

Q1.a

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(1) is a linear probability model regression

$\Rightarrow \beta_1 =$ average increase in probability of subscribing to the solar microgrid for a \$1 increase in price (or whatever the price unit is)

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Stage 1: estimate the δ 's - estimate the mean utility of each choice, normalizing δ_0 (outside option) to 0.

In the simple Conditional Logit framework, this ~~low~~ would be

$$\delta_{jtv} = \beta_{\text{price}} \text{Price}_{jtv} + \beta_{\text{avail}} \text{Avail}_{jtv} + \xi_{jtv}$$

estimated using $\hat{\delta}_{jtv} = \ln S_{jtv} - \ln S_{0tv}$ (but would be fitting δ_{jtv} to S_{jtv} using δ 's in mixed logit)

S_{jtv} = share of market choosing j S_{0tv} = share of market choosing outside option

Stage 2: Use δ 's to estimate linear equation: $\delta_{jtv} = \beta_{\text{price}} \cdot \text{Price}_{jtv} + \beta_{\text{avail}} \cdot \text{Avail}_{jtv} + \xi_{jtv}$

Here, experimental price variation of the treatment helps identify β_{price} when

j = solar microgrid. But other prices are still endogenous. Moreover,

we may have a simultaneity issue between prices because in a small village, if imagine that other electricity vendors would react to the lower microgrid price by lowering their prices.

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Q1.c

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With microgrid access: $P(i \text{ in } v, t \text{ chooses } j | \vec{Price}, \vec{Avail}) = \frac{\exp([Price, Avail]_{ijt}' \hat{\beta} + \hat{\xi}_{ijt})}{1 + \sum_{k \in J} \exp([Price, Avail]_{ktv}' \hat{\beta} + \hat{\xi}_{ktv})}$

Without microgrid access: $P(i \text{ in } v, t \text{ chooses } j | \vec{Price}, \vec{Avail}) = \frac{\exp([Price, Avail]_{ijt}' \hat{\beta} + \hat{\xi}_{ijt})}{1 + \sum_{k \in J} \exp([Price, Avail]_{ktv}' \hat{\beta} + \hat{\xi}_{ktv})}$

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How do the authors estimate ΔCS ?

Pls see notes: welfare effects of discrete Δ

$$\Delta E[CS] = \frac{1}{B_{P_{nu}}} \ln \left(\sum_j \exp(u^0_j) - \ln \left(\sum_j \exp(u^1_j) \right) \right) - 10$$

How do the _____ Delta CS?
Please see _____, welfare effects of discrete Delta