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$$1a \text{ var}(a+bx+cy)$$

$$= E(a+bx+cy - E(a+bx+cy))^2$$

$$= E(a + bx + cy - (a + bx + cy))^2$$

$$= E(b(x-Ex) + c(y-Ey))^2$$

$$= E(b^2(X-Ex)^2 + c^2(Y-Ey)^2 + 2bc(X-Ex)(Y-Ey))$$

$$= b^2E(X-Ex)^2 + c^2E(Y-Ey)^2 + 2bcE(X-Ex)(Y-Ey)$$

$$= b^2\sigma_x^2 + c^2\sigma_y^2 + 2bc\sigma_{xy}$$

where $=1$ follows by definition of variance, $=2$ by the given result (linearity of expectation), $=3$ and $=4$ by basic algebra, $=5$ by linearity of expectation, and $=6$ by definition of variance, covariance, σ_x^2 , σ_y^2 and σ_{xy} .

$$b \quad E[Z] = E(2X+3Y)$$

$$= 2EX + 3EY$$

$$= 14$$

b) substitution, linearity of expectation.

$$\text{var}(Z) = \text{var}(2X+3Y)$$

$$= 4\text{var}(X) + 9\text{var}(Y)$$

$$= 100$$

by substitution, result in (a), given $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$

$Z \sim N(14, \sqrt{100})$, by the result that any linear combination of normally distributed random variables is itself $\perp\!\!\!\perp$ normally distributed.

$$c \quad P(Z > 25)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z \leq 25)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z' \leq 25 - 14/\sigma_Z)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z' \leq 1.1)$$

$$= 1 - 0.8663$$

from statistical tables
= 0.1337

2 Time series random variable $\{x_t\}$ does not Granger cause time series random variable $\{y_t\}$ iff the mean-squared forecast error of y_{t+1} on the lags of x_t and y_t of x_t is no less than the mean-squared forecast error of y_{t+1} on y_t alone. In symbols, this is iff

$$E(Y_{t+1} - E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t, x_t])^2 = E(Y_{t+1} - E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t])^2$$

This is iff $E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t, x_t] = E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t]$

$\{x_t\}$ Granger causes $\{y_t\}$ iff the MSE of y_{t+1} on y_t and x_t is less than the MSE of y_{t+1} on y_t alone. In symbols, this is iff

$$E(Y_{t+1} - E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t, x_t])^2 < E(Y_{t+1} - E[Y_{t+1}|Y_t])^2$$

A test of Granger causality ($\{x_t\}$ Granger causes $\{y_t\}$) given the ADL (p,q) model

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$$Y_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^q \gamma_i X_{t-i} + u_t$$

where $E[u_t | Y_{t-1}, X_{t-1}] = 0$ by construction

is the following F test

$$H_0: \gamma_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}: \gamma_i = 0$$

$$H_1: \gamma_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}: \gamma_i \neq 0$$

Test - compute \rightarrow

Estimate the unrestricted model given above by OLS.
 $\hat{Y}_{t-1} = \hat{\alpha}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\beta}_i Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^q \hat{\gamma}_i X_{t-i} + \hat{u}_t$ by OLS.

Estimate the restricted model

$$\hat{Y}_{t-1} = \hat{\alpha}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\beta}_i Y_{t-i} + \hat{u}_t \text{ by OLS.}$$

compute the sum of squared residuals

$$\text{SSR} = \sum_{i=1}^T \hat{u}_i^2, \text{ SSR}' = \sum_{i=1}^T \hat{u}_i^2$$

compute the F-statistic

$$F = \frac{(n-k-1)/q}{\text{SSR}' - \text{SSR}} / \text{SSR}$$

where $n = T$, $k = p + q$

Under the null, supposing that $\{x_t\}$ and $\{y_t\}$ are jointly stationary, the F statistic is distributed according to the usual $F_{q, n-q}$ distribution.

Reject the null iff $F > \alpha$, where α is the suitable critical value drawn from this distribution at the level of significance α .

Iff the null is rejected, conclude that $\{x_t\}$ Granger causes $\{y_t\}$.

a) On average, a resident of Wales has log wage lower than a resident of England by 0.15, holding experience and gender constant.

