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**a**

Suppose we have that  $\mathbb{E}(U) = \alpha \neq 0$ . Then, we have

$$E(U) = E(\log(Y) - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_1 - \beta_2 X_2) = \alpha$$

But, then we can write

$$\log(Y) = \tilde{\beta}_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \tilde{U}$$

, wherein  $\tilde{\beta}_0 = \beta_0 + \alpha$  and  $\tilde{U} = U - \alpha$ . Then, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tilde{U}) &= E(\log(Y) - \tilde{\beta}_0 - \beta_1 X_1 - \beta_2 X_2) \\ &= E(\log(Y) - \beta_0 - \alpha - \beta_1 X_1 - \beta_2 X_2) \\ &= E(\log(Y) - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_1 - \beta_2 X_2) - E(\alpha) \\ &= \alpha - \alpha = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note, as this states, we cannot separate  $E(U)$  from  $E(\beta_0 + U)$ , because  $U$  is not a variable included in the regression. Namely, the mean of  $U$  will be included in the expectation of the calculated constant in the regression.

**b**

We can say  $X_k$  is exogenous if  $E(X_k U) = 0$ . This means  $X_k$  is orthogonal to the error term. With our examples from class, we can say that there is no measurement error in  $X_k$ , there are no variables omitted in the regression that are correlated with  $X_k$  and  $X_k$  is not determined simultaneously with  $Y$ .

Similarly, we can say  $X_k$  is endogenous if  $E(X_k U) \neq 0$ .

In our particular example, we would guess that  $E(U X_1) \neq 0$  as there are variables not included in the regression that are correlated with years of education and are also correlated with  $Y$ , but are not included in our regression. The

classic example of this is *ability*. An individual's ability, such as her intelligence and sedulousness is likely to influence her decision to enroll in more schooling and are also likely to cause her to have a higher hourly wage. Without controlling for ability however, we are likely to attribute to years of education what is partially caused by ability.

**c**

We say the instrument is exogenous if it is uncorrelated with the error term;  $E(Zu) = 0$ .

We say the instrument is relevant if the  $\text{rank}(\mathbb{E}(ZX')) = k + 1$ .

**d**

We can use the IV estimator; namely

$$\hat{\beta}_{IV} = \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i Y_i' \right)$$

In the exactly, identified case, this would be equivalent to the 2SLS estimator. However, for the overidentified case (where we have more than one instrumental variable for  $X_1$ ), we go over the 2SLS procedure. We would go about

1. Regressing  $X_1$  on the entire matrix  $Z$ , and we can call the estimated coefficients  $\pi$ .
2. Getting the estimated  $X_1$  from the regression in (1). Namely,  $\hat{X}_1 = \hat{\pi}' Z$ .
3. Regressing  $Y$  on  $\hat{X}_1$  and  $X_2$ . This will give us

$$\hat{\beta}_{2SLS} = \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\pi}' Z_i Z_i' \hat{\pi} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\pi}' Z_i Y_i \right)$$

**e**

We can look at the regression of

$$X_1 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 Z_1 + \gamma_3 X_2 + \epsilon$$

Here, clearly, the best linear predictor of  $X_1$  given  $Z$  is  $\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 Z_1 + \gamma_3 X_2$ . We would like to test if  $Z_1$  and  $X_1$  are uncorrelated; namely we would like to test the null hypothesis  $\gamma_1 = 0$  against the alternative hypothesis  $\gamma_1 \neq 0$ .

We recall that for the vector of coefficients  $\gamma$ ,

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma) \rightarrow N(0, \Omega)$$

We can now build the estimator  $\hat{\Omega}$  through the residuals calculate the  $\gamma_1$  through OLS to reject the null at  $\alpha$  if:

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{N}(\hat{\gamma}_1)}{\sqrt{\Omega_{2,2}}} \right| > z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

**f**

Note, as  $Z = (1, Z_1, X_2)'$ , we see that the rank condition would be violated if we tried using  $Z_1 = X_2$  as the instrument (we are adding fewer instrumental variables to the model here than the number of endogenous variables we have).

Now, suppose, alternatively, that we remove  $X_2$  from the regression and instead try to estimate

$$\log(Y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \tilde{U}$$

Then, we may no longer have that  $Cov(Z, \tilde{U}) = 0$ . Indeed, if we are right about the model and  $\beta_2 \neq 0$ , this would have to be the case.