

Econometrics 710
Final Exam, Spring 2010

$$\begin{aligned}y_i &= \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i \\ \mathbf{x}_i &= \boldsymbol{\Pi}' \mathbf{z}_i + \mathbf{u}_i \\ E(\mathbf{z}_i e_i) &= 0 \\ E(\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{u}'_i) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The dimensions are: \mathbf{x}_i , \mathbf{u}_i , and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ are $k \times 1$, \mathbf{z}_i is $\ell \times 1$ where $\ell \geq k > 1$, $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ is $\ell \times k$ and y_i and e_i are 1×1 .

The difficulty in the problem is that $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$ are not jointly observed.

Instead, we have two independent samples from the marginal distributions of (y, \mathbf{z}) and (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) :

- Sample 1: iid observations of (y_i, \mathbf{z}_i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$
- Sample 2: iid observations of $(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{z}_j)$, $j = 1, \dots, J$

You can imagine that you have two independent samples from the same joint distribution, but in the first sample \mathbf{x}_i is missing, and in the second sample y_j is missing.

1. Write out the reduced form equations:

- Write the reduced form equation for y_i as a function of \mathbf{z}_i , $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, and $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$.
- Explicitly write the error in this reduced form as a function of the errors e_i and \mathbf{u}_i and parameters.
- Write the population parameter $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ as a function of population moments of $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i, \boldsymbol{\Pi})$
- Write the population parameter $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ as a function of population moments of $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i)$
- What is the condition for identification of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$?

2. Define $\mathbf{Q} = E(\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{z}'_i)$.

- Write out estimators $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$ for \mathbf{Q} using Sample 1 and Sample 2
- Find the probability limit of $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Find the probability limit of $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$ as $J \rightarrow \infty$
- Are the probability limits in (b) and (c) the same?
- Which estimator is more efficient?

3. Suppose you know $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$. Find an estimator $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Hint: Use the reduced form equation for y_i

- Write out this estimator.
- Which sample is used?
- Show that $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\beta}$. Which sample size (n or J) goes to infinity for this convergence?

4. Find an estimator $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}$ for $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$

- Write out the estimator.
- Which sample is used?
- Show that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\Pi}$. Which sample size (n or J) goes to infinity for this convergence?

5. Put your answers to 2 and 3 together to find an estimator $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ when $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ is unknown.

- Write down the estimator.
- Show that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \rightarrow_p \boldsymbol{\beta}$. What assumptions on n and J are required?