New meeting times for Econ 210D Mondays 8:00-9:20 a.m. in Econ 300 Wednesdays 11:00-12:20 in Econ 300 Identification using nonrecursive structure, long-run restrictions and heteroskedasticity

General statement of problem of structural interpretation: Can observe in the data:

 $\varepsilon_{1t}, \ldots, \varepsilon_{nt}$ = errors I make forecasting variables from lagged values.

Think of these as resulting from n structural shocks:

- u_{1t} = shock to technology
- u_{2t} = shock to price markup
- u_{3t} = shock to monetary policy

 $\mathbf{\varepsilon}_t = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{u}_t$

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 $E(\mathbf{\epsilon}_t \mathbf{\epsilon}'_t) = \mathbf{\Omega}$ (can observe in the data) $E(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}'_t) = \mathbf{D}$ (unknown variance of structural shocks)

 $\boldsymbol{\Omega}=\boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{H}'$

A. Nonrecursive Orthogonalized VARs

Structural model:

 $\mathbf{B}_{0}\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}_{t} + \mathbf{u}_{t}$ $\mathbf{x}_{t} = (1, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}^{'}, \mathbf{y}_{t-2}^{'}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-p}^{'})^{'}$

 \mathbf{u}_t = vector of structural shocks $E(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}'_t) = \mathbf{D}$ (diagonal)

recursive identification assumed $\ensuremath{\mathbf{B}}_0$ was lower triangular

If $\mathbf{u}_t \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D})$ then log likelihood is $-(Tn/2) \log(2\pi) - (T/2) \log|\mathbf{B}_0^{-1} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{B}_0^{-1})'|$ $-(1/2) \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbf{B}_0 \mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}_t)' \mathbf{D}^{-1} (\mathbf{B}_0 \mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}_t)$

If **B** is unrestricted, MLE of **B**₀ and **D** are
values that maximize
$$(T/2) \log |\mathbf{B}_0|^2 - (T/2) \log |\mathbf{D}|$$

 $-(T/2) \operatorname{trace} \{(\mathbf{B}'_0 \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_0) \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}\}$
If model is just identified, estimates will satisfy
 $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{D}} (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0^{-1})' = \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}$

B. Identification using long-run conditions

x_t log of productivity in quarter *t* (log GDP minus log of hours worked)
 n_t log of hours worked in nonag establishments
 1948:Q1-1994:Q4

$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_{t} \\ \Delta n_{t} \end{bmatrix} \sim I(0)$$

VAR (reduced-form) (p = 4)
$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{\Phi}_{1}\mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{\Phi}_{2}\mathbf{y}_{t-2} + \dots + \mathbf{\Phi}_{p}\mathbf{y}_{t-p} + \mathbf{\epsilon}_{t}$$
$$E(\mathbf{\epsilon}_{t}\mathbf{\epsilon}_{t}^{'}) = \mathbf{\Omega}$$

Structural model:

$$\mathbf{B}_0 \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{\lambda} + \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{y}_{t-2} + \dots + \mathbf{B}_p \mathbf{y}_{t-p} + \mathbf{u}_t$$

 $E(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t') = \mathbf{I}_2$ (normalization)

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$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{t} - x_{t-1} \\ n_{t} - n_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\frac{\partial(x_{t} - x_{t-1})}{\partial u_{2t}} = \frac{\partial y_{1t}}{\partial u_{2t}}$$
$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{\mu} + \mathbf{C}_{0}\mathbf{u}_{t} + \mathbf{C}_{1}\mathbf{u}_{t-1} + \mathbf{C}_{2}\mathbf{u}_{t-2} + \cdots$$





Goal: find structural disturbances
$$\mathbf{u}_t$$
 that are
a linear combination of the VAR innovations,
 $\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{B}_0 \mathbf{\epsilon}_t$,
such that:
(1) $E(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}'_t) = \mathbf{I}_2$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}_0 \Omega \mathbf{B}'_0 = \mathbf{I}_2$
 $\Rightarrow \Omega = (\mathbf{B}_0^{-1})(\mathbf{B}_0^{-1})'$

