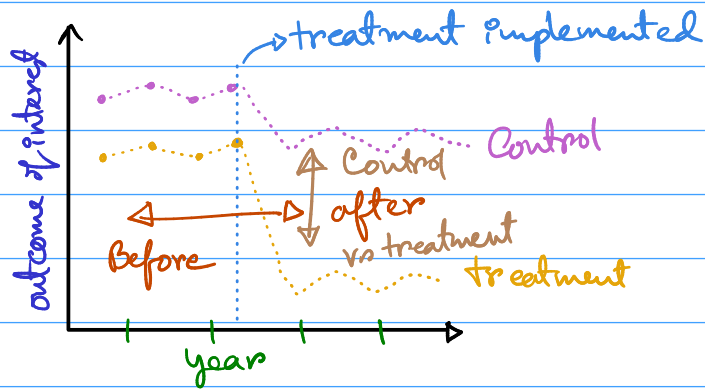


# Difference – in – Differences

## (Methodology & Codes)

### Stata – 17

Ⓜ Read ECG 753 → lecture Slide 8 → Treatment → Pg 25 – DiD



Stata → *did regress* → cross sectional

*xt did regress* → panel (longitudinal) data

DiD → nonexperimental technique to estimate the ATET

↳ controls for unobservable time and group characteristics

DDD → adds a control group to the DiD framework to account for unobservable group

i	High School	College	TE	obs. outcome
low ability	1.7 (observed)	1.9 (not obs)	0.2	1.7
High ~	2.8 (not obs.)	3.6 (obs)	0.8	3.6

– counterfactual

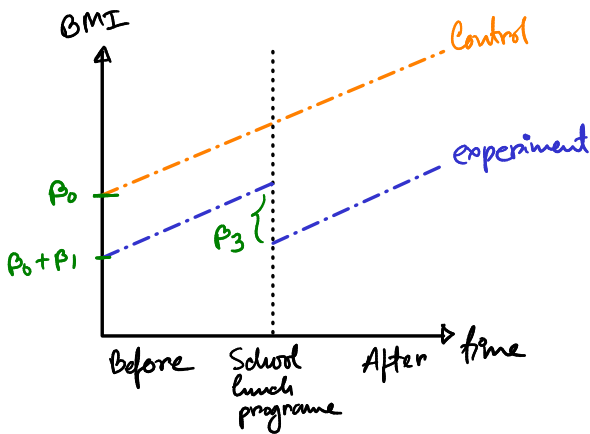
$$ATE = \frac{0.2 + 0.8}{2} = 0.5$$

ATET = 0.8 [change in outcome for the treated group]

independence between treatment status and potential outcomes

↳  $ATE = ATET$

## ⊕ Differences in Difference :-



$$BMI = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{time} + \beta_2 (\text{experimental}) + \beta_3 (\text{After} * \text{experimental})$$

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFqFH97bDy4>

Source: an intuitive intro to DiD

	Pre	Post
Ctrl	30	70
Trt	20	90

$$\begin{aligned} DiD &= (Y_{Trt, Post} - Y_{Trt, Pre}) - (Y_{Ctrl, Post} - Y_{Ctrl, Pre}) \\ &= (90 - 20) - (70 - 30) \\ &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

		D <sub>post</sub>	
		Pre	Post
D <sub>Trt</sub>	Ctrl	$\beta_0$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
	Trt	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 D_{post} + \beta_2 D_{Trt} + \beta_3 (D_{post} * D_{Trt})$$

$\beta_3 = \text{DiD estimate}$

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 when, 2nd box, (Ctrl, Post)  $\Rightarrow D_{post} = 1, D_{Trt} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_0 + \beta_1$   
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 $\Rightarrow \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7q2H8aB8bQ>

## DDD :- Source Gruber 1994

treatment group (Married woman 20-40)  
 $treat_i = 1$

Control group (over 40 & single male 20-40)  
 $treat_i = 0$

		D <sub>post</sub>		
		Pre $\tau_t = 0$	Post $\tau_t = 1$	Time difference for location
D <sub>Trt</sub>	Trt $\delta_j = 1$	110 $\beta_3 \beta_4 \beta_7$	111 $\beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4 \beta_5 \beta_6 \beta_7 \beta_8$	$\beta_2 \beta_5 \beta_6 \beta_8$
	Ctrl $\delta_j = 0$	100 $\beta_4$	101 $\beta_2 \beta_4 \beta_6$	$\beta_2 \beta_6$
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Location difference at a point in time

$$DiD_{i=1} = \beta_5 \beta_8$$

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		$\beta_3$	$\beta_3 \beta_5$	

Location difference at a point in time

$$DiD_{i=0} = \beta_5$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \alpha + \beta_1 x_{ijt} + \beta_2 \tau_t + \beta_3 \delta_j + \beta_4 \text{Treat}_i \\ &+ \beta_5 (\delta_j \cdot \tau_t) + \beta_6 (\tau_t \cdot \text{Treat}_i) + \beta_7 (\delta_j \cdot \text{Treat}_i) \\ &+ \beta_8 (\delta_j \cdot \tau_t \cdot \text{Treat}_i) \end{aligned}$$

$i$  = individual

$j$  = states (treatment/control)

$t$  = time (before/after)

$W$  = log real hourly wage

$\text{Treat}$  = dummy treatment group

$\delta_j$  = fixed state effect

$\tau_t$  = fixed year effect

$$DDD = DiD_{i=1} - DiD_{i=0} = \beta_8$$

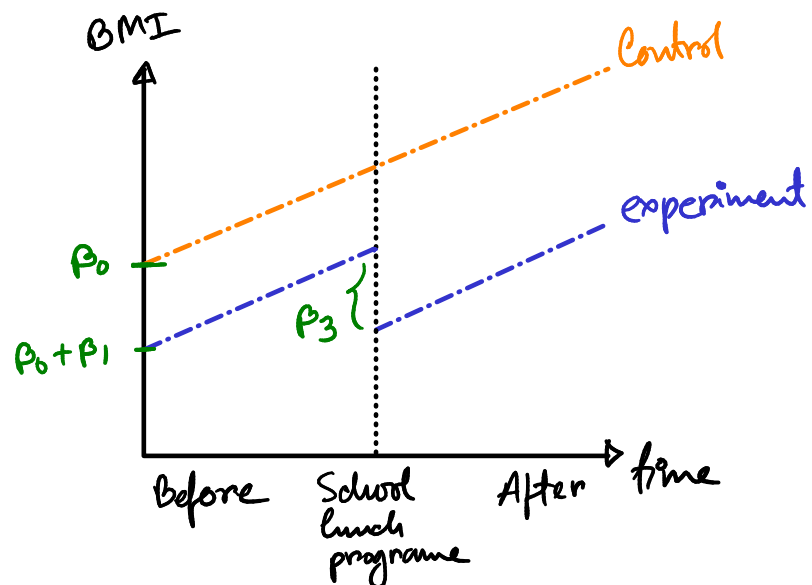
time = monthly data =  $\gamma_t$   
treat<sub>i</sub> = procedure =  
ratio = outcome of interest =  $w$

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>>> webuse hos pdd

>>> did regress (ratio) (procedure), group(hospital) time (month)  
 $w$   $treat_i$   $\delta_j$   $\gamma_t$

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DDD?

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$$DID_{i=1} = \beta_5 \quad \beta_8$$

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Location difference at a point in time		$\beta_3$	$\beta_3 \beta_5$	

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