



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 also construct 95% confidence intervals about a subject's estimated true score based on the SEM
- ❑ We can calculate the minimum difference (MD) that can be considered “real” between scores



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 estimate (SEM_{TS}):
- SD = standard deviation
- ICC = intraclass correlation coefficient

$$SEM_{TS} = SD\sqrt{1 - ICC} * \sqrt{ICC}$$



Confidence Intervals

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

$$S \pm 1.96(SEM)$$

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

$$T \pm 1.96(SEM_{TS})$$



Minimum Difference

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

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



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 $\text{Kappa} > 0.60$ 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		
Rater 1		+	-	Total
+	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>p</i> ₁	
-	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>q</i> ₁	
Total	<i>p</i> ₂	<i>q</i> ₂	<i>N</i>	

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



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
$.40 \text{ to } .75$	Good agreement
$< .40$	Poor agreement





End of Lecture 2

Next up in Part 6 Lecture 1: Survival Analysis

