

# Appendix: Simulation

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## 1 Extrapolation Model

- Extrapolation 1 based on GPA: want to have  $Y_{GPA}$  for all scores<sup>1</sup>.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_{GPA,b} &= \underbrace{\alpha_1 + \beta_1 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma \times b}_{\hat{Y}_{GPA,b}} + \epsilon_1 \\
 &= 10.01 + 0.09 \times GPA(\%) + 0.2 \times b + \epsilon_1 \\
 &\text{where } \epsilon_1 \sim N(0, 1.002)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

use the estimated relationship (**estimated for  $GPA > \text{cutoff}$** ) to extrapolate  $Y_{GPA}$  for  $GPA < \text{cutoff}$ .

- Extrapolation 2 based on Quota 2 Score: want to have  $Y_{s,GPA,Q2}$  for all scores. Assuming that  $s$  is continuous even below the cutoff, we can again assume a linear relationship in quota 2 score and GPA so that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0} &= \underbrace{\alpha_2 + \beta_2 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma_2 \times s(\%) + \gamma_3 \times b}_{\hat{Y}_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0}} + \epsilon_2 \\
 &= 9.12 - 0.04 \times GPA(\%) + 2.33 \times s(\%) + 0.3 \times b + \epsilon_2 \\
 &\text{where } \epsilon_2 \sim N(0, 0.703)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

use the estimated relationship (**estimated for  $s > \text{cutoff}$** ) to extrapolate  $Y_{s,GPA,Q2}$  for  $s < \text{cutoff}$ .

- **Test if  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  are normally distributed:** Figure 1 show distributions and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests of residuals  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$ :

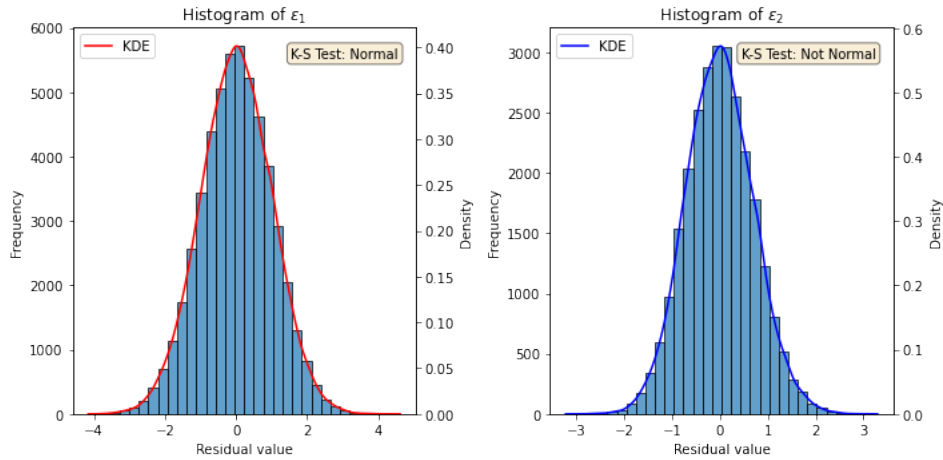


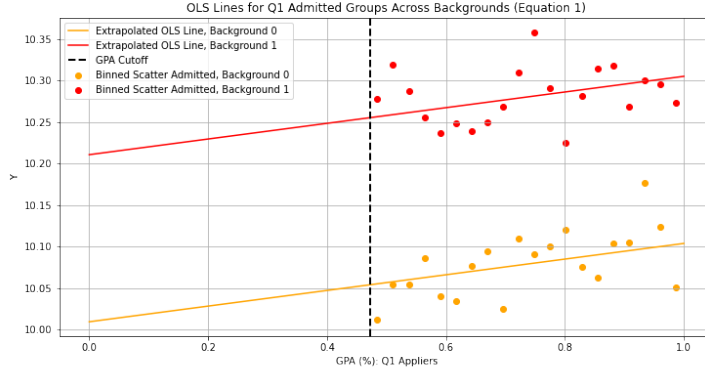
Figure 1: Distribution of  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  from Equations (1) and (2)

Note:  $\epsilon_1$  comes from the OLS fitting as Equations (1):  $Y_{GPA,b} = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma \times b + \epsilon_1$ .  $\epsilon_2$  comes from the OLS fitting as Equations (2):  $Y_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0} = \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma_2 \times s(\%) + \gamma_3 \times b + \epsilon_2$ .

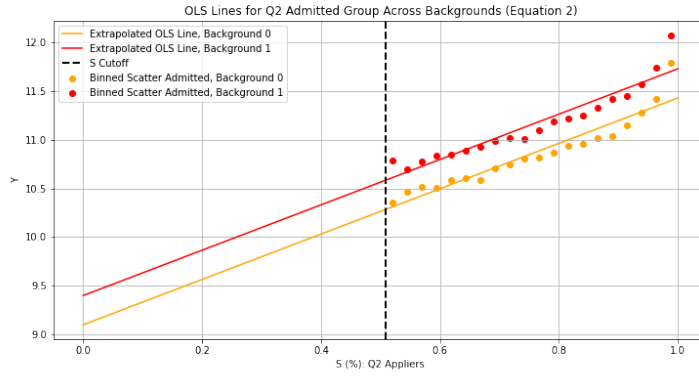
<sup>1</sup>Since in the empirical data we observe that the higher the GPA, the larger the earning potential.

## 1.1 Extrapolation Plots

Note that in Figure 2a and 2b, with real data, we would not be able to fit the below-admission cutoff lines as we cannot observe the outcome of the not-admitted students.



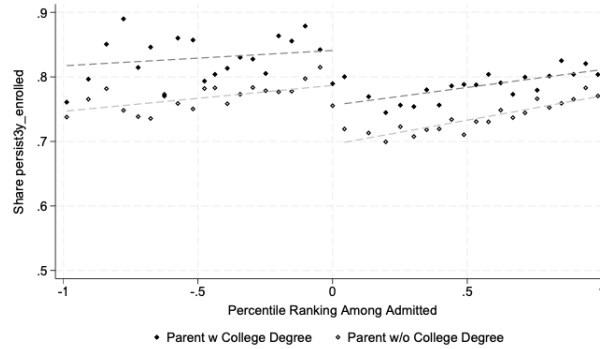
(a) OLS Regression Lines of Equation (1)



(b) OLS Regression Lines of Equation (2) using  $Q2 > 0$  Sub-sample

Figure 2: Extrapolation Plots for Each Background from Equation (1) and (2)

Note: For both figures, we first fit the OLS line using the observed above-cutoff sample that is admitted by Q1 or Q2. Next, we extrapolate the fitted line to the below-cutoff sample that is not observed in real data.



