# Project 4: Causal Inference Algorithms Evaluation

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# Setup

First, we set working directories, install required libraries and import the data.

```
setwd("C:/Users/Charlie/Documents/GitHub/Fall2020-Project4-group-4")
packages.used <- c("dplyr", "ggplot2", "WeightedROC", "rpart", "rpart.plot")</pre>
# check packages that need to be installed.
packages.needed <- setdiff(packages.used, intersect(installed.packages()[,1], packages.used))</pre>
# install additional packages
if(length(packages.needed) > 0){
   install.packages(packages.needed, dependencies = TRUE)
}
library(dplyr)
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 3.6.3
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
##
library(ggplot2)
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.6.3
library(WeightedROC)
## Warning: package 'WeightedROC' was built under R version 3.6.3
```

```
library(rpart)
library(rpart.plot)

## Warning: package 'rpart.plot' was built under R version 3.6.3

library(base)

df_high <- read.csv("../data/highDim_dataset.csv")

df_low <- read.csv("../data/lowDim_dataset.csv")</pre>
```

# Introduction

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#### About the Data

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# Background: Trees

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#### **Cross-Validation**

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#### Step 1: Set Controls and Establish Hyperparameters

Description

```
K <- 5  # number of CV folds
sample.reweight <- TRUE # run sample reweighting in model training
# setting the following to false loads data generated from a previous run
# this data is the same in each run due to a set seed
run.cv.trees_high <- FALSE # run cross-validation on the training set for trees on high dim data
run.cv.trees_low <- FALSE # run cross-validation on the training set for trees on low dim data</pre>
```

#### Step 2: Cross-Validate the Hyperparameters

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```
# features are the predictors: V1 - Vp
# column 1 is the response Y
# column 2 is the treatment A

feature_train_high = df_high[, -1:-2]
label_train_high = df_low[, -1:-2]
label_train_low = df_low[, -1:-2]
label_train_low = df_low[, 2]
```

#### High Dimensional Data Description

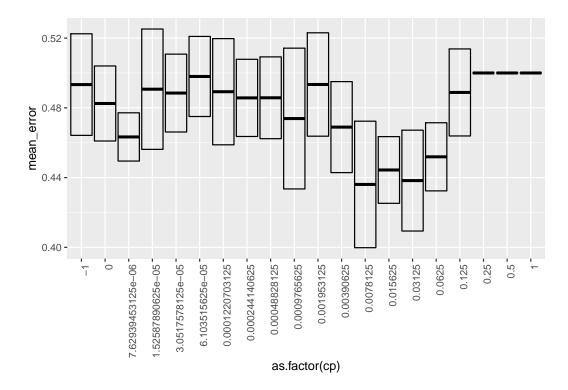
#### Low Dimensional Data Description

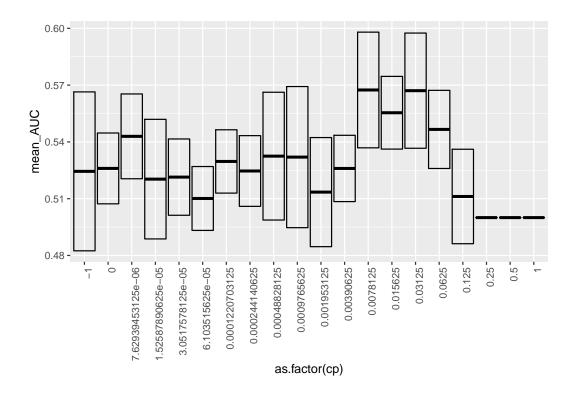
#### Step 3: Visualize CV Error and AUC

#### High Dimensional Data Description

```
# create data frame to organize results
res_cv_trees_high <- as.data.frame(res_cv_trees_high)
colnames(res_cv_trees_high) <- c("mean_error", "sd_error", "mean_AUC", "sd_AUC")
cv_results_trees_high = data.frame(hyper_grid_trees, res_cv_trees_high)
# look at top 5 models with highest AUC
cv_results_trees_high[order(cv_results_trees_high$mean_AUC, decreasing = TRUE), ][1:5, ]</pre>
```

