

Research Methods

Week 3: Experimental Designs (Continued)

Within subjects

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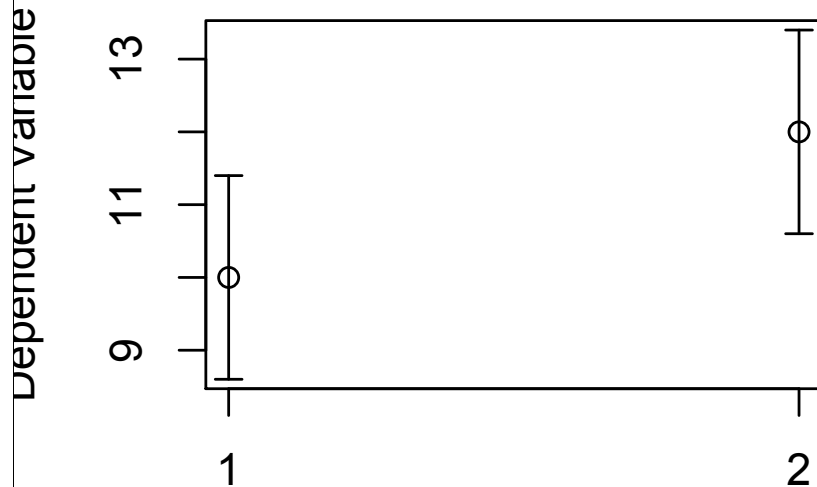
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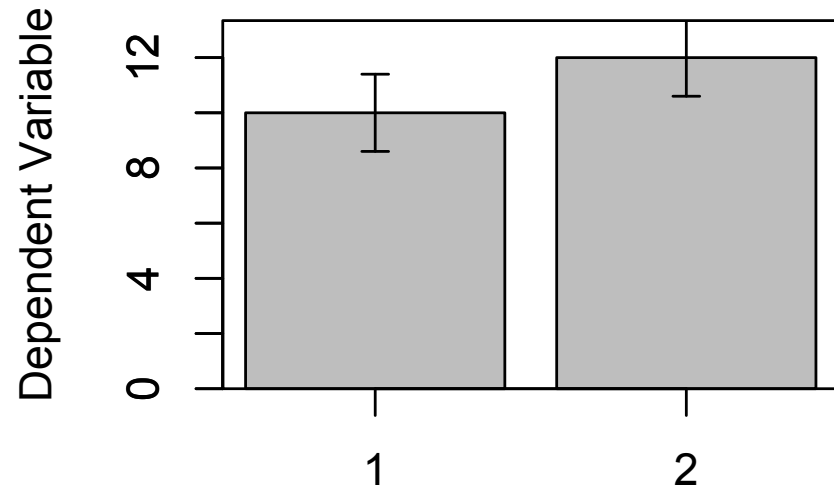
Generic Figures

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95% confidence limits



Independent Variable

bar graph + error bars
95% confidence limits



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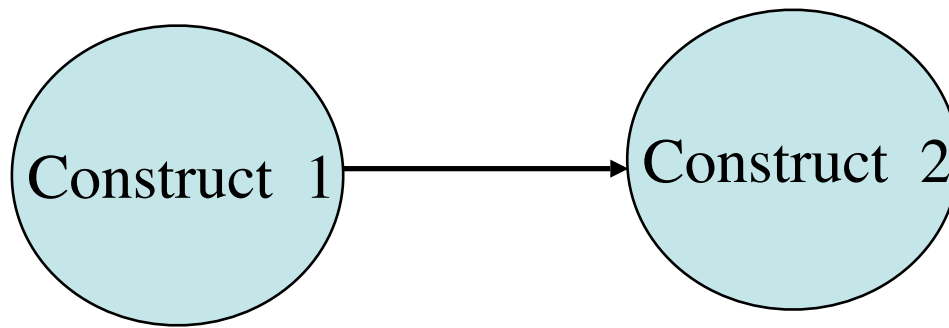
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Questions for evaluating research

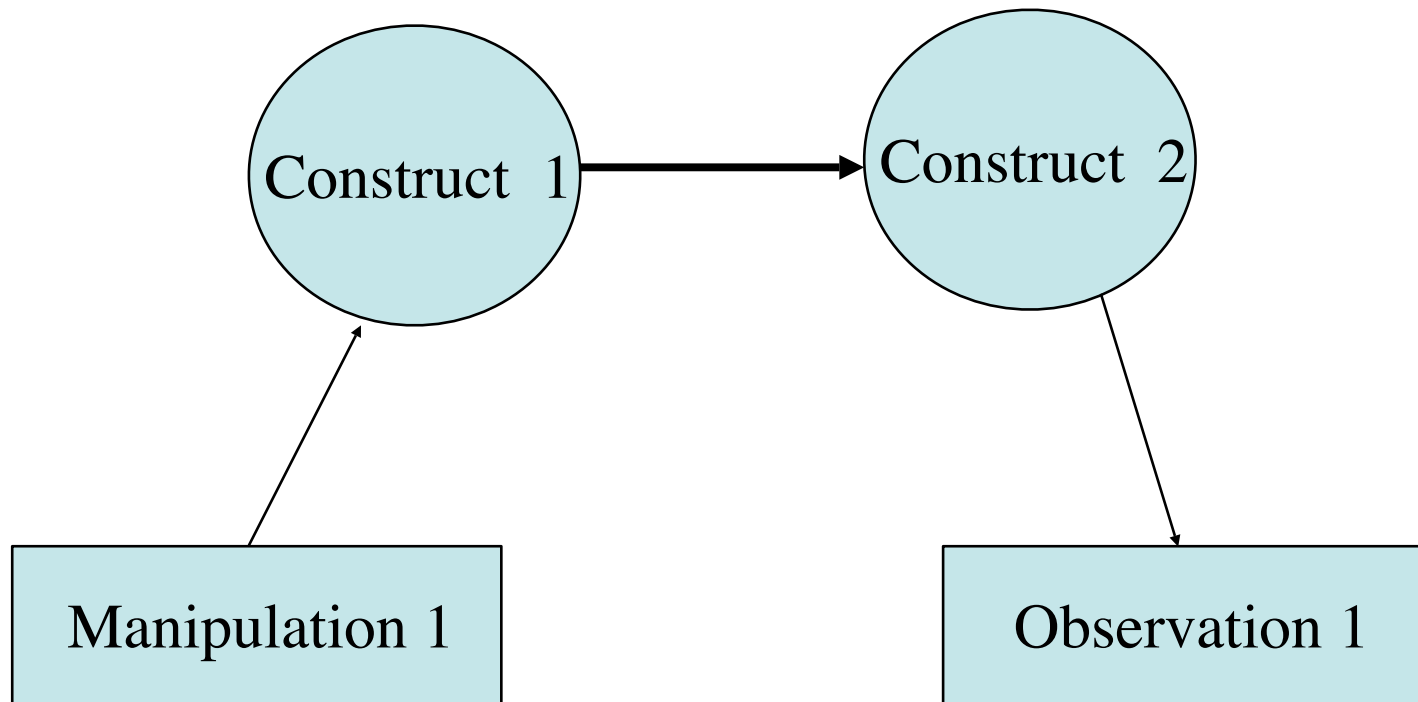
- What are the basic constructs being studied?
- What are the particular operationalizations (observations) associated with the constructs?
- How much of the variability in a construct is due to the (experimental manipulation) independent variable?
- What are possible alternative sources of variation?

Theory and Theory Testing I: Theory



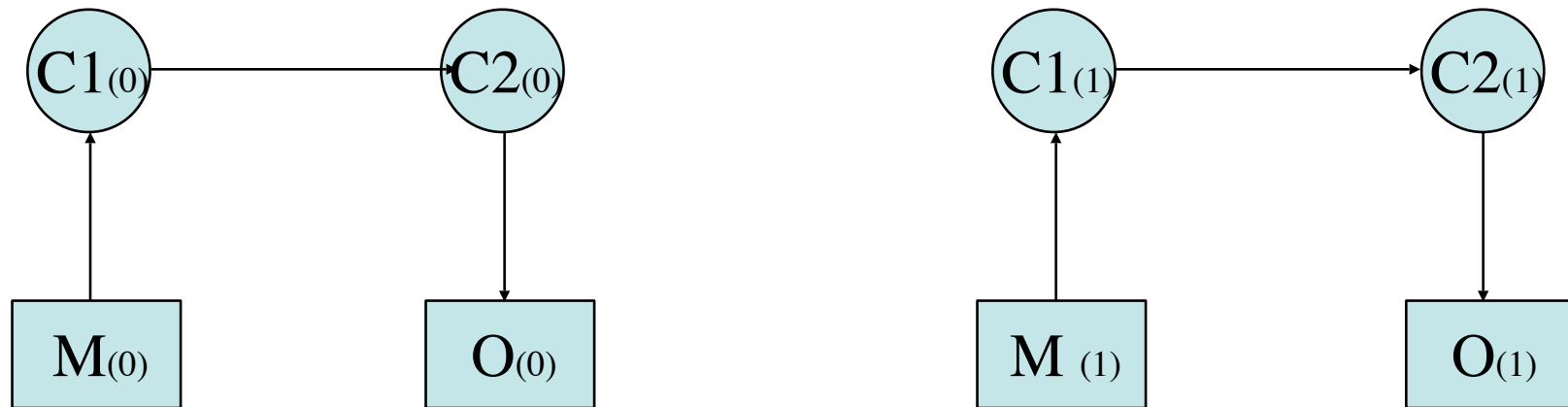
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Theory and Theory Testing II: Experimental manipulation



