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Chapter 1 : DSpace@MIT: Sample size requirements for zero order models

The authors report the sample sizes required to obtain maximum likelihood estimates of parameters in a zero-order model. In the typical formulation of the model, parameter estimation requires.

Use the first or third formulas when the population size is known. When the population size is large but unknown, use the second or fourth formulas. For proportions, the sample size requirements vary, based on the value of the proportion. If you are unsure of the right value to use, set p equal to 0. This will produce a conservative sample size estimate; that is, the sample size will produce at least the precision called for and may produce better precision. Sample Problem At the end of every school year, the state administers a reading test to a simple random sample drawn without replacement from a population of , third graders. To solve this problem, we follow the steps outlined above. Specify the margin of error. This was given in the problem definition. Specify the confidence level. This was also given. Alpha is equal to one minus the confidence level. Determine the critical standard score z . To find that value, we use the Normal Calculator. Recall that the distribution of standard scores has a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. Therefore, we plug the following entries into the normal calculator: The calculator tells us that the value of the standard score is 1. And finally, we assume that the population proportion p is equal to its past value over the previous 5 years. That value is 0. Given these inputs, we can find the smallest sample size n that will provide the required margin of error.

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Share via Email Many fashion editors get caught up in perpetuating the stereotype and often have eating disorders themselves, says Clements. Specifically, how young they are and how thin they are. As the editor of Australian Vogue, my opinion was constantly sought on these issues, and the images we produced in the magazine were closely scrutinised. When I first began dealing with models in the late s we were generally drawing from a pool of local girls, who were naturally willowy and slim, had glowing skin, shiny hair and loads of energy. They ate lunch, sparingly for sure, but they ate. They were not skin and bones. But I began to recognise the signs that other models were using different methods to stay svelte. I was dressing a model from the US on a beauty shoot, and I noticed scars and scabs on her knees. When I queried her about them she said, nonchalantly: On another shoot I was chatting to one of the top Australian models during lunch. She had just moved to Paris and was sharing a small apartment with another model. I asked her how that was working out. That the ideal body shape used as a starting point for a collection should be a female on the brink of hospitalisation from starvation is frightening. The longer I worked with models, the more the food deprivation became obvious. Cigarettes and Diet Coke were dietary staples. Sometimes you would see the tell-tale signs of anorexia, where a girl develops a light fuzz on her face and arms as her body struggles to stay warm. Society is understandably concerned about the issues surrounding body image and eating disorders, and the dangerous and unrealistic messages being sent to young women via fashion journals. When it comes to who should be blamed for the portrayal of overly thin models, magazine editors are in the direct line of fire, but it is more complex than that. The "fit" model begins the fashion process: Few designers have a curvy or petite fit model. There will also be casting directors and stylists involved who have a vision of the type of woman they envisage wearing these clothes. There are a few male fashion designers I would like to personally strangle. But there are many female fashion editors who perpetuate the stereotype, women who often have a major eating disorder of their own. They get so caught up in the hype of how brilliant clothes look on a size 4, they cannot see the inherent danger in the message. It cannot be denied that visually, clothes fall better on a slimmer frame, but there is slim, and then there is scary skinny. Despite protestations by women who recognise the danger of portraying any one body type as "perfect", the situation is not improving. There was a period in the last three years when some of the girls on the runways were so young and thin, and the shoes they were modelling so high, it actually seemed barbaric. After the shows, the collection is made available for the press to use for their shoots. These are the samples we all work with and they are obviously the size of the model who wore them on the runway. Thus, a stylist must cast a model who will fit into these tiny sizes. And they have become smaller since the early 90s. There are no bigger samples available, and the designer probably has no interest in seeing their clothes on larger women. It is a fashion magazine; we are showcasing the clothes. I am of the belief that an intelligent reader understands that a model is chosen because she carries clothes well. I see no problem with presenting a healthy, toned, Australian size 10 [UK]. But as sample sizes from the runway shows became smaller, 10 was no longer an option and the girls were dieting drastically to stay in the game. It is the ultimate vicious cycle. She begins to diet, loses the weight, and is praised by all for how good she looks. But instead of staying at that weight, and trying to maintain it through a sensible diet and exercise, she thinks losing more will make her even more desirable. And no one tells her to stop. They then enter into dangerous patterns of behaviour that the industry shockingly begins to accept as par for the course. We had a term for this spiral in the office. This dubious achievement was generally accompanied by mood swings, extreme fatigue, binge eating and sometimes bouts of self-harming. All in the quest to fit into a Balenciaga sample. Not every model has an eating disorder, but I would suggest that every model is not eating as much as she would like to. Her energy was fading, so I suggested we stop so she could have a snack. She shook her head and replied: It is my job not to eat. A few years later we booked another Russian girl, who was

