

Inference in Instrumental Variable Regression Analysis with Heterogeneous Treatment Effects

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Empirical motivation

- ▶ Most empirical papers careful to interpret IV exercise as estimating TEs for compliers
 - ▶ However, reported standard errors typically only valid under constant TE: too small under LATE model
- ▶ In addition, in many papers K and L both large, usually when both instruments and covariates are indicators:
 - ▶ Angrist and Krueger (1991) interact quarter and state of birth
 - ▶ Judge indicators as instruments: in Aizer and Doyle (2015) judges assigned randomly to juvenile offenders in each neighborhood; in Dobbie and Song (2015) to bankruptcy cases in each bankruptcy office
 - ▶ Silver (2016): physician's peer group in each work shift random conditional on physician fixed effects
 - ▶ Autor and Houseman (2010): Random assignment of social workers to cases

Unconditional inference

In the LATE model, no single β satisfies moment condition

$E[(Y_i - X_i\beta - W_i'\delta)Z_i] = 0$: what are we estimating?

Unconditional inference: estimand $\beta_U = \text{plim of estimator under standard asymptotics}$

- ▶ For TSLS (and jackknife estimators) $\beta_U = \text{weighted average of LATEs}$ (Imbens and Angrist, 1994)
- ▶ For LIML no causal interpretation of β_U in general (Kolesár, 2013)
- ▶ Under standard asymptotics, can use delta method and normality of reduced form coefficients to derive standard errors (appendix in Imbens and Angrist (1994))
- ▶ Under many-instrument asymptotics, no results available

Conditional inference

Conditional inference: estimand β_C = what we'd estimate if reduced form errors set to 0

- ▶ For tsls and some jackknife estimators: β_C also weighted average of LATEs, but can only show (so far) weights positive when covariates indicator variables
 - ▶ Heuristically, weights reflect strength of instruments based on their variability in sample (rather than population)
- ▶ Standard errors are smaller: s.e. for β_U needs to also reflect variability of conditional estimand under i.i.d. sampling of instruments and covariates
 - ▶ Similar to distinction between conditional vs unconditional best linear predictor in misspecified linear regression (Abadie, Imbens, and Zheng, 2014)

Main results: Many instruments + LATEs

- ▶ Focus on jackknife estimators due to problems with LIML interpretation
- ▶ Consistency:
 - ▶ Bias of JIVE1, original jackknife IV estimator (Phillips and Hale, 1977; Angrist, Imbens, and Krueger, 1999) of order L/\hat{r}_n
 - ▶ Bias of IJIVE1, modification by Akerberg and Devereux (2009), of order $L/\hat{r}_n \cdot K/n$ if design is “balanced”
- ▶ Asymptotic normality:
 - ▶ “many instruments term” needs to be added to (un-) conditional variance formula, similar form to constant TE case

Main results: Standard errors

- ▶ No consistently estimable “structural error”
 - ▶ Harder to estimate s.e.
 - ▶ Need to jackknife s.e. formulas
- ▶ Conditional inference: need $(K + L)/n \rightarrow 0$ + “balanced design” + bias negligible (for IJIVE1, $KL/n\hat{r}_n^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$)
 - ▶ First two conditions similar to those for consistency of EHW s.e. in linear regression with many covariates (Cattaneo, Jansson, and Newey, 2016b)
- ▶ Unconditional case: need $(K + L) \log(K + L)/n^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$
 - ▶ Work in progress on relaxing rate condition

(When) should we run IV with many instruments?

- ▶ Our paper provides inference for particular weighted average of LATEs
 - ▶ Weighting may not be most policy relevant
- ▶ Alternative: use MTE framework of Heckman and Vytlacil (1999, 2005) and do inference on more policy-relevant estimands
 - ▶ In general need CI for *each* individual LATE to be informative, or rely on parametric assumptions (e.g. Brinch, Mogstad, and Wiswall, 2015; Cattaneo, Jansson, and Ma, 2016a)
- ▶ In “judges” designs, each LATE weakly identified in general: less ambitious goal of inference for *some* TE may be necessary
- ▶ IV regressions still ubiquitous: useful to report valid s.e.

