

ESTIMATING AND PROBING CONDITIONAL EFFECTS IN TWO INSTANCE REPEATED-MEASURES DESIGNS

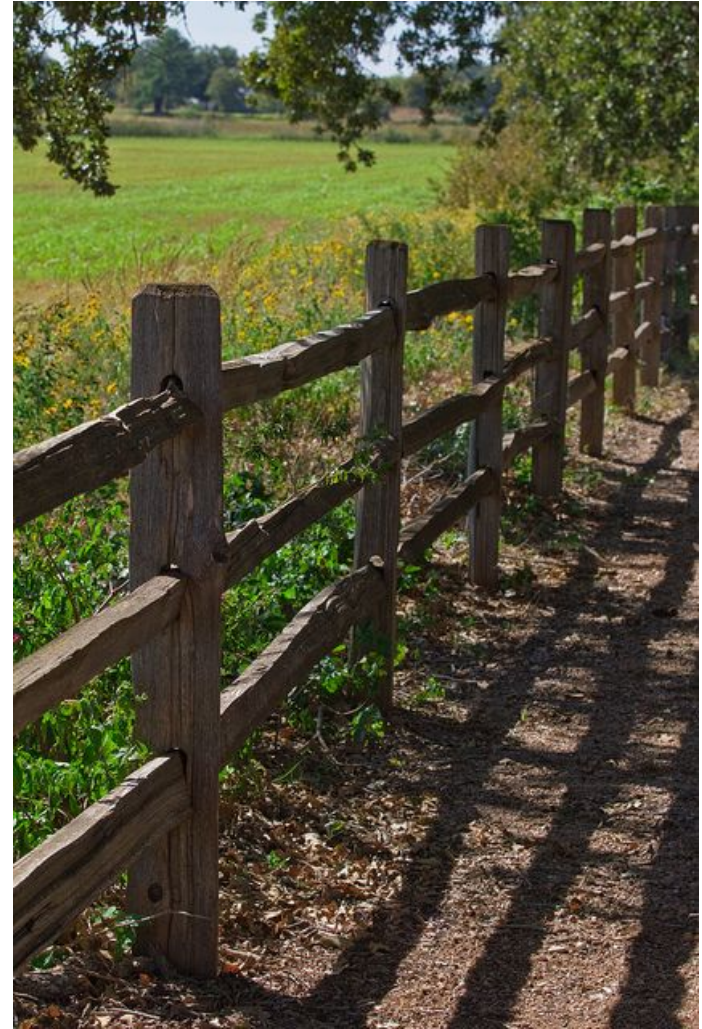
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Running Example: Group Work in Computer Science

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- `Grppref`: Preference for group work ($\alpha = .60$)
- `Order`
 - 1 = Group First; 2 = Individual First

University of Washington

Computer Science & Engineering 142:

Introduction to Programming I

Course Syllabus

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Lecture Time

MWF 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Classroom TBA

Discussion Sections

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Course Web Site

- <http://www.cs.washington.edu/142/>

Textbook

- Reges/Stepp, *Building Java Programs: A Back to Basics Approach (2nd Edition)*.

Grading

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Academic Integrity and Collaboration

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COMPUTER SCIENCE WITHIN-SUBJECTS DATA EXAMPLE

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Data should be in wide format, two-condition within-subjects design with a person level covariate.

Research Question: Does the degree to which preference for group work predicts interest in computer science depend on whether or not the class has group work?

Or

Does effect of group work on interest in computer science classes depend on an individual's preference for group work?

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Subject	int_I	int_G	grp_PREF
300	1.50	4.00	6.67
301	2.75	3.25	6.33
325	5.75	2.50	2.67
342	3.50	5.75	6.00
349	2.25	2.00	4.00
350	1.50	1.75	3.67
305	2.50	4.25	4.00
348	6.00	1.75	2.33
318	3.00	2.00	4.67
320	4.00	5.25	4.00
332	5.00	5.00	3.67
338	2.00	1.75	3.00
310	1.00	1.75	3.00
304	1.25	4.50	5.67
306	5.75	4.50	4.00
308	3.25	4.75	4.00
315	2.75	2.25	4.33
322	5.50	2.00	2.33
343	1.75	5.25	6.00
314	4.00	5.50	3.00
319	2.25	4.00	5.00

Repeated Measures Data

There are many different kinds of “repeated measures data.” What type of data you have will determine what kind of mediation analysis is appropriate.

Types of *Repeated Measurements*:

- Each person *over time*
- *Nested/Multilevel* data (individuals within schools, cohorts, etc)
- *Dyadic* data (twins, couples, labmates, roommates)
- Each person in a *variety of circumstances*
- and many more...

What is measured repeatedly?

- Specifically in moderation, it's important to think about how/when/how many times the variables in your model are measured
- *Multilevel* framework has a nice system referring to levels
- Is your independent variable measured repeatedly?
- Is your independent variable what differentiates your repeated measurements?

Repeated Measures Data

MEMORE is for two-instance repeated measures moderation analysis, where the independent variable of interest is the factor which differs by repeated measures.

X : varies between repeated measurements

M : measured once, does not vary by instance

Y : measured in each of the two instances

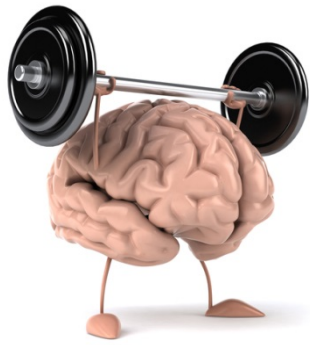


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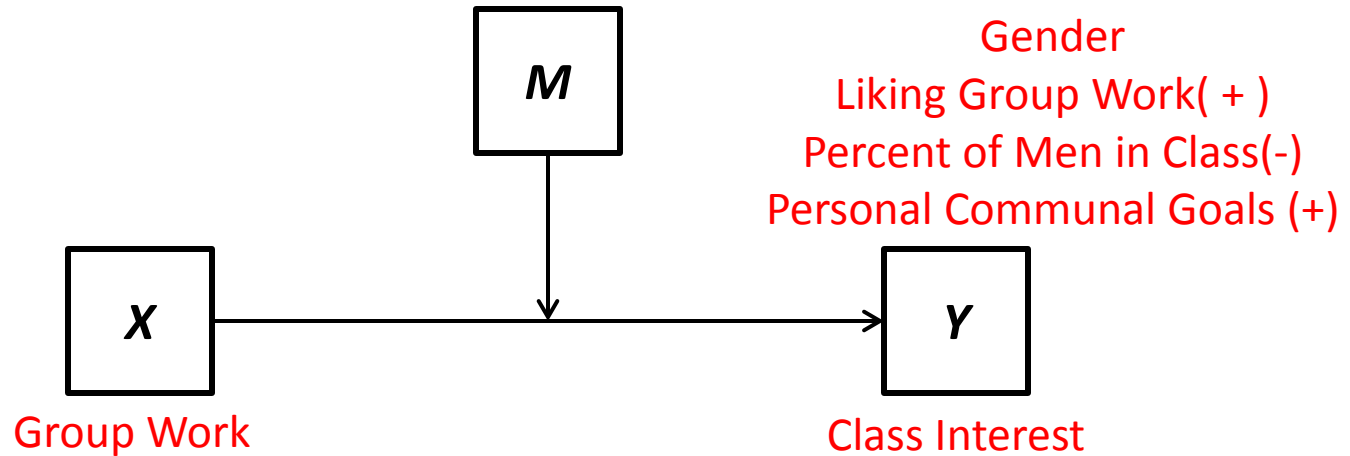
- Participants read two assignments which differ in framing. Interested in how assignment influences *motivation to complete* and whether effect of assignment depends on *current GPA*.
- Pre-post test: Educator measures learning outcomes before administering an intervention, and after administering the intervention. Does this relationship depend on person level variables (e.g. parent support)?
- Researcher interested in cross-gender partners, do team level variables impact the differences in outcomes for girls and boys?

Non-Examples:

- Does reading intervention's impact on language outcomes depend on change in reading? (Pre/post)
- Any instance where repeated-measure factor is a “nuisance” (e.g. studying schools, but not interested in comparing schools directly).



Moderation



The relationship between the focal predictor (X) and an outcome (Y) is said to be moderated when the size or direction depends on M . Moderation helps us understand boundary conditions of effect: for whom on when is the effect large or small, present or absent, positive or negative.

X and M are frequently described as “interacting” in their prediction of Y .

Many different kind of variables may act as moderators. Situational, individual level variables, cognitive variables, environmental variables, etc.

A quick example: Name some possible moderators!

Modeling Non-Contingent Relationships

A multiple regression model without interaction terms, fixes the relationship between the predictors and the outcomes to be the same regardless of the level of other predictors.

