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Albert Einstein

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1 Introduction

Remember to cite every person ([NEWHEY; POWELL, 2003](#)).

2 Application in Econometrics: Instrumental Variable Regression

In this chapter, we turn our attention back to the main application being considered in this thesis: instrumental variable regression. We start by formally characterizing the type of problem this econometric approach was developed to solve, and then present one of the most well-known and employed estimation procedures for conducting it: two- stages least squares (2SLS). Next, we show how an IV regression problem can be formulated as a linear inverse problem and discuss the seminal nonparametric method of Newey and Powell ([NEWHEY; POWELL, 2003](#)), followed by a more recent nonparametric approach called Kernel Instrumental Variable (KIV) ([SINGH; SAHANI; GRETTON, 2019](#)). We finish with an in-depth analysis of our method, pointing out its relationship to other methods, as well as its strengths and weaknesses.

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2.1 The Method of Instrumental Variables

3 Conclusion

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