

TWO-STAGE AND THREE-STAGE LEAST SQUARES ESTIMATION  
OF DISPERSION MATRIX OF DISTURBANCES  
IN SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

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1. Introduction

Estimators of the variances and covariances of disturbances in a complete system of simultaneous linear stochastic equations are constructed with the help of residuals obtained from the estimated structural equations. Employing the  $k$ -class method of estimation, Nagar [6] considered a consistent estimator of variance and evaluated the bias to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ ,  $T$  being the number of observations<sup>1)</sup>. Later, Srivastava [12] obtained the expression for the mean squared error to the same order of approximation. A similar estimator for the covariances of disturbances is presented in this paper and the bias and mean squared error, both to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ , are analyzed for two-stage and three-stage least squares methods. For comparing the relative sizes of covariances, estimator for the correlation coefficient between disturbances of two equations is also proposed and its properties are investigated. Section 2 describes the system of equations and the assumptions underlying. The estimators are also presented. Section 3 introduces some notations and presents the results which are derived in Section 4.

2. Description of the system and the estimators

Consider a complete system of  $M$  linear structural equations in  $M$  jointly dependent and  $A$  exogenous variables:

$$(2.1) \quad Y\Gamma + X\mathfrak{B} = U$$

where  $Y$  is a  $T \times M$  matrix of observations on  $M$  jointly dependent

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<sup>1)</sup> If the sampling error of the estimator can be expressed as the sum of two components such that the first component is atmost of order  $O_p(T^{-1})$  and the other is of order  $O_p(T^{-\alpha})$  with  $\alpha > 1$ , then the bias to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$  refers to the expected value of the first component, neglecting terms of higher order of smallness than  $O(T^{-1})$ ; see, e.g., Srivastava [14].

variables,  $X$  is a  $T \times A$  matrix, assumed to be of full column rank, of observations on  $A$  exogenous variables,  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are matrices of coefficients associated with them and  $U$  is a  $T \times M$  matrix of unobserved structural disturbances assumed to be temporally independent and normally distributed with mean zero and dispersion matrix

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{1}{T} E(U'U) = \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \cdots & \sigma_{1M} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{M1} & \cdots & \sigma_{MM} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The system of equation (2.1) is assumed not to contain identities, and its reduced-form is given by

$$(2.3) \quad Y = X\Pi + \bar{V}$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad \Pi = -\mathfrak{B}\Gamma^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{V} = U\Gamma^{-1}.$$

Further, it is assumed that all the equations are identifiable through a priori information consisting of zero-one type restrictions on the elements of  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$ . These restrictions when incorporated in (2.1) yields the following set of equations:

$$y_i = Y_i\gamma_i + X_i\beta_i + u_i$$

or

$$y_i = (Y_i X_i) \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_i \\ \beta_i \end{pmatrix} + u_i$$

or

$$(2.5) \quad y_i = A_i\delta_i + u_i \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, M)$$

where  $y_i$  is a column vector of  $T$  observations on the jointly dependent variable to be explained in the  $i$ th equation,  $Y_i$  and  $X_i$  are  $T \times m_i$  and  $T \times l_i$  matrices of observations on  $m_i$  ( $< M$ ) explanatory jointly dependent and  $l_i$  ( $\leq A$ ) explanatory exogenous variables and  $u_i$  is the  $i$ th column of  $U$ . The coefficient vectors  $\gamma_i$  and  $\beta_i$  are obtained from the  $i$ th column of  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  respectively.

If for any matrix  $D$  of full column rank we write

$$(2.6) \quad P_D = D(D'D)^{-1}D'$$

then the two-stage least squares estimator of  $\delta_i$  can be expressed as

$$(2.7) \quad \hat{\delta}_{2SLS(i)} = (A_i'P_xA_i)^{-1}A_i'P_x y_i.$$

The disturbance vector  $u_i$  is then estimated by

$$(2.8) \quad \hat{u}_{2SLS(i)} = y_i - A_i \hat{\delta}_{2SLS(i)} .$$

A consistent estimator of  $\sigma_{ij}$ , based on two-stage least squares method, is

$$(2.9) \quad s_{ij} = \frac{\hat{u}'_{2SLS(i)} \hat{u}_{2SLS(j)}}{T} .$$

In order to compare the relative sizes of covariances, one may use the following estimator for  $\rho_{ij}$ , the coefficient of correlation between the disturbances of  $i$ th and  $j$ th equation,

$$(2.10) \quad r_{ij} = \frac{s_{ij}}{(s_{ii} s_{jj})^{1/2}} .$$

If we write all the equations (2.5) compactly

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \delta_M \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_M \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$(2.11) \quad y = A\delta + u ,$$

the three-stage least squares estimator of  $\delta$  is given by

$$(2.12) \quad \hat{\delta}_{3SLS} = [A'(S^{-1} \otimes I)(I \otimes P_x)A]^{-1} A'(S^{-1} \otimes I)(I \otimes P_x)y$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} s_{11} & \cdots & s_{1M} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ s_{M1} & \cdots & s_{MM} \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker product (Zellner and Theil [15]).

The disturbance vector  $u$  is estimated by

$$(2.14) \quad \hat{u}_{3SLS} = y - A\hat{\delta}_{3SLS}$$

and a consistent estimator of  $\sigma_{ij}$ , based on three-stage least squares method, is given by

$$(2.15) \quad \hat{\sigma}_{ij} = \frac{\hat{u}'_{3SLS(i)} \hat{u}_{3SLS(j)}}{T}$$

where  $\hat{u}_{3SLS(i)}$  and  $\hat{u}_{3SLS(j)}$  are the  $i$ th and  $j$ th subvectors of  $\hat{u}_{3SLS}$  respectively.

