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PROGRAMMING TAKE-HOME EXERCISE

Instructions

- 1. Download last version of this assignment here.
- 2. Download the toy conjoint dataset in any of the following formats: RData, csv or dta.
- 3. Install the last version of the $\operatorname{\mathtt{cregg}}$ R package:

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# Install package
if (!require("remotes")) {
    install.packages("remotes")
}
remotes::install_github("leeper/cregg")

# When asked ''Which would you like to update?''
1 # and then hit ''Enter''

# call package
library("cregg")
```

- 4. Familiarize yourself with the cj function in the cregg R package. Start here.
- 5. Following Hainmueller, Hopkins, and Yamamoto (2014), compute the Average Marginal Component Effect (AMCE) estimator. Consider the following as the outcome variable: ChoiceMade. On the right-hand-side, consider the following variables: Policy, Experience, Party_Affiliation). Write 100 words on what can be learned. Use graphical methods to support your answer. Hint: estimate = "amce".
- 6. Following Leeper, Hobolt, and Tilley (2020), and considering the same variables as above, compute the *Marginal Means* (MM) estimator. Write 100 words on what can be learned. Use graphical methods to support your answer. Hint: estimate = "mm".
- 7. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each estimator in up to 200 words.

Expected Outputs

- 1. One \mathbf{R} script with your code. The code must run in one try and include all necessary packages and libraries. If the code does not run, the assignment will not be graded.
- 2. One written report with your text responses in PDF format.
- This exercise may be completed in groups; however, individual assignment submissions are required.

REFERENCES

Hainmueller, Jens, Daniel Hopkins, and Teppei Yamamoto (2014). "Causal Inference in Conjoint Analysis: Understanding Multidimensional Choices via Stated Preference Experiments." In: *Political Analysis* 22.1, pp. 1–30.

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