

Using Matching, Instrumental Variables and Control Functions to Estimate Economic Choice Models

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Two potential outcomes (Y_0, Y_1) .

$D = 1$ if Y_1 is selected. $D = 0$ if Y_0 is selected.

Let V be utility.

$$V = \mu_V(Z, U_V) \quad D = 1 (V > 0) \quad (1)$$

Z : observed factors determining choices, U_V unobserved

$$Y_1 = \mu_1(X, U_1) \quad (2a)$$

$$Y_0 = \mu_0(X, U_0). \quad (2b)$$

U_0, U_1, U_V are (absolutely) continuous

$$\Delta = Y_1 - Y_0.$$

Additively Separable Case: For Familiarity. Not essential.

$$V = \mu_V(Z) + U_V \quad E(U_V) = 0 \quad (1')$$

$$Y_1 = \mu_1(X) + U_1 \quad E(U_1) = 0 \quad (2a')$$

$$Y_0 = \mu_0(X) + U_0 \quad E(U_0) = 0. \quad (2b')$$

ATE : $E(Y_1 - Y_0|X)$ (Average Treatment Effect)

TT : $E(Y_1 - Y_0|X, D = 1)$ (Treatment on the Treated)

MTE : $E(Y_1 - Y_0|X, Z, V)$ (Marginal Treatment Effect)

These are familiar but by no means the only parameters we could consider

From MTE , can identify many other parameters

(Recall IV Lectures)

Samples generated by choices:

$$E(Y|X, Z, D = 1) = E(Y_1|X, Z, D = 1)$$

$$E(Y|X, Z, D = 0) = E(Y_0|X, Z, D = 0)$$

Data:

$$\Pr(D = 1|X, Z)$$

$$E(Y_1|X, D = 1) \text{ and } E(Y_0|X, D = 0).$$

From raw means, we get biases.

Can form $E(Y_1|X, D = 1) - E(Y_0|X, D = 0)$.

In General This Produces BIASES

TT :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias } TT &= [E(Y|X, D = 1) - E(Y|X, D = 0)] \\ &\quad - E(Y_1 - Y_0|X, D = 1) \\ &= [E(Y_0|X, D = 1) - E(Y_0|X, D = 0)]. \end{aligned}$$

Under Additive Separability

$$\text{Bias } TT = E(U_0|X, D = 1) - E(U_0|X, D = 0)$$

ATE :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias } ATE &= E(Y|X, D = 1) - E(Y|X, D = 0) \\ &\quad - E(Y_1 - Y_0|X). \end{aligned}$$

Under Additive Separability

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias } ATE &= [E(U_1|X, D = 1) - E(U_1|X)] \\ &\quad - [E(U_0|X, D = 0) - E(U_0|X)] \end{aligned}$$

MTE :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias } MTE &= E(Y|X, Z, D = 1) - E(Y|X, Z, D = 0) \\ &\quad - E(Y_1 - Y_0|X, Z, V) \end{aligned}$$

Under Additive Separability

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias } MTE &= E(U_1|X, Z, D = 1) - E(U_1|X, Z, V) \\ &\quad - [E(U_0|X, Z, D = 0) - E(U_0|X, Z, V)] \end{aligned}$$

Matching

$$W = (X, Z)$$

$$(Y_1, Y_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | W \tag{M-1}$$

" $\perp\!\!\!\perp$ " denotes independence given W

$$0 < \Pr(D = 1 | W) = P(W) < 1, \tag{M-2}$$

Rosenbaum and Rubin (1983) show (M-1) and (M-2) imply

$$(Y_1, Y_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | P(W). \tag{M-3}$$

$$E(Y_1|D=0, P(W)) = E(Y_1|D=1, P(W)) = E(Y_1|P(W))$$

$$E(Y_0|D=1, P(W)) = E(Y_0|D=0, P(W)) = E(Y_0|P(W)).$$

Dependence between U_V and (U_1, U_0) is eliminated by conditioning on W :

$$U_V \perp\!\!\!\perp (U_1, U_0) | W.$$

“Selection on Observables”

If $P(W) = 1$ or $P(W) = 0$, method breaks down for those values.

Extensions (Heckman, Ichimura, Smith and Todd)

Distinction between X and Z

Introducing Z allows one to solve the breakdown problem arising from

$$P(X, Z) = 1 \text{ or } P(X, Z) = 0$$

Thus if outcomes are defined in terms of X and

$$\text{Support}(X|Z) = \text{Support}(X)$$

If we can find another value Z' such that

$$\Pr(X, Z') \neq 1,$$

can match using this (IV assumption)

Require only weaker mean independence assumptions

$$\begin{aligned}E(Y_1|W, D = 1) &= E(Y_1|W) \\E(Y_0|W, D = 0) &= E(Y_0|W).\end{aligned}$$

Can be used for Means.

Matching is “for free” (Gill and Robins (2001)):

$E(Y_0|D = 1, W)$ is not observed.

Can just as well replace it by

$$E(Y_0|D = 1, W) = E(Y_0|D = 0, W)$$

However, the implied economic restrictions are not “for free”.

Imposes that, conditional on X and Z , the marginal person is the same as the average person.

This is the same as a flat $MTE(X, U)$ in U .
(MTE does not depend on U)

Additively Separable Case

We observe left-hand sides of

$$E(Y_1|X, Z, D = 1) = \mu_1(X) + E(U_1|X, Z, D = 1)$$

$$E(Y_0|X, Z, D = 0) = \mu_0(X) + E(U_0|X, Z, D = 0).$$

If $(U_1, U_V) \perp\!\!\!\perp X, Z$

$$E(U_1|X, Z, D = 1) = E(U_1|\mu_V(Z) > U_V) = K_1(P(X, Z)).$$

If $(U_1, U_V) \perp\!\!\!\perp X, Z$

$$E(U_0|X, Z, D = 0) = E(U_0|\mu_V(Z) \leq U_V) = K_0(P(X, Z))$$

So, key assumption

$$(U_1, U_0, U_V) \perp\!\!\!\perp (X, Z).$$

Under this condition

$$E(Y_1|X, Z, D = 1) = \mu_1(X) + K_1(P(X, Z))$$

$$E(Y_0|X, Z, D = 0) = \mu_0(X) + K_0(P(X, Z))$$

Need Limit Set Results

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow 1} K_1(P) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{P \rightarrow 0} K_0(P) = 0$$

- If there are limit sets \mathbb{Z}_0 and \mathbb{Z}_1 such that $\lim_{Z \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_0} P(X, Z) = 0$ and $\lim_{Z \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_1} P(X, Z) = 1$, then we can identify the constants.
- There are semiparametric versions of these estimators.
- Use polynomials in P ; Local Linear Regression in P .

From this model can obviously identify

$$ATE = \mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X)$$

(As we have seen)

Plus,

$$\begin{aligned} TT &= \mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) + E(U_1 - U_0 | X, Z, D = 1) \\ &= \mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) + K_1(P(X, Z)) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1 - P}{P} \right) K_0(P(X, Z)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 MTE &= \mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial [E(U_1 - U_0 | X, Z, D = 1) P(X, Z)]}{\partial P(X, Z)} \\
 &= \mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial [P(X, Z) \{K_1(P(X, Z)) + \frac{1-P}{P} K_0(P(X, Z))\}]}{\partial P(X, Z)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Marginal and Average are allowed to be different.

Problem: Show this for $P(X, Z) = U(p)$

Both Matching and Control functions are defined only over

$$\text{Support}(X|D = 1) \cap \text{Support}(X|D = 0)$$

Method of control functions does not require

$$(U_0, U_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp U_V | (X, Z)$$

But Matching does.

Matching is a special case of control functions in the additively separable case.

