

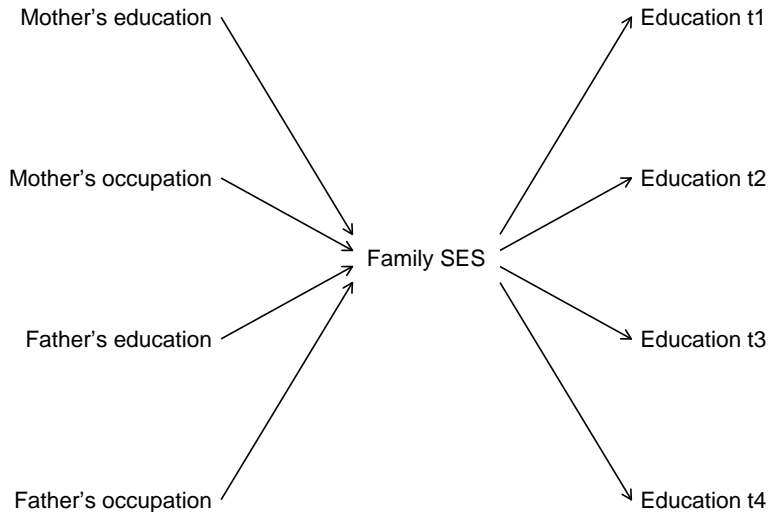
Family background and educational attainment

Are there many inequalities of educational outcome or just one?

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3. Has the effect of family background on respondent's education changed over time?

Data

- ▶ International Stratification and Mobility File (ISMF) on the Netherlands.
- ▶ 11 surveys held between 1992 and 2006 with information on cohorts that were 12 in 1939-1991.
- ▶ 11,500 respondents aged between 24 and 65 have complete information on child's, father's and mother's education and father's and mother's occupation.
- ▶ Number of cases are unequally distributed over cohorts.

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- ▶ Both models are estimated and compared using the `propcnsreg` package in Stata.

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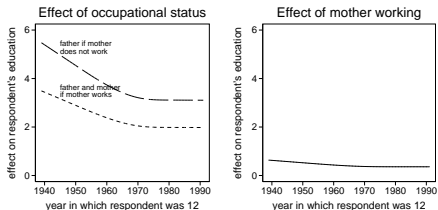
The hypothesis that the contributions of each background variable to the latent variable has not changed over time cannot be rejected: $\chi^2(65) = 51.56, p = 0.866$

Constraints on the effects of the parents (Wald tests)

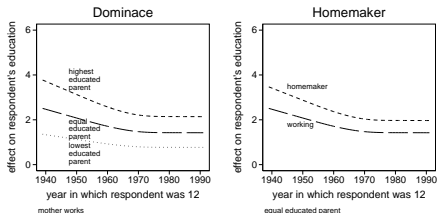
Null hypothesis	occupation			education		
	χ^2	df	p	χ^2	df	p
father = mother	1.63	1	0.202	0.74	1	0.390
highest = same = lowest	0.05	2	0.977	19.58	2	0.000
same sex = different sex	4.47	2	0.107	0.07	1	0.785
compensation homemaker = 0	6.41	1	0.011	4.91	1	0.027
homemaker = 0	10.00	1	0.002			

Indirect effects of family background on education

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- ▶ The offspring of mother's who have not worked do worse than the offspring of mother's with the lowest status occupation.