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also starving herself, on a trip to Marrakech. They can tell their booker at the agency before they sleep that they only had a salad. In , a fashion season in which the girls were expected to be particularly bone-thin, I was having lunch in New York with a top agent who confidentially expressed her concern to me, as she did not want to be the one to expose the conspiracy. She lowered her tone and glanced around to see if anyone at the nearby tables could hear. We were all complicit. But in my experience it is practically impossible to get a photographer or a fashion editor – male or female – to acknowledge the repercussions of using very thin girls. They convince themselves that the girls are just genetically blessed, or have achieved it through energetic bouts of yoga and eating goji berries. She was the most painfully thin person I had ever seen, and my heart went out to her. I pointed her out to the editor who scrutinised the poor woman and said: In my early years at the magazine there was no minimum age limit on models, and there were occasions that girls under the age of 16 were used. Under my editorship, the fashion office found a new favourite model – Katie Braatvedt, a year-old from New Zealand. We had her under contract: I lamely debated the point, claiming that the photographs were meant to be innocent and charming, but in the end I had to agree wholeheartedly with the readers. Internationally Vogue has since launched a project called Health Initiative, instigated by the US Vogue editor-in-chief, Anna Wintour , which bans the use of models under 16 and pledges that they will not use models they know to be suffering from eating disorders. The first part you can police. The deference she commands from people is astonishing to watch. There appears to exist some kind of psychological condition that causes seemingly sane and successful adults to prostrate themselves in her presence. People actually want to be scared witless of her, so she obliges. After they had met me, people would often say: I was either expected to be terrifying or snobbish. Being a Vogue editor is precarious. For me, this is perilous.

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Chapter 3 : Sample Size Calculator

Excerpt from Sample Size Requirements for Zero Order Models: October Shoemaker and Staelin [11] examined the effects of sampling variation on market share estimates of new consumer products in the Parfitt and Collins model. Their results indicate that the coefficients of variation associated with the prediction of market shares for normally used sample sizes are in the range of 20% to.

Population definition[edit] Successful statistical practice is based on focused problem definition. In sampling, this includes defining the population from which our sample is drawn. A population can be defined as including all people or items with the characteristic one wishes to understand. Because there is very rarely enough time or money to gather information from everyone or everything in a population, the goal becomes finding a representative sample or subset of that population. Sometimes what defines a population is obvious. For example, a manufacturer needs to decide whether a batch of material from production is of high enough quality to be released to the customer, or should be sentenced for scrap or rework due to poor quality. In this case, the batch is the population. Although the population of interest often consists of physical objects, sometimes we need to sample over time, space, or some combination of these dimensions. For instance, an investigation of supermarket staffing could examine checkout line length at various times, or a study on endangered penguins might aim to understand their usage of various hunting grounds over time. For the time dimension, the focus may be on periods or discrete occasions. For example, Joseph Jagger studied the behaviour of roulette wheels at a casino in Monte Carlo , and used this to identify a biased wheel. Similar considerations arise when taking repeated measurements of some physical characteristic such as the electrical conductivity of copper. This situation often arises when we seek knowledge about the cause system of which the observed population is an outcome. Note also that the population from which the sample is drawn may not be the same as the population about which we actually want information. Often there is large but not complete overlap between these two groups due to frame issues etc. Sometimes they may be entirely separate – for instance, we might study rats in order to get a better understanding of human health, or we might study records from people born in in order to make predictions about people born in . Time spent in making the sampled population and population of concern precise is often well spent, because it raises many issues, ambiguities and questions that would otherwise have been overlooked at this stage. Sampling frame In the most straightforward case, such as the sampling of a batch of material from production acceptance sampling by lots , it would be most desirable to identify and measure every single item in the population and to include any one of them in our sample. However, in the more general case this is not usually possible or practical. There is no way to identify all rats in the set of all rats. Where voting is not compulsory, there is no way to identify which people will actually vote at a forthcoming election in advance of the election. These imprecise populations are not amenable to sampling in any of the ways below and to which we could apply statistical theory. As a remedy, we seek a sampling frame which has the property that we can identify every single element and include any in our sample. For example, in an opinion poll , possible sampling frames include an electoral register and a telephone directory. A probability sample is a sample in which every unit in the population has a chance greater than zero of being selected in the sample, and this probability can be accurately determined. The combination of these traits makes it possible to produce unbiased estimates of population totals, by weighting sampled units according to their probability of selection. We want to estimate the total income of adults living in a given street. We visit each household in that street, identify all adults living there, and randomly select one adult from each household. For example, we can allocate each person a random number, generated from a uniform distribution between 0 and 1, and select the person with the highest number in each household. We then interview the selected person and find their income. People living on their own are certain to be selected, so we simply add their income to our estimate of the total. But a person living in a household of two adults has only a one-in-two chance of selection. These various ways of probability sampling have two

