

THIRD-VARIABLES WEEK 2 STAT 209

Partial, part correlations (spurious associations)

Consider X_1, X_2, X_3 (maybe measured w/ error)

$$r_{13.2} = \frac{r_{13} - r_{12}r_{23}}{\sqrt{(1-r_{12}^2)(1-r_{23}^2)}}$$

adjusted var's

$$r_{13.2} = \frac{r_{13} - r_{12}r_{23}}{\sqrt{(1-r_{12}^2)(1-r_{23}^2)}}$$

also $r_{12.345} = r_{(1.345)(2.345)}$ etc

part correlations $r_{(1.2)3}$ $r_{1(3.2)}$

$$R^2_{Y \cdot X_1 X_2} = r^2_{Y X_1} + r^2_{Y(X_2 \cdot X_1)}$$

From Stat 60

$H_0: \rho = 0$

$$t\text{-statistic} = \frac{r\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

t_{n-2} critical value

for $H_0: \rho_{12.3} = 0$

$$(\rho_{12.3} = \rho_{(1.3)(2.3)}) \quad r_{12.3} \frac{\sqrt{n-3}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

Dichotomous Data: Spurious Correlation, Confounding

Simpson's paradox: conditional, marginal tables

Death penalty ex.

odds ratios flip w/ 3rd variable

DP, DR, VR

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2 cond'l tables

SIMPSON'S PARADOX (marginal vs conditional odds ratios) DEATH PENALTY ex

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> deathP = matrix(c(19,17, 141,149), nr = 2,
+ dimnames = list("Def" = c("Wh", "Blk"), "DP" = c("Y", "N")))
> deathP # unconditional, marginal table
DP
Def Y N
Wh 19 141
Blk 17 149
> prop.table(deathP, 1)
DP
Def Y N
Wh 0.1187500 0.8812500
Blk 0.1024096 0.8975904
> # so where's the racial bias? Wh seems more likely to fry
> deathPWvic = matrix(c(19,11, 132,52), nr = 2,
+ dimnames = list("Def" = c("Wh", "Blk"), "DP" = c("Y", "N")))
> deathPBvic = matrix(c(0,6, 9,97), nr = 2,
+ dimnames = list("Def" = c("Wh", "Blk"), "DP" = c("Y", "N")))
> prop.table(deathPWvic, 1)
DP
Def Y N
Wh 0.1258278 0.8741722
Blk 0.1746032 0.8253968
> prop.table(deathPBvic, 1)
DP
Def Y N
Wh 0.0000000 1.0000000
Blk 0.05825243 0.9417476
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DP x Def

association, dichotomous vars

Stat 141 ex

Condition on race of victim

> # for each level of Victim race, Black Def more likely to receive DP reversal by conditioning instance of Simpson's Paradox (e.g. marginal vs cond'l or)

Mediation/Moderation

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Sources

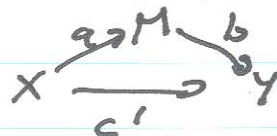
Kenny web page (stat209 week 2)

MacKinnon Ann Rev Psych 2007 linked observational

Kraemer Arch Gen Psych linked RCT

Barron-Koenig

$$X \xrightarrow{c} Y$$



OLS (or logistic) for a b c c'

steps $\rho_{xy} \neq 0$ $\rho_{XM} \neq 0$ $\beta_{YM \cdot X} \neq 0$ $\beta_{YX \cdot M} = 0$
 1 2 3 (b) 4 complete

Gauss-normal eq's

$$\beta_{12} = \beta_{12 \cdot 3} + \beta_{32} \beta_{13 \cdot 2}$$

(c) (c') (a) (b)

$$Y=1 \quad X=2$$

$$M=3$$

$$c - c' = \beta_{32} \beta_{13 \cdot 2} = a b$$

amount of mediation

inference "Sobel" $Var(c - c') = b^2 s_a^2 + a^2 s_b^2$
 asymptotic var product 2 rv (Hood/Graybill)
 delta-method (first term)

R-implementation Multilevel package (pdf)

Benev measurement error Cochran (stat 209 weeks 1)

Holland encouragement designs (stat 209 weeks 2,3)
next entry

MacKinnon Fig 1 Eg 1-3

plot pp 599-600

inf Sobel, bootstrap

mediated moderation
CNRL p 606

Kraemer Fig 1 table

moderator pre-existing mediator, during treatment.