

Further Readings On Factor Analysis Of Categorical Outcomes

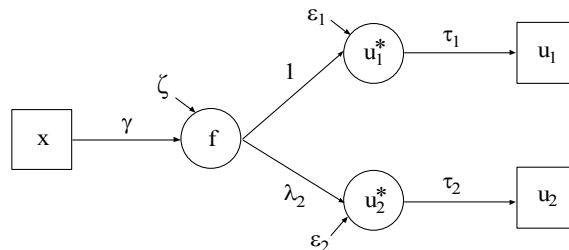
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CFA With Covariates (MIMIC)

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CFA With Covariates Using WLS



$$u_{ij}^* = \lambda_j f_i + \varepsilon_{ij}, (j = 1, 2)$$

$$f_i = \gamma x_i + \zeta_i$$

Estimate CFA model by fitting to probit / logit regression estimates

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CFA With Covariates (MIMIC)

Used to study the effects of covariates or background variables on the factors and outcome variables to understand measurement invariance and heterogeneity

- Measurement non-invariance – direct relationships between the covariates and outcome variables that are not mediated by the factors – if they are significant, this indicates measurement non-invariance due to differential item functioning (DIF)
- Population heterogeneity – relationships between the covariates and the factors – if they are significant, this indicates that the factor means are different for different levels of the covariates.

Model Assumptions

- Same factor loadings and observed residual variances / covariances for all levels of the covariates
- Same factor variances and covariances for all levels of the covariates

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Steps In CFA With Covariates

- Establish a CFA or EFA/CFA model
- Add covariates – check that factor structure does not change and study modification indices for possible direct effects
- Add direct effects suggested by modification indices – check that factor structure does not change
- Interpret the model
 - Factors
 - Effects of covariates on factors
 - Effects of covariates on factor indicators

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Antisocial Behavior (ASB) Data

The Antisocial Behavior (ASB) data were taken from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY) that is sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These data are made available to the public by Ohio State University. The data were obtained as a multistage probability sample with oversampling of blacks, Hispanics, and economically disadvantaged non-blacks and non-Hispanics.

Data for the analysis include 15 of the 17 antisocial behavior items that were collected in 1980 when respondents were between the ages of 16 and 23 and the background variables of age, gender and ethnicity. The ASB items assessed the frequency of various behaviors during the past year. A sample of 7,326 respondents has complete data on the antisocial behavior items and the background variables of age, gender, and ethnicity. Following is a list of the 15 items:

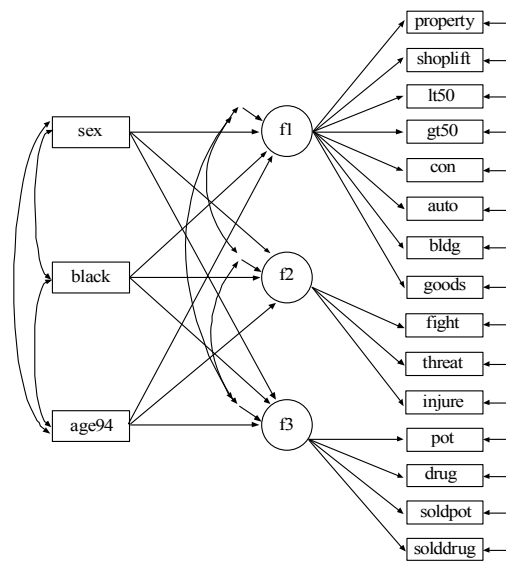
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Antisocial Behavior (ASB) Data (Continued)

Damaged property	Use other drugs
Fighting	Sold marijuana
Shoplifting	Sold hard drugs
Stole < \$50	“Con” someone
Stole > \$50	Take auto
Seriously threaten	Broken into building
Intent to injure	Held stolen goods
Use marijuana	

These items were dichotomized 0/1 with 0 representing never in the last year. An EFA suggested three factors: property offense, person offense, and drug offense.

