

Question 1:  
Repo on GitHub

Question 2:

Hansen proposes the research question that harsher punishments will have an effect (most likely to deter) those from driving under the influence more than once. He gathers data from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration specific to the state of Washington from 1995 to 2011. His research design is to utilize the data specifically from 1999-2007 to analyze the causal effect of having a BAC above either the 0.08 or 0.15 threshold on recidivism within four years of the initial BAC test. The paper only includes those 21+. In Washington, a BAC test that registers 0.08 or above is a DUI while a BAC test that register 0.15 or higher is an aggravated DUI. He concludes that harsher punishments and sanctions associated with BAC limits reduce drunk driving further.

Question 3:

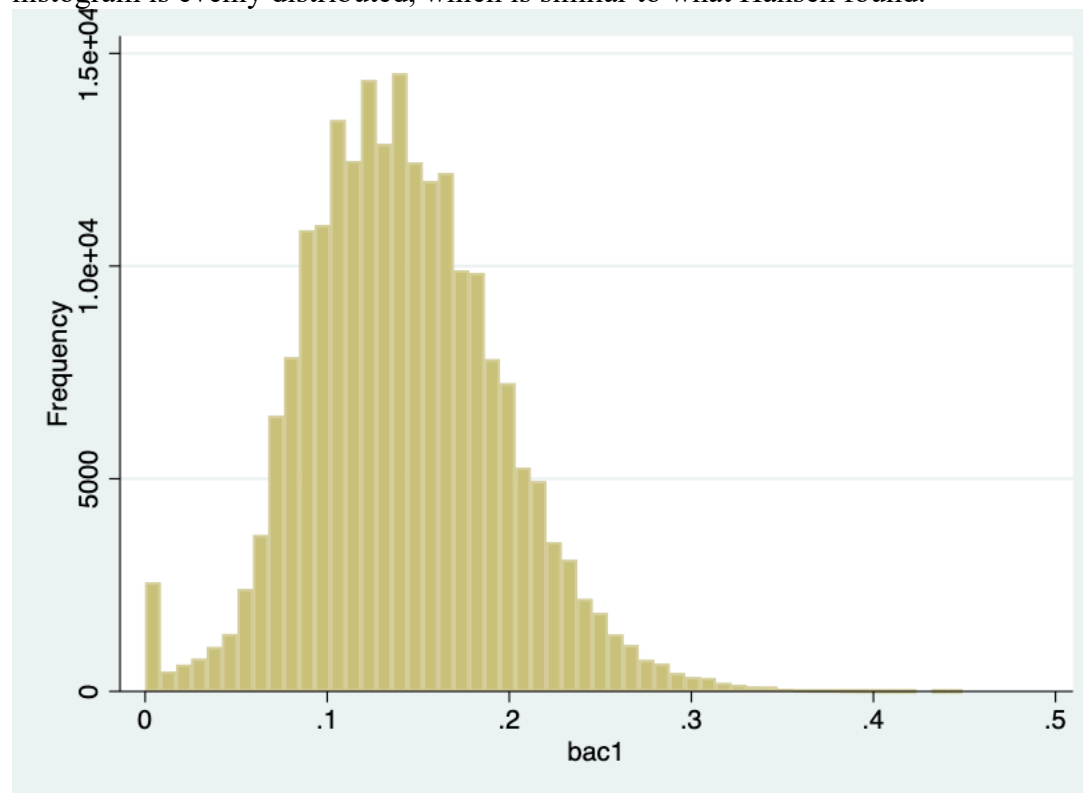
Creating the dummy variable

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generate dumml = (bac1 >= 0.08)
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Question 4:

In order to test if there is manipulation of the data, we could check for continuity around the 0.08 BAC level. If it seems evenly distributed on either side of the benchmark, we know drivers can likely not manipulate their BAC levels.

Based on the graph created, there does not seem to be manipulation of the BAC variable. The histogram is evenly distributed, which is similar to what Hansen found.



Question 5: In this, Hansen used the LATE method, which stata does not have an obviously convenient method to utilize. So our results are drastically different, but nonetheless are in a similar direction of Hansens which is notable.

