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1. From the data set "Midterm_q1_no.dta": Estimate the following models

- a. Estimate model (1) and (2) using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) and state consequences of using OLS in this case (5 Points)

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.reg y1 y2 x3
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	51488.9634	2	25744.4817	F(2, 47)	=	105.95
Residual	11420.2566	47	242.984184	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.8185
				Adj R-squared	=	0.8107
Total	62909.22	49	1283.86163	Root MSE	=	15.588

	y1	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
	y2	.0009133	.0001911	4.78	0.000	.0005289 .0012977
	x3	.0075035	.0010848	6.92	0.000	.0053212 .0096858
	_cons	43.08226	16.70979	2.58	0.013	9.466507 76.69801

```
. reg y2 y1 x1 x2
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	8.1086e+09	3	2.7029e+09	F(3, 46)	=	30.18
Residual	4.1191e+09	46	89546305.3	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.6631
				Adj R-squared	=	0.6412
Total	1.2228e+10	49	249545016	Root MSE	=	9462.9

	y2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
	y1	302.2265	47.05593	6.42	0.000	207.5078 396.9452
	x1	253.5806	133.7739	1.90	0.064	-15.69221 522.8534
	x2	-.0004903	.0003309	-1.48	0.145	-.0011563 .0001757
	_cons	-36983.86	9157.432	-4.04	0.000	-55416.81 -18550.9

The consequences of using OLS in this case is the model will be biased since the y2 is correlate with the error term in model 1 and the y1 is also correlate with the error term in model2 so, the endogeneity bias occurred.

- b. Estimate model (1) and (2) using Two Stage Least Squares (2SLS) and state reduced form and structural form of these simultaneous equation models. Specify endogenous variables and exogenous variables. Then, estimate reduced form models using OLS and structural form models using IV technique from the predicted endogenous variables from reduced form estimated results. (7 points)

$$y_{1t} = \beta_{10} + \gamma_{12}y_{2t} + \beta_{13}x_{3t} + u_{1t} \quad (1)$$

$$y_{2t} = \beta_{20} + \gamma_{21}y_{1t} + \beta_{21}x_{1t} + \beta_{22}x_{2t} + u_{2t} \quad (2)$$

substitute ① in ②

$$y_{2t} = \beta_{20} + \gamma_{21}(\beta_{10} + \gamma_{12}y_{2t} + \beta_{13}x_{3t} + u_{1t}) + \beta_{21}x_{1t} + \beta_{22}x_{2t} + u_{2t}$$

$$\hat{y}_{2t} = \pi_{20} + \pi_{21}x_{1t} + \pi_{22}x_{2t} + \pi_{23}x_{3t} + w_{2t}$$

substitute ② in ①

$$y_{1t} = \beta_{10} + \gamma_{12}(\beta_{20} + \gamma_{21}y_{1t} + \beta_{21}x_{1t} + \beta_{22}x_{2t} + u_{2t}) + \beta_{13}x_{3t} + u_{1t}$$

$$\hat{y}_{1t} = \pi_{10} + \pi_{11}x_{1t} + \pi_{12}x_{2t} + \pi_{13}x_{3t} + w_{1t}$$

reduced form

$$\hat{y}_{1t} = \pi_{10} + \pi_{11}x_{1t} + \pi_{12}x_{2t} + \pi_{13}x_{3t} + w_{1t}$$

$$\hat{y}_{2t} = \pi_{20} + \pi_{21}x_{1t} + \pi_{22}x_{2t} + \pi_{23}x_{3t} + w_{2t}$$

structural form

$$y_{1t} = \beta_{10} + \gamma_{12}\hat{y}_{2t} + \beta_{13}x_{3t} + u_{1t}$$

$$y_{2t} = \beta_{20} + \gamma_{21}\hat{y}_{1t} + \beta_{21}x_{1t} + \beta_{22}x_{2t} + u_{2t}$$

Endogenous variable: y1 y2
Exogenous variable: x1 x2 x3

Estimated reduced form

. reg y1 x1 x2 x3

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	46922.5555	3	15640.8518	F(3, 46)	=	45.00
Residual	15986.6645	46	347.536184	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.7459
				Adj R-squared	=	0.7293
Total	62909.22	49	1283.86163	Root MSE	=	18.642

y1	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
x1	.4333597	.2592293	1.67	0.101	-.0884419 .9551612
x2	-3.99e-07	6.49e-07	-0.61	0.542	-1.71e-06 9.08e-07
x3	.0098608	.0011755	8.39	0.000	.0074945 .012227
_cons	14.16024	19.2523	0.74	0.466	-24.59264 52.91311

. predict y1hat
(option xb assumed; fitted values)

. reg y2 x1 x2 x3

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	6.4355e+09	3	2.1452e+09	F(3, 46)	=	17.04
Residual	5.7922e+09	46	125918002	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.5263
				Adj R-squared	=	0.4954
Total	1.2228e+10	49	249545016	Root MSE	=	11221

y2	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
x1	402.7605	156.0372	2.58	0.013	88.67401 716.847
x2	-.0006235	.0003909	-1.60	0.118	-.0014104 .0001633
x3	2.834631	.7075866	4.01	0.000	1.410333 4.258929
_cons	-30998.27	11588.48	-2.67	0.010	-54324.67 -7671.86

. predict y2hat
(option xb assumed; fitted values)

Estimated structural form

. reg y1 y2hat x3

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	46846.5903	2	23423.2952	F(2, 47)	=	68.54
Residual	16062.6297	47	341.758078	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.7447
				Adj R-squared	=	0.7338
Total	62909.22	49	1283.86163	Root MSE	=	18.487

y1	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
y2hat	.0010261	.0006294	1.63	0.110	-.0002402 .0022923
x3	.0070711	.0025923	2.73	0.009	.0018561 .0122861
_cons	46.07603	25.21034	1.83	0.074	-4.640639 96.79269

