

Marginal Propensity to Consume with Economic Shocks - FIML Markov-Switching Model Analysis

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경제충격 시기의 한계소비성향 분석 - FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형 이용

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Abstract Hamilton's Markov-switching model [5] was extended to the simultaneous equations model. A framework for an instrumental variable interpretation of full information maximum likelihood (FIML) by Hausman [4] can be used to deal with the problem of simultaneous equations based on the Hamilton filter [5]. A comparison of the proposed FIML Markov-switching model with the LIML Markov-switching models [1,2,3] revealed the LIML Markov-switching models to be a special case of the proposed FIML Markov-switching model, where all but the first equation were just identified. Moreover, the proposed Markov-switching model is a general form in simultaneous equations and covers a broad class of models that could not be handled previously. Excess sensitivity of marginal propensity to consume with big shocks, such as housing bubble bursts in 2008, can be determined by applying the proposed model to Campbell and Mankiw's consumption function [6], and allowing for the possibility of structural breaks in the sensitivity of consumption growth to income growth.

요약 본 논문에서 Hamilton의 마코프-스위칭 모형을 연립방정식으로 확장한 FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형을 제시해 보았다. 본 논문의 FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형을 LIML 마코프-스위칭 모형 등과 비교하면 LIML 마코프-스위칭 모형은 FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형의 특별한 경우이며 FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형은 연립방정식으로 확장된 일반화된 모형 형태를 띠게 된다. 본 논문의 FIML 마코프-스위칭 모형을 Campbell and Mankiw 소비함수에 적용해 본 결과, 2008년 부동산 거품 붕괴와 같은 경제충격 시기의 한계소비성향은 매우 민감도가 높아진다는 것을 알 수 있다.

Key Words : FIML, LIML, instrumental variable, simultaneous equation, Markov switching, Hamilton filter, consumption, income, bubble burst

1. Introduction

This paper deals with an important issue associated with a class of the Markov-switching model in the simultaneous equations.

LIML(Limited Information Maximum Likelihood) Markov-switching models[1-3] estimate the parameters of a single equation. However, LIML models can be considered as a special case of the FIML(Full Information Maximum Likelihood) model where all but

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the first equation are just identified.

This paper extends LIML Markov-switching models to a full set of structural simultaneous equations, essentially going from LIML to FIML with the addition to Markov-switching.

Using a framework for an instrumental variable interpretation of full information maximum likelihood by Hausman[4], this paper provides FIML Markov-switching model in the simultaneous equations.

The findings of this paper are that the proposed FIML Markov-switching model is a general form in the simultaneous equations and covers a broad class of models that could not be handled before. The advantage of the proposed FIML Markov-switching model is that we can deal with the problem of simultaneous equations based on the Hamilton filter[5] and we can directly interpret the economic meaning of the estimated parameters without transformation of the model and the proposed FIML Markov-switching model don't need another step to correct for the standard errors of the parameter estimates such as Kim's LIML Markov-switching model[2].

In this paper the Campbell-Mankiw consumption on income problem[6] is used as an illustration.

This paper has been divided into five sections. Section 2 presents the model specification. Section 3 compares the proposed FIML Markov-switching model to LIML Markov-switching models[1,3]. Section 4 summarizes the empirical results. Section 5 concludes this paper.

2. Model Specification

In order to get a consistent estimation of the parameters of the Markov-switching model in the simultaneous equations, we consider the following FIML Markov-switching model.

$$\begin{aligned}
 YB_{St} + Z\Gamma_{St} &= U_{St} \\
 U_{St} &\sim i.i.d. N(0, \Sigma_{St} \otimes I_T)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1}$$

