

# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS USING APPROXIMATE MOMENT CONDITION MODELS

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- Economic models often viewed as approximation of reality
  - Yet inference typically proceeds as if approximation exact
- This paper: take this view seriously and consider inference in GMM when moment conditions hold only approximately
  - Includes failure of exclusion restrictions, functional form misspecification, measurement error etc.
  - Sensitivity analysis: do conclusions still hold if model only “approximately” true? How large does misspecification need to be to overturn main result?

- Interested in  $h(\theta)$ 
  - $\theta_0$  is true value of some parameter and,  $h: \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  known function
- Moment condition  $g(\theta) = E[g(w_i, \theta)]$  **locally misspecified**

$$g(\theta_0) = c/\sqrt{n}, \quad c \in C,$$

with set  $C$  formalizing how moment conditions fail (e.g.

$C = \{c : \|c\| \leq M\}$  for some norm  $\|\cdot\|$ )

- $C = \{0\} \implies$  usual (correctly specified) GMM setup

- Valid CIs easy to construct: take GMM estimator  $\pm$  std error  $\times$  critical value (cv) that is  $> 1.96$  and takes into account possible bias over  $C$ 
  - Estimator still asymptotically normal, use of cv only “nonstandard” aspect
- Key insight: because CIs must be widened to take into account bias, optimal weight matrix  $W$  **different** from correctly specified case
  - bias-variance trade-off: less weight on moments with potentially large misspecification according to  $C$
  - **Empirically important**: in application to Berry, Levinsohn, and Pakes [1995], adjusting  $W$  shrinks CI up to  $3\times$  or more
- When  $C$  convex, cv and optimal  $W$  easy to compute by convex programming. Under  $\ell_p$  constraints, obtain weightings analogous to penalized regression (e.g. ridge/LASSO)

## MAIN FINDINGS (CONT)

- Show our CI (with optimally chosen  $W$ ) near-optimal at  $c = 0$  when  $\mathcal{C}$  convex and centrosymmetric ( $c \in \mathcal{C} \implies -c \in \mathcal{C}$ )
  - Derive limiting experiment for locally misspecified GMM
  - Optimality despite “pessimism”: cv based on worst possible misspecification over  $\mathcal{C}$
- Two important implications:
  1. Cannot determine **magnitude** of misspecification from the data; size of  $\mathcal{C}$  must be chosen a priori, **including**  $M$  if  $\mathcal{C} = \{c : \|c\| \leq M\}$ .  
Instead recommend varying  $M$  as a form of sensitivity analysis
  2. Cannot use model selection to determine **which** moments invalid: valid post-model selections CIs cannot be asymptotically substantively shorter than ours, **even if it “turns out” that model correctly specified.**

Results for estimation may be different. Leave to future research.

- Liao [2013], Cheng and Liao [2015], DiTraglia [2016]...: use possibly invalid moments for MSE improvements
- Andrews and Guggenberger [2009], DiTraglia [2016], McCloskey [2017] propose valid post-model selection CIs:
  - *This paper*: these CIs cannot substantively improve upon CI based only on valid moments

- Correctly specified GMM [Hansen and Singleton, 1982, Hansen, 1982]
  - Unconstrained linear model (Gauss-Markov) + asymptotic linear approximation for nonlinear model = optimal estimator/CI under correct specification
  - Chamberlain [1987] (see also Hansen, 1985): formalize optimality of estimator; van der Vaart [1998, Chapter 25]: one-sided CI optimality
- Locally misspecified GMM
  - Linear model with convex parameter space (Ibragimov & Khasminskii, Donoho, Cai, Low, Armstrong & Kolesár) + asymptotic linear approximation for nonlinear model = optimal estimator/CI under local misspecification
  - *This paper*: formalize notion estimator/CI near-optimal (Le Cam style arguments)

- Newey [1985]: use influence fkt weights to calculate local asy bias
- Andrews, Gentzkow, and Shapiro [2017]: one should report these weights, call them “sensitivity”
  - *This paper*: (1) use sensitivity to compute worst-case bias and construct CI; (2) derive optimal sensitivity, and show improvement can be dramatic
- Kitamura, Otsu, and Evdokimov [2013]: derive optimal estimator when misspecification bounded by Hellinger distance
  - *This paper*: under this form of misspecification optimal  $W$  same as under correct specification: both Kitamura et al. [2013] estimator and usual GMM are optimal
- Independent work by Bonhomme and Weidner [2018]: inference and optimal estimation when  $C$  determined relative to larger class of models.