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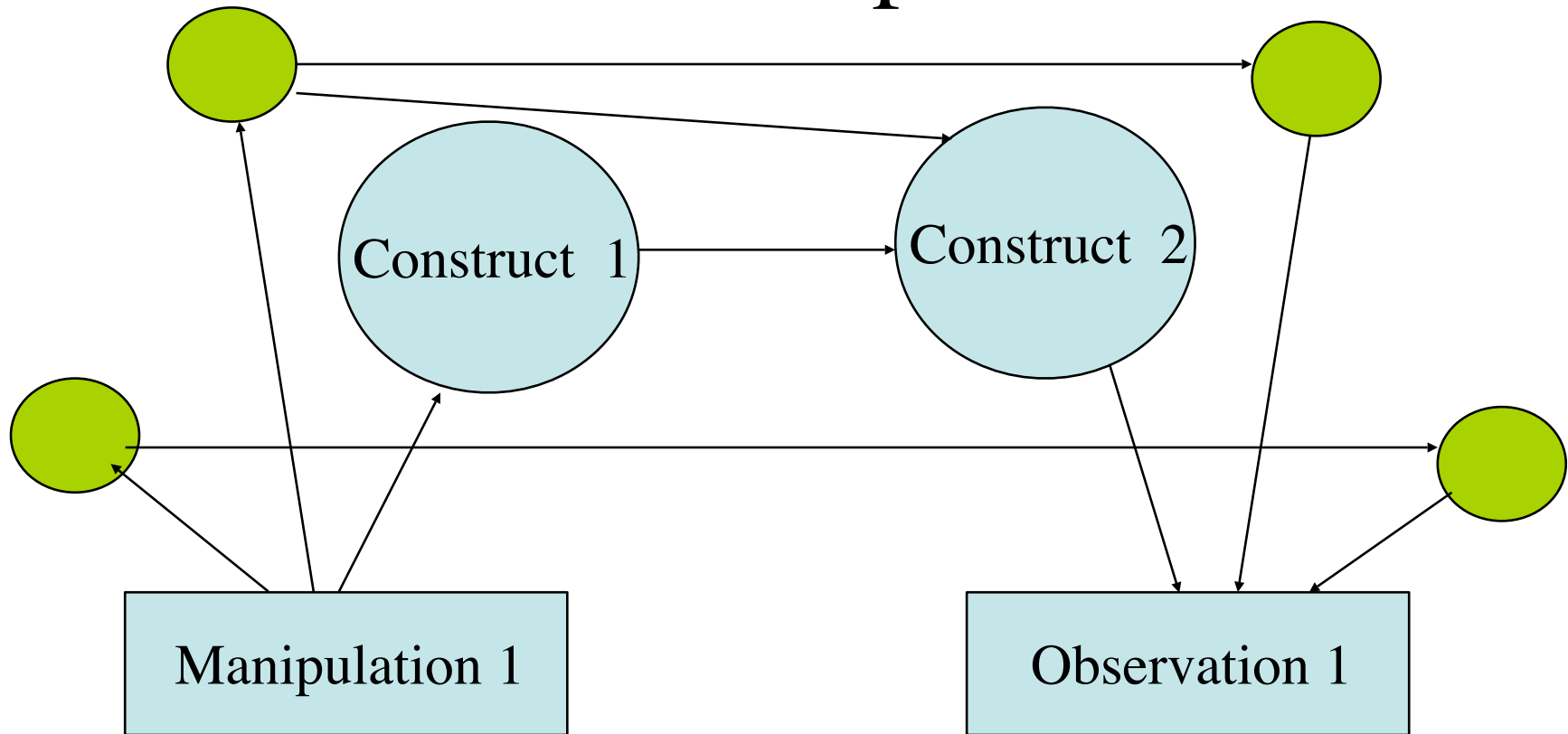
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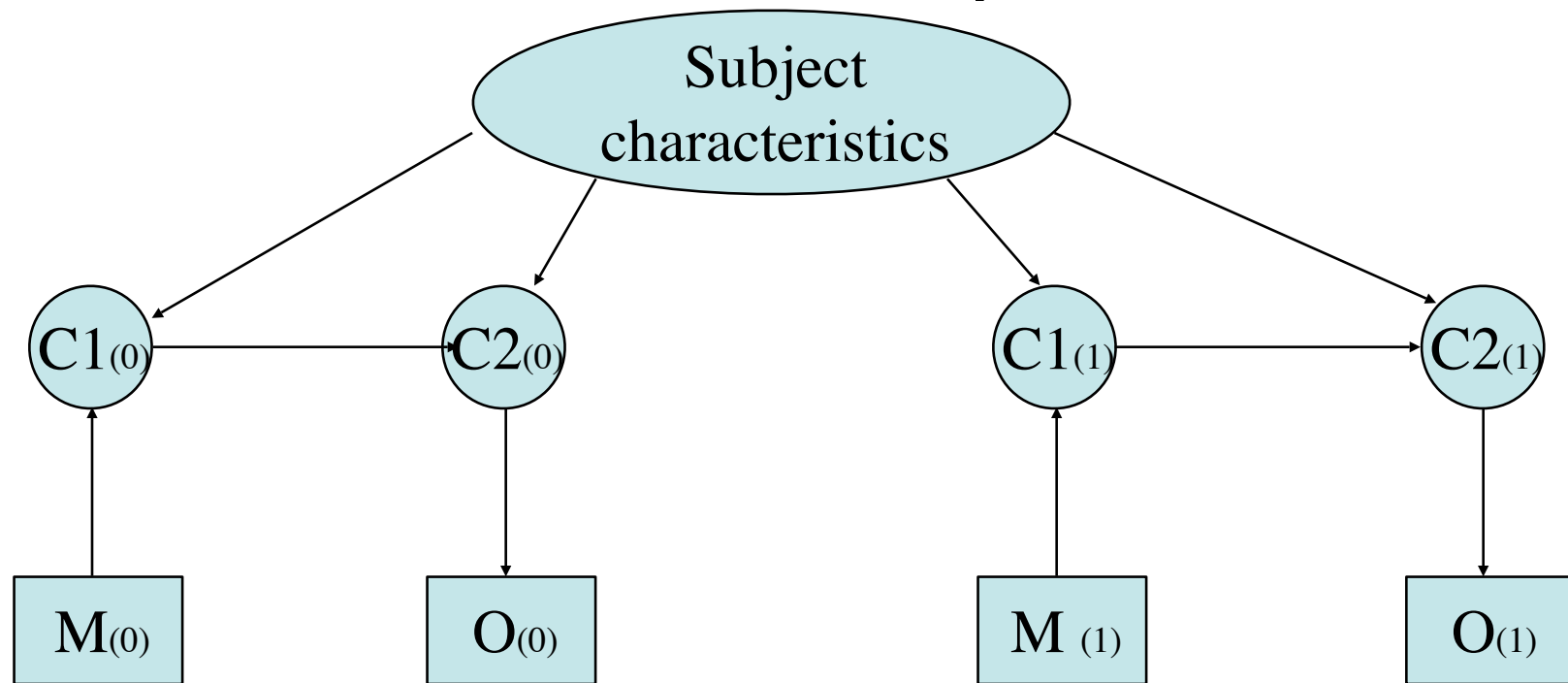
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Theory and Theory Testing III: Alternative Explanations



- What are possible alternative sources of variation?

Theory and Theory Testing II: Experimental manipulation- Within Subjects



Experimental Designs

- Within Subjects
 - Controls for subject variability
 - Sensitive to within subject changes such as fatigue, learning, differential transfer
- Between subjects
 - Controls for within subject changes
 - Sensitive to between subject variability
 - Effects due to subject selection, attrition, randomization
- Mixed designs