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Input For CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items

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TITLE:      CFA with covariates with categorical outcomes using
            15 antisocial behavior items and 3 covariates

DATA:      FILE IS asb.dat;
            FORMAT IS 34X 54F2.0;

VARIABLE:  NAMES ARE property fight shoplift lt50 gt50 force
            threat injure pot drug soldpot solddrug con auto bldg
            goods gambling dsml-dsm22 sex black hisp single
            divorce dropout college onset fhist1 fhist2 fhist3
            age94 cohort dep abuse;

            USEV ARE property-gt50 threat-goods sex black age94;

            CATEGORICAL ARE property-goods;
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Input For CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)

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MODEL:     f1 BY property shoplift-gt50 con-goods;

            f2 BY fight threat injure;

            f3 BY pot-solddrug;

            f1-f3 ON sex black age94;

            property-goods ON sex-age94@0;

OUTPUT:    STANDARDIZED MODINDICES;
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Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items

Model Results

		Estimates	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Std	StdYX
F1	BY					
	PROPERTY	1.000	.000	.000	.791	.760
	SHOPLIFT	.974	.023	42.738	.771	.742
	LT50	.915	.023	39.143	.724	.700
	GT50	1.055	.031	33.658	.835	.799
	CON	.752	.024	31.637	.595	.581
	AUTO	.796	.030	26.462	.629	.613
	BLDG	1.084	.030	35.991	.858	.818
	GOODS	1.071	.025	42.697	.847	.809

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Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)

F2	BY					
	FIGHT	1.000	.000	.000	.773	.734
	THREAT	1.096	.035	31.382	.847	.797
	INJURE	1.082	.037	28.888	.836	.787
F3	BY					
	POT	1.000	.000	.000	.866	.851
	DRUG	1.031	.023	45.818	.893	.876
	SOLDPOT	1.046	.023	45.844	.905	.888
	SOLDDRUG	.923	.036	25.684	.799	.787

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**Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With
Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)**

F1	ON					
	SEX	.516	.024	21.206	.653	.326
	BLACK	-.080	.025	-3.168	-.102	-.047
	AGE94	-.054	.006	-9.856	-.069	-.150
F2	ON					
	SEX	.561	.026	21.715	.726	.363
	BLACK	.174	.025	7.087	.225	.103
	AGE94	-.068	.006	-12.286	-.087	-.191
F3	ON					
	SEX	.229	.026	8.760	.265	.132
	BLACK	-.272	.029	-9.384	-.315	-.144
	AGE94	.039	.006	6.481	.045	.099

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**Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With
Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)**

Tests Of Model Fit

Chi-Square Test of Model Fit		
Value		1225.266*
Degrees of Freedom		105**
P-Value		0.0000
CFI / TLI		
CFI		0.945
TLI		0.964
RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error Of Approximation)		
Estimate		0.038
WRMR (Weighted Root Mean Square Residual)		
Value		2.498

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Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)

Modification Indices

PROPERTY ON BLACK	4.479	GT50 ON SEX	12.100
PROPERTY ON AGE94	28.229	GT50 ON BLACK	12.879
FIGHT ON SEX	60.599	GT50 ON AGE94	7.413
FIGHT ON BLACK	26.695	THREAT ON SEX	10.221
FIGHT ON AGE94	64.815	THREAT ON BLACK	26.665
SHOPLIFT ON SEX	131.792	THREAT ON AGE94	3.892
SHOPLIFT ON BLACK	0.039	INJURE ON SEX	22.803
SHOPLIFT ON AGE94	0.038	INJURE ON BLACK	0.089
LT50 ON SEX	0.040	INJURE ON AGE94	42.549
LT50 ON BLACK	22.530	POT ON SEX	10.727
LT50 ON AGE94	24.750	POT ON BLACK	12.177
		POT ON AGE94	17.432

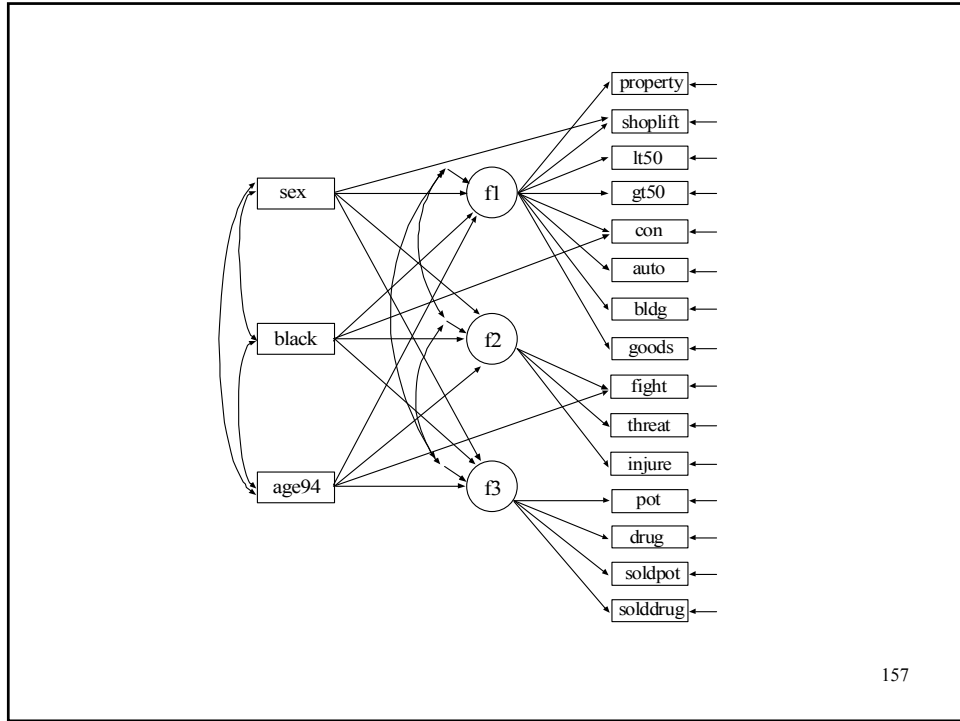
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Output Excerpts CFA With Covariates With Categorical Outcomes For 15 ASB Items (Continued)

