

8.5 Consistency and Asymptotic Normality of OLSE — Review

Regression model: $y = X\beta + u$, $u \sim (0, \sigma^2 I_n)$.

Consistency:

1. Let $\hat{\beta}_n = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ be the OLS with sample size n .

Consistency: As n is large, $\hat{\beta}_n$ converges to β .

2. Assume the stationarity assumption for X , i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}.$$

Then, we have the following result:

$$\frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow 0.$$

Proof:

According to Chebyshev's inequality, for $g(Z) \geq 0$,

$$P(g(Z) \geq k) \leq \frac{E(g(Z))}{k},$$

where k is a positive constant.

Set $g(Z) = Z'Z$, and $Z = \frac{1}{n}X'u$.

Apply Chebyshev's inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}X'u\right)' \frac{1}{n}X'u\right) &= \frac{1}{n^2}E(u'XX'u) = \frac{1}{n^2}E(\text{tr}(u'XX'u)) = \frac{1}{n^2}E(\text{tr}(XX'uu')) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2}\text{tr}(XX'E(uu')) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2}\text{tr}(XX') = \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2}\text{tr}(X'X) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$P\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}X'u\right)' \frac{1}{n}X'u \geq k\right) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{nk}\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right) \longrightarrow 0 \times \text{tr}(M_{xx}) = 0.$$

Note that from the assumption,

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}.$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}X'u\right)' \frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow 0,$$

which implies:

$$\frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow 0,$$

because $\left(\frac{1}{n}X'u\right)' \frac{1}{n}X'u$ indicates a quadratic form.

3. Note that $\frac{1}{n}X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}$ results in $\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \longrightarrow M_{xx}^{-1}$.

\implies Slutsky's Theorem

(*) Slutsky's Theorem $g(\hat{\theta}) \longrightarrow g(\theta)$, when $\hat{\theta} \longrightarrow \theta$.

4. OLS is given by:

$$\hat{\beta}_n = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'u = \beta + \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}X'u\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{\beta}_n \longrightarrow \beta + M_{xx}^{-1} \times 0 = \beta$$

Thus, OLSE is a consistent estimator.

Asymptotic Normality:

1. Asymptotic Normality of OLSE

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_n - \beta) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{xx}^{-1}), \quad \text{when } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

2. **Central Limit Theorem:** Greenberg and Webster (1983)

Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n are mutually independently distributed with mean μ and variance Σ_i .

Then, we have the following result:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma),$$

where

$$\Sigma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma_i \right).$$

The distribution of Z_i is not assumed.

3. Define $Z_i = x_i' u_i$. Then, $\Sigma_i = \text{Var}(Z_i) = \sigma^2 x_i' x_i$.

4. Σ is defined as:

$$\Sigma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 x'_i x_i \right) = \sigma^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} X' X \right) = \sigma^2 M_{xx},$$

where

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Applying Central Limit Theorem (Greenberg and Webster (1983), we obtain the following:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i u_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X' u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{xx}).$$

On the other hand, from $\hat{\beta}_n = \beta + (X' X)^{-1} X' u$, we can rewrite as:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n} X' X \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} X' u.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u\right) &= E\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}X'u\right)'\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n}X'E(uu')X\right) \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \\
&= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \longrightarrow \sigma^2 M_{xx}^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{xx}^{-1})$$

\implies Asymptotic normality (漸近的正規性) of OLSE

The distribution of u_i is not assumed.

8.6 Instrumental Variable (IV) Method (操作変数法 or IV 法) — Review

Instrumental Variable (IV)

1. Consider the regression model: $y = X\beta + u$ and $u \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$.

In the case of $E(X'u) \neq 0$, OLS of β is inconsistent.

2. Proof:

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + \left(\frac{1}{n}X'X\right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow \beta + M_{xx}^{-1}M_{xu},$$

where

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X \longrightarrow M_{xx}, \quad \frac{1}{n}X'u \longrightarrow M_{xu} \neq 0$$

3. Find the Z which satisfies $\frac{1}{n}Z'u \longrightarrow M_{zu} = 0$.

Multiplying Z' on both sides of the regression model: $y = X\beta + u$,

$$Z'y = Z'X\beta + Z'u$$

Dividing n on both sides of the above equation, we take plim on both sides.

Then, we obtain the following:

$$\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'y\right) = \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\beta + \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'u\right) = \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\beta.$$

Accordingly, we obtain:

$$\beta = \left(\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)\right)^{-1} \text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n}Z'y\right).$$

Therefore, we consider the following estimator:

$$\beta_{IV} = (Z'X)^{-1}Z'y,$$

which is taken as an estimator of β .

