

Efficient Estimation of Causal Effects Under Two-Phase Sampling with Error-Prone Outcome and Treatment Measurements

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But EHR data tends to present numerous **challenges**

- Including **measurement error** in outcomes (Y) and treatments (A) of interest

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In a perfect world, we'd have access to the true outcome + treatment values (+ covariates \mathbf{X})

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In practice, we often only have **error-prone measurements** of Y and A , denoted Y^* and A^*

- Well-documented that using Y^* and A^* in place of Y and A can lead to severely **biased** causal effect estimates

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- **Intuition:** over-sample subjects who contribute more information to the target estimand

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We present two **asymptotically equivalent** approaches to constructing efficient nonparametric causal effect estimators

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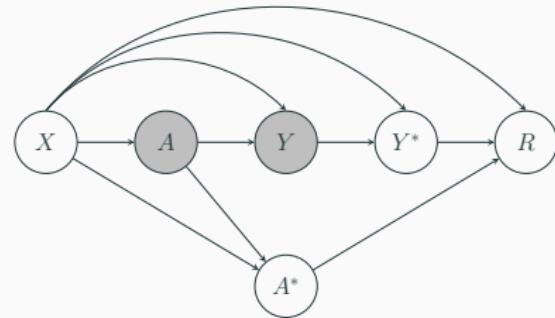
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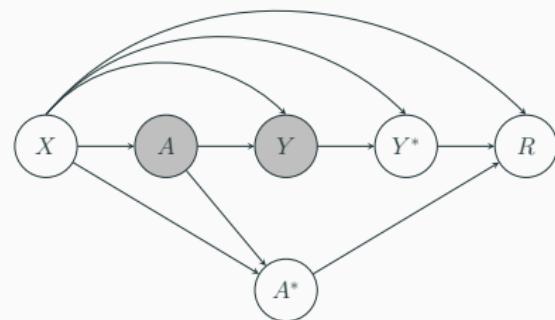
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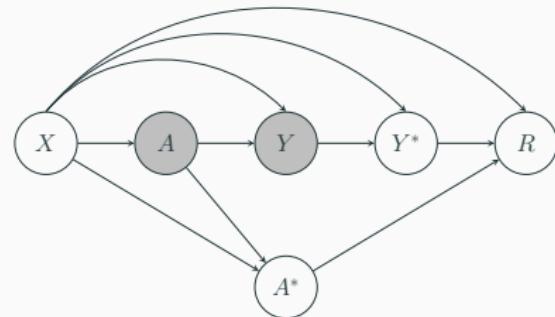
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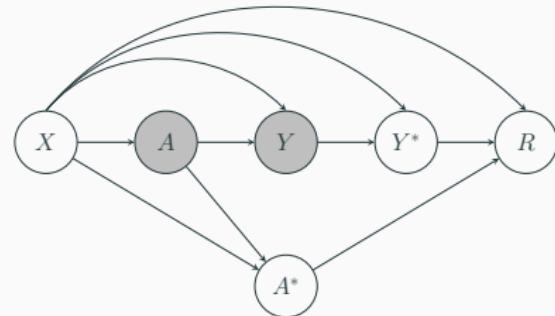
$$\text{nonparametric estimator} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[Y_i(a_i) | X_i]$$

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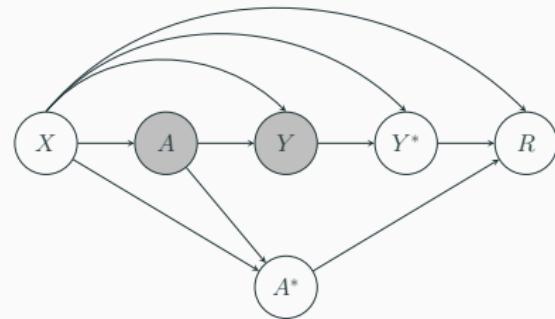
stat. estimand
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nonparametric
$$\hat{Y}(a) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(a)$$