Additive separability and control functions assumptions are central to this claim.

$$\begin{aligned} E(U_1|X, Z, D = 1) &= E(U_1|X, Z) = E(U_1|P(W)) \\ E(U_0|X, Z, D = 0) &= E(U_0|X, Z) = E(U_0|P(W)). \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\mu_1(W) = E(Y_1|W) \text{ and } \mu_0(W) = E(Y_0|W)$$

then

$$E(U_1|P(W)) = 0 \text{ and } E(U_0|P(W)) = 0$$

However, this is not strictly required

In the method of control functions,

$$\text{If } (X, Z) \perp\!\!\!\perp (U_0, U_1, U_V)$$

$$E(Y|X, Z, D)$$

$$= E(Y_1|X, Z, D = 1) D + E(Y_0|X, Z, D = 0) (1 - D)$$

$$= \mu_0(X) + (\mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X)) D + E(U_1|X, Z, D = 1) D \\ + E(U_0|P(X, Z), D = 0) (1 - D)$$

$$= \mu_0(X) + (\mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X)) D + E(U_1|P(X, Z), D = 1) D \\ + E(U_0|P(X, Z), D = 0) (1 - D)$$

$$= \mu_0(X) \\ + [\mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) + K_1(P(X, Z)) - K_0(P(X, Z))] D \\ + K_0(P(X, Z)).$$

To identify

$$\mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X)$$

must isolate it from

$$K_1(P(X, Z))$$

and

$$K_0(P(X, Z)).$$

Tables 1 and 2 present sensitivity analysis for the case of

$$\begin{aligned}(U_1, U_0, U_V)' &\sim N(0, \Sigma) \\ \text{corr}(U_j, U_V) &= \rho_{jV} \\ \text{var}(U_j) &= \sigma_j^2; \quad j = \{0, 1\}.\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias } TT(P(Z) = p) &= \sigma_0 \rho_{0V} M(p) \\ \text{Bias } ATE(P(Z) = p) &= M(p) [\sigma_1 \rho_{1V} (1 - p) + \sigma_0 \rho_{0V} p]\end{aligned}$$

where $M(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{p(1-p)}$

Problem: Using the Generalized Roy model derive these results for bias

Table 1

Mean Bias for Treatment on the Treated

| ρ_{0V} | Average Bias ($\sigma_0 = 1$) | Average Bias ($\sigma_0 = 2$) |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| -1.00 | -1.7920 | -3.5839 |
| -0.75 | -1.3440 | -2.6879 |
| -0.50 | -0.8960 | -1.7920 |
| -0.25 | -0.4480 | -0.8960 |
| 0.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 0.25 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 |
| 0.50 | 0.8960 | 1.7920 |
| 0.75 | 1.3440 | 2.6879 |
| 1.00 | 1.7920 | 3.5839 |

$$\text{BIAS}_{TT} = \rho_{0V} * \sigma_0 * M(p)$$

$$M(p) = \frac{\varphi(\Phi^{-1}(p))}{[p*(1-p)]}$$

Table 2
Mean Bias for Average Treatment Effect
($\sigma_0 = 1$)

| ρ_{0V} | -1.00 | -0.75 | -0.50 | -0.25 | 0 | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| $\rho_{1V}(\sigma_1 = 1)$ | | | | | | | | | |
| -1.00 | -1.7920 | -1.5680 | -1.3440 | -1.1200 | -0.8960 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 |
| -0.75 | -1.5680 | -1.3440 | -1.1200 | -0.8960 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 |
| -0.50 | -1.3440 | -1.1200 | -0.8960 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 |
| -0.25 | -1.1200 | -0.8960 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 |
| 0 | -0.8960 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 | 0.8960 |
| 0.25 | -0.6720 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 | 0.8960 | 1.1200 |
| 0.50 | -0.4480 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 | 0.8960 | 1.1200 | 1.3440 |
| 0.75 | -0.2240 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 | 0.8960 | 1.1200 | 1.3440 | 1.5680 |
| 1.00 | 0 | 0.2240 | 0.4480 | 0.6720 | 0.8960 | 1.1200 | 1.3440 | 1.5680 | 1.7920 |
| $\rho_{1V}(\sigma_1 = 2)$ | | | | | | | | | |
| -1.00 | -2.6879 | -2.2399 | -1.7920 | -1.3440 | -0.8960 | -0.4480 | 0 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 |
| -0.75 | -2.4639 | -2.0159 | -1.5680 | -1.1200 | -0.6720 | -0.2240 | 0.2240 | 0.6720 | 1.1200 |
| -0.50 | -2.2399 | -1.7920 | -1.3440 | -0.8960 | -0.4480 | 0 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 | 1.3440 |
| -0.25 | -2.0159 | -1.5680 | -1.1200 | -0.6720 | -0.2240 | 0.2240 | 0.6720 | 1.1200 | 1.5680 |
| 0 | -1.7920 | -1.3440 | -0.8960 | -0.4480 | 0 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 | 1.3440 | 1.7920 |
| 0.25 | -1.5680 | -1.1200 | -0.6720 | -0.2240 | 0.2240 | 0.6720 | 1.1200 | 1.5680 | 2.0159 |
| 0.50 | -1.3440 | -0.8960 | -0.4480 | 0 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 | 1.3440 | 1.7920 | 2.2399 |
| 0.75 | -1.1200 | -0.6720 | -0.2240 | 0.2240 | 0.6720 | 1.1200 | 1.5680 | 2.0159 | 2.4639 |
| 1.00 | -0.8960 | -0.4480 | 0 | 0.4480 | 0.8960 | 1.3440 | 1.7920 | 2.2399 | 2.6879 |

$$\text{BIASATE} = \rho_{1V} * \sigma_1 * M_1(p) - \rho_{0V} * \sigma_0 * M_0(p)$$

$$\text{BIASMTE} = \text{BIASATE} - \Phi^{-1}(1-p) * (\rho_{1V} * \sigma_1 - \rho_{0V} * \sigma_0)$$

$$M_1(p) = \frac{\varphi(\Phi^{-1}(p))}{p}$$

$$M_0(p) = \frac{-\varphi(\Phi^{-1}(p))}{[1-p]}$$

Matching and Method of control functions work with $E(Y|X, Z, D)$ and $\Pr(D = 1|X, Z)$.

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= DY_1 + (1 - D) Y_0 \\ &= \mu_0(X) + (\mu_1(X) - \mu_0(X) + U_1 - U_0) D + U_0 \\ &= \mu_0(X) + \Delta(X) D + U_0 \end{aligned}$$

If $U_1 = U_0$

$$E(U_0|P(X, Z), X) = E(U_0|X) \quad (\text{IV-1})$$

$\Pr(D = 1|X, Z)$ is a nontrivial function of Z for each X . (IV-2)

When

$$U_1 \neq U_0, \text{ but } D \perp\!\!\!\perp (U_1 - U_0) | X$$

or alternatively

$$U_V \perp\!\!\!\perp (U_1 - U_0 | X),$$

we have all three mean treatment effects are the same

$$ATE = E(Y_1 - Y_0 | X) = E(\Delta(X) | X)$$

$$TT = E(Y_1 - Y_0 | X, D = 1) = E(Y_1 - Y_0 | X)$$

$$= MTE$$

Analytically More Interesting Case

$$U_1 \neq U_0 \text{ and } D \not\perp (U_1 - U_0)$$

For *ATE* :

$$E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) | P(X, Z), X) = E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) | X) \quad (\text{IV-3})$$

For *TT* :

$$\begin{aligned} E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) - E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) | X) | P(X, Z), X) \\ = E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) - E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) | X) | X) \end{aligned}$$

For *ATE* we can rewrite:

$$\begin{aligned} E(U_0 | P(X, Z), X) + E(U_1 - U_0 | D = 1, P(X, Z), X) P(X, Z) \\ = E(U_0 | X) + E(U_1 - U_0 | D = 1, X) P(X, Z) \end{aligned}$$

All mean parameters are the same if $U_1 = U_0$, or
 $(U_1 - U_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | P(X, Z), X$

- ① Method of Control Functions Models Dependence between (U_1, U_0) and V .
- ② Matching assumes $(U_1, U_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp V \mid X, Z$.
- ③ Z independent of U_0, U_1 conditional on X .

