

ECON207 Session 8

Instrumental Variable and GMM

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Agenda

Session 8

- Recall endogeneity problem
- Introduction to IV and GMM Estimation

Code for today's class will use the following packages:

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library(tidyverse); library(readxl)
library(lmtest); library(sandwich); library(car)
library(ivreg); library(gmm)
```

Recall Endogeneity Problem:

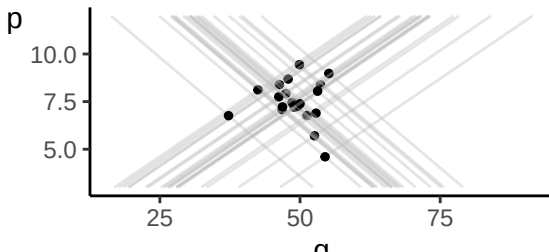
Suppose we want to estimate demand function for a certain good, and suppose

$$Q^d = \delta_0 + \delta_1 P + \epsilon^d \quad (\text{Demand Eq } \delta_1 < 0)$$

$$Q^s = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 P + \epsilon^s \quad (\text{Supply Eq } \alpha_1 > 0)$$

$$Q^s = Q^d \quad (\text{Market Clearing})$$

Observed quantities and prices occur at intersection of demand and supply eqs



Recall Endogeneity Problem:

Demonstration of inconsistency of OLS estimator (from Session 2)

Solving for quantity and prices gives

$$P = \frac{\alpha_0 - \delta_0}{\delta_1 - \alpha_1} + \frac{\epsilon^s - \epsilon^d}{\delta_1 - \alpha_1}$$

$$Q = \left(\delta_0 + \delta_1 \frac{\alpha_0 - \delta_0}{\delta_1 - \alpha_1} \right) + \frac{\delta_1 \epsilon^s - \alpha_1 \epsilon^d}{\delta_1 - \alpha_1}$$

which implies

$$Var(P) = \frac{\sigma_s^2 + \sigma_d^2}{(\delta_1 - \alpha_1)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad Cov(P, Q) = \frac{\delta_1 \sigma_s^2 + \alpha_1 \sigma_d^2}{(\delta_1 - \alpha_1)^2}$$

Recall Endogeneity Problem:

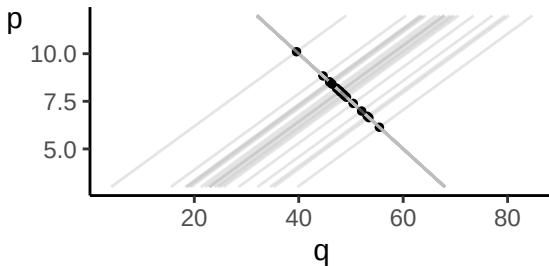
The OLS estimator of β_1 in the regression $Q_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 P_i + \epsilon_i$:

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{ols} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(P_i - \bar{P})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})^2} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{\text{cov}(Q, P)}{\text{var}(P)} = \frac{\delta_1 \sigma_s^2 + \alpha_1 \sigma_d^2}{\sigma_s^2 + \sigma_d^2}$$

Instrumental Variables (IV) Intro

Imagine that we can “shut down” the demand and supply shocks, but allow r to change

- Only the supply curve changes as r changes
- Intersections of dd and ss will “map” out the demand function



IV Intro

Lesson:

- We can use variation in r to map out demand function
- In practice we *cannot* “shut down” demand and supply shock (or any other factors driving demand and supply)
- Big question: *how do we isolate variation in P due to r only?*

Answer:

- Regress P_i on r_i , and then regress Q_i on *fitted* P_i , i.e., $\hat{P}_i$
- $\hat{P}_i$ contains variation in Y_i due to r_i only
- Use r_i as “instrument” to identify demand function

IV Intro

- Step 1: regress the endogenous regressor P_i onto the exogenous instrument r_i :

$$P_i = \phi_0 + \phi_1 r_i + u_i$$

and collect the fitted values

$$\hat{P}_i = \hat{\phi}_0 + \hat{\phi}_1 r_i$$

where $\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})^2}$ and $\hat{\phi}_0 = \bar{P} - \hat{\phi}_1 \bar{r}$

IV Intro

- Step 2: regress Q_i on $\hat{P}_i$. We have

$$\hat{\delta}_1^{iv/2sls} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(\hat{P}_i - \bar{\hat{P}})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{P}_i - \bar{\hat{P}})^2}$$

where “*iv*” ~ “instrumental variable” and “2*sls*” ~ “2-stage least squares”

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}_i &= \hat{\phi}_0 + \hat{\phi}_1 r_i \Rightarrow \hat{P}_i - \bar{\hat{P}} = \hat{\phi}_1 (r_i - \bar{r}) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{P}_i - \bar{\hat{P}})^2 &= \hat{\phi}_1^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})^2 = \hat{\phi}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})\end{aligned}$$

IV Intro

Last equality holds because $\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})^2}$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\delta}_1^{iv/2sls} &= \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{P}_i - \bar{\hat{P}})^2} \\ &= \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\hat{\phi}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})}\end{aligned}$$

IV Intro

This estimator is consistent for δ_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\delta}_1^{iv/2sls} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i - \bar{Q})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - \bar{P})(r_i - \bar{r})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})Q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})P_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})(\delta_0 + \delta_1 P_i + \epsilon_i^d)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})P_i} \\ &= \delta_1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})\epsilon_i^d}{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r})P_i} \xrightarrow{p} \delta_1 + \frac{Cov(r, \epsilon^d)}{Cov(r, P)}\end{aligned}$$

Since

- r is uncorrelated with the demand shock
- r is correlated with price (r shifts the supply function, which changes price),

therefore $\hat{\delta}_1^{2sls} \xrightarrow{p} \delta_1$

Method of Moments Perspective

We show another way of looking at this problem

Produces same result in simple dd-ss example, but can be different (depending on implementation) when we extend to “GMM” in more complicated examples

We switch notations (to transition to general case) and write the problem as:

- Estimate

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$$

where $E(\epsilon | X) \neq 0$ but is correlated with X

- there exists Z such that $Cov(X, Z) \neq 0$ and $Cov(Z, \epsilon) = 0$ (“Valid Instrument”)

In dd-ss example, $Y = Q$, $X = P$, $\epsilon \sim$ demand shock, $Z = r$, the β s are the δ s

Method of Moments Perspective

Since

- $E(\epsilon) = 0$
- $Cov(\epsilon, Z) = E(\epsilon Z) = 0$

we have the following “Population Moment Conditions”:

$$E(\epsilon) = E(Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X) = 0$$

$$E(\epsilon Z) = E((Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X)Z) = 0$$

Method of Moments Perspective

Replace with sample moments:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_i) = 0 \quad [A]$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_i) Z_i = 0 \quad [B]$$

Solving gives the method of moments (mm) estimator:

$$[A] \Rightarrow \bar{Y} = \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} \bar{X} \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} \bar{X}$$

Method of Moments Perspective

Substituting into [B] gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - (\bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} \bar{X}) - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_i) Z_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ((Y_i - \bar{Y}) - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} (X_i - \bar{X})) Z_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y}) Z_i - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) Z_i = 0$$

Method of Moments Perspective

Therefore

$$\hat{\beta}_0^{mm} = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} \bar{X}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{mm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y}) Z_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) Z_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(X_i - \bar{X})}$$

which is the same as *iv/2sls* estimator in dd-ss example (with notational substitution)

For the moment, we will refer to the estimators as “iv” estimators

Consistency

