

## Assignment 5 Guideline Solution

1. In the study of interest rate structure, the continuous time model can be specified as:

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = (\alpha + \beta r_t) \Delta t + \varepsilon_{t+\Delta t} \quad (1)$$

where:  $E[\varepsilon_{t+\Delta t}] = 0$  and  $E[\varepsilon_{t+\Delta t}^2] = \sigma^2 r_t^{2\gamma} \Delta t$

Then, the model can be transformed to be discrete time model by setting  $\Delta t = 1$ . The discrete time model can be stated as:

$$r_{t+1} - r_t = \Delta r_t = \alpha + \beta r_t + \varepsilon_{t+1} \quad (2)$$

where:  $E[\varepsilon_{t+1}] = 0$  and  $E[\varepsilon_{t+1}^2] = \sigma^2 r_t^{2\gamma}$

The above model consists of four parameters including  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\gamma$ . The model can be estimate using GMM. Four moment condition equations can be stated as:

Zero mean condition:  $E(\varepsilon_{t+1}) = 0$

Orthogonality condition:  $E(\varepsilon_{t+1} r_t) = 0$

Variance condition:  $E(\varepsilon_{t+1}^2 - \sigma^2 r_t^{2\gamma}) = 0$

Zero covariance condition:  $E((\varepsilon_{t+1}^2 - \sigma^2 r_t^{2\gamma}) r_t) = 0$

The above model can be claimed as unrestricted model for other eight interest rate structure models which can be indicated as follows:

Model	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\sigma^2$	$\gamma$
(1) Unrestricted				
(2) Merton		0		0
(3) Vasicek				0
(4) CIR SR				0.5
(5) Dothan	0	0		1
(6) GBM	0			1
(7) Brennan & Schwartz				1
(8) CIR VR	0	0		1.5
(9) CEV	0			

From the given data set (assign5-1.dta):

1. Estimate the interest rate structure models applying all 9 models using GMM. Also perform Overidentification Test. (Hint: command for generating  $\Delta r_t = r_{t+1} - r_t$  is `gen dr=f.r-r`)

```
. tsset time
      time variable:  time, 1 to 1335
                delta:  1 unit
. g dr=f.r-r
(1 missing value generated)
```

```
. *Unrestricted
. 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)
winitia(identity)
note: 1 missing value returned for equation 1 at initial values
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note: 1 missing value returned for equation 4 at initial values
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```
Step 1
numerical derivatives are approximate
flat or discontinuous region encountered
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001173
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 8.321e-06 (backed up)
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 6.043e-06 (not concave)
Iteration 3: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.604e-06
Iteration 4: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.662e-09
Iteration 5: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.344e-13
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Step 2
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = 3.899e-10
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 4.098e-18
```

note: model is exactly identified

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 4
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity Number of obs = 1,334
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/alpha	-.0023725	.0011574	-2.05	0.040	-.0046409	-.0001041
/beta	.0004291	.0002873	1.49	0.135	-.000134	.0009922
/sigma2	.0005043	.000324	1.56	0.120	-.0001307	.0011393
/gamma	.0985177	.1823933	0.54	0.589	-.2589666	.456002

```
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(0) = 5.5e-15 (p = .)

Note: test cannot be performed because there are no overidentifying restrictions.

```
. est store Unrestricted
```

```
. *Merton
. gmm (dr-{alpha}) ((dr-{alpha})*r) ((dr-{alpha})^2-{sigma2}) (((dr-{alpha})^2-
{sigma2})*r) winitia(identity)
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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
```

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Step 1
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001173
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 4.045e-08
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Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 4.044e-08

Step 2

Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00798141

Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00552368

Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00552368

GMM estimation

Number of parameters = 2

Number of moments = 4

Initial weight matrix: Identity

Number of obs = 1,334

GMM weight matrix: Robust

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-----+-----
              |           Robust
              |           Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|    [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
      /alpha | -0.0008137   0.0006821   -1.19  0.233   -0.0021507   0.0005232
      /sigma2 |  0.0004277   0.0002902    1.47  0.141   -0.0001412   0.0009965
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```

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) = 7.36859 (p = 0.0251)

. est store Merton

. \*Vasicek

. gmm (dr-{alpha}-{beta}\*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}\*r)\*r) ((dr-{alpha}-{beta}\*r)^2-  
{sigma2}) (((dr-{alpha}-{beta}\*r)^2-{sigma2})\*r) winitial(identity)

note: 1 missing value returned for equation 1 at initial values

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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) = .00001173

Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 3.336e-10

Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 3.273e-10

Step 2

Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00063051

Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00020488

Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00020488

GMM estimation

Number of parameters = 3

Number of moments = 4

Initial weight matrix: Identity

Number of obs = 1,334

GMM weight matrix: Robust