```
## cp mean_error sd_error mean_AUC sd_AUC
## 8 7.812500e-03 0.4360668 0.03628091 0.5674343 0.03056252
## 6 3.125000e-02 0.4382665 0.02892494 0.5670732 0.03043522
## 7 1.562500e-02 0.4443627 0.01912652 0.5554088 0.01920727
## 5 6.250000e-02 0.4519064 0.01953579 0.5466031 0.02064263
## 18 7.629395e-06 0.4633120 0.01383644 0.5429351 0.02240466
```



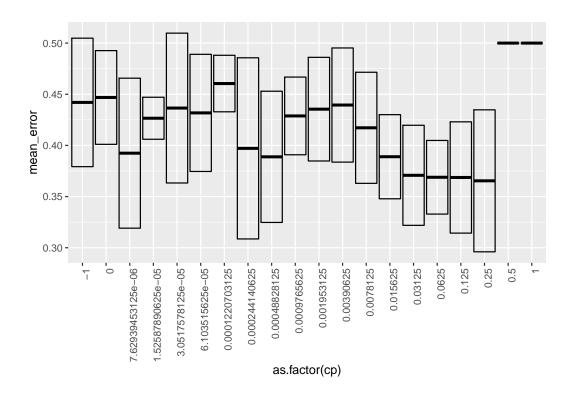


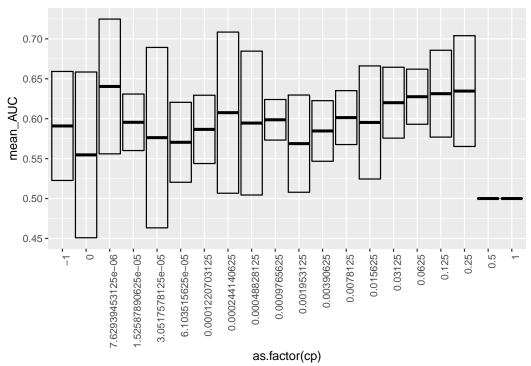
## [1] 0.0078125

#### Low Dimensional Data Description

```
# create data frame to organize results
res_cv_trees_low <- as.data.frame(res_cv_trees_low)
colnames(res_cv_trees_low) <- c("mean_error", "sd_error", "mean_AUC", "sd_AUC")
cv_results_trees_low = data.frame(hyper_grid_trees, res_cv_trees_low)
# look at top 5 models with lowest AUC
cv_results_trees_low[order(cv_results_trees_low$mean_AUC, decreasing = TRUE), ][1:5, ]</pre>
```

```
## cp mean_error sd_error mean_AUC sd_AUC
## 18 7.629395e-06 0.3924126 0.07329778 0.6403787 0.08438962
## 3 2.500000e-01 0.3653965 0.06938198 0.6346035 0.06938198
## 4 1.250000e-01 0.3686625 0.05437925 0.6313375 0.05437925
## 5 6.250000e-02 0.3688654 0.03598451 0.6275346 0.03449488
## 6 3.125000e-02 0.3707763 0.04889355 0.6200507 0.04439815
```





## [1] 7.629395e-06

# **Propensity Score Estimation**

Description

```
# imbalanced dataset requires weights
# to be used in the trained model

weights_high <- rep(NA, length(df_high$A))
for (v in unique(df_high$A)){
   weights_high[df_high$A == v] = 0.5 * length(df_high$A) / length(df_high$A[df_high$A == v])
}

weights_low <- rep(NA, length(df_low$A))
for (v in unique(df_low$A)){
   weights_low[df_low$A == v] = 0.5 * length(df_low$A) / length(df_low$A[df_low$A == v])
}</pre>
```

```
start.time_propensity_score_high <- Sys.time()

# create tree model for high dimensional data with best cp parameter

tree_high <- rpart(A ~ . - Y, method = "class", data = df_high, cp = best_cp_high)

# calculate propensity scores

prop_score_high <- predict(tree_high, newdata = df_high[, -2], type = "prob")[, 2]

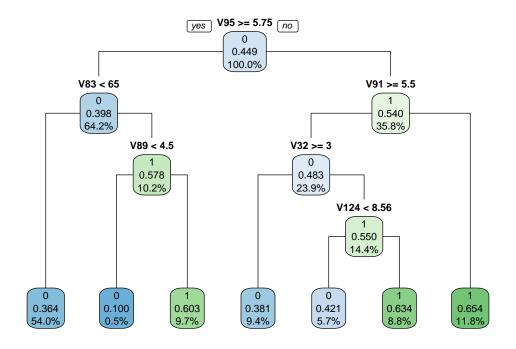
end.time_propensity_score_high <- Sys.time()

time_propensity_score_high <- end.time_propensity_score_high - start.time_propensity_score_high