where

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & Y_{12} & \cdots & Y_{1M} \\ Y_{21} & Y_{22} & \cdots & Y_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Y_{T1} & Y_{T2} & \cdots & Y_{TM} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_{St} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{11,S1t} & \beta_{12,S2t} & \cdots & \beta_{1M,SMt} \\ \beta_{21,S1t} & \beta_{22,S2t} & \cdots & \beta_{2M,SMt} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_{M1,S1t} & \beta_{M2,S2t} & \cdots & \beta_{MM,SMt} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} & \cdots & Z_{1K} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} & \cdots & Z_{2K} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Z_{T1} & Z_{T2} & \cdots & Z_{TK} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma_{St} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11,S1t} & \gamma_{12,S2t} & \cdots & \gamma_{1M,SMt} \\ \gamma_{21,S1t} & \gamma_{22,S2t} & \cdots & \gamma_{2M,SMt} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{K1,S1t} & \gamma_{K2,S2t} & \cdots & \gamma_{KM,SMt} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_{St} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11,S1t} & u_{12,S2t} & \cdots & u_{1M,SMt} \\ u_{21,S1t} & u_{22,S2t} & \cdots & u_{2M,SMt} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{T1,S1t} & u_{T2,S2t} & \cdots & u_{TM,SMt} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (u_{S1t} \ u_{S2t} \ \cdots \ u_{SMt})$$

$$E(U_{St}' U_{St}) = E \left[\begin{bmatrix} u_{S1t} \\ u_{S2t} \\ \vdots \\ u_{SMt} \end{bmatrix} (u_{S1t} \ u_{S2t} \ \cdots \ u_{SMt}) \right]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{S1t,S1t} I_T & \sigma_{S1t,S2t} I_T & \cdots & \sigma_{S1t,SMt} I_T \\ \sigma_{S2t,S1t} I_T & \sigma_{S2t,S2t} I_T & \cdots & \sigma_{S2t,SMt} I_T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{SMt,S1t} I_T & \sigma_{SMt,S2t} I_T & \cdots & \sigma_{SMt,SMt} I_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \Sigma_{St} \otimes I_T$$

Y is the T x M matrix of jointly dependent variables, B_{St} is an M x M matrix and nonsingular. Z is the T x K matrix of predetermined variables, Γ_{St} is

$K \times M$ matrix positive definite and $\text{rank}(Z) = K$. U_{St} is $T \times M$ matrix of the structural disturbances of the system. Thus, the model has M equations and T observations. The structural errors are assumed as a nonsingular M -variate normal (Gaussian) distribution. σ is the covariance of the error terms. Σ_{St} is a positive definite M by M matrix with no restrictions. It is assumed that all equations satisfy the rank condition for identification. Also if lagged endogenous variables are included as predetermined variables, the system is assumed to be stable. An orthogonality assumption, $E(Z'U_{St})=0$, between the predetermined variables and structural errors is required and, we assume the presence of contemporaneous correlation but no intertemporal correlation in (1). If we assume that the single Markov-switching variable S_t has an N -state, first-order Markov process, then we can write the transition probability matrix in the following way:

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{1N} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{N1} & p_{N2} & \cdots & p_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $p_{ij} = \Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$ with

$$\sum_{j=1}^N p_{ij} = 1 \text{ for all } i$$

To include different first order Markov-switching variables $S_{1t}, S_{2t}, S_{3t}, \dots$, in the proposed model, we assume that the dynamics of an unobserved two-state, first order Markov-switching variables, $S_{1t}, S_{2t}, S_{3t}, \dots$ are independent and can be represented by a single Markov-switching variable, S_t .

For example, if our model involves only two unobserved two-state first order Markov-switching variables such as S_{1t} and S_{2t} . The dynamics of Markov-switching variables such as S_{1t}, S_{2t} can be represented by a single Markov-switching variable S_t in the following manner:

$$S_t = 1 \text{ if } S_{1t} = 0 \text{ and } S_{2t} = 0$$

$$S_t = 2 \text{ if } S_{1t} = 0 \text{ and } S_{2t} = 1$$

$$S_t = 3 \text{ if } S_{1t} = 1 \text{ and } S_{2t} = 0$$

$$S_t = 4 \text{ if } S_{1t} = 1 \text{ and } S_{2t} = 1$$

with $p_{ij} = \Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 p_{ij} = 1$$

Hausman[4] showed an instrumental variable interpretation of FIML for simultaneous equations where the function is maximized

$$\begin{aligned} L(B, \Gamma, \Sigma) &= (2\pi)^{-MT/2} |\Sigma|^{-T/2} |B^T| \cdot \\ &\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(YB + Z\Gamma)\Sigma^{-1}(YB + Z\Gamma)'\right] \\ &= (2\pi)^{-MT/2} |\Sigma|^{-T/2} |B^T| \cdot \\ &\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t B + z_t \Gamma)\Sigma^{-1}(y_t B + z_t \Gamma)'\right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where y_t is the t th row of the Y matrix. z_t is the t th row of the Z matrix.