Equivalently, on average, a resident of Wales has wage 0.86071 times that of a resident of England, holding experience and gender constant.

b) On average, a person with two additional years of experience has a higher log wage by $2(0.05) = 0.10$.

c) The required confidence interval is

$$\begin{aligned} C &= [(\bar{\beta}_G - 1.645 \times 0.02), (\bar{\beta}_G + 1.645 \times 0.02)] \\ &= [0.0171, 0.0828] \quad [0.0342, 0.1658] \end{aligned}$$

This random interval contains the true value of the effect of interest with 95% probability.

~~An hypothesis test of~~

d) $H_0: \beta_G = 0$

$H_1: \beta_G \neq 0$

where β_G is the coefficient on Gender in the given regression

+ - statistic

$$+ = \frac{\beta_G - 0}{\text{se}(\beta_G)} = \frac{0.08}{0.03} = 2.6667$$

Under the null, given a sufficiently large sample, supposing that it is an iid random sample, by CLT, $+ \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$

The p-value is the probability under the null of observing a test statistic as unfavourable to the null as that actually observed.

$$p = P(|Z| > 2.6667)$$

$$= 2 \Phi(-2.6667)$$

$$= 2(0.00385)$$

from statistical tables

$$= 0.00766$$

~~Reject the null~~ Under the null, the probability of observing a test statistic as unfavourable to the null as that actually observed is 0.00766. ~~Reject~~ Reject the null at all levels of significance greater than 0.00766.

e) Supposing that gender is uncorrelated with experience and the region dummies (which is plausible), there is no omitted variable bias, so the omission of these variables has no effect on the expected estimate of the coefficient of gender. This estimate is expected to remain relatively unchanged.

These omitted regressors have non-zero coefficients in the "long" regression, so account for some of the difference in log wages. Then residuals in the "short" regression are larger and have higher variance, so the standard error of the coefficient of gender is larger.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{to } E\bar{Y}_n &= E\bar{Y}_n \\ &= E(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n EY_i \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_Y \\ &= \mu_Y \end{aligned}$$

where $=1$ follows by substitution, $=2$ by linearity of expectation, $=3$ by the given fact given that Y_i are iid and $EY_i = \mu_Y$ for all i , and $=4$ by basic algebra.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\bar{Y}_n) &= \text{var}(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{var}(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(Y_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_Y^2 \\ &= \sigma_Y^2 / n \end{aligned}$$

where $=1$ follows by substitution, $=2$ by the common result that $\text{var}(aX) = a^2 \text{var}(X)$, $=3$ given that Y_i are iid, $=4$ by substitution, and $=5$ by basic algebra.

Given that Y_i are iid, and that the sample is large, by CLT, the sample mean \bar{Y}_n is approximately distributed according to $N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2/n)$. Standardised sample mean $Z_n = \bar{Y}_n - \mu_Y / \sqrt{\sigma_Y^2/n}$ is approximately distributed according to the standard normal distribution $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Then, the sample mean \bar{Y}_n is approximately distributed according to $N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2/n)$.

This is independent of whether Y is normally distributed. The CLT applies regardless of the distribution of Y_i .

$$\begin{aligned} b) n = 400, \bar{Y}_n = 55, \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{Y}_n} = 10 \\ \text{se}(\bar{Y}_n) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n}} = \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sqrt{n}} = 10/\sqrt{400} = 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The required confidence interval is} \\ C = [55 - 1.960 \times 1/2, 55 + 1.960 \times 1/2] \\ = [55 - 1.960 \times 1/2, 55 + 1.960 \times 1/2] \\ = [54.02, 55.98] \end{aligned}$$

The random interval C contains the true value of the population mean test score with 95% probability. Reject all hypothesised values outside this interval at the 5% level of significance.

$$\begin{aligned} c) H_0: \mu_Y = 50 \\ H_1: \mu_Y > 50 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t-\text{statistic} \\ t &= \frac{\bar{Y}_n - 50}{\text{se}(\bar{Y}_n)} \\ &= (\bar{Y}_n - 50) / \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= (55 - 50) / \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sqrt{400}} \\ &= 5 / \frac{\sigma_Y}{20} \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Under the null, given a sufficiently large random sample, supposing that it is an iid random sample, by CLT, $t \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$.

The p-value is the probability under the null of observing a test statistic at least as unfavourable to the null as that actually observed.

$$p = P(Z > 10) = \Phi(-10) \approx 0 \quad \text{from statistical tables.}$$

The p-value is approximately zero. Under the null, the probability of observing a test statistic as unfavourable to the null as that actually observed is vanishingly small.