Modification Indices

DRUG ON SEX	15.637	AUTO ON SEX	0.735
DRUG ON BLACK	41.202	AUTO ON BLACK	1.414
DRUG ON AGE94	1.583	AUTO ON AGE94	2.936
SOLDPOT ON SEX	51.496	BLDG ON SEX	37.797
SOLDPOT ON BLACK	1.242	BLDG ON BLACK	7.053
SOLDPOT ON AGE94	29.267	BLDG IB AGE94	0.114
SOLDDRUG ON SEX	3.920	GOODS ON SEX	24.664
SOLDDRUG ON BLACK	7.187	GOODS ON BLACK	0.982
SOLDDRUG ON AGE94	2.956	GOODS ON AGE94	6.061
CON ON SEX	31.521		
CON ON BLACK	80.515		
CON ON AGE94	11.259		

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Input Excerpts For ASB CFA With Covariates And Direct Effects

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MODEL:
    f1 BY property shoplift-gt50 con-goods;
    f2 BY fight threat injure;
    f3 BY pot-solddrug;

    f1-f3 ON sex black age94;

    shoplift ON sex;
    con ON black;
    fight ON age94;

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Input Excerpts For ASB CFA With Covariates And Direct Effects (Continued)

Tests Of Model Fit

Chi-Square Test of Model Fit		
Value	946.256 *	
Degrees of Freedom	102 **	
P-Value	0.0000	
CFI/TLI		
CFI	0.959	
TLI	0.972	
RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error Of Approximation)		
Estimate	0.034	
WRMR (Weighted Root Mean Square Residual)		
Value	2.198	

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Output Excerpts For ASB CFA With Covariates And Direct Effects (Continued)

		Estimates	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Std	StdYX
F1	BY					
	SHOPLIFT	1.002	.024	42.183	.805	.793
F1	ON					
	SEX	.596	.026	22.958	.742	.371
SHOPLIFT	ON					
	SEX	-.385	.033	-11.594	-.385	-.190
CON	ON					
	BLACK	.305	.034	8.929	.305	.136
FIGHT	ON					
	AGE94	-.068	.008	-8.467	-.068	-.138
Thresholds						
	SHOPLIFT\$1	.558	.033	17.015	.558	.558
R-SQUARE						
	Observed Variable	Residual Variance	R-Square			
	SHOPLIFT	.461	.552			

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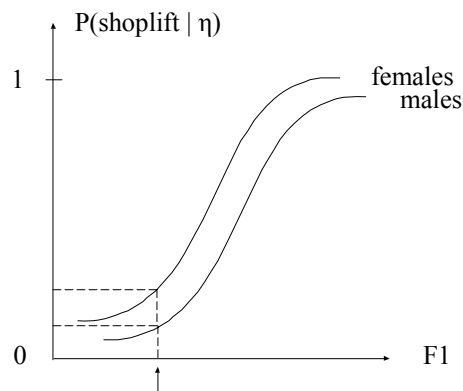
Interpretation Of Direct Effects

Shoplift On Gender

- Indirect effect of gender on shoplift
 - F1 has a positive relationship with gender – males have a higher mean than females on the f1 factor
 - Shoplift has a positive loading on the f1 factor
 - Conclusion: males are expected to have a higher probability of shoplifting
- Effect of gender on shoplift
 - Direct effect is negative – for a given factor value, males have a lower probability of shoplifting than females
 - Conclusion – shoplift is not invariant

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Calculating Item Probabilities



Graph can be done in Mplus using the PLOT command and the option "Item characteristic curves".

