Double Measurement Regression¹ STA431 Winter/Spring 2017

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Seeking identifiability

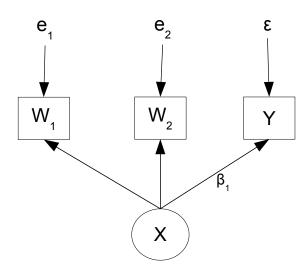
We have seen that in simple regression, parameters of a model with measurement error are not identifiable.

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$W_i = \nu + X_i + e_i,$$

- For example, X might be number of acres planted and Y might be crop yield.
- Plan the statistical analysis in advance.
- Take 2 independent measurements of the explanatory variable.
- Say, farmer's report and satellite photograph.

Double measurement Of the explanatory variable



Independently for $i = 1, \ldots, n$, let

$$W_{i,1} = \nu_1 + X_i + e_{i,1}$$

$$W_{i,2} = \nu_2 + X_i + e_{i,2}$$

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i,$$

where

- X_i is normally distributed with mean μ_x and variance $\phi > 0$
- ϵ_i is normally distributed with mean zero and variance $\psi > 0$
- $e_{i,1}$ is normally distributed with mean zero and variance $\omega_1 > 0$
- $e_{i,2}$ is normally distributed with mean zero and variance $\omega_2 > 0$
- $X_i, e_{i,1}, e_{i,2}$ and ϵ_i are all independent.

Does this model pass the test of the Parameter Count Rule?

 $W_{i,1} = \nu_1 + X_i + e_{i,1}$

$$W_{i,2} = \nu_2 + X_i + e_{i,2}$$

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_0, \mu_x, \beta_1, \phi, \psi, \omega_1, \omega_2)$$
: 9 parameters.

- Three expected values, three variances and three covariances: 9 moments.
- Yes. There are nine moment structure equations in nine unknown parameters. Identifiability is possible, but not guaranteed.

What is the distribution of the sample data? Calculate the moments as a function of the model parameters

The model implies that the triples $\mathbf{D}_i = (W_{i,1}, W_{i,2}, Y_i)^{\top}$ are independent multivarate normal with

$$E(\mathbf{D}_i) = E \begin{pmatrix} W_{i,1} \\ W_{i,1} \\ Y_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x + \nu_1 \\ \mu_x + \nu_2 \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mu_x \end{pmatrix},$$

and variance covariance matrix $cov(\mathbf{D}_i) = \mathbf{\Sigma} =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ & & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi + \omega_1 & \phi & \beta_1 \phi \\ & \phi + \omega_2 & \beta_1 \phi \\ & & \beta_1^2 \phi + \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

Are the parameters in the covariance matrix identifiable?

Six equations in five unknowns

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ & & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi + \omega_1 & \phi & \beta_1 \phi \\ & \phi + \omega_2 & \beta_1 \phi \\ & & \beta_1^2 \phi + \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\psi = \sigma_{12}
\omega_{1} = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}
\omega_{2} = \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{12}
\beta_{1} = \frac{\sigma_{13}}{\sigma_{12}}
\psi = \sigma_{33} - \beta_{1}^{2} \phi = \sigma_{33} - \frac{\sigma_{13}^{2}}{\sigma_{12}}$$

Yes.

What about the expected values?

Model equations again:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{i,1} &= \nu_1 + X_i + e_{i,1} \\ W_{i,2} &= \nu_2 + X_i + e_{i,2} \\ Y_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i, \end{aligned}$$

Expected values:

$$\mu_1 = \nu_1 + \mu_x$$

$$\mu_2 = \nu_2 + \mu_x$$

$$\mu_3 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mu_x$$

Four parameters appear only in the expected values: $\nu_1, \nu_2, \mu_x, \beta_0$.

- Three equations in four unknowns, even with β_1 identified from the covariance matrix.
- Parameter count rule applies.
- But we don't need it because these are linear equations.
- Re-parameterize.