Reject the null at all reasonable (including all conventional) levels of significance. Conclude that the mean test score of T students in Oxford is higher than the mean test score in the UK.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \mu_T = \mu_C = 0 \\ H_1: \mu_T - \mu_C \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_T = 55, \hat{\mu}_C = 55$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_T = 50, \hat{\mu}_T = 55, \text{se}(\hat{\mu}_T) = \frac{\sigma_T}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{20}{\sqrt{900}} = \frac{2}{3} \\ \hat{\sigma}_C = 400, \hat{\mu}_C = 55, \text{se}(\hat{\mu}_C) = \frac{\sigma_C}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{400}} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{se}(\hat{\mu}_T - \hat{\mu}_C) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_T^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_C^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{400}{900} + \frac{100}{400}} = 0.83333 \end{aligned}$$

Test statistic

$$\begin{aligned} t &= (\hat{\mu}_T - \hat{\mu}_C) / \text{se}(\hat{\mu}_T - \hat{\mu}_C) \\ &= (55 - 55) / 0.83333 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Under the null, given sufficiently large, independent, iid random samples, $t \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim N(0, 1)$

Reject the null iff $|t| > c_\alpha$, where c_α is the critical value drawn from the $N(0, 1)$ distribution at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level of significance.

$$\alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow \Phi(-c_\alpha) = c_\alpha = 1.96$$

Fail to reject the null at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level of significance. Do not conclude that the population

Mean test scores of treated students is significantly different from the area population mean test score of untreated (control group) students.

$$\text{E}[Y_i | X_i]$$

$$= \text{E}[\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i | X_i]$$

$$= \beta_0 + \text{E}[\beta_1 X_i | X_i] + \text{E}[u_i | X_i]$$

$$= \beta_0 + X_i \text{E}[\beta_1 | X_i] + \text{E}[u_i]$$

where β_1 follows by substitution, β_0 by linearity of conditional expectation and by conditioning, likewise for β_0 and β_1 by conditioning and given u_i is mean independent of X_i , β_1 by conditioning and given β_1 is mean independent of X_i .

$\text{E}[Y_i | X_i]$ gives the mean squared error-minimising prediction of Y_i given ~~X_i~~ only X_i .

From the above, $\text{E}[Y_i | X_i]$ is linear, so it is the mean squared error-minimising linear prediction of Y_i on X_i alone, i.e. it solves the population linear regression problem. Given that the population linear regression coefficients uniquely solve this problem, these coefficients coincide with the coefficients in $\text{E}[Y_i | X_i]$. In particular, the coefficient on X_i coincides with β_{1i} , so $E\beta_{1i}$ is recoverable from such a regression.

b) $E\beta_{1i}$ is the average causal effect of X_i on Y_i .

c) By construction of the population linear regression model,

$$\beta_{1i} = \text{cov}(Y_i, X_i^*) / \text{var}(X_i^*)$$

$$\beta_{1i}$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, \delta_0 + \delta_1 Z_i) / \text{var}(\delta_0 + \delta_1 Z_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, \delta_1 \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \delta_1^2 \text{var}(Z_i))$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \delta_1 \text{var}(Z_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i) \times \text{var}(Z_i) / \text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)$$

where β_{1i} follows by construction

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)$$

where β_{1i} follows by construction of the population linear regression model of Y_i on X_i^* , β_{1i} follows by substitution, β_{1i} by common results for cov, var, β_{1i} by basic algebra, β_{1i} by construction of the population linear regression of X on Z , β_{1i} by basic algebra.

β_{1i} coincides with that obtained by population OLS regression when there is only one instrument.

d) From the result of (c), $\beta_{1i} = E\beta_{1i}$ and β_{1i}

$= E\tau_{1i}$, where τ_{1i} is the coefficient

$$\beta_{1i}$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(X_i, Z_i)$$

$$= E((\pi - E\pi_i) X_i Z_i - E\pi_i) / E(X_i - E\pi_i)(Z_i - E\pi_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i) / E(X_i - E\pi_i)^2 / \text{var}(X_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(\beta_1 X_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)$$

$$= \text{cov}(\beta_1 \pi_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)$$

$$= E(\beta_1 \pi_i Z_i - E(\beta_1 \pi_i Z_i))(Z_i - E\pi_i) / E(Z_i - E\pi_i)^2$$

