

Instrumental Variables

Practice Problems

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IV + 2SLS

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1. Generate a dataset such that (1) treatment is correlated with the disturbance and (2) there a valid instrument.
2. Estimate the treatment effect using 2SLS—both through `iv_robust()` and through two stages of `lm()`.
3. What does IV recover when the treatment effect is heterogeneous? Show analytically and/or through your numerical example.
4. Set up (or at least outline) a data-generating process with compliers, always takers, never takers, and defiers.