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## Testing Interactions in Classification Problems

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The purpose is to demonstrate a procedure for testing the increment to classification accuracy afforded by an interaction term using predictive discriminant analysis (PDA) and logistic regression (LR). The PSAT (Math) and ethnicity were employed to predict students at risk of passing or failing the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Math. Results favored PDA over LR for the failure group. For PDA, at an a priori alpha of .05, the moderation of ethnicity was not significant for the failure group, but was for both passing and the total sample, as were hit-rates for total sample and separate groups by Ethnicity.

Researchers employing multiple linear regression frequently use the well-known technique of hypothesis testing through contrasting the predictive variance attributable to full versus restricted models. This method's power, generality, and applicability to a very wide range of questions in science form a theoretical umbrella under which most univariate inferential statistical tests can be viewed.

In multivariate statistics, a test of the so-called additional information hypothesis (AIH) was suggested by C. R. Rao over 50 years ago (see Hand, 1981, p. 149). The context of this hypothesis is that of one-factor multivariate analysis of variance. The research question associated with this hypothesis pertains to an assessment of the difference between the intergroup distance when all response variables are analyzed and the intergroup distance for a subset of response variables. The hypothesis, then, is that the omitted set of variables adds no information (in the sense of intergroup distance) to that yielded by the subset included. The research question considered in this situation is different from that which occurs in a predictive context because the same criteria are not appropriate. For Rao's AIH, the criterion is intergroup difference, whereas, for the prediction problem, the criterion is classification accuracy (see Huberty & Wisenbaker, 1992) – total, or that obtained within each of the separate groups.

The same type of model contrast explanatory increment question can be asked, and seems to be of at least as much potential interest, in classification questions. Specifically, the question arises in studies using predictive discriminant analysis (i.e., classification), logistic regression, as well as other methods of classification. In this case, the criterion for model accuracy is some form of classification accuracy. The test concerns the difference in proportion of correct classifications (hit-rate) between full and restricted models, just as is done using the  $R^2$  in multiple regression. The appropriate test statistic is McNemar's (1947) contrast between correlated proportions, and was introduced by Morris and Huberty (1991; 1995) for the purpose of full versus restricted model testing in predictive discriminant analysis for specific planned contrasts using the total group hit-rate as the criterion.

One of the difficulties with the application of the McNemar statistic to full versus restricted model classification questions is that it requires tallying the number of subjects classified correctly and incorrectly and summarizing the results in a fourfold table corresponding to the full and restricted models. To obtain the entries for that table, one needs more than a knowledge of hit-rates for each model; one must count the number of subjects who were correctly and incorrectly classified in both the full and restricted models in turn. Thus, the total and separate-group hit-rates that are available from standard discriminant analysis and logistic regression package programs are not sufficient information to complete the comparison between full and restricted models. For each individual case, one must tally whether the subject was classified correctly or incorrectly jointly for the full and reduced models. Moreover, if one considers cross-validated classification to be the appropriate metric of model accuracy, then these classifications/misclassifications that are to be tallied must be cross-validation estimates. A computer program to accomplish this otherwise difficult task has been made available in the case of discriminant analysis (Morris & Huberty, 1991; 1995) and logistic regression (Lieberman, Morris & Huberty, 2000).

One typical use of a full vs. restricted model test in multiple regression is in the consideration of an interaction, tested in multiple regression by considering the contribution of a standard multiplicative term (often with variables centered to avoid collinearity problems). Our purpose in this paper is to extend this procedure and illustrate an example thereof in a classification model. Note that these variable importance tests are based on the increment to classification accuracy and are quite different than tests of an

interaction term  $\beta$  available in standard computer packages. Those tests are appropriate when considering partial influence on group separation, but not on hit-rate – the criterion of importance in a classification analysis. As this is simply an extension of the full vs. restricted model testing paradigm to the interaction question, the same aforementioned FORTRAN computer program is applicable.

One may argue, however, that because of the positive bias of estimation of hit-rate classification of the calibration sample, a cross-validated estimate of accuracy should be used. A nonparametric approach to estimating cross-validated hit-rate, which has a wide following in the discriminant analysis literature, is the leave-one-out procedure (Huberty & Olejnik, 2006; Huberty & Mourad, 1980; Lachenbruch & Mickey, 1968; Mosteller & Tukey, 1968). In this method, a subject is classified by applying the rule derived from all subjects except the one being classified. This process is repeated round-robin for each subject, with a count of the overall classification accuracy used to estimate the cross-validated accuracy. We show how interaction tests using full versus restricted model testing, parallel to that used in multiple regression, can be extended to classification studies. We illustrate the interaction test for total as well as separate-group Leave-One-Out classification accuracies for both predictive discriminant analysis (PDA) and Logistic Regression (LR).

### Method

An example provided herein regards predicting a high-stakes state mandated, “pass or fail,” test from a prior low-stakes test hoped to be diagnostic thus aiding in remediation. Specifically the Florida “FCAT” is predicted from the PSAT. Specifically, the question examined is whether the accuracy with which the PSAT Math can classify subjects correctly in regard to passing or failing the FCAT Math is moderated by ethnicity. In this case both the PDA and LR model were created using PSAT (centered on its mean), Ethnicity, and their product predicting FCAT success. The contrast of interest was that between the hit-rate for all three variables and that afforded by excluding the cross-product term, thus testing the increment to classification accuracy afforded by the moderator variable.

### Results and Discussion

Table 1 illustrates the cross-validated (leave-one-out) hit-rates from a linear discriminant function with equal priors for the total sample (N=533), as well as by ethnicity. First, for both ethnicities prediction is most accurate for those who fail, which, if there is to be a separate group accuracy difference is in the desirable direction. Also, hit-rate is more accurate for the total sample as well as for separate groups for Ethnicity 1 than Ethnicity 2. The question of interest is whether hit-rate is significantly moderated by ethnicity.

Table 1 shows the results. Although not of primary interest in this study, the difference in cross-validated hit-rate for LR than PDA is of interest. Because of the poor predictive performance of the LR model (using both ethnicities) for the “Failed” group, a better choice would be the PDA model. As primary interest was in correct classification of the subjects who fail the high stakes FCAT, only the interaction tests for the PDA model will be discussed herein.

For the PDA results, if the researcher posited an alpha of .05, the aforementioned moderation tests would lead the researcher to conclude that the moderation of ethnicity on hit-rate was not significant for the FCAT failure group ( $p > .05$ ), but was for both the Passing group (McNemar  $z = 3.32$ ,  $p < .01$ ) and Total sample (McNemar  $z = 2.89$ ,  $p < .05$ ). Thus one could assert that the model was significantly more accurate at predicting group membership for subjects who passed, and for the combination of subjects passing and failing, for the Majority ethnicity than for the corresponding Minority. As well, as the hit-rates are simple ratio statistics, their simple difference (e.g.  $82.4\% - .66.7\% = 15.7\%$ , and  $83.3\% - 69.9\% = 13.4\%$ ) or a proportional increment [e.g.  $(82.4\%/66.7\% - 1) = 23.5\%$ , and  $(83.3\%/69.9\% - 1) = 19.2\%$ ], depending on notions of purpose and whether group size is a good estimate of the corresponding parameter, might serve as effect size estimators.

Of course, as in multiple regression, the procedure is not limited to categorical moderators. The relevant computer program is available from the authors.

Table 1. PDA and (LR) hit-rate predicting FCAT from PSAT for all Subjects and by two Ethnicities  
Hit-Rate for:

	Failed FCAT		Passed FCAT		Total (of row)
All Subjects	88.9%	(44.4%)	79.4%	(97.1%)	80.9% (89.1%)
Majority	91.9%	(56.8%)	82.4%	(97.5%)	83.3% (93.3%)
Minority	79.5%	(47.7%)	66.7%	(93.0%)	69.9% (81.5%)

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## A Method for Choosing Weights to Predict College Grades for Admission Decisions and to Assess their Fairness by Race/Ethnicity

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Previous research suggests that equal weights tend to outperform statistically optimal weights in cross-validation studies. This paper argues that the findings from the equal weights literature are relevant for researchers that predict college grades and/or assess differential prediction of college grades by student characteristics. An application of the criterion profile methodology (CPM) is presented to demonstrate how to examine individual criterion profiles. This study showed how to use the CPM to determine the extent to which equal and statistically optimal coefficients differentially predicted college grades for minority and majority students. The results support previous findings, in that, 92.5% of the explained variance in college grades was attributed to equal weights, where standardized test scores and high school rank were weighted equally, and 7.5% of the explained variance was accounted for by statistically optimal coefficients that weighted ACT Math scores less than ACT English and high school rank. Additionally, equally weighting admission information was more accurate for predicting Asian Americans' future academic performance than European Americans.

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**P**rediction is an important aspect of scientific endeavors. For instance, educators predict student achievement, psychologists classify clients into different diagnoses, university personnel place students into developmentally appropriate courses, and economists forecast stock prices and economic conditions. Multiple regression is an important statistical tool for making these types of predictions.

One classic application of multiple regression is the prediction of college grades with standardized test scores and measures of high school academic success (Hills, 1964; McKelpin, 1965; Munday, 1965; Richards & Lutz, 1968; Sassenrath & Pugh, 1965; Stanley & Porter, 1967). Many applications of multiple regression for predicting college grades are designed to create an equation (which is later referred to as a selection equation) for admission officers to objectively select or sort applicants based upon predicted academic performance. However, practitioners interested in prediction should be cautious about using regression equations to predict applicants' grades. Specifically, using an estimated regression equation to select or sort applicants assumes the intercept and slope coefficients are statistically equal (i.e., invariant) across different demographic groups (Dorans, 2004).

Differential prediction, which occurs when the intercept and/or slope coefficients differ between two or more groups (Cleary, 1968; Humphreys, 1952), can impact admissions decisions that use quantitative information and multiple regression predictions. For instance, intercept differences indicate that one group's academic performance is over-predicted and another group's performance is under-predicted. Previous research suggests that racial/ethnic minority group performance is consistently over-predicted with a common regression equation (Breland, 1979; Burton & Ramist, 2001; Cleary, Humphreys, Kendrick, & Wesman, 1975; Duran, 1983; Linn, 1973; Stanley & Porter, 1967; Wilson, 1983; Young, 2001). In this case, admission decisions are biased in favor of minorities; using one equation to predict academic performance will tend to over-predict minorities' actual performance. In contrast, female's performance is consistently under-predicted (Bridgeman, McCamley-Jenkins, & Ervin, 2000; Chou & Huberty, 1990; Elliott & Strenta, 1988; Noble, 2003; Pennock-Román, 1994; Ramist, Lewis, & McCamley-Jenkins, 1993; Young, 1994).

Slope differences provide evidence about the accuracy of different variables for predicting group outcomes. For example, Young's (2001) review of differential prediction studies suggests that minority students tend to have smaller slope coefficients for academic predictors, such as test scores and high school grades, than their European American counterparts. Slope differences by race/ethnicity are often evidence that test scores and/or high school grades are less valuable indicators of minority students' future academic performance and should be considered differently and perhaps with less value in admissions decisions.

Researchers and practitioners need to assess the presence of differential prediction to ensure

responsible multiple regression-based predictions. While multiple regression is used to assess differential prediction (the application of regression to assessing differential prediction is also referred to as moderated multiple regression, or MMR, see for example Saunders, 1956), research suggests that it is not a perfect tool for uncovering differential prediction. Aguinis and Stone-Romero (1997) note that the power to detect slope coefficient differences is smaller when certain artifacts are present (e.g., small sample sizes, relatively low representation of minorities in the sample, measurement error in the predictor and criterion, and range restriction in the predictor). That is, the likelihood of uncovering true differences in slope coefficients is less likely when the aforementioned artifacts are present. This translates into researchers being less likely to conclude that test scores and/or high school academic achievement are less valuable indicators for a given minority group (e.g., comparisons by race/ethnicity, gender, first-generation status, etc.) even when such an inference is true in the population.

Dana and Dawes (2004) offer an additional caution for statisticians and practitioners who make predictions with multiple regression. Through the use of statistical simulations, Dana and Dawes (2004) contributed evidence to an existing body of research (Davis & Sauser, 1991; Dawes, 1979; Dawes & Corrigan, 1974; Dawes, Faust, & Meehl, 1989) that equal weights (i.e., slope coefficients that are equal for every predictor) tend to outperform statistically optimal weights (i.e., standardized slope coefficients derived with ordinary least squares, or OLS) in cross-validation samples. Dana and Dawes (2004) boldly conclude that multiple regression should not be used for prediction purposes when the total variance explained is small (i.e.,  $R^2$  is less than 0.25). Similarity, Einhorn and Hogarth (1975) suggest that regression should not be used when  $R^2 < 0.50$ .

High school grades and standardized test scores tend to account for less than 50% of the total variation in college grades (and sometimes less than 25% of variation). This poses a challenge for researchers who wish to predict college grades and/or conduct differential prediction studies. In particular, differential prediction studies use MMR to test the extent to which subgroups' differ in statistically optimal slope coefficients. Dana and Dawes' (2004) findings provide evidence that comparing the equivalence of statistically optimal weights may be inadvisable when  $R^2$  is small. Indeed, if equal weights account for the majority of variance in college grades rather than statistically optimal weights, it may be more appropriate to determine the extent to which equal weights differentially predict college grades for different subgroups.

