The Practice of Structural Equation Models (SEM)

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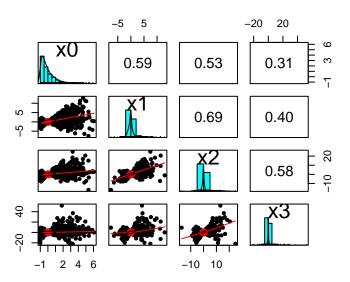
Section 1

A fairy tail on simultaneous equations (with model assistance)

```
Data & bivariate associations
names(dat)
[1] "x0" "x1" "x2" "x3"
 dim(dat)
[1] 6000
 head(dat,3)
           x0
                                   x^2
                      x1
                                                x3
1 -0.53689183 0.18824547 -0.07486671 0.04023354
   0.03255984 0.06865843 0.01178763 0.01408159
3 -0.44221848 0.22418833 -0.23575801 -0.14160954
 cov(dat)
          x0
                    x1
                              x2
                                        x3
```

x0 1.0000000 0.7469385 0.952174 0.7721981 x1 0.7469385 1.5906099 1.579950 1.2363536

Pairs scatter & correlation plot



One equation, regression: x3 on x0, x1, x2

fit- lm(x3~x0+x1+x2, data=dat)

```
lm(formula = x3 \sim x0 + x1 + x2, data = dat)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
-41.218 -0.288 -0.025 0.235 41.475
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.02995
                      0.02585 1.158
                                        0.247
          0.04161 0.03275 1.271 0.204
vΩ
        -0.01993 0.03060 -0.651 0.515
x1
x2
          0.78292
                      0.02021 38.733 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2.002 on 5996 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.3352, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3348
F-statistic: 1008 on 3 and 5996 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

 $\dots \ \, \text{variables x0,x1,x2 compete to each other to explain x3. Nothing left (to explain) by variables x0 and x1, once controlling for a controlling for the contro$

x2. Markov view (Model), the future depends only on the recent past?. Let's check this!

Call:

(Simultaneous) Several regressions

```
library(lavaan); library(semPlot)

model<-"
x3~ x2+ x0;
x2~ x1+ x0;
x1~ x0
"

fit<- sem(model, estimator="MLM", data=dat)</pre>
```

Inferences and model test

lavaan 0.6.16 ended normally after 1 iteration

Estimator	ML
Optimization method	NLMINB
Number of model parameters	8
Number of observations	6000

Model Test User Model:

	Standard	Scaled
Test Statistic	0.424	0.063
Degrees of freedom	1	1
P-value (Chi-square)	0.515	0.802
Scaling correction factor		6.736
Satorra-Bentler correction		

Parameter Estimates:

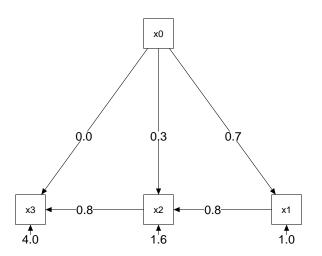
Standard errors	Robust.sem
Information	Expected
Information saturated (h1) model	Structured

Regressions:

-	Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
x3 ~				
x2	0.776	0.102	7.598	0.000
x0	0.034	0.084	0.402	0.687
x2 ~				
x1	0.841	0.057	14.704	0.000
x0	0.324	0.044	7.351	0.000
x1 ~				
x0	0.747	0.036	20.959	0.000

Variances:

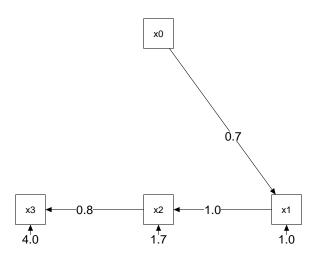
path diagram of the fitted model



Markovian model (exact ?)

```
model<-"
x3~ x2;
x2~ x1;
x1~ x0"
fit<- sem(model, estimator="MLM", data=dat)</pre>
```

Path diagram (exact Markov)



Estimates and model test

lavaan 0.6.16 ended normally after 1 iteration

Estimator	M
Optimization method	NLMIN
Number of model parameters	•
Number of observations	600

Model Test User Model:

	Standard	Scared
Test Statistic	246.307	44.231
Degrees of freedom	3	3
P-value (Chi-square)	0.000	0.000
Scaling correction factor		5.569
Satorra-Bentler correction		

Parameter Estimates:

Standard errors	Robust.sem
Information	Expected
Information saturated (h1) model	Structured

Regressions:

_	Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
x3 ~ x2 x2 ~	0.785	0.085	9.221	0.000
x1	0.993	0.050	19.750	0.000
x1 ~ x0	0.747	0.036	20.959	0.000

Variances:

	Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
.x3	4.008	0.514	7.796	0.000

Missfit of model?

modificationindices(fit,sort=TRUE, power=TRUE)[,-c(6:7)]

```
ncp power decision
   lhs op rhs
                  шi
                         ерс
          x2 239.734 -0.263
16
                             34.725 1.000
   x1
                                            *epc:m*
10
         x1 239.734 -0.448
                              11.964 0.933
                                            *epc:m*
18
   x0
         x2 239.734 0.190 66.376 1.000
                                            *epc:m*
14
   x2
          x0 239.734 0.324 22.862 0.998
                                            *epc:m*
17
   x0
              53.630 0.047 241.009 1.000
          x3
                                             epc:nm
15
              39.615 -0.047 181.822 1.000
   x1
          x3
                                             epc:nm
9
   xЗ
          x1
               1.088 -0.033
                               9.986 0.885
                                               (nm)
12
   xЗ
                                               (nm)
         x0 1.068
                      0.029
                              12.451 0.942
8
   x3
         x2.
                      0.009
                              4.213 0.537
                                                (i)
               0.037
11
   xЗ
          x1
               0.037 -0.005
                              12.394 0.941
                                               (nm)
13
   x2
                      0.002
                              67.674 1.000
                                               (nm)
           x3
               0.037
```

Approximate Markovian model

