

# Estimation of Measurement Error Properties: The Physical Activity Measurement Survey

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# Outline

Measurement error; introduction

Simple models

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Procedure

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# Measurement

Conceptual quantity (Definition)

Age

Household

Cultivated cropland

Measuring instrument

Questionnaire

Photo interpretation

Physical measurement

# Measurement Error and Definitions

Blood pressure is the conceptual average one would obtain if one could perform a large number of determinations with an accredited instrument

Unemployment rate is result obtained if one applies the Census Bureau procedure a large number of times to a large random sample

# Types of Error

Device error

Thermometer

Questionnaire

Photo interpretation

Natural variability

Food intake

Physical activity

Lake size

# Properties of Measurement Error

$X$  = observation     $x$  = true

Distribution of  $X$  given  $x$

$$E\{X | x\}$$

$$V\{X | x\}$$

# Mean Properties

$$E\{X | x\} = h(x)$$

Desirable :  $E\{X | x\} = x$  for all  $x$

Weaker :  $E[E\{g(X) | x\}] = g(x)$

$$E\left\{n^{-1} \sum_{i \in A} X_i\right\} = \mu_x$$

# Simple Model

$$X_i = x_i + u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \sim NI \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_u^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ x_i \end{pmatrix} \sim NI \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_x \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_x^2 \\ \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_x^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$E\{\bar{X}\} = E\{E(\bar{x} + \bar{u} \mid \bar{x})\} = E\{\bar{x}\} = \mu_x$$

$$V\{\bar{X}\} = n^{-1}(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_u^2)$$



## Simple Model (2)

$$X_i = x_i + u_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\theta = P\{x > C\} \quad \hat{\theta} = n^{-1} \sum_{i \in A} I\{X_i > C\}$$

$$E\{\hat{\theta}\} = P\{X > C\}$$

$$\text{Example } \{\sigma_x^2 = 1, \sigma_u^2 = 0.15, C = 1.645\}$$

$$E\{\hat{\theta}\} = 0.0625, \quad E\{\hat{\theta} - \theta\} = 0.0125$$

$$\text{At } n = 375, \quad (\text{Bias})^2 = \text{Variance}$$

# Estimating Error Properties

Additional data and Model, Replication

$$X_{ij} = x_i + u_{ij}$$

$$u_{ij} \sim \text{ind} (0, \sigma_u^2) \text{ ind of } x_i$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_u^2 = 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^d (X_{i2} - X_{i1})^2$$

# **Physical Activity Measurement Study (PAMS)**

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# **Physical Activity Measurement Study**

Four Iowa counties, stratified, census tracts

Higher rates for minority tracts

List sample, Telephone screening, Age 21-70

Two years data collection; Sept. 2009-Sept. 2011

Time of year balance; 8 quarters

Monetary incentive

# Sample

74% of telephone list contacted

33% of 74% agreed

88% of 33% completed two rounds

1347 of 1450 used in analysis

# Data

Two rounds of data collection

Wear armband monitor 24 hours

24-hour Physical Activity Recall (PAR)

Telephone following day

# Energy Expenditure Model

$X_{ij}$  Monitor for person  $i$  on day  $j$  (log)

$$X_{ij} = x_{ij} + u_{ij}$$

$u_{ij} \sim \text{ind}(0, \sigma_u^2)$  ind. of  $x_{kt}$

$$x_{ij} = \mu + t_i + d_{ij} = \text{true on day } j$$

$t_i$  = long run average for  $i$

day effect =  $d_{ij} \sim \text{ind}(0, \sigma_d^2)$  ind. of  $t_i$

# Energy Expenditure Model(2)

$Y_{ij}$  Self report of person  $i$  for day  $j$  (log)

$$Y_{ij} = \beta_0^* + \beta_1 x_{ij} + r_i + e_{ij}$$

$r_i$  = person reporting effect (long run)

