligned}$$

Then we can express the four moment equalities as

$$\mathbb{E} [g_1(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ v(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbb{E} [g_2(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u(\boldsymbol{\theta})z \\ v(\boldsymbol{\theta})z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

We also have two moment inequalities, namely  $\alpha_1 \leq 1 - p_1$  and  $\alpha_1 \leq 1 - p_0$ . After some algebra (see the whiteboard), we can show that these are equivalent to

$$\mathbb{E} [h(\mathbf{x}, \theta)] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1) - T(1 - z)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1) - Tz/q \end{bmatrix} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

where  $q = \mathbb{E}[z]$ . We will *condition* on  $z$ , i.e. hold it fixed in repeated samples, so we will not add an extra moment condition for  $q$ . Instead we will simply substitute the sample analogue.

To formulate the GMM estimator with moment inequalities as in Moon and Schorfheide (2009), we introduce some further notation. Let  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  denote the slack in  $h(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$ , so that

$$\mathbb{E}[h(\mathbf{x}, \theta)] = \boldsymbol{\lambda} \geq \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbb{E}[h(\mathbf{x}, \theta) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}] = \mathbf{0}$$

Further define

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} g(\mathbf{x}, \theta) \\ h(\mathbf{x}, \theta) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \psi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \begin{bmatrix} g(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}$$

and let  $\Theta = \{\boldsymbol{\theta}: \alpha_1 \geq 0, \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} \geq 0\}$ . Then, the GMM estimator based on our moment equalities

and inequalities is

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta, \boldsymbol{\lambda} \geq \mathbf{0}} Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

where

$$Q_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})' \mathbf{W}_n \bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

and  $\mathbf{W}_n$  is a weighting matrix that should be irrelevant in our case because we're just identified. We scale the criterion by  $1/2$  so that the derivative looks nice.

Is this still the case with the moment inequalities? Mechanically we have introduced two new parameters to match the two extra conditions.

At various points we will need the derivatives of the moment equations. Let

$$\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}[\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'} g(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})], \quad \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}[\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'} h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

and define

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'} \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) & \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}'} \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \text{fill} & \text{this} \\ \text{in} & \text{later} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 13 April 1–15, 2017 – Andrews & Soares (2010)

Our moment equalities from above do not identify  $\alpha$  when  $\beta = 0$ . More generally, the estimator based on them performs poorly when  $\beta$  is relatively small compared to the error variance. Continue to assume that  $\alpha_0 = 0$  so the moment conditions simplify.

We now consider an inference procedure following Andrews & Soares. The basic idea is to “isolate” the problematic parameters, in our case  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and carry out joint inference for these using the Anderson-Rubin test statistic. This is constructed by substituting a null hypothesis  $H_0: \boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  into the sample analogue of the GMM moment conditions and relying on the fact that this sample analogue remains “well-behaved” even in situations where inference for the GMM *parameter estimator* breaks down. Examples include parameters on the boundary, and parameters that may not be identified, e.g.  $\alpha_1$  if  $\beta = 0$

### 13.1 Simple Example: $\alpha_0 = 0$ , $c = 0$ , and $\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} = 1$

In our problem  $c$  and  $\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon}$  are essentially nuisance parameters. Fortunately, they are *always identified* from our moment conditions regardless of the values of  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ , as we will discuss further below. For the moment, we will suppose that  $c$  is known to equal zero and  $\varepsilon_{\varepsilon\varepsilon}$  is known to equal one as is the case in our baseline simulation. Later we will estimate them which requires only a small modification of the procedure we know outline. With the simplifications  $\alpha_0, c = 0, \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} = 1$  the equality moment conditions become

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right\} z \right] &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ y^2 - 1 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1} T \right\} z \right] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

since we no longer need the  $g_1$  block of moment conditions to identify the “intercepts”  $c$  and  $\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon}$ . For this simplified set of moment conditions, our parameter vector is  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\alpha_1, \beta)'$  and the residuals are given by

$$\begin{aligned}u(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= y - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} T \\ v(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= y^2 - 1 - \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_1} 2yT + \frac{\beta^2}{1 - \alpha_1}\end{aligned}$$

and we can write the equality moment conditions as

$$\mathbb{E} [g(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u(\boldsymbol{\theta})z \\ v(\boldsymbol{\theta})z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

The inequality moment conditions are unchanged from above, namely

$$\mathbb{E} [h(\mathbf{x}, \theta)] = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1) - T(1 - z)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1) - Tz/q \end{bmatrix} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

where  $q = \mathbb{E}[z]$ . As above we will *condition* on  $z$ , i.e. hold it fixed in repeated samples, so we will not add an extra moment condition for  $q$ . Instead we will simply substitute the sample analogue. Note that this means we should hold  $q$  *fixed* when bootstrapping below. We now introduce some notation from Andrews and Soares (2010).

## Population Moment Conditions

$$\mathbb{E}[m_j(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta_0)] \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{for } j = 1, \dots, p \\ = 0 & \text{for } j = p+1, \dots, k \text{ where } k = p+v \end{cases}$$

where  $p$  is the number of inequality moment conditions (in our case  $p = 2$ ),  $v$  is the number of equality moment conditions (in our case  $v = 2$ ),  $\theta_0$  is the true parameter vector, and  $\mathbf{w}_i$  is the vector of observations for individual  $i$  (in our case  $\mathbf{w}_i = (T_i, z_i, y_i)$ ).

## Sample Moment Functions, etc.

$$\bar{m}_n(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{m}_{n,1}(\theta) \\ \vdots \\ \bar{m}_{n,k}(\theta) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{m}_{n,j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_j(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k$$

Now, let  $\Sigma(\theta_0)$  denote the asymptotic variance of  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta)$ . We estimate this quantity using  $\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta)$ . For iid observations, as in our example, the estimator is

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_n(\theta)] [m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_n(\theta)]', \quad m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \\ \vdots \\ m_k(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Test Statistic** The test statistic takes the form  $T_n(\theta) = S\left(\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \hat{\Sigma}(\theta)\right)$  for some real-valued function  $S$ . The example we will use is  $S_1$ , defined by

$$S_1(m, \Sigma) = \sum_{j=1}^p [m_j/\sigma_j]_-^2 + \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+v} (m_j/\sigma_j)^2$$

where  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_k)'$ ,

$$[x]_- = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $\sigma_j^2$  is the  $j$ th diagonal element of  $\Sigma$ . Notice that  $S_1$  only gives weight to inequality moment conditions that are *violated*.

**Basic Idea of the Test** Let's return to our specific example for a moment. The idea is essentially to plug a null hypothesis  $\theta^* = (\alpha_1^*, \beta^*)'$  into the sample analogue:

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\alpha_1^*, \beta^*) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1^*) - T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1^*) - T_i z_i/q \\ \left(y_i - \frac{\beta^*}{1 - \alpha_1^*} T_i\right) z_i \\ \left(y_i^2 - 1 - \frac{\beta^*}{1 - \alpha_1^*} 2y_i T_i + \frac{\beta^{*2}}{1 - \alpha_1^*} T_i\right) z_i \end{bmatrix}$$

and see if the result is “large” after standardizing and squaring the individual elements. We only give weight to an inequality if it is violated. The variance matrix of the sample analogue is calculated *under the null*, i.e. assuming that  $\theta = \theta^*$ . Note that we also use the *centered variance matrix estimator*.

We reject the null if the test statistic is too large. This gives us *joint inference* for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  *simultaneously*. To construct a joint confidence region, we need to test pairs  $(\alpha_1, \beta)$ . Of course, we restrict  $\alpha_1$  to lie in  $[0, 1)$ . The resulting confidence region *need not be convex*. In fact it could even be disconnected! However, in our particular example, it might be possible to prove that one gets a connected or even convex region. This is something we should think about since it would reduce the computational burden substantially. To get *marginal* inference, say for  $\beta$  only, one projects the joint confidence set. This is necessarily conservative, but may not be too bad in practice. We'll have to see...

A particularly salient null hypothesis is  $\beta = 0$ . Imposing this yields

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\alpha_1^*, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1^*) - T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1^*) - T_i z_i/q \\ y_i z_i \\ (y_i^2 - 1) z_i \end{bmatrix}$$

We see that this function depends on  $\alpha_1^*$  *only via the moment inequalities*. What is more, the test statistic based on  $S_1$  does *not* depend on  $\alpha_1^*$  unless the inequality constraints are violated.

**Calculating the Critical Value** The test statistic we will use to test  $\theta = \theta^*$  is fairly simple to compute: we simply substitute into the GMM sample analogue. The critical value

for the test, however, is much more complicated. Following Andrews & Soares (2010), we use the following bootstrap procedure. First we define some additional notation. All of the test statistics considered in Andrews & Soares (2010) satisfy

$$T_n = S \left( \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \hat{\Sigma}(\theta) \right) = S \left( \hat{D}^{-1/2}(\theta) \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \hat{\Omega}_n(\theta) \right)$$

where

$$\hat{D}_n(\theta) = \text{diag} \left( \hat{\Sigma}(\theta) \right), \quad \hat{\Omega}_n(\theta) = \hat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\theta) \hat{\Sigma}(\theta) \hat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\theta)$$

Now, let  $\{\mathbf{w}_i^*\}_{i=1}^n$  denote a bootstrap sample and define the associated bootstrap quantities

$$\begin{aligned} M_n^*(\theta) &= \sqrt{n} \left( \hat{D}^*(\theta) \right)^{-1/2} (\bar{m}_n^*(\theta) - \bar{m}_n(\theta)) \\ \hat{\Omega}^*(\theta) &= \left( \hat{D}^*(\theta) \right)^{-1/2} \hat{\Sigma}_n^*(\theta) \left( \hat{D}^*(\theta) \right)^{-1/2} \\ \hat{D}^*(\theta) &= \text{diag} \left( \hat{\Sigma}_n^*(\theta) \right) \\ m_n^*(\theta) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m(\mathbf{w}_i^*, \theta) \\ \hat{\Sigma}(\theta)^* &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [m(\mathbf{w}_i^*, \theta) - \bar{m}_n^*(\theta)] [m(\mathbf{w}_i^*, \theta) - \bar{m}_n^*(\theta)]' \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $M_n^*(\theta)$  is centered around the *non-bootstrap* sample analogue  $\bar{m}_n(\theta)$ : this is *very important!* Now we describe the procedure for calculating the bootstrap critical value:

1. Calculate  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0)$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}(\theta_0)$  under the null hypothesis  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ .
2. Determine which inequality moment conditions are “far from binding” as follows:
  - Let  $j \in J = \{1, \dots, p\}$  index the inequality moment conditions.
  - Let  $\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta_0)^2$  denote the  $(j, j)$  element of  $\hat{\Sigma}(\theta_0)$
  - For each  $j \in J$  calculate the “t-statistic”  $t_{n,j} = \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_j(\theta_0) / \hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta_0)$
  - Let  $\mathcal{FB}$  denote the subset of  $J$  for which  $t_{n,j} > \sqrt{\log n}$ . These are the inequality moment conditions that are “far from binding” under  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ .
3. Calculate the test statistic  $T_n = S_1 \left( \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0), \hat{\Sigma}(\theta_0) \right)$ .
4. Calculate the bootstrap critical value for the test as follows:
  - Draw  $R$  bootstrap samples – each with sample size  $n$ .



- For each bootstrap sample,  $r$ , calculate  $M_{n,r}^{**}(\theta_0)$  and  $\widehat{\Omega}_{n,r}^{**}(\theta_0)$  – the bootstrap versions of  $M_n(\theta_0)$  and  $\widehat{\Omega}(\theta_0)$ , defined above but with a slight change: *drop* any moment inequality  $j \in \mathcal{FB}$ . That is, drop any inequality that we determined was far from binding *on the basis of the real data* (i.e. *not* this bootstrap sample!)
- For each bootstrap sample  $r$  calculate  $T_{n,r}^{**} = S_1 \left( M_{n,r}^{**}(\theta_0), \widehat{\Omega}_{n,r}^{**}(\theta_0) \right)$ .
- Set  $\widehat{c}_n(\theta_0, 1 - \delta)$  equal to the  $1 - \delta$  sample quantile of the  $\{T_{n,r}^{**}\}_{r=1}^R$

5. Reject  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  if  $T_n > \widehat{c}_n(\theta_0, 1 - \delta)$

6. To construct a  $(1 - \delta) \times 100\%$  confidence set, invert the test of  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  for  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$ .

## 14 April 15–18, 2017

### Second Moment Inequalities

**Step 1: Second Moment Bounds** Our model has  $\varepsilon = y - c - bT^*$  where  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] = 0$ . Conditional on  $T^* = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = y - c$  and conditional on  $T^* = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon = y - c - \beta$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | T^* = 0, z = k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^2 - 2cy | T^* = 0, z = k] + c^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | T^* = 1, z = k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^2 - 2(\beta + c)y | T^* = 1, z = k] + (\beta + c)^2\end{aligned}$$

The bounds will impose that  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon | T^*, z) > 0$  which is equivalent to  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | T^*, z] > 0$  since  $\varepsilon$  is mean zero:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[y^2 | T^* = 0, z = k] &> 2c\mathbb{E}[y | T^* = 0, z = k] - c^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[y^2 | T^* = 1, z = k] &> 2(\beta + c)\mathbb{E}[y | T^* = 1, z = k] - (\beta + c)^2\end{aligned}$$

These are not in fact the bounds we want! I messed up since  $\varepsilon$  is *not* mean zero *conditional* on  $T^*$  and  $z$ . These bounds are still correct, but they're not the best we can do and may not in fact be better than the simple first-moment bounds...

**Step 2: Relate  $\mathbb{E}[y^r | T^*, z]$  to  $\mathbb{E}[y^r | T, z]$**  By iterated expectations and the assumption that  $\mathbb{E}[y^r | T, T^*, z] = \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^*, z]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 0, z_k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 0, z_k] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0 | T = 0, z_k) + \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 1, z_k] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | T = 0, z_k) \\ \mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 1, z_k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 0, z_k] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0 | T = 1, z_k) + \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 1, z_k] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | T = 1, z_k)\end{aligned}$$

The preceding is a linear system of the form

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \pi x + (1 - \pi)y \\ b &= (1 - \delta)x + \delta y \end{aligned}$$

and hence its solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \left[ \frac{\delta}{\pi\delta - (1 - \pi)(1 - \delta)} \right] a + \left[ \frac{-(1 - \pi)}{\pi\delta - (1 - \pi)(1 - \delta)} \right] b \\ y &= \left[ \frac{-(1 - \delta)}{\pi\delta - (1 - \pi)(1 - \delta)} \right] a + \left[ \frac{\pi}{\pi\delta - (1 - \pi)(1 - \delta)} \right] b \end{aligned}$$

by Bayes' rule, as we show in the appendix to sick-instruments,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0 | T = 0, z_k) = (1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*) / (1 - p_k) \\ 1 - \pi &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | T = 0, z_k) = \alpha_1 p_k^* / (1 - p_k) \\ \delta &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | T = 1, z_k) = (1 - \alpha_1) p_k^* / p_k \\ 1 - \delta &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0 | T = 1, z_k) = \alpha_0 (1 - p_k^*) / p_k \end{aligned}$$

Some algebra shows that

$$\pi\delta - (1 - \pi)(1 - \delta) = \frac{(p_k - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

Hence, after simplifying and rearranging, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} p_k(1 - p_k)(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)\mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 0, z_k] &= (1 - \alpha_1)(1 - p_k)\mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 0, z_k] - \alpha_1 p_k \mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 1, z_k] \\ p_k(1 - p_k)(p_k - \alpha_0)\mathbb{E}[y^r | T^* = 1, z_k] &= (1 - \alpha_0)p_k \mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 1, z_k] - \alpha_0(1 - p_k)\mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 0, z_k] \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3: Convert Conditional to Unconditional Moments** By iterated expectations and the assumption that  $\mathbb{E}[y^r | T, T^*, z] = \mathbb{E}[y^r | T^*, z]$

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \mathbb{E}[T | z = k] = \mathbb{E}[T \mathbf{1}(z = k)] / \mathbb{P}(z = k) \\ \mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 0, z = k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^r (1 - T) \mathbf{1}(z = k)] / [(1 - p_k)\mathbb{P}(z = k)] \\ \mathbb{E}[y^r | T = 1, z = k] &= \mathbb{E}[y^r T \mathbf{1}(z = k)] / [p_k \mathbb{P}(z = k)] \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4: Substitute Steps 2–3 into Step 1** After some algebra, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}(z = k) \{T - (1 - \alpha_1)\} (y^2 - 2cy)] &< c^2 \mathbb{P}(z = k) p_k (1 - p_k) (1 - p_k - \alpha_1) \\ \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}(z = k) (\alpha_0 - T) \{y^2 - 2(\beta + c)y\}] &< (\beta + c)^2 \mathbb{P}(z = k) p_k (1 - p_k) (p_k - \alpha_0)\end{aligned}$$

**Step 5: Complete the Square**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}(z = k) \{1 - \alpha_1 - T\} (y - c)^2] &> c^2 \mathbb{P}(z = k) (1 - p_k - \alpha_1) [1 - p_k (1 - p_k)] \\ \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}(z = k) (T - \alpha_0) \{y - (\beta + c)\}^2] &> (\beta + c)^2 \mathbb{P}(z = k) (p_k - \alpha_0) [1 - p_k (1 - p_k)]\end{aligned}$$

## 15 April 21–23

### The Full Set of Moment Inequalities

Above we considered the special case in which  $\alpha_0 = 0$  so that first and second moments were sufficient to identify the model. We now derive the GMM-style moment conditions for the general case in which  $\alpha_0$  may not equal zero and we need to use third moments for identification.

Note that we have checked all of these equalities numerically in our simulation study and they are indeed correct!

**Notation and Identification** Define the following re-parameterization

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_2 &= \theta_1^2 [1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ \theta_3 &= \theta_1^3 [(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1)]\end{aligned}$$

Using this notation, the covariance equations from above become

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(y, z) - \theta_1 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \theta_1 2 \text{Cov}(yT, z) + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \text{Cov}(y^3, z) - \theta_1 3 \text{Cov}(y^2 T, z) + \theta_2 3 \text{Cov}(yT, z) - \theta_3 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Note that it is trivial to prove that  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are identified. To show that  $\beta, \alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  are identified, write

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_2/\theta_1^2 &= 1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_3/\theta_1^3 &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)\end{aligned}$$

which we can always do provided that  $\theta_1 \neq 0$  which is equivalent to  $\beta \neq 0$ . Re-arranging the first equation allows us to solve for  $\alpha_0$  as a function of  $\alpha_1$ . Substituting this into the second gives us a quadratic in  $\alpha_1$  only. This should be identical to the quadratic we obtained in our original identification proof.

