

# Influence of salt intake behavior to blood pressure

## STATS 506 group project

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This is a report generated by jupyter notebook for the group project of STATS 506 in University of Michigan.

Our project aims to answer the following question:

**Is salt intake associated with blood pressure? If so, to what extent is that relationship mediated or moderated by age or waist size?**

We will use [NHANES](#) data in analysis.

Required software and packages to run the code are as follows: \* Python3 \* os \* pandas \* statsmodels \* patsy \* matplotlib

```
[1]: # Import packages
import os
import pandas as pd
from statsmodels.formula.api import ols
from statsmodels.stats.anova import anova_lm
import patsy
from statsmodels.api import OLS
from statsmodels.stats.mediation import Mediation
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
[2]: # Set working directory
os.chdir('D:/STAT506/Group project/stats506/')

# read data
demo = pd.read_excel("RawData/Demographics_15_16.xlsx")
BMI = pd.read_excel("RawData/Body_measures_2015_16.xlsx")
bp = pd.read_excel('RawData/Blood_Pressure_2015_16.xlsx')
nutr = pd.read_excel("RawData/Dietary_nutrients_firstday_2015_16.xlsx")
```

### 0.1 Data cleaning

We need first clean the raw data and join different dataset.

```
[3]: # select useful columns
# ! Note: we need to drop values '9' or '99' which represent "don't know"
demo=demo.set_index('SEQN'
                    ).filter(items=['RIDAGEYR'] # 'RIAGENDR', 'RIDRETH3')
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        ).dropna()
# demo[['RIAGENDR', 'RIDRETH3']] = demo[['RIAGENDR', 'RIDRETH3']].astype('category')
BMI=BMI.set_index('SEQN'
        ).filter(items=['BMXWAIST'] # , 'BMXWT', 'BMXHT'
        ).dropna()
nutr=nutr.set_index('SEQN'
        ).filter(items=['DBD100'] # , 'DBQ095Z', 'DRQSPREP'
        ).dropna()
        ).query('DBD100 != 9'
        ).astype('category')

# Calculate mean of blood pressure
bp=bp.set_index('SEQN'
        ).filter(regex='(BPXSY*)|(BPXDI*)')
bp=bp.assign(SY=bp.filter(regex='BPXSY*').mean(axis=1, skipna = True),
            DI=bp.filter(regex='BPXDI*').mean(axis=1, skipna = True)
            ).filter(items=['SY', 'DI']).dropna()

# Merge all data set
df=bp.join(demo,how='inner').join(BMI,how='inner').join(nutr,how='inner')

```

Take a look at the data we are about to work on.

```

[4]: # Show data summary of numeric variables
df.describe()

```

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[4]:
      SY      DI  RIDAGEYR  BMXWAIST
count  4670.000000  4670.000000  4670.000000  4670.000000
mean    119.510921    66.050393    38.107281    93.630557
std      17.292694    13.378804    21.598139    19.019918
min       74.000000     0.000000     8.000000    46.300000
25%     107.333333    58.666667    18.000000    79.700000
50%     116.666667    66.666667    35.000000    93.000000
75%     128.000000    74.666667    56.000000   105.900000
max     206.666667   124.000000    80.000000   171.600000

```

```

[5]: # Show data summary of categorical variables
df.describe(include='category')

```

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[5]:
      DBD100
count    4670.0
unique      3.0
top        1.0
freq    2444.0

