

# QE 2021

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No Uniform density :  $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$

$$\therefore f_x(x) = \frac{1}{1-(-1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X_i^k] = \int_{-1}^1 x^k \frac{1}{2} dx = \left[ \frac{1}{k+1} x^{k+1} \frac{1}{2} \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2(k+1)} 1^{k+1} \right] - \left[ \frac{1}{2(k+1)} (-1)^{k+1} \right]$$

~~$$(-1)^{k+1} = 1 \text{ if } k \text{ is odd}$$~~

$$(-1)^{k+1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ -1 & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$k$  is odd

$$E[X_i^k] = \frac{1}{2(k+1)} - \frac{1}{2(k+1)} = 0$$

$k$  is even

$$E[X_i^k] = \frac{1}{2(k+1)} + \frac{1}{2(k+1)} = \frac{2}{2(k+1)} = \frac{1}{k+1}$$

$$E[X_i^k] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k+1} & k = \text{even} \\ 0 & k = \text{odd.} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\text{var}(X_i^k) = E[X_i^{2k}] - (E[X_i^k])^2$$

$k = \text{odd}$  hence

$$E[X_i^k] = 0 \Rightarrow (E[X_i^k])^2 = 0$$

$$\text{var}(X_i^k) = E[X_i^{2k}]$$

$2k = \text{even}$ .

let  $2k = l$

$$E[X_i^l] = \frac{1}{1+l} \text{ for } l = \text{even}$$

hence

$$E[X_i^{2k}] = \frac{1}{1+2k}$$

$$\text{var}(X_i^k) = \frac{1}{1+2k}$$

(c) Lindeberg-Lévy CLT

Given that  $X_i^3$  has finite mean:  $E[X_i^3] = \mu = 0$   
and variance  $\text{var}(X_i^3) = \frac{1}{1+2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{7} = \sigma^2$

then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_i^3 - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3 - \mu \right)}{\sigma} = \frac{n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^3}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1/7)$$

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(a)

Unit roots:

$$\Delta W_t = \mu + \phi W_{t-1} + \gamma \Delta W_{t-1} + u_t.$$

$$W_t - W_{t-1} = \mu + (\phi + \gamma) W_{t-1} - \gamma W_{t-2} + u_t.$$

$$W_t = \mu + (\phi + \gamma + 1) W_{t-1} - \gamma W_{t-2} + u_t.$$

Unit root if  $\phi + \gamma + 1 - \gamma = 1$

or if  $\phi = 0$

$\therefore$  test:

$$H_0: \phi = 0$$

$$H_1: \phi < 0$$

ADF test constant only

(since no trend in these models)

$$t = \frac{\hat{\phi}}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\phi})} \xrightarrow{D} DF_{cn}$$

Decision rule: reject  $H_0$  if  $t < C_\alpha$

(one sided since  $\phi > 0 \Rightarrow$  explosive process  
which is implausible: never seen in  
macro data)

$X_t$ :

$$t\text{-stat: } t = -3.99$$

$$-3.99 < -3.43 \quad (DF_{0.01})$$

$\therefore$  reject  $H_0$

hence  ~~$\{X_t\}$  has unit root.~~

at

there is evidence at 1% significance that  $\{X_t\}$  ~~has unit root~~ is stationary

$Y_t$ :

$$t = -2.04$$

$$-2.04 \neq -2.86 \quad (\text{DF crit. val. at } 10\%)$$

$\therefore$  do not reject  $H_0$

$\Rightarrow$   ~~$\{Y_t\}$  is~~ evidence suggests  $\{Y_t\}$  has unit root. ~~is stationary.~~

$Z_t$ :

$$t = -2.23$$

$$-2.23 \neq -2.86 \quad (\text{DF crit. val. at } 10\%)$$

$\therefore$  do not reject  $H_0$

evidence suggests  $\{Z_t\}$  has unit root. ~~stationary.~~

(b)

Spurious regression: systematic tendency to find statistically significant regression relationships between  $I(1)$  time series.

$X_t$  on  $Y_t$ ?

Not spurious since  $X_t \sim I(0)$  (stationary)

$Z_t$  on  $Y_t$ ?

Both are  $I(1)$  time series since we ~~accept~~ do not reject  $H_0: \phi = 1$  for  $\{Z_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  but do reject  $H_0: \phi = 1$  for  $\{\Delta Z_t\}$  and  $\{\Delta Y_t\}$

$$[t \text{ stats: } \quad -6.18 \text{ and } -7.68 < -3.43 \\ (\Delta X_t) \quad (\Delta Z_t)]$$

$\therefore$  evidence to reject null at 1%]

and if differences are stationary ( $I(0)$ ) then levels are  $I(1)$ .



But  $Z_t$  &  $Y_t$  share common stochastic  
trend  $u_t$

co-integrated  $\Rightarrow$  not spurious.

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(a)

(i)

containing 2 children  $\Rightarrow D_i = 1$

$$(3) Y_i = \beta_0 + 0.044X_i + 1.551D_i + 0.025X_iD_i + \hat{u}_i$$

for 2 children  $D_i = 1$

$$Y_i = (\beta_0 + 1.551) + (0.044 + 0.025)X_i + \hat{u}_i$$

$\therefore$  increasing income by £1 would increase expenditure on food per day by £0.069 for families with 2 kids

(ii)

for 2 kids  $\Delta Y_i$  wrt. unit  $\Delta X$  is 0.069  
otherwise  $\Delta Y_i$  wrt. unit  $\Delta X$  is 0.044

Mean value  $D_i = 0.61$

$\therefore$  61% houses do not have 2 kids, while 39% do.

$$0.61 \times 1500 = 915 \quad 0.39 \times 1500 = 585$$

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{915 \cdot 0.069 + 585 \cdot 0.044}{1500}$$

$$\bar{Y} = 0.05325$$

$$\bar{Y} = 0.05925$$

(b)

test same for 2 children + not.

F-test:

$$H_0: \hat{\beta}_D = \hat{\beta}_{XD} = 0$$

$$H_1: \hat{\beta}_I \neq 0 \quad \text{for } \exists I \in \{D, XD\}$$

unrestricted model:

$$Y_i = \hat{\beta}_{\text{const}} + \hat{\beta}_{X,UN} X_i + \hat{\beta}_{D,UN} D_i + \hat{\beta}_{XD,UN} X_i D_i + \hat{u}_{i,UN}$$

restricted model:

$$Y_i = \hat{\beta}_{\text{const}} + \hat{\beta}_{X,RS} X_i + \hat{u}_{i,RS}$$

$$SSR_{UN} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_{i,UN}^2 = 202154$$

$$SSR_{RS} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_{i,RS}^2 = 211685$$

$$F = \frac{SSR_{RS} - SSR_{UN}}{SSR_{UN}} \cdot \frac{n-k-1}{q} \quad \begin{matrix} q=2 & k=3 \\ n=1500 \end{matrix}$$

Where  $F \xrightarrow{0} F_{2, \infty}$

$$F = \frac{211685 - 202154}{202154} \cdot \frac{(1500 - 3 - 1)}{2} = \frac{95.3}{29.526}$$

reject if  $F > C_{\alpha}$   $C_{5\%}$  for  $F_{2, \infty} = 3$

$$\frac{95.2}{29.526} > 3$$

$\therefore$  reject  $H_0$ , there is sufficient evidence at 5% sig to reject that the relationship between exp. on food & income is the same for households w one + two children.

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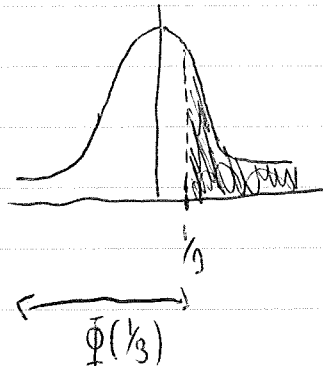
(a)

$$W \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$W_{i,09} \sim N(10, 3^2) \quad (\text{by assumption})$$

$$Z_{i,09} = \frac{W_{i,09} - 10}{3} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Z_{i,09}^{11} = \frac{11 - 10}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$P(Z_{i,09} > \frac{1}{3}) = 1 - \Phi(\frac{1}{3})$$

$$= 0.369$$

$$P(Z_{i,09} \geq \frac{1}{3}) = 0.369$$

(b)

Study 1:  $12.6 - 10.5 = \boxed{2.1 \text{ (£/hr)}}$   $\frac{2.1}{10.5} = 0.2 \therefore 20\% \text{ increase for participants}$

Study 2:  $12.4 - 10 = \boxed{2.4 \text{ (£/hr)}}$   $\frac{2.4}{10} = 0.24 \therefore 24\% \text{ increase for participants}$

(c)

Study i:

C: control

T: treatment

$$H_0: \mu_C = \mu_T \Rightarrow \mu_C - \mu_T = 0$$

$$H_1: \mu_C \neq \mu_T \Rightarrow \mu_C - \mu_T \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{w}_{C,11} - \bar{w}_{T,11} - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{C,11}^2}{n_C} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{T,11}^2}{n_T}}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

$$t = \frac{10.5 - 12.6}{\sqrt{\frac{3.1^2}{50} + \frac{3.5^2}{50}}} = -3.279$$

Decision rule: reject if  $|t| > C_{\alpha}$

let  $\alpha = 0.05$

$\therefore C_{0.05} = 1.96$  for  $N(0, 1)$

$$|-3.279| > 1.96$$

$\therefore$  reject evidence to reject  $H_0$  at 5% significance.