$$= E(\beta_1 \pi_i Z_i - E\pi_i Z_i)^2 / E(Z_i - E\pi_i)^2$$

$$= E(\beta_1 \pi_i Z_i - E\pi_i Z_i)^2 / E(Z_i - E\pi_i)^2$$

$$= E\beta_{1i} \tau_{1i}$$

$$= E\{\beta_{1i} \tau_{1i} / E\pi_i\}$$

where β_{1i} follows by the result in (c), β_{1i} follows by basic algebra, β_{1i} follows by construction of the first stage regression and the result in (a), β_{1i} follows by substitution, β_{1i} by common results for cov, given u_i is independent of Z_i , β_{1i} by substitution, common results for cov, given π_i is independent of Z_i , β_{1i} by definition of cov and var, β_{1i} by linearity of expectation given π_i and π_i are independent of Z_i , likewise for τ_{1i} , β_{1i} by basic algebra, and β_{1i} by linearity of expectation

e) β_{1i} is a local average causal effect. It gives the weighted average causal effect, where the causal effect of each individual is weighted by that individual's responsiveness to the instrument Z .

f) $\pi_{1i} = \pi_i$ for all i . If this condition is satisfied, then each individual is equally responsive to the instrument, so the unweighted average coincides with the weighted average, and the local average causal effect coincides with the average causal effect.
 $\pi_{1i} = E\pi_{1i}$ for all i , then $E\{\beta_{1i} \tau_{1i}\} = E\beta_{1i}$

uncorrelated
 β_{1i} and π_{1i} are independent. If this condition is satisfied, then variation in responsiveness to the instrument is uncorrelated with variation in responsiveness to the causal effect, so weighting the causal effect by responsiveness the local average causal effect coincides with the average causal effect.
 $E\{\beta_{1i} \tau_{1i} / E\pi_i\} = E\beta_{1i} E\pi_{1i} = E\beta_{1i} \tau_{1i} = E\beta_{1i}$

6ci 1997 test scores (S_{97}) are included in the regression as a proxy for relevant determinants of 1999 test scores (S_{99}) which should be controlled for. ~~Some omitted variables include:~~

~~1997 test score (S_{97})~~ The coefficient on S_{97} is positive, and intuitively, we expect a student with higher S_{97} to have ~~higher~~ a higher S_{99} .

~~so α_1 a priori~~ we have a priori and a posteriori reason to think that ~~the~~ variation in S_{97} accounts for some of the variation in S_{99} . Then, including S_{97} in the regression ~~increases~~ decreases the magnitude and variance of the regression residuals, hence improves the precision of the estimator for the coefficient on offered voucher (α_1). Then,

hypothesis tests for the coefficient on α_1 in the population linear regression model are more powerful.

ii β_1 can be interpreted as the intention to treat effect, supposing that α_1 is successfully and unconditionally randomly assigned.

On average, a student who was awarded a voucher had a ~~more~~ higher S_{99} by 3.27, ~~holding~~ holding S_{97} fixed. Supposing that α_1 is successfully and unconditionally ~~except for an~~ randomly assigned, this can be interpreted as the indirect causal effect of α_1 on S_{99} .

This interpretation is plausible regardless of whether S_{97} is included as a regressor.

iii The descriptive interpretation of β_1 is as follows. On average,

β_1 is the causal effect

β_1 is the local average treatment (private school attendance P) effect (on S_{99}). On average, ~~the~~ the students induced to attend private school by ~~the~~ ~~the~~ α_1 , had a higher S_{99} than the students not α_1 by ~~4.41~~ exactly correct. ~~an effect causal effect only complete~~ β_1 measures the estimates as an estimate of the effect of P on S_{99} whereas β_1 is an estimate of the effect of α_1 on S_{99} .

iv That β_1 is smaller in magnitude than α_1 is explained by the fact students not being entirely responsive to the instrument α_1 , i.e. not all students offered the voucher attended private school, so the intention to treat has a smaller (estimated) effect than actual treatment.

v The causal effect of interest is the effect of private school attendance on test scores among households with children in grades 1-4 and with low incomes.

If the households whose children are already attending private school are excluded, then the instrument α_1 is not unconditionally randomly assigned, but only conditionally (on prior private school attendance) assigned randomly assigned. Then, only the causal effect of private school attendance on test scores of students not already attending private school can be estimated.

