

# Intro to lmer

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## Preliminaries

Install packages if they aren’t already installed

```
if (!("lme4" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("lme4")
if (!("lmerTest" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("lmerTest")
if (!("tidyverse" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("tidyverse")
if (!("afex" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("afex")
if (!("performance" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("performance")
if (!("sessioninfo" %in% installed.packages())) install.packages("sessioninfo")
```

### Load packages

```
library(lme4)
```

```
## Loading required package: Matrix
```

```
library(lmerTest)
```

```
##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'lmerTest'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:lme4':
```

```
##
```

```
## lmer
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
```

```
##
```

```
## step
```

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## -- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
```

```
## v ggplot2 3.3.5    v purrr    0.3.4
```

```
## v tibble  3.1.6    v dplyr   1.0.7
```

```
## v tidyr   1.2.0    v stringr 1.4.0
```

```
## v readr   2.1.2    v forcats 0.5.1
```

```
## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.1.2

## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x tidyr::expand() masks Matrix::expand()
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
## x tidyr::pack() masks Matrix::pack()
## x tidyr::unpack() masks Matrix::unpack()
```

```
library(afex)
```

```
## *****
## Welcome to afex. For support visit: http://afex.singmann.science/

## - Functions for ANOVAs: aov_car(), aov_ez(), and aov_4()
## - Methods for calculating p-values with mixed(): 'S', 'KR', 'LRT', and 'PB'
## - 'afex_aov' and 'mixed' objects can be passed to emmeans() for follow-up tests
## - NEWS: emmeans() for ANOVA models now uses model = 'multivariate' as default.
## - Get and set global package options with: afex_options()
## - Set orthogonal sum-to-zero contrasts globally: set_sum_contrasts()
## - For example analyses see: browseVignettes("afex")
## *****
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'afex'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:lme4':
##
## lmer
```

```
library(performance)
library(sessioninfo)

session_info(pkgs="!attached", to_file = TRUE)
```

Load data, and name that object “rt\_data”

```
rt_data <- read_csv("Data/rt_dummy_data.csv")
```

```
## Rows: 21679 Columns: 4
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (2): modality, stim
## dbl (2): PID, RT
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

View the first six rows of the data frame

```
head(rt_data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   PID    RT modality  stim
##   <dbl> <dbl> <chr>    <chr>
## 1   301  1024 Audio-only gown
## 2   301   838 Audio-only might
## 3   301  1060 Audio-only fern
## 4   301   882 Audio-only vane
## 5   301   971 Audio-only pup
## 6   301  1064 Audio-only rise
```

## Testing for an effect of modality on response time

Dummy code modality so that audio-only is the reference level

```
rt_data$modality <- ifelse(rt_data$modality == "Audio-only", 0, 1)
```

Build a full model

```
rt_full.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality +
                    (1 + modality|PID) + (1 + modality|stim),
                    data = rt_data)
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00882975 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

This model failed to converge. The first thing we'll do is try the `all_fit()` function from the `afex` package to look for an optimizer that works.

### Optimizing

The bobyqa optimizer should work.

```
rt_full.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality +
                    (1 + modality|PID) + (1 + modality|stim),
                    data = rt_data,
                    control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
```

### All\_fit()

Run the `all_fit()` function from the `afex()` package for demonstration purposes.

```
all_fit(rt_full.mod)
```

```
## bobyqa. : [OK]
## Nelder_Mead. : [OK]
## optimx.nlminb :
```

```

## Loading required namespace: optimx

## [OK]
## optimx.L-BFGS-B :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.0240147 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00882975 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00882975 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nmkbw. : [OK]

## $bobyqa.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Std.Dev. Corr
## stim (Intercept) 17.43
## modality 14.72 0.16
## PID (Intercept) 168.98
## modality 87.81 -0.17
## Residual 255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept) modality
## 1044.14 83.18
##
## $Nelder_Mead.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Std.Dev. Corr
## stim (Intercept) 17.43
## modality 14.72 0.16
## PID (Intercept) 168.98
## modality 87.81 -0.17
## Residual 255.46

```

```

## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
##
## $optimx.nlminb
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 17.44
##           modality    14.73  0.16
## PID      (Intercept) 168.97
##           modality    87.81 -0.16
## Residual                255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
##
## $'optimx.L-BFGS-B'
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 17.36
##           modality    14.62  0.17
## PID      (Intercept) 168.90
##           modality    87.79 -0.16
## Residual                255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 17.43
##           modality    14.73  0.16
## PID      (Intercept) 169.08
##           modality    87.80 -0.16
## Residual                255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:

```

```
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
## optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 17.43
##          modality    14.73  0.16
## PID      (Intercept) 169.08
##          modality    87.80 -0.16
## Residual                255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
## optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nmkwbw.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 17.44
##          modality    14.72  0.16
## PID      (Intercept) 168.96
##          modality    87.80 -0.17
## Residual                255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality
##      1044.14      83.18
```

## Reduced Model

Build a reduced model that doesn't contained the fixed effect of modality, but is otherwise identical to the full model (including the random effects structure and control parameter)

```
rt_reduced.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 +
  (1 + modality|stim) + (1 + modality|PID),
  data = rt_data,
  control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
```

## Likelihood Ratio Test

Test for an effect of modality via a likelihood ratio test

```
anova(rt_reduced.mod, rt_full.mod)
```

```
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
```

```
## Data: rt_data
```

```
## Models:
```

```
## rt_reduced.mod: RT ~ 1 + (1 + modality | stim) + (1 + modality | PID)
```

```
## rt_full.mod: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
```

```
##          npar      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
```

```
## rt_reduced.mod      8 302449 302513 -151217    302433
```

```
## rt_full.mod        9 302419 302491 -151200    302401 32.385  1 1.264e-08 ***
```

```
## ---
```

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

## Using the Mixed() function

Use the mixed() function from the afex package for demonstration purposes (this appears in the Likelihood Ratio Tests portion of the paper)

```
mixed(RT ~ 1 + modality +
      (1 + modality|PID) + (1 + modality|stim),
      data = rt_data,
      control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"),
      method = 'LRT')
```

```
## Contrasts set to contr.sum for the following variables: stim
```

```
## Numerical variables NOT centered on 0: modality
```

```
## If in interactions, interpretation of lower order (e.g., main) effects difficult.
```

```
## REML argument to lmer() set to FALSE for method = 'PB' or 'LRT'
```

```
## Fitting 2 (g)lmer() models:
```

```
## [..]
```

```
## Mixed Model Anova Table (Type 3 tests, LRT-method)
```

```
##
```

```
## Model: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
```

```
## Data: rt_data
```

```
## Df full model: 9
```

```
##      Effect df      Chisq p.value
```

```
## 1 modality  1 32.39 ***    <.001
```

```
## ---
```

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

## Summary

View summary output