Consistency (two arguments):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})Z_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})Z_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})X_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})X_i} \\ &= \beta_1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})\epsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})X_i} \xrightarrow{p} \beta_1 + \frac{\text{Cov}(Z, \epsilon)}{\text{Cov}(Z, X)} = \beta_1\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, note that

$$E(Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X) = 0 \text{ and } E((Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X)Z) = 0$$

implies $\beta_1 = \text{Cov}(Z, Y) / \text{Cov}(Z, X)$ (Exercise). We have

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})(Z_i - \bar{Z})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Z_i - \bar{Z})} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, Z)}{\text{Cov}(X, Z)} = \beta_1$$

Bias

Note that *iv/2sls/mm* estimators are *biased* estimators

$$\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} = \beta_1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})\epsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})X_i}$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} \mid X_1, \dots, X_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \beta_1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})E(\epsilon_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})X_i}$$

but

$$E(\epsilon_i \mid X_1, \dots, X_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n) \neq 0$$

since ϵ is correlated with X

Standard Errors

If $Var(\epsilon | X, Z) = \sigma^2$, then $Var(\epsilon_i | X_1, \dots, X_n, Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = \sigma^2$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} | \dots) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})^2 Var(\epsilon_i | \dots)}{(\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(X_i - \bar{X}))^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})^2}{(\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(X_i - \bar{X}))^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \left(\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})(X_i - \bar{X}))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \bar{Z})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right)} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma^2}{R_{X|Z}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Standard Error

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1^{iv} \mid \dots) = \frac{\sigma^2}{R_{X|Z}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

demonstrates that the trade-off in obtaining consistent estimators is larger estimator variance

Note: since $0 \leq R_{X|Z}^2 < 1$

- If $R_{X|Z} = 1$, then we are back to simple linear regression estimator variance
- But in this case, X and Z are perfectly correlated, and Z must also be endogenous, so not a valid instrument
- If $R_{X|Z}^2$ is near zero, Z is a “weak instrument”, variance will be very large

Standard Error

To estimate σ^2 , use:

$$\widehat{\sigma}_{iv}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2$$

where $\hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv} = Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{iv} + \hat{\beta}_1^{iv} X_i$

- Note the definition of $\hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}$, which uses X_i rather than $\widehat{X}_i$
- Conventional to divide by $n-2$ even though IV/MM/2SLS only has large sample justifications

For R^2 , use: $R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$

Using Matrix Algebra

We express this example (both MM and IV/2SLS) using matrix algebra

Suppose the regression equation of interest is:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \epsilon$$

where

- X_1 is endogenous (correlated with the noise term)
- Suppose Z_1 is correlated with X_1 and uncorrelated with ϵ
- Note: Previous variables X and Z now labelled as X_1 and Z_1

Moment Conditions

$$\begin{aligned} E(\epsilon) &= E(Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_1) = 0 \\ E(\epsilon Z_1) &= E((Y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_1) Z_1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using Matrix Algebra

Sample Moment Conditions

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}) Z_{i1} = 0$$

In matrix algebra: $Z^T(y - X\hat{\beta}^{mm}) = Z^T y - Z^T X \hat{\beta}^{mm} = 0$ where

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & X_{11} \\ 1 & X_{21} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{n1} \end{bmatrix}, \varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_{11} \\ 1 & Z_{21} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & Z_{n1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Matrix Algebra

Note that

- $Z^T X$ is 2×2
- Z_{i1} correlated with X_{i1} means that $Z^T X$ is invertible

Solving moment conditions gives

$$\hat{\beta}^{mm} = (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T y$$

Using Matrix Algebra

2SLS Approach:

Step 1: Regress X on Z (X is $n \times 2$, so what does this mean?)

- Regress each column of X on Z

$$i_n = Zb_0 + u_{*0} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{*1} = Zb_1 + u_{*1}$$

We can put into one single matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_n & X_{*1} \end{bmatrix} = Z \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_{*0} & u_{*1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } X = ZB + U$$

We have $\hat{B} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X$

Fitted value is $\hat{X} = Z\hat{B} = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X$

Using Matrix Algebra

Step 2: Regress y on $\hat{X}$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}^{iv/2sls} &= (\hat{X}^T \hat{X})^{-1} \hat{X}^T y \\ &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= (Z^T X)^{-1} (Z^T Z) (X^T Z)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T y\end{aligned}$$

Using Matrix Algebra

Consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}^{iv/2sls} &= (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T y = (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T (X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= \beta + (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \\ &= \beta + \left(\frac{1}{n} Z^T X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon\right) \xrightarrow{p} \beta\end{aligned}$$

since $\frac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon \xrightarrow{p} 0_{2 \times 1}$

We omit the arguments for asymptotic normality

Using Matrix Algebra

For asymptotically valid variance-covariance matrices

- Homoskedastic errors

$$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{iv}) = \widehat{\sigma}^2 (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T Z (X^T Z)^{-1}$$

where $\widehat{\sigma}^2$ is as previously defined

- Heteroskedasticity-robust:

$$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{iv}) = (Z^T X)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right) (X^T Z)^{-1}$$

where Z_{i*} are the i -rows of Z

Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

Suppose

$$Q_i^d = 8 - 2P_i + \epsilon_i^d \quad (\text{Demand Eq } \delta_1 < 0)$$

$$Q_i^s = -2 + 2P_i + 0.8r_i + \epsilon_i^s \quad (\text{Supply Eq } \alpha_1 > 0)$$

$$Q_i^s = Q_i^d \quad (\text{Market Clearing})$$

where $r_i \sim N(3, 4)$ observed, $e_i^d \sim N(0, 1)$, $e_i^s \sim N(0, 1)$ unobserved

Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

OLS Estimates