The goal of this paper is to show how an external profile analysis technique can be used to assess differential prediction by race, while concurrently examining the value of equal and statistically optimal weights. A simple application of a criterion profile methodology (CPM; Davison & Davenport, 2002) is presented to test the extent to which statistically optimal and equal weights differentially predict the college grades of two minority groups (African; Asian Americans) when compared to European Americans.

One goal of this study was to assess differential prediction in a way that accommodates Dana and Dawes' (2004) concerns. Accordingly, the first section of this paper introduces the mathematical formulation of the CPM and describes how the CPM can address Dana and Dawes' (2004) concerns.

The CPM is an external profile analysis technique (Davison & Davenport, 2002) that yields a predictor profile that differentiates between subjects with high and low scores on a criterion, such as college grades. So, another goal of this study was to introduce researchers to the CPM, since it is applicable to other research endeavors. The profile analysis feature of the CPM was described to clearly articulate the model. In this study, high school grades and ACT test scores were used to demonstrate individual and sub-group profile differences. The third section discusses the results of the differential prediction analysis as it relates to using the CPM and the last section provides concluding remarks.

### **Description of the Criterion Profile Methodology**

Profiles patterns identified with cluster analysis or multidimensional scaling have been criticized for not exhibiting criterion-related validity evidence (Watkins, 2000). The advantage of the CPM is that the identified profiles are explicitly related to a criterion, such as college grades in this study, and exhibit some degree of validity as determined by the strength of the relationship between the predictors and the criterion (Davison & Davenport, 2002). That is, the identified predictor patterns distinguish those low and high on the criterion variable.

The CPM parses the variation in a criterion variable explained by a set of independent variables into two components: a level effect, which is characterized by an equally weighted linear composite of the predictors, and a pattern effect, which is the covariance between a subject's predictor profile and the regression coefficients. The relationship between the level effect and equal weights versus the pattern effect and optimal weights is discussed below.

To formally define these two effects we start with the usual regression model in Equation 1 below:

$$Y_p = \sum_{v=1}^V \beta_v X_{pv} + a + e_p \quad (1)$$

where  $Y_p$  represents the criterion score for person  $p$ ,  $\beta_v$  represents the regression coefficient for variable  $v$  ( $v = 1$  to  $V$  where  $V$  is the number of predictors and  $V \geq 2$ ), and  $X_{pv}$  is the score for subject  $p$  on predictor  $v$ . Finally,  $a$  is the intercept of the regression equation and  $e_p$  is a random error term. The criterion profile is defined as the set of slope coefficients,  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots$ , and  $\beta_v$ , for the  $p$  predictors.

Davison and Davenport (2002) prove that the regression model in equation 1 is equivalent to the following model:

$$Y_p = \gamma_1 Cov_p + \gamma_2 \bar{X}_p + a + e_p \quad (2)$$

where,  $\bar{X}_p$  is referred to as level,  $Cov_p$  is referred to as pattern, and  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are their respective slope coefficients (these coefficients are standardized if  $Cov_p$  and  $\bar{X}_p$  represent z-scores). The first term on the right of Equation 2 constitutes the pattern effect, and the second term is the level effect. Regardless of the original number of predictors, the original regression equation can be reduced to three terms,  $a$ ,  $Cov_p$ , and  $\bar{X}_p$ . It is important to note that  $Y_p$  and  $e_p$  are the same in Equations 1 and 2, so that the level and pattern variables together account for the same proportion of variation in the criterion as the original variables.

The equations for level and pattern are presented below in Equations 3 and 4:

$$\bar{X}_p = \frac{\sum_{v=1}^V X_{pv}}{V} \quad ; \quad (3)$$

$$Cov_p = \frac{\sum_{v=1}^V (\beta_v - \bar{\beta})(X_{pv} - \bar{X}_p)}{V} \quad ; \quad (4)$$

where the only new variable,  $\bar{\beta}$ , in Equation 4 represents the average of the regression coefficients. Equation 3 shows that level,  $\bar{X}_p$ , is person  $p$ 's unweighted average on the independent variables, which suggests that individuals who tend to have larger (smaller) standardized values on the  $V$  predictors will also tend to have larger (smaller) values for level.

Pattern ( $Cov_p$ ) is the covariance between person  $p$ 's predictor scores and the weights from the original regression, and it is a measure of the match between the observed score profile of person  $p$  and the pattern that distinguishes people with high scores on the criterion. Individuals with predictor scores whose pattern matches the configuration of the regression weights will have larger profile match statistics  $Cov_p$  and therefore higher predicted values.

Because it is a covariance measure, pattern is positive for subjects whose scores are consistent with the criterion profile (i.e., the configuration of the slope coefficients,  $\beta_v$ ) and negative for subjects whose scores are consistent with the mirror image of the criterion profile. The mirror image profile is defined by slope coefficients with the exact opposite configuration as the criterion profile. The coefficients for the mirror image profile ( $\psi_v$ ) can be found with the following expression:  $\psi_v = \bar{\beta} - (\beta_v - \bar{\beta}) = 2\bar{\beta} - \beta_v$ . Subjects with predictor profiles corresponding to the mirror image pattern tend to have lower predicted values after controlling for level. The criterion and mirror image profiles are discussed later during the application of the CPM with admissions data.

### Value of the CPM for Differential Prediction Studies

The CPM is useful for identifying profiles that differentiate between individuals with high and low criterion values, such as first year cumulative grade point average in our case. However, the criterion profile is only useful for differentiating between high and low CGPA scorers when the pattern effect is statistically significant after controlling for level, which occurs when the statistically optimal weights add predictive value in addition to equal weights. In fact, pattern is generally statistically significant when variability exists among the standardized regression weights. In cases where pattern provides no additional prediction in the criterion over that of level, the equal weight profile differentiates between low and high scoring subjects, subjects with larger criterion scores tend to have high values on all the predictors rather than a configuration of predictor scores.

The pattern variable is also important, since it represents the extent to which practitioners should employ statistically optimal weights in decisions. Referring to Equation 4 again, we see that pattern is particularly important for assessing differential prediction. The relative size of the regression weights vary along two extremes: the weights are either close to being equal or they differ substantially in magnitude. Pattern will account for less variation in a criterion when the regression weights are similar or equal to each other, which would lead to equal weights outperforming statistically optimal weights. Conversely, statistically optimal weights are important for prediction purposes when pattern accounts for relatively more variation in a criterion than level, or equal weights. Pattern is useful to the extent that the optimal weights (betas) vary and this variance in weights accounts for differences in the criterion.

This study assesses the value of using equal vs. statistically optimal weights by estimating the amount of variation that is accounted for by level and pattern. More formally, the hypothesis is:

$$H_0: R^2_{\text{Level}} = R^2_{\text{Level} + \text{Pattern}} \text{ and } H_1: R^2_{\text{Level}} \neq R^2_{\text{Level} + \text{Pattern}}$$

which is testable with the traditional  $F$ -test comparing parametric regression models with  $V-1$  and  $N-V-1$  degrees of freedom where  $V$  is the number of independent variables and  $N$  is the sample size (Davison & Davenport, 2002). Substantively, this test will provide evidence for whether or not statistically optimal weights provide predictive value above and beyond equal weights.

### Methods

#### *Sample*

This study used data from the entering class of 2000 at a public research university. The data was collected from each student during the pre-college admissions process and provided to the researchers by the Office for Institutional Research. The sample consisted of 2,035 students who enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) fall 2000 and persisted through one year of academic study. These 2,035 students were disaggregated by self-reported race/ethnicity. Of the 2,035 students, 68 were African American (AFA), 11 were American Indian, 186 were Asian American (ASA), 1,683 were European American (EA), 38 were Hispanic, 5 were International, and 44 were unidentified. Only the AFA, ASA and EA groups were included in the analyses, since there were small numbers of American Indians, Hispanics, International, and unidentified students in the sample. The final sample size included 1,933 students (four students had missing scores on at least one of the predictors).

#### *Variables*

In this application of the CPM, the predictors of interest were students' ACT English sub-score (ACTE), ACT math test sub-score (ACTM), and high school percentile rank (HSR) and the criterion was first-year cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The regression and CPM analyses were conducted by standardizing the predictors and criterion across racial subgroups onto a z-score scale with a mean of zero and variance of one. Table 1 reports descriptive statistics of the variables. Certainly, one could argue that ACTE, ACTM, and HSR predict first-year grades differently depending upon the type of coursework or degree program in which a student engages. It is important to note that the students in the CLA were chosen to reduce the potential heterogeneity in regression equations across different colleges within the university.

#### *Point of Caution*

With respect to the CPM, there are no limitations of formulating the general linear model in terms of level and pattern. In fact, the reconfiguration of the general linear model into the CPM accounts for the same proportion of variance in the criterion. However, it is important to consider

**Table 1.** Multiple Regression and Criterion Profile Methodology Summary.

	Std. Weight	Sig.	Part Corr.	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
Regression Model <sup>a</sup>					
ACT English	0.306	***	0.261	24.3	4.30
ACT Math	0.087	***	0.074	24.6	4.08
High School Rank	0.306	***	0.302	80.8	11.50
CPM Model <sup>a</sup>					
Level	0.496	***	0.493	-0.0004	0.71
Pattern	0.138	***	0.137	-0.00003	0.05
Cross-Validation Summary		Sample 1	Sample 2		
<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup> , Level Only		0.233	0.229		
<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup> , Level + Pattern		0.259	0.242		

**Note:** Std Weight = Standardized slope coefficient, Sig. = Level of significance, Part Corr. = Part Correlation, *M* = average, *SD* = standard deviation.

The average CGPA was 3.01 with a standard deviation equal to 0.59.

<sup>a</sup>The model *R*<sup>2</sup> = 0.250 for both the regression and CPM models.

\* *p* < 0.05, \*\* *p* < 0.01, \*\*\* *p* < 0.001

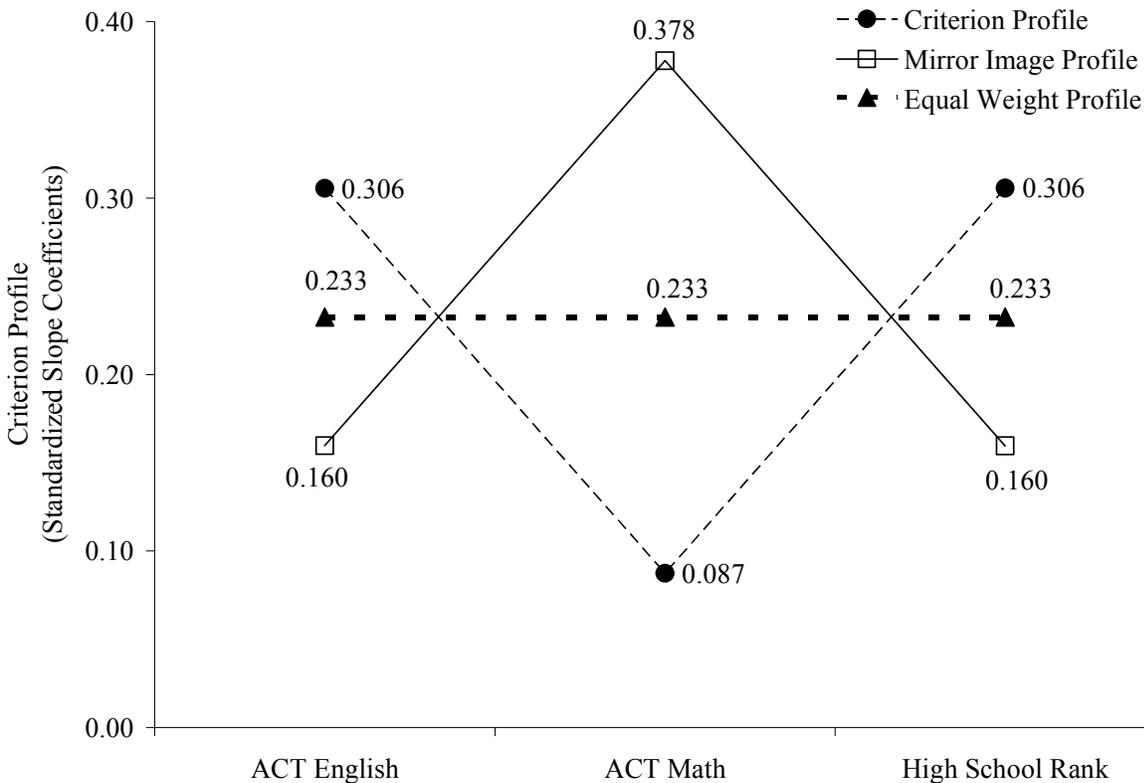


Figure 1. Pooled, within race/ethnicity, and equal weight criterion profiles.

**Note.** *R*<sup>2</sup> = 0.250 for the criterion profile and *R*<sup>2</sup> = 0.231 for the equal weight profile.

one issue to ensure meaningful CPM analyses, which is that the independent variables need to be on either a substantively meaningful scale, such as the number of credit hours in various mathematics courses (Davison & Davenport, 2002), or the same scale, such as z-scores, to yield regression coefficients that are comparable in the criterion profile. Failure to address the scaling of the predictors may produce misleading or substantively uninformative results (Davison & Davenport, 2002).