Re-parameterize

$$\mu_1 = \bar{\nu}_1 + \mu_x$$
 $\mu_2 = \nu_2 + \mu_x$ $\mu_3 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mu_x$

- Absorb $\nu_1, \nu_2, \mu_x, \beta_0$ into $\boldsymbol{\mu}$.
- Parameter was $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_0, \mu_x, \beta_1, \phi, \psi, \omega_1, \omega_2)$
- Now it's $\theta = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \beta_1, \phi, \psi, \omega_1, \omega_2)$.
- Dimension of the parameter space is now one less.
- We haven't lost much.
- Especially because the model was already re-parameterized.
- \bullet Of course there is measurement error in Y. Recall

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$$

$$V = \nu_0 + Y + e$$

$$= \nu_0 + (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon) + e$$

$$= (\nu_0 + \beta_0) + \beta_1 X + (\epsilon + e)$$

$$= \beta'_0 + \beta X + \epsilon'$$

Re-parameterization

- Re-parameterization makes maximum likelihood possible.
- Otherwise the maximum is not unique and it's a mess.
- ullet Estimate μ with $\overline{\mathbf{D}}$ and it simply disappears from

$$L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} (2\pi)^{-np/2} \exp{-\frac{n}{2} \left\{ tr(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}) + (\overline{\mathbf{D}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\overline{\mathbf{D}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}}$$

- This step is so common it becomes silent.
- Model equations are often written in centered form.
- It's more compact, and calculation of the covariance matrix is easier.

Back to the covariance structure equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ & & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi + \omega_1 & \phi & \beta_1 \phi \\ & \phi + \omega_2 & \beta_1 \phi \\ & & \beta_1^2 \phi + \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Notice that the model dictates $\sigma_{1,3} = \sigma_{2,3}$.
- There are two ways to solve for β_1 : $\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{13}}{\sigma_{12}}$ and $\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{23}}{\sigma_{12}}$.
- Does this mean the solution for β_1 is not "unique?"
- No; everything is okay. Because $\sigma_{1,3} = \sigma_{2,3}$, the two solutions are actually the same.
- If a parameter can be recovered from the moments in any way at all, it is identifiable.

Testing goodness of fit.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ & & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi + \omega_1 & \phi & \beta_1 \phi \\ & \phi + \omega_2 & \beta_1 \phi \\ & & \beta_1^2 \phi + \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $\sigma_{1,3} = \sigma_{2,3}$ is a model-induced constraint upon Σ .
- It's a testable null hypothesis.
- If rejected, the model is called into question.
- Likelihood ratio test comparing this model to a completely unrestricted multivariate normal model:

$$G^{2} = -2 \ln \frac{L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right)}{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\Sigma})}$$

- It's n times the SAS "objective function" at the MLE.
- A likelihood ratio test for goodness of fit. "Chi-Square" in proc calis output.
- Valuable even if the data are not normal.

The Reproduced Covariance Matrix

- $\Sigma(\widehat{\theta})$ is called the reproduced covariance matrix.
- It is the covariance matrix of the observable data, written as a function of the model parameters and evaluated at the MLE.

$$\Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\phi} + \widehat{\omega}_1 & \widehat{\phi} & \widehat{\beta}_1 \widehat{\phi} \\ \widehat{\phi} + \widehat{\omega}_2 & \widehat{\beta}_1 \widehat{\phi} \\ \widehat{\beta}_1^2 \widehat{\phi} + \widehat{\psi} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The reproduced covariance matrix obeys all model-induced constraints, while $\widehat{\Sigma}$ does not.
- But if the model is right they should be close.
- This is a way to think about the likelihood ratio test for goodness of fit.

A Small Example

General pattern for testing goodness of fit

- Suppose there are k moment structure equations in p parameters, and all the parameters are identifiable.
- If p < k, call the parameter vector over-identifiable.
- Only needed p equations to solve for θ .
- Substituting the solutions (in terms of σ_{ij}) back into the unused equations would yield k-p equality constraints on Σ .
- Test those constraints with $G^2 = -2 \ln \frac{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \mathbf{\Sigma}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}))}{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}})}$.
- $\bullet df = k p$
- Don't need to actually derive the constraints unless asked just count them.

