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The OVB Formula in Action - Quiz

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Question 1

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Suppose that those who eat healthier also exercise and their exercise makes them more alert during the day.

In what direction is your estimate likely to be biased if you fail to control for exercise given the relationship described above?

- a. upward biased
- b. not biased
- c. downward biased
- d. cannot determine before looking at the estimates.

Explanation

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The relationship described above suggests that exercise is negatively correlated with a high fat diet, and negatively correlated with day time sleepiness. So going back to our OVB formula, since we expect both terms to be negative, the OVB will be positive and therefore the coefficient is biased upward.

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