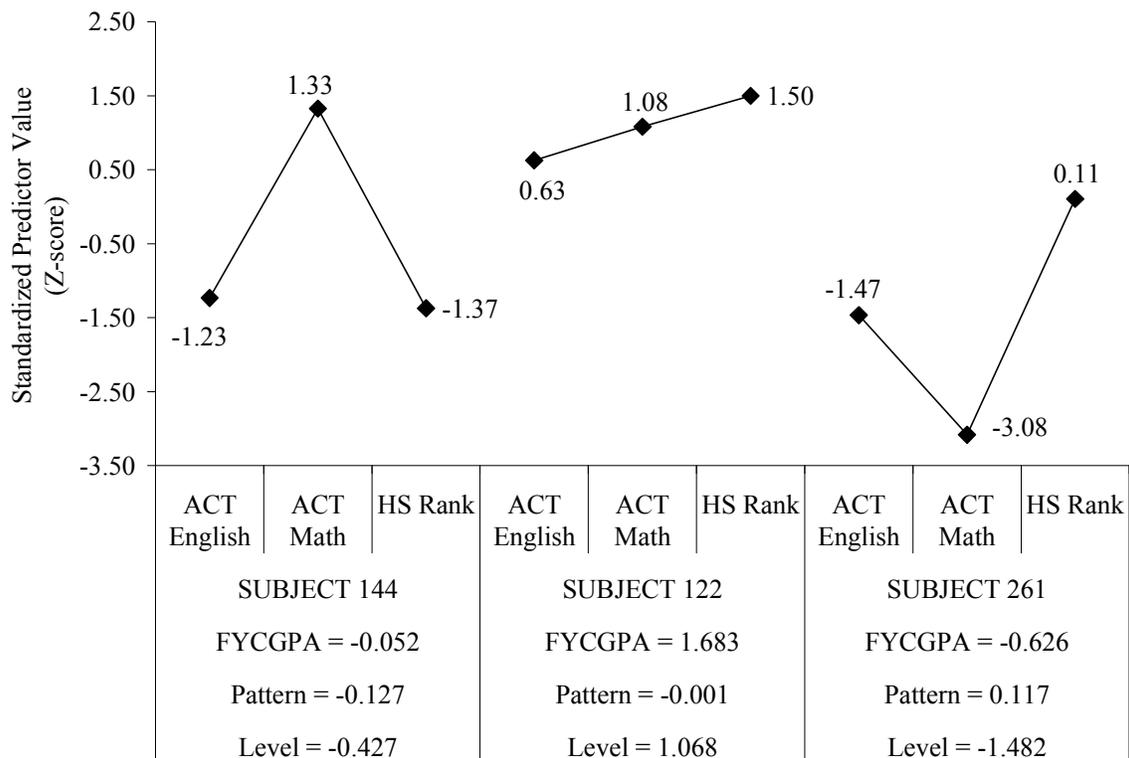
**Results**

The results section consists of two subsections. In an effort to further articulate and demonstrate the CPM, the first section applies the CPM to identify a profile pattern that distinguishes those high and low on the criterion variable. The second section uses the CPM to assess the extent to which equal and statistically optimal weights differentially predict CGPA.

*Profile Application of the Criterion Profile Methodology: Understanding Individual Differences.*

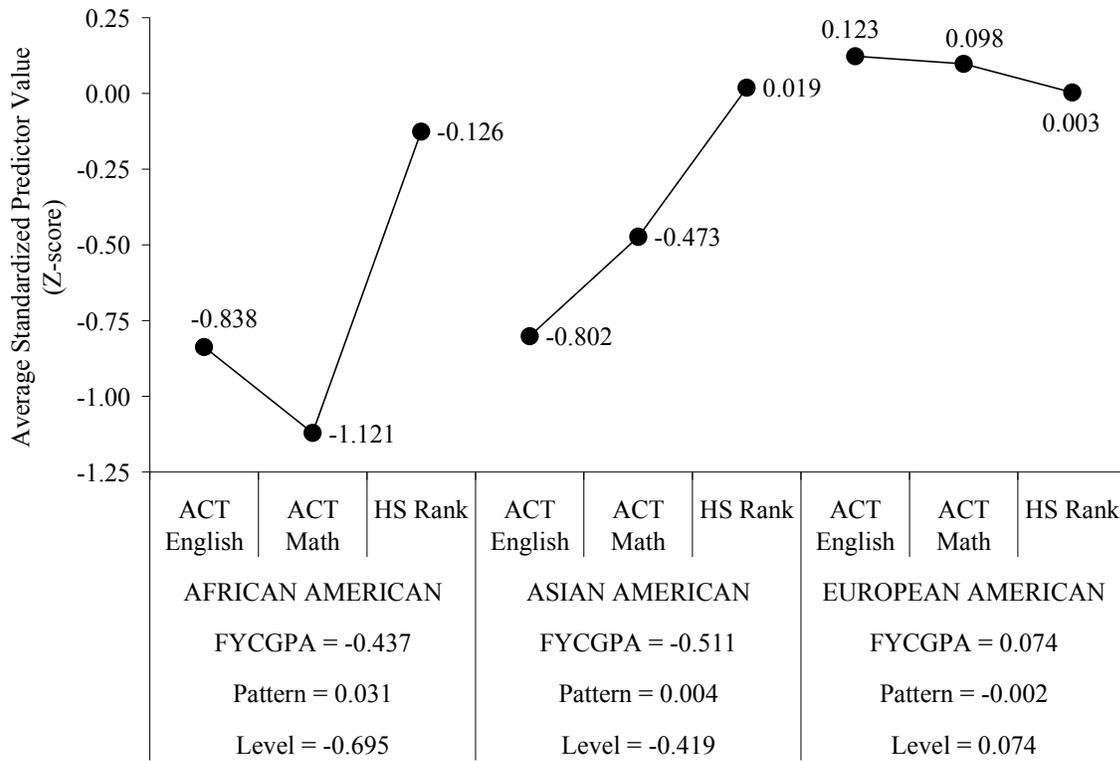
Table 1 presents the regression summary of ACTE, ACTM, and HSR as predictors of CGPA. The regression model accounted for approximately 25.0% of the variation in CGPA. Furthermore, all the predictors were positively related to CGPA and were statistically significant at the 0.001 level. The standardized slope coefficients equaled 0.306, 0.087, and 0.306, for ACTE, ACTM, and HSR, respectively. The standardized slope coefficients define the criterion profile, which was characterized by larger weights for ACTE and HSR than for ACTM. The mirror image profile consisted of weights with an exact opposite configuration of the criterion profile. Figure 1 plots the criterion and mirror image profiles, in addition to the equal weight profile.

Figure 2 plots three subjects' standardized predictor profiles to demonstrate how the CPM can be used to describe individual differences. Figure 2 shows that subject 261 more closely matched the criterion profile and subject 144 matched the mirror image profile. The average pattern was approximately zero with a corresponding standard deviation of 0.05. Subject 144 had a pattern value about two standard deviations below the mean ( $Cov_{144} = -0.13$ ) and subject 261 had a pattern value about two standard deviations above the mean ( $Cov_{261} = 0.12$ ). Subject 122's standardized predictor profile resembled the equal weight profile, since the profile was nearly flat and the values for the three predictors were within one standard deviation of each other. Additionally, subject 122's profile did not match either the criterion or mirror image profiles, as indicated by  $Cov_{122} = -0.001$ . Moreover, subject 122 had the largest level value and subject 261 had the smallest value for level.



**Figure 2.** Three subjects' predictor profiles.

Figure 2 also includes information pertaining to the subjects' CGPA, which were standardized to z-scores. Of these three subjects, 122 performed the best academically (1.68) followed by Subject 144 (-0.05), and Subject 261 (-0.63). It is important to determine the extent to which higher academic performance was associated with individual differences in level, individual differences in pattern, or



**Figure 3.** Average predictor profiles by race.

individual differences in both level and pattern. To answer this question we need to understand the amount of variation that was captured by level and pattern independently (note that the bivariate correlation between level and pattern equaled -0.11, so the effects were nearly orthogonal). Table 1 presents the standardized slope coefficients (later denoted as  $\beta$ ),  $p$ -values, and part-correlations for level ( $\beta = 0.496$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ) and pattern ( $\beta = 0.138$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). A significant  $F$ -test ( $F(2, 1,929) = 23.6$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ) provided evidence that pattern accounted for variation in college grades after controlling for level.

The  $F$ -test results suggest that statistically optimal weights provided some predictive value that was not captured by equal weights. Still, the results suggest that the vast majority of variance accounted for in CGPA was attributed to level, or an equal weighting scheme. Squaring the part correlations in Table 1 yields the change in  $R^2$  effect-size. Level alone accounted for 23.1% of the total variance in CGPA or 92.5% of the explained variance in CGPA (e.g.,  $0.231/0.250 = 0.925$ ). Pattern accounted for 1.9% additional variance in CGPA or 7.5% of the explained variance in CGPA. This evidence suggests that individual differences in CGPA were more associated with differences in level than with pattern. From a prediction perspective, equal weights captured most of the variance in CGPA when compared to statistically optimal weights.

Davison and Davenport (2002) note that it is also important to cross-validate CPM findings to assess the value of level and pattern in a different sample. The total sample was randomly divided into two groups. Standardized test scores and high school rank were regressed onto CGPA and the resulting standardized slope coefficients were used to create pattern variables in the omitted sample. The bottom portion of Table 1 summarizes the cross-validation findings. In particular, level accounted for 23.3% and 22.9% of the total variance in CGPA within each sample. Pattern accounted for an additional 2.6% and 1.3% after controlling for level. The cross-validation results provide additional evidence that level accounted for the vast majority of variance in CGPA. Note that this cross-validation is especially important given sample fluctuations of regression weights and the fact that practitioners may use them as if they are stable.

This finding suggests that the differences among CGPA scores for the three subjects in Figure 2 were largely due to individual differences in level rather than pattern; i.e., subjects with higher academic performance in college tended to have higher scores on all of the predictors rather than a configuration of

predictor values that matched the criterion profile. For instance, Figure 2 shows that the subject who had the highest values on all of the predictors (Subject 122) also had the largest CGPA. Conversely, the two subjects that exhibited variability in their standardized predictor values had lower level values and lower academic performance.

*Differential Prediction Application of the Criterion Profile Methodology*

The previous section presented a profile application of the CPM. This section focuses upon the use of the CPM as a means of comparing the predictive value of statistically optimal weights and/or equal weights in differential prediction studies. Previous research suggests that an equally weighted linear composite of the independent variables provides predictive power comparable to or better than statistically optimal weights (Dana & Dawes, 2004; Davis & Sauser, 1991; Dawes, 1979; Dawes & Corrigan, 1974; Dawes et al., 1989). The use of the CPM for differential prediction studies offers a way to examine whether equal weights and/or statistically optimal weights are differentially valid for different groups simultaneously.

The CPM statistical results in Table 1 provided evidence that equally weighting the independent variables accounted for nearly all of the variation in CGPA. Thus, the value in using statistically optimal weights after controlling for an equally weighted linear composite was limited. In this instance, where level accounts for the majority of variation in CGPA, it may not be appropriate to assess differential prediction of subgroups by comparing the statistically optimal regression equations. Instead, a more meaningful differential prediction study should independently compare the extent to which level, a composite that equally weights the independent predictors, and pattern differentially predicts CGPA for students of different races/ethnicities.

Given the relative value of equal and statistically optimal weights in this study, it may be statistically appropriate to exclude pattern from the MMR model and only estimate whether level differentially predicts college grades. Instead, pattern was included in the differential prediction model to demonstrate how researchers can use the CPM to address situations where level and pattern each account for a significant amount of variation in the criterion.

Table 2 presents CPM results for comparing the equivalence of subgroup regression equations. The estimated CPM-MMR model is shown below in Equation 5:

$$FYCGPA_p = b_0 + b_1(AFA_p) + b_2(ASA_p) + b_3\bar{X}_p + b_4Cov_p + b_5(AFA_p)\bar{X}_p + b_6(ASA_p)\bar{X}_p + b_7(AFA_p)Cov_p + b_8(ASA_p)Cov_p + e_p \quad (5)$$

where the dummy variables:  $AFA_p$  and  $ASA_p$ , equal one for African American and Asian American students, respectively, and zero otherwise. Additionally, CGPA, level, and pattern were standardized.  $b_0$  represents the average EA CGPA in standard deviation units, since EA was the reference group.  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  represent the average difference in CGPA between AFA and EA and ASA and EA, respectively. In other words, these two parameters represent necessary intercept adjustments to better predict these two minority groups relative to the majority group. Furthermore, the EA coefficient for level was  $b_3$  and  $b_5$  and  $b_6$  denote the amount that the slope coefficient for level differed between AFA and EA and ASA and EA, respectively. Just as  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  represented adjustments, so does  $b_5$  and  $b_6$ .  $b_4$  represents the contribution of pattern to the prediction equation for EA.  $b_7$  and  $b_8$  represent the corresponding adjustments to pattern for AFA and ASA, respectively.

**Table 2.** Criterion Profile Methodology Moderated Multiple Regression Summary

	Slope	Sig.
Intercept	0.031	
African American	-0.040	
Asian American	-0.181	*
Level	0.459	***
African American * Level	0.066	
Asian American * Level	0.182	*
Pattern	0.140	***
African American * Pattern	-0.015	
Asian American * Pattern	0.043	

**Note.** The model  $R^2 = 0.259$ .  
 Level and Pattern were standardized.  
 \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$

The extent to which all adjustments are non-significant indicates the degree to which one regression equation would be equally predictive for the three racial/ethnic groups. Statistically significant  $b_5$  and/or  $b_6$  parameters would indicate group differences in the accuracy of equal weights for predicting college grades. Similarly, statistically significant  $b_7$  and/or  $b_8$  parameters would suggest that the ethnic groups were not equal relative to using optimal weights as represented by the beta coefficients.