For ~~adult~~ students already attending private school, their responsiveness to the instrument is small or zero, so their inclusion in the sample has ~~an~~ only a small effect on the estimate of ~~the~~ the local average treatment effect, which is the responsiveness-weighted average treatment effect.

c The local average estimate of local average treatment effect is consistent only if the instrument α_1 is a valid instrument. A valid instrument is relevant, exogenous, and excluded. ~~but valid~~ (eg also uncorr part & ref w under chairs)

An instrument is relevant iff it is correlated with the endogenous variable that it is an instrument for. In this case, α_1 is a relevant instrument iff it is correlated with P . No direct regression of P on α_1 is reported from which it would be simple to verify relevance. There is strong a prior reason to think that α_1 is relevant (and not a weak instrument) because the magnitude amount of the voucher is large and it is natural to suppose that parents respond to this incentive by being more likely to send their child to private school.

An instrument is exogenous iff it is uncorrelated with unobserved unmodelled determinants of the dependent variable. In this case, if α_1 is successfully randomly assigned ~~conditional on~~ random assignment potentially fails because of non-participation and attrition. If the characteristics of households that remained in the study were not identically distributed identically to the households that did not participate or dropped out, then α_1 is not randomly assigned within the population of interest. There is reason to think that ~~conditional on~~ random

assignment of the treatment fails because the households that remained in the study compared to those that dropped out were ~~more~~ ^{less} likely to be black and more likely to be receiving welfare.

An instrument is excluded iff it is not itself a direct determinant of the dependent variable. This is clearly plausible in the present case.

d) the results of this study are not likely to provide a reliable estimate of the effects of the given policy because of heterogeneity between the study population and the broader population and because of spillover effects, i.e. the assumption of individualistic treatment fails

The study population is students of low income households whereas the population of interest for the proposed policy is all students of all households. Plausibly, private schooling has a larger effect on academic performance for low income students because these students have less access to external opportunities and resources to ~~be~~.

There are potentially large spillover effects of the proposed policy, which could, for example, alter the composition of classes in public and private schools.

Q Given:

$$\{u_t, v_t\} \text{ is iid}$$

$$\mathbb{E} u_t = \mathbb{E} v_t = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E} u_t^2 = \sigma_u^2, \mathbb{E} v_t^2 = \sigma_v^2$$

$$u_t \perp v_t$$

$$y_t = \beta x_t + u_t$$

$$x_t = \gamma y_{t-1} + v_t \quad \text{for } t \geq 1$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$\beta \neq 1$$

~~($y_t = x_t$)~~

$(u_t, v_t) \perp (x_s, y_s)$ for all $s < t$

$$y_t =$$

$$= \beta x_t + u_t$$

$$= \beta(\gamma y_{t-1} + v_t) + u_t$$

$$= \beta y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t$$

$$= y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t$$

Given that ~~$\{u_t, v_t\}$~~ is iid, $\beta v_t + u_t$ is iid, so the required result obtains.

$$\text{b) } \mathbb{E} y_t =$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t)$$

$$= \mathbb{E} y_{t-1} + \beta \mathbb{E} v_t + \mathbb{E} u_t$$

$$= \mathbb{E} y_{t-1}$$

Then, by recursive substitution, $\mathbb{E} y_t = \mathbb{E} y_0 = 0$ for all t .

$$y_t =$$

$$\text{var}(y_t)$$

$$= \text{var}(y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t)$$

$$= \text{var}(y_{t-1}) + \beta^2 \text{var}(v_t) + \text{var}(u_t)$$

$$= \text{var}(y_{t-1}) + \beta^2 \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_u^2$$

given that $(u_t, v_t) \perp (x_s, y_s)$ for all $s < t$, $\{u_t, v_t\}$ is iid, and $u_t \perp v_t$, by substitution and common results for var.

Then $\text{var}(y_t) = \text{var}(y_{t-1}) \Leftrightarrow \beta^2 \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_u^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\sigma_u^2 = \sigma_v^2 = 0$$

$$\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{cov}(y_{t-h} + \sum_{s=t-h+1}^t (\beta v_s + u_s), y_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{cov}(y_{t-h}, y_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{var}(y_{t-h})$$

given that $(u_t, v_t) \perp (x_s, y_s)$ for all $s < t$, by common results for cov.