Local Instrumental Variables (LIV) require that

$$\mu_D(Z) \quad \text{be a non-degenerate random variable given } X \quad (2)$$

(existence of an exclusion restriction)

$$(U_0, U_1, U_V) \perp\!\!\!\perp Z|X \quad (\text{LIV-2})$$

$$0 < \Pr(D|X) < 1 \quad (\text{LIV-3})$$

$$\text{Support } P(D|(X, Z)) = [0, 1] \quad (\text{LIV-4})$$

Under these conditions,

$$\frac{\partial E(Y|X, P(X, Z))}{\partial(P(Z))} = \text{MTE}(X, P(Z), V)$$

Table 3
 Identifying Assumptions and Implicit Economic Assumptions Underlying the Four Methods Discussed in this Paper
 Conditional on X and Z

| Method | Exclusion Required? | Separability of Observables and Unobservables in Outcome Equations? | Functional Forms Required? | Marginal = Average? (Given X, Z) | Key Identification Condition for Means (assuming separability) |
|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Matching* | No | No | No | Yes | $E(U_1 X, D = 1, Z) = E(U_1 X, Z)$ $E(U_0 X, D = 0, Z) = E(U_0 X, Z)$ |
| Control Function** | Yes (for nonparametric identification) | Conventional, but not required | Conventional, but not required | No | $E(U_0 X, D = 0, Z)$ and $E(U_1 X, D = 1, Z)$ can be varied independently of $\mu_0(X)$ and $\mu_1(X)$, respectively and intercepts can be identified through limit arguments or symmetry assumptions |
| IV (conventional) | Yes | Yes | No | No (Yes in standard case) | $E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) X, Z)$ $= E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) X)$ (ATE) $E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0)) - E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) X) P(Z), X)$ $= E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0)) - E(U_0 + D(U_1 - U_0) X) X$ (IT) |
| LIV | Yes | No | No | No | $(U_0, U_1, U_x) \perp\!\!\!\perp Z X$ $\Pr(D = 1 Z, X)$ is a nontrivial function of Z for each X . |

*For propensity score matching, (X, Z) are replaced with $P(X, Z)$ in defining parameters and conditioning sets.

**Conditions for writing the control function in terms of $P(X, Z)$ are given in the text.

Fundamental Problem: Information of the Analyst often less than that of the Agent.

Definition 1

We say that $\sigma(I_{R^*})$ is a **relevant information set** if its associated random variable, I_{R^*} , satisfies (M-1) so

$$(Y_1, Y_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | I_{R^*}$$

Definition 2

We say that $\sigma(I_R)$ is a **minimal relevant information set** if it is the intersection of all sets $\sigma(I_{R^*})$ and $(Y_1, Y_0) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | I_R$. The associated random variable I_R is the minimum amount of information that guarantees that (M-1) is satisfied. Intersection may be empty. May not be a unique minimal information set.

Definition 3

The agent's information set, $\sigma(I_A)$, is defined by the information I_A used by the agent when choosing among treatments. Accordingly, we call I_A the **agent's information**.

Definition 4

The econometrician's **full information set**, $\sigma(I_{E^*})$, is defined by **all** the information **available** to the econometrician, I_{E^*} .

Definition 5

The econometrician's **information set**, $\sigma(I_E)$, is defined by the information **used** by the econometrician when analyzing the agent's choice of treatment, I_E .

Obvious Inclusions: $\sigma(I_R) \subseteq \sigma(I_{R^*}), \sigma(I_R) \subseteq \sigma(I_A)$ and
 $\sigma(I_E) \subseteq \sigma(I_{E^*})$

This assumes I_R exists.

Matching implies

$$\sigma(I_R) \subseteq \sigma(I_E)$$

Generalized Roy Examples (Assume Factor Structure for error terms)

- Consider bias from matching with different information sets (i.e., different p specifications).
- Remember the Rosenbaum and Rubin result.

$$\begin{aligned} V &= Z\gamma + U_V \\ &= Z\gamma + \alpha_{V1}f_1 + \alpha_{V2}f_2 + \varepsilon_V, \\ D &= 1 \text{ if } V \geq 0, \quad = 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \mu_1 + U_1 = \mu_1 + \alpha_{11}f_1 + \alpha_{12}f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \\ Y_0 &= \mu_0 + U_0 = \mu_0 + \alpha_{01}f_1 + \alpha_{02}f_2 + \varepsilon_0, \end{aligned}$$

$(f_1, f_2, \varepsilon_V, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_0)$ mean zero random variables, mutually independent of each other and Z

The minimal relevant information set when factor loadings are not zero:

$$I_R = \{f_1, f_2\}.$$

Agent information sets may include different variables. If shocks to the outcomes not known, but other terms are:

$$I_A = \{f_1, f_2, Z, \varepsilon_V\}$$

Under perfect certainty, $I_A = \{f_1, f_2, Z, \varepsilon_V, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_0\}$.

Construct examples using:

$$(f_1, f_2, \varepsilon_V, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_0) \sim N(0, \Sigma),$$

$$\text{diag}(\Sigma) = (\sigma_{f_1}^2, \sigma_{f_2}^2, \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2, \sigma_{\varepsilon_1}^2, \sigma_{\varepsilon_0}^2)$$

Suppose $I_E = \{Z, f_1, f_2\}$

$$\begin{aligned} & E(Y_1|D=1, I_E) - E(Y_0|D=0, I_E) \\ &= \mu_1 - \mu_0 + (\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{01})f_1 + (\alpha_{12} - \alpha_{02})f_2 \end{aligned}$$

Knowledge of (Z, f_1, f_2) and of $P(Z, f_1, f_2)$ equivalent

$$\begin{aligned} P(I_E) &= \Pr\left(\frac{\varepsilon_V}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} > \frac{-Z\gamma - \alpha_{V1}f_1 - \alpha_{V2}f_2}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-Z\gamma - \alpha_{V1}f_1 - \alpha_{V2}f_2}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}}\right) = p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E(Y_1|D=1, P(I_E)=p) - E(Y_0|D=0, P(I_E)=p) \\
 &= \mu_1 - \mu_0 + E(U_1|D=1, P(I_E)=p) \\
 &\quad - E(U_0|D=0, P(I_E)=p) \\
 &= \mu_1 - \mu_0 + E\left(U_1 \mid \frac{\varepsilon_V}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} > \Phi^{-1}(1-p)\right) \\
 &\quad - E\left(U_0 \mid \frac{\varepsilon_V}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} \leq \Phi^{-1}(1-p)\right) \\
 &= \mu_1 - \mu_0
 \end{aligned}$$

All the treatment parameters equal

$$(MTE = ATE = LATE = TT)$$

$$E\left(U_1 \mid \frac{\varepsilon_V}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} > \Phi^{-1}(1-p)\right) = \frac{COV(U_1, \varepsilon_V)}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} M_1(P)$$

$$E\left(U_0 \mid \frac{\varepsilon_V}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} \leq \Phi^{-1}(1-p)\right) = \frac{COV(U_0, \varepsilon_V)}{\sigma_{\varepsilon_V}} M_0(P)$$

where

$$M_1(P) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad M_0(P) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{1-p}$$

because

$$COV(U_i, \varepsilon_V) = COV(\alpha_{i1}f_1 + \alpha_{i2}f_2 + \varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_V) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

$$I_E = \{Z\}$$

$$\frac{z\gamma + \alpha_{V1}f_1 + \alpha_{V2}f_2 + \varepsilon_V}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p).$$

$$\text{Bias } TT(P(Z) = p) = \beta_0 M(p),$$

$$M(P) = M_1(P) - M_0(P)$$

$$\text{Bias } ATE(P(Z) = p) = M(p) [\beta_1(1 - p) + \beta_0 p]$$

$$\text{Bias } MTE (P(Z) = p) = M(p) [\beta_1 (1 - p) + \beta_0 p] - \Phi^{-1}(1 - p) [\beta_1 - \beta_0]$$

where

$$M(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1 - p))}{p(1 - p)}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{11}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}\alpha_{12}\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}}$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{01}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}\alpha_{02}\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}}$$

Problem: Verify the equations on all slides.

$$I'_E = \{Z, f_2\}$$

May raise or lower the bias.

