

## Heteroskedasticity and GLS practice questions

### Q1:

Suppose that we have a standard linear multiple regression model, with  $k$  regressors:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon ,$$

where the error term and regressors satisfy all of the usual assumptions, except that the covariance matrix of the error vector is  $\Sigma$ . Suppose that  $\Sigma X = X\Theta$ , for some  $(k \times k)$  nonsingular matrix  $\Theta$ .

Prove that in this model the OLS and GLS estimators  $\beta$  have the same covariance matrix in this case.

### Q2:

Critically appraise each of the following statements relating to heteroskedasticity in a regression model:

- (a) "In the presence of heteroskedasticity the OLS estimator of the coefficient vector is inefficient and this causes the usual  $t$  tests and  $F$  tests to be invalid."
- (b) "The OLS estimator is unbiased but it is inconsistent if the errors are heteroskedastic."
- (c) "One way of eliminating the problems associated with heteroskedasticity is to transform the model so that the errors are normally distributed and uncorrelated with the regressors."
- (d) "Sometimes apparent heteroskedasticity can be caused by a mathematical misspecification of the regression model. This can happen, for example, if the dependent variable ought to be logarithmic, but a linear regression is estimated."