(b) Persistence, Year 3

Figure 3: Pooled Fitted lines (Figure A9b) for Each Background in Real Data

Note: This figure differs the above two in the following sense: (1) GPA (%) and Score (%) are calculated using the **admitted** sample, instead of the **applied** sample. (2) The below-zero part plots the observed relationship for those who were admitted to Q2, and the above-zero part plots the observed relationship for those who were admitted to Q1.

## 2 Simulation Model<sup>2</sup>

Whole Sample:  $N = 100000$  (Applied.Q1)

Parameters:  $b$ , GPA, and  $\epsilon$

Edu Background:  $b \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p = 0.5)$

$GPA \sim \mathcal{N}(8.8, \text{sd} = 1)$  if  $b = 0$ , censor at 6 and 13

$GPA \sim \mathcal{N}(9.2, \text{sd} = 1)$  if  $b = 1$ , censor at 6 and 13

$$\epsilon_Y, \epsilon_{Q2}, \epsilon_S \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma) \text{ where } \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.6 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_Y = 10, \alpha_Y^1 = 0.1, \alpha_Y^2 = 0.0, \alpha_Y^3 = 0.2$$

$$\beta_{Q2} = 0, \beta_{Q2}^1 = 0.2, \beta_{Q2}^2 = -0.05, \beta_{Q2}^3 = 0.1$$

$$\gamma_S = 0, \gamma_S^1 = 0.15, \gamma_S^2 = 0.0, \gamma_S^3 = -0.2$$

Simulate:  $Y, Q2$ , and  $S$

$$Y = \alpha_Y + \alpha_Y^1 \times GPA(\%) + \alpha_Y^2 \times GPA(\%)^2 + \alpha_Y^3 \times b + \epsilon_Y$$

$$Q2 = \beta_{Q2} + \beta_{Q2}^1 \times GPA(\%) + \beta_{Q2}^2 \times GPA(\%)^2 + \beta_{Q2}^3 \times b + \epsilon_{Q2}$$

$$S = \gamma_S + \gamma_S^1 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma_S^2 \times GPA(\%)^2 + \gamma_S^3 \times b + \epsilon_S$$

GPA Cutoff:  $GPA\_cutoff = 8.93$

Admission:

$$\text{Admitted.Q1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } GPA \geq GPA\_cutoff \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Applied.Q2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Q2 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Admitted.Q2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S > 0 \text{ and } \text{Applied.Q2} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Objects of Interest:**

For each background  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ :

$$P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = \frac{P(Y \mid Q2 > 0, GPA(\%), B = b) \times P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), B = b)}{P(Y \mid GPA(\%), B = b)}$$

$$P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) = \frac{P(Y \mid S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)}{P(Y \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)}$$

$$P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$$

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<sup>2</sup>See Appendix for the descriptive statistics.

### 3 $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$

The first Bayes Rule:

$$P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = \frac{P(Y \mid Q2 > 0, GPA(\%), B = b) \times P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), B = b)}{P(Y \mid GPA(\%), B = b)} \quad (3)$$

Since in real data we only observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted, in the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sub-sample, use local approximation instead of Bayes Rule (3) for each object of interest if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq \bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B}$ , where  $N_{GPA,Y,B}$  is the size of each  $(GPA(\%), Y)$  cell for a specific background  $B$ .

1. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} > \infty$ , i.e., all from extrapolation using Bayes Rule (3)
2. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 0$ , i.e., local approximation without using Bayes Rule (3), but for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample, since in real data we only observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted.
3. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 10$ , i.e., local approximation for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq 10$ ; Bayes Rule (3) from extrapolation if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} < 10$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$ .
4. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 50$ , i.e., local approximation for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq 50$ ; Bayes Rule (3) from extrapolation if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} < 50$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$ .

#### 3.1 $P(Y \mid Q2 > 0, GPA(\%), B = b)$

- **From Extrapolation: Equation (2) and S Integration. (Figure 5)**

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} & P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b] \\ &= \sum_s P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}}, B = b] \\ & \quad * P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where

- $P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}}, B = b]$ : for each  $GPA(\%)$  and  $S(\%)$  grid, assume

$$Y_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0} \sim N(\hat{Y}_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0}, std(\epsilon_2)) \quad (5)$$

then

$$P(Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}}) = \Phi\left(\frac{\bar{Y}_{\text{bin}} - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{Y_{\text{bin}} - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right) \quad (6)$$

- \*  $\mu_2$ : local predicted mean ( $\hat{Y}_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0}$ ) from Equation (2) in this  $GPA(\%)$  and  $S(\%)$  grid
- \*  $\sigma_2$ : global standard deviation of  $\epsilon_2$  estimated from Equation (2) using the observed sample above the Score cutoff.
- $P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b]$ : probability mass function (PMF) from local approximation, shown in Figure 4.

$$\begin{aligned} & P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b] \\ &= \frac{\text{Number of students with } s(\%) \text{ in } S(\%)_{\text{bin}} \text{ within the } GPA(\%) \text{ bin and Background group who have } Q2 > 0}{\text{Total Number of students in the } GPA(\%) \text{ bin and Background group who have } Q2 > 0} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

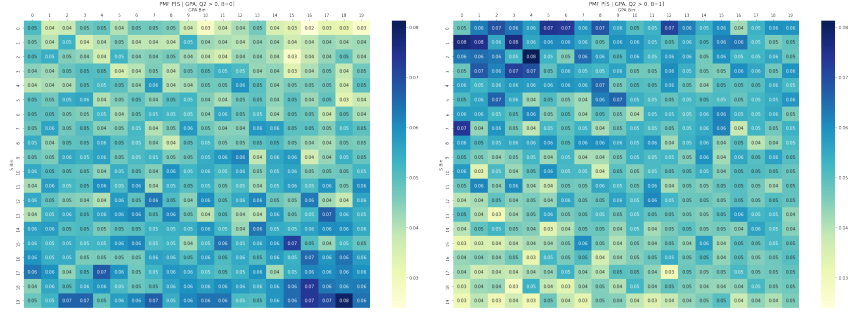


Figure 4: PMF  $P[S(\%)|GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B]$  from Local Approximation

Note: This figure shows the probability of a student's score  $s(\%)$  falling within a certain score bin, given that their GPA is within a specified GPA bin, they have applied to Q2 (indicated by  $Q2 > 0$ ), and belong to a specific background group  $B = b$ . The probability is calculated using  $P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b] = \frac{\text{Number of students with } s(\%) \text{ in } S(\%)_{\text{bin}} \text{ within the GPA}(\%) \text{ bin and Background group who have } Q2 > 0}{\text{Total Number of students in the GPA}(\%) \text{ bin and Background group who have } Q2 > 0}$ .