Link

Figure 1.--Bias for Treatment on the Treated
Special case: Adding relevant information f_2 increases the bias

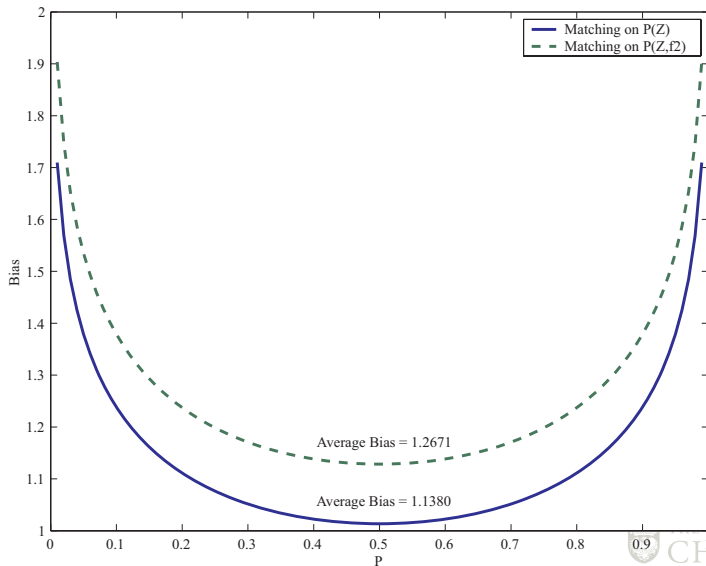


Figure 2.--Bias for Average Treatment Effect
 Special case: Adding relevant information f_2 increases the bias

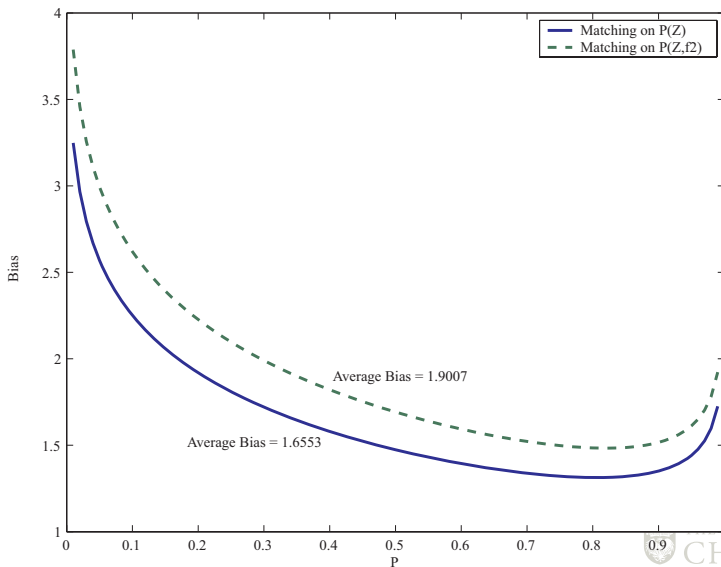
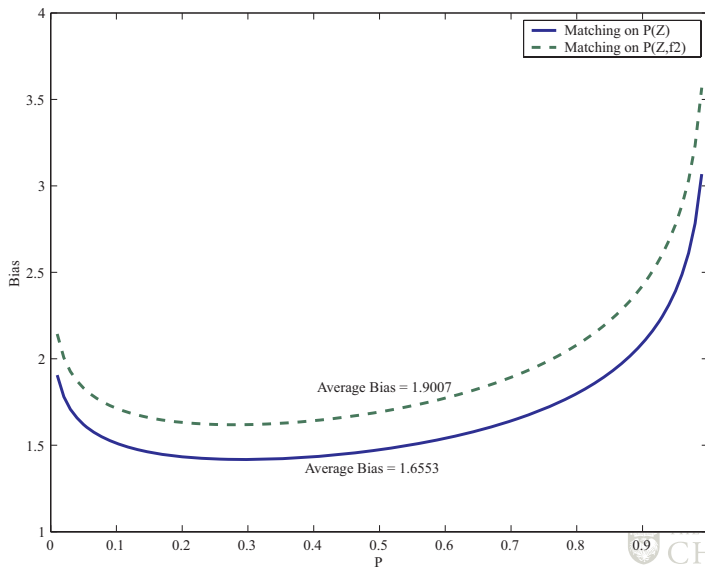


Figure 3.--Bias for Marginal Treatment Effect
 Special case: Adding relevant information f_2 increases the bias



Control Function Method Models the Bias

In control function method, adding f_2 we simply change the control function. We go from

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(P(Z) = p) &= \beta_1 M_1(p) \\ K_0(P(Z) = p) &= -\beta_0 M_0(p) \end{aligned}$$

to

$$\begin{aligned} K'_1(P(Z, f_2) = p) &= \beta'_1 M_1(p) \\ K'_0(P(Z, f_2) = p) &= -\beta'_0 M_0(p) \end{aligned}$$

where $M_1(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{p}$ and $M_0(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{1-p}$

This protects us against misspecification.

Suppose we do not know f_2 , just proxy it by \tilde{Z}

$$\tilde{I}_{E^*} = \{Z, \tilde{Z}\}.$$

Suppose $I_E = \tilde{I}_{E^*}$

Suppose further that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z} &\sim N(0, \sigma_{\tilde{Z}}^2) \\ \text{corr}(\tilde{Z}, f_2) &= \rho, \text{ and } \tilde{Z} \perp\!\!\!\perp (\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_V, f_1). \end{aligned}$$

Expressions corresponding to β_0 and β_1 :

$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = \frac{\alpha_{11}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{12}\alpha_{V2}(1 - \rho^2)\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2(1 - \rho^2) + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}}$$

$$\tilde{\beta}_0 = \frac{\alpha_{01}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{02}\alpha_{V2}(1 - \rho^2)\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2(1 - \rho^2) + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}}$$

- By substituting I'_E for \tilde{I}_E and β'_j for $\tilde{\beta}_j$ ($j = 0, 1$) into Conditions (1), (2) and (3) we obtain equivalent results for this case. Whether \tilde{I}_E will be bias reducing depends on how well it spans I_R and the signs of the terms in the absolute values.
- In this case, there is another parameter ρ ($\rho = 0$).

- The bias generated when the econometrician's information is \tilde{l}_E can also be smaller than when it is l'_E . It can be the case that knowing *the proxy* variable \tilde{Z} is *better* than knowing the actual variable f_2 . Take treatment on the treated as the parameter. The bias is reduced when \tilde{Z} is used instead of f_2 if

$$\left| \frac{\alpha_{01}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{02}\alpha_{V2}(1 - \rho^2)\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2(1 - \rho^2) + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}} \right| < \left| \frac{\alpha_{01}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2}} \right|.$$

Problem: Prove this

Figure 4.--Bias for Treatment on the Treated
 Special case: Adding irrelevant information \tilde{Z} increases the bias
 $\text{correlation}(\tilde{Z}, f_2) = 0.5$

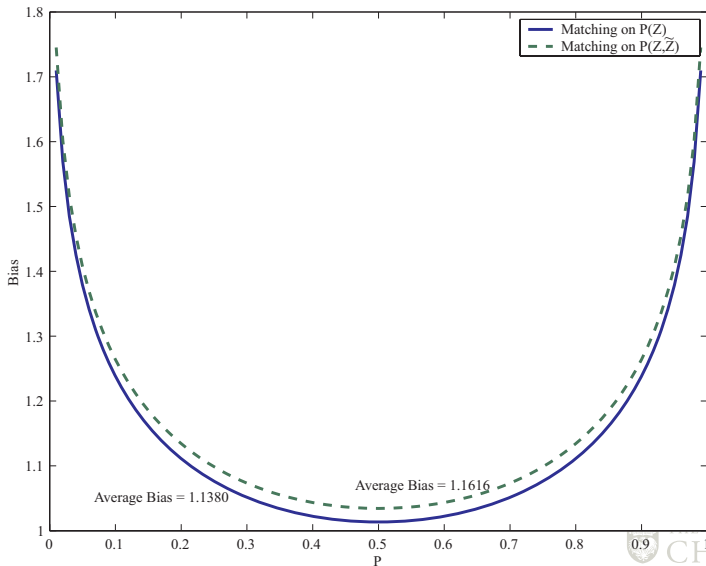


Figure 5.--Bias for Average Treatment Effect
 Special case: Adding irrelevant information \tilde{Z} increases the bias
 $\text{correlation}(\tilde{Z}, f_2) = 0.5$