```
-----+-----
              |           Robust
              |           Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|    [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
      /alpha | -0.0026994   0.0009734   -2.77  0.006   -0.0046072  -0.0007915
      /beta  |  0.0005368   0.0001999    2.69  0.007    0.000145   0.0009286
      /sigma2 |  0.0005887   0.0002977    1.98  0.048    5.20e-06   0.0011722
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```

Instruments for equation 1: \_cons



```

Number of moments      = 2
Initial weight matrix: Identity
GMM weight matrix:    Robust
Number of obs         = 1,334

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|          |          Robust
|          |          Coef.   Std. Err.   z   P>|z|   [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
| /sigma2 | 8.95e-06   .0000103   0.87  0.386   -0.0000113   .0000292
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```

Instruments for equation 1: \_cons

Instruments for equation 2: \_cons

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(1) = 3.43779 (p = 0.0637)

. est store Dothan

. \*GBM

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. gmm (dr-{beta}*r) ((dr-{beta}*r)*r) ((dr-{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2}*r^(2)) (((dr-
{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2}*r^(2))*r) winitial(identity)

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

Step 1

Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001173

Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 8.547e-08

Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 8.547e-08

Step 2

Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0082543

Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00342544

Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00342542

GMM estimation

Number of parameters = 2

Number of moments = 4

Initial weight matrix: Identity
Number of obs = 1,334

GMM weight matrix: Robust

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|          |          Robust
|          |          Coef.   Std. Err.   z   P>|z|   [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
| /beta   | .0000248   .0001265   0.20  0.844   -0.000223   .0002727
| /sigma2 | .0000154   8.33e-06   1.84  0.065   -9.60e-07   .0000317
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```

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) = 4.56951 (p = 0.1018)

. est store GBM

. \*B\_s

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

```
Step 1
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00001173
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.062e-08
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.061e-08
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Step 2
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0202404
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00259237
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00259234
```

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 3
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity Number of obs = 1,334
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/alpha	-.0008979	.0008413	-1.07	0.286	-.0025469	.000751
/beta	.0002882	.0002774	1.04	0.299	-.0002555	.0008319
/sigma2	8.91e-06	.0000103	0.87	0.387	-.0000113	.0000291

```
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) = 3.45819 (p = 0.0629)

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. est store B_S
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```
. *CIR_VR
. gmm ((dr)^2-{sigma2}*r^(3)) (((dr)^2-{sigma2}*r^(3))*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
```

```
Step 1
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = 6.056e-06
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.720e-08
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 1.720e-08
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Step 2
Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .01256614
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00282087
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00282087
```

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 1
Number of moments = 2
Initial weight matrix: Identity Number of obs = 1,334
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/sigma2	1.18e-06	1.83e-06	0.65	0.517	-2.40e-06	4.77e-06

Instruments for equation 1: \_cons  
Instruments for equation 2: \_cons

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(1) = 3.76304 (p = 0.0524)

. est store CIR\_VR

. \*CEV

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. gmm (dr-{beta}*r) ((dr-{beta}*r)*r) ((dr-{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2}*r^(2*{gamma}))
((dr-{beta}*r)^2-{sigma2}*r^(2*{gamma}))*r winitial(identity)
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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) = .00001173
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = 8.627e-06 (backed up)
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = 6.127e-06 (not concave)
Iteration 3: GMM criterion Q(b) = 5.400e-06 (backed up)
Iteration 4: GMM criterion Q(b) = 5.310e-06
```

Step 2

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Iteration 0: GMM criterion Q(b) = .01236133
Iteration 1: GMM criterion Q(b) = .01075751
Iteration 2: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00760436
Iteration 3: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00678694
Iteration 4: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00326882
Iteration 5: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00316225
Iteration 6: GMM criterion Q(b) = .00313882
Iteration 7: GMM criterion Q(b) = .0031388
```

GMM estimation