The evidence in Table 2 suggests that AFA and EA did not statistically differ in regression equations. None of the adjustments for the AFA group were significant which indicates that the estimates provided by the referent group, EA, were sufficient for AFA. That is, level ( $b_5 = 0.066$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ) and pattern ( $b_7 = -0.015$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ) predicted the same for AFA and EA and there were no intercept differences ( $b_1 = -0.040$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ), which indicated that the AFA and EA groups performed similarly academically after controlling for the three measures of pre-collegiate academic success. Conversely, ASA exhibited a statistically lower intercept than EA ( $b_2 = -0.18$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ) and a larger slope coefficient for level ( $b_6 = 0.18$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). The former finding suggests that the ASA group tended to earn lower CGPA than the EA group. The slope coefficients in equation 5 represent partial correlations, so the latter finding suggests that equal weights demonstrated more criterion-related validity for ASA students than for their EA counterparts. Moreover, in additional analyses, level accounted for 22.6% and 21.0% of the variance in CGPA for ASA and EA, respectively, which suggests that equal weights may have been slightly more accurate for ASA students. EA and ASA did not differ in the extent to which using statistically optimal weights related to the subsequent quality of the prediction.

### Conclusion

This paper used the CPM to: 1) conduct profile analysis to differentiate between individuals and groups who earn high and low college grades; and 2) explore differential predictability in the use of equal and statistically optimal weights. The results provided evidence that equal weights, or level, accounted for more variance in CGPA than statistically optimal weights, pattern. The criterion profile, or statistically optimal weights, provided little additional predictive ability for differentiating between students with high and low CGPA scores. Therefore, the best weighting scheme was one that treated test scores and high school rank equally rather than the statistically optimal weighting scheme that gave more weight to ACT English and high school rank than to ACT Math. Perhaps intuition or research would suggest that ACT Math is not as good of a predictor of academic performance for students in liberal arts, since their coursework may include less mathematics. The findings of this study suggest that using equal weights for all applicants will capture most of the variability in first-year grades; approximately 90% of the accounted for variance. From a practitioner's perspective, the evidence suggests that ACT Math scores should be treated with the same weight or importance as ACT English scores, and high school rank in decisions for admitting applicants to the College of Liberal Arts.

This finding had direct relevance for assessing differential prediction. That is, statistically optimal weights accounted for very little variance in addition to equal weights. Thus, it was more appropriate to test the extent to which equal and statistically optimal weights differentially predicted grades for different racial groups. In fact, an equal weighting scheme was more valid for ASA than for EA. There was no evidence to suggest that AFA and EA equations differed, so the equal and statistically optimal weighting schemes provided similar predictive accuracy.

The use of equal or statistically optimal weights poses another methodological challenge for assessing differential prediction. Future differential prediction studies should determine the value of equal and statistically optimal weights by computing the variance accounted for by level and pattern in college grades in the full sample and in cross-validation samples. Failure to determine the relative value of equal and statistically optimal weights may result in researchers comparing the equivalence of groups in statistically optimal coefficients when equal weights account for the vast majority of variance in a criterion. This study demonstrated that the CPM is an appropriate method for addressing this methodological issue.

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# A Monte Carlo Program for Multiple Linear Regression

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The primary purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate a new computer program that statistics instructors can use to help teach certain regression topics in their courses. In particular, a computer program was written in Borland Delphi 2007 and will run under most recent versions of the Microsoft Windows operating system, including XP and Vista. The program may be downloaded free of charge.

The MCMR: Monte Carlo for Multiple Regression program performs Monte Carlo simulations of ordinary least squares multiple linear regression with up to 6 predictors. The program runs single sample analyses in addition to Monte Carlo simulations. For single samples, data can be saved and imported in comma-delimited text format. For Monte Carlo analyses, sampling distribution data can be saved for several regression statistics for further analyses elsewhere. The on-screen results from any analysis can be saved to a file and printed. The summary results provided from the Monte Carlo simulations include R-squared statistics, shrinkage statistics, regression coefficients, standard errors, and other relevant statistical results. Suggestions for use will be provided to help users understand how the program can be used effectively in intermediate statistics courses.

The MCMR Program is available at: <http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~brooksg/software.htm>

This is the Opening Screen that appears when the program is started (or after the “Reset (F4)” menu option is chosen).

### 3 sections require user input

This is where we describe the population from which samples will be drawn in the Monte Carlo process. That is, the Monte Carlo process randomly generates samples of data that could come from the particular population described (using means, standard deviations, and correlations).

Click “Run” (bottom right) or press F9 to begin the Monte Carlo analysis.

Set sample size, alpha, number of simulations, and maybe a seed for the random number generator (if you use the same seed, you get the same results).

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD		
1	X1:	0.0	1.0				
2	X2:	0.0	1.0				
3	X3:	0.0	1.0				
4	X4:	0.0	1.0				
5	X5:	0.0	1.0				
6							

Choose the number of predictors and Set the population means and standard deviations (Y is the dependent variable, X1 is predictor 1, etc.)

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV:  Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

X1:  X1  Blank all correlations

X2:  X2  Set all Blank to 0

X3:  X3

Set the population correlations (rho). You can get a random matrix that meets certain criteria (described later). Some matrices will not work as proper CORRELATION MATRICES. If one is entered, and error message will pop up, saying that the matrix is not Positive Definite (see Get Matrix section below).

After an analysis

MCMR: Monte Carlo for Multiple Regression (version 2008)

File Reset (F4) Run Analysis (F9) Options Help

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD		
1	X1:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.994		
2	X2:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.995		
3	X3:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.994		
4	X4:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.995		
5	X5:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.992		
6							

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37 Get N from PEAR Method

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 Set alpha=0.01 Set a=0.05 Set a=0.10

Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000 Set to 1 simulation Set 1000 Set 10000

The pseudorandom generator needs an INTEGER value to get started:

Random Generator Seed: 1932 Set a Random Seed

Automatically set new seed for successive simulations

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Pro-portion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0008	0.1760		492	0.0492			
X1	0.0002	0.1797	-0.0001	494	0.0494	-0.0008	0.0000	1.1334
X2	0.0005	0.1794	0.0005	500	0.0500	0.0017	0.0006	1.1323
X3	-0.0005	0.1798	-0.0008	524	0.0524	-0.0013	-0.0007	1.1350
X4	0.0009	0.1795	0.0008	490	0.0490	0.0006	0.0007	1.1345
X5	0.0029	0.1801	0.0030	542	0.0542	0.0020	0.0027	1.1339

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 2154 (0.215) after SIG model 508 (0.051)

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	Std. Error of the Estimate (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.3564	0.1385	0.0365	0.9931	Regression	5.01	5	1.001	524	0.0524
				Residual	31.06	31	1.002		
				TOTAL	36.07	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.0044 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>): 0.0120

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true: k/(n-1) = 0.1389

MC MR Finished 10000 Run (F9)

4 boxes contain results after an analysis, but not all are immediately obvious. Each section is described in greater detail below. This analysis was done with a seed of 1932. All population correlations were 0.0.

Population Parameters				Actual	
# of Predictors:		M	SD	M	SD
	Y:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.994
<input type="radio"/> 1	X1:	0.0	1.0	0.004	0.994
<input type="radio"/> 2	X2:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.995
<input type="radio"/> 3	X3:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.994
<input type="radio"/> 4	X4:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.995
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	X5:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.992
<input type="radio"/> 6					

AVERAGE Sample Correlations					
DV					
X1	-0.001		X1		
X2	0.002	0.001	X2		
X3	-0.001	-0.001	0.000	X3	
X4	0.001	0.002	0.000	-0.002	X4
X5	0.002	0.002	-0.001	0.002	0.004

Show Pop. Correlations    rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.000

The average ACTUAL means and standard deviations are reported in aqua.

If you hit the “Show Actual Correlations” button, you can see the average ACTUAL correlations. (You must hit “Show Pop. Correlations” to run another analysis)

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro-portion</u>	<u>Zero-order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
B0	-0.0008	0.1760		492	0.0492			
X1	0.0002	0.1797	-0.0001	494	0.0494	-0.0008	0.0000	1.1334
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X4	0.0009	0.1795	0.0008	490	0.0490	0.0006	0.0007	1.1345
X5	0.0029	0.1801	0.0030	542	0.0542	0.0020	0.0027	1.1339

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 2154 (0.215) after SIG model 508 (0.051)

The average ACTUAL regression coefficient information is reported in this box — except for the “Rejected” and “Proportion” columns, which report the number (and proportion) of samples in which the particular regression coefficient (represented by X1, X2, etc.) was statistically significant.

“# samples w/at least 1 significant X” reports how many samples had at least one significant predictor.

“after SIG model” reports how many samples had at least one significant predictor following a significant overall regression model (the idea being that we don’t usually examine the statistical significance of regression coefficients unless the model was first significant—but that doesn’t mean that some predictors weren’t significant anyway).

B0 represents the CONSTANT in the regression equation. By default, B0 is not included in the 2 counts (above), but there is a menu option that will allow it to be included.

<b>Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)</b>				<b>Source of Variation</b>	<b>Sum of Squares</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Mean Square</b>	<b>Rejections</b>	<b>Proportion Significant</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> (Ra<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Std. Error of the Estimate</b>	<b>Regression</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.001</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>0.0524</b>
<b>0.3564</b>	<b>0.1385</b>	<b>0.0365</b>	<b>0.9931</b>	<b>Residual</b>	<b>31.06</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.002</b>		
<b>Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>)</b>		<b>Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>)</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.07</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.1389</b>	
<b>0.0044</b>		<b>0.0120</b>							

Model summary information is provided here. Again, these are AVERAGE results except for the “Rejections” and “Proportion Significant” columns, which report how many (and the proportion of) samples that had statistically significant overall regression models.



While the Monte Carlo simulations are running, the bottom panel (progress bar) looks like this. You can stop the Monte Carlo analyses if you need to by clicking the “Stop Running” button.



After the analysis is finished, the bottom panel will look like this. If you have aborted the process by pressing the “Stop Running” button, the number actually finished will appear in the panel.



If you review the ACTUAL correlations by clicking on the “Show Actual Correlations” button, you will not be able to continue with additional Monte Carlo analyses until you press the “Show Pop. Correlations” button (which is actually the same button as the “Show Actual Correlations” button).



Although not done in this example, when you run multiple SINGLE SAMPLE analyses, you will have the option of going backwards by one sample. Often, you get to clicking the “Run” button too quickly and you aren’t able to stop on a sample with interesting results. This “Back Up” button will allow you to go back 1 sample (but only 1).

<b>ACTUAL Single Sample Correlations</b>				
<b>DV</b>				
<b>X1</b>	-0.267	<b>X1</b>		
<b>X2</b>	0.050	0.147	<b>X2</b>	
<b>X3</b>	-0.093	0.35 *	-0.41**	<b>X3</b>
<b>X4</b>	-0.31 *	-0.197	-0.050	0.011 <b>X4</b>
<b>X5</b>	-0.145	-0.004	0.024	0.055 0.246

**Show Pop. Correlations** \*p<.05, \*\*p<.01

Another difference for SINGLE SAMPLE analyses is that statistically significant pairwise correlations are marked with asterisks when you click “Show Actual Correlations.”

<b>Regression Coefficient Information (Single Sample)</b>								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>Sig</u>	<u>Zero-order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
<b>B0</b>	0.0300	0.1699		0.1766	0.8610			
<b>X1</b>	-0.3296	0.1523	-0.3974	-2.1649	0.0382	-0.2665	-0.3422	1.3480
<b>X2</b>	0.1560	0.2108	0.1366	0.7400	0.4649	0.0499	0.1170	1.3634
<b>X3</b>	0.1075	0.1918	0.1097	0.5607	0.5790	-0.0928	0.0886	1.5318
<b>X4</b>	-0.3338	0.1524	-0.3659	-2.1908	0.0361	-0.3094	-0.3463	1.1159
<b>X5</b>	-0.0686	0.1708	-0.0658	-0.4017	0.6907	-0.1449	-0.0635	1.0721

At least 1 significant predictor (X) ? **YES** after SIG model? No

For SINGLE SAMPLE analyses, the “Rejected” and “Proportion” columns change to the actual *t* statistics and *p* values (“Sig”) for each regression coefficient.

By the way, “B” is the unstandardized regression coefficient, “SEB” is the standard error for the unstandardized regression coefficient, “Beta” is the standardized regression coefficient, “Zero-order” is the Pearson correlation between each predictor and Y, “Part Corr” is the part (or semi-partial) correlation between each predictor and Y GIVEN the other predictors in the model, and “VIF” is the variance inflation factor (1/Tolerance) used for diagnosing multicollinearity.

The “At least 1 significant predictor (X) ?” box shows whether any of the regression coefficients was statistically significant (but not which one).