$e_{ij}$  = person day reporting effect

$r_i \sim \text{ind}(0, \sigma_r^2)$  ind. of  $(x_{kt}, t_k, d_{kt})$

$e_{ij} \sim \text{ind}(0, \sigma_e^2)$  ind. of  $(x_{kt}, t_k, d_{kt}, r_k)$



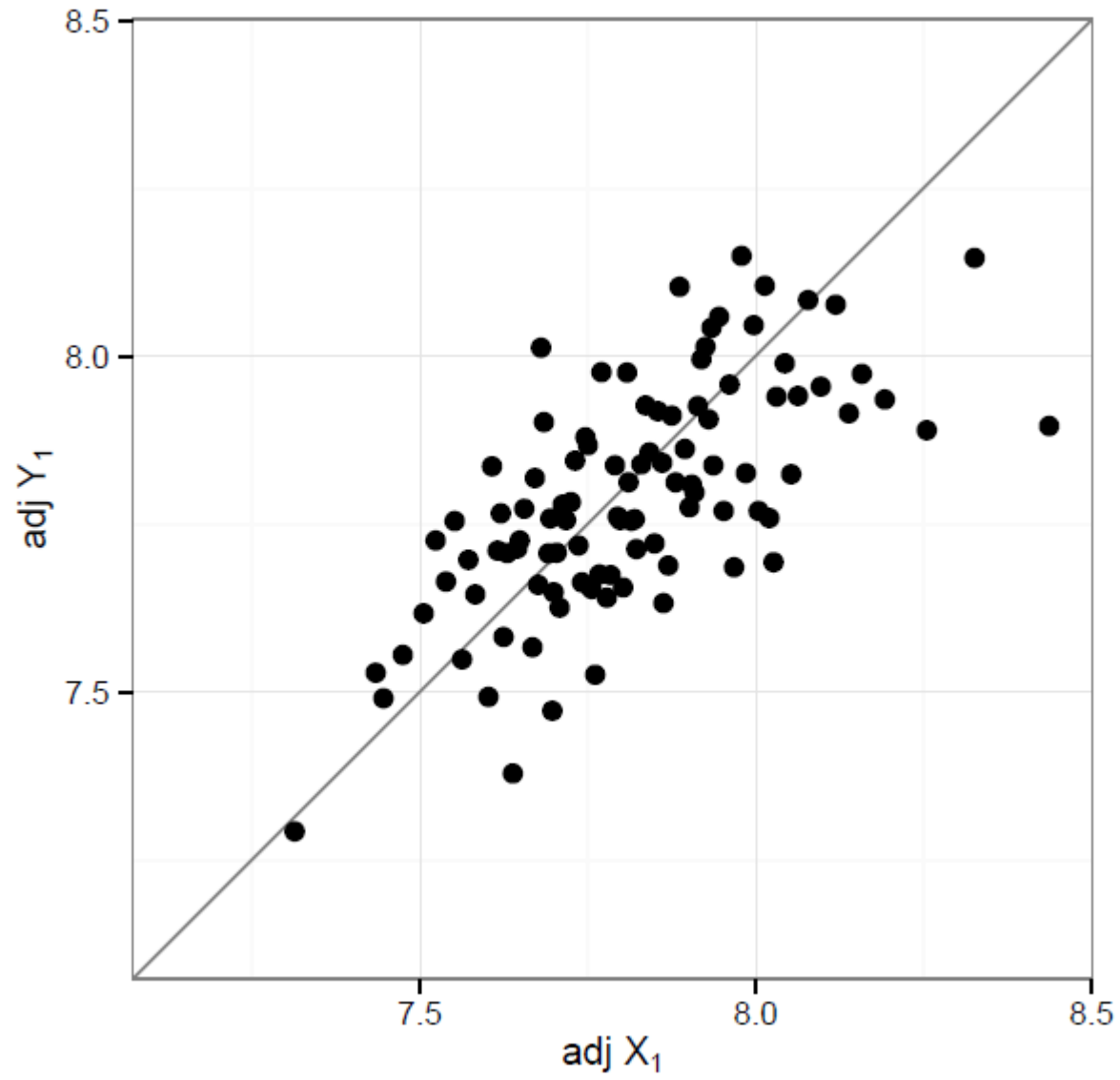
# Model Assumptions

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \beta_0 + \beta_1(t_i + d_{ij}) + r_i + e_{ij}$$

$$X_{ij} = \mu + t_i + d_{ij} + u_{ij} = x_{ij} + u_{ij}$$

$(t_i, d_{ij}, r_i, e_{ij}, u_{ij})$  mutually ind.  $(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_t^2, \sigma_d^2, \sigma_r^2, \sigma_e^2, \sigma_u^2)$$