To derive the FIML Markov-Switching Model in the simultaneous equations, we can obtain $\Pr(S_t = j | \Psi_t)$ by applying a Hamilton filter[5] as follows:

Step 1 :

At the beginning of the t th iteration, $\Pr(S_{t-1} = i | \Psi_{t-1})$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ is given. And, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \Pr(S_{t-1} = i, S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \Pr(S_t = j|S_{t-1} = i) \cdot \\ & \quad \Pr(S_{t-1} = i|\psi_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where $\Pr(S_t = j|S_{t-1} = i)$,

$i = 0, 1, \dots, N, j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ are the transition probabilities.

Step 2 :

Consider the joint conditional density of y_t and unobserved $S_t = j$ variable, which is the product of the conditional and marginal densities:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(y_t, S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \\ &= f(y_t|S_t = j, \psi_{t-1})\Pr(S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

from which the marginal density of y_t is obtained

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_t|\psi_{t-1}) &= \sum_{j=1}^N f(y_t, S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N f(y_t|S_t = j, \psi_{t-1})\Pr(S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where conditional density is obtained from (2):

$$\begin{aligned} & f(y_t|S_t = j, \psi_{t-1}) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-M/2} |\Sigma_{S_t}|^{-1/2} |B_{S_t}| \cdot \\ & \quad \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (y_t B_{S_t} + z_t \Gamma_{S_t}) \Sigma_{S_t}^{-1} \right. \\ & \quad \left. (y_t B_{S_t} + z_t \Gamma_{S_t})'\right] \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where

$$\Sigma_{S_t} = \frac{1}{T} (YB_{S_t} + Z\Gamma_{S_t})' (YB_{S_t} + Z\Gamma_{S_t})$$

y_t is the t th row of the Y matrix. z_t is the t th row of the Z matrix. B_{S_t} and Γ_{S_t} is obtained from (1).

Step 3 :

Once y_t is observed at the end of time t , we update the probability terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(S_t = j|\psi_t) \\ &= \Pr(S_t = j|\psi_{t-1}, y_t) \\ &= \frac{f(S_t = j, y_t|\psi_{t-1})}{f(y_t|\psi_{t-1})} \\ &= \frac{f(y_t|S_t = j, \psi_{t-1})\Pr(S_t = j|\psi_{t-1})}{f(y_t|\psi_{t-1})} \end{aligned}$$

As a byproduct of the above filter in Step 2 we obtain the log likelihood function:

$$\ln L = \sum_{t=1}^T \ln f(y_t|\psi_{t-1})$$

which can be maximized in respect to the parameters of the model.

3. Comparison of the proposed FIML MS model to LIML MS models

To solve the problems of the regressors being correlated with the disturbance in the Markov-switching models, we can adopt two models.

The first model is LIML Markov-switching model proposed by Kim[1,2] and Spagnolo, et al.[3]. The characteristics of LIML Markov-switching models

estimate the parameters of a single equation.

In the case of LIML Markov–switching model, the result of the “standard” estimation method proposed by Spagnolo, et al.[3] is mathematically identical to the “alternative” estimation method proposed by Kim[1].

The second model is FIML Markov–switching model which we provide in this paper. The merit of the FIML Markov–switching model is that it provides the complete model in the case of simultaneous equations problem and solves the joint endogeneity of variables in simultaneous equations concurrently.

The gain of the reduction in the asymptotic covariance matrix in the FIML Markov–switching model brings with it an increased risk of inconsistent estimation. However, LIML Markov–switching models can be considered as special cases of the proposed FIML Markov–switching model where all but the first equation are just identified. Moreover, Kim’s LIML Markov–switching model[1,2] needs transformation of the model by Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix and Spagnolo, et al.[3] LIML Markov–switching model needs transformation of the model by 0 constraints on the covariance matrix of the residuals, whereas the proposed FIML Markov–switching model is a general model which does not need any transformation.

Spagnolo, et al.[3] LIML Markov–switching model is very similar to the example of Hausman[7] equation (2.3) which has 0 constraints on the covariance matrix of the residuals in the simultaneous equations.

