

Effects of autocorrelation (extra to "Reliability of inference" part)

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$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

Disturbances ε_t are:

X_t

heteroskedastic

autocorrelated

OLS

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X_t

$\hat{\beta}_1$

$\widehat{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)$

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exogenous

unbiased
consistent

wrong

unbiased
consistent

wrong¹

predetermined

biased
consistent

wrong

biased
inconsistent

wrong¹

Illustrate effects of autocorrelation with strictly exogenous and pre-determined X_t

X_t strictly exogenous

$$Y_t = 0.2 + 1X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

a) $\varepsilon_t = 0.5\varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon'_t \quad \varepsilon'_t \sim NIID(0, 0.1)$

b) $\varepsilon_t = -0.5\varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon'_t$

$$X_t = 0.75X_{t-1} + v_t \quad v_t \sim NIID(0, 0.5)$$

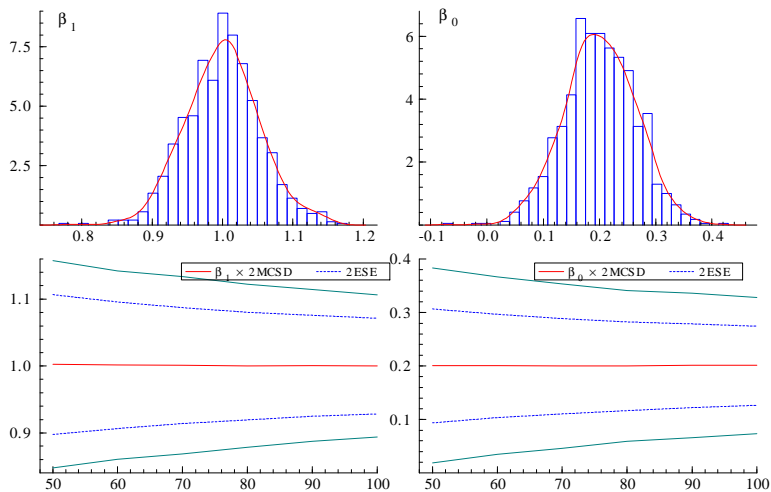
X_t predetermined exogenous:

$$Y_t = 0.2 + 1X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

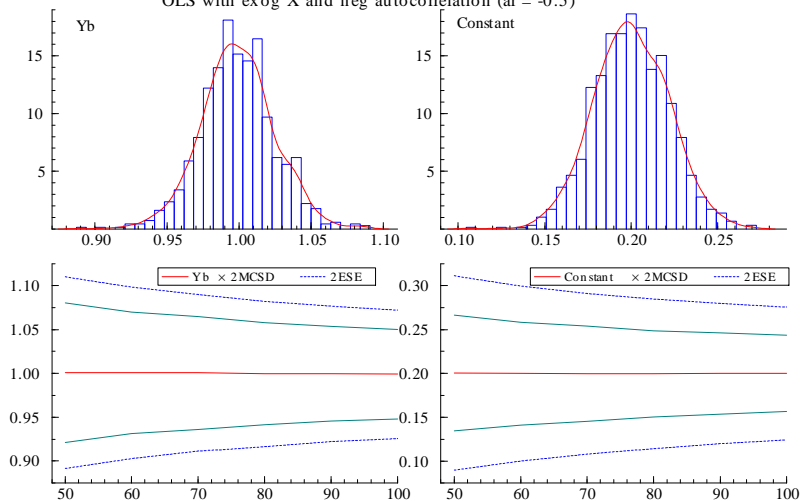
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$$X_t = 0.4Y_{t-1} + 0.35X_{t-1} + v_t$$

OLS estimation with exog X and positive autocorrelation ($\rho=0.5$)

- ▶ $\pm 2MCS$ is true estimate of $\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)}$ under autocorrelation
- ▶ $\pm 2ESE$ is $\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)}$ from Stata when assuming no autocorrelation

OLS with exog X and neg autocorrelation ($\rho = -0.5$)

OLS with predet X and pos autocorrelation ($\text{ar}=0.5$)