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1X_i + b_2M_i$$

Example:

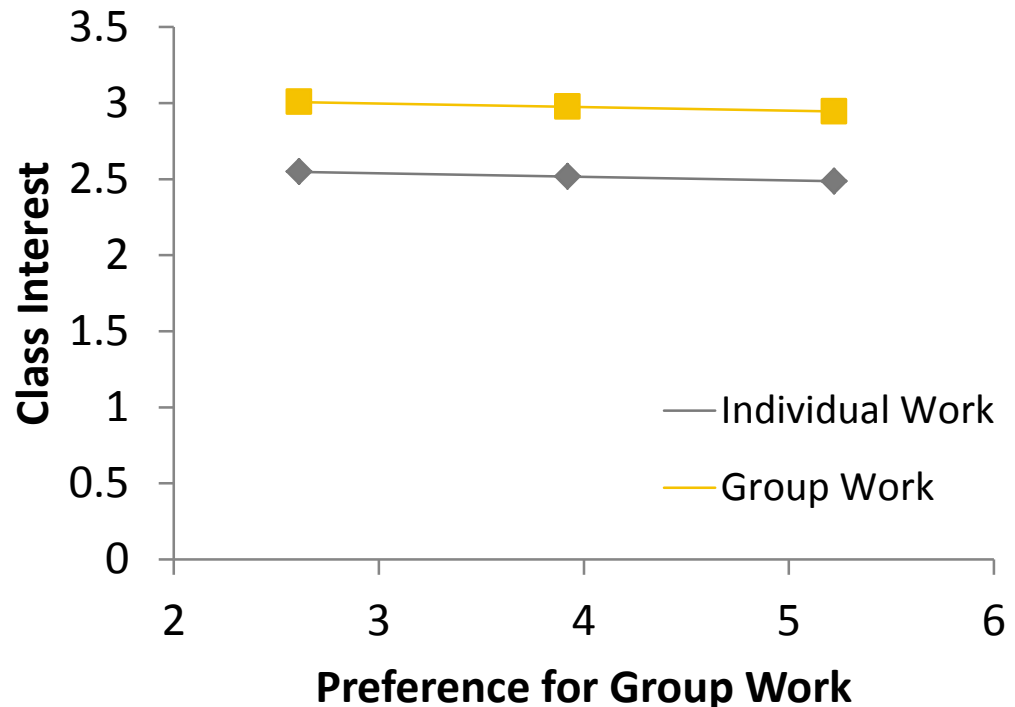
Y: Interest in Class (1-7)

X: Group Work (0 No Group Work; 1 Group Work)

M: Preference for group work (1-7)

A one unit increase in group work results in a .46 unit increase in interest, regardless of preference for group work.

\hat{Y}	X	M
2.55	0	2.61
2.52	0	3.92
2.49	0	5.22
3.01	1	2.61
2.98	1	3.92
2.94	1	5.22

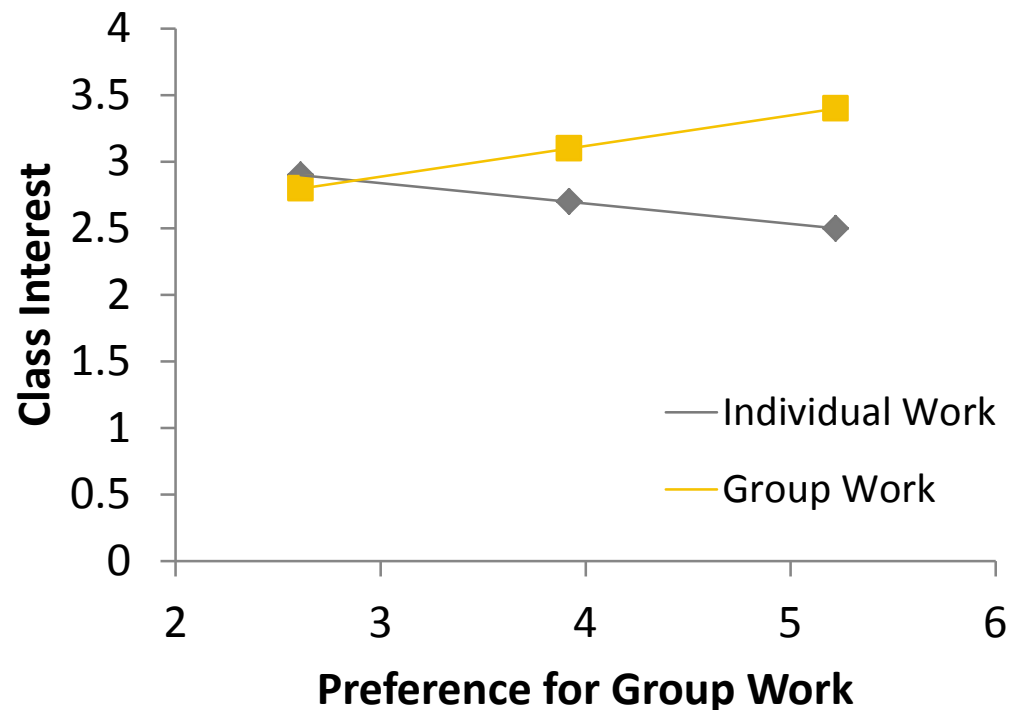


Modeling Contingent Relationships

What if instead we felt that the relationship between group work and interest depends on preference for group work?

$$Y_i = b_0 + (b_1 + b_3 M_i) X_i + b_2 M_i$$

Y	X	M
2.9	0	2.61
2.7	0	3.92
2.5	0	5.22
2.8	1	2.61
3.1	1	3.92
3.4	1	5.22



Symmetry in Moderation

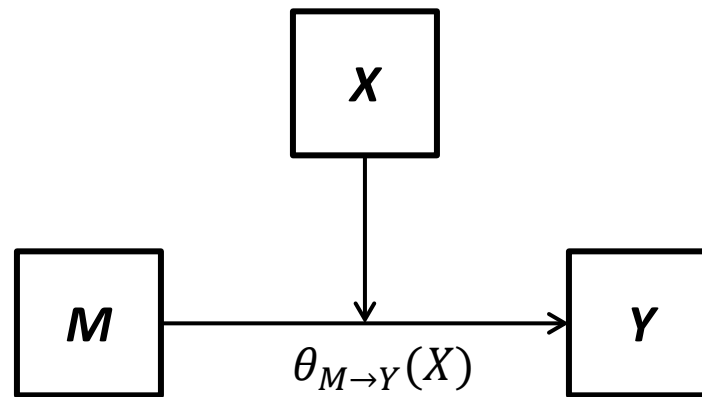
$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1X_i + b_2M_i + b_3M_iX_i$$

We saw that this model can be expressed such that it is clear that X 's effect on Y depends on M

$$Y_i = b_0 + (b_1 + b_3M_i)X_i + b_2M_i$$

But it can also be equivalently expressed that M 's effect on Y depends on X

$$Y_i = b_0 + (b_2 + b_3X_i)M_i + b_1X_i$$



Here X moderates the effect of M on Y . X is the moderator, with the conditional effect of M on Y given X expressed as $\theta_{M \rightarrow Y}(X)$. Which variable to think of as the moderator is not a mathematical concern, but rather a substantive research concern. These two models are mathematically equivalent.

Probing an Interaction: The “Pick-a-Point” Approach

$$Y_i = b_0 + (b_1 + b_3 M_i) X_i + b_2 M_i$$

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Let's call the conditional effect:

$$\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M) = (b_1 + b_3 M_i)$$

The estimated standard error of θ is

$$s_{\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M)} = \sqrt{(s_{b_1}^2 + 2M s_{b_1 b_3} + M^2 s_{b_3}^2)}$$

