

Bootstrapping a PLS-SEM

Bootstrapping in SEMinR

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PLS model estimation in SEMinR

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Why we bootstrap

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- weights
- loadings
- HTMT ratios

Why we bootstrap

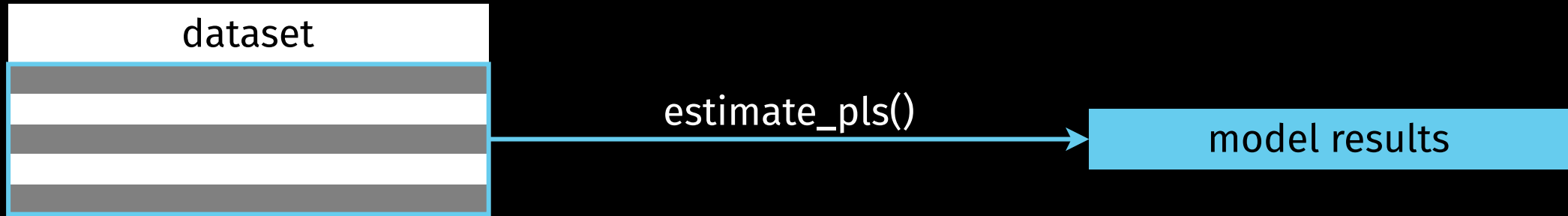
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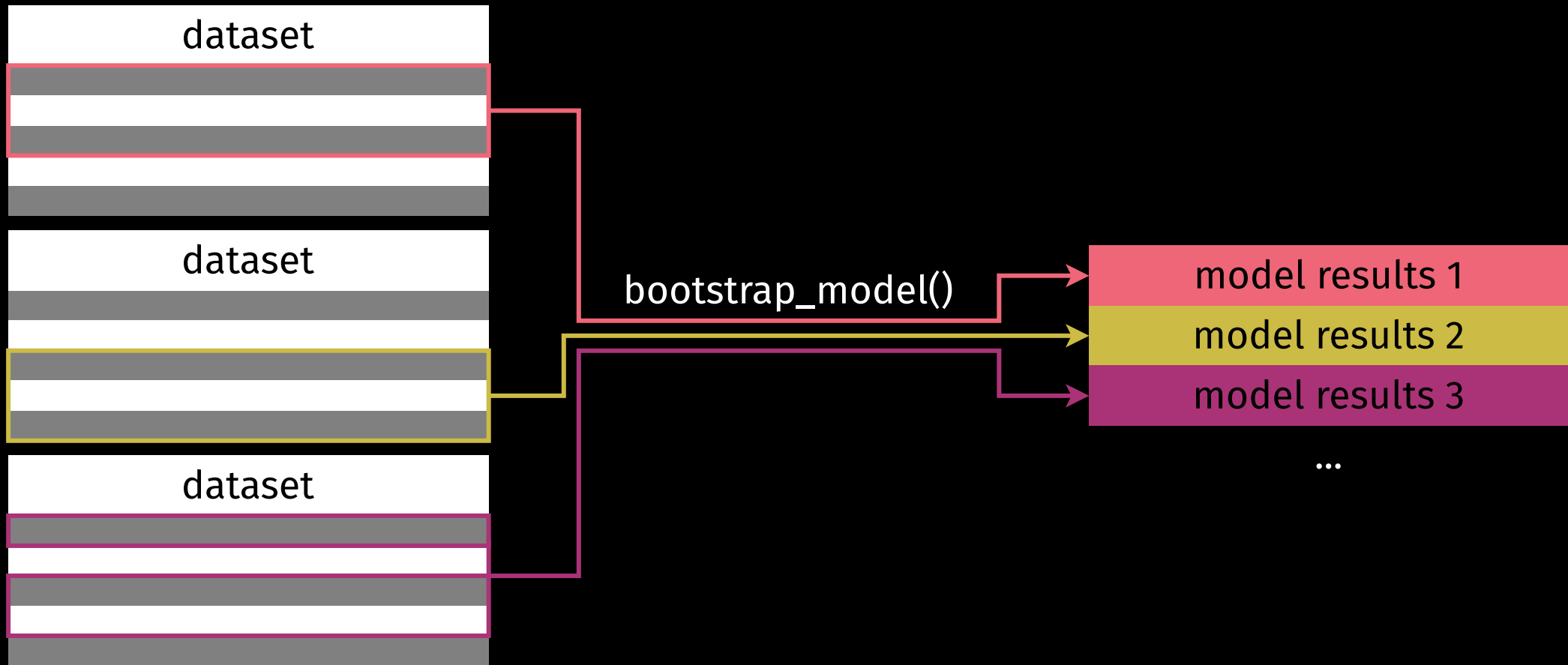
... given your data

