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1. a. cap program drop montecarlo // program define montecarlo, rclass // clear // set obs 20 // gen e = rnormal(0, sqrt(3)) // gen z = rnormal() // gen u = rnormal() // gen x = z + e + u // gen y = x + e// reg x z // return scalar b1 = _b[z] // return scalar rss = 'e(rss)'// test _b[z] = 0 // return scalar F = 'r(F)' // ivreg y (x = z) // return scalar b2 = _b[x] // gen xtilde = z // reg y xtilde // return scalar b3 = _b[xtilde] // gen ess = (e+u)^2// sum ess // return scalar ess = 'r(N)' * 'r(mean)' // drop e z u x y xtilde// end //simulate rss=r(rss) ess=r(ess) // F=r(F) b1=r(b1) b2=r(b2) b3=r(b3), seed(42) reps(10000): montecarlo *beta_2SLS with estimated first stage coefficient sum b2, d // mean = .4375127 *beta_2SLS with true first stage coefficient sum b3, d // mean = 1.008521
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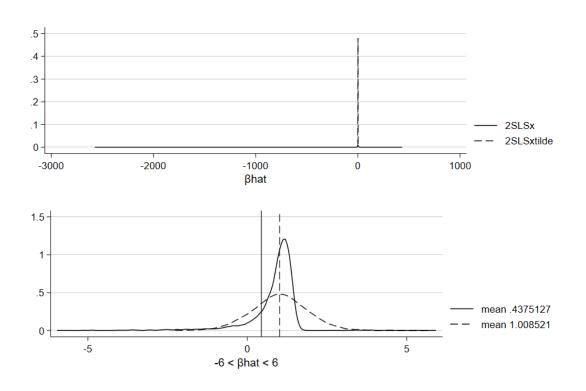


Figure 1:  $\hat{\beta}_{2SLS}$  kernel density and mean

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b. *absolute second stage bias gen absbias = abs(b2 - 1) 
*in case that beta_FS estimate < beta_FS sum absbias if b1 > 1 // on average .2243988 
*in case that beta_FS estimate > beta_FS sum absbias if b1 < 1 // on average 2.838942
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Figure 2 demonstrates that when the first-stage F-statistic exceeds 10, the second-stage bias does not decrease; instead, it increases

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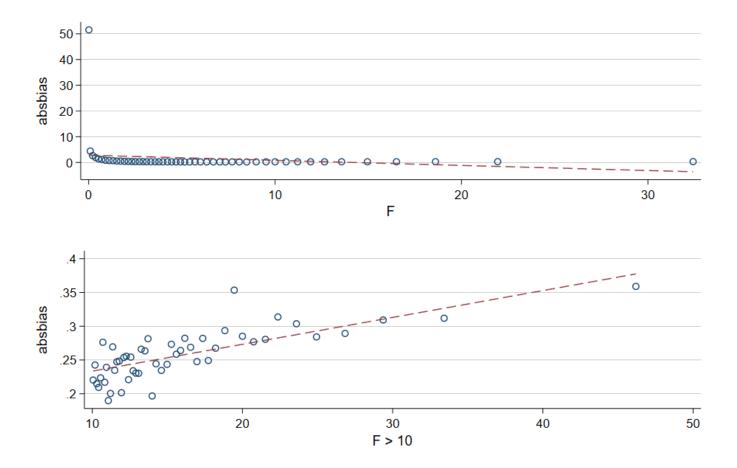


Figure 2:  $|\hat{\beta}_{2SLS} - \beta_x|$  over F

- c. \*ratio of residual sum of squares over error sum of squares gen ssratio = rss/ess sum ssratio // the highest across all simulations is .999998
- d. \*the largest absolute second stage bias gen absbiasdesc = -absbias sort absbiasdesc list b1 in 1/5 // for beta\_FS = .000352 \*the smallest absolute second stage bias sort absbias list b1 in 1/5 // for beta\_FS = .7315149

Figure 4 illustrates that the first-stage F-statistic does not appear to be a useful diagnostic for detecting bias in cases where  $\hat{\beta}_{FS} > 0.5$ . This is because F linearly increases as a function of  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$ , while  $|\hat{\beta}_{2SLS} - \beta_x|$  is minimized at  $\hat{\beta}_{FS} = \beta_{FS} = 1$ .