**First Moment Equalities** Expanding,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(y, z) - \theta_1 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[yz - \theta_1 Tz] - \mathbb{E}[z]\mathbb{E}[y - \theta_1 T] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[y - \theta_1 T] &= c + \beta \mathbb{E}[T^* - T/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ &= c + \beta \left\{ \frac{\mathbb{E}[T] - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} - \frac{\mathbb{E}[T]}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right\} \\ &= c - \alpha_0 \theta_1\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbb{E}[\{y - (c - \alpha_0 \theta_1) - \theta_1 T\} z] = 0$$

Now define

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa_1 &= c - \alpha_0 \theta_1 \\ u_1 &= y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T\end{aligned}$$

Using this notation, we obtain the unconditional moment equalities

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1) \\ u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1)z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

## Second Moment Equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(y^2, z) - \theta_1 2\text{Cov}(yT, z) + \theta_2 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E} [y^2 z - \theta_1 2yTz + \theta_2 Tz] - \mathbb{E} [z] \mathbb{E} [y^2 - \theta_1 2yT + \theta_2 T] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, using some lemmas from the notes in our sick-instruments paper,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[T\varepsilon] &= \text{Cov}(T, \varepsilon) \\ &= \text{Cov}(T^*, \varepsilon) + \text{Cov}(w, \varepsilon) \\ &= \text{Cov}(T^*, \varepsilon) - \text{Cov}(T^*, \varepsilon)(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(T^* \varepsilon)(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[yT] &= c\mathbb{E}[T] + \beta\mathbb{E}[TT^*] + \mathbb{E}[T, \varepsilon] \\ &= cp + \beta\mathbb{P}(T = 1, T^* = 1) + \mathbb{E}[T^* \varepsilon](1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ &= cp + \beta(1 - \alpha_1)p^* + \mathbb{E}[T^* \varepsilon](1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with

$$\mathbb{E}[y^2] = c^2 + \beta^2 p^* + \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + 2c\beta p^* + 2\beta\mathbb{E}[T^* \varepsilon]$$

we find that

$$\mathbb{E} [y^2 - \theta_1 2yT + \theta_2 T] = \dots = c^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \alpha_0(\theta_2 - 2c\theta_1)$$

For the steps, see our whiteboard notes from 2017-04-21 17.06.32

Now, define

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_2 &= c^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \alpha_0(\theta_2 - 2c\theta_1) \\ u_2 &= y^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2yT + \theta_2 T \end{aligned}$$

Using this notation, we obtain the unconditional moment equalities

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) \\ u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2)z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

### Third Moment Equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(y^3, z) - \theta_1 3\text{Cov}(y^2 T, z) + \theta_2 3\text{Cov}(y T, z) - \theta_3 \text{Cov}(T, z) &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[y^3 z - \theta_1 3y^2 T z + \theta_2 3y T z - \theta_3 T z] - \mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E}[y^3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3y T - \theta_3 T] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y^3] = \dots = c^3 + \beta p^* (3c^2 + 3c\beta + \beta^2) + 3\beta \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon T^*] (2c + \beta) + 3c\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + 3\beta \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 T^*] + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3]$$

For derivations of the following, see our whiteboard notes from April 21st and 22nd, 2017

$$\mathbb{E}[y^2 T] = \dots = c^2 p + \beta(1 - \alpha_1)p^* + \mathbb{E}[T\varepsilon^2] + 2c\beta(1 - \alpha_1)p^* + 2c\mathbb{E}[T\varepsilon] + 2\beta\mathbb{E}[TT^*\varepsilon]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[T\varepsilon^2] &= \dots = \alpha_0 \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 T^*] \\ \mathbb{E}[TT^*\varepsilon] &= \dots = (1 - \alpha_1) \mathbb{E}[T^*\varepsilon] \end{aligned}$$

We then need to calculate  $\mathbb{E}[y^3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3y T - \theta_3 T]$ . Using the preceding expressions, we can show after some algebra that the  $\mathbb{E}[T^*\varepsilon]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[T^*\varepsilon^2]$  terms drop out, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y^3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3y T - \theta_3 T] &= \{c^3 + \beta p^* (3c^2 + 3c\beta + \beta^2)\} + 3c\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3] - \theta_1 3\alpha_0 \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} - \theta_3 p \\ &\quad - \theta_1 3 \{c^2 p + \beta^2(1 - \alpha_1)p^* + 2c\beta(1 - \alpha_1)p^*\} + \theta_2 3 \{cp + \beta(1 - \alpha_1)p^*\} \end{aligned}$$

After *even more algebra* we can show that this expression depends neither on  $p$  nor on  $p^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y^3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3y T - \theta_3 T] &= c^3 + 3(c - \theta_1 \alpha_0) \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3] - \alpha_0 \theta_3 - 3c\alpha_0 \left[ \theta_1 (c + \beta) - 2\theta_2 \frac{1 - \alpha_1}{1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right] \\ &= c^3 + 3(c - \theta_1 \alpha_0) \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3] - \alpha_0 \theta_3 - 3c\alpha_0 [\theta_1 (c + \beta) - 2\theta_1^2 (1 - \alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

Now let

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_3 &= c^3 + 3(c - \theta_1 \alpha_0) \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3] - \alpha_0 \theta_3 - 3c\alpha_0 [\theta_1 (c + \beta) - 2\theta_1^2 (1 - \alpha_1)] \\ u_3 &= y^3 - \kappa_3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3y T - \theta_3 T \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the following moment equalities

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} u_3(\kappa_3, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \\ u_3(\kappa_3, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

**Putting Everything Together** Define

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\kappa} &= (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3)' \\ \boldsymbol{\theta} &= (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)' \\ \mathbf{u}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1) & u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_2) & u_3(\kappa_3, \theta_3) \end{bmatrix}' \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 &= c - \alpha_0 \theta_1 \\ \kappa_2 &= c^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \alpha_0(\theta_2 - 2c\theta_1) \\ \kappa_3 &= c^3 + 3(c - \theta_1\alpha_0)\sigma_{\varepsilon\varepsilon} + \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3] - \alpha_0\theta_3 - 3c\alpha_0[\theta_1(c + \beta) - 2\theta_1^2(1 - \alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1) &= y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T \\ u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) &= y^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2yT + \theta_2 T \\ u_3(\kappa_3, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) &= y^3 - \kappa_3 - \theta_1 3y^2 T + \theta_2 3yT - \theta_3 T \end{aligned}$$

Then the full system of moment equalities is given by

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \mathbf{u}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_2 &= \theta_1^2 [1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ \theta_3 &= \theta_1^3 [(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

**What about exogenous covariates?** At one extreme, we could simply carry out the above *conditional* on  $\mathbf{x}$ . This would entail treating  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  as functions of  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  and  $\beta$  would be allowed to depend on  $\mathbf{x}$ . To implement this, one would need to

estimate a number of conditional mean functions:  $\mathbb{E}[y|\mathbf{x}]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[T|\mathbf{x}]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[yT|\mathbf{x}]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[y^3|\mathbf{x}]$ , and  $\mathbb{E}[y^2T|\mathbf{x}]$ . It would appear that this leads to a standard two-step estimation problem although clearly you'd need a lot of data to have any chance! Another idea would be to impose some restrictions on the way in which  $\mathbf{x}$  affects  $\alpha_0$  etc, leading to a semi-parametric estimator. At the other extreme, we could impose the assumption that  $\mathbf{x}$  affects  $y$  linearly and  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  do not vary with  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$y = c + \beta T^* + \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\gamma} + \varepsilon$$

Under this assumption the result of Frazis & Loewenstein (2003) holds – the IV estimator would recover  $\kappa_1, \theta_1, \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ . Since  $(y - \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon$ , all of the preceding moment conditions should still hold only with  $(y - \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\gamma})$  in place of  $y$ . To identify  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  we add an extra moment condition in which  $\mathbf{x}$  multiplies the  $u_1$  error term, re-defined to subtract  $\mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ .

## 16 May 5th, 2017 – Todo for Revised Paper

1. New notation to accomodate covariates etc. as in Mahajan and Lewbel
2. Move Mahajan stuff into appendix; possibly convert back to his notation later – I have handwritten notes on this.
3. Identification results: identification from higher moments, lack of identification from conditional means alone
4. Explain briefly how to do fully non-parametric estimation, specialize to some simple cases, e.g. linear model
5. Explain about inference versus estimation.
6. Possibly show that Mahajan, Lewbel, etc. also suffer from a weak identification problem. This might be helpful for selling the paper. Would need to think about what inequalities to use in their case. Presumably we could still use the “weak” bounds, but there might be others we could exploit.
7. Testing  $\beta = 0$  should be very easy: don't need Andrews & Soares at all. I think we can either just use the Stock & Wright GMM-AR or even a plain old-fashioned GMM inference for testing a linear restriction.
8. Canay et al. projection inference for  $\beta$ ? Need to figure out if this actually gives a speed-up in our case. If so, could be very useful for simulations. Would be nice to



show that we have power to reject the probability limit of the IV and reduced form. Is it easier to handle the strongly-identified parameters using their method?

9. Could also talk briefly about the continuum of moment conditions idea and how one obtains identification from quantiles. There's also a question of using more inequalities by imposing the independence assumption for the measurement error. Could also proceed without our higher moment assumptions and just get inference for the identified set.
10. Is there any way to handle treatment effect heterogeneity? Should be ok if it's modeled heterogeneity but maybe there are some other special cases we can handle? What about that quantile treatment effect idea?
11. Simulations: want to show that we can actually learn something useful. Things we want to show are that we have more power than just the RF for testing  $\beta = 0$ , that we have power to reject the RF and IV plims in certain cases.
12. Need to show at least in simulations that our confidence regions aren't insane. Would be good if we could formally argue that they must be convex and connected, for example. Maybe the key is to show that our inequalities are always well-behaved and that adding the equalities can't make the problem suddenly become badly behaved.
13. Andrews & Soares with estimates of the strongly identified parameters to get a joint region for  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$ , and  $\beta$ . But this is slow, so we probably can't do simulations although it would be interesting in the empirical examples.
14. Try to get the projection inference for  $\beta$  working
15. Empirical example or examples: Oreopolous? Maybe the Heckman JPTA dataset? Petra suggested emailing someone about this but I forget who it was...

## 17 Lewbel (2007)

**Notation** Observe  $Y, Z$  and  $T$  where  $T$  is a proxy for  $T^*$  and

$$h^*(X, T^*) = E(Y|X, T^*)$$

$T^*$  = unobserved binary regressor

$X$  = vector of covariates

$Y$  = outcome

Since  $T^*$  is binary, without loss of generality,

$$\begin{aligned} h^*(X, T^*) &= h_0^*(X) + \tau^*(x)T^* \\ h_0^*(X) &= h^*(X, 0) \\ \tau^*(x) &= h^*(x, 1) - h^*(x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Goal is to estimate  $\tau^*(x)$ . Below we will partition  $X$  according to  $X = (V, Z)$  where  $V$  is an “instrument-like variable” and  $Z$  is the set of remaining covariates.

**Assumption A1** There exists  $E(Y|X, T^*, T) = E(Y|X, T^*)$ . Equivalently,  $Y$  is mean-independent of  $T - T^*$ , conditional on  $X, T^*$  – mis-classification does not affect true expected outcome. This rules out placebo effects, etc.

### More Notation

$$\begin{aligned} r^*(x) &= E(T^*|X = x) = P(T^* = 1|X = x) \\ b_0(x) &= P(T = 1|T^* = 0, X = x) \\ b_1(x) &= P(T = 0|T^* = 1, X = x) \\ r(x) &= E(T|X = x) \\ \tau(x) &= h(x, 1) - h(x, 0) \\ h(x, t) &= E(Y|X = x, T = t) \end{aligned}$$

**Assumption A2** There exist  $b_0(x) + b_1(x) < 1$  and  $0 < r^*(x) < 1$  for all  $x$  in the support of  $X$ .

**Theorem 1** Under Assumption A1 there exists a function  $m(x)$  such that  $|m(x)| \leq 1$  and  $\tau(x) = \tau^*(x)m(x)$ . If we add Assumption A2 then  $m(x) > 0$  as well.

- Analogous to attenuation bias under classical measurement error: A1 implies that  $\tau(x)$  is a lower bound for the magnitude of  $\tau^*(x)$ . Adding A2, sign of  $\tau(x)$  agrees with that of  $\tau^*(x)$ .
- Assumptions A1 and A2 imply that  $\tau^*(x) = 0$  iff  $\tau(x) = 0$ . Thus, if we only want to test  $\tau^*(x) = 0$  we can simply ignore mis-classification.

- As shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
m(x) &= P(T^* = 1|T = 1, X = x) - P(T^* = 1|T = 0, X = x) \implies |m(x)| < 1 \\
m(x) &= M[b_0(x), b_1(x), r(x)] = \frac{1}{1 - b_1(x) - b_0(x)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{[1 - b_1(x)] b_0(x)}{r(x)} - \frac{[1 - b_0(x)] b_1(x)}{1 - r(x)} \right\} \\
m(x) &= \frac{[1 - r^*(x)] r^*(x)}{[1 - r(x)] r(x)} [1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)] \implies m(x) > 0 \text{ if } 1 - b_0(x) + b_1(x) > 0
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let  $p_t(X) = P(T^* = 1|X, T = t)$ . By A1 we have

$$E(Y|X, T^*, T) = E(Y|X, T^*) = h_0^*(X) + \tau^*(X)T^*$$

combining this with iterated expectations,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(Y|X, T = t) &= E_{T^*|X, T=t} [E(Y|X, T = t, T^*)] = E_{T^*|X, T=t} [h_0^*(X) + \tau^*(X)T^*] \\
&= p_t(X) [h_0^*(X) + \tau^*(X)] + [1 - p_t(X)] h_0^*(X) \\
&= h_0^*(X) + p_t(X)\tau^*(X)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the difference of the preceding expression evaluated at  $T = 1$  and  $T = 0$

$$E(Y|X, T = 1) - E(Y|X, T = 0) = [p_1(X) - p_0(X)] \tau^*(X)$$

whereas we defined

$$\tau(X) = h(X, 1) - h(X, 0) = E(Y|X, T = 1) - E(Y|X, T = 0)$$

Combining these two equations, we see that

$$\tau(X) = [p_1(X) - p_0(X)] \tau^*(X)$$

so that the function  $m(x)$  defined in Theorem 1 equals  $p_1(x) - p_0(x)$ . Since  $m$  is a difference of probabilities, it follows immediately that  $-1 \leq m(x) \leq 1$ . Now, by Bayes' Rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
p_0(x) &= P(T^* = 1|X = x, T = 0) = \frac{P(T = 0|X = x, T^* = 1)P(T^* = 1|X = x)}{P(T = 0|X = x)} = \frac{b_1(x)r^*(x)}{1 - r(x)} \\
p_1(x) &= P(T^* = 1|X = x, T = 1) = \frac{P(T = 1|X = x, T^* = 1)P(T^* = 1|X = x)}{P(T = 1|X = x)} = \frac{[1 - b_1(x)]r^*(x)}{r(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

and by iterated expectations,

$$\begin{aligned} r(x) &= E(T|X = x) = E(T|X = x, T^* = 1)P(T^* = 1|X = x) + E(T|X = x, T^* = 0)P(T^* = 0|X = x) \\ &= [1 - b_1(x)]r^*(x) + b_0(x)[1 - r^*(x)] = b_0(x) + r^*(x)[1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)] \end{aligned}$$

Using this expression, if  $b_0(x) + b_1(x) = 1$  then  $r(x) = b_0$ . If instead  $b_0(x) + b_1(x) \neq 1$ , then we can divide through by  $1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)$  to solve for  $r^*(x)$  and  $1 - r^*(x)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} r^*(x) &= \frac{r(x) - b_0(x)}{1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)} \\ 1 - r^*(x) &= \frac{[1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)] - [r(x) - b_0(x)]}{1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)} = \frac{1 - b_1(x) - r(x)}{1 - b_0(x) - b_1(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Using the expressions we have just derived for  $p_0, p_1, r^*$  and  $1 - r^*$  and suppressing the dependence on  $x$  for simplicity, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m = p_1 - p_0 &= \frac{(1 - b_1)r^*}{r} - \frac{b_1 r^*}{1 - r} = \frac{(1 - r)(1 - b_1)r^* - r b_1 r^*}{r(1 - r)} \\ &= \frac{r^*(1 - r - b_1 + r b_1 - r b_1)}{r(1 - r)} = \frac{r^*(1 - r - b_1)}{r(1 - r)} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging,

$$(1 - r)rm = r^*(1 - r - b_1)$$

and combining this with  $1 - r^* = (1 - b_1 - r)/(1 - b_0 - b_1)$ , we have

$$(1 - r)rm = (1 - r^*)r^*(1 - b_0 - b_1)$$

Both  $r$  and  $r^*$  are strictly between zero and one. Thus, if  $b_0 + b_1 = 1$  we have  $m = 0$ . If instead  $b_0 + b_1 < 1$  we have  $m > 0$  and if  $b_0 + b_1 > 1$  then  $m < 0$ . Finally,

$$m = \frac{r^*(1 - r - b_1)}{r(1 - r)} = \frac{r - b_0}{1 - b_0 - b_1} \left[ \frac{1 - r - b_1}{r(1 - r)} \right]$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned}
(r - b_0)(1 - r - b_1) &= r(1 - r) - b_0(1 - r) - b_1r + b_1b_0 \\
&= r(1 - r) - b_0(1 - r) - b_1r + b_1b_0 + (b_1b_0r - b_1b_0r) \\
&= r(1 - r) - b_0(1 - r) - b_1r + b_1b_0(1 - r) + b_1b_0r \\
&= r(1 - r) - b_0(1 - r) - b_1r(1 - b_0) + b_1b_0(1 - r) \\
&= r(1 - r) + b_0(1 - r)(b_1 - 1) - b_1r(1 - b_0) \\
&= r(1 - r) - b_0(1 - r)(1 - b_1) - b_1r(1 - b_0)
\end{aligned}$$

we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
m = M(b_0, b_1, r) &= \frac{1}{1 - b_0 - b_1} \left[ \frac{r(1 - r) - (1 - b_1)b_0(1 - r) - (1 - b_0)b_1r}{r(1 - r)} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - b_0 - b_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1 - b_1)b_0}{r} - \frac{(1 - b_0)b_1}{1 - r} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Assumption A3** Assume that  $r(x)$  and  $\tau(x)$  are identified. Note that this only requires that we can consistently estimate conditional expectations of observable quantities.

**Assumption A4** Suppose that we have partitioned  $X$  into two subvectors:  $X = (V, Z)$ . We assume that for each  $z$  in the support of  $Z$  there exists a subset  $\Omega_z$  of the support of  $V$  such that:

- (i) for all  $v, v' \in \Omega_z$ ,  $b_0(v, z) = b_0(v', z)$ ,  $b_1(v, z) = b_1(v', z)$ , and  $\tau^*(v, z) = \tau^*(v', z)$
- (ii) for all  $v, v' \in \Omega_z$  such that  $v \neq v'$ ,  $r^*(v, z) \neq r^*(v', z)$ .

The basic idea here is that  $V$  affects the probability of being treated  $r^*$  but not the treatment effect  $\tau^*$  after we have conditioned on  $Z$ . As sufficient condition for the restriction on  $\tau^*$  to hold is  $E(Y|Z = z, V = v, T^* = t) = s_1(z, t) + s_2(z, v)$  for some functions  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ .

**Some More Notation** Let  $b_0(z), b_1(z), \tau^*(z)$  denote  $b_0(v, z), b_1(v, z), \tau^*(v, z)$  for  $v \in \Omega_z$  since, under A4, these do not vary with  $v$ .

**Assumption A5** Each set  $\Omega_z$  from A4 contains three elements  $v_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2$  such that

$$\left[ \frac{\tau(v_0, z)}{r(v_1, z)} - \frac{\tau(v_1, z)}{r(v_0, z)} \right] \left[ \frac{\tau(v_0, z)}{1 - r(v_2, z)} - \frac{\tau(v_2, z)}{1 - r(v_0, z)} \right] \neq \left[ \frac{\tau(v_0, z)}{r(v_2, z)} - \frac{\tau(v_2, z)}{r(v_0, z)} \right] \left[ \frac{\tau(v_0, z)}{1 - r(v_1, z)} - \frac{\tau(v_1, z)}{1 - r(v_0, z)} \right]$$

- The key requirement is that  $V$  takes on at least three values.
- Assumption A5 depends only on observables, so we can test it.
- An equivalent way to state A5 is:  $\tau^*(z) \neq 0$ ,  $b_0(z) + b_1(z) \neq 1$  and an inequality involving  $r$  and  $r^*$  which is explained below.
- The triplets  $(v_0, v_1, v_2)$  are allowed to depend on  $z$ .

