

Reconciling Seemingly Contradictory Results from the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment and the Massachusetts Health Reform

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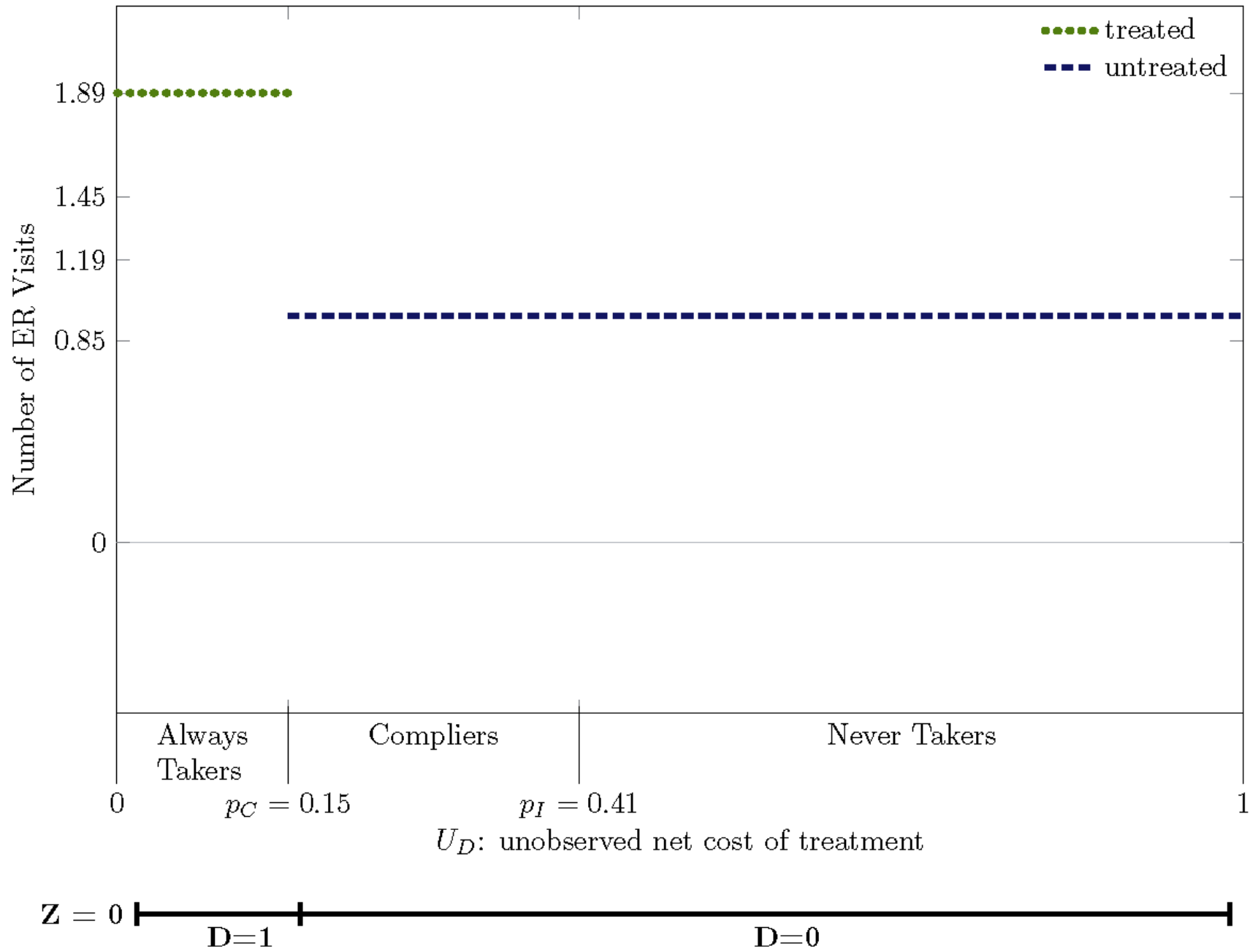
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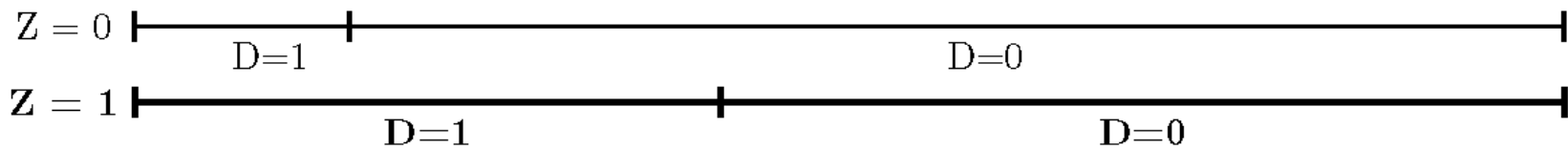
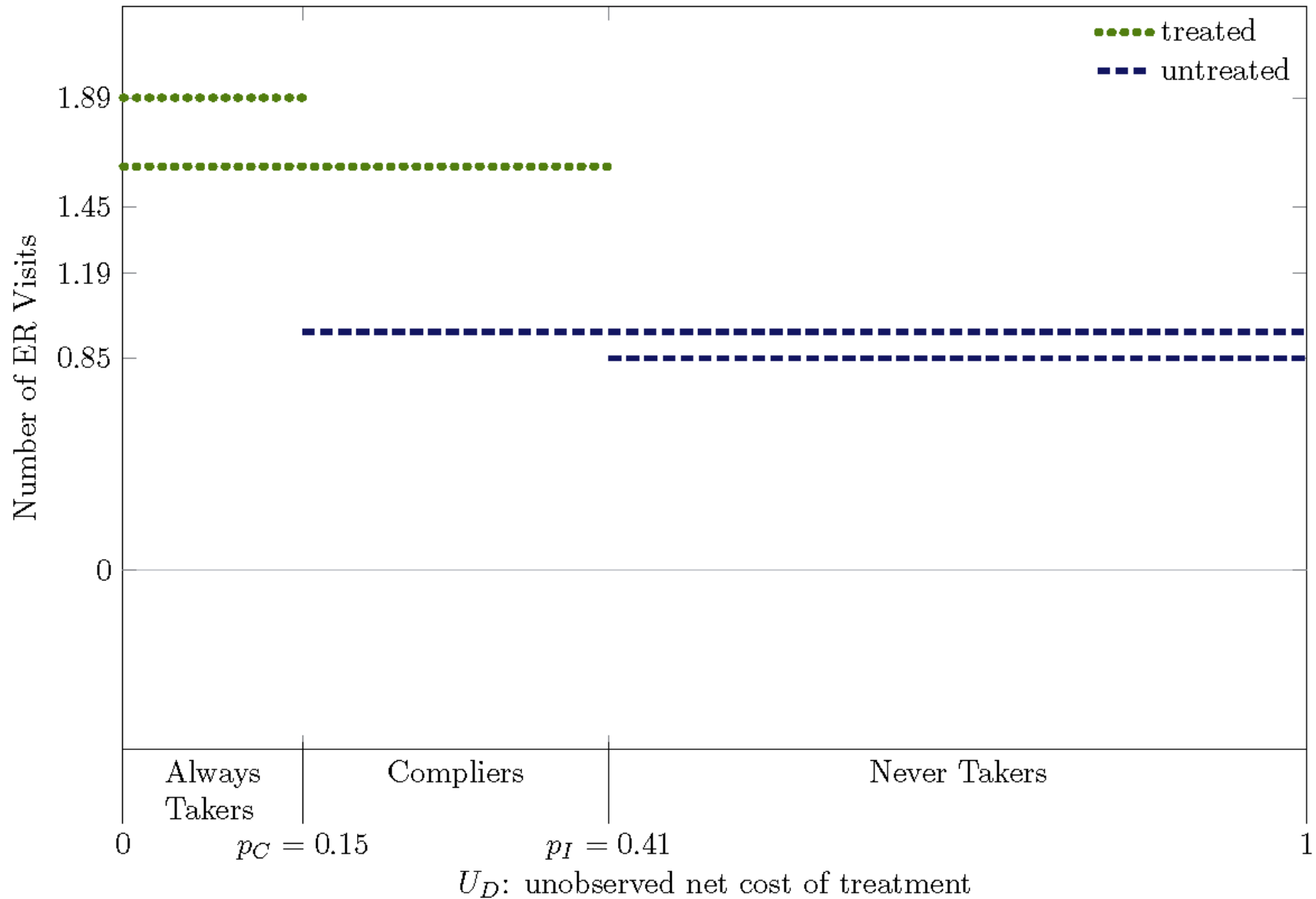