When we compare the proposed FIML Markov–switching model to Kim’s LIML Markov–switching model[1], we find the proposed FIML Markov–switching model is mathematically identical to Kim’s LIML Markov–switching model[1] with $|B_{St}^T| = 1$ in equation (3). However, the difference between the proposed FIML model to Kim’s LIML Markov–switching model is that Kim’s LIML model needs another step to correct for the standard errors of the parameter estimates[2] but the proposed FIML model don’t need another step to correct for the

standard errors of the parameter estimates. Moreover, the proposed FIML Markov–switching model includes not only the case of $|B_{St}^T| = 1$, but also the case of $|B_{St}^T| \neq 1$. So Kim’s LIML Markov–switching model[1] can be considered as a special case of the proposed FIML Markov–switching model.

4. Application

Let’s consider Campbell and Mankiw’s consumption model[6] as an example given by equations (4) and (5).

$$\Delta C_t = \alpha + \beta \Delta Y_t + e_t \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta Y_t = z_t' \delta + \nu_t \quad (5)$$

where Y_t is the log of per-capita disposable income; C_t is the log of per-capita consumption on non-durable goods and services; e_t and ν_t are correlated; z_t' is a vector of instrumental variables not correlated with e_t .

Following Campbell and Mankiw[6], the vector of instrumental variables employed z_t' is given by

$$[\Delta Y_{t-2}, \Delta Y_{t-3}, \Delta Y_{t-4}, \Delta C_{t-2}, \Delta C_{t-3}, \Delta C_{t-4}, \Delta i_{t-2}, \Delta i_{t-3}, \Delta i_{t-4}]$$

where i_t is the first difference of the three-month T-bill rate. β is interpreted as a fraction of aggregate income that accrues to individuals who consume their current income in the presence of liquidity constraints.

In equation (4) it can be seen that e_t and ΔY_t are positively correlated, therefore β would be overestimated by OLS. To solve the problem of the bias in the simultaneous equations (4) and (5), we can adapt the likelihood function of the simultaneous equations model in equation (2) following Hausman’s instrumental variable interpretation of FIM[4].

While there seems to be a consensus that there is excess sensitivity of consumption to current income which is represented by β , there is a disagreement as to the source of this excess sensitivity and whether β is constant or not.

In equation (4), Campbell and Mankiw[6] assume the constant β . However, in light of the literature on precautionary saving, the parameter β in equation (4) can also change when the economy is facing a great degree of uncertainty. Kimball[8] predicts that the marginal propensity to consume should have been higher in the 1970's, when there was great uncertainty about the future rate of productivity growth. Kim[2] adopts a two-step MLE procedure with a three-state Markov switching model using the same variables in Campbell and Mankiw[6] for quarterly real data from FRED, collected by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Kim[2] found that in the 1970's and 1980's, during which time uncertainty in future income growth was highest, the measure of sensitivity was highest and statistically significant while it was not statistically significant in the rest of the sample.

Taking these into consideration in this paper, we try to find out whether β is really constant or not. To do this, first we extend equations (4) and (5) in the following way which adopts simple two-state Markov switching parameters in order to incorporate structural breaks.

$$\Delta C_t = \alpha_{st} + \beta_{st} \Delta Y_t + e_{st} \tag{6}$$

$$\Delta Y_t = z_t' \delta + \nu_t \tag{7}$$

where

$$\alpha_{st} = \alpha_1 S_t + \alpha_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$\beta_{st} = \beta_1 S_t + \beta_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$e_{st} \sim i.i.d.N(0, \sigma_{st})$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 0 | S_{t-1} = 0) = q$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 1 | S_{t-1} = 1) = p$$

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p & 1-q \\ 1-p & q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_t = [\Delta Y_{t-2}, \Delta Y_{t-3}, \Delta Y_{t-4}, \Delta C_{t-2}, \Delta C_{t-3}, \Delta C_{t-4}, \Delta i_{t-2}, \Delta i_{t-3}, \Delta i_{t-4}]$$

$$\delta = [\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4, \phi_5, \phi_6, \phi_7, \phi_8, \phi_9]$$

