

Summary of the Four Major Types of Validity in Quantitative Research

<u>Validity Type</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Statistical conclusion	The validity with which we can infer that two variables are related and the strength of that relationship
Internal validity	The validity with which we can infer that a relationship between two variables is causal
Construct validity	The validity with which we can make inferences about the higher order constructs being investigated from the particular characteristics of the study
External validity	The validity with which we can infer that the relationship between the variables investigated holds over different people, settings, times, treatment variables, and measurement variables