**Theorem 2** Under A1–A5, the mis-classification probabilities  $b_0(x), b_1(x)$  are identified as is the probability of treatment  $r^*(x)$  and treatment effect  $\tau^*(x)$ . If we replace  $b_0(x) + b_1(x) < 1$  from A2 with  $b_0(x) + b_1(x) \neq 1$ , then  $\tau^*(x)$  is identified up to sign.

- For simplicity, suppress dependence on  $z$ . By Theorem 1 and A4,

$$\tau(v_k)M[b_0, b_1, r(v_k)] = \tau(v_0)M[b_0, b_1, r(v_0)]$$

- Again suppressing dependence on  $z$ , recall from above that

$$M[b_0, b_1, r(v_k)] = \frac{1}{1 - b_1 - b_0} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(1 - b_1)b_0}{r(v_k)} - \frac{(1 - b_0)b_1}{1 - r(v_k)} \right\}$$

- Evaluating the two preceding expressions at  $k = 1$  and  $k = 2$  gives two equations relating the identified functions  $r$  and  $\tau$  to the unknown mis-classification probabilities  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ .
- Since each equation involves  $v_0$ , we need  $V$  to take on at least three values to get as many equations as unknowns (two).
- The proof of Theorem 2 shows that the two equations admit a unique solution, so that  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  are identified.
- Given knowledge of  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ , Theorem 1 allows us to solve for  $r^*$  and  $\tau^*$ .
- If  $V$  only took on two values, we could not identify  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  without further restrictions. However if either  $b_0$  or  $b_1$  were known, e.g. known to be zero as in a one-sided mis-classification setting, then we could identify the model using only a binary  $V$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.** For a fixed value of the covariates  $z$ , Assumption A4 ensures that there is a subset  $\Omega_z$  of the support of  $V$  – a subset that may depend on  $z$  – such that for all  $v, v' \in \Omega_z$  we have  $b_0(v, z) = b_0(v', z)$ ,  $b_1(v, z) = b_1(v', z)$  and  $\tau^*(v, z) = \tau^*(v', z)$ . Assumption

A5 ensures that  $\Omega_z$  contains at least three values:  $v_0, v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Suppress dependence on the covariates  $z$ : let  $r_k = r(v_k)$  and  $\tau_k = \tau(v_k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ . Since  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  do not depend on  $v$  for  $v \in \Omega_z$ , there is no subscript on these quantities. By Theorem 1,  $\tau(v, z) = \tau^*(v, z)m(v, z)$ . Again suppressing dependence on  $z$  and using the expression for  $m$  derived in the proof of Theorem 1,  $\tau_k = M(b_0, b_1, r_k)\tau_k^*$  for all  $k = 0, 1, 2$ . But by Assumption A4,  $\tau_0^* = \tau_1^* = \tau_2^*$ , which yields

$$\frac{\tau_k}{M(b_0, b_1, r_k)} = \frac{\tau_\ell}{M(b_0, b_1, r_\ell)}$$

for any  $k, \ell$ . Rearranging,

$$M(b_0, b_1, r_k)\tau_\ell = M(b_0, b_1, r_\ell)\tau_k$$

For  $k \neq \ell$  this yields a nontrivial equation relating  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  to observables:  $\tau_k, r_k$  and  $\tau_\ell, r_\ell$ . In particular, take  $\ell = 0$  and  $k = 1, 2$ . We obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= M(b_0, b_1, r_k)\tau_0 - M(b_0, b_1, r_0)\tau_k \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{1-b_0-b_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-b_1)b_0}{r_k} - \frac{(1-b_0)b_1}{1-r_k} \right] \tau_0 - \frac{1}{1-b_0-b_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-b_1)b_0}{r_0} - \frac{(1-b_0)b_1}{1-r_0} \right] \tau_k \\ 0 &= \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-b_1)b_0}{r_k} - \frac{(1-b_0)b_1}{1-r_k} \right] \tau_0 - \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-b_1)b_0}{r_0} - \frac{(1-b_0)b_1}{1-r_0} \right] \tau_k \\ 0 &= (1-b_1)b_0 \left( \frac{\tau_k}{r_0} - \frac{\tau_0}{r_k} \right) + (1-b_0)b_1 \left( \frac{\tau_k}{1-r_0} - \frac{\tau_0}{1-r_k} \right) + (\tau_0 - \tau_k) \\ 0 &= (1-b_1)b_0 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{r_k} - \frac{\tau_k}{r_0} \right) + (1-b_0)b_1 \left( \frac{\tau_0}{1-r_k} - \frac{\tau_k}{1-r_0} \right) + (\tau_k - \tau_0) \end{aligned}$$

This is a *linear* equation of the form

$$0 = B_0 w_{0k} + B_1 w_{1k} + w_{2k}$$

where the unknowns  $B_0, B_1$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= b_0(1-b_1) \\ B_1 &= b_1(1-b_0) \end{aligned}$$

and the observable constants  $w_{0k}, w_{1k}, w_{2k}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} w_{0k} &= \frac{\tau_0}{r_k} - \frac{\tau_k}{r_0} \\ w_{1k} &= \frac{\tau_0}{1-r_k} - \frac{\tau_k}{1-r_0} \\ w_{2k} &= \tau_k - \tau_0 \end{aligned}$$

Since we have an equation for  $k = 1$  and  $k = 2$ , we have a linear system of  $k$  equations in two unknowns. In matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{01} & w_{11} \\ w_{02} & w_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_0 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -w_{21} \\ -w_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

In this notation, Assumption A5 is simply  $w_{01}w_{12} - w_{02}w_{11} \neq 0$  which ensures the system has a unique solution.

Now, let  $s = 1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1$ . Since  $B_0 = (1 - b_1)b_0$  and  $B_1 = (1 - b_0)b_1$ , we have

$$(s + b_0)b_0 = (1 - b_0 - b_1 + b_0)b_0 = (1 - b_1)b_0 = B_0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s &= (1 - b_1)b_0 - (1 - b_0)b_1 + 1 - (1 - b_0 - b_1) \\ &= b_0 - b_1b_0 - b_1 + b_1b_0 + b_0 + b_1 = 2b_0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $2b_0 = B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s$  into  $B_0 = (s + b_0)b_0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 4B_0 &= (2s + 2b_0)2b_0 = (2s + B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s)(B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s) \\ &= (s + B_0 - B_1 + 1)(B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s) \\ &= [(B_0 - B_1 + 1) + s][(B_0 - B_1 + 1) - s] \\ &= (B_0 - B_1 + 1)^2 - s^2 \end{aligned}$$

and rearranging to solve for  $s$ ,

$$s = \pm \sqrt{(B_0 - B_1 + 1)^2 - 4B_0}$$

This identifies  $s$  up to sign so long as  $s \neq 0$ , and since

$$M(b_0, b_1, r_k) = \frac{1}{1 - b_0 - b_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1 - b_1)b_0}{r_k} - \frac{(1 - b_0)b_1}{1 - r_k} \right] = \frac{1}{s} \left[ 1 - \frac{B_0}{r_k} - \frac{B_1}{1 - r_k} \right]$$

and  $\tau_k = M(b_0, b_1, r_k)\tau^*$ , it follows that  $\tau^*$  is identified up to sign. If  $s > 0$ , then  $s$  is identified as are  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ . To solve for the misclassification probabilities, first use the fact that  $B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s = 2b_0$  as shown above to yield,

$$b_0 = (B_0 - B_1 + 1 - s)/2$$



and similarly, use the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} -(B_0 - B_1 - 1 + s) &= -[(1 - b_1)b_0 - (1 - b_0)b_1 - b_0 - b_1] \\ &= -(b_0 - b_1b_0 - b_1 + b_1b_0 - b_0 - b_1) \\ &= 2b_1 \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$b_1 = -(B_0 - B_1 - 1 + s)/2.$$

Still need to verify the following:

Finally, let

$$R_k = \frac{(1 - r_k^*)r_k^*}{(1 - r_k)r_k}$$

Using the fact that  $\tau_k = M(b_0, b_1, r_k)\tau^*$  along with

$$m = \frac{(1 - b_1)r^*}{r} - \frac{b_1r^*}{1 - r}$$

the determinant condition can be expressed as

$$\left[ \left( \frac{R_0}{r_1} - \frac{R_1}{r_0} \right) \left( \frac{R_0}{1 - r_2} - \frac{R_2}{1 - r_0} \right) - \left( \frac{R_0}{r_2} - \frac{R_2}{r_0} \right) \left( \frac{R_0}{1 - r_1} - \frac{R_1}{1 - r_0} \right) \right] \times (1 - b_0 - b_1)\tau^* \neq 0$$

□

## 18 Notes on Mahajan (2006)

### 18.1 The Case of Exogenous $x^*$

**Model and Basic Notation:** Consider a model of the form

$$\mathbb{E}[y - g(\tilde{z}) \mid \tilde{z}] = 0 \tag{25}$$

where  $\tilde{z} = (x^*, z)$ ,  $x^*$  is an unobserved binary random variable,  $z$  is a  $d_z \times 1$  vector of observed random variables (covariates), and the conditional expectation function  $g(\tilde{z}) = \mathbb{E}(y|\tilde{z})$  is unknown.<sup>3</sup> In addition to  $z$  we also observe  $x$ , a binary, mis-classified surrogate for  $x^*$  along with a “special” random variable  $v$  – in essence an instrumental variable.

---

<sup>3</sup>The fact that  $g$  is the conditional expectation of  $y$  given  $\tilde{z}$  follows from the linearity of expectation and the fact that  $g$  is a function of  $\tilde{z}$  only, since  $0 = \mathbb{E}[y - g(\tilde{z})|\tilde{z}] = \mathbb{E}(y|\tilde{z}) - \mathbb{E}[g(\tilde{z})|\tilde{z}] = \mathbb{E}(y|\tilde{z}) - g(\tilde{z})$ .

**Basic Model Assumption** The basic assumption of the model is

$$\mathbb{E}[y - g(\tilde{z})|\tilde{z}, x, v] = \mathbb{E}[y - g(x^*, z)|x^*, x, v, z] = 0. \quad (26)$$

Now, since

$$\mathbb{E}[y - g(\tilde{z})|\tilde{z}, x, v] = \mathbb{E}[y|\tilde{z}, x, v] - g(\tilde{z}) = \mathbb{E}[y|\tilde{z}, z, v] - E[y|\tilde{z}] = 0$$

we see that this assumption is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{E}[y|x^*, x, v, z] = \mathbb{E}[y|x^*, z] = g(x^*, z)$$

which entails both non-differential measurement error and an exclusion restriction for  $v$ .

**Relationship to an Additively Separable Model** Our object of interest here is the conditional mean function  $g(\tilde{z})$ . Defining  $\varepsilon = y - g(\tilde{z})$ , by construction we have  $y = g(\tilde{z}) + \varepsilon$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|x^*, z) = 0$  which gives us an additively separable model. Note that  $g$  *need not* be a structural function: unless  $\tilde{z}$  is exogenous, we cannot give it a causal interpretation. But if we are only interested in learning the conditional mean function  $g$ , we do not have to worry about endogeneity since  $x^*$  is by construction exogenous for the error term  $\varepsilon$ . Note that by iterated expectations and Equation 26,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y|x^*, x, z] &= \mathbb{E}_{v|\tilde{z}, x} [\mathbb{E}(y|\tilde{z}, x, v)] = \mathbb{E}_{v|\tilde{z}, x} [g(\tilde{z})] = g(x^*, z) \\ \mathbb{E}[y|x^*, v, z] &= \mathbb{E}_{x|\tilde{z}, v} [\mathbb{E}(y|\tilde{z}, x, v)] = \mathbb{E}_{x|\tilde{z}, v} [g(\tilde{z})] = g(x^*, z) \end{aligned}$$

or expressed in terms of  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|x^*, x, z, v] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|x^*, x, z] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon|x^*, v, z] = 0.$$

**A Note Concerning Covariates** Throughout the following, the covariates  $z$  are held fixed at  $z = z_a$  so we will sometimes suppress the dependence of various functions on  $z$ .

**Notation: Misclassification Rates** (Note that these correspond to  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  in our notation.)

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_0(z_a) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 1 | x^* = 0, z_a) \\ \eta_1(z_a) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 0 | x^* = 1, z_a)\end{aligned}$$

**Notation: Observed and Unobserved First-stage** (Note that these correspond to  $p_k$  and  $p_k^*$  in our notation.)

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2(z_a, v) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 1 | z_a, v) \\ \eta_2^*(z_a, v) &= \mathbb{P}(x^* = 1 | z_a, v)\end{aligned}$$

In addition to Equations 25 and 26, we maintain the following:

**Assumption 18.1** (Identification of  $g$  if  $x^*$  were observed).

*Knowledge of the distribution of  $(y, x^*, z)$  suffices to identify  $g(x^*, z_a)$ .*

**Assumption 18.2** (Positive correlation between  $x^*$  and  $x$ ).

*The sum of the mis-classification error rates is less than one:  $\eta_0(z_a) + \eta_1(z_a) < 1$ .*

Assumption 18.2 requires that the mis-classification is not so severe that  $x$  is uncorrelated with or negatively correlated with  $x^*$ .

**Assumption 18.3.** *The surrogate  $x$  is conditionally independent of  $v$  given  $x^*$  and  $z_a$ .*

In essence, Assumption 18.3 requires that  $v$  is excluded for the mis-classification error process. In particular, it implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(x = 1 | x^* = 0, v, z_a) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 1 | x^* = 0, z_a) = \eta_0(z_a) \\ \mathbb{P}(x = 0 | x^* = 1, v, z_a) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 0 | x^* = 1, z_a) = \eta_1(z_a)\end{aligned}$$

**Assumption 18.4** (First-stage). *For some  $v_1 \neq v_2$ ,  $\eta_2^*(z_a, v_1) \neq \eta_2(z_a, v_2)$ .*

Assumption 18.4 is just the standard IV relevance condition, conditional on  $z = z_a$ .

**Assumption 18.5** (Relevance of  $x^*$ ). *The function  $g$  depends on  $x^*$ :  $g(1, z_a) \neq g(0, z_a)$ .*

The mis-classification error rates  $\eta_0$  and  $\eta_1$  are not identified if Assumption 18.5 fails.

**Theorem 18.1.** *Under Assumptions 18.1–18.5  $g(x^*, z_a)$ ,  $\eta_0(z_a)$ , and  $\eta_1(z_a)$  are identified.*

## Steps in the Proof

1. Show that if  $\eta_0(z_a)$  and  $\eta_1(z_a)$  are identified, so is  $g(x^*, z_a)$ .
2. Show that  $\eta_0(z_a)$  and  $\eta_1(z_a)$  are identified.

In the proof we will suppose that  $v$  is binary and takes on values  $v_1 \neq v_2$ . We will also suppress dependence on  $(z, v)$  unless needed and employ the convention that  $w = (x, y, xy)$ .

## Some Additional Notation

$$r(z_a, v) \equiv \mathbb{E}(xy|z_a, v)$$

$$\eta_2(z_a, v) \equiv \mathbb{E}(x|z_a, v)$$

$$t(z_a, v) \equiv \mathbb{E}(y|z_a, v)$$

Note that we have already defined  $\eta_2$  above. The definition given here is equivalent since  $x$  is binary and hence  $\mathbb{P}(x = 1|\dots) = \mathbb{E}(x|\dots)$ .

**Lemma 18.1.**  $[1 - \eta_0(z_a) - \eta_1(z_a)] \eta_2^*(z_a, v) = \eta_2(z_a, v) - \eta_0(z_a)$ .

**Proof of Lemma 18.1.** By the Law of Total Probability and the fact that  $\mathbb{P}(x = 1|x^*, z_a, v)$  does not depend on  $v$  by Assumption 18.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2(z_a, v) &= \mathbb{P}(x = 1|x^* = 0, z_a, v) [1 - \eta_2^*(z_a, v)] + \mathbb{P}(x = 1|x^* = 1, z_a, v) \eta_2^*(z_a, v) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(x = 1|x^* = 0, z_a) [1 - \eta_2^*(z_a, v)] + \mathbb{P}(x = 1|x^* = 1, z_a) \eta_2^*(z_a, v) \\ &= \eta_0(z_a) [1 - \eta_2^*(z_a, v)] + [1 - \eta_1(z_a)] \eta_2^*(z_a, v) \\ &= \eta_0(z_a) + [1 - \eta_0(z_a) - \eta_1(z_a)] \eta_2^*(z_a, v) \end{aligned}$$

The result follows by re-arranging. □

**Note:** In our notation, the preceding corresponds to  $(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)p_k^* = p_k - \alpha_0$ .

**Lemma 18.2.**  $t(z_a, v) = g(0, z_a) [1 - \eta_2^*(z_a, v)] + g(1, z_a) \eta_2^*(z_a, v)$ .

**Proof of Lemma 18.2.** □

**Lemma 18.3.**  $r(z_a, v) = g(0, z_a) \eta_0(z_a) [1 - \eta_2^*(z_a, v)] + g(1, z_a) [1 - \eta_1(z_a)] \eta_2^*(z_a, v)$

**Proof of Lemma 18.3.** □

**Lemma 18.4.**

$$r(z_a, v_1) - r(z_a, v_2) = [\eta_2^*(z_a, v_1) - \eta_2^*(z_a, v_2)] \{[1 - \eta_1(z_a)] g(1, z_a) - \eta_0(z_a) g(0, z_a)\}$$

**Proof of Lemma 18.4.**

□

**Lemma 18.5** (IV Estimator).

$$\bar{t}(z_a) = k(a) [g(1, z_a) - g(0, z_a)]$$

where

$$\bar{t}(z_a) = \frac{t(z_a, v_1) - t(z_a, v_2)}{\eta_2(z_a, v_1) - \eta_2(z_a, v_2)}, \quad k(z_a) = \frac{1}{1 - \eta_0(z_a) - \eta_1(z_a)}$$

**Proof of Lemma 18.5.**

□

**Lemma 18.6** (“Modified” IV Estimator).

$$\bar{r}(z_a) = k(a) \{[1 - \eta_1(z_a)] g(1, z_a) - \eta_0(z_a) g(0, z_a)\}$$

where

$$\bar{r}(z_a) = \frac{r(z_a, v_1) - r(z_a, v_2)}{\eta_2(z_a, v_1) - \eta_2(z_a, v_2)}, \quad k(z_a) = \frac{1}{1 - \eta_0(z_a) - \eta_1(z_a)}$$

**Proof of Lemma 18.6.**

□

**Proof of Theorem 18.1 – Step 1.** In this step, we assume that  $\eta_0(z_a)$  and  $\eta_1(z_a)$  are both identified. We then show that Assumptions 18.1–18.5 suffice to identify  $g(x^*, z)$  given knowledge of  $r(z_a, v)$ ,  $\eta_2(z_a, v)$ , and  $t(z_a, v)$ . □

**Proof of Theorem 18.1 – Step 2.** In this step, we show that  $\eta_0(z_a)$  and  $\eta_1(z_a)$  are both identified under Assumptions 18.1–18.5. □

## 18.2 The Case of Endogenous $x^*$

## 19 Frazis & Loewenstein / Mahajan Moments

I’ve checked everything out here by simulation and it’s all correct as expected.

Throughout this section I suppress dependence on covariates. Consider a version of our model  $y = c + \beta T^* + \epsilon$  with  $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon|T^*, z] = 0$ , the setting from Mahajan (2006), Frazis & Loewenstein, BBS, and KRS. In this setting the Wald estimator continues to identify  $\beta/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ , so one of the moment equations matches ours:

$$\text{Cov}(y, z) - \theta_1 \text{Cov}(T, z) = 0 \quad (27)$$

where  $\theta_1 = \beta/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ . The next equation appears as the first display on page 657 of Mahajan:

$$r(v_1) - r(v_2) = [\eta_2^*(v_1) - \eta_2^*(v_2)] [g(1) - (1 - \eta_1) - g(0)\eta_0]$$

Translating this into our notation, we have

$$\frac{\text{Cov}(YT, z)}{q(1 - q)} = (p_1^* - p_0^*) [(\beta + c)(1 - \alpha_1) - c\alpha_0]$$

but since

$$(p_1^* - p_0^*) = \frac{p_1 - p_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} = \frac{\text{Cov}(T, z)}{q(1 - q)(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)}$$

after multiplying through by  $q(1 - q)$  we can re-write the expression from Mahajan as

$$\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \theta_2 \text{Cov}(z, T) = 0 \quad (28)$$

where  $\theta_2 = c + \theta_1(1 - \alpha_1)$ . This expression is based on the same information as Equation (13d) from Frazis and Loewenstein, although their choice of parameterization is much more complicated. Both are essentially the “modified Wald” in which we estimate the effect of  $T$  on  $yT$  using an instrument  $z$ .