To solve the equations (6)-(7) together, we can rewrite them as follows:

$$[\Delta C_t \ \Delta Y_t] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\beta_{st} & 1 \end{bmatrix} - z_t' \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \phi_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \phi_9 \end{bmatrix} - [\alpha_{st} \ 0] = U_{st}$$

where

$$U_{st} \sim i.i.d.N(0, \sum_{st} \otimes I_T) \text{ where}$$

$$\hat{\sum}_{st} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{st} & \hat{\sigma}_{st,2} \\ \hat{\sigma}_{st,2} & \hat{\sigma}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_{st} = \alpha_1 S_t + \alpha_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$\beta_{st} = \beta_1 S_t + \beta_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$\sigma_{st} = \sigma_1 S_t + \sigma_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 0 | S_{t-1} = 0) = q$$

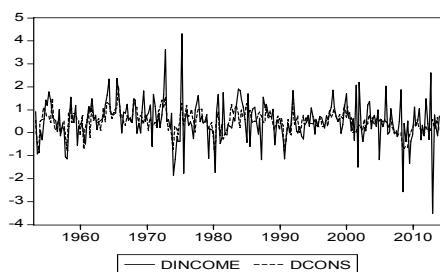
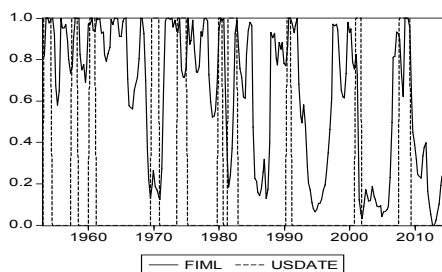
$$\Pr(S_t = 1 | S_{t-1} = 1) = p$$

$$z_t = [\Delta Y_{t-2}, \Delta Y_{t-3}, \Delta Y_{t-4}, \Delta C_{t-2}, \Delta C_{t-3}, \Delta C_{t-4}, \Delta i_{t-2}, \Delta i_{t-3}, \Delta i_{t-4}]$$

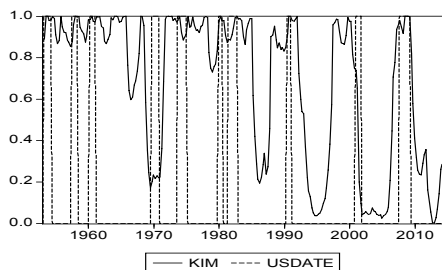
Fig. 1 depicts the relationship between Consumption ΔC_t and Income ΔY_t

Fig. 2 depicts the two-state FIML Markov switching probabilities.

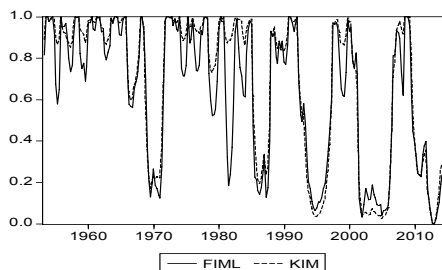
Fig. 3 depicts the two-state Kim's LIML Markov switching probabilities.


 [Fig. 1] GDP ΔY_t and Consumption ΔC_t for U.S.


[Fig. 2] FIML Model : Probabilities of regime 1



[Fig. 3] Kim LIML Model : Probabilities of regime 1



[Fig. 4] FIML vs Kim's LIML : Probabilities of regime

[Table 1] Maximum Likelihood Estimation (53II ~ 14II)

Parameters	FIML	Kim's LIML	
		1st OLS	2nd MLE
α_0	0.23 (0.06)**		0.30 (0.05)**
α_1	0.20 (0.06)*		0.23 (0.05)*
β_0	0.47 (0.14)*		0.29 (0.09)*
β_1	0.65 (0.11)**		0.57 (0.09)**
γ_0	-		-0.33 (0.09)*
γ_1	-		-0.26 (0.09)*
ϕ_1	0.01 (0.04)	0.04 (0.07)	-
ϕ_2	-0.09 (0.05)	-0.11 (0.07)	-
ϕ_3	-0.09 (0.05)	-0.17 (0.07)	-
ϕ_4	0.38 (0.11)*	0.21 (0.14)	-
ϕ_5	0.62 (0.12)**	0.66 (0.15)**	-
ϕ_6	0.06 (0.11)	0.28 (0.14)	-
ϕ_7	-0.17 (0.06)*	-0.25 (0.08)*	-
ϕ_8	-0.03 (0.08)	0.08 (0.09)	-
ϕ_9	-0.09 (0.06)	-0.14 (0.08)	-
α_0	0.24 (0.11)		0.21 (0.03)**
$\alpha_{0,2}$	-0.37 (0.11)*		-
σ_1	0.24 (0.06)**		0.42 (0.03)**
$\sigma_{1,2}$	-0.22 (0.08)*		-
ϱ_2	0.72 (0.07)**		-
q	0.84 (0.14)**		0.89 (0.07)**
p	0.90 (0.10)**		0.95 (0.04)**
Log Likelihood	-402.68		-102.75

Standard errors are in the parentheses. * = significant at 5%
 ** = significant at 1%

Table I reports estimation results for the proposed FIML Markov-switching model and LIML Markov-switching models.

