

Point Identification of LATE with Two Instruments*

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Abstract

The paper characterizes new point identification results of the local average treatment effect by using two instruments but requiring weaker assumptions on both instruments compared to [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#). [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#) require an instrument to satisfy the conditions of exclusion, monotonicity, and independence, while their results do not hold if one of the conditions fails. My paper uses two instruments; however, the first instrument is allowed to violate the exclusion restriction and the second instrument does not need to satisfy the monotonicity condition. Therefore, the first instrument can affect the outcome via both direct effects and a shift in the treatment status. My method can identify the direct effects of the first instrument via exogenous variation in the second instrument and consequently identify the local average treatment effect. An estimator for the local average treatment effect is developed, and using Monte Carlo simulations, it is shown to perform more robustly than the instrumental variable estimand.

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1 Introduction

Instrumental variables are widely used to estimate causal effects with endogenous treatment. When treatment effects are heterogeneous, [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#) and [Angrist, Imbens, and Rubin \(1996\)](#) show that the local average treatment effect (LATE) is identified as the instrumental variable (IV) estimand with a valid instrument. The instrumental variable is required to exert no direct effects on the outcome (exclusion), weakly increase treatment status (monotonicity), and be independent of the potential outcome and potential treatment (independence).

In practice, it is a challenging task to find a valid instrument that satisfies all the assumptions. In estimating returns to schooling, several papers, including [Angrist and Keueger \(1991\)](#) and [Staiger and Stock \(1997\)](#), use an individual's quarter of birth as an instrument. However, [Bound and Jaeger \(1996\)](#) raise the question of whether the individual's quarter of birth is correlated with their family background or unobserved ability and thus violates the exclusion restriction. [Uusitalo \(1999\)](#) uses family background variables as an instrument; however, these variables may be correlated with an individual's unobserved ability and directly affect the outcome.

The exclusion assumption may also fail in encouragement experiments. For example, [Hirano, Imbens, Rubin, and Zhou \(2000\)](#) study the effects of the flu vaccine on the prevalence of influenza. Random encouragement to take the vaccine is used as an instrument. Their paper allows for different violations of the exclusion restriction, and shows that the encouragement to take the vaccine has direct effects on the outcome since it may encourage people to take other actions to prevent the flu.

Studies such as [Kitagawa \(2015\)](#), [Huber and Mellace \(2015\)](#), [Kédagni and Mourifié \(2016\)](#), and [Mourifié and Wan \(2017\)](#) develop different methods to test the assumptions of the instrumental variable and reject the validity of some instruments. For example, college proximity is used as an instrument in [Card \(1993\)](#), [Kling \(2001\)](#), and [Carneiro, Heckman, and Vytlačil \(2011\)](#), but its validity is rejected by [Huber and Mellace \(2015\)](#) and [Mourifié and Wan \(2017\)](#).

Motivated by these findings, this paper proposes a new approach to identify the

local average treatment effect. This approach uses two instruments, while imposing weaker assumptions on both instruments compared to the standard IV assumptions. The first instrument is allowed to violate the exclusion restriction, and the second instrument does not need to satisfy monotonicity. Therefore, the first instrument can affect the outcome through both direct effects and treatment effects such that the standard identification result no longer applies. My paper introduces an additional instrument to identify the local average treatment effect. By exploiting exogenous variation in the second instrument, this approach can identify the direct effects of the first instrument and the local average treatment effect defined by the first instrument.

The paper develops estimators for the direct effects and the local average treatment effect and establishes their asymptotic properties. I compare this approach by using two instruments with the IV estimand via Monte Carlo simulations. The results show that the IV estimand can have a large bias with nonzero direct effects and that the bias increases when the direct effects increase. The method with two instruments presented in this paper performs uniformly regardless of the direct effects; thus, it has a more robust performance concerning violations of the exclusion restriction.

I present some potential choices of the two instruments in various applications. One example is estimating returns to college, which has been broadly studied in the literature. Some examples are [Angrist and Keueger \(1991\)](#), [Card \(1993\)](#), [Brunello and Miniaci \(1999\)](#), and [Card \(2001\)](#). The first instrument can be parental education, which may violate the exclusion restriction since parental education may be correlated with individuals' unobserved ability. The second instrument can be proximity to a college. This instrument may not satisfy the monotonicity condition since individuals who live close to a college may not be able to afford the college tuition.

The second example is studying the effects of alcohol abuse on employment, as discussed in [Terza \(2002\)](#) and [Auld \(2005\)](#). Similar to the example of returns to college, the first instrument can be whether parents have alcohol abuse problems, which may violate the exclusion restriction. The second instrument can be the state cigarette tax. This instrument may not satisfy the monotonicity condition because some people are likely to consume more alcohol with a higher cigarette tax if alcohol

and cigarettes are substitutes for them, while others may consume less if alcohol and cigarettes are complements for them.

Another example is that of the effects of the food stamp program on health outcomes. The effects of assistance programs are explored in [DeBono, Ross, and Berrang-Ford \(2012\)](#), [Kreider, Pepper, Gundersen, and Jolliffe \(2012\)](#), and [Gundersen, Kreider, and Pepper \(2017\)](#). The first instrument can be an increase in the benefits of the program, which may directly affect health outcomes. The second instrument can be whether the benefit of the program is issued electronically or in hard copy. This instrument may not satisfy the monotonicity condition since some people prefer electronic delivery but others prefer hard-copy delivery.

1.1 Related Literature

This paper contributes to the literature studying heterogeneous treatment effects using instrumental variables. [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#), [Angrist, Imbens, and Rubin \(1996\)](#), and [Heckman and Vytlacil \(2005\)](#) use one instrumental variable to estimate treatment effects. They require this instrument to satisfy the conditions of exclusion, monotonicity, and independence simultaneously. My paper complements the literature by using two instruments to identify the local average treatment effect while relaxing one assumption on both instruments.

Several papers have attempted to relax the exclusion restriction under the heterogeneous treatment effects framework. [Hirano, Imbens, Rubin, and Zhou \(2000\)](#) study different violations of exclusion restrictions for subgroups and apply parametric models and the Bayesian approach for inference. [Flores and Flores-Lagunes \(2013\)](#) derive partial identification for LATE by employing a weak monotonicity assumption of mean potential outcomes within or across subgroups. [Mealli and Pacini \(2013\)](#) study partial identification of intention-to-treat effects through a secondary outcome. My paper achieves point identification for the local average treatment effect by using an additional instrument.

Some papers discuss other assumptions of the instrumental variable. For example, [De Chaisemartin \(2017\)](#) drops the monotonicity condition and shows that the IV

estimand is the average treatment effect for a subgroup of compliers under particular assumptions. [Kedagni \(2021\)](#) relaxes the independence condition of the instrument with potential treatment and provides partial identification analysis by using a proxy of the instrument. In this paper, I relax the exclusion restriction of the first instrument and do not require monotonicity for the second instrument. I show that point identification of treatment effects is achieved by using the two instruments.