time_propensity_score_high</pre>
```

#### **High Dimensional Data**

## Time difference of 0.6233349 secs



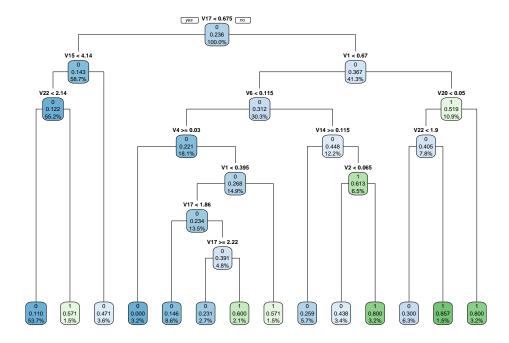
```
start.time_propensity_score_low <- Sys.time()

# create tree model for low dimensional data with best cp parameter
tree_low <- rpart(A ~ . - Y, method = "class", data = df_low, cp = best_cp_low)

# calculate propensity scores
prop_score_low <- predict(tree_low, newdata = df_low[, -2], type = "prob")[, 2]
end.time_propensity_score_low <- Sys.time()
time_propensity_score_low <- end.time_propensity_score_low - start.time_propensity_score_low
time_propensity_score_low</pre>
```

#### Low Dimensional Data

## Time difference of 0.02792501 secs



#### **ATE Estimation**

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#### Stratification

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```
K = 5
quintiles <- seq(0, 1, by = 1/K)</pre>
```

# High Dimensional Data Description

```
start.time_stratification_high <- Sys.time()

df_high <- cbind(df_high, prop_score_high)
  quintile_values_high <- rep(NA, length(quintiles))

for (i in 1:length(quintiles)){
    quintile_values_high[i] <- quantile(prop_score_high, quintiles[i])
}

# values of quintiles for high data
quintile_values_high</pre>
```

## [1] 0.1000000 0.3635523 0.3635523 0.3809524 0.6342857 0.6540084

```
df_high$quintile_class_high <- rep(NA, nrow(df_high))</pre>
# assign quintile class to each observation
for (i in 1:nrow(df_high)){
  if ((quintile_values_high[1] <= df_high$prop_score_high[i]) &</pre>
      (df_high$prop_score_high[i] < quintile_values_high[2])) {</pre>
    df_high$quintile_class_high[i] <- 1</pre>
  } else if ((quintile values high[2] <= df high$prop score high[i]) &</pre>
              (df_high$prop_score_high[i] < quintile_values_high[3])) {</pre>
    df_high$quintile_class_high[i] <- 2</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_high[3] <= df_high$prop_score_high[i]) &</pre>
              (df_high$prop_score_high[i] < quintile_values_high[4])) {</pre>
    df_high$quintile_class_high[i] <- 3</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_high[4] <= df_high$prop_score_high[i]) &</pre>
              (df_high$prop_score_high[i] < quintile_values_high[5])) {</pre>
    df_high$quintile_class_high[i] <- 4</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_high[5] <= df_high$prop_score_high[i]) &</pre>
              (df_high$prop_score_high[i] <= quintile_values_high[6])) {</pre>
    df_high$quintile_class_high[i] <- 5</pre>
  }
}
summary_high = expand.grid(
  A = c(0, 1),
  quintile = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
  n = NA,
  prop = NA,
  avg_y = NA
for (i in 1:nrow(summary_high)) {
  subset <- df_high[(df_high$A == summary_high$A[i]) & (df_high$quintile_class_high == summary_high$qui
  summary_high$n[i] = nrow(subset)
  summary_high$prop[i] = summary_high$n[i]/nrow(df_high)
  summary_high$avg_y[i] = mean(subset$Y)
}
for (i in 1:nrow(summary_high)) {
  if (is.nan(summary_high$avg_y[i]) == TRUE) {
    summary_high$avg_y[i] <- 0</pre>
  }
}
# this table records the mean response in each quintile; needed for stratification
summary_high
##
      A quintile
                        prop
                   n
                                   avg_y
## 1 0
              1
                  9 0.0045 -1.556754
## 2 1
               1 1 0.0005 3.448809
## 3 0
               2 0 0.0000
                               0.000000
## 4 1
              2 0 0.0000
                               0.000000
```