```
library(lavaan); library(semPlot)
model<-"x3~ x2; x2~ x1; x1~ x0; x2 ~ x0"
fit<- sem(model, estimator="MLM", data=dat)</pre>
```

Final Model

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Estimator	ML
Optimization method	NLMINB
Number of model parameters	7

Model Test User Model:

Number of observations

	Standard	Scared
Test Statistic	1.653	0.228
Degrees of freedom	2	2
P-value (Chi-square)	0.438	0.892
Scaling correction factor		7.241
Satorra-Rontler correction		

Parameter Estimates:

Standard errors			Robust.sem
Information			Expected
Information saturat	ed (h1)	model	Structured

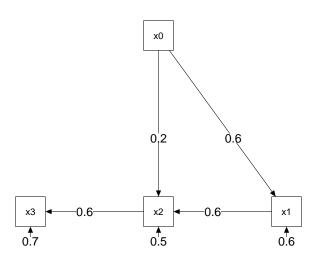
Regressions:

•	Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
x3 ~				
x2 x2 ~	0.785	0.085	9.221	0.000
x1	0.841	0.057	14.704	0.000
x1 ~				
x0 x2 ~	0.747	0.036	20.959	0.000
x2 2 x0	0.324	0.044	7.351	0.000

Variances:

6000

path diagram: std



Longitudinal data: Markovian model with mease

Markovian with no-mease, had a poor fit: chi2=102.351, df=3

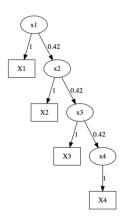
No account for measurement error, model modified to fit

Regressions:				
_	Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
X2 ~				
X1	0.174	0.005	34.306	0.000
ХЗ ~				
X2	0.225	0.008	28.296	0.000
X4 ~				
Х3	0.234	0.012	18.717	0.000
X2	0.045	0.007	6.005	0.000
ХЗ ~				
X1	0.039	0.005	7.857	0.000

Model Test User Model:		
	Standard	Robust
Test Statistic	11.847	3.338
Degrees of freedom	1	1
P-value (Chi-square)	0.001	0.068
Scaling correction factor		3.549
7		

Longitudinal data: markovian model on LV

Londitudinal data with account for measurement error (using the simplex model)



Markovian model (Simplex) is accepted. (SB-scaled) Chi2 = 1.749, df=4,

... what is a model?

- ... for a statistician, it is a likelihood, a known distribution for (univariate or) multivariate data object, fully specified except for a set of parameters.
- For a Bayesian, idem as 1., with the extra of prior distribution (multivariate) for the set of parameters
- In SEM: a model is a set of (simultaneous) regression equations expressing prior knowledge of interrelations among observable and (possibly) latent variables, plus prior assumptions of conditional independence (or just uncorrelation) among variables. Our aim is distribution-free inferences both on estimates and fit of the model.
- The sample var-cov matrix of observable variables is a sufficient statistic for estimates. Distribution-free inferences (se and model test) require a matrix of fourth-order moments. Non-linear models also require higher-order moments for consistent estimates.

One-regression: mediators and confounders?

We have data on y, x_1, x_2 . The true model is

$$y = 0 + \gamma_1 x_1 + \gamma_2 x_2 + e$$

where e is a random normal distribution of mean 0 variance 1. We do not have at hand x_2 , and we estimate the model without this variable. Note that we can write:

$$y = \alpha + \beta x_1 + u$$

, where

$$u\gamma_2 * x_2 + e$$

is possibly correlated with y (when $\gamma_2 \neq 0$)

Behavioural equation:

$$y = \alpha + \beta x_1 + u$$

where u possibly correlated with x_1 . **OLS Regression (Predictive):**

$$y = \alpha + \beta x_1 + e$$

where e has mean 0 and is uncorrelated with x_1 . The alpha and β are not the same in the two equations.

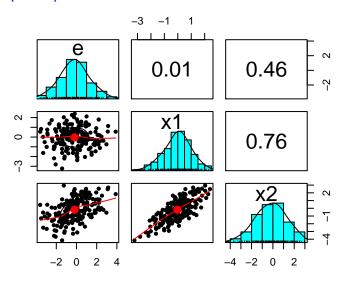
Biass of estimates caused by confounding and mediation

```
# x2 mediator
fit <- lm(y \sim x1)
## x2 is mediator
fit$coefficients
(Intercept)
                       x1
 0.01533264 1.98101341
e<- fit$residuals
# x1 confounder
fit < -lm(y \sim x2)
fit$coefficients
```

```
(Intercept) x2
0.01801253 1.49471298
```

We read, 1.9810 is the increase on y when x1 increases one unit *ceteris* paribus nothing!

pairs plot and correlations



uncorrelation of residuals with x_1 , but correlation of residuals with x_2

Behavioural (SEM) regression of y on x1 (+ x2 mediator)

```
lhs op rhs est se z pvalue
1 y - x1 1.981 0.018 107.731 0
2 x1 -- x2 0.971 0.022 44.378 0
3 y -- x2 1.000 0.022 44.723 0
4 y -- y 2.000 0.037 54.772 0
5 x1 -- x1 0.986 0.018 54.772 0
6 x2 -- x2 1.955 0.036 54.772 0
(Intercept) x1
0.01533264 1.98101341
```

Problem fixed by multiple reg (when potential mediators or confounding are observed)