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things in common: Every element has a known nonzero probability of being sampled and involves random selection at some point. It involves the selection of elements based on assumptions regarding the population of interest, which forms the criteria for selection. Hence, because the selection of elements is nonrandom, nonprobability sampling does not allow the estimation of sampling errors. These conditions give rise to exclusion bias, placing limits on how much information a sample can provide about the population. Information about the relationship between sample and population is limited, making it difficult to extrapolate from the sample to the population. We visit every household in a given street, and interview the first person to answer the door. In any household with more than one occupant, this is a nonprobability sample, because some people are more likely to answer the door. Nonprobability sampling methods include convenience sampling, quota sampling and purposive sampling. Sampling methods[edit] Within any of the types of frames identified above, a variety of sampling methods can be employed, individually or in combination. Factors commonly influencing the choice between these designs include: Simple random sampling A visual representation of selecting a simple random sample In a simple random sample SRS of a given size, all such subsets of the frame are given an equal probability. Each element of the frame thus has an equal probability of selection: Furthermore, any given pair of elements has the same chance of selection as any other such pair and similarly for triples, and so on. This minimizes bias and simplifies analysis of results. In particular, the variance between individual results within the sample is a good indicator of variance in the overall population, which makes it relatively easy to estimate the accuracy of results. For instance, a simple random sample of ten people from a given country will on average produce five men and five women, but any given trial is likely to overrepresent one sex and underrepresent the other. Systematic and stratified techniques attempt to overcome this problem by "using information about the population" to choose a more "representative" sample. SRS may also be cumbersome and tedious when sampling from an unusually large target population. In some cases, investigators are interested in "research questions specific" to subgroups of the population. For example, researchers might be interested in examining whether cognitive ability as a predictor of job performance is equally applicable across racial groups. SRS cannot accommodate the needs of researchers in this situation because it does not provide subsamples of the population. Systematic sampling A visual representation of selecting a random sample using the systematic sampling technique Systematic sampling also known as interval sampling relies on arranging the study population according to some ordering scheme and then selecting elements at regular intervals through that ordered list. Systematic sampling involves a random start and then proceeds with the selection of every k th element from then onwards. It is important that the starting point is not automatically the first in the list, but is instead randomly chosen from within the first to the k th element in the list. As long as the starting point is randomized, systematic sampling is a type of probability sampling. It is easy to implement and the stratification induced can make it efficient, if the variable by which the list is ordered is correlated with the variable of interest. For example, suppose we wish to sample people from a long street that starts in a poor area house No. A simple random selection of addresses from this street could easily end up with too many from the high end and too few from the low end or vice versa, leading to an unrepresentative sample. Note that if we always start at house 1 and end at, the sample is slightly biased towards the low end; by randomly selecting the start between 1 and 10, this bias is eliminated. However, systematic sampling is especially vulnerable to periodicities in the list. If periodicity is present and the period is a multiple or factor of the interval used, the sample is especially likely to be unrepresentative of the overall population, making the scheme less accurate than simple random sampling. For example, consider a street where the odd-numbered houses are all on the north expensive side of the road, and the even-numbered houses are all on the south cheap side. Under the sampling scheme given above, it is impossible to get a representative sample; either the houses sampled will all be from the odd-numbered, expensive side, or they will all be from the even-numbered, cheap side, unless the researcher has previous knowledge of this bias and avoids it by using a skip which ensures jumping between the two sides any odd-numbered skip. Another drawback of systematic sampling is that even in scenarios where it is more accurate than SRS, its theoretical