```
dat <- tibble(p=pstar, q=qstar, r=r)
ddss_ols <- lm(q~p, data=dat)
summary(ddss_ols)$coefficients
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.341252	0.3660495	17.323483	1.366065e-31
p	-1.175239	0.1816905	-6.468357	3.906490e-09

Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

IV Estimates (using ivreg package, default standard errors)

```
ddss_iv <- ivreg(q ~ p | r, data=dat)
ddss_coef <- summary(ddss_iv)$coef
attr(ddss_coef, "df") <- NULL
attr(ddss_coef, "nobs") <- NULL
ddss_coef
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	8.492688	0.5937838	14.302662	9.954936e-26
p	-2.283065	0.3000241	-7.609603	1.710061e-11

Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

IV Estimates (using ivreg package, heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors)

```
coeftest(ddss_iv, vcov=vcovHC(ddss_iv, type="HC0"))
```

t test of coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	8.49269	0.57835	14.6845	< 2.2e-16 ***
p	-2.28306	0.28389	-8.0421	2.063e-12 ***

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Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

```
y <- as.matrix(dat$q) #
X <- as.matrix(cbind(rep(1, length(dat$p)), dat$p)) # Assemble data
Z <- as.matrix(cbind(rep(1, length(dat$r)), dat$r)) #
b_iv <- solve(t(Z) %*% X) %*% (t(Z) %*% y) # calculate IV estimate
# var-cov assuming homoskedasticity
y_iv_hat <- X %*% b_iv
e_iv <- y - y_iv_hat
s2 <- sum(e_iv^2) / (n-2)
var_b <- s2 * solve(t(Z) %*% X) %*% (t(Z) %*% Z) %*% solve(t(X) %*% Z)
# Robust variance-covariance
S <- matrix(c(0,0,0,0), nrow=2)
for (i in 1:n){
  zi <- matrix(Z[i,], nrow=2)
  S <- S + e_iv[i]^2 * zi %*% t(zi)
}
var_b_rb <- solve(t(Z) %*% X) %*% S %*% solve(t(X) %*% Z)
```

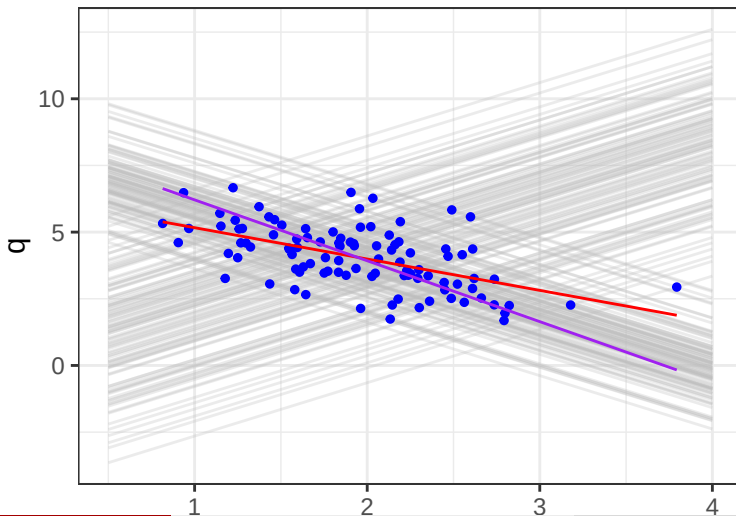
Example 1: Simulated SS/DD