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. reg male duil bac1 c.duil##c.bac1
note: duil omitted because of collinearity
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note: bac1 omitted because of collinearity
note: c.duil#c.bac1 omitted because of collinearity
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	214,558
Model	1.1412176	1	1.1412176	F(1, 214556)	=	6.87
Residual	35654.7754	214,556	.166179344	Prob > F	=	0.0088
				R-squared	=	0.0000
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0000
Total	35655.9166	214,557	.166183889	Root MSE	=	.40765

	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
male						
duil	0 (omitted)					
bac1	-.0427876	.0163276	-2.62	0.009	-.0747893	-.0107859
duil	0 (omitted)					
bac1	0 (omitted)					
c.duil#c.bac1	0 (omitted)					
_cons	.7955759	.0024759	321.33	0.000	.7907233	.8004286

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. reg white duil bac1 c.duil##c.bac1
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note: bac1 omitted because of collinearity
note: c.duil#c.bac1 omitted because of collinearity
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	214,558
Model	20.6789948	1	20.6789948	F(1, 214556)	=	173.54
Residual	25565.9555	214,556	.119157495	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.0008
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0008
Total	25586.6345	214,557	.119253319	Root MSE	=	.34519

	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
white						
duil	0 (omitted)					
bac1	.1821371	.0138259	13.17	0.000	.1550386	.2092356
duil	0 (omitted)					
bac1	0 (omitted)					
c.duil#c.bac1	0 (omitted)					
_cons	.8357748	.0020965	398.65	0.000	.8316656	.8398839

