

# Group Project #1

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## Part 1: Frankie

### Create 1st grade variable

```
classroom <- classroom %>% mutate(Math1 = mathkind + mathgain)
```

### Random Intercepts for classroom, nested in schools UMM

We begin our analysis by looking at the UMM with random intercepts for schools and classrooms, i.e. :

$$Math1st_{ijk} = \beta_{0ijk} + \zeta_k + \eta_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

where  $i$  represents students,  $j$  represents classrooms and  $k$  represents schools.  $\zeta_k \sim N(0, \sigma_\zeta^2)$ ,  $\eta_{jk} \sim N(0, \sigma_\eta^2)$ , and  $\epsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2)$ , all are independent of each other

```
model1 <- lmer(Math1 ~ (1 | schoolid/classid), data=classroom)
summary(model1)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: Math1 ~ (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 11944.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.1872 -0.6174 -0.0204  0.5821  3.8339
##
## Random effects:
## Groups           Name      Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)  85.46   9.244
## schoolid         (Intercept) 280.68  16.754
## Residual                        1146.80 33.864
## Number of obs: 1190, groups: classid:schoolid, 312; schoolid, 107
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)  522.540      2.037    256.6
```

$$ICC_{class} = \frac{85.46}{1146.8 + 280.68 + 85.46} \approx .056$$

$$ICC_{school} = \frac{280.68}{1146.8 + 280.68 + 85.46} \approx .186$$

We hence find, from the fit summary above, that the equation for our model is:

$$\text{Math1st}_{ijk} = 522.54 + \zeta_k + \eta_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

$\zeta_k \sim N(0, 280.68)$ ,  $\eta_{jk} \sim N(0, 85.46)$ , and  $\epsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, 1146.80)$ , all are independent of each other

## Model with School Level Predictors Added

We then add all the school level predictors (that is, “housepov”) and report below the model fit :

```
model2 <- lmer(Math1~housepov+(1|schoolid/classid),data=classroom)
summary(model2)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula: Math1 ~ housepov + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 11927.4
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.1142 -0.6011 -0.0350  0.5600  3.8154
##
## Random effects:
## Groups           Name          Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)    82.36   9.075
## schoolid         (Intercept)   250.93  15.841
## Residual                        1146.95  33.867
## Number of obs: 1190, groups: classid:schoolid, 312; schoolid, 107
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error    df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   531.294      3.341 102.810 159.024 <2e-16 ***
## housepov      -45.783     14.236 111.060  -3.216  0.0017 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr)
## housepov -0.810

anova(model1, model2, refit = F)

## Data: classroom
## Models:
## object: Math1 ~ (1 | schoolid/classid)
## ..1: Math1 ~ housepov + (1 | schoolid/classid)
##      Df   AIC   BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## object  4 11953 11973 -5972.3   11945
## ..1     5 11937 11963 -5963.7   11927 17.186    1 3.39e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Report the changes in the variances of the random effects:

Change in  $\sigma_\zeta^2$ : decreased to 250.93 from 280.63  $\sigma_\eta^2$  decreases to 82.36 from 85.46  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  slightly increases to 1146.95 from 1146.8

The LRT has a p-value of almost zero,  $p = 3.39e - 05$ , thus we reject the  $H_0$ : coefficient on Housepov = 0 at  $\alpha = 0.05$ . That is, we find evidence that it makes sense to include the school level predictor, housepov.

## Model with all Class Level Predictors Added

We now re-run the model after including all the classroom level predictors, that is “mathknow”, “yearstea”, “mathprep”, and report the model fit.

```
model3 <- lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+
               (1|schoolid/classid),data=classroom)
summary(model3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10821
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5552 -0.6118 -0.0311  0.5863  3.8315
##
## Random effects:
## Groups          Name          Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)    94.36   9.714
## schoolid         (Intercept)   223.31  14.943
## Residual                        1136.43  33.711
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid:schoolid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error    df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  532.29853    5.20496 228.86000 102.268 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -41.62116   14.08835 109.83000  -2.954  0.00383 **
## mathknow       2.55143    1.44530 231.07000   1.765  0.07883 .
## yearstea       0.06193    0.14717 223.77000   0.421  0.67432
## mathprep     -0.75440    1.42809 203.21000  -0.528  0.59790
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##          (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst
## housepov -0.568
## mathknow -0.052  0.082
## yearstea -0.264  0.077  0.030
## mathprep -0.666  0.032  0.004 -0.175
```

## creating reduced dataset taking away missing data

The variable of interest *Mathknow* includes some missing values. The model for which we have reported the summary above therefore removes the observations for which missing data is present.

To be able to compare Model 2 (with school level predictors) with Model 3 (with both school level and classroom level predictors), we removed from the dataset students that had missing values, creating a reduced dataset. This left us with a sample of 1081 students. We then re-run model 2 on this reduced dataset and compared it to Model 3.

```
classroom_red = na.omit(classroom)
model2_red <- lmer(Math1~housepov+(1|schoolid/classid),data=classroom_red)
model3_red <- lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+
                    (1|schoolid/classid),data=classroom_red)

summary(model3_red)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
##   to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + (1 | schoolid/classid)
##   Data: classroom_red
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10821
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5552 -0.6118 -0.0311  0.5863  3.8315
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups                Name             Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)    94.36     9.714
## schoolid         (Intercept)   223.31    14.943
## Residual                        1136.43    33.711
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid:schoolid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  532.29853    5.20496 228.86000 102.268 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -41.62116   14.08835 109.83000  -2.954  0.00383 **
## mathknow       2.55143    1.44530 231.07000   1.765  0.07883 .
## yearstea       0.06193    0.14717 223.77000   0.421  0.67432
## mathprep     -0.75440    1.42809 203.21000  -0.528  0.59790
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst
## housepov    -0.568
## mathknow    -0.052  0.082
## yearstea    -0.264  0.077  0.030
## mathprep    -0.666  0.032  0.004 -0.175

anova(model2_red, model3_red, refit = F)

## Data: classroom_red
```

```
## Models:
## object: Math1 ~ housepov + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## ..1: Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + (1 | schoolid/classid)
##      Df    AIC    BIC logLik deviance  Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## object  5 10838 10862 -5413.8   10828
## ..1     8 10837 10877 -5410.5   10821 6.5771     3   0.08667 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Change in  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$ :  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  decreased to 1136.43,  $\sigma_\eta^2$  increased to 94.36;  $\sigma_\zeta^2 = 223.31$

A possible reason why  $\epsilon$  decreased in this model, but not  $\eta$  is that adding the classroom level predictors makes it so that more of the overall variation is explained by “structured” variation (that is, related to the fact that students are in different classrooms) rather than by unstructured ( $\epsilon$ ), so that the latter decreases. However, we also have to note that in this case we are using the reduced dataset, so that some of the changes may be due to the fact that we are using two slightly different datasets.

The anova test comparing the school level predictor to the model with the classroom predictors has a p-value 0.087, so we fail to reject the null hypothesis at our  $\alpha = 0.05$  and conclude that adding classroom level predictors is not necessary, as it does not significantly improve the model.