Some References

- ▶ Nagar '59; Phillips '89; Nelson and Starz '90; Angrist and Krueger '91; Bound, Jaeger, and Baker '95; Staiger and Stock '97; Dufour '97; Andrews, Moreira, and Stock '07; Horowitz '11; Chen and Christensen '15; Maasoumi and Phillips '82.
- ▶ Phillips and Hale '77; Angrist, Imbens, and Krueger '99; Blomquist and Dahlberg '99; Davidson and MacKinnon '04,'07; Akerberg and Devereux '09.
- ▶ Bekker '94; Chao, Swanson, Hausman, Newey, and Woutersen '12; Andrews and Stock '05; Newey and Windmeijer '09.
- ▶ Andrews '99; Gautier and Tsybakov '11; Belloni, Chernozhukov, Fernandez-val, and Hansen '13.
- ▶ Belloni, Chernozhukov, Chetverikov, and Kato '15; Chen and Christensen '15; Tropp '12.
- ▶ Imbens and Angrist '94; Angrist, Grady, and Imbens '00; Heckman and Vytlacil '01, '05; Carneiro, Heckman and Vytlacil '11; Kolesár '13; Evdokimov and Lee '13; Kolesár, Chetty, Friedman, Glaeser, and Imbens '14.

General setup

- ▶ Interested in effect of treatment X_i on outcome Y_i
- ▶ Instruments $Z_i \in \mathbb{R}^K$, valid conditional on controls/exogenous variables $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^L$
- ▶ Reduced form:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= \underbrace{Z_i' \pi_Y + W_i' \psi_Y}_{R_{Y,i}} + \zeta_i, & E[\zeta_i \mid W_i, Z_i] &= 0, \\ X_i &= \underbrace{Z_i' \pi + W_i' \psi}_{R_i} + \eta_i, & E[\eta_i \mid W_i, Z_i] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Under constant TE, $\pi_{Y,k} / \pi_k =$ “the causal effect”

TSLS and concentration parameter

- ▶ For matrix A , let $H_A = A(A'A)^{-1}A'$ denote projection (hat) matrix
- ▶ Define $\hat{Y} = (I_n - H_W)Y$, and define $\hat{X}, \hat{Z}, \hat{R}, \hat{R}_Y$ similarly, e.g.
 $\hat{R} = (I_n - H_W)Z\pi + W\psi = \hat{Z}\pi$.
- ▶ Can think \hat{Y}_i as estimator of $\tilde{Y}_i = Y_i - E[Y_i | W_i]$; Define $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{R}_Y$ similarly ($\tilde{R} = \tilde{Z}\pi$)
- ▶ Denote predictor from the first-stage regression by $\hat{R}_{\text{TSLS}} = H_{\hat{Z}}\hat{X} = \hat{R} + H_{\hat{Z}}\eta$, so that TSLS is given by

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{TSLS}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{R}_{\text{TSLS},i} \hat{Y}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{R}_{\text{TSLS},i} \hat{X}_i}$$

- ▶ Define the (sample) concentration parameter $\hat{r}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{R}_i^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{\text{TSLs}} &\equiv \frac{\hat{X}'\hat{Z}(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}'\hat{Y}}{\hat{X}'\hat{Z}(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}'\hat{X}} = \frac{\sum_{i,j=1}^n \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{Y}_j}{\sum_{i,j=1}^n \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{X}_j} \\ \hat{\beta}_{\text{IJIVE2}} &\equiv \frac{\sum_{i \neq j} \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{Y}_j}{\sum_{i \neq j} \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{X}_j} \\ \hat{\beta}_{\text{IJIVE1}} &\equiv \frac{\sum_{i \neq j} \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z} - \hat{Z}_j\hat{Z}'_j)^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{Y}_j}{\sum_{i \neq j} \hat{X}_i\hat{Z}'_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z} - \hat{Z}_j\hat{Z}'_j)^{-1}\hat{Z}_j\hat{X}_j}\end{aligned}$$

... and more. Phillips and Hale, '77; Angrist, Imbens, and Krueger, '99; Blomquist and Dahlberg '99; Akerberg and Devereux '09, Kolesár '13.

Estimands

- ▶ Define β_U as plim of estimator under standard asymptotics, and β_C as what we would estimate if reduced-form errors were 0.
- ▶ For TSLS, JIVE1, IJIVE1:

$$\beta_U = \frac{E[\tilde{X}_i \tilde{Z}_i] E[\tilde{Z}_i \tilde{Z}_i']^{-1} E[\tilde{Z}_i' \tilde{Y}_i]}{E[\tilde{X}_i \tilde{Z}_i] E[\tilde{Z}_i \tilde{Z}_i']^{-1} E[\tilde{Z}_i' \tilde{X}_i]} = \frac{\pi' E[\tilde{Z}_i \tilde{Z}_i'] \pi_Y}{\pi' E[\tilde{Z}_i \tilde{Z}_i'] \pi} = \frac{E[\tilde{R}_i \tilde{R}_{Yi}]}{E[\tilde{R}_i^2]}$$
$$\beta_C = \frac{E_n[\hat{R}_i \hat{Z}_i] E_n[\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_i']^{-1} E_n[\hat{Z}_i' \hat{R}_{Y,i}]}{E_n[\hat{X}_i \hat{Z}_i] E_n[\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_i']^{-1} E_n[\hat{Z}_i' \hat{R}_i]} = \frac{\pi' E_n[\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_i'] \pi_Y}{\pi' E_n[\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_i'] \pi} = \frac{E_n[\hat{R}_i \hat{R}_{Yi}]}{E_n[\hat{R}_i^2]}$$

- ▶ β_C replaces E with E_n (sample average) and tildes with hats
- ▶ For IJIVE2, β_C is slightly different
- ▶ $(K + L) \log(K + L) = o(n^{1/2})$
- ▶ β_U, β_C may change with n under many-instrument asymptotics since distribution of data allowed to change with n .

Example: interactions of a single instrument with group dummies

- ▶ Suppose $S_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ with $P(S_i = k) = \lambda_k$.
- ▶ The K instruments are constructed from a scalar instrument \mathcal{Z}_i :
 $Z_i = (Z_{i1}, \dots, Z_{iK})'$, $Z_{ik} = \mathcal{Z}_i 1\{S_i = k\}$
- ▶ $\tilde{Z}_{ik} = (\mathcal{Z}_i - E[\mathcal{Z}_i | S_i = k]) 1\{S_i = k\}$
- ▶ $\hat{Z}_{ik} = (\mathcal{Z}_i - E_n[\mathcal{Z}_i | S_i = k]) 1\{S_i = k\}$
- ▶ $\tilde{R}_i = \pi' \tilde{Z}_i$, $\hat{R}_i = \pi' \hat{Z}_i$
- ▶ the estimands of TSLS, JIVE1, IJIVE1:

$$\beta_U = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k \omega_k}{\sum_{k=1}^K \omega_k}, \quad \omega_k = V_k[\tilde{R}], \quad V_k[\tilde{R}] = V[\tilde{R}_i | S_i = k]$$

$$\beta_C = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k \hat{\omega}_k}{\sum_{k=1}^K \hat{\omega}_k}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\hat{\omega}_k^{\text{TSLS}} = \frac{n_k}{n} \hat{V}_k[\tilde{R}], \quad \hat{\omega}_k^{\text{IJIVE2}} = \frac{n_k}{n} \hat{V}_k[\tilde{R}] \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_k} \hat{\kappa}_k[\tilde{R}]\right)$$

Estimand with many instruments and covariates

Suppose $(K + L) \log(K + L) = o\left(n^{3/4}\right)$ and regularity conditions hold.

Let $\Sigma_{WW} = E[W_i W_i']$. Then, for TSLS, JIVE1, IJIVE1:

$$\beta_U \equiv \frac{E\left[\tilde{R}_{Y_i} \tilde{R}_i \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} W_i' \Sigma_{WW}^{-1} W_i\right)\right]}{E\left[\tilde{R}_i^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} W_i' \Sigma_{WW}^{-1} W_i\right)\right]}.$$

So, in the previous example

$$\omega_k = \left(\lambda_k - \frac{1}{n}\right) V_k[\tilde{R}].$$

[[[TBC...]]]

Desirable Property of the Estimand

For any estimand $\bar{\beta}$ we would like to have

$$\bar{\beta} \in \left[\min(\vec{\beta}), \max(\vec{\beta}) \right] \quad (*)$$

For the unconditional estimand, Imbens and Angrist '94 show that the of IV-type estimators satisfy (*) under weak conditions, but Kolesár '13 shows that minimum distance estimators in general do not.

Assumption 1 (LATE Model)

(Independence) $\{Y(x), X(z)\}_{x,z} \perp Z \mid W$

(Monotonicity) For all z, z' , $P(X(z) \geq X(z') \mid W) = 1$ a.s., or
 $P(X(z) \leq X(z') \mid W) = 1$ a.s.

(Linearity) $E[Z \mid W]$ is linear in W and $E[(\zeta, \eta) \mid Z, W] = 0$.

Lemma 1

Suppose that the covariates contain an intercept.

- ▶ Then the estimands of TSLS, JIVE1, IJIVE1, JIVE2, IJIVE2 are weighted averages of LATEs.
- ▶ If the covariates are group dummies, then the weights of TSLS, JIVE1, IJIVE1, and IJIVE2 are non-negative.