The three-stage least squares estimator of  $\rho_{ij}$  is

$$(2.16) \quad \hat{\rho}_{ij} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{(\hat{\sigma}_{ii}\hat{\sigma}_{jj})^{1/2}}.$$

### 3. Results

From (2.3) the reduced-form corresponding to the explanatory jointly dependent variables in (2.5) can be written as

$$(3.1) \quad Y_i = X\Pi_i + \bar{V}_i$$

where  $\Pi_i$  and  $\bar{V}_i$  are submatrices of  $\Pi$  and  $\bar{V}$  respectively.

Further, using (2.4) we can express

$$(3.2) \quad (\bar{V}_i \ 0) = UG_i$$

where  $G_i$  is a  $T \times n_i$  ( $=l_i + m_i$ ) matrix of constants.

Thus, we can write

$$(3.3) \quad A_i = Z_i + UG_i$$

where

$$(3.4) \quad Z_i = (X\Pi_i \ X_i).$$

If we denote

$$(3.5) \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & Z_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & Z_M \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} G_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & G_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & G_M \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$(3.7) \quad A = Z + (I \otimes U)G.$$

Now let us define

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \Omega &= [Z'(\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)Z]^{-1} \\ B &= \Omega Z'(\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I) \\ H &= (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I) - (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)Z\Omega Z'(\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I). \end{aligned}$$

Further, we introduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad Q_i &= (Z_i' Z_i)^{-1} \\
 \sigma_{(i)} &= \text{Col} (\sigma_{1i} \sigma_{2i} \cdots \sigma_{Mi}) \\
 d_{ij} &= G_i' \sigma_{(j)} \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, M).
 \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 1. *The bias and mean squared error, to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ , of the two-stage least squares estimator  $s_{ij}$  defined by (2.9) are given by<sup>2)</sup>*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.10) \quad E(s_{ij} - \sigma_{ij}) &= \frac{1}{T} [(\text{tr } Q_i Z_i' Z_j Q_j Z_j' Z_i) - n_i - n_j] \sigma_{ij} \\
 &\quad - (\Lambda - n_i - 1) d_{ii}' Q_i d_{ij} - (\Lambda - n_j - 1) d_{jj}' Q_j d_{ji} \\
 &\quad + (\text{tr } G_i' \Sigma G_j Q_j Z_j' Z_i Q_i) \sigma_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.11) \quad E(s_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 &= \frac{1}{T} (\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj} + \sigma_{ij}^2) + \sigma_{ii} d_{ij}' Q_i d_{ij} + \sigma_{jj} d_{ji}' Q_j d_{ji} \\
 &\quad + 2\sigma_{ij} d_{ji}' Q_j Z_j' Z_i Q_i d_{ij}.
 \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2. *The bias and mean squared error, to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ , of the three-stage least squares estimator  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$  defined by (2.15) are*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad E(\hat{\sigma}_{ij} - \sigma_{ij}) &= -\frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Z_j' Z_i \Omega_{ij}) - d_{ji}' Q_j d_{jj} - d_{ij}' Q_i d_{ii} \\
 &\quad - \sum_{k,l}^M (d_{ji}' W_{jkl} + d_{ij}' W_{ikl}) d_{kl} + (\text{tr } G_i' \Sigma G_i \Omega_{ji})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.13) \quad E(\hat{\sigma}_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 = \frac{1}{T} (\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj} + \sigma_{ij}^2) + d_{ij}' \Omega_{ii} d_{ij} + d_{ji}' \Omega_{jj} d_{ji} + 2d_{ji}' \Omega_{ji} d_{ij}$$

where

$$(3.14) \quad W_{\mu kl} = (\text{tr } H_{kl} P_x) \Omega_{\mu k} - 2B_{\mu k} B'_{kl} + B_{\mu l} (Z_k Q_k - B'_{kk}) \quad (\mu = i, j).$$

Here  $\Omega_{\mu k}$  is the  $(\mu, k)$ th submatrix, of order  $n_\mu \times n_k$ , of  $\Omega$  being partitioned as:

$$(3.15) \quad \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{11} & \cdots & \Omega_{1M} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Omega_{M1} & \cdots & \Omega_{MM} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrices  $H_{kl}$  and  $B_{\mu k}$  are similarly defined with reference to  $H$  and  $B$  respectively.

From (3.11) and (3.13), the change in mean squared error is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.16) \quad E(s_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 - E(\hat{\sigma}_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 &= d_{ij}' (\sigma_{ii} Q_i - \Omega_{ii}) d_{ij} + d_{ji}' (\sigma_{jj} Q_j - \Omega_{jj}) d_{ji} \\
 &\quad + 2d_{ji}' (\sigma_{ij} Q_j Z_j' Z_i Q_i - \Omega_{ji}) d_{ij}.
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>2)</sup> See footnote 1.