The final expression we will need to close the model can be constructed from Equation (13c) of Frazis & Loewenstein, namely

$$\text{Cov}(T, y) = \beta \text{Cov}(T, T^*)$$

where we set  $\gamma$  to zero since covariates do not enter additively in our (and Mahajan’s) formulation, but instead every expression tacitly conditions on  $\mathbf{x}$ . Since,

$$\text{Cov}(T, T^*) = \frac{(p - \alpha_0)(1 - p - \alpha_1)}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1}$$

we can re-write this expression as

$$\text{Cov}(T, y) - \theta_1(p - \alpha_0)(1 - p - \alpha_1) = 0. \quad (29)$$

This expression incorporates the information from the OLS estimator. Mahajan uses a *conditional on  $z$*  version of the same expression, namely

$$r(v) - \eta_2(v)t(v) = \bar{t} [1 - \eta_2(v) - \eta_1] [\eta_2(v) - \eta_0]$$

which can be written in our notation as

$$\text{Cov}(y, T|z) - \theta_1(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)(p_k - \alpha_0) = 0.$$

Both Mahajan and Frazis and Loewenstein prove identification in an extremely convoluted way. A much simpler approach proceeds directly from Equations 27–29 by re-writing them as unconditional moment equations. First,

$$\text{Cov}(y, z) - \theta_1 \text{Cov}(T, z) = \mathbb{E}[yz - \theta_1 Tz] - \mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E}[y - \theta_1 T] = 0$$

so that we can express Equation 27 using two unconditional moment equalities:

$$\mathbb{E}[y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T] = 0 \quad (30)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T)z] = 0 \quad (31)$$

Proceeding similarly for Equation 28, we have:

$$\text{Cov}(yT, z) - \theta_2 \text{Cov}(T, z) = \mathbb{E}[yTz - \theta_2 Tz] - \mathbb{E}[z] \mathbb{E}[yT - \theta_2 T] = 0$$

which we can write as

$$\mathbb{E}[yT - \kappa_2 - \theta_2 T] = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(yT - \kappa_2 - \theta_2 T)z] = 0 \quad (33)$$

It turns out that equations 30 – 33 suffice to identify the model. To see why, we need to

re-write Equation 29. First,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(T, y) &= \mathbb{E}[Ty] - \mathbb{E}[T]\mathbb{E}[c + \beta T^* + \varepsilon] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Ty] - p(c + \beta p^*) \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Ty] - p \left[ c + \beta \left( \frac{p - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \right) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Ty] - p [c + \theta_1 (p - \alpha_0)]
\end{aligned}$$

so that Equation 29 becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[Ty] - p [c + \theta_1 (p - \alpha_0)] - \theta_1 (p - \alpha_0)(1 - p - \alpha_1) &= 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[Ty] - pc - \theta_1 (1 - \alpha_1)(p - \alpha_0) &= 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[Ty] - p\theta_2 + \theta_1 \alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1) &= 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[(y - \theta_2)T] + \theta_1 \alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

But recall that we defined  $\kappa_2$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[yT - \kappa_2 - \theta_2 T] = 0$ , in other words  $\kappa_2 = \mathbb{E}[(y - \theta_2)T]$  which means that  $\kappa_2 = -\theta_1 \alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1)$ . Thus, we can write the full system of unconditional moment equations as

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T \\ yT - \kappa_2 - \theta_2 T \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbf{0}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\
\kappa_1 &= c - \alpha_0 \theta_1 \\
\theta_2 &= c + \theta_1 (1 - \alpha_1) \\
\kappa_2 &= -\theta_1 \alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, notice that

$$\theta_2 - \kappa_1 = [c + \theta_1 (1 - \alpha_1)] - [c - \alpha_0 \theta_1] = \theta_1 [(1 - \alpha_1) + \alpha_0]$$

Hence

$$A \equiv \left( \frac{\theta_2 - \kappa_1}{\theta_1} \right) = (1 - \alpha_1) + \alpha_0 \tag{34}$$

$$B \equiv -\frac{\kappa_2}{\theta_1} = \alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1) \tag{35}$$



Eliminating  $(1 - \alpha_1)$  and  $\alpha_0$ , respectively, we obtain the following two quadratics:

$$\alpha_0^2 - A\alpha_0 + B = 0 \quad (36)$$

$$(1 - \alpha_1)^2 - A(1 - \alpha_1) + B = 0 \quad (37)$$

It follows that one root of  $x^2 - Ax + B = 0$  is  $\alpha_0$  while the other is  $(1 - \alpha_1)$ . The discriminant of this quadratic is

$$\begin{aligned} D &= A^2 - 4B = \left(\frac{\theta_2 - \kappa_1}{\theta_1}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{\kappa_2}{\theta_1}\right) = [(1 - \alpha_1) + \alpha_0]^2 - 4[\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)] \\ &= (1 - \alpha_1) + 2(1 - \alpha_1)\alpha_0 + \alpha_0^2 - 4\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1) \\ &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

so we see that both roots are real provided that  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \neq 0$  and, moreover, that

$$(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 = \left(\frac{\theta_2 - \kappa_1}{\theta_1}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{\kappa_2}{\theta_1}\right)$$

Since  $\beta = \theta_1(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ , we know that the sign of  $\theta_1$  will match that of  $\beta$  so long as  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 < 1$ , and in this case we find that

$$\beta = \text{sign}(\theta_1) \sqrt{\theta_1^2 \left[ \left(\frac{\theta_2 - \kappa_1}{\theta_1}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{\kappa_2}{\theta_1}\right) \right]} = \sqrt{(\theta_2 - \kappa_1)^2 + 4\theta_1\kappa_2}$$

## 20 Notation and Results for New Draft – July 19th, 2017

Additively separable model

$$y = h(T^*, \mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a mean-zero error term,  $T^*$  is an endogenous binary regressor of interest and  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector of exogenous controls. Since  $T^*$  is binary, we can re-write this as linear in  $T^*$  conditional on  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c(\mathbf{x}) + \beta(\mathbf{x})T^* + \varepsilon \\ \beta(\mathbf{x}) &= h(1, \mathbf{x}) - h(0, \mathbf{x}) \\ c(\mathbf{x}) &= h(0, \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Goal is to use an instrumental variable  $z$  to identify  $\beta(\mathbf{x})$  when we observe not  $T^*$  but a mis-measured binary surrogate  $T$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}, z) &= \mathbb{P}(T = 1 | T^* = 0, \mathbf{x}, z) \\ \alpha_1(\mathbf{x}, z) &= \mathbb{P}(T = 0 | T^* = 1, \mathbf{x}, z)\end{aligned}$$

Identification will only rely on two values for  $z$ .

Be clear about the fact that, with the exception of the non-identification results, we assume throughout that  $z$  is binary.

Assumptions that would suffice to identify the model if  $T^*$  were observed

**Assumption 20.1.**

- (i)  $y = c(\mathbf{x}) + \beta(\mathbf{x})T^* + \varepsilon$  where  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | \mathbf{x}, z_k) \neq \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | \mathbf{x}, z_\ell)$  for two distinct values  $z_k, z_\ell$  in the support of  $z$ .
- (iii)  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \mathbf{x}, z] = 0$

Stronger version of Assumption 20.1 (iii) used by Frazis & Loewenstein, Mahajan, etc. This assumption gives point identification without higher moment restrictions.

**Assumption 20.2.**  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \mathbf{x}, z, T^*] = 0$

Assumptions on the mis-classification

**Assumption 20.3.**

- (i)  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \mathbf{x}, z, T^*, T] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \mathbf{x}, z, T^*]$
- (ii)  $\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}, z) = \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}), \alpha_1(\mathbf{x}, z) = \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})$
- (iii)  $\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha_1(\mathbf{x}) \neq 1$  ( $T$  is relevant for  $T^*$ )

Stronger version of 20.3 (iii) without which we can only get identification of  $\beta$  up to sign.

**Assumption 20.4.**  $\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha_1(\mathbf{x}) < 1$  ( $T$  is positively correlated with  $T^*$ )

Second moment assumption identifies the difference of mis-classification error rates.

**Assumption 20.5.**  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | \mathbf{x}, z] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | \mathbf{x}]$

Additional moment assumptions to get identification

**Assumption 20.6.**

- (i)  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | \mathbf{x}, z, T^*, T] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | \mathbf{x}, z, T^*]$
- (ii)  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3 | \mathbf{x}, z] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^3 | \mathbf{x}]$

## Notation

$$\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) = \beta(\mathbf{x}) [1 - \{\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})\}]^{-1} \quad (38)$$

$$\theta_2(\mathbf{x}) = [\theta_1(\mathbf{x})]^2 [1 + \{\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})\}] \quad (39)$$

$$\theta_3(\mathbf{x}) = [\theta_1(\mathbf{x})]^3 [(1 - \{\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})\})^2 + 6\alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) \{1 - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})\}] \quad (40)$$

$$\text{Cov}(y, z|\mathbf{x}) - \text{Cov}(T, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(y^2, z|\mathbf{x}) - 2\text{Cov}(yT, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) + \text{Cov}(T, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(y^3, z|\mathbf{x}) - 3\text{Cov}(y^2T, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) + 3\text{Cov}(yT, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x}) - \text{Cov}(T, z|\mathbf{x})\theta_3(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{P}(z = 1|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(T, z|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\eta_j(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(y^j, z|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\tau_j(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(Ty^j, z|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\eta_1(\mathbf{x}) = \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\eta_2(\mathbf{x}) = 2\tau_1(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) - \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\eta_3(\mathbf{x}) = 3\tau_2(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) - 3\tau_1(\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x}) + \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_3(\mathbf{x})$$

**Lemma 20.1** (Lemma for Appendix only with Bayes' Rule). *For mis-classification probabilities*

$$P(T^* = 1|T = 1, Z = k) = P(T = 1|T^* = 1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{p_k} \right) = (1 - \alpha_1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{p_k} \right)$$

$$P(T^* = 1|T = 0, Z = k) = P(T = 0|T^* = 1) \left( \frac{p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) = \alpha_1 \left( \frac{p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right)$$

$$P(T^* = 0|T = 1, Z = k) = P(T = 1|T^* = 0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{p_k} \right) = \alpha_0 \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{p_k} \right)$$

$$P(T^* = 0|T = 0, Z = k) = P(T = 0|T^* = 0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) = (1 - \alpha_0) \left( \frac{1 - p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right)$$

Both of the following two lemmas are known results from the literature. The first gives the

relationship between the observed first stage probabilities and their unobserved counterparts,

**Lemma 20.2.** *Under Assumption 20.3,*

$$\begin{aligned} [1 - \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | \mathbf{x}, z = k) &= \mathbb{P}(T = 1 | \mathbf{x}, z = k) - \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) \\ [1 - \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})] \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0 | \mathbf{x}, z = k) &= \mathbb{P}(T = 0 | \mathbf{x}, z = k) - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Simple calculation using law of total probability.  $\square$

The second shows that the IV estimand does not equal  $\beta$  in the presence of mis-classification

**Lemma 20.3.** *Let  $\eta_1(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(y, z | \mathbf{x})$  and  $\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(T, z | \mathbf{x})$ . Then, under Assumptions 20.1 and 20.3,  $\eta_1(\mathbf{x}) = \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x})$  where  $\theta_1(\mathbf{x})$  is as defined in Equation 38.*

**Proof.** Immediate since  $\text{Cov}(T, y | \mathbf{x}) = [1 - \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha_1(\mathbf{x})] \text{Cov}(T^*, z | \mathbf{x})$  by Lemma 20.2.  $\square$

If we strengthen Assumption 20.1 (iii) to Assumption 20.2, then a binary instrument suffices to identify  $\beta$  under Assumptions ????. (See KRS, BBS, FL, and Mahajan. Also possibly put a proof in the online-only appendix). However, without this additional condition  $\beta$  is unidentified regardless of the number of values that the instrument takes on, as we now show.<sup>4</sup>

**Theorem 20.1** (Non-identification Result).

**Proof of Theorem 20.1.** Proof non-identification by deriving the sharp identified set. This requires deriving bounds such that: (1) any point that violates the bounds violates one of our assumptions, and (2) for any point within the bounds we can find a DGP that satisfies all of our assumptions. This shouldn't be too hard, but we just need to make sure the proof is completely rigorous.  $\square$

**Lemma 20.4.** *Let  $\eta_2(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(y^2, z | \mathbf{x})$  and  $\tau_1(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(yT, z | \mathbf{x})$ . Then, Under Assumptions 20.1, 20.3 and 20.5,*

$$\eta_2(\mathbf{x}) = 2\tau_1(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) - \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  is as defined in Lemma 20.3 and  $\theta_1(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\theta_2(\mathbf{x})$  are given by Equations 38–39.

---

<sup>4</sup>Footnote mentioning how this relates to Mahajan's mistake. He imposed an extra assumption that contradicts the existence of a first-stage. Direct the reader a separate note explaining the error.

**Proof of Lemma 20.4.** Throughout this argument we suppress dependence on  $\mathbf{x}$  for simplicity. By Assumption 20.1 (i) and the basic properties of covariance,

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2 &= \beta^2 \text{Cov}(T^*, z) + 2\beta [c \text{Cov}(T^*, z) + \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z)] + 2c \text{Cov}(\varepsilon, z) + \text{Cov}(\varepsilon^2, z) \\ \tau_1 &= c\pi + \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z) + \beta \text{Cov}(TT^*, z)\end{aligned}$$

using the fact that  $T^*$  is binary. Now, by Assumptions 20.1 (iii) and 20.5 we have  $\text{Cov}(\varepsilon, z) = \text{Cov}(\varepsilon^2, z) = 0$ . And, using Assumptions 20.3 (ii) and (iii), one can show that  $\text{Cov}(TT^*, z) = (1 - \alpha_1)\text{Cov}(T^*, z)$  and  $\text{Cov}(T^*, z) = \pi/(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2 &= \theta_1 (\beta + 2c) \pi + 2\beta \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) \\ 2\tau_1 \theta_1 - \pi \theta_2 &= [2\theta_1 c + 2\theta_1^2 (1 - \alpha_1) - \theta_2] \pi + 2\theta_1 \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z)\end{aligned}$$

but since  $\theta_2 = \theta_1^2 [(1 - \alpha_1) + \alpha_0]$ , we see that  $[2\theta_1^2 (1 - \alpha_1) - \theta_2] = \theta_1 \beta$ . Thus, it suffices to show that  $\beta \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) = \theta_1 \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z)$ . This equality is trivially satisfied when  $\beta = 0$ , so suppose that  $\beta \neq 0$ . In this case it suffices to show that  $(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) = \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z)$ . Define  $m_{tk}^* = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | T^* = t, z = k]$  and  $p_k^* = \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | z = k)$ . Then, by iterated expectations, Bayes' rule, and Assumption 20.3 (i)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) &= q(1 - q) (p_1^* m_{11}^* - p_0^* m_{10}^*) \\ \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z) &= q(1 - q) \{ (1 - \alpha_1) [p_1^* m_{11}^* - p_0^* m_{10}^*] + \alpha_0 [(1 - p_1^*) m_{01}^* - (1 - p_0^*) m_{00}^*] \}\end{aligned}$$

But by Assumption 20.1 (iii),  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | z = k] = m_{1k}^* p_k^* + m_{0k}^* (1 - p_k^*) = 0$  and thus we obtain  $m_{0k}^* (1 - p_k^*) = -m_{1k}^* p_k^*$ . Therefore  $(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) = \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z)$  as required.  $\square$

We probably want to have a corollary that establishes identification in the one-sided version of the problem. Related to this, we probably want to show that we are not in general identified from second moments even if the instrument takes on many values. This could be a real pain but on the plus side we would end up deriving the sharp identified set. One slightly confusing point is that we are now making the 2nd moment IV assumption separately from the 2nd moment non-differential measurement error assumption but we need both to get the second moment bounds for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ .

**Lemma 20.5.** Let  $\eta_3(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(y^3, z | \mathbf{x})$  and  $\tau_2(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Cov}(Ty^2, z | \mathbf{x})$ . Then, under Assumptions 20.1, 20.3, 20.5 and 20.6,

$$\eta_3(\mathbf{x}) = 3\tau_2(\mathbf{x})\theta_1(\mathbf{x}) - 3\tau_1(\mathbf{x})\theta_2(\mathbf{x}) + \pi(\mathbf{x})\theta_3(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $\tau_1(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  are as defined in Lemma 20.4, and  $\theta_1(\mathbf{x}), \theta_2(\mathbf{x}), \theta_3(\mathbf{x})$  are defined in Equations 38–40.

