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PROBLEM SET 2: SOLUTIONS

Problem 1 (20 points)

We have the following system of equations:

$$z_1 = x_1 - 2x_2,$$

 $z_2 = x_2 + 4x_3,$
 $z_3 = 2x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3,$

where x_i, z_j are vectors. Clearly, we can write this system as follows:

$$Z = XA$$

where

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, we need to solve for x_i in terms of z_j . Using some linear algebra technique (substitution, Gaussian elimination, Cramer's rule), one obtains the following system:

$$x_1 = 17z_1 + 10z_2 - 8z_3,$$

 $x_2 = 8z_1 + 5z_2 - 4z_3,$
 $x_3 = -2z_1 - z_2 + z_3$

Thus, we have that

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 8 & -2 \\ 10 & 5 & -1 \\ -8 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, recall the solution to question #3 in Problem Set 1. We determined there that the residuals one obtains from a regression will not be changed if the regressors are linearly transformed by an invertible matrix. Thus, the two regressions (on x_i and on z_i) produce the same residuals, and hence the same predicted values.

Finally, since the fitted values are the same for the two regressions, $X\hat{\beta} = Z\hat{\alpha} = XA\hat{\alpha} \implies \hat{\beta} = A\hat{\alpha}$. Thus, $\hat{\beta}_1 = \hat{\alpha}_1 + 2\hat{\alpha}_3$. It is also the case that $\hat{\alpha} = A^{-1}\hat{\beta} \implies \hat{\alpha}_1 = 17\hat{\beta}_1 + 8\hat{\beta}_2 - 2\hat{\beta}_3$.

Problem 2 (10 points)

- . use http://fmwww.bc.edu/ec-p/data/greene2008/tbrate
- . regress D.r L.pi LD.y LD.r L2D.r

Source	SS	df		MS		Number of obs F(4, 180)		185 6.99
Model Residual	22.1971507 142.934504			1928768 1080577		Prob > F R-squared	=	0.0000 0.1344 0.1152
Total	165.131655	184	.897	7454645		Adj R-squared Root MSE	=	.89111
D.r	Coef.	Std.	Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	In	 terval]
pi L1. y	.0160647	.0200)335	0.80	0.424	023466	• 1	0555955
LD. r	18.38055	5.758	3924	3.19	0.002	7.016859	2	9.74423
LD. L2D. _cons	.2374557 1540175 2319403	.0740 .0725 .1256	5383	3.21 -2.12 -1.85	0.002 0.035 0.066	.0912979 2971523 4798063		3836135 0108828 0159256

. predict rhat

(option xb assumed; fitted values)

- (3 missing values generated)
- . predict uhat, residuals
- (3 missing values generated)
- . twoway (connected rhat yq, msize(vsmall)) (line uhat yq)
- . reg uhat rhat

Source	l SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	185
	+			F(1, 183) =	0.00
Model	5.6843e-14	1	5.6843e-14	Prob > F =	1.0000
Residual	142.934505	183	.781062871	R-squared =	0.0000
	+			Adj R-squared = -	0.0055
Total	142.934505	184	.776817964	Root MSE =	.88378

uhat		Std. Err.		• • •		Interval]
rhat	7.53e-09	.1875834	0.00	1.000	3701043 1282955	

Since the residuals are by construction orthogonal to the fitted values, we verify via the above OLS regression that the mean of the residuals is zero and that the fitted values are uncorrelated with the residuals.

. reg rhat uhat

Source	SS 	df 		MS 		Number of obs F(1, 183)	
Model Residual + Total	22.1971507			0 295905 636688		-	= 1.0000 = 0.0000
rhat	Coef.	Std.	Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
uhat _cons	1.17e-09 .0133946	.0291 .0256		0.00 0.52	1.000	0574757 0371258	.0574757

As explained earlier, the residuals and the fitted values are uncorrelated, which is borne out by the above OLS regression results. Additionally, we obtain a non-zero constant that is the mean of the fitted values, which is also the mean of the dependent variable in the original regression, since the residuals are constructed to be mean-zero.