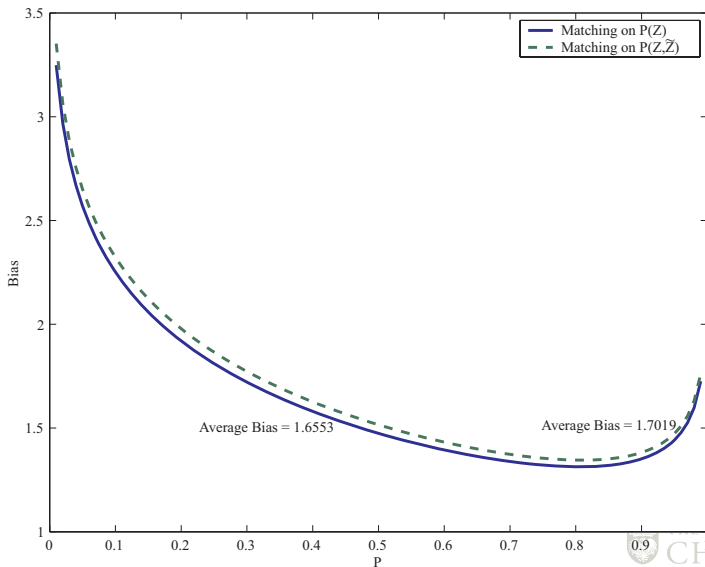


Figure 6.--Bias for Marginal Treatment Effect
 Special case: Adding irrelevant information \tilde{Z} increases the bias
 $\text{correlation}(\tilde{Z}, f_2) = 0.5$

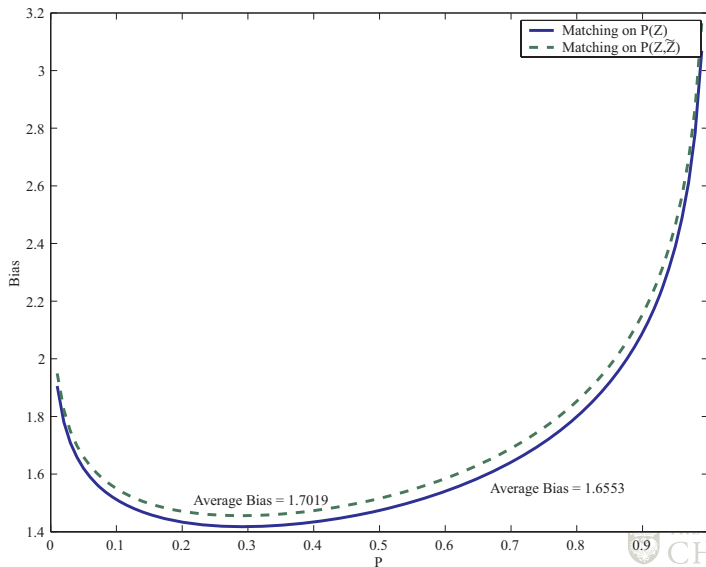


Figure 7.--Bias for Treatment on the Treated
 Using proxy \tilde{Z} for f_2 increases the bias
 correlation $(\tilde{Z}, f_2)=0.5$

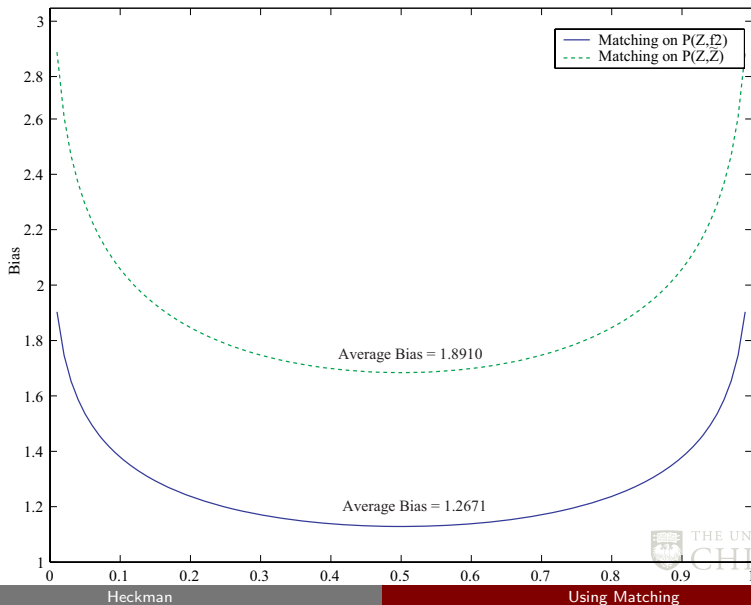


Figure 8.--Bias for the Average Treatment Effect
 Using proxy \tilde{Z} for f_2 increases the bias
 correlation $(\tilde{Z}, f_2) = 0.5$

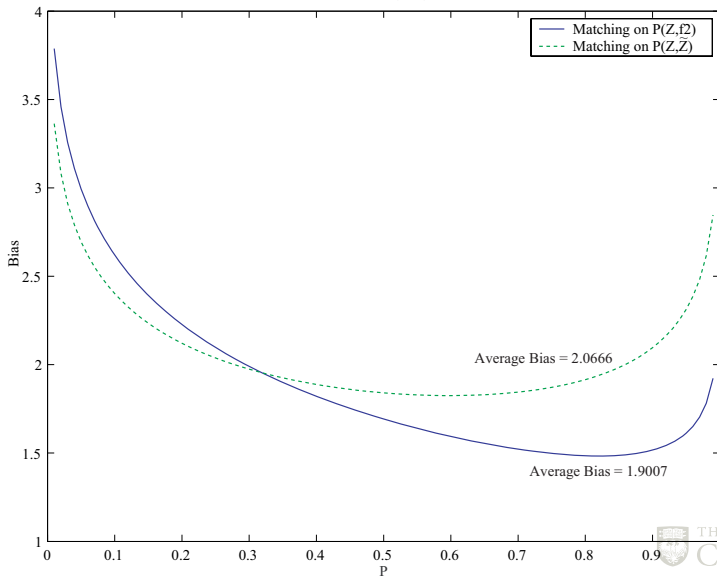
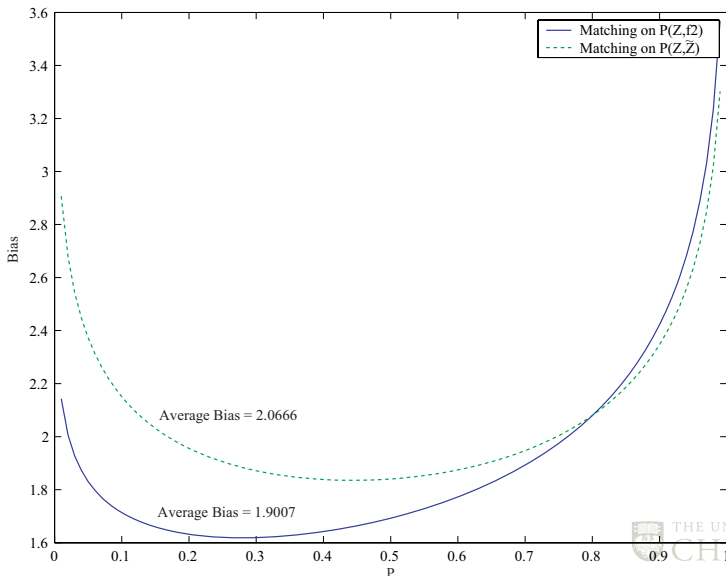


Figure 9.--Bias for the Marginal Treatment Effect

Using proxy \tilde{Z} for f_2 increases the biascorrelation $(\tilde{Z}, f_2)=0.5$ 

- Adding more variables to the Information Set may increase Bias.
- How to choose the relevant W variables?
- Standard methods on model selection criteria fail.
- An implicit assumption underlying such procedures is that the added conditioning variables C are exogenous in the following sense

$$(Y_0, Y_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp D | I_E, C \quad (M-4)$$

(I_E is the list of initial variables used as conditioning variables.)

