Statistics/Data analysis

Title

rdbwhte — Data-driven bandwidth selection for RD Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.

Syntax

rdbwhte *depvar runvar* [*if*] [*in*] [, **covs_hte(***covars***) c(***#***) p(***#***) q(***#***)**
kernel(*kernelfn***) vce(***vcetype [vceopt1 vceopt2]***) level(***#***) covs_eff(***covars***)**
bwjoint labels]

Description

rdbwhte provides data-driven bandwidth selection for estimation and inference of heterogeneous treatment effects in RD designs (Calonico, Cattaneo, Farrell, Palomba and Titiunik, 2025a).

Companion commands are: rdhte for estimation and inference, and rdhte_lincom for testing linear restrictions of paramaters.

A detailed introduction to **rdhte** in Stata is given in Calonico, Cattaneo, Farrell, Palomba and Titiunik (2025b).

Related software packages for analysis and interpretation of RD designs and related methods are available in:

https://rdpackages.github.io/

For background methodology, see Calonico, Cattaneo, Farrell, and Titiunik (2019), Calonico, Cattaneo and Farrell (2020), Cattaneo and Titiunik (2022).

Options

Estimand

c(*#***)** specifies the RD cutoff for *indepvar*. Default is **c(0)**.

covs_hte(*covars***)** specifies covariate(s) for heterogeneous treatment effects. Factor variables notation can be used to distinguish between continuous and categorical variables, select reference categories, specify interactions between variables, and include polynomials of continuous variables. If not specified, the RD Average Treatment Effect bandwidth is computed.

labels displays the final bandwidth estimates using variable labels from **covs_hte(***covars***)**.

Local Polynomial Regression

p(*#***)** specifies the order of the local polynomial used to construct the point estimator. Default is **p(1)** (local linear regression).

q(*#***)** specifies the order of the local polynomial used to construct the bias correction. Default is q(2) (local quadratic regression).

kernel(*kernelfn***)** specifies the kernel function used to construct the local-polynomial estimator(s). Options are: **triangular**, **epanechnikov**, and **uniform**. Default is **kernel(triangular)**.

covs_eff(*covars***)** specifies additional covariates to be used for efficiency improvements.

Variance-Covariance Estimation

vce(*vcetype [vceopt1 vceopt2]***)** specifies the procedure used to compute the variance-covariance matrix estimator. Options are:
vce(hc0) for heteroskedasticity-robust plug-in residuals variance estimator without weights.
vce(hc1) for heteroskedasticity-robust plug-in residuals variance estimator with *hc1* weights.
vce(hc2) for heteroskedasticity-robust plug-in residuals variance estimator with *hc2* weights.
vce(hc3) for heteroskedasticity-robust plug-in residuals variance estimator with *hc3* weights.
vce(cluster *clustervar***)** for cluster-robust plug-in residuals variance estimation with degrees-of-freedom weights and *clustervar* indicating the cluster ID variable.
Default is **vce(hc3)**.

level(#) specifies confidence level for confidence intervals. Default is **level(95)**.

Example:

Setup using Granzier, Pons, and Tricaud (2023) Data
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. use rdrobust_senate.dta
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RD-HTE Estimation by left/right groups
```
. rdbwhte y x, covs_hte(i.left)
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RD-HTE Estimation using a continuous variable
```
. rdbwhte y x, covs_hte(c.mean_strength_nat1)
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Stored results

rdbwhte stores the following in **e()**:

Scalars

e(N)	original number of observations
e(c)	cutoff value
e(p)	order of the polynomial used for estimation of the regression function

Macros

e(runningvar)	name of running variable
e(outcomevar)	name of outcome variable
e(clustvar)	name of cluster variable
e(covs)	name of covariates
e(vce_select)	vcetype specified in vce()
e(kernel)	kernel choice

Matrices

e(h)	bandwidths

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