Both bottom boxes turn from white to GREEN if “YES”

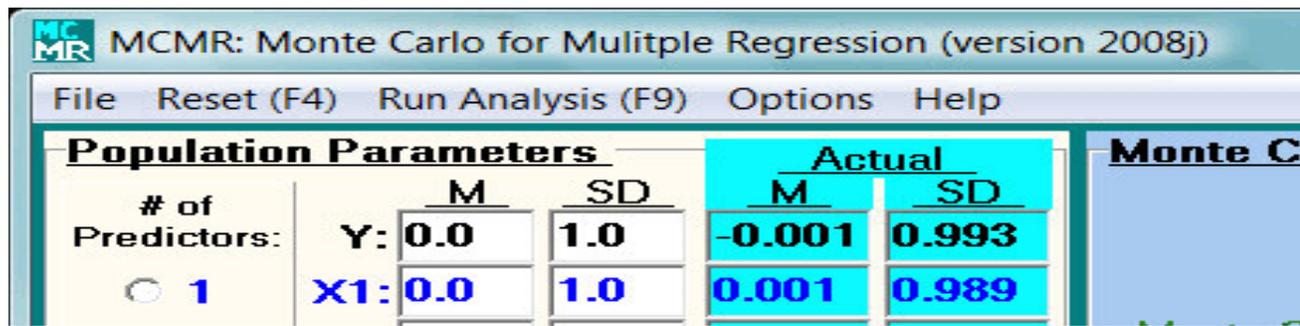
<b>Model Summary Information (Single Sample)</b>									
<u>R</u>	<u>R<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Std. Error of the Estimate</u>	<u>Source of Variation</u>	<u>Sum of Squares</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>Mean Square</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sig</u>
0.4746	0.2253	0.1003	0.9766	Regression	8.60	5	1.719	1.8029	0.1414
<u>Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>)</u>		<u>Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>)</u>		Residual	29.57	31	0.954	<u>Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true</u>	
0.0000		0.0000		TOTAL	38.16	36		k/(n-1) = 0.1389	

For SINGLE SAMPLE analyses, the “Rejections” and “Proportion Significant” columns change to the actual *F* statistic and the actual *p* value significance of the regression model (“Sig”).

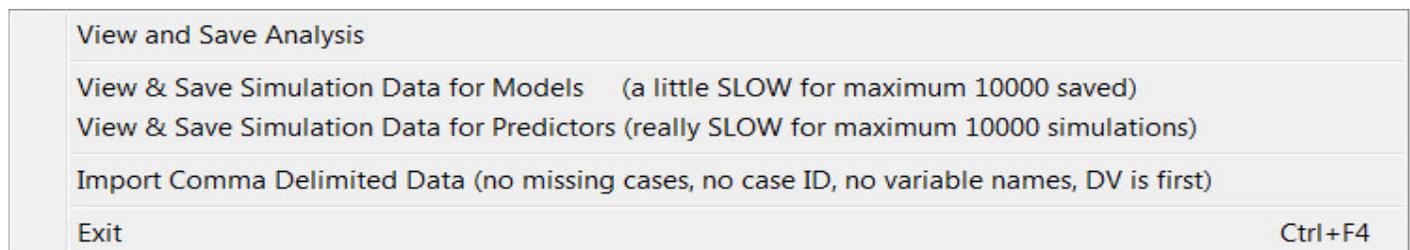
If the model is statistically significant, the “F” and “Sig” boxes turn from yellow to GREEN. If Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> or Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> are negative they are set to 0.0 (theoretically, neither they nor R<sup>2</sup> can be negative).

By the way, the “Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null True” box uses the calculation presented by Herzberg (1969),  $k/(n-1)$ , to show the bias of the R<sup>2</sup> statistic. The “Options” menu allows you to change the information reported here to a few other things.

## Menus



“File,” “Options,” and “Help” show sub-menus (below), but “Reset (F4)” and “Run Analysis (F9)” just perform the given action. “Reset (F4)” will return the program to the main opening screen and “Run Analysis (F9)” will run the analysis, just like clicking the “Run (F9)” button or pressing the F9 key.



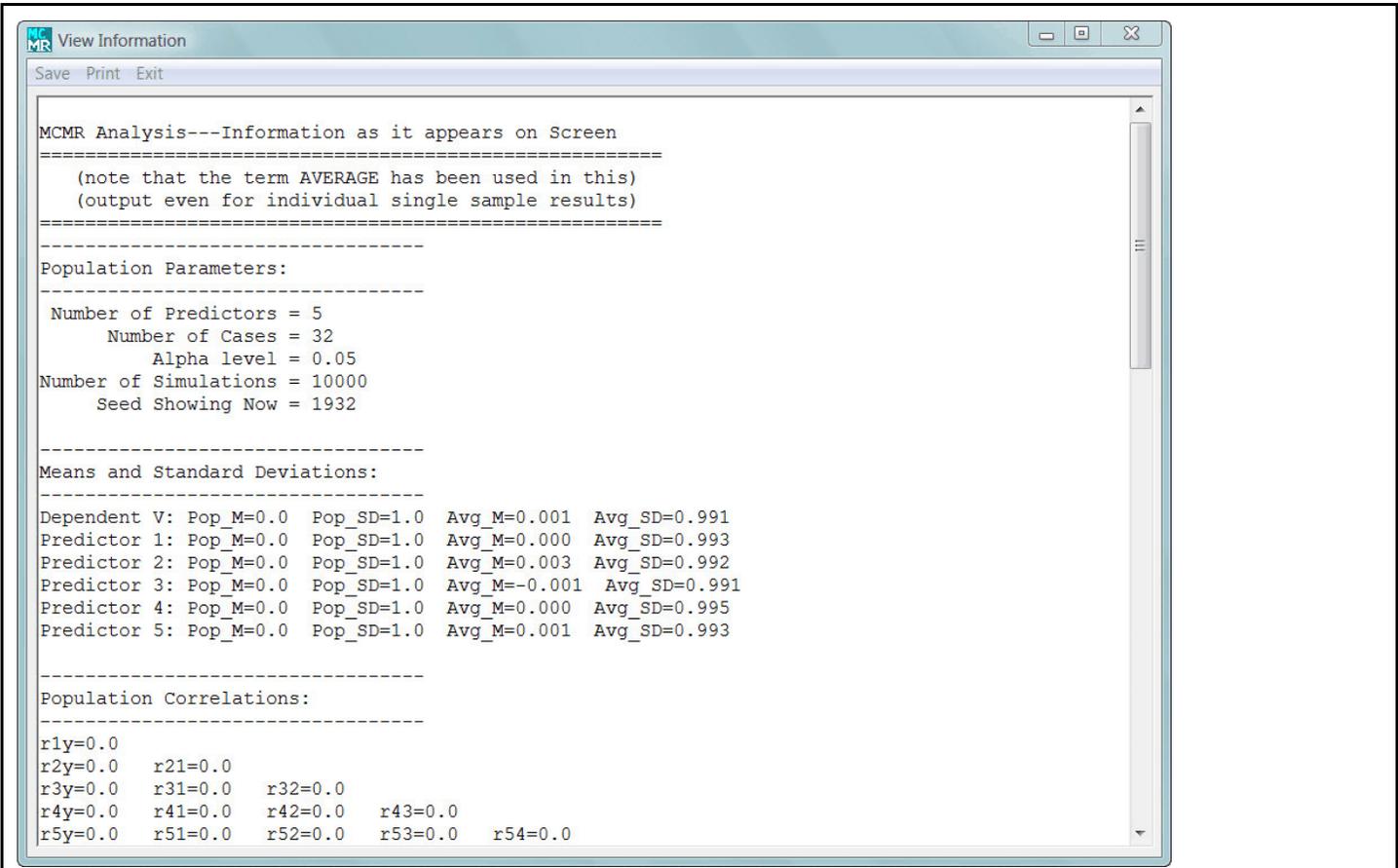
“View and Save Analysis” will show a text version of the results in another window (below), which will also allow you to save and print the results of the analysis.

“View & Save Simulation Data for Models” will save the Model Summary statistics (e.g.,  $R^2$ , Standard Error of the Estimate) from all the Monte Carlo simulated samples (up to a maximum of 10,000) for analysis in any program that accepts Comma-Delimited text files. Variable names ARE included on the first line of the file.

“View & Save Simulation Data for Predictors” will save the Regression Coefficient statistics (e.g., B, SEB, Beta) from all the Monte Carlo simulated samples (up to a maximum of 10,000) for analysis in any program that accepts Comma-Delimited text files. Variable names ARE included on the first line of the file.

If you are running a SINGLE SAMPLE analysis, there is also an option to save SINGLE SAMPLE data. The data from the current single sample analysis is saved WITHOUT variable names on the first line.

“Import Comma Delimited Data” will allow you to read in data that you have previously saved with MCMR, or will allow you to import data saved in appropriate format from any other program (e.g., a spreadsheet or statistics program). The MCMR program assumes that NO variable names are listed on the first line—that is, the data begin on line 1.



All “View and Save” options will open this window. From here, you can “Save” or “Print” the information in the window (using the appropriate menu option).

<p>ALL OPTIONS START WITH NEXT ANALYSIS</p> <p>CONSTANT</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Include Constant in Equation Do Not Include Constant</p> <p>EXPECTED R<sup>2</sup> info (starts with next analysis)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Always use Expected R<sup>2</sup> for true Null Hypothesis Use Expected R<sup>2</sup> for given rho<sup>2</sup> {rho<sup>2</sup>+ [k/(n-1)](1-rho<sup>2</sup>)} (Herzberg, 1969) Show average shrinkage based on Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> - Ra<sup>2</sup>) Show average shrinkage based on Cross-Validity R<sup>2</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> - Rc<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>PRECISION EFFICACY Calculation</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Cross-Validity R<sup>2</sup> in Precision Efficacy Formula Use Adjusted<sup>2</sup> in Precision Efficacy Formula</p> <p>CROSS-VALIDITY R<sup>2</sup> (Shrinkage) FORMULA TO USE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Stein (1960)-Darlington (1968) Random-model formula Lord (1950) from Uhl &amp; Eisenberg (1970) Random-model formula Browne (1975) Random-model formula Lord (1950)-Nicholson (1960) Fixed-model formula Rozeboom (1978) Fixed-model formula Olkin-Pratt from Herzberg (1969) Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> formula (note: Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> is from Wherry (1931)-Ezekiel (1930))</p> <p>"AT LEAST 1" COUNTS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Include B0 in "At Least 1" counts</p>	<p>Currently, only analyses with the Constant Included in the Equation are permitted.</p> <p>There are 4 types of information that can be reported in the box that by default is labeled “Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true” — 2 for expected R<sup>2</sup> and 2 for shrinkage.</p> <p>Precision Efficacy (Brooks, 1998) is calculated using Cross-Validity R<sup>2</sup> by default, but could be calculated using Adjusted R<sup>2</sup>. (see help menu for additional information about Precision Efficacy) Different formulas can be used to calculate Cross-Validity R<sup>2</sup> — 6 are available here.</p> <p>You can choose to have significant B0 included in the counts reported (by default it is not).</p>
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Precision Efficacy (PEAR) Information

Show Population Regression Equation

User Agreement

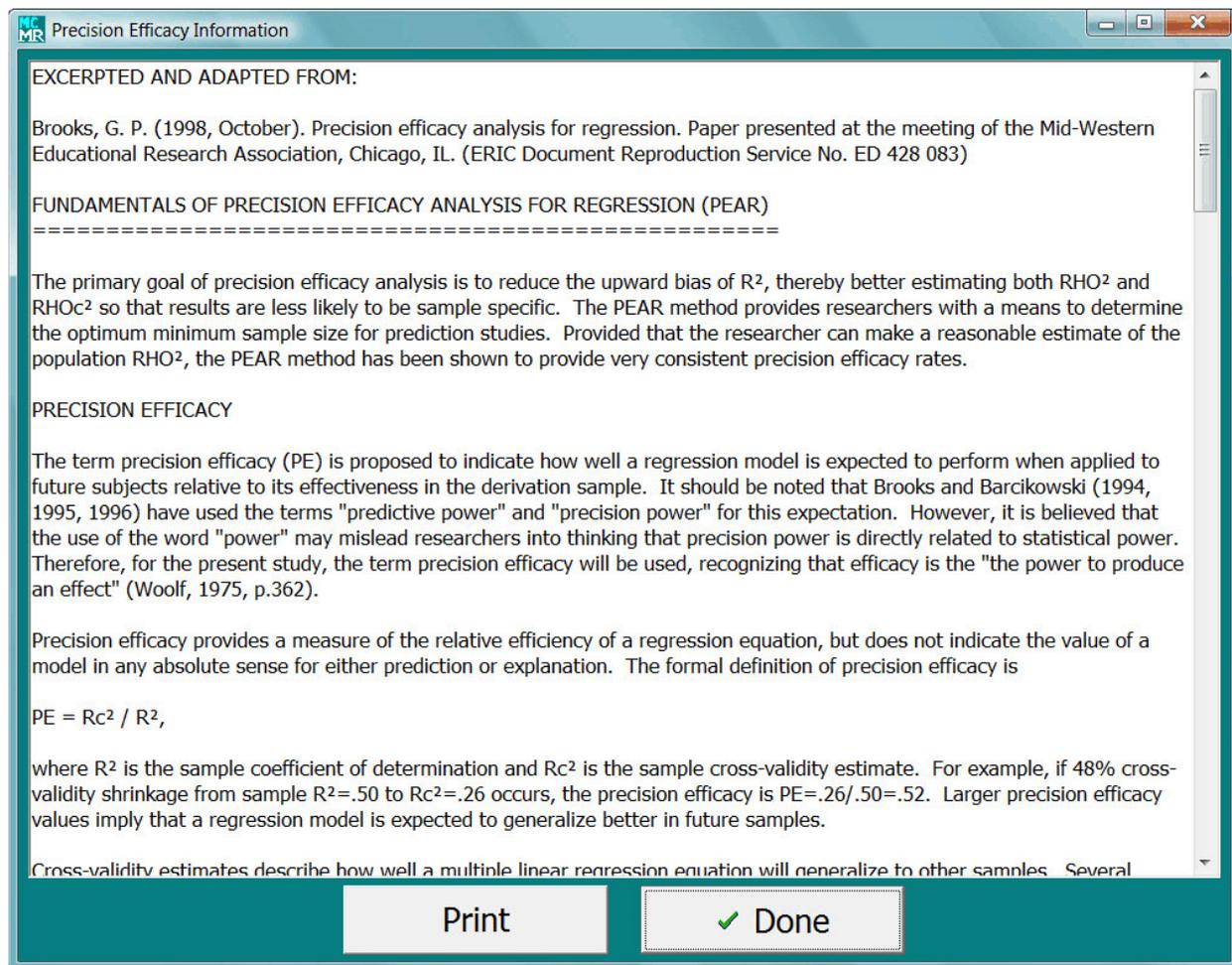
About

The “Precision Efficacy (PEAR) Information” option will open a window that contains an excerpt from a paper written in 1998 (see below).