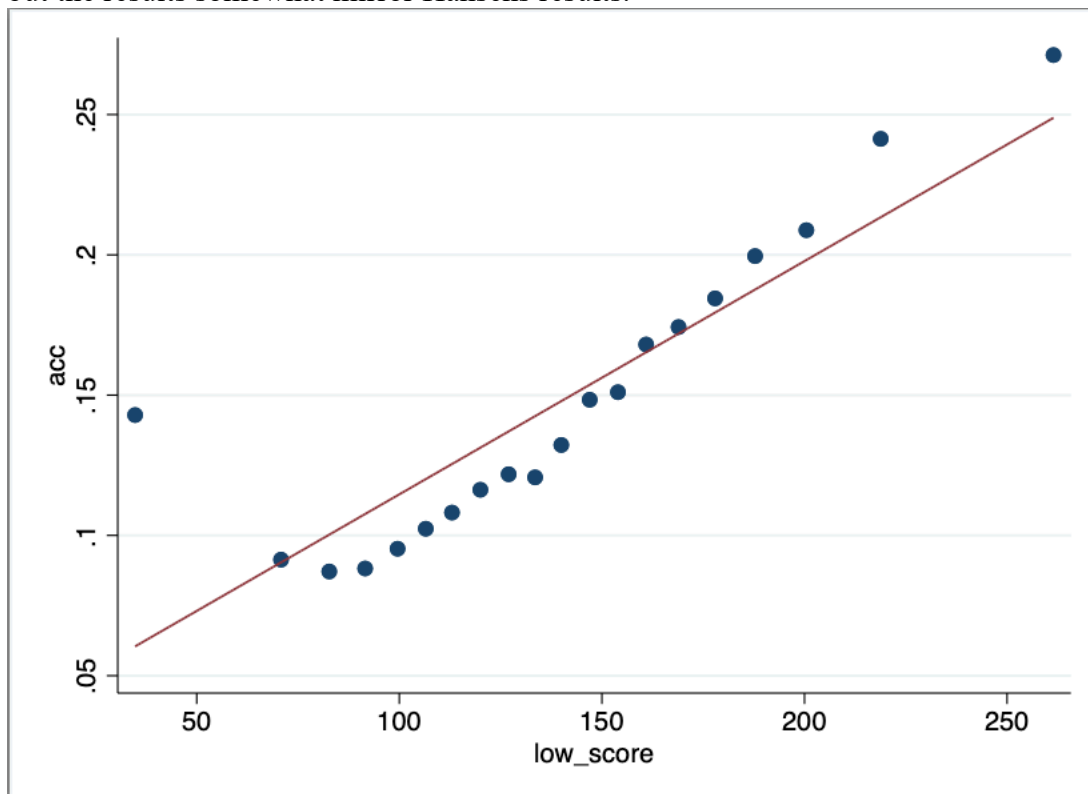
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. reg acc duil bac1 c.duil#c.bac1
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note: bac1 omitted because of collinearity
note: c.duil#c.bac1 omitted because of collinearity
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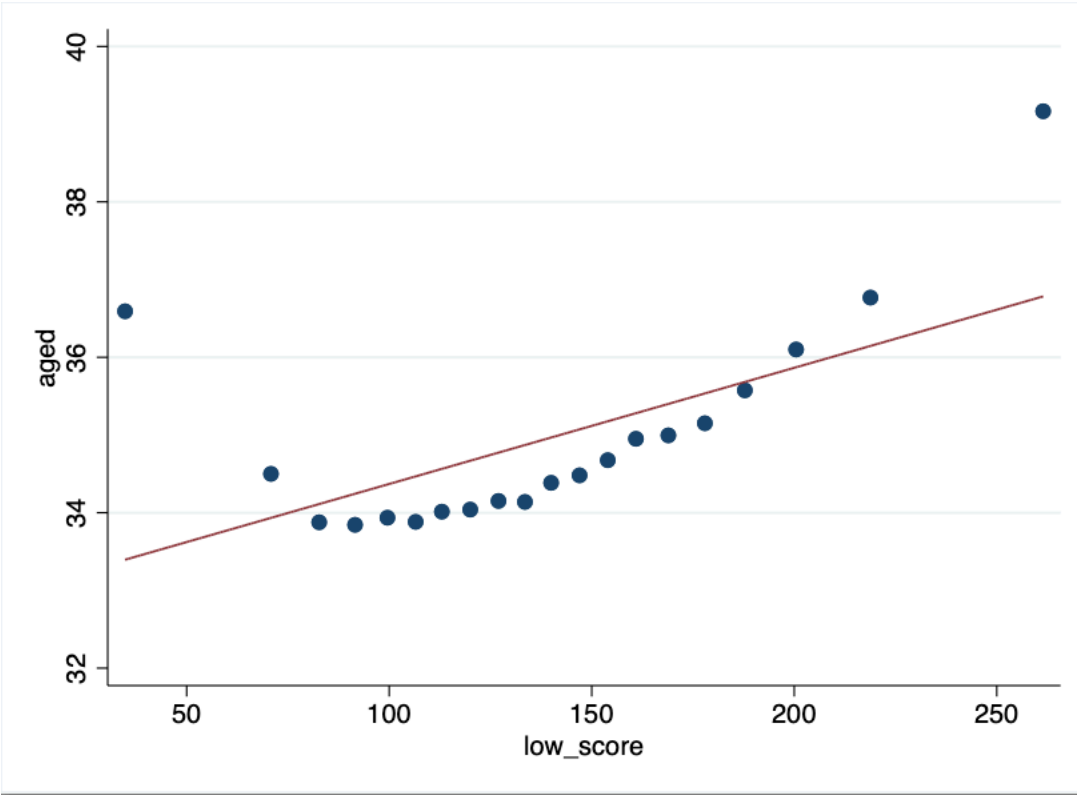
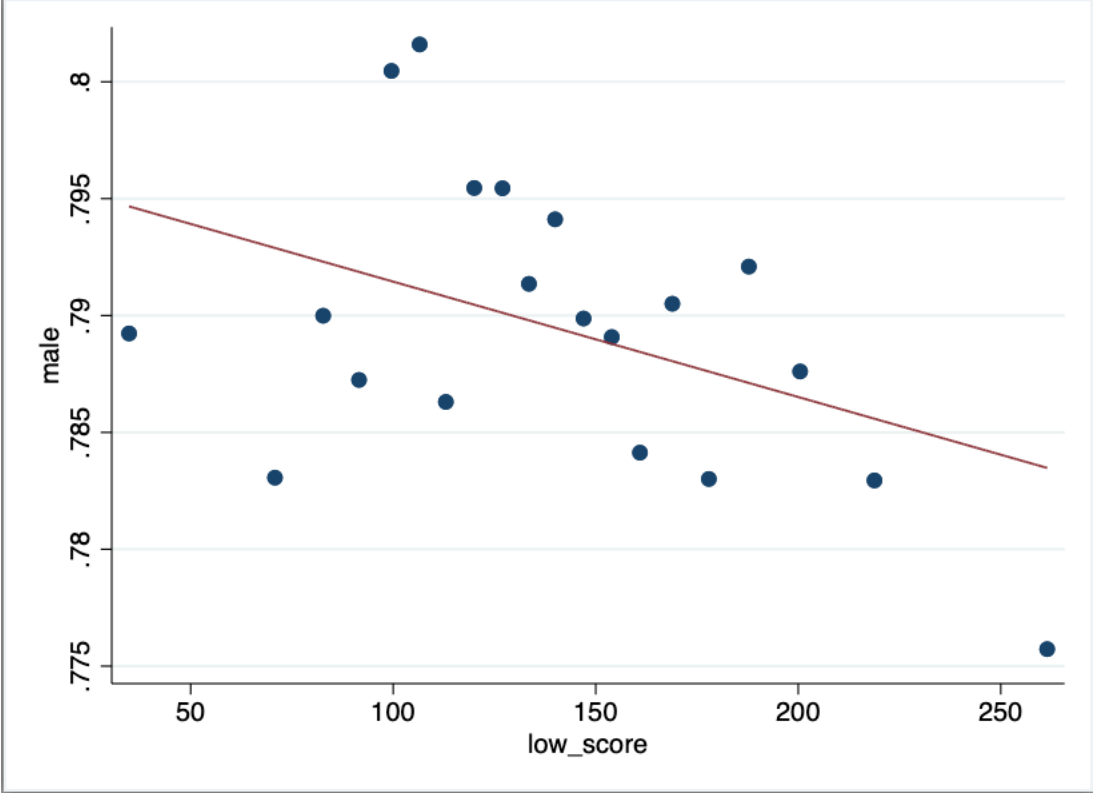
Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	214,558
Model	422.23161	1	422.23161	F(1, 214556)	=	3415.25
Residual	26525.8517	214,556	.123631368	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.0157
				Adj R-squared	=	0.0157
Total	26948.0833	214,557	.125598714	Root MSE	=	.35161