```
. reg y2 y1hat x1 x2
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	50
Model	6.4355e+09	3	2.1452e+09	F(3, 46)	=	17.04
Residual	5.7922e+09	46	125918006	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.5263
				Adj R-squared	=	0.4954
Total	1.2228e+10	49	249545016	Root MSE	=	11221

	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
y1hat	287.4652	71.75768	4.01	0.000	143.0245	431.9059
x1	278.1847	175.5543	1.58	0.120	-75.18772	631.5571
x2	-.0005088	.0003964	-1.28	0.206	-.0013068	.0002891
_cons	-35068.84	12336.08	-2.84	0.007	-59900.09	-10237.59

- c. Estimate model (1) and (2) using Three Stage Least Squares (3SLS) and give the explanation of the differences among the three estimation methods (OLS, 2SLS, and 3SLS) (conceptually). Point out the advantage and disadvantage in term of properties of estimated results from each method (single equation estimation vs system equations estimation methods). (8 points)

3SLS Estimated model

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. reg3 (y1 y2 x3) (y2 y1 x1 x2), 3sls inst(x1 x2 x3)
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Three-stage least-squares regression

Equation	Obs	Parms	RMSE	"R-sq"	chi2	P
y1	50	2	15.16901	0.8171	203.59	0.0000
y2	50	3	9100.904	0.6613	78.10	0.0000

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
y1						
y2	.0010261	.0005165	1.99	0.047	.0000138	.0020383
x3	.0070711	.0021271	3.32	0.001	.0029022	.0112401
_cons	46.07603	20.68601	2.23	0.026	5.532198	86.61985
y2						
y1	283.4667	57.68578	4.91	0.000	170.4046	396.5287
x1	286.58	141.3979	2.03	0.043	9.445245	563.7147
x2	-.0004306	.0002907	-1.48	0.139	-.0010003	.0001391
_cons	-35048.35	9988.778	-3.51	0.000	-54626	-15470.71

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Endogenous variables: y1 y2
Exogenous variables: x1 x2 x3
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For the differences between 3 models, OLS, 2SLS, 3SLS in the case of endogeneity bias in simultaneous equation models.

OLS will give the biased, inconsistent and inefficient results

2SLS using the instrumental variable concept to fix the problem which the results are biased, consistent and asymptotically efficient

3SLS is the 2SLS + SUR which it should be use in the case that we have correlation between 2 model's error terms. For the results 3SLS give us biased, consistent and

MORE asymptotically efficient however, if we have specification error the impact will be severed in 3SLS.

2. From the data set "Final_q2_no.dta":

The study of cost function assumes the model follows CES cost function:

a. Estimate the model (4) using NLS estimation method using initial values of $\ln\lambda=1$, $\theta=0.5$, $\beta=0.5$, $\alpha=-0.5$. Determine the estimated value of efficiency parameter (λ), distribution parameter (θ), parameter (β), and substitution parameter (α), and elasticity of substitution (σ). Perform F-test to test whether $\theta=0$, $\alpha=0$, and $\beta=0$. (6 points)

Estimated model with NLS

```
. nl ( lnC = {lnlamda} - ((beta)/(alpha))*ln({zeta}*(R^(-{alpha})) + (1-{zeta})*(W^(-{alpha} > pa))))), init(lnlamda 1 zeta 0.5 beta 0.5 alpha -0.5)
(obs = 252)
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```
Iteration 0: residual SS = 2199.272
Iteration 1: residual SS = 292.7041
...
Iteration 51: residual SS = 279.1644
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Source	SS	df	MS		
Model	47.23926	4	11.8098151	Number of obs =	252
Residual	279.16439	247	1.13022019	R-squared =	0.1447
				Adj R-squared =	0.1309
				Root MSE =	1.063118
Total	326.40365	251	1.30041293	Res. dev. =	740.9427

lnC	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/lnlamda	1.733219	1.014233	1.71	0.089	-.2644299	3.730868
/beta	.7257297	.1451206	5.00	0.000	.439898	1.011561
/alpha	-2.719751	9.974943	-0.27	0.785	-22.36655	16.92704
/zeta	.9999984	.0000726	13769.91	0.000	.9998554	1.000141
/alpa	-6.036286	22.90198	-0.26	0.792	-51.14436	39.07179

Parameter lnlamda taken as constant term in model & ANOVA table

Estimated value of parameter

$\ln\lambda = 1.733219$ then $\lambda = 5.66$ which $\lambda = \text{lamda}$
 $\theta = 0.9999984$ which $\theta = \text{zeta}$
 $\beta = 0.7257297$ which $\beta = \text{beta}$
 $\alpha = -6.036286$ which $\alpha = \text{alpha}$
 $\sigma = \frac{1}{1-\theta} = 625,000$

F-test H0: $\theta=0$, $\alpha=0$, and $\beta=0$

```
. test (_b[/zeta]=0) (_b[/alpha]=0) (_b[/beta]=0)

( 1)  [zeta]_cons = 0
( 2)  [alpha]_cons = 0
( 3)  [beta]_cons = 0

F( 3, 247) = 2.3e+09
Prob > F = 0.0000
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Reject H0, we don't have evidence that $\theta=0$, $\alpha=0$, and $\beta=0$

- a. What will happen if we change initial values to $\ln\lambda=0.5$, $\theta=0.1$, $\beta=0.1$, $\alpha=-0.1$? Will the estimated results be the same as (a)? What are the differences between the previous result in (a) and the new result? Give explanation why? (6 points)

The results would not be the same since we change the initial values in the nonlinear model it's possible that we will have more than 1 minimum point which means that the root of nls will have more than 1 answer. So, if we change the initial value it will go to the closest minimum point which may differ from the previous one with different initial value.

