

# Regression-based methods

Linear regression is one of the most common methods to estimate causal effect. It is useful when the data-generating process for the outcome  $Y$  can be approximated as a linear function.

Given a backdoor identified estimand, to estimate causal effect using linear regression, we can write,

```
>>> estimate = model.estimate_effect(identified_estimand,
>>>     method_name="backdoor.linear_regression",
>>>     test_significance=True
>>> )
>>> print(estimate)
```

The above method combines fitting the model and estimating the causal effect. To obtain more control, we can use the functional API.

```
>>> # Fit the regression estimator
>>> estimator = LinearRegressionEstimator(
>>>     identified_estimand=identified_estimand,
>>>     test_significance=True,
>>> ).fit(
>>>     data=data["df"],
>>>     effect_modifier_names=graph.get_effect_modifiers(treatment_name, outcome_name)
>>> )
>>> # Estimate the effect given treatment and control value
>>> estimate = estimator.estimate_effect(
>>>     data=data["df"],
>>>     control_value=0,
>>>     treatment_value=1,
>>>     target_units="ate",
>>> )
```

In addition to linear regression, DoWhy supports generalized linear models. This can be used to fit a logistic regression model.

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