

Stat 133 Final Report: Using Maimonides' Rule to Estimate the Effect of Class Size on Scholastic Achievement

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Introduction

The goal of this project is twofold. First, to expand our knowledge of statistical tools in R and their potential applications to academic data. Second, to check the reproducibility of Joshua D. Angrist and Victor Lavy's 1999 paper 'Using Maimonides Rule to Estimate the Effect of Class Size on Scholastic Achievement' by re-running the paper's regression models in R (compared to their original analysis which was done in Stata). This is possible because the data used in the paper is publicly posted along with some of the Stata .do files (which were used as reference for the data cleaning) and the models used in the paper are explained in detail.

First Contact

The raw data that Angrist and Lavy post online are posted in .dta format, which R cannot read. In order to make the raw data readable we use the package Rio to import the .dta data into a .csv file.

Data Cleaning

We clean the data by removing or adjusting all impossible observations (scores over 100%, or schools with no test results), this was done in accordance to Angrist and Lavy's data cleaning. Additionally, we remove the observations with NA's in our regressor variables (the variables we use as regressors later in the project); this is necessary because in order to calculate clustered standard errors (see `robust.se` function in the data analysis R script in the code folder of the project) the variables need to be equal in length, otherwise `tapply` returns an error.

We then saved the clean data to our data folder in .csv format.

Describing the data

Our cleaned data frames for 5th and 4th graders have 50 columns and 2019 and 2049 rows, respectively. The rows correspond to the number of schools that were observed for this study. Column names correspond to variables that were measured. Variable definitions are as follows (as defined by Angrist and Lavy): Class size = number of students in the spring. Enrollment = September grade enrollment, Percent disadvantaged = percent of students in the school from "disadvantaged backgrounds," Reading size = number of students who took the reading test, Math size = number of students who took the math test, Average verbal = average composite reading score in the class, Average math = average composite math score in the class.

We created a discontinuity sample which includes enrollment 36-45, 76-85 and 116-124. This data is used throughout the project.

TABLE I

Unweighted Descriptive Statistics

Table I gives an insight into general statistics about the data. We created tables for the full samples of 5th and 4th grade as well as tables for the discontinuous samples of 5th and 4th grade. The tables are as follows: Full sample 5th grade (2019 classes, 1002 schools, tested in 1991) Full sample 4th grade (2049 classes, 1013 schools, tested in 1991) +/- 5 Discontinuity sample 5th grade (471 classes, 224 schools) +/- 5 Discontinuity sample 4th grade (415 classes, 195 schools)

The table gives data on class size, enrollment, percent disadvantaged, reading size, math size, average verbal score and average math score. The table displays the mean, standard deviation, min, max and quantiles for each variable.

A. Full Sample

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##
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu
## % Date and time: Sun, Dec 13, 2015 - 16:51:49
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
##   \caption{Unweighted Descriptive Statistics for 5th Grade: 2019 classes, 1002 schools, tested in 1991}
##   \label{table:5th}
##   \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcccccc}
##     \hline
##     \hline
##     Statistic & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Mean} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{St. Dev.} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Min} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Q1} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Q3} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Max} \\
##     \hline
##     Class size & 29.935 & 6.546 & 8 & 26 & 31 & 44 \\
##     Enrollment & 77.742 & 38.811 & 8 & 50 & 72 & 100 & 226 \\
##     Percent disadvantaged & 14.113 & 13.554 & 0 & 4 & 10 & 20 & 76 \\
##     Reading size & 27.323 & 6.582 & 5 & 23 & 28 & 32 & 41 \\
##     Math size & 27.720 & 6.642 & 0 & 23 & 28 & 33 & 41 \\
##     Average verbal & 74.386 & 7.684 & 34.800 & 69.855 & 75.407 & 79.843 & 93.860 \\
##     Average math & 67.259 & 9.712 & 0.000 & 61.100 & 67.780 & 74.085 & 93.930 \\
##     \hline
##   \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

```
##
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu
## % Date and time: Sun, Dec 13, 2015 - 16:51:49
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
##   \caption{Unweighted Descriptive Statistics for 4th Grade: 2049 classes, 1013 schools, tested in 1991}
##   \label{table:4th}
##   \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcccccc}
##     \hline
##     \hline
##     Statistic & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Mean} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{St. Dev.} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Min} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Q1} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Q3} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Max} \\
##     \hline
##     Class size & 30.277 & 6.327 & 7 & 26 & 31 & 35 & 44 \\
##     Enrollment & 78.302 & 37.712 & 8 & 51 & 74 & 101 & 225 \\
##     Percent disadvantaged & 13.878 & 13.385 & 0 & 4 & 9 & 19 & 76 \\
##     Reading size & 27.667 & 6.540 & 5 & 24 & 28 & 32 & 69 \\
##     Math size & 27.667 & 6.540 & 5 & 24 & 28 & 32 & 69 \\
##     Average verbal & 74.386 & 7.684 & 34.800 & 69.855 & 75.407 & 79.843 & 93.860 \\
##     Average math & 67.259 & 9.712 & 0.000 & 61.100 & 67.780 & 74.085 & 93.930 \\
##     \hline
##   \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

