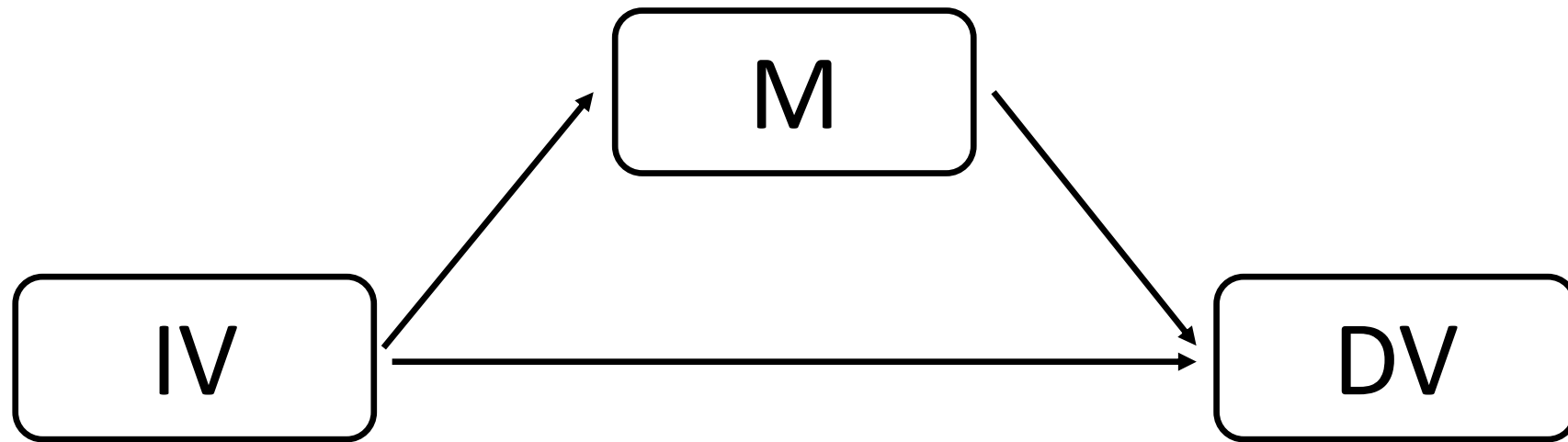


Mediation Analysis in SPSS for Binary Outcome



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**Often,
we use first partial derivatives to model
indirect effects.**

(Reference is provided in the video description.)

Mediation Analysis for Continuous Outcome

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Sample Data:

- X (IV) is continuous.
- M is continuous.
- Y (DV) is **continuous**.

a and b paths:

- (1) $X \rightarrow M$ (**a path**)

$$M = a_0 + a_1 X$$

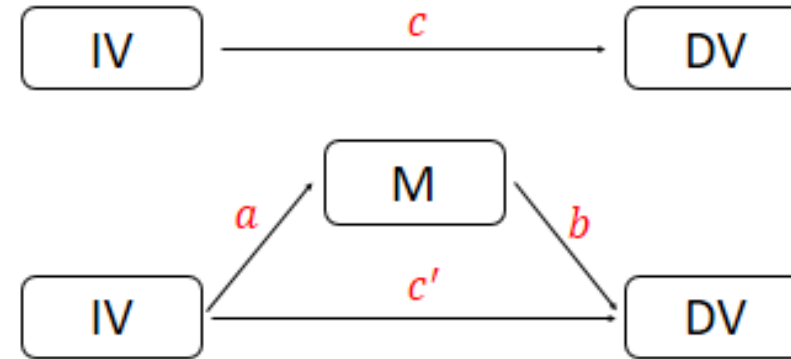
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial X} = a_1$$

- (3) $X + M \rightarrow Y$ (**b path**)

$$Y = b_0 + b_1 M + c' X$$

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial M} = b_1$$

Indirect effect: $a_1 * b_1$

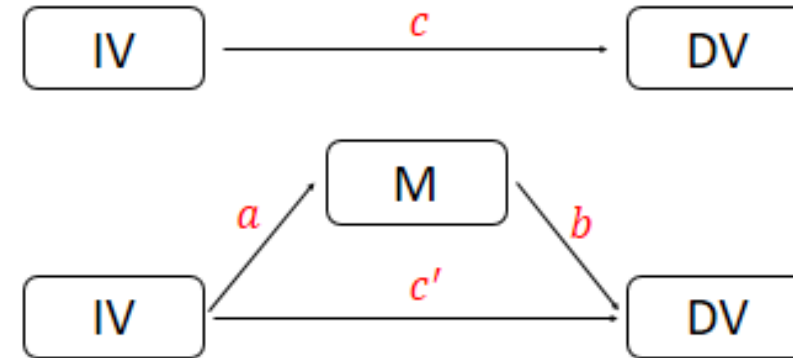


Mediation Analysis for Binary Outcome

Mediation Analysis for **Binary** Outcome

Sample Data:

- X (IV) is continuous.
- M is continuous.
- Y (DV) is **binary**.



a and b paths:

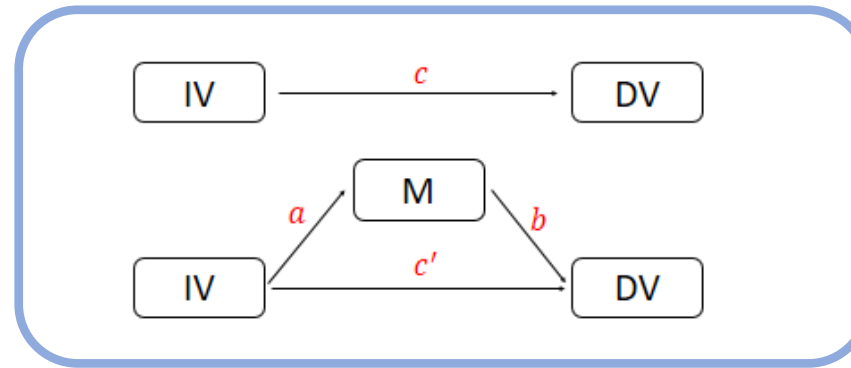
- (1) $X \rightarrow M$ (**a path**)

$$M = a_0 + a_1 X$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial X} = a_1$$

- (3) $X + M \rightarrow Y$ (**b path**)

$$P(Y=1) = \frac{e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c' X)}}{1 + e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c' X)}}$$



Logistic Function (or, expit) Format

$$P(Y=1) = \frac{e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c'X)}}{1 + e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c'X)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial P(Y=1)}{\partial M} = \frac{b_1 e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c'X)}}{(1 + e^{(b_0 + b_1 M + c'X)})^2}$$

Log odds (or, logit) Format

$$\log \frac{P(Y=1)}{1 - P(Y=1)} = b_0 + b_1 M + c'X$$

$$\frac{\partial \log \frac{P(Y=1)}{1 - P(Y=1)}}{\partial M} = b_1$$

PROCESS in SPSS calculates the indirect effect: $a_1 * b_1$