

Measurement Invariance

A Course in MplusAutomation

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Refresher (measurement invariance involves....)

- Comparing the fit of a measurement model across two or more known groups (i.e., the **grouping variable**)
- This is done by first comparing the fit of the unconditional model using the full sample with models fit to each sub-sample separately.
- Next a series of multiple-group models are specified where each groups model parameters are estimated simultaneously.
- This series of multiple-group models begins with the **least restrictive** and proceeds to the **most restrictive** which is implemented by restricting sets of parameters to equality across groups.
 1. **Configural invariance:** Free item loadings, intercepts, and residuals
 2. **Metric invariance:** Loadings fixed to equality
 3. **Scalar invariance:** Loadings and intercepts fixed to equality
 4. **Strict invariance:** Loadings, intercepts, and residuals fixed to equality
- Finally, if the solution is determined to be invariant (at least at the Scalar level) than factor mean differences can be evaluated and interpreted (i.e., **Structural invariance**).

Outline

1. Prepare data
2. Estimate *unconditional CFA* model (**cfa_m0**)
3. Estimate *group 1 sample CFA* model (**cfa_m1**)
4. Estimate *group 2 sample CFA* model (**cfa_m2**)
5. Estimate *configural invariance* model (**cfa_m3**)
6. Estimate *metric invariance* model (**cfa_m4**)
7. Estimate *scalar invariance* model (**cfa_m5**)
8. Estimate *strict invariance* model (**cfa_m6**)
9. Estimate *structural invariance A* model (**cfa_m7**)
10. Estimate *structural invariance B* model(**cfa_m8**)
11. Tabulate summary fit statistics to compare models
12. Calculate Satorra-Bentler scaled Chi-square difference tests

DATA SOURCE: This exercise utilizes the NCES public-use dataset: Education Longitudinal Study of 2002 (Lauff & Ingels, 2014) [See website: nces.ed.gov](http://nces.ed.gov)

Load packages

```
library(MplusAutomation)
library(tidyverse)
library(here)
library(gt)
```

Read in data

```
els_data <- read_csv("https://garberadamc.github.io/project-site/data/els_sub5_data.csv")
```

Prepare data (subset, reorder, rename, and re-code the grouping variable)

```
invar_data <- els_data %>%
  select(bystlang, freelnch, byincome,           # covariates
         stolen, t_hurt, p_fight, hit, damaged, bullied, # factor 1 (indicators)
         safe, disrupt, gangs, rac_fght,         # factor 2 (indicators)
         late, skipped, mth_read, mth_test, rd_test) %>%
  rename("unsafe" = "safe") %>%
  mutate(freelnch = case_when(
    freelnch < 3 ~ 0,
    freelnch >= 3 ~ 1))
```

Are there differences in levels of victimization and school climate among 10th grade students attending schools with low or high proportions of free lunch service participation?

- **low_free_lunch:** Less than 11% of students have service in their school (proxy for low SES)
- **high_free_lunch:** Greater than or equal to 11% of students have service in their school (proxy for high SES)

See frequency of grouping variable (**freelnch**)

```
table(invar_data$freelnch) # reasonably balanced groups
```

```
##
##    0    1
## 338 388
```

Reverse code factor 2 items for clear interpretation

```
cols = c("unsafe", "disrupt", "gangs", "rac_fght")
invar_data[,cols] <- 5 - invar_data[,cols]
```

Factor names and interpretation:

- **VICTIM:** Student reports being a victim of injury to self or property
 - scale range: Never, Once or twice, More than twice
 - higher values indicate greater frequency of victimization events
 - **NEG_CLIM:** Student reports on negative school climate attributes
 - scale range: Strongly Disagree - Strongly Agree
 - higher values indicate a more negative climate
-

Estimate the Unconditional Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) model

Number of parameters = 31

- 10 item loadings
- 10 intercepts
- 10 residual variances
- 01 factor co-variances

```
cfa_m0 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "model0 - unconditional CFA model",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;",

  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",

  MODEL =
    "!!! Unit Variance Identification !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1; ",

  PLOT = "type = plot3;",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m0_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m0,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
```

```
modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m0_cfa_fullsample.inp"),
check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)
```

Run separate CFA models for each sub-sample

Group freelnch = 0 (low) CFA

```
cfa_m1 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "CFA model1 - group is 0 for freelnch",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fight;

    !!! USE SAMPLE GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    USEOBS = freelnch == 0; ",
  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",
  MODEL =
    "!!! Unit Variance Identification !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fight;
    NEG_CLIM@1; ",
  PLOT = "type = plot3;",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",
  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m1_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m1,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m1_cfa_low_free_lunch.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)
```