How bootstrapping works

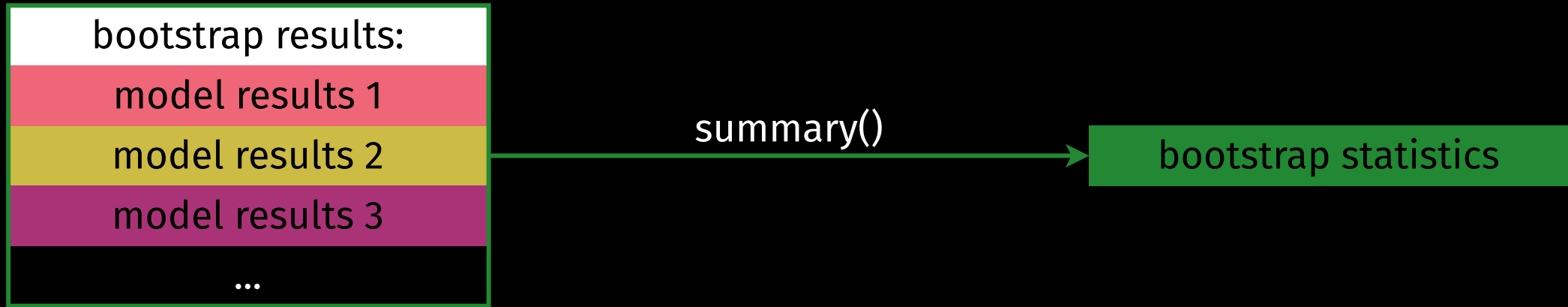
Regular model estimation process:



How bootstrapping works



How bootstrapping works



Statistics include mean, standard deviation and confidence intervals on the basis of the different model results.

Bootstrapping a model - preparation

```
# load semnr library
library(semnr)
# quickly estimate model
model <- estimate_pls(
  data = mobi,
  measurement_model = constructs(
    composite("Reputation", multi_items("IMAG", 1:5)),
    composite("Satisfaction", multi_items("CUSA", 1:3)),
    composite("Loyalty", multi_items("CUSL", 1:3))),
  structural_model = relationships(
    paths(from = "Reputation", to = c("Satisfaction", "Loyalty")),
    paths(from = "Satisfaction", to = "Loyalty"))
)
```

```
## Generating the semnr model
```

```
## All 250 observations are valid.
```


Bootstrapping a model - the fundamentals

```
# bootstrap the model  
bootstrapmodel <- bootstrap_model(  
  seminr_model = model,    # a pls model  
  nboot = 500,             # the number of bootstrap iterations  
  cores = NULL,  
  seed = NULL  
)
```

Bootstrapping a model - *cores* and *seed*

```
# bootstrap the model
bootstrapmodel <- bootstrap_model(
  semnr_model = model,
  nboot = 500,
  cores = NULL,           # the maximum number of cores to use
  seed = NULL            # the random seed
)
```

Bootstrapping a model

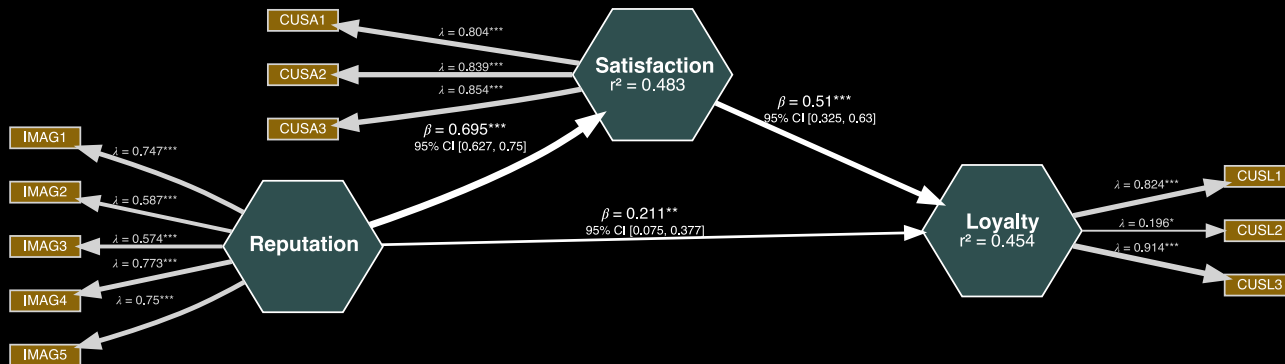
```
# bootstrap the model  
bootstrapmodel <- bootstrap_model(  
  seminr_model = model,  
  nboot = 100  
)
```

```
## Bootstrapping model using seminr...
```