```

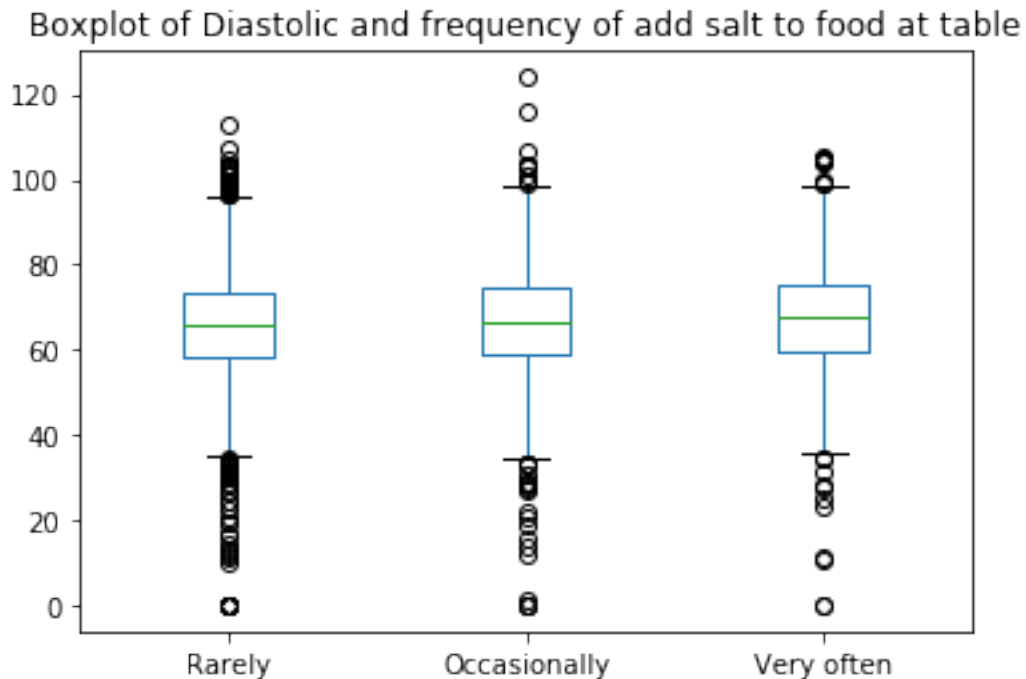
Generate plots show the relationship between salt intake behaviors and blood pressure.

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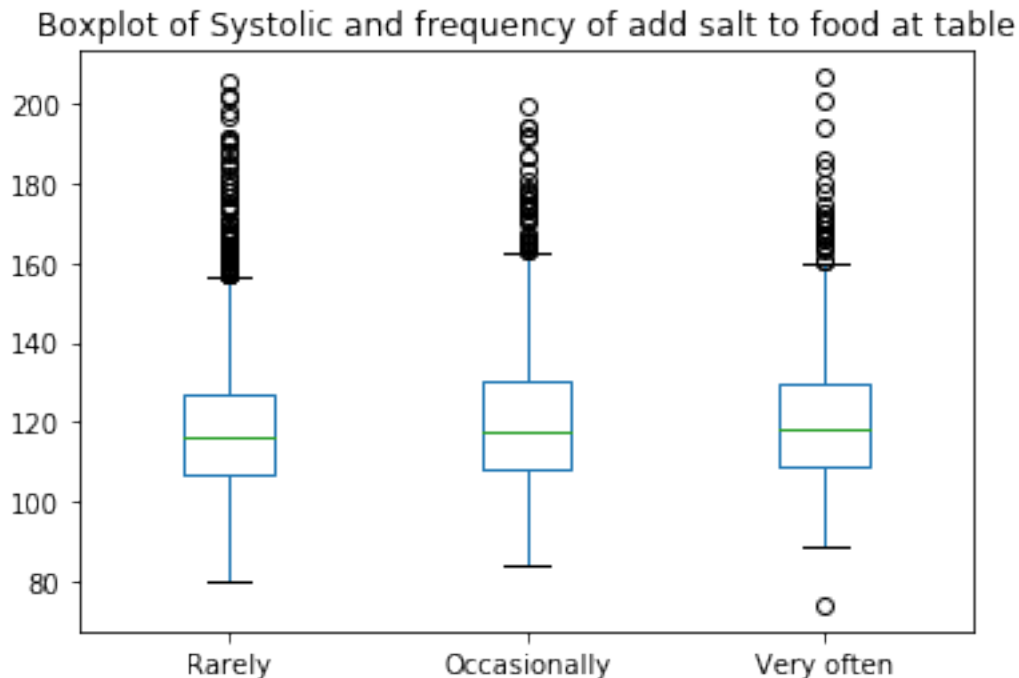
[6]: # plot Diastolic and salt intakes
DI_salt=df[['DBD100', 'DI']
        ].pivot(columns='DBD100', values='DI'
        )