**Proof of Lemma 20.5.** Throughout this argument we suppress dependence on  $\mathbf{x}$  for simplicity. Since  $T^*$  is binary, it follows from the basic properties of covariance that,

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_3 &= \text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon)^3, z] + 3\beta \text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon)^2 T^*, z] + 3\beta^2 \text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon) T^*, z] + \beta^3 \text{Cov}(T^*, z) \\ \tau_2 &= \text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon)^2 T, z] + 2\beta \text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon) T T^*, z] + \beta^2 \text{Cov}(T T^*, z)\end{aligned}$$

By Assumptions 20.1 (iii), 20.5, and 20.6 (ii),  $\text{Cov}[(c + \varepsilon)^3, z] = 0$ . Expanding,

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_3 &= 3\beta \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon^2, z) + (3\beta^2 + 6c\beta) \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) + (\beta^3 + 3c\beta^2 + 3c^2\beta) \text{Cov}(T^*, z) \\ \tau_2 &= c^2 \text{Cov}(T, z) + \beta(\beta + 2c) \text{Cov}(T T^*, z) + \text{Cov}(T \varepsilon^2, z) + 2c \text{Cov}(T \varepsilon, z) + 2\beta \text{Cov}(T T^* \varepsilon, z)\end{aligned}$$

Now, define  $s_{tk}^* = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | T^* = t, z = k]$  and  $p_k^* = \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1 | z = k)$ . By iterated expectations, Bayes' rule, and Assumption 20.6 (i),

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon^2, z) &= q(1 - q)(p_1^* s_{11}^* - p_0^* s_{10}^*) \\ \text{Cov}(T \varepsilon^2, z) &= q(1 - q) \{ (1 - \alpha_1) [p_1^* s_{11}^* - p_0^* s_{10}^*] + \alpha_0 [(1 - p_1^*) s_{01}^* - (1 - p_0^*) s_{00}^*] \}\end{aligned}$$

By Assumption 20.5,  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | z = 1] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2 | z = 0]$  and thus, by iterated expectations we have  $p_1^* s_{11}^* - p_0^* s_{10}^* = -[(1 - p_1^*) s_{01}^* - (1 - p_0^*) s_{00}^*]$  which implies

$$\text{Cov}(T \varepsilon^2, z) = (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon^2, z). \quad (41)$$

Similarly by iterated expectations and Assumptions 20.3 (i)–(ii)

$$\text{Cov}(T T^* \varepsilon, z) = q(1 - q)(1 - \alpha_1)(p_1^* m_{1k}^* - p_0^* m_{10}^*) = (1 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) \quad (42)$$

where  $m_{tk}^*$  is defined as in the proof of Lemma 20.4. As shown in the proof of Lemma 20.4,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(T T^*, z) &= (1 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^*, z) \\ \text{Cov}(T^*, z) &= \pi / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \text{Cov}(T^* \varepsilon, z) &= \text{Cov}(T \varepsilon, z) / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\end{aligned}$$

and combining these equalities with Equations 41 and 42, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_2 &= 2[(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta) - c\alpha_0] \text{Cov}(T^*\varepsilon, z) + [(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta)^2 - c^2\alpha_0] \text{Cov}(T^*, z) \\ &\quad + (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^*\varepsilon^2, z) \\ \tau_1 &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \text{Cov}(T^*\varepsilon, z) + [(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta) - c\alpha_0] \text{Cov}(T^*, z)\end{aligned}$$

using  $\tau_1 = c\pi + \text{Cov}(T\varepsilon, z) + \beta\text{Cov}(TT^*, z)$  as shown in the proof of Lemma 20.4. Thus,

$$3\tau_2\theta_1 - 3\tau_1\theta_2 + \pi\theta_3 = K_1\text{Cov}(T^*\varepsilon^2, z) + K_2\text{Cov}(T^*\varepsilon, z) + K_3\text{Cov}(T^*, z)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}K_1 &\equiv 3\theta_1(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ K_2 &\equiv 6\theta_1[(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta) - c\alpha_0] - 3\theta_2(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ K_3 &\equiv 3\theta_1[(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta)^2 - c^2\alpha_0] - 3\theta_2[(1 - \alpha_1)(c + \beta) - c\alpha_0] + \theta_3(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)\end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $K_1 = 3\beta$ . Substituting the definitions of  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ , and  $\theta_3$  from Equations 38–40, tedious but straightforward algebra likewise shows that  $K_2 = 3\beta^2 + 6c\beta$  and  $K_3 = \beta^3 + 3c\beta^2 + 3c^2\beta$ . Therefore the coefficients of  $\eta_3$  equal those of  $3\tau_2 - 3\tau_1\theta_2 + \pi\theta_3$  and the result follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 20.1.** *Suppose that  $\pi(\mathbf{x}), \tau_1(\mathbf{x}), \tau_2(\mathbf{x}), \eta_1(\mathbf{x}), \eta_2(\mathbf{x})$ , and  $\eta_3(\mathbf{x})$  – defined in Lemmas ??? – are identified. Then, under the conditions of Lemmas ???,  $\theta_1(\mathbf{x}), \theta_2(\mathbf{x})$ , and  $\theta_3(\mathbf{x})$  – defined in Equations 38–40 – are identified if and only if  $\pi(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0$ .*

**Proof of Corollary 20.1.** For ease of notation we suppress dependence on  $\mathbf{x}$  throughout this argument. Lemmas ??? yield a triangular system of linear equations in  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ . By inspection, the determinant of the system is  $-\pi^3$  so a unique solution exists if and only if  $\pi \neq 0$ . In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= \eta_1/\pi \\ \theta_2 &= 2\tau_1\eta_1/\pi^2 - \eta_2/\pi \\ \theta_3 &= \eta_3/\pi - 3(\tau_2\eta_1 + \tau_1\eta_2)/\pi^2 + 6\tau_1^2\eta_1/\pi^3.\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 20.2** (Identification of  $\beta, \alpha_0, \alpha_1$ ).

**Proof of Theorem 20.2.** For ease of notation we suppress dependence on  $\mathbf{x}$  throughout

this argument. So long as  $\beta \neq 0$ , we can rearrange Equations 39 and 40 to obtain

$$A = \theta_2/\theta_1^2 = 1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \quad (43)$$

$$B = \theta_3/\theta_1^3 = (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1) \quad (44)$$

Equation 43 gives  $(1 - \alpha_1) = A - \alpha_0$ . Hence  $(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) = A - 2\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1) = \alpha_0(A - \alpha_0)$ . Substituting into Equation 44 and simplifying,  $(A^2 - B) + 2A\alpha_0 - 2\alpha_0^2 = 0$ . Substituting for  $\alpha_0$  analogously yields a quadratic in  $(1 - \alpha_1)$  with *identical* coefficients. It follows that one root of  $(A^2 - B) + 2Ar - 2r^2 = 0$  is  $\alpha_0$  and the other is  $1 - \alpha_1$ . Solving,

$$r = \frac{A}{2} \pm \sqrt{3A^2 - 2B} = \frac{1}{\theta_1^2} \left( \frac{\theta_2}{2} \pm \sqrt{3\theta_2^2 - 2\theta_1\theta_3} \right). \quad (45)$$

By Equations 39 and 40,

$$\begin{aligned} 3\theta_2^2 - 2\theta_1\theta_3 &= 3[\theta_1^2(1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)]^2 - 2\theta_1\{\theta_1^3[(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)]\} \\ &= \theta_1^4\{3(1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 - 2[(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Expanding the first term we find that

$$\begin{aligned} 3(1 + \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 &= 3[1 + 2(\alpha_0 - \alpha_1) + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2] \\ &= 3 + 6\alpha_0 - 6\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_0^2 + 3\alpha_1^2 - 6\alpha_0\alpha_1 \end{aligned}$$

and expanding the second

$$\begin{aligned} 2[(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)] &= 2[1 - 2(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1) + (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0 - 6\alpha_0\alpha_1] \\ &= 2 + 8\alpha_0 - 4\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_1^2 - 8\alpha_0\alpha_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 3\theta_2^2 - 2\theta_1\theta_3 &= \theta_1^4\{1 - 2\alpha_0 - 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_0^2 - \alpha_1^2 + 2\alpha_0\alpha_1\} \\ &= \theta_1^4[(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2] \end{aligned}$$

which is strictly greater than zero since  $\theta_1 \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \neq 0$ . It follows that both roots of the quadratic are real. Moreover,  $3\theta_2^2/\theta_1^4 - 2\theta_3/\theta_1^3$  identifies  $(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2$ . Substituting into Equation 38, it follows that  $\beta$  is identified up to sign. If  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 < 1$  then  $\text{sign}(\beta) = \text{sign}(\theta_1)$  so that both the sign and magnitude of  $\beta$  are identified. If  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 > 1$  then  $1 - \alpha_1 > \alpha_0$  so  $(1 - \alpha_1)$  is the larger root of  $(A^2 - B) + 2Ar - 2r^2 = 0$  and  $\alpha_0$  is the smaller root.  $\square$



## 21 Notes on Bugni, Canay & Shi (2017)

I've played around with this a bit for our example and I don't think it's going to work. The problematic step is the construction of the profiled test statistic. If we want, for example, to carry out inference for  $\beta$ , we need to estimate  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  under the null  $\beta = \beta_0$ . But if  $\beta_0$  is small, the moment equalities contain almost no information about  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  so the optimization problem goes haywire.

The notation follows the paper nearly verbatim, although I have made a few minor changes to the notation to avoid ambiguity. Regarding the sequence  $\kappa_n$ , used to carry out moment selection, the paper only requires that  $\kappa_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\kappa_n/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$  as in Andrews & Soares. The leading example, and indeed the choice recommended by Andrews & Soares, is the BIC-type penalty  $\kappa_n = \sqrt{\ln n}$  so in all the expressions below I replace  $\kappa_n$  with this quantity.

**Setup** Partially identified model defined by  $p$  moment inequalities and  $k - p$  equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} E_F[m_j(W_i, \theta)] &\geq 0 \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, p \\ E_F[m_j(W_i, \theta)] &= 0 \text{ for } j = p + 1, \dots, k \end{aligned}$$

where  $W_1, \dots, W_n \sim \text{iid } F$ . Function  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_k)$  is known and  $\theta \in \Theta$  is a finite-dimensional parameter. The goal is to construct confidence sets for  $\theta$ .

**The Problem** The existing literature tests the *joint* hypothesis  $\theta = \theta_0$  and inverts this test to construct a confidence set (CS) for  $\theta$ . In applied work, we often want inference for a *subset* of  $\theta$  and the usual approach is to *project* a joint confidence set for  $\theta$ . For example if  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ , a projection confidence set for  $\alpha$  is the set of all values for which we can find *some* triple  $(\beta_0, \gamma_0, \delta_0)$ , allowed to depend on  $\alpha$ , such that  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta_0, \gamma_0, \delta_0)$  is not rejected. This approach is computationally intensive: even if we are only interested in one element of  $\theta$  we have to invert the test over the high-dimensional *joint* parameter space. Projection inference can also have poor power compared to the joint inference upon which it is based.

**This Paper** The authors propose the *minimum resampling test*: a direct test of

$$H_0: \lambda(\theta) = \lambda_0 \text{ vs. } H_1: \lambda(\theta) \neq \lambda_0$$

where  $\lambda$  is a *function* of  $\theta$ . The leading case is where  $\lambda$  is simply a sub-vector or individual coordinate of  $\theta$ . The test controls size uniformly, has high power, and is in general more

computationally efficient than projection inference whenever  $\lambda$  is of lower dimension than  $\theta$ .

**Decision Rule for Minimum Resampling (MR) Test** The test rejects  $H_0: \lambda(\theta) = \lambda_0$  when a *profiled test statistic*  $T_n(\lambda_0)$  is large. The rejection rule is

$$\text{Reject if } T_n(\lambda_0) > \hat{c}_n^{MR}(\lambda_0, 1 - \alpha)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the significance level and  $\hat{c}_n^{MR}(\lambda_0, 1 - \alpha)$  is the MR critical value, which is calculated by a bootstrap procedure described below.

## Notation

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta) &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_j(W_i, \theta), \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k \\ \hat{\sigma}_{n,j}^2 &\equiv \frac{1}{n} [m_j(W_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_j(W_i, \theta)]^2, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k \\ [x]_- &\equiv \min \{x, 0\} \\ Q_n(\theta) &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^p \left[ \frac{\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta)}{\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta)} \right]_-^2}_{\text{inequalities}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=p+1}^k \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta)}{\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta)} \right\}^2}_{\text{equalities}} \\ \Theta(\lambda_0) &\equiv \{\theta \in \Theta: \lambda(\theta) = \lambda_0\} \\ T_n(\lambda_0) &= \inf_{\theta \in \Theta(\lambda_0)} Q_n(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

**Calculating the MR Critical Value** The MR critical value  $\hat{c}_n(\lambda_0, 1 - \alpha)$  is calculated from *two different approximations* to the sampling distribution of  $T_n(\lambda_0)$ : *discarded resampling* (DR) and *penalized resampling* (PR), specifically

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}_n^{MR}(\lambda_0, 1 - \alpha) &\equiv (\text{conditional}) \ 1 - \alpha \text{ quantile of } T_n^{MR}(\lambda_0) \\ T_n^{MR}(\lambda_0) &\equiv \min \{T_n^{DR}(\lambda_0), T_n^{PR}(\lambda_0)\}\end{aligned}$$

where we approximate the distribution of  $T_n^{MR}$  by simulation, as described in more detail below. Both  $T_n^{DR}$  and  $T_n^{PR}$  are constructed from  $v_{n,j}^*(\theta)$ , defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}v_{n,j}^*(\theta) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \left[ \frac{m_j(W_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta)}{\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta)} \right], \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, p \\ \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n &\sim \text{iid } N(0, 1) \text{ independent of the data } W_1, \dots, W_n.\end{aligned}$$

In particular, both the  $T_n^{DR}$  and  $T_n^{PR}$  take the form

$$\inf_{\theta \in \tilde{\Theta}} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^p [v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + s_j(\theta)]_-^2}_{\text{inequalities}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=p+1}^k \{v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + s_j(\theta)\}^2}_{\text{equalities}} \right)$$

where  $v_{n,j}^*(\theta)$  is as defined in the preceding pair of displayed equations,  $\tilde{\Theta}$  is some set, and  $s_j(\theta)$  is a *slackness function*. The difference between DR and PR is the choice of  $\tilde{\Theta}$  and  $s_j(\theta)$  as explained in the following paragraphs.

**Discarded Resampling Statistic:**  $T_n^{DR}(\lambda_0)$

$$T_n^{DR}(\lambda_0) \equiv \inf_{\theta \in \hat{\Theta}_I(\lambda_0)} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p [v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + \varphi_j(\theta)]_-^2 + \sum_{j=p+1}^k \{v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + \varphi_j(\theta)\}^2 \right)$$

$$\hat{\Theta}_I(\lambda_0) \equiv \{\theta \in \Theta(\lambda_0) : Q_n(\theta) \leq T_n(\lambda_0)\}$$

$$\varphi_j(\theta) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta) / [\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta) \sqrt{\ln n}] > 1 \quad \text{and } j \leq p \\ 0 & \text{if } \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta) / [\hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta) \sqrt{\ln n}] \leq 1 \quad \text{or } j > p \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\hat{\Theta}_I(\lambda_0)$  contains the values of  $\theta$  that *minimize*  $T_n(\lambda_0) = \inf_{\theta \in \Theta(\lambda_0)} Q_n(\theta)$ . Note further that  $\varphi_j$  only affects the moment *inequalities*: it is zero for  $j > p$ .

**Penalized Resampling Test Statistic:**  $T_n^{PR}(\lambda_0)$

$$T_n^{PR}(\lambda_0) \equiv \inf_{\theta \in \Theta(\lambda_0)} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p [v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + \ell_j(\theta)]_-^2 + \sum_{j=p+1}^k \{v_{n,j}^*(\theta) + \ell_j(\theta)\}^2 \right)$$

$$\ell_j(\theta) = \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_{n,j}(\theta) / \left[ \hat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta) \sqrt{\ln n} \right]$$

Note that to calculate  $T_n^{PR}(\lambda_0)$  we minimize over  $\Theta(\lambda_0)$  – the set of all  $\theta$  for which  $\lambda(\theta) = \lambda_0$ . Note further that  $\ell_j(\theta)$  affects *both* the moment *equalities* and inequalities.

**Computational Cost** In practice we generate draws for the test statistics using a large number  $B$  of simulation replications. These are essentially bootstrap draws, but we bootstrap the limit distribution rather than the data. In particular, each of these bootstrap replications makes  $n$  iid standard normal draws:  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$  which are used in the calculation of *both*  $T_n^{DR}$  and  $T_n^{PR}$ . (It is important to make sure that we use the same draws for both!) The computational cost of the MR test comes from the  $2B + 1$  optimization problems it requires

us to solve. First, we need to calculate the test statistic  $T_n(\lambda_0)$  based on the *actual data* – this requires us to solve one minimization problem. Then for each of the  $B$  bootstrap replications we need to calculate  $T_n^{DR}$  and  $T_n^{PR}$  – this requires us to solve two minimization problems. The authors claim that this is in general more efficient than projection inference which requires us to search over a high-dimensional space. Presumably the gains depend sensitively on how efficiently one can carry out the required minimizations.

**Sub-vector Inference** The leading application of the MR test is to sub-vector inference. In this case we only want to carry out a test for some subset of the coordinates of  $\theta$ . Let  $\theta_s$  denote this sub-vector. Then  $\Theta(\lambda_0) = \{\theta \in \Theta: \theta_s = \lambda_0\}$ . A particularly simple example is inference for a single coordinate of  $\theta$ , say  $\theta_1$ . In this case, the optimization problems are over all *other* coordinates of  $\theta$  besides  $\theta_1$  since  $\theta_1 = \lambda_0$  under the null that we are testing.

**Steps to Carry out the MR Test** For simplicity, in this section I assume that we wish to carry out inference on a sub-vector of  $\theta$ . Let  $\theta = (\beta, \gamma)$  where  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  could be scalars or vectors. The parameters of interest are  $\beta$  and our null hypothesis is  $\beta = \beta_0$ . Let  $\Gamma$  denote the parameter space for  $\gamma$ . I write any function of  $\theta$  explicitly as a function of  $(\beta, \gamma)$  so that any calculation carried out under the null is evaluated at  $(\beta_0, \gamma)$

1. Define the following functions of  $\gamma$  under the null  $\beta = \beta_0$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{m}_n(\gamma) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m(W_i, \beta_0, \gamma) \\ \hat{D}_n(\gamma) &= \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [m(W_i, \beta_0, \gamma) - \bar{m}_n(\gamma)] [m(W_i, \beta_0, \gamma) - \bar{m}_n(\gamma)]' \right\} \\ v(\gamma) &= \sqrt{n} \hat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\gamma) \bar{m}_n(\gamma) \\ Q(\gamma) &= \sum_{j=1}^p [v_j(\gamma)]_-^2 + \sum_{j=p+1}^k v_j^2(\gamma)\end{aligned}$$

2. Calculate the test statistic using the observed data  $\{W_1, \dots, W_n\}$

$$T_n = \min_{\gamma \in \Gamma} Q(\gamma)$$

3. Calculate  $\hat{\Gamma}_I$  – the “estimated set of minimizers” of  $Q(\gamma)$

$$\hat{\Gamma}_I = \{\gamma \in \Gamma: Q(\gamma) \leq T_n\}$$

4. For each of  $B$  independent bootstrap replications, do the following:

- (i) Draw  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n \sim \text{iid } N(0, 1)$
- (ii) Construct  $v^*(\gamma)$  – the re-centered, bootstrap version of  $v(\gamma)$  – as follows

$$v^*(\gamma) = n^{-1/2} \widehat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\gamma) \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i [m(W_i, \beta_0, \gamma) - \bar{m}_n(\gamma)]$$

## 22 May 18th, 2017

Today I figured out that the Bugni, Canay & Shi idea isn't going to work for our example since the optimization problem involved in computing the profiled test statistic is very badly behaved under the null  $\beta = \beta_0$  when  $\beta_0$  is small. This means that we'll have to go back to doing joint inference over  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta)$  using Andrews & Soares. Here are a few ideas:

1. I think it could be faster to use the “asymptotic version” of Andrews and Soares. The asymptotic version involves making normal draws instead of bootstrapping the sample. Is there a tradeoff in terms of accuracy? Presumably it won't matter much for reasonably large samples.
2.  $\theta_1$  is strongly identified regardless of the values of  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ . This means that if we wanted to do inference for  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  we could use a plug-in estimator of  $\theta_1$  provided that we correct the asymptotic variance matrix estimator as described in section 10.2 of Andrews and Soares.
3. Might it be interesting to look at a test for the presence of mis-classification? This would entail testing the null that  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = 0$ . This is a null for which the moment inequalities cannot provide any information so presumably we could just use Stock and Wright's GMM-AR test. It might also be interesting to try this with Mahajan or Lewbel and show the size distortions that arise if one does not use the AR test.
4. Our implementation of Andrews and Soares should use preliminary estimators for  $\kappa$  and the parameters associated with exogenous covariates. We can use the simplest possible estimator for  $\kappa$  under the null: three sample means, e.g.  $\kappa_1 = \bar{y} - \beta_0 \bar{T} / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$ . Similarly, for the coefficient on the exogenous covariates you just have a regression under the null in which  $y - \beta_0 T / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)$  replaces  $y$ .
5. Is there a clever way to use the fact that  $\theta_1$  is strongly identified to help us carry out inference for  $\beta$ ? Specifically, suppose we construct a confidence set for  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  by profiling out  $\theta_1$ . Can we use this to back out inference for  $\beta$ ?