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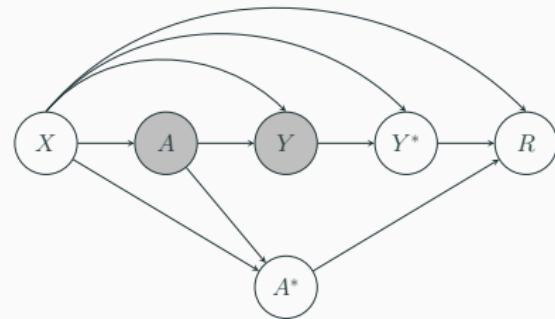


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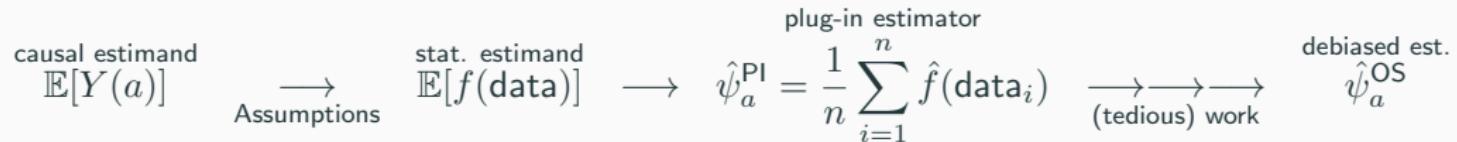
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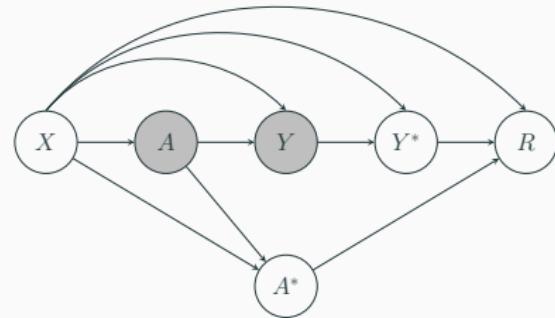


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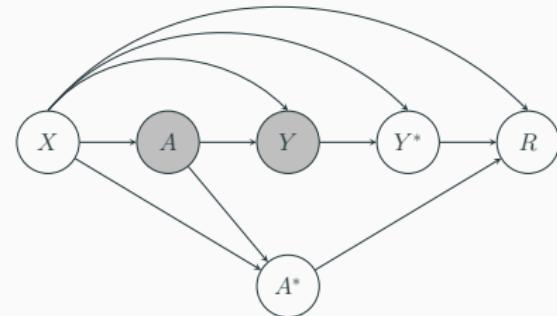
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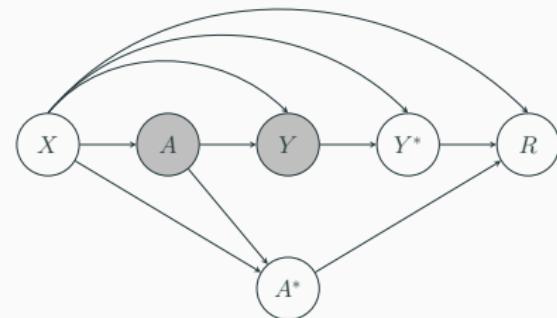
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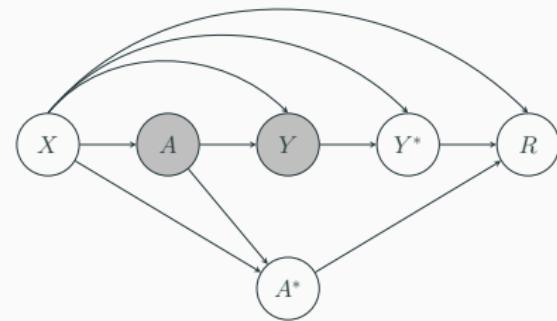
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- Interpretation: IPW on imputed values, after marginalizing out post-treatment variables

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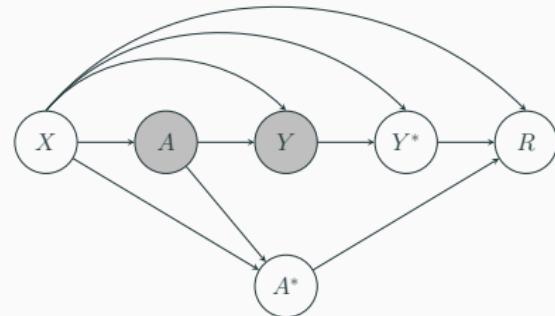
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- Drawback: Inference intractable when nuisance models are fit data-adaptively