```
Number of parameters = 3
Number of moments = 4
Initial weight matrix: Identity Number of obs = 1,334
GMM weight matrix: Robust
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
/beta	-.0000453	.0001702	-0.27	0.790	-.0003789	.0002883
/sigma2	.0000881	.0001436	0.61	0.539	-.0001933	.0003696
/gamma	.5717551	.3668112	1.56	0.119	-.1471817	1.290692

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) = 4.18715 (p = 0.0407)

```
. est store CEV
```

```
. est table Unrestricted Merton Vasicek CIR_SR Dothan GBM B_S CIR_VR CEV,
star(0.1 0.05 0.01) stat(N J)
```

Variable	Unrestricted	Merton	Vasicek	CIR_SR	Dothan
alpha					
_cons	-.00237253**	-.00081372	-.00269937***	-.00102525	
beta					
_cons	.00042912		.00053681***	.00022877	
sigma2					
_cons	.00050427	.00042766	.00058872**	.00009168	8.947e-06
gamma					
_cons	.09851773				
Statistics					
N	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334
J	5.467e-15	7.3685895	.27331476	2.1903809	3.437787

Legend: \* p<.1; \*\* p<.05; \*\*\* p<.01

Variable	GBM	B_S	CIR_VR	CEV
alpha				
_cons		-.00089794		
beta				
_cons	.00002483	.0002882		-.00004534
sigma2				
_cons	.00001536*	8.909e-06	1.184e-06	.00008815
gamma				
_cons				.57175507
Statistics				
N	1334	1334	1334	1334
J	4.5695129	3.4581859	3.7630421	4.1871546

Legend: \* p<.1; \*\* p<.05; \*\*\* p<.01

## b. Determine the most appropriated model using Wald Test.

```
. *Wald Test
. est restore Unrestricted
(results Unrestricted are active now)
```

```
. *Test Unrestricted vs Merton
. test (_b[/beta]=0) (_b[/gamma]=0)
```

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

```
      chi2( 2) =      7.92
      Prob > chi2 =     0.0191
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```
. *Test Unrestricted vs Vasicek
. test (_b[/gamma]=0)
```

```
( 1) [gamma]_cons = 0
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      chi2( 1) =      0.29
      Prob > chi2 =     0.5891
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. *Test Unrestricted vs CIR_SR
. test (_b[/gamma]=0.5)

( 1) [gamma]_cons = .5

           chi2( 1) =    4.85
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0277

. *Test Unrestricted vs Dothan
. test (_b[/alpha]=0) (_b[/beta]=0) (_b[/gamma]=1)

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

           chi2( 3) =   34.04
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0000

. *Test Unrestricted vs GBM
. test (_b[/alpha]=0) (_b[/gamma]=1)

( 1) [alpha]_cons = 0
( 2) [gamma]_cons = 1

           chi2( 2) =   27.48
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0000

. *Test Unrestricted vs B_s
. test (_b[/gamma]=1)

( 1) [gamma]_cons = 1

           chi2( 1) =   24.43
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0000

. *Test Unrestricted vs CIR_VR
. test (_b[/alpha]=0) (_b[/beta]=0) (_b[/gamma]=1)

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

           chi2( 3) =   34.04
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0000

. *Test Unrestricted vs CEV
. test (_b[/alpha]=0)

( 1) [alpha]_cons = 0

           chi2( 1) =    4.20
       Prob > chi2 =    0.0404
```

According to Wald Test, Vasicek is the most appropriated model.

2. From the model:

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + u_i \quad (3)$$

where:  $y_i$  is dependent variable

$x_i$  is explanatory variable

$u_i$  is stochastic error term

$E(u_i) = 0$  but  $E(x_i u_i) \neq 0$ .

From the given data set (assign5-2.dta):

a. Estimate model (3) using OLS.

```
. reg y x
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	500
Model	132481.702	1	132481.702	F(1, 498)	=	449.66
Residual	146722.774	498	294.624043	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.4745
				Adj R-squared	=	0.4734
Total	279204.475	499	559.528007	Root MSE	=	17.165

	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x	5.431333	.2561312	21.21	0.000	4.928102	5.934564
_cons	-33.31333	2.673868	-12.46	0.000	-38.56678	-28.05988

```
. est store ols
```

b. Based on  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$ , determine the best set of instrumental variables, then, estimate model (3) using GMM.