Then, $\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h})$ is time-invariant iff ~~$\beta \neq 1$~~ . $\text{var}(y_t)$ is time-invariant which is iff $\text{var}(y_t) = 0$ for all y_t , given that $\text{var}(y_0 = 0) = 0$, which is iff $\sigma_u^2 = \sigma_v^2 = 0$, so $y_t, x_t, u_t, v_t \geq 0$ for all t .

$$x_t = \gamma y_{t-1} + v_t$$

+

$$= \gamma y_{t-1} + u_t$$

$$= \gamma(\beta x_{t-1} + u_{t-1}) + u_t$$

$$= \gamma \beta x_{t-1} + \gamma u_{t-1} + u_t$$

$$= x_{t-1} + \gamma u_{t-1} + u_t$$

$$\mathbb{E} x_t$$

$$= \mathbb{E} x_{t-1}$$

$$\text{var}(x_t)$$

$$= \text{var}(x_{t-1}) + \gamma^2 \text{var}(u_{t-1}) + \text{var}(u_t)$$

given that x_{t-1} is a function of x_{t-2}, u_{t-2} , and v_{t-1} and that u_{t-1} is independent of each of these.

$$\text{var}(x_t) = \text{var}(x_{t-1}) \Leftrightarrow \sigma_u^2 = \sigma_v^2 = 0$$

$$\text{cov}(x_t, x_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{cov}(x_{t-h} + \sum_{s=t-h+1}^{t-1} (\gamma u_s + v_s), x_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{cov}(x_{t-h}, x_{t-h})$$

$$= \text{var}(x_{t-h})$$

x_t is stationary iff $\mathbb{E} x_t$, $\text{var}(x_t)$ and $\text{cov}(x_t, x_{t-h})$ are time invariant which is iff $\text{var}(x_t)$ is time invariant which is iff ~~$\beta, \gamma, \sigma_u, \sigma_v \neq 0$ for all t~~ $\sigma_u^2 = \sigma_v^2 = 0$ which is iff $y_t = x_t = u_t = v_t = 0$ for all t .

$$\text{c) } y_t =$$

$$= y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t$$

$$= y_{t-2} + \beta v_{t-1} + u_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t$$

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$$= y_0 + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\beta v_s + u_s)$$

$$= \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\beta v_s + u_s)$$

Given that $\{u_t, v_t\}$ is iid, $\beta v_t + u_t$ is iid, so y_t is a stochastic trend and has a stochastic trend component.

$$x_t$$

$$= x_{t-1} + \gamma u_{t-1} + v_t$$

$$= x_{t-2} + \gamma u_{t-2} + v_{t-1} + \gamma u_{t-1} + v_t$$

:

$$= x_0 + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\gamma u_s + v_s)$$

$$x_1 + \sum_{s=2}^{t-1} (\gamma u_{s-1} + v_s)$$

$$= \gamma y_0 + v_1 + \sum_{s=2}^{t-1} (\gamma u_{s-1} + v_s)$$

$$= \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\gamma u_s + v_s) + v_t = x_0 + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\gamma u_s + v_s) + v_t$$

$$\gamma u_s + v_s \text{ is iid, so } \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} (\gamma u_s + v_s) \text{ is a stochastic trend component in } x_t.$$

d conjecture that y_t and x_t are cointegrated with cointegrating coefficient $\theta = \beta$.

$$y_t - \beta x_t = u_t$$

Given that u_t is iid, u_t does not have a stochastic trend (otherwise independence fails). So y_t and x_t are cointegrated with cointegrating coefficient $\theta = \beta$

$$\begin{aligned} e & E[x_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[x_t + \gamma u_t + v_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 x_t + \gamma E[y_t | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_3 x_t + \gamma E[y_t - \beta x_t | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_4 x_t + \gamma(y_t - \beta x_t) \\ & =_5 x_t + \gamma y_t - \gamma \beta x_t \\ & =_6 \gamma y_t \end{aligned}$$

where $=_1$ follows by substitution of the result in (b), conditioning given also that $v_{t+1} \perp\!\!\!\perp y_t, x_t$ and $E v_{t+1} = 0$, $=_3$ by substitution, $=_4$ by conditioning, $=_5$ by basic algebra and $=_6$ given $\gamma \beta = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} f & E[x_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[x_{t+1} + \gamma u_{t+1} + v_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 y_t + \gamma E[u_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & \leftarrow y_t + \gamma E[y_{t+1} - \beta x_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_3 y_t + \gamma E[y_{t+1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g & E[y_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[y_t + \beta v_{t+1} + u_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 y_t \end{aligned}$$

