

# ECON550: Problem Set 8

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## Midterm Problem 6

(a) Define the statistic  $\hat{\theta}$  as

$$\hat{\theta} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) - \log \left( \frac{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i} \right)$$

By the WLLN,

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) \rightarrow_p E \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right)$$

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow_p EX_i$$

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \rightarrow_p EY_i$$

We require  $E \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) < \infty$ ,  $EX_i < \infty$ ,  $EY_i < \infty$ . Now, by Slutsky's theorem and the rules of convergence in probability, we get

$$\log \left( \frac{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i} \right) \rightarrow_p \log \left( \frac{EX_i}{EY_i} \right)$$

Applying the rules of convergence in probability, we get

$$\hat{\theta} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) - \log \left( \frac{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow_p E \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) + \log \left( \frac{EX_i}{EY_i} \right)$$

(b) Define  $g$  as

$$g(A, B, C) = A - \log(B/C)$$

Define

$$Z_i = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \log(X_i/Y_i) \\ X_i \\ Y_i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Let

$$\bar{Z}_i = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$$

Then

$$\hat{\theta} = g(\bar{Z}_i)$$

Note that

$$\theta = g(EZ_i) = E \log \left( \frac{X_i}{Y_i} \right) + \log \left( \frac{EX_i}{EY_i} \right)$$

Define the variance matrix  $\Sigma$  as the variance matrix  $Var(Z_i)$ . By the CLT,

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{Z}_i - EZ_i) \rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma)$$

By the delta method,

$$G(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/EX_i & 1/EX_y \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) = \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{Z}_i) - EZ_i) \rightarrow_d N(0, G(\theta)\Sigma G(\theta)')$$

(c) We can estimate  $G(\theta)$  with

$$\hat{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/\bar{X}_i & 1/\bar{Y}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

By Slutsky's theorem, since  $\bar{X}_i \rightarrow_p EX_i$  and  $\bar{Y}_i \rightarrow_p EY_i$ ,

$$\hat{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/\bar{X}_i & 1/\bar{Y}_i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow_p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/EX_i & 1/EX_y \end{bmatrix} = G(\theta)$$

Now, we just need to estimate  $\Sigma$ . We can take

$$\hat{\Sigma} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i Z_i' - \bar{Z}_i \bar{Z}_i'$$

Assuming  $||EZ_i Z_i'|, |EZ_i| < \infty$ , by the WLLN,

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i Z_i' \rightarrow EZ_i Z_i'$$

Therefore, by Slutsky's theorem

$$\hat{\Sigma} \rightarrow_p \Sigma$$

Hence, applying Slutsky's theorem again,

$$\hat{G} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}'$$

converges in probability to the desired variance.

## Midterm Problem 7

(a) We have

$$\frac{\bar{Y}_i}{\bar{X}_i} = \frac{\sqrt{n}\bar{Y}_i}{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_i}$$

Define

$$Z_i = \begin{bmatrix} Y_i \\ X_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Note

$$EZ_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\Sigma = \text{Var}(Z_i)$ . We have by the CLT

$$\sqrt{n}\bar{Z}_i \rightarrow_d \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N(0, \Sigma)$$

Let  $g(A, B) = A/B$ . Note

$$\frac{\bar{Y}_i}{\bar{X}_i} = g(\bar{Z}_i)$$

Then by the CMT,

$$\frac{\bar{Y}_i}{\bar{X}_i} = \frac{\sqrt{n}\bar{Y}_i}{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_i} \rightarrow_d g(N(0, \Sigma)) = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

(b) We consider

$$\frac{\bar{Y}_i}{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_i}$$

We know  $\bar{Y}_i \rightarrow_p \mu_Y$ . Applying the rules for convergence in distribution, we get, via the CMT again,

$$\frac{\bar{Y}_i}{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_i} \rightarrow_d \frac{\mu_Y}{N_2}$$

where  $N_2$  is from the previous part.

## Problem 1

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_n &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \\ &= \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note by WLLN

$$\left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \rightarrow_p E[X_i X_i']$$

$$\left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) \rightarrow_p E[X_i Y_i]$$

Applying Slutsky and the rules of convergence in probability, and using the fact that  $\Sigma$  is positive definite,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_n &= \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) \\ &\rightarrow_p (E[X_i X_i'])^{-1} E[X_i Y_i] \\ &= (E[X_i X_i'])^{-1} E[X_i X_i' \beta + X_i U_i] \\ &= \beta + (E[X_i X_i'])^{-1} E[X_i U_i] \end{aligned}$$

Note that the other term will generally not be zero if  $E[U_i | X_i]$  is not zero.