The paper is also related to the literature that relaxes the exclusion restriction of the instrument in a linear regression model. [Hahn and Hausman \(2005\)](#) derive the bias of different estimators with direct effects. [Nevo and Rosen \(2012\)](#) provide partial identification for the model parameter under the assumptions of a correlation between the instrument and the error term. [Conley, Hansen, and Rossi \(2012\)](#) employ different assumptions on the effect of the instrument on the outcome to conduct inference for the model parameter. [Kolesár, Chetty, Friedman, Glaeser, and Imbens \(2015\)](#) allow for direct effects and develop an estimator under an orthogonality condition of the direct effects. My paper focuses on identifying heterogeneous treatment effects.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. [Section 2](#) presents the heterogeneous treatment effect framework and derives the bias when the exclusion restriction or the monotonicity condition fails. [Section 3](#) derives the identification result. [Section 4](#) develops an estimator for the local average treatment effect and examines its finite sample performance via simulations. [Section 5](#) studies an extension and [Section 6](#) concludes.

2 Heterogeneous Treatment Effects Model

The analysis focuses on the heterogeneous treatment effects framework introduced in [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#) and [Angrist, Imbens, and Rubin \(1996\)](#). Let $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ denote an outcome, $D \in \{0, 1\}$ denote a binary treatment, and $Z \in \{0, 1\}$ denote a binary instrument. The objective is to learn the effects of treatment D on outcome Y , but the treatment can be endogenous. Instrument Z is used to address the endogeneity issue. Observed variables are (Y, D, Z) .

Following Imbens and Angrist (1994) and Angrist, Imbens, and Rubin (1996), I use counterfactual variables to describe the data generating process. Let D_z denote the potential treatment given the instrument $Z = z$ and $Y_{d,z}$ denote the potential outcome given the instrument and treatment $Z = z, D_z = d$. Let Y_d denote the potential outcome given $D = d$, which is given as $Y_d = Y_{d,1}Z + Y_{d,0}(1 - Z)$. Observed variables (Y, D) are generated by

$$\begin{aligned} D &= D_1Z + D_0(1 - Z), \\ Y &= Y_1D + Y_0(1 - D). \end{aligned}$$

The population can be divided into four subgroups based on the potential treatments (D_1, D_0) : always takers (AT): $D_1 = D_0 = 1$; compliers (CP): $D_z = z$ for $z \in \{0, 1\}$; never takers (NT): $D_1 = D_0 = 0$; and defiers (DF): $D_z = 1 - z$ for $z \in \{0, 1\}$.

The following summarizes the assumptions in Imbens and Angrist (1994) and Angrist, Imbens, and Rubin (1996).

Assumption 1 (IV Validity). *(i) Exclusion: $Y_{d,1} = Y_{d,0} \equiv Y_d$ for any $d \in \{0, 1\}$; (ii) Monotonicity: $D_1 \geq D_0$; (iii) Independence: $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp (Y_{1,1}, Y_{1,0}, Y_{0,1}, Y_{0,0}, D_1, D_0)$; (iv) Relevance: $\Pr(D_1 > D_0) > 0$; (v) $0 < \Pr(Z = 1) < 1$.*

Assumption 1 (i) requires that instrument Z has no direct effects on the potential outcome, (ii) indicates that the instrument weakly increases the potential treatment (no defier), (iii) refers to the independence of the instrument with all potential variables, (iv) guarantees the existence of compliers, and (v) requires that the instrument Z is not a constant.

Under Assumption 1, Imbens and Angrist (1994) show that the average treatment effect for compliers can be identified as the IV estimand:

$$\text{LATE} \equiv E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}] = \frac{E[Y \mid Z = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0]}{E[D \mid Z = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0]} \equiv \text{IV}. \quad (1)$$

This identification result for LATE relies on the validity of instrument Z in Assumption 1. However, it may be difficult to find a single instrument satisfying all

conditions in Assumption 1. Then, the identification result may fail if one of the assumptions does not hold.

I first derive the bias between the IV estimand and the local average treatment effect when the exclusion restriction or the monotonicity condition violates. It shows how the invalidity of the instrument can affect the identification of LATE. The paper then proposes a new approach to identify LATE by using two instruments jointly but requiring weaker assumptions on both instruments. The first instrument is allowed to violate the exclusion restriction, and the second instrument does not need to satisfy the monotonicity condition.

2.1 Bias with Invalid Instrument

This section derives the bias between the IV estimand and LATE when the exclusion restriction or the monotonicity condition violates. When the exclusion restriction fails, instrument Z will affect the outcome through both direct effects and treatment effects. The direct effect is $Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0}$ for each individual with $D = d$. Let $\rho_{G,d} = E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid G]$ denote the average direct effect for group $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ given treatment $D = d$. For the next proposition, I consider the average of the direct effects to be the same across subgroups and under different treatments: $\rho_{G,d} = \rho$ for any $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ and $d \in \{0, 1\}$, where ρ is an unknown constant.

Proposition 1. *Under Assumptions 1 (ii)-(v) and $\rho_{G,d} = \rho$ for any $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ and $d \in \{0, 1\}$, the following holds:*

$$\text{IV} - \text{LATE} = \frac{\rho}{\Pr(\text{CP})}.$$

Proposition 1 shows that the IV estimand is biased for LATE with nonzero direct effects $\rho \neq 0$. The bias depends on two components: the direct effect ρ and the size of the compliers $\Pr(\text{CP})$. A smaller direct effect and larger-sized compliers lead to smaller bias. The value of LATE can be bounded if the direct effect ρ is bounded by auxiliary information since the size of the compliers is identified. When the direct effect is zero, $\rho = 0$, then LATE is identified as the IV estimand, as shown in Imbens

and Angrist (1994). Appendix A.1 also derives the bias when the average of the direct effects varies under different treatments, $\rho_{G,1} \neq \rho_{G,0}$.

Now we look at the case where the monotonicity condition fails but other conditions hold. Without monotonicity, there may be defiers who switch from the treatment group to the control group when Z increases. Let $\text{LATE}_{\text{DF}} = E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{DF}]$ denote the average treatment effect for the defiers, and let $\tau = \Pr(\text{CP})/\Pr(\text{DF})$ denote the size of the compliers relative to the defiers.

Proposition 2. *Under Assumptions 1 (i) and (iii)-(v), the following holds:*

$$\text{IV} - \text{LATE} = \frac{\text{LATE} - \text{LATE}_{\text{DF}}}{\tau - 1}.$$

The bias in Proposition 2 depends on the degree of heterogeneity in the average treatment effect between the compliers and the defiers as well as the size of the compliers relative to the defiers. Smaller heterogeneity in treatment effects between the two groups implies smaller bias, and point identification is achieved under homogeneous treatment effects without monotonicity. Moreover, the bias is smaller when the ratio of the compliers to the defiers is larger, and the bias goes to zero when the size of the defiers goes to zero ($\tau = \infty$).

The two propositions show the bias between the IV estimand and LATE when using an invalid instrument. The paper next presents an approach to identify the direct effects of the first instrument when the exclusion restriction fails and thus identify LATE. My main strategy is to use an additional instrument, while I require weaker assumptions on both instruments compared to Assumption 1.

