

SEM Power Estimates

Power : Probability of being able to reject H₀ when H₀ is false

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Approaches

- Rule of thumb - Subject : Variable
- Rule of thumb - Subject : Parameter
- Power estimates

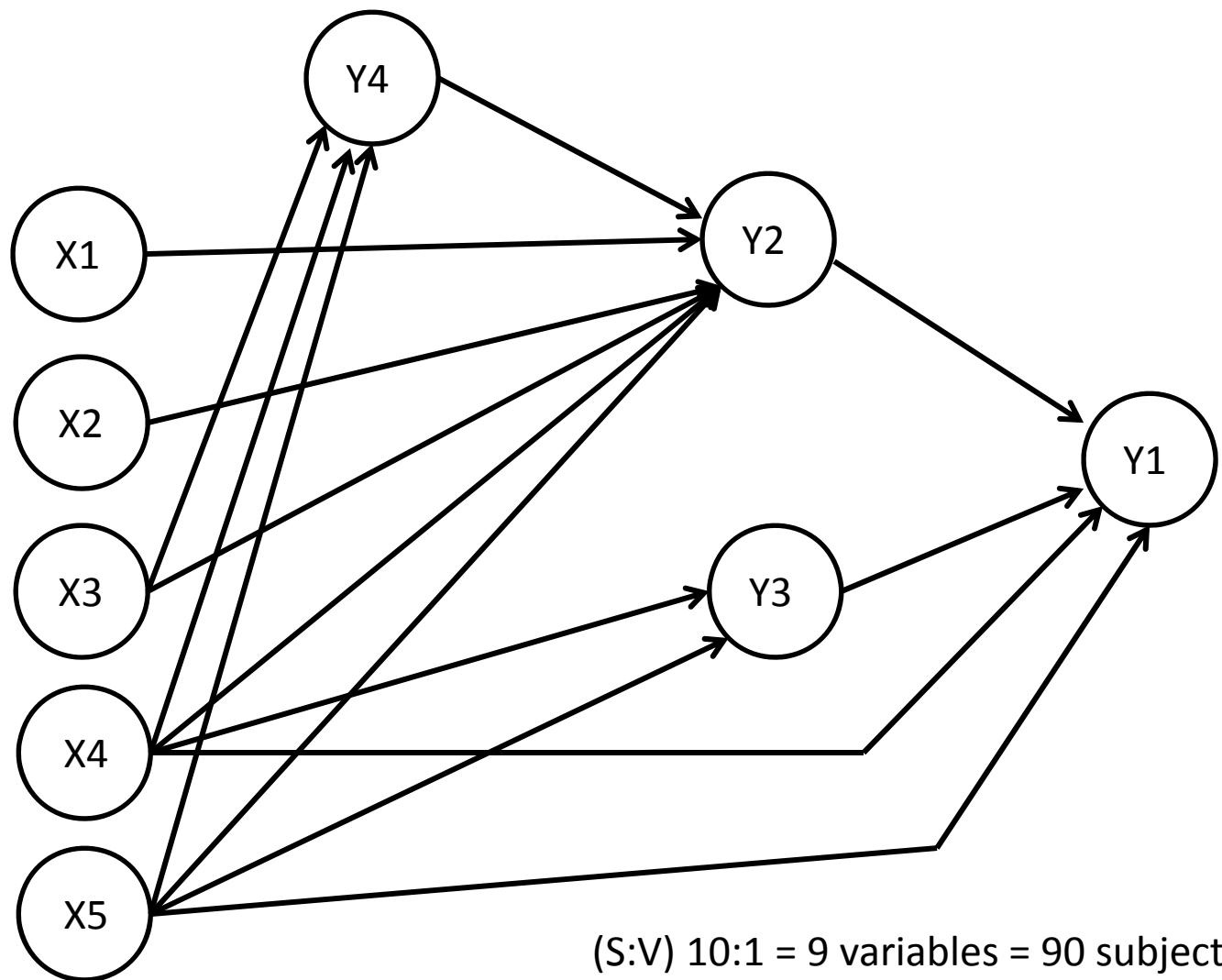
Power Estimate Approach

Satorra, A., and Saris, W. E. (1985). Power of the likelihood ratio test in covariance structure analysis. *Psychometrika*, 50, 83-90.