```
iv_coefs <- cbind(b_iv, sqrt(diag(var_b)), sqrt(diag(var_b_rb)))  
colnames(iv_coefs) <- c("Estimate", "default s.e.", "robust s.e.")  
rownames(iv_coefs) <- c("(Intercept)", "X")  
iv_coefs
```

	Estimate	default s.e.	robust s.e.
(Intercept)	8.492688	0.5937838	0.5783452
X	-2.283065	0.3000241	0.2838908

- Successfully replicated estimates from ivreg package
- Default and heteroskedastic estimates for IV estimates are similar (not surprising, since data is homoskedastic)
- IV s.e. is larger than OLS s.e.
- IV estimate much closer to true value than OLS estimates
- Next slide contains plot of OLS (red) and IV (purple) estimated regression lines

Example 1: Simulated SS/DD



Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Multiple IVs

Session 8.3

- Suppose you have both endogenous and exogenous regressors
- With possibly more IVs than endogenous regressors

E.g., 1 exog regressor, 1 endog. regressor, 2 valid instruments for endog. regressor

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1^k + \beta_2 X_2^g + \epsilon$$

- X_1^k is exogenous (not correlated with the noise term)
- X_2^g is endogenous (correlated with the noise term)
- There exists Z_2 and Z_3 both correlated with X_2^g and uncorrelated with ϵ
- “Over-identification”

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

Data sample: $\{X_{i1}^k, X_{i2}^g, Z_{i2}, Z_{i3}, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$

Sample Moments:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}^k - \hat{\beta}_2^{mm} X_{i2}^g) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} X_{i1}^k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}^k - \hat{\beta}_2^{mm} X_{i2}^g) X_{i1}^k) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} Z_{i2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}^k - \hat{\beta}_2^{mm} X_{i2}^g) Z_{i2}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} Z_{i3} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n ((Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0^{mm} - \hat{\beta}_1^{mm} X_{i1}^k - \hat{\beta}_2^{mm} X_{i2}^g) Z_{i3}) = 0$$

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

“Solve” sample moments for $\hat{\beta}_0^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_1^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_2^{mm}$

But 4 equations in 3 unknowns — cannot solve

Choose $\hat{\beta}_0^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_1^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_2^{mm}$ to make “LHS as close to zero” as possible

- In particular, choose $\hat{\beta}_0^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_1^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_2^{mm}$ to minimize:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} X_{i1}^k \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} Z_{i2} \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^{mm} Z_{i3} \right)^2$$

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

Instead, choose $\hat{\beta}_0^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_1^{mm}$, $\hat{\beta}_2^{mm}$ to minimize the “sum of squared moments”

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{(Z^T y - Z^T X \hat{\beta})^T}_{1 \times 4} \underbrace{(Z^T y - Z^T X \hat{\beta})}_{4 \times 1} \\ &= y^T Z Z^T y - 2 \hat{\beta}^T X^T Z Z^T y + \hat{\beta}^T X^T Z Z^T X \hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing this gives

$$\hat{\beta}_{mm} = (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T y$$

Requires that the 4×3 matrix $Z^T X$ has full column rank

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

Consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{mm} &= (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T y \\ &= (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T (X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T X\beta + (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T \epsilon \\ &= \beta + ((\tfrac{1}{n} X^T Z)((\tfrac{1}{n} Z^T X))^{-1}((\tfrac{1}{n} X^T Z)(\tfrac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon)) \xrightarrow{p} \beta\end{aligned}$$

Requires that $\tfrac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon \xrightarrow{p} 0_{4 \times 1}$ and $\tfrac{1}{n} Z^T X \xrightarrow{p} \Sigma_{ZX}$ full column rank

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

Variance (Details of proof omitted)

- Homoskedasticity:

$$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{mm}) = \sigma^2 (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1}$$

Estimate σ^2 with $\widetilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2$

- Heteroskedasticity-Robust

$$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{mm}) = (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right) Z^T X (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1}$$

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Regressors, Mult. IVs (MM)

In **just-identified** case, where $\#endo = \#instruments$

- e.g., in our case, if we only have Z_2 to instrument for X_2^g ,

then $Z^T X$ is square, and

- $\hat{\beta}_{mm} = (X^T Z Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T y = (Z^T X)^{-1} (X^T Z)^{-1} X^T Z Z^T y = (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T y$

Variance

- Homoskedasticity: $\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{mm}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 (Z^T X)^{-1} (Z^T Z) (X^T Z)^{-1}$
- Heteroskedasticity-Robust $\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{mm}) = (Z^T X)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,iv}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right) (X^T Z)^{-1}$

Expressions same as “IV” case

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Reg., Mult. IVs (2SLS)

Two-Stage Least Squares Approach

Step 1: Regress every column of X on Z

- Estimates are $\hat{B} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X$ (This is 4×3)
- Fitted Values are $\hat{X} = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X$
 - This is $n \times 3$
 - First column is vector of 1's
 - Second column is X_{i1}^k
 - Third column is $\hat{X}_{i2}^g$ from regression of X_{i2}^g on intercept, X_{i1}^k , Z_{i2} and Z_{i3}

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Reg., Mult. IVs (2SLS)

Step 2: Regress y on $\hat{X}$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}^{2sls} &= (\hat{X}^T \hat{X})^{-1} \hat{X}^T y \\ &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y .\end{aligned}$$

Requires that the 4×3 matrix $Z^T X$ has full column rank and that Z has full column rank

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Reg., Mult. IVs (2SLS)

Consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}^{2sls} &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\&= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T (X\beta + \epsilon) \\&= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X\beta \\&\quad + (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \\&= \beta + (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \epsilon \\&= \beta + \left(\frac{1}{n} X^T Z \left(\frac{1}{n} Z^T Z\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} Z^T X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} X^T Z \left(\frac{1}{n} Z^T Z\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon \xrightarrow{p} \beta\end{aligned}$$

Regressions with Exog. and Endog. Reg., Mult. IVs (2SLS)

In **just-identified** case, where $\#endo = \#instruments$, $Z^T X$ is square

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{2sls} &= (X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y \\ &= (Z^T X)^{-1} (Z^T Z) (X^T Z)^{-1} X^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y = (Z^T X)^{-1} Z^T y\end{aligned}$$

Same as “IV” estimator

Variance formulas also converge to IV variance formulas

- Just-identified case: 2SLS and MM same as IV
- Over-identified case: $2SLS \neq MM$, IV does not apply

Example 2

Session 8.4

Example using data from earnings2019.csv

$$\ln earn = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ + \beta_2 age + \beta_3 \ln tenure + \epsilon$$

Concern: *Ability* is omitted. Furthermore, no good proxy for ability available. *Ability* correlated with *educ*, so *educ* correlated with ϵ

That is, we assume *age* and *ln tenure* exogenous, *educ* endogenous

Suppose $feduc$ and $meduc$ are valid instruments

Example 2 OLS Estimates

