

0.1 Quantile direct effect under $d = 1$ conditional on $D = 1$ and $M(1) = 0$

In the following, we prove that

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1^{1,0}(q, 1) &= F_{Y_1(1,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}^{-1}(q) - F_{Y_1(0,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}^{-1}(q), \\ &= F_{Y_1|D=1,M=0}^{-1}(q) - F_{Q_{00}(Y_0)|D=1,M=0}^{-1}(q).\end{aligned}$$

For this purpose, we have to show that

$$F_{Y_1(1,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}(y) = F_{Y_1|D=1,M=0}(y) \text{ and} \quad (1)$$

$$F_{Y_1(0,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}(y) = F_{Q_{00}(Y_0)|D=1,M=0}(y), \quad (2)$$

which is sufficient to show that the quantiles are also identified. We can show (1) using the observational rule $F_{Y_1(1,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}(y) = F_{Y_1|D=1,M=0}(y) = E[1\{Y_1 \leq y\}|D = 1, M = 0]$, with $1\{\cdot\}$ being the indicator function. Using (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}& F_{Q_{00}(Y_0)|D=1,M=0}(y) \\ &= E[1\{Q_{00}(Y_0) \leq y\}|D = 1, M = 0], \\ &= E[1\{F_{Y_1|D=0,M=0}^{-1} \circ F_{Y_0|D=0,M=0}(Y_0) \leq y\}|D = 1, M = 0], \quad (3) \\ &= E[1\{Y_1(0,0) \leq y\}|D = 1, M = 0], \\ &= F_{Y_1(0,0)|D=1,M(1)=0}(y),\end{aligned}$$

which proves (1).

0.2 Average direct effect under $d = 0$ conditional on $D = 0$ and $M(0) = 0$

In the following, we show that $\theta_1^{0,0}(0) = E[Y_1(1,0) - Y_1(0,0)|D = 0, M(0) = 0] = E[Q_{10}(Y_0) - Y_1|D = 0, M = 0]$. Using the observational rule, we obtain $E[Y_1(0,0)|D = 0, M(0) = 0] = E[Y_1|D = 0, M = 0]$. Accordingly, we have to show