```
summary(rt_full.mod)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## Data: rt_data
## Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa")
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 302385.7
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.3646 -0.6964 -0.0140  0.5886  5.0003
##
## Random effects:
## Groups      Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## stim      (Intercept)          303.9    17.43
##           modality             216.7    14.72  0.16
## PID      (Intercept)      28552.9   168.98
##           modality         7709.8    87.81 -0.17
## Residual                65258.8   255.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  1044.14      23.36   52.14  44.704 < 2e-16 ***
## modality      83.18      12.58   52.10   6.615 2.02e-08 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##           (Intr)
## modality -0.178
```

The parameter estimate for the effect of condition is 83.18, which means that in this dummy data, participants are on average 83 ms slower in the audiovisual relative to the audio-only condition.

## Coef()

Run the `coef()` function to examine individual participant and item intercept and slope estimates

```
coef(rt_full.mod)
```

```
## $stim
##      (Intercept) modality
## babe      1038.921 82.11521
## back      1050.914 86.52633
## bad       1041.122 81.12267
## bag       1042.896 86.40601
## bake      1039.395 81.75292
## balk      1042.560 84.17726
## ball      1035.114 80.50253
```

## bane	1055.741	83.15418
## bang	1048.652	85.51499
## bar	1042.990	82.57040
## base	1043.169	81.00298
## bash	1036.544	79.31510
## batch	1047.446	84.84039
## bath	1039.152	81.59490
## bathe	1043.921	77.52526
## bead	1037.029	78.75316
## beak	1042.654	84.36902
## beam	1040.067	79.28126
## bear	1040.514	83.76442
## beat	1049.312	84.73015
## beg	1044.947	85.99855
## bib	1048.505	83.32998
## bide	1046.706	84.50432
## big	1044.807	84.21706
## bin	1045.735	83.48756
## birth	1022.948	72.74012
## bit	1046.026	84.01293
## boat	1039.346	79.28319
## bog	1041.345	80.92930
## bomb	1045.924	85.51499
## booth	1039.411	80.25993
## booze	1051.868	86.61126
## botch	1040.909	78.78911
## bud	1034.365	79.13435
## budge	1044.947	84.51831
## bun	1034.580	79.54537
## burp	1033.454	75.26900
## bus	1033.021	79.51769
## bush	1035.837	74.66137
## but	1039.495	80.07003
## cab	1040.445	83.75963
## cage	1038.917	78.57028
## call	1049.019	85.14598
## calm	1047.082	87.14904
## cape	1040.686	78.54311
## cash	1042.069	86.83033
## catch	1036.478	79.55030
## caught	1046.641	86.60318
## cave	1054.375	88.71945
## cease	1045.759	86.50898
## cell	1050.967	92.27458
## chair	1029.443	73.05494
## chalk	1044.948	83.93337
## chase	1059.059	88.57701
## cheap	1052.476	87.50212
## cheat	1049.722	90.15107
## cheek	1035.924	79.15046
## chef	1056.613	91.35619
## chewed	1042.900	80.91128
## chin	1040.826	84.85165
## chirp	1033.836	76.85199

## choke	1054.485	90.25226
## choose	1037.296	79.01745
## chug	1042.780	80.73138
## chum	1047.075	86.13040
## cite	1034.088	80.05828
## coat	1053.603	91.02669
## cone	1038.833	81.21502
## cope	1057.129	90.66422
## core	1048.035	83.86180
## cot	1051.651	87.05225
## couch	1040.402	80.76853
## cough	1045.715	78.56370
## cub	1030.915	82.09372
## cuff	1046.868	86.57878
## cup	1037.053	80.95720
## curl	1033.687	75.00316
## curt	1034.329	77.60754
## curve	1051.558	89.37786
## czar	1046.183	82.42064
## dab	1046.619	84.25420
## dash	1037.596	79.10414
## date	1036.570	83.03293
## dawn	1037.905	76.16523
## days	1038.708	81.21410
## dear	1045.196	83.98792
## death	1040.987	80.77037
## deck	1049.092	87.14963
## dice	1035.631	80.64580
## did	1030.882	76.37741
## died	1042.946	80.63662
## dig	1039.994	81.75878
## dim	1040.517	85.43434
## dime	1036.267	75.99753
## dip	1041.740	80.13674
## dire	1048.370	82.92106
## ditch	1058.635	90.70634
## dive	1033.222	79.65590
## dock	1035.795	81.31111
## dodge	1048.735	84.84138
## does	1039.454	82.17606
## dog	1039.891	84.28065
## door	1033.471	77.61839
## dot	1031.332	76.88095
## doubt	1040.535	82.81445
## doug	1035.189	81.62773
## douse	1044.627	86.85945
## dove	1045.114	83.05947
## doze	1039.404	81.31143
## duke	1034.318	77.57756
## dull	1053.447	87.50608
## face	1034.552	76.66398
## fad	1053.157	89.38933
## fake	1047.266	86.25887
## fame	1042.216	76.66431

## fang	1056.606	87.39891
## fate	1042.708	84.33714
## fawn	1050.121	86.16226
## fed	1050.624	86.57669
## fern	1053.202	87.63097
## fetch	1026.848	74.19913
## fief	1038.397	80.43293
## fight	1038.246	82.56978
## fill	1048.568	83.73575
## fin	1055.797	86.71917
## fire	1037.484	78.56712
## fit	1044.405	83.27910
## five	1050.794	84.80889
## fizz	1043.524	81.92919
## foal	1046.642	83.33901
## foam	1038.740	78.93393
## fog	1032.641	76.77797
## foil	1045.297	82.55933
## folk	1041.681	80.78197
## fought	1048.857	84.01326
## foul	1044.304	82.80383
## fudge	1037.576	81.84443
## fuzz	1046.588	85.08887
## gab	1055.214	87.85647
## gag	1040.243	83.27569
## gain	1050.870	85.24610
## gal	1048.022	88.26239
## gall	1045.231	82.68147
## game	1039.056	78.09732
## gang	1048.991	83.11010
## gave	1047.072	84.53769
## gawk	1040.297	82.07802
## gear	1048.268	84.41218
## gel	1040.727	84.26037
## gem	1036.839	77.17619
## get	1038.837	80.07489
## ghou1	1047.729	85.36130
## gig	1049.111	85.43300
## give	1043.300	84.10932
## gnat	1039.071	86.00439
## gnome	1051.898	86.95734
## goal	1047.900	88.15658
## gob	1041.923	80.02940
## gone	1049.454	86.30114
## gong	1042.177	82.48141
## goof	1043.616	82.18386
## goon	1047.555	80.33843
## goose	1043.661	89.58182
## gore	1043.550	87.56212
## got	1028.070	72.92433
## gown	1032.794	77.64283
## guide	1053.576	87.74412
## guile	1049.651	86.22688
## gum	1042.929	81.95106

## hack	1033.212	72.79561
## had	1056.474	89.79896
## hair	1035.562	75.88226
## half	1055.069	90.36741
## hall	1045.000	78.93662
## hash	1045.853	89.40268
## hat	1038.921	79.46541
## hate	1029.835	76.25339
## have	1052.226	89.29442
## head	1053.048	87.21673
## hear	1040.926	79.32770
## heat	1044.058	83.03276
## heed	1044.397	81.81066
## height	1039.468	80.97632
## hem	1047.760	83.68878
## hid	1030.819	77.66556
## hike	1046.925	88.09891
## hill	1045.766	86.79683
## hip	1027.933	75.13224
## hire	1043.358	84.57241
## hiss	1042.363	84.64483
## hit	1040.295	76.04829
## hitch	1044.371	81.72508
## hive	1043.310	83.95394
## hog	1050.315	84.20899
## home	1049.890	87.47960
## hone	1049.453	84.30101
## hoof	1038.460	80.14803
## hook	1029.895	76.23805
## hose	1042.307	82.44219
## house	1041.671	85.98872
## huff	1052.831	84.78250
## hug	1031.841	80.62341
## hull	1044.746	85.12872
## hung	1050.495	89.46243
## hurt	1038.114	80.32461
## hush	1032.224	80.90916
## hut	1057.149	91.93555
## hutch	1041.535	84.58067
## jab	1048.368	82.74089
## jail	1044.345	80.30176
## jam	1045.090	87.85356
## jar	1046.065	82.50543
## jazz	1050.055	87.11871
## jeer	1043.386	90.41949
## jewel	1036.120	80.82956
## job	1051.172	90.10605
## jock	1039.001	74.91880
## jog	1046.207	86.46545
## jowl	1027.884	77.33071
## judge	1036.912	82.00588
## jug	1044.486	84.41407
## juice	1045.157	82.95523
## juke	1046.280	84.24497

## kale	1032.415	77.02197
## kid	1034.977	81.12639
## kill	1046.351	84.34468
## kin	1036.976	80.18414
## kite	1040.837	81.98894
## kneel	1040.972	78.96487
## knit	1058.487	90.19131
## known	1049.701	84.77761
## lab	1041.940	81.94608
## lace	1037.523	81.57204
## lad	1046.570	82.58015
## lamb	1050.551	84.52494
## latch	1035.295	77.17103
## late	1039.832	82.65892
## lawn	1041.522	83.11976
## leaf	1043.802	85.12629
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## leave	1055.274	87.47562
## ledge	1038.830	81.44121
## leg	1049.767	84.41878
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## let	1037.587	80.30931
## lied	1060.315	88.13049
## life	1047.393	87.24209
## like	1053.049	89.35589
## lime	1054.262	87.92188
## line	1042.631	80.72758
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## lodge	1035.484	77.99533