Squared standard error of b_1

Covariance of b_1 and b_3

Squared standard error of b_3

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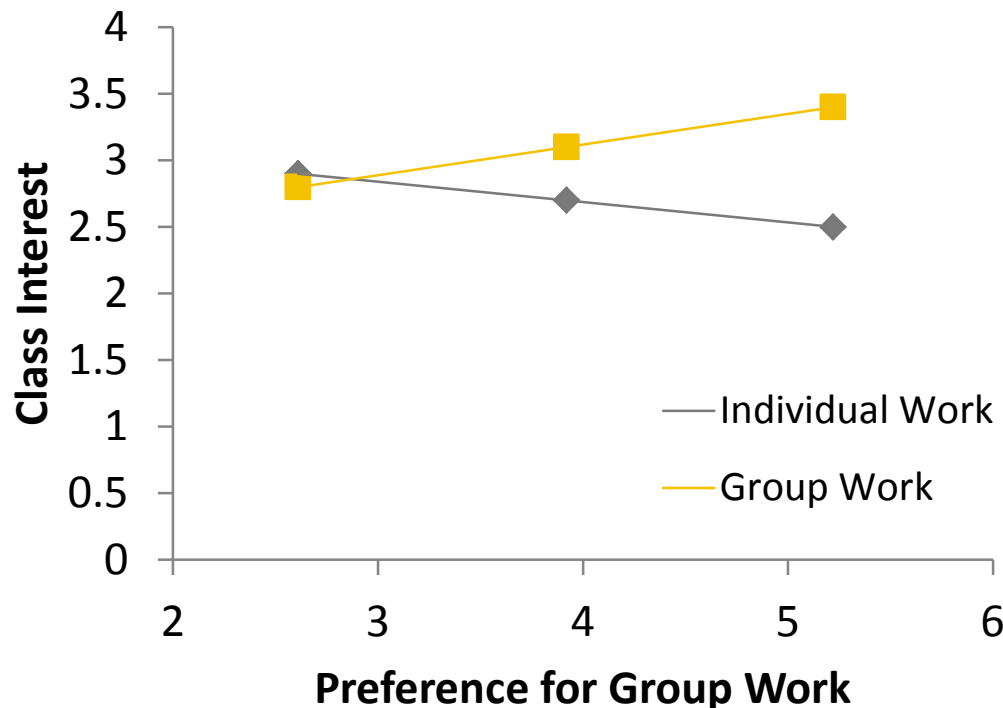
You must choose the points along the moderator to “probe” the effect of X on Y . There are some conventions for choosing to do so:

If M is dichotomous, choose the two coded values of M

If M is continuous, choose the Mean ± 1 SD

Let’s look at an example with our computer science data:

$$Y_i = 3.32 + (-1.07 + .39M_i)X_i - .16M_i$$



M	$\theta_{X \rightarrow Y M}$	$s_{\theta_{X \rightarrow Y M}}$	p
2.61	-0.06	0.41	0.89
3.92	0.45	0.29	0.12
5.22	0.96	0.40	0.02

Participants were more interested in the group work class than the individual work class when they had relatively high preference for group work.

The Johnson-Neyman Technique

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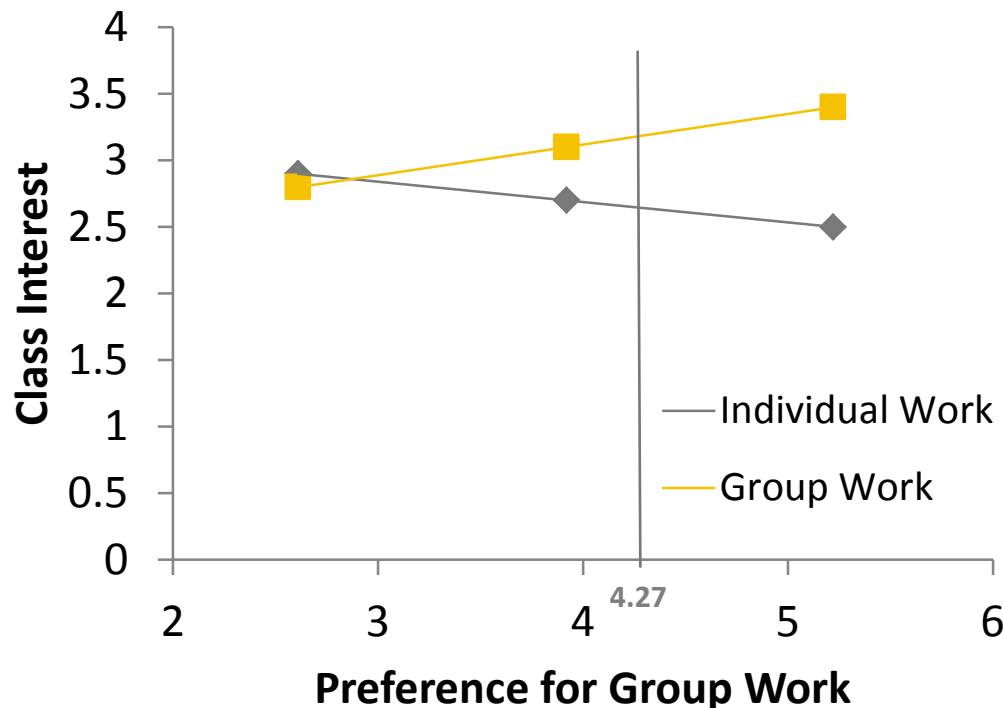
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For what values of preference for group work are there significant differences in interest between the group work and individual work class?

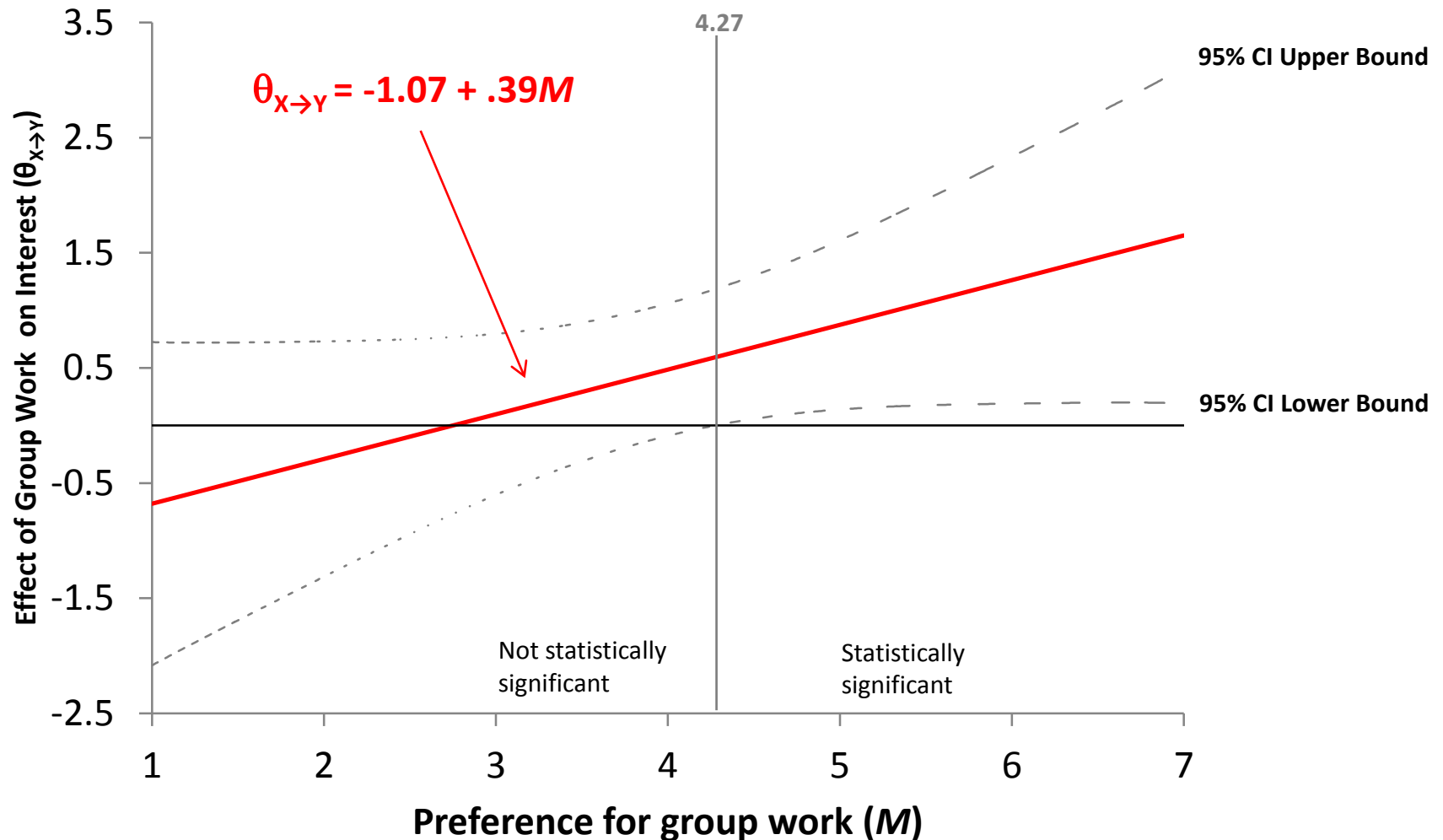
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A Plot of the “Region of Significance”



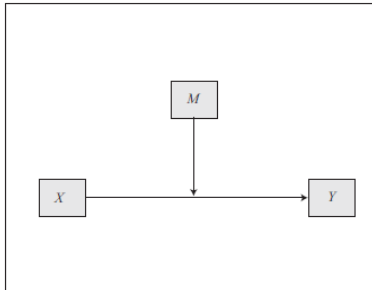
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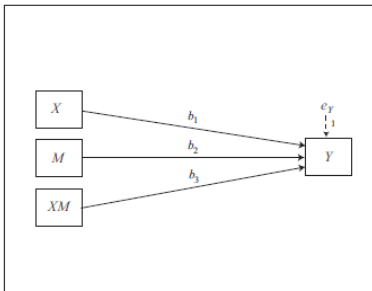
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Model 1