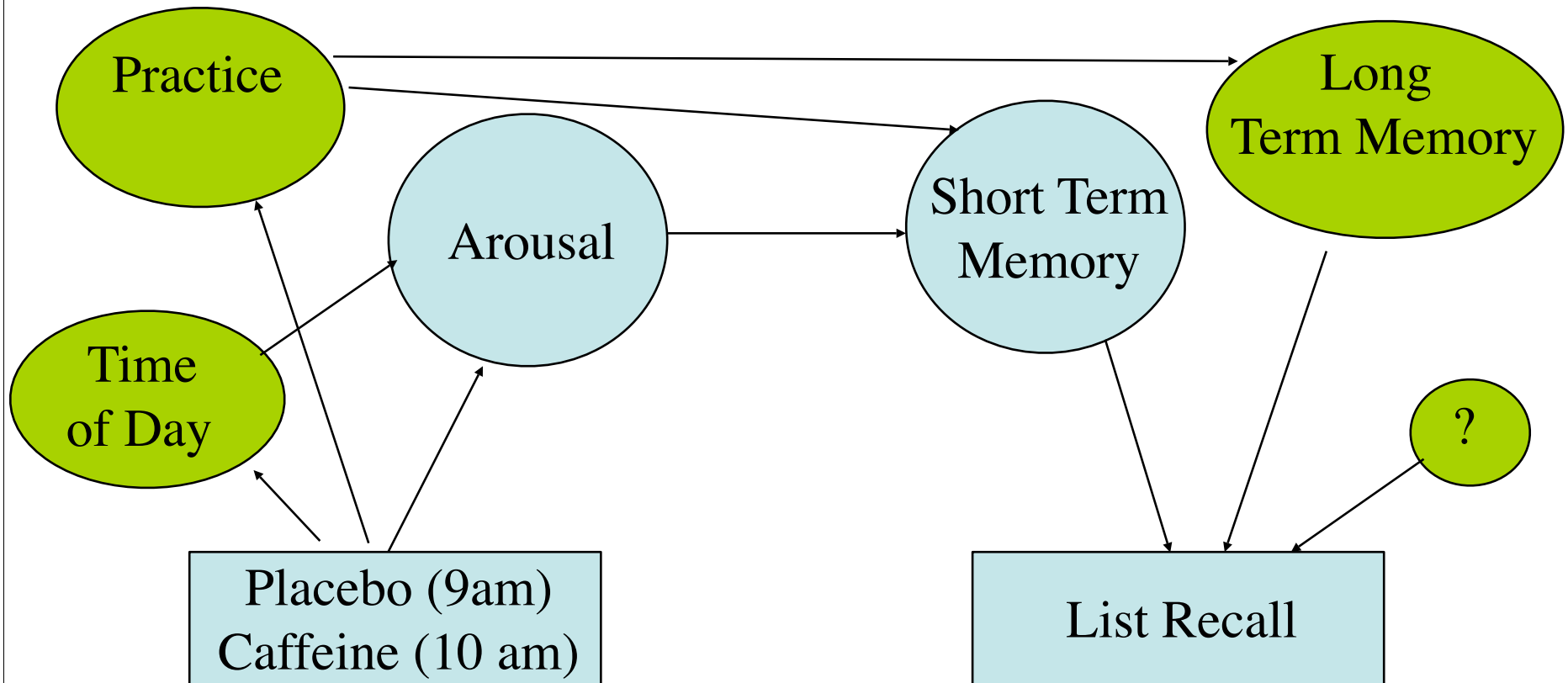
Analysis of any study

- What are the constructs of interest?
- How are they measured/manipulated?
- What are possible alternative sources of variation?
 - Within subjects threats
 - Between subject threats
- How strong is the relationship between the manipulation/observation of the IV and the measurement of the DV?

Arousal and Working Memory

- Hypothesis
 - Alertness (arousal) facilitates short term memory
- Constructs
 - Arousal
 - Short Term Memory (memory for very recent events)
- Manipulations/Observables
 - Caffeine increases arousal
 - Study list - Filled Delay interval (why)
 - Immediate List recall
- Alternative Explanations

Confounded Within Subject design



- What are possible alternative sources of variation?

Arousal and Working Memory II

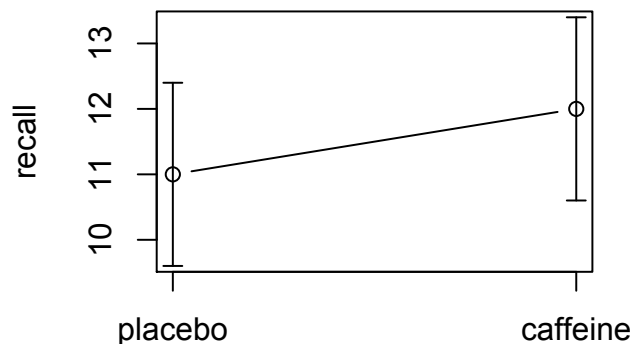
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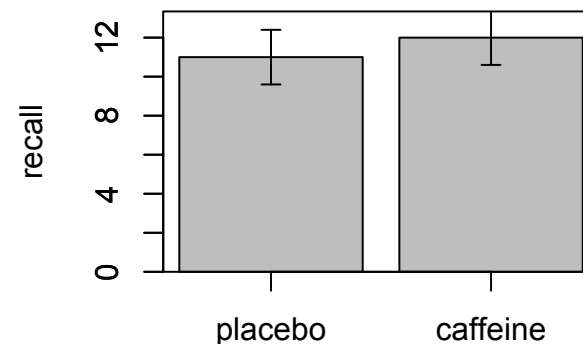
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Effect of drug on recall



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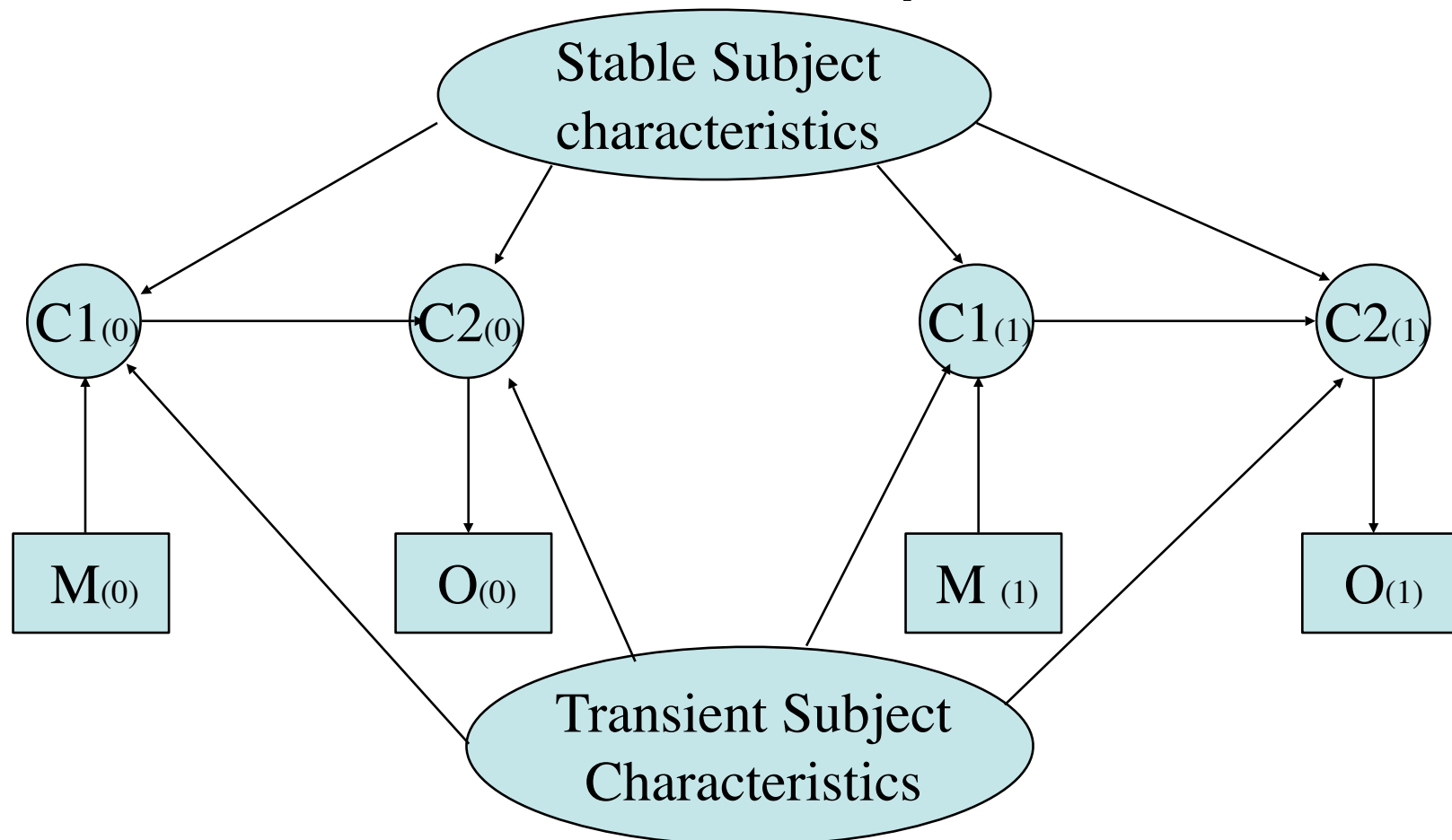


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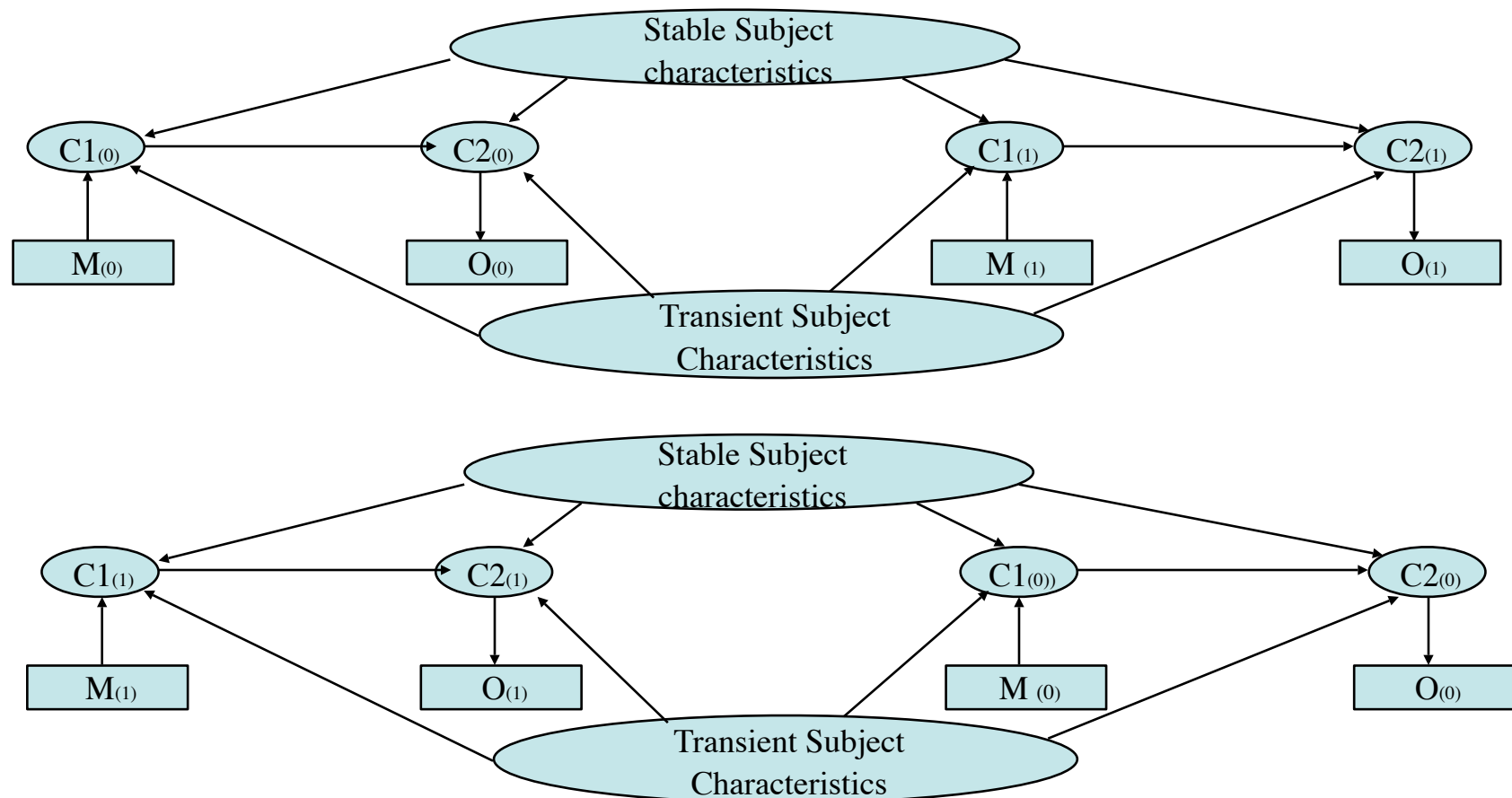
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Theory and Theory Testing II: Experimental manipulation- Within Subjects-Counter balancing