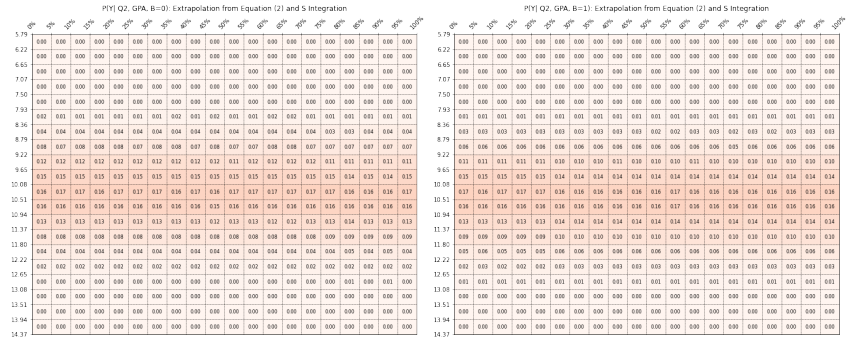


Figure 5:  $P(Y|Q2 > 0, GPA, B)$  from Extrapolation

Note: This figure shows the probability calculated using the integration over  $S$ :  $P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b] = \sum_s P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}}, B = b] * P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b]$ , where the first term on the right-hand side inside the summation,  $P[Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}}, B = b]$ , is extrapolated using predicted value of  $Y$  from equation (2), standard deviation of  $\epsilon_2$ , and normal distribution.  $P[s(\%) \in S(\%)_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, Q2 > 0, B = b]$  comes from local approximation using PMF (more detail in the footnote of Figure 4).

### 3.2 $P(Y | GPA(\%), B = b)$

- **From Extrapolation: Equation (1).** (Figure 6)

for each GPA(%) bin, assume

$$Y_{GPA,b} \sim N(\hat{Y}_{GPA,b}, std(\epsilon_2)) \quad (8)$$

then

$$P(Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} | GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, B = b) = \Phi\left(\frac{\bar{Y}_{\text{bin}} - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\underline{Y}_{\text{bin}} - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) \quad (9)$$

- $\mu_1$ : local predicted mean ( $\hat{Y}_{GPA,b}$ ) from Equation (1) in this GPA(%) bin
- $\sigma_1$ : global standard deviation of  $\epsilon_1$  estimated from Equation (1) using the observed sample above the GPA cutoff.

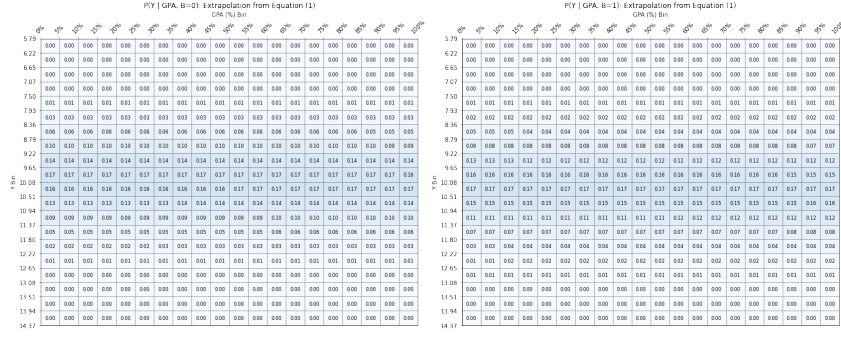


Figure 6:  $P(Y|GPA, B)$  from Extrapolation

Note: This figure shows the probability extrapolated using predicted value of  $Y$  from equation (1), standard deviation of  $\epsilon_1$ , and normal distribution.

### 3.3 $P(Q2 > 0 | GPA(\%), B = b)$

The probability that a student applies to Q2 given their GPA and Background. See Figure 7.

$$P(Q2 > 0 | GPA(\%), B = b) = \frac{\text{Number of students who applied to Q2 in the GPA (\%) bin and Background group}}{\text{Total Number of students in the GPA (\%) bin and Background group}} \quad (10)$$

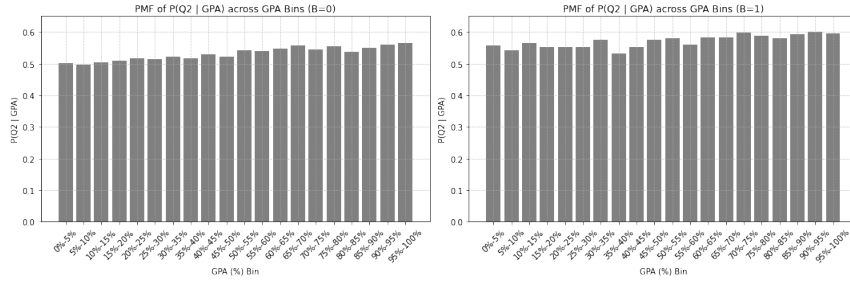
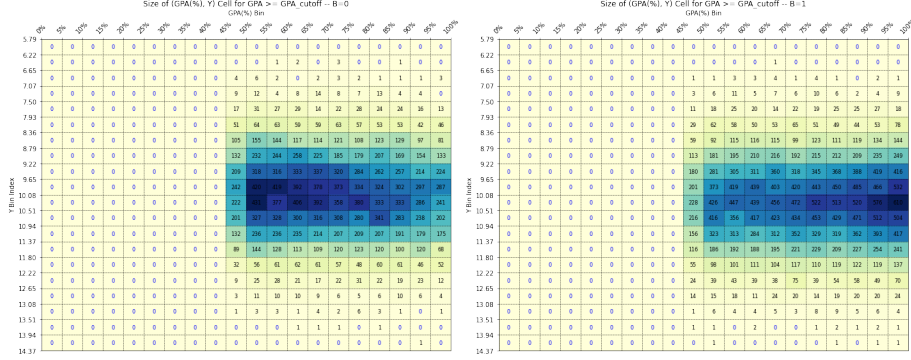