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DI_salt.columns=["Rarely","Occasionally","Very often"]
DI_salt.boxplot(grid=False)
plt.title("Boxplot of Diastolic and frequency of add salt to food at table")
plt.suptitle("")
plt.show()
```



```
[7]: # plot Systolic and salt intakes
SY_salt=df[['DBD100','SY']]
        .pivot(columns='DBD100', values='SY'
        )
SY_salt.columns=["Rarely","Occasionally","Very often"]
SY_salt.boxplot(grid=False)
plt.title("Boxplot of Systolic and frequency of add salt to food at table")
plt.suptitle("")
plt.show()
```



## 0.2 Fit OLS

Now fit the ordinary least square to the data. The models used are:  $DI \sim DBD100$  and  $SY \sim DBD100$

### 0.2.1 Diastolic result

```
[8]: # fit ols to Diastolic measurements
ols_DI=ols('DI~DBD100',data=df).fit()
# Print the summary
ols_DI.summary()
```

```
[8]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
      """
```

```

                                OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:                  DI      R-squared:                0.003
Model:                            OLS      Adj. R-squared:            0.003
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:                7.993
Date:                Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):        0.000343
Time:                  12:15:13      Log-Likelihood:            -18730.
No. Observations:                4670      AIC:                      3.747e+04
Df Residuals:                    4667      BIC:                      3.749e+04
Df Model:                          2
Covariance Type:                nonrobust
=====
```

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=
              coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-
Intercept      65.4003      0.270      242.026      0.000      64.871
65.930
DBD100[T.2.0]    0.9326      0.449       2.077      0.038      0.052
1.813
DBD100[T.3.0]    2.0782      0.535       3.886      0.000      1.030
3.127
=====
Omnibus:                524.110    Durbin-Watson:                1.999
Prob(Omnibus):           0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):            1560.469
Skew:                   -0.594    Prob(JB):                     0.00
Kurtosis:               5.570    Cond. No.                     3.29
=====

```

Warnings:

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[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
"""

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```
[9]: anova_lm(ols_DI)
```

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[9]:          df      sum_sq    mean_sq      F    PR(>F)
DBD100      2.0    2852.76590  1426.382950  7.992829  0.000343
Residual 4667.0  832862.70838   178.457833      NaN      NaN

```

## 0.2.2 Systolic result

```

[10]: # fit ols to Systolic measurements
ols_SY=ols('SY~DBD100',data=df).fit()
# Print the summary
ols_SY.summary()

```

```

[10]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
"""

```

```

              OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          SY    R-squared:                0.004
Model:                  OLS    Adj. R-squared:           0.003
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:          8.841
Date:                  Thu, 05 Dec 2019    Prob (F-statistic):      0.000147
Time:                  12:15:13    Log-Likelihood:         -19928.
No. Observations:      4670    AIC:                   3.986e+04
Df Residuals:          4667    BIC:                   3.988e+04
Df Model:               2

```

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Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====
=
          coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-
Intercept      118.5461      0.349      339.471      0.000      117.861
119.231
DBD100[T.2.0]      1.6571      0.580       2.856      0.004       0.520
2.795
DBD100[T.3.0]      2.6321      0.691       3.809      0.000       1.277
3.987
=====
Omnibus:            835.290   Durbin-Watson:           1.966
Prob(Omnibus):      0.000   Jarque-Bera (JB):       1634.915
Skew:               1.084   Prob(JB):               0.00
Kurtosis:           4.923   Cond. No.               3.29
=====

```

Warnings:

```

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
"""

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```
[11]: anova_lm(ols_SY)
```

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[11]:          df      sum_sq      mean_sq      F      PR(>F)
DBD100      2.0  5.269709e+03  2634.854509  8.840718  0.000147
Residual  4667.0  1.390935e+06   298.036262      NaN      NaN

```

From the above results, we know that both models are significant and every coefficients are significant(at the level of 95%).

