

Consider the structural equation

$$\gamma_{11} y_{1i} + \gamma_{12} y_{2i} = \beta_1 z_{1i} + u_{1i}$$

$$\gamma_{21} y_{1i} + \gamma_{22} y_{2i} = \beta_2 z_{2i} + \beta_3 z_{3i} + u_{2i}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{1i} \\ y_{2i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{1i} \\ z_{2i} \\ z_{3i} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_{1i} \\ u_{2i} \end{bmatrix}$$

Manual inversion:

$$y_{1i} = \frac{\beta_1}{\gamma_{11}} z_{1i} - \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11}} y_{2i} + \frac{u_{1i}}{\gamma_{11}} \quad (1)$$

$$y_{2i} = \frac{\beta_2}{\gamma_{22}} z_{2i} + \frac{\beta_3}{\gamma_{22}} z_{3i} - \frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{22}} y_{1i} + \frac{u_{2i}}{\gamma_{22}} \quad (2)$$

Replace (2) on (1) to solve for  $y_{1i}$

$$y_{1i} = \frac{\beta_1}{\gamma_{11}} z_{1i} - \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{22}} \beta_2 z_{2i} - \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{22}} \beta_3 z_{3i} + \frac{\gamma_{21} \gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11} \gamma_{22}} y_{1i} - \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11}} \frac{u_{2i}}{\gamma_{22}} + \frac{u_{1i}}{\gamma_{11}}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \text{ define } \kappa = 1 - \frac{\gamma_{21} \gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11} \gamma_{22}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{1i} = \left[ \underbrace{\frac{\beta_1}{\gamma_{11} \kappa}}_{\pi_1} z_{1i} - \underbrace{\frac{\gamma_{12} \beta_2}{\gamma_{22} \kappa}}_{\pi_2} z_{2i} - \frac{\gamma_{12} \beta_3}{\gamma_{22} \kappa} z_{3i} \right] + w_{1i}$$

Replace (1) on (2) to solve for  $y_{2i}$

$$\Rightarrow y_{2i} = \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{22}} \frac{\beta_1}{\gamma_{11} \kappa}}_{\pi_1^*} z_{1i} + \underbrace{\frac{\beta_2}{\gamma_{22} \kappa}}_{\pi_2^*} z_{2i} + \frac{\beta_3}{\gamma_{22} \kappa} z_{3i} \right] + w_{2i}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma_{12}/\gamma_{11} \\ \gamma_{21}/\gamma_{22} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 & \pi_2 \\ \pi_1 & \pi_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 3} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1/\gamma_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_2/\gamma_{22} & \beta_3/\gamma_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 3}$$

$\Gamma$                    $\Gamma^{-1} B$                    $B$

$$\pi_1 + \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11}} \pi_1 = \frac{\beta_1}{\gamma_{11}}$$

$$\pi_2 + \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11}} \pi_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\gamma_{11}} = -(\pi_2')^+ \pi_2'$$

$$\frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{22}} \pi_1 + \pi_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{22}} = -\frac{\pi_1}{\pi_1}$$

$$\frac{\gamma_{21}}{\gamma_{22}} \pi_2 + \pi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_2/\gamma_{22} & \beta_3/\gamma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question 2

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Consider the following structural equation:

$$y_i = Y_i' \gamma + u_i, \quad (8)$$

where  $y_i$  is the “dependent” endogenous variable,  $Y_i$  is the  $m \times 1$  vector of endogenous regressors, and  $\gamma$  is the  $m \times 1$  vector of unknown structural parameters. Let  $Z_i$  denote the  $l \times 1$  vector of excluded exogenous variables (there are no included exogenous regressors). The reduced form equations are

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \pi Z_i + v_i, \\ Y_i &= \Pi Z_i + V_i, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\pi$  is the  $1 \times l$  vector of reduced form coefficients, and  $\Pi$  is the  $m \times l$  matrix of the reduced form coefficients. Assume that  $m < l$ . Assume also that the structural equation is identified and therefore

$$\gamma = (\Pi')^+ \pi', \quad (10)$$

where  $A^+$  denotes the Moore-Penrose (MP) inverse of a matrix  $A$ .