```
dat <- read_csv("data\\earnings2019.csv", show_col_types=FALSE) %>%  
  mutate(ln_earn = log(earn), ln_tenure=log(tenure), const = 1)  
cat("Assuming homoskedasticity (default)\n")  
mdl2_ols <- lm(ln_earn ~ age + ln_tenure + educ, data=dat) # Estimate OLS  
summary(mdl2_ols)$coefficients %>% round(4) # Print default coefficients and standard
```

Assuming homoskedasticity (default)

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.9699	0.0628	15.4349	0e+00
age	0.0025	0.0008	3.3341	9e-04
ln_tenure	0.1477	0.0090	16.4018	0e+00
educ	0.1268	0.0038	33.1159	0e+00

Example 2 OLS Estimates

```
cat("\nUsing heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors")
coeftest mdl2_ols, vcov=vcovHC, type="HC" %>% round(4) # Robust standard errors
```

Using heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors
t test of coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	0.9699	0.0655	14.8101	<2e-16	***
age	0.0025	0.0008	3.1315	0.0017	**
ln_tenure	0.1477	0.0092	16.0494	<2e-16	***
educ	0.1268	0.0039	32.1078	<2e-16	***

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Example 2 MM Estimates

```
## Assemble data for MM / 2SLS
y <- dat %>% select(c(ln_earn)) %>% as.matrix()
X <- dat %>% select(c(const, age, ln_tenure, educ)) %>% as.matrix()
Z <- dat %>% select(c(const, age, ln_tenure, feduc, meduc)) %>% as.matrix()
n <- length(y)
Zcol <- dim(Z)[2]
ZTX <- t(Z) %*% X ; XTZ <- t(X) %*% Z ; ZTZ <- t(Z) %*% Z ; ZTy <- t(Z) %*% y

#--MM--
beta_MM <- solve(XTZ %*% ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% ZTy
ehat_IV <- y - X %*% beta_MM
s2hat <- sum(ehat_IV^2)/n
eZZ <- matrix(0, nrow=Zcol, ncol=Zcol)
for (i in 1:n){
  eZZ <- eZZ + ehat_IV[i]^2 * t(Z[i,,drop=F]) %*% Z[i,,drop=F]
}
```


Example 2 MM Estimates

```

vbeta_MM <- s2hat * solve(XTZ%*%ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% ZTZ %*% ZTX %*% solve(XTZ%*%ZTX)
vbeta_MM_rob <- solve(XTZ%*%ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% eZZ %*% ZTX %*% solve(XTZ%*%ZTX)
MM_results <- cbind(estimates = beta_MM,
                    s.e. = sqrt(diag(vbeta_MM)),
                    s.e.robust = sqrt(diag(vbeta_MM_rob)))
MM_results %>% round(4)

```

	ln_earn	s.e.	s.e.robust
const	-1.7976	0.5844	0.5911
age	0.0096	0.0026	0.0027
ln_tenure	0.1386	0.0108	0.0111
educ	0.2991	0.0336	0.0341

Example 2 2SLS Estimates (from formulas)