$\therefore$  evidence to suggest mean earnings are affected by JTP

Study 2:

$$H_0: \mu_{11} = \mu_{10} \Rightarrow \mu_{11} - \mu_{10} = 0$$

$$H_1: \mu_{11} \neq \mu_{10} \Rightarrow \mu_{11} - \mu_{10} \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{w}_{11} - \bar{w}_{10} - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{11}^2}{n_{11}} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{10}^2}{n_{10}}}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$$

$$H_0: E[\bar{w}_{11} - \bar{w}_{10}] = 0$$

$$H_1: E[\bar{w}_{11} - \bar{w}_{10}] \neq 0$$

assumption: ~~studies~~ samples are independent!!

Study 2:

$$H_0: E[W_{11} - W_{10}] = 0$$

$$H_1: E[W_{11} - W_{10}] \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{(\bar{w}_{11} - \bar{w}_{10}) - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{W_{11}-W_{10}}^2}{n}}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1)$$

$$t = \frac{2.4}{\sqrt{\frac{4.3^2}{100}}} = 5.58$$

reject if  $|t| > CV_\alpha$   
 $\alpha = 0.05 \quad \therefore$  for  $N(0,1) \quad CV_{0.05} = 1.96$

$$5.58 > 1.96$$

$\therefore$  sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$   
that JTP had no effect on  
on mean earnings.

(d)

Strengths:

• Study 1:

• Control group allows for comparison between treatment & control to ensure that increase in hourly wage is not caused by a factor other than JTP

e.g. Economic upturn post 2008 crash could be a reason for rising wages.

• Study 2:

• Str. Wage change recorded hence can tell how wage has changed from JTP.

• Large sample.

Weaknesses

• Study 1:

• No initial wage  $\therefore$  may be the case that treatment group had higher wage pre JTP than control group.

• Study 2:

• No control  $\therefore$   $\Delta$  wages per hour could be due to ~~econom~~ state of economy / factors other than JTP.

• Would like to know:

• Was assignment random?

• If so then no selection bias  
+ also negates weakness of study 1  
since RTC  $\Rightarrow$  no selection bias

$\therefore$  Study (1) would be very useful.

(e)

• Estimated effects of JTP are 2.1 (£/hr) and 2.4 (£/hr) for study 1 and 2 respectively

• Further, as part (c) showed, these results are statistically significant.

HOWEVER:

• Without knowing whether samples were randomly selected we cannot make the claim that the JTP will have a causal effect on (£/hr) when rolled out, since it could be the case that selection bias means that the wage increase may not be due to JTP

[Endogeneity problem:

• In Study 1 wage  $\uparrow$  could be due to fact better workers opted for JTP

• In study 2 wage  $\uparrow$  could be due to economic upturn]

• Also not necessarily the case that JTP will work for all workers, may depend on their skills

• May not be scalable.



(5)

(a)

State dummies ~~control for~~ = proxy to control for regional unmeasured differences that might be linked to region, such as:  
• Diet, standard of healthcare, pollution, exercise culture ...

Only include 49 to avoid problem of perfect multicollinearity

If include all state dummies then the 49 will perfectly explain the 50<sup>th</sup>, in this case FOL fails since regressors perfectly explain one another, hence  $\widetilde{\text{Smoked}}_i$  from the regression

$$\text{Smoked}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{age}_i + \sum_{k=1}^{50} \beta_k D_{ki} + \widetilde{\text{Smoked}}_i$$

$\beta_1$  is very small  $\therefore \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(y, \tilde{X}_1)}{\text{var}(\tilde{X}_1)}$

$= \text{low} \Rightarrow \text{large } \hat{\beta}_1$

(b)

Causal effect : OR may not hold  
 $\text{cov}(\text{smoked}_i, u_i) \neq 0$

Since other factors that ~~cause~~ effect birthweight may be correlated with smoking, such as excessive drinking or diet.

Hence  $\hat{\beta}_1$  may pick up some of these effects on  $\text{bweight}_i$ , and hence

$\hat{\beta}_1$  does not estimate the causal effect of smoking on bweight.

(c)

Instrument may remove endogeneity issue and hence provide causal estimate of effect of smoking on bweight.

Assumptions:

Z1: Relevance :  $\text{cov}(\text{smoking}_i, \text{tax}_i) \neq 0$

• Plausible since tax levied will effect the price of cigarettes, which will in turn effect the amount of smoking.

Z2: Exogeneity :  $\text{cov}(\text{tax}_i, u_i) = 0$

• Plausible since it is unlikely that cigarette tax is corr. with other factors that effect babies birthweight.

Z3: Exclusion :  $\text{tax}_i$  has no direct effect on bweight<sub>i</sub>.

• Plausible since it is hard to think of another way in which tax could effect bweight other than via smoking.

## Empirical evidence?

• Regression [1] (tax on smoked)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{tax}} = \text{returned effect} : \hat{\beta}_{\text{tax}} = -0.035 \\ (0.005)$$

$$\text{test : } H_0 : E[\beta_{\text{tax}}] = 0$$

$$H_1 : \beta_{\text{tax}} \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_{\text{tax}} - \beta_{\text{tax}}}{\text{S.e}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{tax}})} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$$

$$t = \frac{-0.035 - 0}{0.005} = -7$$

reject  $H_0$  if  $|t| > CV_{\alpha}$   $\alpha = 0.05$

$$\therefore CV_{0.05} = 1.96 \\ \text{for } N(0, 1)$$

$$|-7| = 7 > 1.96$$

∴ reject null that tax has  
no effect on smoking  
∴  $\text{Cov}(\text{smoke}_i, \text{tax}_i) \neq 0$

∴ Z1 is met empirically

• Can't use [4] to test Z3 since in [4]  
effect of tax<sub>i</sub> on bwght<sub>i</sub>: may be via smoked<sub>i</sub>  
~~is that is:~~

$$\text{Z3} \cdot \text{Exclusion (tax does not enter in causal model)} \neq \text{Cov}(\text{bwght}_i, \text{tax}_i)$$

- that is, assumption Z3 (exclusion)  
which says that tax<sub>i</sub> cannot  
enter into causal model for  
bweight<sub>i</sub>; does not imply that

$$\text{Cov}(\text{tax}_i, \text{bweight}_i) = 0 \quad !!$$

(which is what we would  
be testing)

(d)

OLS & 2SLS return different s.e.'s due to  
different efficiency

- OLS is best linear unbiased estimator
- ∴ 2SLS is less efficient than OLS
- ⇒ returns ~~lower~~ higher s.e.()

(e)

(i)

Model [4]

$$\frac{\partial \text{bweight}}{\partial \text{tax}} = 20$$

∴ \$1 increase → 20g ↑ in bweight.

(ii)

Model [3]

$$\frac{\partial \text{bweight}}{\partial \text{smoke}} = -564$$

lowest smoking by 20 p. packs

⇒ increase bweight

by  $0.2 \times 564 = 112.8\text{g}$ .