### 0.3 Moderation effect of waist size

First, add two columns recording a standiviation above and below of waist size.

```

[12]: df['waist_sd'] = df['BMXWAIST'].std()
df['waist_up']=df['BMXWAIST']+df['waist_sd']
df['waist_down']=df['BMXWAIST']-df['waist_sd']

```

#### 0.3.1 Diastolic result

Fit model: DI ~ DBD100 + BMXWAIST + DBD100 \* BMXWAIST

```

[13]: moderation_DI = ols('DI ~ DBD100 + BMXWAIST + DBD100 * BMXWAIST', data=df).fit()
moderation_DI.summary()

```

```

[13]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
"""

```

```

                                OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:                  DI      R-squared:                  0.090
Model:                          OLS    Adj. R-squared:             0.089
Method:                        Least Squares  F-statistic:                92.35
Date:                          Thu, 05 Dec 2019  Prob (F-statistic):      5.66e-93
Time:                          12:15:13    Log-Likelihood:             -18518.
No. Observations:              4670    AIC:                        3.705e+04
Df Residuals:                  4664    BIC:                        3.709e+04
Df Model:                      5
Covariance Type:               nonrobust
=====
=====
                                coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-----
Intercept                    45.2378      1.273      35.545      0.000      42.743
47.733
DBD100[T.2.0]                2.5683      2.137       1.202      0.229     -1.621
6.757
DBD100[T.3.0]                3.7644      2.720       1.384      0.166     -1.567
9.096
BMXWAIST                     0.2182      0.013     16.179      0.000       0.192
0.245
DBD100[T.2.0]:BMXWAIST     -0.0214      0.022     -0.955      0.339     -0.065
0.023
DBD100[T.3.0]:BMXWAIST     -0.0266      0.028     -0.953      0.341     -0.081
0.028
=====
Omnibus:                     642.737    Durbin-Watson:              2.006
Prob(Omnibus):                0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):          2183.342
Skew:                         -0.685    Prob(JB):                  0.00
Kurtosis:                     6.057    Cond. No.                  1.62e+03
=====

```

Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 1.62e+03. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

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```
[14]: anova_lm(moderation_DI)
```

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[14]:              df      sum_sq    mean_sq      F      PR(>F)
DBD100          2.0    2852.765900   1426.382950    8.748537  1.613124e-04
BMXWAIST         1.0    72202.692290   72202.692290  442.845941  5.372836e-94

```

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DBD100:BMXWAIST      2.0      229.976156    114.988078    0.705265    4.940305e-01
Residual            4664.0   760430.039934    163.042461         NaN         NaN
```

```
[15]: # one standard deviation above mean
moderation_DI_up = ols('DI ~ DBD100 + waist_up + DBD100 * waist_up', data=df).
    ↪fit()
moderation_DI_up.summary()
```

```
[15]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
      """

                                OLS Regression Results

=====
Dep. Variable:                  DI      R-squared:                  0.090
Model:                          OLS      Adj. R-squared:              0.089
Method:                        Least Squares      F-statistic:                92.35
Date:                          Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):          5.66e-93
Time:                          12:15:13      Log-Likelihood:              -18518.
No. Observations:              4670      AIC:                        3.705e+04
Df Residuals:                  4664      BIC:                        3.709e+04
Df Model:                      5
Covariance Type:               nonrobust

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=====
                                coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
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Intercept                    41.0870      1.525      26.946      0.000      38.098
44.076
DBD100[T.2.0]                 2.9751      2.555       1.164      0.244      -2.035
7.985
DBD100[T.3.0]                 4.2712      3.244       1.317      0.188      -2.088
10.630
waist_up                     0.2182      0.013     16.179      0.000       0.192
0.245
DBD100[T.2.0]:waist_up      -0.0214      0.022     -0.955      0.339      -0.065
0.023
DBD100[T.3.0]:waist_up      -0.0266      0.028     -0.953      0.341      -0.081
0.028
=====
Omnibus:                     642.737      Durbin-Watson:              2.006
Prob(Omnibus):                0.000      Jarque-Bera (JB):           2183.342
Skew:                         -0.685      Prob(JB):                   0.00
Kurtosis:                     6.057      Cond. No.                   2.32e+03
=====