K	\hat{r}_n	β_{sd}	OLS	TSLS	LIML	JIVE1	IJIVE1	IJIVE2
4	16	0	-0.792	-0.031	0.003	0.063	0.014	0.014
4	16	1	-0.792	-0.017	0.183	0.077	0.027	0.027
4	64	0	-0.717	-0.007	0.002	0.015	0.004	0.004
4	64	1	-0.716	-0.007	0.173	0.015	0.004	0.004
16	16	0	-0.792	-0.133	0.008	0.261	0.016	0.016
16	16	1	-0.792	-0.131	0.177	0.268	0.022	0.022
16	64	0	-0.717	-0.038	0.003	0.052	0.005	0.005
16	64	1	-0.717	-0.034	0.175	0.055	0.008	0.008
64	64	0	-0.717	-0.145	0.003	0.241	-0.001	-0.001
64	64	1	-0.716	-0.146	0.172	0.242	0.000	0.001

Table: median bias; $n = 2000$, $\rho = 0.50$, Normal X , Y

Estimators

$$\hat{\beta}_G = \frac{Y'GX}{X'GX} = \frac{\sum_{i,j} Y_i G_{ij} X_j}{\sum_{i,j} X_i G_{ij} X_j},$$

$$G_{\text{TSLs}} = H_{\hat{Z}},$$

$$G_{\text{IJJIVE1}} = (I - H_W)(I - \text{diag}(H_{\hat{Z}}))^{-1}(H_{\hat{Z}} - \text{diag}(H_{\hat{Z}}))(I - H_W),$$

$$G_{\text{IJJIVE2}} = H_{\hat{Z}} - (I - H_W) \text{diag}(H_{\hat{Z}})(I - H_W),$$

$$G_{\text{JJIVE1}} = (I - H_W)(I - \text{diag}(H_Q))^{-1}(H_Q - \text{diag}(H_Q)).$$

Asymptotic Theory

Regularity conditions

- ▶ For both conditional and unconditional inference need
 - ▶ reduced form errors are independent, and $\max_i E[\eta_i^4 + \zeta_i^4 \mid Z_i, W_i]$ bounded.
 - ▶ Other regularity conditions (stated in paper) that hold in running example if π, π_Y are bounded
- ▶ For unconditional inference, assume also that sampling is i.i.d., and eigenvalues of $E[\tilde{Z}_i \tilde{Z}_i']$ and $E[W_i W_i']$ are bounded above and below (balanced design condition)
- ▶ Some results go through under weaker conditions

Many instrument asymptotics

- ▶ Many weak instrument asymptotics of Bekker (1994) and Chao and Swanson (2005)
- ▶ Two important changes:
 1. Allow TE to be heterogeneous
 2. Allow $L \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ Distributional results generalize those in Newey and Windmeijer (2009) and Chao, Swanson, Hausman, Newey, and Woutersen (2012)
- ▶ Regularity conditions in paper, will focus on rate conditions and substantive restrictions

Theorem 2 (Conditional asymptotic distribution)

Suppose regularity conditions hold, $\max_i (H_{\hat{Z},W})_{ii} / n \rightarrow 0$ and

$L \max_i (H_{\hat{Z}})_{ii} / \hat{r}_n^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$ a.s. Then for IJIVE1 and IJIVE2,

$\mathcal{V}_C^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_C) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, where $\mathcal{V}_C = (\mathcal{V}_{TEXT} + \mathcal{V}_{LATE} + \mathcal{V}_{MW}) / \hat{r}_n^2$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{V}_{TEXT} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{R}_i^2 \sigma_{v,i}^2 & v_i &= \zeta_i - \beta_C \eta_i \\ \mathcal{V}_{LATE} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{R}_{\Delta,i}^2 \sigma_{\eta,i}^2 + 2\hat{R}_i \hat{R}_{\Delta,i} \sigma_{v\eta,i}) & \hat{R}_{\Delta,i} &= \hat{R}_{Y,i} - \hat{R}_i \beta_C \\ \mathcal{V}_{MW} &= \sum_{i \neq j} (H_{\hat{Z}})_{ij}^2 \left(\sigma_{\eta,j}^2 \sigma_{v,i}^2 + \sigma_{v\eta,i} \sigma_{v\eta,j} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- \mathcal{V}_{TEXT} is usual “textbook” variance of TSLS, \mathcal{V}_{LATE} reflects variability of LATEs, and \mathcal{V}_{MW} is many-instruments component
- Under homogeneous TE, v_i is “structural error” and $\hat{R}_{\Delta,i} = 0$

Theorem 3 (Unconditional asymptotic distribution)

Suppose regularity conditions hold, and that $K + L = o(\sqrt{n/\log(n)})$.

