# GLMM Analysis for Circle Time

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## 0.1 Performance

## 0.1.1 Positive Performance

## TMB was built with Matrix version 1.6.2

```
library(glmmTMB)

## Warning: package 'glmmTMB' was built under R version 4.3.3

## Warning in checkMatrixPackageVersion(): Package version inconsistency detected.
```

## Current Matrix version is 1.6.3
## Please re-install 'TMB' from source using install.packages('TMB', type = 'source') or ask CRAN for a

```
## Warning in check_dep_version(dep_pkg = "TMB"): package version mismatch:
## glmmTMB was built with TMB package version 1.9.17
## Current TMB package version is 1.9.6
## Please re-install glmmTMB from source or restore original 'TMB' package (see '?reinstalling' for mor
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
## Warning: package 'DHARMa' was built under R version 4.3.3
## This is DHARMa 0.4.7. For overview type '?DHARMa'. For recent changes, type news(package = 'DHARMa')
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Performance_Positive <- (df$Performance_Positive * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
 Performance_Positive ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
 data = df,
 family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Performance_Positive ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L) df.resid
##
       -83.7
                 -72.4
                           47.8
                                     -95.7
                                                  42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 0.2118
                               0.4602
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 18.7
## Conditional model:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                            3.91842 -3.099 0.001943 **
## (Intercept) -12.14232
               -0.37430
                            0.16107 -2.324 0.020136 *
## Condition
                0.03778
                            0.07301
                                    0.517 0.604878
## time
## VBMAPP
                 8.67247
                            2.43262
                                    3.565 0.000364 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The model revealed a significant main effect of instructor condition on children's performance ( = -0.374, p = .020). Performance was significantly lower in robot-led sessions compared to human-led sessions. Developmental ability, as measured by the VB-MAPP score, was a strong positive predictor ( = 8.672, p < .001), indicating that children with higher scores consistently outperformed their peers. Time did not significantly impact performance ( = 0.038, p = .605), suggesting stability across sessions.

## 0.2 Affect

## 0.2.1 Positive Affect

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Affect_Positive <- (df$Affect_Positive * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)</pre>
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Affect_Positive ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
  Family: beta
                  (logit)
## Formula:
                      Affect_Positive ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
```

```
##
                   {\tt BIC}
         AIC
                          logLik -2*log(L)
                                            df.resid
##
      -116.2
                -104.9
                            64.1
                                    -128.2
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 0.1056
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 28.8
##
## Conditional model:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
                                     0.681
## (Intercept) 1.98507
                           2.91381
                                             0.4957
                0.43524
## Condition
                           0.15082
                                     2.886
                                             0.0039 **
## time
               -0.07760
                           0.06579 -1.179
                                             0.2382
## VBMAPP
               -2.66257
                           1.79291 -1.485
                                             0.1375
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Positive affect was significantly higher during robot-led sessions ( = 0.435, p = .0039), suggesting that robots may enhance emotional engagement. Neither session time ( = -0.078, p = .238) nor VB-MAPP score ( = -2.663, p = .138) significantly predicted positive affect, indicating that this emotional response was broadly distributed across ability levels and consistent across sessions.

## 0.2.2 Negative Affect

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Affect_Negative <- (df$Affect_Negative * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Affect_Negative ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
                  (logit)
## Family: beta
## Formula:
                     Affect_Negative ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L)
                                            df.resid
                           335.1
##
      -658.2
                -647.0
                                    -670.2
                                                   42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 4.046e-09 6.361e-05
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 16.1
##
## Conditional model:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -6.5531
                            2.7593
                                   -2.375
                                              0.0176 *
## Condition
                 0.1998
                            0.2885
                                     0.693
                                              0.4886
## time
                -0.0267
                            0.1260
                                    -0.212
                                              0.8322
## VBMAPP
                 1.0101
                            1.6726
                                     0.604
                                              0.5459
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Negative affect was generally low and did not vary significantly by instructor type ( = 0.200, p = .489), time ( = -0.027, p = .832), or VB-MAPP score ( = 1.010, p = .546). The intercept was significant ( = -6.553, p = .0176), confirming low baseline levels of negative affect.

## 0.3 Engagement

## 0.3.1 On Target

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Engagement_OnTarget <- (df$Engagement_OnTarget * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Engagement_OnTarget ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Engagement_OnTarget ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L)
                                            df.resid
##
      -101.1
                 -89.9
                            56.5
                                     -113.1
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 8.07e-11 8.984e-06
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 29.8
##
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) 0.72094
                           1.18527
                                     0.608
                                               0.543
## Condition
               -0.03825
                           0.12156 -0.315
                                               0.753
## time
                0.08954
                           0.05507
                                      1.626
                                               0.104
## VBMAPP
                0.19090
                           0.72318
                                     0.264
                                               0.792
```

None of the predictors significantly influenced on-target engagement. Condition ( = -0.038, p = .753), time ( = 0.090, p = .104), and VB-MAPP ( = 0.191, p = .792) had no meaningful effect. A marginal trend toward increased engagement over time suggests potential learning effects that could be explored further.

### 0.3.2 Therapist

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Engagement_Therapist <- (df$Engagement_Therapist * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Engagement_Therapist ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
 data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Engagement_Therapist ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L) df.resid
##
      -210.8
                -199.6
                           111.4
                                    -222.8
                                                  42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 4.62e-10 2.149e-05
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 76.8
## Conditional model:
##
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -0.528353 1.338373 -0.395
                                              0.6930
                                              0.9490
## Condition
               0.008796
                           0.137460
                                     0.064
                           0.061485 -0.260
                                              0.7948
## time
               -0.015989
                                              0.0775 .
## VBMAPP
               -1.438023
                           0.814705 -1.765
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Engagement with the therapist was marginally negatively associated with VB-MAPP score ( = -1.438, p = .078), suggesting that lower-ability children may rely more heavily on therapist support. Neither condition ( = 0.009, p = .949) nor time ( = -0.016, p = .795) showed a significant effect.