3 688 0.3440 -13.637227

## 5 0

```
## 6 1
               3 393 0.1965 -16.140803
## 7 0
              4 260 0.1300 -10.267325
## 8 1
              4 237 0.1185 -10.349496
               5 146 0.0730 -6.152075
## 9 0
## 10 1
              5 266 0.1330 -8.714239
quntile_prop_high <- summary_high %>% group_by(quintile) %>% summarise(sum = sum(n)/nrow(df_high))
## 'summarise()' ungrouping output (override with '.groups' argument)
# this table records the proportions for each quintile; also needed for stratification
quntile_prop_high
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
              sum
##
    quintile
        <dbl> <dbl>
## 1
            1 0.005
            2 0
## 2
## 3
           3 0.540
## 4
            4 0.248
## 5
            5 0.206
ATE_stratification_high = quntile_prop_high$sum[1]*(summary_high$avg_y[2] - summary_high$avg_y[1]) +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[2]*(summary_high$avg_y[4] - summary_high$avg_y[3]) +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[3]*(summary_high$avg_y[6] - summary_high$avg_y[5]) +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[4]*(summary_high$avg_y[8] - summary_high$avg_y[7]) +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[5]*(summary_high$avg_y[10] - summary_high$avg_y[9])
ATE_stratification_high
## [1] -1.87638
end.time_stratification_high <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_stratification_high <- end.time_stratification_high - start.time_stratification_high
time_stratification_high
## Time difference of 0.27125 secs
Low Dimensional Data Description
start.time_stratification_low <- Sys.time()</pre>
df_low <- cbind(df_low, prop_score_low)</pre>
quintile_values_low <- rep(NA, length(quintiles))
for (i in 1:length(quintiles)){
  quintile_values_low[i] <- quantile(prop_score_low, quintiles[i])</pre>
```

# values of quintiles for low data

quintile\_values\_low

```
df_low$quintile_class_low <- rep(NA, nrow(df_low))</pre>
# assign quintile class to each observation
for (i in 1:nrow(df_low)){
  if ((quintile_values_low[1] <= df_low$prop_score_low[i]) &</pre>
       (df_low$prop_score_low[i] < quintile_values_low[2])) {</pre>
    df_low$quintile_class_low[i] <- 1</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_low[2] <= df_low$prop_score_low[i]) &</pre>
              (df_low$prop_score_low[i] < quintile_values_low[3])) {</pre>
    df_low$quintile_class_low[i] <- 2</pre>
  } else if ((quintile values low[3] <= df low$prop score low[i]) &</pre>
              (df_low$prop_score_low[i] < quintile_values_low[4])) {</pre>
    df low$quintile class low[i] <- 3</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_low[4] <= df_low$prop_score_low[i]) &</pre>
              (df_low$prop_score_low[i] < quintile_values_low[5])) {</pre>
    df_low$quintile_class_low[i] <- 4</pre>
  } else if ((quintile_values_low[5] <= df_low$prop_score_low[i]) &</pre>
              (df_low$prop_score_low[i] <= quintile_values_low[6])) {</pre>
    df_low$quintile_class_low[i] <- 5</pre>
  }
}
summary_low = expand.grid(
  A = c(0, 1),
  quintile = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5),
  n = NA,
  prop = NA,
  avg_y = NA
for (i in 1:nrow(summary low)) {
  subset <- df_low[(df_low$A == summary_low$A[i]) &</pre>
                       (df_low$quintile_class_low == summary_low$quintile[i]), ]
  summary_low$n[i] = nrow(subset)
  summary_low$prop[i] = summary_low$n[i]/nrow(df_low)
  summary_low$avg_y[i] = mean(subset$Y)
}
for (i in 1:nrow(summary_low)) {
  if (is.nan(summary_low$avg_y[i]) == TRUE) {
    summary_low$avg_y[i] <- 0</pre>
  }
}
# this table records the mean response in each quintile; needed for stratification
summary_low
```

```
2 0 0.00000000 0.00000
## 3 0
## 4 1
              2 0 0.00000000 0.00000
## 5 0
              3 227 0.47789474 15.06273
## 6 1
              3 28 0.05894737 18.56302
## 7 0
              4 65 0.13684211 17.99996
## 8 1
              4 16 0.03368421 20.74083
## 9 0
              5 56 0.11789474 19.23768
## 10 1
              5 68 0.14315789 22.65577
quntile_prop_low <- summary_low %>% group_by(quintile) %>% summarise(sum = sum(n)/nrow(df_low))
## 'summarise()' ungrouping output (override with '.groups' argument)
# this table records the proportions for each quintile; also needed for stratification
quntile_prop_low
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
     quintile
       <dbl> <dbl>
##
## 1
           1 0.0316
## 2
           2 0
## 3
           3 0.537
## 4
            4 0.171
## 5
           5 0.261
ATE_stratification_low = quntile_prop_low$sum[1]*(summary_low$avg_y[2] - summary_low$avg_y[1]) +
  quntile_prop_low$sum[2]*(summary_low$avg_y[4] - summary_low$avg_y[3]) +
  quntile_prop_low\$sum[3]*(summary_low\$avg_y[6] - summary_low\$avg_y[5]) +
  quntile_prop_low$sum[4]*(summary_low$avg_y[8] - summary_low$avg_y[7]) +
  quntile_prop_low\$sum[5]*(summary_low\$avg_y[10] - summary_low\$avg_y[9])
ATE_stratification_low
## [1] 2.662275
end.time_stratification_low <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_stratification_low <- end.time_stratification_low - start.time_stratification_low
time_stratification_low
## Time difference of 0.06584597 secs
Regression Adjustment
```