Conceptual Diagram



Statistical Diagram



Conditional effect of X on $Y = b_1 + b_3M$

```
PROCESS vars = cond interest grppref /x = cond  
/m = grppref /y = interest / model = 1  
/jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

- List all variables involved in the model in `vars` argument.
- Assign variables roles (X, Y, M), and covariates don't get a role.
- 2-way interaction is `Model 1`
- JN option calls the Johnson-Neyman technique
- PLOT option calls a table of values for making a plot.

Judd, McClelland, and Smith (1996)

Judd, C. M., McClelland, G. H., and Smith, E. R. (1996). Testing Treatment by Covariate Interactions When Treatment Varies Within Subjects. *Psychological Methods*, 1(4), 366-378.

A regression approach to considering “cross level” interactions.

Approach is very simple:

1. Data should be a two-condition within-subjects design with a person level covariate.
2. Setup two regression equations, one for each condition
3. Take the difference between those two regression equations
4. Regression weight for person level covariate in Step 3 tests moderation.



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2. Setup two regression equations, one for each condition

$$Y_{1i} = b_{10} + b_{11}M_i + \epsilon_{1i}$$

Is b_{11} different from b_{21} ?

$$Y_{2i} = b_{20} + b_{21}M_i + \epsilon_{2i}$$

3. Based on these models, setup a new model where you can directly estimate and conduct inference on what you are interested in (in this case $b_{11} - b_{21}$):

$$Y_{2i} - Y_{1i} = (b_{10} - b_{20}) + (b_{11} - b_{21})M_i + (\epsilon_{1i} - \epsilon_{2i}) = b_0 + b_1M_i + \epsilon_i$$

Use simple regression to conduct inference on $b_1 = b_{11} - b_{21}$

With the data: Does the relationship between preference for group work and interest depend on group work condition?

```
regression /dep = int_diff /method = enter grppref.
```

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4. Regression weight for person level covariate in Step 3 tests moderation.

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```
regression /dep = int_diff /method = enter grp_PREF.
```

Coefficients^a

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
1 (Constant)	-3.550	.648		-5.474	.000
grp_PREF	.994	.156	.674	6.388	.000



a. Dependent Variable: int_diff

What does it mean that b_1 is positive?

$$b_1 = b_{11} - b_{21} = .994$$

$$b_{11} > b_{21}$$

Practically, this means that the relationship between preference for group work and interest is significantly stronger (more positive) in the group work condition.

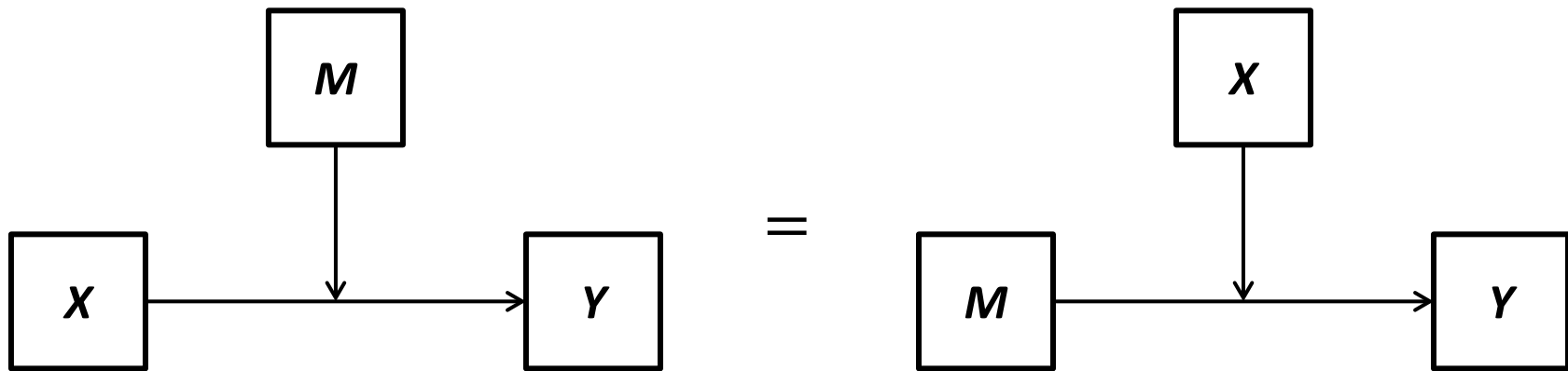
Symmetry in Within-Subjects Moderation

Does the effect of condition depend on M ?

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$Y_{2i} - Y_{1i}$ is a quantification of the effect of condition, which means that if M predicts $Y_{2i} - Y_{1i}$ then the effect of condition depends on M .

b_1 is a test of exactly that!



Conditional Effects in Within-Subjects Moderation

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Given a value of M what is the effect of condition on the outcome?

$Y_{2i} - Y_{1i}$ is a quantification of the effect of condition, which means that the conditional effect of condition $\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M) = b_0 + b_1M$

Given a specific condition what is the effect of M on the outcome?

$$Y_{1i} = b_{10} + b_{11}M_i + \epsilon_{1i}$$

$$Y_{2i} = b_{20} + b_{21}M_i + \epsilon_{2i}$$

$$\theta_{M \rightarrow Y}(X) = b_{X1}$$

Conditional effects will become important when it comes to probing

Probing an Effect of Condition on Outcome: The “Pick-a-Point” Approach

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Covariance of b_0 and b_1

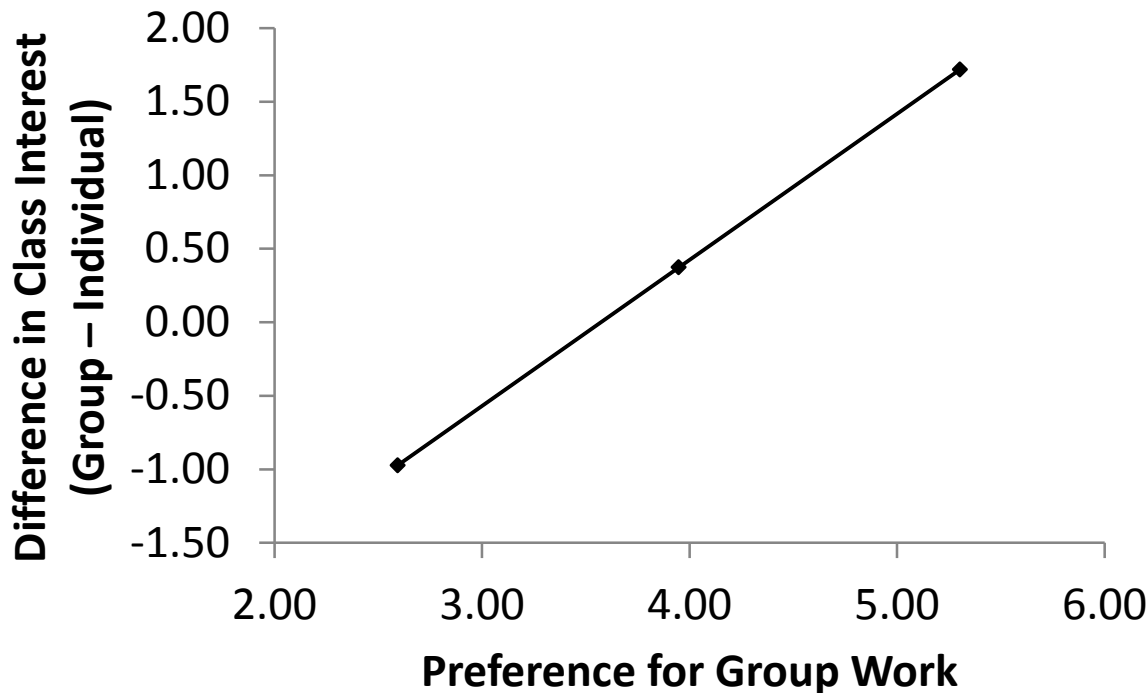
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$$Y_{Di} = -3.55 + .99M_i$$



M	$\theta_{X \rightarrow Y M}$	$s_{\theta_{X \rightarrow Y M}}$	p
2.59	-0.97	0.30	0.00
3.95	0.37	0.21	0.08
5.30	1.72	0.30	0.00

Participants relatively low in preference for group work are more interested in the individual work class, and those high in preference for group work are more interested in the class with group work.