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properties make it difficult to quantify that accuracy. In the two examples of systematic sampling that are given above, much of the potential sampling error is due to variation between neighbouring houses " but because this method never selects two neighbouring houses, the sample will not give us any information on that variation. As described above, systematic sampling is an EPS method, because all elements have the same probability of selection in the example given, one in ten.

Stratified sampling A visual representation of selecting a random sample using the stratified sampling technique When the population embraces a number of distinct categories, the frame can be organized by these categories into separate "strata. There are several potential benefits to stratified sampling. First, dividing the population into distinct, independent strata can enable researchers to draw inferences about specific subgroups that may be lost in a more generalized random sample. Second, utilizing a stratified sampling method can lead to more efficient statistical estimates provided that strata are selected based upon relevance to the criterion in question, instead of availability of the samples. Third, it is sometimes the case that data are more readily available for individual, pre-existing strata within a population than for the overall population; in such cases, using a stratified sampling approach may be more convenient than aggregating data across groups though this may potentially be at odds with the previously noted importance of utilizing criterion-relevant strata. Finally, since each stratum is treated as an independent population, different sampling approaches can be applied to different strata, potentially enabling researchers to use the approach best suited or most cost-effective for each identified subgroup within the population. There are, however, some potential drawbacks to using stratified sampling. First, identifying strata and implementing such an approach can increase the cost and complexity of sample selection, as well as leading to increased complexity of population estimates. Second, when examining multiple criteria, stratifying variables may be related to some, but not to others, further complicating the design, and potentially reducing the utility of the strata. Finally, in some cases such as designs with a large number of strata, or those with a specified minimum sample size per group , stratified sampling can potentially require a larger sample than would other methods although in most cases, the required sample size would be no larger than would be required for simple random sampling. A stratified sampling approach is most effective when three conditions are met

Variability within strata are minimized
Variability between strata are maximized
The variables upon which the population is stratified are strongly correlated with the desired dependent variable.

Advantages over other sampling methods
Focuses on important subpopulations and ignores irrelevant ones.
Allows use of different sampling techniques for different subpopulations.
Permits greater balancing of statistical power of tests of differences between strata by sampling equal numbers from strata varying widely in size.

Disadvantages
Requires selection of relevant stratification variables which can be difficult.
Is not useful when there are no homogeneous subgroups.
Can be expensive to implement.

Poststratification Stratification is sometimes introduced after the sampling phase in a process called "poststratification". Although the method is susceptible to the pitfalls of post hoc approaches, it can provide several benefits in the right situation. Implementation usually follows a simple random sample. In choice-based sampling, [7] the data are stratified on the target and a sample is taken from each stratum so that the rare target class will be more represented in the sample. The model is then built on this biased sample. The effects of the input variables on the target are often estimated with more precision with the choice-based sample even when a smaller overall sample size is taken, compared to a random sample. The results usually must be adjusted to correct for the oversampling.

Probability-proportional-to-size sampling[edit] In some cases the sample designer has access to an "auxiliary variable" or "size measure", believed to be correlated to the variable of interest, for each element in the population. These data can be used to improve accuracy in sample design. One option is to use the auxiliary variable as a basis for stratification, as discussed above. In a simple PPS design, these selection probabilities can then be used as the basis for Poisson sampling. However, this has the drawback of variable sample size, and different portions of the population may still be over- or under-represented due to chance variation in selections. Systematic sampling theory can be used to create a probability proportionate to size sample.