With the same number of equations and parameters

- If the parameter is identifiable, call it *just identifiable*.
- Parameters are 1-1 with those of an unrestricted multivariate normal.
- Call the model "saturated."
- There are no equality constraints on Σ .
- No likelihood ratio test because $G^2 = -2 \ln \frac{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \mathbf{\Sigma}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}))}{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}})} = 0.$
- This is what happens in regression with all observed variables.

How to proceed

- Verify identifiability.
- If the model is over-identified, test goodness of fit.
- If it passes (non-significant), proceed.
- Now think of your model as the "full," or unrestricted model.
- Compared to some (even more) reduced model that is restricted by a null hypothesis like $\beta_1 = 0$.
- Fit the reduced model.
- Subtract goodness of fit (G^2 or "chi-square") statistics to test H_0 .

Subtract goodness of fit statistics

 G^2 tests the full model against the saturated model, and G_0^2 tests the reduced model against the saturated model.

$$G_0^2 - G^2 = -2 \ln \frac{L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0)\right)}{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\Sigma})} - -2 \ln \frac{L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right)}{L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\Sigma})}$$

$$= -2 \left(\ln L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0)\right) - \ln L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\Sigma}) - \ln L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right)\right)$$

$$+ \ln L(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \widehat{\Sigma})\right)$$

$$= -2 \ln \frac{L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0)\right)}{L\left(\overline{\mathbf{D}}, \Sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right)}$$

Further comments

- Models with non-identifiable parameters can imply testable equality constraints, but testing them is not automatic.
- Models can imply *inequality* constraints on Σ , too.
- Using the solutions

$$\phi = \sigma_{12}
\omega_1 = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}
\omega_2 = \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{12}
\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{13}}{\sigma_{12}}
\psi = \sigma_{33} - \beta_1^2 \phi = \sigma_{33} - \frac{\sigma_{13}^2}{\sigma_{12}}$$

We get four inequality constraints.

Four inequality constraints on Σ

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi + \omega_1 & \phi & \beta_1 \phi \\ \phi + \omega_2 & \beta_1 \phi \\ \beta_1^2 \phi + \psi \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\phi = \sigma_{12} > 0
\omega_1 = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12} > 0
\omega_2 = \sigma_{22} - \sigma_{12} > 0
\psi = \sigma_{33} - \frac{\sigma_{13}^2}{\sigma_{12}} > 0$$

Inequality constraints

- Inequality constraints arise because variances are positive.
- Or more generally, covariance matrices are positive definite.
- Could inequality constraints be violated in numerical maximum likelihood?
- Definitely.
- But only a little by sampling error if the model is correct.
- So maybe it's not so dumb to test hypotheses like $H_0: \omega_1 = 0$.
- Since the model says $\omega_1 = \sigma_{11} \sigma_{12}$ and it might not be true.

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title 'Simple double measurement with proc calis';
title2 'Jerry Brunner: Student Number 999999999':
data baby;
    infile '/folders/myfolders/431s17/Babydouble.data.txt'
           firstobs=2:
    input id W1 W2 Y;
proc calis pcorr vardef=n nostand;
    /* See reproduced covariance matrix,
       Use true MLEs and get exact G^2, No standardized results */
title3 'Fit the centered model':
    var W1 W2 Y: /* Declare observed variables */
                /* Model equations, separated by commas. */
    linegs
       Y = beta1*F + epsilon, /* Latent variables begin with the letter F */
       W1 = F + e1.
       W2 = F + e2:
    variance /* Declare variance parameters. */
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F = phi, epsilon = psi, e1=omega1, e2=omega2;

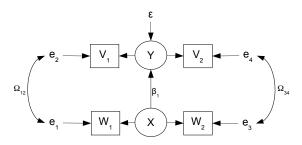
Results

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An extension of the double measurement design

Double measurement can help solve a big problem: Correlated measurement error.



These are all matrices.