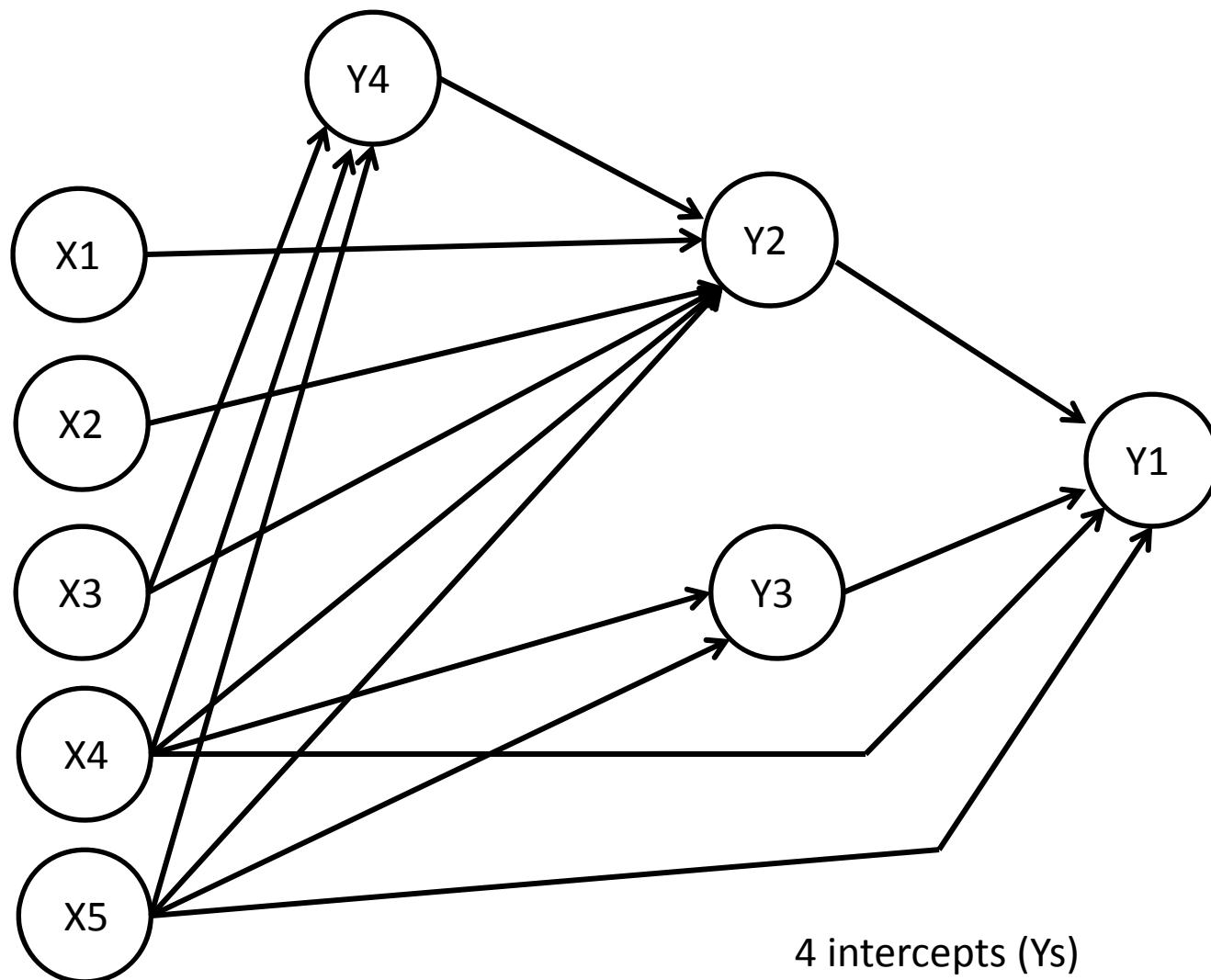
Power of the test ($1 - b$) for each path will be estimated using a procedure proposed by Satorra and Saris (1985) which approximates the noncentral chi-square distribution. Given this distribution it is possible to calculate the probability that the likelihood ratio statistic is larger than a certain value.

