

# Assessing Fit of IRT Models

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# 1. Background information

- IRT
  - Latent constructs
  - Tests/questionnaires
  - Assessing model fit
    - Goodness-of-fit tests
    - Fit indices

## 2. The issue

- Estimation and consistency issues
- Few goodness-of-fit tests
  - Issues with current tests
- Scarce studies for TLI and CFI

### 3. The current study

- New goodness-of-fit test
- TLI and CFI

#### 3.1. Research questions

- 1 Required sample size?
- 2 Comparing performance
- 3 Performance of TLI and CFI?

## 4. Simulation study

### 4.1. Data generation

- Dichotomous items
- Static item parameters
- Two models: 2PL, 3PL
- Varying four factors

## 4.2. Simulation Design

Table: Overview of Simulation Conditions for Each Factor

| Factor           | Conditions                     | Description   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Test length      | 5 - 10 - 20                    | The total number of items that the test will consist of   |
| Sample size      | 100 - 200 - 500<br>1000 - 1500 | The total number of observations that are available for each item                               |
| Model type       | 2PL - 3PL                      | The models that we will use as the basis for data generation                                    |
| Number of groups | 2 - 3 - 4                      | The number of groups that the data gets divided into for the LR Randomisation test calculations |

## 4.3. Performance metrics

### Goodness-of-fit tests

- Power
- Empirical  $\alpha$

### Fit indices

- Mean (SE)





Thank you for listening!



# References