

Hint: the following packages will be useful in solving this problem set.

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In [2]: using Optim
        using Statistics
        using ForwardDiff
        using Plots
        using LinearAlgebra
        using CSV
        using DataFrames
        using StatsFuns
```

Problem Set 2

Due: May 3, 2021 (in class; subject to change if COVID restrictions apply)

A binary response is a variable that takes on only two values, customarily 0 and 1, which can be thought of as codes for whether or not a condition is satisfied. For example, 0=drive to work, 1=take the bus. Often the observed binary variable, say y , is related to an unobserved (latent) continuous variable, say y^* . We would like to know the effect of covariates, x , on y . The model can be represented as

$$\begin{aligned}y^* &= g(x) - \varepsilon \\y &= 1(y^* > 0) \\Pr(y = 1) &= F_\varepsilon[g(x)] \\&\equiv p(x, \theta)\end{aligned}$$

For the logit model, the probability has the specific form

$$p(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x'\theta)}$$

Problem 1 (MLE)

We will consider maximum likelihood estimation of the logit model for binary 0/1 dependent variables. We will use the BFGS algorithm to find the MLE.

The log-likelihood function is

$$s_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \ln p(x_i, \theta) + (1 - y_i) \ln[1 - p(x_i, \theta)])$$

The following code generates data that follow a logit model with given θ :

```
In [4]: function LogitDGP(n, theta)
        k = size(theta,1)
        x = ones(n,1)
        if k>1
            x = [x randn(n,k-1)]
        end
        y = Float64.((1.0 ./ (1.0 .+ exp.(-x*theta))) .> rand(n,1)))
    end
```

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    return y, x
end
```

Out[4]: LogitDGP (generic function with 1 method)

Let us estimate $\hat{\theta}$ from the dataset with 100 points ($n = 100$) and generated from the true θ (θ_0) value of $[0.5, 0.5]$.

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In [10]: n=100
        theta = [0.75,0.25]
        (y,x) = LogitDGP(n,theta)
```

Out[10]: ([1.0; 0.0; ... ; 1.0; 0.0], [1.0 0.278557437317092; 1.0 0.095074744449420693; ... ; 1.0 -0.9180350890683213; 1.0 -0.16918013820719])

(1. a) Estimate $\hat{\theta}$.

Hint:

1. Refer to [Nerlove lecture notes](#) for an example code for mle estimation.
2. Code for the log likelihood function

$$s_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \ln p(x_i, \theta) + (1 - y_i) \ln[1 - p(x_i, \theta)])$$

is written as below:

(1. b) Empirically prove consistency of $\hat{\theta}$ by increasing the number of n in DGP and re-estimate.

Hint: Refer to [GMM lecture notes](#) for an example code for empirically proving consistency.

(1. c) Empirically prove asymptotic normality of $\hat{\theta}$ by repeatedly generate data.

Hint: Refer to [GMM lecture notes](#) for an example code for empirically proving asymptotic normality.

Problem 2 (GMM)

Recall from [GMM lecture notes](#):

Suppose the model is

$$\begin{aligned} y_t^* &= \alpha + \rho y_{t-1}^* + \beta x_t + \epsilon_t \\ y_t &= y_t^* + v_t \end{aligned}$$

where ϵ_t and v_t are independent Gaussian white noise errors. Suppose that y_t^* is not observed, and instead we observe y_t . If we estimate the equation

$$y_t = \alpha + \rho y_{t-1} + \beta x_t + \nu_t$$

this the estimator is biased and inconsistent.

What about using the GIV estimator?

Consider using as instruments $Z = [1 \ x_t \ x_{t-1} \ x_{t-2}]$. The lags of x_t are correlated with y_{t-1} as long as β is different from zero, and by assumption x_t and its lags are uncorrelated with ϵ_t and v_t (and thus they're also uncorrelated with v_t). Thus, these are legitimate instruments. As we have 4 instruments and 3 parameters, this is an overidentified situation.