“Show Population Regression Equation” will show the STANDARDIZED regression model based on the Population Correlation matrix used to generate data for the analysis.

“User Agreement” opens a window with LICENSE information (important).

“About” provides some basic information about the MCMR program.



The screenshot shows the main interface of the mcmr2008 software. A pop-up window titled "mcmr2008" displays the regression equation:  $Zy\text{-hat} = -0.8572 \cdot X1 + 0.5020 \cdot X2 + -0.5561 \cdot X3 + 0.5027 \cdot X4 + 1.0254 \cdot X5$ . Below this, there are two main panels. The left panel, titled "Population Correlations (Rho)", shows a matrix of correlations for DV and X1 through X5. The right panel, titled "Regression Coefficient Information", shows a table with columns for B, SEB, and Beta for each variable.

	B	SEB	Beta
B0	-0.0014	0.1519	
X1	-0.8649	0.4010	-0.8590
X2	0.5065	0.2512	0.5034
X3	-0.5611	0.3209	-0.5575
X4	0.5031	0.2228	0.4999
X5	1.0332	0.4063	1.0249

At any point, the user can request this pop-up window that shows the Population Standardized Regression model for comparison to current results.

The screenshot shows a "User Agreement" window with a scrollable text area containing the following text:

**USER AGREEMENT**

Carefully read the following User Agreement (License, Terms of Use, and Disclaimer of Warranty.)

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Close

The User Agreement window, with important information about the legal use of the software.

The screenshot shows an "About" window for the MCMR software. It features the MCMR logo and the following text:

**MCMR: Monte Carlo for Multiple Regression (version 2008j)**

Brooks, G. P. (2008, March). A Monte Carlo program for multiple linear regression. Paper presented at the 2008 meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.

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Close

The ABOUT window with the full name of the program, copyright and contact information, and the web site from which this and other software programs may be obtained.

Secondary Window: Get a Population Matrix with certain Given Characteristics

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV

X1 **0.170** X1

X2 **0.329** **0.725** X2

X3 **0.107** **0.631** **0.810** X3

X4 **0.318** **0.413** **0.849** **0.476**

rho<sup>2</sup> = **0.260**

If you click the “Get Matrix for a Given R<sup>2</sup>” button, the following window will open — allowing you to get a correlation matrix that meets certain criteria.

**Set R<sup>2</sup>**

**What R<sup>2</sup> would you like for your data?**       
 (please note that because this will serve as a POPULATION matrix, the sample data may not produce this matrix exactly)

**How close do you want to approximate this R<sup>2</sup> value?**      
 (please note that the closer you wish to approximate R<sup>2</sup>, the longer this process may take --- 0.01 works relatively well)

**What VIF value do you consider problematic?**      
 (many scholars consider it problematic when VIF is over 10, but some consider it troublesome even when VIF > 5)

**Approximately how many NEGATIVE correlations do you want in your population matrix?**  
 NONE  Some  About HALF  Most  ALL  
 (please note that this is based on probability, so you may not get exactly the right number---you can always try again)

**How much MULTICOLLINEARITY would you like built into your population correlation matrix?**

- Absolutely None (all correlations among predictor = 0)
- No worrisome Collinearity (no VIF values for any predictor above the "problematic" value set above)
- 1 or 2 predictor with VIF over the "problematic" value set above
- 2 or 3 predictors with VIF over the "problematic" value set above
- 4 or more predictors with VIF over the "problematic" value set above
- Set one predictor correlation with DV to be 0.0

(please note that some options may not work well with some numbers of predictors)

Each section is described more below. When you click “OK” a correlation matrix will be found with the given criteria (if possible) AND that correlation matrix will be transferred to the main MCMR program screen into the “Population Correlations (rho)” section.

**What R<sup>2</sup> would you like for your data?**






(please note that because this will serve as a POPULATION matrix, the sample data may not produce this matrix exactly)

You can choose any R<sup>2</sup> for your POPULATION correlation matrix (so really this is a rho<sup>2</sup> or ρ<sup>2</sup> value), but buttons are provided for some common values (these are based on tables from Park & Dudycha, 1974).

Remember, however, that this will derive a POPULATION correlation matrix, from which samples will be drawn during the Monte Carlo process. This value says nothing specific about any of the R<sup>2</sup> values calculated in the samples (other than they should be from the population with the derived population correlation matrix).

**How close do you want to approximate this R<sup>2</sup> value?**





(please note that the closer you wish to approximate R<sup>2</sup>, the longer this process may take --- 0.01 works relatively well)

You can choose how close you want to approximate the population R<sup>2</sup> set in the previous box. While it is indeed possible to approximate some matrices very closely, anything smaller than 0.001 will likely take a good deal of time. The values 0.01, or even 0.005, seem to work pretty well if you really want to get exact.

Remember, however, that this is how closely you approximate the desired population R<sup>2</sup> in the POPULATION correlation matrix, and says nothing about the samples drawn during the Monte Carlo process.

**What VIF value do you consider problematic?**





(many scholars consider it problematic when VIF is over 10, but some consider it troublesome even when VIF > 5)

You can set any value above 1.0 for the critical VIF threshold value. Most scholars choose 5.0 or 10.0, depending on how much MULTICOLLINEARITY (also called COLLINEARITY) you're willing to tolerate.

Recall that  $VIF = 1/Tolerance$ , where  $Tolerance = 1 - R_j^2$ , where  $R_j^2$  is the squared correlation when the  $j^{th}$  predictor acts as a temporary dependent variable being predicted by all the other predictors.

**Approximately how many NEGATIVE correlations do you want in your population matrix?**

 NONE

 Some

 About HALF

 Most

 ALL

(please note that this is based on probability, so you may not get exactly the right number---you can always try again)

This option will allow you to create a population correlation matrix with some (or many) negative correlations.

**How much MULTICOLLINEARITY would you like built into your population correlation matrix?**

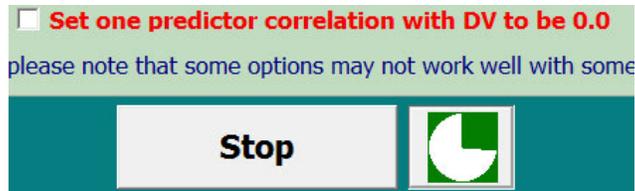
- Absolutely None (all correlations among predictor = 0)**
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- 1 or 2 predictor with VIF over the "problematic" value set above**
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- Set one predictor correlation with DV to be 0.0**

(please note that some options may not work well with some numbers of predictors)

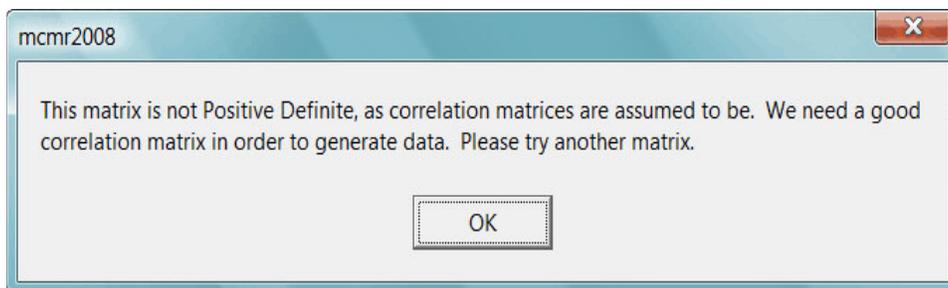
This box will allow you to request a certain level of multicollinearity in your population correlation matrix.

- \$ "Absolutely None" requires that all intercorrelations among predictors are 0.0, but the correlations between the predictors and Y will be set randomly to provide the R<sup>2</sup> given above.
- \$ "No Worrisome Collinearity" will produce a population correlation matrix where all predictor intercorrelations will be non-zero, but will be probably smaller than the critical VIF set above.
- \$ "1 or 2 predictors with VIF" will produce a population correlation matrix such that predictor intercorrelations will probably result in at least 1, but not more than 2, VIF values over the critical value
- \$ "2 or 3 predictors with VIF" will produce a population correlation matrix such that predictor intercorrelations will probably result in at least 2, but not more than 3, VIF values over the critical value
- \$ "4 or more predictors with VIF" will produce a population correlation matrix such that predictor intercorrelations will probably result in at least 4 VIF values over the critical value

Note that "probably" was included in these descriptions. There are rare occasions, given certain starting correlations used in the algorithm, where the resulting correlation matrix does not match the criteria exactly. You can either go ahead and use the derived matrix, or simply try another. Different seeds used in each run of this sub-program result in different matrices being created.

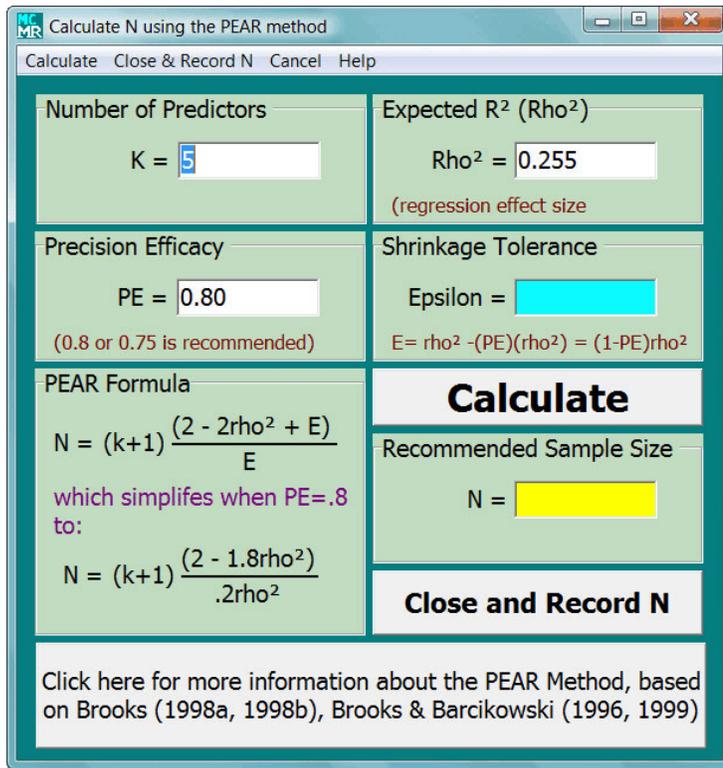


If the little pie ever fills in all GREEN during this process, you probably have a matrix that cannot be created. You can try a few more times, if you'd like, because sometimes different seeds do produce workable results. You can also allow the program to continue running for a while, which sometimes will produce a workable result (the algorithm continues to adjust itself a little as it runs, which sometimes allows results to work).



This error message will be shown whenever the "Stop" button is pushed (above), whenever the user has entered an inappropriate matrix, or on very rare occasions where rounding the derived correlations to 3 decimal places impacts the matrix enough to make it unusable.

Secondary Window: Get a Sample Size using the PEAR Method



The user can change the parameters of the PEAR method (Brooks, 1998). By default, this window will provide the information for the analysis in the main window, if possible. For example, once the number of predictors is determined, it will be filled in here. Note that any number of predictors can be inserted.

More information about Precision Efficacy (PE) and the Precision Efficacy Analysis for Regression (PEAR) sample size method can be found by clicking the “Click here for more information” button (see below).

Briefly, however, Precision Efficacy is a complement to Proportional Shrinkage based on an appropriate Cross-validity  $R^2$  ( $R_C^2$ ) formula. Shrinkage itself ( $\epsilon$ , or epsilon) can be written as

$$\epsilon = R^2 - R_C^2$$

whereas Proportional Shrinkage (PS) might be written as  $PS = (R^2 - R_C^2) / R^2$

Precision Efficacy would therefore be  $PE = 1 - PS$ , or

$$PE = R_C^2 / R^2$$

Solving  $PE = 1 - \epsilon/R^2$  for  $\epsilon$ , and replacing  $R^2$  with an expected, a priori  $R_E^2$ , results in the formula

$$\epsilon = R_E^2 - (PE)(R_E^2)$$

where  $R_E^2$  is often just set at the expected population  $\rho^2$ . Because Precision Efficacy (PE) is usually set at .75 or .80, shrinkage would usually be  $.25\rho^2$  or  $.2\rho^2$ , respectively. Note that shrinkage may also be set absolutely as something like  $\epsilon = .05$  or  $\epsilon = .10$ .

Once parameters are set, “Calculate” will determine the required sample size. The recommended sample size will appear in the YELLOW box underneath the "Calculate" button.

“Close and Record N” will move this sample size to the main screen.

“Cancel” (on the menu bar) will close the dialog window without making any changes to the main screen.