The Johnson-Neyman Technique

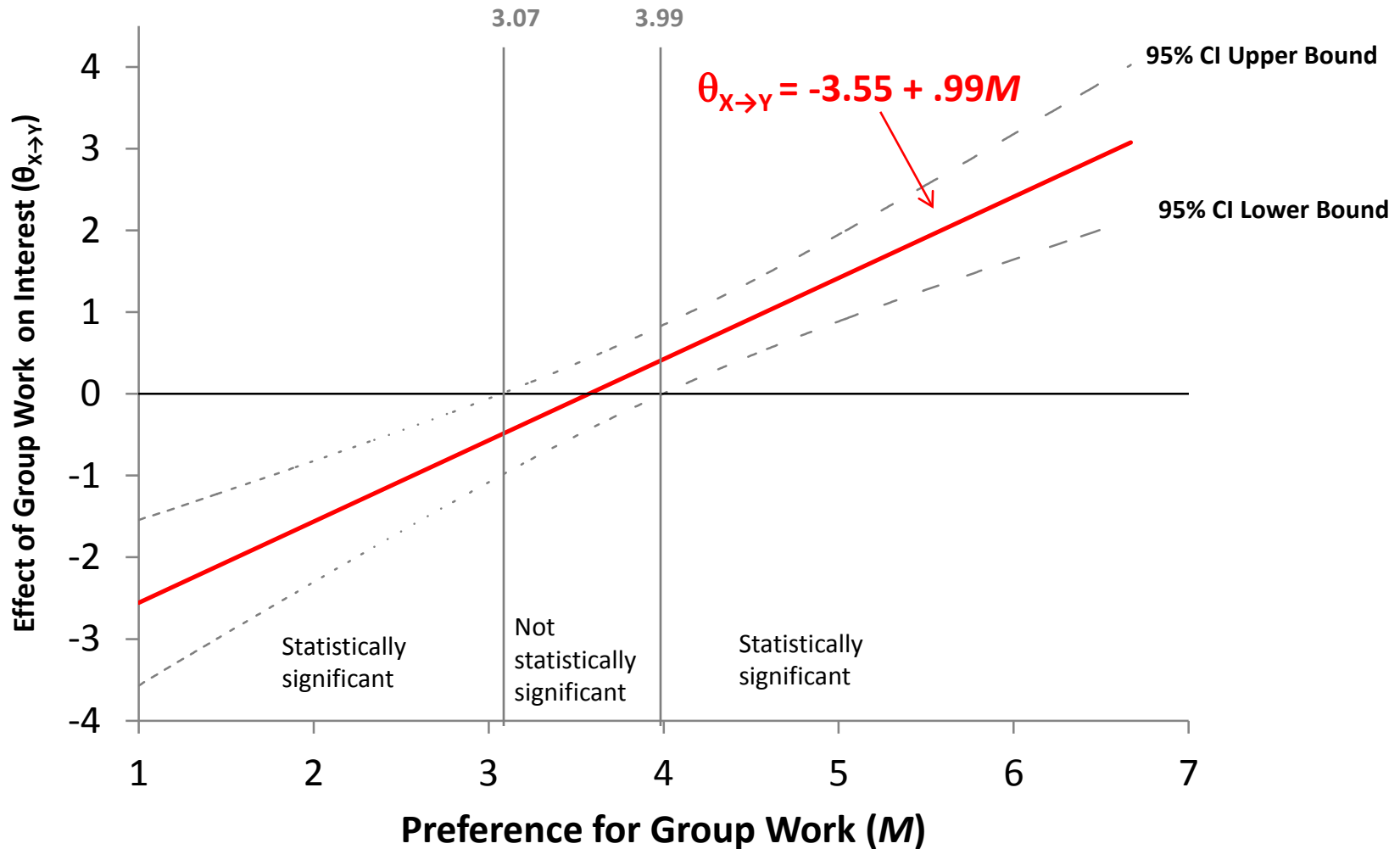
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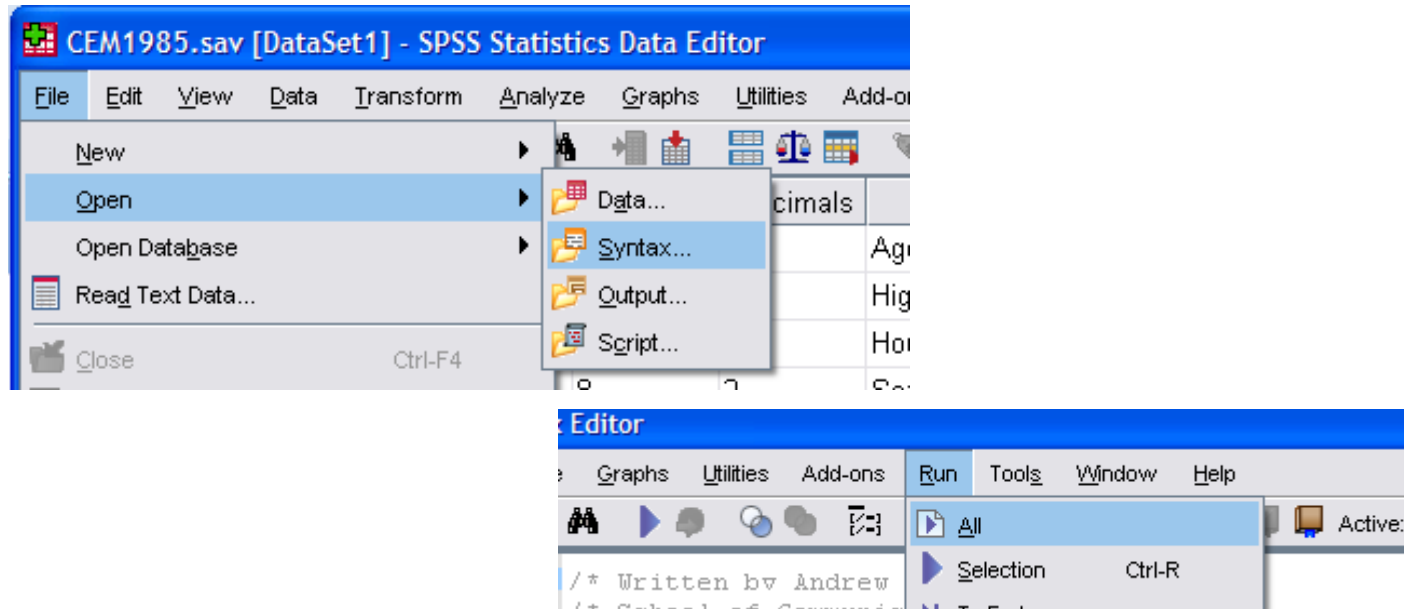
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Teaching your package MEMORE

MEMORE is a command which must be taught and re-taught to your statistical package (SPSS) every time you open the package. To teach your program the MEMORE command, open the memore.sps file and run the script exactly as is.



SPSS now knows a new command called
MEMORE

Writing MEMORE Syntax

MEMORE has 2 required arguments: **Y** and **M**

```
MEMORE m = grppref /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

M is your list of moderators

Y is your list of outcomes

Some other arguments:

model specifies the model you are interested. The default is 1, mediation.
Moderation models are 2 and 3.

conf specifies level of confidence you want (default is 95)

jn = 1 asks for Johnson-Neyman procedure

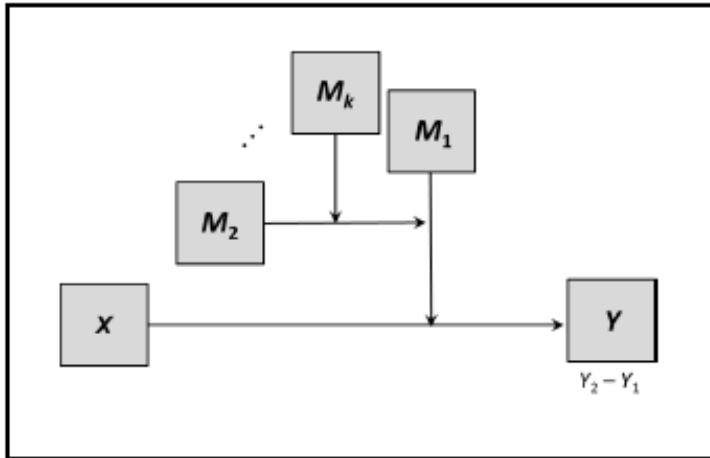
plot = 1 asks for plotting code

quantile = 1 probes at quantiles instead of Mean \pm 1 SD

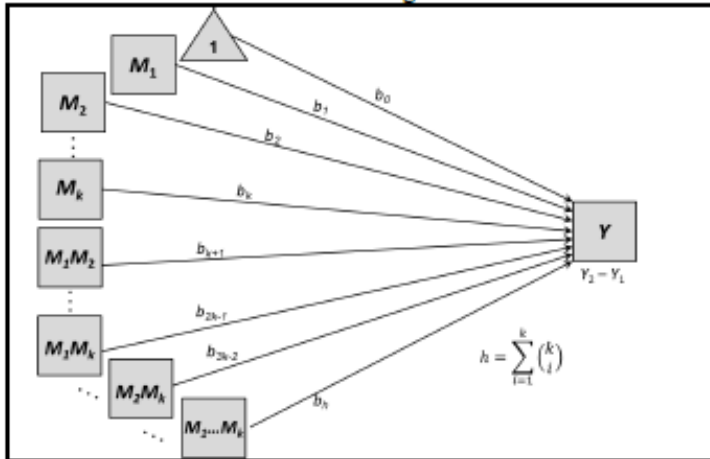
MEMORE

We can use MEMORE to estimate and probe this model.

Model 3 Multiplicative Moderation
Conceptual Diagram



Statistical Diagram



```
MEMORE m = grppref /y = int_G int_I
        /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

List moderator(s) in the m list

List outcomes in the y list

Can use model 2 or model 3 when you have 1 moderator there is no difference.

