Applied Microeconometrics - Assignment 3

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Construct a variable full-time equivalent for both waves, which is the number of full-time employees plus the number of part-time employees divided by two and also add the number of managers. I will simply refer to employees for this outcome variable.

(i) Compute separately for New Jersey and Pennsylvania the average number of employees in both waves, and compute the difference-in-difference estimate

STATE	mean_before	mean_after
PA	18.32468	17.38312
NJ	16.59439	16.80172

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did$mean_after[2] - did$mean_after[1] - (did$mean_before[2] - did$mean_before[1])
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[1] 1.14889

Next repeat this, but only considering the restaurants that responded in both waves of the survey.

[1] 1.169871

(ii) Estimate this model and next subsequently add characteristics of the restaurants observed in the first wave. But think carefully which characteristics can be included. How does the latter affect the estimate for the coefficient δ ?

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model1 <- lm(data = dataset,
    formula = changeemployees ~ STATE)

model2 <- update(model1, . ~ . + WAGE_ST)
model3 <- update(model2, . ~ . + INCTIME)</pre>
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model4 <- update(model3, . ~ . + FIRSTINC)
model5 <- update(model4, . ~ . + BONUS)
model6 <- update(model5, . ~ . + PCTAFF)
model7 <- update(model6, . ~ . + MEALS)
model8 <- update(model7, . ~ . + OPEN)
model9 <- update(model8, . ~ . + HRSOPEN)
model10 <- update(model9, . ~ . + PSODA)
model11 <- update(model10, . ~ . + PFRY)</pre>
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(iii) Provide a balancing table, i.e. show the sample mean of characteristics observed in the first survey separately for the restaurants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. What is your opinion about the balancing table?

	NJ (N=309)		PA (N=75)			
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.	Diff. in Means	p
changeemployees	-0.110	5.104	1.060	6.087	1.170	0.127
NCALLS	1.214	1.464	0.747	0.960	-0.467	0.001
WAGEST	4.609	0.343	4.630	0.358	0.021	0.647
INCTIME	17.905	10.625	19.279	13.183	1.373	0.420
FIRSTINC	0.228	0.110	0.210	0.096	-0.018	0.199
BONUS	0.239	0.427	0.293	0.458	0.054	0.357
PCTAFF	49.157	34.789	45.571	36.935	-3.586	0.465
MEALS	1.874	0.570	2.027	0.402	0.153	0.008
OPEN	8.100	2.182	7.807	2.164	-0.294	0.295
HRSOPEN	14.398	2.818	14.513	2.960	0.115	0.761
PSODA	1.063	0.086	0.975	0.069	-0.087	0.000
PFRY	0.941	0.103	0.843	0.089	-0.099	0.000
PENTREE	1.360	0.657	1.232	0.635	-0.127	0.131
NREGS	3.697	1.285	3.373	1.100	-0.324	0.029
NREGS11	2.709	0.915	2.811	0.753	0.102	0.321

(iv) Check for the different characteristics if there is a common support for restaurants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. And estimate a propensity score for being a restaurant in New Jersey.

	NJ			PA				
	Mean	SD	Boxplot	Histogram	Mean	SD	Boxplot	Histogram
NCALLS	1.21	1.46	•••••		0.75	0.96	⊢ •••••	
WAGEST	4.61	0.34	••••	L. M.	4.63	0.36		
INCTIME	17.91	10.63			19.28	13.18		
FIRSTINC	0.23	0.11	+ •		0.21	0.10	₩•	<u>مالہ</u>
BONUS	0.24	0.43	⊢ □ → •··· •		0.29	0.46	⊢ •	dHLn_
PCTAFF	49.16	34.79	1 •		45.57	36.93		
MEALS	1.87	0.57	H		2.03	0.40	\vdash	
OPEN	8.10	2.18	• • •		7.81	2.16	• 1 •	
HRSOPEN	14.40	2.82	• + +		14.51	2.96		
PSODA	1.06	0.09	⊢		0.98	0.07	⊢	
PFRY	0.94	0.10	•——•		0.84	0.09	• ——	
PENTREE	1.36	0.66	•		1.23	0.64	\vdash	
NREGS	3.70	1.28	⊢	In m	3.37	1.10	⊢) ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
NREGS11	2.71	0.92	•н н•••	_4114-	2.81	0.75	н.	

Estimate propensity score

- (v) Use propensity score matching to estimate the average treatment effect on the treated for the employment before and after the minimum wage increase in New Jersey, so on E_{0i} and E_{1i} separately.
- (vi) Now use propensity score matching to estimate the average treatment effect on the treated on the change in employment in the restaurants, so $E_{1i} E_{0i}$.
- (vii) Now check the sensitivity of the propensity score matching estimate by also computing the weighting estimators for the average treatment effect on the treated.