```
lhs op rhs est se
                           z pvalue ci.lower ci.upper
      ~ x1 0.996 0.018 54.805
                                  0
                                       0.961
                                               1.032
      ~ x2 1.000 0.013 77.468
                                  0
                                       0.975
                                               1.025
  x1 ~~ x2 0.971 0.022 44.378
                                  0
                                       0.928 1.013
       y 1.000 0.018 54.772
                                  0
                                       0.964 1.036
  x1 ~~ x1 0.986 0.018 54.772
                                  0
                                       0.951
                                               1.021
  x2 ~~ x2 1.955 0.036 54.772
                                       1.885
                                               2.025
(Intercept)
                   x1
                              x2
 0.0203646
          0.9964539 1.0001305
```

The effect on y of unit increase of x1 is 1.023 *ceteris paribus* x2. I know that 1 is the true value (population value), I generated the data.

Section 2

Measurement error, impact in regression analysis

Reliability of X:

$$X = x + \epsilon$$
$$k_X = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_X^2}$$

The value of k_X is known as the *reliability coefficient* of X, for measuring the true x. Note that $\sigma_{\epsilon}^2 = (1 - k)\sigma_X^2$.

For simple linear regression the effect is an attenuation of the regression coefficient. This is known as *attenuation bias*. In more complicated settings, assessing the direction of the bias due to mease is more complex.

Measurement error and endogeneity in the regression

Two simultaneous equations in action:

$$Y = \alpha + \beta x + U$$

and

$$X = x + \epsilon$$

Thus

$$Y = \alpha + \beta(X - \epsilon) + U$$
$$= \alpha + \beta X + U^*$$

where $U^* = U - \beta \epsilon$. Note that

$$cor(X, U^*) = cor(x + \epsilon, U - \beta \epsilon) = -\beta \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \neq 0$$

except when β and/or σ_{ϵ}^2 are zero.

Fuller's reliability table

Table 1.1.1. of Fuller (1987, p. 8) shows estimates of reliability coefficients for a number of socioeconomic variables. Repeated interview conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census. Comparison of responses in the 1970 Census with the same data collected in the Current Population Survey. In survey sampling, the measurement error in data collected from human respondents is uaually called *response error*

Variable	k
Sex	.98
Age	.99
Age (45-49)(0-1)	.92
Education	.88
Income	.85
Unemployed	.77
Poverty status	.58

Toy example: x = True Alcohol Intake (Tintake), y = Driver Reaction Time (DRT), X = Observable Alcohol Intake (Ointake)

The reliability is the ratio of two variances

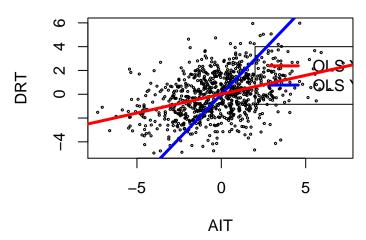
$$k = \frac{\text{var}(\text{Tintake})}{\text{var}(\text{Ointake})} = 1 - \frac{\text{var}(\text{error})}{\text{var}(\text{Ointake})}$$

is the so-called reliability of Ointake. The reliability of Ointake is likely to be $k \neq 1$.

When $k_X < 1$

OLS regression estimator is not consistent for the slope of the regression equation

Driver Reaction Time



Data of Y with two indicators of true intake: Ointake1, Ointake2

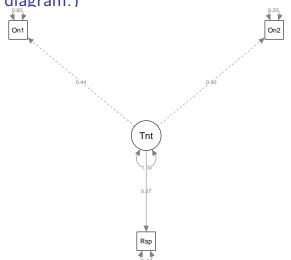
```
Γ17 862
 Resp Ointake1 Ointake2
1 9.89
          8.76
                    9.59
2 9.70
          5.45
                    8.34
3 9.91
         11.46
                    9.46
[1] "Resp"
               "Ointake1" "Ointake2"
Γ17 862
  Resp Ointake1 Ointake2
 9.89
           8.76
                     9.59
           5.45
  9.70
                     8.34
  9.91
         11.46
                    9.46
4 10.14
         11.57
                    11.08
5 10.26
         12.10
                    11.34
 9.96
         10.38
                    9.52
          Resp Ointake1 Ointake2
Resp
         0.033
                  0.159
                           0.157
Ointakel 0.159
                  5.019
                           0.984
Ointake2 0.157
                  0.984
                           1.214
```

OLS vs. SEM: errors-in-variables regression (estimates)

By accounting for measurement error we have increased the significance of the effect of intake on the response. The same model

be fitted equating the error variances, however it would show a missfit.

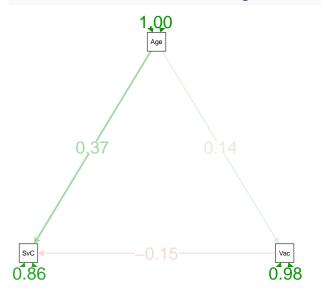
SEM (lavaan): errors-in-variables regression (std path diagram.)



With the std solution, we see the reliability (k) of the two indicators. ##

Path diagram

```
semPaths(fit, what = "std", edge.label.cex = 2)
```



Section 3

Factor Analysis (EFA, CFA)

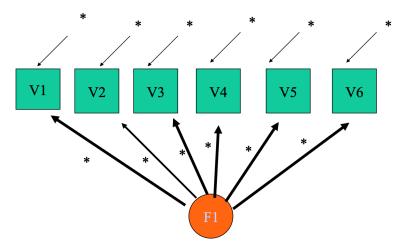
Single-Factor (correlation matrix)

Spearman, 1904

```
Variables
                        Correlation matrix
 CLASSIC
           = V1
 FRENCH
           = V2
 ENGLISH = V3
                        .83 1
 MATH
       = V4
                        .78 .67 1
 DISCRIM = V5
                        .70 .64 .64 1
 MUSIC
           = V6
                        .66 .65 .54 .45 1
                        .63 .57 .51 .51 .40 1
                        cases = 23:
```

Single Factor: path model

Single-Factor Model



Factor Models (cont.)

NT analysis

```
RESIDUAL COVARIANCE MATRIX (S-SIGMA) :
```

			CLASSIC	FRENCH	ENGLISH	MATH	DISCRIM
			V 1	V 2	V 3	V 4	V 5
CLASSIC	v	1	0.000				
FRENCH	v	2	-0.001	0.000			
ENGLISH	v	3	0.005	-0.029	0.000		
MATH	v	4	-0.006	0.003	0.046	0.000	
DISCRIM	v	5	-0.001	0.054	-0.015	-0.056	0.000
MUSIC	v	6	0.003	0.005	-0.017	0.030	-0.049

MUSIC V 6 0.000

CHI-SQUARE = 1.663 BASED ON 9 DEGREES OF FREEDOM PROBABILITY VALUE FOR THE CHI-SQUARE STATISTIC IS 0.9957 THE NORMAL THEORY RLS CHI-SOURE FOR THIS ML SOLUTION IS

1.648

Two-Factor Model

Data of Lawley and Maxwell

