

Problem Set 3

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Problem 1: Combine the NSW data in `nswre74_control.csv` and `nswre74_treated.csv` and complete Table 1. Note that variables 1-10 are *predetermined*, i.e., capture characteristics determined at or before treatment assignment; some of these variables are background characteristics (e.g., `edu`), others capture a subject's pre-RCT labor market experience (e.g., `u75`). `re78` is the observed outcome variable. `treat` is the indicator of treatment status.

```
# load and combine the data sets into one dataframe
df1 <- utils::read.csv(file = "nswre74_control.csv")
df2 <- utils::read.csv(file = "nswre74_treated.csv")
df <- rbind(df1, df2)
```

```
# count units in each sample
dplyr::tally(dplyr::group_by(df, treat))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   treat     n
##   <int> <int>
## 1     0   260
## 2     1   185
```

```
# generate mean summary statistics for each variable and treatment
dplyr::summarise_all((dplyr::group_by(df, treat)), list(mean))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 12
##   treat  age  edu black  hisp married nodegree re74 re75 re78 u74 u75
##   <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1     0  25.1  10.1 0.827 0.108  0.154  0.835 2107. 1267. 4555. 0.75 0.685
## 2     1  25.8  10.3 0.843 0.0595 0.189  0.708 2096. 1532. 6349. 0.708 0.6
```

A completed version of Table 1 is provided on the following page.

Variable Counter	Variable Name	Variable Definition	Sample Average	
			Treated	Control
1	age	Age in years	25.8	25.1
2	edu	Education in years	10.3	10.1
3	nodegree	1 if education < 12		0.835
4	black	1 if Black		0.827
5	hisp	1 if Hispanic		0.108
6	married	1 if married		
7	u74	1 if unemployed in '74		
8	u75	1 if unemployed in '75		
9	re74	Real earnings in '74 (in '82 \$)		
10	re75	Real earnings in '75 (in '82 \$)		
11	re78	Real earnings in '78 (in '82 \$)		
12	treat	1 if received offer of training	1	0
Sample Size			185	260

Table 1: Descriptive statistics for the NSW data by group.

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