(2) y_t = µ + C(L)u_t
(3) C(1) is lower triangular

 $\Phi(L)\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t}$ $\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t} = \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{t}$ $\Rightarrow \Phi(L)\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{t}$ $\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{\mu} + [\Phi(L)]^{-1}\mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{t}$ $\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{\mu} + \mathbf{C}(L)\mathbf{u}_{t}$ $\Rightarrow \mathbf{C}(1) = [\Phi(1)]^{-1}\mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}$ $C(1) = [\Phi(1)]^{-1}B_0^{-1}$ $C(1)[C(1)]' = [\Phi(1)]^{-1}B_0^{-1}(B_0^{-1})' \{[\Phi(1)]^{-1}\}'$ $C(1)[C(1)]' = [\Phi(1)]^{-1}\Omega \{[\Phi(1)]^{-1}\}'$ Can estimate $\Phi(1)$ and Ω from VAR $\hat{\Omega} = T^{-1}\sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{\varepsilon}_t \hat{\varepsilon}_t'$ $\hat{\Phi}(1) = \mathbf{I}_2 - \hat{\Phi}_1 - \hat{\Phi}_2 - \hat{\Phi}_3 - \hat{\Phi}_4$

Want: Lower triangular matrix C(1) such that $C(1)[C(1)]' = [\Phi(1)]^{-1}\Omega\{[\Phi(1)]^{-1}\}'$ Conclusion: C(1) is Cholesky factor of $[\Phi(1)]^{-1}\Omega\{[\Phi(1)]^{-1}\}'$

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To get \mathbf{B}_0 we then use fact that $\mathbf{C}(1) = [\mathbf{\Phi}(1)]^{-1} \mathbf{B}_0^{-1}$ $\mathbf{B}_0 = [\mathbf{C}(1)]^{-1} [\mathbf{\Phi}(1)]^{-1}$

Summary:
(1) Estimate VAR by OLS

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{y}_{t} &= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_{t} \\ \Delta n_{t} \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{y}_{t} &= \hat{\mathbf{c}} + \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_{1} \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_{2} \mathbf{y}_{t-2} + \dots + \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_{p} \mathbf{y}_{t-p} + \hat{\mathbf{c}}_{t} \\
\hat{\mathbf{\Omega}} &= T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{\mathbf{c}}_{t} \hat{\mathbf{c}}_{t}'
\end{aligned}$$

(2) Find Cholesky factor or lower triangular matrix $\hat{\mathbf{C}}$ such that $\hat{\mathbf{C}}\hat{\mathbf{C}}' = \hat{\mathbf{Q}}\hat{\mathbf{Q}}\hat{\mathbf{Q}}'$ $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = (\mathbf{I}_2 - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_2 - \dots - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_p)^{-1}$

(3) Technology shock and transitory shocks for date *t* are first and second elements of $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_t = \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0 \hat{\mathbf{\epsilon}}_t$ where $\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0 = \widehat{\mathbf{C}}^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}$

(4) Effect of tech shock and transitory shock at date *t* on \mathbf{y}_{t+s} are given by first and second columns, respectively, of

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_{t+s}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{t}'} = \mathbf{\Psi}_{s} \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}$$

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Estimated structural IRF with 95% CI (Fig 2 in Galí) Figure 2 : US









For u_{1t} to be uncorrelated with u_{2t} , it must be interpreted as something that moves ε_{1t} and ε_{2t} in opposite directions.

So if technology shock raises productivity, it must increase ε_{1t} and decrease ε_{2t} .











Additional comments: (1) $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = (\mathbf{I}_2 - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_2 - \dots - \hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_p)^{-1}$ is estimated poorly, sensitive to *p* Note: algorithm may be a little more robust if instead use $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \hat{\Psi}_0 + \hat{\Psi}_1 + \dots + \hat{\Psi}_m$ for some *m*

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Chari, Kehoe and McGrattan (2008) give example of DSGE for which when this kind of procedure is applied does not uncover technology shock.

(2) technology shock could be temporary(e.g., delay in adoption of discovered technology)(3) demand shock could be permanent(e.g., lost human capital)



$$\mathbf{y}_{t} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{\Phi}_{1}\mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \dots + \mathbf{\Phi}_{p}\mathbf{y}_{t-p} + \mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t}$$
$$\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t} = \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{t}$$
$$u_{1t} = \text{monetary policy shock}$$
want to estimate $\mathbf{b}^{(1)}$ (first column of \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1})

Suppose we believed that: (1) monetary policy shocks have higher variance on particular days

$$E(u_{1t}^2) = \begin{cases} d_{11}^{(0)} + \lambda & \text{if } t \in S \\ d_{11}^{(0)} & \text{if } t \notin S \end{cases}$$

Set *S* is known (Wright uses FOMC dates and dates of monetary policy announcements)