```
## Math size & 28.080 & 6.548 & 5 & 24 & 29 & 33 & 69 \\
## Average verbal & 72.489 & 7.991 & 24.290 & 67.670 & 73.330 & 78.210 & 94.900 \\
## Average math & 68.864 & 8.768 & 21.410 & 63.590 & 69.330 & 74.970 & 94.091 \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

B. +/- 5 Discontinuity Sample

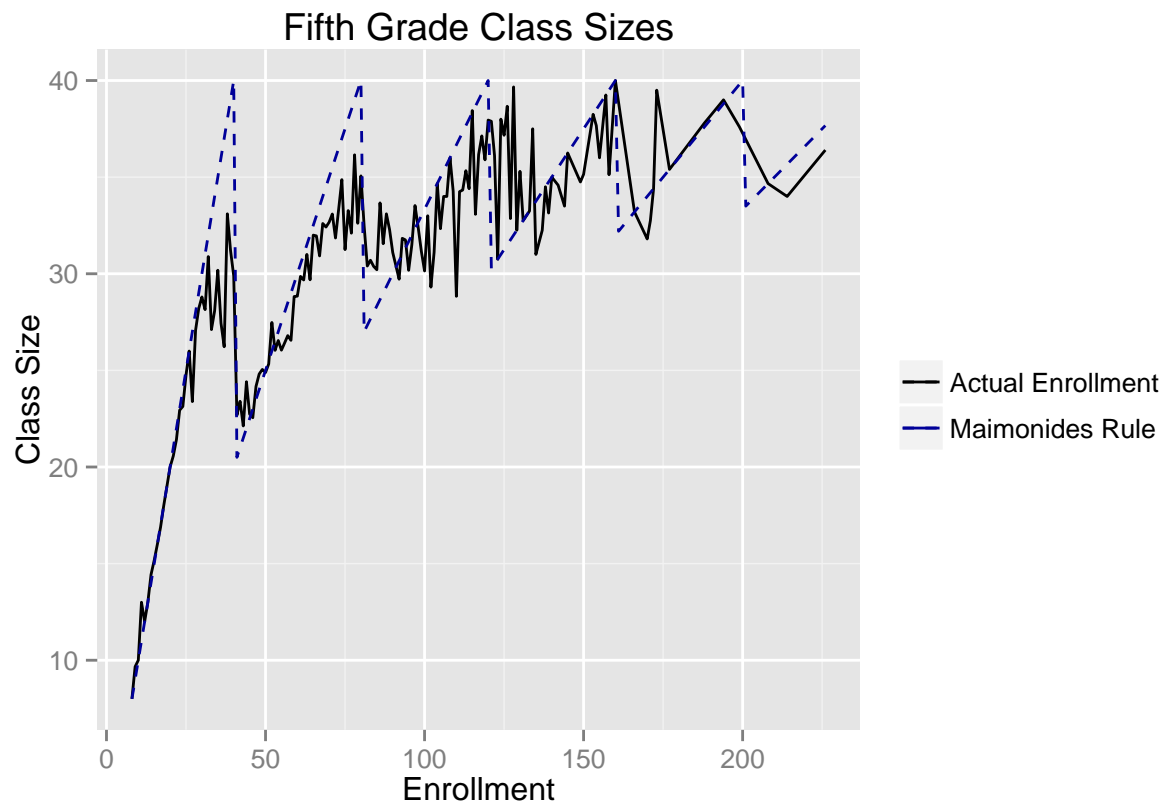
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##
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu
## % Date and time: Sun, Dec 13, 2015 - 16:51:49
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
## \caption{Unweighted Descriptive Statistics for 5th Grade: 471 classes, 0 schools, tested in 1990}
## \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcccccc}
## \\[-1.8ex]\hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Statistic & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Mean} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{St. Dev.} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Min} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Max} \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Class size & 30.820 & 7.418 & 14 & 24 & 31 & 38 & 44 \\
## Enrollment & 76.382 & 29.503 & 36 & 43 & 79 & 85 & 125 \\
## Percent disadvantaged & 13.597 & 13.173 & 0 & 4 & 10 & 17 & 76 \\
## Reading size & 28.138 & 7.333 & 9 & 22 & 28 & 35 & 41 \\
## Math size & 28.541 & 7.442 & 9 & 22 & 28 & 35 & 41 \\
## Average verbal & 74.491 & 8.181 & 34.800 & 69.655 & 75.640 & 80.455 & 93.810 \\
## Average math & 67.032 & 10.203 & 27.690 & 60.880 & 67.360 & 73.728 & 92.690 \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
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##
