

Serially Correlated Errors (Time Series Data):

- Suppose that u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n are serially correlated.

Consider the case where the subscript represents time.

Remember that $\beta_{GMM} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'Z(Z'\Omega Z)^{-1}Z'X)^{-1})$,

We need to consider evaluation of $\sigma^2 Z' \Omega Z = V(u^*)$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} V(u^*) &= V(Z'u) = V\left(\sum_{i=1}^n z'_i u_i\right) = V\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\right) \\ &= E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\right)'\right) = E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n v_j\right)'\right) \\ &= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n v_i v_j'\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(v_i v_j') \end{aligned}$$

where $v_i = z'_i u_i$ is a $r \times 1$ vector.

Define $\Gamma_\tau = \mathbf{E}(v_i v'_{i-\tau})$.

$\Gamma_0 = \mathbf{E}(v_i v'_i)$ represents the $r \times r$ variance-covariance matrix of v_i .

$$\Gamma_{-\tau} = \mathbf{E}(v_{i-\tau} v'_i) = \mathbf{E}((v_i v'_{i-\tau})') = (\mathbf{E}(v_i v'_{i-\tau}))' = \Gamma'_\tau.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}(u^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{E}(v_i v'_j) \\ &= \mathbf{E}(v_1 v'_1) + \mathbf{E}(v_1 v'_2) + \mathbf{E}(v_1 v'_3) + \cdots + \mathbf{E}(v_1 v'_n) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{E}(v_2 v'_1) + \mathbf{E}(v_2 v'_2) + \mathbf{E}(v_2 v'_3) + \cdots + \mathbf{E}(v_2 v'_n) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{E}(v_3 v'_1) + \mathbf{E}(v_3 v'_2) + \mathbf{E}(v_3 v'_3) + \cdots + \mathbf{E}(v_3 v'_n) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + \mathbf{E}(v_n v'_1) + \mathbf{E}(v_n v'_2) + \mathbf{E}(v_n v'_3) + \cdots + \mathbf{E}(v_n v'_n) \\ &= \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_{-1} + \Gamma_{-2} + \cdots + \Gamma_{1-n} \\ &\quad + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_{-1} + \cdots + \Gamma_{2-n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_0 + \cdots + \Gamma_{3-n} \\
& \quad \vdots \\
& + \Gamma_{n-1} + \Gamma_{n-2} + \Gamma_{n-3} + \cdots + \Gamma_0 \\
& = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma'_1 + \Gamma'_2 + \cdots + \Gamma'_{n-1} \\
& + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_0 + \Gamma'_1 + \cdots + \Gamma'_{n-2} \\
& + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_0 + \cdots + \Gamma'_{n-3} \\
& \quad \vdots \\
& + \Gamma_{n-1} + \Gamma_{n-2} + \Gamma_{n-3} + \cdots + \Gamma_0 \\
& = n\Gamma_0 + (n-1)(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma'_1) + (n-2)(\Gamma_2 + \Gamma'_2) + \cdots + (\Gamma_{n-1} + \Gamma'_{n-1}) \\
& = n\Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i)(\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= n\left(\Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)(\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i)\right) \\
&\approx n\left(\Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q \left(1 - \frac{i}{q+1}\right)(\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

In the last line, $n - 1$ is replaced by q , where $q < n - 1$.

We need to estimate Γ_τ as: $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=\tau+1}^n \hat{v}_i \hat{v}'_{i-\tau}$, where $\hat{v}_i = z'_i \hat{u}_i$ for $\hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i \beta_{GMM}$.

As τ is large, $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau$ is unstable.

Therefore, we choose the q which is less than $n - 1$.

Hansen's J Test: Is the model specification correct?

That is, is $E(z'u) = 0$ for $y = x\beta + u$ correct?

H_0 : $E(z'u) = 0$ (The model is correct. Or, the instrumental variables are appropriate.)

H_1 : $E(z'u) \neq 0$

The number of equations is r , while the number of parameters is k .

The degree of freedom is $r - k$.

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' \hat{u}_i\right)' \left(\widehat{V}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \hat{u}_i\right)\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' \hat{u}_i\right) \rightarrow \chi(r - k),$$

where $\hat{u}_i = y_i - x_i \beta_{GMM}$.

$V\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' \hat{u}_i\right)$ indicates the estimate of $V\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i' u_i\right)$ for $u_i = y_i - x_i \beta$.

The J test is called a test for over-identifying restrictions (過剩識別制約).

Remark 1: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are mutually independent.

$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ are assumed.

Consider $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Then, $\frac{\bar{X} - E(\bar{X})}{\sqrt{V(\bar{X})}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, 1)$.

That is, $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$.

Remark 2: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are mutually independent.

$X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ are assumed.

Then, $\left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(n)$.

If μ is replaced by its estimator \bar{X} , then $\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$.