Now let us consider the estimation of variance  $\sigma_{ii}$ . From Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 we find, to the order of our approximation<sup>3)</sup>,

$$(3.17) \quad E(s_{ii} - \sigma_{ii}) = -\frac{n_i}{T} \sigma_{ii} - 2(A - n_i - 1)d'_{ii}Q_i d_{ii} + (\text{tr } G'_i \Sigma G_i Q_i) \sigma_{ii}$$

$$(3.18) \quad E(s_{ii} - \sigma_{ii})^2 = \frac{2}{T} \sigma_{ii}^2 + 4\sigma_{ii} d'_{ii} Q_i d_{ii}$$

$$(3.19) \quad E(\hat{\sigma}_{ii} - \sigma_{ii}) = -\frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Q_i^{-1} \Omega_{ii}) - 2d'_{ii} Q_i d_{ii} \\ - 2 \sum_{k,l}^M d'_{ii} W_{ikl} d_{kl} + (\text{tr } G'_i \Sigma G_i \Omega_{ii})$$

$$(3.20) \quad E(\hat{\sigma}_{ii} - \sigma_{ii})^2 = \frac{2}{T} \sigma_{ii}^2 + 4d'_{ii} \Omega_{ii} d_{ii} .$$

The gain in efficiency is

$$(3.21) \quad E(s_{ii} - \sigma_{ii})^2 - E(\hat{\sigma}_{ii} - \sigma_{ii})^2 = 4d'_{ii}(\sigma_{ii} Q_i - \Omega_{ii})d_{ii}$$

which is non-negative, for the matrix

$$(3.22) \quad \sigma_{ii} Q_i - \Omega_{ii}$$

is non-negative definite (see result (V) of Appendix).

We now present the expressions for the bias and mean squared error of the estimators  $r_{ij}$  and  $\hat{\rho}_{ij}$ , defined by (2.10) and (2.16), of  $\rho_{ij}$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *The bias and mean squared error, both to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ , of two-stage least squares estimator  $r_{ij}$  and three-stage least squares estimator  $\hat{\rho}_{ij}$  of  $\rho_{ij}$  are*

$$(3.23) \quad E(r_{ij} - \rho_{ij}) = -\frac{\rho_{ij}(1 - \rho_{ij}^2)}{2T} + \rho_{ij}[C_{2\text{SLS}}(i, j) + C_{2\text{SLS}}(j, i)]$$

$$(3.24) \quad E(\hat{\rho}_{ij} - \rho_{ij}) = -\frac{\rho_{ij}(1 - \rho_{ij}^2)}{2T} + \rho_{ij}[C_{3\text{SLS}}(i, j) + C_{3\text{SLS}}(j, i)]$$

$$(3.25) \quad E(r_{ij} - \rho_{ij})^2 = \frac{(1 - \rho_{ij}^2)^2}{T} + \rho_{ij}^2 [C_{2\text{SLS}}^*(i, j) + C_{2\text{SLS}}^*(j, i)]$$

$$(3.26) \quad E(\hat{\rho}_{ij} - \rho_{ij})^2 = \frac{(1 - \rho_{ij}^2)^2}{T} + \rho_{ij}^2 [C_{3\text{SLS}}^*(i, j) + C_{3\text{SLS}}^*(j, i)]$$

where

$$(3.27) \quad C_{2\text{SLS}}(i, j) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\text{tr } G'_i \Sigma G_j Q_j Z'_j Z_i Q_i) - (\text{tr } G'_i \Sigma G_i Q_i) \right]$$

<sup>3)</sup> Cf. Srivastava ([12], results (2.7) and (2.8), p. 439).

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{T} \{(\text{tr } Q_i Z_i' Z_j Q_j Z_j' Z_i) - n_i\} \\
& + \frac{2}{\sigma_{ii}} \left\{ \left( A - n_i + \frac{1}{2} \right) d_{ii}' Q_i d_{ii} - d_{jj}' Q_j Z_j' Z_i Q_i d_{ii} \right\} \\
& - \frac{2(A - n_i)}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ii}' Q_i d_{ij} + \frac{\rho_{ij}}{(\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj})^{1/2}} d_{jj}' Q_j Z_j' Z_i Q_i d_{ii} \Big]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.28) \quad C_{\text{SLS}}(i, j) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} (\text{tr } G_i' \Sigma G_j \Omega_{ji}) - \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} (\text{tr } G_i' \Sigma G_i \Omega_{ii}) \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{T} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} (\text{tr } Z_j' Z_i \Omega_{ij}) - \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} (\text{tr } Q_i^{-1} \Omega_{ii}) \right\} \\
& - 2 \sum_{k,l}^M \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ij} - \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} d_{ii}' \right) W_{ikl} d_{kl} \\
& - \frac{2}{\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj}} d_{ij}' (\sigma_{ii} Q_i + \Omega_{ii}) d_{ii} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}^2} d_{ii}' (2\sigma_{ii} Q_i + 3\Omega_{ii}) d_{ii} \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} d_{ii}' \Omega_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{jj}} d_{jj} - \frac{2}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ji} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.29) \quad C_{\text{2SLS}}^*(i, j) &= \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ij}' Q_i \left( \frac{\sigma_{ii}}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ij} - 2d_{ii} + Z_i' Z_j Q_j d_{ji} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} d_{ii}' Q_i (d_{ii} - 2Z_i' Z_j Q_j d_{ji}) + \frac{\rho_{ij}}{(\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj})^{1/2}} d_{ii}' Q_i Z_i' Z_j Q_j d_{jj}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.30) \quad C_{\text{3SLS}}^*(i, j) &= \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ij}' \left[ \Omega_{ii} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} d_{ij} - \frac{2}{\sigma_{ii}} d_{ii} \right) + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ij}} \Omega_{ij} d_{ji} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} d_{ii}' \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii}} \Omega_{ii} d_{ii} - \frac{2}{\sigma_{ij}} \Omega_{ij} d_{ji} \right) + \frac{1}{\sigma_{ii} \sigma_{jj}} d_{ii}' \Omega_{ij} d_{jj} .
\end{aligned}$$

Here  $C_{\text{2SLS}}(j, i)$  is obtained from  $C_{\text{2SLS}}(i, j)$  by interchanging the suffixes 'i' and 'j' in the expression. The same is true for other functions.