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harvard.edu
## % Date and time: Sun, Dec 13, 2015 - 16:51:49
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
## \caption{Unweighted Descriptive Statistics for 4th Grade: 415 classes, 0 schools, tested in 1990}
## \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcccccc}
## \\[-1.8ex]\hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Statistic & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Mean} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{St. Dev.} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Min} & \multicolumn{1}{c}{Max} \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Class size & 31.149 & 7.234 & 12 & 25 & 32 & 38 & 44 \\
## Enrollment & 78.547 & 29.966 & 36 & 43 & 80 & 116 & 125 \\
## Percent disadvantaged & 12.889 & 12.335 & 0 & 4 & 9 & 17.8 & 60 \\
## Reading size & 28.313 & 7.704 & 9 & 22 & 28 & 35 & 69 \\
## Math size & 28.749 & 7.688 & 11 & 23 & 29 & 35 & 69 \\
## Average verbal & 72.468 & 7.832 & 46.387 & 67.000 & 73.320 & 78.315 & 94.900 \\
## Average math & 68.674 & 9.085 & 37.250 & 62.655 & 69.340 & 75.410 & 92.670 \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
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Class Size in 1991 in Initial Enrollment Count, Actual Average Size and as Predicted by Maimonides' Rule

The graph we created compares average class size per enrollment category to expected enrollment according to Maimonides Rule. It shows that the class size behavior (with respect to enrollment) does approximately follow the discontinuous model of the Maimonides' Rule