```
M0:
                                                  GAELIC =V1 =
                                                                        .687*F1
                                                                                     + 1.000 E1
/TITLE
                                                                        .076
Lawley and Maxwell data
                                                                      9.079
/SPECIFICATIONS
                                                  ENGLISH =V2
                                                                        .672*F1
                                                                                     + 1.000 E2
 CAS=220: VAR=6: ME=ML:
                                                                        .076
/LAREL
                                                                      8.896
v1 =Gaelic:
                                                           =V3 =
                                                                                    + 1.000 E3
                     M1:
v2 = English:
v3 = Histo;
                                                                      7.047
v4 =aritm:
                  /EOUATIONS
                                                  ARITM
                                                           =V4
                                                                        .766*F2
                                                                                    + 1.000 E4
v5 =Algebra;
                  V1 = *F1 + E1;
                                                                        .067
v6 =Geometry;
                  V2= *F1 + E2:
                                                                     11.379
/EOUATIONS
                  V3= *F1 + E3:
                                                  ALGEBRA =V5
                                                                        .768*F2
                                                                                     + 1.000 E5
V1= *F1 + E1:
                                                                        .067
                  V4= *F2 + F4:
V2 = *F1 + E2:
                  V5= *F2 + E5:
                                                                     11.411
V3 = *F1 + E3;
                  V6= *F2 + E6;
                                                  GEOMETRY=V6
                                                                        .616*F2
                                                                                    + 1.000 E6
V4 = *F1 + E4:
                  /VARIANCES
                                                                        .069
V5 = *F1 + E5:
                   F1 = 1: F2=1: E1 TO E6 = *:
                                                                      8 942
V6 = *F1 + E6;
                  /COVARIANCES
/VARIANCES
                   F1. F2 = *:
 F1 = 1: E1 TO E6 = *:
/COVARIANCES
                                                             COVARTANCES AMONG INDEPENDENT VARIABLES
/MATRIX
1 439 410 288 329 248
.439 1 .351 .354 .320 .329
                                                                                                     .597*I
                                                             IF2
.410 .351 1 .164 .190 .181
                                                             T F1 -
                                                                           F1
                                                                                                     .072 I
.288 .354 .164 1 .595 .470
                                                                                                   8.308
.329 .320 .190 .595 1 .464
248 329 181 470 464 1
/END
```

Single-factor model with Spearman's data (1904)

Summary fit

lavaan 0.6.16 ended normally after 24 iterations

Estimator	ML
Optimization method	NLMINB
Number of model parameters	12
Number of observations	23

Model Test User Model:

Test statistic	1.739
Degrees of freedom	9
P-value (Chi-square)	0.995

Parameter Estimates:

Standard errors	Standard
Information	Expected
Information saturated (h1) model	Structured

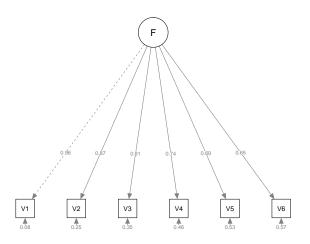
Latent Variables:

		Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
F	=~				
	V1	1.000			
	V2	0.902	0.132	6.805	0.000
	V3	0.840	0.147	5.722	0.000
	V4	0.766	0.162	4.731	0.000
	V5	0.716	0.171	4.197	0.000
	V6	0.680	0.177	3.852	0.000

Variances:

Estimate Std.Err z-value P(>|z|)

Path diagram of single-factor model



Fitting Lawley and Maxwell model

```
cova<- as.matrix(read.table(tmp <- textConnection("
1 .439 .410 .288 .329 .248
.439 1 .351 .354 .320 .329
.410 .351 1.164 .190 .181
.288 .354 .164 1 .595 .470
.329 .320 .190 .595 1 .464
.248 .329 .181 .470 .464 1
")))
close(tmp)

# cova

fit <- sem("F =- V1+V2+V3+V4+V5+V6 ", sample.cov = cova, sample.nobs = 220)

fit <- sem("F1 =- V1+V2+V3; F2=-V4+V5+V6; F1 -- F2 ", sample.cov = cova, sample.nobs = 220)</pre>
```

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.329 .320 .190 .595 1 .464
.248 .329 .181 .470 .464 1
")))
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```

cummany fit of Lawley and Maxwell model summary(fit)

lavaan 0.6.16 ended normally after 24 iterations

Estimator Optimization method Number of model parameters	ML NLMINB 13
Number of observations	220
Model Test User Model:	
Test statistic	7.990

Degrees of freedom P-value (Chi-square) Parameter Estimates:

Standard errors	Standard
Information	Expected
Information saturated (h1) model	Structured

Latent Variables:

Estimate	Std.Err	z-value	P(> z)
1.000			
0.979	0.152	6.427	0.000
0.776	0.134	5.809	0.000
1.000			
1.002	0.115	8.716	0.000
0.803	0.103	7.801	0.000
	1.000 0.979 0.776 1.000 1.002	1.000 0.979 0.152 0.776 0.134 1.000 1.002 0.115	1.000 0.979 0.152 6.427 0.776 0.134 5.809 1.000 1.002 0.115 8.716

Covariances:

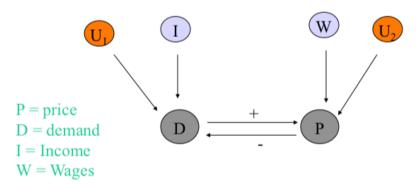
0.434

Section 4

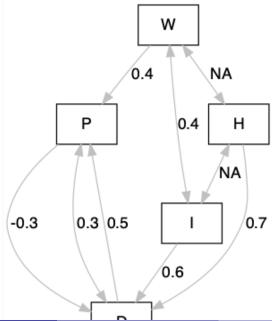
Simultaneous equations (reverse causation?)

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Causal model with reciprocal effects



SEM with reverse causation



Sample data