#### 4. Proof of the theorems

From (2.5), (2.7), (2.8) and (3.3) we have

$$(4.1) \quad \hat{u}_{\text{2SLS}(i)} = u_i - A_i (\hat{\delta}_{\text{2SLS}(i)} - \delta_i) .$$

If we write

$$(4.2) \quad \eta_{ij} = \frac{u_i' u_j}{T} - \sigma_{ij}$$

then from (A.I.a) (see Appendix) the sampling error, to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ , of  $s_{ij}$  is

$$(4.3) \quad s_{ij} - \sigma_{ij} = \Delta_{ij} = \Delta_{ij(-1/2)} + \Delta_{ij(-1)}$$

where

$$(4.4) \quad \Delta_{ij(-1/2)} = \eta_{ij} - \frac{1}{T} (u_i' U G_j Q_j Z_j' u_j + u_i' Z_i Q_i G_i' U' u_j)$$

$$(4.5) \quad \Delta_{ij(-1)} = \frac{1}{T} [u_i' P_{z_i} P_{z_j} u_j - u_i' P_{z_i} u_j - u_i' P_{z_j} u_j \\ - u_i' U G_j Q_j G_j' U' (P_x - P_{z_j}) u_j + u_i' U G_j Q_j Z_j' U G_j Q_j Z_j' u_j \\ - u_i' (P_x - P_{z_i}) U G_i Q_i G_i' U' u_j + u_i' Z_i Q_i G_i' U' Z_i Q_i G_i' U' u_j \\ + u_i' Z_i Q_i G_i' U' U G_j Q_j Z_j' u_j].$$

Here  $\Delta_{ij(-1/2)}$  and  $\Delta_{ij(-1)}$  contain terms of order  $O_p(T^{-1/2})$  and  $O_p(T^{-1})$  respectively.

It may be noticed that  $\eta_{ij}$  is of order  $O_p(T^{-1/2})$  with mean zero and variance  $(\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj} + \sigma_{ij}^2)/T$ .

Owing to the normality of disturbances, we have

$$(4.6) \quad E[\Delta_{ij(-1/2)}] = 0.$$

The expectations of the first three terms on the right-hand side of (4.5) are

$$(4.7) \quad \frac{1}{T} E[u_i' P_{z_i} P_{z_j} u_j] = \frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Q_i Z_i' Z_j Q_j Z_j' Z_i) \sigma_{ij}$$

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{1}{T} E[u_i' P_{z_i} u_j] = \frac{n_i}{T} \sigma_{ij}$$

$$(4.9) \quad \frac{1}{T} E[u_i' P_{z_j} u_j] = \frac{n_j}{T} \sigma_{ij}.$$

Setting  $C = G_j Q_j G_j'$  and  $D = (P_x - P_{z_j})$  in (A.III.a) (see Appendix), the expectation of the fourth term is equal to

$$(4.10) \quad \frac{(\lambda - n_j)}{T} [(T+1) d_{jj}' Q_j d_{ji} + (\text{tr } Q_j G_j' \Sigma G_j) \sigma_{ij}] = (\lambda - n_j) d_{jj}' Q_j d_{ji}$$

to the order of our approximation.

Similarly, the expectation of fifth term on the right-hand side of (4.5) is, to the same order of approximation, equal to

$$(4.11) \quad d_{jj}' Q_j d_{ji}$$

where we have used the result (A.III.b).

The expectation of the sixth and seventh terms on the right-hand side of (4.5) can be derived from (4.10) and (4.11) by interchanging the



suffixes 'i' and 'j':

$$(4.12) \quad \frac{1}{T} E [u_i'(P_x - P_{z_i})UG_iQ_iG_i'U'u_j] = (A - n_i)d_{ii}'Q_id_{ij}$$

$$(4.13) \quad \frac{1}{T} E [u_i'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'u_j] = d_{ii}'Q_id_{ij} .$$

to the same order of approximation.

Finally, the expectation of the last term is, to the order of our approximation,

$$(4.14) \quad \frac{1}{T} E [u_i'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j] = (\text{tr } G_i'\Sigma G_jQ_jZ_j'Z_iQ_i)\sigma_{ij}$$

where use has been made of (A.III.c).

Combining (4.7)–(4.14) we get  $E[A_{ij(-1)}]$  to order  $O(T^{-1})$  which on using (4.3) and (4.6) leads to the expression (3.10) of Theorem 1.

For the mean squared error of  $s_{ij}$  we notice that

$$(4.15) \quad (s_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 = \mathcal{L}_{ij(-1/2)}^2$$

to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ .

Now, we have, by virtue of normality of disturbances,

$$(4.16) \quad E[\eta_{ij}^2] = \frac{1}{T} (\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj} + \sigma_{ij}^2)$$

$$(4.17) \quad E[\eta_{ij} \cdot u_i'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j] = 0$$

$$(4.18) \quad E[\eta_{ij} \cdot u_i'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'u_j] = 0 .$$

Setting  $C = D = G_jQ_jZ_j'$  in (A.IV) (see Appendix), it is easy to verify that

$$(4.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T^2} E [u_i'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j]^2 &= \frac{1}{T^2} E [u_i'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j \cdot u_i'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j] \\ &= \sigma_{jj}d_{jj}'Q_jd_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

to order  $O(T^{-1})$ .

Similarly, to the same order of our approximation we find, using (A.IV),

$$(4.20) \quad \frac{1}{T^2} E [u_i'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'u_j]^2 = \frac{1}{T^2} E [u_i'UG_iQ_iZ_i'u_i]^2 = \sigma_{ii}d_{ii}'Q_id_{ii}$$

and

$$(4.21) \quad \frac{1}{T^2} E [u_i'UG_jQ_jZ_j'u_j \cdot u_i'Z_iQ_iG_i'U'u_j]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{T^2} E [u'_i U G_j Q_j Z'_j u_j \cdot u'_j U G_i Q_i Z'_i u_i] \\
&= \sigma_{ij} d'_{ji} Q_j Z'_j Z_i Q_i d_{ij} .
\end{aligned}$$

Utilizing (4.15)–(4.21) we obtain the result (3.11) stated in Theorem 1.