## Add all student-level predictors

We now include all the student level predictors in our model:

```
model4 <- lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
               ses+(1|schoolid/classid),data=classroom)
summary(model4)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
## Groups           Name             Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)    93.89    9.69
## schoolid         (Intercept)   169.45   13.02
## Residual                                1064.95  32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid:schoolid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.63042    5.31210   275.40000  101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.64847   13.21757   113.90000   -1.335   0.184
## mathknow       1.35004    1.39168   234.50000    0.970   0.333
## yearstea       0.01129    0.14141   226.80000    0.080   0.936
```

```
## mathprep      -0.27705      1.37583  205.30000  -0.201      0.841
## sex           -1.21419      2.09483 1022.30000  -0.580      0.562
## minority      -16.18678      3.02605  704.50000  -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses           10.05075      1.54484 1066.50000   6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) housepv mthknw yearst mthprp sex      minrty
## housepv -0.451
## mathknow -0.083  0.058
## yearstea -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex      -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses      -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

We test this new block compared to the model with both school-level and classroom level predictors.

```
anova(model3, model4, refit = F)
```

```
## Data: classroom
## Models:
## object: Math1 ~ housepv + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## ..1: Math1 ~ housepv + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
## ..1:      ses + (1 | schoolid/classid)
##      Df   AIC   BIC logLik deviance  Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## object  8 10837 10877 -5410.5    10821
## ..1    11 10752 10806 -5364.8    10730 91.446      3 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The LRT test between this two models has a p-value  $< 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ . Therefore, at our  $\alpha = 0.05$ , we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that adding this block of predictors is justified.

Changes in variance components :

$\sigma_\epsilon^2$  decreased to 1064.95,  $\sigma_\eta^2$  decreased to 93.89, and  $\sigma_\zeta^2$  decreased to 169.45.

We note that adding student-level predictors leads to a decrease in the overall variance of the model. By “controlling” for student-related variables, we also explain the between schools, as students with similar attributes might be similar across schools, hence reducing the overall variance of  $\zeta$ .

The final model, with all school level, classroom level, and student level predictors, is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Math1st}_{ijk} = & 539.63 + \zeta_k + \eta_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk} - 17.65 * \text{Housepov}_k + 1.35 * \text{Mathknow}_{jk} + \\ & 0.01 * \text{YearsTea}_{jk} - 0.27 * \text{Mathprep}_{jk} - 0.19 * \text{sex}_{ijk} - 0.32 * \text{minority}_{ijk} - 0.12 * \text{ses}_{ijk} \end{aligned}$$

With:

$\zeta_k \sim N(0, \sigma_\zeta^2)$ ,  $\eta_{jk} \sim N(0, \sigma_\eta^2)$ , and  $\epsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2)$ , all are independent of each other

From the model fit above therefore we find that the fitted model is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Math1st}_{ijk} = & \beta_{0ijk} + \zeta_k + \eta_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk} + \beta_1 \text{Housepov}_k + \beta_2 \text{Mathknow}_{jk} + \\ & \beta_3 \text{YearsTea}_{jk} + \beta_4 \text{Mathprep}_{jk} + \beta_5 \text{sex}_{ijk} + \beta_6 \text{minority}_{ijk} + \beta_7 \text{ses}_{ijk} \end{aligned}$$

With:

$\zeta_k \sim N(0, 169.45)$ ,  $\eta_{jk} \sim N(0, 93.89)$ , and  $\epsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, 1064.95)$ , all are independent of each other.

## Random Slope for Teacher-level predictor varying at school-level

We try adding a random slope for each teacher level predictor (varying at the school level; one by one - not all together).

### MATHKNOW

```
rst.1 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+mathknow|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rst.1)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
##   to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + mathknow | schoolid)) + (1 |
##       classid)
##   Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
##   classid     (Intercept) 9.389e+01 9.690e+00
##   schoolid    mathknow    4.260e-11 6.527e-06
##   schoolid.1 (Intercept) 1.694e+02 1.302e+01
##   Residual                1.065e+03 3.263e+01
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.63042    5.31210   275.40000 101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.64847   13.21757   113.90000  -1.335  0.184
## mathknow       1.35004    1.39168   234.50000   0.970  0.333
## yearstea       0.01129    0.14141   226.80000   0.080  0.936
## mathprep      -0.27705    1.37583   205.30000  -0.201  0.841
## sex           -1.21419    2.09483  1022.50000  -0.580  0.562
## minority     -16.18678    3.02605   704.50000 -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses           10.05075    1.54484  1066.60000   6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow    -0.083  0.058
## yearstea    -0.259  0.071  0.029
```

```
## mathprep -0.631 0.038 0.004 -0.172
## sex -0.190 -0.007 0.007 0.016 -0.006
## minority -0.320 -0.178 0.115 0.024 0.001 -0.011
## ses -0.121 0.082 -0.007 -0.028 0.053 0.020 0.162
```

```
rand(rst.1,refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##               Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid      2.34e+01      1 1e-06 ***
## mathknow:schoolid 1.82e-12      1 1.000
## classid        6.74e+00      1 0.009 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for *MATHKNOW* at a school level as the p value = 1 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## YEARSTEA

```
rst.2 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
  ses+(1+yearstea||schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rst.2)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + yearstea | schoolid)) + (1 |
##      classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
## -3.8485 -0.6149 -0.0323  0.5980  3.6600
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept) 9.266e+01 9.62593
## schoolid    yearstea    9.669e-03 0.09833
## schoolid.1  (Intercept) 1.685e+02 12.97894
## Residual                    1.065e+03 32.63452
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.60060    5.30865  266.30000 101.645 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.71727   13.21854  113.60000  -1.340  0.183
## mathknow       1.33198    1.39177  234.30000   0.957  0.340
## yearstea      0.01124    0.14193  122.40000   0.079  0.937
## mathprep     -0.26633    1.37610  204.90000  -0.194  0.847
## sex          -1.21077    2.09476 1022.20000  -0.578  0.563
## minority     -16.16833    3.02641  702.60000  -5.342 1.24e-07 ***
## ses           10.04529    1.54490 1066.00000   6.502 1.21e-10 ***
```



```
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepv -0.450
## mathknow -0.082  0.057
## yearstea -0.258  0.070  0.028
## mathprep -0.632  0.037  0.003 -0.172
## sex      -0.190 -0.007  0.006  0.015 -0.006
## minority -0.320 -0.179  0.115  0.023  0.001 -0.010
## ses      -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.027  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

```
rand(rst.2, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid      19.83009      1 8e-06 ***
## yearstea:schoolid 0.00698      1  0.93
## classid        5.91580      1  0.02 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for *YEARSTEA* at a school level as the p value = 0.93 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

### Mathprep