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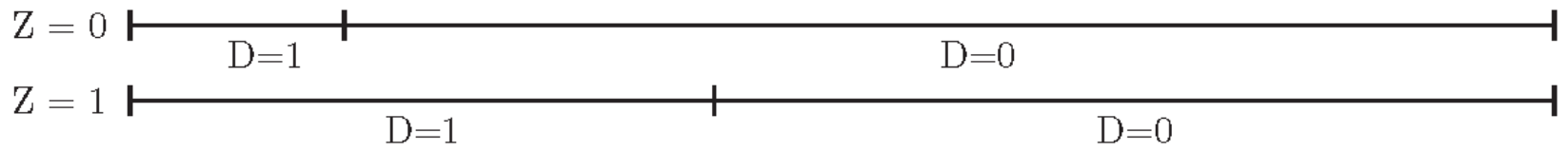
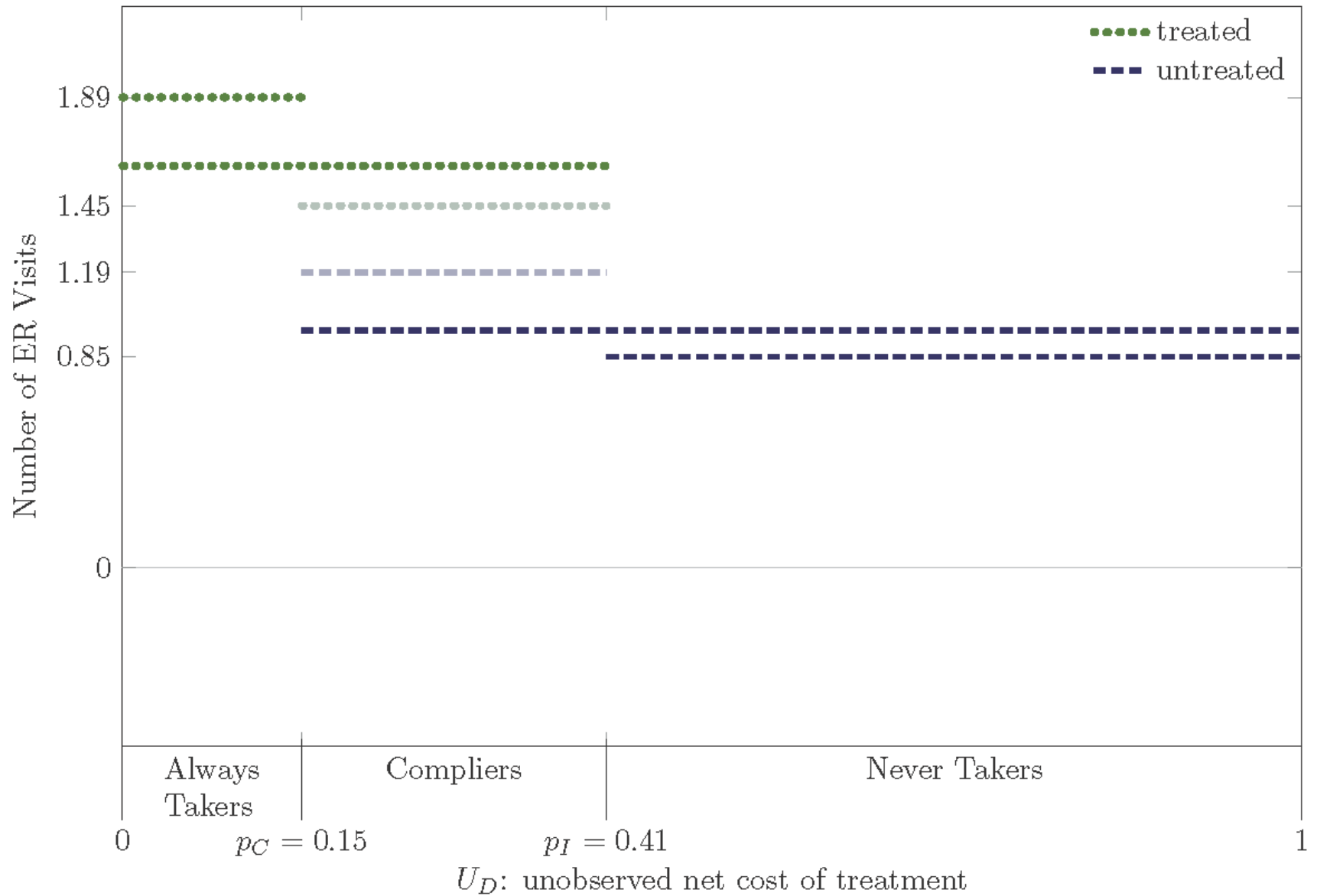
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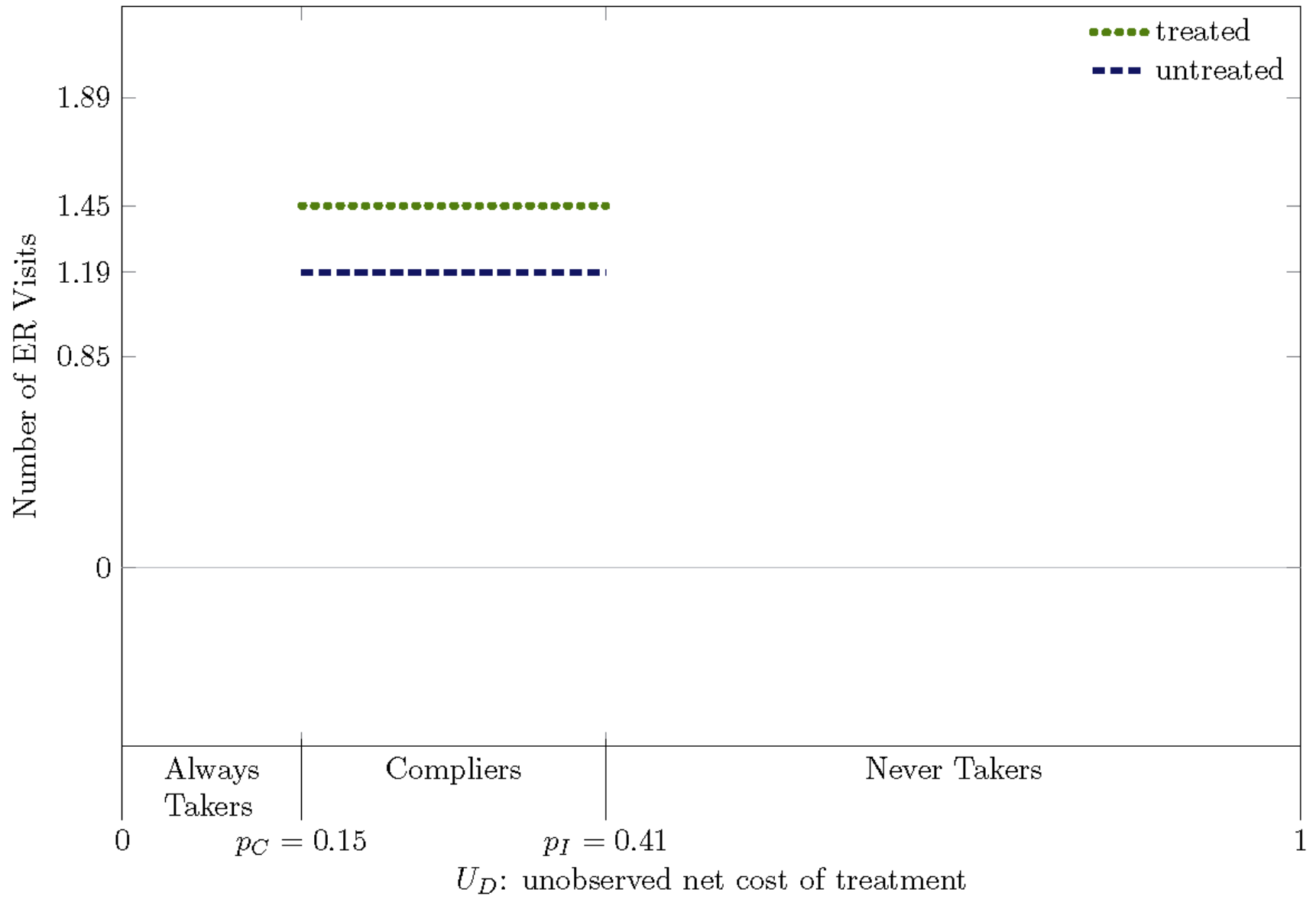
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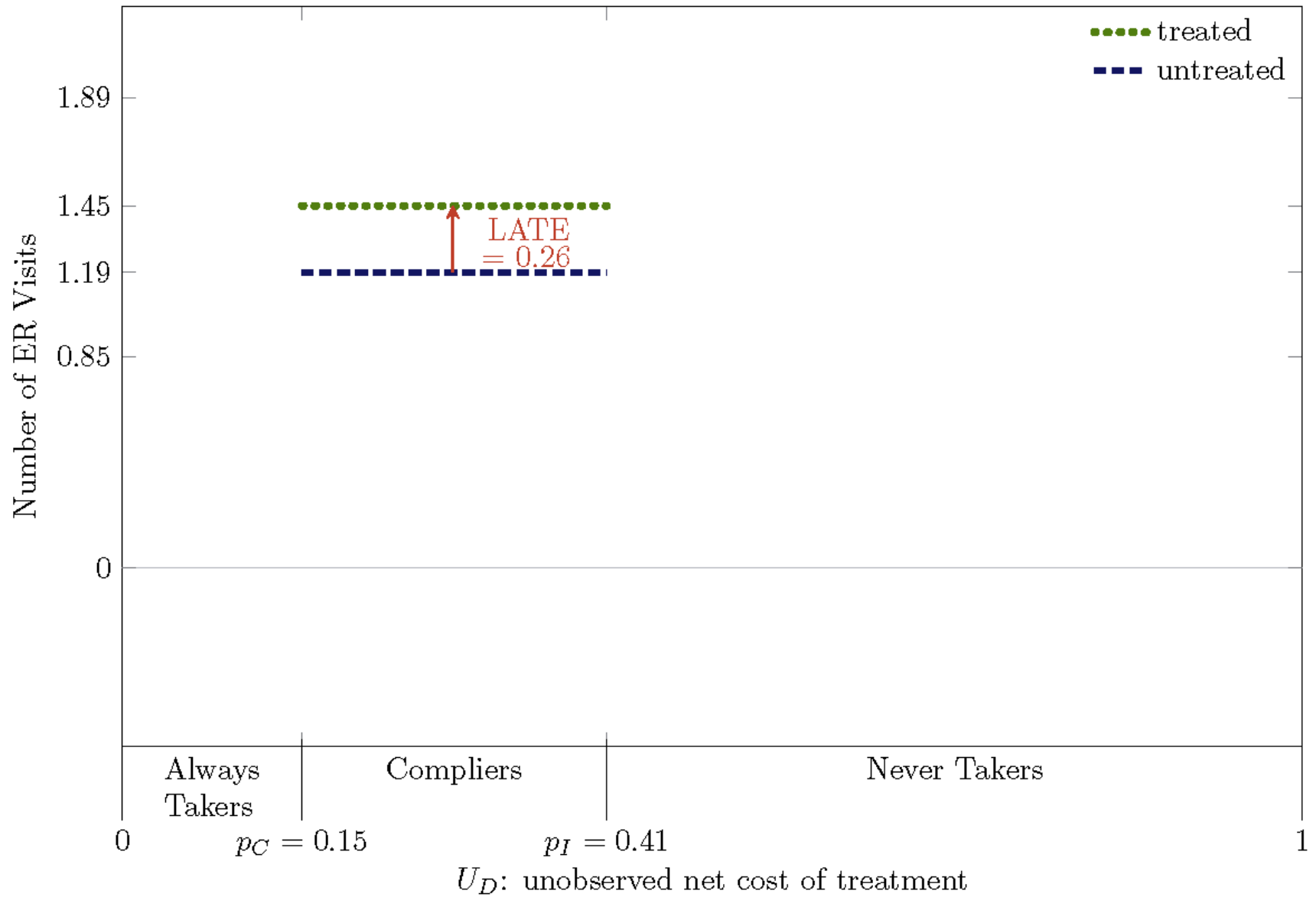
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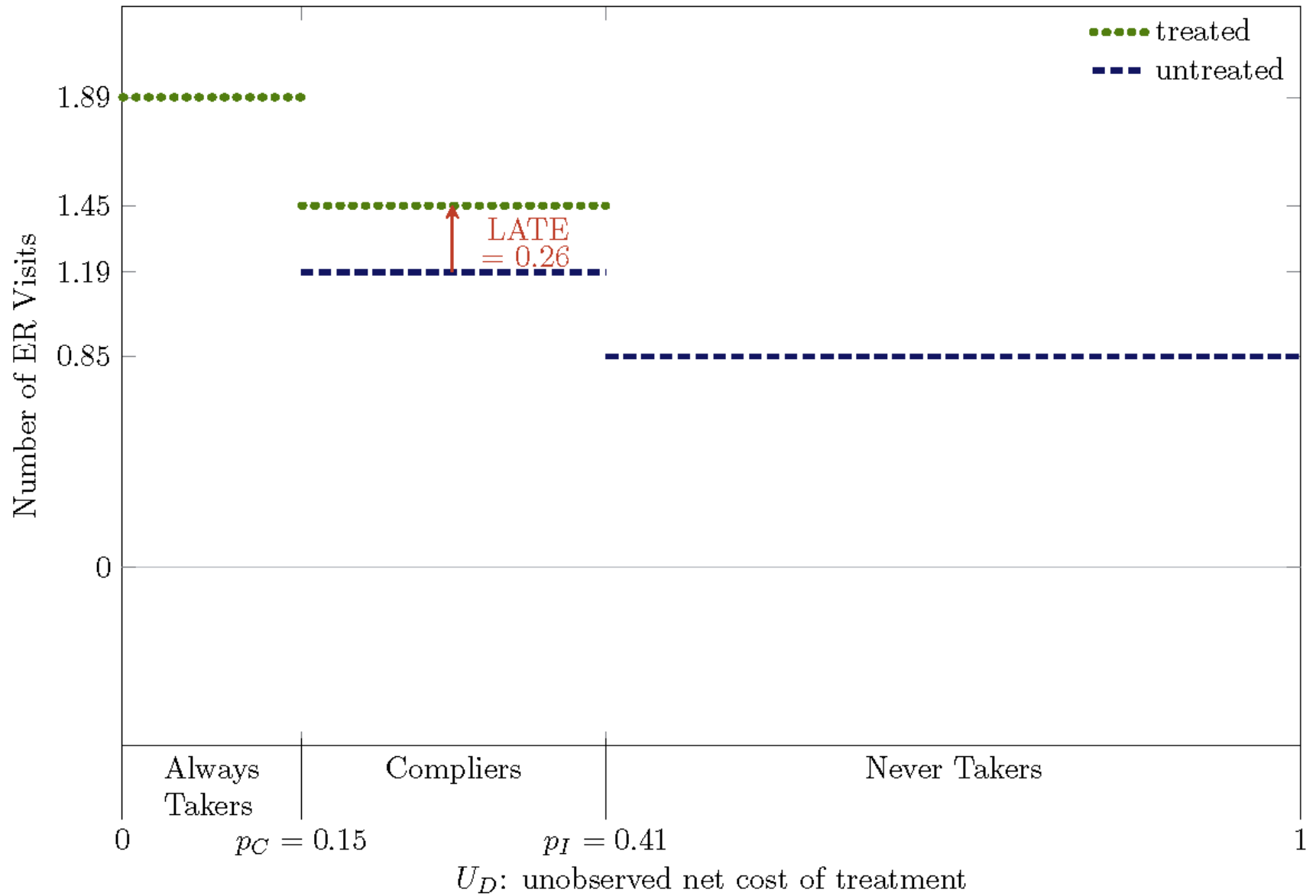


