

Generalized Least Squares

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Basics

In the regression model

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad (1)$$

Suppose we drop the assumption of homoskedasticity. In other words, instead of assuming

variance comes from each sample

$$E[\epsilon\epsilon'] = \sigma^2 I \quad (2)$$

we are assuming:

this is a more general matrix,
rather diagonal matrix like I
generally, we do not know omega

omega is symmetric matrix
but may be heteroskedasticity

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E[\epsilon\epsilon'] = \sigma^2 \Omega \quad (3)$$

With this assumption we know Ω so we can decompose it:

the sqrt(4) = 2, not (2, -2). sqrt is a fn. it can only yield one value
why we have (2, -2) in high school, because we are solving a equation $y = x^2$,

$$\Omega^{-1} = P'_{\Omega} P_{\Omega} \quad (4)$$

Unbiasesness

With P_Ω known in advance, we pre-multiply the regression with it:

$$P_\Omega Y = P_\Omega X \beta + P_\Omega \epsilon \quad (5)$$

Instead of regressing Y on X , we are regressing $P_\Omega Y$ on $P_\Omega X$. The $\hat{\beta}$ would be unbiased (try to prove consistency yourself) because:

$$E[\hat{\beta}|X] = ((P_\Omega X)'(P_\Omega X))^{-1} (P_\Omega X)' P_\Omega Y \quad (6)$$

$$= (X' P_\Omega' P_\Omega X)^{-1} X' P_\Omega' P_\Omega Y \quad (7)$$

$$= (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} Y \quad (8)$$

$$= (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} (X \beta + \epsilon) \quad (9)$$

$$= (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} X \beta + (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} \epsilon \quad (10)$$

$$= \beta + (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} \epsilon = \beta \quad (11)$$

Variance of $\hat{\beta}$

However, instead of ϵ , we have $P_{\Omega}\epsilon$. The variance of $P_{\Omega}\epsilon$ is equal to:

we assume $E[\epsilon\epsilon'] = \sigma^2\Omega$

$$E[(P_{\Omega}\epsilon)(P_{\Omega}\epsilon)'] = E[P_{\Omega}\epsilon\epsilon'P_{\Omega}'] \quad (12)$$

$$= P_{\Omega}E[\epsilon\epsilon']P_{\Omega}' \quad (13)$$

$$= \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' = \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' \boxed{P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}'} \quad (14)$$

two equation are equal,
it mean, we multiply a term = 1

so $P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' = I$.

$$= \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' \quad (15)$$

$$= \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega\Omega^{-1}\Omega P_{\Omega}' \quad (16)$$

$$\boxed{\Omega^{-1} = P_{\Omega}'P_{\Omega}}$$

$$= \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}'P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' \quad (17)$$

For $\sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' = \sigma^2 P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}'P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}'$, $P_{\Omega}\Omega P_{\Omega}' = I$.

Therefore,

$$E[(P_{\Omega}e)(P_{\Omega}e)'] = \sigma^2 I \quad (18)$$

Variance of $\hat{\beta}$

And we can calculate the variance of $\hat{\beta}$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2((P_{\Omega}X)'P_{\Omega}X)^{-1} \quad (19)$$

$$= \sigma^2(X'P'_{\Omega}P_{\Omega}X)^{-1} \quad (20)$$

$$= \sigma^2(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1} \quad (21)$$

And hence we get the standard error of $\hat{\beta}$.

Using FGLS Feasible Generalized Least Squares

this is used to estimate omega

if there's heteroskedasticity

How about if we do not know Ω ?

and don't know omega

use FGLS

We can estimate it. One way to do it is to assume a structure of heteroskedasticity:

this is the real residual,
but in regression,
we use epsilon hat

$$\epsilon^2 = \sigma^2 \exp(X\delta) \quad (22)$$

By using the residual $\hat{\epsilon}$ we can estimate the model:

FGLS is biased

FGLS is not always consistent!!

It depends on your X

$$\log(\hat{\epsilon}^2) = X\delta + \eta \quad (23)$$

Recover the $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$ for individual observations by taking exponential on the fitted value. epsilon is the variance of each term $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$

regress $\log(\hat{\epsilon}^2)$ on X, $\Rightarrow E[\log(\hat{\epsilon}^2)] = X\hat{\delta}$

you take exponential at both side $E[\hat{\epsilon}^2]$

Use $\hat{\Omega}$

- Construct the matrix $\hat{\Omega}$ by $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$. We can use the $\hat{\Omega}$ to perform Generalized Least Squares.
- This is called Feasible Generalized Least Squares.
- What's the properties of this FGLS estimator?

two problems of this method,

1. RHS of equation 22 can be wrong. if this eq is wrong, then our GLS can be wrong.
2. we use epsilon hat to run regression. but it is not real residual.

In your model, you have to adjust if $\epsilon^2 = \sigma^2 \exp(X\delta)$ is good or not