3 Identifying LATE with Two Instruments

This section allows instrument Z to have nonzero direct effects on the outcome. I introduce an additional binary instrument $W \in \{0, 1\}$ to identify the direct effects and the local average treatment effect defined by instrument Z . My approach uses two instruments (Z, W) but relaxing one main assumption on both instruments. Instrument Z is allowed to have nonzero direct effects on the outcome, and instrument

W does not need to satisfy monotonicity. Instrument W is assumed to have no direct effects on the outcome such that the potential outcome is not indexed by instrument W .

Next, I present assumptions on the two instruments (Z, W) .

Assumption 2 (Instruments Z & W). *(i) Direct effects:* $\rho_{G,d} = \rho_d$ for any $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$, where ρ_d is a unknown constant for $d \in \{1, 0\}$; *(ii) Monotonicity:* $D_1 \geq D_0$; *(iii) Independence:* $(Z, W) \perp\!\!\!\perp Y_{d,z} \mid (D_1, D_0)$ for any $d, z \in \{0, 1\}$, and $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp (D_1, D_0) \mid W$; *(iv) Relevance:* $\Pr(D_1 > D_0) > 0$; *(v)* $0 < \Pr(Z = z, W = w) < 1$ for any $z, w \in \{0, 1\}$.

Assumption 2 (i) relaxes the exclusion restriction in Assumption 1 and allows instrument Z to have nonzero direct effects on the outcome, $\rho_d \neq 0$. The average of the direct effects is assumed to be homogeneous across different subgroups but may vary given different treatments, $\rho_1 \neq \rho_0$. One example for potential outcome $Y_{d,z}$ is given as $Y_{d,z} = \rho_d z + u_d$, where ρ_d is a unknown constant. Then the direct effect is ρ_d for each individual given treatment $D = d$. Section 5 studies an extension allowing for different direct effects across subgroups and provides partial identification of LATE. The rest of the conditions in Assumption 2 are similar to Assumption 1 except for introducing the independence condition of instrument W with the potential outcome.

Under the monotonicity condition of instrument Z , we can divide the population into three subgroups $\{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ as described in Section 2. The objective is to identify the average treatment effect for the compliers defined by instrument Z :

$$\text{LATE} = E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}].$$

Under the assumption of no direct effects $\rho_1 = \rho_0 = 0$, LATE is identified as

$$\text{LATE} = \text{IV}_1 \equiv \frac{E[Y \mid Z = 1, W = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0, W = 1]}{E[D \mid Z = 1, W = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0, W = 1]}.$$

The IV_1 estimand is similar to the IV estimand except it is conditional on the additional variable W . However, the above identification result does not apply if Z has nonzero direct effects on the outcome, as shown in Proposition 1. My paper uses

the additional instrument $W \in \{0, 1\}$ to help identify the direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and LATE.

The following describes a relevance condition of instrument W .

Assumption 3 (Instrument W). *Relevance:* $\Pr(G \mid W = 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid W = 0) \neq \Pr(G \mid W = 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid W = 1)$ for any $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}\}$.

The independence condition of instrument W is stated in Assumption 2. Assumption 3 is a relevance condition of instrument W . It requires that instrument W is correlated with the potential treatment such that the size of always takers (or never takers) relative to compliers varies when instrument W changes. Assumption 3 does not impose monotonicity on instrument W , so instrument W can affect treatment in any direction.

In the example of estimating returns to schooling, instrument Z can be parental education. This instrument may have direct effects on individuals' wages since it may be correlated with unobserved ability. Instrument W can be proximity to college, which may not satisfy monotonicity since individuals who reside close to college may not be able to afford the college tuition. Section 1 provides more information regarding the potential choices of the two instruments in other applications.

Theorem 1. *Under Assumptions 2-3, direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and local average treatment effect LATE are point identified.*

When the exclusion restriction for instrument Z is relaxed, this instrument induces both treatment effects by switching the treatment status and direct effects on the outcome. We are not able to distinguish treatment effects and direct effects without further assumptions, so the standard identification result for treatment effects no longer applies. My approach uses additional instrument W , which can serve as an instrument for the imperfect instrument Z , to address instrument Z 's violation of the exclusion restriction. By exploiting variation in instrument W , this approach can identify the direct effects of instrument Z on outcome Y . Then the local average treatment effect is identified by subtracting the direct effects.

Theorem 1 provides an alternative approach to identify treatment effects. This approach uses two instruments while relaxing one of the assumptions on the two instruments. This method can be applied to scenarios where there are multiple options of instruments but the instruments are imperfect in different dimensions. The availability of multiple instruments is discussed in the literature including Card (2001), Hausman, Newey, Woutersen, Chao, and Swanson (2012), and Kolesár, Chetty, Friedman, Glaeser, and Imbens (2015). Moreover, instrument W can help identify the direct effects of instrument Z , meaning that this approach can be used to test whether instrument Z has direct effects on the outcome.

4 Estimation

This section provides an estimation method for direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and local average treatment effect LATE. Suppose that we have an *i.i.d* sample $(Y_i, D_i, Z_i, W_i)_{i=1}^N$. As shown in Appendix A.3, LATE is identified as the IV_1 estimand minus a weighted average of the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) :

$$\text{LATE} = IV_1 - \rho_1 w_1^\rho - \rho_0 w_0^\rho,$$

where $w_1^\rho = \frac{\Pr(AT|W=1)}{\Pr(CP|W=1)} + \Pr(Z = 0)$, $w_0^\rho = \frac{\Pr(NT|W=1)}{\Pr(CP|W=1)} + \Pr(Z = 1)$, and the formula for the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) is described below.

To estimate LATE, we need to estimate all terms in the above expression of LATE. The first term IV_1 is given as

$$\begin{aligned} IV_1 &= \frac{E[Y \mid Z = 1, W = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0, W = 1]}{E[D \mid Z = 1, W = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0, W = 1]} \\ &= \frac{E[YZW]E[W] - E[YW]E[ZW]}{E[DZW]E[W] - E[DW]E[ZW]}. \end{aligned}$$

The estimator for the IV_1 estimand can be developed by replacing the population

expectation with the sample mean:

$$\widehat{IV}_1 = \frac{\sum_i (Y_i Z_i W_i) \sum W_i - \sum_i (Y_i W_i) \sum_i (Z_i W_i)}{\sum_i (D_i Z_i W_i) \sum W_i - \sum_i (D_i W_i) \sum_i (Z_i W_i)}.$$

Now I construct estimators for the two weights (w_1^ρ, w_0^ρ) . Let $\widehat{\Pr}(G | w)$ denote the estimator for the conditional probability of the three subgroups $G \in \{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ given $W = w$, constructed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} | W = w) &= \frac{\sum_i D_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}, \\ \widehat{\Pr}(\text{NT} | W = w) &= \frac{\sum_i (1 - D_i) Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}, \\ \widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} | W = w) &= \frac{\sum_i D_i Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}} - \frac{\sum_i D_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}.\end{aligned}$$

Then the two weights (w_1^ρ, w_0^ρ) can be estimated as

$$\hat{w}_1^\rho = \frac{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} | W = 1)}{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} | W = 1)} + 1 - \bar{Z}, \quad \hat{w}_0^\rho = \frac{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{NT} | W = 1)}{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} | W = 1)} + \bar{Z},$$

where $\bar{Z} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i Z_i$.