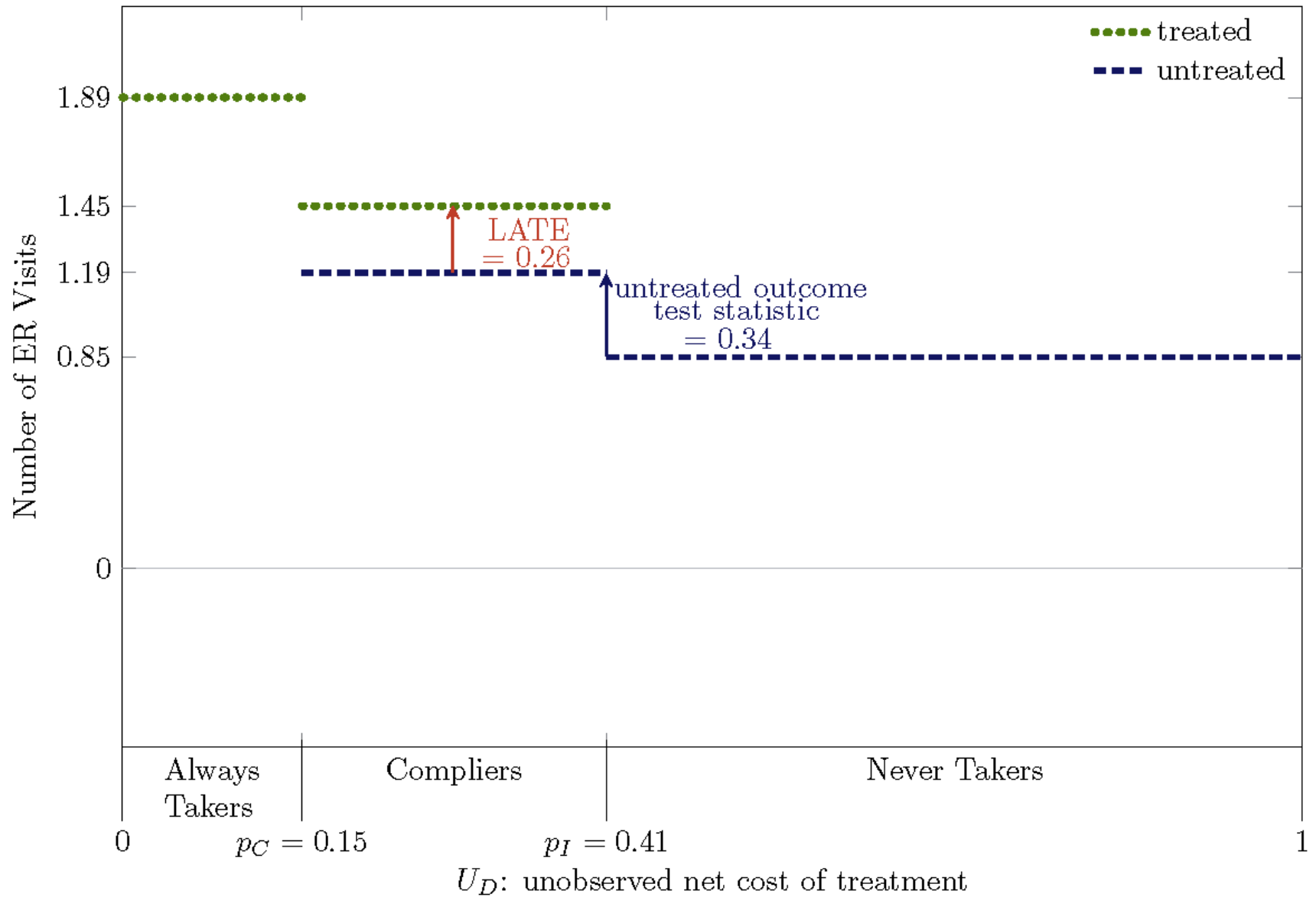


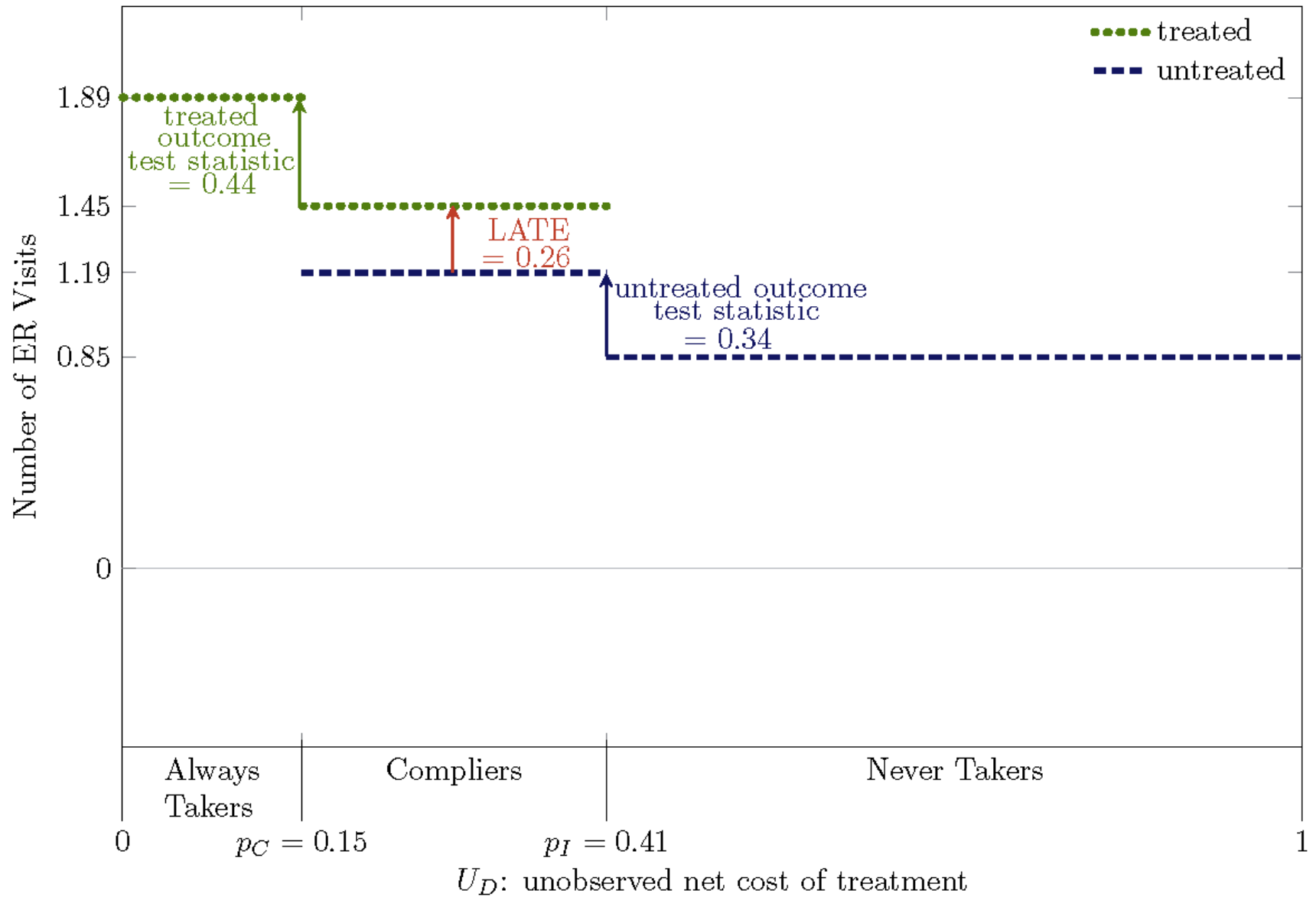


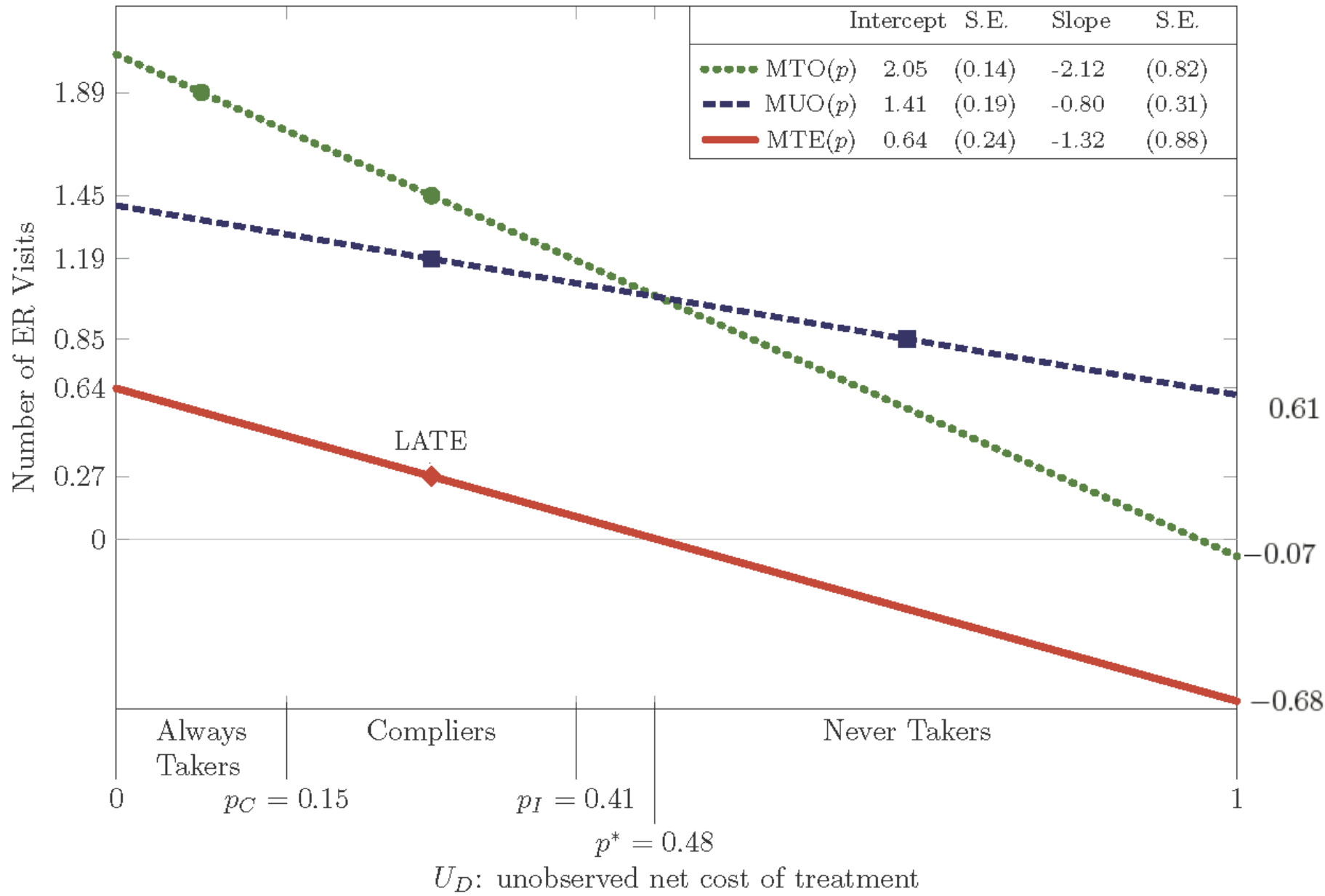






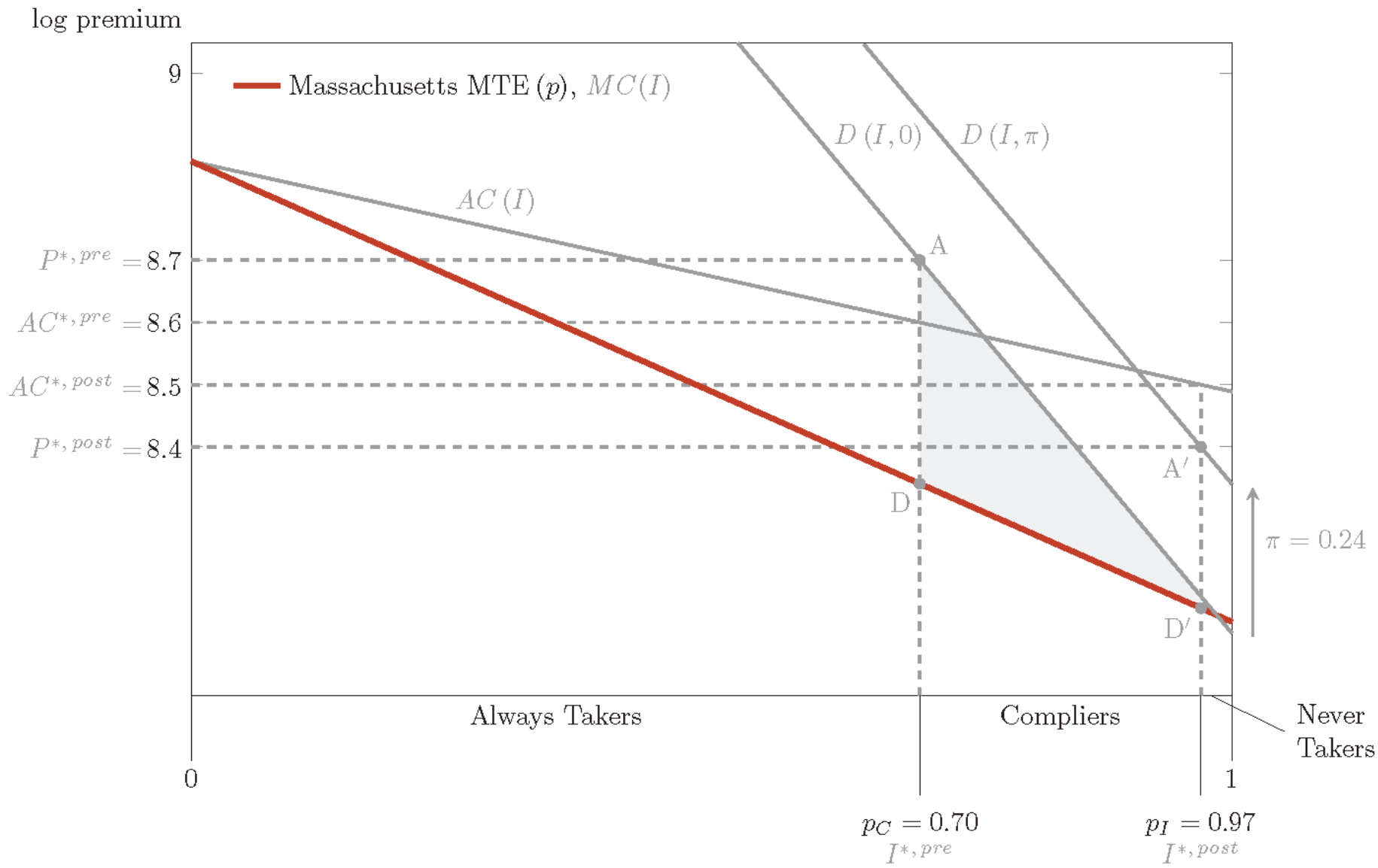




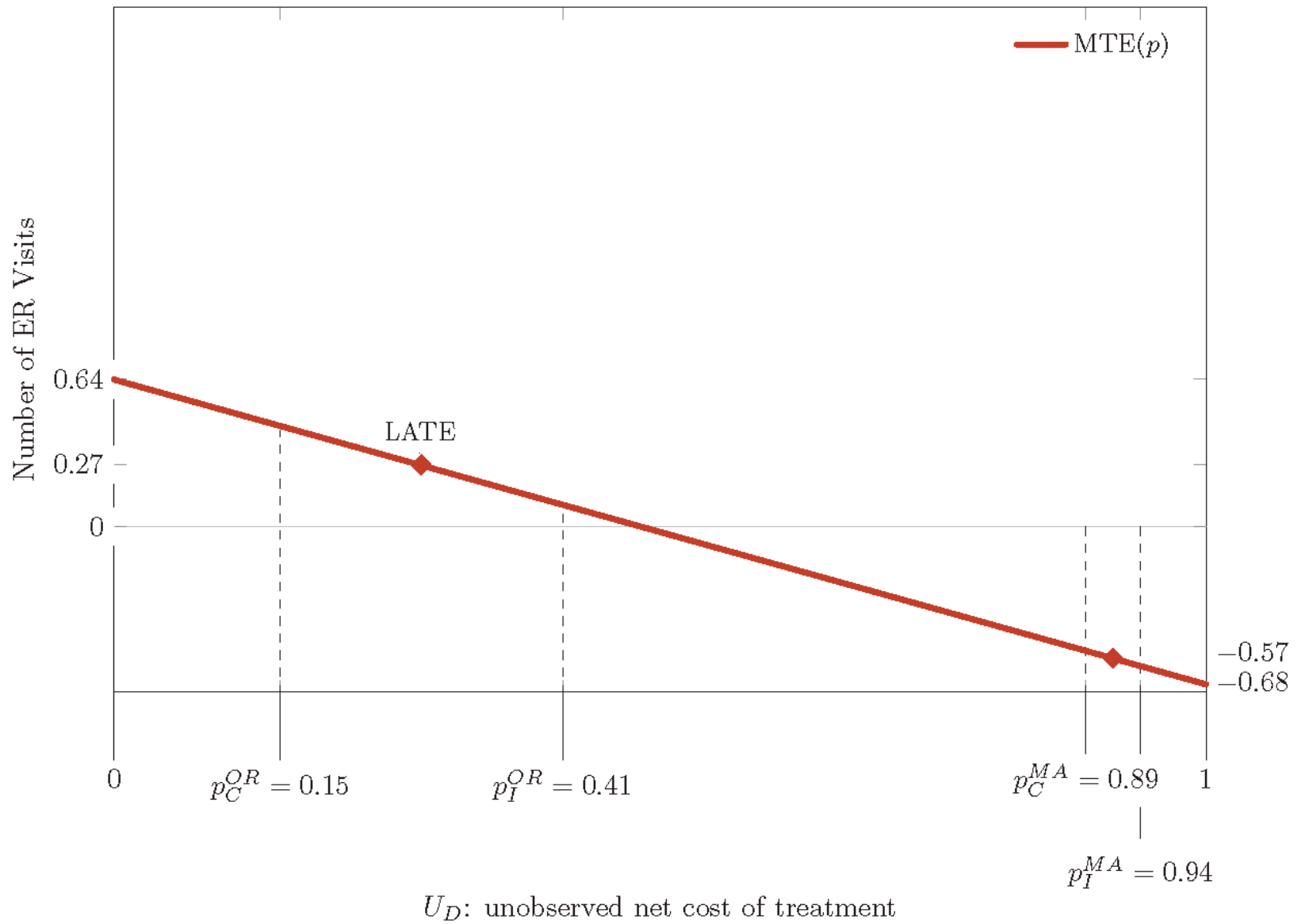


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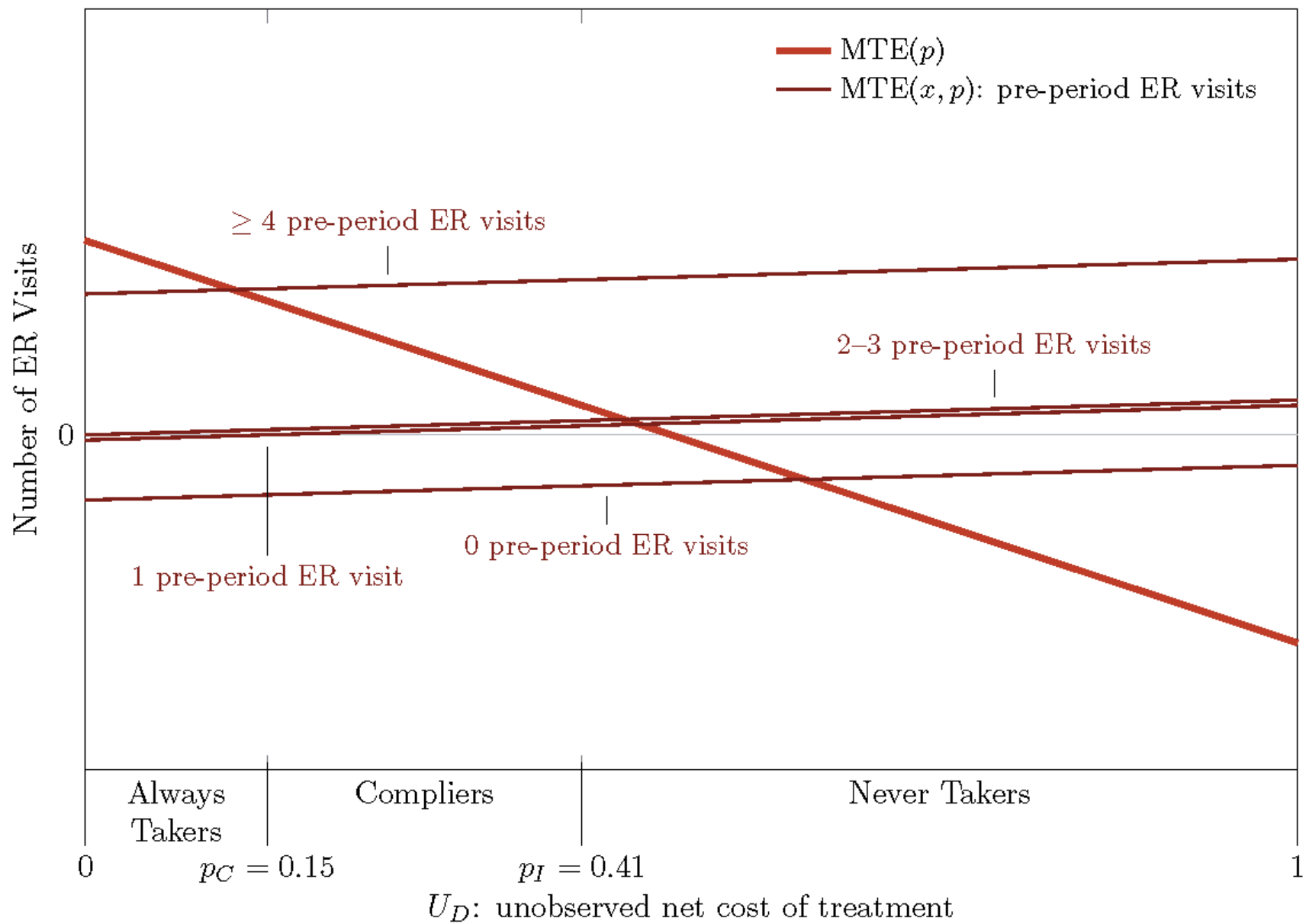
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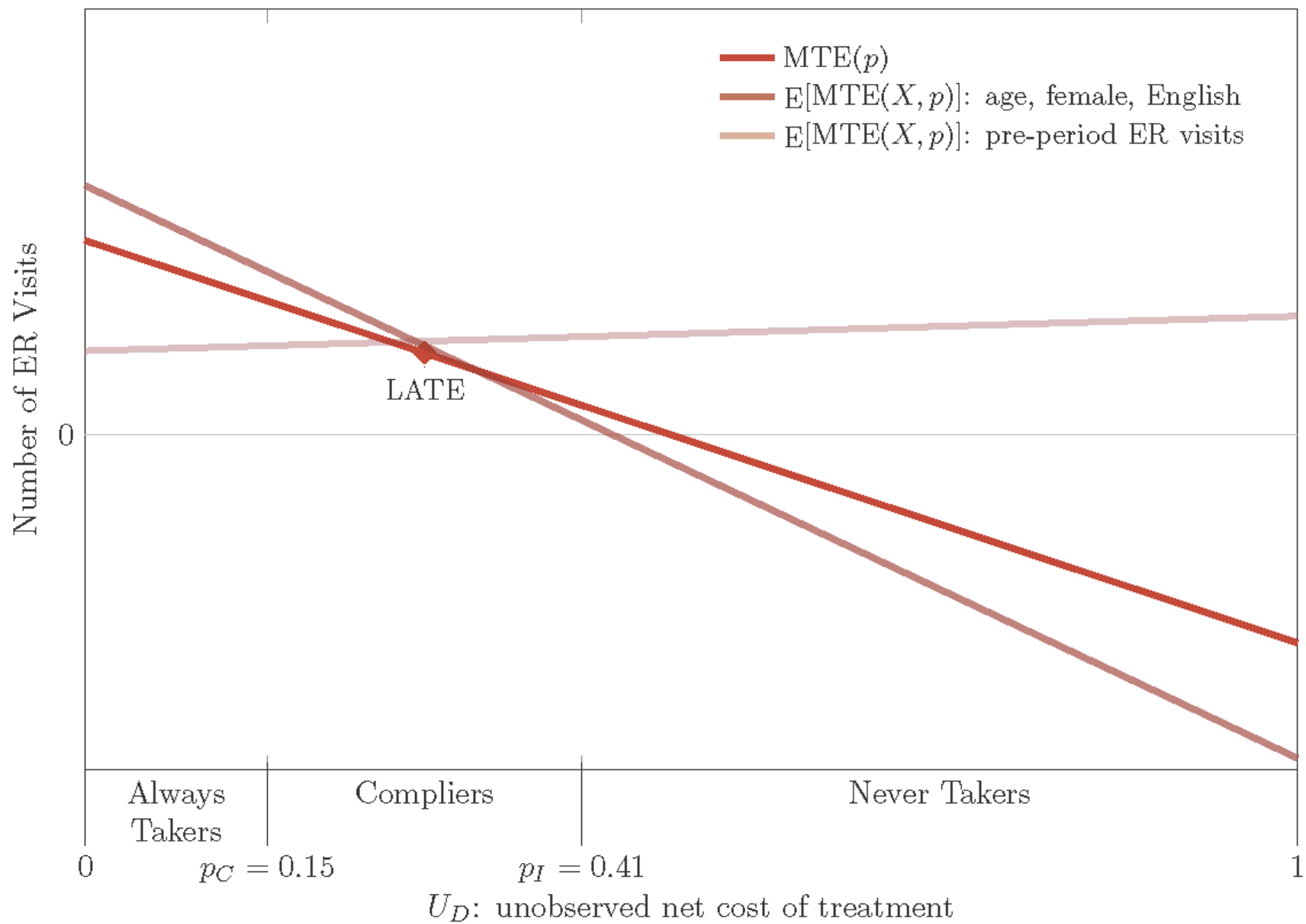


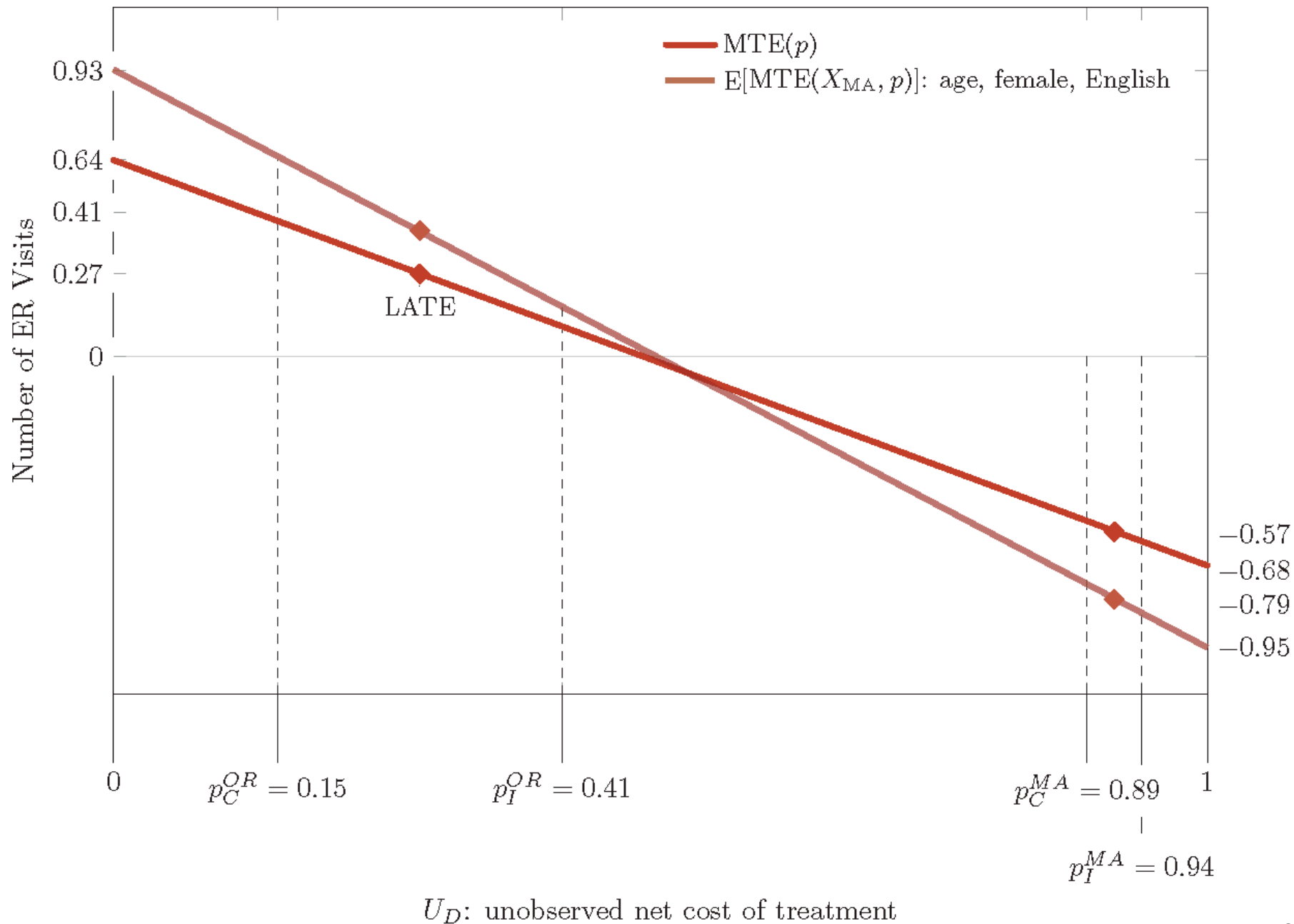
