Assignment 10

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The teaching practice that I want to measure includes examining practices for teaching English language learners (EL) in a classroom. There are treatment teachers who received professional development (PD) intervention to help them better serve EL students and comparison teachers who did not receive such an intervention. I want to example the impact of the PD intervention on teacher practices.

I plan to collect one hour observation from the treatment and comparison teachers implementing lessons. The observations will be recorded on video and will be transcribed. I will then preprocess the data by anonymyzing and grouping together utterances.

The next step will be to annotate. Multiple expert raters will use a modified version of the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol to rate the observations (the modifications will contain items specifically tailored to teaching ELs). Raters will rate the extent to which teachers met certain criteria. As an alternative, I can also try to use Chat GPT to annotate by providing prompts with a lot of context. I will compare the annotations provided by GPT to those by expert raters.

After annotating the data, I will conduct causal inference analysis (e.g., propensity score weighting followed by OLS) to examine the impacts of the treatment on teacher practices.