For the estimated correlation coefficient  $r_{ij}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.22) \quad r_{ij} &= \frac{s_{ij}}{(s_{ii}s_{jj})^{1/2}} \\
&= \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{(\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj})^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}}\right) \left[ \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_{ii}}{\sigma_{ii}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_{jj}}{\sigma_{jj}}\right) \right]^{-1/2} \\
&= \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{(\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj})^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}}\right) \left[ 1 + \frac{\Delta_{ii}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{\Delta_{jj}}{\sigma_{jj}} + \frac{\Delta_{ii}\Delta_{jj}}{\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}} \right]^{-1/2} .
\end{aligned}$$

Writing

$$(4.23) \quad \rho_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{(\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj})^{1/2}} ,$$

expanding, using (4.3) and retaining terms to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$  we find

$$(4.24) \quad \frac{r_{ij} - \rho_{ij}}{\rho_{ij}} = e_{ij(-1/2)} + e_{ij(-1)}$$

where

$$(4.25) \quad e_{ij(-1/2)} = \frac{\Delta_{ij(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{\Delta_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.26) \quad e_{ij(-1)} &= \frac{\Delta_{ij(-1)}}{\sigma_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta_{ii(-1)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{\Delta_{jj(-1)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{\Delta_{ii(-1/2)}^2}{\sigma_{ii}^2} + \frac{\Delta_{jj(-1/2)}^2}{\sigma_{jj}^2} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\Delta_{ii(-1/2)}\Delta_{jj(-1/2)}}{4\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}} - \frac{\Delta_{ij(-1/2)}}{2\sigma_{ij}} \left( \frac{\Delta_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{\Delta_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right) .
\end{aligned}$$

Now, from (4.6) we see that

$$(4.27) \quad E [e_{ij(-1/2)}] = 0 .$$

The expression for the expectation of the first three terms on the right-hand side of (4.26) can be derived from (3.10) and the expectation of next two terms from (3.11). For the expectation of last three terms it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.28) \quad E [\Delta_{ii(-1/2)}\Delta_{jj(-1/2)}] &= E [\eta_{ii}\eta_{jj}] + \frac{4}{T^2} E [u'_i U G_i Q_i Z'_i u_i \cdot u'_j U G_j Q_j Z'_j u_j] \\
&= \frac{2}{T} \sigma_{ij}^2 + 4\sigma_{ij} d'_{ii} Q_i Z'_i Z_j Q_j d_{jj}
\end{aligned}$$

to order  $O(T^{-1})$  where use has been made of (A.II.a) and (A.IV).

Similarly, to the same order approximation,

$$(4.29) \quad E [A_{ij(-1/2)}A_{ii(-1/2)}] = \frac{2}{T} \sigma_{ii}\sigma_{ij} + 2(\sigma_{ij}d'_{jt}Q_jZ'_jZ_iQ_id_{ii} + \sigma_{ii}d'_{ij}Q_id_{ii})$$

$$(4.30) \quad E [A_{ij(-1/2)}A_{jj(-1/2)}] = \frac{2}{T} \sigma_{jj}\sigma_{ij} + 2(\sigma_{ij}d'_{jt}Q_jZ'_jZ_jQ_jd_{jj} + \sigma_{jj}d'_{jt}Q_jd_{jj}) .$$

Results (4.27)–(4.30) along with (3.10) and (3.11) yield (3.23) of Theorem 3.

Further, we have, to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ ,

$$(4.31) \quad \left( \frac{r_{ij} - \rho_{ij}}{\rho_{ij}} \right)^2 = e^2_{ij(-1/2)} \\ = \frac{A^2_{ij(-1/2)}}{\sigma^2_{ij}} + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{A^2_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma^2_{ii}} + \frac{A^2_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma^2_{jj}} \right) + \frac{A_{ii(-1/2)}A_{jj(-1/2)}}{2\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}} \\ - \frac{A_{ij(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ij}} \left( \frac{A_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{A_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right) .$$

The expectation of the first three terms can be obtained from (3.11). Using it along with (4.28), (4.29) and (4.30) we get (3.25) of Theorem 3.

In order to derive results for three-stage least squares estimator, let us write

$$(4.32) \quad \hat{u}_{3SLS(i)} = D_i \hat{u}_{3SLS} = D_i u - D_i A(\hat{\delta}_{3SLS} - \delta) = u_i - D_i A(\hat{\delta}_{3SLS} - \delta)$$

where  $D_i$  is a  $T \times MT$  matrix of the form

$$(4.33) \quad D_i = [0 \quad 0 \cdots 0 \quad I \quad 0 \cdots 0] .$$

Here 0 and  $I$  are null and identity matrices of order  $T \times T$  and  $I$  occurs at the  $i$ th place.