```
#--2SLS--
beta_TSLS <- solve(XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTy
ehat_TSLS <- y - X %*% beta_TSLS
s2hat_TSLS <- sum(ehat_TSLS^2)/n
eZZ_TSLS <- matrix(0, nrow=Zcol, ncol=Zcol)
for (i in 1:n){
  eZZ_TSLS <- eZZ_TSLS + ehat_TSLS[i]^2 * t(Z[i,,drop=F]) %*% Z[i,,drop=F]
}
vbeta_TSLS <- s2hat_TSLS * solve(XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX)
vbeta_TSLS_rob <- solve(XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*%
  eZZ_TSLS %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX %*% solve(XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX)
TSLS_results <- cbind(estimates = beta_TSLS,
                      s.e. = sqrt(diag(vbeta_TSLS)),
                      s.e.robust = sqrt(diag(vbeta_TSLS_rob)))
```

Example 2 2SLS Estimates (from formulas)

```
TSLS_results %>% round(4)
```

	ln_earn	s.e.	s.e.robust
const	-0.3843	0.1915	0.2088
age	0.0032	0.0008	0.0009
ln_tenure	0.1399	0.0096	0.0098
educ	0.2205	0.0131	0.0143

Example 2 2SLS Estimates (from ivreg package)

```
mdl2_iv <- ivreg(ln_earn ~ age + ln_tenure + educ |  
                 age + ln_tenure + feduc + meduc, data=dat)  
mdl2_iv_coef <- summary(mdl2_iv)$coef  
attr(mdl2_iv_coef, "df") <- NULL  
attr(mdl2_iv_coef, "nobs") <- NULL  
mdl2_iv_coef %>% round(4)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.3843	0.1916	-2.0058	0.0449
age	0.0032	0.0008	3.9523	0.0001
ln_tenure	0.1399	0.0096	14.5964	0.0000
educ	0.2205	0.0131	16.8675	0.0000

Examples 2 (2SLS, from ivreg package)

```
coeftest mdl2_iv, vcov=vcovHC(mdl2_iv, type="HC0") %>% round(4)
```

t test of coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.3843	0.2088	-1.8406	0.0657	.
age	0.0032	0.0009	3.7345	0.0002	***
ln_tenure	0.1399	0.0098	14.2368	<2e-16	***
educ	0.2205	0.0143	15.4326	<2e-16	***

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General Case

All formulas and results continue to apply to general case with K exogenous regressors, G endogenous regressors and M instruments, $M \geq G$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1^k + \cdots + \beta_K X_K^k + \beta_{K+1} X_{K+1}^g + \cdots + \beta_{K+G} X_{K+G}^g + \epsilon$$

with

- instrumental variables $Z_1, \dots, Z_K, Z_{K+1}, \dots, Z_{K+M}$
- $Z_1 = X_1^k, \dots, Z_K = X_K^k$
- $E(\epsilon) = 0$ and $cov(Z_j, \epsilon) = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, K + M$

Only change is Z is $n \times K + M + 1$ and X is $n \times K + G + 1$

Generalized Method of Moments

Session 8.5 (Optimal) Generalized Method of Moments (GMM)

- Simplified version
- encompasses MM and TSLS as special cases

Generalized Method of Moments

Minimizing $J(W)$ gives

$$\hat{\beta}_W^{gmm} = (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W Z^T y \quad (\text{Exercise!})$$

- Obviously MM is GMM with $W = I_n$ and 2SLS is GMM with $W = (Z^T Z)^{-1}$
- Consistency:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_W^{gmm} &= (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W Z^T y \\ &= \beta + (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W Z^T \epsilon \\ &= \beta + [(\frac{1}{n} X^T Z) W (\frac{1}{n} Z^T X)]^{-1} (\frac{1}{n} X^T Z) W (\frac{1}{n} Z^T \epsilon) \xrightarrow{p} \beta\end{aligned}$$

Generalized Method of Moments

Variance:

Under homoskedasticity:

$$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_W^{gmm}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W (Z^T Z)^{-1} W Z^T X (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1}$$

Heteroskedasticity-robust

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_W^{gmm}) \\ = (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,gmm}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right) W Z^T X (X^T Z W Z^T X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Optimal GMM

Optimal Choice of Weights?

It turns out (proof omitted) that an optimal choice of weights is

$$W^* = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,gmm}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right)^{-1}$$

Optimal GMM

Two-step approach:

- Compute $\hat{\beta}_W^{gmm}$ for some (non-optimal) weighting matrix W .
 - Common choice is to use $W = (Z^T Z)^{-1}$, which gives the (inefficient but consistent) 2SLS estimator $\hat{\beta}^{2sls}$, calculate $\hat{\epsilon}_{i,2sls}$
 - Calculate $W^* = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,2sls}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right)^{-1}$
 - Calculate the optimal GMM estimator as

$$\hat{\beta}^{gmm} = (X^T Z W^* Z^T X)^{-1} X^T Z W^* Z^T y.$$

Variance:

- $$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}^{gmm}) = \left(X^T Z \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\epsilon}_{i,gmm}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*} \right)^{-1} Z^T X \right)^{-1}$$

Optimal GMM

Form of the variance of the optimal GMM estimator *under conditional homoskedasticity* is the same as that of 2SLS

- 2SLS is as good as optimal GMM under homoskedasticity
- 2SLS and two-step implementation of optimal GMM are not numerically identical, but both are asymptotically efficient

Optimal GMM

Example 3: We calculate GMM estimates and s.e. for earnings2019 example

Earlier we calculated

- 2SLS residuals as `ehat_2SLS`
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,2sls}^2 Z_{i*}^T Z_{i*}$ as `eZZ_TOLS`
- calculated $X^T Z$, $Z^T X$, $Z^T Z$ and $Z^T y$ as `XTZ`, `ZTX`, `ZTZ` and `ZTy`