Problem 3 (10 points)

. regress D.r LD.y LD.r L2D.r

Source		SS	df		MS		Number of obs	=	185
	-+-						F(3, 181)	=	9.12
Model		21.6865324	3	7.22	884414		Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	-	143.445122	181	.792	514488		R-squared	=	0.1313
	-+-						Adj R-squared	=	0.1169
Total		165.131655	184	.897	454645		Root MSE	=	.89023
D.r	-	Coef.	Std.	Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	In	terval]
	-+-								

уΙ						
LD.	17.47536	5.641639	3.10	0.002	6.343518	28.6072
r						
LD.	.2437294	.0735833	3.31	0.001	.0985381	.3889208
L2D.	1471644	.071962	-2.05	0.042	2891568	0051721
_cons	158009	.0852318	-1.85	0.065	3261847	.0101668

. predict ehat, residuals
(3 missing values generated)

. regress L.pi LD.y LD.r L2D.r

Source	SS	df		MS		Number of obs F(3, 181)		185 3.89
Model Residual	127.410931 1978.56248	3 181		703102		Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared	= =	0.0101 0.0605 0.0449
Total	2105.97341	184	11.4	455077		Root MSE	=	3.3062
L.pi	Coef.	Std.	 Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	In	terval]
y LD. r LD. L2D. _cons	-56.34641 .3905278 .4265952 4.602094	20.95 .2732 .2672 .3165	821 608	-2.69 1.43 1.60 14.54	0.008 0.155 0.112 0.000	-97.68912 1487006 1007524 3.977503		5.00371 9297562 9539427 .226684

. predict vhat, residuals
(3 missing values generated)

. regress ehat vhat

Source	SS	df	MS		Number of obs =	185
					F(1, 183) =	0.65
Model	.510618184	1	.510618184		Prob > F =	0.4198
Residual	142.934503	183	.781062856		R-squared =	0.0036
					Adj R-squared =	-0.0019
Total	143.445121	184	.779593048		Root MSE =	.88378
ehat	Coef.	Std.	Err. t	P> t	[95% Conf. I	nterval]
						

vhat	.0160647	.0198686	0.81	0.420	0231363	.0552658
_cons	4.07e-11	.0649766	0.00	1.000	1281996	.1281996

The value of the coefficient on vhat is the same as that of π_{t-1} in the original regression in the previous problem, a consequence of the Frisch-Waugh Theorem (also known as the Frisch-Waugh-Lovell Theorem). See Greene 3.3 for details.

That the covariance matrix of \mathbf{b} is positive semidefinite implies that the determinant of this matrix is non-negative. Given that

$$Var(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} Var(b_1) & Cov(b_1, b_2) \\ Cov(b_1, b_2) & Var(b_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

the non-negativity of the matrix implies that

$$Var(b_1)Var(b_2) - (Cov(b_1, b_2))^2 \ge 0 \implies (Cov(b_1, b_2))^2 \le Var(b_1)Var(b_2)$$

Next, $\rho(b_1, b_2)$, the correlation between b_1 and b_2 is defined by

$$\rho(b_1, b_2) \equiv \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(b_1, b_2)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(b_1)\operatorname{Var}(b_2)}}$$

Then, from the above inequality, it must be that case that $\rho(b_1, b_2)^2 \le 1 \implies -1 \le \rho(b_1, b_2) \le 1$, as required.

The restriction implies that $\beta_3 = 1 - \beta_2$. Hence, $y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{t2} + (1 - \beta_2) x_{t3} + u_t \implies y_t - x_{t3} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 (x_{t2} - x_{t3}) + u_t$. Then, define the new variables $\tilde{y}_t = y_t - x_{t3}$ and $z_t = x_{t2} - x_{t3}$. The restricted regression is $\tilde{y}_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_t + u_t$. The estimate $\hat{\beta}_2$ is obtained directly, and, since the estimate of β_3 must satisfy the restriction, we see that $\hat{\beta}_3 = 1 - \hat{\beta}_2$.

We can add a third term to the right-hand side of restricted regression equation in order to obtain a model that is equivalent to the original one. This yields

$$\hat{y}_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_t + (\beta_2 + \beta_3 - 1) x_{t3} + u_t$$

Thus, if we run the regression

$$\hat{y}_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_t + \gamma x_{t3} + u_t$$

we will obtain estimates for β_1 and β_2 directly, and we can obtain an estimate of β_3 by using the relation $\hat{\beta}_3 = \hat{\gamma} + 1 - \hat{\beta}_2$. If the restriction held exactly in the data, the estimate of γ would be zero.