Although the PEAR method was derived using Cross-Validity  $R^2$  (Brooks, 1998), it is theoretically reasonable to apply the same idea to Precision Efficacy calculated using Adjusted  $R^2$  instead. Algina and Olejnik (2000) have discussed a similar idea, but different approach, to sample sizes for Adjusted  $R^2$ .

In this case, sample sizes would be determined such that the SHRINKAGE from  $R^2$  to Adjusted  $R^2$  would be maintained within a certain range. For example, if  $R^2$  is .25, then Adjusted  $R^2$  would be at least .20 when Precision Efficacy of .80 was used as the criterion. The formula for sample sizes to be used with such an approach would be

$$N = (k + 1)(1 - R_E^2 + \epsilon) / \epsilon$$

Where

$R_E^2 = \text{expected population } \rho^2$

$k = \text{number of predictors}$

$\epsilon = (R^2 - R_A^2)$

as compared to

$$N = (k + 1)(2 - 2R_E^2 + \epsilon) / \epsilon$$

where  $\epsilon = (R^2 - R_C^2)$

for Cross-Validity (see Brooks, 1998). Shrinkage tolerance can also be calculated as

$$\epsilon = (1 - PE) R^2$$

where, for  $PE = .80$ , it would simplify to (just like it would also for the Cross-Validity approach)

$$\epsilon = .2R^2$$

Recall that one of the options on the "Options" menu is to use Adjusted  $R^2$  in the Precision Efficacy formula instead of Cross-Validity  $R^2$ .

The key difference is that for Cross-validity Precision Efficacy, the idea is to INCREASE Cross-validity  $R^2$ ; however, for Adjusted  $R^2$ , the idea is more to DECREASE  $R^2$ , making it closer to the true population parameter (since Adjusted  $R^2$  is usually a good estimate of  $\rho^2$ ).

Either method helps make the model more generalizable by decreasing the standard errors for the regression coefficients. The Corss-validity approach is more stringent because it accounts for error not only in the regression model derivation sample, but also for the error in future samples to which the regression model is applied.

An Example: Multicollinearity and Inflation of Standard Errors

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File Reset (F4) Run Analysis (F9) Options Help

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.993	0.000	0.994
2	X2:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.993		
3	X3:	0.0	1.0	0.002	0.995		
4	X4:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.993		

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37 Get N from PEAR Method

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 Set alpha=0.01 Set a=0.05 Set a=0.10

Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000 Set to 1 simulation Set 1000 Set 10000

The pseudorandom generator needs an INTEGER value to get started:

Random Generator Seed: 1932 Set a Random Seed

Automatically set new seed for successive simulations

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0011	0.1500		484	0.0484			
X1	0.1706	0.1531	0.1692	1938	0.1938	0.1687	0.1620	1.0965
X2	0.3272	0.1532	0.3247	5506	0.5506	0.3231	0.3107	1.0964
X3	0.1072	0.1527	0.1071	1070	0.1070	0.1075	0.1025	1.0963
X4	0.3160	0.1532	0.3135	5177	0.5177	0.3127	0.2998	1.0970

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8297 (0.830) after SIG model 6991 (0.699)

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV: X1, X2, X3, X4

Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.250

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5576	0.3233	0.2399	0.8595	Regression	11.95	4	2.988	7131	0.7131
				Residual	24.02	32	0.750		
				TOTAL	35.97	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1375 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup> / R<sup>2</sup>): 0.3320

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.1111

MC MR Finished 10000 Run (F9)

Let's assume that all predictor intercorrelations are 0.0, while predictor correlations with Y are non-zero such that rho<sup>2</sup> = .25.

The seed is set to 1932, with N = 37, alpha = .05, and 10,000 simulated samples are drawn.

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV: X1, X2, X3, X4

Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.250

<b>Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)</b>								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro- portion</u>	<u>Zero- order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
<b>B0</b>	-0.0011	0.1500		484	0.0484			
<b>X1</b>	0.1706	0.1531	0.1692	1938	0.1938	0.1687	0.1620	1.0965
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<b>X4</b>	0.3160	0.1532	0.3135	5177	0.5177	0.3127	0.2998	1.0970

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8297 (0.830) after SIG model 6991 (0.699)

In this case, the standard errors for the regression coefficients (“SEB”) are each approximately 0.153. Note that the Variance Inflation Factors (“VIF”) are all roughly 1.096—since there is no correlation among the predictors we would expect this to be near 1.0, but since each of the 10,000 samples drawn probably had some minor correlation among the predictors, it will not be exactly 1.0.

If we arbitrarily add some correlation among the predictors, BUT LEAVE THE CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE PREDICTORS AND Y THE SAME, we introduce multicollinearity.

Note that in this matrix, the  $\rho^2$  is not exactly .250 any more. This is arbitrary, but will have some minor impact on our results.

In particular, if you examine the model summary results (we won’t here), you would see some minor differences — especially in  $R^2$  and the Sum of Squares due to the regression (which impacts other things as well). This is not a REAL difference, but rather due to the different population conditions set by the slightly larger  $\rho^2$ .

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

Get Matrix for a given  $R^2$

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

DV	X1	X2	X3
X1	0.170		
X2	0.329	0.725	
X3	0.107	0.631	0.810
X4	0.318	0.413	0.849
			0.476

Show Actual Correlations  $\rho^2 = 0.260$

<b>Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)</b>								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro- portion</u>	<u>Zero- order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
<b>B0</b>	0.0004	0.1491		483	0.0483			
<b>X1</b>	-0.4518	0.2976	-0.4494	3220	0.3220	0.1687	-0.2192	4.3880
<b>X2</b>	2.2385	0.8839	2.2230	6905	0.6905	0.3242	0.3658	39.2285
<b>X3</b>	-0.9751	0.3966	-0.9700	6668	0.6668	0.1063	-0.3550	7.8630
<b>X4</b>	-0.9337	0.5275	-0.9274	4125	0.4125	0.3119	-0.2562	13.8991

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 7700 (0.770) after SIG model 6544 (0.654)

The most important differences in the results FOR THIS EXAMPLE are the “SEB” and “VIF” results. Note that all SEB values (except for B0) have increased due to the multicollinearity, as have the VIF values.

Other important results, of course, include the regression coefficients (“B” and “Beta”) themselves, along with the number of times they were significant. Indeed, different predictors are significant more frequently before (X2 and X4) and after (X2 and X3) due to the multicollinearity introduced into the population, even though the pairwise relationships (zero-order correlations) between the predictors and the dependent variable have not changed.

An Example: Shrinkage and Sample Size

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:		M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Y:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.994	0.000	0.994	0.994
1	X1:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.992	0.000	0.992
2	X2:	0.0	1.0	0.000	0.993	0.000	0.993
3	X3:	0.0	1.0	-0.001	0.994	-0.001	0.994
4	X4:	0.0	1.0	0.001	0.994	0.001	0.994

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 42 (Get N from PEAR Method)

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 (Set alpha=0.01, Set a=0.05, Set a=0.10)

Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000 (Set to 1 simulation, Set 1000, Set 10000)

The pseudorandom generator needs an INTEGER value to get started:

Random Generator Seed: 7368179 (Set a Random Seed)

Automatically set new seed for successive simulations

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV:  Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

X1: 0.239, X1:  Blank all correlations

X2: 0.085, 0.052, X2:  Set all Blank to 0

X3: 0.389, 0.207, 0.227, X3:

X4: 0.186, 0.130, 0.910, 0.157

Show Actual Correlations rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.257

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0005	0.1390		515	0.0515			
X1	0.0960	0.1489	0.0952	992	0.0992	0.2347	0.0873	1.2000
X2	-0.6542	0.3571	-0.6498	4321	0.4321	0.0875	-0.2480	7.1754
X3	0.4071	0.1505	0.4044	7433	0.7433	0.3860	0.3661	1.2315
X4	0.7067	0.3536	0.7025	4953	0.4953	0.1878	0.2706	7.0478

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8748 (0.875) after SIG model 7746 (0.775)

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5579	0.3223	0.2495	0.8554	Regression	13.54	4	3.384	7997	0.7997
				Residual	27.44	37	0.742		
				TOTAL	40.97	41			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1564  
Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup> / R<sup>2</sup>): 0.3973

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true: k/(n-1) = 0.0976

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Note that in this example, with a sample size of  $N = 42$  (which provided statistical power for the model of approximately .80), shrinkage occurs from  $R^2 = .32$  down to Adjusted  $R^2 = .25$  or down to Cross-Validity  $R^2 = .16$ .

Recall that Adjusted  $R^2$  represents the proportion of variance expected to be accounted for (explained) in the population if this particular regression model is used to predict scores in the population. It is generally considered a better SHRINKAGE estimate when **explanation** is the key purpose for the regression analysis.

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An Example: Type I errors (and/or Statistical Power analyses)

MCMR: Monte Carlo for Multiple Regression (version 2008)

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**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	0.000	1.000	0.054	1.067	0.095	1.044
2	X2:	0.000	1.000	0.181	0.987		
3	X3:	0.000	1.000	0.145	0.852		

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37 Get N from PEAR Method

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 Set alpha=0.01 Set a=0.05 Set a=0.10

Monte Carlo Simulations: 1 Set to 1 simulation Set 1000 Set 10000

The pseudorandom generator needs an INTEGER value to get started:

Random Generator Seed: 9262457 Set a Random Seed

Automatically set new seed for successive simulations

**Regression Coefficient Information (Single Sample)**

	B	SEB	Beta	t	Sig	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0333	0.1736		-0.1921	0.8489			
X1	0.0789	0.1623	0.0772	0.4860	0.6302	0.0657	0.0771	1.0031
X2	0.0317	0.1729	0.0294	0.1836	0.8554	-0.0166	0.0291	1.0172
X3	0.5120	0.2002	0.4090	2.5580	0.0153	0.4030	0.4058	1.0157

At least 1 significant predictor (X) ? **YES** after SIG model? No

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV: X1, X2, X3

Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.000

**Model Summary Information (Single Sample)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig
0.4116	0.1694	0.0939	1.0154	Regression	6.94	3	2.313	2.2435	0.1016
				Residual	34.02	33	1.031		
				TOTAL	40.96	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.0000 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup> / R<sup>2</sup>): 0.0000

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true: k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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We can run SINGLE SAMPLE analyses to show all the possible combinations of Type I errors that occur in multiple regression.

In this first example where all correlations are 0.0, one predictor (X3) is statistically significant, but the model is NOT statistically significant. Therefore, the count boxes show a GREEN YES for “At least 1 significant predictor (X)?” but a white NO for “after SIG model?”

Regression Coefficient Information (Single Sample)								
	B	SEB	Beta	t	Sig	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0766	0.2134		-0.3589	0.7219			
X1	0.0122	0.2299	0.0089	0.0530	0.9581	0.0236	0.0088	1.0212
X2	-0.2341	0.1992	-0.2031	-1.1751	0.2484	-0.1393	-0.1953	1.0810
X3	-0.4642	0.2941	-0.2703	-1.5781	0.1241	-0.2209	-0.2623	1.0620

At least 1 significant predictor (X) ?  No after SIG model?  No

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig
Regression	4.57	3	1.524	1.0643	0.3775
Residual	47.24	33	1.432		
TOTAL	51.81	36			

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true  
k/(n-1) = 0.0833

In this second example where all correlations are 0.0, nothing was statistically significant. This is what we would expect most frequently when the Null Hypothesis is true.

Regression Coefficient Information (Single Sample)								
	B	SEB	Beta	t	Sig	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	0.1836	0.1607		1.1425	0.2615			
X1	-0.1045	0.1437	-0.1131	-0.7278	0.4719	-0.1698	-0.1110	1.0375
X2	-0.4200	0.1456	-0.4452	-2.8841	0.0069	-0.4331	-0.4400	1.0235
X3	-0.1483	0.1449	-0.1598	-1.0229	0.3138	-0.1242	-0.1561	1.0486

At least 1 significant predictor (X) ?  YES after SIG model?  YES

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig
Regression	7.77	3	2.591	3.3201	0.0316
Residual	25.75	33	0.780		
TOTAL	33.53	36			

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true  
k/(n-1) = 0.0833

In this third example where all correlations are 0.0, the overall regression model was statistically significant and at least one (here, exactly one, X2) predictor was statistically significant.

Note that different predictors are usually significant in different samples for Robustness (Type I error rate) analyses.

Regression Coefficient Information (Single Sample)								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>Sig</u>	<u>Zero-order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
B0	-0.0263	0.1631		-0.1610	0.8730			
X1	0.2982	0.2164	0.2960	1.3777	0.1776	0.3670	0.2092	2.0026
X2	0.6706	0.3353	0.6802	1.9997	0.0538	0.3328	0.3036	5.0203
X3	-0.6156	0.3052	-0.6354	-2.0174	0.0518	0.1506	-0.3063	4.3040

At least 1 significant predictor (X) ?  after SIG model?

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig
Regression	9.22	3	3.074	3.4615	0.0272
Residual	29.30	33	0.888		
TOTAL	38.53	36			

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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**NOTE:** This screen comes from an analysis with non-zero correlations, and therefore not a Type I error rate analysis.

In this fourth example, the overall regression model was statistically significant, but NONE of the predictors was statistically significant. While this appears to be very rare when all correlations are 0.0 (a Type I error rate analysis), it occurs occasionally when the null hypothesis is not true.