(a) (10 points) Derive the asymptotic distribution of the MP estimator of  $\gamma$ :

$$\hat{\gamma}^+ = (\hat{\Pi}')^+ \hat{\pi}', \quad (11)$$

where  $\hat{\pi}$  and  $\hat{\Pi}$  denote the OLS estimators of  $\pi$  and  $\Pi$  respectively. Justify any additional assumptions you have to make.

Notice that  $l > m$  and we assume  $\gamma$  is identified. Hence  $\Pi'$  has full column rank:

$$(\Pi')^+ = (\Pi \Pi')^{-1} \Pi$$

$l \times m$        $m \times l$        $m \times l$

Write

$$\hat{\gamma} = (\hat{\Pi} \hat{\Pi}')^{-1} \hat{\Pi} \hat{\pi}' \quad \text{where}$$

$$\hat{\pi} = (Z'Z)^{-1} Z'y, \quad \hat{\Pi} = (Z'Z)^{-1} Z'Y$$

So that

$$\hat{\gamma}^+ = (Y'Z(Z'Z)^{-1}(Z'Z)^{-1}Z'Y)^{-1} Y'Z (Z'Z)^{-1} (Z'Z)^{-1} Z'Y$$

Under

(i)  $E \|Z_i\|^2 < \infty$

(ii)  $E Z_i Z_i'$  p.d. (bounded away from zero  $\Rightarrow$  invertible)

(iii) iid data for  $WLN$

Then, we consider 3 objects

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \frac{Z'Y}{n} &= \frac{Z'Z}{n} \pi' + \frac{Z'U}{n} \\ &= E Z_i Z_i' \pi' + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{Z'Z}{n} = E Z_i Z_i' + o_p(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \frac{Z'Y}{n} &= \frac{Z'Z}{n} \pi + \frac{Z'U}{n} \\ &= E Z_i Z_i' \pi + \frac{Z'U}{n} + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \xrightarrow{p} E Z_i Z_i' \pi + \frac{Z'U}{n} + o_p(1) \right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\gamma}^+ &= \left( \pi E Z_i Z_i' (E Z_i Z_i')^{-1} (E Z_i Z_i')^{-1} E Z_i Z_i' \pi' \right)^{-1} \pi E Z_i Z_i' (E Z_i Z_i')^{-1} (E Z_i Z_i')^{-1} x \\ &\quad \left\{ E Z_i Z_i' \pi + \frac{Z'U}{n} \right\} + o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\pi \pi')^{-1} \pi \pi' + o_p(1)$$

$$= Y + o_p(1)$$

renormalize rate of convergence

$$\sqrt{n} (\hat{\gamma}^+ - \gamma) = (\pi \pi')^{-1} \pi (E u_i z_i')^{-1} \frac{z_i' u_i}{\sqrt{n}} + o_p(1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{d} N(0, E u_i^2 z_i z_i')$$

$$\xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, (\pi \pi')^{-1} \pi (E u_i z_i')^{-1} (E u_i^2 z_i z_i') (E u_i z_i')^{-1} \pi' (\pi \pi')^{-1}\right)$$

(b) (10 points) Is  $\hat{\gamma}^+$  an efficient estimator under heteroskedastic or homoskedastic errors? Explain.

$$\hat{\gamma}^+ = (Y' Z (Z' Z)^{-1} Z' Y)^{-1} Y' Z (Z' Z)^{-1} Z' Y$$

this is the weighting matrix

$$\left(\frac{Z' Z}{n}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{Z' Z}{n}\right)^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} (E z_i z_i')^{-1} (E z_i z_i')^{-1}$$

Under heterosk this should be  $(E u_i^2 z_i z_i')^{-1}$   
 Under homosk this should be  $(E z_i z_i')^{-1}$ .

Therefore, the MP inverse is not efficient.