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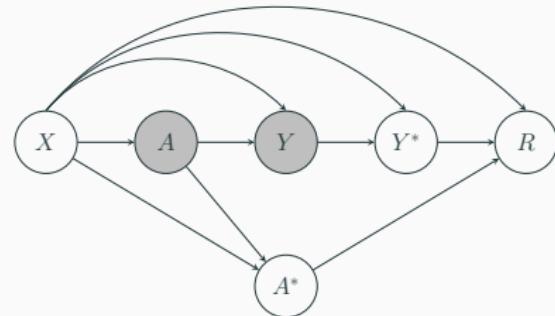
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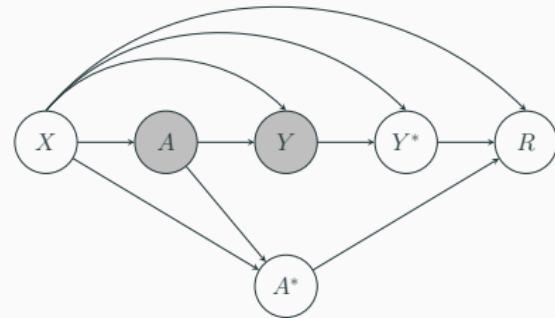
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where $\widehat{\text{BC}}$ is a *bias correction* term based on the **efficient influence function** for ψ_a

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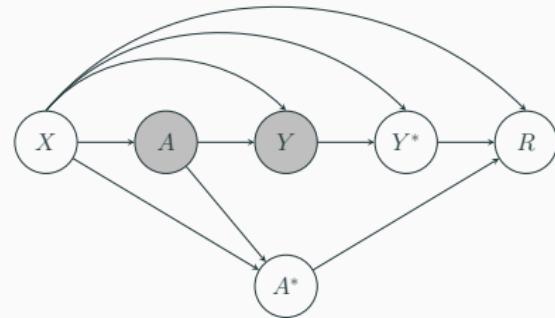
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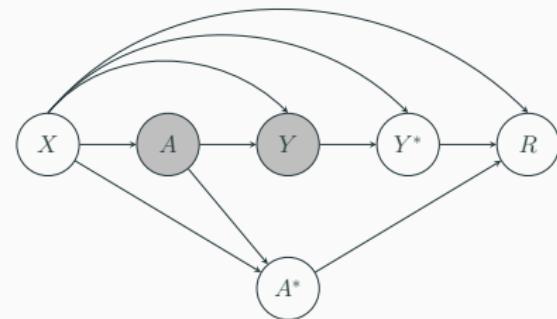


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 - Particularly concerning, as validation samples tend to be small in practice

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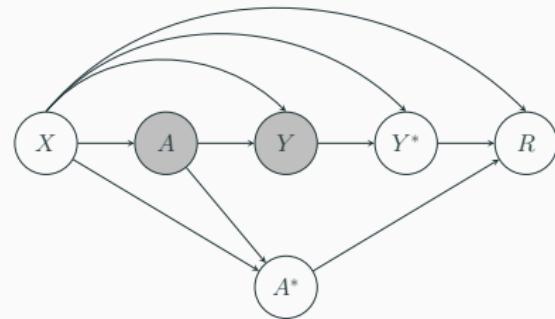
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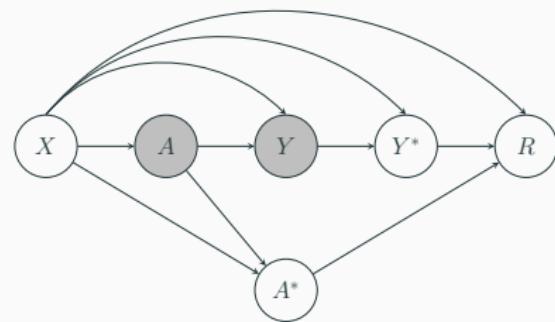
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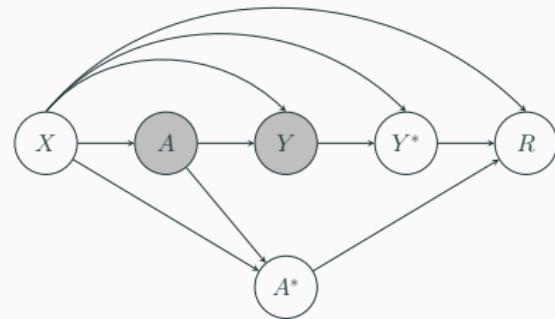