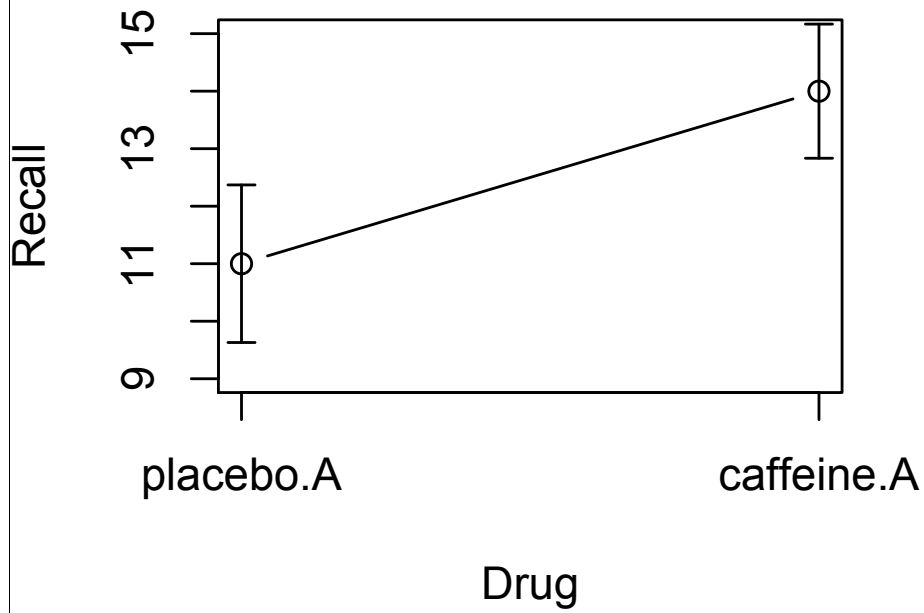


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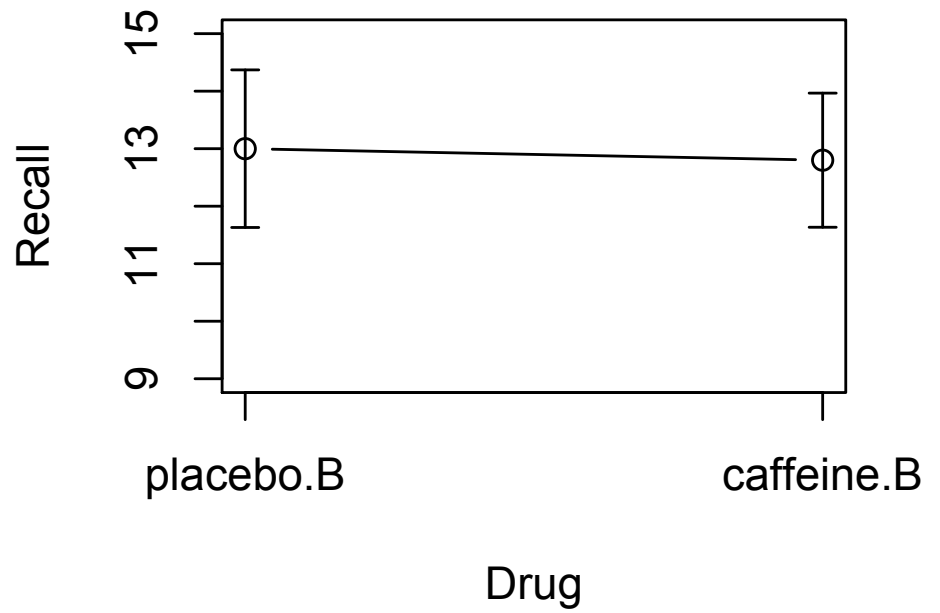
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caffeine.A	A	14	3	30	6	18	0.55
placebo.B	B	13	2	30	4	16	0.37
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Condition A



Condition B

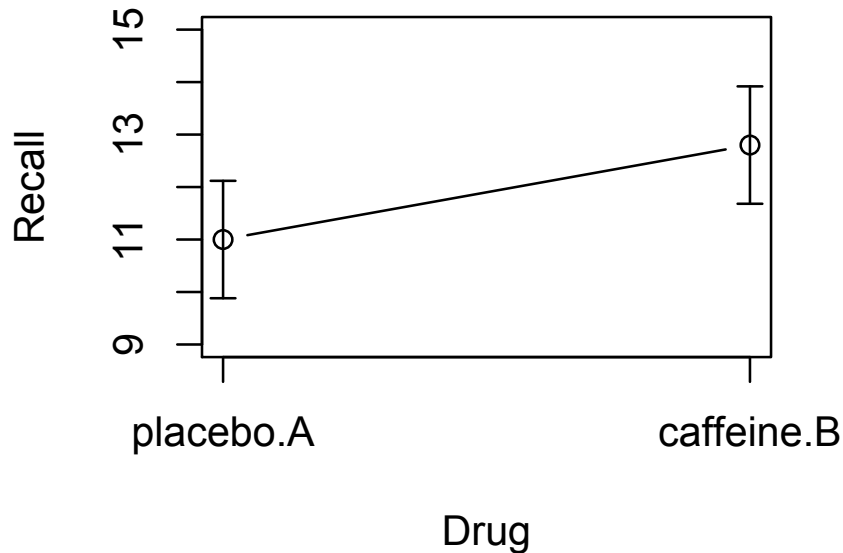


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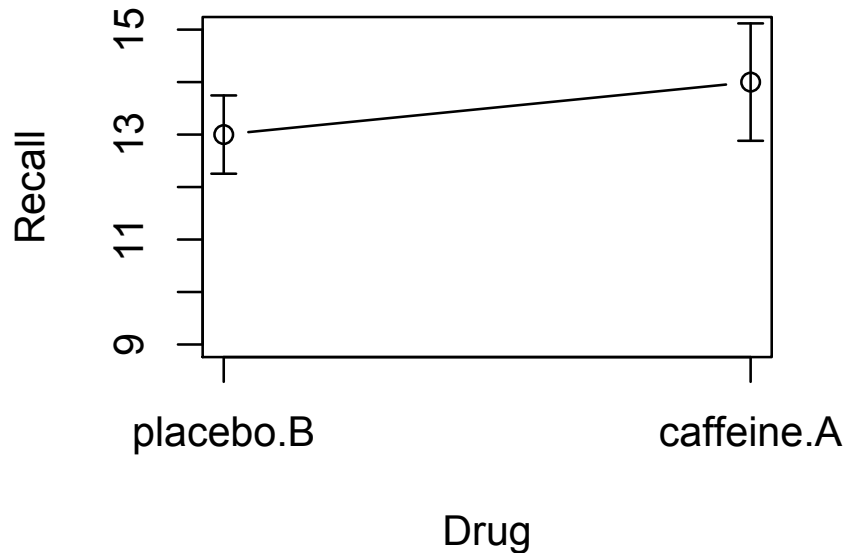
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- Although the one order showed the effect and the other did not, the investigator then pooled the data from the two orders and found that the caffeine condition in general led to better performance. (mean caffeine = 13, mean control = 11.9). From these results the investigator concluded that the hypothesis that caffeine induced arousal helps working memory as supported.
- Do these results follow?
- Can you think of an alternative explanation for the effects?
- Can you think of an explanation for the difference between the two orders?

