

# Econometrics HW3

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## 1 3.24

beta	
education	0.14431
experience	0.042633
experience <sup>2</sup> /100	-0.095056
constant	0.53089
results	
R <sup>2</sup>	0.38932
SSE	82.505
reestimate	
coefficient estimate	0.14431
R <sup>2</sup>	0.36874
SSE	82.505

From the above tables, we see that we have matched the ols coefficient from equation (3.50). The  $R^2$  and SSE are listed as well in the second table. In the third table, we see our re-estimated coefficient is the same as in the original regression; however, the  $R^2$  is lower in the re-estimated regression as part of the informational content was already regressed out of the response variable in the first stage of the two-stage regression. The SSE are identical, however, due to the residuals from the original regression being identical to the residuals from the second stage of the re-estimated regression.

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## 2 3.25

	sums
a	4.4187e-14
b	-7.2209e-13
c	-2.0606e-13
d	133.1331
e	1.5575e-11
f	-8.249e-14
g	82.505

The above table yields the relevant sums. Note that  $a, b, c, e$  are 0 (to computational accuracy) reflecting the fact that these sums are the inner product of one of the columns of  $X$  and the residual estimates. These inner products are 0 by construction.  $f$  is also 0 by construction for similar reasons.  $d, g$  are not forced to be 0 by construction, and in this case they are clearly nonzero.

## 3 7.2

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' &\rightarrow_p E[X_i X_i'] \\
\frac{1}{n} \lambda I_k &\rightarrow_p 0 \\
\hat{\beta} &= (X'X + \lambda I_k)^{-1} X'Y \\
&= (X'X + \lambda I_k)^{-1} X'(X\beta + \epsilon) \\
&= (X'X + \lambda I_k)^{-1} X'X\beta + (X'X + \lambda I_k)^{-1} X'\epsilon \\
&\rightarrow_p (E[X_i X_i'] + 0)^{-1} E[X_i X_i']\beta + (E[X_i X_i'] + 0)^{-1} E[X_i \epsilon] \\
&= (E[X_i X_i'])^{-1} E[X_i X_i']\beta + (E[X_i X_i'])^{-1} 0 \\
&= \beta
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent for  $\beta$ .

## 4 7.3

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \lambda I_k &= \frac{1}{n} c n I_k \rightarrow_p c I_k \\
&\Rightarrow \hat{\beta} \rightarrow_p (E[X_i X_i'] + c I_k)^{-1} E[X_i X_i']\beta + (E[X_i X_i'] + c I_k)^{-1} E[X_i \epsilon] \\
&= (E[X_i X_i'] + c I_k)^{-1} E[X_i X_i']\beta
\end{aligned}$$

So, in this case the estimator is not consistent as  $(E[X_i X_i'] + c I_k)^{-1} E[X_i X_i'] \neq I_k$ .

## 5 7.4

1.  $E[X_1] = 1/2(1) + 1/2(-1) = 0$
2.  $E[X_1]^2 = 1/2(1) + 1/2(1) = 1$
3.  $E[X_1X_2] = 3/4(1) + 1/4(-1) = 1/2$
4.  $E[e^2] = (5/4)(3/4) + (1/4)(1/4) = 1$
5.  $E[X_1^2e^2] = (3/4)((1)(5/4)) + (1/4)((1)(1/4)) = 1$
6.  $E[X_1X_2e^2] = (3/4)((1)(5/4)) + (1/4)((-1)(1/4)) = 7/8$

## 6 7.8

We know from (7.18) that  $\hat{\sigma}_p^2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2) &= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 - \sigma^2 \right) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\epsilon_i - x_i'(\hat{\beta} - \beta))^2 - \sigma^2 \right) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 - \sigma^2 \right) - 2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i x_i' \right) \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) + \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i' \right) (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2 - \sigma^2 \right) - 2o_p(1)O_p(1) + O_p(1)O_p(1)o_p(1) \\
&\rightarrow_d N(0, V),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $V = \text{Var}(\epsilon_i^2) = E(\epsilon_i^4) - \sigma^4$ . Note that we have implicitly assumed that the fourth moment of  $\epsilon$  exists.