Warnings:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
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specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 2.32e+03. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

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```
[16]: # one standard deviation below mean
moderation_DI_down = ols('DI ~ DBD100 + waist_down + DBD100 * waist_down',
    ↪data=df).fit()
moderation_DI_down.summary()
```

```
[16]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
```

"""

```

                        OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          DI      R-squared:                0.090
Model:                  OLS      Adj. R-squared:           0.089
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:        92.35
Date:                   Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):    5.66e-93
Time:                   12:15:14      Log-Likelihood:       -18518.
No. Observations:       4670      AIC:                  3.705e+04
Df Residuals:           4664      BIC:                  3.709e+04
Df Model:                5
Covariance Type:        nonrobust
=====
=====
                        coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
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-----
Intercept                49.3885        1.023     48.287      0.000      47.383
51.394
DBD100[T.2.0]             2.1615        1.722      1.255      0.209     -1.214
5.537
DBD100[T.3.0]             3.2576        2.200      1.481      0.139     -1.055
7.570
waist_down                0.2182        0.013     16.179      0.000        0.192
0.245
DBD100[T.2.0]:waist_down -0.0214        0.022     -0.955      0.339     -0.065
0.023
DBD100[T.3.0]:waist_down -0.0266        0.028     -0.953      0.341     -0.081
0.028
=====
Omnibus:                 642.737      Durbin-Watson:           2.006
Prob(Omnibus):            0.000      Jarque-Bera (JB):       2183.342
Skew:                     -0.685      Prob(JB):                0.00
Kurtosis:                 6.057      Cond. No.                1.06e+03
=====
```

Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 1.06e+03. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

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For the models above, coefficients for the interaction terms and salt intake itself are not significant(at level of 95%). There are not moderation effect of waist size on salt intake and diastole.

### 0.3.2 Systolic result

Fit model:  $SY \sim DBD100 + BMXWAIST + DBD100 * BMXWAIST$

```
[17]: moderation_SY = ols('SY ~ DBD100 + BMXWAIST + DBD100 * BMXWAIST', data=df).fit()
moderation_SY.summary()
```

```
[17]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
""
```

```

                        OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          SY      R-squared:            0.176
Model:                  OLS      Adj. R-squared:       0.175
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:      199.6
Date:                   Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):  2.71e-193
Time:                   12:15:14      Log-Likelihood:     -19484.
No. Observations:       4670      AIC:                3.898e+04
Df Residuals:           4664      BIC:                3.902e+04
Df Model:                5
Covariance Type:        nonrobust
=====
=====
                        coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
Intercept              83.3170      1.565      53.231      0.000      80.248
86.386
DBD100[T.2.0]           1.6470      2.628       0.627      0.531     -3.505
6.799
DBD100[T.3.0]           1.3457      3.345       0.402      0.687     -5.211
7.903
BMXWAIST                0.3813      0.017     22.986      0.000       0.349
0.414
DBD100[T.2.0]:BMXWAIST -0.0069      0.028     -0.250      0.802     -0.061
0.047
DBD100[T.3.0]:BMXWAIST -0.0027      0.034     -0.078      0.938     -0.070
0.065
=====
```

```

Omnibus:                1183.493    Durbin-Watson:                1.972
Prob(Omnibus):           0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):           3393.681
Skew:                    1.320    Prob(JB):                   0.00
Kurtosis:                6.236    Cond. No.                   1.62e+03
=====

```

Warnings:

```

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
[2] The condition number is large, 1.62e+03. This might indicate that there are
strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.
"""

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```
[18]: anova_lm(moderation_SY)
```