(f)

ILS:

$$\text{bweight}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{smoked} + \dots + u_i$$

$$\text{smoked}_i = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \text{tax}_i + \dots + v_i$$

$$\text{bweight}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \gamma_0 + \beta_1 \gamma_1 \text{tax}_i + \dots + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\text{let } \beta_1 \gamma_1 = \pi_1$$

we have :

$$\hat{\pi}_1 = 20$$

(7.4)

$$\hat{\gamma}_1 = -0.035$$

(0.05)

hence

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\gamma}_1} = \frac{20}{-0.035} = \boxed{-571.43}$$

# QE 2020

(1)

(a)

$$Y_i = (1-p)^{1-y_i} (p)^{y_i} \text{ for } y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1-p)^{1-y_i} (p)^{y_i}$$

$$E[\bar{Y}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[Y_i]$$

$$Y_i = (1-p)^{1-y} (p)^y \text{ for } y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$E[Y_i] = 1 \cdot p + 0 \cdot (1-p) = p$$

$$E[\bar{Y}] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n p = \frac{1}{n} np = \underline{\underline{p}}$$

$$\text{var}(\bar{Y}) = \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right)$$

$$\text{var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(Y_i) + 2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \text{cov}(Y_i, Y_j)}_{\text{iid draws here}}$$

$$\text{cov}(Y_i, Y_j) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$\text{var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(Y_i)$$

$$\text{var}(Y_i) = E[Y_i^2] - (E[Y_i])^2 = E[Y_i^2] - p^2$$

$$E[Y_i^2] = p \cdot 1^2 + (1-p) \cdot 0^2 = p$$

$$\text{var}(Y_i) = \cancel{p(p-1)} p(1-p)$$

$$\text{var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n p(1-p) = \frac{1}{n^2} n p(1-p)$$

$$\boxed{\text{var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

(b)

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}]}{(\text{var}(\bar{Y}))^{1/2}} \quad (\text{var}(\bar{Y}))^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}])}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \quad \sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}]) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \text{var}(\hat{Y}_i))$$

by Lindeberg-Lévy CLT

$$\therefore \sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}]) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, p(1-p))$$

by Slutsky's theorem then

$$\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}])}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \xrightarrow{D} N\left(0, \frac{p(1-p)}{p(1-p)}\right) = N(0, 1)}$$

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - E[\bar{Y}]}{(\text{var}(\bar{Y}))^{1/2}} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1).$$

(c)

$$n = 100$$

$$p = 0.2$$

$$\bar{Y} \sim N(E[\bar{Y}])$$

$$E[\bar{Y}] = 0.2$$

$$\text{var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{(0.2)(0.8)}{100} = \frac{1}{625}$$

$$\text{s.d.}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\bar{Y} \sim N(0.2, \frac{1}{625})$$

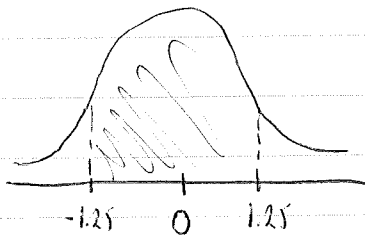
$$Z = \frac{\bar{Y} - 0.2}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{625}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{Y} - 0.2}{\frac{1}{25}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

testing  $\bar{Y} = \frac{15}{100} = 0.15$  and  $\bar{Y} = \frac{25}{100} = 0.25$

$$Z_1 = \frac{0.15 - 0.2}{\frac{1}{25}} = -1.25$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{0.25 - 0.2}{\frac{1}{25}} = 1.25$$



$$P(0.15 \leq \bar{Y} \leq 0.25) = P(-1.25 \leq Z \leq 1.25)$$

$$\Phi(1.25) - \Phi(-1.25) = \boxed{0.789}$$

hence

$$\boxed{P(0.15 \leq \bar{Y} \leq 0.25) = 0.789}$$



②

(a)

$$\text{MSFE}(m(y_t)) = \mathbb{E}[(y_{t+h} - m(y_t))^2]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left\{ (y_{t+h} - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]) - (m(y_t) - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]) \right\}^2\right]$$

$$\text{let } \varepsilon = y_{t+h} - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]$$

$$g(y) = m(y_t) - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(\varepsilon - g(y_t))^2] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon \cdot g(y_t)] + \mathbb{E}[g(y_t)^2]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon \cdot g(y_t)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon \cdot g(y_t) | y_t]\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[g(y_t) \cdot \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | y_t]\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | y_t] = \mathbb{E}\left[y_{t+h} - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t] \mid y_t\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t] | y_t]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t] - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{MSFE} = \mathbb{E}[(\varepsilon - g(y_t))^2] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^2] + \mathbb{E}[g(y_t)^2]$$

minimised when  $g(y_t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m(y_t) = \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t]$$

$$\boxed{\text{MSFE} = \mathbb{E}\left[(y_{t+h} - \mathbb{E}[y_{t+h} | y_t])^2\right]}$$

(b)

$$E[Y_{t+1} | Y_t] = \alpha_0 + Y_t$$

$$Y_{t+1} = \alpha_0 + Y_t + u_{t+1}$$

$$\text{where } E[u_{t+1} | Y_t] = 0 \text{ and } \text{Cov}(Y_t, u_{t+1}) = 0$$

An example of this would be when  $Y_{t+1}$  is a unit root AR(1) with deterministic trend

$\alpha_0$ : trend

unit root  $\Rightarrow \delta Y_t$  where  $\delta = 1$

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(a)

(i)

$$\hat{u}_i = W_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_x X_i - \hat{\beta}_c C_i - \hat{\beta}_T T_i$$

this is found by:

arg min  
 $\beta_0, \beta_x, \beta_c$

arg min  
 $\beta_0, \beta_x, \beta_c, \beta_T$

(+ drift)

NO EXPECTATIONS IN THE SAMPLE!

(3)

(a)

(i)

$$R_i = 1 - T_i - C_i \quad \text{or} \quad T_i = 1 - C_i - R_i$$

use

OLS:

$$\arg \min_{\beta_0, \beta_x, \beta_c, \beta_r} \sum_{i=1}^n (w_i - \beta_0 - \beta_x X_i - \beta_c C_i - \beta_r T_i)^2$$

(relevant) f.o.c.s:

$$0 = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n T_i (w_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_x X_i - \hat{\beta}_c C_i - \hat{\beta}_r T_i)$$

$$0 = E[T_i \hat{u}_i]$$

$$0 = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n C_i (w_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_x X_i - \hat{\beta}_c C_i - \hat{\beta}_r T_i)$$

$$0 = E[C_i \hat{u}_i]$$

$$(\hat{u}_i = w_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_x X_i - \hat{\beta}_c C_i - \hat{\beta}_r T_i)$$

$$\hat{Cov}(R_i, \hat{u}_i) = E[R_i \hat{u}_i] - E[R_i] E[\hat{u}_i]$$

$$= E[(1 - C_i - T_i) \hat{u}_i] - E[1 - C_i - T_i] E[\hat{u}_i]$$

$$= E[\hat{u}_i] - E[C_i \hat{u}_i] - E[T_i \hat{u}_i] - E[\hat{u}_i] + E[C_i] E[\hat{u}_i] + E[T_i] E[\hat{u}_i]$$

$$E[C_i \hat{u}_i] = 0 \Leftrightarrow E[T_i \hat{u}_i] = 0 \quad \text{by f.o.c.s}$$

$$\hat{Cov}(R_i, \hat{u}_i) = E[C_i] E[\hat{u}_i] + E[T_i] E[\hat{u}_i]$$

other f.o.c.:

$$0 = -2 E[(w_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_x X_i - \hat{\beta}_c C_i - \hat{\beta}_r T_i)] = E[\hat{u}_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Cov}(R_i, \hat{u}_i) = 0$$

Sample Covariance!!

(ii)

By OLS:

$$\textcircled{1} W_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_X X_i + \hat{\beta}_C C_i + \hat{\beta}_T T_i + \hat{u}_i$$

$$\textcircled{2} W_i = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_X X_i + \hat{\gamma}_C C_i + \hat{\gamma}_R R_i + \hat{u}_i \hat{v}_i$$

$$R_i = 1 - T_i - C_i$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{2} : W_i = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_X X_i + \hat{\gamma}_C C_i + \hat{\gamma}_R - \hat{\gamma}_R T_i - \hat{\gamma}_R C_i + \hat{u}_i$$

$$W_i = (\hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_R) + \hat{\gamma}_X X_i + (\hat{\gamma}_C - \hat{\gamma}_R) C_i - \hat{\gamma}_R T_i + \hat{u}_i \hat{v}_i$$

$$\textcircled{2} W_i = (\hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_R) + \hat{\gamma}_X X_i + (\hat{\gamma}_C - \hat{\gamma}_R) C_i - \hat{\gamma}_R T_i + \hat{v}_i$$

$$\textcircled{1} W_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_X X_i + \hat{\beta}_C C_i + \hat{\beta}_T T_i + \hat{u}_i$$

let  $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_X X_i + \hat{\beta}_C C_i + \hat{\beta}_T T_i = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_X X_i + \hat{\gamma}_C C_i + \hat{\gamma}_R R_i$

let  $\hat{\beta}_X = \hat{\gamma}_X$

then let  $C_i = 1$   $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_C = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_C$

let  $R_i = 1$   $\hat{\beta}_0 = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_R$

let  $T_i = 1$

$\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_T = \hat{\gamma}_0$

Omitted dummy  
= reference group!!