e. Figure 1 shows that the bias in  $\hat{\beta}_{2SLS}$  arises from estimating the first stage. Figure 3 highlights that the source of bias is overfitting: the RSS does not vary with  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$  and is consistently smaller than the ESS, which is minimized at  $\hat{\beta}_{FS} = \beta_{FS} = 1$  so that the ratio between the two decreases as  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$  deviates from its true value. OLS mechanics adjust for both exogenous and endogenous variation, with the latter causing bias in the second stage by making the first-stage fitted values correlated with the error term. Further, a critical issue occurs a when the first stage is weak, as seen by the largest absolute bias occuring in cases when  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$  is near 0 (2SLS is a ratio where any slight bias in the reduced form is effectively multiplied by weak first stage). Figures 2 and 4, as noted above, highlight that small values of the sample F statistic are alarming for severe bias (weak first stage), while the same does not hold if their values are large enough (overfitting).

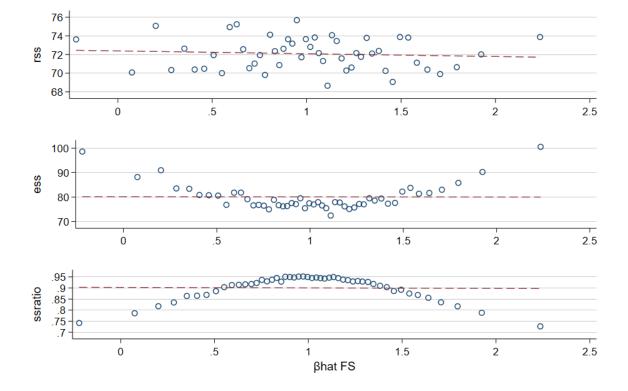


Figure 3: sums of squares over  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$ 

