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# **Factor Analysis**

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# **Topics**

- What is Factor Analysis(FA)?
- Sector Sector Sector Analysis
  \* Exploratory vs. Confirmatory Factor Analysis
- \* EFA CFA Implementation Steps
- Path analysis

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# Factor analysis

Factor analysis is a statistical test that is used to find relationships between multiple correlated measures and *Charles Edward Spearman* played a clear part in its development.

Factor analysis is a technique that is used to reduce a large number of variables into fewer numbers of factors.

It is one of the multivariate methods in which all variables are inter dependent and the concept of modeling based on independent and dependent variables does not apply.



Simplify factor analysis of complex data by describing it in terms of fewer variables, based on variance between several dependent variables.

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# The main applications of factor analytic techniques are:

□ To *reduce* the number of variables

□ To *detect structure* in the relationships between variables

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١.	بعضی وقت ها احساس می کنم که مادرم وبال گردنم است.					
۲	هنگامی که از مادرم به مدتزمان زیادی دور میمانم، احساس شادمانی می کنم.					
٣	نظر من در مورد صفات ارثی شبیه پدرم است.					
۴	در انتخاب دوستانم خواسته های مادرم مؤثر بوده است.					
۵	احساس می کنم که دانماً با مادرم می جنگم.					
۶	بسیاری از مشکلاتی که دارم، مادرم را مقصر میدانم.					
v	کاش بیشتر می توانستم به مادرم اعتماد کنم.					
٨	نگرش من در مورد قباحت و زشتی شبیه نگرش مادرم است.					
٩	وقتي كه مشكلي پيدا مي كنم، معمولاً براي حل آن به مادرم متوسل مي شوم.					
15	برایم بااهمیت ترین شخص در دنیا، مادرم است.					
11	من بايد مراقب باشم تا به احساسات مادرم صدمه نزنم.					
17	عقیدهام در مورد نقش زن شبیه نظر مادرم است.					
17	اغلب از مادرم میخواهم تا در حل مشکلات شخصیام به من کمک کند.					
15	کاهی اوقات احساس می کنم که توسط مادرم تنبیه میشوم.					
10	کاشکی مادرم بیشازاندازه حمایت کننده نبود.					
19	عقایدم در مورد نقش مرد شبیه نظر مادرم است.					
h	یدون تأیید مادرم نمی توانم یک خرید عمده را انجام دهم.					
V1A	کاشی مادرم زیاد مرا تحت نفوذ خود قرار نمی داد.					
11	ای کاش مادرم مرا بازیچه دست خود قرار نمی داد.					
Ŀ	عقايد مذهبي من شبيه مادرم است.					

## **Exploratory vs. Confirmatory Factor Analysis**

## **Exploratory**:

- summarize data
- **describe** correlation structure between variables
- generate hypotheses

## □Confirmatory

CFA starts with a hypothesis about how many factors there are and which items load on which factors

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#### **Exploratory Factor Analysis Implementation Steps**



**1.** Evaluation of Data Suitability for EFA

#### \* Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO)

Imeasure of sampling adequacy

**KMO** KMO returns values between 0 and 1. (0 worse, 1 better)

### \* Bartlett's test of sphericity

- variables are related (correlation) and therefore suitable for structure detection.
- Small values (less than 0.05) of the significance level indicate that a factor analysis may be useful with your data.
- Normality (interval or ratio levels), Linearity, Outliers



# **2. Factor Extraction**

- Maximum likelihood
- Principal components analysis (PCA)
- Principal axis factoring (PAF)
- Image factoring
- Alpha factoring
- Onweighted least squares
- Generalised least squares

## **Extraction method**

#### Principal Components Analysis.

• A factor extraction method used to form uncorrelated linear combinations of the observed variables. The first component has maximum variance. Successive components explain progressively smaller portions of the variance and are all uncorrelated with each other.Principal components analysis is used to obtain the initial factor solution. It can be used when a correlation matrix is singular.

#### Principal Axis Factoring.

A method of extracting factors from the original correlation matrix, with squared multiple correlation coefficients placed in the diagonal as initial estimates of the communalities. These factor loadings are used to estimate new communalities that replace the old communality estimates in the diagonal. Iterations continue until the changes in the communalities from one iteration to the next satisfy the convergence criterion for extraction.

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# **Extraction method**

- Unweighted Least-Squares Method.
- A factor extraction method that minimizes the sum of the squared differences between the observed and reproduced correlation matrices (ignoring the diagonals).
- Generalized Least-Squares Method.
- A factor extraction method that minimizes the sum of the squared differences between the observed and reproduced correlation matrices. Correlations are weighted by the inverse of their uniqueness, so that variables with high uniqueness are given less weight than those with low uniqueness.
- Maximum-Likelihood Method.
- A factor extraction method that produces parameter estimates that are most likely to have produced the observed correlation matrix if the sample is from a multivariate normal distribution. The correlations are weighted by the inverse of the uniqueness of the variables, and an iterative algorithm is employed.

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# **Extraction method**

#### • Alpha Factoring.

• A factor extraction method that considers the variables in the analysis to be a sample from the universe of potential variables. This method maximizes the alpha reliability of the factors.