A mixed design can be analyzed as a between design

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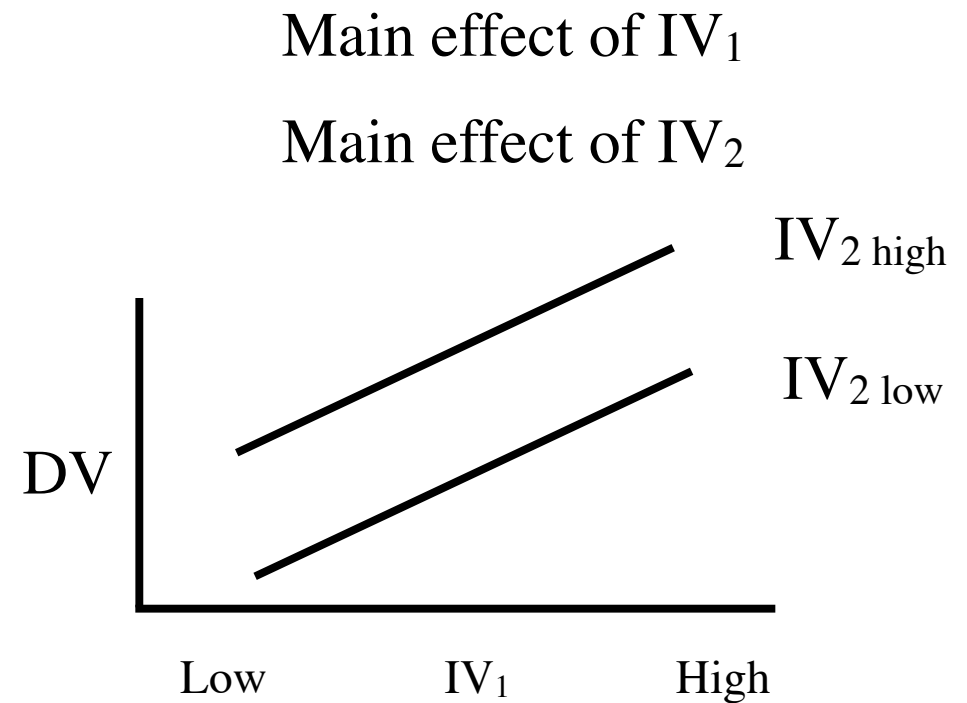
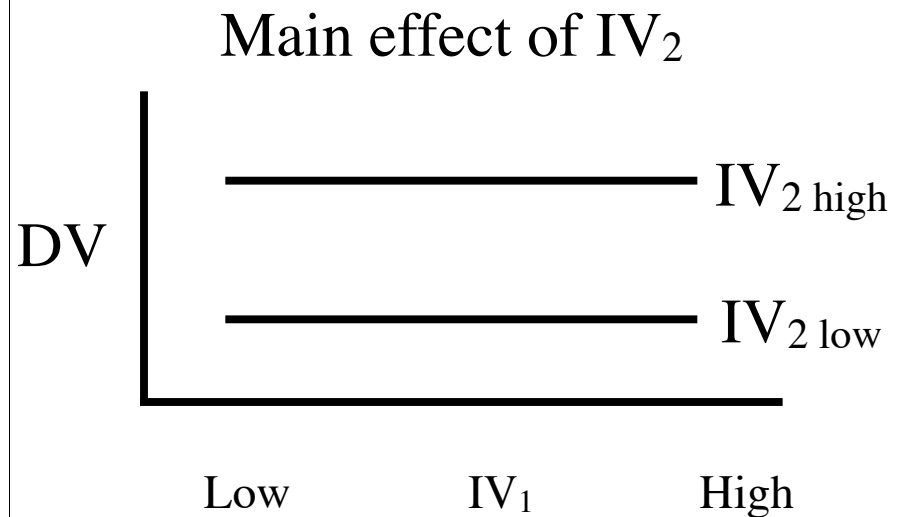
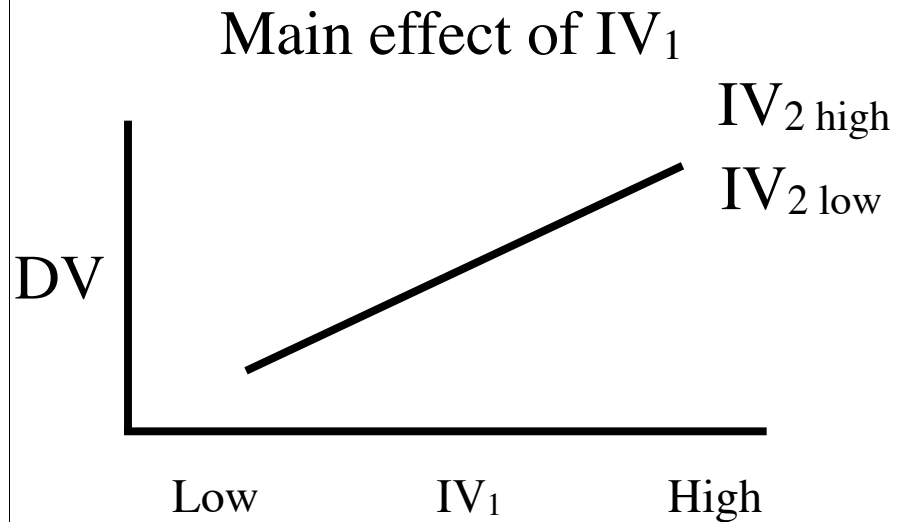
Time 2



Two variables - 3 analyses

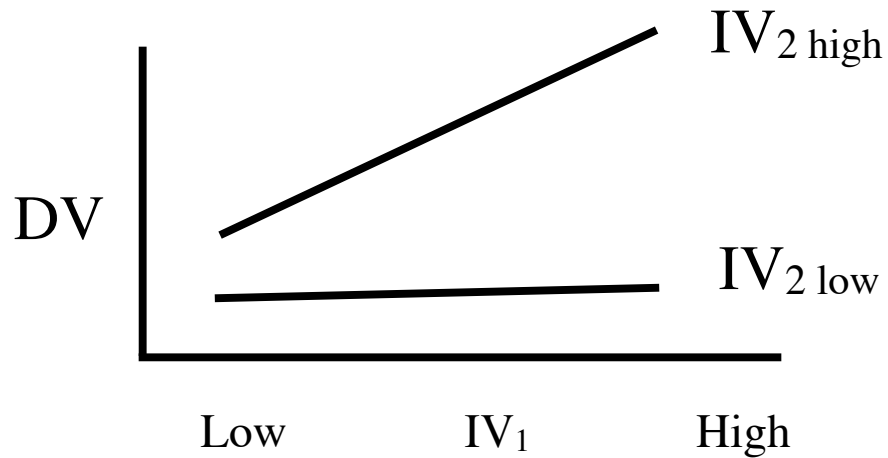
- When we study two variables at the same time, we can ask three different questions:
 - Is there an effect of Variable 1?
 - Is there an effect of Variable 2?
 - Does the effect of Variable 1 depend upon Variable 2 (do they interact)?
- Typically discussed in terms of analysis of variances, but can also be done in terms of regressions --
 - The question is do the slopes differ from 0 and from each other?

