

Women's Empowerment and Family Health: Estimating LATE with Mismeasured Treatment

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 - ▶ Overcome **measurement** issues
 - ▶ Study the effect of women's control over resources on family health in India **directly**
 - ▶ Combine **structural** modeling and **causal** analysis

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- ▶ **Binary measure of resource control:** $D = \mathbb{I}(R^* \geq c)$
 - ▶ Control \rightarrow health, no obvious functional form
 - ▶ Discrete investments in health
 - ▶ Changes in behavior at threshold (Bertrand-Kamenica-Pan (2015))

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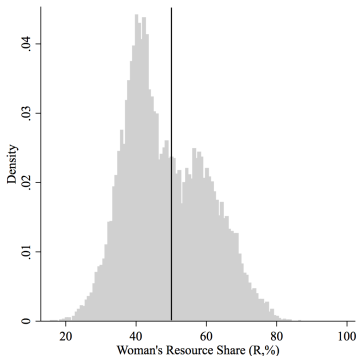
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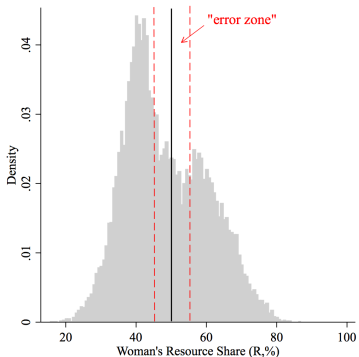
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- ▶ NSS Consumer Expenditure Survey (2005-2006)
- ▶ Out-of sample prediction on National Family Health Survey (2005-2006) **Model Predictions**

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 - ▶ Mismeasurement-Robust LATE (**MR-LATE**)
 - ▶ Two mismeasured treatments (T^a, T^b)
 - ▶ LATE identified by **two** IV regressions: of outcome $T^a Y$ and $T^b Y$ on T^a and T^b , using Z as an instrument (Abadie (2002))

Dealing with Mismeasurement

1. Under standard LATE assumptions and

- ▶ Z independent of potential measurement errors
- ▶ For compliers, potential mismeasures independent of potential outcomes
- ▶ Minimal relevance condition of mismeasured treatments

$$\lambda^a = \frac{\text{cov}(T^a Y, Z)}{\text{cov}(T^a, Z)} \qquad \lambda^b = \frac{\text{cov}(T^b Y, Z)}{\text{cov}(T^b, Z)}$$
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Theorem 1

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2. If T^a never misclassifies untreated as treated and T^b such that $1 - T^b$ never misclassifies treated as untreated (**one-type misclassification**):

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Graphical Illustration

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- ▶ **Health Outcomes:** BMI, Pr(Underweight), Pr(Anemic) for **adults**; HAZ, WAZ, Pr(Fever), Pr(Cough), Pr(Diarrhea), Pr(Vaccination) for **children**
- ▶ **Instrument:** State-level reforms equalizing inheritance rights between genders
 - ▶ **Hindu Succession Act (1956)**
 - ▶ **Amendments** (Kerala in 1976, Andhra Pradesh in 1986, Tamil Nadu in 1989, Maharashtra and Karnataka in 1994; India in 2005)
 - ▶ Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh women who married after the reforms
 - ▶ ↑ women's bargaining and decision power
 - ▶ Previously studied (Deininger et al. (2013), Roy (2008, 2015), Heath and Tan (2014), Bose and Das (2016), Calvi (2016)) Results: First Stage

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- ▶ For $j = a, b$, estimate with 2SLS

$$Y_i T_i^j = \alpha^j + \lambda^j T_i^j + \delta^j X_i + u_i^j$$

- ▶ **Compute MR-LATE as the difference:** $\hat{\lambda}^a - \hat{\lambda}^b$
- ▶ Bootstrap SE; fixed effects to ensure excl. restriction is satisfied

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Thank you!

Comments are very welcome:

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	$R(X)$	$\hat{\delta}_w(X)$	$\hat{\delta}_m(X)$	$\hat{\beta}(X)$
Two children	-0.0554 (0.0166)	-0.2660 (0.3370)	-0.2260 (0.3350)	0.0260 (0.0409)
Three children	-0.0395 (0.0211)	-0.5610 (0.3880)	-0.3470 (0.3860)	0.0455 (0.0471)
Four children	-0.0824 (0.0270)	0.0203 (0.5900)	0.1510 (0.5920)	-0.0180 (0.0721)
Fraction of Female Children	-0.0146 (0.0178)	-0.4530 (0.3600)	-0.5150 (0.3620)	0.0544 (0.0437)
Gender Age Gap (Man - Woman)	0.0618 (0.1320)	1.6710 (2.6590)	1.3630 (2.7870)	-0.1110 (0.3390)
Woman's Age	-0.571 (0.1200)	2.3910 (3.1000)	1.6600 (3.1200)	-0.1510 (0.3810)
Children's Avg. Age	-0.1570 (0.2410)	-3.4250 (5.3780)	-2.6360 (5.3550)	0.2270 (0.6520)
Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh	0.0951 (0.0214)	1.520 (0.3430)	1.038 (0.3480)	-0.141 (0.0418)
Sch. Caste, Sch. Tribe, Oth. Back. Caste	-0.0313 (0.0158)	-0.0360 (0.3090)	-0.0002 (0.3130)	-0.0180 (0.0380)
Own Land	0.0060 (0.0167)	-0.1300 (0.3270)	-0.0490 (0.3250)	0.0299 (0.0393)
Woman Completed High School	0.0610 (0.0259)	-0.2490 (0.4840)	-0.2380 (0.4860)	0.0368 (0.0563)
Man Completed High School	0.0254 (0.0207)	0.0243 (0.4020)	-0.2200 (0.4060)	0.0272 (0.0477)
Rural	-0.0115 (0.0155)	1.545 (0.3200)	1.740 (0.3200)	-0.194 (0.0390)
North	-0.0588 (0.0270)	0.1130 (0.5250)	0.987 (0.5230)	-0.0423 (0.0630)
East	0.128 (0.0276)	0.2750 (0.5440)	0.0353 (0.5320)	-0.0094 (0.0656)
North-East	0.19 (0.0321)	-1.505 (0.5970)	-2.055 (0.5810)	0.150 (0.0713)
South	-0.0631 (0.0263)	1.521 (0.5590)	1.216 (0.564)	-0.139 (0.0681)
Constant	0.623 (0.0476)	6.743 (1.0060)	6.997 (1.0070)	-0.718 (0.1240)

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	Obs.	Mean	St. Dev.	Min.	Max.
<i>NSS Sample :</i>					
Woman's Resource Share (R)	7,440	48.27	11.64	13.54	86.92
$\mathbb{I}(R \geq 50)$	7,440	0.41	0.49	0.00	1.00
<i>NFHS Sample:</i>					
Woman's Resource Share (R)	22,767	48.13	11.81	6.50	86.97
$\mathbb{I}(R \geq 50)$	22,767	0.40	0.49	0.00	1.00

Dealing with Mismeasurement: Details

- ▶ **Assumption 1:** Y and D satisfy the standard LATE assumptions (Imbens-Angrist (1994)):
 - $0 < E(D) < 1$, $0 < E(Z) < 1$ and $Z \perp (Y_1, Y_0, D_1, D_0)$
 - (Y_1, Y_0, D_1, D_0, Z) are independent across individuals and have finite means
 - Monotonicity/No defiers
- ▶ **Assumption 2:**
 - $Z \perp (Y_1, Y_0, D_1, D_0, T_1, T_0)$
 - $(T_1, T_0) \perp (Y_1, Y_0) \mid C$
 - $E(T_1 - T_0 \mid C) \neq 0$

Theorem 1

Let Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. Then:

$$\lambda = E[qY_1 + (1 - q)Y_0 \mid C]$$

$$\lambda = \text{cov}(YT, Z) / \text{cov}(T, Z)$$

$$q = E(T_1 \mid C) / [E(T_1 \mid C) - E(T_0 \mid C)].$$

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Corollary 1

Let Assumption 1 hold and let Assumption 2 hold for T^a and T^b . Then:

$$MR - LATE = (q^a - q^b) E[Y_1 - Y_0 | C] = (q^a - q^b) LATE$$

Corollary 2

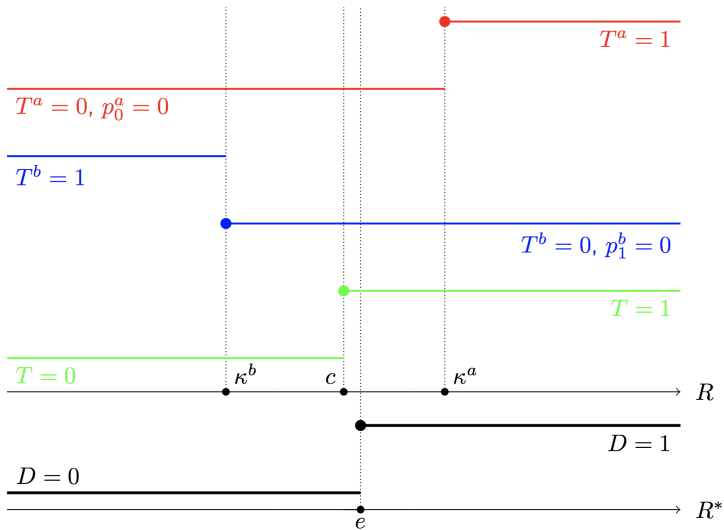
Let Assumption 1 hold, and let Assumption 2 hold for T^a and T^b . If $q^a - q^b = 1$. Then:

$$MR - LATE = LATE = cov(Y, Z) / cov(D, Z)$$

A sufficient condition for MR-LATE to equal LATE is:

