Conjoint Analysis

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Simulate Conjoint Data

```
set.seed(12345)
resp.id <- 1:200
nques <- 16
speed <- sample(as.factor(c("40", "50", "60", "70")), size = nques,</pre>
                replace = TRUE)
height <- sample(as.factor(c("200", "300", "400")), size=nques, replace=TRUE)
const <- sample(as.factor(c("Wood", "Steel")), size= nques, replace=TRUE)</pre>
theme <- sample(as.factor(c("Dragon", "Eagle")), size=nques, replace=TRUE)</pre>
profiles.df <- data.frame(speed, height, const, theme)</pre>
# converts the list of design attributes into coded variables
profiles.model <- model.matrix(~ speed + height + const + theme, data = profiles.df)</pre>
# draw unique preference weights
weights <- mvrnorm(length(resp.id),</pre>
                   mu = c(-3, 0.5, 1, 3, 2, 1, 0, -0.5),
                    Sigma = diag(c(0.2, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 1, 1)))
# Simulate Conjoint Data
conjoint.df <- NULL
for(i in seq_along(resp.id)) {
  utility <- profiles.model %*% weights[i, ] + rnorm(16) # add noise in by rnorm()
 rating <- as.numeric(cut(utility, 10)) # put on a 10-point scale
  conjoint.resp <- cbind(resp.id = rep(i, nques), rating, profiles.df)</pre>
  conjoint.df <- rbind(conjoint.df,conjoint.resp)</pre>
}
```

Regular Linear Modelling

```
summary(conjoint.df)
##
      resp.id
                       rating
                                   speed
                                           height
                                                       const
## Min. : 1.00 Min. : 1.000
                                   40:800
                                           200: 800
                                                      Steel:1400
## 1st Qu.: 50.75
                                           300:1400
                                                     Wood: 1800
                  1st Qu.: 3.000
                                   50:800
## Median :100.50
                  Median : 5.000
                                   60:800
                                           400:1000
                   Mean : 5.238
## Mean :100.50
                                   70:800
## 3rd Qu.:150.25
                  3rd Qu.: 7.000
## Max.
        :200.00 Max. :10.000
##
      theme
## Dragon:1600
```

```
Eagle :1600
##
##
##
##
##
by(conjoint.df$rating, conjoint.df$height, mean)
## conjoint.df$height: 200
## [1] 3.45625
## conjoint.df$height: 300
## [1] 6.595714
## conjoint.df$height: 400
## [1] 4.764
ride.lm <- lm(rating ~ speed + height + const + theme, data = conjoint.df)
summary(ride.lm)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = rating ~ speed + height + const + theme, data = conjoint.df)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
##
  -6.3349 -1.2061 -0.0774
                           1.3776
                                    6.0629
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 2.19723
                           0.10210 21.520 < 2e-16 ***
## speed50
                0.67191
                           0.12183
                                     5.515 3.76e-08 ***
## speed60
                1.36611
                           0.11881
                                    11.498
                                           < 2e-16 ***
## speed70
                4.06970
                           0.13288
                                    30.626
                                           < 2e-16 ***
## height300
               2.83188
                           0.10167
                                    27.853
                                           < 2e-16 ***
## height400
               1.42517
                           0.09393
                                    15.173
                                            < 2e-16 ***
## constWood
               0.13715
                           0.08106
                                     1.692
                                             0.0907 .
## themeEagle -0.49436
                           0.09829
                                   -5.030 5.19e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 1.899 on 3192 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.5176, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5165
## F-statistic: 489.2 on 7 and 3192 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Fixed effects that are estimated at the sample level. The highest rated roller coaster on average would have a top speed of 70 mph, a height of 300 ft, steel construction, and the dragon theme. BUT, The coefficients are estimated on the basis of designs that mostly combine both desirable and undesirable attributes, and are not as reliable at the extremes of preference. Additionally, it could happen that few people prefer that exact combination even though the individual features are each best on average.

Hierarchical Linear Model

HLM estimates both the overall average preference level and individual preferences within the group.