# Method of Moments Estimation

$$V\{X_{i1} - X_{i2}\} = V\{d_{i1} - d_{i2} + u_{i1} - u_{i2}\} = 2(\sigma_d^2 + \sigma_u^2)$$

$$V\{0.5(X_{i1} + X_{i2})\} = V\{t_i + \bar{d}_{i\cdot} + \bar{u}_{i\cdot}\} = \sigma_t^2 + 0.5(\sigma_d^2 + \sigma_u^2)$$

$$[\hat{\sigma}_u^2, (\hat{\sigma}_u^2 + \hat{\sigma}_d^2)] / \hat{\sigma}_t^2 = [0.22 (0.06), 0.40 (0.03)]$$

$$[\hat{\sigma}_e^2, (\hat{\sigma}_e^2 + \hat{\sigma}_r^2)] / \hat{\sigma}_t^2 = [0.22 (0.06), 0.44 (0.04)]$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = -0.05(0.01)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = 0.75(0.07)$$

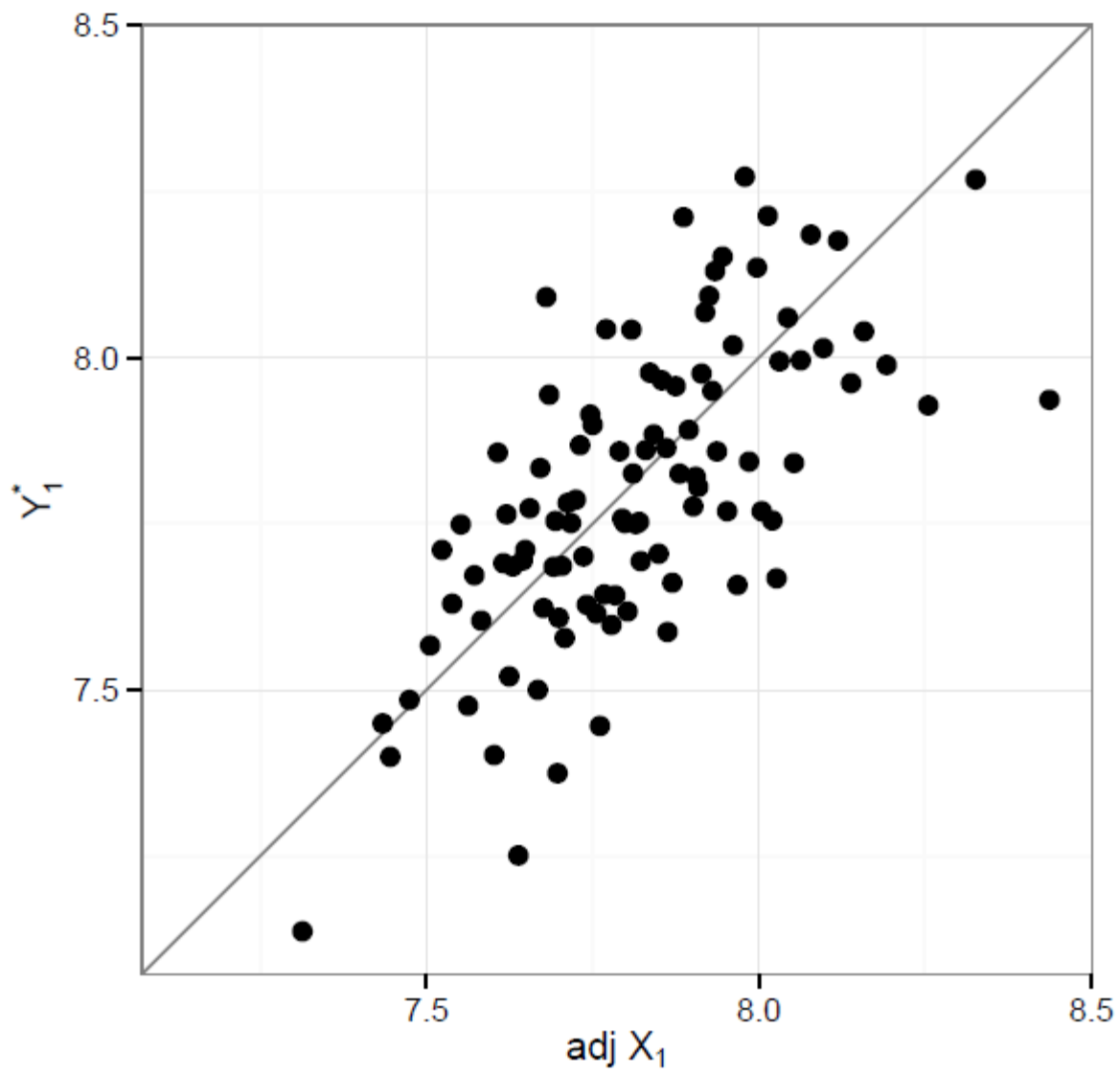
# Calibrated Self Report

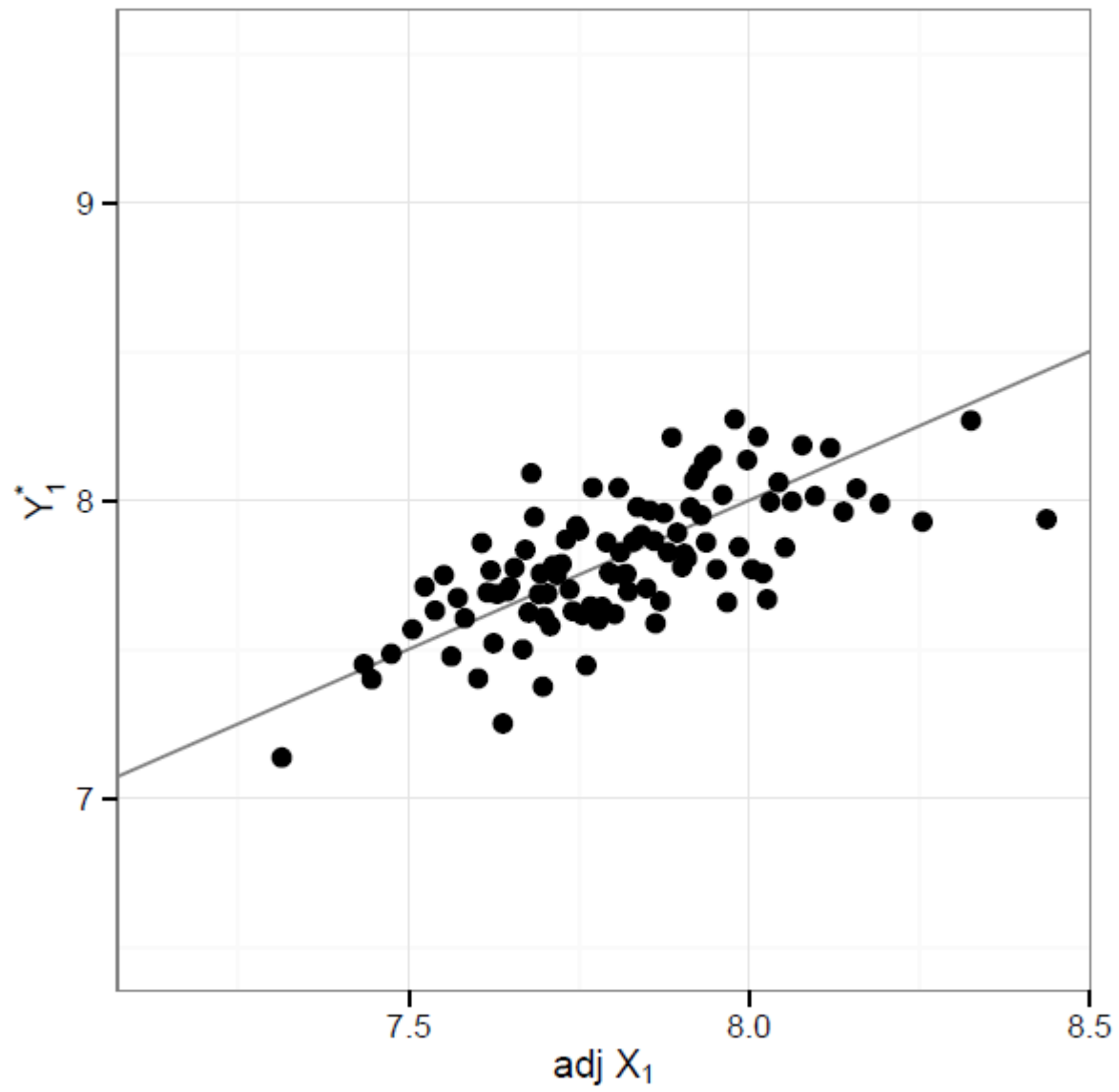
$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \beta_0 + \beta_1(t_i + d_{ij}) + r_i + e_{ij}$$
$$\beta_1^{-1}(Y_{ij} - \mu - \beta_0) + \mu = x_{ij} + \beta_1^{-1}r_i + \beta_1^{-1}e_{ij}$$