$$E(T_0^a | C) = E(T_1^b | C) = 0$$

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Results: Adults' Health

	Women			Men		
	BMI	Pr(BMI \leq 18.5)	Pr(Anemic)	BMI	Pr(BMI \leq 18.5)	Pr(Anemic)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 0$)	9.7989 (1.9869)	-0.9175 (0.2288)	-0.5572 (0.2531)	2.4074 (2.4452)	-0.2778 (0.2971)	0.0860 (0.2318)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 1$)	9.2903 (2.1346)	-0.8836 (0.2200)	-0.5194 (0.2420)	2.0658 (2.7973)	-0.2345 (0.2785)	0.0556 (0.2181)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 5$)	9.1945 (4.1294)	-0.8482 (0.2225)	-0.5239 (0.2487)	3.0378 (4.3572)	-0.2629 (0.2926)	0.0925 (0.2195)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 10$)	12.4103 (6.2875)	-1.1476 (0.2715)	-0.6254 (0.3124)	3.7843 (7.4517)	-0.3852 (0.3633)	0.0558 (0.2630)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 20$)	7.7153 (9.1580)	-0.7232 (0.2915)	-0.5151 (0.3730)	-1.0725 (15.7390)	-0.5217 (0.4454)	-0.1373 (0.3185)

► Positive effects for women:

If women's resource share \uparrow 1 p.p.: BMI \uparrow 0.46, Pr(Underweight) \downarrow 4.24 p.p., Pr(Anemic) \downarrow 2.6 p.p. [Back](#)

Results: Children's Health

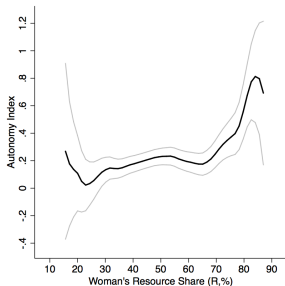
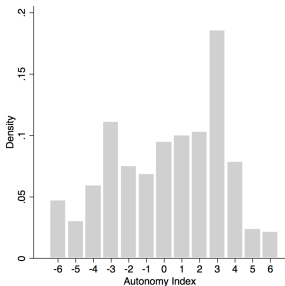
	Weight-for-age (z-score)	Height-for-age (z-score)	Pr(Cough)	Pr(Fever)	Pr(Diarrhea)	Pr(Any Vaccination)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 0$)	2.0547 (1.4246)	2.8140 (1.8384)	-0.6649 (0.2973)	-0.6114 (0.4423)	-0.4549 (0.2185)	-0.1296 (0.2797)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 1$)	2.0093 (1.3814)	2.7298 (1.7865)	-0.7264 (0.3176)	-0.6565 (0.4551)	-0.5153 (0.2255)	-0.2065 (0.2883)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 5$)	1.7328 (1.3947)	3.0385 (1.6276)	-0.7306 (0.2868)	-0.6273 (0.4259)	-0.4923 (0.1981)	-0.2159 (0.3159)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 10$)	2.4247 (1.7819)	3.0848 (1.8369)	-0.8890 (0.3115)	-0.6361 (0.4158)	-0.5121 (0.2023)	-0.1029 (0.4178)
MR-LATE ($\mathcal{K} = 20$)	2.2458 (1.6342)	2.8007 (1.8806)	-0.6878 (0.3053)	-0.4312 (0.3345)	-0.6457 (0.1789)	0.0141 (0.5104)

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If women's resource share \uparrow 1%: Height-for-age \uparrow 0.15, Pr(Cough) \downarrow 3.65 p.p., Pr(Diarrhea) \downarrow 2.46 p.p.

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Resource Shares and Autonomy Index



- ▶ Index based on women's response to 3 questions about decision making and 3 questions about mobility. Response equal to
 - ▶ 1 if the response is that wife controls that decision (or if she can go alone to places)
 - ▶ -1 if the response is that the husband controls that decision (or if she cannot go alone to places)
 - ▶ 0 for any other response.
- ▶ Index equal to the sum of the responses across all of the questions

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Binary Measure of Control and Self-Reported Decision Power

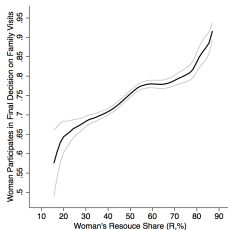
	$\mathbb{I}(\text{Woman Participates in Final Decisions on})$			Autonomy
	Household Purchases	Visits to Family and Relatives	Own Health	Index
$T = \mathbb{I}(R \geq 50)$	0.0245 (0.0147)	0.0303 (0.0125)	0.0195 (0.0160)	0.228 (0.0994)
Mean Dependent Variable	0.6642	0.7130	0.7400	65.8703

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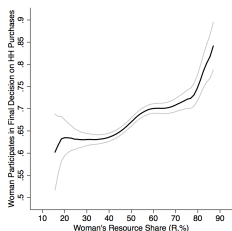
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Structural and Self-reported Decision Power

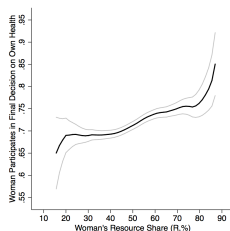
- ▶ *Is R a good measure of decision making power?*



Family Visits



Hh. Purchases



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