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- Links (i) the estimator we'd ideally construct under **complete data** to (ii) the observed data structure, where Y and A are partially missing

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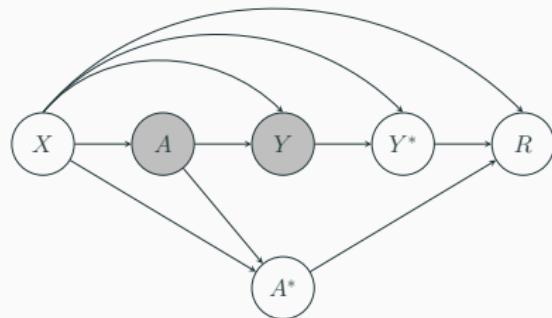
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where $\hat{m}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}(Y|A=a, \mathbf{X})$ and $m_a(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}(Y|A=a, \mathbf{X})$.

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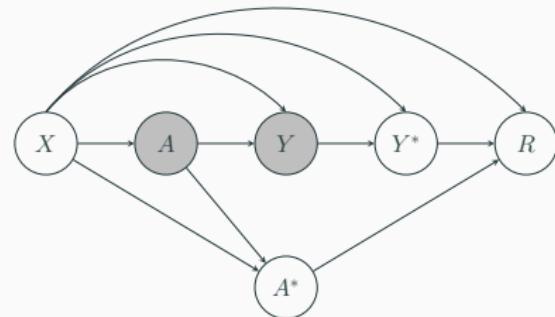
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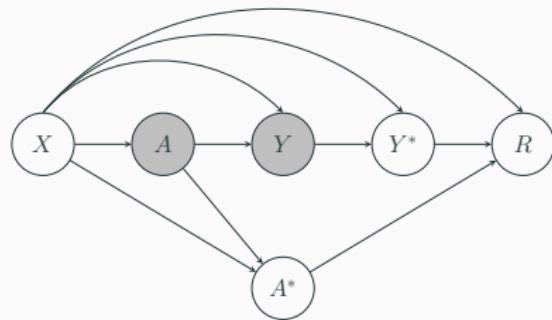
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Above, $m_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{X})$ and $\hat{g}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{X})$ can be estimated with weighted regressions that add weights $R/\mathbb{P}(R = 1|\mathbf{Z})$ to the underlying loss function

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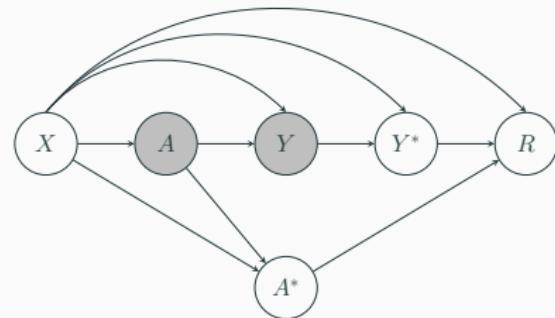
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Issue: The bias correction terms are only observed when $R_i = 1$

- Above estimator is **infeasible**

Approach 2: Complete-data projection

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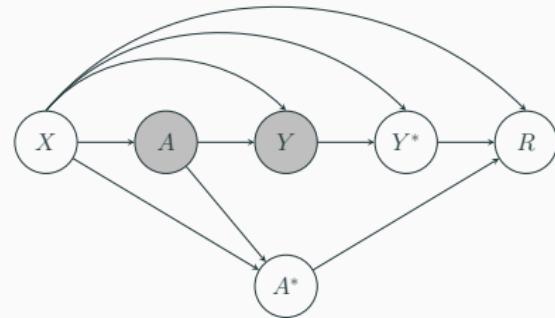