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Chapter 4 : Implement zero-order hold sample period - Simulink

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The level of satisfaction is ultimately dependent on the fulfilment of customer needs. It is the only comprehensive quality tool aimed specifically at translating and comparing customer satisfaction measures. Used in combination, the Kano survey and QFD tools provide companies with the ability to maximize customer satisfaction positive quality measured by metrics such as repeat business and market share. There are significant benefits in using the Kano method to capture client perception and the QFD model to understand the relationship between product features and customer satisfaction. An example illustrates how the use of Kano and QFD improved a corporate quality function help desk. The corporate quality function help desk is an intranet-based help desk tool used extensively by process improvement practitioners. The effectiveness of the help desk is measured against service-level agreements established by the help desk administrators. A turnaround time TAT metric was adopted for gauging internal customer satisfaction with the help desk. However, in spite of highly favorable TAT results, various qualitative comments captured in customer surveys indicated dissatisfaction. As a result, administrators of the help desk referred to as the QDI help desk needed to find an effective way to collect the exact requirements of customers and to identify an appropriate solution.

Kano Model and Kano Survey The Kano model classifies product attributes based on how they are perceived by customers as well as the effect of the attributes on customer satisfaction. Since the impact on customer satisfaction is different for each customer requirement, it is important to determine which attributes of a product or service bring more satisfaction than others. The Kano classifications used to capture this information identify which attributes drive customer satisfaction, and indicate where a company should focus to retain market competitiveness. Exceeding expectation creates a competitive advantage and leads to innovation. In the example, a Kano questionnaire was designed to understand customer requirements and identify opportunities to improve the service provided by the help desk. First, key services offered through the help desk were analyzed to create a list of inputs for the questionnaire. Response time Ease of use of the tool Relevance of the help desk in projects Clarity of communication Usefulness of the help desk-FAQ function Help desk discussion forum usage Usefulness of user manual Help desk facility value to software projects

The questionnaire design captured VOC relative to the importance of individual help desk services, current satisfaction level and ratings compared to other help desks used by the customer. Collecting the Voice of the Customer To capture VOC for the help desk, customers were asked to provide qualitative inputs on improving help desk performance and also rate each of the help desk features or attributes using the scale below. The Kano survey model measured customer perception of importance and satisfaction for specific help desk attributes. Characteristics that must exist in order for the product to achieve success. The customer can remain neutral in attitude toward the product even with improved execution of the attributes. Characteristics that directly correlate to customer satisfaction. Increased functionality or quality of execution will result in increased customer satisfaction. Conversely, decreased functionality will result in greater dissatisfaction. Characteristics that give customers greater satisfaction and for which they are willing to pay a price premium. Satisfaction will not decrease below neutral if the product lacks the feature. Indifferent responses represent attributes the customer generally ignores. If the attributes are present, the customer is generally satisfied. If they are not present, there is no impact on customer satisfaction. Questionable responses and reversals are client perceptions that contradict each other. Stratification of Responses To understand the VOC received through the Kano survey, an analysis of the information is required. Responses are interpreted using the following process: Obtain the importance of each feature by stratifying the responses into three categories: Percentage of responses with rating above 3 Percentage of responses with rating equal to 3 Percentage of responses with rating less than 3 Step 2: Match the importance data against each feature and determine a ranking from a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the highest rank. For example, importance data obtained for the

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help desk response time attribute reflected that Since this attribute received the highest percentage importance rating as compared to the other attributes, it was given a ranking of Review the ranking for all features to identify metrics that are important for measuring customer critical-to-quality elements CTQs.

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Chapter 5 : How To Determine Sample Size, Determining Sample Size

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Consequential research requires an understanding of the statistics that drive the range of sample size decisions you need to make. A simple equation will help you put the migraine pills away and sample confidently knowing that there is a high probability that your survey is statistically accurate with the correct sample size.