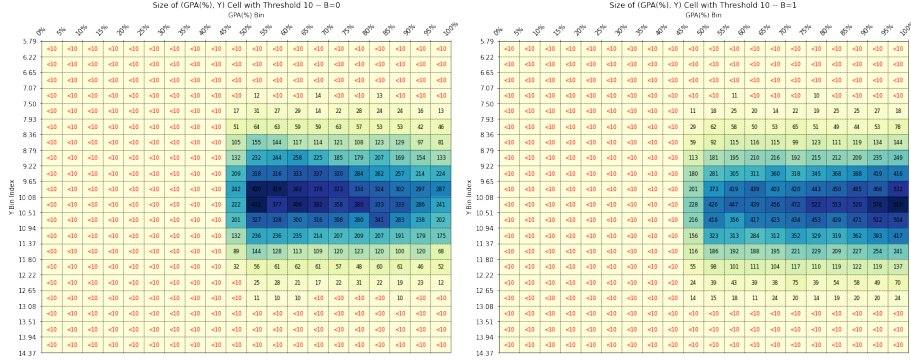
Figure 7: PMF  $P(Q2 > 0 | GPA(\%), B)$  from Local Approximation

Note: The probability is calculated from the local approximation of PMF:  $P(Q2 > 0 | GPA(\%), B = b) = \frac{\text{Number of students who applied to Q2 in the GPA (\%) bin and Background group}}{\text{Total Number of students in the GPA (\%) bin and Background group}}$ .

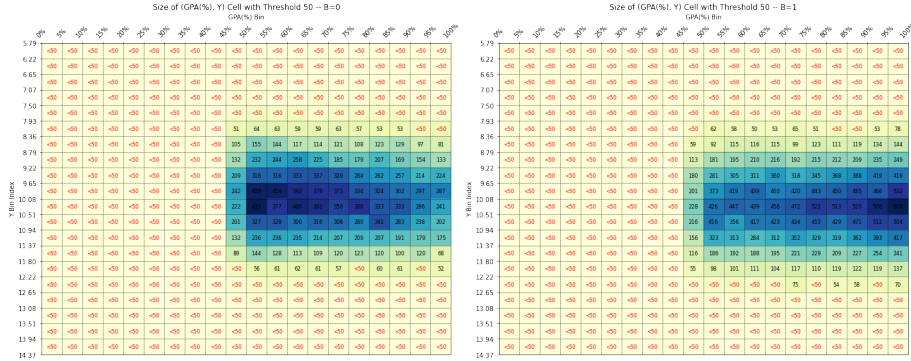
### 3.4 Cell Size for GPA vs. Y



(a)  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$



(b)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 10$  and  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$



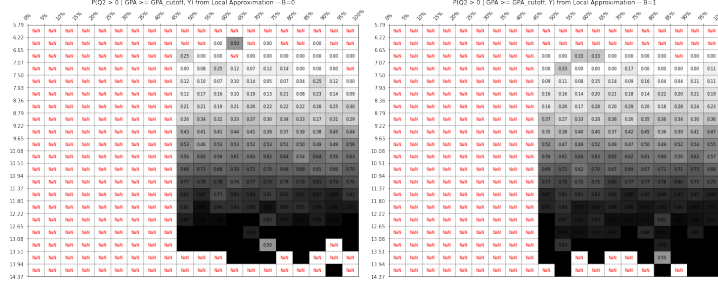
(c)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 50$  and  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$

Figure 8: Size of (GPA(%), Y) Cell

Note: These figures report the number of observations in each GPA(%) and Y cell, where we also indicate whether the cell size is less than 10 or 50.

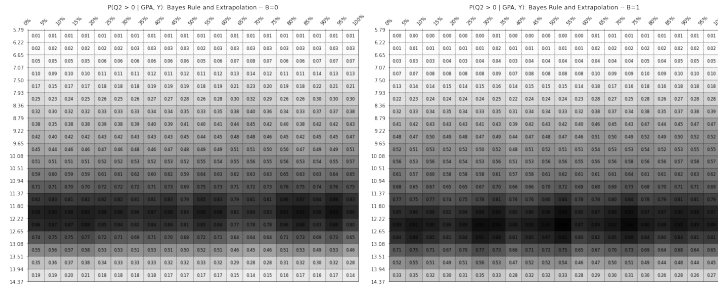


### 3.5 $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$



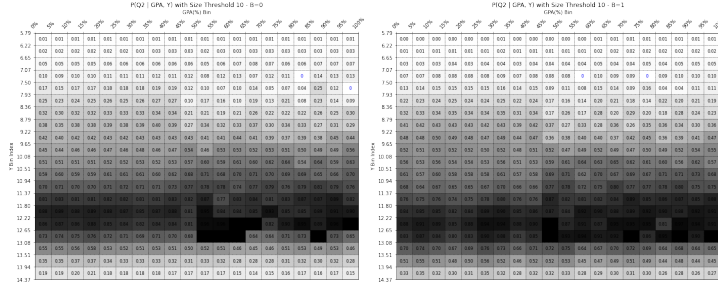
(a) Local Approximation:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 0$  (Figure 8a)

Note: This figure shows the observed  $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  from local approximation in each  $GPA(\%)$  and  $Y$  cell, without using any information from the extrapolation models or Bayes Rules. Note that we can only plot for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample, since in real data we only observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted.



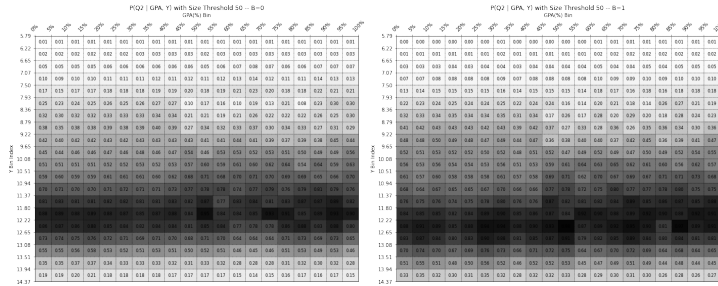
(b) Extrapolation and Bayes Rule (3):  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} > \infty$

Note: The figure shows the extrapolated  $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  that comes from Bayes Rule (3):  $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = \frac{P(Y|Q2>0,GPA(\%),B=b) \times P(Q2>0|GPA(\%),B=b)}{P(Y|GPA(\%),B=b)}$ , where the blue terms  $P(Y|Q2 > 0, GPA(\%), B = b)$  and  $P(Y|GPA(\%), B = b)$  are constructed using extrapolation models as detailed in the footnotes of Figure 5 and Figure 6, and  $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), B = b)$  comes from local approximation of PMF as detailed in the footnotes of Figure 7.