Using (4.32) and (A.I.b) we have, to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ ,

$$(4.34) \quad \hat{\sigma}_{ij} - \sigma_{ij} = V_{ij} = V_{ij(-1/2)} + V_{ij(-1)}$$

where

$$(4.35) \quad V_{ij(-1/2)} = \eta_{ij} - \frac{1}{T} [u'_i D_j (I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2} + \xi'_{-1/2} G' (I \otimes U') D'_i u_j]$$

$$(4.36) \quad V_{ij(-1)} = \frac{1}{T} [\xi'_{-1/2} Z' D'_i D_j Z \xi_{-1/2} + \xi'_{-1/2} G' (I \otimes U') D'_i D_j (I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2} \\ - u'_i D_j Z \xi_{-1/2} - \xi'_{-1/2} Z' D'_i u_j - u'_i D_j (I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1} \\ - \xi'_{-1} G' (I \otimes U') D'_i u_j] .$$

Now, by virtue of normality of disturbances

$$(4.37) \quad E [V_{ij(-1/2)}] = 0 .$$

The expectation of the first term in  $V_{ij(-1)}$  is

$$(4.38) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} E [u' B' Z' D_i' D_j Z B u] &= \frac{1}{T} \text{tr } B' Z' D_i' D_j Z B E [u u'] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \text{tr } Z' D_i' D_j Z \Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Z_i' Z_j \Omega_{ji}) \end{aligned}$$

where we have utilized

$$(4.39) \quad B(\Sigma \otimes I)B' = \Omega .$$

Similarly, partitioning  $B$  and  $B'$  as indicated in (3.15) for  $\Omega$ , the expectation of the second term on the right-hand side of (4.36) is

$$(4.40) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} E [u' B' G'(I \otimes U') D_i' D_j (I \otimes U) G B u] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k,l}^M E [u_i' B_{il}' G_{li}' U' U G_j B_{jk} u_k] \\ &= \sum_{k,l}^M \sigma_{kl} (\text{tr } B_{li}' G_{li}' \Sigma G_j B_{jk}) \\ &= \text{tr } G_i' \Sigma G_j \Omega_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

to order  $O(T^{-1})$  where use has been made of (A.III.c) and (4.39).

Next, consider the expectation of third term:

$$(4.41) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} E [u_i' D_j Z B u] &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_k^M E [u_i' Z_j B_{jk} u_k] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_k^M \sigma_{ik} (\text{tr } Z_j B_{jk}) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Z_i' Z_j \Omega_{ji}) . \end{aligned}$$

The expectation of the fourth term can be obtained from (4.41) by interchanging the suffixes 'i' and 'j' so that it is equal to

$$(4.42) \quad \frac{1}{T} (\text{tr } Z_j' Z_i \Omega_{ij}) .$$

Finally, the fifth term can be written as:

$$(4.43) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} [u_i' D_j (I \otimes U) G \Omega G' (I \otimes U') H (I \otimes P_x) u \\ - u_i' D_j (I \otimes U) G B (I \otimes U) G B u - u_i' D_j (I \otimes U) G B (\Delta \otimes I) H u] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(4.44) \quad \Delta = S - \Sigma .$$

Partitioning  $H$  and  $\Omega$  as pointed out earlier, we can write the expectation, to order  $O(T^{-1})$ , of the first term in (4.43) as:

$$(4.45) \quad \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k,l}^M E [u_i' UG_j \Omega_{jk} G_k' U' H_{kl} P_x u_l = \sum_{k,l}^M (\text{tr } H_{kl} P_x) d'_{ji} \Omega_{jk} d_{kl}]$$

which follows from the result (A.III.a).

Similarly, using (A.III.b) the expectation of the second term in (4.43) is equal to

$$(4.46) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k,l}^M E [u_i' UG_j B_{jk} UG_k B_{kl} u_l] &= \sum_{k,l}^M d'_{kl} B_{kl} B'_{jk} d_{ji} \\ &= \sum_{k,l}^M d'_{ji} B_{jk} B'_{kl} d_{kl} \end{aligned}$$

to the same order of approximation.

For the expectation of third term in (4.43) we have

$$(4.47) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k,l,m}^M E [\Delta_{kl} \cdot u_i' UG_j B_{jk} H_{lm} u_m] \\ = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k,l,m}^M E [\Delta_{kl(-1/2)} \cdot u_i' UG_j B_{jk} H_{lm} u_m] \end{aligned}$$

to the order of our approximation.

Substituting the value of  $\Delta_{kl(-1/2)}$  from (4.4), dropping the terms with expectation zero and utilizing (A.IV), we find (4.47) equal to

$$(4.48) \quad - \sum_{k,l,m}^M [\sigma_{lm} d'_{ik} Q_l Z_l' H'_{lm} B'_{jk} d_{ji} + \sigma_{km} d'_{kl} Q_k Z_k' H'_{lm} B'_{jk} d_{ji}]$$

to the same order.

It is easy to see that

$$(4.49) \quad \sum_m^M \sigma_{lm} Q_l Z_l' H'_{lm} = Q_l Z_l' - B_{ll}$$

$$(4.50) \quad \sum_{l,m}^M \sigma_{km} d'_{kl} Q_k Z_k' H'_{lm} = d'_{kk} Q_k Z_k' - \sum_l^M d'_{kl} B_{lk} .$$

Utilizing (4.49) and (4.50), the expression (4.48) reduces to

$$(4.51) \quad \begin{aligned} - \sum_{k,l}^M d'_{kl} [(Q_k Z_k' - B_{kk}) B'_{jl} - B_{kl} B'_{jk}] d_{ji} - d'_{jj} Q_j d_{jj} \\ = - \sum_{k,l}^M d'_{ji} [B_{jl} (Z_k Q_k - B'_{kk}) - B_{jk} B'_{kl}] d_{kl} - d'_{ji} Q_j d_{jj} . \end{aligned}$$

From (4.45), (4.46) and (4.51) the expectation of fifth term on the right-hand side of (4.36) is

$$(4.52) \quad -\sum_{k,l}^M d'_{ji} W_{jkl} d_{kl} - d'_{ji} Q_j d_{jj}$$

where  $W_{jkl}$  is defined by (3.14).