```
D
                         W
                                Η
   0.75
         0.86 - 0.86
                     0.94 - 0.44
2 -1.23 0.55 -0.06 1.12
                           0.04
   0.04 -1.54 0.72 0.91 -0.64
   1.83
         0.12 \quad 1.42 \quad -0.06
                             1.24
5
   0.13 -1.14 -1.19 -1.18
                            1.33
6
                             0.81
   0.43
         0.27
                0.00
                     0.01
[1] 868
          5
```

Separate vs. simultaneous regressions

Researchers may assume that those with a high body mass index (BMI) are more likely to be depressed when, in actuality, they find that depression leads to a high BMI. In reverse causality, the outcome precedes the cause, or the dependent variable precedes the regressor. With observational data, it is hard to evaluate whether the causal effect is in one direction or the contrary. In SEM, we can specify simultaneous effects to disentangle the direction of the causality issue. This calls for simultaneous regressions.

Single regression of D on P and I

	lhs	op	rhs	est	se	Z	pvalue
1	D	~	P	0.416	0.027	15.309	0
2	D	~	I	0.300	0.034	8.873	0
3	D	~ ~	D	0.881	0.042	20.833	0
4	P	~ ~	P	1.552	0.000	NA	NA
5	P	~ ~	I	0.420	0.000	NA	NA
6	I	~ ~	I	1.002	0.000	NA	NA

Single regression of P on D and W

	lhs	op	rhs	est	se	Z	pvalue
1	P	~	D	0.542	0.029	18.709	0
2	P	~	W	0.384	0.034	11.225	0
3	P	~ ~	P	0.969	0.046	20.833	0
4	D	~ ~	D	1.344	0.000	NA	NA
5	D	~ ~	W	0.112	0.000	NA	NA
6	W	~ ~	W	0.964	0.000	NA	NA

Simultaneous equations (D \sim P + I and P \sim D+W)

P -0.134 0.083 -1.603 0.109

lhs op rhs est se z pvalue

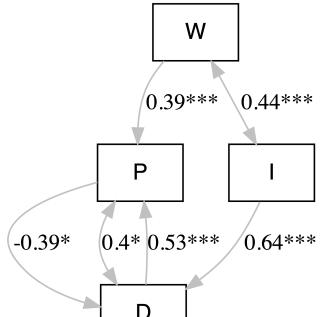
D ~ I 0.530 0.054 9.746 0.000

```
3
  P ~ D 0.632 0.061 10.324 0.000
4
          0.373 0.036 10.402 0.000
5
   D ~~ D
          1.296 0.140 9.223 0.000
6 P ~~ P
          0.980 0.049 19.874 0.000
7 I ~~ I 1.002 0.000 NA
                              NA
8 I ~~ W 0.439 0.000 NA NA
9
   W ~~
         W 0.964 0.000 NA
                             NA
  lhs op rhs mi epc sepc.all delta ncp power decision
    D ~ W 5.954 -0.142 -0.120 0.1 2.971 0.407 **(m)**
11
10 D ~~ P 5.954 0.372 0.330 0.1 0.431 0.101 **(m)*;
12
    P ~ I 5.954 -0.152 -0.121 0.1 2.577 0.362 **(m)**
```

Modified model (cova of P and D)