```
rst.3 <-lmer(Math1~housepv+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
  ses+(1+mathprep||schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rst.3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepv + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + mathprep | schoolid)) + (1 |
##      classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept)          93.89    9.69
## schoolid    mathprep              0.00     0.00
## schoolid.1  (Intercept)        169.45   13.02
## Residual                    1064.95   32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## (Intercept) 539.63042    5.31210  275.40000 101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov    -17.64847   13.21758  113.90000  -1.335    0.184
## mathknow     1.35004    1.39168  234.50000   0.970    0.333
## yearstea     0.01129    0.14141  226.80000   0.080    0.936
## mathprep    -0.27705    1.37583  205.30000  -0.201    0.841
## sex         -1.21419    2.09483 1022.50000  -0.580    0.562
## minority    -16.18678    3.02605  704.50000  -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses         10.05075    1.54484 1066.60000   6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##          (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.451
## mathknow  -0.083  0.058
## yearstea  -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep  -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex       -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority  -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses       -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

```
rand(rst.3, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid      13.62     1 2e-04 ***
## mathprep:schoolid 0.00     1  1.000
## classid        7.14     1  0.008 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for *MATHPREP* at a school level as the p value = 1 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Question:** Why is a random slope on housepov a bad idea?

**Answer:** There is only one data point per school, so we do not have enough information to calculate the slope for each school.

## Allowing correlations with random intercepts

### ONE BY ONE

Again, we add random slopes for each teacher-level predictor varying at the school level, but this time by allowing them to be correlated with the random intercepts.

#### MATHKNOW

```
rstc.1 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+mathknow|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rstc.1)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
```

```
##      ses + (1 + mathknow | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
##      Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8581 -0.6131 -0.0324  0.5969  3.6603
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##      classid  (Intercept)  9.394e+01  9.69205
##      schoolid (Intercept) 1.693e+02 13.01223
##              mathknow     8.596e-04  0.02932 1.00
##      Residual                1.065e+03 32.63393
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.64037    5.31212   275.40000 101.587 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.64148    13.21274   104.00000  -1.335  0.185
## mathknow       1.35459     1.39203   214.60000   0.973  0.332
## yearstea       0.01114     0.14141   226.90000   0.079  0.937
## mathprep      -0.27753     1.37601   201.30000  -0.202  0.840
## sex           -1.21329     2.09485  1021.70000  -0.579  0.563
## minority     -16.19376     3.02609   703.80000  -5.351 1.18e-07 ***
## ses           10.04788     1.54488  1062.10000   6.504 1.20e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow    -0.082  0.057
## yearstea    -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep    -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.173
## sex         -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority    -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses         -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

```
rand(rstc.1, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## mathknow:schoolid 0.000321      2      1.00
## classid           6.676842      1      0.01 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for math knowledge at a school level as the p value = 1.00 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## YEARSTEA

```
rstc.2 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+yearstea|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
```

```
summary(rstc.2)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
## ses + (1 + yearstea | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10723.7
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.7462 -0.6036 -0.0290  0.6041  3.8449
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##   classid (Intercept)  37.9283  6.1586
##   schoolid (Intercept) 366.1148 19.1341
##           yearstea      0.5523  0.7432 -0.78
##   Residual          1066.4510 32.6566
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  538.95245    5.48825 222.70000  98.201 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.13994   13.45959 119.60000  -1.273  0.205
## mathknow       1.04635    1.34381 209.70000   0.779  0.437
## yearstea       0.02204    0.15766  75.80000   0.140  0.889
## mathprep       0.05046    1.34549 190.80000   0.038  0.970
## sex           -1.33553    2.08774 1024.60000  -0.640  0.523
## minority     -16.44555    2.99655  669.50000  -5.488 5.77e-08 ***
## ses            10.15038    1.53873 1062.80000   6.597 6.62e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.455
## mathknow -0.085  0.049
## yearstea -0.370  0.084  0.012
## mathprep -0.606  0.050  0.014 -0.139
## sex       -0.184 -0.004  0.008  0.009 -0.004
## minority -0.305 -0.169  0.122  0.032 -0.007 -0.012
## ses       -0.119  0.079 -0.001 -0.019  0.049  0.022  0.168
```

```
rand(rstc.2,refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## yearstea:schoolid  5.825      2    0.05 .
## classid           0.903      1    0.34
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for yearstea at a school level as the p value = 0.054 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## MATHPREP

```
rstc.3 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+mathprep|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rstc.3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + (1 + mathprep | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10724.7
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8542 -0.6034 -0.0221  0.5915  3.6475
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid (Intercept) 78.46 8.858
## schoolid (Intercept) 552.76 23.511
## mathprep 15.89 3.986 -1.00
## Residual 1064.26 32.623
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
## Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 538.60855 5.60813 159.90000 96.041 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov -14.01306 12.88689 116.10000 -1.087 0.279
## mathknow 1.29884 1.37194 229.70000 0.947 0.345
## yearstea -0.02586 0.13949 223.50000 -0.185 0.853
## mathprep 0.04074 1.34845 139.00000 0.030 0.976
## sex -1.16759 2.08697 1023.10000 -0.559 0.576
## minority -16.46422 2.99524 663.70000 -5.497 5.52e-08 ***
## ses 10.14166 1.53961 1060.80000 6.587 7.04e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
## (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex minrty
## housepov -0.461
## mathknow -0.071 0.027
## yearstea -0.260 0.089 0.049
## mathprep -0.692 0.107 0.012 -0.155
## sex -0.183 0.003 0.002 0.023 -0.008
## minority -0.275 -0.187 0.107 0.025 -0.035 -0.013
## ses -0.121 0.095 -0.001 -0.033 0.061 0.024 0.161
```

```
rand(rstc.3, refit=F)
```

## Analysis of Random effects Table:

```
##               Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## mathprep:schoolid  4.81      2   0.09 .
## classid           5.10      1   0.02 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for mathprep at a school level as the p value = 0.09 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Question:** Anything unusual about the variances? Why might this have occurred? (hint: what did you add to the model?)

**Answer:** We note that the model did not estimate the correlation parameter correctly for the models with random slopes for mathknown and mathprepr. Indeed, with a correlation of respectively 1 and -1 with the random intercept, the parameter is a linear function of the variance component for the slope. This could be due to the fact that there is not enough classrooms in the schools (as we are adding random effects at the school levels, for classroom level predictors), so that there is not enough degrees of freedom, nor enough variation among the variables of interest, to calculate all the parameters required in the model. Obtaining a correlation of 1 and -1 should warn us of the fact that the models generated should not be trusted. Why is the correlation between random intercept and slope then calculated for yearstea? This could be due to the fact that this variable has a larger range, so that it can be more robustly estimated for some of the schools and the correlation between random slope and intercept then estimated more accurately even for schools with few classes.

## Random slopes for student-level predictors varying at classroom level

We now repeat the exercise by adding student level predictors, varying at the classroom level.

### ONE BY ONE

#### SEX

```
rss.1 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
             ses+(1+sex||classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.1)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + ((1 | classid) + (0 + sex | classid)) + (1 | schoolid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept)          93.89    9.69
## classid.1 sex                0.00     0.00
## schoolid    (Intercept)        169.45   13.02
```