(c)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 10$  (Figure 8b)

Note:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 10$ , i.e., local approximation for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq 10$ ; extrapolation and Bayes Rule (3) if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} < 10$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$ .



(d)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 50$  (Figure 8c)

Note:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 50$ , i.e., use local approximation for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq 50$ ; use extrapolation and Bayes Rule (3) if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} < 50$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$ .

Figure 9:  $P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B)$

Note: Since in real data we can observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted, in the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sub-sample, we use local approximation instead of extrapolation and Bayes Rule (3) for each object of interest if  $N_{GPA,Y,B} \geq \bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B}$ , where  $N_{GPA,Y,B}$  is the size of each  $(GPA(\%), Y)$  cell for a specific background  $B$ .



#### 4 $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b)$

The second Bayes Rule:

$$P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) = \frac{P(Y \mid S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)}{P(Y \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)} \quad (11)$$

So now, in the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample, we change to use local approximation for each object of interest if  $N_{GPA,Y,Q2>0} \geq \bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0}$ , where  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0}$  is the size of each  $(GPA(\%), Y)$  cell for a specific background  $B$ .

1. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} > \infty$ , i.e., all from extrapolation using Bayes Rule (11)
2. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 0$ , i.e., local approximation without using Bayes Rule (11), but for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample, since in real data we only observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted
3. Feasible:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 100$ , i.e., local approximation for the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} \geq 100$ , Bayes Rule (11) from extrapolation if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} < 100$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$

#### 4.1 Feasible PMF from Local Approximation (Figure 12a)

The empirical PMF approach counts the number of occurrences where  $S > 0$  and divides it by the total number of occurrences in each  $(GPA, Y)$  cell for the  $Q2 > 0$  and  $B = b$  sub-sample. See Figure 12a.

#### 4.2 Feasible from Extrapolation by Bayes Rule (Figure 12b)

Remember Bayes Rule (11):

$$P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) = \frac{P(Y \mid S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)}{P(Y \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)}$$

1.  $P(Y \mid S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from Extrapolation: Figure 10a that comes from Equation (2) using the  $S > 0$  and  $Q2 > 0$  sample:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0} &= \underbrace{\alpha_2 + \beta_2 \times GPA(\%) + \gamma_2 \times s(\%) + \gamma_3 \times b + \epsilon_2}_{\hat{Y}_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0}} \\ &= 9.12 - 0.04 \times GPA(\%) + 2.33 \times s(\%) + 0.3 \times b + \epsilon_2 \\ &\text{where } \epsilon_2 \sim N(0, 0.703) \end{aligned}$$

In the  $S > 0$  and  $Q2 > 0$  subsample, for each GPA (%) bin, we assume

$$Y_{GPA,S>0,b,Q2>0} \sim N\left(\hat{Y}_{GPA,S>0,b,Q2>0}, \text{std}(\epsilon_2)\right) \quad (12)$$

then

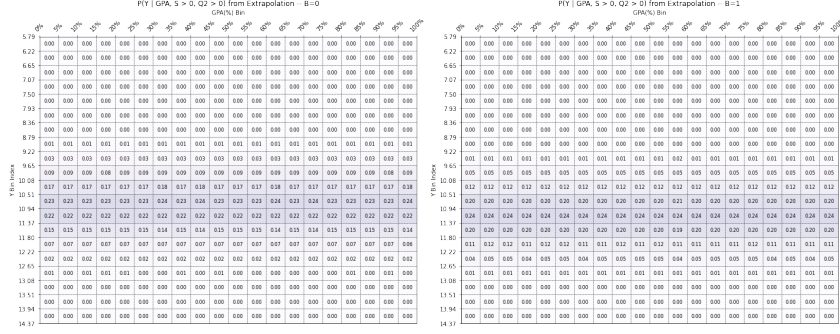
$$P(Y \in Y_{\text{bin}} \mid GPA(\%) \in GPA(\%)_{\text{bin}}, S > 0, Q2 > 0) = \Phi\left(\frac{\bar{Y}_{\text{bin}} - \mu'_2}{\sigma_2}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{Y_{\text{bin}} - \mu'_2}{\sigma_2}\right) \quad (13)$$

where

- $\mu'_2$ : averaged local predicted mean:  $\hat{Y}_{GPA,S>0,b,Q2>0}$ , which is the average of  $\hat{Y}_{GPA,s,b,Q2>0}$  from Equation (2) for each  $GPA(\%)$  bin.
  - $\sigma_2$ : global standard deviation of  $\epsilon_2$  estimated from Equation (2) using the observed sample above the Score cutoff.
2.  $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from LPM: linear probability model (LPM) applied to the  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample for each background  $B = b$ . See Figure 10b.

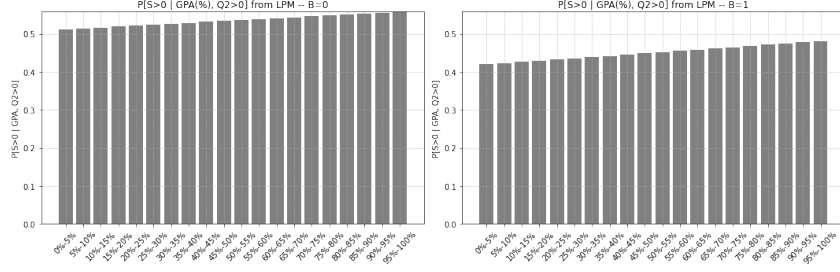
$$1(S > 0, B = 0) = \underbrace{\alpha_{3,B=0} + \beta_{3,B=0} \times GPA(\%)}_{P(S>0|GPA,Q2>0,B=0) \text{ from LPM}} + \epsilon_{3,B=0} = 0.51 + 0.05 \times GPA(\%) + \epsilon_{3,B=0} \quad (14)$$

$$1(S > 0, B = 1) = \underbrace{\alpha_{3,B=1} + \beta_{3,B=1} \times GPA(\%)}_{P(S>0|GPA,Q2>0,B=1) \text{ from LPM}} + \epsilon_{3,B=1} = 0.42 + 0.06 \times GPA(\%) + \epsilon_{3,B=1} \quad (15)$$



(a)  $P(Y | S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from Extrapolation

Note: This figure shows the probability extrapolated using predicted value of  $Y$  from equation (2) that is averaged for the  $S > 0$  sample, standard deviation of  $\epsilon_2$ , and normal distribution.