Estimated model with new initial value

```
. nl ( lnC = {lnlamda} - ({beta}/{alpha})*ln(({zeta}*(R^(-{alpha}))) + ((1-
{zeta})*(W^(-
> {alpha}))))), init(lnlamda 0.5 zeta 0.1 beta 0.1 alpha -0.1)
(obs = 252)
```

```
Iteration 0: residual SS = 9967.773
Iteration 1: residual SS = 9967.681
...
Iteration 49: cannot calculate derivatives
equation/system not identified
r(481);
```

the difference is we get no answer in this case, it's possibly because of we set the initial value too far from the closest minimum point and impossible to get there with current convergence value.

- b. From (b), if we change convergence value from default of 0.00001 or (1e-5) to (i) 0.1 or (1e-1) and (ii) (1e-15) with maximum iteration of 40, what will happen to the estimated result? Interpret the estimated result and why do we get this kind of result? (Make comparison between previous result in (b) and the new result) (6 points)

According to my answer in (b), the previous case with the convergence value = 1e-5 it's impossible to get to the closest root so, if we increase convergence value to 1e-1 it's possible that we will get the answer and for the 1e-15 with iter(40) I think it's also possible to get the answer as well but the convergence will not be achieved for sure.

NLS with 1e-1 convergence

```
. nl ( lnC = {lnlamda} - ({beta}/{alpha})*ln(({zeta}*(R^(-{alpha}))) + ((1-
{zeta})*(W^(-
> alpha))))), init(lnlamda 0.5 zeta 0.1 beta 0.1 alpha -0.1) eps(1e-1)
(obs = 252)
```

```
Iteration 0: residual SS = 9967.773
```

Source	SS	df	MS	
Model	-9641.3692	4	-2410.3423	Number of obs = 252
Residual	9967.7728	247	40.3553556	R-squared = -29.5382
				Adj R-squared = -30.0327
				Root MSE = 6.352587
Total	326.40365	251	1.30041293	Res. dev. = 1641.921

lnC	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
/lnlamda	.5000699	1.754947	0.28	0.776	-2.956499 3.956639
/beta	.0972794	558.1485	0.00	1.000	-1099.24 1099.435
/alpha	-.1006157	103.6958	-0.00	0.999	-204.3413 204.1401
/zeta	.1026577	548.8484	0.00	1.000	-1080.917 1081.123
/alpha	-3.66e-06	.0801858	-0.00	1.000	-.1579389 .1579316

Parameter lnlamda taken as constant term in model & ANOVA table

NLS with 1e-15 convergence and max iterative = 40

```
. nl ( lnC = {lnlamda} - ({beta}/{alpha})*ln(({zeta}*R^(-{alpha}))) + ((1-{zeta})*(W^(-{> alpha}))))), init(lnlamda 0.5 zeta 0.1 beta 0.1 alpha -0.1) eps(1e-15) iter(40)
(obs = 252)
```

```
Iteration 0: residual SS = 9967.773
Iteration 1: residual SS = 9967.681
...
Iteration 39: residual SS = 415.9504
```

Source	SS	df	MS		
Model	-89.546721	4	-22.3866803	Number of obs =	252
Residual	415.95037	247	1.68400959	R-squared =	-0.2743
				Adj R-squared =	-0.2950
				Root MSE =	1.297694
Total	326.40365	251	1.30041293	Res. dev. =	841.4315

lnC	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/lnlamda	1.754187	.6058545	2.90	0.004	.5608868	2.947487
/beta	.7224001	.0892363	8.10	0.000	.5466389	.8981612
/alpha	13.11296	871.1872	0.02	0.988	-1702.79	1729.016
/zeta	.9998336	.0333679	29.96	0.000	.9341117	1.065556
/alpa	23.71051	1662.979	0.01	0.989	-3251.718	3299.139

Parameter lnlamda taken as constant term in model & ANOVA table
convergence not achieved

from the Stata printout it can confirmed my assumption in both cases.

- c. Why do we prefer to estimate nonlinear regression model in log-form instead of its original functional form? (2 points)

Because it will shorten the length of the data which making the process to be faster
As well as in the MLE models.

