Alec McClean

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Education Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D., Statistics
May 2024
Thesis: Heterogeneity, Optimality, and Sensitivity in Causal Inference
M.S., Statistics
May 2021

Swarthmore College

B.A., Economics and Mathematics May 2016

Phi Beta Kappa

Research Interests

Theory: causal inference; functional estimation; nonparametric and machine learn-

ing methods

Applications: economics; healthcare services research; criminology; medicine

Research Projects Matteo Bonvini*, <u>Alec McClean*</u>, Zach Branson, and Edward H. Kennedy. "Incremental causal effects: an introduction and review." In Handbook of Matching and Weighting Adjustments for Causal Inference, pp. 349-372. Chapman and Hall/CRC, 2023. *Equal contribution

<u>Alec McClean</u>, Zach Branson, and Edward H. Kennedy. "Nonparametric Estimation of Conditional Incremental Effects." arXiv preprint arXiv:2212.03578 (2022). *Accepted at the Journal of Causal Inference*

Poster presentations at ACIC 2022, ENAR Spring Meeting 2023, and JSM 2023

Leah A. Jacobs, <u>Alec McClean</u>, Zach Branson, Edward H. Kennedy, and Alex Fixler. "Incremental Propensity Score Effects for Criminology: An Application Assessing the Relationship Between Homelessness, Behavioral Health Problems, and Recidivism." arXiv preprint arXiv:2305.14040 (2023).

Accepted at the Journal of Quantitative Criminology

<u>Alec McClean</u>, Edward H. Kennedy, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, and Larry Wasserman. "Double Cross-fit Doubly Robust Estimators: Beyond Series Regression." arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.15175 (2024).

Winner of the Ten Have poster competition at ACIC 2023

Ongoing Work <u>Alec McClean,</u> Zach Branson, Edward H. Kennedy. "Calibrated Sensitivity Models for Nonparametric Causal Inference with Unmeasured Confounding." (2024).

Invited presentation at CMStatistics 2023. Presentation at ACIC 2024

Software Contributor to npcausal R package https://github.com/ehkennedy/npcausal.

Academic Service	Reviewer for Bernoulli, the American Journal of Epidemiology, and ACIC 2024 CMU Statistics Student Activities Committee representative CMU Statistics Student Mentor Pittsburgh ASA CMU student representative	2019 - Present 2020 - Present 2022 - Present
Teaching	Department of Statistics and Data Science, Carnegie Mellon University	
	As Course Instructor Undergraduate Introduction to Statistical Inference	Summer 2022
	As Teaching Assistant Undergraduate Introduction to Statistical Inference (Head TA and backup instructor) Graduate Intermediate Statistics (Head TA) Undergraduate Optum Summer Research Experience Undergraduate Causal Inference Graduate Causal Inference Undergraduate Advanced Methods for Data Analysis (Head TA) Undergraduate Methods for Statistics Undergraduate Modern Regression	Spring 2024 Fall 2023 Summer 2023 Spring 2022 & 2023 Fall 2022 Spring 2021 Summer 2021 Fall 2019
	Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University	
	$Graduate\ Statistical\ Reasoning\ with\ R\ (Head\ TA)$	Fall 2020 & 2021
Awards	Tom Ten Have award for "exceptionally creative or skillful research on causal inference" at the 2023 American Causal Inference Conference	
	Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly Travel awards to present research at (1) 2023 CMStatistics, (2) 2023 Joint Statistical Meetings, and (3) 2022 American Causal Inference Conference	
	Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College	Spring 2016
Work Experience	 Senior Research Analyst, The Brattle Group Managed teams of 10+ junior analysts in developing econometric and statistical models (including zero-inflated Poisson, Cox survival, and hierarchical Bayes) to create a state-of-the-art economic structural model of the health insurance industry. Acquired extensive case experience in the health care industry with a focus on modelling expected claims incurred by health insurance subscribers and company likeliness to switch insurers. 	2018 - 2019
	 Research Analyst, The Brattle Group Cleaned, analyzed, and organized large data sets (> 100 GBs) using SQL, R, and Python. Created a >50 script data processing pipeline to efficiently clean and collate several TBs of data into analyzable data sets for project team use. 	2016 - 2018

R, Python, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office

Skills