$\therefore \textcircled{1} \hat{\beta}_C =$  diff. between city & rural group.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_0 &= (\hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_R) \\ \hat{\beta}_X &= \hat{\gamma}_X \\ \hat{\beta}_C &= (\hat{\gamma}_C - \hat{\gamma}_R) \\ \hat{\beta}_T &= -\hat{\gamma}_R \end{aligned}$$

(b) using:

$$W_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_X X_i + \hat{\beta}_C C_i + \hat{\beta}_T T_i + u_i$$

$$W_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_X X_i + \hat{\beta}_C C_i + \hat{\beta}_T T_i + \hat{\gamma}_{XC} C_i X_i + \hat{\gamma}_{XT} T_i X_i + u_i$$

F-test:

$$H_0: \hat{\beta}_C = \hat{\beta}_T = 0 \quad \hat{\beta}_C \sim \hat{\beta}_T = 0$$

$$H_0 = \hat{\gamma}_{XC} = \hat{\gamma}_{XT} = 0$$

$$H_1: \hat{\beta}_C \neq \hat{\beta}_T \neq 0 \quad \hat{\beta}_T \neq 0 \quad \exists I \in \{C, T\} \quad \therefore K=6$$

$$a=2.$$

note that  $\hat{\beta}_T = -\hat{\gamma}_R$   $\therefore$  if  $\hat{\beta}_T = 0$  then  $\hat{\gamma}_R = 0$

X

Return to experience

Unrestricted model :  $W_i = \hat{\beta}_{0,UN} + \hat{\beta}_{X,UN} X_i + \hat{\beta}_{C,UN} C_i + \hat{\beta}_{T,UN} T_i + \hat{u}_{i,UN}$

Restricted model :  $W_i = \hat{\beta}_{0,RS} + \hat{\beta}_{X,RS} + \hat{u}_{i,RS}$

$$SSR_{UN} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_{i,UN}^2 \quad SSR_{RS} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_{i,RS}^2$$

$$F = \frac{SSR_{RS} - SSR_{UN}}{SSR_{UN}} \frac{n-k-1}{q}$$

$$q = \text{restrictions} = 2$$

$$k = \text{regressors (in UN)} = 3$$

$$F = \frac{(SSR_{RS} - SSR_{UN})(n-1)}{2 SSR_{UN}} \xrightarrow{D} F_{2, \infty}$$

reject  $H_0$  if  $F > cv_{\alpha}$

④

(a)

$$\hat{\mu}_t = 3,800$$

$$\hat{s}_t = 750 = \hat{\sigma}_t$$

$$n_t = 100$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{ut} = 3200$$

$$\hat{s}_d : 750 = \hat{\sigma}_{ut}$$

$$n_{ut} = 900$$

$$H_0: \mu_t = \mu_{ut} \Leftrightarrow \mu_t - \mu_{ut} = 0$$

$$H_1: \mu_t \neq \mu_{ut} \Leftrightarrow \mu_t - \mu_{ut} \neq 0$$

$$t_n = \frac{\hat{\mu}_t - \hat{\mu}_{ut} - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_t^2}{n_t} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{ut}^2}{n_{ut}}}} \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(0, 1) \quad \text{under } H_0$$

$$t_n = \frac{3800 - 3200}{\sqrt{\frac{750^2}{100} + \frac{750^2}{900}}} = 7.589$$

reject @  $\alpha = 0.05$  if  $|t| > cv_\alpha = 1.96$

$$7.589 > 1.96$$

$\therefore$  reject  $H_0$

there is sufficient evidence to suggest that mean earnings of those who participated are different to those who did not.

Assumption: the samples are ~~then~~ independent

- This likely does not hold since 100 workers opted to undertake the programme + 900 didn't
- It may be the case that the 100

who opted to participate were higher performing than those who did not, and undertook training to better themselves.

(b)

Endogeneity:

- Other causes of wage (e.g. work ethic, or competence) are likely correlated with whether or not a worker chooses to participate in the study programme.
- More driven workers are more likely to participate

∴ Endogeneity

∴ OR doesn't hold since participation is correlated with other factors that determine wages.

(c) RCT:

- Randomly assign treatment to participants ∴ treatment is independent of other factors by design

(d)

$$\begin{array}{llll} \hat{\mu}_t = 3625 & \text{vs} & \hat{\sigma}_t = 750 & n_t = 50 \\ \hat{\mu}_c = 3400 & & \hat{\sigma}_c = 750 & n_c = 150 \end{array}$$

same nulls and alternatives as before, also same decision rule

$$t = \frac{3625 - 3400 - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{750^2}{50} + \frac{750^2}{150}}} = 1.837$$

$$1.837 < 1.96$$

$\therefore$  not sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  at 5% significance level.

(e)

$$(\text{?}) \hat{\beta} = \hat{E}[Y | D=1] - \hat{E}[Y | D=0]$$

$$\hat{\beta} = 3625 - 3400 = 225$$

but no causal interpretation.

(f)

$$t = \frac{3625 - 3400}{\sqrt{\frac{750^2}{80} + \frac{750^2}{120}}} = 2.07$$

$$2.07 > 1.96$$

$\therefore$  sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

(g)

$$\max t = \frac{3625 - 400}{\sqrt{\frac{750^2}{x} + \frac{750^2}{y}}} \quad \text{where } x+y=A$$

implies

$$\min \sqrt{\frac{750^2}{x} + \frac{750^2}{A-x}}$$



$$\min \sqrt{\frac{750^2}{x} + \frac{750^2}{A-x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sqrt{\frac{750^2}{x} + \frac{750^2}{A-x}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( 750^2 x^{-1} + 750^2 (A-x)^{-1} \right)^{1/2}$$

$f(x) = x^2$  ~~is~~ monotonic transformation for  $x > 0$   
 $\therefore$  same minimum

of course  
 s.d.  $> 0$   
 always!!

$x > 0!$

$$\min 750^2 x^{-1} + 750^2 (A-x)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = -750^2 x^{-2} - (-1) 750^2 (A-x)^{-2}$$

$$0 = \frac{750^2}{(A-x)^2} - \frac{750^2}{x^2}$$

$$750^2 x^2 = 750^2 (A-x)^2$$

$$\cancel{750} x = \cancel{750} (A-x)$$

$$x = A - x$$

$$\boxed{x = y}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{x = \frac{A}{2} = y}$$

as required

SOC:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = 2 \cdot 750^2 x^{-3} + (-1)(-2) \cdot 750^2 (A-x)^{-3}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 750^2 \left[ \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{(A-x)^3} \right]$$

$$> 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \quad \forall A \geq x \geq 0$$

$\therefore$  local minimum.

(h)

predicted £225 ↑ in salaries

- note RTC was conducted on new employees  
∴ effect may be different for existing ones
- other companies work may not be that similar

(5)

(a)

$$v = \beta_2 X^2 + u$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[v|X] &= E[\beta_2 X^2 + u | X] \\ &= \beta_2 E[X^2|X] + E[u|X] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \beta_2 X^2$$

$$E[v|X] = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \beta_2 = 0$$

(b)

- $\beta_0$ 's of both regressions have relatively high s.e., high enough that in both cases we could not reject that  $\beta_0 = 0$

regr. Alice:

$$t = \frac{-0.01 - 0}{0.02} = -0.5$$

Bob:

$$t = \frac{0.03 - 0}{0.02} = 1.5$$

at 5% sig. reject  $H_0: \beta_0 = 0$  if  $|t| > 1.96$   
 Not the case  $\therefore$  assume  $\beta_0 = 0$

- $\beta_0$  for Bob also has relatively high s.e. such that could not reject  $H_0: \beta_0 = 0$

Bob:

$$t = \frac{-0.08}{0.21} = -0.38 \quad \text{reject if } |t| > 1.96$$

- rule of thumb  $\hat{\beta}$  estimates  $= (2) \cdot (\text{s.e.})$  and all other estimates meet this  $\therefore$  significant.

better:

$$v = y - \gamma_0 - \gamma_1 X$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[v] &= y - (E[y] - \gamma_1 E[X]) - \gamma_1 X \\ &= y - E[y] - \frac{\text{cov}(X, y)}{\text{var}(X)} (X - E[X]) \end{aligned}$$

sub in for  $y$ .

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= E[y] \\ &- \gamma_1 E[X] \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\text{Alice: } Y = 0 + 4.99X - 1.98X^2 + u$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{3A} \quad Y = 4.99X - 1.98X^2 + u \\ \textcircled{4A} \quad Y = -1.86 + 4.81X + v \end{array} \right\}$$

Bob:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{3B} \quad Y = 5X - 2.02X^2 + u \\ \textcircled{4B} \quad Y = X + v. \end{array} \right\}$$

how could differences have occurred?