3. From the data set "Midterm_q3_no.dta": (using do-file from assignment 4)

- a. Estimate the above models using MLE with (i) Newton-Raphson algorithm; (ii) Berndt-Hall-Hausman algorithm; and (iii) Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno algorithm, make comparison of the estimated results using different algorithm, and give explanation why are they different? (5 points)

Newton-Raphson algorithm

```
. ml model lf ml_logit (y= x1 x2 )
. ml maximize

initial:      log likelihood = -277.25887
alternative:  log likelihood = -279.13079
rescale:     log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -227.96269
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -227.67192
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -227.67158
Iteration 4:  log likelihood = -227.67158

                                Number of obs   =          400
                                Wald chi2(2)      =          66.43
                                Prob > chi2      =          0.0000

Log likelihood = -227.67158
```

y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1	.2508771	.1098901	2.28	0.022	.0354965	.4662577
x2	-.5626563	.0706508	-7.96	0.000	-.7011294	-.4241832
_cons	.6249761	.1975087	3.16	0.002	.2378661	1.012086

Berndt-Hall-Hausman algorithm

```
. ml model lf ml_logit (y= x1 x2 ), tech(bhhh)
. ml maximize

initial:      log likelihood = -277.25887
alternative:  log likelihood = -279.13079
rescale:     log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -227.90673
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -227.67573
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -227.67164
Iteration 4:  log likelihood = -227.67159
Iteration 5:  log likelihood = -227.67158

                                Number of obs   =          400
                                Wald chi2(2)      =          81.09
                                Prob > chi2      =          0.0000

Log likelihood = -227.67158
```

y	Coef.	OPG Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1	.2508881	.1109659	2.26	0.024	.033399	.4683772
x2	-.5626591	.0646113	-8.71	0.000	-.6892949	-.4360233
_cons	.6249569	.2014597	3.10	0.002	.2301032	1.019811

Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb- Shanno algorithm

```
ml model lf ml_logit (y= x1 x2 ), tech(bfgs)
```

```
. ml maximize
```

```
initial:      log likelihood = -277.25887
alternative:  log likelihood = -279.13079
rescale:     log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -275.12577
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -252.09628 (backed up)
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -233.07538 (backed up)
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -229.55938
Iteration 4:  log likelihood = -227.71884
Iteration 5:  log likelihood = -227.67316
Iteration 6:  log likelihood = -227.6716
Iteration 7:  log likelihood = -227.67158
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```
Log likelihood = -227.67158      Number of obs   =      400
                                Wald chi2(2)           =      66.43
                                Prob > chi2            =      0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.2508827	.1098903	2.28	0.022	.0355017 .4662636
	x2	-.5626583	.070651	-7.96	0.000	-.7011317 -.4241849
	_cons	.6249707	.1975088	3.16	0.002	.2378605 1.012081

in different algorithm we get the difference in estimated value because in each algorithm using different way to come up with the result some of them are using hessian matrix some of them are using gradient matrix so, it's normal to get different value from different method by the way it's not a huge different.

- b. Perform hypothesis testing whether $B_1 = B_2 = 0$ using LR-test and Wald test. Make comparison between the two tests. Which test is preferable? Why? (5 points)

LR-test

```
.lrtest unres res
```

```
Likelihood-ratio test      LR chi2(2) =      94.76
(Assumption: res nested in unres)  Prob > chi2 =      0.0000
```

Wald test

```
.test x1 x2
```

```
( 1) [eq1]x1 = 0
( 2) [eq1]x2 = 0

      chi2( 2) =      66.43
      Prob > chi2 =      0.0000
```

We reject the H_0 in both cases which mean that the model is jointly significant in overall test. However if the test results are different we will choose the LR-test result because it's more accurate for the Wald test the test depends on parameterization.

- c. Why overall test in MLE is Chi-square test instead of F-test? Can we still employ F-test as overall test? Why or why not? (2 points)

For MLE I think we can use F-test instead of chi -square as well

- d. Estimate the models with heteroskedasticity using MLE with Newton-Ralphson algorithm. Perform LR-test whether there exists significant heteroskedasticity. In this case, can we perform Wald-test or LM-test to test heteroskedasticity? Why? or why not? (5 points)

Estimate model with heteroskedasticity

```
. ml model lf ml_probit_het ( y = x1 x2) (x3, noconstant)

. ml maximize

initial:      log likelihood = -277.25887
alternative:  log likelihood = -291.8231
rescale:      log likelihood = -275.03884
rescale eq:   log likelihood = -271.46187
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -271.46187 (not concave)
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -259.02902 (not concave)
...
Iteration 9:  log likelihood = -225.58236

                                Number of obs   =       400
                                Wald chi2(2)      =       64.18
                                Prob > chi2       =       0.0000

Log likelihood = -225.58236

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            y |          Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
eq1         |
            x1 |   .1580213   .0626383     2.52   0.012   .0352526   .2807901
            x2 |  -.3231145   .0414919    -7.79   0.000  -.4044373  -.2417918
            _cons |   .3665324   .1132645     3.24   0.001   .1445381   .5885268
-----+-----
eq2         |
            x3 |   .3778106   .1707856     2.21   0.027   .043077   .7125441
-----+-----

. est store hetprobit
. ml model lf ml_probit ( y = x1 x2)
. ml maximize
. est store probit

. lrtest hetprobit probit

Likelihood-ratio test                LR chi2(1) =       6.03
(Assumption: probit nested in hetprobit)  Prob > chi2 =       0.0141
```

In this case we reject the H0 which mean that the heteroskedasticity might be exist.

We can use wald test or LM as well but the lr test would give us the best result.

- e. Why individual test in MLE is z-test instead of t-test? Why don't we have R-square in MLE? If we would like to make comparison between the two estimated results, which statistical index should be employed? (3 points)

For MLE we are using z-test since we assume asymptotically normal.

4. From the data set "Midterm_q4-1_no.dta":

The model of interest rate structure, continuous time model can be specified as:

- a. Estimate Unrestricted model using method of moment, Merton model using GMM, and Vasicek using GMM. Make evaluation of the estimated result of Merton model. (5 points).

Unrestricted model (MOM)

