

1 Measurement error, e , in X

$$y = \beta X + u, X^* = X + e$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}X^{*'}y = \\
 &= (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}X^{*'}(\beta X + u) = \\
 &= (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}[\beta(X^{*'}X) + X^{*'}u] = \\
 &= (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}[\beta(X^{*'}X^* + X^{*'}e) + X^{*'}u] = \\
 &= \beta + \beta(X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}X^{*'}e + (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}X^{*'}u = \\
 &= \beta + \beta(X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}(X'e + e'e) + (X^{*'}X^*)^{-1}(X'u + e'u) = \\
 p \lim \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e) + COV(X, e)}{VAR(X^*)} + \frac{COV(X, u) + COV(e, u)}{VAR(X^*)} = \\
 &= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e) + COV(X, e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2COV(X, e)} + \frac{COV(X, u) + COV(e, u)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2COV(X, e)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^{*'}X &= X^{*'}(X^* - e) = X^{*'}X^* - X^{*'}e \\
 X^{*'}e &= (X + e)'e = X'e + e'e \\
 X^{*'}u &= (X + e)'u = X'u + e'u \\
 X^{*'}X^* &= (X + e)'(X + e) = X'X + e'e + 2X'e
 \end{aligned}$$

1.0.1 Pure endogeneity

$$VAR(e) = 0; \quad COV(X, u) \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \lim \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= \beta - \beta \frac{0 + 0}{VAR(X) + 0 + 0} + \frac{COV(X, u) + 0}{VAR(X) + 0 + 0} = \\
 &= \beta + \frac{COV(X, u)}{VAR(X)} \leq \beta
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: $COV(X, u) > 0$ due to ability bias because $X = f(\text{ability})$ and u also contains ability and therefore $COV(X, u) > 0$.

1.0.2 Pure measurement error

$$COV(X, u) = 0; \quad COV(e, u) = 0; \quad COV(X, e) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p \lim \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e) + 0}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2 * 0} + \frac{0 + 0}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2 * 0} = \\
&= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e)} = \beta \left[1 - \frac{VAR(e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e)} \right] < \beta
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$0 < \frac{VAR(e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e)} < 1$$

1.0.3 Systematic measurement error- type 1

$$COV(X, u) = 0; \quad COV(e, u) = 0; \quad COV(X, e) \leq 0$$

Measurement error is correlated with actual values of X (example: low educated people tend to overstate years of education).

$$p \lim \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} = \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e) + COV(X, e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2 * COV(X, e)}$$

1.0.4 Systematic measurement error- type 2

$$COV(X, u) = 0; \quad COV(X, e) = 0 \quad ; COV(e, u) \leq 0$$

Measurement error e , correlated with unexplained component of LHS variable, u . (example: people who over/under-state education also over/understate earnings).

$$\begin{aligned}
p \lim \widehat{\beta}_{OLS} &= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e) + 0}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2 * 0} + \frac{0 + COV(e, u)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e) + 2 * 0} = \\
&= \beta + \beta \frac{VAR(e)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e)} + \frac{COV(e, u)}{VAR(X) + VAR(e)}
\end{aligned}$$