The expectation of last term in  $V_{ij(-1)}$  can be obtained from (4.52) by interchanging the suffixes 'i' and 'j'

$$(4.53) \quad -\sum_{k,l}^M d'_{ij} W_{ikl} d_{kl} - d'_{ij} Q_i d_{ii}.$$

Combining (4.37), (4.38), (4.40), (4.41), (4.42), (4.52) and (4.53) we get the result (3.12) of Theorem 2.

For the mean squared error of  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$ , we observe that

$$(4.54) \quad \begin{aligned} E(\hat{\sigma}_{ij} - \sigma_{ij})^2 &= E[V_{ij(-1/2)}^2] \\ &= E[\eta_{ij}^2] + \frac{1}{T^2} E[u_i D_j(I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2}]^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T^2} E[\xi'_{-1/2} G'(I \otimes U') D'_i u_j]^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{T^2} E[u_i D_j(I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2} \cdot \xi'_{-1/2} G'(I \otimes U') D'_i u_j] \end{aligned}$$

where terms with expectation zero have been dropped.

Now, using (A.IV) we have

$$(4.55) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{T^2} [u_i D_j(I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2}]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} E \left[ \sum_k^M u_i U G_j B_{jk} u_k \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{k,l}^M E [u_i U G_j B_{jk} u_k \cdot u_i U G_j B_{jl} u_l] \\ &= \sum_{k,l}^M \sigma_{kl} d'_{ji} B_{jk} B'_{jl} d_{ji} \\ &= d'_{ji} \Omega_j d_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

to the order of our approximation.

Similarly, to the same order, we find

$$(4.56) \quad \frac{1}{T^2} E[\xi'_{-1/2} G'(I \otimes U') D'_i u_j]^2 = d'_{ji} \Omega_i d_{ij}$$

$$(4.57) \quad \frac{1}{T^2} E[u_i D_j(I \otimes U) G \xi_{-1/2} \cdot \xi'_{-1/2} G'(I \otimes U') D'_i u_j] = d'_{ji} \Omega_j d_{ij}.$$

Substituting (4.16), (4.55), (4.56) and (4.57) in (4.54), the result (3.13) of Theorem 2 is obtained.

For the correlation coefficient  $\hat{\rho}_{ij}$  we can proceed in the same manner as in case of  $r_{ij}$  so that to order  $O_p(T^{-1})$ ,

$$(4.58) \quad \frac{\hat{\rho}_{ij} - \rho_{ij}}{\rho_{ij}} = \varepsilon_{ij(-1/2)} + \varepsilon_{ij(-1)}$$

where

$$(4.59) \quad \varepsilon_{ij(-1/2)} = \frac{V_{ij(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{V_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{V_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right)$$

$$(4.60) \quad \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{ij(-1)} = & \frac{V_{ij(-1)}}{\sigma_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{V_{ii(-1)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{V_{jj(-1)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right) \\ & + \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{V_{ii(-1/2)}^2}{\sigma_{ii}^2} + \frac{V_{jj(-1/2)}^2}{\sigma_{jj}^2} \right) + \frac{V_{ii(-1/2)}V_{jj(-1/2)}}{4\sigma_{ii}\sigma_{jj}} \\ & - \frac{V_{ij(-1/2)}}{2\sigma_{ij}} \left( \frac{V_{ii(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{ii}} + \frac{V_{jj(-1/2)}}{\sigma_{jj}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The expressions (3.24) and (3.26) for the bias and mean squared error of  $\hat{\rho}_{ij}$  can be derived exactly in the same way as indicated for  $r_{ij}$ .

### Appendix

I. To order  $O_p(T^{-1})$  we have

$$(A.I.a) \quad \hat{\delta}_{2SLS(i)} - \delta_i = \xi_{-1/2(i)} + \xi_{-1(i)}$$

$$(A.I.b) \quad \hat{\delta}_{3SLS} - \delta = \xi_{-1/2} + \xi_{-1}$$

where

$$\xi_{-1/2(i)} = Q_i Z_i' u_i$$

$$\xi_{-1(i)} = Q_i [G_i' U' (P_x - P_{z_i}) u_i - Z_i' U G_i Q_i Z_i' u_i]$$

$$\xi_{-1/2} = B u$$

$$\xi_{-1} = \Omega G' (I \otimes U') H (I \otimes P_x) u - B (I \otimes U) G B u - B (\Delta \otimes I) H u .$$

Notice that

$$B = \Omega Z' (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)$$

$$H = (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I) - (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I) Z \Omega Z' (\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)$$

$$\Delta = S - \Sigma .$$

PROOF. For (A.I.a), see, e.g., Srivastava ([12], equation (3.1.11) with  $\phi=0$ , p. 440) and for (A.I.b), see Roy and Srivastava ([8], equation (4.10) with all  $\phi$ 's and  $\theta$ 's equal to zero and, of course, with slight change in notations, p. 502).

II. If  $D$  is a  $T \times T$  matrix with nonstochastic elements we have

$$(A.II.a) \quad E [u'_i D u_j \cdot u_g u'_h] = \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{gh} (\text{tr } D) I + \sigma_{ig} \sigma_{jh} D + \sigma_{ih} \sigma_{jg} D'$$

$$(A.II.b) \quad E [u'_i u_j \cdot u'_k u_l \cdot u_g u'_h] = (a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2) I$$

where

$$a_0 = \sigma_{jh} (\sigma_{il} \sigma_{kg} + \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{lg}) + \sigma_{ig} (\sigma_{jl} \sigma_{kh} + \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{lh}) + \sigma_{jg} (\sigma_{il} \sigma_{kh} + \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{lh}) \\ + \sigma_{ih} (\sigma_{jl} \sigma_{kg} + \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{lg})$$

$$a_1 = \sigma_{kl} (\sigma_{ig} \sigma_{jh} + \sigma_{ih} \sigma_{jg}) + \sigma_{ij} (\sigma_{lg} \sigma_{kh} + \sigma_{lh} \sigma_{gk}) + \sigma_{gh} (\sigma_{jl} \sigma_{ik} + \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{il})$$

$$a_2 = \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{gh}.$$

PROOF. For (A.II.a), see Srivastava ([10], result (A.I), p. 49). The result (A.II.b) can be obtained from Srivastava ([10], Proof of (A.II), pp. 492-493].