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Calculating Item Probabilities (Continued)

The model with a direct effect from x to item u_j ,

$$u_{ij}^* = \lambda_j \eta_i + \kappa_j x_i + \varepsilon_{ij}, \quad (45)$$

gives the conditional probability of a $u = 1$ response given the factor η_i and the covariate x_i

$$P(u_{ij} = 1 \mid \eta_i, x_i) = 1 - F[(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) \theta_{jj}^{-1/2}], \quad (46)$$

$$= F[(-\tau_j + \lambda_j \eta_i + \kappa_j x_i) \theta_{jj}^{-1/2}], \quad (47)$$

where F is the normal distribution function and θ is the residual variance.

For example, for the item shoplift, $\tau_j = 0.558$, $\kappa_j = -0.385$, $\theta_{jj} = 0.461$. At $\eta = 0$, the probability is 0.21 for females ($x = 0$) and 0.08 for males ($x = 1$).

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Calculating Item Probabilities (Continued)

Consider

$$P(u_{ij} = 1 \mid \eta_i, x_i) = 1 - F[(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) \theta_{jj}^{-1/2}], \quad (47)$$

using $\tau_j = 0.558$, $\kappa_j = -0.385$, $\theta_{jj} = 0.461$, and $\eta = 0$.

Here, $\theta_{jj}^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_{jj}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.461}} = 1.473$.

For females ($x = 0$):

1. $(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) = 0.558 - 1.002 \times 0 - (-0.385) \times 0 = 0.558$.

2. $(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) \theta_{jj}^{-1/2} = 0.558 \times 1.473 = 0.822$.

3. $F[0.822] = 0.794$ using a z table

4. $1 - 0.794 = 0.206$.

For males ($x = 1$):

1. $(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) = 0.558 - 1.002 \times 0 - (-0.385) \times 1 = 0.943$.

2. $(\tau_j - \lambda_j \eta_i - \kappa_j x_i) \theta_{jj}^{-1/2} = 0.943 \times 1.473 = 1.389$.

3. $F[1.389] = 0.918$ using a z table.

4. $1 - 0.918 = 0.082$.

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Multiple Group Analysis With Categorical Outcomes

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Steps In Multiple Group Analysis

- Fit the model separately in each group
- Fit the model in all groups allowing all parameters to be free except factor means which are fixed to zero in all groups and scale factors which are fixed to one in all groups
- Fit the model in all groups holding factor loadings and thresholds equal across groups with factor means fixed to zero in the first group and free in the other groups and scale factors fixed to one in the first group and free in the other groups
- Add covariates
- Modify the model

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Inputs For Multiple Group Analysis Of 15 ASB Items

Measurement Non-Invariance

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MODEL:      f1 BY property shoplift-gt50 con-goods;
            f2 BY fight threat injure;
            f3 BY pot-solddrug;
            [f1-f3@0];
            {property-goods@1};

MODEL male: f1 BY shoplift-gt50 con-goods;
            f2 BY threat injure;
            f3 BY drug-solddrug;
            [property$1-goods$1];
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Inputs For Multiple Group Analysis Of 15 ASB Items (Continued)