Note that we could have eliminated β_2 instead of β_3 in the restricted model, and furthermore obtained an appropriately adjusted counterpart to the regression with a zero coefficient when the restriction holds in the data.

a)(5 points)

. xi i.year

i.year _Iyear_66-73 (naturally coded; _Iyear_66 omitted) . ivreg2 lw expr s (iq = age kww med) IV (2SLS) estimation Number of obs = 758 F(3, 754) = 105.26Prob > F = 0.0000Total (centered) SS = 139.2861498 Centered R2 = 0.2886Total (uncentered) SS = 24652.24662 Uncentered R2 = 0.9960Residual SS = 99.0915462 Root MSE = .3616 ______ Coef. Std. Err. z P>|z| [95% Conf. Interval] ______ iq | -.0012932 .0047482 -0.27 0.785 -.0105995 .0080132 expr | .0442341 .0065777 6.72 0.000 .0313421 .057126 s | .1107632 .0157675 7.02 0.000 .0798595 .1416668 _cons | 4.259495 .3124346 13.63 0.000 3.647134 4.871855 Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (underidentification test): 43.846 Chi-sq(3) P-val = 0.0000______ Cragg-Donald F statistic (weak identification test): 14.927 Stock-Yogo weak ID test critical values: 5% maximal IV relative bias 13.91 10% maximal IV relative bias 9.08 20% maximal IV relative bias 6.46 5.39 30% maximal IV relative bias 10% maximal IV size 22.30 15% maximal IV size 12.83 20% maximal IV size 9.54 25% maximal IV size 7.80 Source: Stock-Yogo (2005). Reproduced by permission. ______ Sargan statistic (overidentification test of all instruments): 84.806 Chi-sq(2) P-val = 0.0000Instrumented: iq Included instruments: expr s Excluded instruments: age kww med

The Anderson canonical correlation test rejects at the 5% level the null hypothesis of underidentification. However, the rejection of the null of the Sargan test suggests that one or more of the instruments is not uncorrelated with the disturbance process.

b) (5 points)

. ivreg2 lw expr s _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71 _Iyear_73 (iq = age kww med)

IV (2SLS) estimation

Total (centered Total (uncenter Residual SS	red) SS =				Number of obs = F(9, 748) = Prob > F = Centered R2 = Uncentered R2 = Root MSE =	47.13 0.0000 0.3621
lw	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
iq	.007033	.0040735	1.73	0.084	0009509	.0150169
expr	.0398175	.0067903	5.86	0.000	.0265086	.0531263
_	.0565379			0.000	.0292829	.0837929
_Iyear_67	0725177	.0497367	-1.46	0.145	1699999	.0249644
_Iyear_68	.0504323	.0465702	1.08	0.279	0408436	.1417082
	.1605229		3.52	0.000	.0711604	.2498854
_Iyear_70	.2097466	.053631	3.91	0.000	.1046318	.3148614
•		.0456348	4.02	0.000	.0937985	.2726836
_Iyear_73	.2792134	.0420477	6.64	0.000	.1968014	.3616254
_cons	4.013944	.2761018	14.54	0.000	3.472795	4.555094
Anderson canon	. corr. LR s	tatistic (und	leriden		on test): i-sq(3) P-val =	54.386 0.0000
Cragg-Donald F	statistic (weak identifi	cation	test):		18.497
Stock-Yogo weak	x ID test cr	itical values	s: 5%	maximal 1	IV relative bias	13.91
-			10%	maximal 1	IV relative bias	9.08
			20%	maximal 1	IV relative bias	6.46
			30%	maximal 1	IV relative bias	5.39
10% maximal IV size 22						
15% maximal IV size 12						
20% maximal IV size 9						9.54
			25%	maximal 1	IV size	7.80
Source: Stock-Y	Yogo (2005).	Reproduced	by per	mission.		