JN option calls the Johnson-Neyman technique

PLOT option calls a table of values for making a nice plot.

Using MEMORE for CASC WS data

```
MEMORE m = grppref /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

```
***** MEMORE Procedure for SPSS Version 2.Beta *****
```

```
Written by Amanda Montoya
```

```
Documentation available at akmontoya.com
```

```
*****
```

```
Model:
```

```
3
```

```
Variables:
```

```
Y = int_G int_I
```

```
M = grppref
```

```
Computed Variables:
```

```
Ydiff = int_G - int_I
```

```
Sample Size:
```

```
51
```

First part of output repeats what you told MEMORE to do. Always double check that this is correct!

I double checked to make sure the order of subtraction was the same as when we did this by hand.

Using MEMORE for CASC WS data

```
MEMORE m = grppref /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

Probing effect of condition on outcome at different values of the moderator

Conditional Effect of 'X' on Y at values of moderator(s)

grppref	Effect	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
2.5938	-.9728	.2964	-3.2823	.0019	-1.5684	-.3772
3.9478	.3725	.2085	1.7865	.0802	-.0465	.7916
5.3019	1.7179	.2964	5.7963	.0000	1.1223	2.3135

Degrees of freedom for all conditional effects:

49

Values for quantitative moderators are the mean and plus/minus one SD from the mean.

This is the default. You can change this to the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th quantiles by adding `quantile =1` to the command line

Using MEMORE for CASC WS data

```
MEMORE m = grporef /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

```
***** JOHNSON-NEYMAN PROCEDURE *****
```

Moderator value(s) defining Johnson-Neyman significance region(s) and percent of observed data above value:

Value	% Abv
3.0685	72.5490
3.9949	54.9020

Conditional Effect of 'X' on Y at values of moderator

grporef	Effect	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
1.0000	-2.5564	.5037	-5.0752	.0000	-3.5687	-1.5442
1.2984	-2.2599	.4619	-4.8931	.0000	-3.1880	-1.3318
1.5968	-1.9634	.4210	-4.6641	.0000	-2.8094	-1.1174
1.8953	-1.6669	.3813	-4.3712	.0001	-2.4332	-.9006
2.1937	-1.3704	.3434	-3.9905	.0002	-2.0605	-.6803
2.4921	-1.0739	.3078	-3.4886	.0010	-1.6925	-.4553
2.7905	-.7774	.2755	-2.8218	.0069	-1.3310	-.2238
3.0685	-.5012	.2494	-2.0096	.0500	-1.0023	.0000
3.0889	-.4808	.2477	-1.9416	.0579	-.9785	.0168
3.3874	-.1843	.2260	-.8156	.4187	-.6385	.2699
3.6858	.1122	.2125	.5279	.5999	-.3148	.5392
3.9842	.4087	.2086	1.9591	.0558	-.0105	.8279
3.9949	.4193	.2087	2.0096	.0500	.0000	.8387
4.2826	.7052	.2149	3.2809	.0019	.2733	1.1371
4.5811	1.0017	.2306	4.3435	.0001	.5382	1.4652
4.8795	1.2982	.2539	5.1124	.0000	.7879	1.8085
5.1779	1.5947	.2830	5.6350	.0000	1.0260	2.1634
5.4763	1.8912	.3162	5.9804	.0000	1.2557	2.5267
5.7747	2.1877	.3525	6.2070	.0000	1.4794	2.8961
6.0732	2.4843	.3909	6.3560	.0000	1.6988	3.2697
6.3716	2.7808	.4308	6.4546	.0000	1.9150	3.6465
6.6700	3.0773	.4720	6.5200	.0000	2.1288	4.0258

This will only print when we include `jn = 1` in the command line. JN technique does not work for multiple moderators.

Degrees of freedom for all conditional effects:

Using MEMORE for CASC WS data

```
MEMORE m = grporef /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

Conditional Effect of Moderator(s) on Y in each Condition

Condition 1 Outcome:

int_G

Model Summary

R	R-sq	MSE	F	df1	df2	p
.4488	.2014	1.7964	12.3612	1.0000	49.0000	.0010

Model

	coeff	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
constant	1.7874	.5836	3.0624	.0036	.6145	2.9603
grporef	.4922	.1400	3.5158	.0010	.2109	.7735

Degrees of freedom for all conditional effects:

49

Preference for group work positively predicts interest in **class with group work**

Condition 2 Outcome:

int_I

Model Summary

R	R-sq	MSE	F	df1	df2	p
.4710	.2218	1.6502	13.9671	1.0000	49.0000	.0005

Model

	coeff	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
constant	5.3374	.5594	9.5415	.0000	4.2132	6.4615
grporef	-.5014	.1342	-3.7373	.0005	-.7710	-.2318

Degrees of freedom for all conditional effects:

49

and negatively predicts interest in **class with individual work.**

Using MEMORE for CASC WS data

```
MEMORE m = grppref /y = int_G int_I /model = 3 /jn = 1 /plot = 1.
```

Data for visualizing conditional effect of X on Y.

Paste text below into a SPSS syntax window and execute to produce plot.

```
DATA LIST FREE/grppref YdiffHAT int_GHAT int_IHAT.
```

```
BEGIN DATA.
```

2.5938	-.9728	3.0640	4.0368
3.9478	.3725	3.7304	3.3578
5.3019	1.7179	4.3968	2.6789

```
END DATA.
```

```
GRAPH/SCATTERPLOT = grppref WITH YdiffHAT.
```

```
GRAPH/SCATTERPLOT = grppref WITH int_GHAT.
```

```
GRAPH/SCATTERPLOT = grppref WITH int_IHAT.
```

Code for plotting. You'll get three plots each with the moderator on the X axis and a different outcome on the Y axis.

- 1) Predicted Differences between Y's
- 2) Predicted Y from first condition
- 3) Predicted Y from second condition

Writing up a Moderation Analysis

Tips:

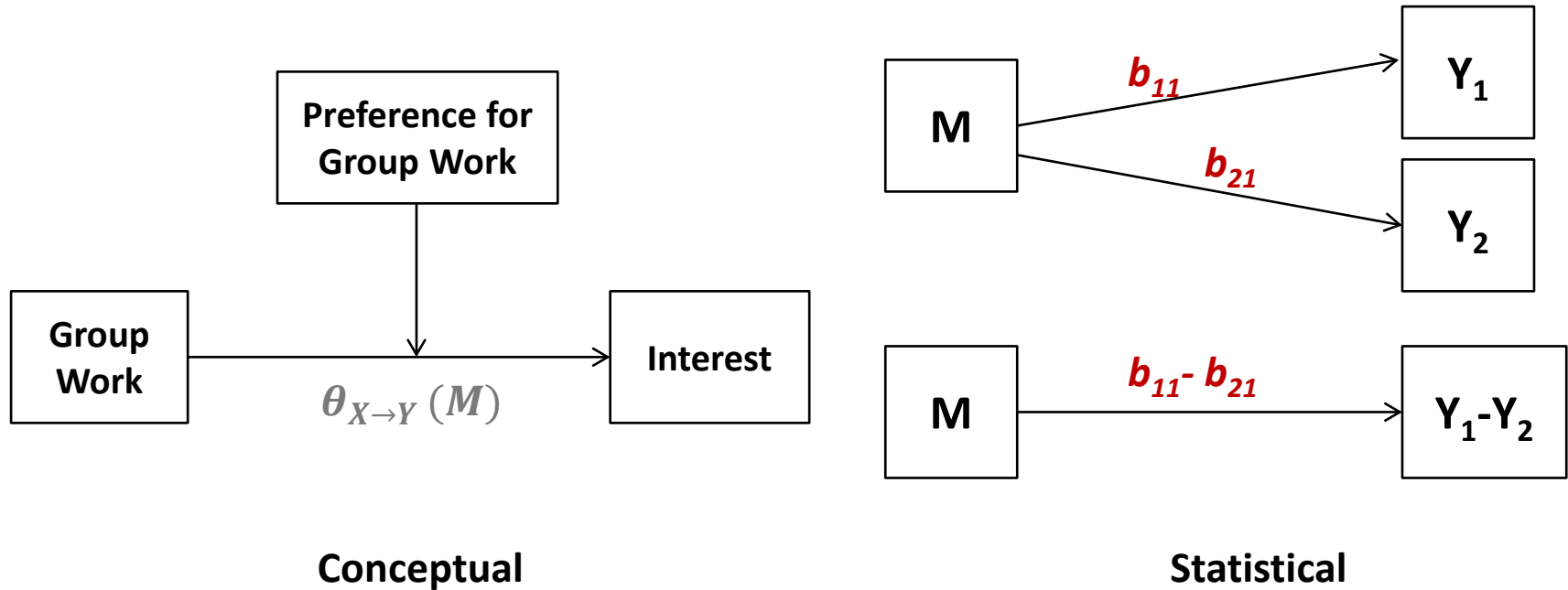
- Interpret the sign and the magnitude of the interaction coefficient with respect to X 's effect on Y (or M 's effect on Y ; or both).
- Provide probing results with interpretations
- Read the write ups of other's moderation analyses
- Provide a graphical representation of the effect of interest (like the ones we've done)

