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Suppose, through detailed analysis, Gina notices that, if she performs an aerobic conditioning workout in a given week, she is more likely to have a higher plus/minus score that week. From this, she concludes that the aerobic conditioning workout causes the increase in her plus/minus score.

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One week, Gina performs an aerobic conditioning workout, and notices that her plus/minus score is higher week. From this, she reasons: if I did not perform this aerobic conditioning workout, I would not have increased my plus/minus score.

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Through extensive focus group analysis, they notice an interesting trend: the use of oat milk increases the odds of a high mean consumer rating at a given focus group by a factor of two. They conclude that the oat milk is the cause of the odds increase.

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Beth and Jessie hire several food scientists who explain to them that oat milk is sweeter, and there is a stable (stochastic) positive relationship between sweetness and consumer ratings. Based on this information, Beth and Jessie conclude that oat milk is the cause of the higher consumer rating.

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- 5. Consider an experiment exploring factors related to the amount of pressure needed to have mountain climbing ropes fail. The experiment studied three factors, each with two levels:
 - Abrasion: whether the rope had an abrasion on it or not
 - · Dirt: whether the rope was dirty or clean
 - · Soaked: whether the rope was soaked in water or not

Two replicates were recorded for each combination of factor levels.

Suppose that each of these factors is negatively associated with the response - for example, an abrasion decreases the amount of pressure needed to have the rope fail. However, rope failure is actually largely due to a fourth variable, namely, whether the rope has been "fatigued" (that is, whether a climber has fallen on it before). Which condition for causal reasoning from experimental data is not met?

Temporal relationship

Nonspiriousness

Empirical relationship

6. Consider a study of the effectiveness of an "active learning" teaching method on student learning. In the study, 100 different senior-level high school math classes were randomly chosen from all such classes in the state of Colorado. Each class had n=25 students. Among the 100 classes, 50 were randomly chosen, and teachers were asked to teach a lesson using a new active learning teaching method; in the classes, teachers used the standard "lecture" teaching method. The response in this experiment was an exam, which was administered to each student and measured the extent to which each student learned the content of the lesson.

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