High Dimensional Data Description

```
start.time_regression_adjustment_high <- Sys.time()</pre>
ps_RA_high <- predict(tree_high, df_high, type = "prob")</pre>
high_data_ps <- cbind(ps_RA_high, df_high)
pred_high <- lm(Y ~ A + ps_RA_high, data = high_data_ps)</pre>
summary(pred_high)
##
## lm(formula = Y ~ A + ps_RA_high, data = high_data_ps)
## Residuals:
        Min
                  1Q Median
                                     30
                                             Max
## -17.4713 -3.4878 -0.6694 2.7522 30.0897
##
## Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 5.9564
                            0.6207
                                    9.596 <2e-16 ***
## A
                -2.5271
                            0.2569 -9.836
                                             <2e-16 ***
## ps_RA_high0 -30.5718
                            1.0322 -29.617
                                              <2e-16 ***
## ps_RA_high1
                                NA
                                         NA
                                                  NA
                     NΑ
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Residual standard error: 5.535 on 1997 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3068, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3061
## F-statistic: 441.8 on 2 and 1997 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
ATE_regression_adjustment_high = pred_high$coefficients[2]
ATE_regression_adjustment_high
##
## -2.527116
end.time_regression_adjustment_high <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_regression_adjustment_high <- end.time_regression_adjustment_high - start.time_regression_adjustmen
time_regression_adjustment_high
## Time difference of 0.02493596 secs
Low Dimensional Data Description
start.time_regression_adjustment_low <- Sys.time()</pre>
ps_RA_low <- predict(tree_low, df_low, type = "prob")</pre>
low_data_ps <- cbind(ps_RA_low, df_low)</pre>
pred_low <- lm(Y ~ A + ps_RA_low, data = low_data_ps)</pre>
summary(pred low)
```

##

```
## lm(formula = Y ~ A + ps_RA_low, data = low_data_ps)
## Residuals:
       Min
                  1Q
                      Median
                                    3Q
## -11.5153 -2.6807 -0.5655
                                1.8184
                                       26.9282
## Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
##
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 22.5693
                           0.8535 26.445 < 2e-16 ***
                                   5.999 3.95e-09 ***
                3.0532
                            0.5089
               -7.5200
                            1.0017 -7.507 3.04e-13 ***
## ps_RA_low0
## ps_RA_low1
                     NΑ
                                NA
                                       NΑ
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Residual standard error: 4.055 on 472 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2829, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2798
## F-statistic: 93.08 on 2 and 472 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
ATE_regression_adjustment_low = pred_low$coefficients[2]
ATE_regression_adjustment_low
##
## 3.05324
end.time_regression_adjustment_low <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_regression_adjustment_low <- end.time_regression_adjustment_low - start.time_regression_adjustment
time regression adjustment low
```