```
ride.hlm1 <- lmer(rating ~ speed + height + const + theme +
                    (1 | resp.id), data = conjoint.df)
summary(ride.hlm1)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
  Formula: rating ~ speed + height + const + theme + (1 | resp.id)
##
      Data: conjoint.df
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 13105.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -3.2639 -0.6826 -0.0114 0.6591
                                   3.0044
##
## Random effects:
## Groups
                         Variance Std.Dev.
            Name
## resp.id (Intercept) 0.3002
                                  0.5479
                                  1.8183
## Residual
                         3.3061
## Number of obs: 3200, groups: resp.id, 200
##
## Fixed effects:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept) 2.19723
                           0.10517
                                     20.89
## speed50
                0.67191
                           0.11666
                                      5.76
## speed60
                1.36611
                           0.11377
                                     12.01
## speed70
                4.06970
                           0.12725
                                     31.98
                2.83188
                                     29.09
## height300
                           0.09736
## height400
                1.42517
                           0.08995
                                     15.84
## constWood
                0.13715
                           0.07762
                                      1.77
## themeEagle -0.49436
                           0.09412
                                     -5.25
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
              (Intr) sped50 sped60 sped70 hgh300 hgh400 cnstWd
## speed50
              -0.112
## speed60
              -0.076 0.650
## speed70
              -0.008 0.691 0.702
## height300 -0.661 -0.267 -0.332 -0.388
## height400
             -0.523 -0.233 -0.151 -0.177
                                           0.601
## constWood -0.395 -0.278 -0.450 -0.451
                                           0.378
                                                  0.164
## themeEagle -0.325 -0.590 -0.503 -0.635 0.491 0.229
                                                         0.262
```

For the intercept, that is signified as simply "1"; the grouping variable, for which a random effect will be estimated for each unique group. Syntax: predictors | group, specify the random effect and grouping variable with syntax using a vertical bar "|". In present case, it is interesting to know the randome effect("1") of intercept on each individual level.

```
fixef(ride.hlm1)

## (Intercept) speed50 speed60 speed70 height300 height400
```

```
## 2.1972301 0.6719108 1.3661055 4.0696963 2.8318778 1.4251718

## constWood themeEagle

## 0.1371520 -0.4943631
```

It extracts fixed effects at the population level.

ranef(ride.hlm1)\$resp.id

```
##
        (Intercept)
        0.191936798
## 1
## 2
        0.414043026
## 3
       -0.252275657
       -0.548417293
## 4
## 5
        0.265972207
## 6
        0.043865980
## 7
        0.377025321
## 8
       -0.067187134
## 9
       -0.548417293
## 10
        0.451060730
## 11
        0.228954503
## 12
       -0.215257952
## 13
        0.191936798
##
  14
       -0.178240247
## 15
       -0.030169429
## 16
       -0.252275657
        0.117901389
##
  17
## 18
       -0.400346475
## 19
        0.006848275
## 20
       -0.104204838
## 21
       -0.400346475
## 22
       -0.252275657
## 23
        0.191936798
## 24
       -0.400346475
## 25
        0.302989912
       -0.363328770
## 26
## 27
       -0.622452702
## 28
        0.858255480
##
  29
        0.599131548
##
   30
       -0.585434998
##
  31
        0.858255480
##
   32
       -0.104204838
       -0.548417293
##
   33
##
  34
       -0.141222543
## 35
        0.747202367
##
  36
       -0.326311066
## 37
       -0.400346475
  38
        0.451060730
## 39
        0.302989912
## 40
        0.117901389
## 41
       -0.104204838
## 42
       -0.030169429
## 43
        0.747202367
## 44
        0.043865980
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- ## 45 -0.696488111
- ## 46 -0.474381884
- ## 47 0.006848275
- ## 48 0.302989912
- ## 49 0.451060730
- ## 50 0.377025321
- ## 51 0.265972207
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- ## 56 0.265972207
- ## 57 0.228954503
- ## 58 0.302989912
- ## 59 -0.252275657
- ## 60 -0.992629748
- ## 61 0.043865980
- ## 62 -0.030169429
- ## 63 -0.141222543
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- ## 65 0.340007616
- ## 66 -0.104204838
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- ## 68 -0.215257952
- ## 69 0.117901389
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- ## 71 0.117901389
- ## 72 -0.622452702
- ## 73 0.451060730 ## 74 -0.474381884
- ## 75 -0.585434998
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- ## 77 1.080361708
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- ## 83 -0.326311066
- ## 84 -0.252275657
- 85 0.080883684
- ## 86 -0.844558930
- ## 87 0.451060730
- ## 88 0.340007616
- ## 89 0.154919094
- ## 90 0.562113844
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- ## 92 -0.067187134
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- ## 97 -0.104204838
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- ## 102 -0.215257952
- ## 103 0.377025321
- ## 104 0.562113844
- ## 105 0.969308594
- ## 106 0.747202367
- ## 107 0.228954503
- ## 108 -1.029647453
- ... 100 1.02001, 100
- ## 109 0.117901389
- ## 110 0.080883684
- ## 111 -0.918594339
- ## 112 0.080883684
- ## 113 0.488078435
- ## 114 0.080883684
- ## 115 -0.178240247
- ## 116 0.747202367
- ## 117 -0.585434998
- ## 118 0.043865980
- ## 119 0.191936798
- ## 120 0.673166958
- ## 121 -0.807541225
- ## 122 0.451060730
- ## 123 -0.548417293
- ## 124 0.377025321
- ## 125 -0.067187134
- ## 126 0.228954503
- ## 127 -0.104204838
- ## 128 0.636149253
- ## 129 -0.548417293
- ## 130 0.377025321
- ## 131 -0.178240247
- ## 132 0.117901389
- ## 133 0.340007616
- ## 134 -1.066665157
- ## 135 -0.326311066
- ## 136 -0.289293361
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- ## 150 -0.437364179
- ## 151 0.117901389
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## 153 0.228954503
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## 189 -0.030169429
## 190 0.340007616
## 191 -0.326311066
## 192 -0.289293361
## 193 0.377025321
## 194 -1.029647453
## 195 -0.289293361
## 196 -0.104204838
## 197 0.043865980
## 198 0.154919094
## 199 -0.437364179
## 200 -0.14122543
```

It extracts random effect estimates for intercept