Satorra and Saris Approach

- H_0 : the model fits perfectly while H_1 : the model does not fit perfectly.
- Specify the reference model and determine the parameters of the model
- Obtain the expected covariance matrix (Σ_0) based on the reference model
- Fit the alternative model to the expected covariance matrix
- Obtain the fit function index and use it as non-centrality parameter
- Compute the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis: $F_0=0$ (the alternative model fits perfectly)



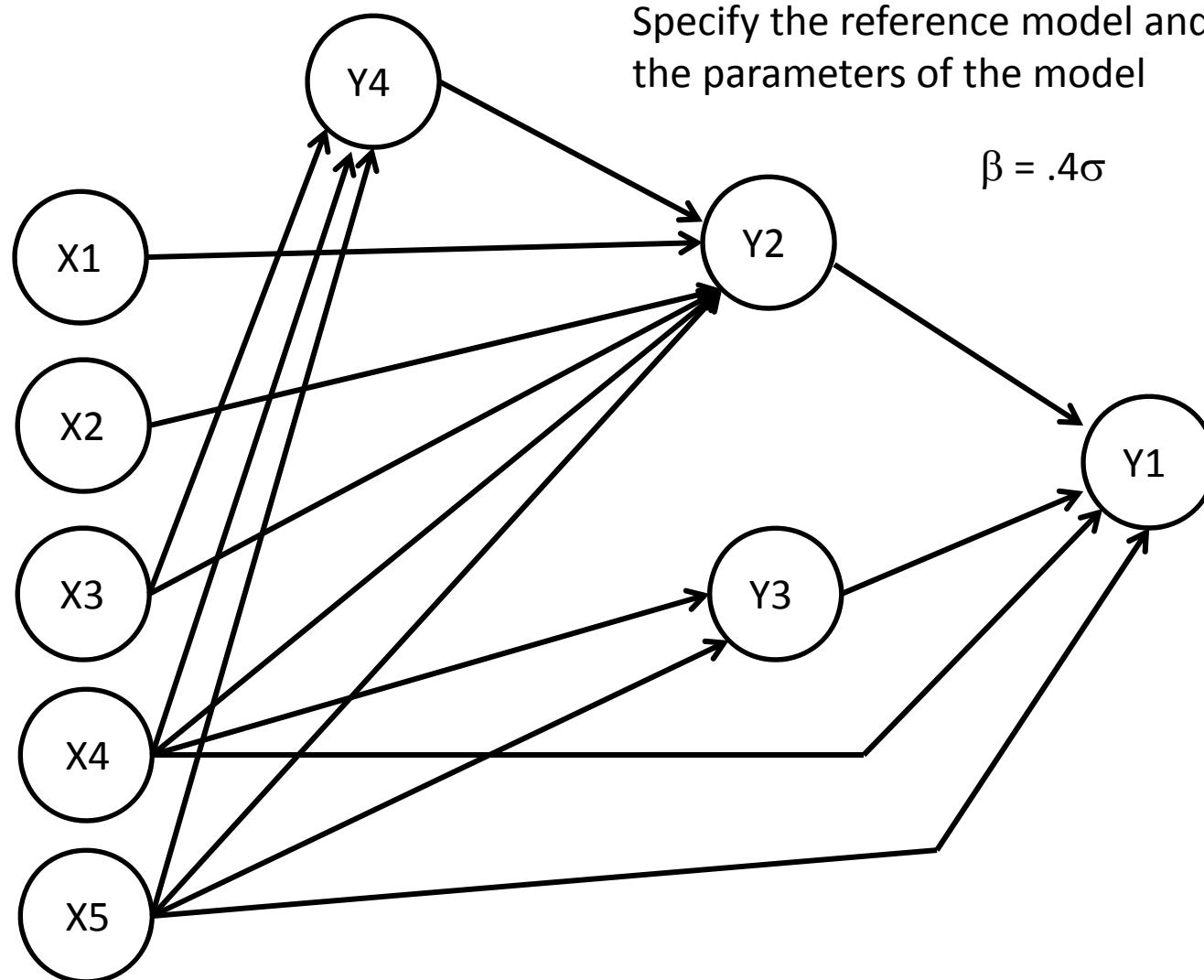
(S:P) 10:1 = 23 free parameters = 230 subjects