Sargan statistic (overidentification test of all instruments): 91.950

Chi-sq(2) P-val = 0.0000

Instrumented: iq

Included instruments: expr s _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71

_Iyear_73

Excluded instruments: age kww med

The year dummies for years after 1968 are all significant and positive, suggesting some unmodeled change in the underlying process determining the wage that isn't captured by the included characteristics of workers. IQ now has a positive coefficient, but one that is still not statistically significantly different from 0 at the 5% level. The Anderson test and the Sargan test produce similar results as in part a).

c) (5 points)

. ivreg2 lw expr s _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71 _Iyear_73 (iq = age kww med), robust

IV (2SLS) estimation

Statistics robust to heteroskedasticity

			Number of obs =	758
			F(9, 748) =	42.35
			Prob > F =	0.0000
Total (centered) SS	=	139.2861498	Centered R2 =	0.3621
Total (uncentered) SS	=	24652.24662	Uncentered R2 =	0.9964
Residual SS	=	88.85241753	Root MSE =	.3424

Robust Coef. Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] lw | P>|z| Z iq | .007033 .004181 1.68 .0398175 .0068121 5.85 0.093 -.0011616 .0152276 expr | .0398175 0.000 .0264659 .053169 .0565379 .0141939 3.98 0.000 .0287185 .0843574 s | _Iyear_67 | -.0725177 .0474303 -1.53 0.126 -.1654794 .0204439 -.0403376 .046312 _Iyear_68 | .0504323 1.09 0.276 .1412021 _Iyear_69 | .1605229 .0426472 3.76 0.000 .0769361 .2441098 .099352 .3201412 _Iyear_70 | .2097466 .0563248 3.72 0.000 .0982585 .2682235 _Iyear_71 | .183241 .0433592 4.23 0.000 .1967443 .3616824 _Iyear_73 | .2792134 .0420768 6.64 0.000 _cons | 4.013944 . 285412 14.06 0.000 3.454547 4.573341

Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (underidentification test): Chi-sq(3) P-val =							
Test statistic(s) not robust	0.0000						
Cragg-Donald F statistic (weak identification test):	18.497						
Stock-Yogo weak ID test critical values: 5% maximal IV relative bias	13.91						
10% maximal IV relative bias	9.08						
20% maximal IV relative bias	6.46						
30% maximal IV relative bias	5.39						
10% maximal IV size	22.30						
15% maximal IV size	12.83						
20% maximal IV size	9.54						
25% maximal IV size	7.80						
Test statistic(s) not robust							
Source: Stock-Yogo (2005). Reproduced by permission.							
Hansen J statistic (overidentification test of all instruments):	72.328						
Chi-sq(2) P-val =							
Instrumented: iq							
Included instruments: expr s _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _I _Iyear_73	[year_71						
Excluded instruments: age kww med							

Using robust standard errors does not seem to affect the standard errors very much, suggesting that heteroskedasticity is not an issue.

d)(10 points)

. ivreg2 lw expr s _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71 _Iyear_73 (iq = age kww med), gmm

2-Step GMM estimation

Statistics robust to heteroskedasticity

			Number of obs	=	758
			F(9, 748)	=	41.49
			Prob > F	=	0.0000
Total (centered) SS	=	139.2861498	Centered R2	=	0.3562
Total (uncentered) SS	=	24652.24662	Uncentered R2	=	0.9964
Residual SS	=	89.67457928	Root MSE	=	.344

 lw	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
iq	.0077785	.004178	 1.86	0.063	 0004103	.0159673
expr		.0067758	6.75	0.000	.032424	.0589845
s	.0550396	.0141922	3.88	0.000	.0272233	.0828558
_Iyear_67		.0474059	-1.27	0.204	1531422	.0326854
_Iyear_68		.0463035	1.23	0.219	0338301	.1476763
_Iyear_69		.0426317	3.76	0.000	.0765833	.2436965
_Iyear_70	.1794522	.0561917	3.19	0.001	.0693184	.289586
_Iyear_71	.1548847	.04323	3.58	0.000	.0701555	.2396139
_Iyear_73	.2763517	.0420029	6.58	0.000	.1940274	.358676
_cons	3.940908	.285036	13.83	0.000	3.382248	4.499568
Anderson canor	ı. corr. LR s	tatistic (un	deridenti			54.386
Test statistic	r(a) not robu	a+		Chi-	sq(3) P-val =	0.0000
Cragg-Donald H	statistic (weak identif	ication t	test):		18.497
Stock-Yogo wea	ak ID test cr	itical value	s: 5% ma	aximal IV	relative bias	13.91
			10% ma	aximal IV	relative bias	9.08
			20% ma	aximal IV	relative bias	6.46
30% maximal IV relative bias						
10% maximal IV size						22.30
				aximal IV		12.83
20% maximal IV size						9.54
			25% ma	aximal IV	size	7.80
Test statistic			1			
Source: Stock-	-Yogo (2005). 	keproaucea 	by permi	ssion.		
Hansen J stati	istic (overid	entification	test of	all inst	ruments):	72.328
				Chi-	sq(2) P-val =	0.0000
Instrumented:	 iq					
	ruments: expr	s _Iyear_67 ar_73	_Iyear_6	88 _Iyear	_69	_Iyear_71
Excluded instr	•					