Types of results

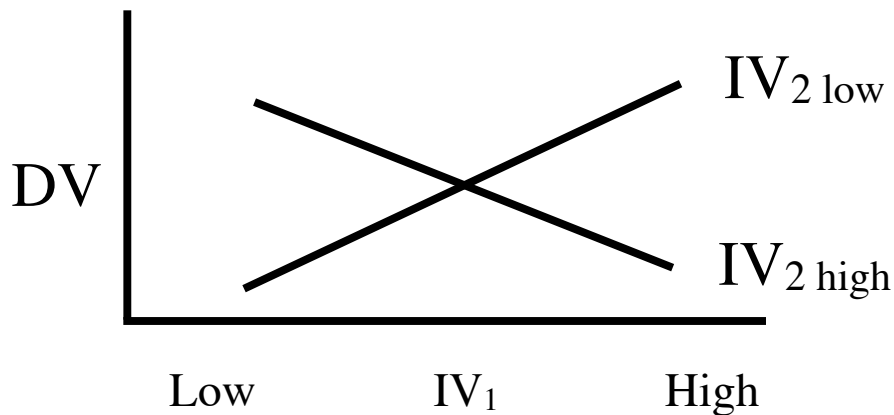


Types of interactions

Effect of IV_2
depends upon
that of IV_1



Fan Fold



Cross over

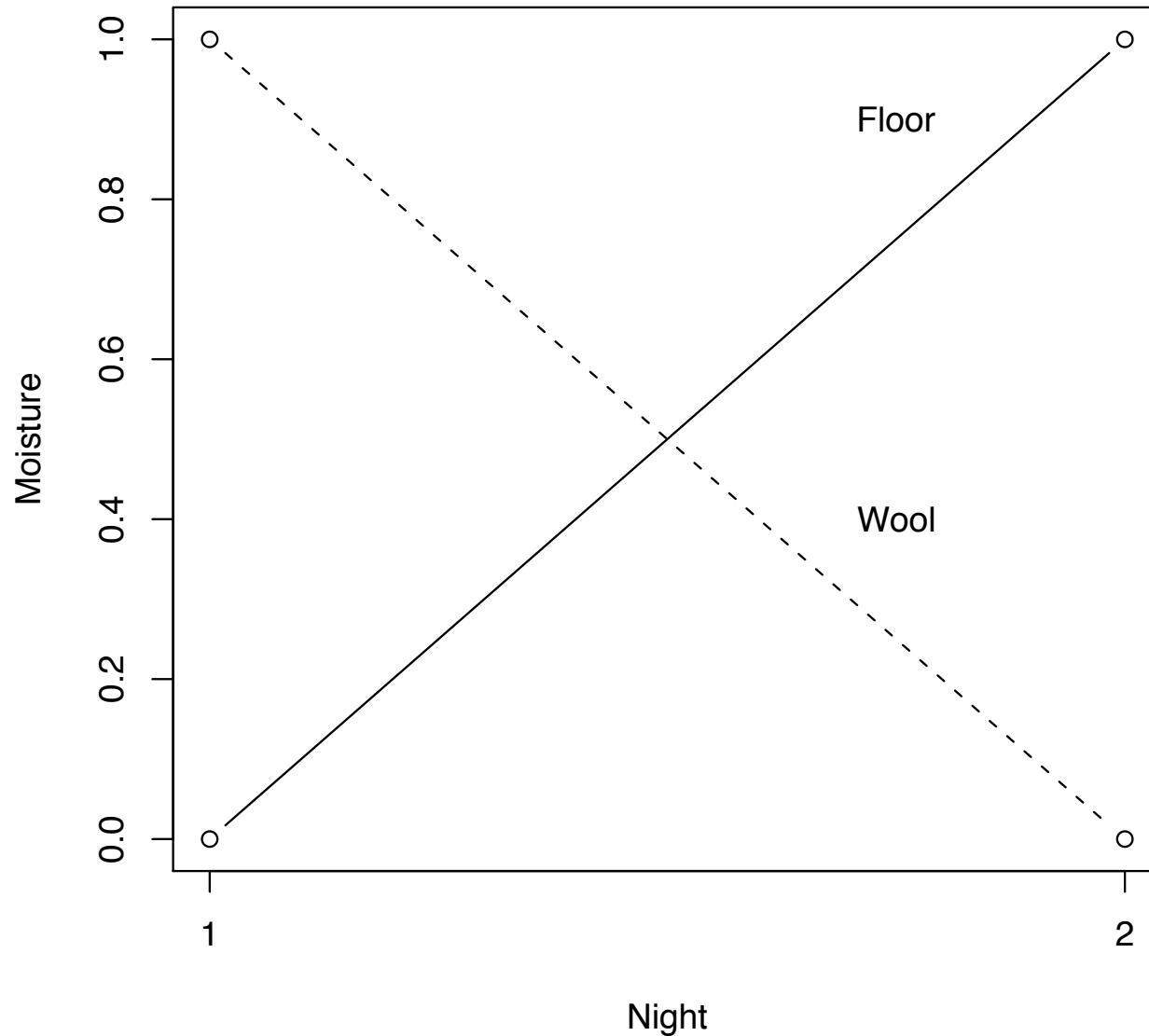
Inferential power of an interaction

- Main effect of a variable shows that there is a relationship between IV and DV.
- Interaction of two IVs with DV means that the effect of one IV depends upon the other IV.
- By having an interaction, we are able to specify the limits of our effects.
- Interactions allow more powerful inference, for they can exclude more alternative hypotheses

Earliest known example of a within subject study with a cross over interaction (double dissociation)

- Gideon was an early methodologist who understood principles of good design (Judges 6:36-40)
- Day 1: Make the wool wet, keep the floor dry
 - alternative explanations for effect
- Day 2: reverse conditions: keep the wool dry, make the floor wet
 - by having a reversal, it is harder to explain effect

Gideon's double dissociation test



Gideon's tests for God are an early example of a double dissociation and probably the first published example of a cross over interaction. On the first night, the wool was wet but the floor was dry. On the second night, the floor was wet but the wool was dry (Judges 6:36-40)

Experimental Designs

- Within Subjects -- Every subject is own control
 - Every subject is a complete experiment
 - Controls for subject variability
 - Ability
 - Motivation
 - Sensitive to within subject changes
 - Fatigue
 - Learning
 - Counterbalancing controls for some transient effects but is open to threats of
 - Differential transfer

Varieties of Counterbalancing

- Within subject counterbalancing
 - ABBA and BAAB controls for linear order effects but not transfer
 - Within subject randomization if many trials
 - possible to do block randomization
- Complete counterbalancing across subjects
 - One order for each subject, all orders appear
 - Two conditions: two Orders AB BA
 - Three conditions: six orders
 - ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA
 - Four conditions, 24 orders! N of orders = $C!$

Example of within subject counterbalancing

- Class replication of Roediger and McDermott
- How to examine presentation modality and recall vs. math within subjects
- Why not do between subjects?
 - consider subject “cost”
 - also consider sources of between subject error
- how to study several variables at a time within subjects
 - need to manipulate IV_1 and IV_2 independently

How to study several within subject variables at the same time

- Counterbalancing to avoid confounding
 - IV_1 and IV_2 are experimentally independent
- Conditions crossed with conditions
 - All conditions for IV_1 occur with all conditions of IV_2
 - no systematic relationship between IV_1 and IV_2
- Conditions balanced across orders of presentation

Purpose of counterbalancing

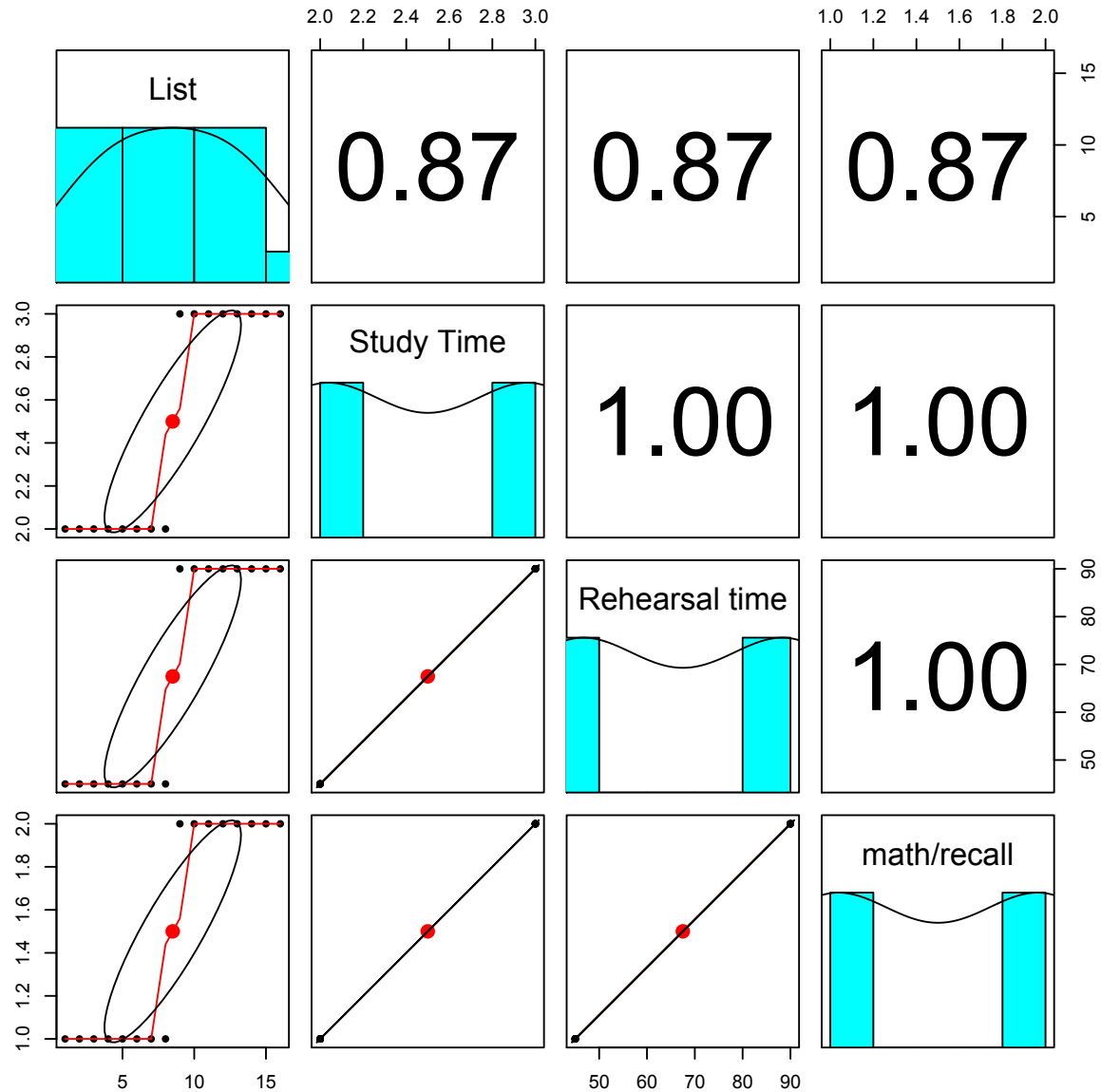
- Conditions are independent of order and of each other
- This allows us to determine effect of each variable independently of the other variables.
- If conditions are related to order or to each other, we are unable to determine which variable is having an effect

Complete Confounding!

Math and study and recall time from another design

	List	Study Time	Rehearsal	time	math/recall
1	1	2		45	1
2	2	2		45	1
3	3	2		45	1
4	4	2		45	1
5	5	2		45	1
6	6	2		45	1
7	7	2		45	1
8	8	2		45	1
9	9	3		90	2
10	10	3		90	2
11	11	3		90	2
12	12	3		90	2
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14	14	3		90	2
15	15	3		90	2
16	16	3		90	2

