

Assignment 2

1) a) SUTVA or Stable Unit Treatment Assumption →

There are two assumptions :

i) No interference - The potential outcomes for any unit do not vary with treatments assigned to other units. A subject's potential outcome is not affected by other subjects' exposure to treatment.

ii) No hidden variations in treatment - For each unit there are no different versions of each treatment level, which lead to different potential outcomes.

Inappropriate definition of exposure. E.g: 15 min of exercise or 30 min of exercise. There is no clear definition.

b) Large Sample Size - It can help with two things

i) Sampling variability - This helps in better and robust selection of samples from a given population.

ii) Non deterministic outcome - In cases where we have very random outcomes when applying the same treatment on the same individual we often need

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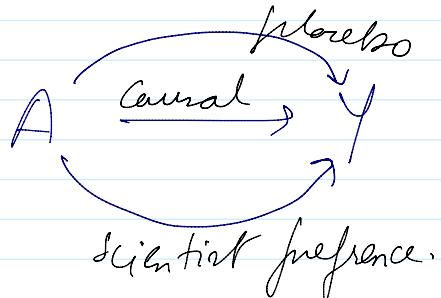
As sample size increases the size of the confidence interval decreases which means we can be more confident about a specific outcome

c) No Measurement Error - A fundamental assumption in all statistical analysis is that all the observations are correctly measured. In many situations this assumption is violated. There can be several reasons such as, variables are not measurable, variables are not clearly defined etc.

In all these cases true value of the variable cannot be recorded. Instead it is observed with some error. The difference between the observed & true values of the variable is called as measurement error.

d) Double blindfoldness - It eliminates the placebo effect i.e. the patients don't necessarily know that they are being treated with the original ingredient or not.

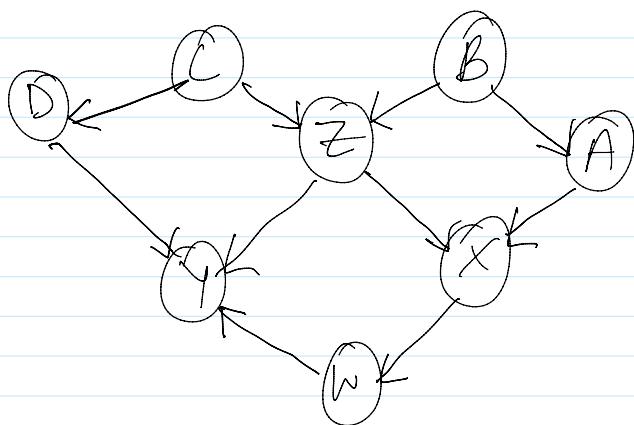
The doctors also don't know that whom they are treating



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2)



a) $(\bar{z})(A, B, z)_{(\bar{z}, \bar{c})} (\bar{z}, \bar{c}, \bar{d})_{(\bar{c}, \bar{b})} (A, B, \bar{z}, \bar{c}, \bar{d}) . (\bar{z}, A) (\bar{z}, \bar{b})$

b) $(\bar{z}, \bar{a}) (\bar{z}, \bar{b}) (\bar{z}, \bar{c}) (\bar{z}, \bar{d})$

c) $(\bar{z}, \bar{c}) (\bar{z}, \bar{b}) (\bar{z}, \bar{a}) (A, X) (\bar{c}, \bar{x}) (\bar{b}, \bar{x})$
 (\bar{z}, \bar{w})

d) $(\bar{z}, \bar{b}) (\bar{z}, \bar{a}) (\bar{c}, \bar{x})$

3) a) $P_Y = \mathcal{N}(0, 17)$

b) $P_{Y|X=K} = \mathcal{N}(4K, 1)$

c) $P_{Y|do(X=K)} = \mathcal{N}(4K, 1)$

d) $P_{X|Y=K} = \mathcal{N}(\frac{K}{4}, 1)$

e) $P_{X|do(Y=K)} = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ (since X & Y are independent now)

4) a) $\begin{array}{cccc} X & Y & Z & P(X, Y, Z) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (1-p_1)(1-q_1)(1-r) \end{array}$

0	0	0	$(1-p_1)(1-q_{V_1})(1-r)$
0	0	1	$(1-p_3)(1-q_{V_2})r$
0	1	0	$(1-r)p_1(1-q_{V_1})$
0	1	1	$r(1-q_{V_2})p_3$
1	0	0	$(1-r)q_{V_1}(1-p_2)$
1	0	1	$r q_{V_2}(1-p_4)$
1	1	0	$(1-r)q_{V_1}p_2$
1	1	1	$r q_{V_2}p_4$

$$b) P(y=1 | x=1) - P(y=1 | x=0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(1-r)q_{V_1}p_2 + rp_4q_{V_2}}{(1-r)q_{V_1}p_2 + rp_4q_{V_2} + rq_{V_2}(1-p_4)} - \frac{r((1-q_{V_2})p_3 + (1-r)(1-q_{V_1})p_1)}{r((1-q_{V_2})p_3 + (1-r)(1-q_{V_1})p_1 \\
 &\quad + (1-p_3)(1-q_{V_2})r + (1-p_1)(1-q_{V_1})(1-r)} \\
 &= \frac{(1-r)q_{V_1}p_2 + rp_4q_{V_2}}{(1-r)q_{V_1} + rq_{V_2}} - \frac{r((1-q_{V_2})p_3 + (1-r)(1-q_{V_1})p_1)}{r((1-q_{V_2}) + (1-r)(1-q_{V_1}))}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$c) p_4 - p_3$$

$$d) p_2 - p_1$$

$$f) P(y | do(u)) \neq n \delta_y$$

$$P(y=1 | do(u=1)) = (1-r)p_2 + rp_4$$

$$P(y=1 | do(u=0)) = (1-r)p_1 + rp_3$$

$$P(y=0 | do(u=1)) = (1-r)(1-p_2) + r(1-p_4)$$

$$P(y=0 | do(u=0)) = (1-r)(1-p_1) + r(1-p_3)$$

$$\text{or } P(u=1 | x=1) - P(u=1 | x=0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g) P(y=1 | d_0(n=1)) - P(y=1 | d_0(n=0)) \\
 &= ((1-r)p_2 + rp_4) - ((1-r)p_1 + rp_3) \\
 &= (p_2 - p_1) - r[p_2 - p_1 + p_3 - p_4] \\
 &= (1-r)(p_2 - p_1) - r(p_4 - p_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

This quantity does not contain the effect of Z

The quantity calculated in (b) is more effective
since it captures the effect of the syndrome in
the estimation process

c) $r = 0.5, p_1 = 0.6, p_4 = 0.1, p_3 = 0.2$
 $q_1 = 0.8, q_2 = 0.1, p_2 = 0.5$

(b) equals 0.18

(c) equals -0.1

(d) equals -0.1