$$Y_{c,ij} = x_{ij} + r_{c,i} + e_{c,ij}$$

$$[\tilde{\sigma}_e^2, (\tilde{\sigma}_e^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_r^2), (\tilde{\sigma}_e^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_r^2 + \hat{\sigma}_d^2)]_c / \hat{\sigma}_t^2 = [0.38, 0.77, 0.95]$$

(0.09)      (0.06)      (0.05)





# Variance Ratios

$$V\{\bar{Y}\} / V\{\bar{X}\} = 1.39$$

Regr. Coeff.,  $R^2 = 0.50$  Error Var. known

$$V\{\hat{\beta}_{\cdot|Y}\} / V\{\hat{\beta}_{\cdot|X}\} = 2.22$$

# PAMS Study

Estimates of error variances

Estimate of calibration function



# Internal Replication, (factor model)

$$Y_{2i} = \beta_{02} + x_i\beta_{12} + e_{2i}$$

$$Y_{1i} = \beta_{01} + x_i\beta_{11} + e_{1i}$$

$$X_i = x_i + u_i$$

$$(e_{2i}, e_{1i}, u_i) \sim (\mathbf{0}, \text{diag}(\sigma_{e2}^2, \sigma_{e1}^2, \sigma_u^2))$$

$$\text{Cov}\{Y_2(Y_2, Y_1, X)\} = (\beta_{12}^2\sigma_x^2, \beta_{12}\beta_{11}\sigma_x^2, \beta_{12}\sigma_x^2)$$

# Estimating Error Properties

External information

Administrative, aggregate

Census

Administrative, individual

Medical

Employer

Government (Revenue Canada)

# Money for Replicates

Estimate 5% point under normality

$$X_{ij} = x_i + u_{ij}$$

$$(x_i, u_{ij}) \sim N[(\mu_x, 0), \text{diag}(1, 0.15)]$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{X} + 1.645(\hat{\sigma}_X^2 - \hat{\sigma}_u^2)^{0.5}$$

One  $X_i$  costs same as one  $d_f$  for  $\hat{\sigma}_u^2$

# Money for Replicates (2)

$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{X} + 1.645\hat{\sigma}_x = \bar{X} + 1.645(\hat{\sigma}_X^2 - \hat{\sigma}_u^2)^{0.5}$$

$$V(\hat{\theta}) = n^{-1}V(\bar{X}) + (1.645)^2V(\hat{\sigma}_x)$$

$$V\{\hat{\sigma}_x\} \doteq 0.25\sigma_x^{-2}[2(n-1)^{-1}\sigma_X^4 + 2d_f^{-1}\sigma_u^4]$$

Budget = 1000    equal cost

$$d_f = 73 \qquad n = 927$$

# Survey Estimation

Probability weights

Adjusted for nonresponse by strata

Post strata-Census age, gender, minority

Some collapsing of post strata