```
. . gmm (dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)^2- {
> sigma2}*r^(2*{gamma})) (((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2}*r^(2*{gamma}))*r) winit
> ial(identity)
```

```
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 1 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 2 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 3 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 4 at initial values
```

Step 1

```
numerical derivatives are approximate
flat or discontinuous region encountered
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001191
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 8.722e-06 (backed up)
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 6.129e-06 (not concave)
Iteration 3: GMM criterion Q(b) = 5.573e-06 (backed up)
Iteration 4: GMM criterion Q(b) = 5.489e-06 (backed up)
```

Step 2

```
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0076731
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0072924
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00453733
Iteration 3: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00151095
Iteration 4: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0006721
Iteration 5: GMM criterion Q(b) = 6.065e-07
Iteration 6: GMM criterion Q(b) = 2.058e-13
Iteration 7: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.852e-24
```

note: model is exactly identified

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 4
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity Number of obs = 1,325
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/alpha	-.0023917	.0011635	-2.06	0.040	-.0046722	-.0001112
/beta	.0004321	.0002872	1.50	0.132	-.0001309	.0009951
/sigma2	.0005133	.0003281	1.56	0.118	-.0001299	.0011564
/gamma	.0942137	.1807945	0.52	0.602	-.2601371	.4485645

```
Instruments for equation 1: _cons
Instruments for equation 2: _cons
Instruments for equation 3: _cons
Instruments for equation 4: _cons
```

Merton model (GMM)

```
gmm (dr-{alpha}) ((dr-{alpha})*r) ((dr-{alpha})^2-{sigma2}) (((dr-{alpha})^2- {si
> gma2})*r) winitial(identity)
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 1 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 2 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 3 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 4 at initial values
```

Step 1

```
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001191
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 4.144e-08
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 4.144e-08
```

Step 2

```
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00793798
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00554765
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00554765
```

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 2
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity
GMM weight matrix: Robust
Number of obs = 1,325
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/alpha	-.0008227	.0006877	-1.20	0.232	-.0021706	.0005252
/sigma2	.0004354	.0002932	1.49	0.137	-.0001392	.00101

```
Instruments for equation 1: _cons
Instruments for equation 2: _cons
Instruments for equation 3: _cons
Instruments for equation 4: _cons
```

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(2) = 7.35063 (p = 0.0253)

Vasicek model (GMM)

```
gmm (dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)^2- {s
> igma2}) (((dr-{alpha}-{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2})*r) winitial(identity)
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 1 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 2 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 3 at initial values
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 4 at initial values
```

Step 1

```
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001191
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 3.145e-10
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 3.079e-10
```

Step 2

```
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0005879
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00019279
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00019279
```

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 3
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity
GMM weight matrix: Robust
Number of obs = 1,325
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/alpha	-.0027101	.0009776	-2.77	0.006	-.0046262	-.000794
/beta	.0005363	.0001997	2.69	0.007	.0001449	.0009277
/sigma2	.0005959	.0003005	1.98	0.047	6.90e-06	.001185

```
Instruments for equation 1: _cons
Instruments for equation 2: _cons
Instruments for equation 3: _cons
Instruments for equation 4: _cons
```

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(1) = .255441 (p = 0.6133)

For the evaluation of merton model

1. Sign and meaning are normal
2. overall test from LR-test we can reject the H0 so, the model is jointly significant
3. for individual test we have insignificant in both parameters

b. Determine which model is the most appropriated model. Provide and give explanation of your selected criteria. (5 points)

Merton model wald test

```
test (_b[/beta]=0) (_b[/gamma]=0)
```

```
( 1) [beta]_cons = 0
( 2) [gamma]_cons = 0
```

```
chi2( 2) = 7.89
Prob > chi2 = 0.0194
```

Vasicek model wald test

```
. test (_b[/gamma]=0)
( 1)  [gamma]_cons = 0
      chi2( 1) =    0.27
      Prob > chi2 = 0.6023
```

According to the wald test vasicek would be the best model since we cannot reject the H_0 which mean that gamma is equal to 0.

From the data set "Midterm_q4-2_no.dta":

- c. What will happen to the estimated results if we estimate this model (10) using OLS? (2 points)

If we run the model with OLS the endogeneity bias will be occurred.

- d. Estimate the model (10) using GMM and 2SLS by employing z_{1i} , z_{2i} , and z_{3i} as instrumental variables for x_{1i} and x_{2i} . Perform the test to check whether GMM is appropriated. (5 points).

Estimated model with GMM

```
ivregress gmm y x3 x4 (x1 x2 = z1 z2 z3)
Instrumental variables (GMM) regression      Number of obs   =      500
                                             Wald chi2(4)    =     162.13
                                             Prob > chi2     =      0.0000
                                             R-squared       =      0.6096
                                             Root MSE       =     19.919
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	y	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1		3.301395	.9218627	3.58	0.000	1.494578	5.108213
x2		2.046575	.5101686	4.01	0.000	1.046663	3.046487
x3		1.007346	.3058432	3.29	0.001	.4079044	1.606788
x4		1.321124	.1736521	7.61	0.000	.9807718	1.661475
_cons		1.509203	7.597793	0.20	0.843	-13.3822	16.4006

```
Instrumented:  x1 x2
Instruments:   x3 x4 z1 z2 z3
```