```
## Residual          1064.95  32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.63042    5.31210   275.40000  101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov    -17.64847   13.21757   113.90000   -1.335   0.184
## mathknow     1.35004    1.39168   234.50000    0.970   0.333
## yearstea     0.01129    0.14141   226.80000    0.080   0.936
## mathprep    -0.27705    1.37583   205.30000   -0.201   0.841
## sex         -1.21419    2.09483  1022.40000   -0.580   0.562
## minority    -16.18678    3.02605   704.50000  -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses         10.05075    1.54484  1066.50000   6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow    -0.083  0.058
## yearstea    -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep    -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex         -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority    -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses         -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

```
rand(rss.1, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## classid      6.49      1    0.01 *
## sex:classid   0.00      1    1.00
## schoolid     24.79      1   6e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for sex at the classroom level, as the p value = 1 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## MINORITY

```
rss.2 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+minority||classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.2)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + ((1 | classid) + (0 + minority | classid)) + (1 | schoolid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321 0.5971 3.6598
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.
## classid (Intercept) 93.89 9.69
## classid.1 minority 0.00 0.00
## schoolid (Intercept) 169.45 13.02
## Residual 1064.95 32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
## Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 539.63042 5.31210 275.40000 101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov -17.64847 13.21758 113.90000 -1.335 0.184
## mathknow 1.35004 1.39168 234.50000 0.970 0.333
## yearstea 0.01129 0.14141 226.80000 0.080 0.936
## mathprep -0.27705 1.37583 205.30000 -0.201 0.841
## sex -1.21419 2.09483 1022.30000 -0.580 0.562
## minority -16.18678 3.02605 704.40000 -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses 10.05075 1.54484 1066.40000 6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
## (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex minrty
## housepov -0.451
## mathknow -0.083 0.058
## yearstea -0.259 0.071 0.029
## mathprep -0.631 0.038 0.004 -0.172
## sex -0.190 -0.007 0.007 0.016 -0.006
## minority -0.320 -0.178 0.115 0.024 0.001 -0.011
## ses -0.121 0.082 -0.007 -0.028 0.053 0.020 0.162
```

```
rand(rss.2, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
## Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## classid 5.15 1 0.02 *
## minority:classid 0.00 1 1.00
## schoolid 24.79 1 6e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for minority at the classroom level, as the p value = 1 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## SES

```
rss.3 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
ses+(1+ses||classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
```



```
##      ses + ((1 | classid) + (0 + ses | classid)) + (1 | schoolid)
##      Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10727.9
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.7163 -0.6032 -0.0331  0.5855  3.6840
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
## classid      (Intercept)    87.11   9.333
## classid.1 ses           49.60   7.043
## schoolid     (Intercept)   171.02  13.077
## Residual                1043.44  32.302
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.71226    5.30641   274.50000  101.710 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.50879   13.21775   113.40000   -1.325  0.188
## mathknow       1.36796    1.38563   229.40000    0.987  0.325
## yearstea       0.01103    0.14117   227.00000    0.078  0.938
## mathprep      -0.27938    1.37171   204.90000   -0.204  0.839
## sex           -1.37733    2.09334  1022.80000   -0.658  0.511
## minority     -16.29362    3.02464   703.30000   -5.387 9.78e-08 ***
## ses           10.14363    1.64248   176.40000    6.176 4.41e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow    -0.082  0.058
## yearstea    -0.259  0.070  0.029
## mathprep    -0.631  0.040  0.005 -0.172
## sex         -0.190 -0.007  0.006  0.014 -0.005
## minority    -0.321 -0.180  0.111  0.025  0.002 -0.011
## ses         -0.108  0.081  0.002 -0.026  0.050  0.020  0.145
```

```
rand(rss.3, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## classid       5.92      1    0.01 *
## ses:classid   1.60      1    0.21
## schoolid     25.27      1 5e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the random slope for ses at the classroom level, as the p value = 0.206 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Question:** why is this a bad idea to include a classroom-level variable with random slopes at classroom-level?

**Answer:** Because all of the observations for a class will be the same, so we will not be able to compute the

classroom slopes for each classroom (as we will only have one point).

## Allowing for correlations with random intercepts

### ONE BY ONE

#### SEX

```
rssc.1 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+sex|classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
summary(rssc.1)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + (1 + sex | classid) + (1 | schoolid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.7565 -0.6134 -0.0307  0.5916  3.7116
##
## Random effects:
##  Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##  classid  (Intercept)         130.07   11.41
##           sex                 31.36    5.60   -0.67
##  schoolid (Intercept)         169.85   13.03
##  Residual                   1056.41   32.50
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  5.400e+02  5.332e+00  2.723e+02 101.285 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -1.829e+01  1.323e+01  1.145e+02  -1.382   0.170
## mathknow      1.306e+00  1.391e+00  2.315e+02   0.939   0.349
## yearstea      3.087e-03  1.416e-01  2.270e+02   0.022   0.983
## mathprep     -3.459e-01  1.374e+00  2.014e+02  -0.252   0.801
## sex          -1.197e+00  2.122e+00  2.160e+02  -0.564   0.573
## minority     -1.619e+01  3.028e+00  7.042e+02  -5.347 1.21e-07 ***
## ses           1.010e+01  1.544e+00  1.065e+03   6.539 9.62e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex   minrty
## housepov -0.452
## mathknow -0.085  0.060
## yearstea -0.258  0.072  0.029
## mathprep -0.628  0.040  0.005 -0.174
## sex      -0.203 -0.005  0.003  0.015 -0.008
## minority -0.321 -0.178  0.116  0.024  0.003 -0.009
```

```
## ses      -0.123  0.083 -0.005 -0.027  0.054  0.020  0.164
```

```
rand(rssc.1, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
```

```
##           Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
```

```
## sex:classid    0.5      2      0.8
```

```
## schoolid      24.9      1 6e-07 ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the (correlated) random slope for sex at the classroom level, as the p value = 0.779 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## MINORITY

```
rssc.2 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
```

```
ses+(1+minority|classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
```

```
summary(rssc.2)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
```

```
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
```

```
## Formula:
```

```
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
```

```
## ses + (1 + minority | classid) + (1 | schoolid)
```

```
## Data: classroom
```

```
##
```

```
## REML criterion at convergence: 10726.3
```

```
##
```

```
## Scaled residuals:
```

```
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -3.9037 -0.6221 -0.0295  0.6033  3.4574
```

```
##
```

```
## Random effects:
```

```
## Groups   Name      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
```

```
## classid (Intercept) 225.4    15.01
```

```
##          minority    171.3    13.09  -0.82
```

```
## schoolid (Intercept) 157.4    12.55
```

```
## Residual          1045.3    32.33
```

```
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
```

```
##
```

```
## Fixed effects:
```

```
##           Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## (Intercept) 539.73594    5.38023 270.70000 100.318 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
## housepov    -17.34698   12.91268 103.30000  -1.343  0.182
```

```
## mathknow     1.45702    1.39355 234.00000   1.046  0.297
```

```
## yearstea    -0.01636    0.14285 234.30000  -0.115  0.909
```

```
## mathprep    -0.13520    1.37018 204.00000  -0.099  0.921
```

```
## sex         -1.01012    2.08966 1015.70000  -0.483  0.629
```

```
## minority    -16.48614    3.21756 183.20000  -5.124 7.55e-07 ***
```

```
## ses         9.89350     1.54595 1062.80000   6.400 2.33e-10 ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
```

```
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
```

```
##           (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
```

```
## housepov -0.435
## mathknow -0.079 0.061
## yearstea -0.265 0.080 0.038
## mathprep -0.618 0.037 -0.006 -0.171
## sex -0.188 -0.009 0.009 0.015 -0.005
## minority -0.368 -0.171 0.108 0.025 -0.004 -0.009
## ses -0.117 0.085 0.001 -0.023 0.051 0.021 0.149
```

```
rand(rssc.2)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##               Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## minority:classid 3.2      2      0.2
## schoolid        20.1      1 7e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the (correlated) random slope for minority at the classroom level, as the p value = 0.202 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## SES

