

**1 Econometrics: Answer 3 out of 4 questions. Each question is equally weighted. Total 40 points.**

1. Let

$$\begin{aligned} y_{T \times 1} &= X\beta + u, \\ u &\sim (0, \sigma^2 I). \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\hat{u} = y - X\hat{\beta}$$

where  $\hat{\beta}$  is the GLS estimator of  $\beta$ .

a) Derive  $\text{plim}_{\frac{1}{T}} \hat{u}'\hat{u}$ .

b) Define

$$\iota_{T \times 1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)'$$

Find the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{T}\iota'\hat{u}$ .

2. Consider the model,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{1i} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{2i} + \beta_2 x_{1i} + u_{1i}, \\ y_{2i} &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 y_{1i} + \alpha_2 x_{2i} + u_{2i}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{1i} \\ u_{2i} \end{pmatrix} &\sim \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{21} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Show how to estimate  $\beta_1$  using indirect least squares (ILS). Provide intuition for why the ILS estimator of  $\beta_1$  is unique.

3. Consider the model,

$$\begin{aligned} g(y_i, X_i\theta) &= u_i, \\ u_i &\sim iidF(\cdot), \\ E(u_i | X_i) &= 0 \\ i &= 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Describe how to estimate  $g(\cdot)$  and  $\theta$  semiparametrically.

4. Let

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \rho u_{t-1} + e_t, \\ e_t &= a_0 \varepsilon_t + a_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} \\ \varepsilon_t &\sim iidN(0, \sigma^2 I). \end{aligned}$$

Derive the distribution of  $u_t$ . Provide intuition for why you can't identify all of the parameters of the model.