```

[18]:              df      sum_sq      mean_sq      F      \
DBD100              2.0  5.269709e+03   2634.854509   10.684907
BMXWAIST            1.0  2.407964e+05  240796.362719   976.481519
DBD100:BMXWAIST     2.0  1.548005e+01     7.740026    0.031387
Residual          4664.0  1.150123e+06   246.595924      NaN

```

```

              PR(>F)
DBD100          2.345321e-05
BMXWAIST        8.385065e-195
DBD100:BMXWAIST 9.691002e-01
Residual              NaN

```

```

[19]: # one standard deviation above mean
moderation_SY_up = ols('SY ~ DBD100 + waist_up + DBD100 * waist_up', data=df).
    ↪fit()
moderation_SY_up.summary()

```

```

[19]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
"""

```

```

              OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          SY      R-squared:                0.176
Model:                  OLS      Adj. R-squared:           0.175
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:         199.6
Date:                   Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):       2.71e-193
Time:                   12:15:14      Log-Likelihood:          -19484.
No. Observations:       4670      AIC:                    3.898e+04
Df Residuals:           4664      BIC:                    3.902e+04
Df Model:                5
Covariance Type:        nonrobust
=====
=====
              coef      std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]

```

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-----
Intercept                76.0645      1.875      40.563      0.000      72.388
79.741
DBD100[T.2.0]            1.7782      3.143      0.566      0.572      -4.383
7.939
DBD100[T.3.0]            1.3965      3.989      0.350      0.726      -6.424
9.217
waist_up                 0.3813      0.017      22.986      0.000      0.349
0.414
DBD100[T.2.0]:waist_up  -0.0069      0.028     -0.250      0.802      -0.061
0.047
DBD100[T.3.0]:waist_up  -0.0027      0.034     -0.078      0.938      -0.070
0.065
=====
```

```
Omnibus:                1183.493      Durbin-Watson:           1.972
Prob(Omnibus):           0.000      Jarque-Bera (JB):       3393.681
Skew:                    1.320      Prob(JB):               0.00
Kurtosis:                6.236      Cond. No.               2.32e+03
=====
```

Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 2.32e+03. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

"""

```
[20]: # one standard deviation below mean
moderation_SY_down = ols('SY ~ DBD100 + waist_down + DBD100 * waist_down',
→data=df).fit()
moderation_SY_down.summary()
```

```
[20]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
"""
```

#### OLS Regression Results

```
=====
Dep. Variable:            SY      R-squared:                0.176
Model:                    OLS      Adj. R-squared:          0.175
Method:                    Least Squares      F-statistic:            199.6
Date:                      Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):      2.71e-193
Time:                      12:15:14      Log-Likelihood:         -19484.
No. Observations:          4670      AIC:                   3.898e+04
Df Residuals:              4664      BIC:                   3.902e+04
Df Model:                  5
Covariance Type:           nonrobust
=====
=====
```

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025
0.975]					
-----					
Intercept	90.5694	1.258	72.002	0.000	88.103
93.035					
DBD100[T.2.0]	1.5158	2.118	0.716	0.474	-2.636
5.667					
DBD100[T.3.0]	1.2949	2.705	0.479	0.632	-4.008
6.598					
waist_down	0.3813	0.017	22.986	0.000	0.349
0.414					
DBD100[T.2.0]:waist_down	-0.0069	0.028	-0.250	0.802	-0.061
0.047					
DBD100[T.3.0]:waist_down	-0.0027	0.034	-0.078	0.938	-0.070
0.065					
=====					
Omnibus:	1183.493	Durbin-Watson:		1.972	
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):		3393.681	
Skew:	1.320	Prob(JB):		0.00	
Kurtosis:	6.236	Cond. No.		1.06e+03	
=====					

Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The condition number is large, 1.06e+03. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

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For the models above, coefficients for the interaction terms and salt intake itself are not significant(at level of 95%). There are not moderation effect of waist size on salt intake and diastole.