Key idea: Treat the bias correction terms as **pseudo-outcomes**:

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \hat{\psi}_a^{\text{PI},2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\chi_a(O_i; \hat{m}_a, \hat{g}_a)}_{\text{pseudo outcome}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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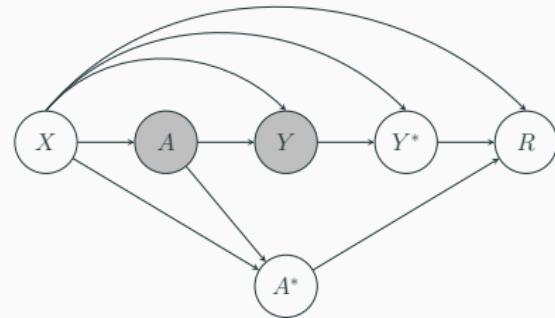


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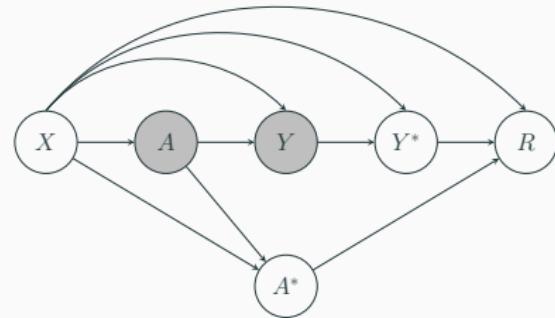


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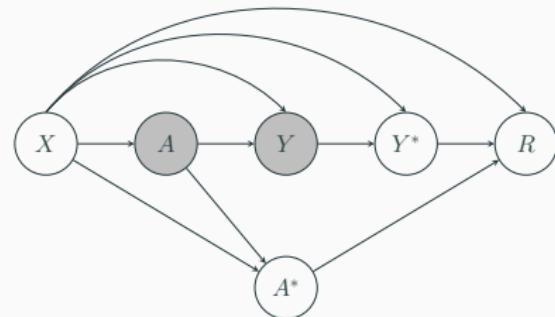
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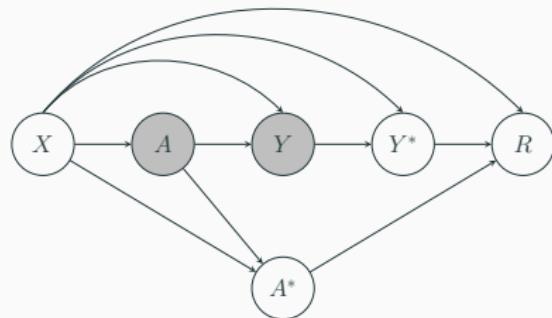
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- Feasible estimator!
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Connections between $\hat{\psi}_a^{\text{OS},1}$ and $\hat{\psi}_a^{\text{OS},2}$:

- Can be shown that asymptotically, Approach 1 and Approach 2 estimators are *equivalent*
 - Approach 2 can be viewed as a re-parameterization of Approach 1
- Both estimators have unique sources of finite sample **instability**

