

12.3. (Results using small dataset)

Regressor	Estimation Method		
	OLS	IV	IV
<i>Morekids</i>	-6.008 (0.254)	-6.033 (3.758)	-5.781 (3.645)
<i>Additional Regressors</i>	<i>Intercept</i>	<i>Intercept</i>	<i>Intercept, agem1, black, hispan, othrace</i>
First Stage <i>F</i> -Statistic		143.2	150.9

(a) The coefficient is ~~-6.008~~ ^{6.008} which indicates that women with more than 2 children work 5.387 fewer weeks per year than women with 2 or fewer children.

(b) Both fertility and weeks worked are choice variables. A woman with a positive labor supply regression error (a woman who works more than average) may also be a woman who is less likely to have an additional child. This would imply that *Morekids* is positively correlated with the regression error, so that the OLS estimator of $\beta_{Morekids}$ is positively biased.

(c) The linear regression of *morekids* on *samesex* (a linear probability model) yields

$$\widehat{morekids} = 0.344 + 0.067samesex$$

(0.004) (0.006)

so that couples with *samesex* = 1 are 6.7% more likely to have an additional child than couples with *samesex* = 0. The effect is highly significant (*t*-statistic = 12.0)

(d) *Samesex* is random and is unrelated to any of the other variables in the model including the error term in the labor supply equation. Thus, the instrument is exogenous. From (c), the first stage *F*-statistic is large (*F* = 143) so the instrument is relevant. Together, these imply that *samesex* is a valid instrument.

(e) No, see the answer to (d).

(f) See column (2) of the table. The estimated value of $\beta_{Morekids}$ = -6.033.

(g) See column (3) of the table. The results do not change in an important way. The reason is that *samesex* is unrelated to *agem1*, *black*, *hispan*, *othrace*, so that there is no omitted variable bias in IV regression in (2).