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TABLE II

OLS Estimates for 1991

This is a preliminary OLS estimate of some of the variables of interest in the data. It shows that by controlling for percent disadvantaged and total enrollment, any positive correlation between class size and test scores is eliminated, and all of the coefficients on classsize are negative. Thus suggesting that as class sizes increase, test scores decrease.

```
##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{OLS estimates for 1991 5th grade}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
## & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & rc.3 & m5.1 & m5.2 & m5.3 \\
## \hline
## Class size & $0.221$ & $-0.031$ & $-0.025$ & $0.330$ & $0.089$ & $0.028$ \\
## & $(0.034)$ & $(0.026)$ & $(0.033)$ & $(0.041)$ & $(0.038)$ & $(0.043)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & & $-0.350$ & $-0.351$ & & $-0.335$ & $-0.327$ \\
## & & $(0.014)$ & $(0.015)$ & & $(0.019)$ & $(0.019)$ \\
## Enrollment & & & $-0.002$ & & & $0.018$ \\
## & & & $(0.006)$ & & & $(0.008)$
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## \hline
## R2 & 0.035 & 0.367 & 0.367 & 0.050 & 0.240 & 0.243 \\
## Adj. R2 & 0.035 & 0.366 & 0.366 & 0.049 & 0.239 & 0.242 \\
## Num. obs. & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 \\
## RMSE & 7.548 & 6.116 & 6.118 & 9.470 & 8.471 & 8.456 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{OLS estimates for 1991 4th grade}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
## & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & rc.3 & m5.1 & m5.2 & m5.3 \\
## \hline
## Class size & $0.141$ & $-0.053$ & $-0.040$ & $0.221$ & $0.055$ & $0.009$ \\
## & $(0.035)$ & $(0.028)$ & $(0.032)$ & $(0.039)$ & $(0.036)$ & $(0.040)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & & $-0.339$ & $-0.341$ & & $-0.289$ & $-0.281$ \\
## & & $(0.015)$ & $(0.016)$ & & $(0.017)$ & $(0.017)$ \\
## Enrollment & & & $-0.004$ & & & $0.014$ \\
## & & & $(0.006)$ & & & $(0.007)$ \\
## \hline
## R2 & 0.013 & 0.309 & 0.309 & 0.025 & 0.204 & 0.207 \\
## Adj. R2 & 0.012 & 0.309 & 0.308 & 0.025 & 0.204 & 0.206 \\
## Num. obs. & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 \\
## RMSE & 7.943 & 6.645 & 6.646 & 8.658 & 7.825 & 7.815 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

```

TABLE III

Reduced-Form Estimates for 1991

Expected Class Size, Dependent on Enrollment

This table has two important improvements over the last table. We include a variable for expected class size, which is the class size that the Maimonides' Rule returns for a given enrollment level. Additionally we run the regressions on a discontinuous sample; the discontinuous sample is made by only including the schools that have enrollment levels on the threshold of Maimonides' suggested class additions. This checks the sensitivity/accuracy of the estimates by focusing on the edge cases.

