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Automated Learning and Intelligence for Causation and Economics

EconML: A Machine Learning Library for Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects

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Why EconML?

- Applies the power of **machine learning** to estimate individualized causal responses from observational data
- Incorporates techniques form recent academic works (e.g. Double Machine Learning, Causal Forests, Deep Instrumental Variables, Meta-learners, etc.) under a common API
- Empowers researchers/data scientists/decision-makers to perform causal analysis without extensive Economics training







Heterogeneous treatment effect applications (top to bottom): targeted advertising, dynamic pricing, clinical trials.



EconML Features



- Wide range of estimators for different estimation scenarios
- Built-in cross-validation
- Inference (i.e. confidence intervals)
- Interpretability tools
- Built on standard machine learning packages
- Open source

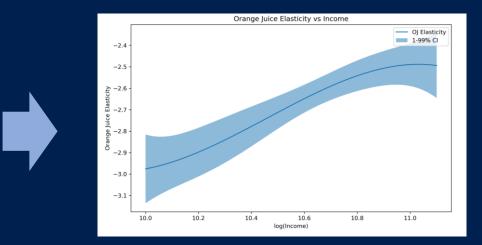
EconML is Really Easy to Apply!



from econml.dml import LinearDMLCateEstimator

cate_est = LinearDMLCateEstimator(model_y = RandomForestRegressor(), model_t = RandomForestRegressor(), featurizer = PolynomialFeatures(degree=3)

Fit estimator with inference and calculate treatment effects
cate_est.fit(Y, T, X, W, inference= 'statsmodels')
te_pred = cate_est.effect(X_test)
Get confidence intervals
lower, upper = cate_est.effect_interval(X_test, alpha=0.05)





Try It Out!

- Python: pip install econml
- GitHub: github.com/microsoft/EconML
- Documentation: <u>econml.azurewebsites.net</u>
- Jupyter Notebooks: github.com/microsoft/EconML/tree/master/notebooks