Cohen's Kappa

#### **EDP 612 Week 8**

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# **Reliability and Validity**

Reliability

being consistent

Validity

on target

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## **Recall Scenarios**

*Not* **Reliable** and *not* **Valid** 



*Not* **Reliable** but **Valid** 



Reliable but not Valid



**Reliable** and Valid



# **Basic Tenant**

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A test can be **Reliable** without being Valid

A test cannot be Valid unless it is Reliable

#### **Intra-rater Reliability**

the degree of agreement between different measurements done by the same person

*degree of agreement between between different measurements* done by multiple people

**Inter-rater Reliability** 

# Reliability



# Cohen's Kappa $\kappa$

- Officially. Measure of the agreement between two raters who each classify N items into C mutually exclusive categories
- Basic idea.
  - Quantitative measure of reliability for two raters that are rating the same thing
  - With a correction for how often that the raters may agree by chance
- Lay terms. Measure of how well do different people agree

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#### **Evaluating**

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$$\kappa=1$$
 complete agreement among raters

random agreement among raters

 $\kappa < 0$ 

#### **Decision Matrix**



Disagreement

The total number of instances that both Raters said were incorrect

The total number of instances that Rater 1 said was incorrect, but Rater 2 said were correct

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#### **Calculations**

#### **Probability of** *Agreement P*<sub>0</sub>

Number in Full Agreement / Total

# $\frac{A+D}{A+B+C+D}$

#### Probability of Correct Random Agreement Procession Probability of Correct Random Agreement Procession Processi

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Number Correct in Full or Partial Agreement / Total

$$\frac{A+B}{A+B+C+D}\cdot\frac{A+C}{A+B+C+D}$$

#### Probability of Incorrect Random Agreement Pincorrect

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Number Incorrect in Full or Partial Agreement / Total

# $\overline{rac{C+D}{A+B+C+D}}\cdot rac{B+D}{A+B+C+D}$

#### **Probability of Random Agreement**

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 $P_e = \overline{P_{correct} + P_{incorrect}}$ 

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### Kappa $\kappa$

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$$\kappa = rac{P_0 - P_e}{1 - P_e}$$

#### Interpretation

Value of  $\kappa$ Strength of Agreement $\leq 0.20$ Poor0.21 - 0.40Fair0.41 - 0.60Moderate0.61 - 0.80Good $\geq 0.81$ Very Good

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# That's it!

Any questions?