## 7 7.9a

The first estimator,  $\hat{\beta}$  is the univariate version of OLS. We know that this is therefore a consistent estimator. It is less immediate that  $\tilde{\beta}$  is consistent, but we will show below that this is the case.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\beta} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i}{X_i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i \beta + e_i}{X_i} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta + \frac{e_i}{X_i} = \beta + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_i}{X_i} \\
&\rightarrow_p \beta + E \left[ \frac{e_i}{X_i} \right] = \beta + E \left[ \frac{E[e_i|X_i]}{X_i} \right] \\
&= \beta
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{\beta}$  is also a consistent estimator of  $\beta$ .

## 8 7.10

### 8.1 Point forecast

Let  $\hat{Y}_{n+1} = x' \hat{\beta}$ . We will show that this estimator of  $Y_{n+1}$  yields, in expectation conditional on  $X, x$ , the expectation of  $Y_{n+1}$  conditional on  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{Y}_{n+1} &= x' \hat{\beta} = x' ((X'X)^{-1} X'Y) \\
&= x' (X'X)^{-1} X' (X\beta + e) \\
&= x' \beta + x' (X'X)^{-1} X' e. \\
E[\hat{Y}_{n+1}|X, x] &= E[x' \beta + x' (X'X)^{-1} X' e|X, x] \\
&= x' \beta + E[x' (X'X)^{-1} X' E[e|X]|X, x] \\
&= x' \beta \\
&= E[Y_{n+1}|x]
\end{aligned}$$

### 8.2 Variance estimator

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\hat{Y}_{n+1}) &= E[\hat{e}_{n+1}^2] \\
&= E[(e_{n+1} - x'(\hat{\beta} - \beta))^2] \\
&= E[e_{n+1}^2] - 2E[e_{n+1}x'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)] + E[x'(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)'x] \\
&= \sigma^2 + x'V_{\hat{\beta}}x
\end{aligned}$$

These are not known, however. Yet, we do have estimates of these quantities. Therefore,

$$\hat{Var}(\hat{Y}_{n+1}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 + x' \hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}} x$$

is an estimator of the variance of our forecast.

## 9 7.13

We propose  $\hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/Y_i$ . Naturally, this leads to an estimator for  $\theta : \hat{\theta} = 1/\hat{\gamma}$ .  $Var(\hat{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var\left(\frac{X_i}{Y_i}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var\left(\gamma + \frac{u_i}{Y_i}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{Var(u_i)}{Var(Y_i)}\right) := \frac{1}{n} V$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma) \rightarrow_d N(0, V)$ . Thus, we can apply the delta method and find that  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow_d N(0, W)$  where  $W = \frac{V}{\gamma^2} = \theta^2 V$ .

The asymptotic standard error for  $\hat{\theta}$  is  $\sqrt{W} = \theta\sqrt{V} = \theta\sqrt{\frac{Var(u_i)}{Var(Y_i)}}$ .

## 10 7.14

We can retrieve OLS estimates of  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  ( $\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2$ ) and then define  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2$ . Next, we know the asymptotic distribution for OLS:  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \rightarrow_d N(0, V_\beta)$  where  $V_\beta = E[x_i x_i']^{-1} E[\epsilon_i^2 x_i x_i'] E[x_i x_i']^{-1}$ . Then, we can apply the delta method and find:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow_d N(0, V),$$

where  $V = [\beta_2 \beta_1] V_\beta [\beta_2 \beta_1]'$ . Should there be a 1/4 here?

To run a test, we would estimate  $V : \hat{V} = [\hat{\beta}_2 \hat{\beta}_1] \hat{V}_\beta [\hat{\beta}_2 \hat{\beta}_1]'$  and calculate the 95 percent CI as  $\left[ \hat{\theta} - 1.96 \sqrt{\hat{V}/n}, \hat{\theta} + 1.96 \sqrt{\hat{V}/n} \right]$ .

## 11 7.15

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3 Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^4} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3 (X_i \beta + e_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^4} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^4 \beta + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3 e_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^4} \\ &\rightarrow_d \frac{E[X_i^4] \beta + E[X_i^3 e_i]}{E[X_i^4]} \\ &= \beta + \frac{E[X_i^3 E[e_i | X_i]]}{E[X_i^4]} \\ &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\hat{\beta}$  is a consistent estimator for  $\beta$ . Now we should find its distributional variance:

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