

Causal Inference

MIXTAPE SESSION

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Merge

- During a stage of arranging datasets, you will likely merge – oftentimes a lot
- Make sure you count before and after you merge so you can figure out what went wrong, if anything
- Also make sure you're using the contemporary 1:1 (etc.) syntax as many an excellent empiricists have been hurt by merge syntax errors

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. count
48,600

. do "/Users/scott_cunningham/Dropbox/Indy/Do/.tm-stata-55642.do"

. merge 1:1 id date using ../data/seer.dta
(note: variable month was byte, now float to accommodate using data's values)

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Result	# of obs.
not matched	517,044
from master	384 (_merge==1)
from using	516,660 (_merge==2)
matched	48,216 (_merge==3)

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. ta _merge

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_merge	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
master only (1)	384	0.07	0.07
using only (2)	516,660	91.40	91.47
matched (3)	48,216	8.53	100.00
Total	565,260	100.00	

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end of do-file

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. count
565,260

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