## 23 May 18–19, 2017: More on Andrews & Soares

Recall the notation from above:

$$\mathbb{E}[m_j(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta_0)] \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{for } j = 1, \dots, p \\ = 0 & \text{for } j = p+1, \dots, k \text{ where } k = p+v \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{m}_n(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{m}_{n,1}(\theta) \\ \vdots \\ \bar{m}_{n,k}(\theta) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{m}_{n,j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_j(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k$$

Now, let  $\Sigma(\theta_0)$  denote the asymptotic variance of  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta)$ . We estimate this quantity using  $\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta)$ . For iid observations, as in our example, the estimator is

$$\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_n(\theta)] [m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) - \bar{m}_n(\theta)]', \quad m(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \\ \vdots \\ m_k(\mathbf{w}_i, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

The test statistic takes the form  $T_n(\theta) = S\left(\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta)\right)$  for some real-valued function  $S$ . The example we will use is  $S_1$ , defined by

$$S_1(m, \Sigma) = \sum_{j=1}^p [m_j/\sigma_j]_-^2 + \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+v} (m_j/\sigma_j)^2$$

where  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_k)'$ ,  $\sigma_j^2$  is the  $j$ th diagonal element of  $\Sigma$ , and

$$[x]_- = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Calculating the Critical Value for the *Asymptotic* Version of GMS** Above we described the calculation of the *bootstrap* critical value for a test of  $\theta = \theta_0$ . We now present an alternative method that uses iid standard normal draws to “bootstrap the limit experiment.”

1. Calculate  $\bar{m}_n(\theta_0)$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0)$ , and  $T_n(\theta_0) = S\left(\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0), \hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0)\right)$

2. Calculate the following quantities:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta_0) &= \text{Diag}^{-1/2} \left( \widehat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0) \right) \left( \widehat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0) \right) \text{Diag}^{-1/2} \left( \widehat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0) \right) \\ \xi_n(\theta_0) &= \text{Diag}^{-1/2} \left( \widehat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0) \right) \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0) / \sqrt{\ln n} \\ \varphi \left( \xi_n(\theta_0), \widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta_0) \right) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \xi_j \leq 1 \text{ and } j \leq p \\ \infty & \text{if } \xi_j > 1 \text{ or } j > p \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

3. Draw  $Z_1^*, \dots, Z_R^* \sim \text{iid } N(0_k, I_k)$  for  $R$  large.

4. The critical value is the  $1-\alpha$  quantile of  $\left\{ S \left( \widehat{\Omega}^{1/2}(\theta_0) Z_r^* + \varphi \left( \xi_n(\theta_0), \widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta_0) \right), \widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta_0) \right) \right\}_{r=1}^R$

**Clearer Explanation of the Asymptotic GMS Critical Value Calculation** The preceding paragraph used the explanation from Andrews & Soares but it's a little obscure. Here's a simpler and clearer explanation. Recall that the statistics from Andrews & Soares (2010) satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}T_n &= S \left( \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \widehat{\Sigma}(\theta) \right) = S \left( \widehat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\theta) \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta), \widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta) \right) \\ \widehat{D}_n(\theta) &= \text{diag} \left( \widehat{\Sigma}(\theta) \right) \\ \widehat{\Omega}_n(\theta) &= \widehat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\theta) \widehat{\Sigma}(\theta) \widehat{D}_n^{-1/2}(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

The procedure for the asymptotic version of the GMS test is as follows:

1. Calculate  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0)$  and  $\widehat{\Sigma}(\theta_0)$  under the null hypothesis  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ .
2. Calculate the test statistic  $T_n(\theta_0) = S_1 \left( \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0), \widehat{\Sigma}(\theta_0) \right)$ .
3. Determine which inequality moment conditions are “far from binding” under  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ 
  - Let  $j \in J = \{1, \dots, p\}$  index the inequality moment conditions.
  - Let  $\widehat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta_0)^2$  denote the  $(j, j)$  element of  $\widehat{\Sigma}(\theta_0)$
  - For each  $j \in J$  calculate the “t-statistic”  $t_{n,j} = \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_j(\theta_0) / \widehat{\sigma}_{n,j}(\theta_0)$
  - Let  $\mathcal{FB}$  denote the subset of  $J$  for which  $t_{n,j} > \sqrt{\log n}$ . These are the inequality moment conditions that are “far from binding” under  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ .
4. Calculate the asymptotic critical value by simulation as follows:
  - Draw  $R$  standard normal  $k$ -vectors:  $Z_1^*, \dots, Z_R^* \sim \text{iid } N(0_k, I_k)$

- Construct the  $k$ -vector  $\varphi(\theta_0)$  from its coordinates  $\varphi_j$  as follows:

$$\varphi_j(\theta_0) = \begin{cases} \infty & j \in \mathcal{FB} \text{ and } j \leq p \\ 0 & j > p \text{ or } \end{cases}$$

- Set  $M_{n,r}^*(\theta_0) = \hat{\Omega}_n^{1/2}(\theta_0)Z_r^*$ , yielding  $R$  iid  $N(0_k, \hat{\Omega}_n)$  draws.
- Calculate  $T_n^{*(r)}(\theta_0) = S_1 \left( M_{n,r}^*(\theta_0) + \varphi(\theta_0), \hat{\Omega}_n(\theta_0) \right)$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, R$ . Notice that adding  $\varphi(\theta_0)$  is equivalent to dropping any moment conditions that we have determined are far from binding before calculating the test statistic.
- Set  $\hat{c}_n(\theta_0, 1 - \delta)$  equal to the  $1 - \delta$  quantile of  $\left\{ T_n^{*(r)}(\theta_0) \right\}_{r=1}^R$ .

5. Reject  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  if  $T_n(\theta_0) > \hat{c}_n(\theta_0, 1 - \delta)$

6. To construct a  $(1 - \delta) \times 100\%$  confidence set, invert the test of  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  for  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$ .

**Preliminary Estimation of an Identified Parameter** Suppose that the moment equations take the form  $m_j(W_i, \theta, \tau)$  where  $\tau$  is identified under the null that  $\theta = \theta_0$ . Let  $\hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0)$  be a consistent, asymptotically normal estimator for  $\tau$  under the null that  $\theta = \theta_0$ . As long as  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta))$  is asymptotically normal we can plug in our estimator of  $\tau$  and carry out the GMS test almost exactly as above. Only one small change is required: the variance matrix estimator  $\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0)$  needs to be adjusted to take account of the fact that  $\tau$  has been estimated. This is fairly straightforward using standard calculations for moment condition models. The explanation we give here follows Hall (2005) although the notation is changed to match Andrews and Soares.

Let  $m(W_i, \theta, \tau)$  be a vector of moment functions that we will use to test  $\theta = \theta_0$ . Some of these moment functions will enter as equalities and others as inequalities but this is totally immaterial for the derivation to follow. Let  $h(W_i, \theta, \tau)$  be another collection of moment functions that will be used to construct the estimator  $\hat{\tau}_n(\theta)$  but not to test  $\theta = \theta_0$ . Let  $g(W_i, \theta, \tau) = (m', h)'$  denote the full set of moment functions. This argument will use a mean-value expansion and hence will rely on  $\tau$  being on the interior of the parameter space. So the idea here is that  $\theta$  contains the “problematic” parameters, those that are weakly identified or may lie on a boundary, while  $\tau$  contains the “well-behaved” parameters.



Define:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{g}_n(\theta, \tau) &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{m}_n(\theta, \tau) \\ \bar{h}_n(\theta, \tau) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(W_i, \theta, \tau) \\ G_n(\theta, \tau) &= \begin{bmatrix} M_n(\theta, \tau) \\ H_n(\theta, \tau) \end{bmatrix} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \partial g(W_i, \theta, \tau) / \partial \tau'\end{aligned}$$

Throughout this argument, we will hold  $\theta$  *fixed* at  $\theta_0$ . Under  $\theta = \theta_0$  we have the following GMM estimator for  $\tau(\theta_0)$ , the true value of  $\tau$  assuming that  $\theta = \theta_0$ ,

$$\hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0) = \arg \min_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \bar{h}_n(\theta_0, \tau)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\theta_0, \tau)$$

where  $\Xi_n \rightarrow_p \Xi$ . To simplify the notation, we suppress dependence on  $\theta$ . Unless otherwise specified, *every function* is evaluated at  $\theta = \theta_0$ , e.g.

$$\hat{\tau}_n = \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0), \quad \bar{g}_n(\tau) = \bar{g}_n(\theta_0, \tau), \quad G_n(\tau) = G_n(\theta_0, \tau)$$

Now, mean-value expanding  $\bar{g}_n$ , viewed as a function of  $\tau$  *only*, around  $\tau_0 \equiv \tau(\theta_0)$ ,

$$\bar{g}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) = \bar{g}_n(\tau_0) + G_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n) (\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0) \quad (46)$$

where the  $i$ th row of  $G_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n)$  equals  $i$ th row of  $G_n(\tilde{\tau}_n^{(i)})$  and

$$\tilde{\tau}_n^{(i)} = \lambda_{n,i} \tau_0 + (1 - \lambda_{n,i}) \hat{\tau}_n$$

for some  $0 \leq \lambda_{n,i} \leq 1$ . The preceding mean-value expansion is for  $\bar{g}_n = (\bar{m}_n', \bar{h}_n')'$ . Restricting our attention to the sub-vector  $\bar{h}_n$ , we have

$$\bar{h}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) = \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) + H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h) (\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0)$$

where  $\lambda_n^h$  is the sub-vector of  $\lambda_n$  that corresponds to  $H_n$ . Pre-multiplying by  $H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n$ , we have

$$H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) = H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) + H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h) (\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0).$$

But by the first-order conditions for  $\hat{\tau}_n$ , we have  $H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) = 0$  and thus

$$H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) + H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h) (\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0) = 0.$$

Rearranging,

$$(\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0) = - [H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h)]^{-1} H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\tau_0). \quad (47)$$

Now, substituting Equation 47 into Equation 46,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) &= \bar{g}_n(\tau_0) + G_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n)(\hat{\tau}_n - \tau_0) \\ &= \bar{g}_n(\tau_0) - G_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n) [H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h)]^{-1} H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) \end{aligned}$$

And since  $\bar{g}_n = (\bar{m}_n', \bar{h}_n')$  and  $G_n = (M_n', H_n')'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) \\ \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\tau_0) \\ \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} M_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^m) \\ H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h) \end{bmatrix} [H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n H_n(\hat{\tau}_n, \tau_0, \lambda_n^h)]^{-1} H_n(\hat{\tau}_n)' \Xi_n [\sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0)] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\tau_0) \\ \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} M(\tau_0) \{H(\tau_0)' \Xi H(\tau_0)\}^{-1} H'(\tau_0) \Xi \\ H(\tau_0) \{H(\tau_0)' \Xi H(\tau_0)\}^{-1} H'(\tau_0) \Xi \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $M(\tau) = E[\partial m(W_i, \theta_0, \tau)/\partial \tau']$  and  $H(\tau) = E[\partial h(W_i, \theta_0, \tau)/\partial \tau']$ . We are only interested in the behavior of  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\hat{\tau}_n)$ . Restricting attention to this sub-vector,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\hat{\tau}_n) &= \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\tau_0) - M(\tau_0) \{H(\tau_0)' \Xi H(\tau_0)\}^{-1} H'(\tau_0) \Xi \times \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) + o_p(1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & -M(\tau_0) \{H(\tau_0)' \Xi H(\tau_0)\}^{-1} H'(\tau_0) \Xi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\tau_0) \\ \sqrt{n} \bar{h}_n(\tau_0) \end{bmatrix} + o_p(1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & B(\tau_0) \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{g}_n(\tau_0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_k$  is the  $k \times k$  identity matrix and  $B(\tau_0) = M(\tau_0) \{H(\tau_0)' \Xi H(\tau_0)\}^{-1} H'(\tau_0) \Xi$ . We now have all the ingredients we need to calculate our variance matrix adjustment. Restoring explicit dependence on  $\theta_0$ , we have

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & B(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \bar{g}_n(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$$

By an appropriate Central Limit Theorem,  $\sqrt{n} \bar{g}_n(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$  is asymptotically normal with variance matrix  $\mathcal{V}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$ , partitioned as follows:

$$\mathcal{V}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{V}_{mm}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) & \mathcal{V}_{mh}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) \\ \mathcal{V}_{hm}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) & \mathcal{V}_{hh}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0)) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, we calculate the asymptotic variance matrix  $\Sigma(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))$  of  $\sqrt{n} \bar{m}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))$  as

follows, suppressing dependence on  $\theta$  and  $\tau$  for simplicity:

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{V}_{mm} & \mathcal{V}_{mh} \\ \mathcal{V}_{hm} & \mathcal{V}_{hh} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k \\ B' \end{bmatrix}$$

So to estimate  $\Sigma(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$  we require estimators of  $B(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$  and  $\mathcal{V}(\theta_0, \tau(\theta_0))$ . In our example,  $\tau(\theta_0)$  is just-identified, leading to the following simplification:

$$B = -M(H'\Xi H)^{-1}H'\Xi = -M(H'H)^{-1}H' = -MH^{-1}(H')^{-1}H' = -MH^{-1}.$$

Thus, we can construct the desired variance matrix estimator  $\hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{V}}_n(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [g(W_i, \theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0)) - \bar{g}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))] [g(W_i, \theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0)) - \bar{g}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))]' \\ \hat{M}_n(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial m(W_i, \theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))}{\partial \tau'} \\ \hat{H}_n(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h(W_i, \theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0))}{\partial \tau'} \\ \hat{A}_n(\theta_0) &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & -\hat{M}_n(\theta_0)\hat{H}_n^{-1}(\theta_0) \end{bmatrix} \\ \hat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0, \hat{\tau}_n(\theta_0)) &= \hat{A}_n(\theta_0)\hat{\mathcal{V}}_n(\theta_0)\hat{A}_n(\theta_0)' \end{aligned}$$

Notice that if  $M = 0$ , so that the  $m$  moment functions do not depend on  $\tau$ , then this reduces to the expression from Andrews & Soares *without* preliminary estimation of identified parameters.

## 24 May 20th – A&S (2010) w/ Preliminary Estimates

Notice that in this special case we have  $\theta_2 = \beta\theta_1$ . Since  $\theta_1$  is strongly identified, this means that we could concentrate it out and conduct inference for  $\beta$  alone. But is this a good idea? It would mean that the inequalities don't give us any information. We should possibly try this out in simulations and see what happens. Note that the third moment condition simplifies in this example as well, so that  $\theta_3 = \beta^2\theta_1$ . We could also try using this to see how valuable the over-identifying information can be. Could be interesting to try the same thing using quantiles to get over-identifying moment equalities. Can one carry out A&S (2010) using a continuum of moment equalities and inequalities? Could at least try it out with deciles.

**Simple Example:** We now return to the simple example of Andrews & Soares from above, in which we assume that  $\alpha_0 = 0$  and use only the “weak” bounds for  $\alpha_1$ . The difference is that we will now estimate both intercepts:  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ . The moment equalities in this case are:

$$\mathbb{E}[u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1)] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1)z] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2)] = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2)z] = 0$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(\kappa_1, \theta_1) &= y - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T & \theta_1 &= \beta/(1 - \alpha_1) \\ u_2(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) &= y^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2yT + \theta_2 T & \theta_2 &= \beta^2/(1 - \alpha_1) = \beta\theta_1 \end{aligned}$$

Using the notation of the preceding section, the  $h$  block of moment equalities used for preliminary estimation of  $\tau = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$  is

$$h(W_i, \theta, \kappa) = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,i}(\kappa_1, \theta_1) \\ u_{2,i}(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_i - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T_i \\ y_i^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2y_i T_i + \theta_2 T_i \end{bmatrix}$$

while the  $m$  block of moment inequalities and equalities used for inference are

$$m(W_i, \theta, \kappa) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1) - T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1) - T_i z_i/q \\ u_{1,i}(\kappa_1, \theta_1) z_i \\ u_{2,i}(\kappa_2, \theta_1, \theta_2) z_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \alpha_1) - T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ (1 - \alpha_1) - T_i z_i/q \\ (y_i - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T_i) z_i \\ (y_i^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2y_i T_i + \theta_2 T_i) z_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Under the null  $(\beta, \alpha_1) = (\beta^0, \alpha_1^0)$ , or equivalently  $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (\theta_1^0, \theta_2^0)$ , we can estimate  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\kappa}_1(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \theta_1^0 T_i \\ \hat{\kappa}_2(\theta_0) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \theta_1^0 2y_i T_i + \theta_2^0 T_i \end{aligned}$$

Note that this estimator is just identified, so the simplification  $B = -MH^{-1}$  obtains. To calculate this quantity, we first need the expected derivative matrices:

$$H = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial \kappa'} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbf{I}_2$$

and

$$M = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m}{\partial \kappa'} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -q & 0 \\ 0 & -q \end{bmatrix} = -q \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which imply

$$B = -MH^{-1} = -q \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2^{-1} = -q \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_2 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that in our example  $B$  does not depend on parameters so it does not have to be re-computed for different null hypotheses. And since  $A = \begin{bmatrix} I & B \end{bmatrix}$ , the same is true of  $A$ . In contrast,  $\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n(\theta_0)$  *does* depend on the null:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} m(W_i, \theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}(\theta_0)) - \bar{m}_n(\theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}(\theta_0)) \\ h(W_i, \theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}(\theta_0)) - \bar{h}_n(\theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}(\theta_0)) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m(W_i, \theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}) - \bar{m}_n(\theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}) \\ h(W_i, \theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}) - \bar{h}_n(\theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}) \end{bmatrix}'$$

Finally, we set  $\widehat{\Sigma}_n(\theta_0, \widehat{\kappa}(\theta_0)) = A\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n A'$  and use this in the Andrews & Soares (2010) GMS test to correctly account for the fact that  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  have been estimated in a preliminary GMM step.

## 25 May 22nd, 2017 – Unsolved Mystery

A while back we noticed that the CDF bounds appeared to identify the true  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  in our normal simulation. At one point I tried to figure out if this was really true and if so why. I think I wrote out a few notes on paper but didn't make much progress. It would be good to eventually figure this out. There are a few calculations for our simulation design above on pages 44–45 of these notes. Maybe these could be used to figure it out. I think the CDF bounds may be worth coming back to since one can impose them without making our stronger assumptions about the IV. This means they could be used with Mahajan or Lewbel, for example. One needn't use all of them in practice: something like quintile bounds could be useful.

## 26 June 1–3, 2017 – Second Moment Bounds

Camilo triple-checked the conditional variance inequalities from our sick-instrument paper: they're definitely correct. Moreover, in spite of the fact that we defined  $u = \varepsilon + c$  in that paper, they continue to hold exactly as written since  $c$  is a constant. To see why this is the

case, let  $u = c + \varepsilon$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(u|T, z) &= \mathbb{E}(u^2|T, z) - [E(u|T, z)]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T, z) + 2c\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T, z) + c^2 - [c + \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T, z)]^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(\varepsilon|T, z)\end{aligned}$$

Camilo then re-wrote the inequalities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)y^2\mathbf{1}\{z = k\}(1 - T - \alpha_1) - \mathbb{P}(z = k)\{\alpha_1 p_k \mu_{1k} - (1 - \alpha_1)(1 - p_k)\mu_{0k}\}^2] &> 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[(p_k - \alpha_0)y^2\mathbf{1}\{z = k\}(T - \alpha_0) - \mathbb{P}(z = k)\{(1 - \alpha_0)p_k \mu_{1k} - \alpha_0(1 - p_k)\mu_{0k}\}^2] &> 0\end{aligned}$$

where  $p_k = \mathbb{P}(T = 1|z = k)$  and  $\mu_{tk} = \mathbb{E}(y|T = t, z = k)$ . I derived one of these expressions as well (the  $\alpha_1$  inequality) and my derivation matches. To incorporate these inequalities into our inference procedure, we will need auxiliary moment conditions to estimate  $\mu_{tk}$  and  $p_k$ . We will continue, however, to treat  $\mathbb{P}(z = k)$  as fixed in repeated sampling.