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## lone	1040.065	82.17622
## loose	1052.169	86.28382
## loot	1042.175	81.71563
## lop	1049.378	88.01628
## lore	1038.699	78.73433
## loud	1042.114	85.30284
## louse	1055.125	90.88437
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## luge	1057.174	91.53711
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## mall	1048.419	88.54725
## man	1037.297	83.64772
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## mauve	1054.478	90.32591
## maze	1047.851	86.82599
## mead	1051.825	83.94744
## meal	1032.525	75.84287
## meek	1048.708	93.00300

## men	1031.343	81.29849
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## might	1044.477	83.70255
## mill	1043.427	88.04717
## miss	1051.055	85.65203
## mitt	1046.520	82.73154
## mob	1046.300	81.09596
## mole	1048.742	87.84246
## moon	1043.335	84.76677
## moot	1046.066	82.33525
## mop	1058.143	89.48150
## mope	1047.581	84.08309
## moth	1043.878	83.01256
## mouse	1040.950	81.26746
## mouth	1043.925	81.07533
## mud	1043.979	82.25270
## muff	1033.502	76.85977
## mum	1051.619	84.76563
## myth	1051.944	87.61106
## nab	1052.703	83.27188
## name	1042.368	85.79220
## nape	1046.271	82.35666
## nash	1044.102	84.36211
## neat	1039.380	79.00131
## neck	1041.276	85.96629
## need	1053.045	84.24183
## nerve	1045.939	83.56611
## newt	1048.357	82.53327
## niece	1037.787	75.62437
## night	1052.631	82.61590
## nod	1063.382	88.83973
## none	1039.936	79.73742
## noon	1049.854	86.69277
## nose	1041.298	79.44302
## not	1048.859	84.43749
## notch	1035.649	81.58988
## null	1036.649	76.29608
## pair	1060.324	93.20100
## pan	1044.253	84.08788
## pass	1047.290	83.56253
## peace	1021.884	76.96561
## peach	1032.528	74.07115
## peak	1043.150	82.73249
## peat	1032.655	76.14694
## peep	1035.021	80.66520
## peeve	1049.469	86.97176
## pen	1045.176	85.58504
## perch	1046.296	87.01466
## perm	1042.549	84.15970
## pet	1035.778	79.20374
## phase	1037.388	81.19846
## phone	1040.226	76.50908
## pick	1048.104	87.14124
## pile	1039.829	84.99861

## pin	1035.327	77.83484
## ping	1038.957	81.51861
## pipe	1038.738	79.05163
## pitch	1049.536	82.15317
## pod	1049.224	82.11430
## poise	1045.467	85.12787
## pooch	1048.726	85.13141
## pool	1031.427	81.95084
## pop	1039.851	83.78204
## pose	1040.228	78.89918
## pouch	1048.508	86.99759
## pour	1020.649	75.59080
## pout	1044.446	85.35959
## puff	1046.550	84.63826
## pun	1046.204	83.41675
## pup	1042.187	82.84784
## putt	1051.320	86.30383
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## rag	1049.513	85.34206
## raid	1045.075	85.21240
## rail	1043.475	80.06061
## rake	1048.632	85.15192
## ram	1046.203	85.17705
## ran	1033.117	77.91644
## rang	1037.375	82.99769
## rap	1036.655	74.45905
## rash	1062.557	90.51963
## rate	1025.637	75.05728
## rear	1043.327	81.29074
## red	1050.696	82.86375
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## rev	1041.169	81.84955
## rib	1048.010	89.44286
## rich	1037.605	76.67945
## ridge	1060.859	89.01749
## right	1050.706	91.67912
## ring	1053.756	90.31844
## rise	1044.146	85.83984
## roach	1045.981	82.95101
## rogue	1038.807	80.01361
## roof	1047.225	83.69866
## rook	1041.931	84.79137
## room	1056.964	96.29306
## root	1037.153	75.93280
## rose	1048.279	87.77433
## rot	1038.003	78.05594
## rouge	1047.959	81.11521
## rove	1042.736	82.53234
## rude	1048.663	85.51991
## rule	1045.350	87.68946
## rut	1030.108	76.84240
## sack	1041.282	78.54585
## safe	1047.540	86.21766
## sage	1039.689	82.04669



## sail	1044.078	83.95964
## same	1045.230	85.12613
## sane	1043.497	79.31370
## sang	1043.812	80.94918
## sap	1047.028	84.43259
## sash	1054.596	91.60738
## sauce	1037.759	83.45026
## save	1054.777	88.22356
## seem	1033.716	77.48943
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## set	1048.900	87.96605
## sewed	1053.234	86.18329
## shack	1042.167	84.73914
## shade	1046.022	86.01452
## sham	1055.725	89.49446
## shave	1054.706	87.20279
## shear	1031.092	77.33975
## sheath	1052.023	82.78818
## shed	1040.827	84.25490
## sheep	1051.120	85.38790
## sheet	1038.318	79.86360
## shell	1046.058	83.42334
## shim	1053.477	91.12420
## shin	1047.999	83.94251
## shine	1058.401	88.40569
## ship	1058.944	86.36545
## shook	1050.533	86.07391
## shoot	1057.926	87.96604
## shop	1040.877	80.48171
## shore	1041.212	80.23310
## shot	1053.560	85.04706
## shout	1045.631	82.74682
## shown	1047.444	86.41157
## shun	1036.757	82.00077
## shut	1036.340	80.71005
## sick	1043.321	80.00554
## side	1054.130	86.85355
## siege	1053.585	82.58644
## sieve	1049.320	85.29019
## sing	1043.519	77.59433
## sip	1037.098	76.41070
## sit	1055.054	91.27699
## soar	1045.964	83.13868
## sob	1049.354	89.09940
## sock	1041.142	79.43844
## sod	1059.771	90.60537
## soil	1048.732	80.73983
## some	1051.421	89.68939
## song	1053.748	87.10224
## soothe	1048.824	87.14038
## south	1043.370	84.77208
## sown	1055.497	87.34010

## sub	1048.541	83.47903
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## tag	1039.211	80.82305
## tail	1041.578	81.15357
## take	1047.383	83.86045
## talk	1043.455	80.17268
## tall	1045.471	86.83292
## tap	1043.258	80.37825
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## taught	1043.637	82.89166
## teach	1032.380	76.94186
## tease	1033.791	75.30201
## tech	1039.392	81.65810
## teethe	1069.812	93.19199
## tell	1035.733	78.58390
## ten	1043.146	86.01568
## than	1034.099	81.12552
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## them	1049.661	83.35420
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## these	1048.204	84.25594
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## thine	1053.483	91.28760
## those	1037.470	81.00044
## thug	1056.629	88.59633
## thus	1048.983	86.75586
## tide	1055.038	88.95369
## ties	1050.464	84.31065
## tight	1058.002	84.35931
## time	1042.171	79.42648
## tin	1036.582	82.24132
## tip	1046.729	87.79701
## toad	1047.643	84.62191
## toil	1050.046	89.78463
## toll	1040.978	81.53412
## tone	1027.634	76.98445
## top	1050.038	90.07484
## tote	1031.957	74.84672
## touch	1041.758	79.51838
## tough	1048.554	86.93227
## tout	1044.900	86.62056
## town	1048.702	81.11451
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## tube	1044.586	76.69815
## use	1041.596	83.12445
## vague	1047.785	84.44378
## van	1053.602	85.54447
## vane	1051.523	90.12705
## vase	1042.641	82.30000
## veal	1039.174	79.67361
## verge	1043.832	80.22400
## verse	1046.594	84.56836
## vet	1039.852	80.92729

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## vice      1038.963 82.34240
## vile      1044.623 82.69474
## vine      1038.305 80.89252
## vogue     1044.954 77.68266
## voice     1047.961 84.33091
## wade      1054.396 88.92317
## wage      1049.496 92.53743
## walk      1043.360 79.97581
## war       1043.699 83.18414
## watch     1030.853 77.33584
## wave      1043.158 81.72410
## web       1046.780 84.93748
## wed       1050.873 85.64579
## wedge     1049.558 86.09356
## weed      1048.798 84.90528
## week      1042.000 74.80545
## weep      1042.335 81.80562
## well      1041.712 81.23103
## wet       1041.312 79.81610
## whale     1035.809 78.57479
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## will      1049.199 84.49695
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## won       1043.131 86.43072
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## worth     1040.409 82.85565
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## wrath     1041.035 80.92774
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## writhe    1042.264 81.78375
## wrong     1055.399 85.58997
## wrote     1042.828 80.63863
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## yam       1048.245 90.16341
## yawn      1039.379 81.14485
## year      1037.308 82.97039
## yen       1044.379 83.33265
## yolk      1032.187 81.66645
## young     1032.830 78.03492
## your      1052.891 90.65918
## zeal      1042.742 77.45124
## zing      1045.024 83.55765
##
## $PID
##      (Intercept)  modality
## 301    1024.0669 -16.936415