Then for IJIVE1 and IJIVE2 $\mathcal{V}_U^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_U) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, where

$$\mathcal{V}_U = \mathcal{V}_C + \mathcal{V}_E / \hat{r}_n^2$$

$$\mathcal{V}_E = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{R}_{\Delta,i}^2 \hat{R}_i^2$$

$$\text{and } \left(\frac{\mathcal{V}_E}{\hat{r}_n^2} \right)^{-1} \frac{E[\hat{R}_i^2 \hat{R}_{\Delta,i}^2]}{E[\hat{R}_i^2]} \rightarrow_p 1.$$

- ▶ Extra term \mathcal{V}_E accounts for variability of conditional estimand around the unconditional estimand.
- ▶ Asymptotic normality continues to hold with $(K + L) \log(K + L) = o(n^{3/4})$

Inference

- ▶ Naive plug-in estimators of $\mathcal{V}_C, \mathcal{V}_U$ are *upward* biased under many instrument asymptotics
- ▶ Recall tsls estimator $\hat{R}_{\text{TSLS},i} = \hat{Z}_i(\hat{Z}'\hat{Z})^{-1}\hat{Z}'\hat{X} = \sum_j (H_{\hat{Z}})_{ij}\hat{X}_j$ of \hat{R}_i
- ▶ Define jackknife estimator of $\hat{R}_i\hat{R}_{\Delta,i}$:

$$\hat{J}_i(\hat{X}, \hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{j: j \neq i} (H_{\hat{Z}})_{ij}\hat{X}_j \sum_{k: k \notin \{i,j\}} (\hat{Y}_i - \hat{X}_i\hat{\beta})(H_{\hat{Z}})_{ik}$$

$\hat{J}_i(\hat{X}, \hat{X})$ and $\hat{J}_i(\hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}, \hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta})$ estimate \hat{R}_i^2 and $\hat{R}_{\Delta,i}^2$

- ▶ Estimate ν_i and η_i by $\hat{\zeta}_i - \eta_i\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\eta}$, where $\hat{\nu}_i$ and $\hat{\zeta}_i$ denote OLS residuals from reduced form regressions.
- ▶ Plug these estimators into asymptotic variance formulas \mathcal{V}_C and \mathcal{V}_U

Leads to estimators:

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{TEXT} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{J}_i(\hat{X}, \hat{X}) \hat{v}_i^2$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{LATE} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{J}_i(\hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}, \hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}) \hat{\eta}_i^2 + 2\hat{J}_i(\hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}, \hat{X}) \hat{v}_i \hat{\eta}_i)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{MW} = \sum_{i \neq j} (H_{\hat{Z}})_{ij}^2 \left(\hat{v}_j^2 \hat{\eta}_i^2 + \hat{v}_j \hat{\eta}_j \hat{v}_i \hat{\eta}_i \right)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_E = \sum_i \hat{R}_{IJIVE1,i}^2 \hat{J}_i(\hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta}, \hat{Y} - \hat{X}\hat{\beta})$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_C = \frac{\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{TEXT} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{LATE} + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{MW}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{X}_i \hat{R}_{IJIVE1,i}}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_U = \hat{\mathcal{V}}_C + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{V}}_E}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{X}_i \hat{R}_{IJIVE1,i}}$$

For estimators other than IJIVE1, replace \hat{R}_{IJIVE1} by corresponding first-stage predictor

Theorem 4 (Standard errors)

Under same conditions leading to asymptotic normality of $\mathcal{V}_C^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_C)$ and $\mathcal{V}_U^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_U)$,

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_C^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_C) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}_U^{-1/2}(\hat{\beta} - \beta_U) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \quad \text{respectively.}$$

Takeaways

- ▶ When TE are heterogeneous, usual standard errors *not* valid for inference
 - ▶ Conditional variance: additional term reflecting variability of LATEs
 - ▶ Unconditional variance: conditional variance + term reflecting variability of the conditional estimand
- ▶ Need to take a stance on object of interest (conditional/unconditional estimand)
- ▶ Precision trade-offs (e.g. Donald and Newey, 2001) different. Changing set of instruments
 - ▶ Changes estimand
 - ▶ Changes s.e. not only through effect \hat{r}_n vs K tradeoff, but also through effect on variability of LATEs