## 0.3.3 Off Target

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Engagement_OffTarget <- (df$Engagement_OffTarget * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(df)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Engagement_OffTarget ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
 data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Engagement_OffTarget ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L) df.resid
##
      -114.1
                -102.9
                            63.1
                                    -126.1
                                                  42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Groups Name
## Subject (Intercept) 2.748e-10 1.658e-05
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 27.3
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -1.9470
                            1.4064 -1.384
                                             0.1662
## Condition
                0.1144
                            0.1448
                                    0.790
                                             0.4296
                -0.1201
                            0.0663 -1.811
                                             0.0702
## time
## VBMAPP
                 0.2469
                            0.8599
                                     0.287
                                             0.7740
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Off-target engagement increased marginally over time ( = -0.120, p = .070), possibly reflecting fatigue or declining focus. Condition ( = 0.114, p = .430) and VB-MAPP ( = 0.247, p = .774) were not significant predictors.

## 0.4 Communication

#### 0.4.1 Communication with Instructor

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Communication_with_Instructor <- (df$Communication_with_Instructor * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Communication_with_Instructor ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Communication_with_Instructor ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 |
                                                                          Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L)
                                            df.resid
      -152.3
                                    -164.3
##
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 0.05305 0.2303
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 48.5
##
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -3.47435
                           2.25404 -1.541
                                              0.123
## Condition
               -0.13586
                           0.13060 -1.040
                                              0.298
## time
               -0.07903
                           0.05940 -1.330
                                              0.183
## VBMAPP
                1.06301
                           1.39264
                                     0.763
                                               0.445
```

Communication directed at the instructor was not significantly influenced by condition ( = -0.136, p = .298), time ( = -0.079, p = .183), or VB-MAPP score ( = 1.063, p = .445), indicating stable and consistent patterns of direct instructor communication across all factors.

## 0.4.2 Communication with Instructor - Prompted

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
df$Communication_with_Instructor_Prompted <- (df$Communication_with_Instructor_Prompted * (nrow(df) - 1
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Communication_with_Instructor_Prompted ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Communication_with_Instructor_Prompted ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP +
##
       (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L) df.resid
##
      -574.7
                -563.5
                           293.3
                                    -586.7
                                                   42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
  Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 1.854e-09 4.306e-05
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 21.6
##
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -2.4904
                            2.9788 -0.836
                                               0.403
                 0.2387
                                     0.762
                                               0.446
## Condition
                            0.3131
## time
                -0.1782
                            0.1238 -1.439
                                               0.150
## VBMAPP
                -1.3596
                            1.9355 -0.703
                                               0.482
```

Prompted communication with the instructor showed no significant effects of condition ( = 0.239, p = .446), time ( = -0.178, p = .150), or VB-MAPP score ( = -1.360, p = .482), though the negative time trend may reflect increased autonomy over sessions.

## 0.4.3 Communication with Therapist

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
df$Communication_with_Therapist <- (df$Communication_with_Therapist * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon) / nrow(
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Communication_with_Therapist ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
 data = df,
  family = beta_family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Communication_with_Therapist ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 |
                                                                         Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L) df.resid
##
      -175.2
                -163.9
                            93.6
                                    -187.2
                                                   42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## Subject (Intercept) 0.001637 0.04046
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 18.1
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) 4.66673
                           2.13643
                                     2.184 0.02894 *
                                     0.143 0.88658
## Condition
               0.03221
                           0.22585
                           0.11320 -3.975 7.05e-05 ***
## time
               -0.44995
## VBMAPP
               -3.91937
                           1.27469 -3.075 0.00211 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Communication with the therapist declined significantly over time ( = -0.450, p < .001) and was significantly lower among children with higher VB-MAPP scores ( = -3.919, p = .002), suggesting increased independence. No condition effect was found ( = 0.032, p = .887).

#### 0.4.4 Communication with Indeterminent

```
library(glmmTMB)
library(performance)
library(DHARMa)
df <- read.csv("~/GitHub/Circle-Time-Data-Analyses/CircleTimeData-VBMAPP.csv")</pre>
epsilon <- 0.0001
df$Communication_with_Indeterminent <- (df$Communication_with_Indeterminent * (nrow(df) - 1) + epsilon)
model <- glmmTMB(</pre>
  Communication_with_Indeterminent ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP + (1 | Subject),
  data = df,
  family = beta family()
summary(model)
## Family: beta (logit)
## Formula:
## Communication_with_Indeterminent ~ Condition + time + VBMAPP +
##
       (1 | Subject)
## Data: df
##
##
         AIC
                   BIC
                          logLik -2*log(L)
                                            df.resid
##
      -286.6
                -275.4
                           149.3
                                    -298.6
                                                   42
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
  Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
  Subject (Intercept) 0.02735 0.1654
## Number of obs: 48, groups: Subject, 6
##
## Dispersion parameter for beta family (): 14.4
##
## Conditional model:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
               -2.4492
## (Intercept)
                            3.2374 -0.757 0.449337
                1.0545
                            0.2942
                                     3.585 0.000337 ***
## Condition
## time
                -0.2257
                            0.1217 -1.854 0.063799 .
## VBMAPP
                -1.2428
                            1.8880 -0.658 0.510348
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Indeterminate communication was significantly more frequent in robot-led sessions ( = 1.055, p < .001), which may indicate breakdowns in communication or uncertainty about the robot's role. Time showed a marginal decrease ( = -0.226, p = .064), while VB-MAPP score had no significant effect ( = -1.243, p = .510).