• for Alice we can assume average  $X$  was approx. 1

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= 4.99 \cdot E[X] - 1.98 E[X^2] + E[u] \\ &= E[E[u|X]] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[Y] = -1.86 + 4.81 E[X] + 0$$

$$\therefore \text{ if } E[X] \approx 1 \text{ then } E[Y] = \begin{cases} 3.01 & \text{in } \textcircled{3A} \\ 2.95 & \text{in } \textcircled{4A} \end{cases}$$

$$E[Y] \approx 3$$

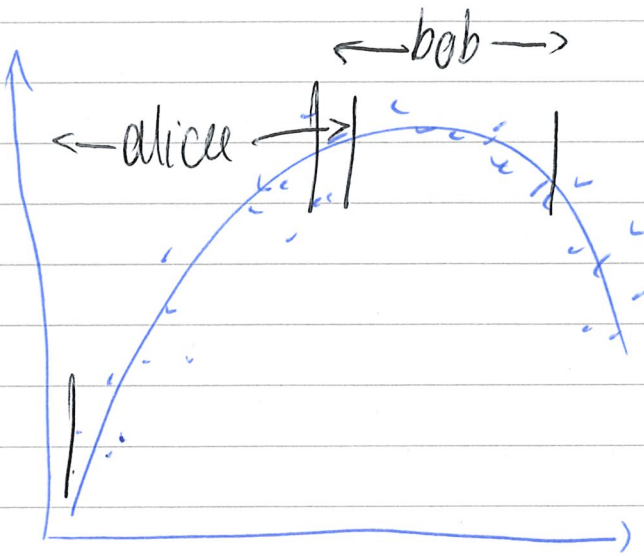
• for Bob we can assume  $E[X] \approx 0.4$

$$\text{then } E[Y] = \begin{cases} 10 - 2.02 \cdot 4 \approx 2 & \text{in } \textcircled{3B} \\ 0.4 \approx 2 & \text{in } \textcircled{4B} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  depended on size of  $E[X]$ .

Kevin Notes

(b)



using diff subsets  
of the data!!

Standard errors large for B when he  
has data further from zero!

for  $\hat{\beta}_0$

OR

(b)

$$\hat{y}_1 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_2 \frac{\text{cov}(X, X^2)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

~~$$\hat{y}_1 = \hat{\beta}_2 \frac{\text{cov}(X, X^2)}{\text{var}(X)} \hat{y}_1$$~~

~~$\therefore$  Alice must have had~~

~~$$4.81 = -1.98$$~~

Alice:

$$4.81 = 4.99 - 1.98 \frac{\text{cov}(X, X^2)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{cov}(X, X^2)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

must have been  
small

$\Rightarrow$  high  $\text{var}(X)$   
e

low  $\text{cov}(X, X^2)$

Bob:

So

$$1 = 5 - 2.02 \frac{\text{cov}(X, X^2)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

$\therefore$  must have been large than  
A

$\Rightarrow$  lower  $\text{var}(X)$  and higher  
 $\text{cov}(X, X^2)$ .

(c)

③

$$\left. \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \right|_{X=x} = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 x$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \right|_{X=x} = \gamma_1$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y, X)}{\text{var}(X)} = \frac{\text{Cov}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X^2 + u, X)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

$$= \frac{\underbrace{\text{Cov}(\beta_0, X)}_{=0 \text{ (Const)}} + \beta_1 \text{Cov}(X, X) + \beta_2 \text{Cov}(X^2, X) + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(u, X)}_{=0 \text{ (OR)}}}{\text{var}(X)}$$

$$= \beta_1 \frac{\text{var}(X)}{\text{var}(X)} + \beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X^2, X)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

hence

$$\gamma_1 = \cancel{\beta_1} + 2\cancel{\beta_2} x = \cancel{\beta_1} + \cancel{\beta_2} \frac{\text{Cov}(X^2, X)}{\text{var}(X)}$$

$$x = \frac{\text{Cov}(X^2, X)}{2 \text{var}(X)}$$

(d)

(i) Problematic si as showed by Alice e Bob, model will only fit data well for similar samples of  $Y$  and  $X$  and cannot be used causally

(ii)

danger over of over fitting...

Best to fit fifth order - polynomial and then sequential t test then

$H_0: \beta_i = 0$  until for  $i=5$ , then  $i=4$ , etc until insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

(e)

error = linear in errors.

~~$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Z + \beta_2 Z^2$~~

here  $\epsilon^2$  goes into constant!

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (\pi_0 + \pi_1 Z + \epsilon) + \beta_2 (\pi_0 + \pi_1 Z + \epsilon)^2 + u$$

$$Y = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \pi_0) + \beta_1 \pi_1 Z + \beta_2 (\pi_0^2 + 2\pi_0 \pi_1 Z + \pi_0 \epsilon + \pi_1^2 Z^2 + 2\pi_1 \pi_1 Z + \pi_1 \epsilon + \epsilon^2 + \pi_0 \epsilon + \pi_1 \epsilon Z) + u + \beta_2 \epsilon$$

$$Y = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \pi_0 + \pi_0^2) + (\beta_1 \pi_1 + 2\pi_0 \pi_1 + 2\pi_1 \epsilon) Z + \pi_1^2 Z^2 + u + \beta_1 \epsilon + \epsilon^2 + \pi_0 \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y|Z] &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 Z + \gamma_2 Z^2 + E[u + \beta_1 \epsilon + \epsilon^2 + \pi_0 \epsilon | Z] \\ &= \underbrace{E[u|Z]}_{=0} + \beta_1 \underbrace{E[\epsilon|Z]}_{=0} + \pi_0 \underbrace{E[\epsilon|Z]}_{=0} + E[\epsilon^2|Z] \end{aligned}$$

$$E[X|Z] = \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z$$

?



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(1)

(a)

$$\text{Var}(X) = \cancel{E[X^2]} \quad E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(a + bX + cY) &= E[(a + bX + cY)^2] - (E[a + bX + cY])^2 \\ &= E[a^2 + b^2X^2 + c^2Y^2 + 2abX + 2acY + 2bcXY] - (a + bEX + cEY)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + bX + cY)(a + bX + cY) &= \cancel{a^2} + b^2 E[X^2] + c^2 E[Y^2] + 2abE[X] + 2acE[Y] + 2bcE[XY] \\ &= a^2 + abX + acY + abX + b^2X^2 + bcYX + abX + acY + bcYX + c^2Y^2 \\ &= a^2 + 2abX + 2acY + 2bcYX + b^2X^2 + c^2Y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= b^2 [E[X^2] - (E[X])^2] + c^2 [E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2] \\ &\quad + 2bc [E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]] \end{aligned}$$

$$= b^2 \text{var}(X) + c^2 \text{var}(Y) + 2bc \text{cov}(X, Y)$$

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

~~(b)~~

~~$X \sim N(1, 7) \quad Y \sim N(4, 8)$~~

~~$Z = 2X + 3Y$  (sum of normals is normal hence  $Z \sim N$ )~~

~~$2X \sim N(1, 14) \quad 3Y \sim N(4, 72)$~~

~~$2X \sim N(1, 2 \cdot 7) \quad 3Y \sim N(4, 8 \cdot 3^2)$~~

~~$2X \sim N(1, 28) \quad 3Y \sim N(4, 72)$~~

(b)

$$E[X] = 1 \quad \text{var}(X) = 7 \quad \therefore \quad E[2X] = 2 \quad \text{var}(2X) = 2^2 \cdot 7 \\ = 28$$

$$E[Y] = 4 \quad \text{var}(Y) = 8 \quad \therefore \quad E[3Y] = 12 \quad \text{var}(3Y) = \cancel{108} \cdot 72$$

Sum of normal rvs is normal hence

$$Z \sim N(2 + 12, 28 + 72) \quad \text{given } X \text{ and } Y \\ \text{are independent.}$$

$$Z \sim N(14, 100)$$

$$\left[ \text{If they were dependent then } \text{var}(Z) \\ = \text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) + 2\text{cov}(X, Y) \right]$$

(c)

$$P(Z \geq 25) = \cancel{1} \quad Z = Q = \frac{Z - 14}{100} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{25 - 14}{100} = 0.11$$

$$P(Q \geq 0.11) = 1 - \phi(0.11) = \underline{\underline{0.456}}$$



(2)

