

Frontier Topics in Empirical Economics: Week 6

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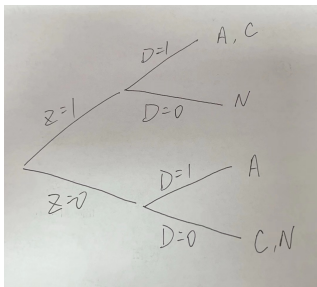
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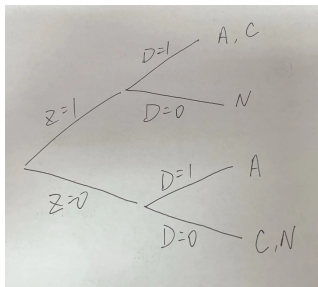
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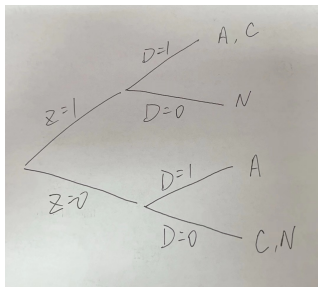
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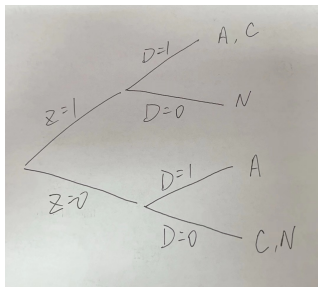
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- Assume that we have treatment $s \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \bar{s}\}$
- For example, IV is the implementation of a compulsory education law
- Treatment is the education level, which takes multiple values
- We have the following three assumptions:
 - ACR1 Independence: $\{Y_{0i}, Y_{1i}, \dots, Y_{\bar{s}i}, u_i\} \perp\!\!\!\perp s_i$
 - ACR2 First stage existence: $E[s_i - u_i] \neq 0$
 - ACR3 Monotonicity: $s_j - s_k \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow U_j \geq U_k$ or vice versa
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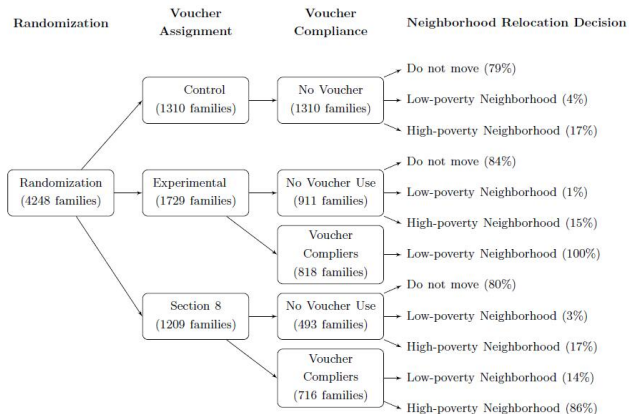
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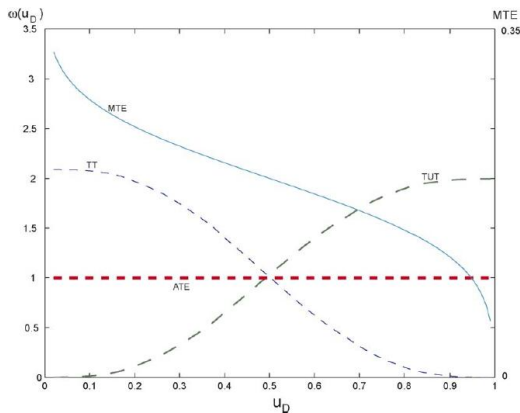
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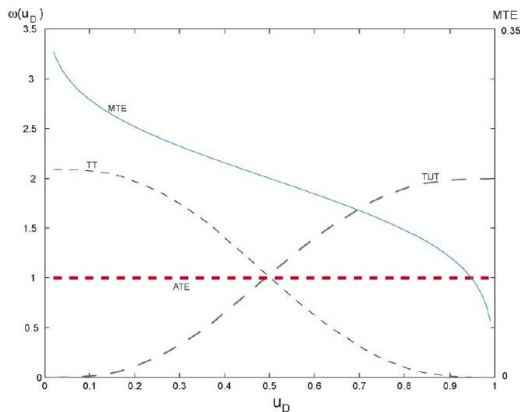
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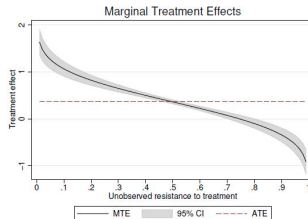
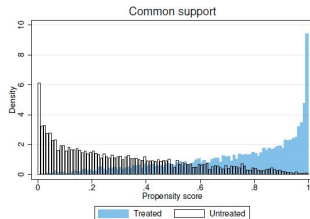
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exp2	-.0008453	.0002019	-4.19	0.000	-.0012411	-.0004496
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2	.2352456	.0680412	3.46	0.001	.1018712	.36862
3	.6294914	.0701091	8.98	0.000	.4920634	.7669194
4	.0131179	.0597721	0.22	0.826	-.1040474	.1302832
5	.0338606	.0705835	0.48	0.631	-.1044974	.1722186
6	.1699366	.0605086	2.81	0.005	.0513275	.2885458
7	-.1899241	.060115	-3.16	0.002	-.3077617	-.0720865
8	-.1842254	.0676843	-2.72	0.007	-.3169003	-.0515504
9	-.7908301	.0578436	-13.67	0.000	-.9042153	-.677445
10	-.4432749	.0597237	-7.42	0.000	-.5603455	-.3262044
_cons	3.164706	.0650331	48.66	0.000	3.037228	3.292184
beta1-beta0						

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exp	-.0386384	.010241	-3.77	0.000	-.0587128	-.018564
exp2	.0012967	.0003288	3.94	0.000	.0006523	.0019412
district						
2	.265112	.107039	2.48	0.013	.0552939	.4749301
(output omitted)						
10	.3143661	.1072555	2.93	0.003	.1041237	.5246085
_cons	.4255863	.0983572	4.33	0.000	.2327863	.6183863
k						
mills	-.4790282	.0611081	-7.84	0.000	-.5988124	-.359244
effects						
ate	.3283373	.0242932	13.52	0.000	.2807177	.3759568
att	.5369432	.0388809	13.81	0.000	.4607287	.6131576
atut	.1195067	.0384691	3.11	0.002	.0440995	.194914
late	.3279726	.0245142	13.38	0.000	.2799198	.3760254
mprte1	.3463148	.0256971	13.48	0.000	.2959433	.3966862
mprte2	.3309428	.024298	13.62	0.000	.2833137	.3785719
mprte3	-.016257	.0498984	-0.33	0.745	-.1140679	.0815538
Test of observable heterogeneity, p-value						0.0000
Test of essential heterogeneity, p-value						0.0000

Note: Analytical standard errors ignore the facts that the propensity score,
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