- Sometimes procedures suggested “Add variables when t ratios big in propensity score”
- Improve Fit
- Such procedures can raise the bias.

Consider the following example:

$$\tilde{I}_E = \{Z, S\}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S &= V - Z\gamma + \eta \\ \eta &\sim N(0, \sigma_\eta^2) \\ \eta &\perp\!\!\!\perp (f_1, f_2, \varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_V). \end{aligned}$$

S might be an elicitation from a questionnaire.

Same expressions for the biases using $\tilde{\beta}_j$ ($j = 0, 1$) instead of β_j where:

$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = \frac{(\alpha_{11}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{12}\alpha_{V2}\sigma_{f_2}^2)}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2 + \sigma_{\eta}^2}}$$

$$\tilde{\beta}_0 = \frac{(\alpha_{01}\alpha_{V1}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{02}\alpha_{V2}\sigma_{f_2}^2)}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon_V}^2 + \sigma_{\eta}^2}}$$

In general, these expressions are not zero. Bias can be increased or decreased.

Problem: Derive these conditions

When $\sigma_\eta^2 = 0$ we can perfectly predict D . (Will pass a goodness-of-fit criterion)

Thus for

$$2\varepsilon > \sigma_\eta^2 > \varepsilon > 0$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Pr(D = 1 | V - Z\gamma + \eta) = 1 \text{ for } V > Z\gamma$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Pr(D = 1 | V - Z\gamma + \eta) = 0 \text{ for } V < Z\gamma.$$

Assumption (M-2) is violated and matching breaks down

Making σ_η^2 arbitrarily small, we can predict D arbitrarily well.

Can improve over the fit with (f_1, f_2) in the set which produces no bias.

Table 4

| Variables in Probit | Goodness of fit statistics | | Average Bias | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | Correct in-sample prediction rate | Pseudo R^2 | TT | ATE | MTE |
| Z | 66.88% | 0.1284 | 1.1380 | 1.6553 | 1.6553 |
| Z, f_2 | 75.02% | 0.2791 | 1.2671 | 1.9007 | 1.9007 |
| Z, f_1, f_2 | 83.45% | 0.4844 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| Z, S_1 | 77.38% | 0.3282 | 0.9612 | 1.3981 | 1.4070 |
| Z, S_2 | 92.25% | 0.7498 | 0.9997 | 1.4541 | 1.4590 |

Model:

$$V = Z + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0, 1) \quad S_1 = V + u_1 \quad u_1 \sim N(0, 4)$$

$$Y_1 = 2f_1 + 0.1f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0, 1) \quad S_2 = V + u_2 \quad u_2 \sim N(0, 0.25)$$

$$Y_0 = f_1 + 0.1f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$f_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$f_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

A More General Example

Considers use of a proxy regressor

$$Q = \alpha_{QZ}Z + \alpha_{Q1}f_1 + \alpha_{Q2}f_2 + \tau + \eta$$

- $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp (f_1, f_2, \tau, \eta)$;
- (f_1, f_2, τ, η) has mean zero
- $f_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp f_2$, $\tau \perp\!\!\!\perp \eta$ and $(f_1, f_2) \perp\!\!\!\perp (\tau, \eta)$;
- τ possibly dependent on ε_V in the latent variable generating the treatment choice
- η is measurement error.
- For different levels of dependence between τ and ε_V , and different weights on Z, f_1, f_2 and on the scale of measurement error, Q can be a better predictor of D than f_1, f_2 or even f_1, f_2, Z .



- However, in general, $(Y_1, Y_0) \not\perp D \mid Q$ because Q is an imperfect proxy for the combinations of f_1 and f_2 entering Y_1 and Y_0 .
- Thus conditioning on Q can produce a better fit for D but greater bias for the treatment parameters.

Consider the following example where Y is an outcome and I is an index

$$Y = \theta + \varepsilon_Y$$

$$I = \theta + \varepsilon_I$$

where

$$\theta \perp\!\!\!\perp (\varepsilon_Y, \varepsilon_I),$$

$$\varepsilon_Y \perp\!\!\!\perp \varepsilon_I.$$

Obviously $Y \perp\!\!\!\perp I \mid \theta$.

- Suppose instead that we have a candidate conditioning variable $Q = \alpha_\theta \theta + \eta + \tau$.
- Suppose that all variables are normal with zero mean and are mutually independent.
- Then we may write

$$I = \pi_I Q + \varepsilon_Q$$

where

$$\pi_I = \frac{\alpha_\theta \sigma_\theta^2 + \sigma_{\tau, \varepsilon_I}}{\alpha_\theta^2 \sigma_\theta^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\tau^2}$$

- It is assumed that η is independent of all other error components on the right hand sides of the equations for Q , I and y .
- From normal regression theory we know that conditioning is equivalent to residualizing.
- Constructing the residuals we obtain

$$I - \pi_I Q = \theta(1 - \alpha_\theta \pi_I) + \varepsilon_I - \pi_I(\eta + \tau).$$

- By a parallel argument

$$Y - \pi_Y Q = \theta(1 - \alpha_\theta \pi_Y) + \varepsilon_Y - \pi_Y(\eta + \tau)$$

$Y \perp\!\!\!\perp I \mid Q$ requires that $I - \pi_I Q$ and $Y - \pi_Y Q$ be uncorrelated, which in general does not happen.

Conclusion

- Letting the dependence between τ and ε_I get large, and setting α_θ to suitable values, we can predict I better (in the sense of R^2) with Q than with θ .
- Letting $D = 1(I > 0)$ produces a simple version of the example because better prediction of I produces better prediction of D .

Comparable to β_1 and β_0 above, we can define

$$\beta'_1 = \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{11}\sigma_{f_1}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon V}^2}}$$
$$\beta'_0 = \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{01}\sigma_{f_1}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon V}^2}}.$$

Condition 1 *The bias produced by using matching to estimate TT is smaller in absolute value for any given p when the new information set $\sigma(I'_E)$ is used if*

$$|\beta_0| > |\beta'_0|.$$

Condition 2 *The bias produced by using matching to estimate ATE is smaller in absolute value for any given p when the new information set $\sigma(I'_E)$ is used if*

$$|\beta_1(1-p) + \beta_0p| > |\beta'_1(1-p) + \beta'_0p|.$$

Condition 3 *The bias produced by using matching to estimate MTE is smaller in absolute value for any given p when the new information set $\sigma(I'_E)$ is used if*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| M(p) [\beta_1 (1 - p) + \beta_0 p] - \Phi^{-1} (1 - p) [\beta_1 - \beta_0] \right| \\
 > \left| M(p) [\beta'_1 (1 - p) + \beta'_0 p] - \Phi^{-1} (1 - p) [\beta'_1 - \beta'_0] \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Condition 1

Suppose

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{01}\sigma_{f_1}^2 + (\alpha_{V2})\left(\frac{\alpha_{02}}{\alpha_{V2}}\right)\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\underbrace{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon V}^2}}_{\text{when } f_2 \text{ is in information set}}} > \frac{\alpha_{V1}\alpha_{01}\sigma_{f_1}^2}{\underbrace{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon V}^2}}_{\text{when } f_2 \text{ is not in information set}}} = \beta'_0.$$

When $\left(\frac{\alpha_{02}}{\alpha_{V2}}\right) = 0$, $\beta_0 < \beta'_0$.

$$\frac{\partial \beta_0}{\partial \left(\frac{\alpha_{02}}{\alpha_{V2}}\right)} = \frac{\alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_{V1}^2\sigma_{f_1}^2 + \alpha_{V2}^2\sigma_{f_2}^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon V}^2}} > 0.$$