We only need to develop estimators for the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) . I focus on the estimator for direct effect ρ_1 , and the idea also applies to ρ_0 . As shown in Appendix A.3, direct effect ρ_1 is identified as

$$\rho_1 = \frac{r_1(1) \Pr(\text{CP} | 0) - r_1(0) \Pr(\text{CP} | 1)}{\Pr(\text{AT} | 1) \Pr(\text{CP} | 0) - \Pr(\text{AT} | 0) \Pr(\text{CP} | 1)},$$

where $r_1(w)$ is defined as

$$r_1(w) \equiv E[YD | Z = 1, w] - E[YD | Z = 0, w].$$

The estimator for $r_1(w)$ is developed as follows:

$$\hat{r}_1(w) = \frac{\sum_i Y_i D_i Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i Z_i \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}} - \frac{\sum_i Y_i D_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}{\sum_i (1 - Z_i) \mathbb{1}\{W_i = w\}}.$$

Then estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$ for direct effect ρ_1 can be established by replacing all terms with their estimators:

$$\hat{\rho}_1 = \frac{\hat{r}_1(1)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \hat{r}_1(0)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} \mid 1)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} \mid 0)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 1)}.$$

Estimator $\hat{\rho}_0$ for ρ_0 can be established similarly, so it is omitted here. Local average treatment effect LATE is estimated as

$$\widehat{\text{LATE}} = \widehat{\text{IV}}_1 - \hat{\rho}_1 \hat{w}_1^\rho - \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{w}_0^\rho.$$

The asymptotic properties of $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ and the two direct effects $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ are derived in Appendix A.4, which are \sqrt{N} consistent assuming all variances and covariances are finite. Appendix A.4 shows the expression of asymptotic variances for $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ and $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$, while the asymptotic variances can also be calculated using bootstrap.

4.1 Simulation Study

This section examines the finite sample performance of estimator $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ by using two instruments (Z, W) via Monte Carlo simulations. I compare the estimator in this paper with the IV estimator in Imbens and Angrist (1994) and show that the method in this paper works more robustly when the direct effects are nonzero. The IV_1 estimator (conditional on W) performs slightly worse than the IV estimator, so I display the results of the IV estimator for comparison.

The simulation setup is as follows. Instrument Z follows the Bernoulli distribution with probability $p = 0.5$. Potential treatment D_z is $D_z = \mathbb{1}\{z \geq \epsilon\}$, and observed treatment D is $D = D_1 Z + D_0(1 - Z)$. Potential outcome Y_d is given $Y_d = a_d + \rho_d Z + u_d$ for $d \in \{0, 1\}$, where $a_1 = 1$, $a_0 = 0$. Observed outcome Y is given $Y = Y_1 D + Y_0(1 -$

D). I consider four different cases of direct effects: $\rho_1 = \rho_0 = \rho \in \{0, 0.5, 1, -1\}$. Instrument W is given as $W = \mathbb{1}\{v \leq D_1 + D_0\}$.

Latent variables (ϵ, u_1) follow a standard multivariate distribution with correlation $c = 0.5$, and this correlation captures the endogeneity of treatment D . Error terms u_0 and v follow a standard normal distribution and are independent of all other variables. I consider sample size $N = \{1000, 4000, 16000\}$, and the repetition number is $B = 5000$.

The assumptions of the two instruments (Z, W) are satisfied under this setup. Instrument Z is allowed to have nonzero direct effects on outcome $\rho_d \neq 0$, and the direct effects are the same across subgroups. The independence condition of Z is satisfied since it is independent of all variables. The monotonicity and relevance conditions are satisfied by the definition of potential treatment D_z . Instrument W is independent of the potential outcome given the potential treatment since error term v is independent of all variables. The relevance of instrument W is satisfied because W depends on the potential outcome.

Let $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ denote the estimator by using the two instruments (Z, W) in this paper, and let $\hat{\theta}_z$ denote the IV estimator by using only instrument Z in [Imbens and Angrist \(1994\)](#). Let $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ denote the estimators for the direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) in this paper. To compare the two estimators $(\hat{\theta}_{zw}, \hat{\theta}_z)$, I report four evaluations of the two estimators: bias, standard deviation (SD), root mean-squared error (rMSE), and median of absolute deviation (MAD). Under the simulation setup, the true local average treatment effect θ_0 is given as

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_0 &= E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}] = E[a_1 - a_0 + (\rho_1 - \rho_0)Z + u_1 - u_0 \mid \epsilon \in (0, 1)] \\ &= 1 + \frac{(\phi(0) - \phi(1))}{2(\Phi(1) - \Phi(0))},\end{aligned}$$

where ϕ and Φ denote the PDF and CDF of the standard normal distribution, respectively.

Table 1 presents the performance of the two estimators $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ and $\hat{\theta}_z$ under different direct effects $\rho \in \{0, 0.5, 1, -1\}$ and sample size $N \in \{1000, 4000, 16000\}$. Estimator $\hat{\theta}_z$ performs better when the direct effect is zero but can have a large bias with

nonzero direct effects. The bias increases when the direct effect is larger, and it does not decrease even when the sample size increases. When the direct effect is negative $\rho < 0$, the bias becomes negative and estimator $\hat{\theta}_z$ may have the wrong signs of the true treatment effect. Estimator $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ by using two instruments performs uniformly under different direct effects, and it performs better than estimator $\hat{\theta}_z$ with nonzero direct effects. This pattern becomes more significant when the sample size increases. The comparison in Table 1 shows that estimator $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ by using two instruments has a more robust performance for nonzero direct effects.

Table 2 presents the performance of the estimators $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ for the direct effects. The performance of $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ does not depend on the true direct effects, so I only report the results under different sample sizes. When the sample size increases, the bias and deviation of $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ shrink dramatically.

Appendix A.6 presents more simulation results about the two estimators $(\hat{\theta}_{zw}, \hat{\theta}_z)$ under different probabilities of the three subgroups.

5 Extension

Section 3 establishes point identification results of LATE when the average of direct effects is assumed to be homogeneous across subgroups. This assumption can allow for heterogeneous direct effects within a subgroup but assumes homogeneous direct effects across subgroups. This section further relaxes this assumption and provides partial identification under heterogeneous direct effects across subgroups. I consider that the difference in direct effects between subgroups can be bounded by a known number.