```

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## 302 1044.1377 1.842626
## 303 882.8306 57.789321
## 304 1232.7544 -27.919775
## 306 1042.3420 33.886517
## 307 1111.3631 -9.939598
## 308 1250.7673 71.164811
## 309 795.2446 15.481913
## 310 1176.1359 104.151748
## 311 1012.9321 29.956301
## 312 1109.8745 153.103877
## 313 1114.2739 29.601126
## 314 1169.1516 -73.242576
## 315 877.9771 17.015017
## 316 1419.5221 -37.700499
## 318 945.4723 58.220398
## 319 1017.4086 98.276001
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## 321 1025.1270 139.711268
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## 326 1048.6754 40.359206
## 328 1236.8999 128.530565
## 329 1042.3467 10.735150
## 331 1406.8491 160.773353
## 333 1644.5199 56.375077
## 334 943.7441 93.903838
## 335 1171.5855 64.055496
## 337 872.3788 169.983181
## 338 806.7056 121.221917
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## 343 987.7640 208.128162
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## 349 940.6337 54.966496
## 350 1073.1133 302.721545
## 351 1120.9818 214.077478
## 352 796.4338 78.590321
## 353 1103.8173 155.151474
## 354 1074.6543 154.892038
## 355 1192.9344 89.264188
## 356 907.2052 397.764355
## 357 910.5673 81.928193
## 358 963.0962 33.338247
## 359 1087.6474 -39.273777
## 360 1070.4021 26.771336
## 361 982.1810 131.300510
## 362 953.3700 56.194590
## 363 920.7194 43.641068
## 364 1003.5099 75.844905
##
## attr(,"class")

```

```
## [1] "coef.mer"
```

## Reporting

To report the findings described in the example above, you could write:

“A likelihood-ratio test indicated that the model including modality provided a better fit for the data than a model without it,  $X^2(1) = 32.39$ ,  $p < .001$ . Examination of the summary output for the full model indicated that response times were on average an estimated 83 ms slower in the audiovisual relative to the audio-only condition ( $B = 83.18$ ,  $SE = 12.58$ ,  $t = 6.62$ )”.

## Testing for an interaction between modality and SNR

Load the data. Note that it’s actually the same as the original data frame, but it has an extra column containing SNR. We could have been dealing with this data frame the whole time, but having an extra variable that we’re not using can be confusing, so I waited to introduce it until now.