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Empirical Application

- True parameter value  $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}$  satisfies

$$g(\theta_0) \equiv Eg(w_i, \theta_0) = c/\sqrt{n}, \quad c \in C \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_g}$$

- Observe  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . Let  $\hat{g}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(w_i, \theta)$ ,  $\Gamma = \frac{d}{d\theta'} g(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_0}$ .
- Assume standard regularity conditions:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{g}(\theta_0) - g(\theta_0)) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma),$$

$$\text{for } \theta_n = \theta_0 + O_P(n^{-1/2}): \hat{g}(\theta_n) - \hat{g}(\theta_0) = \Gamma(\theta_n - \theta_0) + o_P(1/\sqrt{n}),$$

- Interested in  $h(\theta_0) \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $h$  cont. diff.  $H$   $1 \times d_\theta$  derivative matrix at  $\theta_0$

- Consider asymptotically linear estimator  $\hat{h}$ ,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{h} - h(\theta_0)) = k' \sqrt{n}\hat{g}(\theta_0) + o_P(1) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(k'c, k'\Sigma k),$$

where  $k$  is its *sensitivity* (using Andrews et al. [2017] terminology)

- Holds for typical estimators, with  $\Sigma = \text{var}(g(w_i, \theta_0))$  in iid case.
  - If  $\hat{h} = h(\hat{\theta}_W)$  where  $\hat{\theta}_W = \text{argmin}_{\theta} \hat{g}(\theta)'W\hat{g}(\theta)$  is GMM estimator with weight matrix  $W$ , this holds with [Newey, 1985]

$$k' = -H(\Gamma'W\Gamma)^{-1}\Gamma'W$$

- Let  $\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$  be consistent estimates of  $k$  and  $\Sigma$ .

- To construct CI, note  $z$ -statistic satisfies

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\hat{h} - h(\theta_0))}{\sqrt{\hat{k}'\hat{\Sigma}\hat{k}}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{k'c}{\sqrt{k'\Sigma k}}, 1\right)$$

- So mean of  $z$ -statistic is asymptotically  $|t| \leq \frac{\overline{\text{bias}}_C(k)}{\sqrt{k'\Sigma k}}$ , with  $\overline{\text{bias}}_C(k) \equiv \sup_{c \in C} |k'c|$ .
- Let  $\text{cv}_\alpha(t)$  be the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of  $|\mathcal{N}(t, 1)|$
- Leads to  $100 \cdot (1 - \alpha)\%$  CI

$$\hat{h} \pm \text{cv}_\alpha\left(\frac{\overline{\text{bias}}_C(\hat{k})}{\sqrt{\hat{k}'\hat{\Sigma}\hat{k}}}\right) \cdot \sqrt{\hat{k}'\hat{\Sigma}\hat{k}}/\sqrt{n}$$

- One-sided CI simply  $[\hat{h} - \overline{\text{bias}}_C(\hat{k}) - z_{1-\alpha}\sqrt{\hat{k}'\hat{\Sigma}\hat{k}}, \infty)$ .

- Let  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}$  be some initial  $\sqrt{n}$ -consistent estimator
- Then **one-step estimator**

$$\hat{h} = h(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}) + \hat{k}'\hat{g}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}) \quad \text{where } \hat{k} \xrightarrow{P} k.$$

has sensitivity  $k$ , **so long as**  $H = -k'\Gamma$ , since by Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{h} - h(\theta_0)) &= H\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}} - \theta_0) + \hat{k}'\sqrt{n}\hat{g}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}) + o_P(1) \\ &= (H + \hat{k}'\Gamma)\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}} - \theta_0) + \hat{k}'\sqrt{n}\hat{g}(\theta_0) + o_P(1)\end{aligned}$$

- Class of one-step estimators asymptotically equivalent to class of GMM estimators: optimal  $k$  determines optimal weight matrix  $W$

- Asymptotic width of CI is

$$2 \text{cv}_\alpha \left( \overline{\text{bias}}_C(k) / \sqrt{k' \Sigma k} \right) \cdot \sqrt{k' \Sigma k} / \sqrt{n}$$

