

The Effect of Statistical Discrimination on Black-White Wage Inequality: Estimating a Model with Multiple Equilibria - Omitted Computations

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This external appendix contains the detailed formula of the derivative of the wage function necessary to compute the likelihood in step 1 of the estimation strategy, and a description of the computation of the parameters of the production function and moments of skill endowment in step 2 of the estimation strategy.

All references to equation identifiers not beginning with a letter refer to the equations in the main paper.

A Derivative of the wage function

In (26) we have $\frac{dt^j(\omega|E^j)}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{\frac{dw^j(\theta_i|E^j)}{d\theta_i}}$. This is the formula to compute the derivative.

If $\theta < \tilde{\theta}^j$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw^j(\theta_i|E^j)}{d\theta_i} &= (\pi^j \cdot y_k^j \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot \theta^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 2) - (1 - \pi^j) \cdot y_h^j \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 2)) / \\ &\quad (\pi^j \cdot \theta^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1) + (1 - \pi^j) \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1)) - \\ &\quad (\pi^j \cdot y_k^j \cdot \theta^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1) + (1 - \pi^j) \cdot y_h^j \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1)) \\ &\quad \cdot (\pi^j \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot \theta^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 2) - (1 - \pi^j) \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 2)) / \\ &\quad (\pi^j \cdot \theta^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1) + (1 - \pi^j) \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\wedge}(\gamma^j - 1))^2 \end{aligned}$$

else if $\theta \geq \tilde{\theta}^j$:

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$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dw^j(\theta_i|E^j)}{d\theta_i} &= \pi^j \cdot \left(y_k^j + y_h^j \frac{(1-\pi^j) f_u(\tilde{\theta}^j)}{\pi^j f_q(\tilde{\theta}^j)} \right) \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot \theta^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 2)} / \\
& (\pi^j \cdot \theta^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 1)} + (1-\pi^j) \cdot (1-\theta)^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 1)}) - \\
& \pi^j \cdot \left(y_k^j + y_h^j \frac{(1-\pi^j) f_u(\tilde{\theta}^j)}{\pi^j f_q(\tilde{\theta}^j)} \right) \cdot \theta^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 1)} \cdot \\
& (\pi^j \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot \theta^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 2)} - (1-\pi^j) \cdot (\gamma^j - 1) \cdot (1-\theta)^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 2)}) / \\
& (\pi^j \cdot \theta^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 1)} + (1-\pi^j) \cdot (1-\theta)^{\wedge(\gamma^j - 1)})^2
\end{aligned}$$

B How to compute the parameters of the production function, marginal products and skill moments.

Rewrite the equations in (27), together with the expression for C^j and S^j

$$y_k^b + y_h^b \frac{1-\pi^b}{\pi^b} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^b}{\tilde{\theta}^b} \right)^{(\gamma^b-1)} = \rho^b y_1(\cdot) \overline{e_q^b} \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)} = y_1(\cdot) \overline{e_q^w} \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$y_h^b = y_2(\cdot) \overline{e_u^b} \quad (\text{B3})$$

$$y_h^w = y_2(\cdot) \overline{e_u^w} \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$y_k^b = y_2(\cdot) \overline{e_q^b} \quad (\text{B5})$$

$$y_k^w = y_2(\cdot) \overline{e_q^w} \quad (\text{B6})$$

$$y_1 = \alpha C^{\alpha-1} S^{1-\alpha} \quad (\text{B7})$$

$$y_2 = (1-\alpha) C^\alpha S^{-\alpha} \quad (\text{B8})$$

$$C^b = \lambda^b \pi^b \rho^b (1 - F_q^b(\tilde{\theta}^b)) \overline{e_q^b} \quad (\text{B9})$$

$$C^w = \lambda^w \pi^w (1 - F_q^w(\tilde{\theta}^w)) \overline{e_q^w} \quad (\text{B10})$$

$$S^b = \lambda^b \left(\pi^b F_q^b(\tilde{\theta}^b) \overline{e_q^b} + ((1-\pi^b) F_u^b(\tilde{\theta}^b) \overline{e_u^b}) \right) \quad (\text{B11})$$

$$S^w = \lambda^w \left(\pi^w F_q^w(\tilde{\theta}^w) \overline{e_q^w} + ((1-\pi^w) F_u^w(\tilde{\theta}^w) \overline{e_u^w}) \right) \quad (\text{B12})$$

From B3/B4:

$$\overline{e_u^w} = \frac{y_h^w}{y_h^b} \overline{e_u^b}$$

From B3/B5:

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{e_u^b} &= \frac{y_h^b}{y_k^b} \overline{e_q^b} \\
\rightarrow \overline{e_u^w} &= \frac{y_h^w}{y_k^b} \overline{e_q^b}
\end{aligned}$$

From B6/B5:

$$\overline{e_q^w} = \frac{y_k^w}{y_k^b} \overline{e_q^b}$$

Now averages $\overline{e_u^w}$, $\overline{e_u^b}$, $\overline{e_q^w}$ are a function of $\overline{e_q^b}$.

Get ρ^b from B1/B2:

$$\rho^b = \frac{y_k^b + y_h^b \frac{1-\pi^b}{\pi^b} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^b}{\tilde{\theta}^b} \right)^{(\gamma^b-1)} \overline{e_q^w}}{y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)} \overline{e_q^b}} = \frac{y_k^b + y_h^b \frac{1-\pi^b}{\pi^b} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^b}{\tilde{\theta}^b} \right)^{(\gamma^b-1)}}{y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)}} \frac{y_k^w}{y_k^b}$$

Substitute into B9-B12 and derive S/C , y_1 , and y_2 where e_q^b cancels out.

From B2/B6 and B7/B8:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y_1}{y_2} &= \frac{y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)}}{y_k^w} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \frac{S}{C} \\ \rightarrow \alpha &= \frac{\frac{C}{S} \frac{y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)}}{y_k^w}}{1 + \frac{C}{S} \frac{y_k^w + y_h^w \frac{1-\pi^w}{\pi^w} \left(\frac{1-\tilde{\theta}^w}{\tilde{\theta}^w} \right)^{(\gamma^w-1)}}{y_k^w}} \end{aligned}$$

Then get y_1 and y_2 since again e_q^b factors out. From there get everything else.