```
rt_data_interaction <- read_csv("Data/rt_dummy_data_interaction.csv")

## Rows: 21679 Columns: 5
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): SNR, modality, stim
## dbl (2): PID, RT
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

Dummy code modality and SNR so that audio-only and easy are the reference levels

```
rt_data_interaction$modality <- ifelse(rt_data_interaction$modality == "Audio-only", 0, 1)
rt_data_interaction$SNR <- ifelse(rt_data_interaction$SNR == "Easy", 0, 1)
```

## Full Model

Build the full model, which includes all by-participant and by-item random effects except the interaction between modality and SNR, which was not included because in my experience models with random effects structures that complex will almost certainly encounter estimation issues for this kind of data and we will need to simplify the random effects structure anyway. I also want to avoid having overly complex random effects structures because this can limit power (see Matuschek et al., 2017).

```
rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +
  (1 + modality + SNR|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),
  data = rt_data_interaction)
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00694594 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

## All\_fit()

This model produced a singular fit, indicating that there are some problems with estimation going on. We'll try using the `all_fit()` function from the `afex` package to see if another optimizer will work.

```
all_fit(rt_int.mod)

## bobyqa. :

## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

## [OK]
## Nelder_Mead. :

## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

## Warning: Model failed to converge with 1 negative eigenvalue: -4.9e+02

## [OK]
## optimx.nlmminb :

## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

## [OK]
## optimx.L-BFGS-B :

## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

## [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00694594 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00694594 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nmkbw. :

## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

## [OK]
```

```

## $bobyqa.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim      (Intercept)  18.184
##           modality       6.729   1.00
##           SNR            3.401  -1.00 -1.00
##   PID       (Intercept) 159.765
##           modality      89.722  -0.03
##           SNR           101.747   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
##   (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##           998.82          98.52          92.36         -29.56
## optimizer (bobyqa) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $Nelder_Mead.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301152.4
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim      (Intercept)   0.000
##           modality       18.122   NaN
##           SNR            9.198   NaN  0.96
##   PID       (Intercept) 186.856
##           modality     101.671  -0.32
##           SNR          109.862   0.27 -0.56
## Residual                247.651
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
##   (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##           998.80          98.49          92.34         -29.52
## optimizer (Nelder_Mead) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $optimx.nlminb
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim      (Intercept)  18.183
##           modality       6.730   1.00
##           SNR            3.402  -1.00 -1.00
##   PID       (Intercept) 159.763

```

```

##           modality      89.721 -0.03
##           SNR          101.749  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.56
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $'optimx.L-BFGS-B'
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 18.170
##           modality    6.733  1.00
##           SNR         3.396 -1.00 -1.00
## PID      (Intercept) 159.842
##           modality    89.761 -0.03
##           SNR         101.824  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.56
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 18.202
##           modality    6.728  1.00
##           SNR         3.422 -1.00 -1.00
## PID      (Intercept) 159.689
##           modality    89.682 -0.03
##           SNR         101.712  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.56
## optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |

```



```

##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept)  18.202
##           modality      6.728   1.00
##           SNR          3.422  -1.00 -1.00
## PID      (Intercept) 159.689
##           modality     89.682  -0.03
##           SNR         101.712   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##      998.82         98.52         92.36      -29.56
## optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nmkbw.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR |
##      stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##      Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.3
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept)  18.187
##           modality      6.725   1.00
##           SNR          3.401  -1.00 -1.00
## PID      (Intercept) 159.763
##           modality     89.731  -0.03
##           SNR         101.740   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.491
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##      998.82         98.52         92.36      -29.56
## optimizer (nmkbw) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings

```

## Likelihood Ratio Tests

All of these produced a singular fit, and the estimation issues seem to be coming from the item random effects. Given that all the optimizers produced very similar estimates for fixed and random effects, and the item random effects (particularly the slopes) are contributing very little to the total variance using all of the optimizers, we'll try removing the by-item random slopes for modality or SNR, and testing those against the full model via likelihood ratio tests to see if we can remove those (refit = FALSE because we are testing random effects, not fixed effects).

```

rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +
  (1 + modality + SNR|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),
  data = rt_data_interaction)

```

```

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :

```

```
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00694594 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

```
rt_int_no_modality_stim.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +  
  (1 + SNR|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),  
  data = rt_data_interaction)
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
rt_int_no_SNR_stim.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +  
  (1 + modality|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),  
  data = rt_data_interaction)
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
anova(rt_int_no_modality_stim.mod, rt_int.mod, refit = FALSE)
```

```
## Data: rt_data_interaction
```

```
## Models:
```

```
## rt_int_no_modality_stim.mod: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + SNR | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
```

```
## rt_int.mod: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
```

```
##
```

	npar	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	Chisq	Df
## rt_int_no_modality_stim.mod	14	301166	301278	-150569	301138		
## rt_int.mod	17	301171	301307	-150569	301137	0.9413	3

```
##
```

```
## Pr(>Chisq)
```

```
## rt_int_no_modality_stim.mod
```

```
## rt_int.mod
```

```
## 0.8154
```

```
anova(rt_int_no_SNR_stim.mod, rt_int.mod, refit = FALSE)
```

```
## Data: rt_data_interaction
```

```
## Models:
```

```
## rt_int_no_SNR_stim.mod: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
```

```
## rt_int.mod: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality + SNR | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
```

```
##
```

	npar	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
## rt_int_no_SNR_stim.mod	14	301166	301277	-150569	301138			
## rt_int.mod	17	301171	301307	-150569	301137	0.2683	3	0.9659

```
##
```

```
## 0.9659
```

It looks like the model with both random slopes does not differ from either reduced model, so we'll start by removing the random slope that is contributing less to the total variance according to all previous models (the by-item random slope for SNR).

```
rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +  
  (1 + modality|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),  
  data = rt_data_interaction)
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

This one produced a singular fit (we already knew that would happen because we built the same model above), so let's try `all_fit()`

```
all_fit(rt_int.mod)
```

```
## bobyqa. :
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## Nelder_Mead. :
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :  
## unable to evaluate scaled gradient
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :  
## Model failed to converge: degenerate Hessian with 1 negative eigenvalues
```

```
## Warning: Model failed to converge with 1 negative eigenvalue: -4.1e+03
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## optimx.nlminb :
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :  
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00213471 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## optimx.L-BFGS-B :
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD :
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA :
```

```
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

```
## [OK]
```

```
## nmkbw. :
```

```
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :  
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00257822 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

```
## [OK]
```

```

## $bobyqa.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##      (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name             Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept)    16.414
##           modality       6.928  1.00
## PID       (Intercept)   159.747
##           modality      89.694 -0.03
##           SNR           101.742  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.498
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##      998.82         98.52         92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (bobyqa) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $Nelder_Mead.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##      (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301167.5
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name             Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept)     3.174
##           modality       26.456 -0.74
## PID       (Intercept)   251.305
##           modality      89.545 -0.06
##           SNR           116.118 -0.21 -0.45
## Residual                247.522
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##      998.79         98.48         92.29      -29.48
## optimizer (Nelder_Mead) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 2 lme4 warnings
##
## $optimx.nlminb
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##      (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name             Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept)    16.410
##           modality       6.929  1.00
## PID       (Intercept)   159.723
##           modality      89.684 -0.03
##           SNR           101.735  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.498

```