We can re-write the preceding expressions in a slightly simpler form that also makes the derivatives we'll need to take to compute the covariance matrix adjustment for the GMS test much simpler. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{0k} &= \mathbb{E}(y|T = 0, z_k) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[y(1 - T)\mathbf{1}(z = k)]}{(1 - p_k)\mathbb{P}(z = k)} \\ \mu_{1k} &= \mathbb{E}(y|T = 1, z_k) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[yT\mathbf{1}(z = k)]}{p_k\mathbb{P}(z = k)}\end{aligned}$$

Rearranging,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(z = k)(1 - p_k)\mu_{0k} &= \mathbb{E}[y(1 - T)\mathbf{1}(z = k)] \\ \mathbb{P}(z = k)p_k\mu_{1k} &= \mathbb{E}[yT\mathbf{1}(z = k)]\end{aligned}$$

Thus, defining

$$\begin{aligned}m_{0k} &= \mathbb{P}(z = k)(1 - p_k)\mu_{0k} = \mathbb{E}[y(1 - T)\mathbf{1}(z = k)] \\ m_{1k} &= \mathbb{P}(z = k)p_k\mu_{1k} = \mathbb{E}[yT\mathbf{1}(z = k)]\end{aligned}$$

by multiplying both sides by  $\mathbb{P}(z = k)$  we can write the second moment inequalities as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [\mathbb{P}(z = k)(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)y^2\mathbf{1}\{z = k\}(1 - T - \alpha_1) - \{\alpha_1 m_{1k} - (1 - \alpha_1)m_{0k}\}^2] &> 0 \\ \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{P}(z = k)(p_k - \alpha_0)y^2\mathbf{1}\{z = k\}(T - \alpha_0) - \{(1 - \alpha_0)m_{1k} - \alpha_0 m_{0k}\}^2] &> 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the six quantities for which we require preliminary estimators are

$$\begin{aligned}m_{0k} &= \mathbb{E}[y(1 - T)\mathbf{1}(z = k)] \\ m_{1k} &= \mathbb{E}[yT\mathbf{1}(z = k)] \\ p_k &= \mathbb{E}[T\mathbf{1}(z = k)]/\mathbb{P}(z = k)\end{aligned}$$

for  $k = 0, 1$ . Again, we will treat  $\mathbb{P}(z = k)$  as fixed in repeated sampling. Since  $m_{tk}$  and  $p_k$  are just sample means, they should be very precisely estimated.

## Are the 2nd Moment Bounds Tighter?

The second moment bounds given above are equivalent to those from the sick-instruments paper, namely

$$(p_k - \alpha_0) [(1 - \alpha_0)p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 - \alpha_0(1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2] \geq \alpha_0(1 - \alpha_0)p_k(1 - p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2 \quad (48)$$

$$(1 - p_k - \alpha_1) [(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 - \alpha_1 p_k\sigma_{1k}^2] \geq \alpha_1(1 - \alpha_1)p_k(1 - p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2 \quad (49)$$

where I have re-written  $\bar{y}_{tk}$  as  $\mu_{tk}$  to match the notation we use in our derivations above and allowed for the possibility that the bounds are not strict. (This is a degenerate situation in which an unobservable variance is zero, but I just want to consider all possibilities!) We will now argue that these bounds must generically be tighter than the “weak” bounds that use only  $p_k$ . This holds even if  $\beta = 0$ . We will proceed by analyzing the quadratic equations along which the preceding expressions hold with equality. Throughout the following argument we assume that  $p_k \neq 0, 1$  and that *at least one* of  $\sigma_{0k}^2, \sigma_{1k}^2$  is strictly positive.

**The Bounds for  $\alpha_0$**  Rearranging, we can write Inequality 48 as  $\varphi_k(\alpha_0) \geq 0$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_k(\alpha_0) &= A_k\alpha_0^2 + B_k^0\alpha_0 + C_k^0 \\ A_k &= p_k(1 - p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2 + (1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 \\ B_k^0 &= -[\sigma_{1k}^2 p_k(1 + p_k) + p_k(1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k(1 - p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2] \\ C_k^0 &= p_k^2\sigma_{1k}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Since we assume that  $p_k \neq 0, 1$  and that at least one of  $\sigma_{0k}^2, \sigma_{1k}^2$  is positive  $A_k > 0$ . Thus the quadratic function  $\varphi_k(\alpha_0)$  opens upwards. Now, if  $\alpha_0 = 0$  then the RHS of Inequality 48 becomes zero while the LHS becomes  $p_k^2 \sigma_{1k}^2$ . Thus, Inequality 48 is always satisfied when  $\alpha_0 = 0$ . Similarly  $\alpha_0 = 1$ , the RHS is again zero while the LHS becomes  $(1 - p_k)^2 \sigma_{0k}^2$ . Thus, inequality 48 is always satisfied when  $\alpha_0 = 1$ . Since  $\alpha_0$  is a probability it follows that, so long as  $\varphi_k$  has two distinct roots  $r_1 < r_2$ , Inequality 48 is satisfied if and only if  $\alpha_0 \in [0, r_1]$  or  $\alpha_0 \in [r_2, 1]$ . We now show that  $\varphi$  generically has two distinct roots, that the bound involving  $r_2$  is extraneous, that that  $r_1$  is generically strictly smaller than  $p_k$  so that the second moment bound is tighter than the weak bound  $\alpha_0 \leq p_k$  unless  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$  in which case the weak and second moment bounds coincide.

If  $\alpha_0 = p_k$ , the LHS of 48 becomes zero. There are two cases. Suppose first that  $\mu_{1k} \neq \mu_{0k}$ . In this case, the RHS of the inequality becomes  $p_k^2(1 - p_k)^2(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2 > 0$  so the inequality is violated. Thus,  $\mu_{1k} \neq \mu_{0k}$  implies that  $\varphi_k$  has two distinct roots and that  $p_k$  is strictly *between* them. Since the weak bound gives us  $\alpha_0 < p_k$ , the bound arising from the larger of the two roots is extraneous. Now suppose that  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ . In this case the RHS and LHS of the inequality are both zero so  $\alpha_0 = p_k$  is a root of  $\varphi_k$ . When  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ , the coefficients of  $\varphi_k$  become

$$\begin{aligned} a &= (1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 = \sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 - \sigma_{0k}^2) \\ b &= -[\sigma_{1k}^2 p_k(1 + p_k) + p_k(1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2] = -[p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k^2(\sigma_{1k}^2 - \sigma_{0k}^2)] = -p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 + a) \\ c &= p_k^2\sigma_{1k}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 - 4ac &= p_k^2(\sigma_{1k}^2 + a)^2 - 4ap_k^2\sigma_{1k}^2 = p_k^2[\sigma_{1k}^4 + 2a\sigma_{1k}^2 + a^2 - 4a\sigma_{1k}^2] \\ &= p_k^2(\sigma_{1k}^2 - a)^2 \end{aligned}$$

so the roots of the quadratic are

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 + a) \pm p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 - a)}{2a} = \left\{ \frac{p_k\sigma_{1k}^2}{a}, p_k \right\}$$

Substituting the definition of  $a$ ,

$$\frac{p_k\sigma_{1k}^2}{a} = \frac{p_k\sigma_{1k}^2}{p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 + (1 - p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2}$$

Rearranging,  $p_k$  is the *smaller root* when  $\sigma_{0k}^2 < \sigma_{1k}^2$  and the *larger root* when the inequality



is reversed. When  $\sigma_{0k}^2 = \sigma_{1k}^2$ , the two roots are equal.

**Bounds for  $\alpha_1$**  Proceeding analogously, we can write Inequality 49 as  $\psi_k(\alpha_1) \geq 0$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_k(\alpha_1) &= A_k \alpha_1^2 + B_k^1 \alpha_1 + C_k^1 \\ A_k &= p_k(1-p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2 + (1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 \\ B_k^1 &= -[p_k(1-p_k)\sigma_{1k}^2 + (1-p_k)(2-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k(1-p_k)(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2] \\ C_k^1 &= (1-p_k)^2\sigma_{0k}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Note that the coefficient on the quadratic term is *the same* for  $\psi_k$  and  $\varphi_k$ . When  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ , the coefficients of  $\psi_k$  become

$$\begin{aligned}a &= (1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{1k}^2 = \sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 - \sigma_{0k}^2) \\ b &= -[p_k(1-p_k)\sigma_{1k}^2 + (1-p_k)(2-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2] = -(1-p_k)[p_k(\sigma_{1k}^2 - \sigma_{0k}^2) + 2\sigma_{0k}^2] = -(1-p_k)(\sigma_{0k}^2 + a) \\ c &= (1-p_k)^2\sigma_{0k}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b^2 - 4ac &= (1-p_k)^2(\sigma_{0k}^2 + a)^2 - 4a(1-p_k)^2\sigma_{0k}^2 = (1-p_k)^2[(\sigma_{0k}^4 + 2a\sigma_{0k}^2 + a^2) - 4a\sigma_{0k}^2] \\ &= (1-p_k)^2(\sigma_{0k}^4 - 2a\sigma_{0k}^2 + a^2) = (1-p_k)^2(\sigma_{0k}^2 - a)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{(1-p_k)(\sigma_{0k}^2 + a) \pm (1-p_k)(\sigma_{0k}^2 - a)}{2a} = \left\{ \frac{(1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2}{a}, (1-p_k) \right\}$$

$$\frac{(1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2}{a} = \frac{(1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2}{(1-p_k)\sigma_{0k}^2 + p_k\sigma_{1k}^2}$$

Rearranging,  $1-p_k$  is the *smaller root* when  $\sigma_{1k}^2 < \sigma_{0k}^2$  and the *larger root* when the inequality is reversed. When  $\sigma_{0k}^2 = \sigma_{1k}^2$ , the two roots are equal.

**What can we say about the case where  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ ?** Even if  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ , the second moment bounds are generically strictly better than the weak bounds. Suppose first that  $\sigma_{0k}^2 \neq \sigma_{1k}^2$ . If  $\sigma_{0k}^2 < \sigma_{1k}^2$  then  $p_k$  is the smaller root of  $\varphi_k$  but  $(1-p_k)$  is the *larger* root of  $\psi_k$  so the second moment bound for  $\alpha_1$  is strictly better than the weak bound  $\alpha_1 \leq 1-p_k$ . If instead  $\sigma_{1k}^2 < \sigma_{0k}^2$ , then  $(1-p_k)$  is the smaller root of  $\psi_k$  but  $p_k$  is the *larger* root of  $\varphi_k$  so the second moment bound for  $\alpha_0$  is strictly better than the weak bound  $\alpha_0 \leq p_k$ .

Only in the non-generic case where  $\mu_{0k} = \mu_{1k}$  and  $\sigma_{0k}^2 = \sigma_{1k}^2$  for all  $k$  do the weak bounds and second moment bounds coincide. This turns out to imply that the second moment bounds remain informative *even if the treatment effect is zero*. If  $\beta = 0$  then  $y = c + \varepsilon$  so  $\mu_{tk} = c + \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = t, z = k)$  and hence

$$0 = \mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k} = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 1, z_k) - \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 0, z_k)$$

Thus, if  $\mu_{0k} = \mu_{1k}$  then we must have  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 1, z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 0, z_k)$  for all  $k$ . But by iterated expectations and the assumption of non-differential measurement error we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 1, z_k) &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k)\mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 1, z_k) + \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k)\mathbb{P}(T^* = 0|T = 1, z_k) \\ \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 0, z_k) &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k)\mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 0, z_k) + \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k)\mathbb{P}(T^* = 0|T = 0, z_k)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 1, z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T = 0, z_k)$ , these equations are a linear system of the form

$$\begin{aligned}c &= px + (1 - p)y \\ c &= qx + (1 - q)y\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}p &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 1, z_k) = (1 - \alpha_1)\frac{p_k^*}{p_k} \\ q &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 0, z_k) = \alpha_1 \left( \frac{p_k^*}{1 - p_k} \right) \\ x &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ y &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, unless  $p = q$ , we must have  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k)$  for all  $k$ . But since  $z$  is a valid instrument,  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|z_k) = 0$  for all  $k$  and thus, by iterated expectations

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|z_k) = \mathbb{E}_{T^*|z_k} [\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^*, z_k)] \\ &= p_k^* \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k) + (1 - p_k^*) \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k) \\ &= [p_k^* + (1 - p_k^*)] \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $k$ . Thus, even if  $\beta = 0$  it will *still* not in general be true that  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$ . For this to be the case we require the additional condition that  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T_t^*, z = k) = 0$  for all  $t, k$ . In other words, we require  $z$  and  $T^*$  to be *jointly* first moment independent of  $\varepsilon$ . This implies  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^*) = 0$ , i.e. that  $T^*$  is *exogenous*.

Now suppose that  $\beta = 0$  and  $z, T^*$  are jointly mean independent of  $\varepsilon$ . The second moment bounds are *still* strictly better than the weak bounds provided that  $\sigma_{0k}^2 \neq \sigma_{1k}^2$ . From a proof in the appendix of the sick instruments paper,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1k}^2 &= \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)p_k^*}{p_k}s_{1k}^{*2} + \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_k^*)}{p_k}s_{0k}^{*2} + \frac{\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - p_k)^2(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2}{(p_k - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)} \\ \sigma_{0k}^2 &= \frac{\alpha_1 p_k^*}{1 - p_k}s_{1k}^{*2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)}{1 - p_k}s_{0k}^{*2} + \frac{\alpha_1(1 - \alpha_0)p_k^2(\mu_{1k} - \mu_{0k})^2}{(p_k - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k - \alpha_1)}\end{aligned}$$

where  $s_{tk}^{*2} = \text{Var}(\varepsilon|T^* = t, z = k)$ .<sup>5</sup> If  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$  this reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1k}^2 &= \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)p_k^*}{p_k}s_{1k}^{*2} + \frac{\alpha_0(1 - p_k^*)}{p_k}s_{0k}^{*2} \\ \sigma_{0k}^2 &= \frac{\alpha_1 p_k^*}{1 - p_k}s_{1k}^{*2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha_0)(1 - p_k^*)}{1 - p_k}s_{0k}^{*2}\end{aligned}$$

In other words,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1k}^2 &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 1, z_k)s_{1k}^{*2} + \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0|T = 1, z_k)s_{0k}^{*2} \\ \sigma_{0k}^2 &= \mathbb{P}(T^* = 1|T = 0, z_k)s_{1k}^{*2} + \mathbb{P}(T^* = 0|T = 0, z_k)s_{0k}^{*2}\end{aligned}$$

So if  $\sigma_{0k}^2 = \sigma_{1k}^2$ , we have a linear system of the form

$$\begin{aligned}c &= px + (1 - p)y \\ c &= qx + (1 - q)y\end{aligned}$$

as above, where  $p$  and  $q$  are defined as before but  $x = s_{1k}^{*2}$  and  $y = s_{0k}^{*2}$ . Again, unless  $p = q$ , we must have  $x = y$  which in this case means  $s_{0k}^{*2} = s_{1k}^{*2}$  for all  $k$ . Now, since

$$s_{tk}^{*2} = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = t, z_k) - [\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = t, z_k)]^2$$

under the assumption that  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 0, z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^* = 1, z_k)$ , we see that

$$s_{1k}^{*2} - s_{0k}^{*2} = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 1, z_k) - \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 0, z_k)$$

---

<sup>5</sup>See the explanation above for why  $\text{Var}(u|T^*, z) = \text{Var}(\varepsilon|T^*, z)$ .

so that  $s_{1k}^{*2} = s_{0k}^{*2}$  if and only if

$$\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 1, z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 0, z_k)$$

Suppose this is the case. Recall that we have assumed  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|z_k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2)$  for all  $k$ . Thus, by iterated expectations,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2) &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|z_k) = \mathbb{E}_{T^*|z_k}[\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^*, z_k)] \\ &= p_k^* \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 1, z_k) + (1 - p_k^*) \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 0, z_k) \\ &= [p_k^* + (1 - p_k^*)] \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 1, z_k) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = 0, z_k) \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^* = t, z = k) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2)$  for all  $t, k$ . This implies  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^*) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2)$ .

To summarize, we have shown the following:

1. Unless  $\mu_{1k} = \mu_{0k}$  and  $\sigma_{1k}^2 = \sigma_{0k}^2$  for all  $k$ , then the second moment bounds are strictly tighter for at least one of  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ .
2. If  $\beta = 0$ , the second moment bounds are still generically tighter. In this case, the only way to obtain  $\mu_{0k} = \mu_{1k}$  and  $\sigma_{0k}^2 = \sigma_{1k}^2$  for all  $k$  is if  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^*, z) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^*, z) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2)$ . These conditions in turn imply  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon|T^*) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2|T^*) = \mathbb{E}(\varepsilon^2)$ . So even if  $\beta = 0$ , the second moment bounds are tighter unless  $T^*$  is exogenous and  $\varepsilon$  is homoskedastic with respect to  $T^*$ .

## 27 June 4, 2017: Inference Procedure (no covariates)

We now describe the full inference procedure for our model, including preliminary estimation of strongly identified parameters and using both the weak and second moment bounds. We place no restriction on  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ , but assume for the moment that there are no covariates.

**Overview and Notation** We test the null hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  for a vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  of weakly identified parameters based on a set of equality moment conditions  $m^E$  and inequality moment conditions  $m^I$

$$\mathbb{E}[m^E(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_0)] = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbb{E}[m^I(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_0)] \geq \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_0 = \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  is preliminary estimator of the strongly identified parameters  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  constructed from the moment equalities  $\mathbb{E}[h(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) - \boldsymbol{\gamma}] = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Moment Equality Conditions** The moment functions  $m^E$  are defined as

$$m^E(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \mathbf{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) z_i$$

$$\mathbf{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_i - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T_i \\ y_i^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2y_i T_i + \theta_2 T_i \\ y_i^3 - \kappa_3 - \theta_1 3y_i^2 T_i + \theta_2 3y_i T_i - \theta_3 T_i \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}' = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}' = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_2 &= \theta_1^2 [1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ \theta_3 &= \theta_1^3 [(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0 (1 - \alpha_1)]. \end{aligned}$$

**Moment Functions for Preliminary Estimator** The moment functions  $h$  for the preliminary estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}' = (\mathbf{p}', \boldsymbol{\nu}', \boldsymbol{\kappa}')$  are

$$h(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = h(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} h_p(W_i) - \mathbf{p} \\ h_\nu(W_i) - \boldsymbol{\nu} \\ h_\kappa(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{\kappa} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_p(W_i) - \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ T_i z_i / q \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_\nu(W_i) - \boldsymbol{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} y_i(1 - T_i)(1 - z_i)/\sqrt{1 - q} \\ y_i T_i(1 - z_i)/\sqrt{1 - q} \\ y_i(1 - T_i)z_i/\sqrt{q} \\ y_i T_i z_i / \sqrt{q} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{00} \\ \nu_{10} \\ \nu_{01} \\ \nu_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_\kappa(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{\kappa} = \mathbf{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa})$$

where  $\mathbf{p}' = (p_0, p_1)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\nu}' = (\nu_{00}, \nu_{10}, \nu_{01}, \nu_{11})$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}' = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3)$ .

**The Preliminary Estimator** We estimate  $\gamma$  under the null  $\theta = \theta_0$  using the just-identified system of moment functions  $h$ . Specifically,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\gamma}'_0 &= \hat{\gamma}(\theta_0)' = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{p}}' & \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}' & \hat{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}(\theta_0)' \end{bmatrix} \\ \hat{\mathbf{p}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{p}_0 \\ \hat{p}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_p(W_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} T_i(1-z_i)/(1-q) \\ T_i z_i/q \end{bmatrix} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\nu}_{00} \\ \hat{\nu}_{10} \\ \hat{\nu}_{01} \\ \hat{\nu}_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{\nu}(W_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} y_i(1-T_i)(1-z_i)/\sqrt{1-q} \\ y_i T_i(1-z_i)/\sqrt{1-q} \\ y_i(1-T_i)z_i/\sqrt{q} \\ y_i T_i z_i/\sqrt{q} \end{bmatrix} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}(\theta_0) &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\kappa}_1(\theta_0) \\ \hat{\kappa}_2(\theta_0) \\ \hat{\kappa}_3(\theta_0) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} y_i - \theta_1^0 T_i \\ y_i^2 - \theta_1^0 2y_i T_i + \theta_2^0 T_i \\ y_i^3 - \theta_1^0 3y_i^2 T_i + \theta_2^0 3y_i T_i - \theta_3^0 T_i \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_0 = (\theta_1^0, \theta_2^0, \theta_3^0)$ . The preliminary estimators of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$  do not depend on  $\theta_0$ .

