

$$\ln h_{it} = \gamma_0 + \delta \ln w_{it} + \delta(\rho - r) + \delta \ln \lambda_i + \gamma_i + u_{it}$$

ISE ↑ time-varying wage i's MU of wealth (lifetime wealth) extra fixed effect random stuff in prefs or other supply shifter

- δ is the largest theoretical elasticity (gives an upper bound on elasticities of labor supply)
- good for policy analysis where wealth effects are second-order
 - are they ever really second-order?
 - macroeconomists care about this

$$\left. \begin{matrix} h_{it} \\ \vdots \\ h_{iT} \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{y_{it}}{h_{it}} = w_{it} \left\{ \begin{matrix} w_{it} \\ \vdots \\ w_{iT} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ data}$$

$$\text{cov}(w_{it}, \lambda_i) < 0 \quad \text{wage } \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{MU}_{\text{wealth}} \downarrow$$

can kill off λ by differencing

$$\Delta \ln h_{it} = \delta \Delta \ln w_{it} + \delta(\rho - r) + \Delta \gamma_i + \Delta u_{it}$$

can use fixed effects: put a dummy for each guy.

inconsistent for fixed T .

$$\overline{(\ln h_{it})}_i = \gamma_0 + \delta \overline{(\ln w_{it})}_i + \delta(\rho - r)\bar{T} + \delta \ln \lambda_i + \bar{u}_i$$

subtract person means:

$$\ln h_{it} - \overline{(\ln h_{it})}_i = \delta (\ln w_{it} - \overline{(\ln w_{it})}_i) + \delta(\rho - r)(t - \bar{T}) + u_i - \bar{u}_i$$

• differences and deviations from means are a second-order issue.

Solutions for OVB from unknown λ_i

- diffs
- deviations from person means
- deviations from time means

$$\overline{(\ln h_{it})}_t = \gamma_0 + \delta \overline{(\ln w_{it})}_t + (\rho - r)t + \overbrace{(\delta \ln \lambda_i)}^{\text{constant}}_t$$

Ashenfelter:

$$\frac{\overline{\ln h_t} - \overline{\ln h_{t+1}}}{\overline{\ln w_t} - \overline{\ln w_{t+1}}} = \hat{\delta}$$

• in a world with stable labor supply, we can trace out the supply by varying wages.

$$\overline{(\ln h_{it})}_t = \gamma_0 + \delta \overline{(\ln w_{it})}_t$$

$$w_{it} = \frac{y_{it}}{h_{it}} = \underbrace{AHE}_{\text{average hourly earnings}}$$

$$\ln h_{it} = \gamma_0 + \delta \underbrace{\ln w_{it}}_{(\ln y_{it} - \ln h_{it})}$$

division bias

$$\ln h_{it} = \ln h_{it}^* + D_{it}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln w_{it} = \ln y_{it} - \ln h_{it} = \ln y_{it} - \ln h_{it}^* - D_{it} \\ = \ln w_{it}^* - D_{it}$$

• noise in hours is highly correlated with noise in wages in a negative direction \Rightarrow will lead to $\delta < 0$.

$\Delta \ln h_{it} = \delta \Delta \ln w_{it}$. Division bias is worse when you take differences.

McGordy uses education and age as instruments for $\Delta \ln w_{it}$.

$$\ln h_{it} = \ln h_{it}^* + v_{it}$$

Including time fixed effects allows for different instrumenting strategies

▣ MacCurdy uses age/educ. as instruments for $\Delta \ln w_{it}$

▣ Angrist (1991) / Ashenfelter (1984) uses year effects
using dummies as instruments recovers averages
up to the group