```
lhs op rhs
                 est
                         se
                                 z pvalue
     D
              -0.388 0.161 -2.414
                                    0.016
2
               0.637 0.081
                           7.856
                                    0.000
3
     Ρ
               0.528 0.071 7.484
                                    0.000
               0.385 0.035 11.009
                                    0.000
5
               0.398 0.178 2.230
                                    0.026
6
               1.769 0.365 4.844
                                    0.000
7
               0.969 0.047 20.801
                                    0.000
8
               1.002 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
9
            W
               0.439 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
                                       NA
10
     W ~~
            W
               0.964 0.000
                                NA
```

path diagram of final model



Section 5

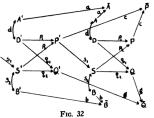
Foundations of SEM

Sewall Wright (1934, The Annals of Mathematical Statistics)

The absence of elasticity of supply in the case of potatoes applies only within a single year. The fact that the supply is strongly correlated with the price of the preceding year +.65/ indicates that in the long run there is considerable elasticity. The method of path coefficients readily lends itself to deduction of this long time elasticity.

Let \overline{P} , \overline{Q} , \overline{A} and \overline{B} be the hypothetical averages of P, Q, Aand B respectively over an indefinite (n) period of years. The

problem is to deduce the elasticities toward which the long time supply and demand curves tend, from knowledge merely of the correlations from year to year. The following equation can be written from figure 32. where a, b, c and



g are path coefficients pertaining to the paths indicated.

⁷ In two other cases studied by this method (P. G. Wright 1928) very different results were obtained. In the case of butter, the elasticity of supply came out 1.43, of demand -...62. In the case of flax seed, the elasticity of supply came out even greater, 2.39, while that of demand was --.80. But these are cases in which a high elasticity of supply is to be expected on a priori grounds. It is interesting to note that in cases in which it seems

Cowles Commission for research in economics

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I. The founding of the Cowles Commission

The Cowles Commission for Research in Economics was founded in 1932. Alfred Cowles, president of Cowles and Company, an investment counseling firm in Colorado Springs, Colorado, initiated some inquiries into the accuracy of professional stock market forecasters over the period 1928–1932. This aroused his interest in fundamental economic research, which led him to offer his financial support toward the establishment of the Cowles Commission and to bear a significant share of the burden each year. Fortunately at the outset he encountered Harold T. Davis, a professor of mathematics at Indiana University

Cowles Commission (Koopmans and Hood; Trygve Haavelmo)

Koopmans and Hood

In Chapter VI of the Cowles Commission for Research in Economics Monograph No. 14,

The estimation of simultaneous linear economic relationships (Koopmans and Hood, 1953, p. 116-117) $\,$

... behavior equations:

$$h_1(\eta_t, \eta_{t-1}, \ldots, \eta_{t-s}; \zeta_t, \zeta_{t-1}, \ldots, \zeta_{t-s}; u_{1t}; \alpha_1) = 0$$

. . .

$$h_G(\eta_t, \eta_{t-1}, \dots, \eta_{t-s}; \zeta_t, \zeta_{t-1}, \dots, \zeta_{t-s}; u_{Gt}; \alpha_G) = 0$$

 $(t=1,\ldots,T)$. Here $h_g(g=1,\ldots,G)$ denote given scalar functions of the variables in parentheses, and the symbols α_g $(g=1,\ldots,G)$ denote vectors of unknown behaviour parameters (elasticities of supply or demand), assumed to be independent [constant] of t

The behaviour equations are written in terms of the "true" endogeneous and exogeneous variables, whic are connected with the observed variables

... errors of observations

Koopmans and Hood (1953), p. 117: That errors of observations are disregarded in this chapter does not imply an a priori judgment that such errors are less important, in their effects on the choice of estimates and on the quality of these estimates, than diturbances in economic behaviour. footnote 5: It might be thought that with gradual improvement in the methods of data collection, errors of observation would after a lapse of time be less important than the random elements intrinsic to economic behaviour. However, as Reiersol as pointved out to one of the authors, as observation improve in accuracy and coverage, it will be possible to introduce more explanatory variables in each equation, thus reducing the variance of "unexplained" disturbances in behavior. [. . .] they most be regarded as an empirical question, to be setttled by methods of inference based on models recognizing errors of observation as well as disturbances in behaviour. The emphasis on disturbances in this and other chapters of this volume must be regarded rather as matter of tactics. "Shock-error models" are complicated. Complicated?, ... not anymore, after the work of Karl G. Joreskog, to be commented below.

Joreskog's SEM approach

SEM (LISREL)

Jöreskog, K. G. (1970, ...) develop ML estimation and testing for a general shock-error-latent variable model + producing (with Dag Sörbom) the software LISREL to serve practitioners.

An exact relation $\eta = B\eta$ is contaminated by shocks

$$z = \Lambda \eta + \epsilon$$
$$\eta = B \eta + \zeta$$

with $\Psi := E \epsilon \epsilon'$ and $\Phi := E \zeta \zeta'$. Denote $\xi \equiv \Lambda (I - B)^{-1} \zeta$; then, we can write:

$$z = \Lambda (I - B)^{-1} \zeta + \epsilon = \xi + \epsilon$$

The matrices B, Λ , Ψ and Φ are functions of θ , the fundamental parameters of the model. The moment structure for the observable vector z is

$$\Sigma_{zz} = \Lambda(I-B)^{-1}\Phi(\Lambda(I-B)^{-1})^T + \Psi = \Sigma_{zz}(\theta)$$

where θ is the vector of free parameters of the coefficient matrices. ⁴
⁴Proprietary software: LISREL, EQS, Mplus, CALIS, sem of Stata, AMOS, Free

SEM approach

K. G. Jöreskog's LISREL: the SEM approach

LISREL (SEM):

- (a unifying) general "shocks-errors-latent variables" variable model. It encompasses regression, simultaneous equations, factor analysis, and combinations of the three.
- ML estimation and testing of the general model, multiple group, robust se and test statistics (applicable to any subfamily of models)
- Software for routinary practitioners use (not necessarily statisticians/econometricians) Nowadays: LISREL, EQS, MPIus, sem of Stata, sem and lavaan of free software R, LISREL was pioneering in the 70s.

A unifying tool for comparative empirical research. As in classical OLS regression, a variety of SEM software producing identical numerical results on a variety of models.

SEM approach

SEM: Estimation

Let S be the covariance matrix of the observables variables, Σ the population probability limit of S, θ the vector that collects the independent parameters of the model, and $\Sigma = \Sigma(\theta)$ the covariance structure function implied by the model.

The estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is the minimizer of a discrepancy function $F = F(S, \Sigma)$ of S and $\Sigma = \Sigma(\theta)$. The weighted least squares (WLS) and ML discrepancy functions are

$$F_{WLS}(\theta) = (s - \sigma)'V(s - \sigma)$$

and

$$F_{ML}(S, \Sigma(\theta)) = \ln |\Sigma(\theta)S^{-1}| + \operatorname{tr} \{S\Sigma(\theta)^{-1}\} - p$$

where p is the number of observed variables. Here s and σ are the vectors of non-redundant elements of the matrices S and Σ and V>0, a weight matrix. ⁴

SEM approach

Asymptotics

- $\operatorname{avar}(\hat{\theta}) = (\Delta'V\Delta)^{-1}\Delta'V\Gamma V\Delta(\Delta'V\Delta)^{-1}$ when $V\Gamma V = V$, then $\operatorname{avar}(\hat{\theta}) = (\Delta'V\Delta)^{-1}$
- When the model holds: $T = n \times \hat{F} \sim \chi_r^2$, r is difference among the number of distinct moments and the number of independent parameters (the so-called model degrees of freedom)
- LM (Score tests) and Wald test statistics are available to assist in model modification
- Scaled Chi-square, $T_S \equiv \frac{1}{c} T_{ML}$, where $c := \text{tr}(U\Gamma)/\text{df}$, $U = V V\Delta(\Delta'V\Delta)^{-1}\Delta'V$ and df is model degrees of freedom. ⁵

It is assumed $\sqrt{n}(s-\sigma) \stackrel{D}{\to} N(0,\Gamma)$, and we let $\Delta = \partial \sigma/\partial \theta'$ and $V = \partial F/\partial \sigma \partial \sigma'$.

⁵This is the so-called Satorra-Bentler scaled test in sem of Stata. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wtHh3CiWlw

⁶For more details on the asymptotics, see Satorra, A. (2002). Asymptotic Robustness

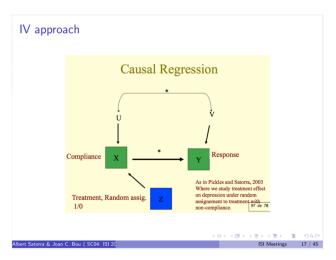
Section 6

Models: semIV, MTMM, MIMIC, ...

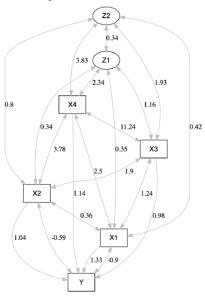
a touch on Instrumental Variables,

Causal regression with IV

Not so recent, but unpublished, Pickles and Satorra (2003)



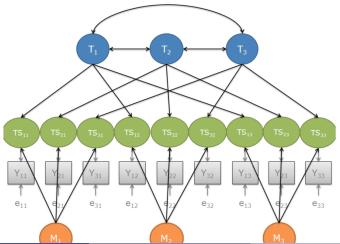
Regression with many IVs



Measurement Models, Saris et. al.

MTMM: True Score Model

Saris and Andrews (1991)



Kenny's

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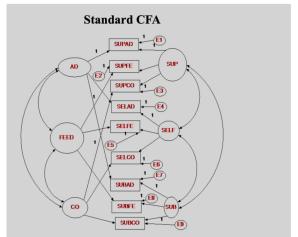
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Example
Mount (1984) presented ratings of managers on Administration, Feedback, and Consideration by the managers' supervisors, the managers thems
         Supervisor
                                                    C
Supervisor
          1.00
          .35 1.00
          .10 .38 1.00
Self
          .56 .17 .04 1.00
          .20 .26 .18 .33 1.00
          -.01 -.03 .35 .10 .16 1.00
Subordinate
          -.03 .07 .28 .01 .17 .14 .26 1.00
          -.10 .14 .49 .00 .05 .40 .17 .52 1.00
     bold correlations: validity diagonal
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See David Kenny's example

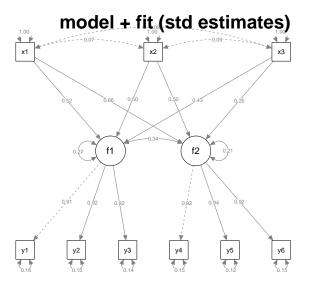
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MIMIC and its Sintaxis

Path diagram of MIMIC



MIMIC: tabacco issp93 data

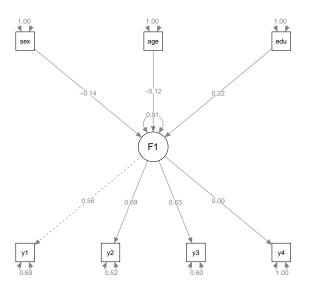
See also stata manual on SEM stata manual on SEM Variables:

- Full text of y1: We believe too often in science, and not enough in feelings and faith.
- 2. Full text of y2: Overall, modern science does more harm than good.
- Full text of y3: Any change humans cause in nature, no matter how scientific, is likely to make things worse.
- Full text of y4: Modern science will solve our environmental problems with little change to our way of life.

MIMIC: tabacco issp93 data (data summary and model)