$\{X_t\}$  granger causes  $\{Y_t\}$  if

$$E[(Y_{T+1} - E[Y_{T+1} | Y_T, X_T])^2]$$

$$< E[(Y_{T+1} - E[Y_{T+1} | Y_T])^2]$$

MSFE  $\wedge$  including  $X_T$   $<$  MSFE of  $Y_{T+1}$  without  $X_T$   
of  $Y_{T+1}$

Test: F-test

$$Y_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i X_{t-i} + u_i$$

•  $p=r$  other-wise extra predicatibility could just come from different no. of lags

• Test:

$$H_0: \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dots = \sigma_p = 0$$

Estimate:

$$\text{UN} \quad Y_t = \hat{\alpha}_{0, \text{UN}} + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\beta}_{i, \text{UN}} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\gamma}_{i, \text{UN}} X_{t-i} + \hat{u}_{i, \text{UN}}$$

$$\text{RS} \quad Y_t = \hat{\alpha}_{0, \text{RS}} + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\beta}_{i, \text{RS}} Y_{t-i} + \hat{u}_{i, \text{RS}}$$

$$F = \frac{SSR_{\text{RS}} - SSR_{\text{UN}}}{SSR_{\text{UN}}} \frac{n - 2p + 1}{p} \xrightarrow{d} F_{p, \infty}$$

reject if  $F_{p, \infty} > CV_{F, \alpha}$

(3)

(a)

On average  $\log(\text{wages})$  are 0.15 lower in wales

$$\text{coefficient} = E[\log(\text{wages}) | \text{wales} = 1] - E[\log(\text{wages}) | \text{wales} = 0]$$

On average wages are  ~~$(e^{-0.15} - 1) \times 100 = -13.9\%$~~   
13.9% lower in wales

$$(e^{-0.15} - 1) \times 100 = -13.9\%$$

(b)

2 additional yrs. increases  $\log(\text{wages})$  by 0.1  
or  
increases wages by 10.5%

(c)

~~90% CI :  $\hat{\beta}$~~

~~recall  $\hat{\beta}$  is an estimator (rv) hence  $2\hat{\beta}$  has  $E[2\hat{\beta}] = 2 \cdot E[\hat{\beta}]$~~

~~and  $\text{var}(2\hat{\beta}) = 4 \text{var}(\hat{\beta})$~~

~~hence  $\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}) = 0.02$   $\text{s.e.}(2\hat{\beta}) = 2^2 \cdot 0.02 = 0.08$~~

90% CI :  $0.1 \pm$

recall  $\hat{\beta}$  is an estimator (here a RV) hence

for  $2\hat{\beta}$   $E[2\hat{\beta}] = 2E[\hat{\beta}]$

$$\text{var}(2\hat{\beta}) = 4 \text{var}(\hat{\beta})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{s.e.}(2\hat{\beta}) = \sqrt{4 \text{var}(\hat{\beta})}$$

$$= 2 \text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta})$$

90% CI :  $0.1 \pm 1.645 \cdot 2 \cdot 0.02$

~~0.1~~  
 $= [0.0342, 0.1658]$



(d)

$$H_0: \beta_{\text{gender}} = 0$$

$$t = \frac{0.08 - 0}{0.03} = 2.667 \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(0,1) \quad \text{under } H_0$$

$$P = 2\phi(2.667) = 0.0077$$

'what is the probability under  $H_0$  of finding evidence against the null beyond the observed t-stat'



(e)

- No change to Gender estimator from removal of region dummies since likely that  $\text{cov}(\text{Gender}, \text{Region}) = 0$  (gender is split approx 50:50 across all regions)
- experience and gender may be correlated as women leave work force in child birth hence more senior workers may be men.
- Result is  $\hat{\beta}_{\text{gender}}$  will be larger since it is picking up some of the effect of experience on  $\log(\text{wages})$
- S.e. ( $\hat{\beta}_{\text{gender}}$ ) will increase since model will likely fit data less well  
 $\therefore$  higher variance  $\Rightarrow$  higher s.e.

! This seems ridiculous...

(4)

(a)

By iid CLT (Lindeberg-Levy):

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y}_n - \mu_Y)}{\sigma_Y} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

for  $n$  sufficiently large  
• Rule of thumb is  $n \geq 30$  hence  $1000 = n$   
is sufficient

~~$\bar{Y}_n \sim N(\mu_Y, \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n})$~~

$\bar{Y}_n \sim N(\mu_Y, \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{n})$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} 95\% \text{ CI: } & 55 \pm 1.96 \cdot \frac{10}{\sqrt{1000}} \\ & = [54.02, 55.98] \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$H_0: \mu_Y^{\text{ox}} = 50$$

$$H_1: \mu_Y^{\text{ox}} > 50$$

$$t = \frac{55 - 50}{\frac{10}{\sqrt{1000}}} = 10 \sim N(0, 1) \text{ under } H_0$$

(one-tailed)

$$P(t) = 1 - \Phi(10) \approx 1 - 1 = 0$$

(d)

$$H_0: \mu^{ox} - \mu_T^{ox} = 0$$

$$H_1: \mu^{ox} \neq \mu_T^{ox} \Leftrightarrow \mu^{ox} - \mu_T^{ox} \neq 0$$

$$t = \frac{55 - 57 - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{20^2}{900} + \frac{10^2}{400}}} = -2.4$$

reject  $H_0$  if  $t < CV_{0.01}$

$$CV_{0.01} = -2.58$$

$\therefore$  not sufficient evidence to show treated mean was substantially different from untreated.

2 sided test



$$E[\beta_{ii}|X_i] \equiv \beta_i$$

(by mean independence).

(5)

(a)

$$\text{arg min } \int E[(Y_i - \beta_{ii}X_i - \beta_0 - \epsilon_i)^2]$$

foc:

$$E[Y_i - \beta_{ii}X_i - \beta_0] = 0$$

$$\beta_0 = E[Y_i] - E[\beta_{ii}]E[X_i]$$

(by mean independence)

$$E[(Y_i - \beta_{ii}X_i - \beta_0)X_i] = 0$$

$$E[Y_iX_i - \beta_{ii}X_i^2 - E[Y_i]X_i + E[\beta_{ii}]E[X_i]X_i] = 0$$

$$E[\beta_{ii}] (E[X_i^2] - (E[X_i])^2) = E[Y_iX_i] - E[Y_i]E[X_i]$$

$$E[\beta_{ii}] = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, X_i)}{\text{var}(X_i)}$$

$\therefore$  recoverable by pop. lin. regression of  $X_i$  on  $Y_i$

(b)

$E[\beta_{ii}] =$  average causal effect

The effect expected causal effect of a randomly selected member of the population under study.



(c)

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, X_i)}{\text{var}(X_i)}$$

$$X = \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i + v_i \equiv X^* + v_i$$

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X^* + \pi_1 \beta (\beta_1 v_i + u_i)$$

= E

$$\text{cov}(\beta_1 v_i + u_i, X^*) = \text{cov}(\beta_1 v_i + u_i, \delta_0 + \delta_1 Z_i)$$

$$= \beta_1 \delta_1 \text{cov}(Z_i, v_i) + \delta_1 \text{cov}(Z_i, u_i)$$

= 0

= 0

∴ OR holds.

2SIS

ILS:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$$

$$X_i = \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i + v_i \equiv X^* + v_i$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)}{\text{var}(Z_i)}$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)}{\text{var}(Z_i)}$$

etc.

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (\pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i + v_i) + u_i$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \pi_0 + \beta_1 \pi_1 Z_i + \beta_1 v_i + u_i$$

$$\beta_1 \pi_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\text{var}(Z_i)}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)}{\pi_1} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)}{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i) / \text{var}(Z_i)}$$

$$= \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)}$$

as required.

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y, X^*)}{\text{var}(X^*)}$$

$$= \frac{\text{cov}(Y, \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i)}{\text{var}(\text{cov}(X^*, X-v))}$$

$$= \frac{\pi_1 \text{cov}(Y, Z_i)}{\text{cov}(\pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i, X-v)}$$

(d)

go for expectations later on.

