

### Computational Procedure:

(1) Compute  $\hat{S}^{(i)} = \hat{\Gamma}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q \left(1 - \frac{i}{q+1}\right) (\hat{\Gamma}_i + \hat{\Gamma}'_i)$ , where  $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=\tau+1}^n h(\hat{\theta}; w_i) h(\hat{\theta}; w_{i-\tau})'$ .  
 $q$  is set by a researcher.

(2) Use the following iterative procedure:

$$\hat{\theta}^{(i+1)} = \hat{\theta}^{(i)} - (\hat{D}^{(i)'} \hat{S}^{(i-1)} \hat{D}^{(i)})^{-1} \hat{D}^{(i)'} \hat{S}^{(i-1)} g(\hat{\theta}^{(i)}; W).$$

(3) Repeat (1) and (2) until  $\hat{\theta}^{(i+1)}$  is equal to  $\hat{\theta}^{(i)}$ .

In (2), remember that when  $S$  is given we take the following iterative procedure:

$$\hat{\theta}^{(i+1)} = \hat{\theta}^{(i)} - (\hat{D}^{(i)'} S^{-1} \hat{D}^{(i)})^{-1} \hat{D}^{(i)'} S^{-1} g(\hat{\theta}^{(i)}; W),$$

where  $\hat{D}^{(i)} = \frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}^{(i)}; W)}{\partial \theta'}$ .  $S$  is replaced by  $\hat{S}^{(i)}$ .

● If the assumption  $E(h(\theta; w)) = 0$  is violated, the GMM estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is no longer consistent.

Therefore, we need to check if  $E(h(\theta; w)) = 0$ .

From Assumption 2, note as follows:

$$J = \left( \sqrt{ng}(\hat{\theta}; W) \right)' \hat{S}^{-1} \left( \sqrt{ng}(\hat{\theta}; W) \right) \longrightarrow \chi^2(r - k),$$

which is called Hansen's  $J$  test.

Because of  $r$  equations and  $k$  parameters, the degree of freedom is given by  $r - k$ .

If  $J$  is small enough, we can judge that the specified model is correct.

## Testing Hypothesis:

Remember that the GMM estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  has the following asymptotic distribution:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \longrightarrow N(0, (D'S^{-1}D)^{-1}).$$

Consider testing the following null and alternative hypotheses:

- The null hypothesis:  $H_0 : R(\theta) = 0$ ,
- The alternative hypothesis:  $H_1 : R(\theta) \neq 0$ ,

where  $R(\theta)$  is a  $p \times k$  vector function for  $p \leq k$ .

$p$  denotes the number of restrictions.

$R(\theta)$  is linearized as:  $R(\hat{\theta}) = R(\theta) + R_{\bar{\theta}}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$ , where  $R_{\bar{\theta}} = \frac{\partial R(\bar{\theta})}{\partial \theta'}$ , which is a  $p \times k$  matrix.

Note that  $\bar{\theta}$  is between  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\theta$ . If  $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$ , then  $\bar{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$  and  $R_{\bar{\theta}} \rightarrow R_{\theta}$ .

Under the null hypothesis  $R(\theta) = 0$ , we have  $R(\hat{\theta}) = R_{\bar{\theta}}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$ , which implies that the distribution of  $R(\hat{\theta})$  is equivalent to that of  $R_{\bar{\theta}}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$ .

The distribution of  $\sqrt{n}R(\hat{\theta})$  is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}R(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{n}R_{\bar{\theta}}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, R_{\theta}(D'S^{-1}D)^{-1}R'_{\theta}).$$

Therefore, under the null hypothesis, we have the following distribution:

$$nR(\hat{\theta})(R_{\theta}(D'S^{-1}D)^{-1}R'_{\theta})^{-1}R(\hat{\theta})' \rightarrow \chi^2(p).$$

Practically, replacing  $\theta$  by  $\hat{\theta}$  in  $R_{\theta}$ ,  $D$  and  $S$ , we use the following test statistic:

$$nR(\hat{\theta})(R_{\hat{\theta}}(\hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}\hat{D})^{-1}R'_{\hat{\theta}})^{-1}R(\hat{\theta})' \rightarrow \chi^2(p).$$

$\Rightarrow$  Wald type test

## Examples of $h(\theta; w)$ :

### 1. OLS:

Regression Model:  $y_i = x_i\beta + \epsilon_i$ ,  $E(x_i'\epsilon_i) = 0$

$h(\theta; w_i)$  is taken as:

$$h(\theta; w_i) = x_i'(y_i - x_i\beta).$$

### 2. IV (Instrumental Variable, 操作变数法):

Regression Model:  $y_i = x_i\beta + \epsilon_i$ ,  $E(x_i'\epsilon_i) \neq 0$ ,  $E(z_i'\epsilon_i) = 0$

$h(\theta; w_i)$  is taken as:

$$h(\theta; w_i) = z_i'(y_i - x_i\beta),$$

where  $z_i$  is a vector of instrumental variables.

When  $z_i$  is a  $1 \times k$  vector, the GMM of  $\beta$  is equivalent to the instrumental variable (IV) estimator.

When  $z_i$  is a  $1 \times r$  vector for  $r > k$ , the GMM of  $\beta$  is equivalent to the two-stage least squares (2SLS) estimator.

### 3. NLS (Nonlinear Least Squares, 非線形最小二乘法):

Regression Model:  $f(y_i, x_i, \beta) = \epsilon_i$ ,  $E(x_i' \epsilon_i) \neq 0$ ,  $E(z_i' \epsilon_i) = 0$

$h(\theta; w_i)$  is taken as:

$$h(\theta; w_i) = z_i' f(y_i, x_i, \beta)$$

where  $z_i$  is a vector of instrumental variables.