\Rightarrow **Instrumental Variable Method** (操作变数法 or IV 法)

4. Assume the followings:

$$\frac{1}{n}Z'X \longrightarrow M_{zx}, \quad \frac{1}{n}Z'Z \longrightarrow M_{zz}, \quad \frac{1}{n}Z'u \longrightarrow 0$$

5. **Asymptotic Distribution of β_{IV} :**

$$\beta_{IV} = (Z'X)^{-1}Z'y = (Z'X)^{-1}Z'(X\beta + u) = \beta + (Z'X)^{-1}Z'u,$$

which is rewritten as:

$$\sqrt{n}(\beta_{IV} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u\right)$$

Applying the Central Limit Theorem to $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u\right)$, we have the following result:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{zz}).$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{n}(\beta_{IV} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n}Z'X\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z'u\right) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2 M_{zx}^{-1} M_{zz} M_{zx}'^{-1})$$

\implies Consistency and Asymptotic Normality

6. The variance of β_{IV} is given by:

$$V(\beta_{IV}) = s^2(Z'X)^{-1}Z'Z(X'Z)^{-1},$$

where

$$s^2 = \frac{(y - X\beta_{IV})'(y - X\beta_{IV})}{n - k}.$$

8.7 Two-Stage Least Squares Method (2段階最小二乗法, 2SLS or TSLS) — Review

1. Regression Model:

$$y = X\beta + u, \quad u \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I),$$

In the case of $E(X'u) \neq 0$, OLS is not consistent.

2. Find the variable Z which satisfies $\frac{1}{n}Z'u \rightarrow M_{zu} = 0$.
3. Use $Z = \hat{X}$ for the instrumental variable.

\hat{X} is the predicted value which regresses X on the other exogenous variables, say W .

That is, consider the following regression model:

$$X = WB + V.$$

Estimate B by OLS.

Then, we obtain the prediction:

$$\hat{X} = W\hat{B},$$

where $\hat{B} = (W'W)^{-1}W'X$.

Or, equivalently,

$$\hat{X} = W(W'W)^{-1}W'X.$$

\hat{X} is used for the instrumental variable of X .

4. The IV method is rewritten as:

$$\beta_{IV} = (\hat{X}'X)^{-1}\hat{X}'y = (X'W(W'W)^{-1}W'X)^{-1}X'W(W'W)^{-1}W'y.$$

Furthermore, β_{IV} is written as follows:

$$\beta_{IV} = \beta + (X'W(W'W)^{-1}W'X)^{-1}X'W(W'W)^{-1}W'u.$$

Therefore, we obtain the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\beta_{IV} - \beta) &= \left(\left(\frac{1}{n} X' W \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} W' W \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} X W' \right)' \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} X' W \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} W' W \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} W' u \right) \\ &\rightarrow N\left(0, \sigma^2 (M_{xw} M_{ww}^{-1} M'_{xw})^{-1}\right).\end{aligned}$$

5. Clearly, there is no correlation between W and u at least in the limit, i.e.,

$$\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{n} W' u\right) = 0.$$

6. **Remark:**

$$\hat{X}' X = X' W (W' W)^{-1} W' X = X' W (W' W)^{-1} W' W (W' W)^{-1} W' X = \hat{X}' \hat{X}.$$

Therefore,

$$\beta_{IV} = (\hat{X}' X)^{-1} \hat{X}' y = (\hat{X}' \hat{X})^{-1} \hat{X}' y,$$

which implies the OLS estimator of β in the regression model: $y = \hat{X}\beta + u$ and $u \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$.

Example:

$$y_t = \alpha x_t + \beta z_t + u_t, \quad u_t \sim (0, \sigma^2).$$

Suppose that x_t is correlated with u_t but z_t is not correlated with u_t .

- 1st Step:

Estimate the following regression model:

$$x_t = \gamma w_t + \delta z_t + \cdots + v_t,$$

by OLS. \implies Obtain \hat{x}_t through OLS.

- 2nd Step:

Estimate the following regression model:

$$y_t = \alpha \hat{x}_t + \beta z_t + u_t,$$

by OLS. $\implies \alpha_{iv}$ and β_{iv}

Note as follows. Estimate the following regression model:

$$z_t = \gamma_2 w_t + \delta_2 z_t + \dots + v_{2t},$$

by OLS.

$\implies \hat{\gamma}_2 = 0$, $\hat{\delta}_2 = 1$, and the other coefficient estimates are zeros. i.e., $\hat{z}_t = z_t$.

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