Note:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma^2} \right)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 - \bar{X} \\ X_2 - \bar{X} \\ \vdots \\ X_n - \bar{X} \end{pmatrix}' \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & & & 0 \\ & \sigma^2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 - \bar{X} \\ X_2 - \bar{X} \\ \vdots \\ X_n - \bar{X} \end{pmatrix} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

In the case of GMM,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i u_i \rightarrow N(0, \Sigma),$$

where $\Sigma = V\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i u_i\right)$.

Therefore, we obtain: $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i u_i\right)' \Sigma^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i u_i\right) \rightarrow \chi^2(r)$.

In order to obtain \hat{u}_i , we have to estimate β , which is a $k \times 1$ vector.

Therefore, replacing u_i by \hat{u}_i , we have: $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i \hat{u}_i\right)' \Sigma^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i \hat{u}_i\right) \rightarrow \chi^2(r-k)$.

Moreover, from $\hat{\Sigma} \rightarrow \Sigma$, we obtain: $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i \hat{u}_i\right)' \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z'_i \hat{u}_i\right) \rightarrow \chi^2(r-k)$,

where $\hat{\Sigma}$ is a consistent estimator of Σ .

4.3 Generalized Method of Moments (GMM, 一般化積率法) II — Nonlinear Case —

Consider the general case:

$$E(h(\theta; w)) = 0,$$

which is the orthogonality condition.

A $k \times 1$ vector θ denotes a parameter to be estimated.

$h(\theta; w)$ is a $r \times 1$ vector for $r \geq k$.

Let $w_i = (y_i, x_i)$ be the i th observed data, i.e., the i th realization of w .

Define $g(\theta; W)$ as:

$$g(\theta; W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(\theta; w_i),$$

where $W = \{w_n, w_{n-1}, \dots, w_1\}$.

$g(\theta; W)$ is a $r \times 1$ vector for $r \geq k$.

Let $\hat{\theta}$ be the GMM estimator which minimizes:

$$g(\theta; W)'S^{-1}g(\theta; W),$$

with respect to θ .

- Solve the following first-order condition:

$$\frac{\partial g(\theta; W)'}{\partial \theta}S^{-1}g(\theta; W) = 0,$$

with respect to θ . There are r equations and k parameters.

Computational Procedure:

Linearizing the first-order condition around $\theta = \hat{\theta}$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial g(\theta; W)'}{\partial \theta}S^{-1}g(\theta; W) \\ &\approx \frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)'}{\partial \theta}S^{-1}g(\hat{\theta}; W) + \frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)'}{\partial \theta}S^{-1}\frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}(\theta - \hat{\theta}) \\ &= \hat{D}'S^{-1}g(\hat{\theta}; W) + \hat{D}'S^{-1}\hat{D}(\theta - \hat{\theta}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{D} = \frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}$, which is a $r \times k$ matrix.

Note that in the second term of the second line the second derivative is ignored and omitted.

Rewriting, we have the following equation:

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

Replacing θ and $\hat{\theta}$ by $\hat{\theta}^{(i+1)}$ and $\hat{\theta}^{(i)}$, respectively, we obtain:

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

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

Given S , repeat the iterative procedure for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, until $\hat{\theta}^{(i+1)}$ is equal to $\hat{\theta}^{(i)}$.

How do we derive the weight matrix S ?

- In the case where $h(\theta; w_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are mutually independent, S is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= V\left(\sqrt{n}g(\theta; W)\right) = nE\left(g(\theta; W)g(\theta; W)'\right) \\
 &= nE\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n h(\theta; w_i)\right)\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^n h(\theta; w_j)\right)'\right) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_j)'\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_i)'\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a $r \times r$ matrix.

Note that

- (i) $E(h(\theta; w_i)) = 0$ for all i and accordingly $E(g(\theta; W)) = 0$,
- (ii) $g(\theta; W) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n h(\theta; w_i) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^n h(\theta; w_j)$,
- (iii) $E(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_j)') = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

The estimator of S , denoted by \hat{S} is given by: $\hat{S} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n h(\hat{\theta}; w_i)h(\hat{\theta}; w_i)' \longrightarrow S$.

- Taking into account serial correlation of $h(\theta; w_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, S is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= V\left(\sqrt{n}g(\theta; W)\right) = nE\left(g(\theta; W)g(\theta; W)'\right) \\ &= nE\left(\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n h(\theta; w_i)\right)\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^n h(\theta; w_j)\right)'\right) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_j)'\right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n h(\theta; w_i)\right) = 0$.

Define $\Gamma_\tau = E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_{i-\tau})'\right) < \infty$, i.e., $h(\theta; w_i)$ is stationary.