Does the effect of group work on interest in a computer science class depend on preference for group work?

Overall, the impact of including group work in a computer science class on interest in the class depends on an individual's general preference for group work ($b_1 = .49, p = .001$). As preference for group work increases relative interest in the class with group work compared to the class with individual work increases as well. (i.e. the group work class is more preferred as general preference for group work increases). Indeed we found that those who were relatively low in preference for group work preferred the individual work class over the class with group work ($\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M=2.59) = -.97, p = .002$). Whereas, those who were relatively moderate in preference for group work did not show a strong preference for one class over another, though they marginally preferred the class with group work ($\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M=3.97) = .37, p = .08$). Finally, those who showed a strong general preference for group work, unsurprisingly preferred the class with group work over the class with individual work ($\theta_{X \rightarrow Y}(M=5.30) = 1.72, p < .001$). The Johnson-Neyman procedure those whose preference for group work was less than 3.07 preferred the individual work class, and those who's preference for group work was greater than 3.99 preferred the group work class. Preference for group work was positively related to interest in the class with group work ($b = .49, p = .001$), and negatively related to interest in the class with individual work ($b = -0.50, p = .001$).

Visualizations

I recommend trying a number of different types of visualizations to decide what works best for your case.



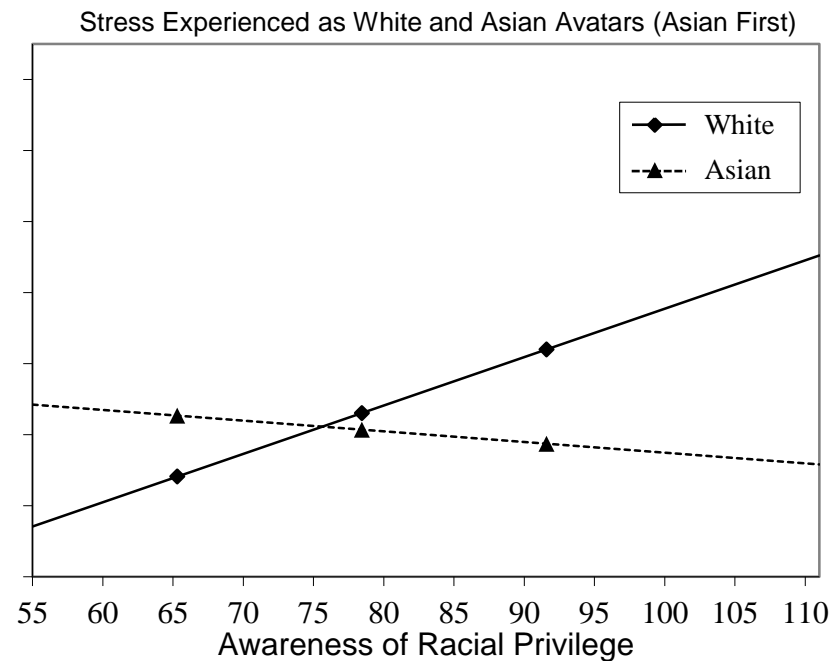
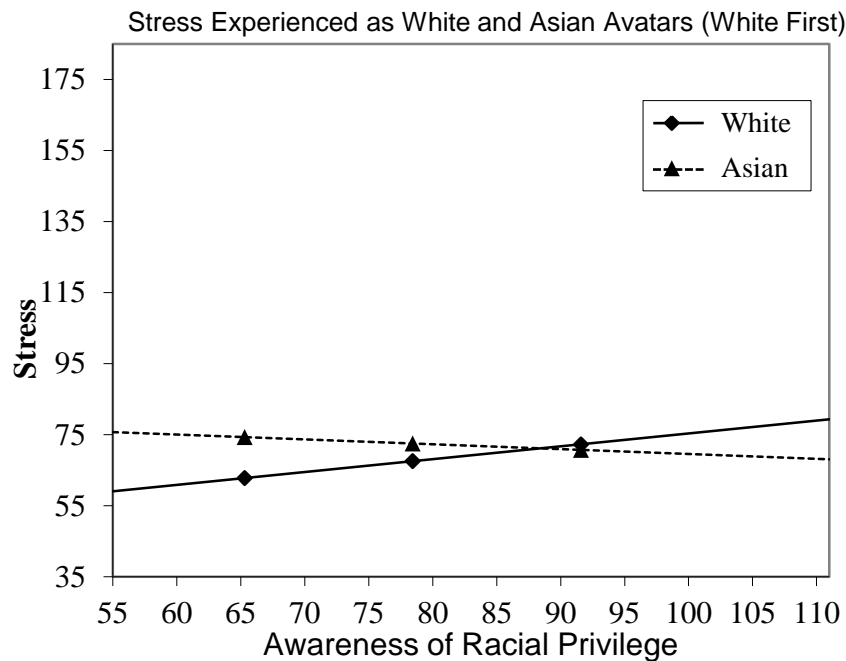
Tips:

- Try the different scales of the Y axis (difference vs. raw Y score with two lines for each condition)
- I do not like bar graphs with the effect of the moderator in each condition
- Provide path estimates on statistical diagram or in a table.

Visualizations: A Case Study

Tawa, J., & **Montoya, A. K.** (Under Review) White students' physiological stress while operating non-White avatars and the moderating role of awareness of racial privilege.

White participants operated avatars of three different races (White, Black, and Asian) and wore heart monitors to measure their stress while operating each avatar. We found that individual's awareness of racial privilege moderated the effect of avatar race on stress, and that this effect depended on the order of operating the avatars.

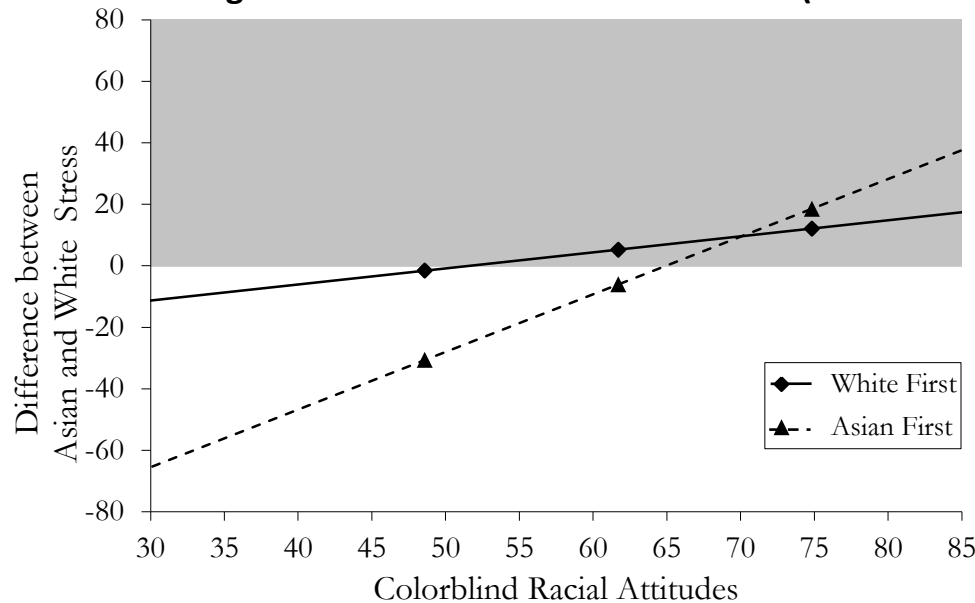


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Figure 3. Predicted difference in Stress (Asian Stress – White Stress), split by order.