4 intercepts (Ys)
19 beta paths
4 residual variance estimates (Ys)
23 total parameters

STEP 1 Satorra and Saris Approach

Specify the reference model and determine
the parameters of the model



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TITLE: Power calculation for Intervention model
Step 1: Computing the population means
and covariance matrix

DATA: FILE IS artific.dat;
      TYPE IS MEANS COVARIANCE;
      NOBSERVATIONS = 500;

VARIABLE: NAMES ARE y1-y4 x1-x5;

MODEL:
      y1 on y2@.4 y3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;
      y2 on x1@.4 x2@.4 y4@.4 x3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;
      y3 on x4@.4 x5@.4;
      y4 on x3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;

OUTPUT: STANDARDIZED RESIDUAL tech4;
savedata:
      tech4 is pop4.dat;

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Means	→	[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1]
covariances	→	[0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1]

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Obtain the expected covariance matrix (Σ_0) based on the reference model

Population Matrix (Truth)

0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00
0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00
0.35263066E+01	0.20061849E+01	0.34505980E+01	0.11529175E+01	0.44710402E+00
0.16367897E+01	0.95169284E+00	0.12614720E+01	0.31936001E+00	0.19560800E+01
0.15968000E+00	0.39920001E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.99800000E+00
0.15968000E+00	0.39920001E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00
0.99800000E+00	0.22355201E+00	0.55888001E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.39920001E+00
0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.99800000E+00	0.78243202E+00	0.55888001E+00
0.39920001E+00	0.39920001E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00
0.99800000E+00	0.78243202E+00	0.55888001E+00	0.39920001E+00	0.39920001E+00
0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.99800000E+00

Step 2

Checking (truth)

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MODEL:  
y1 on y2@.4 y3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;  
y2 on x1@.4 x2@.4 y4@.4 x3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;  
y3 on x4@.4 x5@.4;  
y4 on x3@.4 x4@.4 x5@.4;  
  
OUTPUT: STANDARDIZED RESIDUAL tech4;  
savedata:  
tech4 is pop4.dat;
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TITLE: Power calculation for Intervention model  
Step 2: check population means  
and covariance matrix  
  
DATA: FILE IS pop4.dat;  
TYPE IS MEANS COVARIANCE;  
NOBSERVATIONS = 500;  
  
VARIABLE: NAMES ARE y1-y4 x1-x5;  
  
MODEL:  
y1 on y2 y3 x4 x5;  
y2 on x1 x2 y4 x3 x4 x5;  
y3 on x4 x5;  
y4 on x3 x4 x5;  
  
OUTPUT: tech1;
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MODEL RESULTS