- Depends on  $k$  only through  $\overline{\text{bias}}_C(k)$  (worst-case bias) and  $k' \Sigma k$  (variance), increasing in both. Thus, to compute optimal sensitivity, enough to
  1. Minimize variance subject to bound  $\overline{B}$  on bias, and subject to  $H = -k' T$
  2. Vary  $\overline{B}$  to find optimal  $k$
- Generalizes to other criteria: maximum MSE ( $[\overline{\text{bias}}_C(k)^2 + k' \Sigma k] / \sqrt{n}$ ), absolute error loss... Optimal  $k$  depends on criterion

- Bias-variance tradeoff problem

$$\min_k k' \Sigma k \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H = -k' \Gamma, \quad \sup_{c \in C} |k' c| \leq \bar{B}$$

- Problem particularly tractable when  $C$  convex: can cast as convex optimization problem
  - See paper for details; closed-form solutions available in special cases

To compute (feasible) optimal sensitivity:

1. Obtain initial estimates  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}$  and  $\hat{H}$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$ . For each  $\bar{B}$ , solve for  $\hat{k}_{\bar{B}}$  (optimal  $k$  with  $\hat{H}$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$  plugged in)
2. Choose  $\bar{B}$  to minimize length of resulting CI, or else maximum MSE  $\bar{B}^2 + \hat{k}'_{\bar{B}} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{k}_{\bar{B}}$ .
3. Report  $\hat{h} = h(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}) + \hat{k}'_{\bar{B}} \hat{g}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}})$  as estimate and  $\hat{h} \pm \text{cv}_{\alpha} \left( \bar{B} / \sqrt{\hat{k}'_{\bar{B}} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{k}_{\bar{B}}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{\hat{k}'_{\bar{B}} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{k}_{\bar{B}}} / \sqrt{n}$  as CI
  - Alternatively, use GMM with weight matrix implied by  $\hat{k}_{\bar{B}}$



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- Estimator with sensitivity  $k$ , s.t.  $H = -k'\Gamma$  has asy distribution  $\mathcal{N}(k'c, k'\Sigma k)$
- Isomorphic to **approximately linear regression model**

$$Y = -\Gamma\theta + c + \Sigma^{1/2}\varepsilon, \quad c \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I),$$

design matrix  $-\Gamma$ ,  $c$  is approximation error, interested in  $H\theta$ .

- Estimator  $k'Y$  has  $\text{var}(k'Y) = k'\Sigma k$  and bias  $k'c - (k'\Gamma - H)\theta$ .
  - Condition  $H = -k'\Gamma$ , means we restrict attention to estimators with finite worst-case bias,  $\sup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} |k'C|$

- Sacks and Ylvisaker [1978] considered a special case of this model with  $\Sigma = I$  and  $C =$  hyperrectangle. Generalization to our case covered by Donoho [1994], Low [1995]
- Our CI corresponds asymptotically to Donoho's CI in limit experiment,

$$k'_{B_*} Y \pm \text{cv}_\alpha(B_* / \sqrt{k'_{B_*} \Sigma k_{B_*}}) \cdot \sqrt{k'_{B_*} \Sigma k_{B_*}}, \quad (*)$$

where  $B_* = \text{argmin}_B \text{cv}_\alpha(B / \sqrt{k'_B \Sigma k_B}) \cdot \sqrt{k'_B \Sigma k_B}$

- Potential drawback of (\*): CI length determined by worst possible misspecification in  $C$ : can we do better when  $c \approx 0$ ?
- Efficiency benchmark: among conf. sets with coverage  $\geq 1 - \alpha$  for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}$  and  $c \in C$ , minimize expected length when  $\theta = \theta^*$  and  $c = 0$ .
- Let  $\kappa_*(H, \Gamma, \Sigma, C)$  denote ratio of length of this CI to (\*). Explicit formula follows from results in Armstrong and Kolesár [2018] when  $C$  **convex and centrosymmetric** (see paper)

- When  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_g}$  **linear subspace**,  $\kappa_*(H, \Gamma, \Sigma, C) = \frac{(1-\alpha)z_{1-\alpha} + \phi(z_{1-\alpha})}{z_{1-\alpha/2}} \geq \frac{z_{1-\alpha}}{z_{1-\alpha/2}}$