$=_1$ by substitution, $=_2$ by linearity of conditional expectation, conditioning given that $v_{t+1}, u_{t+1} \perp\!\!\!\perp y_t, x_t$ and $E u_{t+1} = E v_{t+1} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} h & E[x_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[y_t + \gamma E[y_{t+1}] | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 \gamma y_t \end{aligned}$$

$=_1$ by substitution of the

$$\begin{aligned} i & E[x_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[x_{t+1} + \gamma u_{t+1} + v_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 E[x_{t+1} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_3 \gamma y_t \end{aligned}$$

$=_1$ by substitution of the result in (b), $=_2$ by linearity of conditional expectation, independence, given $u_{t+1}, v_{t+2} \perp\!\!\!\perp y_t, x_t$, $=_3$ by substitution of the result above.

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} j & E[x_{t+3} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_1 E[x_{t+2} + \gamma u_{t+2} + v_{t+3} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_2 E[x_{t+2} | y_t, x_t] \\ & =_3 \gamma y_t \end{aligned}$$

By induction, $E[x_{t+n} | y_t, x_t] = \gamma^n y_t$ for all $n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} k & E[x_{t+1} | x_t] \\ & =_1 E[x_t + \gamma u_t + v_{t+1} | x_t] \\ & =_2 x_t + \gamma E[u_t | y_t] \\ & =_3 x_t + \gamma \beta u_t \\ & =_4 x_t \end{aligned}$$

where $=_1$ follows by substitution, $=_2$ by linearity and independence given $v_{t+1} \perp\!\!\!\perp x_t$ and $E u_t = 0$, $=_3$ by independence given that x_t is a function of $\{y_t\}$, $y_0, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^t y_i$ and $\{u_i\}$, hence $u_t \perp\!\!\!\perp x_t$, $=_4$ given $E u_t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} l & E(x_{t+1} - E[x_{t+1} | y_t, x_t])^2 \\ & =_1 E(x_{t+1} - \gamma y_t)^2 \\ & =_2 E u_{t+1}^2 \\ & =_3 \sigma_v^2 \end{aligned}$$

$=_1$ by substitution $=_3$ by substitution

$$\begin{aligned} m & E(x_{t+1} - E[x_{t+1} | x_t])^2 \\ & =_1 E(x_{t+1} - x_t)^2 \\ & =_2 E(\gamma u_t + v_{t+1})^2 \\ & =_3 \sigma_u^2 + \gamma^2 \sigma_v^2 \end{aligned}$$

$=_1 =_2$ by substitution, $=_3$ by common results for var, given $u_t \perp\!\!\!\perp v_{t+1}$ hence $\text{cov}(u_t, v_{t+1}) = 0$

The former prediction has a smaller MSFE and is more efficient. $\{y_t\}$ Granger causes $\{x_t\}$ because lags of the former carry useful information for prediction of the latter. This is evident simply from the equation $x_{t+1} = \gamma y_t + v_{t+1}$.

9a) iP_t is approximately equal to the percentage change in iP_t ~~but~~ in each period.

$$\begin{aligned} iP_t &\approx 100 \times \Delta \ln iP_t \\ &= 100 \times \Delta \ln (iP_t) \\ &= 100 (\ln iP_t - \ln iP_{t-1}) \\ &= 100 \ln (iP_t / iP_{t-1}) \\ &\approx 100 (iP_t / iP_{t-1} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

where the approximation \approx is reasonable for small iP_t / iP_{t-1} .

$\{iP_t\}$ appears to be mean stationary with a mean at or slightly above zero. $\{iP_t\}$ does not appear to be weakly stationary because of a structural break at or around 1981. In the epoch prior to this structural break, iP_t apparently has significantly higher variance than in the epoch subsequent to this structural break. Similarly there appears (although less clearly) to have been a structural break at or around 1975. iP_t exhibits low persistence because excursions from the mean are short.

$\{\Omega_t\}$ appears to be non-stationary because of an apparent structural break at or around 1972. In the epoch prior to this break, non-zero observations of Ω_t were relatively infrequent and small compared to in the epoch subsequent to this break.

