



Part 5

Lecture 2b Reliability



Standard Error of Measurement

- ICC → relative measure of reliability
 - No units
- SEM → absolute index of reliability
 - Same units as the measurement of interest
 - Usually used to construct confidence intervals
- The SEM is the standard error in estimating observed scores from true scores.



Calculating the SEM

- 2 basic ways to calculate SEM
 - #1

$$SEM = SD\sqrt{1 - ICC}$$

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{SS_{TOTAL}}{n - 1}}$$



Calculating the SEM

- 2 basic ways to calculate SEM
 - #2

$$SEM = \sqrt{MS_E}$$

Standard Error of Measurement

- ❑ We can report SEM values in addition to the ICC values and the results of the ANOVA
- ❑ We can calculate the minimum difference (MD) that can be considered “real” between scores
- ❑ We can also construct 95% confidence intervals about a subject’s estimated true score based on the SEM or SEP.



Minimum Difference

- The SEM can be used to determine the minimum difference (MD) to be considered “real” and can be calculated as follows:

$$MD = SEM (1.96) (\sqrt{2})$$



Confidence Intervals

- First we must estimate the subjects true score (T):
- \bar{X} = grand mean
- S = observed score

$$T = \bar{X} + ICC(d)$$

$$d = S - \bar{X}$$



Confidence Intervals

- Second, we must determine the standard error of prediction (SEP):
- SD = standard deviation
- ICC = intraclass correlation coefficient

$$SEP = SD\sqrt{1 - ICC} * \sqrt{ICC}$$



Confidence Intervals

- We can calculate the 95% confidence intervals around the obtained score as:

$$T \pm 1.96(SEM)$$

- We can calculate the 95% confidence intervals around the true score as:

$$T \pm 1.96(SEP)$$



Examiner Reliability Statistics

- Two measures used:
 - Percentage Agreement
 - the percentage of judgements where the two examiners have agreed compared to the total number of judgements made
 - Kappa Statistic



Example – Percentage Agreement

Number of agreements = sum of diagonals
= 61

Total number of cases = overall total
= 100

$$PA = \frac{\text{Number of agreements}}{\text{Total number of cases}} \times 100$$

Percentage agreement = 61%



Kappa Statistic

- ❑ The Kappa Statistic measures the agreement between the evaluations of two examiners when both are rating the same objects.
- ❑ It describes agreement achieved beyond chance, as a proportion of that agreement which is possible beyond chance.



Kappa Statistic

□ Interpreting Kappa

- The value of the Kappa Statistic ranges from 0 - 1.00, with larger values indicating better reliability.
 - A value of 1 indicates perfect agreement.
 - A value of 0 indicates that agreement is no better than chance.
- Generally, a Kappa > 0.60 is considered satisfactory.



Kappa Statistic

The formula for calculating the Kappa Statistic is:

$$\text{Kappa} = \frac{P_O - P_E}{1 - P_E}$$

where :

P_O = proportion of observed agreements

P_E = proportion of agreements expected by chance

Observed agreement = (A+D)

Expected agreement = (((A+B)*(A+C))+((C+D)*(B+D)))/(A+B+C+D)

Kappa =

((Observed agreement) - (Expected agreement))/((A+B+C+D) - (Expected agreement))



Kappa Statistic (Formula)

		Rater 2		Total
		+	-	
Rater 1	+	a	b	p_1
	-	c	d	q_1
Total		p_2	q_2	N

$$K = \frac{2(ad - bc)}{p_1q_2 + p_2q_1}$$

Kappa Statistic (Illustration)

		Rater 2		Total
		+	-	
Rater 1	+	20	4	24
	-	5	71	76
Total		25	75	100

$$\kappa = \frac{2[(20)(71) - (4)(5)]}{[(24)(75) + (25)(76)]} = 0.76$$



Interpretation of Kappa

- Percent agreement above chance
- The closer to 1, better agreement

Range of Kappa	Interpretation
> .75	Excellent agreement
.40 to .75	Good agreement
< .40	Poor agreement





End of Lecture 2

Next up in Part 6 Lecture 1: Survival Analysis