Complete confounding

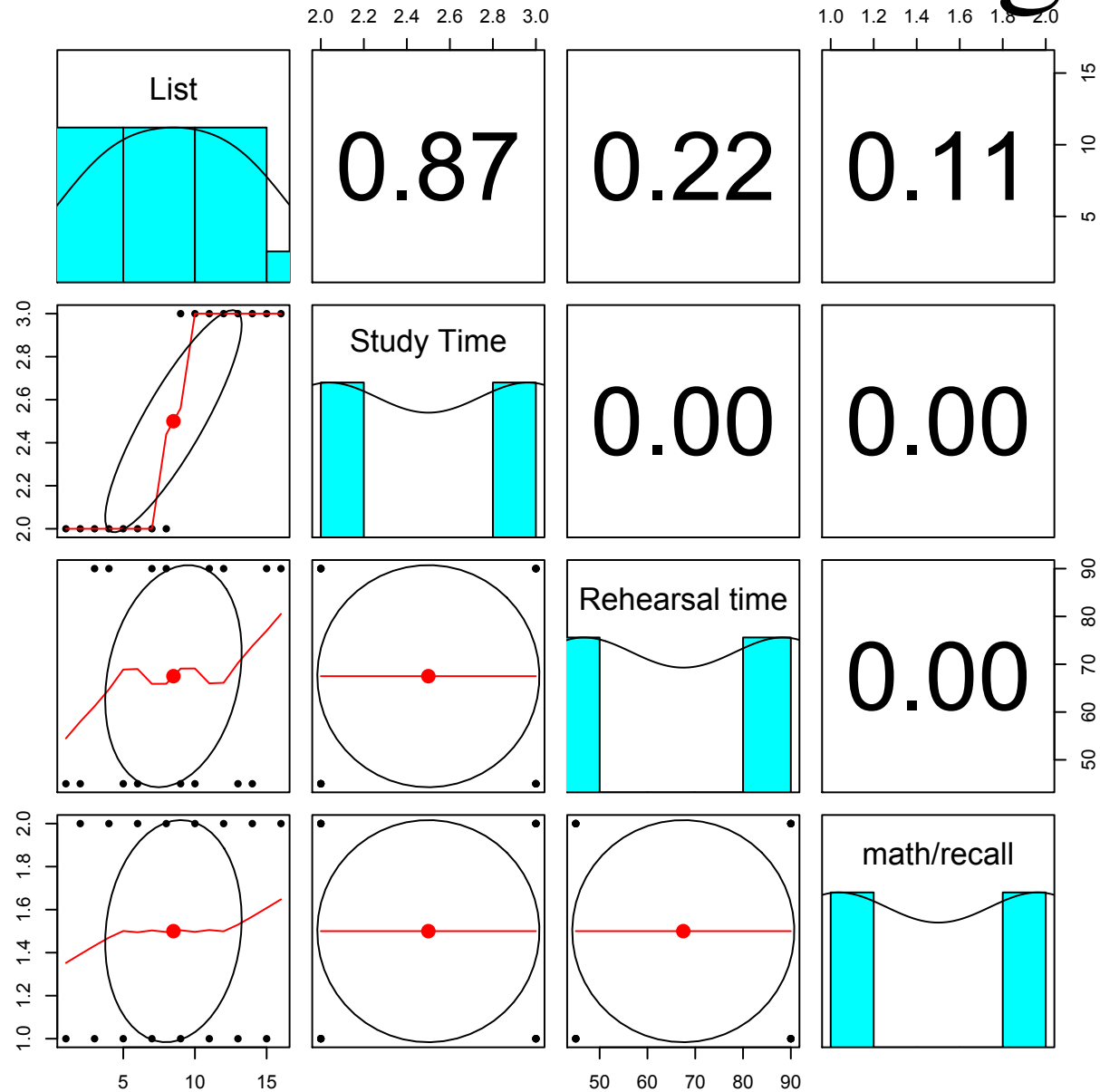


Partial Confounding

variables confounded with order

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3	3		2		90	1
4	4		2		90	2
5	5		2		45	1
6	6		2		45	2
7	7		2		90	1
8	8		2		90	2
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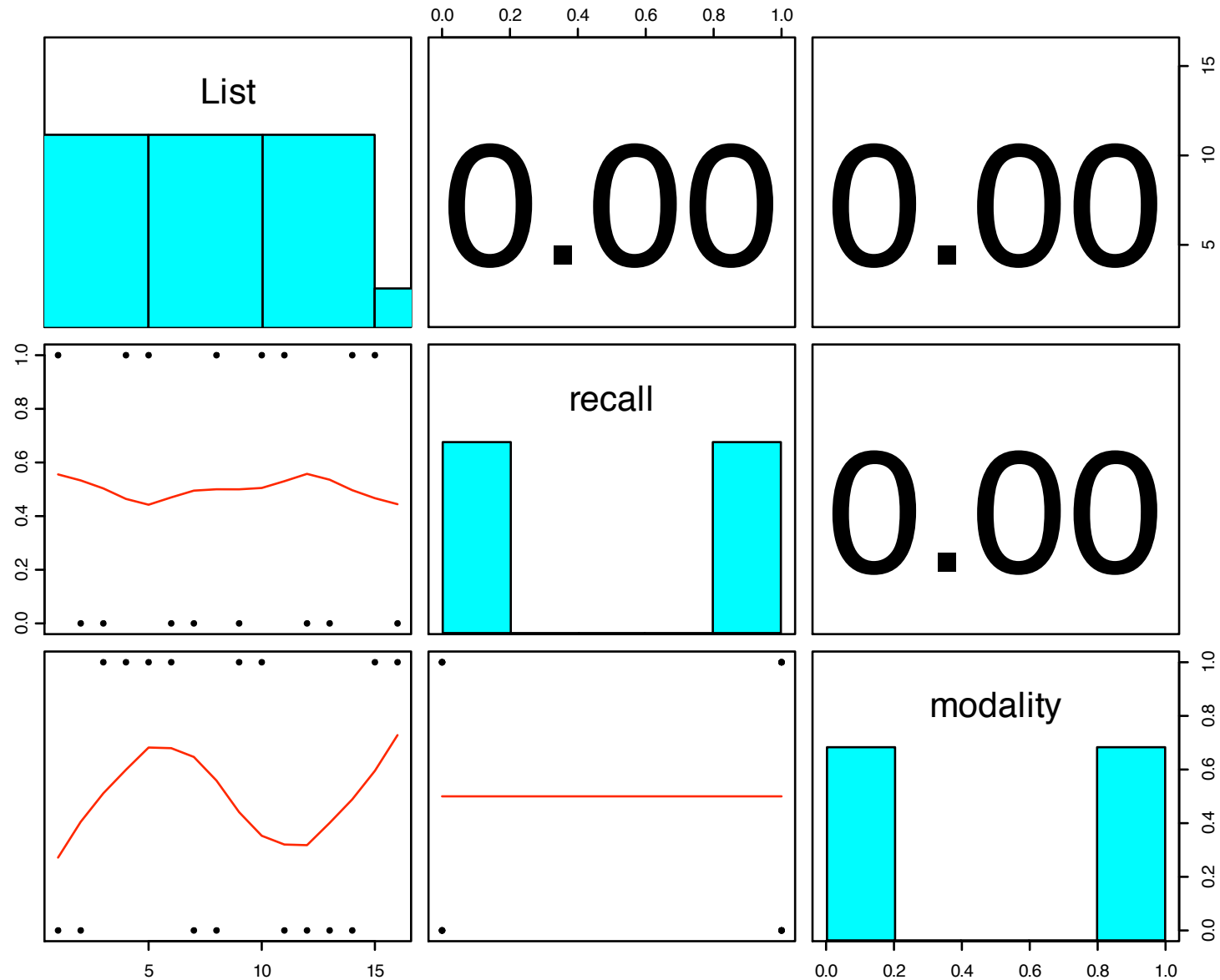
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Class Design- counterbalancing

List	Modality (within)	A/B (between)
1	Visual	Recall
2	Visual	Math
3	Aural	Math
4	Aural	Recall
5	Aural	Recall
6	Aural	Math
7	Visual	Math
8	Visual	Recall
9	Aural	Math
10	Aural	Recall
11	Visual	Recall
12	Visual	Math
13	Visual	Math
14	Visual	Recall
15	Aural	Recall
16	Aural	Math

Design matrix shows no correlations



Results - Descriptive

- Descriptive statistics vs. Inferential stats
- Describe the results --
 - Say it in words
 - Say it in pictures (figures)
 - Say it in numbers
- Inferential: What is the likelihood that the results could happen by chance?
 - Estimate a parameter and give confidence intervals for that parameter

Results - selective summary

- No need to report every analysis, just the ones that tell the important story
- Think about how to aggregate the data to best summarize it
- Transforms of data to make more understandable
 - e.g., percent correct rather than raw number
- Story must be truth
 - don't hide “inconvenient data”
 - assume someone else will want to analyze your data⁴³

Data= Model + Residual

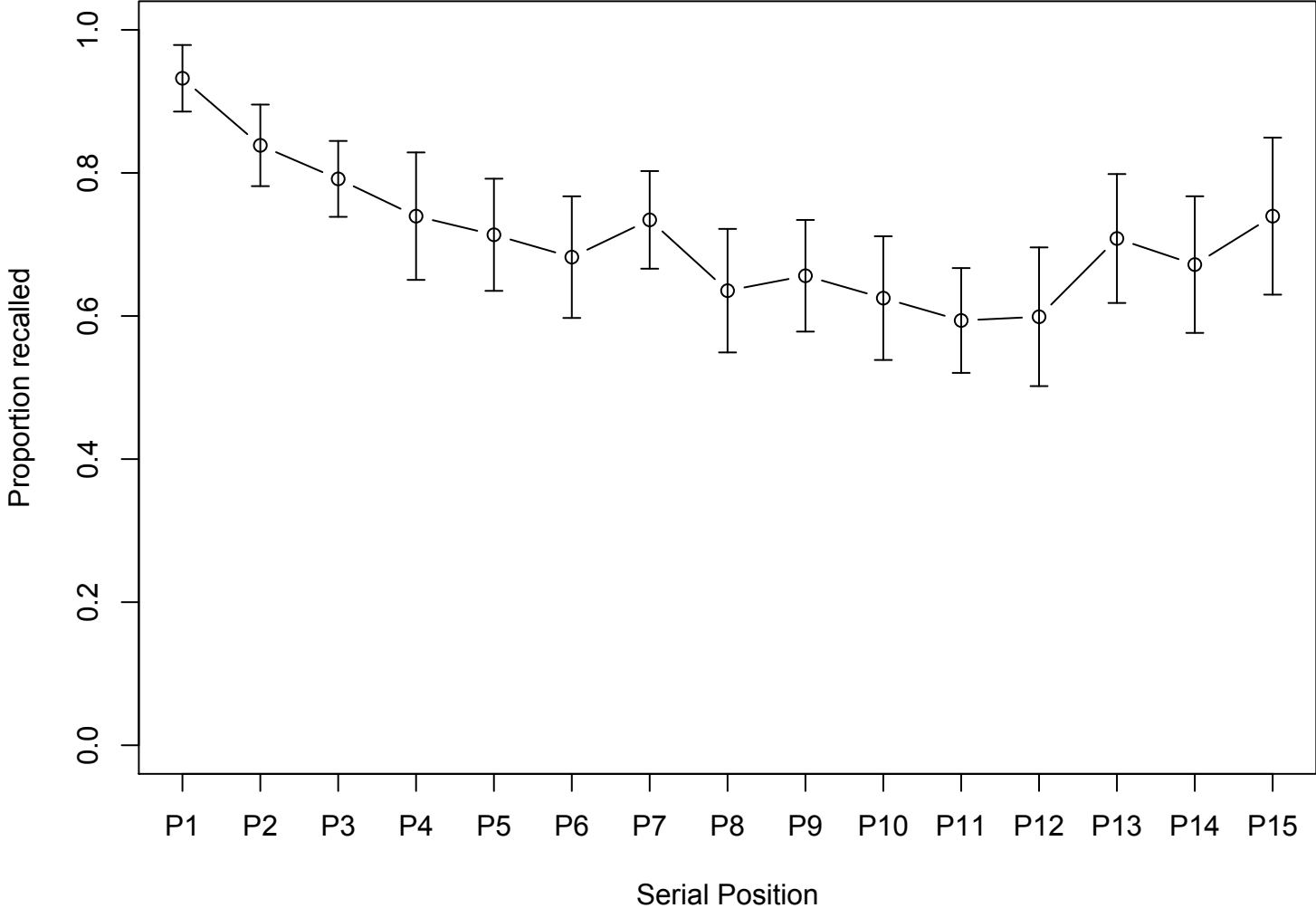
- The process of science is improve the model and reduce the error
- Models are progressively more complicated
- Consider the recall data:
 - Model 0: Data
 - Model 1: Data = Mean + Residual
 - Model 2: Data = Position_i + Residual
 - Model 3: Data = Type of presentation + Residual
 - ...

