

## Ralph's GLS

This is a continuation of Ralph's optimal accruals. Again, Ralph is only interested in the estimator for  $m_3$  but recognizes that the relation between the cash flows is delicate. That is, the DGP is

$$Y = X m_3 + \eta$$

where  $Y = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3]^T$ ,  $X = [1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ , and, importantly,  $\eta$  is a mean zero vector with

variance  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This DGP does not fit conditions suitable for OLS, so Ralph

realizes he must generalize the solution for the estimator for  $m_3$ . His strategy involves two paths: GLS and Cholesky decomposition of  $V$ .

Required:

1. Determine the GLS estimator for  $m_3$ ,  $(X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y$ . Compare the results with those from Ralph's optimal accruals.
2. Determine the variance of the GLS estimator for  $m_3$ ,  $(X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1}$ . Compare the results with those from Ralph's optimal accruals.
3. Find the Cholesky decomposition of  $V = GG^T$  where  $G$  is lower triangular. Rewrite the DGP by multiplying both sides by  $G^{-1}$ ,  $G^{-1}Y = G^{-1}X m_3 + G^{-1}\eta$ . Now,  $\text{Var}[G^{-1}\eta] = G^{-1}V(G^T)^{-1} = G^{-1}GG^T(G^T)^{-1} = I$ . Hence, OLS conditions are satisfied for the transformed (by  $G^{-1}$ ) DGP. Regress (via OLS)  $G^{-1}Y$  onto  $G^{-1}X$  to determine the estimator and its variance,  $(X^T(G^T)^{-1}G^{-1}X)^{-1}$ . Compare the results to those above.