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## Solution Key for PS #4

1. Suppose that the regression model is;

$$\begin{aligned}y &= X\beta + \varepsilon \\E(\varepsilon) &= 0, E(\varepsilon\varepsilon') = \sigma^2\Omega\end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $\Omega$  is known.

(a) the covariance matrix of the OLS estimator

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= (X'X)^{-1}X'y = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\varepsilon \\E(\widehat{\beta}_{OLS}) &= \beta \\Var(\widehat{\beta}_{OLS}) &= E[(X'X)^{-1}X'\varepsilon\varepsilon'X(X'X)^{-1}] \\&= (X'X)^{-1}X'E(\varepsilon\varepsilon')X(X'X)^{-1} \\&= \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}X'\Omega X(X'X)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

the covariance matrix of the GLS estimator

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\beta}_{GLS} &= (X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}y = \beta + (X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}\varepsilon \\E(\widehat{\beta}_{GLS}) &= \beta \\Var(\widehat{\beta}_{GLS}) &= E[(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}\varepsilon\varepsilon'\Omega^{-1}X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}] \\&= (X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}E(\varepsilon\varepsilon')\Omega^{-1}X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1} \\&= \sigma^2(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}\Omega\Omega^{-1}X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1} \\&= \sigma^2(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

(b) the covariance matrix of the OLS residual vector

$$\begin{aligned}e &= y - X\widehat{\beta}_{OLS} = (I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')y = My = M\varepsilon \\E(e) &= ME(\varepsilon) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(e) &= E(ee') = E(M\varepsilon\varepsilon'M) = \sigma^2 M\Omega M \\
&= \sigma^2(I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')\Omega(I - X(X'X)^{-1}X') \\
&= \sigma^2(\Omega - \Omega X(X'X)^{-1}X' - X(X'X)^{-1}X'\Omega \\
&\quad + X(X'X)^{-1}X'\Omega X(X'X)^{-1}X')
\end{aligned}$$

(c) the covariance matrix of the GLS residual vector

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{e} &= y - X\hat{\beta}_{GLS} = (I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})y \\
&= (I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})\varepsilon \\
E(\tilde{e}) &= (I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})E(\varepsilon) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\tilde{e}) &= E(\tilde{e}\tilde{e}') \\
&= E[(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})\varepsilon\varepsilon'(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})'] \\
&= (I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})E(\varepsilon\varepsilon')(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})' \\
&= \sigma^2(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})\Omega(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})' \\
&= \sigma^2[\Omega - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X']
\end{aligned}$$

(d) the covariance matrix of the OLS and the GLS residual vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
e &= (I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')\varepsilon \\
\tilde{e} &= (I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})\varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
Cov(e, \tilde{e}) &= E[e\tilde{e}'] \\
&= E[(I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')\varepsilon\varepsilon'(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})'] \\
&= (I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')E(\varepsilon\varepsilon')(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})' \\
&= \sigma^2(I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')\Omega(I - X(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1})' \\
&= \sigma^2[\Omega - X(X'X)^{-1}X'\Omega]
\end{aligned}$$

2. (a)  $X_t = \rho X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$  where  $|\rho| < 1$  and  $\varepsilon_t \sim i.i.d.(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$   
Use Lag Operator, L.

$$\begin{aligned}
X_t &= \rho L X_t + \varepsilon_t \\
(1 - \rho L)X_t &= \varepsilon_t \\
X_t &= \frac{\varepsilon_t}{1 - \rho L}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $|\rho| < 1$ . Then we have;