Group freelnch = 1 (moderate to high) CFA

```
cfa_m2 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "CFA model2 - group is 1 for freelnch",
```

```

VARIABLE =
  "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

  !!! USE SAMPLE GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

  USEOBS = freelnch == 1; ",

ANALYSIS =
  "estimator = mlr;",

MODEL =
  "!!! Unit Variance Identification !!!

  VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
  VICTIM@1; ! UVI identification

  NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
  NEG_CLIM@1; ",

PLOT = "type = plot3;",

OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m2_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m2,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m2_cfa_high_free_lunch.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Multi-Group Invariance Models

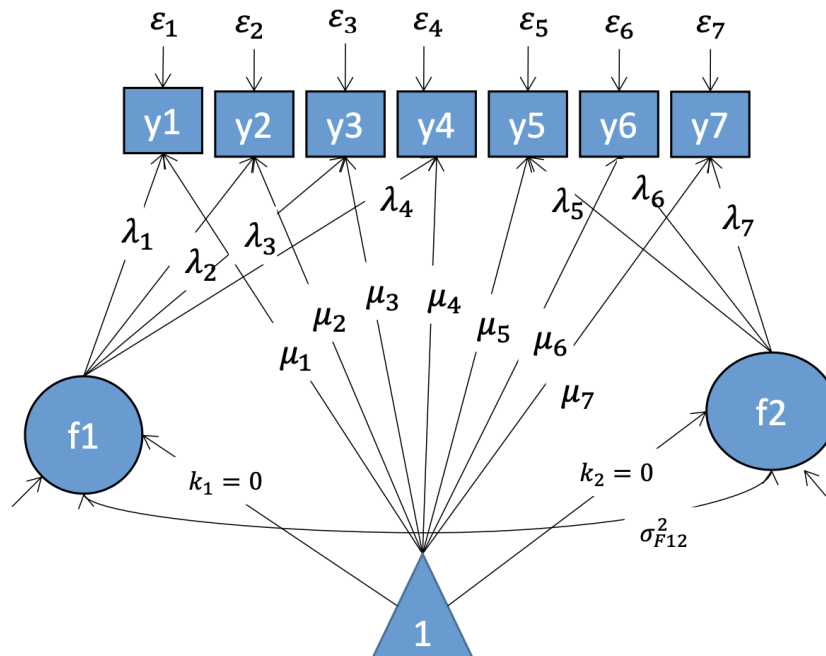


Figure: Picture depicting mean structure from slide by Dr. Karen Nylund-Gibson

Configural invariance

- free item loadings, intercepts, and residuals
- factor means fixed to zero
- factor variances fixed to 1

Number of parameters = 62

- 20 item loadings (10items*2groups)
 - 20 intercepts
 - 20 residual variances
 - 02 factor co-variances (1 for each group)
-

```

cfa_m3 <- mplusObject(

  TITLE = "CFA model3 - configural invariance",

  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",

  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",

  MODEL =
    "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1; ! UVI identification

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0]; !!! factor means set to zero !!!

    !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

    MODEL high_free_lunch:

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied; !!! free loadings !!!
    VICTIM@1;

    [stolen t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied]; !!! free intercepts !!!

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [unsafe disrupt gangs rac_fght];

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0]; !!! factor means set to zero !!!",

  PLOT = "type = plot3;",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m3_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m3,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m3_configural.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Metric invariance

- item loadings (set to equal)
 - free intercepts and residuals
 - factor means fixed to zero
 - free factor variances in group 2
-

Number of parameters = 54

- 10 item loadings (set to equal)
 - 20 intercepts
 - 20 residual variances
 - 02 factor variances
 - 02 factor co-variances
-

```
cfa_m4 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "CFA model4 - metric invariance",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",
  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",
  MODEL =
    "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1; ! UVI identification

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0]; !!! factor means set to zero !!!

    !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

    MODEL high_free_lunch:

    VICTIM; !!! free factor variances for group 2 !!!

    [stolen t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied]; !!! free intercepts !!!

    NEG_CLIM;
```



```

[unsafe disrupt gangs rac_fght] ;

[VICTIM-NEG_CLIM00]; !!! factor means set to zero !!!!",

PLOT = "type = plot3;",
OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m4_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m4,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m4_metric.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Scalar invariance

- item loadings (set to equal)
- intercepts (set to equal)
- free residuals
- free factor variances and means in group 2

Number of parameters = 46

- 10 item loadings (set to equal)
- 10 intercepts (set to equal)
- 20 residual variances
- 02 factor variances
- 02 factor co-variances
- 02 factor means

```

cfa_m5 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "model5 - scalar invariance",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",

  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",

```

```

MODEL =
  "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

  VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
  VICTIM@1;

  NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
  NEG_CLIM@1;

  [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0];

  !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

  MODEL high_free_lunch:

  VICTIM;

  NEG_CLIM;

  [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM]; !!! free factor means !!!",

PLOT = "type = plot3;",
OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m5_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m5,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m5_scalar.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Strict invariance

- item loadings (set to equal)
- intercepts (set to equal)
- residuals (set to equal)
- free factor variances and means in group 2

Number of parameters = 36

- 10 item loadings (set to equal)
- 10 intercepts (set to equal)
- 10 residual variances
- 02 factor variances
- 02 factor co-variances
- 02 factor means

```

cfa_m6 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "model6 - strict invariance",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",
  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",
  MODEL =
    "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0];

    stolen-rac_fght(1-10); !!! set residuals to be equal across groups !!!

    !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

    MODEL high_free_lunch:

    VICTIM;
    NEG_CLIM;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM]; !!! free factor means !!!

    stolen-rac_fght(1-10); !!! set residuals to be equal across groups !!!",
  PLOT = "type = plot3;",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m6_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m6,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m6_strict.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Structural invariance A (fixed factor variances)

Demonstration of structural invariance using the **Scalar model**

- item loadings (set to equal)
 - intercepts (set to equal)
 - free residuals (Scalar)
 - factor means free in group 2
 - factor variances (set to 1)
 - free factor covariances
-

Number of parameters = 44

- 10 item loadings (set to equal)
 - 10 intercepts (set to equal)
 - 20 residual variances
 - 00 factor variances
 - 02 factor co-variances
 - 02 factor means
-

```
# fixed factor variances

cfa_m7 <- mplusObject(

  TITLE = "model7 - structural invariance A" ,

  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",

  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",

  MODEL =
    "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0];
```

```

    !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

    MODEL high_free_lunch:

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM]; !!! free factor means !!!

    VICTIM@1; NEG_CLIM@1; !!! fix factor variance to 1 !!!",

PLOT = "type = plot3;",
OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m7_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m7,
    dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
    modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m7_structuralA.inp"),
    check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Structural invariance B (fixed factor variances and equal covariances)

Demonstration of structural invariance using the **Scalar model**

- item loadings (set to equal)
- intercepts (set to equal)
- free residuals (Scalar)
- factor means free in group 2
- factor variances (set to equal)
- factor covariances (set to equal)

Number of parameters = 43

- 10 item loadings (set to equal)
 - 10 intercepts (set to equal)
 - 20 residual variances
 - 00 factor variances
 - 01 factor co-variances
 - 02 factor means
-

```

cfa_m8 <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "model8 - structural invariance B" ,
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",

  ANALYSIS =
    "estimator = mlr;",

  MODEL =
    "!!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 1 (LOW FREE LUNCH) !!!

    VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM@1;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM@1;

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM@0];

    VICTIM with NEG_CLIM (11); !!! set covariances to equality !!!

    !!! MODEL SPECIFICATION FOR GROUP 2 (HIGH FREE LUNCH) !!!

    MODEL high_free_lunch:

    [VICTIM-NEG_CLIM]; !!! free factor means !!!

    VICTIM@1; NEG_CLIM@1; !!! fix factor variance to 1 !!!

    VICTIM with NEG_CLIM (11); !!! set covariances to equality !!!",

  PLOT = "type = plot3;",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat standardized residual modindices (3.84);",

  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

cfa_m8_fit <- mplusModeler(cfa_m8,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "invar_data.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus", "m8_structuralB.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

Latent Factor Means differences:

(model: Step_07_STRUCTURAL)

Mean differences: Students in sub-sample `high_free_lunch` have...

VICTIM	-0.026	0.091	-0.291	0.771	(not significant)
NEG_CLIM	0.632	0.104	6.104	0.000	(higher scores for "NEG_CLIM")

Comparing Fit Across Models

Guidlines: for loadings & fit indices

- **Simple structure:** “0.4 - 0.3 - 0.2” rule Howard (2016) (primary loadings > 0.4 / cross-loadings < 0.3 / minimum difference = 0.2)
- **RMSEA:** < .05 indicates “good” fit Brown (2015)
- **CFI:** > .95 indicates “good” fit Brown (2015)
- **SRMR:** < .08 indicates “good” fit Hu and Bentler (1999)
- **Invariance:** Changes in **CFI** less than or equal to **-0.01** are acceptable

Read into R summary of all models

```
all_models <- readModels(here("07-invariance", "invar_mplus"), quiet = TRUE)
```

Extract fit statistics and sort rows by Filename

```
invar_summary <- LatexSummaryTable(all_models,
  keepCols=c("Filename", "Parameters", "ChiSqM_Value", "CFI", "TLI",
    "SRMR", "RMSEA_Estimate", "RMSEA_90CI_LB", "RMSEA_90CI_UB"),
  sortBy = "Filename")
```

Create model fit summary table comparing all models