1. Consider the following system of equations: midterm 2017

$$y_{1i} = X'_{1i}\delta_1 + u_{1i},$$

$$y_{2i} = X'_{2i}\delta_2 + u_{2i},$$

where  $X_{1i}$  and  $X_{2i}$  are the  $k_1$ - and  $k_2$ -vectors of endogenous regressors respectively, and  $\delta_j \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . Let  $Z_i$  be the  $l$ -vector of instruments:

$$EZ_i u_{ji} = 0 \text{ for } j = 1, 2.$$

Assume that  $l \geq k_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , and that data are iid. Consider the following GMM estimator of  $(\delta'_1, \delta'_2)'$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\delta}_1(W_n) \\ \hat{\delta}_2(W_n) \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{1i}Z'_i & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{2i}Z'_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_{n,11} & W_{n,12} \\ W_{n,21} & W_{n,22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i X'_{1i} & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i X'_{2i} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \\ \times \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{1i}Z'_i & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{2i}Z'_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_{n,11} & W_{n,12} \\ W_{n,21} & W_{n,22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i y_{1i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i y_{2i} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$W_n = \begin{pmatrix} W_{n,11} & W_{n,12} \\ W_{n,21} & W_{n,22} \end{pmatrix}$$

is some positive definite symmetric matrix (possibly random and data-dependent).

(a) **(10 points)** Show consistency of  $\hat{\delta}_1(W_n)$  and  $\hat{\delta}_2(W_n)$ . Carefully justify all additional assumptions you have to make.

Assume

(i)  $W_n \xrightarrow{p} W$  2l x 2l

(ii)  $E \|X_{1i}\|^2 < \infty$   
 $E \|X_{2i}\|^2 < \infty$   
 $E \|Z_i\|^2 < \infty$   $\Rightarrow$   $E Z_i X'_{1i} = 0(1)$   
 $E Z_i X'_{2i} = 0(1)$

$$\hat{\delta} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' + o_p(1) & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' + o_p(1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W + o_p(1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 + o_p(1) & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 + o_p(1) \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \\ \left[ \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' + o_p(1) & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' + o_p(1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W + o_p(1) \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 + \frac{Z_1' u_1}{n} + o_p(1) \\ Q_2 + \frac{Z_2' u_2}{n} + o_p(1) \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= f + \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' W_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' W_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' W_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' W_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' \end{pmatrix} W \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f}_1 \\ \hat{f}_2 \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1).$$

(b) (15 points) Show joint asymptotic normality of  $\hat{\delta}_1(W_n)$  and  $\hat{\delta}_2(W_n)$ . Find their asymptotic variance-covariance matrix. Carefully justify all additional assumptions you have to make.

Change the rate of convergence to get influence function

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{f} - f) = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' W_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' W_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' W_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' W_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' \end{pmatrix} W \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sum u_1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \frac{\sum u_2}{\sqrt{n}} \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' W_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' W_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' W_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' W_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' \end{pmatrix} W \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum z_i u_i \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum u_i u_{2i} \end{pmatrix} + o_p(1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' W_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' W_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' W_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' W_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' \end{pmatrix} W \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum u_i \otimes z_i + o_p(1)$$

where

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum u_i \otimes z_i \xrightarrow{d} N(0, E u_i u_i' \otimes z_i z_i')$$

$$= N\left(0, \begin{pmatrix} E u_i^2 z_i z_i' & E u_i u_{2i} z_i z_i' \\ E u_{2i} u_i z_i z_i' & E u_{2i}^2 z_i z_i' \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

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- (c) **(15 points)** What choice of  $W_n$  (possibly random) does result in efficient in the system sense GMM estimators of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ ? What is their asymptotic variance-covariance matrix?

$$W_n = \hat{\Sigma}_n^{-1}.$$

Using such matrix yields

$$\begin{aligned} V^* &= \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' \Sigma_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' \Sigma_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' \Sigma_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' \Sigma_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} Q_1' \Sigma_{11} Q_1 & Q_1' \Sigma_{12} Q_2 \\ Q_2' \Sigma_{21} Q_1 & Q_2' \Sigma_{22} Q_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

- (d) **(10 points)** What choice of  $W_n$  corresponds to the efficient equation-by-equation GMM estimators of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ ?

Let

$$W_n = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (e) **(15 points)** Under what conditions the the efficient equation-by-equation GMM estimators in (d) are efficient in the system estimation sense? Explain.

If the  $\Sigma$  matrix is block diagonal.