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)} = \frac{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) Y_i]}{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) X_i]}$$

$$= \frac{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) (\beta_0 + \beta_{11} \pi_{1i} + \beta_{12} \pi_{2i} Z_i + \beta_{13} v_i + u_i)]}{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) (\pi_{1i} + \pi_{2i} Z_i + v_i)]}$$

$$= \frac{\beta_0 E[Z_i - \mu_Z] + \pi_{1i} E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{11}] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{12} Z_i \pi_{2i}] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{13} v_i] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) u_i]}{\pi_{1i} E[Z_i - \mu_Z] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \pi_{2i} Z_i] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) v_i]}$$

$$E[Z_i - \mu_Z] = 0 \therefore$$

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{\beta_0 \times 0 + \pi_{1i} E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{11}] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{12} Z_i \pi_{2i}] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \beta_{13} v_i] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) u_i]}{\pi_{1i} \times 0 + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) \pi_{2i} Z_i] + E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) v_i]}$$

$$= \frac{\pi_{1i} \underset{=0}{\text{cov}(Z_i, \beta_{11})} + \underset{=0}{\text{cov}(Z_i, \beta_{12} Z_i \pi_{2i})} + \underset{=0}{\text{cov}(Z_i, \beta_{13} v_i)} + \underset{=0}{\text{cov}(Z_i, u_i)}}{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) Z_i \pi_{2i}] + \underset{=0}{E[Z_i \text{cov}(Z_i, v_i)]}}$$

(=0 by indep)

$$= \frac{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) Z_i \beta_{12} \pi_{2i}]}{E[(Z_i - \mu_Z) Z_i \pi_{2i}]} = \frac{\text{var}(Z_i) E[\beta_{12} \pi_{2i}]}{\text{var}(Z_i) E[\pi_{2i}]} \quad (\text{independent})$$

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{E[\beta_{12} \pi_{2i}]}{E[\pi_{2i}]}$$

late  $\leftarrow E[\beta_{12}]$   
(weighted by prob. of accepting treatment)

(e) ?

(f) ①  $\pi_{1i} = E[\pi_{1i}]$   
 $\pi_{2i} = \pi_1 v_i$

②  $\text{cov}(\beta_{12}, \pi_{2i}) = 0$

$$\text{cov}(\beta_{12}, \pi_{2i}) = E[\beta_{12} \pi_{2i}] - E[\beta_{12}] E[\pi_{2i}] = 0$$

$$\therefore E[\beta_{12} \pi_{2i}] = E[\beta_{12}] E[\pi_{2i}]$$

$$\beta_{IV} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, \tilde{X}_i)}{\text{var}(\tilde{X}_i)} = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, \delta_0 + \delta_1 Z_i)}{\text{var}(\tilde{X}_i)}$$

regressing  $Y$  on  
fitted value  
of  $X = \tilde{X}$ .

$$= \frac{\delta_1 \text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\text{var}(\delta_0 + \delta_1 Z_i)}$$

$$= \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\delta_1 \text{var}(Z_i)}$$

$$\tilde{X} = X^*$$

$$X = X^* + v_i$$

$$= \frac{\text{cov}(Y_i, Z_i)}{\text{cov}(X_i, Z_i)}$$

$$X = \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i + v_i$$

$$X^* = \pi_0 + \pi_1 Z_i$$



(8)

(a)

$$y_t = \beta(\delta y_{t-1} + v_t) + u_t$$

$$= \beta\delta y_{t-1} + \beta v_t + u_t$$

$$\quad \quad \quad = \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

where  $\varepsilon_t = \beta v_t + u_t$

and is iid since  $v_t$  and  $u_t$  are iid.

(b)

①  $E[y_t] = E[y_{t-1}] + E[\varepsilon_t]$   
 $\quad \quad \quad = 0$

②

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \text{var}(y_{t-h}) + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \text{var}(\varepsilon_{t-i})$$

$$y_t = (y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{cov}(y_{t-h}, \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} \varepsilon_{t-i}) = 0$$

$$= y_{t-3} + \varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

since  $\varepsilon_{t-h+1}$  are after

$y_{t-h}$   $\therefore$  no correlation.

$$y_t = y_{t-h} + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \text{var}(y_{t-h}) + h\sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

let  $h=t$

$$E[y_t] = E[y_{t-h}] + \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} E[\varepsilon_{t-i}]$$

$$\quad \quad \quad = 0$$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \text{var}(y_0) + t\sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

$\uparrow$   
 depends on  $t$ .

$$\therefore E[y_t] = E[y_{t-h}] \quad \forall h$$

$\therefore$  non-stationary

(c)

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Part (A)

(1)

(a)

An estimator is unbiased iff its expected value is the thing it is an estimator of.

(estimator is random variable estimating a pop. parameter)

E.g.  $E[\hat{\theta}] = \theta \quad \therefore \hat{\theta}$  is unbiased for  $\theta$ .

E.g.  $y_i = \beta + u_i \quad u_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (0, \sigma_u^2)$

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta)^2$$

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}) = 0$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \beta + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i$$

$$E[\hat{\beta}] = E\left[\beta + \frac{1}{n} \sum u_i\right]$$

$$= E[\beta] + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[u_i]$$

$= \beta \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0$

$$\underline{\underline{E[\hat{\beta}] = \beta}}$$

(b)

Estimator is <sup>more</sup> efficient if it has a lower variance than another ~~varian~~ estimator.

E.g. Same example but ①:  $u_i \sim iid(0, \sigma_u^2)$  ②:  $u_i \sim iid(0, \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n})$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(u_i) = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n}$$

$u_i \sim iid(0, n\sigma_u^2)$

( $\text{cov}(u_i, u_j) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$   
by iid)



②

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(u_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} n \cdot n \sigma_u^2 = \sigma_u^2$$

$\sigma_u^2 > \frac{\sigma_u^2}{n} \quad \therefore \hat{\beta}_1$  is more efficient than  $\hat{\beta}_2$

(c)

Consistency:  $\hat{\beta}$  is consistent iff  $\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{P} \beta$

Same example:

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$  by i.i.d.

$$\hat{\beta} \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \xrightarrow{P} 0 \quad (\text{i.i.d. LLN})$$

hence  $\hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{P} \beta$  (consistent.)

(2)

$$\text{Show: } \text{Var}(y) = \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[y|x]) + \text{Var}(e)$$

$$\text{where: } y = \mathbb{E}[y|x] + e$$

$$\mathbb{E}[e|x] = \mathbb{E}[e] \quad (\text{by ME})$$

①

$$\mathbb{E}[e] = \mathbb{E}[y - \mathbb{E}[y|x]] \stackrel{\text{LIE}}{=} \mathbb{E}[y] - \mathbb{E}[y] = 0$$

$$\text{hence } \mathbb{E}[e|x] = \mathbb{E}[e] = 0$$

(by mem independence)

②

$$\text{Cov}(x, e) = \mathbb{E}[(x - \mathbb{E}x)(e - \mathbb{E}e)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[xe + \mathbb{E}x\mathbb{E}e - e\mathbb{E}x - x\mathbb{E}e]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[xe] - \mathbb{E}[x]\mathbb{E}[e]$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{E}[xe] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[xe|x]] = \mathbb{E}[x \mathbb{E}[e|x]] = 0 \end{array}$$

∴

$$\text{Cov}(x, e) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(y) = \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[y|x]) + \text{Var}(e) + 2 \text{Cov}(\mathbb{E}[y|x], e)$$

$$= \cancel{2 \text{Cov}(y, e)} + \text{Var}(e)$$

$$= \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[y|x]) + \text{Var}(e)$$

$\mathbb{E}[y|x]$  is a function  
of  $x$  ∴

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbb{E}[y|x], e) = 0.$$

(3)

(a)

Spurious regression = the systemic tendency to find a statistically significant relationship between  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$

E.g.  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  are independent random walks

$$X_t = \sum_{s=1}^t e_{x,s} \quad Y_t = \sum_{s=1}^t e_{y,s}$$

$\sim I(1) \qquad \qquad \qquad \sim I(1)$

(b)

$I(0)$  functions

e.g. difference  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$

Test for cointegration (Engle-Granger test)  
if  $\overset{\text{do}}{\underset{\text{not}}{\wedge}}$  reject null then spurious.