```
lhs op rhs est
                            z pvalue std.all
                      se
  F1 =~ v1 1.000 0.000
                                    NA
                                        0.556
         v2 1.331 0.124 10.693
                                 0.000
                                        0.692
  F1 =~ y3 1.162 0.107 10.830
                                 0.000
                                        0.629
          y4 0.008 0.080 0.097
                                        0.004
                                 0.923
       ~ sex -0.167 0.051 -3.284 0.001
                                       -0.135
       ~ age -0.044 0.016 -2.788
                                 0.005
                                       -0.116
       ~ edu 0.104 0.021 4.985
                                 0.000
                                        0.217
                                        0.691
         v1 0.852 0.053 16.098
                                 0.000
         y2 0.737 0.067 10.978
                                 0.000
                                        0.522
         y3 0.789 0.058 13.580
                                 0.000
                                        0.605
   y4 ~~ y4 1.454 0.070 20.868
                                 0.000
                                        1.000
12 F1 ~~ F1 0.345 0.050 6.956
                                 0.000
                                        0.905
13 sex ~~ sex 0.250 0.000
                             NA
                                        1.000
14 sex ~~ age 0.002 0.000
                                        0.003
15 sex ~~ edu -0.059 0.000
                             NA
                                  NA -0.092
16 age ~~ age 2.622 0.000
                             NA
                                        1.000
17 age ~~ edu -0.447 0.000
                                  NA -0.214
                             NA
18 edu ~~ edu 1.661 0.000
                             NA
                                    NA
                                        1.000
chisa
          df pvalue rmsea
24.40 11.00 0.01
                     0.04
```

MIMIC: tabacco issp93 data (model)



modified model, adding y3 ~~ y4

NA

NA

NA

NA

NΑ

NA

NA

NA NA

NA

NΑ

```
model2<-paste(model1," y3 ~~ y4", sep=";")
fit2 <- sem(model2, data=d)
#summary(fit2)
parameterestimates(fit2, ci=FALSE)
                           z pvalue
  lhs op rhs est se
                                  NA
1 F1 =~ v1 1.000 0.000
  F1 =~ y2 1.318 0.122 10.793
                               0.000
  F1 =~ y3 1.162 0.107 10.837 0.000
  F1 =~ v4 0.098 0.086 1.142 0.254
  F1 ~ sex -0.162 0.051 -3.183 0.001
 F1 ~ age -0.045 0.016 -2.851
                               0.004
  F1 ~ edu 0.107 0.021 5.110
                               0.000
8 y3 ~~ y4 -0.128 0.044 -2.933
                               0.003
9 v1 ~~ v1 0.849 0.053 16.106
                               0.000
10 y2 ~~ y2 0.746 0.066 11.259
                               0.000
11 y3 ~~ y3 0.786 0.058 13.522 0.000
12 v4 ~~ v4 1.450 0.070 20.832 0.000
13 F1 ~~ F1 0.346 0.050 6.995
                               0.000
```

14 sex ~~ sex 0.250 0.000

15 sex ~~ age 0.002 0.000

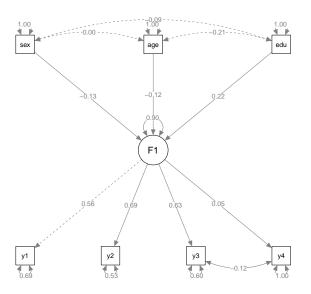
16 sex ~~ edu -0.059 0.000

17 age ~~ age 2.622 0.000

18 age ~~ edu -0.447 0.000

19 edu ~~ edu 1.661 0.000

Final modified model



No continuous variables: tetrachoric, polychorical, and poliserial correlations

```
fit <- sem(model2, data=d, ordered=names(d)[2:5])
# [1] "y1" "y2" "y3" "y4"
summary(fit)</pre>
```

lising totrachoric polychorical and policorial correlations fit <- sem (model2, data=d, ordered= names(d)[2:5])

parameterestimates(fit, ci=FALSE)