The coefficients β_0 , β_1 of the FIML Markov-switching model are significant, and the degree of the upward movements is large, from 0.47 ($= \beta_0$) to 0.65 ($= \beta_1$). The coefficients $\sigma_{0,2}$, $\sigma_{1,2}$ of the FIML Markov-switching model are also significant. So, we can assume marginal propensity to consumption β is not constant because the difference between β_0 and β_1 is large.

This result is same as the result of LIML Markov-switching models. The coefficients β_0 , β_1 of Kim's LIML Markov-switching model are significant, and the degree of the upward movements is large, from 0.29 ($= \beta_0$) to 0.57 ($= \beta_1$). The coefficients γ_0 , γ_1

of Kim's LIML Markov-switching model are also significant.

From the results of the FIML Markov-switching model and LIML Markov-switching models, we can conclude that marginal propensity to consumption β is not constant.

From Figure 4, we can find that the inferred probabilities $\Pr(S_t = 1|S_{t-1} = 1) = p$ of the FIML and Kim's LIML Markov switching model are very similar to those of LIML Markov switching models. However, the inferred probabilities $\Pr(S_t = 1|S_{t-1} = 1) = p$ of the FIML Markov switching model and LIML Markov switching models accord with U.S recessionary dates after 1990. Especially we can find that a excess sensitivity of marginal propensity to consumption with big shocks such as housing bubble bursts in 2008.

We can also find that the inferred probabilities $\Pr(S_t = 1|S_{t-1} = 1) = p$ are not consistent with Kimball[8], who suggests that the marginal propensity to consumption should have been higher in the 1970's when there was great uncertainty about the future rate of productivity and income growth after two major OPEC oil shocks in 1973-1974 and 1979-1980.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, Hamilton's(1989) Markov-switching model is extended to the simultaneous equations.

The proposed FIML Markov-switching model is applied to Campbell and Mankiw's consumption function[6], by allowing for possibilities of structural breaks in the sensitivity of consumption growth to the income growth. From the empirical results of the FIML Markov-switching model and LIML Markov-switching models, we can conclude that marginal propensity to consumption β is not constant. Especially we can also find that a excess sensitivity of marginal propensity to consume with big shocks such as housing bubble bursts in 2008.

Appendix I

I. COMPARISON OF KIM'S (2004) LIML MODEL TO THE SPAGNOLO, F., PSARADAKIS, Z. and SOLA M. (2005) LIML MODEL

1. THE SPECIAL CASE OF THE MARKOV-SWITCHING MODEL

In this section, we discuss representation of the special case of the Markov-switching model. Error terms are autocorrelated with AR(1). The model needs instrumental variables. The dynamics can be represented in the following manner:

$$y_t = Y_t\beta_{st} + X_t\alpha_{st} + e_{st} \quad (8)$$

where $e_{st} = \phi e_{st-1} + v_{st}$

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1}\theta_1 + Z_t\theta_2 + \omega_t \quad (9)$$

$$\alpha_{st} = \alpha_1 S_t + \alpha_0 (1 - S_t)$$

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$$e_{st} \sim i.i.d.N(0, \sigma_{st})$$

$$\sigma_{st} = \sigma_1 S_t + \sigma_0 (1 - S_t)$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 0|S_{t-1} = 0) = q$$

$$\Pr(S_t = 1|S_{t-1} = 1) = p$$

$$E(w_t v_{st}) \neq 0 \rightarrow E(Y_t e_{st}) \neq 0 \rightarrow E(Y_t v_{st}) \neq 0$$