(b)  $P(S > 0 | GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from LPM

Note: This figure shows the probability from linear probability model (LPM) applied to the  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample for each background  $B = b$ :  $1(S > 0, B = b) = \alpha_{3,B=b} + \beta_{3,B=b} \times GPA(\%) + \epsilon_{3,B=b}$ , where  $P(S > 0 | GPA, Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from LPM is  $\alpha_{3,B=b} + \beta_{3,B=b} \times GPA(\%)$ .

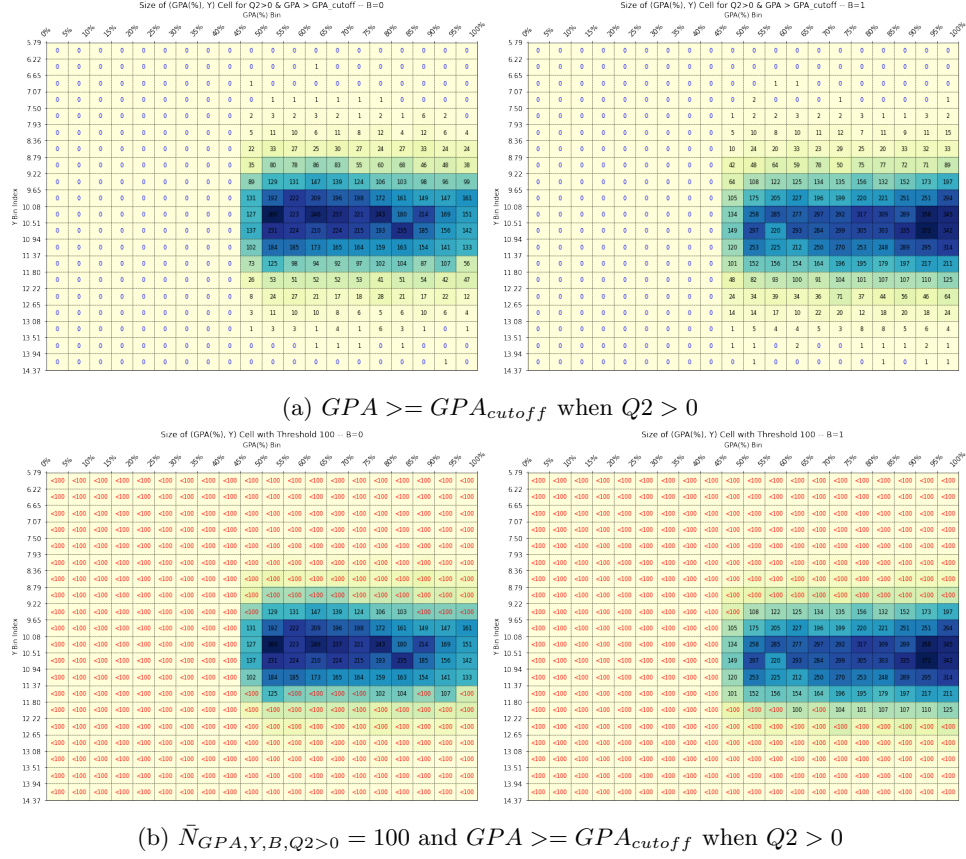
Figure 10:  $P(Y | S > 0, GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  and  $P(S > 0 | GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from Extrapolation and LPM

3.  $P(Y | GPA(\%), Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from extrapolation: same as Figure 5.
4.  $P(S > 0 | GPA, Y, Q2 > 0)$  from Bayes Rule (11) where the RHS items all come from either extrapolations or LPM. See Figure 12b.

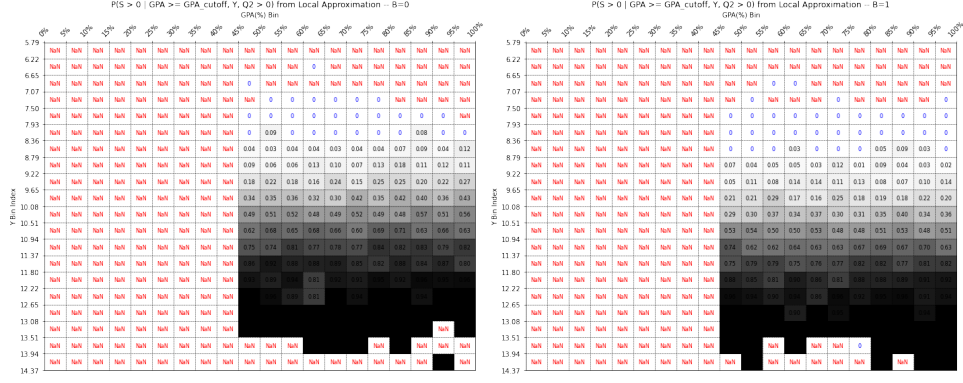
### 4.3 Feasible and Size Threshold 100 (Figure 12c)

Use local approximation for the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} \geq 100$ ; use the Bayes Rule (11) from extrapolation if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} < 100$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$ . See Figure 12c.

