

ECON3140HW6

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library(haven)

data <- read_dta("C:/Users/Nick/Downloads/JEC.dta")

# 3.1
# This model is created to estimate the overall elasticity of demand in the
# market. Elasticity is represented in the form of percent change, and since
# this model is likely skewed and not entirely linear, a log-log model would
# best represent this model by regressing a percent change in y (Qi) on a
# percent change in x (Pi). ICE is included because it will clearly have an
# effect on quantity shipped, as icy roads will lower quantity. However, this
# regressor is not logged because it is binary.

# 3.2

lm.fit <- lm(data$quantity ~ log(data$price) + data$ice + data$seas1 +
data$seas2 + data$seas3 + data$seas4 + data$seas5 + data$seas6 + data$seas7 +
data$seas8 + data$seas9 + data$seas10 + data$seas11 + data$seas12)

summary(lm.fit)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$quantity ~ log(data$price) + data$ice + data$seas1 +
##     data$seas2 + data$seas3 + data$seas4 + data$seas5 + data$seas6 +
##     data$seas7 + data$seas8 + data$seas9 + data$seas10 + data$seas11 +
##     data$seas12)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -28520  -6705   -164    5565   33087
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -8049.3    4174.5  -1.928  0.05474 .
## log(data$price) -16233.3    2007.1  -8.088 1.35e-14 ***
## data$ice       13326.4    2913.7   4.574 6.91e-06 ***
## data$seas1     -2768.0    2703.1  -1.024  0.30662
## data$seas2      2479.8    2711.3   0.915  0.36109
## data$seas3      3284.8    2711.6   1.211  0.22665
## data$seas4      8581.9    2697.8   3.181  0.00161 **
## data$seas5     7356.7    3164.9   2.324  0.02074 *
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## data$seas6      5391.2      3887.9      1.387      0.16653
## data$seas7      8190.2      3898.8      2.101      0.03647 *
## data$seas8      -461.2      3894.3     -0.118      0.90580
## data$seas9      3251.9      3898.3      0.834      0.40482
## data$seas10     6984.2      3929.3      1.777      0.07646 .
## data$seas11     7912.3      3900.1      2.029      0.04333 *
## data$seas12     7599.3      3876.7      1.960      0.05085 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 9678 on 313 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3375, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3079
## F-statistic: 11.39 on 14 and 313 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
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3.3

This estimate is not entirely credible because some of the covariates may be correlated with the error term. log(price) likely has a nonzero correlation with other regressors and the error term as many factors effect price, including the navigatibility of the Great Lakes and the season. Cartel would be a plausible IV as it is not correlated with the other terms.

3.4

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firststage = lm(log(data$price) ~ data$cartel)
summary(firststage)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = log(data$price) ~ data$cartel)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.59597 -0.23180 -0.08515  0.09717  0.61550
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.66532    0.02047  -81.37  <2e-16 ***
## data$cartel  0.36418    0.02601   14.00  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2288 on 326 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3755, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3735
## F-statistic:  196 on 1 and 326 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

firststage = lm((data$ice) ~ data$cartel)
summary(firststage)

##
## Call:
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## lm(formula = (data$ice) ~ data$cartel)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.4384 -0.4384 -0.4080  0.5616  0.5920
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  0.40800     0.04436   9.198  <2e-16 ***
## data$cartel  0.03042     0.05638   0.540    0.59
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.4959 on 326 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.0008924, Adjusted R-squared:  -0.002172
## F-statistic: 0.2912 on 1 and 326 DF, p-value: 0.5898
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Based on the P values and F statistics, cartel appears to be a weak instrumental variable for ice, however a strong instrumental variable for price. Cartel could instead be an instrumental variable for price as price will likely go up if the great lakes are not navigable. Price is also likely correlated with the error term as many factors effect the price. Carteli is not correlated witht the other covariates like price is.

3.5

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second = lm( data$quantity ~ firststage$fitted.values + data$ice + data$seas1
+ data$seas2 + data$seas3 + data$seas4 + data$seas5 + data$seas6 + data$seas7
+ data$seas8 + data$seas9 + data$seas10 + data$seas11 + data$seas12 )
summary(second)
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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = data$quantity ~ firststage$fitted.values + data$ice +
##      data$seas1 + data$seas2 + data$seas3 + data$seas4 + data$seas5 +
##      data$seas6 + data$seas7 + data$seas8 + data$seas9 + data$seas10 +
##      data$seas11 + data$seas12)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -25009  -6334  -1752   6347  36365
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  117529.43   17636.33   6.664 1.20e-10 ***
## firststage$fitted.values -236334.28   38904.42  -6.075 3.60e-09 ***
## data$ice      12202.81    3058.82   3.989 8.25e-05 ***
## data$seas1    -3514.65    2812.82  -1.250  0.2124
## data$seas2     149.39    2812.82   0.053  0.9577
## data$seas3    -99.27    2823.96  -0.035  0.9720
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## data$seas4          6734.06      2825.80      2.383      0.0178 *
## data$seas5          6386.45      3326.25      1.920      0.0558 .
## data$seas6          5012.46      4071.77      1.231      0.2192
## data$seas7          8483.21      4071.77      2.083      0.0380 *
## data$seas8          -733.63      4080.34     -0.180      0.8574
## data$seas9          2318.94      4109.47      0.564      0.5730
## data$seas10         7584.27      4109.47      1.846      0.0659 .
## data$seas11         8581.47      4063.79      2.112      0.0355 *
## data$seas12         6670.39      4063.79      1.641      0.1017
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## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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## Residual standard error: 10060 on 313 degrees of freedom
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## Multiple R-squared:  0.2835, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2514
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## F-statistic: 8.846 on 14 and 313 DF,  p-value: 2.934e-16
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EstimatedElasticity = second$coefficients[2]
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EstimatedElasticity
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## firststage$fitted.values
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##              -236334.3
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Price Elasticity of Demand is very negative, suggesting a heavily elastic demand

3.6

This IV regression shows that the elasticity of demand is significantly less than negative 1, suggesting heavy elasticity. This means that the firm is not operating at a profit maximizing price.