where y_t is $T \times 1$. The endogenous explanatory variable $Y_t = [y_{t2}, \dots, y_{tM}]$ is $T \times (M-1)$ and β_{st} is $(M-1) \times 1$. The exogenous explanatory variable $X_t = [x_{t1}, \dots, x_{tK1}]$ is $T \times K1$ and α_{st} is $K1 \times 1$. e_{st} is $T \times 1$. Y_{t-1} is $T \times (M-1)$ and θ_1 is $(M-1) \times (M-1)$. $Z_t = [z_{t1}, \dots, z_{tK2}]$ is $T \times K2$ and θ_2 is $K2 \times (M-1)$. We can consider Y_{t-1} and Z_t together as the instrumental variables in the equation (9) because of $E(Y_t v_{st}) \neq 0$.

2. COMPARISON BETWEEN STANDARD AND ALTERNATIVE INSTRUMENTAL VARIABLE ESTIMATION

In equation (8) it can be seen that e_{st} and Y_t are correlated. The procedure to derive a Markov-switching model is as follows:

$$y_t = Y_t \beta_{st} + X_t \alpha_{st} + e_{st} \quad (8)$$

$$\phi y_{t-1} = \phi Y_{t-1} \beta_{st} + \phi X_{t-1} \alpha_{st} + \phi e_{st-1} \quad (10)$$

After we calculate equation (8)–(10), we obtained the following Markov-switching model.

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi y_{t-1} + (Y_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + (e_{st} - \phi e_{st-1}) \\ &= \phi y_{t-1} + (Y_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + v_{st} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The standard instrumental variable estimation method proposed by Spagnolo, et al.[3]. needs the following two-step procedure.

Step 1: Regress Y_t on Y_{t-1} , Z_t and get \widehat{Y}_t from the equation (9).

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} \widehat{\theta}_1 + Z_t \widehat{\theta}_2 + \widehat{\omega}_t = \widehat{Y}_t + \widehat{\omega}_t$$

Step 2: Insert \widehat{Y}_t to the eqs. (11) and get the following regression

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi y_{t-1} + (\widehat{Y}_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + v_{st} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The alternative instrumental variable estimation method proposed by Kim[1] needs the following two-step procedure.

Step 1: Regress Y_t on Y_{t-1} , Z_t and get residual $\widehat{\omega}_t$ from the equation (9).

$$\widehat{\omega}_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} \widehat{\theta}_1 - Z_t \widehat{\theta}_2$$

Step 2: Insert residual $\widehat{\omega}_t$ to the equation (11) and get the following regression

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi y_{t-1} + (Y_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + \widehat{\omega}_t \lambda_{st} + v_{st} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

In order to show that equation (12) and (13) are mathematically identical, we need the following procedure from equation (12).

First, we get $Y_t = \widehat{Y}_t + \widehat{\omega}_t$.

Second, insert $\widehat{Y}_t = Y_t - \widehat{\omega}_t$ to the equation (12), then we can get the following regression

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi y_{t-1} + (\widehat{Y}_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + v_{st} \\ &= \phi y_{t-1} + (Y_t - \phi Y_{t-1}) \beta_{st} + \\ & (X_t - \phi X_{t-1}) \alpha_{st} + \widehat{\omega}_t (-\beta_{st}) + v_{st} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The equation (14) is mathematically identical to the equation (13) with $\lambda_{st} = (-\beta_{st})$.

This result shows that the two estimation methods are mathematically identical even in the special case of the Markov-switching model.

Appendix II

1. COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED FIML MODEL TO KIM'S LIML MODEL[1]

In order to show that Kim's LIML Markov-switching model[1] is a special case of the

proposed FIML Markov-switching model, we can consider the following Markov-switching model

$$y_t = Y_t\beta_{st} + X_t\alpha_{st} + e_{st} \tag{15}$$

$$Y_t = Z_{t1}\Pi_1 + Z_{t2}\Pi_2 + v_t \tag{16}$$

In equation (15), y_t is T x 1. The endogenous explanatory variable $Y_t = [y_{t2}, \dots, y_{tM}]$ is T x (M-1) and β_{st} is (M-1) x 1. The exogenous explanatory variable $X_t = [x_{t1}, \dots, x_{tK1}]$ is T x K1 and α_{st} is K1 x 1. The error term e_{st} is T x 1. The reduced form of the equation in (16) has the instrumental variables Z_{t1} and Z_{t2} . Z_{t1} is T x K1. Π_1 is K1 x (M-1). Z_{t2} is T x K2, Π_2 is K2x(M-1) and v_t is T x (M-1). The covariance matrix of $[e_{st}, v_t] \sim N(0, \Omega)$ is given by (17).