## Problem 2

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_n - \beta_0) &= \sqrt{n}((X'X)^{-1}(X'Y) - \beta_0) \\ &= \sqrt{n}((X'X)^{-1}(X'(X\beta_0 + U)) - \beta_0) \\ &= \sqrt{n}((X'X)^{-1}(X'X\beta_0 + X'U) - \beta_0) \\ &= \sqrt{n}((X'X)^{-1}(X'U)) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i U_i \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right) \rightarrow_p \Sigma_X$$

since  $\Sigma_X$  is positive definite, by Slutsky's theorem,

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \rightarrow_p \Sigma_X^{-1}$$

Additionally, since  $E[X_i U_i] = 0$ , by the CLT

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i U_i \right) \rightarrow_d N(0, \text{Var}(X_i U_i))$$

So all together

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_n - \beta_0) = \sqrt{n} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i U_i \right) \right) \rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma_X^{-1} \text{Var}(X_i U_i) (\Sigma_X^{-1})')$$

$$= N(0, \Sigma_X^{-1} E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i) (\Sigma_X^{-1})')$$

- (b) The variance is  $\Sigma_X^{-1} E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i) (\Sigma_X^{-1})'$ . To get a consistent estimator of this expression, we just need a consistent estimator for  $\Sigma_X$ , and a consistent estimator for  $E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i)$ , and we can then apply the rules of convergence in probability and Slutsky's theorem to get the overall variance estimator (since  $\Sigma_X$  is positive definite).

By the WLLN, we already know

$$n^{-1} \sum X_i X_i' \rightarrow_p \Sigma_X$$

Hence we just have to construct an estimator for  $E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i)$ . Consider estimating the  $(a, b)$  element as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Sigma}_{ab} &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - X_i' \hat{\beta}) X_{ai} X_{bi} (Y_i - X_i' \hat{\beta}) \\ &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) + U_i) X_{ai} X_{bi} (X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) + U_i) \\ &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) + U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) + X_i'(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) X_{ai} X_{bi} U_i + U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} U_i \end{aligned}$$

We consider this one term at a time. The first term:

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta})' X_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i' (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) = (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta})' \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i' \right) (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta})$$

As long as  $E[\|X_i\|^4] < \infty$ , by the WLLN, the sum

$$\left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i' \right)$$

converges to something finite. Then because  $(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) \rightarrow_p 0$ , this term converges in probability to 0. Similarly, the second/third terms are

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i' (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) = \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i' \right) (\beta_0 - \hat{\beta})$$

By Cauchy Schwarz,  $E\|U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} X_i'\| \leq \sqrt{E\|(U_i X_{ai})^2\| E\|(X_{bi} X_i')^2\|} < \infty$  due to finite second moment on  $X_i$ . Hence, since  $(\beta_0 - \hat{\beta}) \rightarrow_p 0$ , the second and third terms also converge in probability to 0.

Finally, we consider the last term. By the WLLN

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i X_{ai} X_{bi} U_i \rightarrow_p E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i)_{ab}$$

as desired. Hence  $\hat{\Sigma}$  consistently estimates  $E(U_i X_i X_i' U_i)$ . Thus, all together, the desired estimator is

$$\left(n^{-1} \sum X_i X_i'\right)^{-1} \hat{\Sigma} \left(\left(n^{-1} \sum X_i X_i'\right)^{-1}\right)'$$

### Problem 3

$$\bar{X}_n \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{2}{n}\right)$$

So the confidence interval is

$$\left[2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} z_{1-\alpha/2}, 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} z_{1-\alpha/2}\right]$$

For  $\alpha = 0.05$ :

$$\left[2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} (1.96), 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} (1.96)\right]$$

For  $\alpha = 0.1$ :

$$\left[2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} (1.645), 2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{n}} (1.645)\right]$$

### Problem 4

(a) The interval formula is

$$\left[\bar{X}_n - \frac{\sqrt{S_{\bar{X}_n}^2}}{\sqrt{n}} t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}, \bar{X}_n + \frac{\sqrt{S_{\bar{X}_n}^2}}{\sqrt{n}} t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}\right]$$

We just plug the values in then. For 90%:

$$[79.2, 83.2]$$

For 95%:

$$[78.8, 83.6]$$

For 99%:

$$[77.9, 84.5]$$

(b) We use the same formula from the previous problem part. Plugging in numbers and computing, we get:

$$[3.68, 5.72]$$

(c) The confidence interval is

$$[\bar{X}_n - z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\sigma^2/n}, \bar{X}_n + z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\sigma^2/n}]$$