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro-portion</u>	<u>Zero-order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
B0	-0.0012	0.1705		485	0.0485			
X1	0.0005	0.1747	0.0001	524	0.0524	-0.0002	0.0000	1.0627
X2	-0.0038	0.1739	-0.0032	549	0.0549	-0.0031	-0.0032	1.0617
X3	-0.0006	0.1738	-0.0007	483	0.0483	-0.0008	-0.0008	1.0626

# samples w/at least 1 significant X:  after SIG model

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
Regression	3.01	3	1.004	518	0.0518
Residual	33.05	33	1.001		
TOTAL	36.06	36			

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.0833

Finally, after running through several samples to show students what a Type I error analysis is like, we can tell them that instead of us going one-by-one through these single samples and keeping track, we can just have the computer do it for us and run 10,000 samples all at once.

This screen shows the Monte Carlo results for 10,000 simulated samples. One can easily see the approximately .05 Type I error rate expected for all tests.

We can also discuss the idea of a "Protected F" test by reviewing the count boxes.

Here, the proportion of simulated samples that had at least one statistically significant predictor FOLLOWING a statistically significant overall regression model is about .049 (5%). However, the proportion of samples that had any number of predictors that were statistically significant was about .14 (14%).

An Example: Suppressor Variables

MCMR: Monte Carlo for Multiple Regression (version 2008j)

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Population Parameters				Actual	
# of Predictors:		M	SD	M	SD
1	Y:	0.0	1.0	-0.007	0.989
2	X1:	0.0	1.0	-0.005	0.996
3	X2:	0.0	1.0	-0.004	0.992
4	X3:	0.0	1.0	-0.005	0.989
5	X4:	0.0	1.0	-0.003	0.995
6	X5:	0.0	1.0	-0.005	0.991

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0096	0.1624		58	0.0580			
X1	0.3932	0.2108	0.3888	456	0.4560	0.3631	0.2859	1.9281
X2	-0.3904	0.4545	-0.3890	124	0.1240	0.0633	-0.1318	9.2201
X3	0.6683	0.6844	0.6646	141	0.1410	0.1756	0.1496	20.8620
X4	0.1505	0.2151	0.1496	96	0.0960	0.2827	0.1079	2.0072
X5	-0.5254	0.3263	-0.5237	363	0.3630	0.0027	-0.2466	4.6957

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 700 (0.700) after SIG model 578 (0.578)

Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)				Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Regression	12.22	5	2.444	668	0.6680
0.6108	0.3849	0.2691	0.8389	Residual	18.67	26	0.718		
Cross-validity R <sup>2</sup> (Rc <sup>2</sup> )				TOTAL	30.89	31			
Precision Efficacy (Rc <sup>2</sup> /R <sup>2</sup> )				Expected R <sup>2</sup> if Null true					
0.1312				k/(n-1) = 0.1613					
0.2659									

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.279

Finished 1000 Run (F9)

If we arbitrarily set a population correlation matrix in which one predictor has zero (0.0) correlation with the dependent variable (DV) but has non-zero correlation with the other predictors, we can examine suppressor relationships.

Population Correlations (Rho)

DV Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

X1 0.365 X1 Blank all correlations

X2 0.063 0.409 X2 Set all Blank to 0

X3 0.177 0.566 0.880 X3

X4 0.285 0.132 0.151 0.366 X4

X5 0.000 0.502 0.595 0.800 0.188

Show Actual Correlations rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.279

You can see a little better the correlations here.

Note the population multiple rho<sup>2</sup> for this correlation matrix is .279

Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)				Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
<u>R</u>	<u>R<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> (Ra<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>Std. Error of the Estimate</u>	Regression	12.22	5	2.444	668	0.6680
0.6108	0.3849	0.2691	0.8389	Residual	18.67	26	0.718		
<u>Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>)</u>		<u>Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup> / R<sup>2</sup>)</u>		TOTAL	30.89	31		<u>Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true</u> k/(n-1) = 0.1613	
0.1312		0.2659							

We have an R2 value of .38 for this analysis.

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro-portion</u>	<u>Zero-order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
B0	-0.0096	0.1624		58	0.0580			
X1	0.3932	0.2108	0.3888	456	0.4560	0.3631	0.2859	1.9281
X2	-0.3904	0.4545	-0.3890	124	0.1240	0.0633	-0.1318	9.2201
X3	0.6683	0.6844	0.6646	141	0.1410	0.1756	0.1496	20.8620
X4	0.1505	0.2151	0.1496	96	0.0960	0.2827	0.1079	2.0072
X5	-0.5254	0.3263	-0.5237	363	0.3630	0.0027	-0.2466	4.6957

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 700 (0.700) after SIG model 578 (0.578)

Note the VIF is high for X3, not the variable with 0.0 correlation with the dependent variable (which is X5). However, there is a strong correlation between X3 and X5.

Population Correlations (Rho)				
<u>DV</u>	Get Matrix for a given R <sup>2</sup>			
X1 0.365	<u>X1</u>	Blank all correlations		
X2 0.063	0.409	<u>X2</u>	Set all Blank to 0	
X3 0.177	0.566	0.917	<u>X3</u>	
X4 0.285	0.132	0.151	0.366	

Show Actual Correlations rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.207

If we remove X5 from the analysis in an effort to remove the multicollinearity (because among the predictors, it has very little correlation with Y), we would have this correlation matrix.

Note that rho<sup>2</sup> is lower without X5 EVEN THOUGH it had no correlation with the Dependent Variable !!

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	<u>B</u>	<u>SEB</u>	<u>Beta</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Pro- portion</u>	<u>Zero- order</u>	<u>Part Corr</u>	<u>VIF</u>
<b>B0</b>	0.0009	0.1680		482	0.0482			
<b>X1</b>	0.4181	0.2190	0.4116	4625	0.4625	0.3588	0.3068	1.8586
<b>X2</b>	-0.0250	0.4111	-0.0244	525	0.0525	0.0637	-0.0099	6.7221
<b>X3</b>	-0.1438	0.4838	-0.1409	605	0.0605	0.1751	-0.0475	9.3599
<b>X4</b>	0.2882	0.2051	0.2838	2760	0.2760	0.2829	0.2258	1.6217

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 6035 (0.604) after SIG model 4493 (0.449)

Note that multicollinearity has been removed (as evidenced by all VIF < 10).

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

<u>R</u>	<u>R<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup> (Ra<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>Std. Error of the Estimate</u>	<u>Source of Variation</u>	<u>Sum of Squares</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>Mean Square</u>	<u>Rejections</u>	<u>Proportion Significant</u>
0.5353	0.3011	0.2012	0.8857	Regression	9.70	4	2.425	5225	0.5225
<u>Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>)</u>		<u>Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup> / R<sup>2</sup>)</u>		Residual	21.57	27	0.799	Expected R <sup>2</sup> if Null true	
0.0941		0.2184		TOTAL	31.28	31		k/(n-1) = 0.1290	

However, the relationship in terms of R<sup>2</sup> is not as high as it was with the apparently useless predictor (.38 then versus .30 now).

An Example: Impact of Means and Standard Deviations on Regression Results

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**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	0	1	0.000	0.994	0.002	0.991
2	X2:	0	1	0.001	0.993	0.001	0.993
3	X3:	0	1	0.001	0.996	0.001	0.996

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37 Get N from PEAR Method

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 Set alpha=0.01 Set a=0.05 Set a=0.10

Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000 Set to 1 simulation Set 1000 Set 10000

The pseudorandom generator needs an INTEGER value to get started:

Random Generator Seed: 1932 Set a Random Seed

Automatically set new seed for successive simulations

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0019	0.1470		494	0.0494			
X1	0.4448	0.1892	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-0.3041	0.2039	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	0.4270	0.1648	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8730 (0.873) after SIG model 7705 (0.771)

**Population Correlations (Rho)**

DV: X1, X2, X3

Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.257

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	0.8563	Regression	11.50	3	3.834	7890	0.7890
				Residual	24.56	33	0.744		
				TOTAL	36.06	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1640 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>): 0.4311

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors:	Y:	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	0	1	0.002	0.991	0.002	0.991
2	X2:	0	1	0.001	0.993	0.001	0.993
3	X3:	0	1	0.001	0.996	0.001	0.996

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37 Get N from PEAR Method

Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05 Set alpha=0.01 Set a=0.05 Set a=0.10

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**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	49.9981	0.1470		10000	1.0000			
X1	0.4448	0.1892	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-0.3041	0.2039	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	0.4270	0.1648	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

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DV: X1, X2, X3

Get Matrix for a given R<sup>2</sup>

Blank all correlations

Set all Blank to 0

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.257

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	0.8563	Regression	11.50	3	3.834	7890	0.7890
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The important thing to notice as we change from all standardized data (above), to a Dependent Variable Mean of 50 (while standard deviation remains 1.0) is that only the CONSTANT B0 and its statistical significance changed.

NOTHING ELSE changed !!

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors	Y	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD		
1	X1: 0	1	1	0.002	0.991		
2	X2: 0	1	1	0.001	0.993		
3	X3: 0	1	1	0.001	0.996		

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37  
 Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05  
 Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000  
 Random Generator Seed: 1932

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-0.0195	1.4700		494	0.0494			
X1	4.4481	1.8922	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-3.0413	2.0386	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	4.2703	1.6481	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	8.5629	Regression	1150.21	3	383.404	7890	0.7890
				Residual	2455.65	33	74.414		
				TOTAL	3605.86	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1640  
 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>): 0.4311  
 Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true: k/(n-1) = 0.0833

Finished 10000

However, when the Dependent Variable Mean is 0.0, but the Standard Deviation changes to 10.0, several things change, most notably the regression coefficients and their significance and the SUMS OF SQUARES.

But none of the other important model information changed (e.g., R<sup>2</sup>, F, rejections, Beta, VIF).

**Population Parameters**

# of Predictors	Y	M		SD		Actual	
		M	SD	M	SD		
1	X1: 0	1	1	0.002	0.991		
2	X2: 0	1	1	0.001	0.993		
3	X3: 0	1	1	0.001	0.996		

**Monte Carlo Parameters**

Sample Size: 37  
 Alpha (2-tailed): 0.05  
 Monte Carlo Simulations: 10000  
 Random Generator Seed: 1932

**Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)**

	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	49.9805	1.4700		10000	1.0000			
X1	4.4481	1.8922	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-3.0413	2.0386	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	4.2703	1.6481	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

**Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)**

R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	8.5629	Regression	1150.21	3	383.404	7890	0.7890
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 Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true: k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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Changing both the Mean and the Standard Deviation combines these previous two results. That is, all the information EXCEPT B0 remains the same as the previous example. But now with the Y mean at 50, B0 changed to match (and is significant more often).

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Population Parameters				Actual	
# of Predictors	Y:	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	10	2	10.005	1.982
2	X2:	20	5	20.004	4.964
3	X3:	100	15	100.01	14.933

Population Correlations (Rho)

DY: 0.315 X1: 0.131 X2: 0.597 X3: 0.366

rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.257

Monte Carlo Parameters						
Sample Size:	37	Get N from PEAR Method				
Alpha (2-tailed):	0.05	Set alpha=0.01	Set a=0.05	Set a=0.10		
Monte Carlo Simulations:	10000	Set to 1 simulation	Set 1000	Set 10000		

Random Generator Seed: 1932

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	-3.8563	1.2067		8593	0.8593			
X1	0.2224	0.0946	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-0.0608	0.0408	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	0.0285	0.0110	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8730 (0.873) after SIG model 7705 (0.771)

Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)									
R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	0.8563	Regression	11.50	3	3.834	7890	0.7890
				Residual	24.56	33	0.744		
				TOTAL	36.06	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1640 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>): 0.4311

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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If we change the predictor Means and Standard Deviations, but leave the Dependent Variable Y standardized, you can see several differences — most notably in the regression coefficients.

The “Sum of Squares” values have returned to what they were in the first example.

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Population Parameters				Actual	
# of Predictors	Y:	M	SD	M	SD
1	X1:	10	2	10.005	1.982
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rho<sup>2</sup> = 0.257

Monte Carlo Parameters						
Sample Size:	37	Get N from PEAR Method				
Alpha (2-tailed):	0.05	Set alpha=0.01	Set a=0.05	Set a=0.10		
Monte Carlo Simulations:	10000	Set to 1 simulation	Set 1000	Set 10000		

Random Generator Seed: 1932

Regression Coefficient Information (Averages and Counts)								
	B	SEB	Beta	Rejected	Proportion	Zero-order	Part Corr	VIF
B0	11.4368	12.0673		1528	0.1528			
X1	2.2241	0.9461	0.4396	6276	0.6276	0.3117	0.3395	1.7156
X2	-0.6083	0.4077	-0.3013	3123	0.3123	0.1270	-0.2155	2.0076
X3	0.2847	0.1099	0.4240	7090	0.7090	0.3592	0.3742	1.2993

# samples w/at least 1 significant X: 8730 (0.873) after SIG model 7705 (0.771)

Model Summary Information (Averages and Counts)									
R	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Ra <sup>2</sup> )	Std. Error of the Estimate	Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	Rejections	Proportion Significant
0.5444	0.3095	0.2473	8.5629	Regression	1150.21	3	383.404	7890	0.7890
				Residual	2455.65	33	74.414		
				TOTAL	3605.86	36			

Cross-validity R<sup>2</sup> (Rc<sup>2</sup>): 0.1640 Precision Efficacy (Rc<sup>2</sup>/R<sup>2</sup>): 0.4311

Expected R<sup>2</sup> if Null true k/(n-1) = 0.0833

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Finally, if everything changes, the regression coefficients all change, but note that all the MODEL summary information and the CORRELATION information remains the same.

Means and Standard Deviations have not impact on the decisions regarding the Null Hypotheses for either coefficients or the model, nor on the interpretations of the value of the predictors or the model.

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