- ullet The main idea is that **X** and **Y** are each measured twice, perhaps at different times using different methods.
- Measurement errors may be correlated within but not between sets of measurements.

Double Measurement Regression: A Two-Stage Model Setting up a two-stage proof of identifiability

$$egin{array}{ll} \mathbf{Y}_i &= oldsymbol{eta}_0 + oldsymbol{eta}_1 \mathbf{X}_i + oldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \ \mathbf{F}_i &= egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i \ \mathbf{Y}_i \end{pmatrix} \ \mathbf{D}_{i,1} &= oldsymbol{
u}_1 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,1} \ \mathbf{D}_{i,2} &= oldsymbol{
u}_2 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,2} \end{array}$$

Observable variables are $\mathbf{D}_{i,1}$ and $\mathbf{D}_{i,2}$: both are $(p+q)\times 1$.

$$E(\mathbf{X}_i) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_x, cov(\mathbf{X}_i) = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_x, cov(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i) = \boldsymbol{\Psi}, cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,1}) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1,$$

 $cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,2}) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2$. Also, $\mathbf{X}_i, \, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i, \, \mathbf{e}_{i,1}$ and $\mathbf{e}_{i,2}$ are independent.

Measurement errors may be correlated Look at the measurement model

$$egin{array}{lll} \mathbf{F}_i &=& \left(egin{array}{c} \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{Y}_i \end{array}
ight) \ & \mathbf{D}_{i,1} &=& oldsymbol{
u}_1 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,1} \ & \mathbf{D}_{i,2} &=& oldsymbol{
u}_2 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,2} \end{array}$$

$$egin{array}{lcl} cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,1}) &=& \mathbf{\Omega}_1 = \left(egin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{\Omega}_{11} & \mathbf{\Omega}_{12} \\ \hline \mathbf{\Omega}_{12}^{ op} & \mathbf{\Omega}_{22} \end{array}
ight) \ cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,2}) &=& \mathbf{\Omega}_2 = \left(egin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{\Omega}_{33} & \mathbf{\Omega}_{34} \\ \hline \mathbf{\Omega}_{34}^{ op} & \mathbf{\Omega}_{44} \end{array}
ight) \end{array}$$

Expected values of the observable variables $\mathbf{D}_{i,1} = \nu_1 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,1}$ and $\mathbf{D}_{i,2} = \nu_2 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,2}$

$$E(\mathbf{D}_{i,1}) = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1,1} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1,1} + E(\mathbf{X}_i) \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1,2} + E(\mathbf{Y}_i) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1,1} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{1,2} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E(\mathbf{D}_{i,2}) = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{2,1} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{2,1} + E(\mathbf{X}_i) \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{2,2} + E(\mathbf{Y}_i) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{2,1} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{2,2} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \boldsymbol{\mu}_x \end{pmatrix}$$

- ν_1 , ν_2 , β_0 and μ_x parameters appear only in expected value, not covariance matrix.
- \mathbf{X}_i is $p \times 1$ and \mathbf{Y}_i is $q \times 1$.
- Even with β_1 identified from the covariance matrix, have 2(p+q) equations in 3(p+q) unknown parameters.
- Identifying the expected values and intercepts is impossible.
- Re-parameterize, absorbing them into $\mu = E\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_{i,1} \\ \mathbf{D}_{i,2} \end{pmatrix}$.

Losing the intercepts and expected values by re-parameterization

- We cannot identify ν_1 , ν_2 , β_0 and μ_r separately.
- Swallow them into μ .
- Estimate μ with $\overline{\mathbf{D}}$.
- And it disappears from $L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} (2\pi)^{-np/2} \exp{-\frac{n}{2} \left\{ tr(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}) + (\overline{\mathbf{D}} \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\overline{\mathbf{D}} \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}}.$
- And forget it. It's no great loss.
- Concentrate on the parameters that appear only in the covariance matrix of the observable data.
- Try to identify $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \boldsymbol{\Phi}_x, \boldsymbol{\Psi}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2)$ from $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = cov \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_{i,1} \\ \mathbf{D}_{i,2} \end{pmatrix}$.