## Time difference of 0.009945154 secs

# Stratification and Regression Adjustment

Description

## Call:

#### High Dimensional Data Description

```
start.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_high <- Sys.time()

lm_beta_high <- rep(NA, K)

for (i in 1:K){
    subset <- df_high[df_high$quintile_class_high == i, ]

    if (nrow(subset) == 0) {
        # if the quintile is empty, let the coefficient for A automatically be 0
        lm_beta_high[i] <- 0
} else if (sum(subset$prop_score_high) == 0) {
        # if the propensity scores in the quintile are all 0, let the coefficient for A automatically be 0
        lm beta low[i] <- 0</pre>
```

```
} else {
    # otherwise, run a linear model on the subset
    lm <- lm(Y ~ A + prop_score_high, data = subset)</pre>
    lm_beta_high[i] <- as.numeric(lm$coefficients[2])</pre>
lm_beta_high
## [1] 5.005563 0.000000 -2.503576 -2.516297 -2.675199
ATE_stratification_regression_adjustment_high <- quntile_prop_high$sum[1]*lm_beta_high[1] +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[2]*lm_beta_high[2] +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[3]*lm_beta_high[3] +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[4]*lm_beta_high[4] +
  quntile_prop_high$sum[5]*lm_beta_high[5]
ATE_stratification_regression_adjustment_high
## [1] -2.504545
end.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_high <- Sys.time()</pre>
time_stratification_regression_adjustment_high <- end.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_high --
time_stratification_regression_adjustment_high
## Time difference of 0.02393603 secs
```

# Low Dimensional Data Description

```
start.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_low <- Sys.time()</pre>
lm_beta_low <- rep(NA, 5)</pre>
for (i in 1:K){
  subset <- df_low[df_low$quintile_class_low == i, ]</pre>
  if (nrow(subset) == 0) {
    # if the quintile is empty, let the coefficient for A automatically be O
    lm_beta_low[i] <- 0</pre>
  } else if (sum(subset$prop_score_low) == 0) {
    # if the propensity scores in the quintile are all 0, let the coefficient for A automatically be 0
    lm_beta_low[i] <- 0</pre>
  } else {
    # otherwise, run a linear model on the subset
    lm <- lm(Y ~ A + prop_score_low, data = subset)</pre>
    lm_beta_low[i] <- as.numeric(lm$coefficients[2])</pre>
  }
}
1m beta low
```

```
## [1] 0.000000 0.000000 3.500291 2.452154 2.916085
```

```
ATE_stratification_regression_adjustment_low <- quntile_prop_low$sum[1]*lm_beta_low[1] + quntile_prop_low$sum[2]*lm_beta_low[2] + quntile_prop_low$sum[3]*lm_beta_low[3] + quntile_prop_low$sum[4]*lm_beta_low[4] + quntile_prop_low$sum[5]*lm_beta_low[5]

ATE_stratification_regression_adjustment_low
```

#### ## [1] 3.058512

```
end.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_low <- Sys.time()
time_stratification_regression_adjustment_low <- end.time_stratification_regression_adjustment_low - st
time_stratification_regression_adjustment_low</pre>
```

## Time difference of 0.01795292 secs

# Results

Insert Comparison of ATE and all Runtimes Here 8 Runtime values 6 ATE estimations + 2 true ATE create table and analyze results

#Runtime results

```
##
                                           High Dimensional Data
## Propensity Score Estimation
                                                     0.623334885
## Stratification
                                                     0.271250010
## Regression Adjustment
                                                     0.024935961
## Stratification + Regression Adjustment
                                                     0.023936033
                                          Low Dimensional Data
## Propensity Score Estimation
                                                    0.027925014
## Stratification
                                                    0.065845966
## Regression Adjustment
                                                    0.009945154
## Stratification + Regression Adjustment
                                                   0.017952919
```

#ATE Results

```
ATE_true_high <- -3
ATE_true_low <- 2.5
ATE <- matrix(c(ATE_true_high, ATE_stratification_high, ATE_regression_adjustment_high,
```

```
##
                                           High Dimensional Data
                                                        -3.000000
## True
## Stratification
                                                        -1.876380
## Regression Adjustment
                                                        -2.527116
## Stratification + Regression Adjustment
                                                        -2.504545
##
                                           Low Dimensional Data
## True
                                                        2.500000
                                                        2.662275
## Stratification
## Regression Adjustment
                                                        3.053240
## Stratification + Regression Adjustment
                                                        3.058512
```

# Conclusion

Runtimes of propensity Score Estimation for high dimensional data is 0.704 seconds, while for low dimensional data, it's 0.095 seconds. Among three methods, Stratification + Regression has the shortest runtimes: 0.284 seconds for high dimensinal data, and 0.335 seconds for low dimensional data.

By comparing ATE from three methods with the true ATE, we concluded that regression adjustment is the best method which estimates ATE for high dimensional data and low dimensional data that are the closest to the true ATEs. *Description* 

#### References