```
rssc.3 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+ses|classid)+(1|schoolid),data=classroom)
summary(rssc.3)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + (1 + ses | classid) + (1 | schoolid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10725.7
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5688 -0.6004 -0.0316  0.5959  3.6176
##
## Random effects:
##  Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##  classid  (Intercept)         86.06    9.277
##           ses                44.09    6.640  0.75
##  schoolid (Intercept)       173.16   13.159
## Residual                1048.32   32.378
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.52093    5.26665 269.60000 102.441 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -16.28994   13.13445 111.30000  -1.240  0.217
## mathknow       1.37996    1.37294 222.40000   1.005  0.316
## yearstea       0.01605    0.14080 227.60000   0.114  0.909
## mathprep      -0.37734    1.34603 182.80000  -0.280  0.780
## sex           -1.32178    2.08794 1017.10000  -0.633  0.527
## minority     -16.09272    3.03497 717.70000  -5.302 1.52e-07 ***
```

```
## ses          10.05535      1.64507  171.10000    6.112 6.44e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##          (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.450
## mathknow -0.078  0.059
## yearstea -0.266  0.074  0.030
## mathprep -0.625  0.036 -0.001 -0.165
## sex      -0.186 -0.009  0.007  0.013 -0.009
## minority -0.325 -0.181  0.108  0.021  0.004 -0.014
## ses      -0.084  0.078  0.015 -0.024  0.056  0.022  0.142
```

```
rand(rssc.3)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##          Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## ses:classid  3.84      2    0.1
## schoolid    26.02      1 3e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

There is no need for the (correlated) random slope for minority at the classroom level, as the p value = 0.147 for the Chi-square test is not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

## Random slopes for student-level predictors varying at school level

### ONE BY ONE

Sex

```
rss.4 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+sex||schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.4)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + sex | schoolid)) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10728.9
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8578 -0.6110 -0.0259  0.5922  3.5557
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept)         96.08    9.802
## schoolid    sex                 35.83    5.986
## schoolid.1  (Intercept)        161.63   12.713
```

```
## Residual          1054.36  32.471
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.43517    5.30740   272.50000  101.638 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -16.77661   13.22881   112.40000   -1.268   0.207
## mathknow       1.40067    1.39464   234.50000    1.004   0.316
## yearstea       0.01448    0.14163   226.40000    0.102   0.919
## mathprep      -0.27193    1.38010   205.80000   -0.197   0.844
## sex          -1.33534    2.18746   138.10000   -0.610   0.543
## minority     -16.16536    3.02861   704.30000   -5.338 1.27e-07 ***
## ses           9.98477    1.54243  1058.30000    6.473 1.46e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.449
## mathknow -0.081  0.055
## yearstea -0.259  0.070  0.028
## mathprep -0.633  0.036  0.004 -0.172
## sex      -0.179 -0.010  0.007  0.013 -0.004
## minority -0.320 -0.178  0.114  0.024  0.001 -0.015
## ses      -0.120  0.081 -0.007 -0.029  0.052  0.020  0.161
```

```
rand(rss.4, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid     19.999      1 8e-06 ***
## sex:schoolid   0.614      1  0.433
## classid        7.417      1  0.006 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The uncorrelated sex random slope at a school level is insignificant with a p value of .433.

## Minority

```
rss.5 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+minority||schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.5)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + minority | schoolid)) + (1 |
##      classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
```

```
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
##      classid    (Intercept)  93.89   9.69
##      schoolid   minority      0.00   0.00
##      schoolid.1 (Intercept) 169.45  13.02
##      Residual                1064.95 32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.63042    5.31210   275.40000 101.585 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -17.64847   13.21758   113.90000  -1.335  0.184
## mathknow      1.35004    1.39168   234.50000   0.970  0.333
## yearstea      0.01129    0.14141   226.80000   0.080  0.936
## mathprep     -0.27705    1.37583   205.30000  -0.201  0.841
## sex          -1.21419    2.09483  1022.40000  -0.580  0.562
## minority     -16.18678    3.02605   704.50000  -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses           10.05075    1.54484  1066.50000   6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow     -0.083  0.058
## yearstea     -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep     -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex          -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority     -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses          -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

```
rand(rss.5,refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid      20.86      1 5e-06 ***
## minority:schoolid  0.00      1  1.000
## classid        7.14      1  0.008 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The uncorrelated minority random slope at school level is insignificant with a pvalue of 1.0.

## SES

```
rss.6 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+ses||schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rss.6) #IS SIG
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
```

```

## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
## ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + ses | schoolid)) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10724.8
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.6138 -0.6185 -0.0290  0.5798  3.7130
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept)         88.56    9.411
## schoolid    ses                 72.50    8.515
## schoolid.1  (Intercept)        167.98   12.961
## Residual                    1035.12   32.173
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.13751    5.27917   270.50000  102.126 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -16.94564   13.21116   112.80000   -1.283  0.202
## mathknow      1.35576    1.38459   232.20000    0.979  0.329
## yearstea      0.03079    0.14052   223.90000    0.219  0.827
## mathprep     -0.19801    1.35994   198.60000   -0.146  0.884
## sex          -1.40185    2.08170  1011.30000   -0.673  0.501
## minority     -16.52525    3.02189   700.10000  -5.469 6.32e-08 ***
## ses           9.78982    1.82217    79.00000   5.373 7.62e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.451
## mathknow    -0.079  0.056
## yearstea    -0.260  0.070  0.028
## mathprep    -0.628  0.041  0.002 -0.172
## sex         -0.190 -0.007  0.006  0.018 -0.007
## minority    -0.323 -0.180  0.110  0.024  0.001 -0.010
## ses         -0.091  0.076  0.006 -0.019  0.042  0.017  0.124

```

```
rand(rss.6,refit=F)
```

```

## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## schoolid      24.29      1 8e-07 ***
## ses:schoolid   4.70      1  0.03 *
## classid       6.52      1  0.01 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

The uncorrelated ses random slope at school level is significant with a p value of .03.