```
In [238... function lag(x::Array{Float64,2},p::Int64)
    n,k = size(x)
    lagged_x = [ones(p,k); x[1:n-p,:]]
end

function lag(x::Array{Float64,1},p::Int64)
    n = size(x,1)
    lagged_x = [ones(p); x[1:n-p]]
end

function lags(x::Array{Float64,2},p)
    n, k = size(x)
    lagged_x = zeros(eltype(x),n,p*k)
    for i = 1:p
        lagged_x[:,i*k-k+1:i*k] = lag(x,i)
    end
    return lagged_x
end

function lags(x::Array{Float64,1},p)
    n = size(x,1)
    lagged_x = zeros(eltype(x), n,p)
    for i = 1:p
        lagged_x[:,i] = lag(x,i)
    end
    return lagged_x
end
```

Out[238... lags (generic function with 2 methods)

Given $[\alpha_0, \rho_0, \beta_0] = [0, 0.9, 1]$, let us generate data using the pre-defined lag function above:

```
In [280... n = 100
sig = 1

x = randn(n) # an exogenous regressor
e = randn(n) # the error term
ystar = zeros(n)
# generate the dep var
for t = 2:n
    ystar[t] = 0.0 + 0.9*ystar[t-1] + 1.0*x[t] + e[t]
end
# add measurement error
y = ystar + sig*randn(n)
ylag = lag(y,1)
data = [y ylag x];
data = data[2:end,:]; # drop first obs, missing due to lag
theta = [0, 0.9, 1]
```

Out[280... 3-element Array{Float64,1}:
0.0
0.9
1.0

(2. a) Given the following GIVmoments function, write down the moment conditions for each data point. In other words, write down $m_t(\theta) \forall t$ where t is an index for each data points and $\bar{m}_n(\theta)$.

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In [281... # moment condition
function GIVmoments(theta, data)
    data = [data lags(data,2)]
    data = data[3:end,:] # get rid of missings
    n = size(data,1)
    y = data[:,1]
    ylag = data[:,2]
    x = data[:,3]
    xlag = data[:,6]
    xlag2 = data[:,9]
    X = [ones(n,1) ylag x]
    e = y - X*theta
    Z = [ones(n,1) x xlag xlag2]
    m = e.*Z
end
```

Out[281... GIVmoments (generic function with 1 method)

(2. b) Calculate $\hat{\theta}$ using two step GMM.

Compare the estimates with the true parameter value: $[\alpha_0, \rho_0, \beta_0] = [0, 0.9, 1]$

Problem 3 (Nerlove)

Recall [the Nerlove model from the previous lecture](#).

We have explored the property of HOD1 (homogeneous degree 1):

$$\sum_{i=1}^g \beta_i = 1$$

In other words, the cost shares add up to 1.

Now, let's explore the property of CRTS (constant returns to scale):

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\beta_q} = 1$$

so $\beta_q = 1$.

Let us first load the Nerlove data and log:

```
In [3]: data = DataFrame(CSV.File("../data/nerlove.csv"))
data = log.(data[:,[:cost,:output,:labor,:fuel,:capital]])
first(data,6)
```

Out[3]: 6 rows × 5 columns

	cost	output	labor	fuel	capital
	Float64	Float64	Float64	Float64	Float64

	cost	output	labor	fuel	capital
	Float64	Float64	Float64	Float64	Float64
1	-2.50104	0.693147	0.737164	2.8848	5.20949
2	-0.414001	1.09861	0.71784	3.5582	5.15906
3	-0.0100503	1.38629	0.71784	3.5582	5.14166
4	-1.15518	1.38629	0.604316	3.47197	5.11199
5	-1.62455	1.60944	0.751416	3.35341	5.45104
6	-2.32279	2.19722	0.751416	3.35341	5.273

Then, assign y and x values

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In [5]: n = size(data,1)
y = data[:,1]
x = data[:,2:end]
x[!,:intercept]=ones(size(data,1))
x = x[!,[:intercept,:output,:labor,:fuel,:capital]];

y = convert(Array,y)
x = convert(Array,x);
```

3 (a). Estimate the parameters using Restricted OLS using the CRTS restrictions

3 (b). Calculate Wald, LR, and LM statistics and comment on the hypothesis test on restrictions.