

Lab session practice

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Ground Truth: all variables with correct correspondence

- ▶ Import the original data and check perform a LS regression
- ▶ This regression is the oracle model

```
wages_f <- read.csv("../data/fakedata/wages_df.csv",  
                    header = TRUE)  
lm0 <- lm(log(WAGE) ~ SEX  
          + EXPERIENCE + I(EXPERIENCE^2)  
          + EDUCATION + as.factor(OCCUPATION)  
          + UNION, data = wages_f)
```

R summary

```
coef(lm0)
```

```
##              (Intercept)              SEX  
##              1.0094294300             -0.2135490993  
##              I(EXPERIENCE^2)          EDUCATION as.factor  
##              -0.0004441696             0.0730130844  
## as.factor(OCCUPATION)3 as.factor(OCCUPATION)4 as.factor  
##              -0.2262765855             -0.3658979172  
## as.factor(OCCUPATION)6              UNION  
##              -0.1964030978             0.1998655883
```

Importing wages data files

- ▶ First import the data files.

```
wages_dA <- read.csv("../data/fakedata/wages_dA.csv", header=TRUE)
wages_dB <- read.csv("../data/fakedata/wages_dB.csv", header=TRUE)
```

- ▶ Check both data files
- ▶ What variables are appropriate for linkage?

```
## [1] "ID"          "FNAME"       "LNAME"       "SEX"         "AGE"         "A"
## [8] "WAGE"
```

```
## [1] "ID"          "OCCUPATION"  "SECTOR"      "UNION"
## [6] "EXPERIENCE"  "AGE"         "SEX"         "MARR"
## [11] "SOUTH"       "FNAME"       "LNAME"       "ADDRESS"
```

Linking the data files

- ▶ Upload the R package **fastLink** for linkg files
- ▶ In this experiment we link two files based on **ZIPCODE**.
- ▶ Check *fastlink* function first.

```
help(fastLink)
```

```
## starting httpd help server ... done
```

- ▶ To specify matching variables we choose varnames = "ZIPCODE".

```
set.seed(1427)
```

```
wages_link<-fastLink(wages_dA, wages_dB, varnames = "ZIPCODE")
```

```
##
```

```
## =====
```

```
## fastLink(): Fast Probabilistic Record Linkage
```

```
## =====
```

```
##
```

The linked data

- ▶ We can get the linked data file form "getMatch" function.

```
matched_wages <- getMatches(wages_dA,  
                             wages_dB, wages_link, combine.dfs = FALSE)  
  
dA<-matched_wages$dfA.match; dB<-matched_wages$dfB.match
```

Merging these two files

- First ensure unique column names in the merged file

```
commonvars <- intersect(colnames(dA), colnames(dB))
colnames(dA)[colnames(dA) %in% commonvars] <-
  paste("A.", colnames(dA)[colnames(dA) %in%
    commonvars], sep="")
colnames(dB)[colnames(dB) %in% commonvars] <-
  paste("B.", colnames(dB)[colnames(dB)
    %in% commonvars], sep="")
```

Merge the data linked by fastLink

```
merged_wages <- cbind.data.frame(dA, dB)
```

- Compute the fraction of mismatches (about 13%)

```
mean(merged_wages[, "A.ID"] != merged_wages[, "B.ID"])
```

```
## [1] 0.1292134831460674
```


Check the linear regression with linked file

```
lm_merged <- lm(log(WAGE) ~ B.SEX  
+ EXPERIENCE + I(EXPERIENCE^2)  
+ EDUCATION + as.factor(OCCUPATION)  
+ UNION, data = merged_wages)
```

Coefficients of Naive LS regression

```
coef(lm_merged)
```

```
##              (Intercept)              B.SEX  
## 1.1968475057691034813 -0.1887882270381399941 0.0280821  
##          I(EXPERIENCE^2)          EDUCATION as.factor  
## -0.0004280056942423294 0.0591585615568550119 -0.2575914  
## as.factor(OCCUPATION)3 as.factor(OCCUPATION)4 as.factor  
## -0.2255277397914074722 -0.3514718608619472051 -0.0752001  
## as.factor(OCCUPATION)6          UNION  
## -0.1809642839349065724 0.1802265346727588424
```

- ▶ compare the result with the original regression with original data

Robust regression

- ▶ Try robust regression with Huber loss

```
library(MASS)
rlm_merged <- rlm(log(WAGE) ~ B.SEX + EXPERIENCE + I(EXPERIENCE^2) +  
                  EDUCATION + as.factor(OCCUPATION) + UNION,  
                  data = merged_wages)
```

- ▶ Comparing estimation error of naive and robust estimation

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef(lm_merged))^2))
```

```
## [1] 0.2027454431130401
```

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef(rlm_merged))^2))
```

```
## [1] 0.1701889571280111
```

Mixture model

- Now we try the mixture modeling approach with composite likelihood:

```
source("../code/mixture_model.R")

X <- model.matrix(lm_merged)
X <- X[,!(colnames(X) %in% "(Intercept)")]
y <- model.extract(lm_merged$model, "response")
Xc <- apply(X, 2, function(z) z - mean(z))
yc <- y - mean(y)
tausq <- mean(yc^2)
f0 <- function(z) dnorm(z, mean = 0, sd = sqrt(tausq))

res <- fit_mixture(Xc, yc, f0, control = list(init = "robust")
interc <- mean(y - X %*% res$betahat)
```

Comparing the results

- Compute $\|\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{LS}\|$, where $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ denotes the estimates from the original LS regression model with original data and $\hat{\beta}$ is the estimate from, Nive, Huber, or mixture models.

```
coef_mixture <- c(interc, res$betahat)
```

Comparing the results (continued)

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef_mixture)^2))
```

```
## [1] 0.0272892695833842
```

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef(rlm_merged))^2))
```

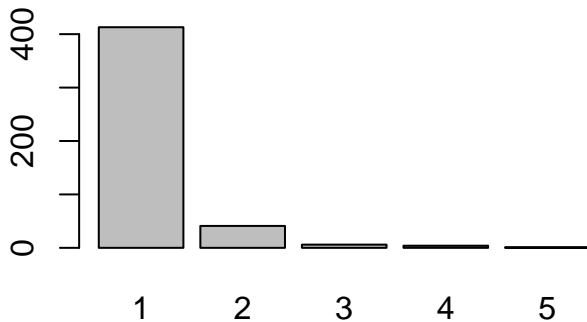
```
## [1] 0.1701889571280111
```

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef(lm_merged))^2))
```

```
## [1] 0.2027454431130401
```

Blocking method using information about the linkage process

Histohram of duplicates



Compute the estimates

```
beta_Q <- coef(lahiri_larsen_block(Xc, yc, blockix))
Q <- generate_Q_block(blockix)
beta_Q_check <- lahiri_larsen(Xc, yc, Q)

interc <- mean(y - X %*% beta_Q)
coef_Q <- c(interc, beta_Q)
```

► Compute $\|\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{LS}\|$:

```
sqrt(sum((coef(lm0) - coef_Q)^2))
```

```
## [1] 0.07430098233549876
```

Re-matching based on sorting

```
source("../code/optimal_matching.R")

pihat <- optimal_matching(drop(Xc %*% res$betahat)
                          , yc, blockix)
pihatinv <- order(pihat)
pistar <- match(merged_wages[, "B.ID"],
               merged_wages[, "A.ID"])
```

Plot of mismatches