None of the results are markedly different from that obtained in part b). In the GMM model we estimate here, we do not maintain the assumption of conditional homoskedasticity, but rather allow arbitrary heteroskedasticity. The GMM model also delivers efficient estimates. The Hansen J statistic allows a test of overidentification similar to that provided by the Sargan statistic in the 2SLS model; the Hansen J is consistent in the presence of heteroskedasticity. The rejection of the null in this test suggests that one or more of the instruments is not uncorrelated with the disturbance process. The Anderson test as before indicates that the model is not underidentified.

e) (5 points)

. ivreg2 lw expr _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71 _Iyear_73 (s iq = age kww med), gmm endog(s)

2-Step GMM estimation

Statistics robust to heteroskedasticity

		Number of obs =	758
		F(9, 748) =	37.83
		Prob > F =	0.0000
=	139.2861498	Centered R2 =	0.0906
=	24652.24662	Uncentered R2 =	0.9949
=	126.6665339	Root MSE =	.4088
	=	= 139.2861498 = 24652.24662 = 126.6665339	F(9, 748) = Prob > F = 139.2861498

lw	 Coef. +	Robust Std. Err.	Z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
s	.1993476	.0254187	7.84	0.000	.1495279	. 2491674
iq	0089693	.0054021	-1.66	0.097	0195573	.0016187
expr	.0630694	.0081395	7.75	0.000	.0471162	.0790225
_Iyear_67	0753593	.0560256	-1.35	0.179	1851675	.0344488
_Iyear_68	.012483	.0531677	0.23	0.814	0917237	.1166897
_Iyear_69	.0967016	.050023	1.93	0.053	0013417	.1947449
_Iyear_70	.1450002	.0670161	2.16	0.030	.013651	.2763494
_Iyear_71	.0198738	.0584071	0.34	0.734	094602	. 1343495
_Iyear_73	0100273	.0670913	-0.15	0.881	1415238	.1214693
_cons	3.81719	.3332255	11.46	0.000	3.16408	4.4703

Anderson canon. corr. LR statistic (underidentification test): 45.115

Chi-sq(2) P-val = 0.0000

Test statistic(s) not robust

Cragg-Donald F statistic (weak identification test): 15.270
Stock-Yogo weak ID test critical values: 10% maximal IV size 13.43
15% maximal IV size 8.18
20% maximal IV size 6.40
25% maximal IV size 5.45

Test statistic(s) not robust

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Hansen J statistic (overidentification test of all instruments): 0.482

Chi-sq(1) P-val = 0.4873

-endog- option:

Endogeneity test of endogenous regressors: 71.528

Chi-sq(1) P-val = 0.0000

Regressors tested: s

Instrumented: s iq

Included instruments: expr _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71

_Iyear_73

Excluded instruments: age kww med

The endogeneity test rejects the null hypothesis of exogeneity of the variable s, years of schooling.

f)(10 points)

. ivreg2 lw expr _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_71 _Iyear_73 (s iq = age kww med), gmm

2-Step GMM estimation

Statistics robust to heteroskedasticity

 lw	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
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Instrumented: s iq	
Included instruments: expr _Iyear_67 _Iyear_68 _Iyear_69 _Iyear_70 _Iyear_73	ar_71
Excluded instruments: age kww med	

Unlike for the previous regression models, the Hansen J test fails to reject the null hypothesis of instruments uncorrelated with the disturbance process, suggesting, together with the successful rejection of underidentification via the Anderson test, that the instrument set and endogenous variables set used are valid.