```

## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
##   (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $'optimx.L-BFGS-B'
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##   (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##   Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim     (Intercept) 16.414
##           modality     6.942  1.00
##   PID      (Intercept) 159.621
##           modality     89.697 -0.03
##           SNR          101.770  0.02 -0.47
##   Residual                247.498
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
##   (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nlptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##   (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##   Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim     (Intercept) 16.416
##           modality     6.925  1.00
##   PID      (Intercept) 159.747
##           modality     89.694 -0.03
##           SNR          101.748  0.02 -0.47
##   Residual                247.498
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
##   (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (nlptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nlptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##   (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
##   Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
##   Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr

```

```

## stim      (Intercept)  16.416
##           modality      6.925  1.00
## PID       (Intercept) 159.747
##           modality      89.694 -0.03
##           SNR          101.748  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.498
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nmkbw.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (1 + modality | stim) +
##          (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301137.6
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     (Intercept) 16.415
##           modality    6.926  1.00
## PID      (Intercept) 159.747
##           modality    89.693 -0.03
##           SNR         101.742  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.498
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.52      92.36      -29.55
## optimizer (nmkbw) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings

```

## The Nelder-Mead optimizer

The Nelder-Mead optimizer might work, so we'll try that one

```

rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +
                  (1 + modality|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),
                  data = rt_data_interaction,
                  control = lmerControl(optimizer = 'Nelder_Mead'))

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## unable to evaluate scaled gradient

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge: degenerate Hessian with 1 negative eigenvalues

## Warning: Model failed to converge with 1 negative eigenvalue: -4.1e+03

```

That led to convergence issues. It looks like all of these optimizers lead to estimation issues, so we'll try removing the correlation between the random intercept for stimulus and the by-stimulus random slope for modality (this is ok in this situation because we aren't actually interested in that correlation).

```
rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +
                  (0 + modality|stim) + (1|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),
                  data = rt_data_interaction)
```

This led to a convergence warning, so we'll try all\_fit() again

```
all_fit(rt_int.mod)
```

```
## bobyqa. : [OK]
## Nelder_Mead. : [OK]
## optimx.nlminb : [OK]
## optimx.L-BFGS-B :

## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
## Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.0135467 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

## [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD : [OK]
## nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA : [OK]
## nmkbw. : [OK]

## $bobyqa.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
##          (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality            12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept)        18.88
## PID       (Intercept)       159.76
##           modality           89.69  -0.03
##           SNR                101.76  0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality          SNR modality:SNR
##      998.82        98.51          92.34      -29.53
##
## $Nelder_Mead.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
##          (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality            12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept)        18.88
## PID       (Intercept)       159.76
##           modality           89.69  -0.03
```

```

##          SNR          101.76    0.02 -0.47
## Residual          247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)          modality          SNR  modality:SNR
##          998.82          98.51          92.34          -29.53
##
## $optimx.nlminb
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
## (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality      12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept)  18.87
## PID       (Intercept) 159.75
##           modality      89.69  -0.03
##           SNR          101.76   0.02 -0.47
## Residual          247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)          modality          SNR  modality:SNR
##          998.82          98.51          92.34          -29.53
##
## $'optimx.L-BFGS-B'
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
## (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality      12.01
## stim.1    (Intercept)  18.90
## PID       (Intercept) 159.75
##           modality      89.75  -0.03
##           SNR          101.87   0.02 -0.47
## Residual          247.45
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)          modality          SNR  modality:SNR
##          998.82          98.51          92.34          -29.53
## optimizer (optimx) convergence code: 0 (OK) ; 0 optimizer warnings; 1 lme4 warnings
##
## $nloptwrap.NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
## (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name          Std.Dev. Corr

```



```

## stim      modality      12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept)  18.88
## PID       (Intercept) 159.76
##           modality      89.70   -0.03
##           SNR           101.76   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.51      92.34      -29.53
##
## $nlptwrap.NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
## (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality    12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept) 18.88
## PID       (Intercept) 159.76
##           modality    89.70   -0.03
##           SNR         101.76   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.51      92.34      -29.53
##
## $nmkbw.
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerModLmerTest']
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
## (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name      Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality    12.04
## stim.1    (Intercept) 18.88
## PID       (Intercept) 159.76
##           modality    89.70   -0.03
##           SNR         101.77   0.02 -0.47
## Residual                247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
## Fixed Effects:
## (Intercept)      modality      SNR  modality:SNR
##      998.82      98.51      92.34      -29.53

```

The bobyqa optimizer might work, so we'll try that

```

rt_int.mod <- lmer(RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR +
  (0 + modality|stim) + (1|stim) + (1 + modality + SNR|PID),
  data = rt_data_interaction,

```

```
control = lmerControl(optimizer = 'bobyqa'))
```

Looks like that converged, but let's examine the random effects output to make sure estimation went smoothly.

## Summary

```
summary(rt_int.mod)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: RT ~ 1 + modality + SNR + modality:SNR + (0 + modality | stim) +
##          (1 | stim) + (1 + modality + SNR | PID)
## Data: rt_data_interaction
## Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa")
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 301138.2
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.5354 -0.6949 -0.0045  0.5972  4.8706
##
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## stim     modality             144.7    12.03
## stim.1    (Intercept)         356.3    18.88
## PID       (Intercept)      25522.7   159.76
##           modality          8044.7    89.69   -0.03
##           SNR               10355.6   101.76    0.02 -0.47
## Residual                    61234.2   247.46
## Number of obs: 21679, groups: stim, 543; PID, 53
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   998.824    22.214   52.729  44.964 < 2e-16 ***
## modality      98.510     13.199   59.065   7.464 4.41e-10 ***
## SNR           92.339     14.790   58.004   6.243 5.39e-08 ***
## modality:SNR  -29.532      6.755 21298.850  -4.372 1.24e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##              (Intr) modlty SNR
## modality     -0.063
## SNR          -0.014 -0.354
## modality:SNR  0.074 -0.247 -0.232
```

Looks ok! We'll stick with this one.

## Testing for an effect of modality on intelligibility (binomial)

Load data and name it `acc_data`

```
acc_data <- read_csv("Data/acc_dummy_data.csv")

## Rows: 28807 Columns: 4
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (2): modality, stim
## dbl (2): PID, acc
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

Dummy code modality with audio-only as the reference level

```
acc_data$modality <- ifelse(acc_data$modality == "Audio-only", 0, 1)
```

Make PID and stim factors

```
acc_data$PID <- as.factor(acc_data$PID)
acc_data$stim <- as.factor(acc_data$stim)
```