Part (B)

(4) Bernoulli  $\sim X_i$       $P(X_i=1) = p$  ,    $P(X_i=0) = (1-p)$

(a)

density :      $f(x) = p^x (1-p)^{(1-x)}$

distribution :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\infty < x < 0 \\ (1-p) & \text{if } 0 \leq x = 1 \\ p & \text{if } 1 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot (1-p) + 1(p) = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = p^2$$

$$E[X^2] = 0^2 \cdot (p^0)^0 (1-p)^{(1-0)^0} + 1^2 (p^1)^0 (1-p)^{(1-1)^0} = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$$

$$\text{Sk}(X) = E\left[\left\{\frac{X - E[X]}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}\right\}^3\right] = \frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} E[(X-p)^3]$$

$$(a-b)(a-b)(a-b)$$

$$(a^2 - 2ab + b^2)(a-b)$$

$$a^3 - 2a^2b + ab^2 - ba^2 + 2ab^2 - b^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} E[X^3 - 2X^2p + p^2X - pX^2 + 2Xp^2 - p^3]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} [E[X^3] + E[3p^2X] - E[3pX^2] - E[p^3]]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} [p + 3p^3 - 3p^2 - p^3]$$

$$Sk(x) = \frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} [p(2p^2 - 3p + 1)]$$

$$\frac{(p-1)(2p-1)}{2p^2 - 3p + 1}$$

~~$$\frac{1}{\{p(1-p)\}^{3/2}} [p(p-1)(2p-1)]$$~~

~~$$= \frac{(2p-1)}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}$$~~

$$= \frac{1}{p^{3/2}(1-p)^{3/2}} p(p-1)(2p-1)$$

$$= \frac{p(1-p)(1-2p)}{p^{3/2}(1-p)^{3/2}} = \frac{1-2p}{p^{1/2}(1-p)^{1/2}}$$

Now  $\hat{p} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

(e)  $\text{var}(\hat{p}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(x_i) \quad (\text{cov}(x_i, x_j) = 0 \text{ by iid assumption})$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} n p(1-p)$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{p}) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n} \quad \text{s.d.} = \frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{standard error} = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Standard error of estimator = estimate of standard deviation
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(d)

$$t = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\text{se}(\hat{p})} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{se}(\hat{p}) = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\hat{p} - p)}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}} \quad \sqrt{n}(\hat{p} - p) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \text{var s.d.}(\hat{p}))$$
$$\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})} \xrightarrow{P} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$$

$$t \xrightarrow{D} \frac{N(0, \hat{p}(1-\hat{p}))}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} = N(0, 1)$$

(e)

$$95\% \text{ CI} = \hat{p} \pm 1.96 \cdot \text{s.e.}(\hat{p})$$

$$= 0.3 \pm 1.96 \frac{\sqrt{0.3 \cdot 0.7}}{\sqrt{100}}$$

$$= 0.3 \pm 1.96 \frac{\sqrt{21}}{100}$$

(6)

(a)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} = -0.17 \quad \hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} \text{ estimates } \frac{E[\ln(\text{wage}) | \text{woma} = 1]}{E[\ln(\text{wage}) | \text{woma} = 0]}$$

• All else equal, on average,  $\ln(\text{wage})$  changes is  $-0.17$  lower for women than men.

$$\text{wage} = e^{-0.17} = 0.8436$$

• On average women earn 0.8436, or 15.6% less than men

$$\begin{aligned} 99\% \text{ CI: } \hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} \pm 2.58 \cdot 0.03 \\ = [\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} - 0.0774, \hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} + 0.0774] \\ = [-0.2474, -0.0926] \end{aligned}$$

① CI gives a measure of uncertainty of the point estimate  $\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}}$  (which values of  $\beta_{\text{woman}}$  are supported by the data at 99% level)

OR

② Set cont that would contain  $\beta_{\text{woman}}$  99% of time if you repeated experiment 100 times.



(b)

- Age controls for labour market
- Education controls for human capital.

$$H_0: \beta_{\text{woman}} = -0.17$$

$$H_1: \beta_{\text{woman}} \neq -0.17$$

$$2\text{-tailed at } 10\% : c_{0.05} = 1.645$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} - (-0.17)}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}})} \sim N(0,1) \quad \text{under } H_0$$

$$t = \frac{-0.13 + 0.17}{0.03} = 1.33$$

reject  $H_0$  if  $|t| > c_{0.05} = 1.645$

$$1.33 < 1.645$$

$\therefore$  not sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  at 10% level.

(c)

Disagree

- endogenous controls
- ~~occupation dummies = a post-treatment effect? x~~

(Don't really need to know)!

(d)

$$H_0: \beta_{\text{woman}} = 0$$

$$H_1: \beta_{\text{woman}} = 1$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}} - 0}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}})} \sim N(0,1) \quad \text{under } H_0$$

Decision rule = reject  $H_0$  if  $p > \alpha$

$$t = \frac{-0.01}{0.04} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$2 \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 2 \cdot 0.40129 = \underline{\underline{0.8025}}$$

$0.8025 > \alpha$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$   $\therefore$  do not reject  $H_0$

p-value = probability of drawing a statistic at least as adverse to  $H_0$  as  $\hat{\beta}_{\text{woman}}$  under to assumption  $H_0$  is true.

p-value = smallest significance level at which we can reject  $H_0$



(8)

(a)

$$y_1 = y_{-1} + u_1 ; \quad y_2 = y_0 + u_2 ; \quad y_3 = y_1 + u_3$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_1] = \mathbb{E}[y_{-1}] + \mathbb{E}[u_1] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_2] = \mathbb{E}[y_0] + \mathbb{E}[u_2] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_3] = \mathbb{E}[y_1] + \mathbb{E}[u_3] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(y_1) &= \text{var}(y_{-1}) + \text{var}(u_1) + 2 \text{cov}(y_{-1}, u_1) \\ &= 0 + \sigma^2 + 0 \quad \text{since } y_s \text{ and } u_t \\ &= \sigma^2 \quad \text{independent for } s < t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(y_2) &= \text{var}(y_0) + \text{var}(u_2) + 0 \\ &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(y_3) &= \text{var}(y_1) + \text{var}(u_3) + 0 \\ &= 2\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  not covariance-stationary as variance depends on  $t$ .

(b)

$$|\phi| < 1 \quad y_{-1}, y_0 \sim \text{iid independent } (0, \sigma^2/(1-\phi^2))$$

(i)

$$\mathbb{E}[y_t] = \phi \mathbb{E}[y_{t-2}] + \mathbb{E}[u_t] = 0$$

covariance stationary here  $\mathbb{E}[y_{t-2}] = \mathbb{E}[y_t]$

$$\therefore \mathbb{E}[y_t] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(y_t) &= \phi^2 \text{var}(y_{t-2}) + \text{var}(u_t) + 2 \text{cov}(y_{t-2}, u_t) \\ &= \phi^2 \text{var}(y_{t-2}) + \sigma^2 + 0 \quad \text{since independent for } y_s, y_t \text{ } s < t. \end{aligned}$$

cov-stationary  $\Rightarrow \text{var}(y_{t-2}) = \text{var}(y_t)$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(1-\phi^2)}$$

(ii)

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-1})}{\text{var}(y_t)} \quad \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-1})$$
$$= \text{cov}(\phi y_{t-2} + u_t, y_{t-1})$$
$$= \phi \text{cov}(y_{t-2}, y_{t-1}) + \text{cov}(u_t, y_{t-1})$$

$= 0$  for  $y_s, u_t$   
 $s < t$

cov-stationary  $\Rightarrow \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) = \delta_h$

$$\therefore \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-1}) = 0$$

$$\therefore \rho_1 = 0$$

(iii)

$$\rho_h = \frac{\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h})}{\text{var}(y_t)}$$

$$\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) \quad \text{for } h \text{ odd}$$
$$= \phi \text{cov}(y_{t-2}, y_{t-h}) + \text{cov}(y_{t-h} + u_t)$$

$= 0$

prove by induction.

(iv)

$$\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-2}) = \phi \text{cov}(y_{t-2}, y_{t-2}) = \phi \text{var}(y_{t-2})$$

$$\text{backward substitution} \Rightarrow \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) = \phi^{h/2} \text{var}(y_t)$$

[Idea:

$$y_t = \phi y_{t-2} + u_t, \quad y_{t-2} = \phi y_{t-4} + u_{t-2}, \quad y_{t-4} = \phi y_{t-6} + u_{t-4}$$

$$y_t = \phi^3 y_{t-6} + \phi^2 u_{t-4} + \phi u_{t-2} + u_t$$

$$y_t = \phi^h y_{t-2h} + \sum_{s=0}^{h-1} \phi^s u_{t-2s}$$

$$\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) = \phi^h \text{cov}(y_{t-2h}, y_{t-h}) \quad ? ]$$



(c)

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{t+1} | y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots] \neq \phi y_{t-1}, \quad \mathbb{E}[y_{t+2} | y_t, y_{t-1}, \dots] = \phi^2 y_t,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y_{t+3} | y_t, \dots] &= \phi \mathbb{E}[y_{t+2} | y_t, \dots] \\ &= \phi^2 y_{t-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{t+4} | y_t, \dots] = \phi \mathbb{E}[y_{t+3} | y_t, \dots] = \phi^2 y_{t+2}$$

(d)

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{t+1} | y_t] = \phi \mathbb{E}[y_{t-1} | y_t], \quad \mathbb{E}[y_{t-1} | y_t] = \rho, \quad y_t = 0$$

∴ not useful forecast.