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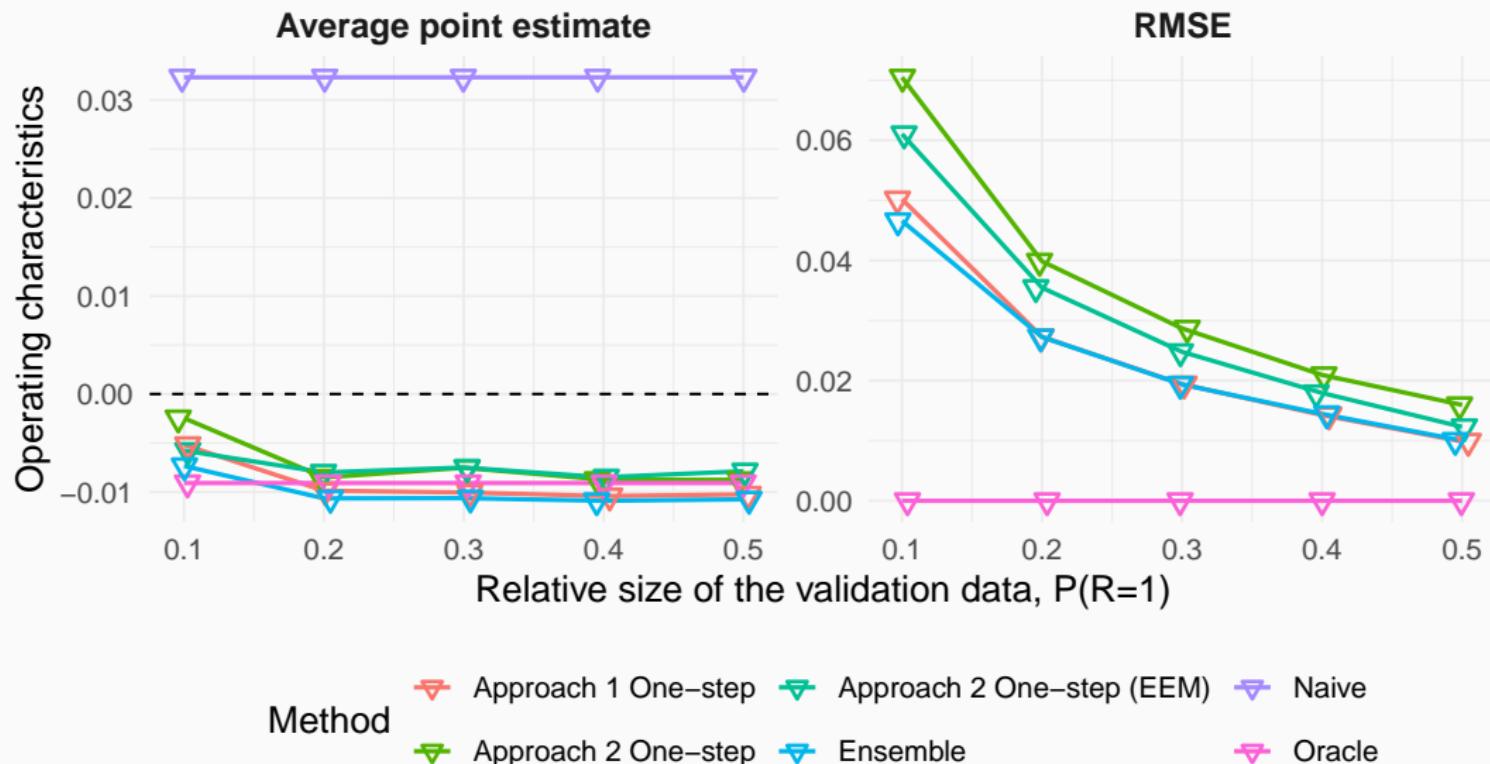
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Operating characteristics: 3-year ADE risk

Treatment: ART initiation within one month of first visit



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Our work addresses the following high-level question:

How do we estimate causal effects nonparametrically when (1) we have error-prone outcome + treatment measurements, (2) we have gold-standard treatment + outcome measurements for a subset of our data, where (3) that subset was collected according to a sampling rule that depends on the initially observed data

We've presented plug-in + debiased one-step estimators that accommodate these sampling schemes (and general two-phase sampling schemes). Currently working on

- Further studying approaches that improve the finite-sample behavior of the one-step estimators
- Development of R package implementing Approach 2 for general missing data patterns

Thank you!

Working paper coming soon!

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Appendix

Identification

First, let $\mathbf{W} = (Y^*, A^*)$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Y(a)) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbb{E}(Y(a) | \mathbf{X}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W}(a) | \mathbf{X}} [\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbb{E}(Y(a) | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}(a))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W}(a) | \mathbf{X}} [\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbb{E}(Y(a) | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}(a), A = a, R = 1)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{X}, A} [\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}, A = a, R = 1)]\end{aligned}$$

The problem: the density $p(w|x, a)$ is unidentified

- We only see A in the validation data, which is **not** independent of \mathbf{W} so we can't just condition on $R = 1$

Identification

Notice

$$\mathbb{E}(Y(a)) = \sum_w \sum_x \sum_y y \cdot p(y|w, x, a, r = 1) \cdot \textcolor{red}{p(w|x, a)} \cdot p(x)$$

