

Structural Equation Modeling

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In this talk I introduce the concepts and jargon of structural equation modeling (SEM) including path diagrams, latent variables, endogenous and exogenous variables, and goodness of fit. I describe the similarities and differences between Stata's -sem- and -gsemcommands. Then I demonstrate how to fit many familiar models such as linear regression, multivariate regression, logistic regression, confirmatory factor analysis, and multilevel models using -sem- and -gsem-. I wrap up by demonstrating how to fit structural equation models that contain both structural and measurement components.

