Double/Debiased Machine Learning

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Basics

Consider the following partially linear model:

$$Y = \alpha D + g(X) + \epsilon$$

$$D = m(X) + v$$

where

Y: Outcome of interest

 ${\cal D}$: Treatment or policy variable of interest

X: High-dimensional vector of control variables

 ϵ, v : Error terms

m, g: Unknown "nuisance" functions