Date	Event	Time
11/25/2008	Fed announces purchases of MBS and agency bonds	08:1
12/1/2008	Bernanke states Treasuries may be purchased	13:4
12/16/2008	FOMC Meeting	14:1
1/28/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
3/18/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
4/29/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:11
6/24/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
8/12/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
9/23/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
11/4/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
12/16/2009	FOMC Meeting	14:1
1/27/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
3/16/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
4/28/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
6/23/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
8/10/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
8/27/2010	Bernanke speech at Jackson Hole	10:0
9/21/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
10/15/2010	Bernanke speech at Boston Fed	08:1
11/3/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
12/14/2010	FOMC Meeting	14:1
1/26/2011	FOMC Meeting	14:1
3/15/2011	FOMC Meeting	14:1
4/27/2011	FOMC Meeting	12:3
6/2/2011	FOMC Meeting	12:3
8/9/2011	FOMC Meeting	14:1
8/26/2011	Bernanke Speech at Jackson Hole	10:0
9/21/2011	FOMC Meeting	14:1
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(2) A monetary policy shock of given size would have the same effects on these dates as others
(3) Variance and effects of other shocks same on these dates as others

Then

$$E(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t') = \begin{cases} \mathbf{D} + \lambda \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1' & \text{if } t \in S \\ \mathbf{D} & \text{if } t \notin S \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \text{col 1 of } \mathbf{I}_n$$

$$\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t} = \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{t} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{b}^{(i)}u_{it}$$
$$E(\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t}\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{t}') = \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1})' + \lambda \mathbf{b}^{(1)}(\mathbf{b}^{(1)})' & \text{if } t \in S \\ \mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{B}_{0}^{-1})' & \text{if } t \notin S \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_{1} &= T_{1}^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{\mathbf{\epsilon}}_{t} \hat{\mathbf{\epsilon}}_{t}' \delta(t \in S) \\ T_{1} &= \sum_{t=1}^{T} \delta(t \in S) \\ \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_{0} &= T_{0}^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{\mathbf{\epsilon}}_{t} \hat{\mathbf{\epsilon}}_{t}' \delta(t \notin S) \\ T_{0} &= \sum_{t=1}^{T} \delta(t \notin S) \\ \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_{1} - \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_{0} \xrightarrow{p} \lambda \mathbf{b}^{(1)}(\mathbf{b}^{(1)})' \\ \text{so we can estimate } \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \text{ up to an} \\ \text{unknown scale, e.g.: normalize } \lambda = 1 \end{aligned}$$

 $\sqrt{T_{1}} [\operatorname{vech}(\hat{\Omega}_{1}) - \operatorname{vech}(\Omega_{1})]$ $\stackrel{L}{\rightarrow} N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V}_{1})$ element of \mathbf{V}_{1} corresponding to covariance between $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{\ell m}$ given by $(\sigma_{i\ell}\sigma_{jm} + \sigma_{im}\sigma_{j\ell})$ (Hamilton, TSA, p. 301).

(1) Test null hypothesis that $\Omega_0 = \Omega_1$ $\hat{\mathbf{q}}' [\hat{\mathbf{V}}_1/T_1 + \hat{\mathbf{V}}_0/T_0]^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{q}} \xrightarrow{L} \chi^2(n(n+1)/2)$ $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \operatorname{vech}(\hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_1) - \operatorname{vech}(\hat{\mathbf{\Omega}}_0)$ or bootstrap critical value

This statistic is 67.9. asymptotic: $P[\chi^2(21) > 46.8] = 0.001$ bootstrap *p*-value = 0.005 \Rightarrow reject H_0 : $\Omega_0 = \Omega_1$ Variance on announcement days different from others so this assumption of framework is correct.

(2) Estimate
$$\mathbf{b}^{(1)}$$
 by minimum chi square:
 $\hat{\mathbf{b}}^{(1)} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{b}^{(1)}} \tilde{\mathbf{q}}' [\hat{\mathbf{V}}_1/T_1 + \hat{\mathbf{V}}_0/T_0]^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{q}}$
 $\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = \hat{\mathbf{q}} - \operatorname{vech}[\mathbf{b}^{(1)}(\mathbf{b}^{(1)})']$
 $\widehat{\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_{t+s}}{\partial u_{1t}}} = \hat{\mathbf{\Psi}}_s \hat{\mathbf{b}}^{(1)}$

(3) Test null hypothesis restriction valid: value of objective function asymptotically $\chi^2(n(n-1)/2)$ or bootstrap critical value. This test does not reject \Rightarrow assumption that $\Omega_1 = \Omega_0 + \mathbf{b}^{(1)}\mathbf{b}^{(1)'}$ is consistent with observed data.

Normalization: second element of $\mathbf{b}^{(1)} = -0.25$ Monetary policy shock lowers 10-year yield by 25 bp.



 No evidence that unconventional monetary policy works through changes in expected inflation or risk premia.

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