$$X_t = \varepsilon_t + \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + \rho^2\varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_t) &= 0, \\ Var(X_t) &= E[(\varepsilon_t + \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + \rho^2\varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots)^2] \\ &\quad (\varepsilon_t \text{ and } \varepsilon_{t-k} \text{ are uncorrelated, so cross} \\ &\quad \text{product terms are all zero)} \\ &= E(\varepsilon_t^2) + \rho^2 E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + \rho^4 E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2) + \dots \\ &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X_t, X_{t-k}) &= E[(\varepsilon_t + \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + \rho^2\varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots) \\ &\quad (\varepsilon_{t-k} + \rho\varepsilon_{t-k-1} + \rho^2\varepsilon_{t-k-2} + \dots)] \\ &= E(\rho^k \varepsilon_{t-k}^2) + E(\rho^{k+1} \varepsilon_{t-k-1}^2) + E(\rho^{k+2} \varepsilon_{t-k-2}^2) + \dots \\ &= \rho^k E(\varepsilon_{t-k}^2) + \rho^{k+1} E(\varepsilon_{t-k-1}^2) + \rho^{k+2} E(\varepsilon_{t-k-2}^2) + \dots \\ &= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{\rho^k}{1 - \rho} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Autocorrelation function  $\theta(k)$  is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(k) &= \frac{Cov(X_t, X_{t-k})}{\sqrt{Var(X_t)}\sqrt{Var(X_{t-k})}} \\ &= \frac{Cov(X_t, X_{t-k})}{Var(X_t)} \\ (\text{since } Var(X_t) &= Var(X_{t-k}) \text{ by stationarity)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{\rho^k}{1 - \rho} \right)}{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \right)} = \rho^k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, this gives a geometrically declining autocorrelation function and a partial autocorrelation function with zeros for  $k > 1$ .

(b)  $Y_t = \varepsilon_t + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2}$  where  $\varepsilon_t \sim i.i.d.(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(Y_t) &= 0, \\
\text{Var}(Y_t) &= E[(\varepsilon_t + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2})^2] \\
&\quad (\varepsilon_t \text{ and } \varepsilon_{t-k} \text{ are uncorrelated, so cross} \\
&\quad \text{product terms are all zero}) \\
&= E(\varepsilon_t^2) + \theta_1^2 E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + \theta_2^2 E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2) \\
&= \sigma_\varepsilon^2 (1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2) \\
\Rightarrow \theta(0) &= 1 (\text{Autocorrelation function at lag 0})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-1}) &= E[(\varepsilon_t + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2})(\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-2} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-3})] \\
&= E(\theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + E(\theta_2\theta_1\varepsilon_{t-2}) \\
&= \sigma_\varepsilon^2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2) \\
\theta(1) &= \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-1})}{\text{Var}(Y_t)} = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2(\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2)}{\sigma_\varepsilon^2(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2)} \\
&= \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-2}) &= E[(\varepsilon_t + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2})(\varepsilon_{t-2} + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-3} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-4})] \\
&= E(\theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2}^2) \\
&= \sigma_\varepsilon^2\theta_2 \\
\theta(2) &= \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-2})}{\text{Var}(Y_t)} = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2\theta_2}{\sigma_\varepsilon^2(1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2)} \\
&= \frac{\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2}
\end{aligned}$$

In addition, using the above method, we can easily know that  $\theta(k) = 0$  when  $k > 2$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta(0) &= 1 \\
\theta(1) &= \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} \\
\theta(2) &= \frac{\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} \\
\theta(k) &= 0, \text{ when } k > 2
\end{aligned}$$

The autocorrelation function is zero for  $k > 2$  and the pac function declines geometrically in absolute value (Possibly, it may change signs in terms of real value).

3. The following model is specified:

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= \gamma_1 y_2 + \beta_{11} x_1 + \varepsilon_1 \\y_2 &= \gamma_2 y_1 + \beta_{22} x_2 + \beta_{32} x_3 + \varepsilon_2\end{aligned}$$

All variables are measured in deviations from their means. The sample of 25 observations produces the following matrix of sum of squares and cross products:

	$y_1$	$y_2$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
$y_1$	20	6	4	3	5
$y_2$	6	10	3	6	7
$x_1$	4	3	5	2	3
$x_2$	3	6	2	10	8
$x_3$	5	7	3	8	15

We write the model as:

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= \gamma_1 y_2 + \beta_{11} x_1 + \varepsilon_1 = Z_1 \delta_1 + \varepsilon_1 \\y_2 &= \gamma_2 y_1 + \beta_{22} x_2 + \beta_{32} x_3 + \varepsilon_2 = Z_2 \delta_2 + \varepsilon_2\end{aligned}$$

The relevant submatrices are;

$$\begin{aligned}X'X &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix} & X'y_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} & X'y_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \\X'Z_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} & X'Z_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \\ 5 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \\Z_1'Z_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} & Z_2'Z_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \\ 5 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix} & Z_1'Z_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\Z_1'y_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} & Z_1'y_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} & Z_2'y_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} & Z_2'y_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \\y_1'y_1 &= 20 & y_2'y_2 &= 10 & y_1'y_2 &= 6\end{aligned}$$

(a) Estimate the two equations by OLS.

