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date: July 6th, 2012 (Fri) 15:00 –

place: RERF Auditorium

speaker: Ke-Hai Yuan, Ph.D.
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Title: “Empirical Correction to the Likelihood Ratio Statistic for Structural Equation Modeling with Many Variables”

summary:
Survey data typically contain many variables. Structural equation modeling (SEM) is one of the most widely used methods in analyzing such data. The most widely used statistic for testing the adequacy of a SEM model is TML, a slight modification to the likelihood ratio statistic. Under normality assumption, TML approximately follows a chi-square distribution when the number of observations (N) is large and the number of items or variables (p) is small. However, in practice, p can be very large while N is always limited due to not having enough participants in surveys. Even with a relatively large N, empirical results show that TML rejects the correct model too often when p is not too small. Various analytical corrections to TML were proposed whereas an exact Bartlett correction is hard to obtain. This paper proposes empirical corrections so that the mean of the resulting statistic approximately equals the degrees of freedom of the nominal chi-square distribution. Results show that two empirically corrected statistics follow the nominal chi-square distribution much more closely than previously proposed statistics. The formulations of the two statistics are further used to predict type I errors of TML as reported in the literature, and they perform well.