- Show in paper that  $\kappa_*$  admits **universal lower bound**

$$(z_{1-\alpha}(1-\alpha) - \tilde{z}_\alpha \Phi(\tilde{z}_\alpha) + \phi(z_{1-\alpha}) - \phi(\tilde{z}_\alpha)) / z_{1-\alpha/2} = 71.7\% \text{ at } \alpha = 0.05,$$

where  $\tilde{z}_\alpha = z_{1-\alpha} - z_{1-\alpha/2}$

- Show using Le Cam-style arguments (least favorable submodels, etc.) that bound  $\kappa^*$  indeed translates to locally misspecified GMM
- Require asymptotic coverage uniformly over pairs  $(\theta, P) \in \Theta_n \times \mathcal{P}_n$  such that  $\sqrt{ng_P}(\theta) \in C$ .

### Theorem 1

If  $C$  is convex and centrosymmetric, and  $\mathcal{P}_n$  contains a rich enough set of qmd submodels through correctly specified model, then under regularity conditions, (1) CI (\*) is asymptotically valid; and (2) Bound  $\kappa_*$  on ratio of asy lengths holds for any other asy valid CI

To build intuition for this efficiency result, walk through special cases:

1. Correctly specified case,  $C = \{0\}$
2. Some moments are valid, some may be invalid,  $C = \{(0', \gamma')' : \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\gamma}\}$
3. General case

- If  $C = \{0\}$ , limiting experiment reduces to  $Y = -\Gamma\theta + \Sigma^{1/2}\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ .
- Gauss-Markov theorem: best unbiased estimator has sensitivity  $k_{LS,0} = -H(\Gamma'\Sigma^{-1}\Gamma)^{-1}\Gamma'\Sigma^{-1}$ . *This estimator also minimizes MSE.*
  - $k_{LS,0}$  is sensitivity of  $h(\hat{\theta}_{\Sigma^{-1}})$ , GMM with  $W = \Sigma^{-1}$ . Chamberlain [1987] shows  $h(\hat{\theta}_{\Sigma^{-1}})$  is asymptotically minimax for MSE.
  - *Theorem implication:* (linear subspace case) usual two-sided CI based on  $h(\hat{\theta}_{\Sigma^{-1}})$  has asy efficiency  $\geq z_{1-\alpha}/z_{1-\alpha/2}$  relative to CI that optimizes length at  $\theta^*$  when indeed  $\theta = \theta^*$ .
    - New result (to our knowledge)
    - Limiting experiment also implies usual two-sided CI achieves asy minimax expected length

- Suppose  $C = \{(0', \gamma')' : \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\gamma}\}$ . Then limiting experiment becomes  $\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 \theta \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} + \Sigma^{1/2} \varepsilon$ , with  $\delta$  unrestricted
- In limiting experiment, GLS estimator based on  $Y_1$  best unbiased and minimax, property carries over to GMM model
  - May prefer different estimator under weighted MSE criterion. Liao [2013], Cheng and Liao [2015], and DiTraglia [2016] propose estimators that aim to reduce risk when  $\gamma$  small
- *Theorem implication:* (linear subspace case) CI based on GMM with valid moments only has efficiency  $\geq z_{1-\alpha} / z_{1-\alpha/2}$  (and asy minimax)
  - CIs based on shrinkage / model-selection [e.g. Andrews and Guggenberger, 2009, DiTraglia, 2016, McCloskey, 2017] cannot achieve substantive improvement, and must pay for it
  - One-sided version of our theorem  $\implies$  **one-sided CI 100% efficient**



- In order to make use of invalid moments, need to restrict magnitude of misspecification: leads to general case with  $C$  convex
- CI (\*) close to optimal for “directing power” at  $c = 0$  when  $C$  convex and centrosymmetric.
  - $\kappa_* \geq 71.6\%$ , in general, can be higher for particular  $\Gamma, \Sigma$  and  $C$ .
  - When  $C = \{c: \|c\| \leq M\}$  for some norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , cannot specify a conservative  $M$ , and construct a CI that is shorter when it “turns out” model correctly specified