There is some critical value α_{02}^* beyond which $\beta_0 > \beta'_0$

Assume

$$\alpha_{01} = \alpha_{V_1} = \alpha_{V_2} = 1$$

$$\alpha_{02} = \alpha_{12} = 1$$

$$\alpha_{11} = 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_j^* &= \mu_j + U_j \\
 U_j &= \alpha_{j1}f_1 + \alpha_{j2}f_2 + \varepsilon_j, \quad j = 0, 1 \\
 Y_j &= 1 \text{ if } Y_j^* \geq 0, \quad = 0 \text{ otherwise,}
 \end{aligned}$$

People receive treatment according to the rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \mu_V + U_V \\
 U_V &= \alpha_{V1}f_1 + \alpha_{V2}f_2 + \varepsilon_V \\
 D &= 1 \text{ if } V \geq 0, \quad = 0 \text{ otherwise;}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp f_2, \quad \varepsilon_0 \perp\!\!\!\perp \varepsilon_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \varepsilon_V, \quad (f_1, f_2) \perp\!\!\!\perp (\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_V)$$

The effect of treatment is given by:

$$\Delta_1(I_E) = \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1, D = 1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 1|I_E)}.$$

A second definition works with odds ratios:

$$\Delta_2(I_E) = \frac{\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_1=0, D=1|I_E)}}{\frac{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=0, D=1|I_E)}}$$

One could also work with $\log \Delta$. Under the null hypothesis of no effect of treatment $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = 1$.

$$\hat{\Delta}_1(I_E) = \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1, D = 1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 0|I_E)}.$$

The denominator replaces the desired probability

$$\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 1|I_E)$$

by

$$\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 0|I_E).$$

Under the Null Hypothesis of no “real” effect of treatment

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= \mu_0 = \mu \\ F_{U_1} &= F_{U_0} = F_U\end{aligned}$$

can be generated by

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{11} &= \alpha_{01} = \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_{12} &= \alpha_{02} = \alpha_2 \\ F_{\varepsilon_1} &= F_{\varepsilon_0} = F_{\varepsilon}\end{aligned}$$

Assume initially that

$$I_E = \{f_1, f_2\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\Delta}_1(I_E) &= \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1, D = 1|f_1, f_2)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 0|f_1, f_2)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1|f_1, f_2)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1|f_1, f_2)} = \Delta_1(I_E).\end{aligned}$$

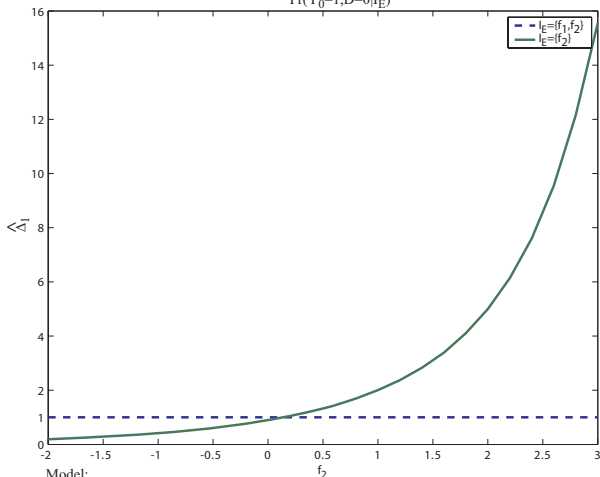
In general:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_1(I_E) &= \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1, D = 1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 1|I_E)} \\ &\neq \frac{\Pr(Y_1 = 1, D = 1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0 = 1, D = 0|I_E)} = \widehat{\Delta}_1(I_E)\end{aligned}$$

Figure 10.--Estimated Effect of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_1 = \frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_1 = 1(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

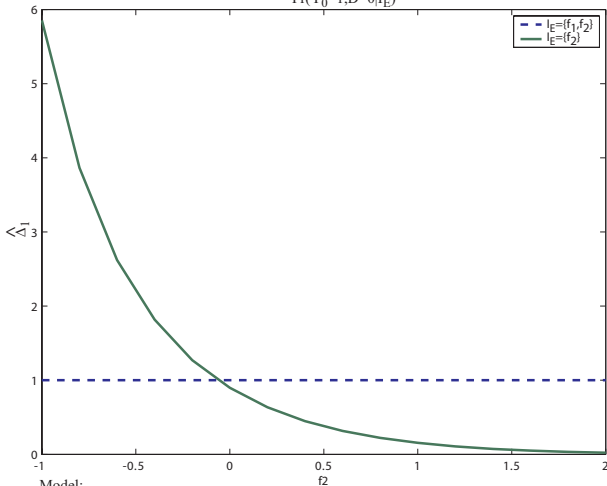
$$Y_0 = 1(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0,1)$$

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Figure 11.--Estimated Effect of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=-1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_1 = \frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 - f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0, 1)$$

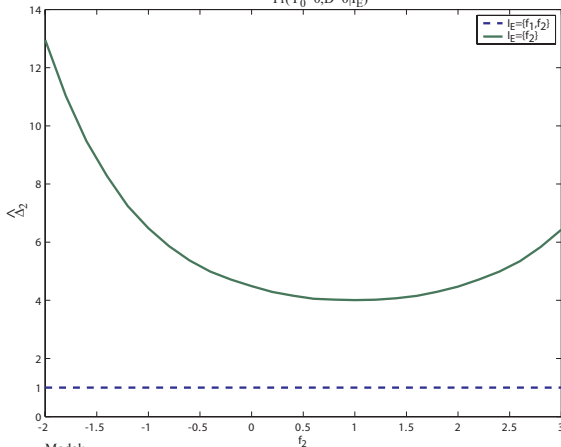
$$Y_1 = 1(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y_0 = 1(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad \varepsilon_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

Figure 12.--Estimated Effect of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_2 = \frac{\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_1=0, D=1|I_E)}}{\frac{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=0, D=0|I_E)}}$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_1 = 1(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

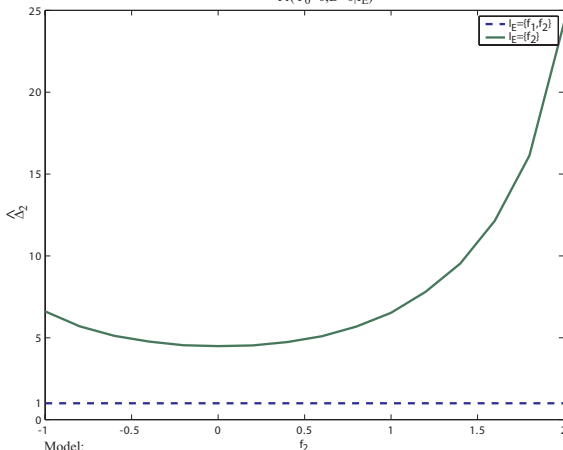
$$Y_0 = 1(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0,1)$$

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Figure 13.--Estimated Effect of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=-1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_2 = \frac{\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_1=0, D=1|I_E)}}{\frac{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=0, D=0|I_E)}}$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 - f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_1 = I(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

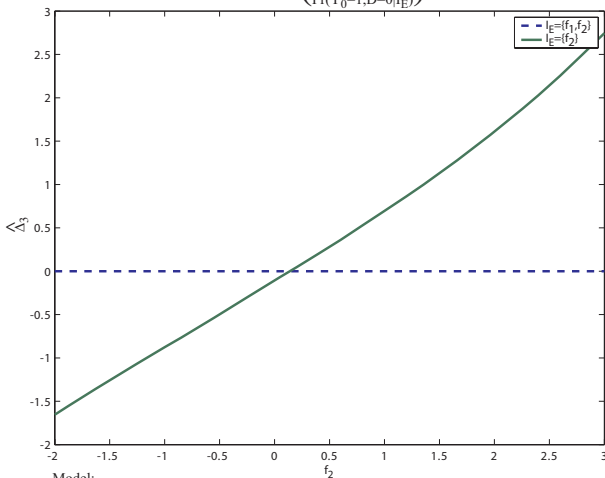
$$Y_0 = I(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0,1)$$