III. It is proved that

$$(A.III.a) \quad E [u'_i U C U' D u_j] = [T \sigma'_{(i)} C \sigma_{(j)} + \sigma_{ij} (\text{tr } \Sigma C) + \sigma'_{(j)} C \sigma_{(i)}] (\text{tr } D)$$

$$(A.III.b) \quad E [u'_i U C U D u_j] = T \sigma'_{(j)} D C' \sigma_{(i)} + \sigma_{ij} (\text{tr } C' \Sigma D) + \sigma'_{(i)} D C' \sigma_{(j)}$$

$$(A.III.c) \quad E [u'_i C U' U D u_j] = T \sigma_{ij} (\text{tr } C \Sigma D) + \sigma'_{(i)} D C \sigma_{(j)} + \sigma'_{(i)} C' D' \sigma_{(j)}$$

where  $C$  and  $D$  are matrices, with nonstochastic elements, of appropriate sizes in each case.

PROOF. For the result (A.III.a), we write

$$(III.1) \quad E [u'_i U C U' D u_j] = \text{tr } E [u_j u'_i U C U'] D.$$

Since  $U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_M)$ , we have

$$(III.2) \quad E [u_j u'_i U C U'] = \sum_{k,l}^M E [u_j u'_i u_k C_{kl} u'_l] = \sum_{k,l}^M C_{kl} E [u'_i u_k \cdot u_j u'_l]$$

where  $C_{kl}$  is the  $(k, l)$ th element of  $C$ .

Using (A.II.a), the expression (III.2) is equal to

$$(III.3) \quad \sum_{k,l}^M C_{kl} [T \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{jl} + \sigma_{ij} \sigma_{kl} + \sigma_{il} \sigma_{jk}] I \\ = [T \sigma'_{(i)} C \sigma_{(j)} + \sigma_{ij} (\text{tr } \Sigma C) + \sigma'_{(j)} C \sigma_{(i)}] I.$$



Multiplying this result by the matrix  $D$  and then taking trace, we get (A.III.a) from (III.1).

Similarly, the results (A.III.b) and (A.III.c) can be derived.

IV. If  $C$  and  $D$  are matrices of order  $M \times T$  with nonstochastic elements, we show that

$$(A.IV) \quad E [u'_i U C u_j \cdot u'_k U D u_l] = T^2 \sigma_{j_1} \sigma'_{(i)} C D' \sigma_{(k)}$$

where only the leading term on the right-hand side has been retained.

PROOF. Let us write

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1^* \\ C_2^* \\ \vdots \\ C_M^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} D_1^* \\ D_2^* \\ \vdots \\ D_M^* \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $C_\mu^*$  and  $D_\mu^*$  ( $\mu=1, 2, \dots, M$ ) are  $\mu$ th row vector of  $C$  and  $D$  respectively.

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u'_i U C u_j \cdot u'_k U D u_l &= \sum_{m,n}^M u'_i u_m C_m^* u_j \cdot u'_k u_n D_n^* u_l \\ &= \sum_{m,n}^M C_m^* [u'_i u_m \cdot u'_k u_n \cdot u_j u_l] D_n^{*'} \end{aligned}$$

the expectation of which is equal to, using (A.II.b) and retaining the leading term,

$$T^2 \sum_{m,n}^M \sigma_{im} \sigma_{kn} \sigma_{jl} C_m^* D_n^{*'} = T^2 \sigma_{j_1} \sigma'_{(i)} C D' \sigma_{(k)} .$$

V. The matrix  $(\sigma_{11} Q_1 - \Omega_{11})$  is non-negative definite.

PROOF. Let us partition and write

$$Z'(\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)Z = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{11} Z'_1 Z_1 & F_2 \\ F_2' & F_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  are appropriate matrices.

The submatrix  $\Omega_{11}$  of  $\Omega = [Z'(\Sigma^{-1} \otimes I)Z]^{-1}$  is then

$$(V.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Omega_{11} &= (\sigma^{11} Z'_1 Z_1 - F_2' F_3^{-1} F_2)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^{11}} Q_1 \left( I - \frac{1}{\sigma^{11}} F_2' F_3^{-1} F_2 Q_1 \right)^{-1} \quad [Q_1 = (Z'_1 Z_1)^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

where use has been made of Rao ([7], result (2.7), p. 29).

Similarly, if

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & f \\ f' & F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

then (1, 1)th element  $\sigma^{11}$  of  $\Sigma^{-1}$  is

$$(V.2) \quad \sigma^{11} = \frac{1}{(\sigma_{11} - f'F_4^{-1}f)} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{11}(1 - (1/\sigma_{11})f'F_4^{-1}f)}.$$

Utilizing (V.1) and (V.2) we find

$$(V.3) \quad \sigma_{11}Q_1 - \Omega_{11} = \sigma_{11}Q_1 \left[ I - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sigma_{11}} f'F_4^{-1}f \right) \left( I - \frac{1}{\sigma_{11}} F_2'F_3^{-1}F_2Q_1 \right)^{-1} \right].$$

Since  $Q_1$ ,  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  are positive definite, the matrix  $(\sigma_{11}Q_1 - \Omega_{11})$  is non-negative definite.

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