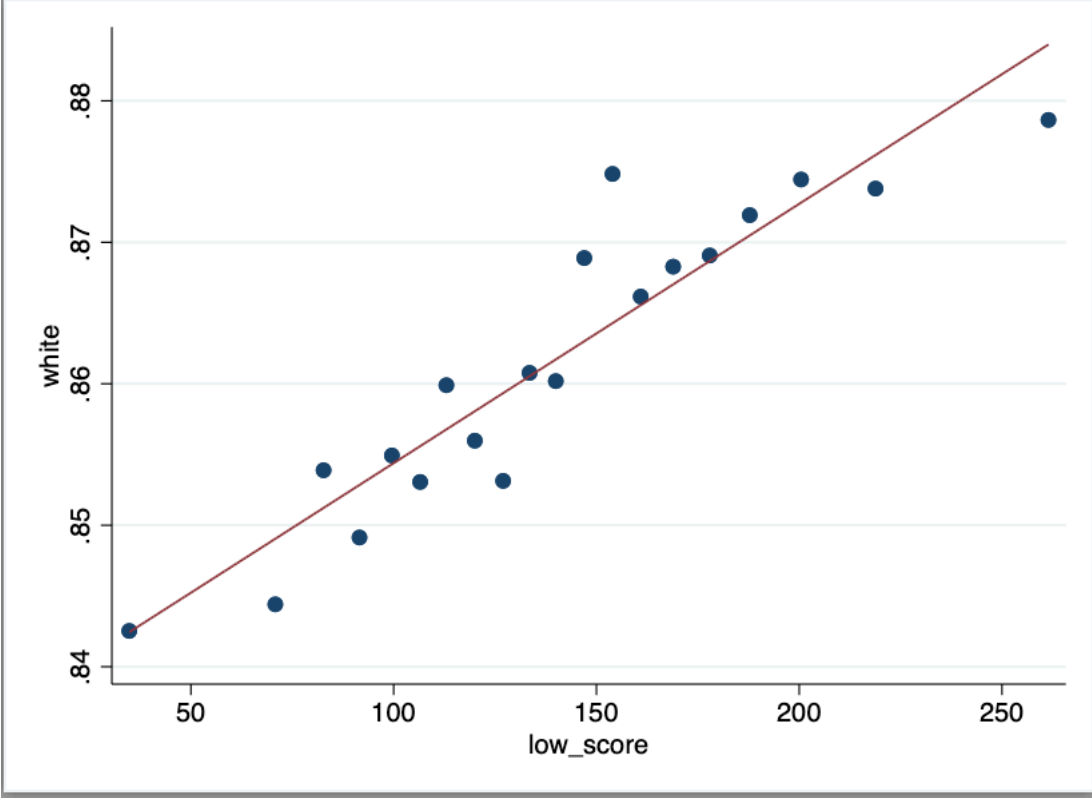
	acc	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
duil		0 (omitted)				
bac1		.8230175	.0140831	58.44	0.000	.795415 .85062
duil		0 (omitted)				
bac1		0 (omitted)				
c.duil#c.bac1		0 (omitted)				
_cons		.0306435	.0021355	14.35	0.000	.026458 .0348291

