

Statistical Learning in Mediation Analysis

Lab 1: Counterfactuals for mediation analysis

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Counterfactuals and nested counterfactuals

Assume we have a population consisting of only 5 individuals. The treatment and counterfactual values for mediator and outcome for these five individuals are given in the table below.

- Compute controlled direct effect $E[Y(1, 0) - Y(0, 0)]$
- Compute natural indirect effect $E[Y(1, M(1)) - Y(1, M(0))]$
- Compute the average treatment effect $E[Y(1) - Y(0)]$

Subject	A	M(1)	M(0)	Y(1, 1)	Y(1, 0)	Y(0, 1)	Y(0, 0)
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
5	0	1	1	0	1	0	1