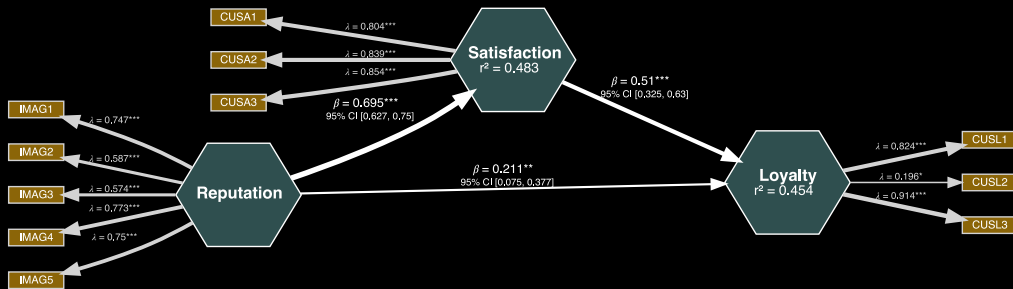
```
## SEMinR Model successfully bootstrapped
```

The SEMinR bootstrap model object - plot

```
plot(bootstrapmodel)
```



The SEMinR bootstrap model object - plot



*** $p < .001$, ** $p < .01$, * $p < .05$

95% CI [lower bound, upper bound]

The SEMinR bootstrap model object - subobjects

```
> bootstrapmodel$
```

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```
> bootstrapmodel$
```

```
bootstrapmodel$boot_paths
```

```
## , , 1
##
##      Reputation Satisfaction   Loyalty
## Reputation      0      0.6975628 0.1547664
## Satisfaction    0      0.0000000 0.5838384
## Loyalty         0      0.0000000 0.0000000
##
## , , 2
##
##      Reputation Satisfaction   Loyalty
## Reputation      0      0.6904222 0.2015742
## Satisfaction    0      0.0000000 0.5927379
## Loyalty         0      0.0000000 0.0000000
##
```

The SEMinR bootstrap model object - summary

```
# print summary of the bootstrapped model  
summary(bootstrapmodel)
```

```
##  
## Results from Bootstrap resamples: 100  
##  
## Bootstrapped Structural Paths:  
##           Original Est. Bootstrap Mean Bootstrap SD T Stat. 2.5% CI 97.5% CI  
## Reputation -> Satisfaction      0.695      0.697      0.033 20.926  0.627  0.750  
## Reputation -> Loyalty          0.211      0.218      0.076  2.763  0.075  0.377  
## Satisfaction -> Loyalty        0.510      0.501      0.086  5.904  0.325  0.630  
##  
## Bootstrapped Weights:  
##           Original Est. Bootstrap Mean Bootstrap SD T Stat. 2.5% CI 97.5% CI  
## IMAG1 -> Reputation      0.305      0.306      0.024 12.726  0.262  0.348  
## IMAG2 -> Reputation      0.243      0.247      0.032  7.697  0.190  0.312  
## IMAG3 -> Reputation      0.211      0.206      0.034  6.162  0.148  0.264  
## IMAG4 -> Reputation      0.335      0.331      0.026 13.061  0.280  0.378  
## IMAG5 -> Reputation      0.333      0.335      0.030 11.238  0.285  0.397
```


The SEMinR model object - summary subobjects

```
# save summary of the bootstrapped model  
summarybootmodel <- summary(bootstrapmodel)
```

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```

```
# number of bootstrap iterations  
summarybootmodel$nboot
```

```
## [1] 100
```

The SEMinR model object - summary subobjects

```
# bootstrapped paths  
summarybootmodel$bootstrapped_paths
```

| ## | Original Est. | Bootstrap Mean | Bootstrap SD | T Stat. | 2.5% CI | 97.5% CI |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------|
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The SEMinR model object - summary subobjects

```
# bootstrapped weights
summarybootmodel$bootstrapped_weights
# bootstrapped loadings
summarybootmodel$bootstrapped_loadings
# bootstrapped HTMT
summarybootmodel$bootstrapped_HTMT
```

```
# bootstrapped total paths - includes mediated influence
summarybootmodel$bootstrapped_total_paths
```

| ## | | Original Est. | Bootstrap Mean | Bootstrap SD | T Stat. | 2.5% CI | 97.5% CI |
|----|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------|
| ## | Reputation -> Satisfaction | 0.695 | 0.697 | 0.033 | 20.926 | 0.627 | 0.750 |
| ## | Reputation -> Loyalty | 0.565 | 0.568 | 0.054 | 10.468 | 0.457 | 0.680 |
| ## | Satisfaction -> Loyalty | 0.510 | 0.501 | 0.086 | 5.904 | 0.325 | 0.630 |

Summary

- Why we bootstrap
- How bootstrapping works
- Model bootstrapping with `bootstrap_model()`
- Bootstrapped model object and bootstrapped model summary object

Sources for this video

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