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- For general  $C$ ,  $k_\delta$  can be computed using convex optimization; In particular cases, closed-form solutions may be available
- Computationally convenient and flexible to consider sets  $C = \{B\gamma : \|\gamma\| \leq M\}$ , where  $B$  is  $d_g \times d_\gamma$  matrix
  - $B$  may incorporate standardizing moments by their variability; or account for their correlations
  - Can vary  $M$  to determine sensitivity of given result
  - When  $\|\cdot\| = \ell_\infty$  norm, bounds on each element of  $\gamma$  do not interact.
    - simple interpretation: no single element of  $\gamma$  can be greater than  $M$
  - Optimal sensitivity analogous penalized regression problem: in limiting experiment,  $Y = -\Gamma\theta + B\gamma + \Sigma^{1/2}\epsilon$ , with  $\|\gamma\| \leq M$

$$\|\cdot\| = \ell_1 \text{ OR } \ell_\infty$$

Use penalized regression analogy to develop a simple algorithm for computing optimal sensitivity (details in paper)

- Similar to the LASSO/LAR algorithm [Efron, Hastie, Johnstone, and Tibshirani, 2004]
- Optimal sensitivities piecewise linear as  $\bar{B}$  varies
- Under  $\ell_\infty$  constraints, as  $M$  grows, optimal sensitivity successively drops “least informative” moments

$$\|\cdot\| = \ell_2$$

- Penalized regression analogy leads to ridge regression
- Optimal sensitivity is  $k'_\lambda = -H(\Gamma'W_\lambda\Gamma)^{-1}\Gamma'W_\lambda$ , where  $W_\lambda = (\lambda M^2 BB' + \Sigma)^{-1}$ ;  $\lambda$  is relative weight on bias
- $W_\lambda =$  optimal weight under correct specification and variance  $\lambda M^2 BB' + \Sigma$ 
  - Arises under random-effects approach:  $\gamma \sim [0, \lambda M^2 I]$ , or under Bayes approach with normal prior on  $\gamma$  and diffuse prior on  $\theta$
  - RE/Bayes approach leads to different CI: misspecification bias becomes part of additional variability of the moments
  - This RE specification suggested in Conley, Hansen, and Rossi [2012] (they don't consider implications for form of optimal estimator)
  - Conceptual issues when  $c$  random but not  $\theta$ : what's the DGP?

- In general,  $W = \Sigma^{-1}$  suboptimal under local misspecification
- Exception:  $C = \{\Sigma^{1/2}\gamma : \|\gamma\|_2 \leq M\}$ 
  - Uncertainty from potential misspecification exactly  $\propto$  asymptotic sampling uncertainty
  - Can simply use  $h(\hat{\theta}_{\Sigma^{-1}})$ , with critical value  $cv_{\alpha}(M)$ , since asy bias bounded by  $\sqrt{k'\Sigma^{-1}k}$ .
- $\kappa_* \geq z_{1-\alpha}/z_{1-\alpha/2}$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$  in this case
- Andrews, Gentzkow, and Shapiro [2018] show this form of  $C$  arises whenever misspecification defined in terms of magnitude of any member of Cressie and Read [1984] family of divergences
  - Kitamura et al. [2013] use Hellinger distance: usual GMM estimator, as well as Kitamura et al. [2013] estimator near-optimal for CI construction

- Single equation IV:  $y_i = x_i' \theta + \varepsilon_i$
- Suppose  $\varepsilon_i = z_{Ii}' \gamma / \sqrt{n} + \eta_i$ , where  $E[z_i \eta_i] = 0$ , and  $z_{Ii}$  corresponds to subset of instruments  $z_i$  that may be invalid
  - Considered in Hahn and Hausman [2005], Conley et al. [2012], Andrews et al. [2017]...
  - Equivalent to interpreting  $z_{Ii}$  as valid control variable, with restriction on magnitude of its coefficient
- Leads to  $C = \{B\gamma : \|\gamma\| \leq M\}$  where  $B = E[z_i z_{Ii}']$
- Linearity implies that one-step estimator  $\hat{h}$  doesn't depend on  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{initial}}$ :  
$$\hat{h} = \hat{k}' \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i z_i$$
- Under  $\ell_2$  norm, If all IVs invalid, optimal estimator is usual GMM estimator (TSLS under homoscedastic errors)

- Omitted variables bias in linear regression
- Treatment effect extrapolation [Kowalski, 2016, Brinch, Mogstad, and Wiswall, 2017, Mogstad, Santos, and Torgovitsky, 2017]
- Nonparametric IV with discrete covariates



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- Berry et al. [1995, BLP] estimate a supply and demand model of automobile demand using nonlinear IV.
- Andrews et al. [2017, AGS] report sensitivity  $k$  that corresponds to GMM, and use this to calculate bias under local misspecification.
- We consider sets  $C$  based on perturbations under which AGS calculate bias, fix parameter of interest  $h(\theta)$  to average markup as % of price
- How does optimal  $k$  differ from GMM sensitivity? How much does using optimal  $k$  shrink the CI?