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Figure 14.--Estimated Effects of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_3 = \text{Log} \left(\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1 | I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0 | I_E)} \right)$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0, 1)$$

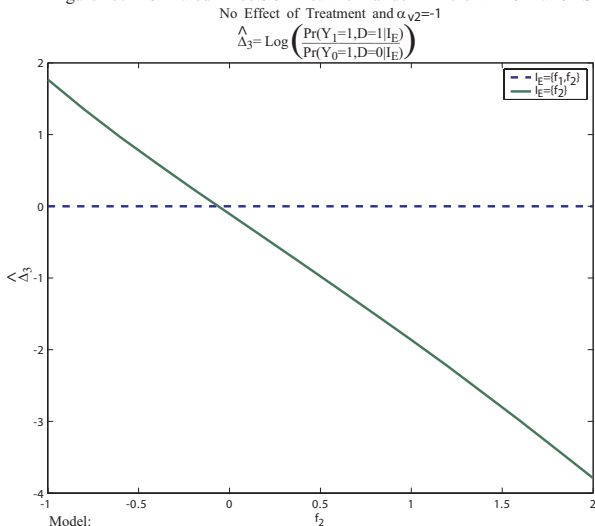
$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y_1 = 1(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y_0 = 1(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

Figure 15.--Estimated Effects of Treatment under Different Information Sets



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 - f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y_1 = I(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$Y_0 = I(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0, 1)$$

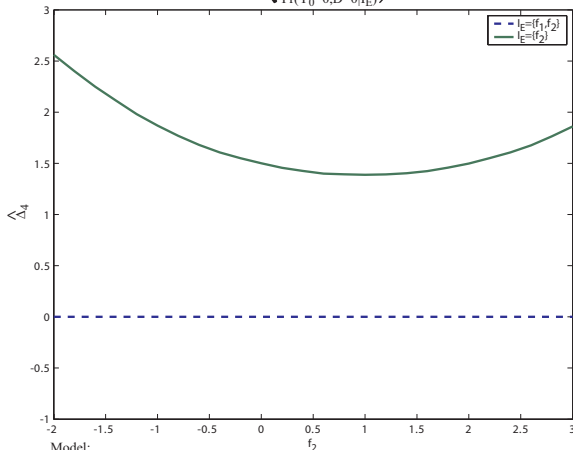
$$D = I(V > 0)$$

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Figure 16.--Estimated Effect of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_4 = \text{Log} \left(\frac{\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_1=0, D=1|I_E)}}{\frac{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=0, D=0|I_E)}} \right)$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0,1)$$

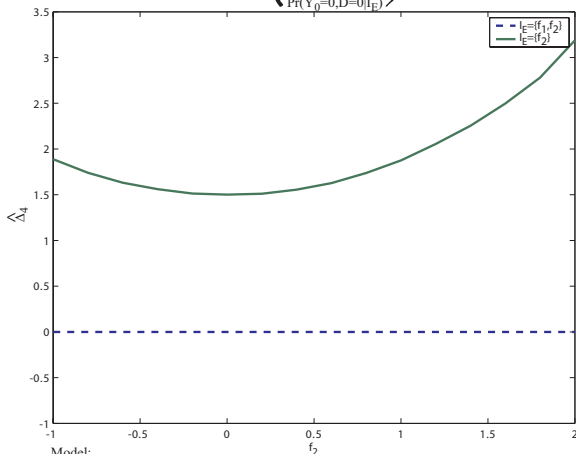
$$Y_1 = 1(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_0 = 1(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0,1)$$

Figure 17.--Estimated Effects of Treatment under Different Information Sets

No Effect of Treatment and $\alpha_{v2}=-1$

$$\hat{\Delta}_4 = \text{Log} \left(\frac{\frac{\Pr(Y_1=1, D=1|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_1=0, D=1|I_E)}}{\frac{\Pr(Y_0=1, D=0|I_E)}{\Pr(Y_0=0, D=0|I_E)}} \right)$$



Model:

$$V = -1 + f_1 - f_2 + \varepsilon_v \quad \varepsilon_v \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_1 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_1 \quad \varepsilon_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y^*_0 = -1 + f_1 + f_2 + \varepsilon_0 \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_1 = I(Y^*_1 > 0) \quad f_1 \sim N(0,1)$$

$$Y_0 = I(Y^*_0 > 0) \quad f_2 \sim N(0,1)$$

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Consider a general model of the form:

$$Y_1 = \mu_1 + U_1$$

$$Y_0 = \mu_0 + U_0$$

$$V = \mu_V(Z) + U_V$$

$$D = 1 \text{ if } V \geq 0, = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$Y = DY_1 + (1 - D)Y_0.$$

where

$$(U_1, U_0, U_V)' \sim N(0, \Sigma)$$

$$\text{var}(U_i) = \sigma_i^2$$

$$\text{cov}(U_i, U_j) = \sigma_{ij}$$

$$i = 0; j = 1$$

$$\text{cov}(U_1, V) = \sigma_{1V}$$

$$\text{cov}(U_0, V) = \sigma_{0V}$$

Let $\phi(\cdot)$ and $\Phi(\cdot)$ be the pdf and the cdf of a standard normal random variable. Then, the propensity score for this model is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(V > 0 | \mu_V(Z)) &= P(\mu_V(Z)) = \Pr(U_V > -\mu_V(Z)) = p \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-\mu_V(Z)}{\sigma_V}\right) = p\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{-\mu_V(Z)}{\sigma_V} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p).$$

Since the event $\left(V \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} 0, P(\mu_V(Z)) = p \right)$ can be written as

$$\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} -\frac{\mu_V(Z)}{\sigma_V}$$

$$\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

we can write the conditional expectations required to get the biases as a function of p .

For U_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(U_1 | V > 0, P(\mu_V(Z)) = p) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{1V}}{\sigma_V} E\left(\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \mid \frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} > \frac{-\mu_V(Z)}{\sigma_V}, P(\mu_V(Z)) = p\right) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{1V}}{\sigma_V} E\left(\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \mid \frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} > \Phi^{-1}(1-p)\right) \\
 &= \beta_1 M_1(p)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(U_1 | V = 0, P(\mu_V(Z)) = p) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{1V}}{\sigma_V} E\left(\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \mid \frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} = \frac{-\mu_V(Z)}{\sigma_V}, P(\mu_V(Z)) = p\right) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{1V}}{\sigma_V} E\left(\frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} \mid \frac{U_V}{\sigma_V} = \Phi^{-1}(1-p), P(\mu_V(Z)) = p\right) \\
 &= \beta_1 \Phi^{-1}(1-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1V}}{\sigma_V}$$

Similarly for U_0 :

$$E(U_0 | V > 0, P(\mu_V) = p) = \beta_0 M_1(p)$$

$$E(U_0 | V < 0, P(\mu_V) = p) = \beta_0 M_0(p)$$

$$E(U_0 | V = 0, P(\mu_V) = p) = \beta_0 \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

Where

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sigma_{0V}}{\sigma_V}.$$

and

$$M_1(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{p}$$

$$M_0(p) = -\frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1-p))}{(1-p)}$$

are inverse Mills ratio terms.

Substituting these into the expressions for the biases

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias } TT(p) &= \beta_0 M_1(p) - \beta_0 M_0(p) \\ &= \beta_0 M(p)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias } ATE(p) &= \beta_1 M_1(p) - \beta_0 M_0(p) \\ &= M(p) (\beta_1 (1 - p) + \beta_0 p)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias } MTE &= \beta_1 M_1(p) - \beta_0 M_0(p) \\ &\quad - \beta_1 \Phi^{-1}(1 - p) + \beta_0 \Phi^{-1}(1 - p) \\ &= M(p) (\beta_1 (1 - p) + \beta_0 p) \\ &\quad - \Phi^{-1}(1 - p) [\beta_1 - \beta_0].\end{aligned}$$

where

$$M(p) = M_1(p) - M_0(p) = \frac{\phi(\Phi^{-1}(1 - p))}{p(1 - p)}$$