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Key idea: Use Bayes rule to re-express un-identified density in terms of identifiable ones

- Then, overall expression is identified – just need to define terms and “collapse” the above expectations

Plug-in implementation

Y_i	Y_i^*	A_i	A_i^*	X_i	R_i	$\hat{\lambda}_a$	$\hat{\mu}_a$	$\hat{\pi}_a$	$\hat{\eta}_a$
1	0	0	1	3.2	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
0	1	1	1	2.1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
1	1	0	0	0.3	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
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1	0	0	1	1.6	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
0	1	0	1	4.8	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
1	1	0	0	0.9	0	NA	NA	NA	NA

Step 1: use validation data to fit $\hat{\lambda}_a$ and $\hat{\mu}_a$

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0	1	1	1	2.1	1	0.43	0.18	NA	NA
1	1	0	0	0.3	1	0.64	0.77	NA	NA
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1	0	0	1	1.6	0	0.03	0.55	NA	NA
0	1	0	1	4.8	0	0.81	0.11	NA	NA
1	1	0	0	0.9	0	0.39	0.83	NA	NA

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0	1	0	1	4.8	0	0.81	0.11	NA	NA
1	1	0	0	0.9	0	0.39	0.83	NA	NA

Step 2: regress $\hat{\lambda}_a$ and $\hat{\mu}_a$ on \mathbf{X} and A^* to yield $\hat{\pi}_a$ and $\hat{\eta}_a$

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0	1	1	1	2.1	1	0.43	0.18	0.41	0.26
1	1	0	0	0.3	1	0.64	0.77	0.59	0.80
1	0	0	1	1.6	0	0.03	0.55	0.08	0.53
0	1	0	1	4.8	0	0.81	0.11	0.72	0.18
1	1	0	0	0.9	0	0.39	0.83	0.38	0.79

Step 2: regress $\hat{\lambda}_a$ and $\hat{\mu}_a$ on \mathbf{X} and A^* to yield $\hat{\pi}_a$ and $\hat{\eta}_a$

Plug-in implementation

Y_i	Y_i^*	A_i	A_i^*	\mathbf{X}_i	R_i	$\hat{\lambda}_a$	$\hat{\mu}_a$	$\hat{\pi}_a$	$\hat{\eta}_a$
1	0	0	1	3.2	1	0.2	0.72	0.77	0.23
0	1	1	1	2.1	1	0.43	0.18	0.41	0.26
1	1	0	0	0.3	1	0.64	0.77	0.59	0.80
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Step 3: construct $\hat{\psi}_a^{\text{PI}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\eta}_a(\mathbf{X}_i, A_i^*)}{\hat{\pi}_a(\mathbf{X}_i, A_i^*)}$

Equivalence of Approach 1 and Approach 2 EICs

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a^{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{O}) &= \frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1 | \mathbf{Z})} \chi_a^{\text{full}}(\mathbf{O}) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1 | \mathbf{Z})} - 1 \right) \varphi_a(\mathbf{Z})\end{aligned}$$

Equivalence of Approach 1 and Approach 2 EICs

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a^{\text{obs}}(\boldsymbol{O}) &= \frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1|\boldsymbol{Z})} \left[\frac{I(A = a)}{e_a(\boldsymbol{X})} (Y - m_a(\boldsymbol{X})) + m_a(\boldsymbol{X}) - \psi_a \right] \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1|\boldsymbol{Z})} - 1 \right) \varphi_a(\boldsymbol{Z})\end{aligned}$$

Equivalence of Approach 1 and Approach 2 EICs

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a^{\text{obs}}(\boldsymbol{O}) &= \frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1|\boldsymbol{Z})} \left[\frac{I(A = a)}{\pi_a(\boldsymbol{X})} \left(Y - \frac{\eta_a(\boldsymbol{X})}{\pi_a(\boldsymbol{X})} \right) + \frac{\eta_a(\boldsymbol{X})}{\pi_a(\boldsymbol{X})} - \psi_a \right] \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{R}{\mathbb{P}(R = 1|\boldsymbol{Z})} - 1 \right) \varphi_a(\boldsymbol{Z})\end{aligned}$$

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