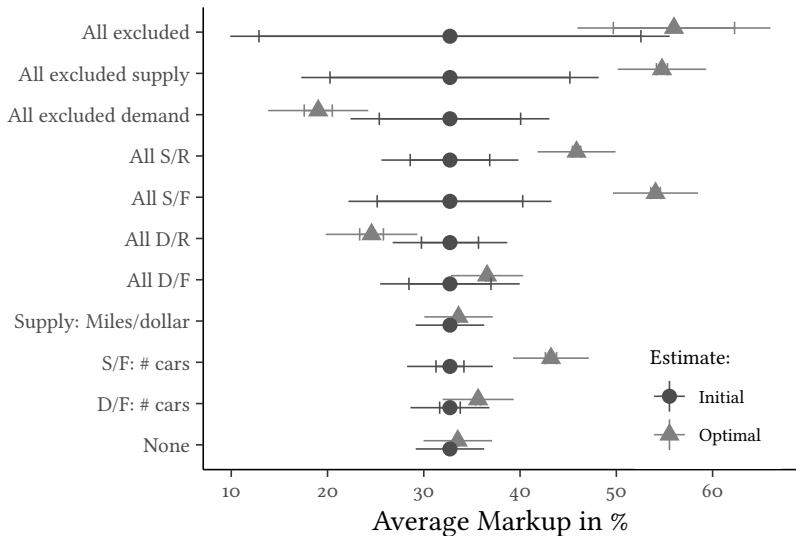
- Can invert market shares to yield unobservable characteristic of car  $j$  as a fkt of model parameters,  $\xi_j(\theta)$ , and use Bertrand-Nash eq'm conditions to invert unobservable marginal cost component  $\omega_j(\theta)$
- Supply and demand instruments  $z_j^d$  and  $z_j^s$  yield sample moment condition

$$\hat{g}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} z_j^d \xi_j(\theta) \\ z_j^s \omega_j(\theta) \end{pmatrix},$$

- If  $z_j^s$  and  $z_j^d$  appear directly in utility/cost function, obtain nonlinear version of misspecified IV model
- Instruments are “BLP instruments”: product characteristics/cost components of other cars produced by same firm/produced by rivals.

- As in AGS, scale  $B$  so that:
  - Consumer willingness to pay for 1sd increase in the  $\ell$ th demand-side instrument is  $\gamma_\ell^d$ % of the average car price
  - Increasing the  $\ell$ th supply-side instrument by 1sd decreases MC by  $\gamma_\ell^s$ % of the average car price.
- Given set  $I$  of potentially invalid instruments, use scaling  $C = \{B_I \gamma : \|\gamma\|_p \leq M|I|^{1/p}\}$ , where  $\gamma = (\gamma^{d'}, \gamma^{s'})'$ .
  - Scaling by  $|I|^{1/p}$  ensures  $\gamma = M(1, \dots, 1)'$  always included in the set.
  - Take  $M = 1$  as baseline
- Show results when estimator chosen to minimize length of CI

