Some Counterclaims Undermine Themselves in Observational Studies (J. Am. Statist. Assoc. 2015, 110, 1389-1398)

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- Is what we saw in the example expected under simple models for treatment effects? (Design sensitivity and power of a sensitivity analysis.)

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Figure 1: Pair differences in injury scores, driver-minus-passenger, for a driver and a passenger in the same car in FARS 2010-2011, by restraint use. A positive difference indicates the driver suffered more severe injuries than the passenger.

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Table: Randomization tests of no effect in 4 comparisons. n = no restraint. Is = lap-shoulder belt.

| | Restraint Use: (driver.passenger) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Same | e Use | Different Use | |
| Restraint Group | ls.ls | n.n | ls.n | n.ls |
| Number of Pairs | 10996 | 3274 | 1412 | 1198 |
| Mean Y _i | -0.059 | 0.061 | -1.076 | 1.000 |
| Standard error of mean | 0.013 | 0.027 | 0.042 | 0.044 |
| Standard deviation of Y_i | 1.335 | 1.571 | 1.565 | 1.513 |
| | Randomization tests | | | |
| | Huber Scores | | | |
| P-values | 0.0000 | 0.0241 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
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Sensitivity analysis for Evan's comparison

| | Same Use | | Different Use | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Restraint Group | ls.ls | n.n | ls.n | n.ls |
| Γ | Huber Scores without Inner Trimming | | | |
| 1 | 0.0000 | 0.0241 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 1.2 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 4 | | | 0.0000 | 0.0027 |
| 5 | | | 0.0211 | 0.4673 |
| 5.5 | | | 0.1808 | 1.0000 |
| Γ | Inner Trimmed Scores | | | |
| 1 | 0.0000 | 0.0374 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 1.2 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
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| 6 | | | 0.0031 | 0.2219 |
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Figure 2: Pair differences in injury scores, driver-minus-passenger, for a driver and a passenger in the same car in FARS 2010-2011, by restraint use, when precisely one individual was ejected from the vehicle, either partially ejected or totally ejected. A positive difference indicates the driver suffered more severe injuries than the passenger.

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| Restraint Group | ls.ls | n.n | ls.n | n.ls |
| Number of Pairs | 222 | 782 | 522 | 522 |
| Mean | -0.023 | 0.141 | -1.540 | 1.584 |
| Standard error | 0.117 | 0.069 | 0.064 | 0.057 |
| Standard deviation | 1.748 | 1.938 | 1.455 | 1.291 |

Crashes with one ejection: Sensitivity analysis

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| | Same Use | | Different Use | | |
| Restraint Group | ls.ls | n.n | ls.n | n.ls | |
| Г | Huber Scores without Inner Trimming | | | | |
| 1 | 0.7436 | 0.0428 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
| 1.2 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
| 9 | | | 0.0388 | 0.0009 | |
| 11 | | | 0.2783 | 0.0149 | |
| Γ | Inner Trimmed Scores | | | | |
| 1 | 0.9002 | 0.0764 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
| 1.2 | 1.0000 | 0.8737 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
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Figure 3: Pair differences in injury scores, driver-minus-passenger, for a driver and a passenger in the same car in FARS 2010-2011, by restraint use, for all vehicle pairs, for vehicles not known to have an initial collision from the side, for vehicles with exactly one ejection, and for vehicles not know to have an initial collision from the side with exactly one ejection. A positive difference indicates the driver suffered more severe injuries than the passenger.

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| | Restraint Use: (driver.passenger) | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|--|
| | Same Use | | Different Use | | |
| Restraint Group | ls.ls | n.n | ls.n | n.ls | |
| Number of Pairs | 153 | 510 | 363 | 357 | |
| Mean | -0.072 | 0.133 | -1.628 | 1.588 | |
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| 1.2 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
| 11 | | | 0.0291 | 0.0291 | |
| 12 | | | 0.0610 | 0.0614 | |
| 15 | | | 0.2722 | 0.2774 | |
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| 1 | 0.8788 | 0.1729 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | |
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|-----|--|---------|------------------|------------------------------|-----|------|--|--|--|--|
| | $(\pi_{11},\pi_{10},\pi_{00})=(1/3,1/3,1/3)$ | | | | | | | | | |
| τ | All | Seg | Comp | All | Seg | Comp | | | | |
| 0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 2.8 | | | | |
| 1/4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 3.7 | | | | |
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| Normal | 0 | 1111 | 0.01 | 0.48 | 0.00 | 0.22 | | | | | |
| Normal | 1/4 | 1111 | 0.24 | 0.62 | 0.01 | 0.38 | | | | | |
| Normal | 1/2 | 1111 | 0.61 | 0.40 | 0.33 | 0.55 | | | | | |
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| Normal | 0 | 1250 | 0.04 | 0.82 | 0.00 | 0.60 | | | | | |
| Normal | 1/4 | 1250 | 0.39 | 0.80 | 0.00 | 0.60 | | | | | |
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Proof of the proposition

The segment $\left\{\mathcal{J}'_{i}, i \in \mathcal{I}\right\}$ is fixed by conditioning on \mathcal{F} ; moreover, the set $\mathcal{Z}'_{\mathbf{m}}$ is a fixed set as a consequence of conditioning on \mathcal{Z} and \mathbf{m} . It suffices to consider a single set i. If \mathcal{J}'_{i} is degenerate, then it contributes a 1 factor to distribution in the segment. Otherwise, for $\left|\mathcal{J}'_{i}\right| \geq 2$ and $m_{i} = 1$, the conditional probability that $Z_{ij} = z'_{ij}$ for $j \in \mathcal{J}'_{i}$ given $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Z}'_{\mathbf{m}}, \mathbf{m}$ is the ratio of $\exp\left(\gamma \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_{i}} z'_{ij} u_{ij}\right) / \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_{i}} \exp\left(\gamma u_{ij}\right)$ to the sum of similar terms over $j \in \mathcal{J}'_{i}$, namely

$$\frac{\exp\left(\gamma\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}}z_{ij}^{\prime}u_{ij}\right)/\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}}\exp\left(\gamma u_{ij}\right)}{\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}^{\prime}}\left\{\exp\left(\gamma u_{ij}\right)/\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}}\exp\left(\gamma u_{ij}\right)\right\}} = \frac{\exp\left(\gamma\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}^{\prime}}z_{ij}^{\prime}u_{ij}\right)}{\sum_{j\in\mathcal{J}_{i}^{\prime}}\exp\left(\gamma u_{ij}\right)}$$

as in the statement of the proposition.