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ssh shadydealings.mit.edu

◦ screen stata

◦ (ctrl+a) d

to get back:

◦ screen -d -r

ls .snapshot

in stata: (ctrl+r) recalls previous command

Coding carefully

For each project, have the following directories:

do dta gph log src
source code

use .. /src/07439-0004-Data, clear

◦ this works no matter where you run it

/*
use a template for each do file.

author:

purpose:

date created:

notes:

modifications

*/

Comment carefully so that you know what to do later.

Make a summary, do that goes through the entire project.

Program to edit do files remotely:

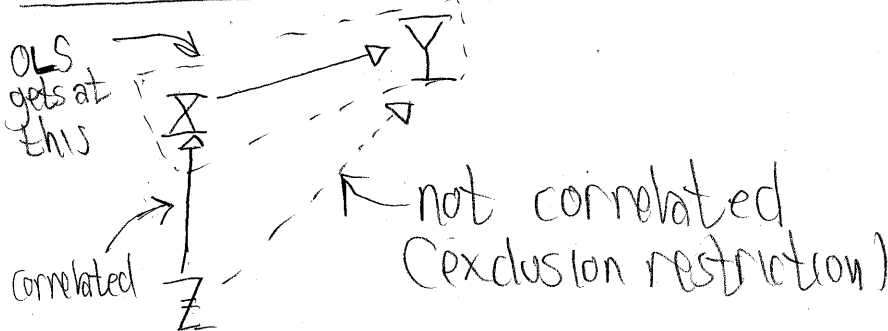
- nano
- vim
- emacs

} find a tutorial online or ask Noto.

To close a screen,

exit when in the program

Instrumental Variables



- deals with
- measurement error
- omitted variables

$$\hat{\beta}_{IV} \rightarrow \frac{\text{cov}(Z, Y)}{\text{cov}(Z, X)}$$

measurement error

$$\frac{\text{cov}(Z, X^* + \epsilon)}{\text{cov}(Z, X^* + \nu)}$$

$$= \beta \frac{\text{cov}(Z, X^*)}{\text{cov}(Z, X^*) + \underbrace{\text{cov}(Z, \nu)}_{=0?}} + \frac{\overbrace{\text{cov}(Z, \epsilon)}_{=0}}{\text{cov}(Z, X^*) + \text{cov}(Z, \nu)}$$

$$= \beta$$

Suppose $Z \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\text{Cov}(Z, Y) = E[ZY] - E[Z]E[Y]$$

$$= E[Y|Z=1]Pr[Z=1] - Pr[Z=1]E[Y]$$

$$= Pr[Z=1][E[Y|Z=1] - E[Y]]$$

$$= Pr[Z=0][E[Y|Z=1] - E[Y|Z=0]Pr[Z=1] - E[Y|Z=0]Pr[Z=0]]$$

factoring out
 $Pr[Z=0] = 1 - Pr[Z=1]$ \rightarrow $Pr[Z=0]Pr[Z=1][E[Y|Z=1] - E[Y|Z=0]]$

Plug this into $\hat{\beta}_{IV} \rightarrow$ expression:

$$\hat{\beta}_{IV} \rightarrow \frac{E[Y|Z=1] - E[Y|Z=0]}{E[X|Z=1] - E[X|Z=0]} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{E[Y|Z=1] - E[Y|Z=0]}{E[X|Z=1] - E[X|Z=0]}} \right\} \text{Wald estimators}$$

"Two-sample IV" can compute these from separate data sets.

- any IV is a weighted average of Wald estimators
- these are quite transparent.

Kling takes into account that prisoners were randomly assigned to judges.

Two instruments:

- dummy for each judge
- scalar summarizing harshness of judge.

Let $Z = [Z_1 \dots Z_k] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix}$ where $\mathbb{1}_R$ is a vector of ones ($R \times 1$)

k groups
 R obs/groups
 N obs total

$N \times K$
 $RK \times K$

$$\Rightarrow P_Z = Z(Z'Z)^{-1}Z' \quad (\text{assume } K=2)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R' & 0' \\ 0' & \mathbb{1}_R' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R' \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R' \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R' & 0' \\ 0' & \mathbb{1}_R' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R \mathbb{1}_R' & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R \mathbb{1}_R' \end{bmatrix}$$

In IV:

$$P_Z X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbb{1}_R \mathbb{1}_R'}{R} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\mathbb{1}_R \mathbb{1}_R'}{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} \\ \vdots \\ X_{1R} \\ X_{21} \\ \vdots \\ X_{2R} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}_R' \cdot \overbrace{\sum_{i=1}^R \frac{X_{1i}}{R}}^{\text{avg sentence}} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1}_R' \cdot \sum_{i=1}^R \frac{X_{2i}}{R} \end{bmatrix}$$