### Full Model

Build a full model

```
acc_full.mod <- glmer(acc ~ 1 + modality +
  (1 + modality|PID) + (1 + modality|stim),
  data = acc_data,
  family = binomial)
```

### Summary

Check random effects output

```
summary(acc_full.mod)

## Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
##   Approximation) [glmerMod]
##   Family: binomial   ( logit )
## Formula: acc ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
##   Data: acc_data
##
##           AIC          BIC    logLik deviance df.resid
##  27988.6   28054.8 -13986.3  27972.6     28799
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -6.2346  0.1411  0.3436  0.5606  2.0937
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups Name          Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##   stim   (Intercept) 0.72085  0.8490
##         modality    0.46663  0.6831  -0.06
##   PID    (Intercept) 0.04346  0.2085
##         modality    0.04903  0.2214  -0.15
## Number of obs: 28807, groups:  stim, 543; PID, 53
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  0.77987    0.05043   15.46  <2e-16 ***
## modality     1.43094    0.05734   24.95  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##          (Intr)
## modality -0.201
```

## Reduced Model

Build a reduced model lacking the fixed effect for modality

```
acc_reduced.mod <- glmer(acc ~ 1 +
                        (1 + modality|PID) + (1 + modality|stim),
                        data = acc_data,
                        family = binomial)
```

## Likelihood Ratio Test

Conduct a likelihood ratio test to see if the effect of block (audio-only versus audiovisual) is significant

```
anova(acc_reduced.mod, acc_full.mod)
```

```
## Data: acc_data
## Models:
## acc_reduced.mod: acc ~ 1 + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
## acc_full.mod: acc ~ 1 + modality + (1 + modality | PID) + (1 + modality | stim)
##              npar    AIC    BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
## acc_reduced.mod    7 28147 28205 -14067   28133
## acc_full.mod       8 27989 28055 -13986   27973 160.78   1 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## Fixed-effects only, random intercepts, and random slopes plots

Load data

```
figuredata <- read_csv("Data/figure_data.csv")
```

```
## Rows: 16 Columns: 3
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## dbl (3): PID, xvar, yvar
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

Make PID a factor

```
figuredata$PID <- as.factor(figuredata$PID)
```

## Fixed-effects only regression plot

Build regression model and view the summary output to look at the residuals

```
ols.mod <- lm(yvar ~ xvar, data = figuredata)
```

```
summary(ols.mod)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = yvar ~ xvar, data = figuredata)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -721.36 -233.80   3.13  361.59  561.08
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   582.92     180.88   3.223  0.00614 **
## xvar          119.84      30.64   3.911  0.00157 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 410.2 on 14 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.5221, Adjusted R-squared:  0.4879
## F-statistic: 15.29 on 1 and 14 DF, p-value: 0.001568
```

Build a fixed effects only plot

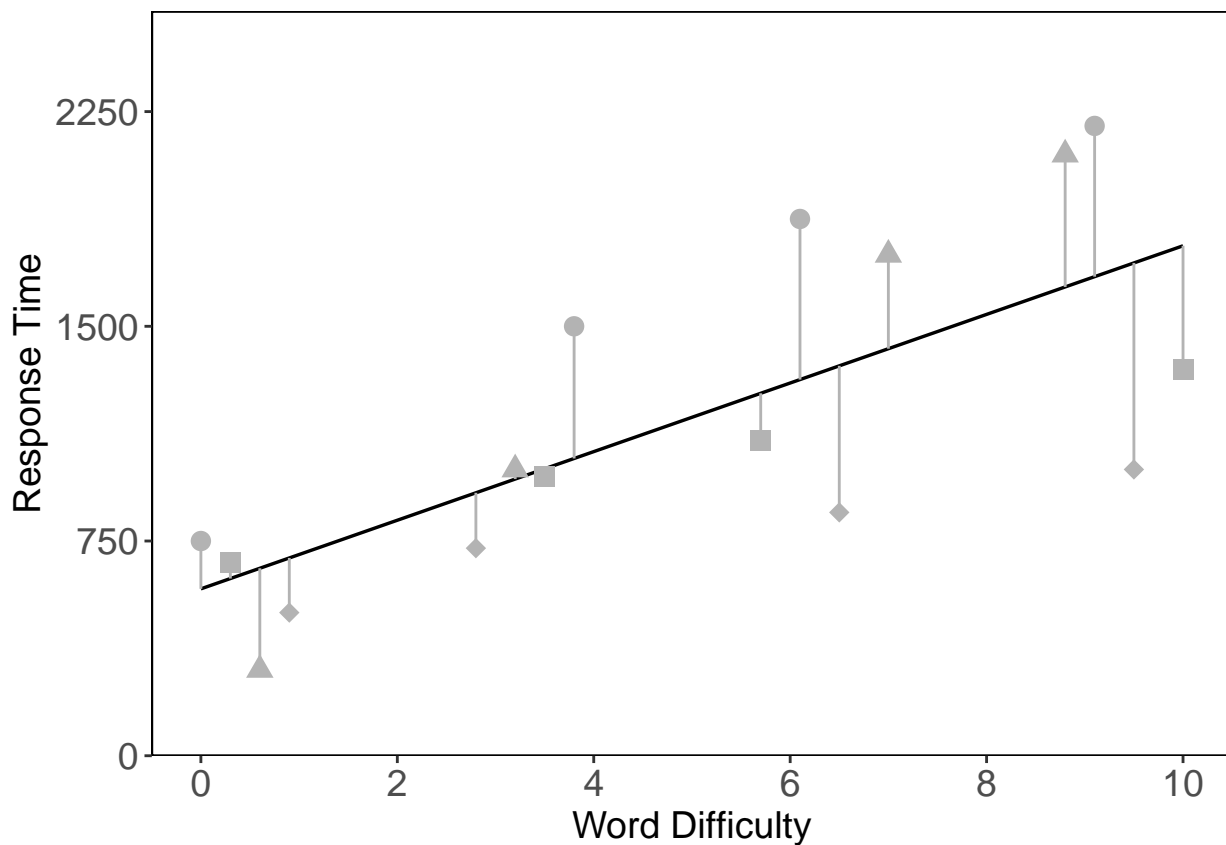
```
ggplot(figuredata, aes(x = xvar, y = yvar)) +
  stat_smooth(method = lm, se = FALSE, linetype = "solid",
             color = "black", size = .6) +
  geom_point(aes(shape = PID), size = 3.25, color = "grey70") +
  scale_shape_manual(values = c(15, 16, 17, 18)) +
  geom_segment(aes(x = xvar, xend = xvar,
                  y = yvar, yend = fitted(ols.mod)),
```

```

    color = "grey70") +
  scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 750, 1500, 2250, 3000),
    limits = c(0, 2600)) +
  scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10),
    limits = c(-0.5, 10.5)) +
  theme(panel.background = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
    panel.border = element_rect(colour = "black", fill = NA),
    legend.position = "none",
    axis.text = element_text(size = 14),
    axis.title = element_text(size = 14)) +
  labs (x = "Word Difficulty", y = "Response Time")