Assumption 4. *Direct effects: $|\rho_{CP,1} - \rho_{AT,1}| \leq k_1$ and $|\rho_{CP,0} - \rho_{NT,0}| \leq k_0$, where $k_1, k_0 \geq 0$ are known.*

Assumption 4 relaxes Assumption 2 (i) and allows heterogeneous direct effects across different subgroups. This assumption requires the difference in direct effects between subgroups to be bounded by a known number k_d . The information about

Table 1: Performance Comparisons of $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ and $\hat{\theta}_z$

N	ρ	$\hat{\theta}_{zw}$				$\hat{\theta}_z$			
		Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD
1000	0	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	0.006	0.183	0.184	0.146
	0.5	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	1.481	0.245	1.501	1.481
	1	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	2.956	0.342	2.976	2.956
	-1	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	-2.944	0.269	2.956	2.944
4000	0	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	-0.001	0.092	0.092	0.073
	0.5	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	1.466	0.119	1.470	1.466
	1	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	2.932	0.165	2.936	2.932
	-1	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	-2.933	0.133	2.936	2.933
16000	0	0.001	0.113	0.113	0.090	0.001	0.046	0.046	0.036
	0.5	0.001	0.113	0.113	0.090	1.465	0.060	1.466	1.465
	1	0.001	0.113	0.113	0.090	2.930	0.083	2.931	2.930
	-1	0.001	0.113	0.113	0.090	-2.929	0.066	2.930	2.929

Table 2: Performance of Direct Effects $\hat{\rho}_1$ and $\hat{\rho}_0$

N	$\hat{\rho}_1$				$\hat{\rho}_0$			
	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD
1000	-0.015	0.210	0.210	0.160	0.006	0.351	0.351	0.275
4000	-0.004	0.095	0.095	0.075	-0.003	0.168	0.168	0.133
16000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.038	-0.001	0.083	0.083	0.066

k_d may come from data, by assumption, or it can be established when the support of the outcome is bounded such as binary outcome.

As shown in Section 4, when the average of direct effects is the same across different groups $k_1 = k_0 = 0$, LATE is identified as

$$\text{LATE} = \text{IV}_1 - \rho_1 w_1^\rho - \rho_0 w_0^\rho \equiv \widetilde{\text{IV}}.$$

The next proposition derives bounds on LATE.

Proposition 3. *Under Assumptions 2 (ii)-(iv) and Assumptions 3-4, LATE is bounded as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LATE} &\geq \widetilde{\text{IV}} - k_1 \Pr(Z = 0) - k_0 \Pr(Z = 1), \\ \text{LATE} &\leq \widetilde{\text{IV}} + k_1 \Pr(Z = 0) + k_0 \Pr(Z = 1). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3 shows that LATE can be still bounded by using two instruments under heterogeneous direct effects. The bounds are tighter when the difference in direct effects between different subgroups is smaller, and point identification is achieved when the difference is zero.

6 Conclusion

This paper proposes a new approach to point identify the local average treatment effect by using two instruments while imposing weaker assumptions on both instruments compared to Imbens and Angrist (1994). The first instrument is allowed to violate the exclusion restriction, so it can have nonzero direct effects on the outcome. Then the IV estimand is a combination of both treatment effects and direct effects, so the standard identification result does not apply. My identification strategy is to use an additional instrument, which does not need to satisfy monotonicity. By exploiting variation in the second instrument, we can identify the direct effects of the first instrument and the local average treatment effect. Based on the identification results, an estimator for the local average treatment effect is developed and it is

shown to perform more robustly than the IV estimator with nonzero direct effects.

This paper relaxes different assumptions for the two instruments to achieve point identification of treatment effects. It would be worthwhile to investigate the identifying power of multiple instruments when they violate the same assumption such as the exclusion restriction. Moreover, the paper considers two instruments and relaxes one main assumption for each of the two instruments. It would be interesting to explore whether point identification can be achieved under weaker conditions on instruments when there are more than two instruments available.

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A Appendix

A.1 Proof of Proposition 1

Proof. I consider a more general case $\rho_{G,d} = \rho_d$, where ρ_1 is allowed to be different from ρ_0 . The results for the case $\rho_1 = \rho_0 = \rho$ follow directly.

I first look at the formula of the IV estimand:

$$\text{IV} = \frac{E[Y \mid Z = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0]}{E[D \mid Z = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0]}.$$

We can divide $E[Y \mid Z = z]$ into three subgroups: always takers (AT), never takers (NT), and compliers (CP). When $Z = 1$, the conditional expectation $E[Y \mid Z = 1]$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & E[Y \mid Z = 1] \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{AT}] \Pr(\text{AT}) + E[Y_{0,1} \mid \text{NT}] \Pr(\text{NT}) + E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP}). \end{aligned}$$

The above condition holds by the independence condition of instrument Z in Assumption 1 (iii). We can divide $E[Y \mid Z = 0]$ into the three subgroups similarly. Then under the assumption $E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid G] = \rho_d$, the following condition holds:

$$E[Y \mid Z = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0] = \rho_1 \Pr(\text{AT}) + \rho_0 \Pr(\text{NT}) + E[(Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0}) \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP}).$$

For always takers and never takers, instrument Z only has direct effects ρ_d on

the outcome because the treatment does not change. For compliers, Z induces both direct effects and treatment effects by shifting the treatment status.

The denominator of the IV estimand is equal to the size of compliers under Assumption 1 (ii)-(v):

$$E[D \mid Z = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0] = [\Pr(\text{AT}) + \Pr(\text{CP})] - \Pr(\text{AT}) = \Pr(\text{CP}).$$

Therefore, the IV estimand is given as

$$\text{IV} = \rho_1 \frac{\Pr(\text{AT})}{\Pr(\text{CP})} + \rho_0 \frac{\Pr(\text{NT})}{\Pr(\text{CP})} + E[(Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0}) \mid \text{CP}].$$

Now we look at the expression of LATE to build its relationship with the IV estimand. I divide LATE into two groups: $Z = 1$ and $Z = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LATE} &= E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}] \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 1] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 0] \Pr(Z = 0) \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 0). \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition $E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid \text{CP}] = \rho_d$ to substitute $E[Y_{1,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ and $E[Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}]$ has the following implication:

$$\text{LATE} = E[(Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0}) \mid \text{CP}] - \rho_1 \Pr(Z = 0) - \rho_0 \Pr(Z = 1).$$

Taking the difference between IV and LATE can cancel out the term $E[(Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0}) \mid \text{CP}]$ and has the following implication:

$$\text{IV} - \text{LATE} = \rho_1 \left[\frac{\Pr(\text{AT})}{\Pr(\text{CP})} + \Pr(Z = 0) \right] + \rho_0 \left[\frac{\Pr(\text{NT})}{\Pr(\text{CP})} + \Pr(Z = 1) \right].$$

When the direct effects satisfy $\rho_1 = \rho_0 = \rho$, the above condition becomes

$$\text{IV} - \text{LATE} = \frac{\rho}{\Pr(\text{CP})}.$$

□

A.2 Proof of Proposition 2

Proof. When instrument Z does not satisfy monotonicity, there may exist defiers (DF) who change from the treatment group to the control group when Z increases. Since the exclusion restriction is satisfied, we have $Y_{d,1} = Y_{d,0} = Y_d$ for $d \in \{0, 1\}$.