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	Means			Difference in Means		
	All	(1) Always Takers	(2) Compliers	(3) Never Takers	(1) - (2)	(2) - (3)
Oregon Health Insurance Experiment of 2008						
Fair or Poor Health, Untreated ^a	0.42	-	0.55	0.34	-	0.20
Number of Pre-period ER Visits	0.87	1.36	0.88	0.73	0.48	0.15
Common Observables						
Age	40.69	39.45	42.41	40.25	-2.96	2.16
Female	0.56	0.72	0.53	0.53	0.19	0.003
English	0.91	0.90	0.92	0.91	-0.02	0.01
N	19,643	2,986	5,092	11,565		
Massachusetts Health Reform of 2006						
Fair or Poor Health, Untreated ^a	0.19	-	0.21	0.18	-	0.03
Common Observables						
Age	42.00	42.15	42.42	38.98	-0.26	3.43
Female	0.51	0.52	0.43	0.38	0.10	0.04
English	0.96	0.98	0.86	0.81	0.12	0.05
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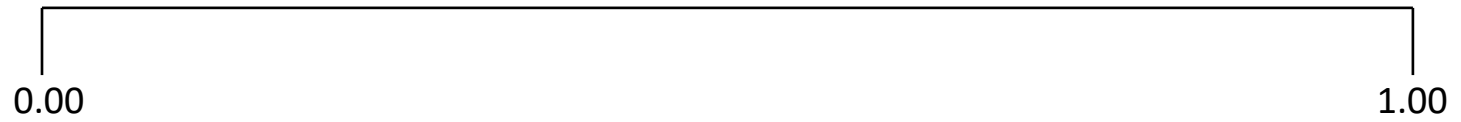
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1. Findings