#### Question 6:

I found that the higher the initial BAC, the higher the likelihood there was an accident. This is similar to Hansens results. Once again Hansen was able to manipulate his results around the DUI cutoffs of 0.08 and 0.15 whereas I had a difficult time in doing so. I was only able to fit one line, but the results somewhat mirror Hansens results.







Question 7:  
Hansen's results obviously produced a table whereas mine are coming in a printed STATA output. The estout command was being fussy. But, I believe that Hansen used LATE methods whereas I did not, which is the reason the results are different.  
Row 1, Column 1

recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac1	-.0545834	.	.	.	.
0.dui1	0 (omitted)				
dui1#c.bac1	0 (omitted)				
0	0 (omitted)				
_cons	.1123115	.	.	.	.

Row 1, Column 2

recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac1	-.0545834	.	.	.	.
dui1	0 (omitted)				
c.bac1#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
_cons	.1123115	.	.	.	.

recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac4 dui1	<b>8.326036</b> 0 (omitted)	.	.	.	.
c.bac4#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
bac1 dui1	<b>-1.575768</b> 0 (omitted)	.	.	.	.
c.bac1#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
_cons	<b>.1773877</b>	.	.	.	.

0.055 to 0.105

Row 2, Column 1

recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac1	<b>-.4417888</b>	.	.	.	.
_cons	<b>.1433839</b>	.	.	.	.