Estimated model with 2SLS

```
. ivregress 2sls y x3 x4 (x1 x2 = z1 z2 z3)
Instrumental variables (2SLS) regression      Number of obs   =      500
                                             Wald chi2(4)    =     153.63
                                             Prob > chi2     =      0.0000
                                             R-squared       =      0.6097
                                             Root MSE       =     19.916
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1		3.298522	.9100441	3.62	0.000	1.514868	5.082176
x2		2.049418	.5098221	4.02	0.000	1.050185	3.048651
x3		1.009372	.3101392	3.25	0.001	.4015108	1.617234
x4		1.320595	.1769136	7.46	0.000	.9738509	1.667339
_cons		1.467998	8.093567	0.18	0.856	-14.3951	17.3311

```
Instrumented:  x1 x2  
Instruments:  x3 x4 z1 z2 z3
```

Test the endogenous variable

```
estat endogenous x1
```

```
Test of endogeneity (orthogonality conditions)  
Ho: variables are exogenous
```

```
GMM C statistic chi2(1) = 13.3961 (p = 0.0003)
```

```
estat endogenous x2
```

```
Test of endogeneity (orthogonality conditions)  
Ho: variables are exogenous
```

```
GMM C statistic chi2(1) = 28.5438 (p = 0.0000)
```

Test the exogeneity of IV

```
estat overid
```

```
Test of overidentifying restriction:
```

```
Hansen's J chi2(1) = .014116 (p = 0.9054)
```

According to C statistic test, both x1 and x2 are endogenous variable. So, using GMM estimated result with z1 z2 z3 that have orthogonal condition as IV would be appropriated result.

- e. According to the estimated results of (d), give explanation of the differences between 2SLS and GMM estimated results in this case. (3 points)

In this case we have very similar results in 2SLS and GMM however the 2SLS have a little bit higher in R-square.

5. From the data set "Midterm_q5_no.dta":

- a. Estimate the model assuming that the probability function is cumulative normal distribution function and logistic probability distribution. Can we compare the estimated coefficients of the two estimated functional forms? Why? or why not? Also, make interpret the estimated result of the Logit model (Overall test, individual test, pseudo R^2 , counted R^2). (8 points)

cumulative normal distribution function

probit y x1 x2 x3

Iteration 0: log likelihood = -112.90429
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -106.8431
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -106.77169
Iteration 3: log likelihood = -106.77166
Iteration 4: log likelihood = -106.77166

Probit regression	Number of obs	=	215
	LR chi2(3)	=	12.27
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0065
Log likelihood = -106.77166	Pseudo R2	=	0.0543

y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
x1	.0032435	.0014378	2.26	0.024	.0004254 .0060615
x2	.0104558	.0082123	1.27	0.203	-.00564 .0265515
x3	.0913493	.0427701	2.14	0.033	.0075214 .1751773
_cons	.5058377	.1236092	4.09	0.000	.2635682 .7481072

logistic probability distribution

. logit y x1 x2 x3

Iteration 0: log likelihood = -112.90429
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -107.07485
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -106.80412
Iteration 3: log likelihood = -106.8032
Iteration 4: log likelihood = -106.8032

Logistic regression	Number of obs	=	215
	LR chi2(3)	=	12.20
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0067
Log likelihood = -106.8032	Pseudo R2	=	0.0540

y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
x1	.0056951	.0026061	2.19	0.029	.0005872 .0108029
x2	.0201378	.0155022	1.30	0.194	-.010246 .0505216
x3	.1668463	.0804444	2.07	0.038	.0091782 .3245144
_cons	.8143571	.2056236	3.96	0.000	.4113423 1.217372

. fitstat

Measures of Fit for logit of y

Log-Lik Intercept Only:	-112.904	Log-Lik Full Model:	-106.803
D(211):	213.606	LR(3):	12.202
		Prob > LR:	0.007
McFadden's R2:	0.054	McFadden's Adj R2:	0.019
Maximum Likelihood R2:	0.055	Cragg & Uhler's R2:	0.085
McKelvey and Zavoina's R2:	0.127	Efron's R2:	0.050
Variance of y*:	3.766	Variance of error:	3.290
Count R2:	0.781	Adj Count R2:	0.000
AIC:	1.031	AIC*n:	221.606
BIC:	-919.598	BIC':	3.910

We cannot compare those 2 results coefficients since we use the different distribution

Interpretation of the estimated result of the Logit model

1. overall test we have LR $\chi^2(3) = 12.20$ which p-value < 0.05 so, we reject H_0 which mean that the model is significant in overall test.

2. individual test we have insignificant at x_2 coefficient

3. goodness of fit

Pseudo $R^2 = 0.0540$ which don't have any interpretation we have to use It to compare with another model

Count $R^2: 0.781$ mean the chance that model will have correct prediction and since it is higher than 0.5 it's considered as good model

- b. Using logistic probability distribution, compute marginal effect at mean and at median. Make interpretation of marginal effects at mean of $x_{/i}$. (5 points)

marginal effect at mean
mfx

Marginal effects after logit
y = Pr(y) (predict)
= .80226499

variable	dy/dx	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% C.I.]	X
x1	.0009034	.0004	2.27	0.023	.000125 .001682	60.8585
x2	.0031946	.00241	1.33	0.184	-.001521 .00791	-1.64096
x3	.0264678	.01222	2.17	0.030	.002517 .050419	1.63388

marginal effect at median

. mfx, at (median)

Marginal effects after logit
y = Pr(y) (predict)
= .70198097

variable	dy/dx	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% C.I.]	X
x1	.0011914	.00059	2.01	0.045	.000027 .002356	.753216
x2	.0042129	.00327	1.29	0.198	-.002205 .010631	.468091
x3	.0349049	.01767	1.98	0.048	.000277 .069533	.17187

interpretation of marginal effects at mean of $x_{/i}$.

as liquidity ratio of firm i increase by 1 the probability that the firm i is dividend paying firm will increase by 0.0009034

(c) Perform hypothesis testing whether $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ using LR-test and Wald test. Perform hypothesis testing whether $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ using LR-test. Make conclusion of the tests. (5 points)

Test B1=B2=B3 = 0 using LR-test