- Selection & treatment effect heterogeneity within Oregon
 - Selection heterogeneity
 - Treatment effect heterogeneity under an ancillary assumption
- Reconciling Oregon and Massachusetts LATEs
 - Massachusetts MTE(p) also slopes downward
 - MTE-reweighting from Oregon to Massachusetts can reconcile LATEs
- Self-reported health & previous ER utilization explain heterogeneity and reconciliation
 - Reconciling LATEs using self-reported health
 - Previous ER utilization explains heterogeneity within Oregon
 - LATE-reweighting with common observables cannot reconcile LATEs
 - MTE-reweighting with common observables can reconcile LATEs

Number of ER Visits for Always Takers, Compliers and Never Takers

	Mean			Untreated Outcome Test (2) - (3)	Treated Outcome Test (1) - (2)
	(1) Always Takers	(2) Compliers	(3) Never Takers		
Number of ER Visits					
Treated	1.89 (0.08)	1.45 (0.11)	0.55 (0.45)		0.44 (0.17)
Untreated	1.35 (0.17)	1.19 (0.11)	0.85 (0.03)	0.34 (0.13)	
Treatment Effect (Treated - Untreated)	0.54 (0.19)	0.27 (0.15)	-0.29 (0.45)		

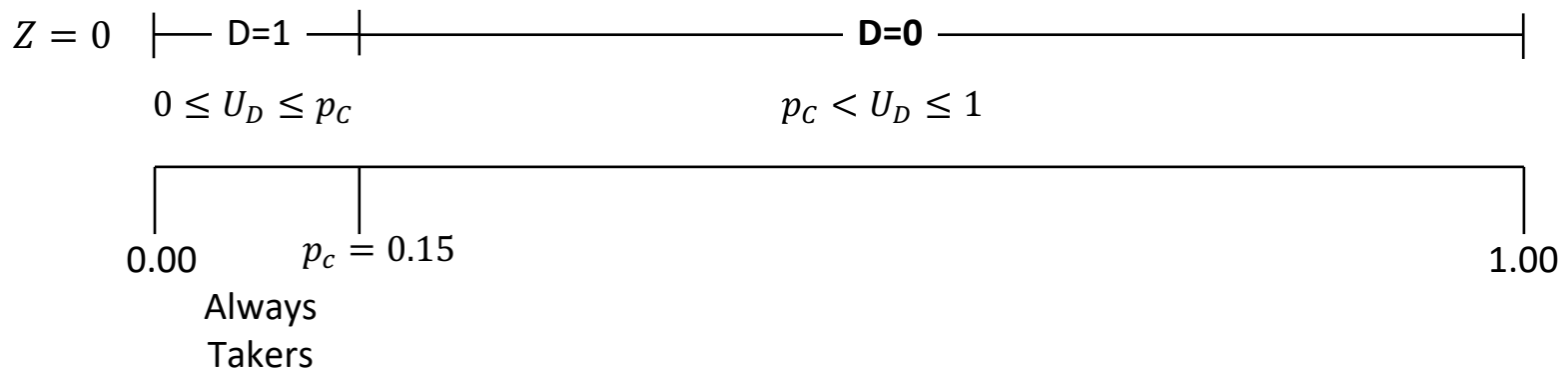


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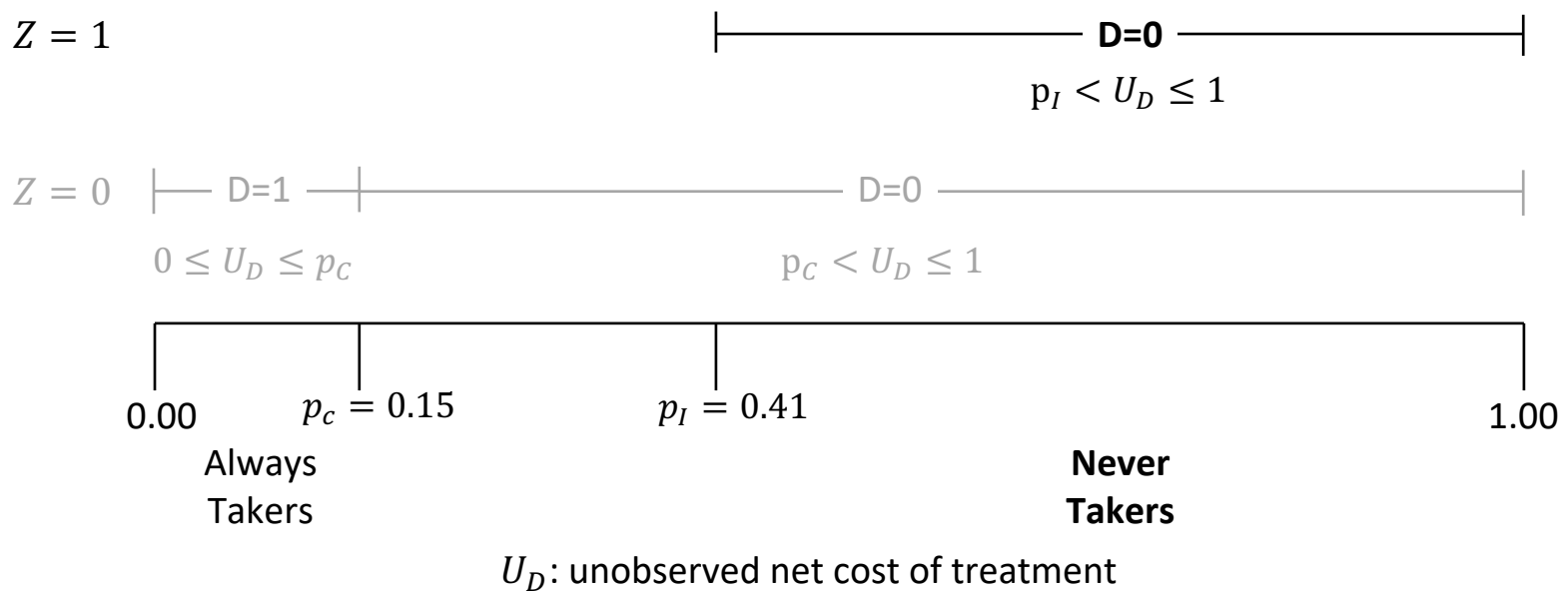
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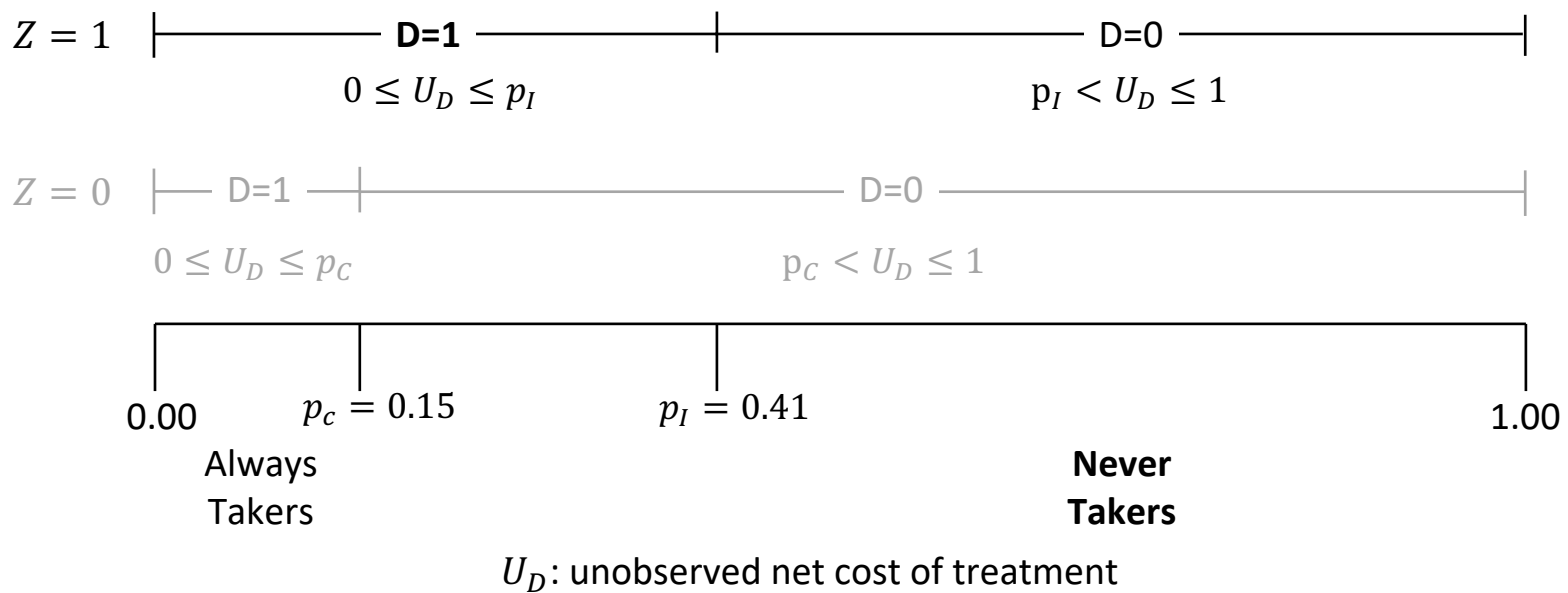