```
lhs
       op rhs
                                 z pvalue
                  est
                         se
   F1
           v1
               1.000 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
        =~
   F1
        =~
           v2
               1.250 0.095 13.150
                                    0.000
           v3
               1.149 0.085 13.554
   F1
                                    0.000
           v4
   F1
               0.037 0.071 0.523
                                    0.601
         ~ sex -0.166 0.049 -3.379
                                    0.001
   F1
   F1
         ~ age -0.041 0.015 -2.736
                                    0.006
   F1
                                    0.000
         ~ edu 0.098 0.020 4.934
   v3
        ~~ v4 -0.102 0.028 -3.625
                                    0.000
9
   y1
            t1 -1.374 0.188 -7.312
                                    0.000
10
   y1
            t2 -0.242 0.183 -1.319
                                    0.187
11
   y1
            t3 0.398 0.185 2.156
                                    0.031
12
   v1
            t4 1.368 0.197 6.935
                                    0.000
13
         | t1 -1.431 0.191 -7.501
   y2
                                    0.000
14
   y2
         t2 -0.593 0.184 -3.232
                                    0.001
15
   y2
               0.048 0.183 0.263
                                    0.792
16
   y2
           t4 1.026 0.187 5.485
                                    0.000
17
   уЗ
            t1 -1.090 0.183 -5.962
                                    0.000
18
   у3
            t2 -0.042 0.178 -0.236
                                    0.813
   у3
            t3 0.593 0.181 3.282
19
                                    0.001
                                    0.000
20
   y3
               1.447 0.194
                            7.465
21
   v4
            t1 -1.198 0.186 -6.434
                                    0.000
22
   y4
            t2 -0.135 0.174 -0.779
                                    0.436
23
   y4
               0.464 0.174
                             2.672
                                    0.008
24
   y4
            t4 1.243 0.177
                            7.040
                                    0.000
25
   y1
           v1 0.676 0.000
                                       NA
        ~ ~
                                NA
   y2
           y2 0.494 0.000
                                       NΑ
26
        ~ ~
                                NA
27
   y3
        ~ ~
           ٧3
               0.573 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
28
   y4
            v4
               1.000 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
        ~ ~
                             8.722
29
   F1
            F1
               0.324 0.037
                                    0.000
        ~ ~
30 sex
               0.250 0.000
                                NA
                                       NA
```

Examples of MIMIC in health research

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Health status estimation on the basis of MIMIChealth care models

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Abstract

In this paper we propose a new method for deriving health indexes from MIMIC-health care models. This method differs from the traditional approach in that the health indexes are not based on the causes of health but on transformations of the health indicators. These transformations are employed mainly to correct for the effects of variables which do influence the health indicators but not health status, H*, itself, like availability of medical specialists. The method is applied to a MIMIC-health care model, which is estimated on a Dutch database. The estimated parameters of this model and the derived health indexes may be used in future research to collect only those health indicators and related variables which appear to contain relevant information on H*.

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Health indexes sensitive to medical care variation.

Compact model expression

Y and X are response and treatment variables resp., W and Z the time-varying and time-invariant covariates. To simplify, take T=3 with single variables o Y, X, W and Z at each time point. Generalitzation to models involving more time points and variables, are straightforward. 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \end{pmatrix} y + \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} w + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \gamma_Z + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \eta + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mu + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \eta + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\$$

$$y = B y + A x + \Gamma_w w + \Gamma_Z \gamma_Z + 1_T \eta + I_T \mu + I_T \epsilon$$
 (2)

¹The dynamics may induce an initial condition equation $Y_1 = \eta + \mu_1 + \epsilon_1$ with variables X_1 and W_1 fully suppressed from the analysis. Default is no initial condition.

Moment matrices of independent variables, vector ζ

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & \chi & w & Z & \eta & 1\\ \epsilon & \Omega \epsilon_{,\epsilon} & \Omega \epsilon_{,\chi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ \chi & \Omega_{\chi,\epsilon} & * & * & * & * & 0\\ w & 0 & * & * & * & * & 0\\ Z & 0 & * & * & * & * & 0\\ \eta & 0 & * & * & * & * & 0\\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(3)$$

where the matrix $\Omega_{\epsilon,\epsilon}$ is a diagonal matrix with free parameters in the diagonal. The matrix $\Omega_{x,\epsilon}$ takes care of sequential endogeneity. end $\{\text{frame}\}$

\begin{frame}{ Strict exogeneity vs Sequential exogeneity:} {Chamberlain (1992)} ²

{Strict exogeneity:}

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \\ \epsilon_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

too stringent in many applications.

{Sequential exogeneity:}

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \\ \epsilon_1 & 0 & * & * \\ \epsilon_2 & 0 & 0 & * \\ \epsilon_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (5)

Sequential exogeneity allows covariation of the ϵ_t with the $X_{t+h},\ h>0$; i.e., it allows for the so-called {endogeneity in panel_data}.

²Chamberlain, G. (1992). Comment: sequential moment restrictions in panel data. *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 10(1), 20-26.

path diagram for dynamic model

Fixed effects (FE) panel data with: dynamics, endogeneity, and lagged effects, the FE-PDELE model

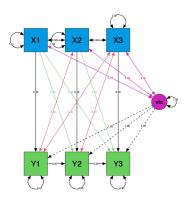
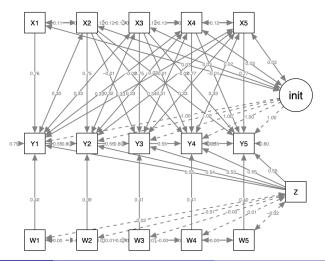


Figure: Path diagram for FE panel data with dynamics, endogeneity and lagged effects The true value of X on Y is 0.3, it is estimated as 0.305 (se=0.034). FE model assumes that the latent omitted effects of the model can be arbitrarily correlated with the included variables; the alternative RE-PDELE is obtained suppressing the correlations of η with the Xs.

Path diagram Dynamic, Endogeneity and Lagged Effects

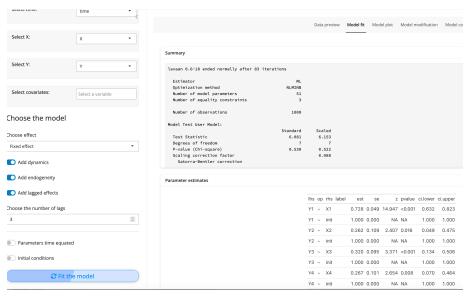


Dynamic Panel Data analysis, a shiny application (in development)

Thi shiny application is work of

Pau Satorra web: https://pasahe.github.io/PauSatorra Research Institute and Hospital (IGTP), Badalona, Barcelona

Model specification and sintaxis (changed, refreshed)



The path diagram

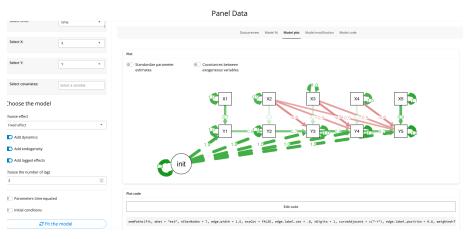


Figure 26: Panel Data

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The End

Thank You!

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