

This document provides a description of data and do-files for the paper “Maimonides Rule Redux” by Joshua D. Angrist, Victor Lavy, Jetson Leder-Luis and Adi Shany.

Data:

1. 2002-2011 data

These data are from non-public use files provided by the Israeli Ministry of Education (MOE). Authorized users may be given access to these data through the MOE secure research lab. The application process is detailed here:

<http://cms.education.gov.il/EducationCMS/Applications/spss/default.htm>.

Data files used in our analysis include:

- a. Merged student files for 2001-2012; these contain information on student demographics.
- b. Merged school files for 2001-2012; these contain information on school characteristics.
- c. Standard classes file: this contains information on predicted enrollment by school, and on grade and class as of November for each school year.
- d. Enrollment file: this contains information on actual enrollment by school, grade and class as of June for each school year.
- e. SES index file: this contains information on the SES index by school and year.
- f. Merged Growth and Effectiveness Measures for Schools (GEMS) test score files for 2002-2011.

We merged these files using student id, school id and grade and class id.

2. Earlier Data (1991 and 1992 data)

The 1991 and 1992 samples are those used by Angrist and Lavy. The 1991 data are posted at <https://economics.mit.edu/faculty/angrist/data1/data/anglavy99>. These are class-level averages. Data on third grade test scores from 1992 are posted in this archive in 3rdGrade_1992Data.dta, while 3rdGrade_1992Data_merged.dta keeps the data from the sample for which we have data on 4th and 5th grade students as well. The latter merged file is used to make Table 3.

Codes:

Stata programs for replication are in the zipped folder 20180120_dofiles.zip. The file **MRuleRedux_new_DB.do** in the folder 20180120_dofiles.zip replicates the merge and extract creation for our 2002-2011 analyses. We use DCdensity.ado to produce McCrary tests (Figures A3 and A6 panel B). This .ado file was written by Brian Kovak and Justin McCrary and is available at <http://eml.berkeley.edu/~jmccrary/DCdensity/>.