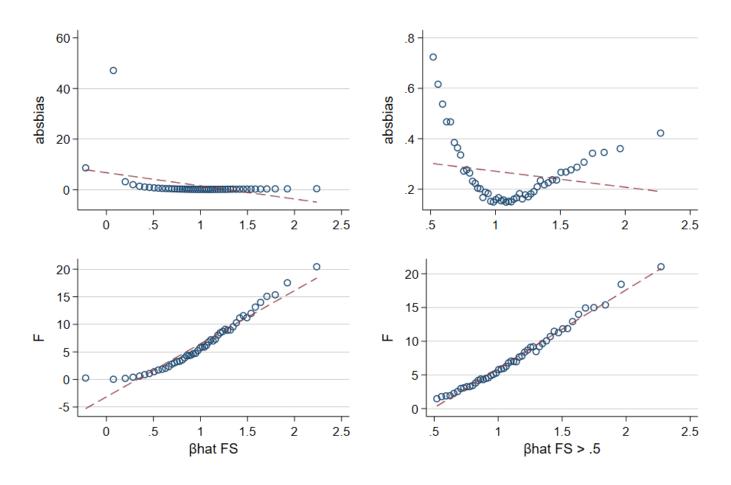


Figure 4:  $|\hat{\beta}_{2SLS} - \beta_x|$  and F over  $\hat{\beta}_{FS}$ 

- 2. 1. The compliance type is unobserved and thus cannot be individually identified because we can't see both  $D_i(1)$  and  $D_i(0)$  for each individual. We need to assume monotonicity to rule out defiers, and independence of the instrument to give a causal interpretation of the reduced form. Then the shares of always-takers, never-takers, and compliers:  $\pi_j$ , j = a, n, c, respectively, are identified as  $\pi_a = \mathbb{E}(D_i = 1 \mid Z_i = 0)$ ,  $\pi_n = \mathbb{E}(D_i = 0 \mid Z_i = 1)$ ,  $\pi_c = \mathbb{E}(D_i = 1 \mid Z_i = 1) \mathbb{E}(D_i = 1 \mid Z_i = 0)$ .
  - 2. Denote  $j_i$ , j = a; n; c the individuals with  $D_i(1) = D_i(0) = 1; D_i(1) = D_i(0) = 0; D_i(1) = 1, D_i(0) = 0$  respectively, and  $P(j_i)$  the sample fraction:  $P(a_i) = 3/10, P(n_i) = 3/10, P(c_i) = 4/10.$  Further,  $P(Z_i = 1) = P(Z_i = 0) = 5/10.$   $P(D_i = 0, Z_i = 1) = P(D_i = 1, Z_i = 0) = 2/10, P(D_i = 0, Z_i = 0) = P(D_i = 1, Z_i = 1) = 3/10.$  Since  $P(n_i, Z_i = 0) = P(n_i) P(D_i = 0, Z_i = 1) = 1/10$  the fraction of never-takers amongst those who were not assigned to treatment  $P(n_i|Z_i = 0) = \frac{P(n_i, Z_i = 0)}{P(Z_i = 0)} = 2/10$  is not the same amongst those who were assigned to treatment  $P(n_i|Z_i = 1) = \frac{P(n_i, Z_i = 1)}{P(Z_i = 1)} = 4/10$  where  $P(n_i, Z_i = 1) = P(D_i = 0, Z_i = 1)$  by the absence of defiers, thus randomization was not successful. Note  $P(a_i|Z_i = 0) = 2/10, P(a_i|Z_i = 0) = 4/10$  by symmetry so that  $P(c_i|Z_i = 0) = P(c_i|Z_i = 1) = 4/10$ .
  - 3.  $P(D_i = 1|Z_i = 1) P(D_i = 1|Z_i = 0) = \frac{P(D_i = 1, Z_i = 1)}{P(Z_i = 1)} \frac{P(D_i = 1, Z_i = 0)}{P(Z_i = 0)} = \frac{6-4}{10} = 2/10 \neq 4/10 = P(c_i)$  The coefficient estimate of the first stage regression of a dummy indicating treatment status on a dummy indicating treatment assignment and a constant is not identical to the true fraction of compliers in the sample. Assignment of  $Z_i$  determines the relationship between the two numbers. Since  $P(D_i = 1|Z_i = 1) P(D_i = 1|Z_i = 0) = P(c_i|Z_i = 1) + P(a_i|Z_i = 1) P(a_i|Z_i = 0)$ , they are equal only under successful randomization, while in this setting the former is 2/10 less than the latter since  $P(a_i|Z_i = 1) P(a_i|Z_i = 0) = -2/10$ .
  - 4. The second stage coefficient estimate on the dummy indicating treatment status is the reduced form estimate divided by the first stage estimate  $\frac{P(Y_i=1|Y_i=1)-P(D_i=1|Z_i=0)}{P(D_i=1|Z_i=1)-P(D_i=1|Z_i=0)}$ . The reduced form estimate is the difference in  $Y_i$  means between the  $Z_i$  groups. Averaging over always-takers, never-takers, and compliers, respectively, the mean outcomes for the treated 5\*2/10+1\*4/10+(2+2)\*4/10 and for the untreated 5\*4/10+1\*2/10+(2+0)\*4/10 are both equal to 3. The heterogeneity of outcomes across compliance groups, together with the failure of randomization, biases the estimate for the true sample's 'LATE' by -2 to 0, as always-takers with higher outcomes are relatively over-represented in the untreated group while the contrary holds for never-takers.
- 3. Given monotonicity (no-defiers) and independence (conditioning on  $Z_i$ ), we have

$$1\Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1] + 0 + 0 = E[D_i(1) - D_i(0)] = E[D_i \mid Z_i = 1] - E[D_i \mid Z_i = 0] > 0,$$

where always/never-takers drop out of the expection. From the definition of conditional probability

$$\Pr[X_i = x | D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1] = \frac{\Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1 | X_i = x] \Pr[X_i = x]}{\Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_i = x) (E[D_i | Z_i = 1, X_i = x] - E[D_i | Z_i = 0, X_i = x])}{\Pr[D_i(1) > D_i(0)]}$$

where the treatment status being completely determined by  $Z_i$  for compliers and independence  $Z_i$  is used. Finally, scaling the right hand side due to conditioning on  $X_i = x$ , we have

$$E[X_i|D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1] = \frac{E[X_iD_i \mid Z_i = 1] - E[X_iD_i \mid Z_i = 0]}{\Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]}$$

so that substituting the first result for the denominator gives the desired rewriting. Alternatively, working from the hint, using monotonicity, independence and applying LIE over compliance types

$$E[X_iD_i \mid Z_i = 1] - E[X_iD_i \mid Z_i = 0] = 1E[X_i|(D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1] + 0E[X_i|(D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 0]Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 0] - 1E[X_i|(D_i(1) - D_i(0) = -1]Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = -1]] = E[X_i|(D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]1Pr[D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]]$$

combined with the derived expression for the first stage shows the given Wald estimator can be rewritten as  $E[X_i|D_i(1) - D_i(0) = 1]$ .