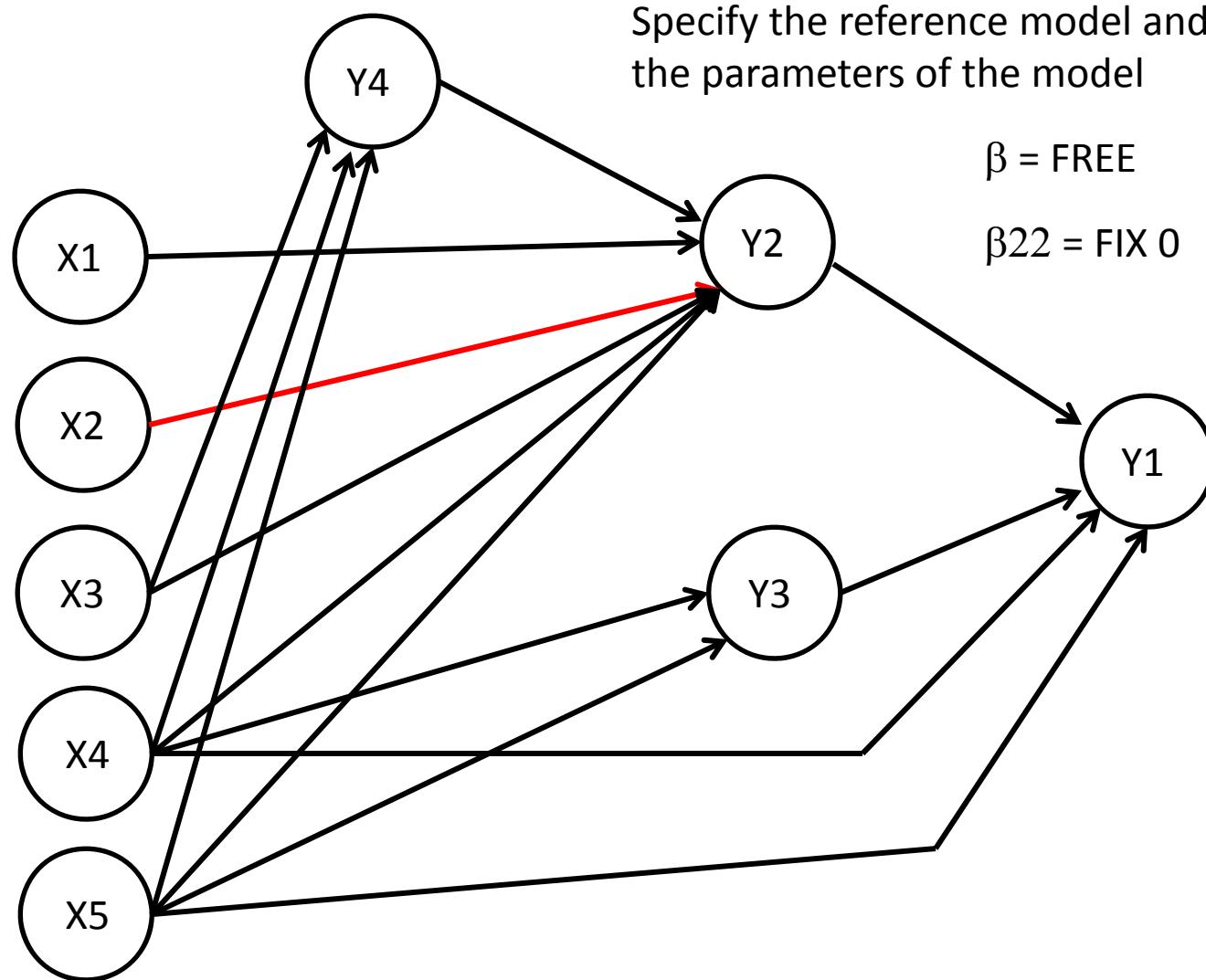
		Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Two-Tailed P-Value
Y1	ON				
	Y2	0.400	0.034	11.750	0.000
	Y3	0.400	0.050	8.024	0.000
	X4	0.400	0.064	6.292	0.000
	X5	0.400	0.064	6.292	0.000
Y2	ON				
	X1	0.400	0.063	6.389	0.000
	X2	0.400	0.063	6.389	0.000
	Y4	0.400	0.051	7.772	0.000
	X3	0.400	0.066	6.069	0.000
	X4	0.400	0.066	6.069	0.000
	X5	0.400	0.066	6.069	0.000
Y3	ON				
	X4	0.400	0.051	7.785	0.000
	X5	0.400	0.051	7.785	0.000
Y4	ON				
	X3	0.400	0.054	7.352	0.000
	X4	0.400	0.054	7.352	0.000
	X5	0.400	0.054	7.352	0.000
Intercepts					
	Y1	0.000	0.057	0.000	1.000
	Y2	0.000	0.062	0.000	1.000
	Y3	0.000	0.051	0.000	1.000
	Y4	0.000	0.054	0.000	1.000
Residual Variances					
	Y1	1.634	0.103	15.811	0.000
	Y2	1.952	0.123	15.811	0.000
	Y3	1.315	0.083	15.811	0.000
	Y4	1.474	0.093	15.811	0.000