```
est store unres
. logit y
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -112.90429
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -112.90429

Logistic regression               Number of obs   =       215
                                LR chi2(0)      =         0.00
                                Prob > chi2      =         .
Log likelihood = -112.90429       Pseudo R2      =       0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]

	_cons	1.273816	.1650121	7.72	0.000	.9503987 1.597234

```
. est store res
. lrtest unres res

Likelihood-ratio test                LR chi2(3) =    12.20
(Assumption: res nested in unres)    Prob > chi2 =    0.0067
```

p-value < 0.05 reject H0
So, there is no evidence that B1,B2,B3 equal to 0

Test B1=B2=B3 = 0 using Waldtest

```
test x1 x2 x3

( 1)  [y]x1 = 0
( 2)  [y]x2 = 0
( 3)  [y]x3 = 0

             chi2( 3) =    9.61
             Prob > chi2 =    0.0222
```

p-value < 0.05 reject H0
So, there is no evidence that B1,B2,B3 equal to 0

Test B1=B2 using LR-test

```

constraint 1 x1=x2

. logit y x1 x2 x3, constraints(1)

Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -112.90429
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -107.44788
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -107.2629
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -107.2625
Iteration 4:  log likelihood = -107.2625

Logistic regression              Number of obs   =          215
Log likelihood = -107.2625       Wald chi2(2)    =           9.44
                                Prob > chi2     =          0.0089

( 1)  [y]x1 - [y]x2 = 0
-----+-----
      y |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
      x1 |   .0055295   .0025378     2.18   0.029   .0005555   .0105034
      x2 |   .0055295   .0025378     2.18   0.029   .0005555   .0105034
      x3 |   .1442987   .0764271     1.89   0.059   -.0054956   .2940931
      _cons |   .8189633   .2048726     4.00   0.000   .4174204   1.220506
-----+-----

. est store constrained

. lrtest unres constrained

Likelihood-ratio test              LR chi2(1) =          0.92
(Assumption: constrained nested in unres)  Prob > chi2 =          0.3378

```

p-value > 0.05 , Fail to reject H0
So, B1 and B2 are equaled

- d. Why is threshold in computing Counted R^2 important? If we change the threshold, can the value of counted R^2 change? Why? (2 points)

It is important because it determines the result of decision. And if we change the threshold it possibly change the value of counted R square.

6. From the data set "Midterm_q6_no.dta":

- a. Estimate model (13) using Panel Least Squares estimation method and PGLS assuming Heteroskedasticity, and test whether there exists Heteroskedasticity problem. What will happen if Heteroscedasticity occurs in the model (5 points)

PGLS assuming Heteroskedasticity

```
xtgls y x1 x2 x3, igls panels(heteroskedastic)
Iteration 1: tolerance = .00590371
Iteration 2: tolerance = .00177471
Iteration 3: tolerance = .00055434
Iteration 4: tolerance = .000177
Iteration 5: tolerance = .00005721
Iteration 6: tolerance = .00001862
Iteration 7: tolerance = 6.085e-06
Iteration 8: tolerance = 1.993e-06
Iteration 9: tolerance = 6.534e-07
Iteration 10: tolerance = 2.144e-07
Iteration 11: tolerance = 7.040e-08
```

Cross-sectional time-series FGLS regression

Coefficients: generalized least squares
Panels: heteroskedastic
Correlation: no autocorrelation

```
Estimated covariances = 100      Number of obs = 1,200
Estimated autocorrelations = 0      Number of groups = 100
Estimated coefficients = 4          Time periods = 12
Log likelihood = -6165.009          Wald chi2(3) = 33298.40
                                   Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.3168738	.0100633	31.49	0.000	.2971501 .3365975
	x2	1.311977	.0139878	93.79	0.000	1.284562 1.339393
	x3	-.4630102	.011065	-41.84	0.000	-.4846972 -.4413232
	_cons	-132.2058	6.140582	-21.53	0.000	-144.2411 -120.1705

. est store het

Panel Least Squares model

```
. xtgls y x1 x2 x3
```

Cross-sectional time-series FGLS regression

Coefficients: generalized least squares
Panels: homoskedastic
Correlation: no autocorrelation

```
Estimated covariances = 1      Number of obs = 1,200
Estimated autocorrelations = 0      Number of groups = 100
Estimated coefficients = 4          Time periods = 12
Log likelihood = -6211.29          Wald chi2(3) = 29882.41
                                   Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.3183087	.0109146	29.16	0.000	.2969164 .3397011
	x2	1.320714	.0149495	88.34	0.000	1.291413 1.350014
	x3	-.4642183	.011884	-39.06	0.000	-.4875104 -.4409262
	_cons	-136.2145	6.645908	-20.50	0.000	-149.2402 -123.1887

. est store pglS

. local df=e(N_g)-1

test Heteroskedasticity

```
. lrtest het, df(`df')
```

```
Likelihood-ratio test          LR chi2(99) =    92.56
(Assumption: pglis nested in het) Prob > chi2 =    0.6629
```

From LR-test we fail to reject the null hypothesis which mean that the model has homoskedasticity.

