

Solutions to Homework 2

2. (a) No. The regression in (1) cannot be estimated by the OLS whereas the regressions in (2), and (3) can be estimated. For the regression in (1), the regressors form a matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & D_{11} & D_{21} \\ 1 & D_{12} & D_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & D_{1n} & D_{2n} \end{bmatrix}$$

which has rank $2 < k = 3$ the number of regressors. This occurs because $D_{1i} + D_{2i} = 1$ for any i . This is the case of perfect multicollinearity. For the other two regressions, we don't face this problem and thus they can be estimated by the OLS.

- (b) Both regressions (2) and (3) can be used in practice. None is more general than the other.

Note that $E(Y | D_1 = 1, D_2 = 0) = \beta_1$ and $E(Y | D_1 = 0, D_2 = 1) = \beta_2$. They estimate the expected income for the male (β_1) and the expected return for the female β_2 respectively. Note that $E(Y | D_1 = 1) = \gamma_1 + \mu$ and $E(Y | D_1 = 0) = \mu$ in regression (3). They estimate the expected income for the male and the expected income for the female (γ_1) respectively.

So the two regressions are equivalent in that once we know the OLS result from one regression, we can easily recover the OLS result from the other.

- (c) We only need to find the estimator of the coefficients in (2) and (3). From the answer to (b), we know that the OLS estimator in regression (2) is given by

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{Y}_{\text{male}}, \hat{\beta}_2 = \bar{Y}_{\text{female}},$$

where \bar{Y}_{male} is the average income of the n_1 males and \bar{Y}_{female} is the average income of the n_2 females. This is because

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1 & 0 \\ 0 & n_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} Y_i \\ \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2} Y_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{Y}_{\text{male}} \\ \bar{Y}_{\text{female}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. (a) This is a constraint minimization problem with q linear constraints given by $R\beta = r$. By the constraint optimization theory, the restricted least squares solution $\hat{\beta}_*$ solves the minimization of the Lagrangian.
- (b) By taking the first order derivatives with respect to β and λ and set them equal to 0, then

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_*, \lambda)}{\partial \beta} = -2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} + 2\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}_* + R'\lambda = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_*, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = R\hat{\beta}_* - r = 0 \quad (2)$$

Rearranging (1) gives

$$\hat{\beta}_* = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R'\lambda = \hat{\beta} - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R'\lambda \quad (3)$$

from (2) and (3), we have

$$r = R\hat{\beta}_* = R\hat{\beta} - \frac{1}{2} R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R'\lambda.$$

Note that $R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R'$ is invertible, we have

$$\lambda = 2 \left[R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r) \quad (4)$$

By plugging (4) into (3) we have

$$\hat{\beta}_* = \hat{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r). \quad (5)$$

- (c) Under the null restriction $R\beta = r$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_* - \beta &= (\hat{\beta} - \beta) - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - R\beta) \\ &= \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \\ &= \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Under the null restriction and the classical assumptions, conditional on \mathbf{X} , $\hat{\beta}_* - \beta$ is a linear combination of multivariate normal distribution ($u \mid \mathbf{X} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})$ here), so

$$\hat{\beta}_* - \beta \mid \mathbf{X} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \Omega)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega &= \sigma^2 \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\} \\
&= \sigma^2 \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left\{ I_{k+1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R \right\}' \\
&= \sigma^2 \left\{ (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \left[R(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} R' \right]^{-1} R (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$