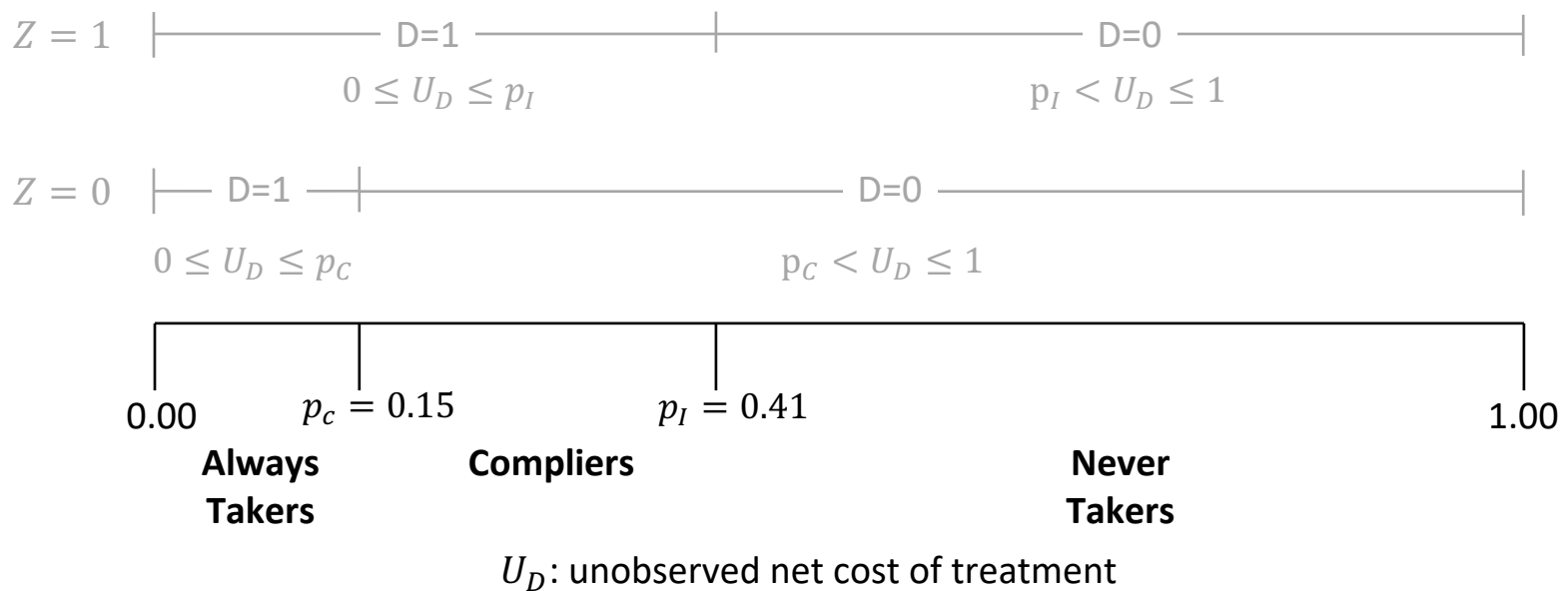
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Proof: $U_D \sim U[0, 1]$

$$F_{U_D}(u) = P(U_D \leq u)$$

$$= P(F(\nu_D) \leq u)$$

$$= P(\nu_D \leq F^{-1}(u)) \quad (F(\cdot) \text{ absolutely continuous by A.1})$$

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where the last equality follows from

$$\begin{aligned}F(\mu_D(Z)) &= P(\nu_D \leq \mu_D(Z)) \\ &= P(\nu_D \leq \mu_D(z) \mid Z = z) && (U_D \perp Z \text{ by A.2)} \\ &= P(0 \leq \mu_D(Z) - \nu_D \mid Z = z) \\ &= P(0 \leq V_T - V_U \mid Z = z) \\ &= P(D = 1 \mid Z = z).\end{aligned}$$

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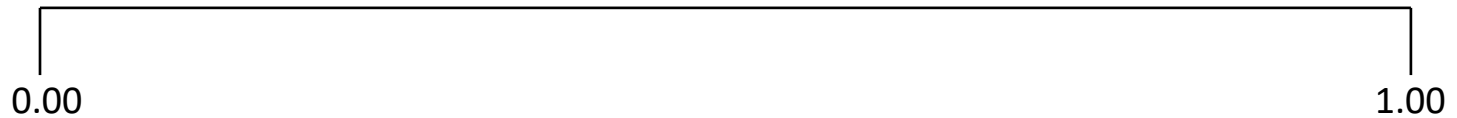
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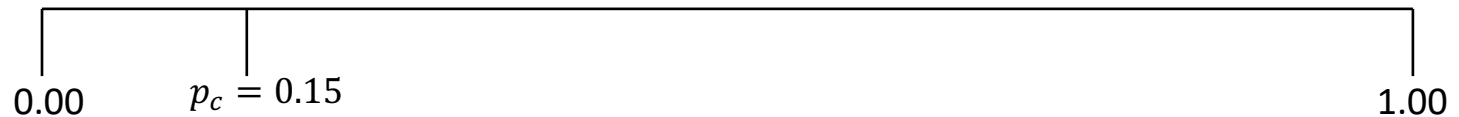
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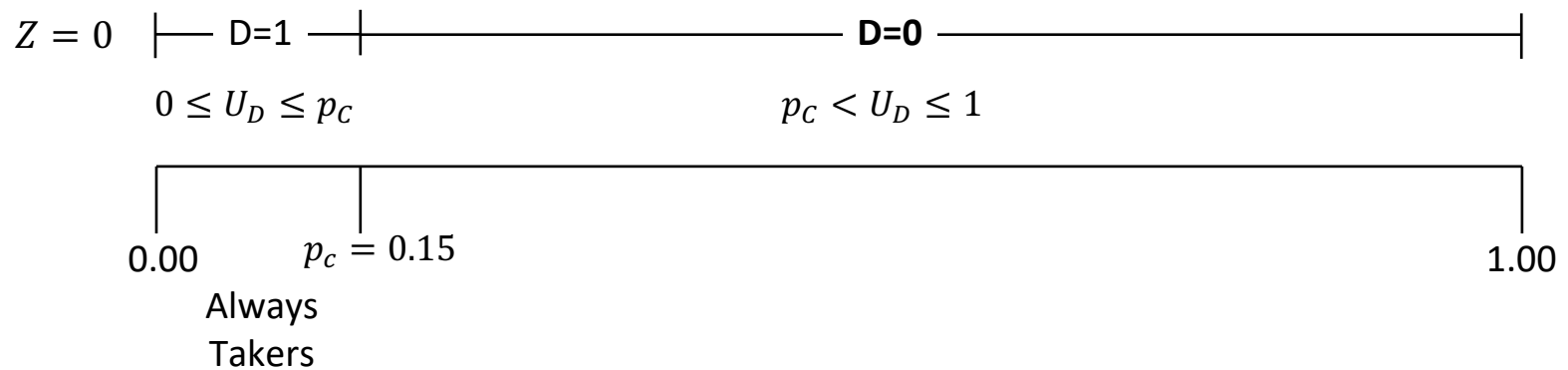
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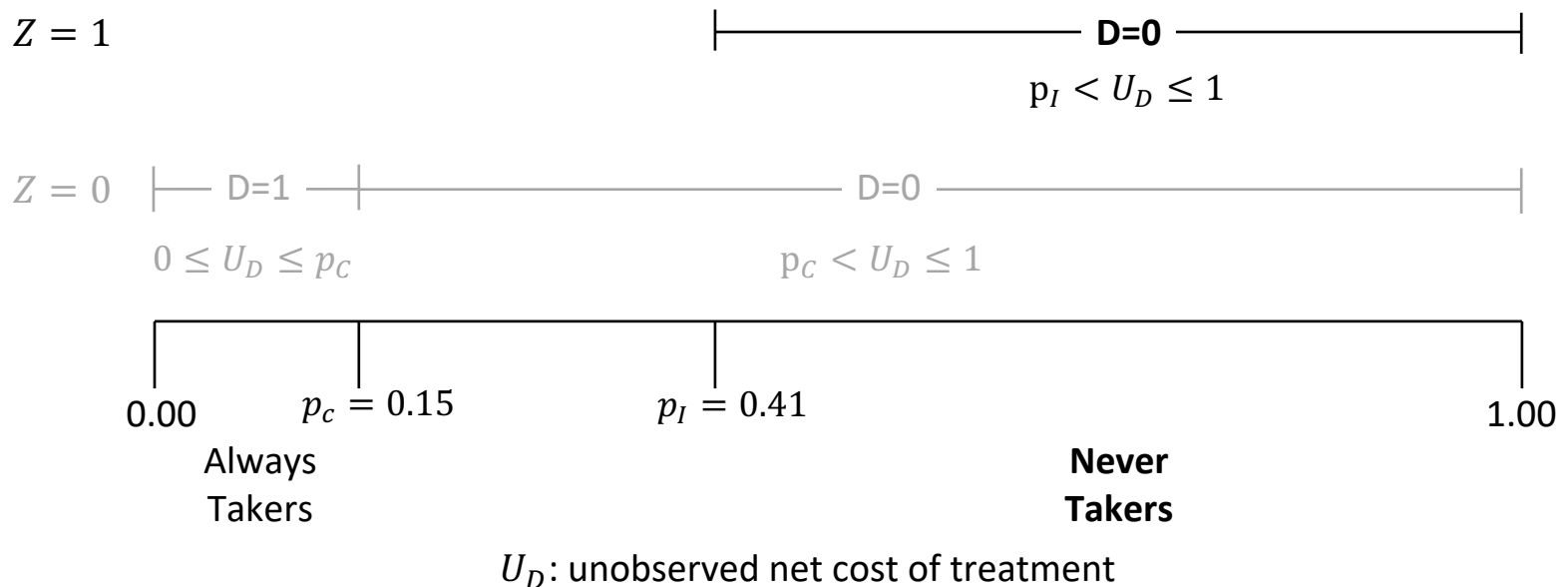
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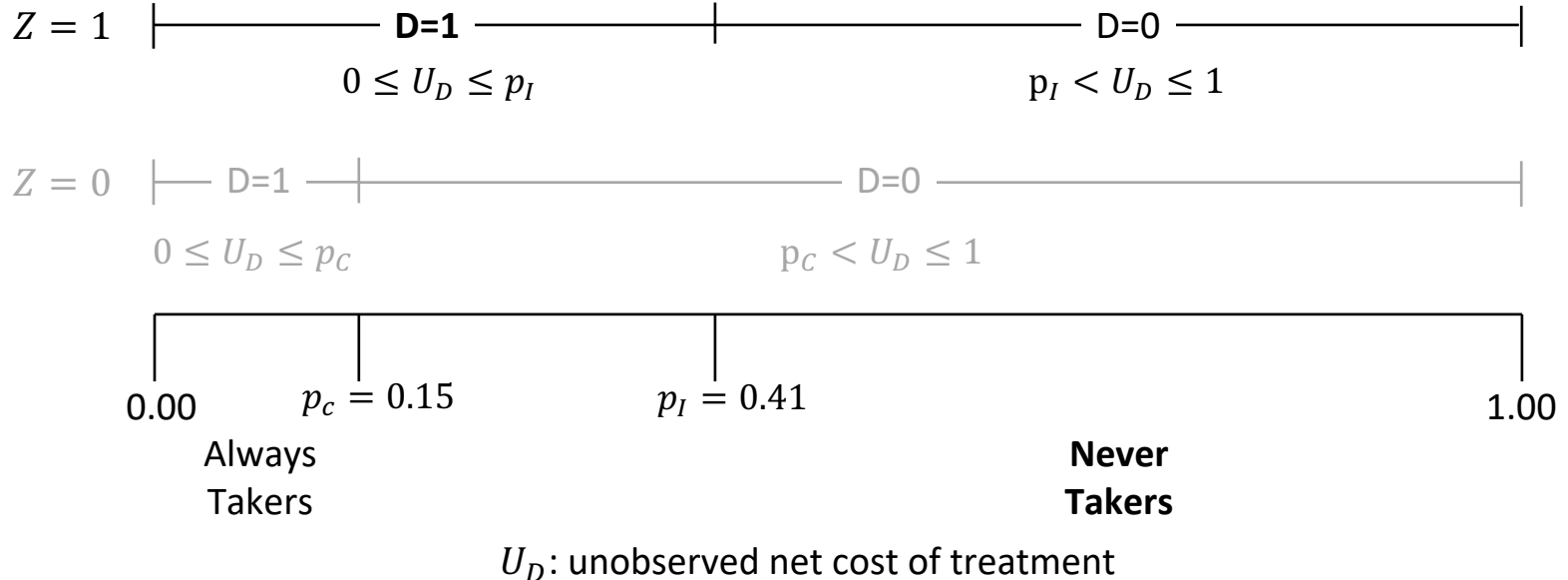
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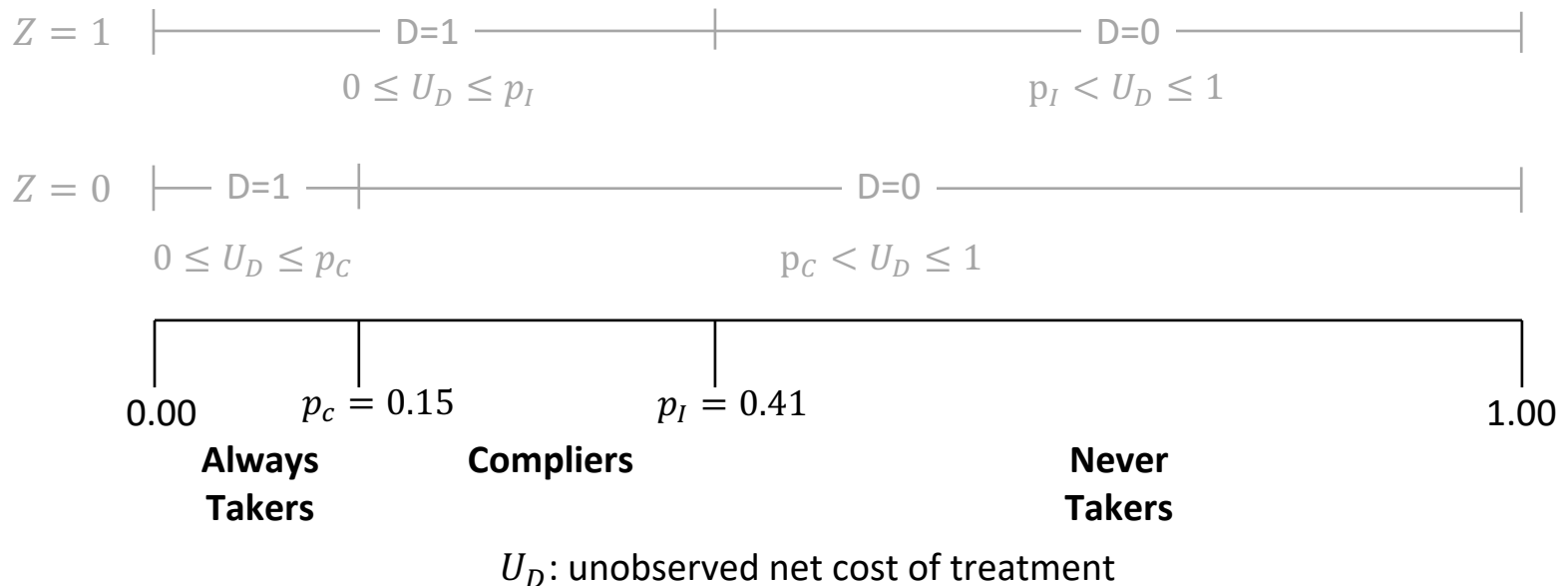
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Second Stage:

$$\begin{aligned}Y &= Y_U + (Y_T - Y_U)D \\Y_T &= g_T(U_D, \gamma_T) \\Y_U &= g_U(U_D, \gamma_U)\end{aligned}$$

$Z \perp (\gamma_T, \gamma_U)$ by A.2.

Assumptions (Second Stage):

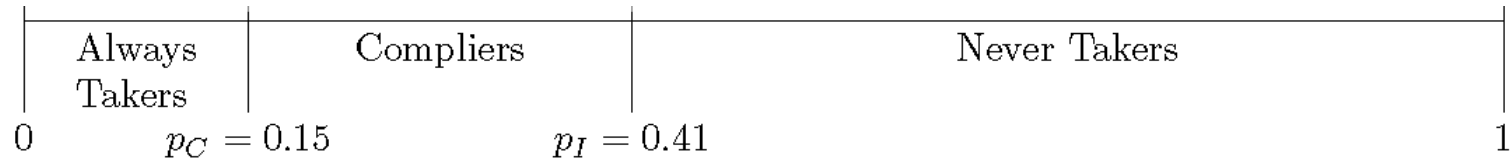
- A.4.** (Treated and Untreated) $0 < P(D = 1) < 1$
- A.5.** (Finite Average Outcomes) $E[Y_T], E[Y_U]$ are finite

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Selection and Treatment Effect Heterogeneity

Selection + Treatment Effect Heterogeneity:	$MTO(x, p) = E[Y_T X = x, U_D = p]$
Selection Heterogeneity:	$MUO(x, p) = E[Y_U X = x, U_D = p]$
Treatment Effect Heterogeneity:	$MTE(x, p) = E[Y_T - Y_U X = x, U_D = p]$

Selection Heterogeneity from Literature:	$E[Y_U D = 1] - E[Y_U D = 0]$
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Treatment Effect Heterogeneity from Literature:	$E[Y_T - Y_U D = 1] - E[Y_T - Y_U D = 0]$
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Identifying Selection and Moral Hazard Heterogeneity

Untreated Outcome Test

$$E[Y_U \mid p_C < U_D \leq p_I] - E[Y_U \mid p_I < U_D \leq 1] = \int_0^1 (\omega(p, p_C, p_I) - \omega(p, p_I, 1)) \text{MUO}(p) dp$$

Treated Outcome Test

$$E[Y_T \mid 0 \leq U_D \leq p_C] - E[Y_T \mid p_C < U_D \leq p_I] = \int_0^1 (\omega(p, 0, p_C) - \omega(p, p_C, p_I)) \text{MTO}(p) dp$$

with weights $\omega(p, p_L, p_H) = 1\{p_L \leq p < p_H\} / (p_H - p_L)$

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$$Z \perp (\gamma_T, \gamma_U) \text{ by A.2.}$$

Ancillary Assumption:

AA.1. (Linear Selection Heterogeneity and Linear Treatment Effect Heterogeneity)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MTO}(p) &= \text{E}[Y_T \mid U_D = p] = \alpha_T + \beta_T p \\ \text{MUO}(p) &= \text{E}[Y_U \mid U_D = p] = \alpha_U + \beta_U p \\ \text{MTE}(p) &= \text{E}[Y_T - Y_U \mid U_D = p] = (\alpha_T - \alpha_U) + (\beta_T - \beta_U) p.\end{aligned}$$

MTE-Reweighting from Oregon to Massachusetts Can Reconcile LATEs

Integrate the weighted MTE, MTO and MUO functions over a general range of enrollment margin $p_L < U_D \leq p_H$

$$E[Y_T \mid p_L < U_D \leq p_H] = \int_0^1 \omega(p, p_L, p_H) \text{MTO}(p) dp$$

$$E[Y_U \mid p_L < U_D \leq p_H] = \int_0^1 \omega(p, p_L, p_H) \text{MUO}(p) dp$$

$$E[Y_T - Y_U \mid p_L < U_D \leq p_H] = \int_0^1 \omega(p, p_L, p_H) \text{MTE}(p) dp$$

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Second Stage with Shape Restriction:

$$Y = Y_U + (Y_T - Y_U)D$$

$$Y_T = \delta'_T X + \lambda_T U_D + \xi_T$$

$$Y_U = \delta'_U X + \lambda_U U_D + \xi_U$$

$$Z \perp (\gamma_T, \gamma_U) \text{ by A.2.}$$

Ancillary Assumption - Linearity of MTO(x, p), MUO(x, p) in p :

$$\text{AA.2. MTO}(x, p) = E[Y_T | X = x, U_D = p] = \delta'_T x + \lambda_T p$$

$$\text{AA.3. MTO}(x, p) = E[Y_T | X = x, U_D = p] = \delta'_T x + \lambda_T p$$

$$\text{MTO}(x, p) = E[Y_T - Y_U | X = x, U_D = p] = (\delta'_T - \delta'_U)x + (\lambda_T - \lambda_U)p$$

Subgroup Analysis of Common Observables with LATE and MTE(p)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	All	Age \geq median ^a	Age < median ^a	Female	Male	English	Non- English
Oregon Health Insurance Experiment of 2008							
LATE	0.27 (0.15)	0.14 (0.18)	0.44 (0.25)	0.14 (0.21)	0.39 (0.21)	0.30 (0.16)	-0.15 (0.34)
P_C	0.15 (0.003)	0.13 (0.005)	0.17 (0.005)	0.20 (0.005)	0.10 (0.004)	0.15 (0.004)	0.16 (0.01)
P_I	0.41 (0.01)	0.43 (0.01)	0.39 (0.01)	0.43 (0.01)	0.38 (0.01)	0.41 (0.01)	0.38 (0.02)
MTE intercept	0.64 (0.24)	0.98 (0.28)	0.31 (0.39)	0.48 (0.32)	0.92 (0.33)	0.72 (0.25)	0.14 (0.47)
MTE slope	-1.32 (0.88)	-3.01 (1.04)	0.48 (1.49)	-1.06 (1.08)	-2.20 (1.40)	-1.51 (0.92)	-1.07 (2.07)
p^*	0.48 (2.84)	0.33 (0.85)	-0.63 (10.37)	0.45 (1.49)	0.42 (3.47)	0.48 (4.53)	0.13 (11.99)
N	19,622	9,816	9,806	10,932	8,690	17,871	1,751

Subgroup Analysis of Common Observables with LATE and MTE(p)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	All	Age \geq median ^a	Age $<$ median ^a	Female	Male	English	Non- English
Massachusetts Health Reform of 2006							
P_C	0.90 (0.003)	0.93 (0.003)	0.87 (0.005)	0.92 (0.003)	0.87 (0.005)	0.91 (0.003)	0.55 (0.02)
P_I	0.95 (0.002)	0.96 (0.002)	0.93 (0.004)	0.96 (0.002)	0.93 (0.004)	0.96 (0.002)	0.74 (0.02)
N	62,456	40,492	21,964	38,808	23,648	59,233	3,223

Reconciling Seemingly Contradictory Results from Oregon and Massachusetts

- **Build on selection/moral hazard in insurance**
 - Einav, Finkelstein, and Cullen (2010)
 - Hackmann, Kolstad, and Kowalski (2015)
- **Build on MTE and LATE**
 - Bjorklund and Moffitt (1987)
 - Imbens and Angrist (1994)
 - Heckman and Vytlacil (1999, 2005, 2007)
 - Vytlacil (2002)
 - Brinch, Mogstad, Wiswall (2015)