## 4.4 Cell Size for GPA vs. Y when $Q2 > 0$

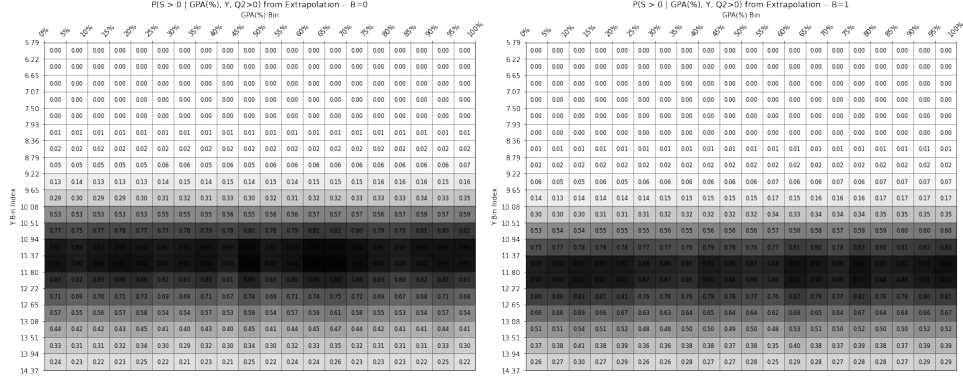


## 4.5 $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b)$



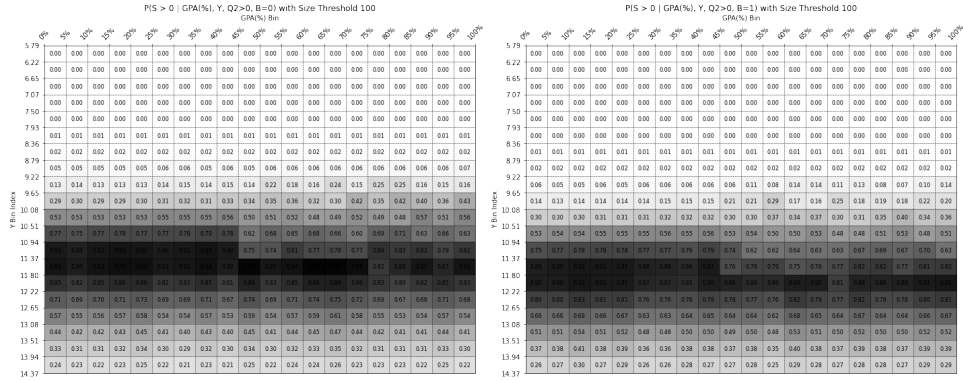
(a) Local Approximation:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 0$  (Figure 11a)

Note: This figure shows the observed  $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b)$  from local approximation in each  $GPA(\%)$  and  $Y$  cell, without using any information from the extrapolation models or Bayes Rules. Note that we can only plot for the  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  sample, since in real data we only observe  $Y$  for those who were admitted.



(b) Extrapolation and Bayes Rule (11):  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} > \infty$

Note: The figure shows the extrapolated  $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b)$  using Bayes Rule (11):  $P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) = \frac{P(Y|S>0, GPA(\%), Q2>0, B=b) \times P(S>0|GPA(\%), Q2>0, B=b)}{P(Y|GPA(\%), Q2>0, B=b)}$ , where all the blue terms are constructed using extrapolation or LPM models as detailed in the footnotes of Figure 10a, Figure 10b, and Figure 5.



(c)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 100$  (Figure 11b)

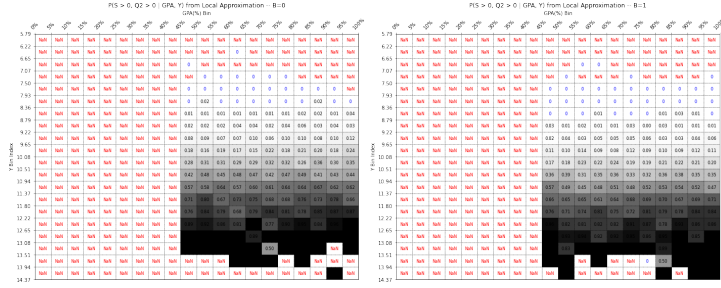
Note:  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 100$ , i.e., use local approximation for the feasible  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  in the  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} \geq 100$ ; use extrapolation and Bayes Rule (11) if  $N_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} < 100$  or  $GPA < GPA_{cutoff}$  in the  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample.

Figure 12:  $P(S > 0 | GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B)$

Note: For the observed  $GPA \geq GPA_{cutoff}$  &  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample, we use local approximation if  $N_{GPA,Y,Q2>0} \geq \bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0}$ , where  $N_{GPA,Y,Q2>0}$  is the size of each  $(GPA(\%), Y)$  cell for a specific background  $B$  in the  $Q2 > 0$  sub-sample.

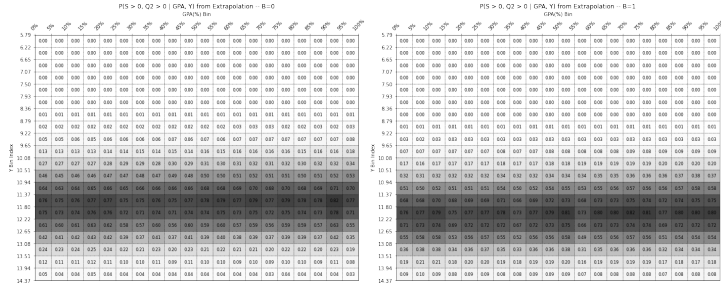
## 5 $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$

$$P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) \quad (16)$$



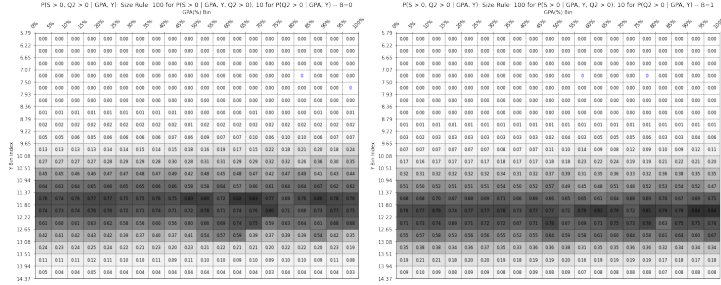
(a) Local Approximations: (Figure 9a\*Figure 12a)

Note: This figure shows the observed  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  calculated from the multiplication of values in Figure 9a and Figure 12a, which both come from local approximations in each  $GPA(\%)$  and  $Y$  cell.

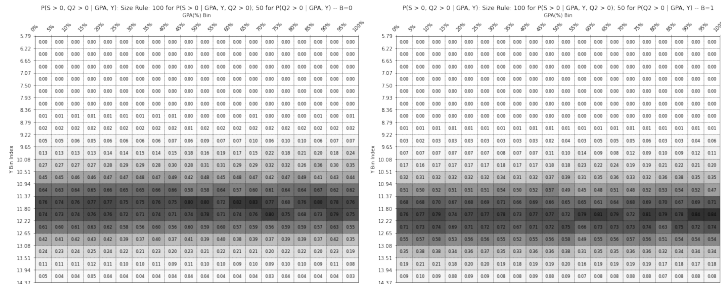


(b) Extrapolations and Bayes Rules: (Figure 9b\*Figure 12b)

Note: This figure shows the extrapolated  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  calculated from the multiplication of values in Figure 9b and Figure 12b, which both come from extrapolations and Bayes Rules in each  $GPA(\%)$  and  $Y$  cell.



(c)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 10$  &  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 100$ : (Figure 9c\*Figure12c)  
Note: This figure shows  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  calculated from the multiplication of values in Figure 9c and Figure 12c.