For equation 1,

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\delta}_1^{OLS} &= \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\gamma}_1 \\ \widehat{\beta}_{11} \end{pmatrix} = (Z_1'Z_1)^{-1} Z_1'y_1 \\&= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \begin{pmatrix} 0.122 & -0.0732 \\ -0.0732 & 0.2439 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \begin{pmatrix} 0.439 \\ 0.5366 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

For equation 2,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\delta}_2^{OLS} &= \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\gamma}_2 \\ \widehat{\beta}_{22} \\ \widehat{\beta}_{32} \end{pmatrix} = (Z_2'Z_2)^{-1}Z_2'y_2 \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \\ 5 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.0546 & -0.0032 & -0.0165 \\ -0.0032 & 0.1746 & -0.0921 \\ -0.0165 & -0.0921 & 0.1213 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.1930 \\ 0.3841 \\ 0.1975 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Estimate the parameters of the two equations by 2SLS.

For equation 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\delta}_1^{2SLS} &= \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\gamma}_1 \\ \widehat{\beta}_{11} \end{pmatrix} = (Z_1'P_xZ_1)^{-1}Z_1'P_xy_1 \\
 &= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}' \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}' \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 15 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.3688 \\ 0.5787 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

For equation 2,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\delta}_2^{2SLS} &= \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\gamma}_2 \\ \widehat{\beta}_{22} \\ \widehat{\beta}_{32} \end{pmatrix} = (Z_2'P_xZ_2)^{-1}Z_2'P_xy_2 \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.484375 \\ 0.367188 \\ 0.109375 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. The following model is specified:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 &= \gamma_1 y_2 + \beta_{11}x_1 + \beta_{12}x_2 + \beta_{13}x_3 + \varepsilon_1 \\
 y_2 &= \gamma_2 y_1 + \beta_{21}x_1 + \beta_{22}x_2 + \beta_{23}x_3 + \varepsilon_2
 \end{aligned}$$

The error terms have both expectation zero. We consider only exclusion restrictions. Using the order and rank conditions, verify whether the model is identified under the following restrictions:

In the lecture note 15, we have the following conditions:

Order condition: There is at least one blank space in the row of the identified equation. This is a necessary condition.

Rank condition: The variable left out of the equation considered must appear in the other. This is a necessary condition.

The followings are all about checking order condition.

(a)  $\beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = \beta_{21} = 0$

	y1	y2	x1	x2	x3
eq.1(y1)	Υ	Υ	Υ		
eq.2(y2)	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ

The order condition is satisfied. Eq.1 is over-identified, and Eq. 2 is just-identified.

(b)  $\beta_{11} = \beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = 0$

	y1	y2	x1	x2	x3
eq.1(y1)	Υ	Υ			
eq.2(y2)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

The order condition is not satisfied. Eq.1 is over-identified. But Eq. 2 is under-identified.

(c)  $\beta_{13} = \beta_{22} = 0$

	y1	y2	x1	x2	x3
eq.1(y1)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
eq.2(y2)	Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ

The order condition is satisfied. Both equations are just-identified.

(d)  $\beta_{11} = \beta_{12} = 0$

	y1	y2	x1	x2	x3
eq.1(y1)	Υ	Υ			Υ
eq.2(y2)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

The order condition is not satisfied. Eq.1 is over-identified. But Eq. 2 is under-identified.

5. (2005 Final) You have a regression model  $y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i$  where  $x$  is either 0 or 1. In an attempt to simplify your estimation problem, you calculate  $\bar{y}_0$  and  $\bar{y}_1$ , where these are the sample means corresponding to observations with  $x=0$  and  $x=1$  respectively. Then you calculate  $\alpha^*$  and  $\beta^*$  by  $\bar{y}_0$  and  $\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_0$ . Are your estimators unbiased? Consistent? Efficient (minimum variance unbiased)?

We can rewrite the model as  $y_i = \alpha(1 - x_i) + (\beta + \alpha)x_i + \varepsilon_i$ . Then OLS estimators  $\hat{\alpha} = \sum y_i 1[x_i = 0] / \sum 1[x_i = 0] = \bar{y}_0$  and  $(\hat{\beta} + \hat{\alpha}) = \bar{y}_1$ . Therefore,  $\alpha^*$  and  $\beta^*$  are equal to the OLS estimators. They are unbiased, consistent and efficient.