## Allowing for correlations with random intercepts

### ONE BY ONE

Sex

```
rssc.4 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+sex|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rssc.4)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (1 + sex | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10727.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8048 -0.6095 -0.0222  0.5969  3.5525
##
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid (Intercept)         97.34    9.866
## schoolid (Intercept)       206.33   14.364
## sex      sex                84.08    9.170  -0.43
## Residual                   1041.76   32.276
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  5.399e+02  5.363e+00  2.626e+02 100.661 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -1.742e+01  1.325e+01  1.136e+02  -1.314   0.191
## mathknow      1.379e+00  1.396e+00  2.364e+02   0.988   0.324
## yearstea      6.876e-03  1.418e-01  2.277e+02   0.048   0.961
## mathprep     -2.796e-01  1.378e+00  2.061e+02  -0.203   0.839
## sex          -1.340e+00  2.301e+00  8.740e+01  -0.582   0.562
## minority     -1.642e+01  3.027e+00  7.076e+02  -5.425 7.96e-08 ***
## ses           9.928e+00  1.540e+00  1.055e+03   6.448 1.72e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.449
## mathknow     -0.082  0.060
## yearstea     -0.258  0.072  0.027
## mathprep     -0.627  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex          -0.222 -0.003  0.006  0.014 -0.005
## minority     -0.319 -0.178  0.114  0.024  0.004 -0.011
## ses          -0.121  0.083 -0.006 -0.028  0.053  0.018  0.163
```

```
rand(rssc.4, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##           Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## sex:schoolid  1.86      2  0.394
## classid      7.64      1  0.006 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The correlated sex random slope at school-level is insignificant with a pvalue of .394.

## Minority

```
rssc.5 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+minority|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rssc.5)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##       ses + (1 + minority | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10717.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8952 -0.6358 -0.0345  0.6129  3.6444
##
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid  (Intercept)          86.69    9.311
## schoolid (Intercept)        381.20   19.524
##          minority            343.13   18.524   -0.83
## Residual                   1039.39   32.240
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  5.395e+02  5.655e+00  1.731e+02  95.399 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -1.606e+01  1.257e+01  1.000e+02  -1.277   0.204
## mathknow      1.632e+00  1.359e+00  2.248e+02   1.201   0.231
## yearstea     -4.368e-03  1.376e-01  2.172e+02  -0.032   0.975
## mathprep     -2.918e-01  1.335e+00  1.981e+02  -0.218   0.827
## sex          -8.628e-01  2.084e+00  1.022e+03  -0.414   0.679
## minority     -1.638e+01  3.896e+00  5.820e+01  -4.203 9.17e-05 ***
## ses           9.431e+00  1.543e+00  1.063e+03   6.111 1.39e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##          (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
```

```
## housepov -0.394
## mathknow -0.078 0.061
## yearstea -0.253 0.091 0.024
## mathprep -0.576 0.037 -0.002 -0.167
## sex -0.172 -0.013 0.010 0.014 -0.005
## minority -0.494 -0.157 0.099 0.027 -0.002 -0.014
## ses -0.105 0.089 -0.005 -0.021 0.052 0.024 0.113
```

```
rand(rssc.5,refit=F) #sig
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##               Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## minority:schoolid 11.97      2 0.003 **
## classid          6.08      1 0.014 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The correlated minority random slope at school-level is significant with a pvalue of .003.

## SES

```
rssc.6 <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
              ses+(1+ses|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(rssc.6)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (1 + ses | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10724.4
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5646 -0.6166 -0.0264  0.5888  3.7073
##
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid  (Intercept)          86.57    9.305
## schoolid (Intercept)        171.18   13.083
##          ses                  73.37    8.565   0.19
## Residual                   1035.90   32.185
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  538.72222    5.27647   271.10000  102.099 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -15.89873   13.15393   111.70000   -1.209  0.229
## mathknow       1.26025    1.38201   230.90000    0.912  0.363
## yearstea       0.03617    0.14002   220.40000    0.258  0.796
## mathprep      -0.21697    1.35642   197.10000   -0.160  0.873
## sex           -1.40436    2.08074  1011.40000   -0.675  0.500
```

```
## minority      -16.26699      3.03580  668.90000  -5.358 1.16e-07 ***
## ses           9.72646      1.82985   78.40000   5.315 9.75e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.449
## mathknow -0.077  0.057
## yearstea -0.259  0.073  0.028
## mathprep -0.627  0.039  0.001 -0.172
## sex      -0.188 -0.009  0.005  0.017 -0.008
## minority -0.325 -0.182  0.108  0.021  0.002 -0.011
## ses      -0.062  0.070  0.007 -0.021  0.045  0.018  0.117
rand(rssc.6,refit=F) #not sig
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##      Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## ses:schoolid  5.14      2  0.08 .
## classid      6.21      1  0.01 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The correlated ses random slope at school-level is not significant with a p-value of .08.

**Question: Report unusual changes in variance.**

**Answer:** Perhaps most striking is the change in variance for the random slope term on minority. Previously, it was 0. However, it jumps to 343.13 in the correlated model. The variance for the random slope term on SES also increases, but the correlated random slope is not a significant addition to our model according to the rand test results.

## Complex model

Take two predictors that had sig random slopes and add to model, test for need of one conditional on the other

-Minority is sig for correlated

-Ses is sig for uncorrelated

```
complex <-lmer(Math1~housepov+mathknow+yearstea+mathprep+sex+minority+
               ses+(0+ses|schoolid)+(1+minority|schoolid)+(1|classid),data=classroom)
summary(complex)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (0 + ses | schoolid) + (1 + minority | schoolid) +
##      (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10712.4
##
## Scaled residuals:
```

```
##      Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
## -3.6526 -0.6251 -0.0339  0.6050  3.6961
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##      classid      (Intercept)    80.63   8.979
##      schoolid      (Intercept)  404.54  20.113
##              minority    336.04  18.332  -0.84
##      schoolid.1 ses       74.93   8.656
##      Residual              1009.73  31.776
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.05335    5.66468  165.70000  95.160 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov    -15.32111   12.49443   99.30000  -1.226  0.223
## mathknow     1.67475    1.35000  221.30000   1.241  0.216
## yearstea     0.02102    0.13657  213.70000   0.154  0.878
## mathprep    -0.23546    1.31730  191.20000  -0.179  0.858
## sex         -1.03871    2.06951 1010.30000  -0.502  0.616
## minority    -16.72884    3.90720   55.40000  -4.282 7.43e-05 ***
## ses         9.19654     1.82272   82.50000   5.046 2.65e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex      minrty
## housepov    -0.395
## mathknow    -0.072  0.060
## yearstea    -0.254  0.093  0.024
## mathprep    -0.568  0.040 -0.004 -0.166
## sex         -0.170 -0.014  0.010  0.017 -0.005
## minority    -0.509 -0.149  0.092  0.027 -0.003 -0.013
## ses         -0.080  0.083  0.006 -0.011  0.041  0.020  0.087
```

```
rand(complex, refit=F)
```

```
## Analysis of Random effects Table:
##              Chi.sq Chi.DF p.value
## ses:schoolid    5.12     1   0.02 *
## minority:schoolid 36.68     3 5e-08 ***
## classid         5.37     1   0.02 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

**Question:** Is the more complex model (with both random slopes in it) justified?

**Answer:** The complex model is justified since the rand test shows that the random slopes are both statistically significant at the 0.05 level, the only question revolves around statistical significance justifying compared to the Bayesian approach that would push for a simpler model.