(d)  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B} = 50$  &  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0} = 100$ : (Figure 9d\*Figure12c)  
Note: This figure shows  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  calculated from the multiplication of values in Figure 9d and Figure 12c.

Figure 13:  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B)$

Note: Based on  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b) = P(S > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, Q2 > 0, B = b) \times P(Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$ , these figures show the different local approximated or extrapolated  $P(S > 0, Q2 > 0 \mid GPA(\%), Y, B = b)$  using different values of  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B}$  and  $\bar{N}_{GPA,Y,B,Q2>0}$ .



## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Descriptive Statistics of Random Seed 0 Sample

Table 1. Summary Statistics of Different Groups

Groups	Variables	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
<i>Population (Applied to Q1)</i>	Background	100000	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA	100000	9.01	1.01	6	8.32	9.01	9.69	13
	Applied_Q1	100000	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	100000	0.53	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	100000	0.5	0.29	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
	Y	100000	10.15	1.01	5.79	9.48	10.16	10.84	14.37
	Q2	100000	0.13	1.01	-4.71	-0.55	0.13	0.81	4.12
	S	100000	-0.02	1	-4.15	-0.7	-0.02	0.65	4.27
	Applied_Q2	100000	0.55	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	100000	0.27	0.44	0	0	0	1	1
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	55121	0.5	0.29	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
<i>GPA &gt;= GPA Cutoff (Admitted to Q1)</i>	Background	52828	0.57	0.49	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA	52828	9.77	0.63	8.93	9.28	9.65	10.14	13
	Applied_Q1	52828	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	52828	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	52828	0.74	0.15	0.47	0.6	0.74	0.87	1
	Y	52828	10.19	1.01	6.26	9.52	10.2	10.87	14.37
	Q2	52828	0.17	1.01	-3.89	-0.51	0.18	0.85	4.11
	S	52828	0	1	-4.01	-0.67	0	0.68	4.2
	Applied_Q2	52828	0.57	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	52828	0.28	0.45	0	0	0	1	1
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	30125	0.51	0.29	0	0.26	0.51	0.76	1
<i>GPA &lt; GPA Cutoff (Not Admitted to Q1)</i>	Background	47172	0.42	0.49	0	0	0	1	1
	GPA	47172	8.15	0.59	6	7.81	8.27	8.62	8.93
	Applied_Q1	47172	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	47172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	47172	0.24	0.14	0	0.12	0.24	0.35	0.47
	Y	47172	10.11	1.01	5.79	9.43	10.11	10.79	14.33
	Q2	47172	0.08	1	-4.71	-0.6	0.08	0.75	4.12
	S	47172	-0.04	1	-4.15	-0.72	-0.04	0.63	4.27
	Applied_Q2	47172	0.53	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	47172	0.26	0.44	0	0	0	1	1
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	24996	0.49	0.29	0	0.24	0.49	0.74	1
<i>Q2 &gt; 0 (Applied to Q2)</i>	Background	55121	0.52	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA	55121	9.05	1.01	6	8.36	9.05	9.73	13
	Applied_Q1	55121	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	55121	0.55	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	55121	0.51	0.29	0	0.26	0.52	0.76	1
	Y	55121	10.52	0.92	6.63	9.9	10.52	11.14	14.37
	Q2	55121	0.85	0.63	0	0.35	0.73	1.22	4.12
	S	55121	-0.02	1	-4.15	-0.7	-0.02	0.66	4.27
	Applied_Q2	55121	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	55121	0.49	0.5	0	0	0	1	1
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	55121	0.5	0.29	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
<i>Q2 &lt;= 0 (Not Applied to Q2)</i>	Background	44879	0.47	0.5	0	0	0	1	1
	GPA	44879	8.96	1.01	6	8.27	8.95	9.64	13
	Applied_Q1	44879	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	44879	0.51	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	44879	0.49	0.29	0	0.23	0.48	0.73	1
	Y	44879	9.7	0.92	5.79	9.09	9.71	10.32	13.56
	Q2	44879	-0.76	0.59	-4.71	-1.09	-0.64	-0.3	0
	S	44879	-0.02	1	-3.93	-0.7	-0.02	0.65	4.2
	Applied_Q2	44879	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Admitted_Q2	44879	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>S &gt; 0 &amp; Q2 &gt; 0 (Admitted to Q2)</i>	Background	27115	0.48	0.5	0	0	0	1	1
	GPA	27115	9.06	1.01	6	8.38	9.06	9.75	13
	Applied_Q1	27115	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	27115	0.55	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	27115	0.52	0.29	0	0.27	0.52	0.77	1
	Y	27115	11	0.79	8.02	10.46	10.99	11.52	14.37
	Q2	27115	0.85	0.63	0	0.35	0.73	1.22	4.12
	S	27115	0.79	0.6	0	0.32	0.67	1.14	4.27
	Applied_Q2	27115	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	27115	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	27115	0.75	0.14	0.51	0.63	0.75	0.88	1
<i>GPA &lt; GPA Cutoff &amp; S &lt;= 0 (Not Admitted to Q1/Q2)</i>	Background	24375	0.46	0.5	0	0	0	1	1
	GPA	24375	8.14	0.59	6	7.81	8.26	8.61	8.93
	Applied_Q1	24375	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q1	24375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GPA(%)_ApplyQ1	24375	0.23	0.14	0	0.12	0.23	0.35	0.47
	Y	24375	9.65	0.89	5.79	9.05	9.66	10.26	12.74
	Q2	24375	0.07	1.01	-4.1	-0.6	0.07	0.75	3.87
	S	24375	-0.82	0.61	-4.15	-1.18	-0.7	-0.33	0
	Applied_Q2	24375	0.53	0.5	0	0	1	1	1
	Admitted_Q2	24375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	S(%)_ApplyQ2	12899	0.25	0.15	0	0.12	0.25	0.38	0.51

## 6.2 Coefficients of Extrapolation Equations

	Equation (1): Q1 Admitted	Equation (2): Q2 Admitted	Equation (3): Background 0	Equation (3): Background 1	Equation (3): Pool Background
background	0.20	0.30			-0.08
background (SE)	(0.01)	(0.01)			(0.00)
const	10.01	9.12	0.51	0.42	0.51
const (SE)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.00)
percentile_GPA_applyQ1	0.09	-0.04	0.05	0.06	0.06
percentile_GPA_applyQ1 (SE)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
percentile_S_applyQ2		2.33			
percentile_S_applyQ2 (SE)		(0.03)			
Standard Deviation	1	0.7			

Figure 15: Coefficients of Equations (1)-(3)