

Homework 6. Due Monday October 6.

1. a) Show for 2×2 matrices that $\text{vec}(ABC) = (C' \otimes A) \text{vec } B$. (It is enough to verify it for the first three elements or so of the resulting vector.)

b) Prove that $(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = (AC \otimes BD)$ using the formula from part a). This can be done (painfully) by multiplying it all out, but a much more clever way is to prove that $(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) \text{vec}(X) = (AC \otimes BD) \text{vec}(X)$ for arbitrary X . Next hint is to use the formula from a) two times, and first show that $(C \otimes D) \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(DXC')$ and then use the formula again.

2. Consider the demand and supply model (or whatever the variables may stand for):

$$y1 = \alpha_1 * y2 + \alpha_2 x_1 + u_1,$$

and

$$y2 = \alpha_3 * y1 + \alpha_4 x_4 + \alpha_5 x_5 + u_2.$$

i) Assume you know the Π matrix of the reduced form (this can be estimated consistently), write down and solve the 5 equations for the α 's.

2) If instead

$$y2 = \alpha_3 * y1 + \alpha_6 * x_1 + \alpha_4 x_4 + u_2,$$

show that one cannot solve the equation uniquely for $(\alpha_3, \alpha_6, \alpha_4)$.

3. (If we get to it Wednesday) Use the posted program to estimate the coefficients of the model using 2SLS and LIML for the simultaneous equation model (run the program with, say, 1000 simulations). We removed one line from my program that you have to add. Report bias and standard errors across the simulations. Also, add an OLS estimator of the same equation and show that the results of the OLS estimator are biased.

Change one of the coefficients in the simulation to make the OLS bias worse. Simulate again and show it gets worse.