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##
## \begin{table}

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```

## \caption{Reduced-Form Estimates for 1991 5th Grade Full Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
##          & cs5.1 & cs5.2 & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Expected Class Size & $.704$ & $.542$ & $-.111$ & $-.150$ & $.006$ & $-.113$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.076$ & $-.053$ & $-.359$ & $-.354$ & $-.349$ & $-.332$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## Enrollment & & $.043$ & & $.010$ & & $.032$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## \hline
## R2 & .516 & .553 & .374 & .375 & .237 & .246 \\
## Adj. R2 & .516 & .552 & .373 & .374 & .236 & .245 \\
## Num. obs. & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 \\
## RMSE & 4.555 & 4.380 & 6.085 & 6.079 & 8.489 & 8.441 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

```

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##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{Reduced-Form Estimates for 1991 4th Grade Full Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
##          & cs5.1 & cs5.2 & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Expected Class Size & $.772$ & $.670$ & $-.085$ & $-.089$ & $.038$ & $-.033$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.054$ & $-.039$ & $-.340$ & $-.340$ & $-.292$ & $-.282$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## Enrollment & & $.027$ & & $.001$ & & $.019$ \\
##          & & & & & & \\
##          & & & & & & \\
## \hline
## R2 & .561 & .575 & .311 & .311 & .203 & .207 \\
## Adj. R2 & .560 & .574 & .311 & .310 & .203 & .206 \\
## Num. obs. & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 & 2049 \\
## RMSE & 4.195 & 4.129 & 6.635 & 6.637 & 7.829 & 7.813 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

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##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{Reduced-Form Estimates for 1991 5th Grade Discontinuity Sample}
## \begin{center}

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## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
##          & cs5.1 & cs5.2 & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Expected Class Size & $.481$ & $.346$ & $-.197$ & $-.202$ & $-.089$ & $-.154$ \\
##          & $(.057)$ & $(.062)$ & $(.050)$ & $(.060)$ & $(.072)$ & $(.079)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.130$ & $-.067$ & $-.424$ & $-.422$ & $-.435$ & $-.405$ \\
##          & $(.033)$ & $(.028)$ & $(.036)$ & $(.036)$ & $(.040)$ & $(.041)$ \\
## Enrollment & & $.086$ & & $.003$ & & $.041$ \\
##          & & $(.016)$ & & $(.015)$ & & $(.020)$ \\
## \hline
## R2 & .360 & .437 & .421 & .421 & .296 & .305 \\
## Adj. R2 & .357 & .434 & .419 & .418 & .293 & .301 \\
## Num. obs. & 471 & 471 & 471 & 471 & 471 & 471 \\
## RMSE & 5.948 & 5.583 & 6.237 & 6.243 & 8.579 & 8.531 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize{rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{Reduced-Form Estimates for 1991 4th Grade Discontinuity Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c }
## \hline
##          & cs5.1 & cs5.2 & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Expected Class Size & $.625$ & $.503$ & $-.061$ & $-.075$ & $.059$ & $.012$ \\
##          & $(.048)$ & $(.061)$ & $(.059)$ & $(.064)$ & $(.080)$ & $(.080)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.068$ & $-.029$ & $-.348$ & $-.343$ & $-.306$ & $-.291$ \\
##          & $(.029)$ & $(.027)$ & $(.035)$ & $(.038)$ & $(.040)$ & $(.042)$ \\
## Enrollment & & $.063$ & & $.007$ & & $.024$ \\
##          & & $(.016)$ & & $(.016)$ & & $(.020)$ \\
## \hline
## R2 & .428 & .475 & .299 & .299 & .178 & .182 \\
## Adj. R2 & .425 & .471 & .295 & .294 & .174 & .176 \\
## Num. obs. & 415 & 415 & 415 & 415 & 415 & 415 \\
## RMSE & 5.485 & 5.261 & 6.574 & 6.580 & 8.259 & 8.246 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{7}{l}{\scriptsize{rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

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TABLE IV

2SLS Estimates for 1991 (5th Graders)

These models use the expected class size defined in the last model as an instrumental variable for class size, and defines a trend variable with slopes identical to the slope of the expected class size function's linear segments. This trend tests whether the discontinuity generating instrumental variable (expected class size) is adequately controlled for. The presence of strong negative coefficients on class size in both the full and discontinuous samples suggests causality (due to the IV and Discontinuous characteristics) and imply that there is causal relationship between class size increasing and test scores decreasing.

```
##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{2SLS Estimates for 1991 5th Grade Full Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c c c }
## \hline
##          & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & rc5.3 & rc5.4 & m5.1 & m5.2 & m5.3 & m5.4 \\
## \hline
## Class Size & & & & & & & & 
##          & & & & & & & & 
## Percent Disadvantaged & & & & & & & & 
##          & & & & & & & & 
## Enrollment & & & & & & & & 
##          & & & & & & & & 
## Enrollment squared/100 & & & & & & & & 
##          & & & & & & & & 
## Trend & & & & & & & & 
##          & & & & & & & & 
## \hline
## R2 & .357 & .340 & .343 & -.004 & .237 & .228 & .223 & 
## Adj. R2 & .356 & .339 & .341 & -.005 & .237 & .227 & .221 & 
## Num. obs. & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 1961 & 2019 & 2019 & 2019 & 
## RMSE & 6.166 & 6.249 & 6.236 & 7.720 & 8.486 & 8.540 & 8.569 & 
## \hline
## \multicolumn{9}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}
```



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##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{2SLS Estimates for 1991 5th Grade Discontinuous Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c }
## \hline
##          & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Class Size & & & & \\
##          & & & & \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & & & & \\
##          & & & & \end{tabular}
```