Ω_t is zero iff the percentage point difference between oil price at t and its maximum value in the past 12 months is ~~or~~ weakly negative, i.e. iff oil prices at t are no higher than at any point in the past 12 months. Many observations of Ω_t are zero because oil prices are relatively stable and do not frequently exceed 12 month highs! No observations are negative because Ω_t is the maximum of zero and the percentage point difference between oil prices at t and the 12 month high.

b) Coefficient of the DL model can be given a causal interpretation iff each of the regressors is exogenous. ~~A regressor is the source of endogeneity if it is omitted variable bias, measurement error, and simultaneity.~~

Neither measurement error nor simultaneity are plausible in this context. Measurement error is not plausible in a well run study in which the data is correctly tabulated. Simultaneity is not plausible between iP_t : for $i \geq 1$ because it is not possible that present production has

a causal effect on past oil prices. For $i \geq 1$, oil ~~measurement error~~ simultaneity is more plausible for a small producer whose production is likely to have a smaller feedback effect on oil prices.

o Omitted variable bias is plausible because of such omitted variables as aggregate demand, which is positively correlated with oil prices and ~~is~~ a causal determinant of industrial production.

The assumption of exogeneity is more plausible for the UK because UK production is likely to have a smaller feedback effect on oil prices, ~~so ~~that~~ then it is more plausible~~ ~~that~~ simultaneity is less plausible.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: \beta_0 &= \dots = \beta_K = 0 \\ H_1: \beta_0 &\neq 0 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } \beta_K \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

F statistic is computed by $\frac{n-k-1}{k} \frac{\text{SSR}' - \text{SSR}}{\text{SSR}}$, where SSR' is the sum of squared residuals of the restricted model, SSR is the sum of squared residuals of the ~~the~~ unrestricted model, $n-T$ is the number of observations, $K=19$ is the number of regressors, and $q=19$ is the number of restrictions.

Under the null, supposing that $\{iP_t\}$ and $\{\Omega_t\}$ are jointly stationary, F is approximately distributed according to the $F_{q, n-q}$ distribution.

Reject the null iff $F > c_\alpha$, where c_α is the critical value drawn from the $F_{q, n-q}$ distribution at level of significance α .

Given that ~~the~~ the F-statistic has p-value 0.00, the probability under the null of observing a F statistic as unfavourable to the null as that actually observed is vanishingly small.

Reject the null at all conventional levels of significance, which are greater than $p=0.00$.

Conclude that lags of Ω_t ~~and~~ changes cause iP_t . Supposing that the lags of Ω_t are exogenous, oil price shocks in the past 18 months have a causal effect on the growth rate of industrial production in the US.

iP_{t+1} decreases by 3.9.

iP_{t+2} decreases by 13.8.

And in general, the effect of $\alpha=10$ and $\theta_{t+j}=0$

for $j \geq 0$ on iP_{t+j} for $j=1, \dots, 18$ is equal to

$10\beta_j$ where β_j is the coefficient on ~~θ_{t+j} in the~~

θ_{t+j} in the given regression.

iP_t increases by 3.3

iP_{t+3} ~~decreases~~ decreases by 7.5

$\ln(iP_{t+3})$

$$= \ln(iP_{t-1} + \Delta \ln(iP_t) + \Delta \ln(iP_{t+1}) + \Delta \ln(iP_{t+2}) + \Delta \ln(iP_{t+3}))$$

$$= \ln(iP_{t-1} + \frac{1}{100}(iP_t + iP_{t+1} + iP_{t+2} + iP_{t+3}))$$

$$= \ln(iP_{t-1}) - 0.279$$

The effect of $\alpha=10$ and $\theta_{t+j}=0$ (compared to
for $j \geq 0$ (compared to $\alpha=0$ and $\theta_{t+j}=0$) on $\ln(iP_{t+3})$
is equal to -0.279

iP_{t+3} is $e^{-0.279} = 0.75654$ times what it would
have otherwise been (had there been no such
shock at t_0).

e This model predicts that an oil shock has no
growth rate of production.
effect on production after two years; θ_{t+4} is
not a regressor in this number.

An ~~AR~~ ADL (p, q) model with $p+q < 19$ could
more parsimoniously capture dynamic causal
effects over long horizons. An ADL (p, q) model
has exponentially decaying dynamic causal
effects in the infinite future.