Optimal GMM

```
W <- solve(eZZ_TSLS)
beta_GMM <- solve(XTZ %*% W %*% ZTX) %*% XTZ %*% W %*% ZTy
ehat_GMM <- y - X %*% beta_GMM
s2_GMM <- mean(ehat_GMM^2)
vbeta_GMM <- s2_GMM * solve(XTZ %*% solve(ZTZ) %*% ZTX)
eZZ_GMM <- matrix(0, nrow=Zcol, ncol=Zcol)
for (i in 1:n){
  eZZ_GMM <- eZZ_GMM + ehat_GMM[i]^2 * t(Z[i,,drop=F]) %*% Z[i,,drop=F]
}
vbeta_GMM_rob <- solve(XTZ %*% solve(eZZ_GMM) %*% ZTX)
GMM_results <- cbind(estimates = beta_GMM,
                      s.e. = sqrt(diag(vbeta_GMM)),
                      s.e.robust = sqrt(diag(vbeta_GMM_rob)))
```


Optimal GMM

```
# Computed as in previous slide
```

GMM results %>% round(4)

	ln_earn	s.e.	s.e.robust
const	-0.3690	0.1913	0.2086
age	0.0032	0.0008	0.0009
ln_tenure	0.1404	0.0096	0.0098
educ	0.2194	0.0130	0.0143

- s.e. is appropriate s.e. for opt. GMM under homoskedasticity
- estimates and s.e. differ from TSLS estimates and s.e., but both are “optimal”
- under heteroskedasticity, opt. GMM with robust s.e. preferred
- in this example, not much difference between TSLS and GMM

```
# Using `gmm` package
```

```
GMM_results_pkg <- gmm(
  ln_earn ~ age + ln_tenure + educ,
  ~ age + ln_tenure + feduc + meduc,
  data = dat, wmatrix = "optimal",
  vcov = "MDS", type = "twoStep")
summary(GMM_results_pkg)$coef[,1:2] %>%
  round(4)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error
(Intercept)	-0.3690	0.2086
age	0.0032	0.0009
ln_tenure	0.1404	0.0098
educ	0.2194	0.0143

Testing Linear Restrictions

Session 8.6 Inference after GMM Estimation

We can do usual t- and F-tests after GMM estimation

the “Wald” statistic for jointly testing J number of linear hypotheses $H_0 : R\beta = r$ where R is $J \times (K + 1)$ and r is $(K + 1) \times 1$,

$$W = (R\hat{\beta}^{gmm} - r)^T (R \widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}^{gmm}) R^T)^{-1} (R\hat{\beta}^{gmm} - r) \stackrel{a}{\sim} \chi^2_{(J)}$$

(This is the usual asymptotic version of F-test)

Testing Linear Restrictions

Continuing with our example

$$\ln \text{earn} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{age} + \beta_2 \ln \text{tenure} + \beta_3 \text{educ} + \epsilon,$$

Test $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ and $\beta_2 = \beta_3$ or $(\beta_2 - \beta_3 = 0)$

```
R = matrix(c(0,1,0,0,0,0,1,-1), nrow=2, byrow=TRUE)
r = matrix(c(0,0), ncol=1)
b = beta_GMM
V = vbeta_GMM_rob
F_stat = t(R %*% b-r) %*% solve(R %*% V %*% t(R)) %*% (R %*% b-r)
cat("F:",F_stat,", p-value:", 1-pchisq(F_stat,nrow(R)))
```

F: 23.78748 , p-value: 6.833054e-06

Testing for Weak Instruments

Weak instruments (those poorly correlated with the endogenous regressors) will result in estimators with poor finite sample properties (high variance, possibly large finite sample biases)

To check for weak instruments, run the “first stage regression” (as though doing 2SLS manually), i.e.,

- Regress each endogenous regressor on all exogenous regressors and instruments
- Test for significance of the instruments in the first stage regressions
- F-statistics should be large (on the order of 20 or so)

Testing for Weak Instruments

The “First Stage Regression” in our example is

$$educ_i = \delta_0 + \delta_1 age_i + \delta_2 \ln tenure_i + \delta_3 feduc_i + \delta_4 meduc_i$$

and the hypothesis of invalid instrument is $H_0 : \delta_3 = \delta_4 = 0$.

Testing for Weak Instruments

```
mdl_firststage <- lm(educ ~ age+ln_tenure+feduc+meduc, data=dat)
linearHypothesis(mdl_firststage, c('feduc=0','meduc=0'),
                 vcov=vcovHC(mdl_firststage,type="HC1"))
```

Linear hypothesis test

Hypothesis:

feduc = 0

meduc = 0

Model 1: restricted model

Model 2: educ ~ age + ln_tenure + feduc + meduc

Note: Coefficient covariance matrix supplied.

	Res.Df	Df	F	Pr(>F)
1	4943			
2	4941	2	252.69	< 2.2e-16 ***

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Tests of Overidentifying Restrictions

- In the over-identified case, we have $J(W) > 0$
- However, if moment conditions **do** hold, then
 - sample moment conditions should hold approximately, and
 - $J(W)$ will be close to zero
 - It can be shown that

$$J \stackrel{a}{\sim} \chi^2_{(M-G)}$$

$M - G$ is the number of “overidentifying restrictions” (number of excess instruments)

- “Test of Overidentified Restrictions” or J -test

Tests of Overidentifying Restrictions

- Significant J -stat indicates that one or more of the moment conditions do not hold
 - perhaps one (or more) of the presumed exog. regressors is actually endogenous, or
 - one of the instruments is not exogenous, or
 - some combination of these situations

In our example we have one extra moment restriction so we can carry out the J-test:

```
J <- t(ZTy - ZTX %*% beta_GMM) %*% solve(eZZ_GMM) %*% (ZTy - ZTX %*% beta_GMM)
Jpval <- 1-pchisq(J,ncol(Z)-ncol(X))
cat("J-stat:", J, "    p-value:", Jpval)
```

J-stat: 8.168 p-value: 0.004263589

The J-statistic indicates some misspecification

Testing Endogeneity

If we have valid instruments, we can test if one or more (or all) of the endogenous regressors can be treated as exogenous

In $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$ suppose

- $X = [1_n \quad X_{1*}^k \quad \dots \quad X_{K*}^k \quad X_{K+1,*}^g \quad \dots \quad X_{K+G,*}^g]$
- $Z = [1_n \quad X_{1*}^k \quad \dots \quad X_{K*}^k \quad Z_{K+1,*} \quad \dots \quad Z_{K+M,*}]$

The population moment conditions are $E(Z^T \epsilon) = 0$

Is X_{K+1}^g actually exogenous? If so, then we can add it to the vector Z

- $\tilde{Z} = [1_n \quad X_{1*}^k \quad \dots \quad X_{K*}^k \quad X_{K+1,*}^g \quad Z_{K+1,*} \quad \dots \quad Z_{K+M,*}]$

The population moment conditions become $E(\tilde{Z}^T \epsilon) = 0$

Testing Endogeneity

- Estimate the regression equation using instrument set Z , get J_Z
- Estimate the regression equation using instrument set $\tilde{Z}$, get $J_{\tilde{Z}}$
 - If in fact X_{K+1}^g is exogenous, both J -statistics should be close in value (with $J_{\tilde{Z}}$ larger than J_Z since more moment conditions are involved when using $\tilde{Z}$).
 - If X_{K+1}^g is in fact not exogenous, then there should be significant difference between J_Z and $J_{\tilde{Z}}$
- Under the null that $X_{K+1,i}^g$ is exogenous, the difference-in- J statistic is

$$C = J_{\tilde{Z}} - J_Z \stackrel{a}{\sim} \chi_Q^2$$

where Q is the no. of endog. vars. being tested for exogeneity (here $Q = 1$)

Testing Endogeneity

Continuing with our example, test if *educ* can be treated as exogenous

One complication is that to ensure $C > 0$, the weight matrix used in computing $J(Z)$ has to be the appropriate submatrix of the weight matrix used in computing $J(\tilde{Z})$

This is implemented in the R code below

```
# C-Statistic, checking if "educ" is endogenous
#-- GMM when "educ" is exogenous
# set up matrices
Zr <- dat %>% select(c(const, age, ln_tenure, educ, feduc, meduc)) %>% as.matrix()
Zrcol <- dim(Zr)[2]
ZrTX <- t(Zr) %*% X ; XTZr <- t(X) %*% Zr ; ZrTZr <- t(Zr) %*% Zr ; ZrTy <- t(Zr) %*% y
```

Testing Endogeneity

```
#-- Get the necessary weight matrices
beta_TSLS_a <- solve(XTZr %%% solve(ZrTZr) %%% ZrTX) %%% XTZr %%% solve(ZrTZr) %%% ZrTy
ehat_TSLS_a <- y - X %%% beta_TSLS_a
eZZ_TSLS_a <- matrix(0, nrow=Zrcol, ncol=Zrcol)
for(i in 1:n){
  eZZ_TSLS_a <- eZZ_TSLS_a + ehat_TSLS_a[i]^2 * t(Zr[i,,drop=F]) %%% Zr[i,,drop=F]
}
W_a <- solve(eZZ_TSLS_a)
W_b <- W_a[-4,-4] # fourth row and column associated with educ
#--GMM with educ exog
beta_GMM_a <- solve(XTZr %%% W_a %%% ZrTX) %%% XTZr %%% W_a %%% ZrTy
ehat_GMM_a <- y - X %%% beta_GMM_a
J_a <- t(t(Zr) %%% ehat_GMM_a) %%% W_a %%% t(Zr) %%% ehat_GMM_a
#--GMM with educ endo
beta_GMM_b <- solve(XTZ %%% W_b %%% ZTX) %%% XTZ %%% W_b %%% ZTy
ehat_GMM_b <- y - X %%% beta_GMM_b
J_b <- t(t(Z) %%% ehat_GMM_b) %%% W_b %%% t(Z) %%% ehat_GMM_b
```

Testing Endogeneity

```
C_stat <- J_a - J_b  
cat("C:",C_stat,", p-value:", 1-pchisq(C_stat,ncol(Zr)-ncol(Z)))
```

C: 46.38576 , p-value: 9.711898e-12

We soundly reject the null that *educ* is exogenous

Implementation in Stata

We mention that GMM is easily implemented in econometrics software like Stata

You could use the following Stata code

```
import delimited "data\earnings2019.csv", clear
gen ln_earn = ln(earnings)
gen ln_tenure = ln(tenure)
ivregress gmm ln_earn (educ = feduc meduc) age ln_tenure
estat firststage
estat overid
estat endog
```

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