Row 2, Column 2

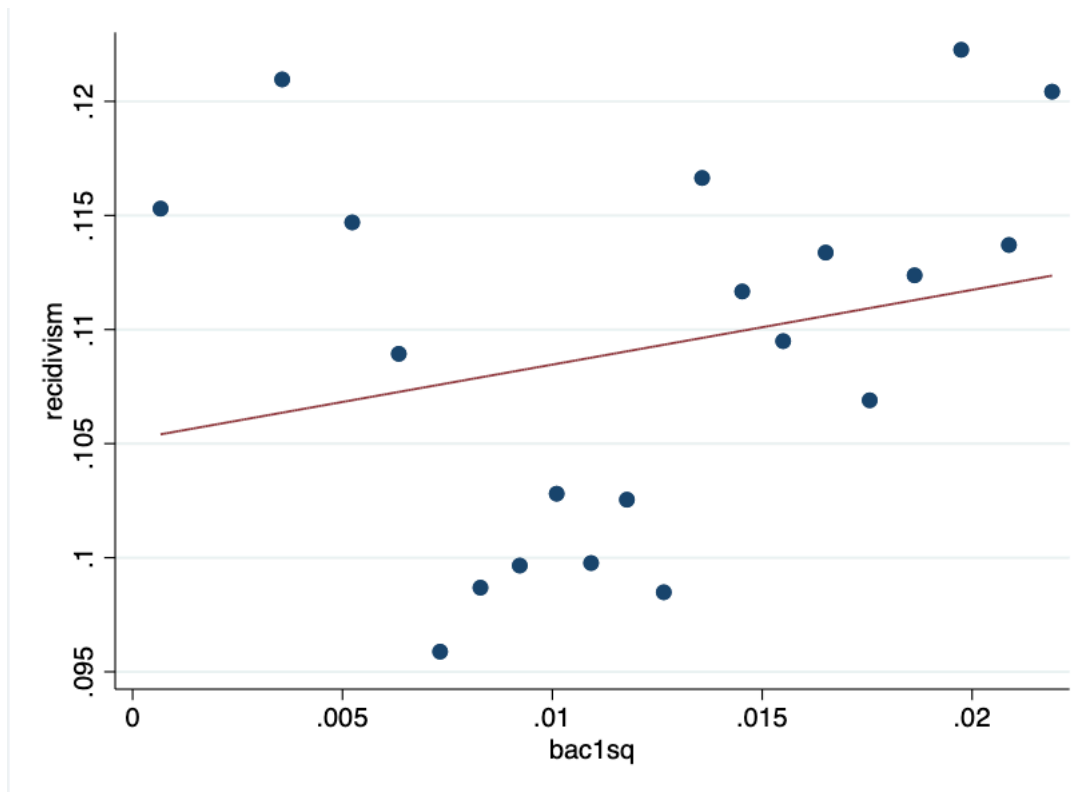
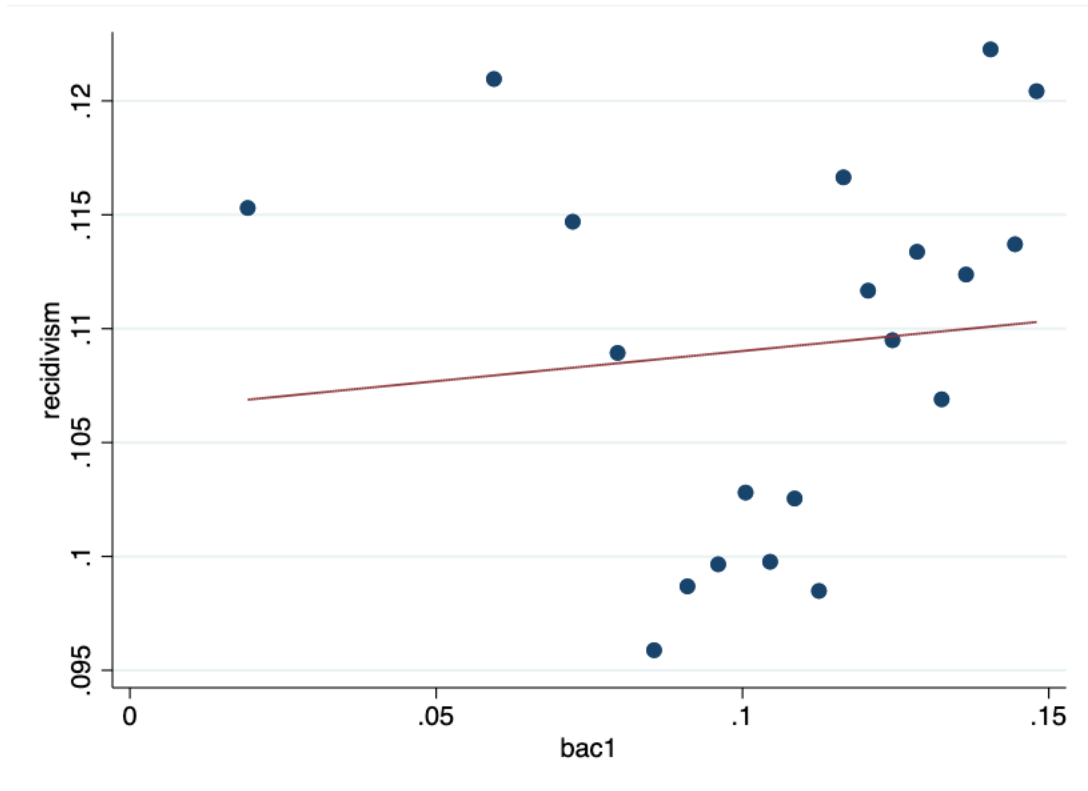
recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac1 dui1	<b>-.2966053</b> 0 (omitted)	.	.	.	.
c.bac1#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
_cons	<b>.1306692</b>	.	.	.	.

Row 2, column 3

recidivism	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
bac1 dui1	<b>.2597717</b> 0 (omitted)	.	.	.	.
c.bac1#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
bac4 dui1	<b>-4.079976</b> 0 (omitted)	.	.	.	.
c.bac4#c.dui1	0 (omitted)				
_cons	<b>.114023</b>	.	.	.	.

Question 8:

Hansen once again was able to produce a graph with a much better result, allowing for the estimation to differ around the DUI cutoff of 0.08 whereas I had a difficult time allowing for this result. Nonetheless, we can see that our results are somewhat similar to Hansens in nature with the 0.1 to 0.15 range respectively.



Question 9:

We were testing the hypothesis that harsher punishment deters from recidivism. I believe that this hypothesis can be concluded and Hansens' decision is correct. He had a more precise method than mine and yet I noticed these results as well.

I think I learned from this exercise that RDD replications can be difficult in both STATA and R and it may be useful to utilize both.