Stationarity:

- (i) $E\left(h(\theta; w_i)\right)$ does not depend on i ,
- (ii) $E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_{i-\tau})'\right)$ depends on time difference τ .
 $\implies E\left(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_{i-\tau})'\right) = \Gamma_\tau$

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_j)') \\
&= \frac{1}{n} (\mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_1)h(\theta; w_1)') + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_1)h(\theta; w_2)') + \cdots + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_1)h(\theta; w_n)') \\
&\quad \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_2)h(\theta; w_1)') + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_2)h(\theta; w_2)') + \cdots + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_2)h(\theta; w_n)') \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\quad \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_n)h(\theta; w_1)') + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_n)h(\theta; w_2)') + \cdots + \mathbb{E}(h(\theta; w_n)h(\theta; w_n)')) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} (\Gamma_0 \quad + \Gamma'_1 \quad + \Gamma'_2 \quad + \cdots + \Gamma'_{n-1} \\
&\quad \Gamma_1 \quad + \Gamma_0 \quad + \Gamma'_1 \quad + \cdots + \Gamma'_{n-2} \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\quad \Gamma_{n-1} + \Gamma_{n-2} + \Gamma_{n-3} + \cdots + \Gamma_0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{n} \left(n\Gamma_0 + (n-1)(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma'_1) + (n-2)(\Gamma_2 + \Gamma'_2) + \cdots + (\Gamma_{n-1} + \Gamma'_{n-1}) \right) \\
&= \Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-i}{n} (\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i) = \Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) (\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i) \\
&= \Gamma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q \left(1 - \frac{i}{q+1}\right) (\Gamma_i + \Gamma'_i).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that $\Gamma'_\tau = E(h(\theta; w_{i-\tau})h(\theta; w_i)')$ = $\Gamma(-\tau)$, because $\Gamma_\tau = E(h(\theta; w_i)h(\theta; w_{i-\tau})')$.

In the last line, n is replaced by $q+1$, where $q < n$.

We need to estimate Γ_τ as: $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=\tau+1}^n h(\hat{\theta}; w_i)h(\hat{\theta}; w_{i-\tau})'$.

As τ is large, $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau$ is unstable.

Therefore, we choose the q which is less than n .

S is estimated as:

$$\hat{S} = \hat{\Gamma}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q \left(1 - \frac{i}{q+1}\right) (\hat{\Gamma}_i + \hat{\Gamma}'_i),$$

\implies the Newey-West Estimator

Note that $\hat{S} \rightarrow S$, because $\hat{\Gamma}_\tau \rightarrow \Gamma_\tau$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Asymptotic Properties of GMM:

GMM is consistent and asymptotic normal as follows:

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

where D is a $r \times k$ matrix, and \hat{D} is an estimator of D , defined as:

$$D = \frac{\partial g(\theta; W)}{\partial \theta'}, \quad \hat{D} = \frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}.$$

Proof of Asymptotic Normality:

Assumption 1: $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$

Assumption 2: $\sqrt{n}g(\theta; W) \rightarrow N(0, S)$, i.e., $S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(\sqrt{n}g(\theta; W))$.

The first-order condition of GMM is:

$$\frac{\partial g(\theta; W)'}{\partial \theta} S^{-1} g(\theta; W) = 0.$$

The GMM estimator, denote by $\hat{\theta}$, satisfies the above equation.

Therefore, we have the following:

$$\frac{\partial g(\hat{\theta}; W)'}{\partial \theta} \hat{S}^{-1} g(\hat{\theta}; W) = 0.$$

Linearize $g(\hat{\theta}; W)$ around $\hat{\theta} = \theta$ as follows:

$$g(\hat{\theta}; W) = g(\theta; W) + \frac{\partial g(\bar{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) = g(\theta; W) + \bar{D}(\hat{\theta} - \theta),$$

where $\bar{D} = \frac{\partial g(\bar{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}$, and $\bar{\theta}$ is between $\hat{\theta}$ and θ .

⇒ **Theorem of Mean Value** (平均値の定理)

Substituting the linear approximation at $\hat{\theta} = \theta$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}g(\hat{\theta}; W) \\ &= \hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}\left(g(\theta; W) + \bar{D}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)\right) \\ &= \hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}g(\theta; W) + \hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}\bar{D}(\hat{\theta} - \theta), \end{aligned}$$

which can be rewritten as:

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

Note that $\bar{D} = \frac{\partial g(\bar{\theta}; W)}{\partial \theta'}$, where $\bar{\theta}$ is between $\hat{\theta}$ and θ .

From Assumption 1, $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$ implies $\bar{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) = -(\hat{D}'\hat{S}^{-1}\bar{D})^{-1}\hat{D}'S^{-1} \times \sqrt{ng}(\theta; W).$$

Accordingly , the GMM estimator $\hat{\theta}$ has the following asymptotic distribution:

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

Note that $\hat{D} \rightarrow D$, $\bar{D} \rightarrow D$, $\hat{S} \rightarrow S$ and Assumption 2 are utilized.

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 $p \times 1$ 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 θ . 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 θ by $\hat{\theta}$ in R_{θ} , 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 β is equivalent to the instrumental variable (IV) estimator.

When z_i is a $1 \times r$ vector for $r > k$, the GMM of β 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.