```
coef(ride.hlm1)$resp.id
```

(Intercept) speed50 speed60 speed70 height300 height400 constWood

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## 1
          2.389167 0.6719108 1.366106 4.069696 2.831878
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The complete effect for each respondent comprises the overall fixed effects that apply to everyone + the individually varying random effects.

[Complete]Hierarchical Linear Model

It estimates a random effect parameter for every coefficient of interest for every respondent.

```
ride.hlm2 <- lmer(rating ~ speed + height + const + theme +
                    (speed + height + const + theme | resp.id),
                  data = conjoint.df,
                  control = lmerControl(optCtrl = list(maxfun = 100000)))
summary(ride.hlm2)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula:
## rating ~ speed + height + const + theme + (speed + height + const +
       theme | resp.id)
##
##
      Data: conjoint.df
## Control: lmerControl(optCtrl = list(maxfun = 1e+05))
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 12523.1
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
       Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                            Max
## -2.97883 -0.59155 -0.01661 0.58139 3.07790
##
## Random effects:
  Groups
           Name
                         Variance Std.Dev. Corr
```

```
resp.id (Intercept) 0.9098
                                   0.9538
##
##
                         0.3000
                                   0.5477
                                             0.11
             speed50
                         0.3699
##
             speed60
                                   0.6082
                                             0.01
                                                   0.45
             speed70
                                   0.6365
                                            -0.21 0.48 0.41
##
                         0.4052
##
             height300
                         0.4159
                                   0.6449
                                             0.20 -0.37 -0.33 -0.94
             height400
                         0.6779
                                   0.8233
                                            -0.03 -0.27 -0.21 0.01
                                                                      0.07
##
##
             constWood
                         1.2826
                                   1.1325
                                            -0.62 -0.15 0.08 -0.06 -0.15
                                   1.4289
                                            -0.64 -0.10 -0.18 0.01 0.06
##
             themeEagle
                         2.0418
##
    Residual
                         2.0222
                                   1.4220
##
##
##
##
##
##
##
##
     0.04
##
     0.00
          0.12
##
## Number of obs: 3200, groups: resp.id, 200
##
## Fixed effects:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
               2.19723
                           0.10196
                                      21.55
                           0.09912
## speed50
                0.67191
                                       6.78
## speed60
                1.36611
                           0.09883
                                      13.82
## speed70
                4.06970
                           0.10922
                                      37.26
## height300
                2.83188
                           0.08875
                                      31.91
## height400
                1.42517
                           0.09131
                                      15.61
                           0.10049
## constWood
                0.13715
                                       1.36
## themeEagle -0.49436
                           0.12501
                                      -3.95
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
              (Intr) sped50 sped60 sped70 hgh300 hgh400 cnstWd
## speed50
              -0.056
## speed60
              -0.053 0.616
## speed70
              -0.063 0.656 0.649
## height300
              -0.389 -0.285 -0.331 -0.502
## height400
              -0.335 -0.232 -0.163 -0.121
                                            0.419
## constWood -0.520 -0.201 -0.216 -0.267
                                            0.133
                                                  0.098
## themeEagle -0.497 -0.350 -0.329 -0.336
                                            0.273
                                                   0.105
                                                          0.169
```

Control argument increases the maxfun number of iterations to attempt convergence from 10,000 iterations (the default) to 100,000. This allows the model to converge better.