

Solution to exam in Econometric Methods (MT5014), 13 January 2020

Problem 1

- a) See in compendium, chapter 2.2.2.
- b) See definition 3.3, on page 36 in the compendium.
- c) See page 36 in the compendium.
- d) It is biased.
- e) A valid instrument should be not correlated with noise in regression equation and correlated with explanatory variable.

Problem 2

- a) Autocorrelation. Estimator of β is unbiased and consistent but not effective.
- b) No. Since $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ has constant variance, they are homoscedastic.
- c) AR(1)-process.
- d) GLS-estimator of β in this model is

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}, \text{ where } \mathbf{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta & \dots & \theta^{n-1} \\ \theta & 1 & \dots & \theta^{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \theta^{n-1} & \theta^{n-2} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and it is BLUE (Theorem 4.1 in compendium). We need to estimate $k+2$ parameters in this model: $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \sigma, \theta$.

- e) Since ε_t is a AR(1) process so $\varepsilon_t = \theta \varepsilon_{t-1} + \tilde{\varepsilon}_t$. We can approximate ε_t with the residuals e_t and estimate θ by OLS.

Problem 3

The unrestricted RSS is $\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} = (102 - 2)26 + (102 - 2)42 + (52 - 2)0.30 = 83$
and the restricted RSS is $\mathbf{e}_*^T \mathbf{e}_* = (256 - 2)0.38 = 96.52$.

The Chow test of structural change is

$$F = \frac{(\mathbf{e}_*^T \mathbf{e}_* - \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}) / (2 * 2)}{\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} / (256 - 3 * 2)} = \frac{(96.52 - 83) / 4}{83 / 250} = 10.181.$$

This is significant at any conventional significance levels and we reject the hypothesis that all income groups have the same expenditure function.

Problem 4

See in the textbook of Tsay chapter 2.6.1.

Problem 5

- a) See page 59 in the textbook of Tsay.
- b) See pages 62-63 in the textbook of Tsay.
Multistep-ahead forecasts go to the mean after the first two steps, the variance of the forecast errors go to the variance of Y_t after two steps.

Problem 6

- a) See page 391 in the textbook of Tsay.
- b) See the end of page 391 in the textbook of Tsay.
- c) Formula (8.8) on page 399 in the textbook of Tsay.
- d) The k eigenvalues of Φ must be less than 1 in modulus (see page 402 in the textbook of Tsay).
- e) This is a structural form.