I divide $E[Y \mid Z = 1]$ into four subgroups as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & E[Y \mid Z = 1] \\ &= E[Y_1 \mid \text{AT}] \Pr(\text{AT}) + E[Y_1 \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP}) + E[Y_0 \mid \text{NT}] \Pr(\text{NT}) + E[Y_0 \mid \text{DF}] \Pr(\text{DF}). \end{aligned}$$

The conditional average $E[Y \mid Z = 0]$ can be divided into four subgroups similarly. Then the numerator of the IV estimand can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & E[Y \mid Z = 1] - E[Y \mid Z = 0] \\ &= E[(Y_1 - Y_0) \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP}) - E[(Y_1 - Y_0) \mid \text{DF}] \Pr(\text{DF}) \\ &= \text{LATE} \Pr(\text{CP}) - \text{LATE}_{\text{DF}} \Pr(\text{DF}). \end{aligned}$$

The denominator of the IV estimand is equal to the difference between the size of compliers and defiers:

$$E[D \mid Z = 1] - E[D \mid Z = 0] = \Pr(\text{CP}) - \Pr(\text{DF}).$$

Let $\tau = \Pr(\text{CP}) / \Pr(\text{DF})$ denote the size of compliers relative to defiers. The IV estimand can be expressed as

$$\text{IV} = \text{LATE} \frac{\tau}{\tau - 1} - \text{LATE}_{\text{DF}} \frac{1}{\tau - 1}.$$

Therefore, the difference between IV and LATE is given as

$$\text{IV} - \text{LATE} = \frac{\text{LATE} - \text{LATE}_{\text{DF}}}{\tau - 1}.$$

□

A.3 Proof of Theorem 1

Proof. I first look at the expression of LATE, and divide it into two groups $Z = 1$ and $Z = 0$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LATE} &= E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}] \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 1] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 0] \Pr(Z = 0) \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 0). \end{aligned}$$

The above condition holds by the independence condition of instrument Z in Assumption 2. Using the condition $E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid \text{CP}] = \rho_d$ to substitute $E[Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}]$ and $E[Y_{1,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ leads to the following implication:

$$\text{LATE} = E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] - \rho_1 \Pr(Z = 0) - \rho_0 \Pr(Z = 1).$$

To prove LATE is identified, I need to show that the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and $(E[Y_{11} \mid \text{CP}], E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}])$ are identified. To prove it, I first show that the conditional probability of the three subgroups $\{\text{AT}, \text{NT}, \text{CP}\}$ given $W = w$ is identified. When $Z = 0$, only always takers (AT) are treated so that the probability of always takers is identified as

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(D = 1 \mid Z = 0, w) &= \Pr(D = 1 \mid \text{AT}, Z = 0, w) \Pr(\text{AT} \mid Z = 0, w) \\ &= \Pr(\text{AT} \mid w). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality holds since the probability of being treated conditional on always takers is one and instrument Z is independent of potential treatments given W in Assumption 2.

Similarly, the conditional probability of never takers and compliers given $W = w$ can be derived as

$$\Pr(\text{NT} \mid w) = \Pr(D = 0 \mid Z = 1, w);$$

$$\Pr(\text{CP} \mid w) = \Pr(D = 1 \mid Z = 1, w) - \Pr(D = 1 \mid Z = 0, w).$$

Now we are ready to show that the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and $(E[Y_{11} \mid \text{CP}], E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}])$ are identified by using variation in instrument W . The expectation of YD conditional on $(Z = 1, W = w)$ can be expressed as a mixture of always takers and compliers:

$$\begin{aligned} & E[YD \mid Z = 1, w] \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{AT}, Z = 1, w] \Pr(\text{AT} \mid Z = 1, w) + E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 1, w] \Pr(\text{CP} \mid Z = 1, w) \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{AT}] \Pr(\text{AT} \mid w) + E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP} \mid w). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The above condition holds by the independence conditions of the two instruments (Z, W) in Assumptions 2.

Similarly, the expectation of YD given $(Z = 0, W = w)$ can be expressed as

$$E[YD \mid Z = 0, w] = E[Y_{1,0} \mid \text{AT}] \Pr(\text{AT} \mid w). \tag{3}$$

Taking the difference between (2) and (3) leads to the following condition: for any $w \in \{0, 1\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(w) &\equiv E[YD \mid Z = 1, w] - E[YD \mid Z = 0, w] \\ &= \rho_1 \Pr(\text{AT} \mid w) + E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(\text{CP} \mid w). \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Equation (4) comes from the condition $E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid \text{AT}] = \rho_d$ in Assumption 2 (i). Since condition (4) holds for any $w \in \{0, 1\}$, using variation in instrument W can identify direct effect ρ_1 and $E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= \frac{r_1(1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - r_1(0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}, \\ E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}] &= \frac{r_1(1) - \rho_1 \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The relevance condition of instrument W in Assumption 3 guarantees that the denominator of direct effect ρ_1 is not zero: $\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1) \neq 0$. The relevance condition of instrument Z in Assumption 2 implies that there exists $w \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $\Pr(\text{CP} \mid w) > 0$. For simplicity, I assume that $\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1) > 0$.

Similarly, I use the expectation of $Y(1 - D)$ under different values of (Z, W) to identify direct effect ρ_0 and $E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}]$. Let $r_0(w)$ be defined as

$$r_0(w) = E[Y(1 - D) \mid Z = 1, w] - E[Y(1 - D) \mid Z = 0, w].$$

By using variation in $r_0(w)$ with respect to w , direct effect ρ_0 and $E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ can be identified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &= \frac{r_0(1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - r_0(0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{NT} \mid 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{NT} \mid 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}, \\ E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] &= -\frac{r_0(1) - \rho_0 \Pr(\text{NT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, LATE is identified since the two direct effects (ρ_1, ρ_0) and $(E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}], E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}])$ are shown to be identified. Plugging into the expression of $(E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}], E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}])$ into the formula of LATE leads to following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LATE} &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] - \rho_1 \Pr(Z = 0) - \rho_0 \Pr(Z = 1) \\ &= \frac{r_1(1) + r_0(1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)} - \rho_1 \left(\frac{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)} + \Pr(Z = 0) \right) - \rho_0 \left(\frac{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)} + \Pr(Z = 0) \right) \\ &\equiv \text{IV}_1 - \rho_1 w_1^\rho - \rho_0 w_0^\rho, \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{IV}_1 = \frac{E[Y|Z=1, W=1] - E[Y|Z=0, W=1]}{E[D|Z=1, W=1] - E[D|Z=0, W=1]}$, $w_1^\rho = \frac{\Pr(\text{AT}|1)}{\Pr(\text{CP}|1)} + \Pr(Z = 0)$, and $w_0^\rho = \frac{\Pr(\text{AT}|1)}{\Pr(\text{CP}|1)} + \Pr(Z = 0)$.

□

A.4 Asymptotic Properties of $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$

This section derives the asymptotic properties of estimator $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ for the local average treatment effect and the two estimators $(\hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ for the two direct effects. Suppose that the variances of all variables (Y, D, Z, W) are finite, and the variances of the product of any two, three, and four variables are finite.

As shown in A.3, the expression for estimator $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ is given as follows:

$$\widehat{\text{LATE}} = \widehat{\text{IV}}_1 - \hat{\rho}_1 \hat{w}_1^\rho - \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{w}_0^\rho.$$

The analysis proceeds by deriving the asymptotic properties of the above terms $(\widehat{\text{IV}}_1, \hat{w}_1^\rho, \hat{w}_0^\rho, \hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_0)$ respectively, then the asymptotic property of $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ can be derived accordingly.

Let μ_Y denote the expectation of the random variable Y . Let $\phi_i^Y = Y_i - \mu_Y$ for any random variable Y , let $\phi_i^{YZ} = Y_i Z_i - E[YZ]$ for any two random variables (Y, Z) , and let $\phi_i^{YZW} = Y_i Z_i W_i - E[YZW]$ for any three random variables (Y, Z, W) .