The equation for the complex model is given by the following:

$$Math1st_{ijk} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * housepov_k + \beta_2 * mathknow_{jk} + \beta_3 * yearstea_{jk} + \beta_4 * mathprep_{jk} + \beta_5 * sex_{ijk} + \beta_6 * ses_{ijk} + \beta_7 * minority_{ijk} + \zeta_{0k} + \zeta_{6k} + \zeta_{7k} + \eta_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

where  $\zeta_{0k} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\zeta_0}^2)$ ,  $\zeta_{6k} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\zeta_6}^2)$ ,  $\zeta_{7k} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\zeta_7}^2)$ ,  $\eta_{jk} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\eta}^2)$ , and  $\epsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2)$ , all independent

of each other.

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```
summary(model1)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: Math1 ~ (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 11944.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.1872 -0.6174 -0.0204  0.5821  3.8339
##
## Random effects:
## Groups           Name          Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)   85.46   9.244
## schoolid         (Intercept)  280.68  16.754
## Residual                        1146.80  33.864
## Number of obs: 1190, groups: classid:schoolid, 312; schoolid, 107
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)  522.540      2.037   256.6
```

$V_C$ ,  $V_S$ , and  $V_E$  **Question:** For UCM, write down:  $V_C$ ,  $V_S$ ,  $V_E$  for the three variance components (simply the estimates). Think of them as possibly varying with a covariate, though.

**Answer:** For the UCM,  $V_C = 85.46$ ,  $V_S = 280.68$ , and  $V_E = 1146.80$

```
summary(model4)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
## ses + (1 | schoolid/classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10729.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8580 -0.6134 -0.0321  0.5971  3.6598
##
## Random effects:
## Groups           Name          Variance Std.Dev.
## classid:schoolid (Intercept)   93.89   9.69
## schoolid         (Intercept)  169.45  13.02
## Residual                        1064.95  32.63
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid:schoolid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.63042    5.31210  275.40000 101.585 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
## housepov      -17.64847    13.21757   113.90000   -1.335    0.184
## mathknow       1.35004     1.39168   234.50000    0.970    0.333
## yearstea       0.01129     0.14141   226.80000    0.080    0.936
## mathprep      -0.27705     1.37583   205.30000   -0.201    0.841
## sex           -1.21419     2.09483  1022.30000   -0.580    0.562
## minority      -16.18678     3.02605   704.50000   -5.349 1.20e-07 ***
## ses           10.05075     1.54484  1066.50000    6.506 1.18e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.451
## mathknow -0.083  0.058
## yearstea -0.259  0.071  0.029
## mathprep -0.631  0.038  0.004 -0.172
## sex      -0.190 -0.007  0.007  0.016 -0.006
## minority -0.320 -0.178  0.115  0.024  0.001 -0.011
## ses      -0.121  0.082 -0.007 -0.028  0.053  0.020  0.162
```

**Question:** For the most complicated (all fixed effects) random INTERCEPTS ONLY model, what are:  $V_C$ ,  $V_S$ ,  $V_E$ ?

**Answer:** For the most complicated fixed effects model with only random intercepts,  $V_C = 93.89$ ,  $V_S = 169.45$ , and  $V_E = 1064.95$ .

**Question:** By what fraction did these each decrease with the new predictors in the model?

**Answer:**  $V_C$  increased by  $\frac{93.89}{85.46} \sim 1.10$  times.  $V_S$  decreased by  $\frac{169.45}{280.68} \sim 0.60$  times.  $V_E$  decreased by  $\frac{1064.95}{1146.80} \sim 0.93$  times.

```
summary(rss.6)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + ((1 | schoolid) + (0 + ses | schoolid)) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10724.8
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.6138 -0.6185 -0.0290  0.5798  3.7130
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev.
## classid     (Intercept)          88.56    9.411
## schoolid    ses                  72.50    8.515
## schoolid.1  (Intercept)        167.98   12.961
## Residual                    1035.12   32.173
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.13751    5.27917  270.50000 102.126 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
## housepov      -16.94564    13.21116   112.80000   -1.283    0.202
## mathknow       1.35576     1.38459    232.20000    0.979    0.329
## yearstea       0.03079     0.14052    223.90000    0.219    0.827
## mathprep      -0.19801     1.35994    198.60000   -0.146    0.884
## sex           -1.40185     2.08170   1011.30000   -0.673    0.501
## minority     -16.52525     3.02189    700.10000   -5.469 6.32e-08 ***
## ses           9.78982      1.82217     79.00000    5.373 7.62e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.451
## mathknow -0.079  0.056
## yearstea -0.260  0.070  0.028
## mathprep -0.628  0.041  0.002 -0.172
## sex      -0.190 -0.007  0.006  0.018 -0.007
## minority -0.323 -0.180  0.110  0.024  0.001 -0.010
## ses      -0.091  0.076  0.006 -0.019  0.042  0.017  0.124
```

**Question:** Now consider the model with a random slope in ses. What are:  $V_C$ ,  $V_S(\text{ses} = 0)$ ,  $V_E$  ? We need to list 'ses=0' here, or we don't know how to use the slope variance

**Answer:** For the model with a random slope in ses at the school level,  $V_C = 88.56$ ,  $V_S(\text{ses} = 0) = 167.98$ , and  $V_E = 1035.12$ .

**Question:** What are:  $V_S(\text{ses} = -0.50)$ ,  $V_S(\text{ses} = +0.5)$  ?

**Answer:** In this model, in which the random slope for SES is uncorrelated with the random school-level intercept,  $V_S(\text{ses} = -0.50) = 167.98 + (-.5)^2 72.50 + 2(-.5)0 * \sqrt{167.98} * \sqrt{72.50} = 186.105$ , and  $V_S(\text{ses} = +0.5) = 167.98 + (.5)^2 72.50 + 2 * (.5)0 * \sqrt{167.98} * \sqrt{72.50} = 186.105$

```
summary(rssc.5)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (1 + minority | schoolid) + (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10717.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.8952 -0.6358 -0.0345  0.6129  3.6444
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid (Intercept) 86.69 9.311
## schoolid (Intercept) 381.20 19.524
##      minority 343.13 18.524 -0.83
## Residual 1039.39 32.240
## Number of obs: 1081, groups: classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
## Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
```