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## Enrollment          &          & $.053$ &          & $.079$ \\
##                    &          & $(.032)$ &          & $(.037)$ \\
## \hline
## R$^2$               & .314    & .240    & .261    & .209    \\
## Adj. R$^2$          & .311    & .235    & .258    & .204    \\
## Num. obs.           & 471     & 471     & 471     & 471     \\
## RMSE                & 6.791   & 7.154   & 8.787   & 9.101   \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{5}{l}{\scriptsize{rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

```

TABLE V

2SLS Estimates for 1991 (4th Graders)

This table applies the same models used in Table IV on 5th graders, to the data for 4th graders.

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##
## \begin{table}
## \caption{2SLS Estimates for 1991 4th Grade Full Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c c c c c c}
## \hline
##          & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & rc5.3 & rc5.4 & m5.1 & m5.2 & m5.3 & m5.4 \\
## \hline
## Class Size          & $-.110$ & $-.133$ & $-.074$ & & & $.049$ & $-.050$ & $-.033$ \\
##                    & $(.040)$ & $(.061)$ & $(.068)$ & & & $(.052)$ & $(.075)$ & $(.085)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.346$ & $-.345$ & $-.346$ & & & $-.290$ & $-.284$ & $-.284$ \\
##                    & $(.016)$ & $(.016)$ & $(.016)$ & & & $(.018)$ & $(.017)$ & $(.017)$ \\
## Enrollment          & & $.005$ & $-.040$ & & & & $.020$ & $.007$ \\
##                    & & $(.008)$ & $(.022)$ & & & & $(.009)$ & $(.027)$ \\
## Enrollment squared/100 & & & $.021$ & & & & & $.006$ \\
##                    & & & $(.009)$ & & & & & $(.012)$ \\
## Trend              & & & & $.100$ & & & & \\
##                    & & & & $(.026)$ & & & & \\
## \hline
## R$^2$               & .307    & .306    & .312    & .002    & .204    & .206    & .206    \\
## Adj. R$^2$          & .307    & .305    & .311    & .001    & .204    & .204    & .205    \\
## Num. obs.           & 2049    & 2049    & 2049    & 2001    & 2049    & 2049    & 2049    \\
## RMSE                & 6.654   & 6.663   & 6.635   & 8.017   & 7.825   & 7.820   & 7.818   \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{9}{l}{\scriptsize{rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

##
## \begin{table}

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```

## \caption{2SLS Estimates for 1991 4th Grade Discontinuous Sample}
## \begin{center}
## \begin{tabular}{l c c c c }
## \hline
##          & rc5.1 & rc5.2 & m5.1 & m5.2 \\
## \hline
## Class Size      & $-.098$ & $-.150$ & $.095$ & $.023$ \\
##                & $($.095)$ & $($.132)$ & $($.095)$ & $($.132)$ \\
## Percent Disadvantaged & $-.354$ & $-.347$ & $-.299$ & $-.290$ \\
##                & $($.036)$ & $($.038)$ & $($.036)$ & $($.038)$ \\
## Enrollment      & & $.017$ & & $.023$ \\
##                & & $($.022)$ & & $($.022)$ \\
## \hline
## R2          & .284 & .275 & .183 & .184 \\
## Adj. R2       & .281 & .270 & .179 & .178 \\
## Num. obs.       & 415 & 415 & 415 & 415 \\
## RMSE            & 6.642 & 6.690 & 8.229 & 8.239 \\
## \hline
## \multicolumn{5}{l}{\scriptsize rc := reading comprehension, m := math}}
## \end{tabular}
## \label{table:coefficients}
## \end{center}
## \end{table}

```

TABLES VI - VII

We did not include these tables due to time restrictions and strange results when using indicator instrumental variables with `ivreg()`. If you are interested in the code (we attempted to reproduce the results but could not finish these models accurately) please email ntadelis@berkeley.edu

CONCLUSION

This project is in our minds successful. We have gained a much deeper understand of R's statistical analysis tools, and the versatility of CRAN's compendium of packages. Additionally our results were within rounding errors of Angrist and Lavy's regression results, suggesting that any differences between Stata and R are so small that when regression models are run correctly they are all but eliminated.