## 0.4 Mediation effect of age

Fit model: RIDAGEYR ~ DBD100 to see if there are relationships between age and salt intake

```
[21]: # test if there is relationship between age and salt intake.
age_D = ols('RIDAGEYR ~ DBD100', data=df).fit()
age_D.summary()
```

```
[21]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
""
```

OLS Regression Results			
=====			
Dep. Variable:	RIDAGEYR	R-squared:	0.009
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.008
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	20.96
Date:	Thu, 05 Dec 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	8.67e-10

```

Time:                  12:15:14    Log-Likelihood:          -20954.
No. Observations:      4670      AIC:                4.191e+04
Df Residuals:          4667      BIC:                4.193e+04
Df Model:               2
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
=====
=
              coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-
Intercept          36.2901      0.435      83.420      0.000      35.437
37.143
DBD100[T.2.0]       2.9959      0.723       4.145      0.000       1.579
4.413
DBD100[T.3.0]       5.1646      0.861       5.999      0.000       3.477
6.852
=====
Omnibus:            1880.486    Durbin-Watson:          2.043
Prob(Omnibus):       0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):       325.994
Skew:                0.347    Prob(JB):               1.63e-71
Kurtosis:            1.908    Cond. No.               3.29
=====

```

Warnings:

```

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
"""

```

The model is significant. There are relationships between age and salt intake behavior.

#### 0.4.1 Diastolic result

Fit model:  $DI \sim DBD100 + RIDAGEYR$ .

```

[22]: mediation_DI = ols('DI ~ DBD100 + RIDAGEYR', data=df).fit()
mediation_DI.summary()

```

```

[22]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
"""

```

```

              OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          DI      R-squared:          0.073
Model:                  OLS      Adj. R-squared:        0.072
Method:                 Least Squares      F-statistic:         121.6
Date:                  Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):    7.67e-76
Time:                  12:15:14      Log-Likelihood:       -18563.
No. Observations:      4670      AIC:                3.713e+04
Df Residuals:          4666      BIC:                3.716e+04

```

```

Df Model:                3
Covariance Type:         nonrobust
=====
=
          coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-
Intercept          59.4642      0.411    144.512      0.000     58.657
60.271
DBD100[T.2.0]       0.4425      0.434      1.020      0.308     -0.408
1.293
DBD100[T.3.0]       1.2334      0.518      2.381      0.017      0.218
2.249
RIDAGEYR            0.1636      0.009     18.646      0.000      0.146
0.181
=====
Omnibus:                724.710    Durbin-Watson:           2.007
Prob(Omnibus):           0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):       2672.320
Skew:                   -0.747    Prob(JB):               0.00
Kurtosis:                6.391    Cond. No.               136.
=====

```

Warnings:

```

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
"""

```

The model is significant. Age might be a mediator between salt intake and diastolic.

```

[23]: # Create design matrix
DI,model_mat = patsy.dmatrices("DI ~ DBD100 + RIDAGEYR", data=df)
df_med_DI=pd.DataFrame(model_mat).iloc[:,1:]
df_med_DI.columns=['DBD2', 'DBD3', 'RIDAGEYR']
df_med_DI['DI']=DI

# origin model and mediator model
med_model_DI=OLS.from_formula('DI ~ RIDAGEYR+DBD2+DBD3', data=df_med_DI)
mediator_DI=OLS.from_formula('RIDAGEYR ~ DBD2+DBD3', data=df_med_DI)

# origin model and mediator model
med_DI = Mediation(med_model_DI,mediator_DI,['DBD2', 'DBD3'], 'RIDAGEYR').fit()
med_DI.summary()

```

```

[23]:
          Estimate  Lower CI bound  Upper CI bound  P-value
ACME (control)    1.336201         0.894425         1.810091      0.000
ACME (treated)    1.336201         0.894425         1.810091      0.000
ADE (control)     1.692829         0.107259         3.290577      0.038
ADE (treated)     1.692829         0.107259         3.290577      0.038

```

Total effect	3.029030	1.396428	4.608381	0.000
Prop. mediated (control)	0.438871	0.269666	0.920362	0.000
Prop. mediated (treated)	0.438871	0.269666	0.920362	0.000
ACME (average)	1.336201	0.894425	1.810091	0.000
ADE (average)	1.692829	0.107259	3.290577	0.038
Prop. mediated (average)	0.438871	0.269666	0.920362	0.000

All the mediation effect(ACME) are significant(at level of 95%). Which means that age is a mediator between salt intake and diastolic.