I first look at estimator $\widehat{\text{IV}}_1$. The numerator of estimator $\widehat{\text{IV}}_1$ is given as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i Z_i W_i) \bar{W} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i W_i) \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Z_i W_i) - (E[YZW]E[W] - E[YW]E[ZW]) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (E[YZW]\phi_i^W + \mu_W \phi_i^{YZW} - E[YW]\phi_i^{ZW} - E[ZW]\phi_i^{YW}) + O_p\left(\frac{1}{N}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality holds by applying Taylor expansion and the fact that $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i Z_i W_i) - E[YZW] = O_p(1/\sqrt{N})$, $\bar{W} - \mu_W = O_p(1/\sqrt{N})$, $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i W_i) - E[YW] = O_p(1/\sqrt{N})$, and $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Z_i W_i) - E[ZW] = O_p(1/\sqrt{N})$.

Let $\phi_i^{\text{IV}N}$ denote the influence function of the numerator term $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i Z_i W_i) \bar{W} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Y_i W_i) \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Z_i W_i)$, defined as

$$\phi_i^{\text{IV}N} = E[YZW]\phi_i^W + \mu_W \phi_i^{YZW} - E[YW]\phi_i^{ZW} - E[ZW]\phi_i^{YW}.$$

Similarly, the influence function of the denominator term $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (D_i Z_i W_i) \bar{W} -$

$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i (D_i W_i) \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (Z_i W_i)$ is derived as

$$\phi_i^{\text{IV}_D} = E[DZW]\phi_i^W + \mu_W \phi_i^{DZW} - E[DW]\phi_i^{ZW} - E[ZW]\phi_i^{DW}.$$

Then by applying Taylor expansion, the asymptotic property of $\widehat{\text{IV}}_1$ is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{IV}}_1 - \text{IV}_1 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{\text{IV}_N} - \text{IV}_1 \phi_i^{\text{IV}_D}}{E[YZW]E[W] - E[YW]E[ZW]} \right\} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \phi_i^{\text{IV}_1} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{N}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The idea for deriving influence functions of the two weights and direct effects is similar. I focus on the properties of \hat{w}_1^ρ and $\hat{\rho}_1$, and the analysis applies to $(\hat{w}_0^\rho, \hat{\rho}_0)$. Estimator \hat{w}_1^ρ is given as

$$\hat{w}_1^\rho = \frac{\widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{AT} \mid W = 1)}{\widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{CP} \mid W = 1)} + \widehat{\text{Pr}}(Z = 0).$$

To derive the asymptotic property of \hat{w}_1^ρ , I need to show the asymptotic property of the conditional probability of the two subgroups. Let $\phi_i^{\text{AT1}}, \phi_i^{\text{AT0}}, \phi_i^{\text{CP1}}, \phi_i^{\text{CP0}}$ denote the influence function for the four conditional probabilities $\widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{AT} \mid 1), \widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{AT} \mid 0), \widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{CP} \mid 1), \widehat{\text{Pr}}(\text{CP} \mid 0)$ respectively, which are derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_i^{\text{AT1}} &= \frac{\phi_i^{D\tilde{Z}W}}{E[\tilde{Z}W]} - \frac{E[D\tilde{Z}W]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}W}}{(E[\tilde{Z}W])^2}, & \phi_i^{\text{AT0}} &= \frac{\phi_i^{D\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]} - \frac{E[D\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{(E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}])^2}, \\ \phi_i^{\text{CP1}} &= \frac{\phi_i^{DZW}}{E[ZW]} - \frac{E[DZW]\phi_i^{ZW}}{(E[ZW])^2} - \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{D\tilde{Z}W}}{E[\tilde{Z}W]} - \frac{E[D\tilde{Z}W]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}W}}{(E[\tilde{Z}W])^2} \right\}, \\ \phi_i^{\text{CP0}} &= \frac{\phi_i^{DZ\tilde{W}}}{E[Z\tilde{W}]} - \frac{E[DZ\tilde{W}]\phi_i^{Z\tilde{W}}}{(E[Z\tilde{W}])^2} - \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{D\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]} - \frac{E[D\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{(E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}])^2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{Z} = 1 - Z$ and $\tilde{W} = 1 - W$.

Then the influence function for \hat{w}_1^ρ is derived as follows by applying Taylor ex-

pansion:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{w}_1^\rho - w_1^\rho &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{\text{AT1}}}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid W = 1)} - \frac{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid W = 1)\phi_i^{\text{CP1}}}{(\Pr(\text{CP} \mid W = 1))^2} - \phi_i^Z \right\} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \phi_i^{w_1^\rho} + O_p\left(\frac{1}{N}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Now we only need to derive the influence function of estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$, given as

$$\hat{\rho}_1 = \frac{\hat{r}_1(1)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \hat{r}_1(0)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} \mid 1)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \widehat{\Pr}(\text{AT} \mid 0)\widehat{\Pr}(\text{CP} \mid 1)}.$$

Let ϕ_i^{d1} denote the influence function for the denominator of $\hat{\rho}_1$, derived as

$$\phi_i^{d1} = \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)\phi_i^{\text{CP0}} + \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0)\phi_i^{\text{AT1}} - \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 0)\phi_i^{\text{CP1}} - \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)\phi_i^{\text{AT0}}.$$

I look at the numerator of estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$. Let $\phi_i^{YDZW} = Y_i D_i Z_i W_i - E[YDZW]$ for any random variables (Y, D, Z, W) . According to the definition of $\hat{r}_1(1), \hat{r}_1(0)$, their influence functions ϕ_i^{r11} and ϕ_i^{r10} are shown as

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_i^{r11} &= \frac{\phi_i^{YDZW}}{E[ZW]} - \frac{E[YDZW]\phi_i^{ZW}}{(E[ZW])^2} - \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{YD\tilde{Z}W}}{E[\tilde{Z}W]} - \frac{E[YD\tilde{Z}W]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}W}}{(E[\tilde{Z}W])^2} \right\}, \\ \phi_i^{r10} &= \frac{\phi_i^{YDZ\tilde{W}}}{E[Z\tilde{W}]} - \frac{E[YDZ\tilde{W}]\phi_i^{Z\tilde{W}}}{(E[Z\tilde{W}])^2} - \left\{ \frac{\phi_i^{YD\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]} - \frac{E[YD\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}]\phi_i^{\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}}}{(E[\tilde{Z}\tilde{W}])^2} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Let ϕ_i^{n1} denote the influence function of the numerator of $\hat{\rho}_1$, derived as

$$\phi_i^{n1} = r_1(1)\phi_i^{\text{CP0}} + \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0)\phi_i^{r11} - r_1(0)\phi_i^{\text{CP1}} - \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)\phi_i^{r10}.$$

Now we are ready to derive the influence function for estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$. Let $\phi_i^{\rho1}$ denote the influence function for estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$, derived as follows:

$$\phi_i^{\rho1} = \frac{\phi_i^{n1} - \rho_1 \phi_i^{d1}}{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 0)\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}.$$

Therefore, the asymptotic property of estimator $\hat{\rho}_1$ is derived as

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\rho}_1 - \rho_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \text{Var}(\phi_i^{\rho_1})).$$