```
## (Intercept)  5.395e+02  5.655e+00  1.731e+02  95.399 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov    -1.606e+01  1.257e+01  1.000e+02  -1.277   0.204
## mathknow     1.632e+00  1.359e+00  2.248e+02   1.201   0.231
## yearstea    -4.368e-03  1.376e-01  2.172e+02  -0.032   0.975
## mathprep    -2.918e-01  1.335e+00  1.981e+02  -0.218   0.827
## sex         -8.628e-01  2.084e+00  1.022e+03  -0.414   0.679
## minority    -1.638e+01  3.896e+00  5.820e+01  -4.203  9.17e-05 ***
## ses         9.431e+00  1.543e+00  1.063e+03   6.111  1.39e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) housepv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov -0.394
## mathknow -0.078  0.061
## yearstea -0.253  0.091  0.024
## mathprep -0.576  0.037 -0.002 -0.167
## sex      -0.172 -0.013  0.010  0.014 -0.005
## minority -0.494 -0.157  0.099  0.027 -0.002 -0.014
## ses      -0.105  0.089 -0.005 -0.021  0.052  0.024  0.113
```

**Question:** Now consider the model with a random slope in minority. What are:  $V_C$ ,  $V_S(\text{minority} = 0)$ ,  $V_E$ ? We need to list ‘minority=0’ here, or we don’t know how to use the slope variance

**Answer:** For the model with a random slope in minority at the school level,  $V_C = 86.69$ ,  $V_S(\text{minority} = 0) = 381.20$ , and  $V_E = 1039.39$ .

**Question:** What are:  $V_S(\text{minority} = 0.25)$ ,  $V_S(\text{minority} = +0.50)$ ,  $V_S(\text{minority} = +0.75)$ ?

**Answer:** In this model, in which the random slope for minority is correlated with the random school-level, intercept,  $V_S(\text{minority} = 0.25) = 381.20 + (0.25)^2 343.13 + 2(0.25)(-0.83)\sqrt{381.20} * \sqrt{343.13} = 252.5549$ ,

$V_S(\text{minority} = +0.50) = 381.20 + (0.50)^2 343.13 + 2(0.50)(-0.83)\sqrt{381.20} * \sqrt{343.13} = 166.801$ , and

$V_S(\text{minority} = +0.75) = 381.20 + (0.75)^2 343.13 + 2(0.75)(-0.83)\sqrt{381.20} * \sqrt{343.13} = 123.9384$ .

[summary\(complex\)](#)

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML t-tests use Satterthwaite approximations
## to degrees of freedom [lmerMod]
## Formula:
## Math1 ~ housepov + mathknow + yearstea + mathprep + sex + minority +
##      ses + (0 + ses | schoolid) + (1 + minority | schoolid) +
##      (1 | classid)
## Data: classroom
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 10712.4
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
## -3.6526 -0.6251 -0.0339  0.6050  3.6961
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## classid    (Intercept)   80.63   8.979
## schoolid   (Intercept)  404.54  20.113
##            minority     336.04  18.332  -0.84
## schoolid.1 ses         74.93   8.656
```

```

## Residual              1009.73  31.776
## Number of obs: 1081, groups:  classid, 285; schoolid, 105
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  539.05335    5.66468   165.70000  95.160 < 2e-16 ***
## housepov     -15.32111   12.49443    99.30000  -1.226  0.223
## mathknow       1.67475    1.35000   221.30000   1.241  0.216
## yearstea       0.02102    0.13657   213.70000   0.154  0.878
## mathprep      -0.23546    1.31730   191.20000  -0.179  0.858
## sex           -1.03871    2.06951  1010.30000  -0.502  0.616
## minority     -16.72884    3.90720    55.40000  -4.282 7.43e-05 ***
## ses           9.19654    1.82272    82.50000   5.046 2.65e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) houspv mthknw yearst mthprp sex    minrty
## housepov    -0.395
## mathknow    -0.072  0.060
## yearstea    -0.254  0.093  0.024
## mathprep    -0.568  0.040 -0.004 -0.166
## sex         -0.170 -0.014  0.010  0.017 -0.005
## minority    -0.509 -0.149  0.092  0.027 -0.003 -0.013
## ses         -0.080  0.083  0.006 -0.011  0.041  0.020  0.087

```

**Question:** Now consider the model with a random slope in ses & minority. What are:  $V_C$ ,  $V_S(minority = 0, ses = 0)$ ,  $V_E$ ? We need to list ‘ses=0, minority=0’ here, or we don’t know how to use the slope variance.

**Answer:** For the model with a random slope in ses & minority,  $V_C = 80.63$ ,  $V_S(minority = 0, ses = 0) = 404.54$ , and  $V_E = 1009.73$ .

**Question:** What are:  $V_S(ses = 0, minority = 0.50)$ ,  $V_S(ses = 0.50, minority = 0)$ ,  $V_S(ses = 0.50, minority = 0.50)$ ?

**Answer:** In this model, in which the random slope for ses is uncorrelated with the random intercept, but the random slope for minority is correlated with the random intercept,

$$V_S(ses = 0, minority = 0.50) = 404.54 + (0)^2 * 74.93 + (0.50)^2 * 336.04 + 2 * 404.54 * 74.93 + 2 * (0.50)(-0.83)\sqrt{404.54 * 336.04} = 182.5268,$$

$$V_S(ses = 0.50, minority = 0) = 404.54 + (0.50)^2 * 74.93 + (0)^2 * 336.04 + 2 * 0.5 * 404.54 * 74.93 + 2 * (0)(-0.83)\sqrt{404.54 * 336.04} = 423.2725$$

$$V_S(ses = 0.50, minority = 0.50) = 404.54 + (0.50)^2 * 74.93 + (0.50)^2 * 336.04 + 2 * 0.5 * 404.54 * 74.93 + 2 * (0.50)(-0.83)\sqrt{404.54 * 336.04} = 201.2593$$

**Question:** In the last model, what is a “likely” (+/- 1 sd) range for  $\eta_{0jk}$

**Answer:** For the complex model, the “likely” range for  $\eta_{0jk}$  is  $(-8.979, 8.979)$ .

**Question:** Can we make a similar statement about  $\zeta_{0k}$ ?

**Answer:** We cannot make a similar statement for  $\zeta_{0k}$  since it is correlated with  $\zeta_{2k}$  on *Minority*.

**Question:** If you had a large value for  $\eta_{0jk}$ , would you expect a large or small or “any” value for: the two random slope terms,  $\zeta_{1k}$  and  $\zeta_{2k}$  for ses and minority?

**Answer:** There is no correlation between  $\eta_{0jk}$  (classroom-level intercept) and the school-level random slopes  $\zeta_{1k}$  and  $\zeta_{2k}$  on *SES* and *MINORITY*. Therefore, we would not expect a large value of  $\eta_{0jk}$  to have any effect

on the two random slope terms as they are independent.

**Question:** If you had a large value for  $\zeta_{0k}$ , would you expect a large or small or “any” value for: the two random slope terms,  $\zeta_{1k}$  and  $\zeta_{2k}$  for ses and minority (discuss each separately)?

**Answer:**  $\zeta_{1k}$  could be any value due to the lack of correlation with  $\zeta_{0k}$

**Answer:** While  $\zeta_{2k}$  would be small given a large value of  $\zeta_{0k}$  because of the negative correlation between the two variables.