```
invar_summary %>%
  mutate(Filename = str_remove(Filename, ".out")) %>%
  gt() %>%
  cols_label(
    Filename = "Model",
    Parameters = "Par",
    ChiSqM_Value = "ChiSq",
    CFI = "CFI", TLI = "TLI", SRMR = "SRMR",
    RMSEA_Estimate = "RMSEA",
    RMSEA_90CI_LB = "Lower CI",
    RMSEA_90CI_UB = "Upper CI")
```

Model	Par	ChiSq	CFI	TLI	SRMR	RMSEA	Lower CI	Upper CI
m0_cfa_fullsample	31	121.460	0.898	0.865	0.043	0.060	0.048	0.071
m1_cfa_freelnch_0	31	67.305	0.907	0.877	0.053	0.057	0.036	0.076
m2_cfa_freelnch_1	31	82.253	0.893	0.858	0.049	0.063	0.046	0.081
m3_configural	62	149.315	0.899	0.867	0.051	0.060	0.047	0.073
m4_metric	54	163.312	0.892	0.872	0.061	0.059	0.047	0.072
m5_scalar	46	179.176	0.882	0.874	0.062	0.059	0.047	0.071
m6_strict	36	180.933	0.892	0.897	0.067	0.053	0.041	0.065
m7_structuralA	44	177.512	0.887	0.881	0.063	0.057	0.045	0.069
m8_structuralB	43	177.144	0.888	0.885	0.063	0.056	0.044	0.068

Compare nested models using χ^2 difference test

Calculate Satorra-Bentler scaled χ^2 difference test (use with MLR estimator)

See website: stats.idre.ucla.edu

- SB0 = null model Chi-square value
 - SB1 = alternate model Chi-square value
 - c0 = null model scaling correction factor
 - c1 = alternate model scaling correction factor
 - d0 = null model degrees of freedom
 - d1 = alternate model degrees of freedom
 - df = Chi-square test degrees of freedom
-

Evaluate metric invariance

Compare the configural model to metric model

```
SB0 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_Value"]]
SB1 <- all_models[["m3_configural.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_Value"]]
c0 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_ScalingCorrection"]]
c1 <- all_models[["m3_configural.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_ScalingCorrection"]]
d0 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_DF"]]
d1 <- all_models[["m3_configural.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_DF"]]
df <- abs(d0-d1)

# Satorra-Bentler scaled Difference test equations
cd <- (((d0*c0)-(d1*c1))/(d0-d1))
t <- (((SB0*c0)-(SB1*c1))/(cd))

# Chi-square and degrees of freedom
t
```



```
## [1] 14.75942
```

```
df
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
# Significance test  
pchisq(t, df, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.06399577
```

Evaluate scalar invariance

Compare the metric model to scalar model

```
SB0 <- all_models[["m5_scalar.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_Value"]]  
SB1 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_Value"]]  
c0 <- all_models[["m5_scalar.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_ScalingCorrection"]]  
c1 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_ScalingCorrection"]]  
d0 <- all_models[["m5_scalar.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_DF"]]  
d1 <- all_models[["m4_metric.out"]][["summaries"]][["ChiSqM_DF"]]  
df <- abs(d0-d1)
```

```
# Satorra-Bentler scaled Difference test equations  
cd <- (((d0*c0)-(d1*c1))/(d0-d1))  
t <- (((SB0*c0)-(SB1*c1))/(cd))
```

```
# Chi-square and degrees of freedom  
t
```

```
## [1] 15.44333
```

```
df
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
# Significance test  
pchisq(t, df, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.05107724
```

Invariance short-cut

```

m_short <- mplusObject(
  TITLE = "INVARIANCE SHORT CUT",
  VARIABLE =
    "usevar = stolen-rac_fght;

    grouping = freelnch (0=low_free_lunch 1=high_free_lunch); ",

  ANALYSIS =
    "Estimator = MLR;
    MODEL = CONFIG METRIC SCALAR;",

  MODEL =
    "VICTIM by stolen* t_hurt p_fight hit damaged bullied;
    VICTIM01;

    NEG_CLIM by unsafe* disrupt gangs rac_fght;
    NEG_CLIM01;" ,

  PLOT = "",
  OUTPUT = "sampstat residual;",

  usevariables = colnames(invar_data),
  rdata = invar_data)

m_short_fit <- mplusModeler(m_short ,
  dataout=here("07-invariance", "invar_short", "invar_short_cut.dat"),
  modelout=here("07-invariance", "invar_short", "invar_short_cut.inp"),
  check=TRUE, run = TRUE, hashfilename = FALSE)

```

End

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Further resources & examples here:

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