Measurement Invariance

```
MODEL:      f1 BY property shoplift-gt50 con-goods;
            f2 BY fight threat injure;
            f3 BY pot-solddrug;
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Partial Measurement Invariance

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MODEL:      f1 BY property shoplift-gt50 con-goods;
            f2 BY fight* threat@1 injure;
            f3 BY pot-solddrug;

MODEL male: f1 BY con lt50;
            f2 BY fight;
            f3 BY soldpot pot solddrug;
            [con$1 lt50$1 fight$1 soldpot$1 pot$1 solddrug$1];
            {con@1 lt50@1 fight@1 soldpot@1 pot@1 solddrug@1};
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Further Readings On Multiple-Group Analysis Of Categorical Outcomes

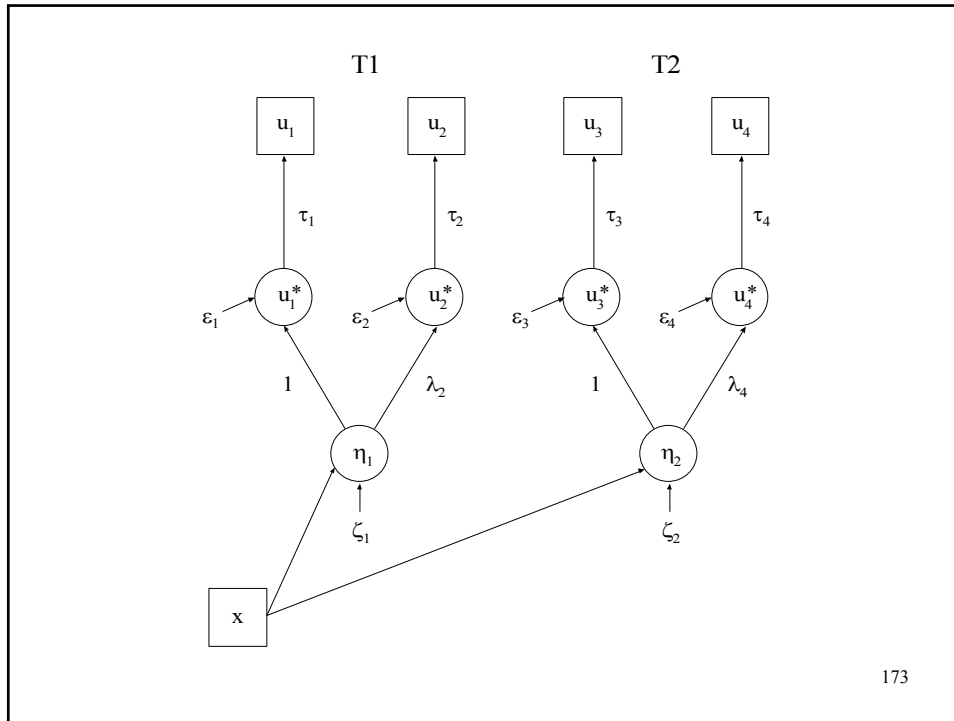
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Technical Issues For Weighted-Least Squares Estimation

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Latent Response Variable Modeling

- The analysis considers means (thresholds) and correlations because variances do not contribute further information
 - $E(u) = \pi$, $V(u) = \pi(1 - \pi)$
- For each u (see figure)
 - Normality of u^* given x (probit)
 - Residual variance fixed at 1 implies $V(\varepsilon)$ not free,

$$V(u^* | x) = \lambda^2 V(\zeta) + V(\varepsilon) = 1, \quad (8)$$

$$i.e. V(\varepsilon) = 1 - \lambda^2 V(\zeta) \quad (9)$$
- For pairs of u 's
 - Multivariate normal u^* 's given x
 - Because residual variances are one, u^* residual correlations are considered, not covariances
 - Normality of u^* 's given x is less strong than normal u^* and normal x , assumed for polychoric and polyserial correlations

Scale Factors With Measurement Invariance

Problem: Correlations should not be used when comparing relationships for variables with different variances.

Solution: Add scale factors δ to the model, $\delta = 1/\sqrt{V(u^* | x)}$.

Example (see figure): Aim is to test measurement invariance, e.g.

$$\tau_2 = \tau_4 = \tau, \lambda_2 = \lambda_4 = \lambda.$$

$$V(u_2^* | x) = \lambda^2 V(\zeta_1) + V(\varepsilon_2), \quad (40)$$

$$V(u_4^* | x) = \lambda^2 V(\zeta_2) + V(\varepsilon_4), \quad (41)$$

showing that $V(u^* | x)$ varies across the two variables if either $V(\zeta)$ or $V(\varepsilon)$ varies, even though λ is invariant.

Fixing both $V(u_2^* | x)$ and $V(u_4^* | x)$ to 1 is therefore wrong under measurement invariance. Instead, use

$$\delta_2 = 1, \quad (42)$$

$$\delta_4 \text{ free.} \quad (43)$$

By letting δ_4 be free, the model allows $V(u_4^* | x) \neq V(u_2^* | x)$, while still modeling the u_2^*, u_4^* correlation

$$\text{Cov}(u_2^*, u_4^* | x) \delta_2 \delta_4. \quad (44) \quad 175$$

Estimation With Categorical Outcomes

Full information maximum-likelihood estimation is heavy for general models.

Limited-information weighted least squares:

Fitting function:

$$WLS = 1/2 (s - \sigma)' W^{-1} (s - \sigma)$$

Sample statistics:

- s_1 : probit thresholds
- s_2 : probit regression slopes ($q > 0$)
- s_3 : probit residual correlations
- $s' = (s'_1, s'_2, s'_3)$

Weight matrix:

- Full W (GLS/WLS: $W = \text{asympt } V(s)$)
- Diagonal W (WLSM, WLSMV)

Robust standard errors and chi-square in line with Satorra

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Levels Of Engagement

- Mplus support for licensed Mplus users
- Mplus Discussion for brief Mplus analysis questions of general interest
- Statistical consulting not available through Mplus
- Research interaction on topics of common interest
- SEMNET

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