```
. corr x z1 z2 z3 z4
(obs=500)
```

	x	z1	z2	z3	z4
x	1.0000				
z1	0.7215	1.0000			
z2	0.2352	0.1937	1.0000		
z3	0.5487	0.0918	0.0933	1.0000	
z4	0.6954	0.4738	0.1607	0.0828	1.0000

```
. ivregress gmm y (x=z1 z3)
```

Instrumental variables (GMM) regression	Number of obs	=	500
	Wald chi2(1)	=	412.16
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
	R-squared	=	0.4692
GMM weight matrix: Robust	Root MSE	=	17.217

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x	5.902412	.2907357	20.30	0.000	5.332581	6.472244
_cons	-37.03774	3.094795	-11.97	0.000	-43.10343	-30.97206

```
Instrumented: x
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```
Instruments: z1 z3
```

```
. estat overid
```

```

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(1) = 159.838 (p = 0.0000)

. estat endogenous x

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

GMM C statistic chi2(1) = .0189 (p = 0.8907)

. est store gmm_z1z3

. ivregress gmm y (x=z1 z4)

Instrumental variables (GMM) regression                Number of obs   =       500
                                                       Wald chi2(1)    =       40.88
                                                       Prob > chi2     =       0.0000
                                                       R-squared      =       0.3031
GMM weight matrix: Robust                          Root MSE       =       19.727

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              |           Robust
              |           Coef.   Std. Err.   z   P>|z|   [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
              x |   2.167043   .3389432   6.39  0.000   1.502726   2.831359
              _cons |  -.6716121   3.395567   -0.20  0.843  -7.326801   5.983577
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Instrumented:  x
Instruments:  z1 z4

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

Hansen's J chi2(1) = .012951 (p = 0.9094)

. estat endogenous x

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

GMM C statistic chi2(1) = 157.747 (p = 0.0000)

. est store gmm_z1z4

. ivregress gmm y (x=z3 z4)

Instrumental variables (GMM) regression                Number of obs   =       500
                                                       Wald chi2(1)    =      457.33
                                                       Prob > chi2     =       0.0000
                                                       R-squared      =       0.4615
GMM weight matrix: Robust                          Root MSE       =       17.341

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              |           Robust
              |           Coef.   Std. Err.   z   P>|z|   [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
              x |   6.237532   .2916741  21.39  0.000   5.665861   6.809202
              _cons | -40.18052   3.069851 -13.09  0.000  -46.19731  -34.16372
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Instrumented:  x
Instruments:  z3 z4

. estat overid

Test of overidentifying restriction:

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Hansen's J chi2(1) = 148.756 (p = 0.0000)

. estat endogenous x

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

GMM C statistic chi2(1) = 5.55593 (p = 0.0184)

. est store gmm_z3z4

. est table ols gmm_z1z3 gmm_z1z4 gmm_z3z4, star(.1 .05 .01) stat(N rss F chi2
r2 r2_a J)

```

Variable	ols	gmm_z1z3	gmm_z1z4	gmm_z3z4
x	5.4313329***	5.9024123***	2.1670429***	6.2375315***
_cons	-33.313329***	-37.037744***	-.67161206	-40.180516***
N	500	500	500	500
rss	146722.77	148205.87	194577.03	150355.5
F	449.66358			
chi2		412.15656	40.877192	457.33009
r2	.47449706	.46918519	.30310205	.46148607
r2_a	.47344183	.46811193	.30170266	.46040471
J		159.83754	.01295053	148.75614

legend: \* p<.1; \*\* p<.05; \*\*\* p<.01

According to GMM estimated results and Overidentification Hensen J test, the best set of instrumental variables consists of  $z_1$  and  $z_4$  as instrumental variables.

- c. Determine whether OLS estimated results in (a) or GMM estimated results in (b) is more appropriate using the difference-in-Sargan or C statistic test.

```

. estat endogenous x

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

GMM C statistic chi2(1) = 157.747 (p = 0.0000)

```

According to the difference-in-Sargan or C statistic test,  $x$  is endogenous variable. Thus, GMM estimated result using  $z_1$  and  $z_4$  as instrumental variables is the most appropriated estimated result.