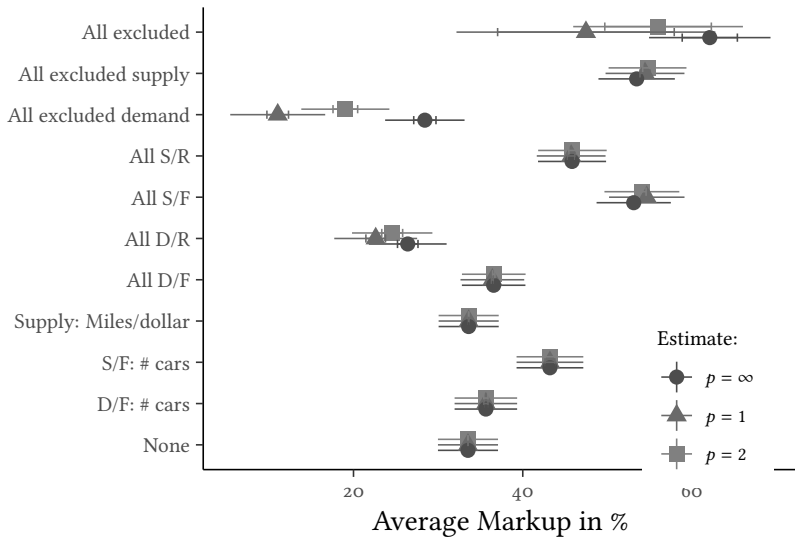
# CIS WHEN $p = 2$ UNDER DIFFERENT SETS OF INVALID INSTRUMENTS



Instrument set	$p = 1$	$p = 2$	$p = \infty$
D/F: # cars	9.77	9.77	9.77
S/F: # cars	15.32	15.32	15.32
Supply: Miles/dollar	17.00	17.00	17.00
All D/F	2.38	2.59	2.59
All D/R	4.08	5.22	5.40
All S/F	2.04	2.61	2.62
All S/R	2.47	4.16	6.99
All excluded demand	1.19	1.72	1.88
All excluded supply	1.02	1.64	1.78
All excluded	0.48	1.08	2.54

*Notes:* The table gives the minimum value of  $M$  such that the test of overidentifying restrictions has  $p$ -value equal to 0.05.  $J$ -statistic: 404.7.

# OPTIMAL CIS UNDER $p = 1, 2, \infty$



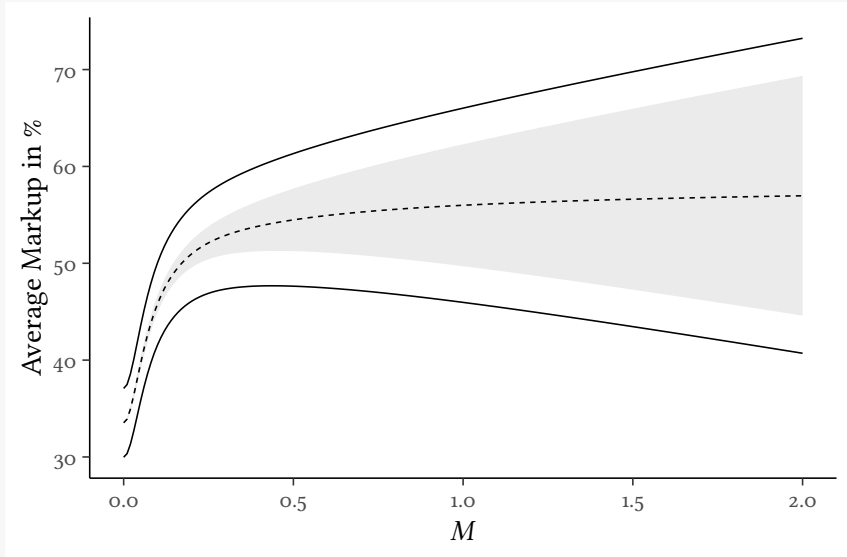
$\kappa_*$  UNDER  $\ell_p$  MISSPECIFICATION,  $M = 1$ 

Instrument set	$p = 1$	$p = 2$	$p = \infty$
D/F: # cars	85.9	85.9	85.9
S/F: # cars	90.1	90.1	90.1
Supply: Miles/dollar	85.0	85.0	85.0
All D/F	85.4	85.5	85.7
All D/R	94.3	94.8	95.3
All S/F	88.0	88.6	89.1
All S/R	89.5	89.4	89.2
All excluded demand	95.0	95.4	96.4
All excluded supply	89.8	90.3	90.1
All excluded	96.3	97.0	97.5

For comparison:  $z_{1-\alpha}/z_{1-\alpha/2} = 83.9\%$



# OPTIMAL CIS UNDER $p = 2$



- We derived (near) optimal CIs under local misspecification
  - Use usual GMM estimator, but adjust weight matrix to put more weight on moments with low specification error. Adjusting weight matrix matters a lot in BLP application
  - $\pm$  std error  $\times$  critical value that is  $> 1.96$  and takes into account worst-case bias.
- Asymptotic efficiency bounds have implications for pre-tests for correct specification and for model/moment selection