

1. (a) Rewrite $Y_i = \beta_1(X_i + X_i^2) + u_i$ and estimate by OLS.
 (b) Simply omit X_i^2 , do OLS of Y_i on X_i instead. Results in $\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum X_i Y_i / \sum X_i^2$.

2. [15 marks]
 Are the following statements true or false? Provide a short explanation.
 (Note: you will not receive any credit without providing a correct explanation.)
 - (a) True.
 - (b) False. The cdf of probit is not closed form. The cdf of logit is closed form.
 - (c) False. Bias does not need to be a function of sample size. Example: $\hat{\beta}_1 = 5$ has a bias that does not go away.

3. (a) OVB or selection: parents' with strong preferences for their girls' education may be more likely to send their kids to girls high school.
 (b) Overestimate.
 (c) Relevance: $E[X_i Z_i] \neq 0$. Exogeneity: $E[u_i Z_i] = 0$. Only relevance can be tested.
 (d) Location choice is not random. Not fully convincing.

4. [20 marks]
 - (a) [2.5 marks] Positive effect of beer tax, not intuitive.
 - (b) [2.5 marks] Added state fixed effects. Coefficient turns negative, more intuitive. Omitted state effects must have played important role.
 - (c) [2.5 marks] Added time fixed effects. Coefficient does not change much. Omitted time fixed effect not important.
 - (d) [2.5 marks] Added control variables. Coefficient becomes smaller in size, loses statistical significance. Added controls play important role.
 - (e) [5 marks]
 - (i) culture of drinking and driving, road quality, vintage of autos on roads
 - (ii) improvements in auto safety across time, federal laws
 - (iii) change in other alcohol taxes
 The first two can be take care of using panel data.
 - (f) [5 marks] Column (5): strict laws not effective. Column (6): allowing for flexible age specification does not change anything. Column (7): Merely using two years of data is misleading.

5. (a) [5 marks] Need to assume that $E[v_i Z_i] = 0$. Plugging equation (2) into equation (1), it is easy to see that the coefficient $\pi\beta_1$ is being estimated.

(b) [5 marks] $r_i := \beta_1(X_i - \hat{X}_i) + u_i$.

(c) [15 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{X}_i r_i] &= E[\hat{X}_i(X_i - \hat{X}_i)] = E[\hat{\pi} Z_i(\pi Z_i + v_i - \hat{\pi} Z_i)] \\ &= E[\hat{\pi} Z_i(\pi - \hat{\pi}) Z_i + v_i] \\ &= E[\hat{\pi}(\pi - \hat{\pi}) Z_i^2] \\ &= \pi(\pi - \pi)E[Z_i^2] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

because $\hat{\pi}$ is an unbiased estimator of π .