**Inequality Moment Conditions** The inequality moment functions  $m^I$  are

$$\begin{aligned}m^I(W_i, \theta, \gamma) &= \begin{bmatrix} m_1^I(W_i, \theta, \gamma) \\ m_2^I(W_i, \theta, \gamma) \end{bmatrix} \\ m_1^I(W_i, \theta, \gamma) &= \begin{bmatrix} p_0 - \alpha_0 \\ (1-p_0) - \alpha_1 \\ p_1 - \alpha_0 \\ (1-p_1) - \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ m_2^I(W_i, \theta, \gamma) &= \begin{bmatrix} (p_0 - \alpha_0)\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=0) - d^2(\alpha_0, z=0) \\ (1-p_0 - \alpha_1)\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=0) - d^2(\alpha_1, z=0) \\ (p_1 - \alpha_0)\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=1) - d^2(\alpha_0, z=1) \\ (1-p_1 - \alpha_1)\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=1) - d^2(\alpha_1, z=1) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

where we define the shorthand

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=0) &= y_i^2(1-z_i)(T_i - \alpha_0) \\ \tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=0) &= y_i^2(1-z_i)(1-T_i - \alpha_1) \\ \tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=1) &= y_i^2 z_i(T_i - \alpha_0) \\ \tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=1) &= y_i^2 z_i(1-T_i - \alpha_1)\end{aligned}$$

and analogously

$$\begin{aligned}
d(\alpha_0, z = 0) &= (1 - \alpha_0)\nu_{10} - \alpha_0\nu_{00} \\
d(\alpha_1, z = 0) &= \alpha_1\nu_{10} - (1 - \alpha_1)\nu_{00} \\
d(\alpha_0, z = 1) &= (1 - \alpha_0)\nu_{11} - \alpha_0\nu_{01} \\
d(\alpha_1, z = 1) &= \alpha_1\nu_{11} - (1 - \alpha_1)\nu_{01}
\end{aligned}$$

**Correcting the Asymptotic Variance Matrix** To account for the preliminary estimation of  $\gamma$  we need to make an adjustment to the estimator of the asymptotic covariance matrix of the moment conditions  $m^I$  and  $m^E$ , as explained above. Let  $m' = (m'^I, m'^E)$  denote the full collection of moment conditions. Because our estimator of  $\gamma$  is just identified, the quantity required to adjust the covariance matrix estimator is  $B = -MH^{-1}$  where

$$H = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial h(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \gamma'} \right], \quad M = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \gamma'} \right]$$

But in our example  $H = -\mathbf{I}$  so that

$$B = M = \mathbb{E} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\partial m_1^I(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \mathbf{p}'} & \mathbf{0}_{4 \times 4} & \mathbf{0}_{4 \times 3} \\ \frac{\partial m_2^I(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \mathbf{p}'} & \frac{\partial m_2^I(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \nu'} & \mathbf{0}_{4 \times 3} \\ \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 2} & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 4} & \frac{\partial m^E(W_i, \theta_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \kappa'} \end{array} \right]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m_1^I(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \mathbf{p}'} \right] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m_2^I(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \mathbf{p}'} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=0) & 0 \\ -\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=0) & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_0, z=1) \\ 0 & -\tilde{y}_i^2(\alpha_1, z=1) \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m_2^I(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\nu}'} \right] &= \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
Q_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha_0 d(\alpha_0, z=0) & -2(1-\alpha_0) d(\alpha_0, z=0) \\ 2(1-\alpha_1) d(\alpha_1, z=0) & -2\alpha_1 d(\alpha_1, z=0) \end{bmatrix} \\
Q_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha_0 d(\alpha_0, z=1) & -2(1-\alpha_0) d(\alpha_0, z=1) \\ 2(1-\alpha_1) d(\alpha_1, z=1) & -2\alpha_1 d(\alpha_1, z=1) \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial m^E(W_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \gamma_0)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\kappa}'} \right] &= -q \mathbf{I}_3
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  are understood to be hypothesized values under the null  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$ .

## 28 Improved Notation – July 20th

This section expands some of our whiteboard notes from the first week of July. In our efforts to implement the various proposals for sub-vector inference (KMS and BCS), we discovered some more compact notation with which to express our problem and, in particular, the derivatives of the moment conditions. Although it looks like we will end up using Andrews & Soares rather than one of these subvector procedures, the notation is much nicer than what we had before so we might as well use it. It should make it easier to write out the expressions used in the preliminary estimation of  $\kappa$ , etc.



$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \\ W_3 \\ W_4 \\ W_5 \\ W_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ y \\ yT \\ y^2 \\ y^2T \\ y^3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_w = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \psi_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & \psi_3(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}'_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \begin{bmatrix} -\theta_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}'_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 & 0 & -2\theta_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}'_3(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \begin{bmatrix} -\theta_3 & 0 & 3\theta_2 & 0 & -3\theta_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 + u_{i1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) &= \boldsymbol{\psi}'_1(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i = y_i - \theta_1 T_i \\ \kappa_2 + u_{i2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) &= \boldsymbol{\psi}'_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i = y_i^2 - 2\theta_1 y_i T_i + \theta_2 T_i \\ \kappa_3 + u_{i3}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}) &= \boldsymbol{\psi}'_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i = y_i^3 - 3\theta_1 y_i^2 T_i + 3\theta_2 y_i T_i - \theta_3 T_i \end{aligned}$$

Moment equalities

$$\begin{aligned} m_j^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \kappa_j) &= \boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i - \kappa_j \\ \mathbb{E}[m_j^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \kappa_j)] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Population version of preliminary estimator and plugin

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_j(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}] = \boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\mu}_w \\ m_j^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \kappa_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= [\boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i - \kappa_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})] z_i = \boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{w}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_w)z_i \end{aligned}$$

sample analogues of the same

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\kappa}_j(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\bar{\mathbf{w}} \\ m_j^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \widehat{\kappa}_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})) &= [\boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}_i - \widehat{\kappa}_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})] z_i = \boldsymbol{\psi}'_j(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{w}_i - \bar{\mathbf{w}})z_i \end{aligned}$$

We may not end up needing all of these derivatives, but just in case:

If  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is a  $(d \times 1)$  vector of parameters and  $\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is  $(r \times 1)$  vector of functions, then

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{c}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})}} \right]}_{(1 \times d)} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{b}'} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{c}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}}} \right]}_{(1 \times r)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{(r \times d)}$$

by the chain rule and, using basic properties of matrix derivatives,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{b}'} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{c}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}}} \left[ \mathbf{c}' - \frac{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{c} \mathbf{b}' \mathbf{M}}{\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{b}} \right]$$

## 29 New Idea: Prelim. Estimation of $\theta_1$ (2017-07-22)

As long as  $z$  is a strong instrument, which we will assume,  $\theta_1$  is strongly identified. Recall that  $\beta$  does not enter our inequality moment conditions. And since,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_2 &= \theta_1^2 [1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ \theta_3 &= \theta_1^3 [(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

we see that  $\beta$  only enters the equality moment conditions through  $\theta_1$ . This means that we can completely eliminate  $\beta$  from the system if we substitute a preliminary estimator for  $\theta_1$ . After doing this, our equalities and inequalities will be functions of  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  only. The same idea could be used with the BBS/KRS/FL/Mahajan moment conditions. I initially thought this could be a useful way to carry out inference for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ , for example to test  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = 0$ , in a way that accounts for boundary problems and weak identification. If one only desires inference for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  it is clearly overkill to  $m_1^E$  among the moment equalities used in the GMS inference procedure, since  $\theta_1$  does not suffer from a weak identification problem. Including it would be just like including the moment conditions for  $\kappa$  – computationally expensive and unnecessary since these parameters are strongly identified.

Because we are not especially interested in carrying out inference for  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$ , I initially dismissed this idea. It was unclear to me how a confidence region for  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  could be used to carry out inference for  $\beta$ . But I think there's actually a very simple way to do this.

Suppose we have a valid  $(1 - \delta) \times 100\%$  confidence interval (LCL, UCL) for  $\theta_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\text{LCL} \leq \theta_1 \leq \text{UCL}) &= 1 - \delta \\ \mathbb{P}\left(\text{LCL} \leq \frac{\beta}{1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1} \leq \text{UCL}\right) &= 1 - \delta \\ \mathbb{P}([1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1] \times \text{LCL} \leq \beta \leq [1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1] \times \text{UCL}) &= 1 - \delta\end{aligned}$$

It is trivial to construct a valid confidence interval for  $\theta_1$  under our assumption that  $z$  is a strong instrument: we can use the usual IV confidence interval. And the preceding equalities show that a valid confidence interval for  $\theta_1$  immediately implies a valid confidence interval for  $\beta$  *conditional* on knowledge of the sum  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ . This is exactly analogous to the situation in my job market paper, where I had a way to construct a valid confidence interval for  $\mu$  conditional on knowledge of  $\tau$ , so we can use the same solution here: Bonferroni. The procedure will be to construct a  $(1 - \delta_1) \times 100\%$  confidence set for  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$  and then take the max and min of the  $(1 - \delta_2) \times 100\%$  confidence sets for  $\beta|\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ , yielding a valid  $\geq (1 - \delta_1 - \delta_2) \times 100\%$  confidence set for  $\beta$ . Bonferroni necessarily induces conservatism, but so does projection. And unlike projection, which we can't tune, Bonferroni allows us to choose  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  to reduce the degree of conservatism. Moreover, by reducing the dimension over which we must carry out projection there should be an attendant reduction in the conservatism that comes from projection itself. So I think in the end, Bonferroni could end up being less conservative than our planned projection of a joint confidence set for  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta)$  into a marginal set for  $\beta$ .

Another consideration is computational cost. Bonferroni should be much cheaper to compute since we only have to carry out the GMS procedure in two dimensions  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$ -space. Indeed, we do not in fact need a confidence set for  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  – we only need a confidence set for their *sum*. This means that we do not even need to carry out a two-dimensional grid search. What we really need is projection inference for  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ . I have several ideas for how we can speed this up. First, after eliminating  $m_1^E$ , the only moment equalities are  $m_2^E$  and  $m_3^E$ . We would expect that  $m_2^E$  is the more precisely estimated of these since second moments should have less sampling variation than third moments. Since the second moment equality identifies a line of the form  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_0 = K$ , I think we can reduce the dimensionality even further by searching at or near this line. In other words, we probably do not want to start by constructing the full grid of  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  values since we have a good guess for the region that will not be rejected, provided we're inside the region where the moment inequalities do not bind. And once we've identified a pair  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  that sum to a particular value, say  $B$ , we don't need to check any more grid points on the line  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 = B$ , since we're only interested

in inference for the sum.

Another idea worth considering is speeding up or eliminating the bootstrap entirely. Given the observed data, the GMS procedure defines a region in  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  space where the moment inequalities are “far from binding” and are hence excluded. Indeed, the structure of our problem tells us that there is a rectangular region  $(0, \underline{\alpha}_0) \times (0, \underline{\alpha}_1)$  in which *all* of the moment conditions will be deemed far from binding. The region itself may depend on the  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  pair being tested via the variance matrix but this doesn’t matter: at a given pair  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  we can determine whether we’re in a case where GMS throws out *all* of the moment conditions. In any case, the pair  $(\alpha_0 = 0, \alpha_1 = 0)$  should always be in the region where GMS tosses out the inequalities. To put it another way, we know in advance that we cannot rule this point out from the inequalities given their one-sided nature. If we are testing a point  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  where the inequalities are all excluded then, since we are using the asymptotic version of the GMS test, there is in fact no need to use the bootstrap normal draws. We can work out the *exact* distribution of the test statistic under the null and it will be fully determined by a *single* value that we estimate from data under the null. This is because the test statistic is simply a sum of squares of two correlated, zero-mean normals (we’ve eliminated one of the moment equalities by using a preliminary estimator of  $\theta_1$ ). But because the test statistic divides through by the variance of each component, we can assume WLOG that the normals are standard normal. The only unknown is the correlation between them, but our code already estimates this to transform the normal draws for carrying out the asymptotic version of the bootstrap. So we just need to know the distribution of the sum of squares of two correlated standard normals. This can be shown (see the StackOverflow question) to equal a weighted sum of two independent Chi-squared random variables and there is an R package that calculates  $\mathbb{P}(X > x)$  for such a distribution. If we were to use the random normal draws instead we would simply be approximating this distribution by simulation.

Now, suppose instead that we are testing a pair  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  in the region where at least one moment inequality is *not* far from binding. In this case we cannot directly calculate the distribution of the test statistic. However, we can easily find an *upper bound* on the critical value without using our normal draws. To do this, we construct a test statistic that dominates the MMM statistic. Suppose that  $J$  moment inequalities are deemed to *not* be far from binding. Then these  $J$  are used in the calculation of the critical value for the MMM test statistic. Notice that the moment inequalities only contribute to the MMM statistic when they are violated, in which case they enter as a sum of squares. Otherwise they contribute zero. Thus, the MMM test statistic is *bounded above* by the sum of squares of  $J + 2$  correlated normals:  $J$  for the inequalities that were not discarded, and two for the

equalities. Again, the MMM test statistic does not depend on variances, only correlations. So this dominating statistic (one that treats the inequalities *symmetrically*) is a sum of squares of  $J + 2$  correlated standard normals. This can be shown to be equivalent to a weighted sum of  $J + 2$  independent Chi-squared random variables where the weights depends on the correlations. This means that we can potentially take a computational shortcut even when  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  lies in a region where at least one moment inequality binds. To calculate the bootstrap critical value, we need the correlation matrix of the moment conditions anyway. But before doing the multiplications that transform all the normal draws for the bootstrap, we could first calculate the critical value for the *dominating* test statistic. Call this the “upper bound” critical value. The upper bound critical value is exactly correct when all of the moment inequalities are deemed far from binding; otherwise it is “too large.” However, if we don’t care getting the p-value for the test and merely the accept/reject decision itself we could first compare the test statistic to the upper bound critical value. If we would reject, then there is no need to calculate the actual critical value, since we know that we would reject. In these cases we can skip the calculations for the bootstrap. Since these comprise almost the whole cost of the procedure, this should be a substantial savings. Effectively, it will allow us to rule out pairs  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  strongly rejected by the data using very simple calculations.

## What should we do now?

1. Preliminary estimation of  $\theta_1$  changes the variance matrix of the remaining moment conditions. We need to do the calculations for this. It will involve taking some derivatives, but I don’t think they’re too bad since  $\theta_1$  always enters multiplicatively.
2. I should write up the precise calculations needed for the “upper bound” critical value. The same calculations are used in the case where it is an upper bound as when it is exact.
3. We need to think a bit more about how to cleverly search over values for  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  to get the projection confidence set for  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ . I suppose there are some calculations to do concerning the line along with we can make the second moment equality zero.
4. We should think about how to use this method with BBS/KRS/FL/Mahajan and also how to use it for Lewbel. We don’t have the unconditional moment equalities for Lewbel yet so I suppose we need to derive these.
5. We’re going to have to say something about covariates. At the least I think we should derive the moment conditions one would use under the assumption that  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta$  don’t

depend on  $\mathbf{x}$  as in Frazis and Loewenstein. This requires some additional preliminary estimation and hence some additional derivatives. I suppose we'll also need to write up a brief description of what one could do if one is unwilling to make these assumptions. I wonder if the fact that we're now doing Bonferroni simplifies anything here. For example, suppose one did an IV series estimator with interactions between the exogenous variable and the treatment. What is the probability limit of IV ignoring the mis-classification? Is there some simple way to proceed? I think there actually might be. There are presumably two cases: one in which the  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  don't depend on  $\mathbf{x}$  but  $\beta$  does, and another in which everything depends on  $\mathbf{x}$ . Presumably the first case is easier, possibly even trivial. It would be nice if this were the case. I think there's also a question of whether you want to learn  $\beta(\mathbf{x})$  or  $\mathbb{E}[\beta(\mathbf{x})]$ .

6. We also need to carry out the standard GMM calculations for naive estimation of our model along with that of Lewbel, BBS/KRS/FL/Mahajan so we can do simulations comparing the performance of the methods.

## 30 Preliminary Estimation of $\theta_1$ (2017-07-23)

**Notation** Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= \beta / (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \theta_2 &= \theta_1^2 [1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1)] \\ \theta_3 &= \theta_1^3 [(1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)]\end{aligned}$$

Now, define  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1)'$  and  $\eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$ ,  $\eta_3(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$  as

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= 1 + (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \\ \eta_3(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)^2 + 6\alpha_0(1 - \alpha_1)\end{aligned}$$

so that we have

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_2 &= \eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha})\theta_1^2 \\ \theta_3 &= \eta_3(\boldsymbol{\alpha})\theta_1^3\end{aligned}$$

and we will use the shorthand  $\eta_2, \eta_3$  suppressing dependence on  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$ .

**Moment Equality Conditions** Let  $\gamma$  denote the parameters for which we will substitute preliminary estimators. The elements of  $\gamma$  that are relevant for the GMS moment equalities  $m^E$  are  $\theta_1, \kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$ . The GMS moment functions  $m^E$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} m_2^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \gamma) &= [y_i^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2y_i T_i + \eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\theta_1^2 T_i)] z_i \\ m_3^E(\mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \gamma) &= [y_i^3 - \kappa_3 - \theta_1 3y_i^2 T_i + \eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha})(3\theta_1^2 y_i T_i) - \eta_3(\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\theta_1^3 T_i)] z_i \end{aligned}$$

**Moment Functions for Preliminary Estimators** The preliminary estimators of the parameters  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$  from the moment inequality conditions are unchanged:

$$\begin{aligned} h_p(W_i) - \mathbf{p} &= \begin{bmatrix} T_i(1 - z_i)/(1 - q) \\ T_i z_i / q \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ h_\nu(W_i) - \boldsymbol{\nu} &= \begin{bmatrix} y_i(1 - T_i)(1 - z_i)/\sqrt{1 - q} \\ y_i T_i(1 - z_i)/\sqrt{1 - q} \\ y_i(1 - T_i)z_i/\sqrt{q} \\ y_i T_i z_i/\sqrt{q} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{00} \\ \nu_{10} \\ \nu_{01} \\ \nu_{11} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{p}' = (p_0, p_1)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\nu}' = (\nu_{00}, \nu_{10}, \nu_{01}, \nu_{11})$ . However, the preliminary estimators for the moment equality conditions are affected by the fact that we will now use a preliminary estimator of  $\theta_1$ . Note that  $\kappa_1$  does not enter the GMS moment equalities  $m^E$  although it does enter the moment equality used to identify  $\theta_1$ . Moreover, estimating  $\kappa_2$  and  $\kappa_3$  under the null  $\alpha = \alpha^0$  in turn requires a preliminary estimator of  $\theta_1$ . The following comprise all moment equalities that will be used for the preliminary estimators to plug into  $m^E$ , under the null  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^0$

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} y_i - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T_i \\ (y_i - \kappa_1 - \theta_1 T_i) z_i \\ y_i^2 - \kappa_2 - \theta_1 2y_i T_i + \eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^0)(\theta_1^2 T_i) \\ y_i^3 - \kappa_3 - \theta_1 3y_i^2 T_i + \eta_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^0)(3\theta_1^2 y_i T_i) - \eta_3(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^0)(\theta_1^3 T_i) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

The question is how exactly to use these conditions. Since this system is just identified, the GMM weighting matrix should be irrelevant and I think this means that the method of moments estimator and GMM estimator should coincide.