If the model have heteroskedasticity it will cause high variance (not best) and t-test , F-test will be invalid however we can fix it with method like vce(robust)

- b. Estimate the above three models including Panel Least Squares model (13), Fixed effects model (14), and Random-effects model (15). Perform fixed effects tests and random effects test, also state null hypothesis of the tests. Then, determine the most appropriated model. Also, give explanation of the choosing criterion (perform the tests), and make interpretation of the estimated models. (10 points)

Panel Least Squares model

```
xtgls y x1 x2 x3
```

Cross-sectional time-series FGLS regression

```
Coefficients: generalized least squares
Panels:       homoskedastic
Correlation:  no autocorrelation
```

```
Estimated covariances = 1          Number of obs = 1,200
Estimated autocorrelations = 0      Number of groups = 100
Estimated coefficients = 4          Time periods = 12
Log likelihood = -6211.29          Wald chi2(3) = 29882.41
                                   Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.3183087	.0109146	29.16	0.000	.2969164 .3397011
	x2	1.320714	.0149495	88.34	0.000	1.291413 1.350014
	x3	-.4642183	.011884	-39.06	0.000	-.4875104 -.4409262
	_cons	-136.2145	6.645908	-20.50	0.000	-149.2402 -123.1887

Fixed effect model

```
. xtreg y x1 x2 x3 ,fe
```

```
Fixed-effects (within) regression          Number of obs = 1,200
Group variable: id                        Number of groups = 100
```

```
R-sq:                                     Obs per group:
  within = 0.9502                          min = 12
  between = 0.9848                         avg = 12.0
  overall = 0.8846                         max = 12
```

```
corr(u_i, Xb) = 0.8057                    F(3,1097) = 6980.72
                                           Prob > F = 0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.1014426	.0044866	22.61	0.000	.0926393 .1102459
	x2	.6951028	.0085422	81.37	0.000	.678342 .7118637
	x3	-.4953168	.0041895	-118.23	0.000	-.5035372 -.4870965
	_cons	208.659	4.373144	47.71	0.000	200.0784 217.2397
	sigma_u	123.46108				
	sigma_e	14.376737				
	rho	.98662139				(fraction of variance due to u_i)

Fixed effect test (H0: there is no specific fixed effect)

F test that all u_i=0: F(99, 1097) = 96.47 Prob > F = 0.0000

From fixed effect test we can reject the H0 which mean that the fixed effect exists

. est store fe

random effect model

. xtreg y x1 x2 x3 ,re

```
Random-effects GLS regression           Number of obs   =       1,200
Group variable: id                     Number of groups =        100

R-sq:                                   Obs per group:
    within = 0.8956                      min       =         12
    between = 0.9953                      avg       =        12.0
    overall = 0.9543                      max       =         12

corr(u_i, X) = 0 (assumed)              Wald chi2(3)    =       8707.50
                                          Prob > chi2     =         0.0000
```

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
	x1	.2162513	.0090869	23.80	0.000	.1984414 .2340613
	x2	1.028607	.0152844	67.30	0.000	.9986503 1.058564
	x3	-.4779339	.0091412	-52.28	0.000	-.4958503 -.4600176
	_cons	25.24251	8.000206	3.16	0.002	9.562392 40.92262
	sigma_u	12.351151				
	sigma_e	14.376737				
	rho	.42464732	(fraction of variance due to u_i)			

. est store re

random effect test (H0: coefficients in FE = RE)

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	---- Coefficients ----			
	(b)	(B)	(b-B)	sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B))
	re	fe	Difference	S.E.
x1	.2162513	.1014426	.1148087	.007902
x2	1.028607	.6951028	.3335042	.0126745
x3	-.4779339	-.4953168	.0173829	.0081246

b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtreg
B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtreg

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

chi2(3) = (b-B)'[(V_b-V_B)^(-1)](b-B)
= 1451.21
Prob>chi2 = 0.0000

From the random effect test we can reject the H0 which mean that fix effect is highly correlated with x so, we should use fix effect model

In conclusion, from the significant in both fixed effect and random effect test we can say that the fixed effect model is the most appropriated one in this case which fixed effects model is also significant in overall and individual test as well as high r-square.

- c. What are the differences between Fixed effects estimation method and First difference estimation method? What are the differences between Fixed effects model and Random effects model? (3 points)

The difference between fixed effect and first difference is that first difference use the method difference-out between model at time t and model at time $t-1$ which require balance panel data but for the fixed effect we difference-out the cross-sectional group mean which can be used in the unbalance case as well.

For the random effects it's very similar to fixed effect but we difference-out not 1-1 or 100% of it but partly difference out because we think that the fixed effect is not 100% correlated with x .

- d. Give explanation of Within R-squares, Overall R-squares, and Between R- squares of the estimated results of the Fixed-effects model. (2 points)

The between R square is the variance between separate panel units that are accounted in the model

The within R square is variance within the panel units that are accounted in the model and the R square overall is the average between them.