Stage One: The latent variable model $\theta = (\beta_1, \Phi_x, \Psi, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)$

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \mathbf{X}_i + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$
, where

- $cov(\mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{\Phi}_x$
- $cov(\epsilon_i) = \Psi$
- \mathbf{X}_i and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$ are independent.

Vector of "factors" is $\mathbf{F}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{Y}_i \end{pmatrix}$.

- Let $\Phi = cov(\mathbf{F}_i)$.
- We know that Φ_x , β_1 and Ψ are functions of Φ .
- We've already shown it; this is a regression model.

That's Stage One. Parameters of the latent variable model are functions of Φ .

Stage Two: The measurement model

$$\mathbf{D}_{i,1} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,1}$$

 $\mathbf{D}_{i,2} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_2 + \mathbf{F}_i + \mathbf{e}_{i,2}$

 $cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,1}) = \mathbf{\Omega}_1$, $cov(\mathbf{e}_{i,2}) = \mathbf{\Omega}_2$. Also, \mathbf{F}_i , $\mathbf{e}_{i,1}$ and $\mathbf{e}_{i,2}$ are independent.

$$oldsymbol{\Sigma} = cov \left(egin{array}{c} \mathbf{D}_{i,1} \\ \mathbf{D}_{i,2} \end{array}
ight) = \left(egin{array}{cc} oldsymbol{\Phi} + oldsymbol{\Omega}_1 & oldsymbol{\Phi} \\ oldsymbol{\Phi} & oldsymbol{\Phi} + oldsymbol{\Omega}_2 \end{array}
ight)$$

 Φ , Ω_1 and Ω_2 can easily be recovered from Σ .

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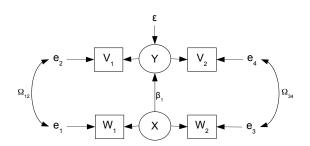
All the parameters in the covariance matrix are identifiable $\theta = (\beta_1, \Phi_x, \Psi, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)$

- Φ_x , β_1 and Ψ are functions of $\Phi = cov(\mathbf{F}_i)$.
- Φ , Ω_1 and Ω_2 are functions of $\Sigma = cov\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_{i,1} \\ \mathbf{D}_{i,2} \end{pmatrix}$.
- \bullet Σ is a function of the probability distribution of the observable data.
- So $\beta_1, \Phi_x, \Psi, \Omega_1, \Omega_2$ are all functions of the probability distribution of the observable data.
- They are identifiable.

A Small Example The general model The BMI study

Parameters of the double measurement regression model are identifiable

After re-parameterization



- Correlated measurement error within sets is allowed.
- This is a big plus, because it's reality.
- Correlated measurement error between sets must be ruled out by careful data collection.
- No need to do the calculations ever again.

The BMI Health Study

- Body Mass Index: Weight in Kilograms divided by Height in Meters Squared.
- Under 18 means underweight, Over 25 means overweight, Over 30 means obese.
- High BMI is associated with poor health, like high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
- People with high BMI tend to be older and fatter.
- But, what if you have a high BMI but are in good physical shape (low percent body fat)?

The Question

- If you control for age and percent body fat, is BMI still associated with indicators for poor health?
- But percent body fat (and to a lesser extent, age) are measured with error. Standard ways of controlling for them with ordinary regression are highly suspect.
- Use the double measurement design.

The BMI study

True variables (all latent)

- $X_1 = Age$
- $X_2 = BMI$
- X_3 = Percent body fat
- Y_1 = Cholesterol
- Y_2 = Diastolic blood pressure

-	Measurement Set One	Measurement Set Two
Age	Self report	Passport or birth certificate
BMI	Dr. Office measurements	Lab technician, no shoes, gown
% Body Fat	Tape and calipers, Dr. Office	Submerge in water tank
Cholesterol	Lab 1	Lab 2
Diastolic BP	Blood pressure cuff, Dr. office	Digital readout, mostly automatic

- Set two is of generally higher quality.
- Correlation of measurement errors is unlikely between sets.

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The BMI study