#### • Image Factoring.

• A factor extraction method developed by Guttman and based on image theory. The common part of the variable, called the partial image, is defined as its linear regression on remaining variables, rather than a function of hypothetical factors.

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## **3.** Choosing the number of components to extract

- \* A Priori knowledge.
- \* Determination Based on Percentage of Variance.
- \* Kaiser's
- we can retain only factors with eigenvalues greater than 1.



# 4. Rotation of Factors

- \* retention is more important than other phases.
- \* facilitates interpretation
- A number of criteria are available to assist these decisions, but they do not always lead to the same or even similar results.
- After rotation each variable should have nonzero or significant loadings with only a few factors, if possible with only one.

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## Orthogonal rotation

- Varimax
- Quartimax
- Equamax
- oblique rotations
- direct oblimin
- promax

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# Confirmatory Factor Analysis(CFA) steps:

Model Specification/Hypotheses

•Model (parameter) estimation

•Model evaluation and modification

•Reporting findings

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# Model Specification/Hypotheses

- Specify a model derived from theory and a set of hypotheses
- Specification of the confirmatory factor model requires making formal and explicit statements about
- □ the number of observed variables
- □ The number of factors
- Relationship of factors to items (which items load on which factors)
- □ the variances and covariances among the common factors

□ Which indicators are influenced by which factors?



# Parameter estimation:

 The parameters to be estimated (the regression coefficients and the variances and the covariances of the independent variables in the model)

#### Parameter estimation methods

- Maximum likelihood (ML)
- Generalized least squares (GLS)
- Unweighted least squares (ULS)
- Weighted least squares (WLS)
- Diagonal weighted least squares (DWLS)

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## Model evaluation

Model Fit Index	Recommended Values	
CMIN (Chi-square p value)	> .05	
CMIN /df	≤ 3	
CFI	≥ .90	
GFI	≥ .90	
AGFI	≥ .90	
NFI	≥ .90	
RMSEA	≤ .05	শ
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### **Determine the model fit(chi-squared test)**

- \* chi-squared test, Values closer to zero indicate a better fit; non- significant
- \* researchers may fail to reject an <u>inappropriate</u> model in small sample sizes and reject an <u>appropriate</u> model in large sample sizes
- If the observed variables are not multivariate normally distributed, the x2 test and the standard errors of the parameters are biased – but the parameter estimates are not affected.

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# Goodness-of-fit index (GFI)

- The goodness-of-fit index represents the amount of variances and covariances in the sample covariance matrix that are predicted by the model.
- ✤ GFI can thus be interpreted in the same way as R2 in multiple linear regression. There is also an adjusted version, AGIF.
- NOTE! GFI and AGFI are very sample size sensitive, and therefore not recommended.

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# Standardized root mean square residual (SRMR)

\* The smaller the SRMR, the better the model fit.

# \* Rule of thumb: SRMR > 0.1 usually means a problem with the fit.

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# **Comparative Fit Index (CFI)**

\* The comparative fit index is a normed index (range 0-1).

\* with higher values indicating better model fit.

The CFI is relatively insensitive to the complexity of the model. It is one of the most widely used indices.

CFI>0.9 or higher is usually associated with a good model fit.



## Determine the model fit base on parameter estimates

- No correlations or variances have values outside their possible range.
- If parameter estimates are outside their possible rang(variances are negative or represent >100% of the total variance)
- the absolute value of correlation coefficients are > 1, that's an indication that a model is fundamentally wrong and unsuitable for the data
- The statistical significance of the loadings are assessed by their <u>p-values</u>.
- \* Rule of thumb for a good indicator: <u>squared corr >0.5</u>



# Factor analysis



SEM=CFA + path analysis (regression slopes)

SEM assumes causally interrelated latent variables
CFA assumes interrelated latent variables (i.e. exogenous)

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# Path analysis

- Path analysis is special types of SEM
- Can be used to test causality through the use of bivariate and multivariate regression
- Note that you are only finding evidence for causality, not proving it.
- Can use the standardized coefficients (the beta weights) to determine the strengths of the direct and indirect relationships in a multivariate model



# Path analysis steps

- 1. Draw a path diagram according to the theory.
- 2. Conduct one or more regression analyses.
- 3. Compare the regression estimates (B) to the theoretical assumptions or (Beta) other studies.
- If needed, modify the model by removing or adding connecting paths between the variables and redo stages 2 and 3.

## **Path models**



# A Path model depicting moderation (interaction) :



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#### There are many excellent books on factor analysis.

#### John C. Loehlin, A. Alexander Beaujean:

Latent Variable Models: An Introduction to Factor, Path, and Structural Equation Analysis [5 ed.]

#### Mindrila, Diana:

Education in a competitive and globalizing world series. Exploratory Factor Analysis: Applications in School Improvement Research

#### Jason W. Osborne, Erin S. Banjanovic

Exploratory Factor Analysis with SAS

#### Timothy A. Brown:

Confirmatory Factor Analysis for Applied Research

#### Donna Harrington

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