Simultaneous Equation Models (SiEM)

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This course considers systems of equations, drawing from two complementary approaches: the structural equation modeling with latent variables (SEM) literature and the econometrics literature (SiEM). In contrast to single equation models, these models have at least two equations. These simultaneous models can be grouped into two major types: recursive models, which do not create any special problems, and nonrecursive models, which require special treatment. For each of these major types of models, we will discuss the specification, identification, estimation, and assessment of these simultaneous equation systems. Nonrecursive models introduce the problem of identification, or how to establish that the parameters of the model are estimable. These models also require alternative estimation techniques.

As time permits, advanced topics will be covered. Students should have a solid understanding of multiple regression and some background in matrix algebra. We will be using SAS and STATA for programming.

Required text:


Readings are also drawn from selected chapters in the following four econometric texts:


Additional readings are drawn from the following structural equation modeling (SEM) texts:


All required readings are available in the summer program library in the Newberry House and on the course web site.
There will be approximately 6 assignments. Due dates of assignments will be announced in class. We will also be discussing application papers as appropriate to non-recursive models (listed on last page of this syllabus). Lab sessions will be announced in class.

**Topics and Readings:**

**I. Introduction to Simultaneous Equation Models**

a. A brief introduction to simultaneous equation models

**II: Review of the Classical Linear Regression model**

a. Review of matrix algebra

Readings:
Fox, John. 2009. *A Mathematical Primer for Social Statistics.* SAGE Publications, Inc. QASS. Chapter 1, Section 1.1 pp. 2-18 and Section 1.4 pp. 30-40. OR
Johnston and DiNardo: pp. 459-483

b. Classical linear regression model

Readings:
Gujarati: ch.4 OR
Greene: ch.2 (ch. 6) OR
Johnston & Dinardo: ch.3

Note: for further review, read Gujarati ch.1-3 & 6, or Johnston & DiNardo chp.1-2, etc. first.

**III: Overview of simultaneous equation models**

Recursive vs. nonrecursive models; path diagrams/equations/matrices; reduced vs. structural form; direct, indirect and total effects.

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chps. 1 & 2
Gujarati: chp.18
Bollen: pp.32-34; 36-39
IV: Recursive models

a. Specification

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 2 p. 4-17
Gujarati: p. 764
Johnston & DiNardo: pp. 305-309
Kmenta: pp. 719-720

b. Identification

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 3 p. 24-30
Bollen: p. 88-98
Kenny: p. 34-41, 61-62
Greene: 13.3

c. Estimation

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4 p. 46-48
Gujarati: p. 681-682
Johnston: p. 468-469 (ed. 4: 314-318)
Kmenta: p. 720

d. Assessment

Decomposition of effects

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 6 (pp. 88-97)
Bollen: pp. 36-39

Mediation in SiEM** (**see extended list on c-tools site or z: drive).

Readings:
Optional Reading:

V: SUR (seemingly unrelated regressions) models

Readings:
Greene: 10.2, 15.6.3
Kmenta: 12.3

Example:

VI: Nonrecursive simultaneous equation models

a. Specification
Reading:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 2 (esp p. 17-23)
Gujarati: 18.3-18.4

b. Identification
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 3
Gujarati: chp.19.1-19.3
Greene: 13.3.1-13.3.2

c. Estimation: ILS, 2SLS, 3SLS, ML
Reading:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4
Gujarati: 20.1

c1. Indirect least squares
Readings:
c2. Two Stage Least Squares, aka 2SLS
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4 p. 48-53
Gujarati: 20.4, 20.5
Greene: 13.4, 13.5.2, and 13.5.3
Kmenta: pp.681-687

Examples:


c3. 3SLS
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4 p. 53-54
Johnston: pp.486-490
Kmenta: pp.695-701
Greene 13.6, 13.6.1

c4. MLE
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4 p. 55
Greene: 13.6.2

d. Comparison of Estimation Methods
Reading:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 4 pp. 51-53 & 56-58
Greene: 13.7
Kmenta: pp.711-714

e. Decomposition of Effects
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 6
Bollen: pp.376-389
VII. Assessment of models

a. Equation by equation

a1. Assessment of Instruments
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 5 pp. 73-78

Optional reading** (see extended list on course website of more recent applications):

a2. Endogeneity tests:
Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 5 pp. 78-80
Gujarati: 19.4-19.5
Greene: 13.8

b. Global goodness of fit statistics for overidentified models

Readings:
Paxton, Hipp, & Marquart-Pyatt: Chp. 5 (pages 67-73)
Bollen: pp.263-289
Additional Topics: (including seminal cites and covered as time permits)

**Consequences of measurement error**
*Reading:*
Bollen: chp.5; Greene: 9.5

**Simultaneous equations with limited dependent variables**
*Readings:*

*Optional readings:* Maddala 5.1, 5.8, chapter 7 and chapter 8.
*Example:*

**Modeling change**
*Readings:*

*Optional Reading:*

**Standard Errors of indirect effects**
*Readings:*
Lagged Endogenous Variables with autocorrelation
Readings:
Kmenta: 13.5

Using simultaneous equations to handle spatial effects
Readings:

Bayesian Simultaneous Equations
Readings:
TBA

Autocorrelation or heteroskedasticity in simultaneous equations
Readings:
Kmenta: 13.5

Power Issues in Simultaneous Equations
Readings:

Application Papers with tentative presentation dates (subject to change*):

Nonrecursive I: Presentation & Discussion on Thursday, Aug 9.

Nonrecursive II: Presentation & Discussion on Friday, Aug 10.

Nonrecursive III: Presentation & Discussion on Tuesday, Aug 14.