Note. Scores above zero on the Y-axis represent greater predicted stress while piloting the Asian avatar than while piloting the White avatar. Points marked by shapes indicate predicted stress differences at the mean plus/minus one standard deviation on CBA.

Common Questions

- Can this method be used for more than two conditions?
YES! The same method for coming up with contrasts in Judd, Kenny, and McClelland (2001) describe a system for setting up contrasts among conditions can be used for moderation.
I recommend reading [Hayes & Montoya \(in press\)](#) on moderation analysis with a multicategorical IV if you want to try this out. I am happy to give instructions on how to get MEMORE to doing this.
ALTERNATIVES: Some of the other repeated-measures mediation options are more appropriate if you have more than two conditions (especially longitudinal), so take a look at those when thinking about these options.
- Can I use multiple moderators?
YES! MEMORE models 2 and 3 accept up to 5 moderators. (See Documentation for instructions).
- How do I control for covariates?
All of MEMORE's mediation analyses are within-person models, so you do not need to control for any between subjects variables such as age, gender, big-5. But you can include them as additional moderators (likely using model 2).

Multiple Moderator Models

Model 2 vs. Model 3

When you have multiple moderators you are interested, consider whether you think those moderators will themselves interact or not.

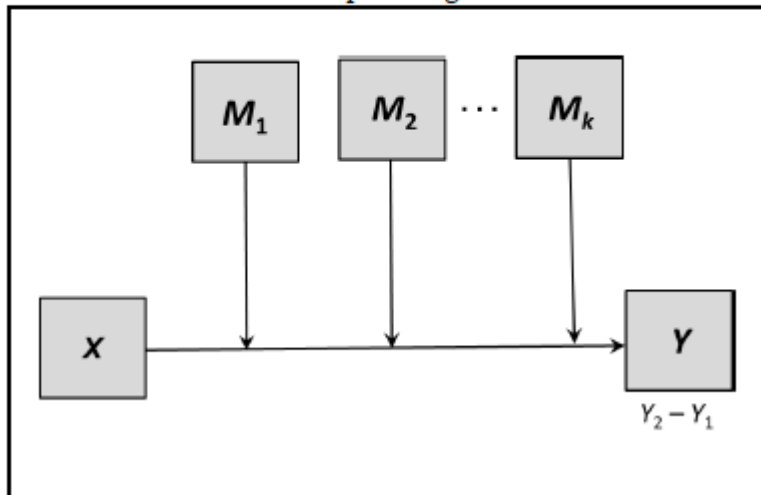
If you believe the moderators will interact **with each other** → Model 3

If you believe the moderators will **only interact with condition** → Model 2

Model Templates for MEMORE V2.Beta

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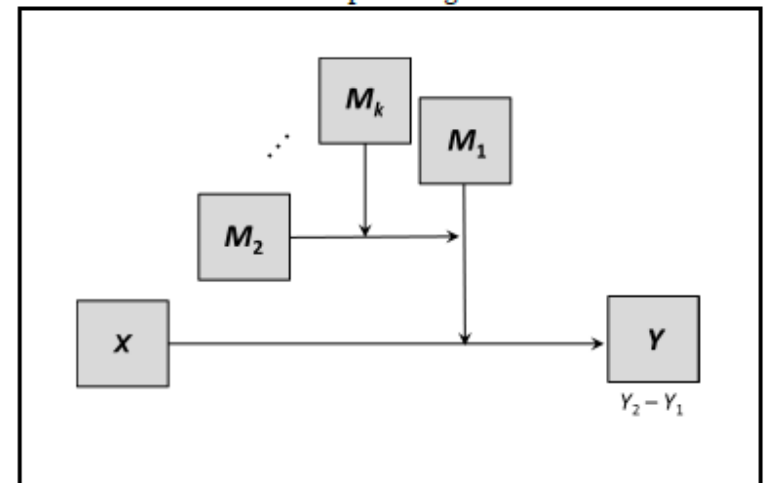
Model 2 Additive Moderation
Conceptual Diagram



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Model 3 Multiplicative Moderation
Conceptual Diagram



Multiple Moderator Models

```
MEMORE m = grppref order/y = int_G int_I /model = 2.
```

Model:

2

Variables:

Y = int_G int_I

M1 = grppref

M2 = Order

Computed Variables:

Ydiff = int_G - int_I

Sample Size:

51

Outcome: Ydiff = int_G - int_I

Model Summary

R	R-sq	MSE	F	df1	df2	p
.7113	.5059	2.0502	24.5734	2.0000	48.0000	.0000

Model

	coeff	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
constant	-4.8074	.8394	-5.7269	.0000	-6.4952	-3.1196
grppref	.9562	.1505	6.3542	.0000	.6536	1.2588
Order	.9071	.4055	2.2372	.0300	.0918	1.7223

Degrees of freedom for all regression coefficient estimates:

48

Think of it like 3 two-way interactions:
Condition x Group Preference
Condition x Order
Order x Group Preference

Multiple Moderator Models

```
MEMORE m = grppref order/y = int_G int_I /model = 3.
```

Model:

3

Variables:

Y = int_G int_I

M1 = grppref

M2 = Order

Computed Variables:

Ydiff = int_G - int_I

Int1 = grppref x Order

Sample Size:

51

Outcome: Ydiff = int_G - int_I

Model Summary

R	R-sq	MSE	F	df1	df2	p
.7125	.5077	2.0862	16.1569	3.0000	47.0000	.0000

Model

	coeff	SE	t	p	LLCI	ULCI
constant	-5.5239	1.9247	-2.8700	.0061	-9.3960	-1.6518
grppref	1.1401	.4690	2.4312	.0189	.1967	2.0836
Order	1.4057	1.2704	1.1065	.2742	-1.1501	3.9615
Int1	-.1263	.3048	-.4145	.6804	-.7395	.4868

Degrees of freedom for all regression coefficient estimates:

47

Think of it like three-way interaction,
and three two-way interactions:
Condition x Group Preference
Condition x Order
Group Preference x Order
Condition x Group Preference x Order

Resources

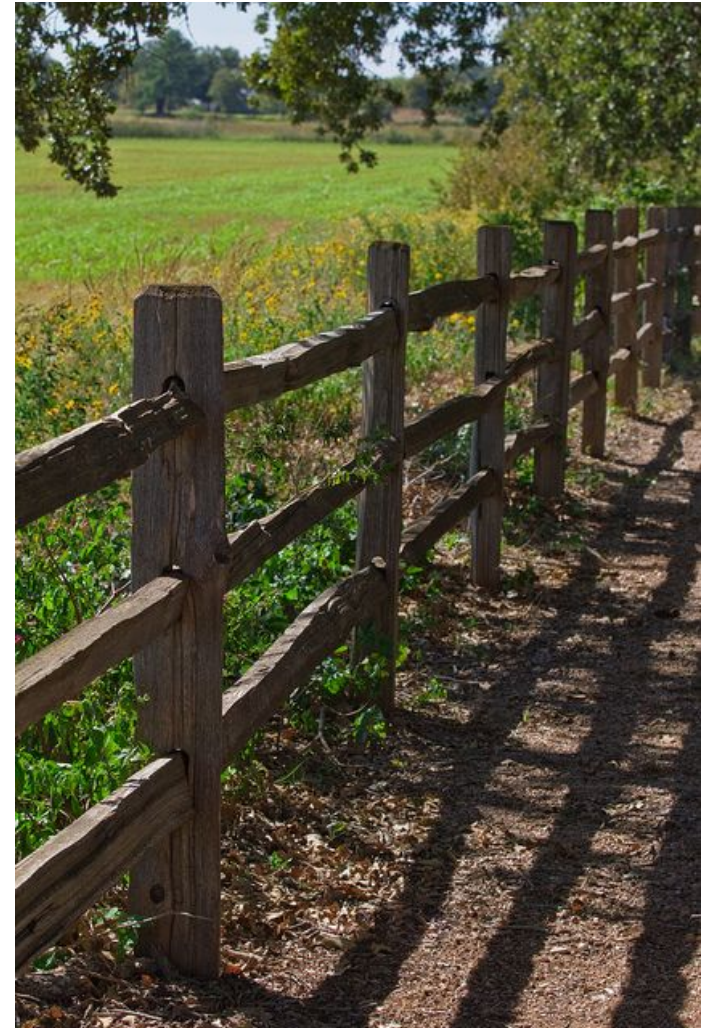
I am available for questions now and forever via email at montoya.29@osu.edu

Things to look forward to:

Hayes, A. F., Montoya, A. K., Preacher, K. J., & Page-Gould, E. (under contract). *Statistical mediation analysis: Within-participant designs*. New York: The Guilford Press.

MEMORE can be downloaded from akmontoya.com

Slides available at
github.com/akmontoya/EHEMarch2017



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