The analysis for the estimators $\hat{\rho}_0$ and \hat{w}_0^ρ can be shown similarly, so it is omitted here. Let $\phi_i^{\rho_0}$ and $\phi_i^{w_0^\rho}$ denote the influence function for $\hat{\rho}_0$ and \hat{w}_0^ρ respectively. Then the influence function ϕ_i^{LATE} for estimator $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ is expressed as

$$\phi_i^{\text{LATE}} = \phi_i^{\text{IV}_1} - \rho_1 \phi_i^{w_1^\rho} - w_1^\rho \phi_i^{\rho_1} - \rho_0 \phi_i^{w_0^\rho} - w_0^\rho \phi_i^{\rho_0}.$$

The asymptotic property for $\widehat{\text{LATE}}$ is shown as

$$\sqrt{N}(\widehat{\text{LATE}} - \text{LATE}) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \text{Var}(\phi_i^{\text{LATE}})).$$

A.5 Proof of Proposition 3

Proof. Following the proof in A.3, LATE can be divided into two groups $Z = 1$ and $Z = 0$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LATE} &= E[Y_1 - Y_0 \mid \text{CP}] \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 1] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}, Z = 0] \Pr(Z = 0) \\ &= E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 1) + E[Y_{1,0} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] \Pr(Z = 0). \end{aligned}$$

Using $\rho_{\text{CP},d} = E[Y_{d,1} - Y_{d,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ to substitute $E[Y_{0,1} \mid \text{CP}]$ and $E[Y_{1,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ has the following implication:

$$\text{LATE} = E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] - \rho_{\text{CP},1} \Pr(Z = 0) - \rho_{\text{CP},0} \Pr(Z = 1).$$

As shown in A.3, using variation in $r_1(w)$ with respect to w can identify $\rho_{\text{AT},1}$

and $E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}]$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\text{AT},1} &= \frac{r_1(1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - r_1(0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}, \\ E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}] &= \frac{r_1(1) - \rho_1 \Pr(\text{AT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the direct effect $\rho_{\text{NT},0}$ and $E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}]$ are identified by exploiting variation in $r_0(w)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\text{NT},0} &= \frac{r_0(1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - r_0(0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{NT} \mid 1) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 0) - \Pr(\text{NT} \mid 0) \Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}, \\ E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] &= -\frac{r_0(1) - \rho_0 \Pr(\text{NT} \mid 1)}{\Pr(\text{CP} \mid 1)}.\end{aligned}$$

Under Assumption 4 about the difference in direct effects across subgroups, $\rho_{\text{CP},d}$ for $d \in \{0, 1\}$ can be bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\text{AT},1} - k_1 &\leq \rho_{\text{CP},1} \leq \rho_{\text{AT},1} + k_1, \\ \rho_{\text{NT},0} - k_0 &\leq \rho_{\text{CP},0} \leq \rho_{\text{NT},0} + k_0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the bounds on LATE is established as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LATE} &\geq E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] - (\rho_{\text{AT},1} + k_1) \Pr(Z = 0) - (\rho_{\text{NT},0} + k_0) \Pr(Z = 1), \\ \text{LATE} &\leq E[Y_{1,1} - Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}] - (\rho_{\text{AT},1} - k_1) \Pr(Z = 0) - (\rho_{\text{NT},0} - k_0) \Pr(Z = 1).\end{aligned}$$

Plugging into the formulas for $(\rho_{\text{AT},1}, \rho_{\text{NT},0})$ and $(E[Y_{1,1} \mid \text{CP}], E[Y_{0,0} \mid \text{CP}])$ lead to the results in Proposition 3.

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A.6 More Simulation Results

This section presents the simulation results of the two estimators $(\hat{\theta}_{zw}, \hat{\theta}_z)$ when the size of the subgroups changes. Consider that the potential treatments (D_1, D_0) is

given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \mathbb{1}\{\epsilon \leq 1\}, \\ D_0 &= \mathbb{1}\{\epsilon \leq k\}. \end{aligned}$$

The value of k determines the size of the three subgroups, and the size of compliers $\Pr(k < \epsilon < 1)$ decreases when the value of k increases. I consider three specifications of k : $k \in \{-0.25, 0, 0.25\}$.

Table 3 and 4 show the results of the two estimators $(\hat{\theta}_{zw}, \hat{\theta}_z)$ under different values of k and different values of direct effects ρ with the sample size $N = 1000$ and $N = 4000$, respectively. The two estimators $(\hat{\theta}_{zw}, \hat{\theta}_z)$ both perform better when the size of compliers increases, while the estimator $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ uniformly performs better than the estimator $\hat{\theta}_z$ with nonzero direct effects regardless of the size of compliers. Therefore, the robustness feature of the estimator $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ to nonzero direct effects still holds under different probabilities of subgroups.

Table 3: Performance Comparisons of $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ and $\hat{\theta}_z$ ($N = 1000$)

ρ	$\hat{\theta}_{zw}$				$\hat{\theta}_z$			
	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD
$k = -0.25$								
0	0.016	0.459	0.459	0.362	0.004	0.142	0.142	0.113
0.5	0.016	0.459	0.459	0.362	1.145	0.173	1.158	1.145
1	0.016	0.459	0.459	0.362	2.285	0.225	2.296	2.285
-1	0.016	0.459	0.459	0.362	-2.277	0.178	2.284	2.277
$k = 0$								
0	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	0.006	0.183	0.184	0.146
0.5	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	1.481	0.245	1.501	1.481
1	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	2.956	0.342	2.976	2.956
-1	0.025	0.504	0.505	0.396	-2.944	0.269	2.956	2.944
$k = 0.25$								
0	0.057	0.915	0.917	0.508	0.010	0.262	0.262	0.207
0.5	0.057	0.915	0.917	0.508	2.100	0.403	2.139	2.100
1	0.057	0.915	0.917	0.508	4.190	0.615	4.235	4.190
-1	0.057	0.915	0.917	0.508	-4.169	0.498	4.199	4.169

Table 4: Performance Comparisons of $\hat{\theta}_{zw}$ and $\hat{\theta}_z$ ($N = 4000$)

ρ	$\hat{\theta}_{zw}$				$\hat{\theta}_z$			
	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD	Bias	SD	rMSE	MAD
$k = -0.25$								
0	0.007	0.214	0.214	0.170	-0.000	0.072	0.072	0.057
0.5	0.007	0.214	0.214	0.170	1.136	0.086	1.139	1.136
1	0.007	0.214	0.214	0.170	2.273	0.110	2.275	2.273
-1	0.007	0.214	0.214	0.170	-2.274	0.089	2.275	2.274
$k = 0$								
0	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	-0.001	0.092	0.092	0.073
0.5	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	1.466	0.119	1.470	1.466
1	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	2.932	0.165	2.936	2.932
-1	0.009	0.230	0.230	0.183	-2.933	0.133	2.936	2.933
$k = 0.25$								
0	0.013	0.273	0.273	0.217	-0.002	0.130	0.130	0.104
0.5	0.013	0.273	0.273	0.217	2.064	0.193	2.073	2.064
1	0.013	0.273	0.273	0.217	4.129	0.291	4.140	4.129
-1	0.013	0.273	0.273	0.217	-4.133	0.242	4.140	4.133