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{st} & \delta'_{st} \\ \delta_{st} & \Omega_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{17}$$

where $\sigma_{st} = Var(e_{st})$, $\delta_{st} = Cov(e_{st}, v_t)$, $\Omega_2 = Var(v_t)$

From equations (15) and (16), we obtain the likelihood function in the simultaneous equation

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}(\Phi) &= (2\pi)^{-MT/2} |\Omega|^{-T/2} |B_{st}^T|. \\ \exp[-\frac{1}{2}tr(YB_{st} - R\Pi)\Sigma^{-1}(YB_{st} - R\Pi)'] \\ &= (2\pi)^{-MT/2} |\Omega|^{-T/2}. \\ \exp tr[-\frac{1}{2}(Q - R\Pi)'(Q - R\Pi)\Omega^{-1}] \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= (\beta_{st}, \alpha_{st}, \Pi_1, \Pi_2, \sigma_{st}, \Omega_2, \delta_{st}), \\ Q &= YB_{st} = (y_t - Y_t\beta_{st}, Y_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= [y_t \ Y_t], \ B_{st} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\beta_{st} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ |B_{st}^T| &= 1, \ R = (X_t, Z_{t1}, Z_{t2}) \\ \Omega &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{st} & \delta'_{st} \\ \delta_{st} & \Omega_2 \end{bmatrix}, \ \Pi = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{st} & 0 \\ 0 & \Pi_1 \\ 0 & \Pi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{st} &= Var(e_{st}), \\ \delta_{st} &= Cov(e_{st}, v_t), \\ \Omega_2 &= Var(v_t), \end{aligned}$$

“exptr” denotes “exponential and trace”

We can obtain Ω^{-1} by factoring as suggested by Radchenko et al.[9] as follows,

$$\Omega^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\Omega_2^{-1}\delta_{st} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{st}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \delta'_{st}\Omega_2^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the likelihood function in (18) may be transformed into

$$\begin{aligned} L(\Phi) &= (2\pi)^{-MT/2} |\Omega_2|^{-T/2} \\ &\cdot \exp[-\frac{1}{2}tr(Y_t - Z_{t1}\Pi_1 - Z_{t2}\Pi_2)' \\ &\quad (Y_t - Z_{t1}\Pi_1 - Z_{t2}\Pi_2)] \\ &\cdot \exp[-\frac{1}{2w_{st}}(y_t - Y_t\beta_{st} - X_t\alpha_{st} - \hat{v}_t\lambda_{st})' \\ &\quad (y_t - Y_t\beta_{st} - X_t\alpha_{st} - \hat{v}_t\lambda_{st})] \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} w_{st} &= \sigma_{st} - \delta'_{st}\Omega_2^{-1}\delta_{st} = \sigma_{st}(1 - \rho_{st}^2) \\ \rho_{st}^2 &= \delta'_{st}\Omega_2^{-1}\delta_{st}/\sigma_{st}, \\ |B_{st}^T| &= 1, \ \lambda_{st} = \Omega_2^{-1}\delta_{st}, \ \text{and} \\ \hat{v}_t &= Y_t - \hat{Y}_t. \end{aligned}$$

The equation (18) of the proposed FIML Markov-switching model is mathematically identical to the equation (19) of Kim's LIML Markov-switching model [1] $|B_{st}^T| = 1$ with

As Kim’s LIML Markov-switching model uses $w_{st} = \sigma_{st} - \delta'_{st} \Omega_2^{-1} \delta_{st} = \sigma_{st} (1 - \rho_{st}^2)$ instead of σ_{st} . Kim’s LIML Markov-switching model needs another step to correct for the standard errors of the parameter estimates such as Kim[2] but the proposed FIML Markov-switching model don’t need another step to correct for the standard errors of the parameter estimates. Moreover, the proposed FIML Markov-switching model includes the case of in equation. $|B_{st}^T| \neq 1$ (18).

So, Kim’s LIML Markov-switching models can be considered as special cases of the proposed FIML Markov-switching model.

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