## 0.4.2 Systolic result

Fit model: SY ~ DBD100 + RIDAGEYR.

```
[24]: mediation_SY = ols('SY ~ DBD100 + RIDAGEYR', data=df).fit()
mediation_SY.summary()
```

```
[24]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>
      """
```

```

                                OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:                  SY      R-squared:                0.326
Model:                        OLS      Adj. R-squared:           0.326
Method:                    Least Squares      F-statistic:            753.2
Date:                Thu, 05 Dec 2019      Prob (F-statistic):        0.00
Time:                        12:16:57      Log-Likelihood:           -19015.
No. Observations:                4670      AIC:                     3.804e+04
Df Residuals:                    4666      BIC:                     3.806e+04
Df Model:                        3
Covariance Type:                nonrobust
=====
=
                                coef      std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
-----
-
Intercept                101.9719      0.453      224.951      0.000      101.083
102.861
DBD100[T.2.0]              0.2888      0.478        0.604      0.546      -0.648
1.226
DBD100[T.3.0]              0.2734      0.571        0.479      0.632      -0.845
1.392
RIDAGEYR                   0.4567      0.010      47.259      0.000        0.438
0.476
=====
Omnibus:                    587.593      Durbin-Watson:           1.956
Prob(Omnibus):              0.000      Jarque-Bera (JB):        1253.258
Skew:                      0.767      Prob(JB):                7.22e-273
Kurtosis:                   5.022      Cond. No.                 136.

```



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Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

""

The model is significant. Even though the coefficients of salt intake is not significant (at level of 95%). Age might be a mediator between salt intake and systolic.

```
[25]: # Create design matrix
SY, model_mat = patsy.dmatrices("SY ~ DBD100 + RIDAGEYR", data=df)
df_med_SY = pd.DataFrame(model_mat).iloc[:, 1:]
df_med_SY.columns = ['DBD2', 'DBD3', 'RIDAGEYR']
df_med_SY['SY'] = SY

# origin model and mediator model
med_model_SY = OLS.from_formula('SY ~ RIDAGEYR + DBD2 + DBD3', data=df_med_SY)
mediator_SY = OLS.from_formula('RIDAGEYR ~ DBD2 + DBD3', data=df_med_SY)

# origin model and mediator model
med_SY = Mediation(med_model_SY, mediator_SY, ['DBD2', 'DBD3'], 'RIDAGEYR').fit()
med_SY.summary()
```

	Estimate	Lower CI bound	Upper CI bound	P-value
ACME (control)	3.737113	2.471780	5.024574	0.000
ACME (treated)	3.737113	2.471780	5.024574	0.000
ADE (control)	0.563925	-1.081074	2.157202	0.514
ADE (treated)	0.563925	-1.081074	2.157202	0.514
Total effect	4.301039	2.189444	6.329029	0.000
Prop. mediated (control)	0.870716	0.616533	1.373339	0.000
Prop. mediated (treated)	0.870716	0.616533	1.373339	0.000
ACME (average)	3.737113	2.471780	5.024574	0.000
ADE (average)	0.563925	-1.081074	2.157202	0.514
Prop. mediated (average)	0.870716	0.616533	1.373339	0.000

All the mediation effect (ACME) are significant. Which means that age is a mediator between salt intake and systolic.

## 0.5 Summary

From the analysis above, we know that the salt intake behavior has significant influence on people's blood pressure (both diastolic and systolic). The influence of salt intake behavior on blood pressure (both diastolic and systolic) is not moderated by waist size. Age is a Mediator between salt intake behavior and blood pressure (both diastolic and systolic).

## 0.6 Reference

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