Setting it equal to the other interval, we get

$$\sigma/4 = z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}$$

$$\sqrt{n} = 4z_{1-\alpha/2}$$

$$n \geq 62$$

(d) (a)

$$P(a < (n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 < b) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\frac{a}{(n-1)S^2} < 1/\sigma^2 < \frac{b}{(n-1)S^2}\right) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{a} > \sigma^2 > \frac{(n-1)S^2}{b}\right) = 0.95$$

(b) We want to choose  $b$  such that

$$P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < b\right) = 0.975$$

Since  $X \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ ,  $b \approx 17.535$ . Also, we choose  $a$  similarly

$$P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < a\right) = 0.025$$

so  $a \approx 2.180$ . Then the confidence interval is

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)S^2}{b}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{a}\right] \approx [3.62, 29.10]$$

(c) If  $\mu$  is known, we don't use the sample variance, and instead use

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

Then the statistic  $nS^2/\sigma^2$  is distributed as  $\chi_n^2$  (one fewer degree of freedom). We then find  $a, b$  such that

$$P\left(\frac{nS^2}{\sigma^2} < a\right) = 0.025$$

$$P\left(\frac{nS^2}{\sigma^2} < b\right) = 0.975$$

The confidence interval is then

$$\left[\frac{nS^2}{b}, \frac{nS^2}{a}\right]$$

## Problem 5

(a) We know that  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow_p \mu$ ,  $S_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \rightarrow_p \sigma^2$  from results in lectures/problem sets. So we seek to characterize

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ S_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

We first consider

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ \hat{S}_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ (X_i - \mu)^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \sqrt{n} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (\bar{X}_n - \mu)^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now, by the CLT  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma^2)$ , so  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)^2 \rightarrow_p 0$  since  $\bar{X}_n - \mu \rightarrow_p 0$ . And the first term, by the CLT, converges to

$$\sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ (X_i - \mu)^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma)$$

where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & E[(X_i - \mu)^3] \\ E[(X_i - \mu)^3] & E[(X_i - \mu)^4] - \sigma^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So we have

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ \hat{S}_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma)$$

Now, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ S_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n/(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ \hat{S}_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

And we know

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n/(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow I$$

We get that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{n} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ S_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n/(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ \hat{S}_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n/(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ \hat{S}_{\bar{X}_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \sqrt{n} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma^2/(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow_d N(0, \Sigma) + 0 = N(0, \Sigma) \end{aligned}$$



(b) Note that

$$S_{X_n}^2 \rightarrow_p \sigma^2$$

Further, by Slutsky's theorem,  $S_{X_n}^4 \rightarrow_p \sigma^4$ . We just need to find estimators for  $E[(X_i - \mu)^3]$  and  $E[(X_i - \mu)^4]$ . To estimate  $E[(X_i - \mu)^3]$  we consider

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^3 &= n^{-1} \left( \sum X_i^3 + \sum 3X_i^2 \bar{X}_n + \sum 3X_i \bar{X}_n^2 - \sum \bar{X}_n^3 \right) \\ &\rightarrow_p EX_i^3 - 3EX_i^2\mu + 3EX_i\mu^2 - \mu^3 = E[(X_i - \mu)^3] \end{aligned}$$

Where we just applied the WLLN and Slutsky's theorem. Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^4 &= n^{-1} \left( \sum X_i^4 - \sum 4X_i^3 \bar{X}_n + \sum 6X_i^2 \bar{X}_n^2 - \sum 4X_i \bar{X}_n^3 + \sum \bar{X}_n^4 \right) \\ &\rightarrow_p EX_i^4 - 4EX_i^3\mu + 6EX_i^2\mu^2 - 4EX_i\mu^3 + \mu^4 = E[(X_i - \mu)^4] \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $g(a, b) = \sqrt{b}/a$ . Then the desired distribution is

$$\sqrt{n} \left( g \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ S_{X_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) - g \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$$

By the delta method, we have

$$G(\theta_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\sigma}{\mu^2} & \frac{1}{2\mu\sigma} \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\sqrt{n} \left( g \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bar{X}_n \\ S_{X_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) - g \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \rightarrow_d N(0, G(\theta_0) \Sigma G(\theta_0)')$$

(d) By Slutsky's theorem,

$$\sqrt{S_{X_n}^2} \rightarrow_p \sigma$$

and we know

$$\bar{X}_n \rightarrow_p \mu$$

Hence by the rules of convergence in probability, the estimator

$$\hat{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\sqrt{S_{X_n}^2}}{\bar{X}_n^2} & \frac{1}{2\bar{X}_n \sqrt{S_{X_n}^2}} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow_p \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\sigma}{\mu^2} & \frac{1}{2\mu\sigma} \end{bmatrix} = G(\theta_0)$$