Step 3

- Fit the alternative model to the expected covariance matrix
- Obtain the fit function index and use it as non-centrality parameter to compute the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis

STEP 1 Satorra and Saris Approach

Specify the reference model and determine
the parameters of the model



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TITLE: Power calculation for Intervention model  
Step 3: Estimate power for path  
  
DATA: FILE IS pop4.dat;  
      TYPE IS MEANS COVARIANCE;  
      NOBSERVATIONS = 100; ← We can manipulate  
VARIABLE: NAMES ARE y1-y4 x1-x5;  
  
MODEL:  
      y1 on y2 y3 x4 x5;  
      y2 on x1 x2@0 y4 x3 x4 x5;  
      y3 on x4 x5;  
      y4 on x3 x4 x5;  
  
OUTPUT: STANDARDIZED RESIDUAL;
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Now number of free parameters = 22 not 23

MODEL RESULTS					
		Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Two-Tailed P-Value
Y1	ON				
Y2		0.400	0.076	5.255	0.000
Y3		0.400	0.111	3.588	0.000
X4		0.400	0.142	2.814	0.005
X5		0.400	0.142	2.814	0.005
Y2	ON				
X1		0.400	0.146	2.747	0.006
X2		0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Y4		0.400	0.120	3.342	0.001
X3		0.400	0.153	2.610	0.009
X4		0.400	0.153	2.610	0.009
X5		0.400	0.153	2.610	0.009
Y3	ON				
X4		0.400	0.115	3.481	0.000
X5		0.400	0.115	3.481	0.000
Y4	ON				
X3		0.400	0.122	3.288	0.001
X4		0.400	0.122	3.288	0.001
X5		0.400	0.122	3.288	0.001
Intercepts					
Y1		0.000	0.127	0.000	1.000
Y2		0.000	0.145	0.000	1.000
Y3		0.000	0.114	0.000	1.000
Y4		0.000	0.121	0.000	1.000
Residual variances					
Y1		1.620	0.229	7.071	0.000
Y2		2.095	0.296	7.071	0.000
Y3		1.304	0.184	7.071	0.000
Y4		1.462	0.207	7.071	0.000

Step 2

chi-square Test of Model Fit

value	0.000
Degrees of Freedom	11
P-Value	1.0000

Step 3

TESTS OF MODEL FIT

chi-square Test of Model Fit

value	7.847
Degrees of Freedom	12
P-Value	0.7969

Non-centrality parameter = χ^2 with 1 df

L I S P O W E R

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This program calculates the statistical power for
any test whose test statistic under the alternative
hypothesis has a non-central chi-square distribution.

You must specify significance level, degrees of
freedom and non-centrality parameter.

Press ENTER to continue, or any other key to STOP
Significance Level = .05

Degrees of freedom = 1

Non-centrality parameter = 7.84

Power = .80 Press ENTER to continue, or any other key to STOP

For a sampling of 100 in this structure, the power to
detect a $.40\sigma$ for β_{22} is 0.80.