Sample Size Variables Based on Target Population Before you can calculate a sample size, you need to determine a few things about the target population and the sample you need: **Population Size** How many total people fit your demographic? For instance, if you want to know about mothers living in the US, your population size would be the total number of mothers living in the US. Not all populations sizes need to be this large. Even if your population size is small, just know who fits into your demographics. It is common for the population to be unknown or approximated between two educated guesses. **Margin of Error Confidence Interval** No sample will be perfect, so you must decide how much error to allow. The confidence interval determines how much higher or lower than the population mean you are willing to let your sample mean fall. For example, it will look something like this: **Standard of Deviation** How much variance do you expect in your responses? **Calculating Sample Size** Okay, now that we have these values defined, we can calculate our needed sample size. This can be done using an online sample size calculator or with paper and pencil. Your confidence level corresponds to a Z-score. This is a constant value needed for this equation. Here are the z-scores for the most common confidence levels:

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Chapter 6 : Sampling (statistics) - Wikipedia

Determining sample size requirements for structural equation modeling (SEM) is a challenge often faced by investigators, peer reviewers, and grant writers. Recent years have seen a large increase in SEMs in the behavioral science literature, but consideration of sample size requirements for applied.

Consider the following from pp. Quantifying the User Experience: Practical Statistics for User Research, 2nd Ed. Morgan-Kaufmann you can look inside at <https://www.morgan-kaufmann.com/> ON ONE HAND Probably most of us who have taken an introductory statistics class or know someone who took such a class have heard the rule of thumb that to estimate or compare means, your sample size should be at least 30. According to the central limit theorem, as the sample size increases, the distribution of the mean becomes more and more normal, regardless of the normality of the underlying distribution. Another consideration is that it is slightly simpler to use z-scores rather than t-scores because z-scores do not require the use of degrees of freedom. As shown in Table 9. The likelihood that 30 is exactly the right sample for a given set of circumstances is very low. As shown in our chapters on sample size estimation, a more appropriate approach is to take the formulas for computing the significance levels of a statistical test and, using algebra to solve for n, convert them to sample size estimation formulas. Those formulas then provide specific guidance on what you have to know or estimate for a given situation to estimate the required sample size. The idea that even with the t-distribution as opposed to the z-distribution you need to have a sample size of at least 30 is inconsistent with the history of the development of the distribution. In 1908, William S. Gossett, a recent graduate of New College in Oxford with degrees in chemistry and mathematics, became one of the first scientists to join the Guinness brewery. In the work that led to the publication of the tables, Gossett performed an early version of Monte Carlo simulations. Stigler, He prepared cards labeled with physical measurements taken on criminals, shuffled them, then dealt them out into groups of size 4 – a sample size much smaller than 30. For any research, the number of users to test depends on the purpose of the test and the type of data you plan to collect. As you can see from the numerous examples in this book that have sample sizes not equal to 30 sometimes less, sometimes more, we do not hold this rule of thumb in very high regard. As described in our sample size chapter for summative research, the appropriate sample size for a study depends on the type of distribution, the expected variability of the data, the desired levels of confidence and power, and the minimum size of the effect that you need to be able to reliably detect. As illustrated in Fig. 9.1. With sample sizes these small, your confidence intervals will be much wider than what you would get with larger samples. From the perspective of the approach of t to z, there is very little gain past 10 degrees of freedom. This is just one of the less obvious ways in which usability practitioners benefit from the science and practice of beer brewing. In a letter to Ronald A. Fisher, Gossett got a lot of things right, but he certainly got that wrong. The importance of practice in the development of statistics. Technometrics, 26(1), 1-10. Fisher, the life of a scientist. British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology, 31, 1-10. Things I have learned so far. American Psychologist, 45(12), 12-13. The lady tasting tea: How statistics revolutionized science in the twentieth century. Statistics on the table: The history of statistical concepts and methods.

Chapter 7 : Leveraging Kano and QFD for Requirements Management

Determining sample size requirements for structural equation modeling (SEM) is a challenge often faced by investigators, peer reviewers, and grant writers. Recent years have seen a large increase in SEMs in the behavioral science literature, but consideration of sample size requirements for applied SEMs often relies on outdated rules-of-thumb.

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sample size than condition (4), which begs the question as to whether even more stringent requirements on sample size exist for the two-stage estimation of SUR models.

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