Results

- Recall (manipulation check)
 - Is there a serial position effect?
 - Primacy
 - Recency (particularly given the instructions)
 - Did people just recall on recall tasks?
- Recognition
 - Is there a false memory effect?
 - What manipulations affect it?
 - Are these the same manipulations that affect real recognition?

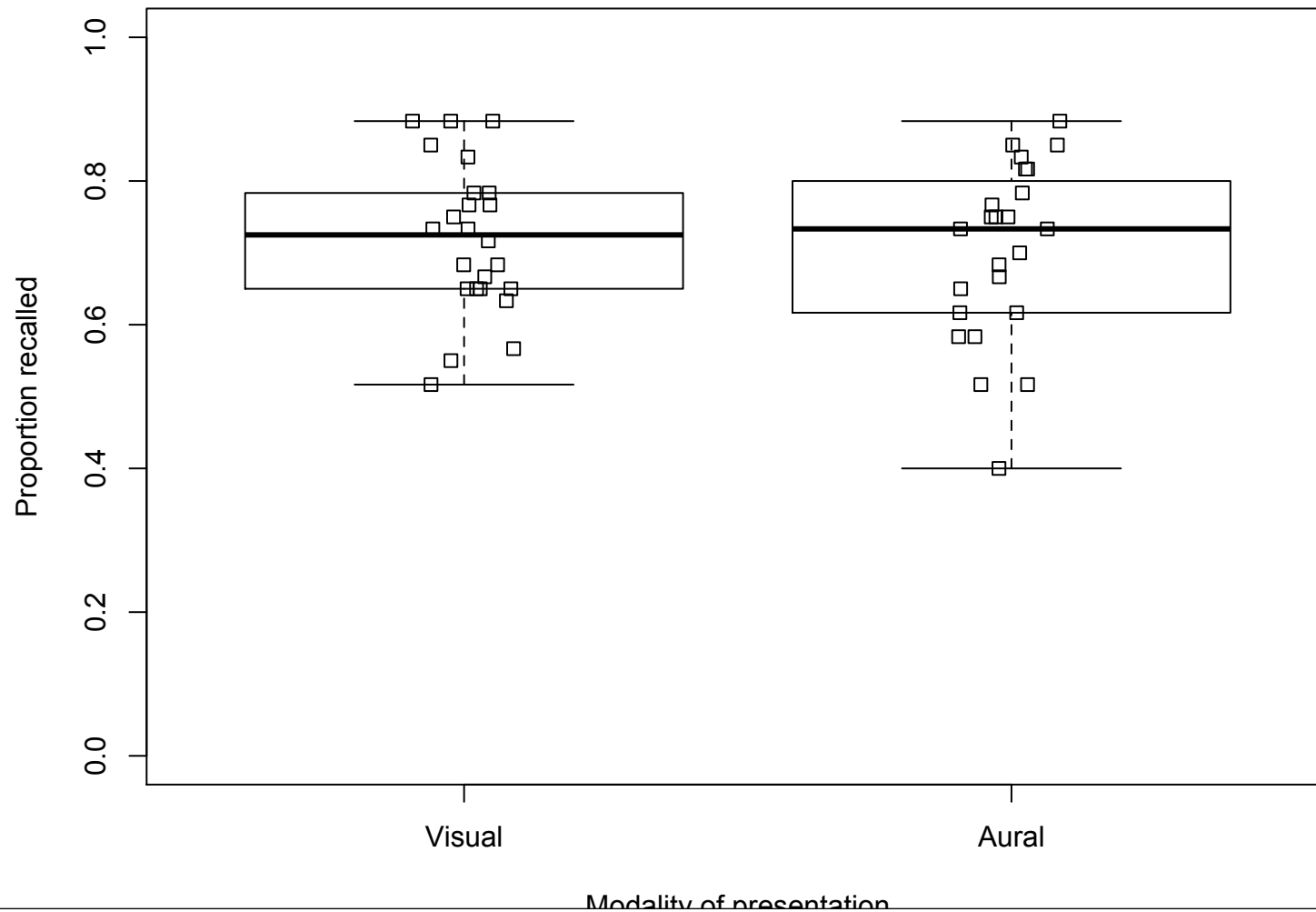
error.bars(memory)

Recall by serial position



Does mode of presentation make a difference

Recall by modality



Modality effects on recall

Two conditions: visual and aural, do they differ?

```
> round(mean(memory$Visual), 2)
[1] 43.62
> round(mean(memory$Aural), 2)
[1] 41.58
> t.test(memory[, 17], memory[, 18], paired = TRUE)
Paired t-test
data: memory[, 17] and memory[, 18] t = 1.8491, df = 23, p-value = 0.07734
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0 95 percent
confidence interval:
-0.2424231 4.3257564 sample estimates: mean of the differences
2.041667
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Probability is **.077** to get an effect this big by chance

Is there a false recall effect?

- Are there any false recalls?
- If so, do they differ as function of our conditions?
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Modality effects on false recall

```
> round(mean(memory$v.foil), 2)
[1] 0.25
> round(mean(memory$a.foil), 2)
[1] 0.67
> with(memory, t.test(v.foil, a.foil, paired = TRUE))
Paired t-test
data: v.foil and a.foil t = -2.1982, df = 23, p-value = 0.03827
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.80878480 -0.02454853 sample estimates: mean of the differences
-0.4166667
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Difference is unlikely by chance

Does presentation interact with word type?

- Examine the effect of presentation modality (visual versus aural) on real and false recall.
- The effects show a slight decrease in recall of real words for aural versus visual and a reliable increase for recall of false words (intrusions) for aural when compared to visual.
- This is a significant interaction ($p < .05$) but what does it really mean?
- Aural hurts memory accuracy.

Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

- Describe the data
 - Central Tendencies and Dispersion
 - Means, standard deviations
- Inferential -- the Null Hypothesis model
- How likely are the data given a model of no difference
 - consider the t-test

Multiple ways to model variance

- t test compares the difference of two groups
- F-test (ANOVA) is a generalization of t to compare multiple groups
- If the independent variable is categorical, then it can be thought of in terms of groups and we can use ANOVA
- If the independent variable is continuous, then we use the linear model.
- ANOVA is a special case of linear model

Recall and Recognition

Hypothesis testing

- How likely would differences of this magnitude be observed if in fact there were no effect in the population.
- Null Hypothesis Test
 - H_0 The groups do not differ in the population
 - H_1 The groups come from different populations
 - How likely are the results if H_0 ?
 - What is the probability of data given H_0 ?
 - Reject H_0 if $p < \text{critical value}$

Significance testing using Analysis of Variance

- ANOVA as a generalization of t-test.
 - t-test compares the difference between two means in terms of the expected standard deviation of the mean = observed standard deviation/sqrt(N-1)
- ANOVA compares the variance of the sample means to the variance within groups
- Possible to do ANOVA for multiple comparisons (combinations of variables)

Interpretation of ANOVA

- Each anova is a comparison of two estimates of the population variance:
 - an estimate from the variance between groups and an estimate from the variance within groups.
- F is the ratio of these estimates. If the two groups are random samples from the same population, we would expect the F ratio to be 1. The more the F deviates from 1, the less likely is the hypothesis that the samples came from the same population.

Alternative to hypothesis testing

- Effect size and confidence interval.
- How big is the effect and what is the expected range of the effect?

Central Tendencies and error

- Sample means reflect population values +/- error variability
- standard deviation of a mean (the standard error) = $s.d/\sqrt{N}$
- observed mean +/- 1 standard error includes the population value 68% of the time
- means that differ by 2.8 standard errors are unlikely to be from same population
- errors of within subject designs are more complicated to show

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Conclusions

- Big picture
 - Possible to show false memory, particularly in a recognition task
- Smaller picture
 - variables that affect false recognition
- Take home message:
 - What does this all mean