We know

$$(\hat{G} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}')^{-1/2} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{S_{X_n}}{\bar{X}_n} - \frac{\sigma}{\mu} \right) \rightarrow_p N(0, 1)$$

So the desired confidence interval is

$$\left[ \frac{S_{X_n}}{\bar{X}_n} - n^{-1/2} (\hat{G} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}')^{1/2} z_{0.975}, \frac{S_{X_n}}{\bar{X}_n} + n^{-1/2} (\hat{G} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{G}')^{1/2} z_{0.975} \right]$$

## Problem 6

Pick an orthonormal matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ , where the first of the column vectors is along the direction  $\vec{1}$ . Consider  $MX$ , where  $X$  is the vector  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . Then  $MX$  is a linear operation on normal random variables, and hence is jointly normal. The variance matrix is given by  $M(\sigma^2 I)M' = \sigma^2 MM' = \sigma^2 I$  by orthonormality of  $M$ . Since covariance 0 suffices for independence in jointly normal random variables, this implies that  $MX_1, MX_2, \dots$  are all pairwise, since the variance matrix of  $MX_1$  only has nonzero diagonal entries.

We know, by construction of  $M$ , that  $MX_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(\sum X_i) = \sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n$ . Further,

$$\sum_{i=2}^n (MX_i)^2 = M'X'XM - n\bar{X}_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 = (n-1)S_{X_n}^2$$

Since  $MX_2^2, MX_3^2, \dots$  are independent of  $MX_1$ , and  $(n-1)S_{X_n}^2$  is a linear combination of these, it follows that  $(n-1)S_{X_n}^2$  is independent of  $\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n$ , which implies  $\bar{X}_n$  is independent of  $S_{X_n}^2$ .

## Problem 7

(a) Expanding, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) Y_i \\ &= \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) (\alpha_0 + \beta_0 X_i + U_i) \\ &= \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) \alpha_0 + \beta_0 + \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) U_i \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) = 0$  so

$$= \beta_0 + \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) U_i$$

Now, the probability limit

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i &= n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) X_i - (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{X}_n \\ &= n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (X_i - \mu_X) - (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{X}_n \end{aligned}$$

Using WLLN and the fact that  $(\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \rightarrow_p 0$  and  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow_p \mu_X$ , so

$$n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i = n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (X_i - \mu_X) - (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{X}_n \rightarrow_p E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) X_i] = E[X_i Z_i] - \mu_Z \mu_X = \text{Cov}(X_i, Z_i)$$

Similarly

$$n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) U_i = n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (U_i - \mu_U) - (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{U}_n \rightarrow_p E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) U_i] = E[U_i Z_i] - \mu_Z \mu_U = \text{Cov}(U_i, Z_i)$$

So the probability limit:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{IV} &= \beta_0 + \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) U_i \\ &\rightarrow_p \beta_0 + \frac{Cov(Z_i, U_i)}{Cov(Z_i, X_i)}\end{aligned}$$

For this limit to exist, we need the denominator to not be zero, so  $Cov(Z_i, X_i) \neq 0$

(b) For consistency, we need the term

$$\frac{Cov(Z_i, U_i)}{Cov(Z_i, X_i)}$$

to be zero. This happens iff  $Cov(Z_i, U_i) = 0$ .

(c) From the rewriting of  $\hat{\beta}_{IV}$  from part *a*, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{IV} - \beta_0) &= \sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) U_i \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (U_i) - (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{U}_n \right) \\ &= \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} \left( \sqrt{n} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (U_i) - \sqrt{n} (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{U}_n \right)\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $(\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \rightarrow_p 0$ ,  $\sqrt{n} \bar{U}_n \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma_U^2)$ , so the term  $\sqrt{n} (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{U}_n \rightarrow_d 0$ . We know the term  $(n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i)^{-1} \rightarrow_p Cov(X_i, Z_i)^{-1}$  by Slutsky and the result from the previous parts, and

$$\sqrt{n} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (U_i) \rightarrow_p N(0, Var(Z_i - \mu_Z) U_i)$$

by the CLT. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_{IV} - \beta_0) &= \left( n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \bar{Z}_n) X_i \right)^{-1} \left( \sqrt{n} n^{-1} \sum (Z_i - \mu_Z) (U_i) - \sqrt{n} (\bar{Z}_n - \mu_Z) \bar{U}_n \right) \\ &\rightarrow_d Cov(X_i, Z_i)^{-1} N(0, Var((Z_i - \mu_Z) U_i)) = N \left( 0, \frac{Var((Z_i - \mu_Z) U_i)}{Cov(X_i, Z_i)^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$