```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using formula 'y ~ x'
```



Save the figure

```
ggsave("Figures/fixed_effects_plot.png", units = "in", width = 9, height = 6, dpi = 300)
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using formula 'y ~ x'
```

## Random intercepts plot

Build the model with random intercepts and view the summary output to look at the residuals

```
random_intercepts.mod <- lmer(yvar ~ 1 + xvar + (1|PID), data = figuredata)

summary(random_intercepts.mod)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: yvar ~ 1 + xvar + (1 | PID)
## Data: figuredata
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 210.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.6361 -0.6381  0.3516  0.6020  1.3016
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.
## PID (Intercept) 108442 329.3
## Residual 75324 274.5
## Number of obs: 16, groups: PID, 4
##
## Fixed effects:
## Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 576.362 204.356 5.033 2.820 0.036817 *
## xvar 121.185 20.507 11.001 5.909 0.000102 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
## (Intr)
## xvar -0.488
```

Extract the fixed effects estimates for the intercept and slope

```
model_intercept <- as.numeric(fixef(random_intercepts.mod)[1])
model_slope <- as.numeric(fixef(random_intercepts.mod)[2])
```

Extract the individual participant intercepts for this model and add it to the data frame

```
figuredata$intercepts <- rep(coef(random_intercepts.mod)$PID[,1], each = 4)
```

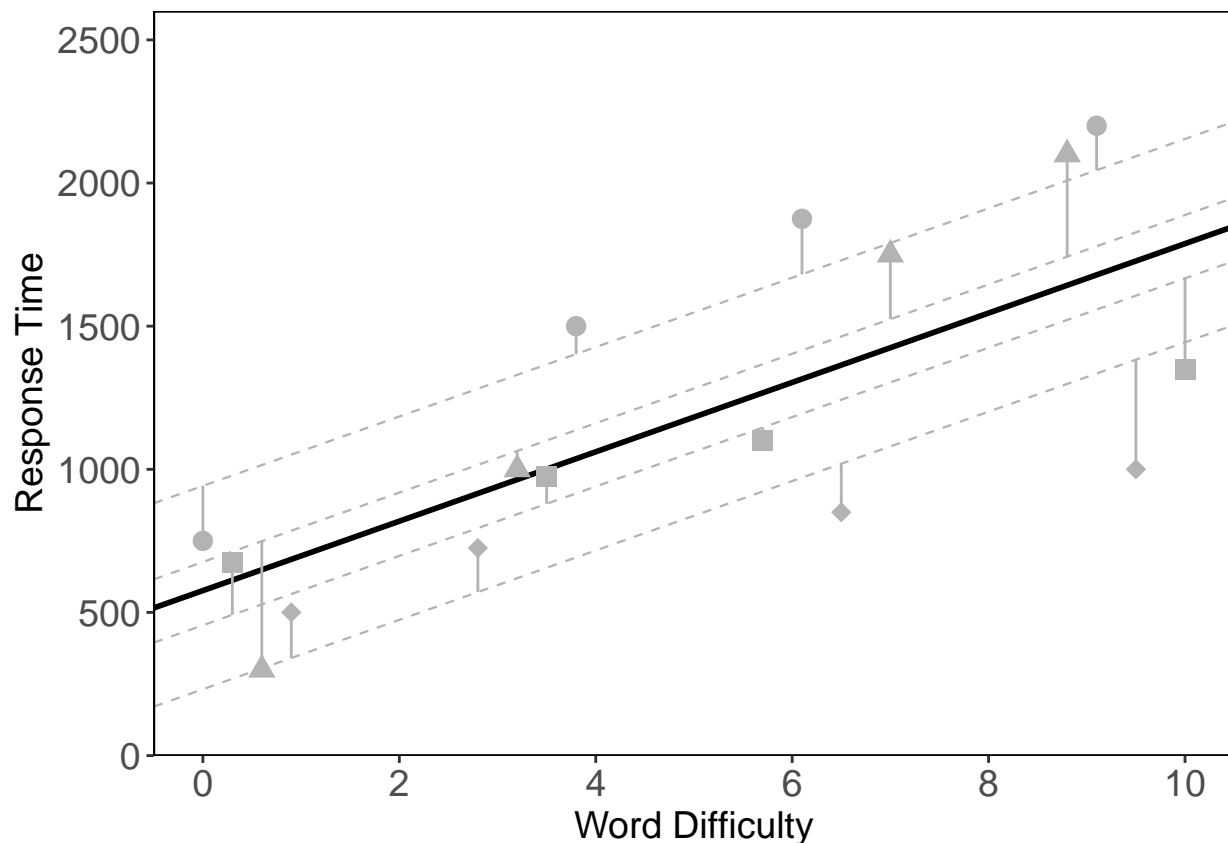
Build random intercepts plot

```
ggplot(figuredata, aes(x = xvar, y = yvar)) +
  geom_abline(slope = model_slope, intercept = model_intercept,
             linetype = "solid", color = "black", size = 1) +
  geom_abline(mapping = aes(slope = model_slope, intercept = intercepts),
             linetype = "dashed", color = "grey70", size = .4) +
  geom_point(aes(shape = PID), size = 3.25, color = "grey70") +
  scale_shape_manual(values = c(15, 16, 17, 18)) +
  geom_segment(aes(x = xvar, xend = xvar,
                  y = yvar, yend = fitted(random_intercepts.mod)),
```

```

    color = "grey70") +
scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500),
    limits = c(0, 2600)) +
scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10),
    limits = c(-0.5, 10.5)) +
theme(panel.background = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
    panel.border = element_rect(colour = "black", fill = NA),
    legend.position = "none",
    axis.text = element_text(size = 14),
    axis.title = element_text(size = 14)) +
labs (x = "Word Difficulty", y = "Response Time")

```



Save the figure

```

ggsave("Figures/random_intercepts.png", units = "in", width = 9, height = 6, dpi = 300)

```

## Random intercepts and slopes plot

Build the model with random intercepts and slopes and view the summary output to look at the residuals

```

random_slopes.mod <- lmer(yvar ~ 1 + xvar + (1 + xvar|PID), data = figuredata)
summary(random_slopes.mod)

```



```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: yvar ~ 1 + xvar + (1 + xvar | PID)
## Data: figuredata
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 191.1
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.0716 -0.4797 -0.1726  0.6937  1.0952
##
## Random effects:
## Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## PID      (Intercept) 61192      247.37
##          xvar        5854       76.51  -0.40
## Residual          5638       75.08
## Number of obs: 16, groups: PID, 4
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  561.105    128.055    2.990  4.382   0.0222 *
## xvar         124.636     38.667    2.997  3.223   0.0485 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr)
## xvar -0.415
```

Extract the individual participant intercepts and slopes from this model and add them to the data frame

```
figuredata$intercepts2 <- rep(coef(random_slopes.mod)$PID[,1], each = 4)
figuredata$slopes <- rep(coef(random_slopes.mod)$PID[,2], each = 4)
```

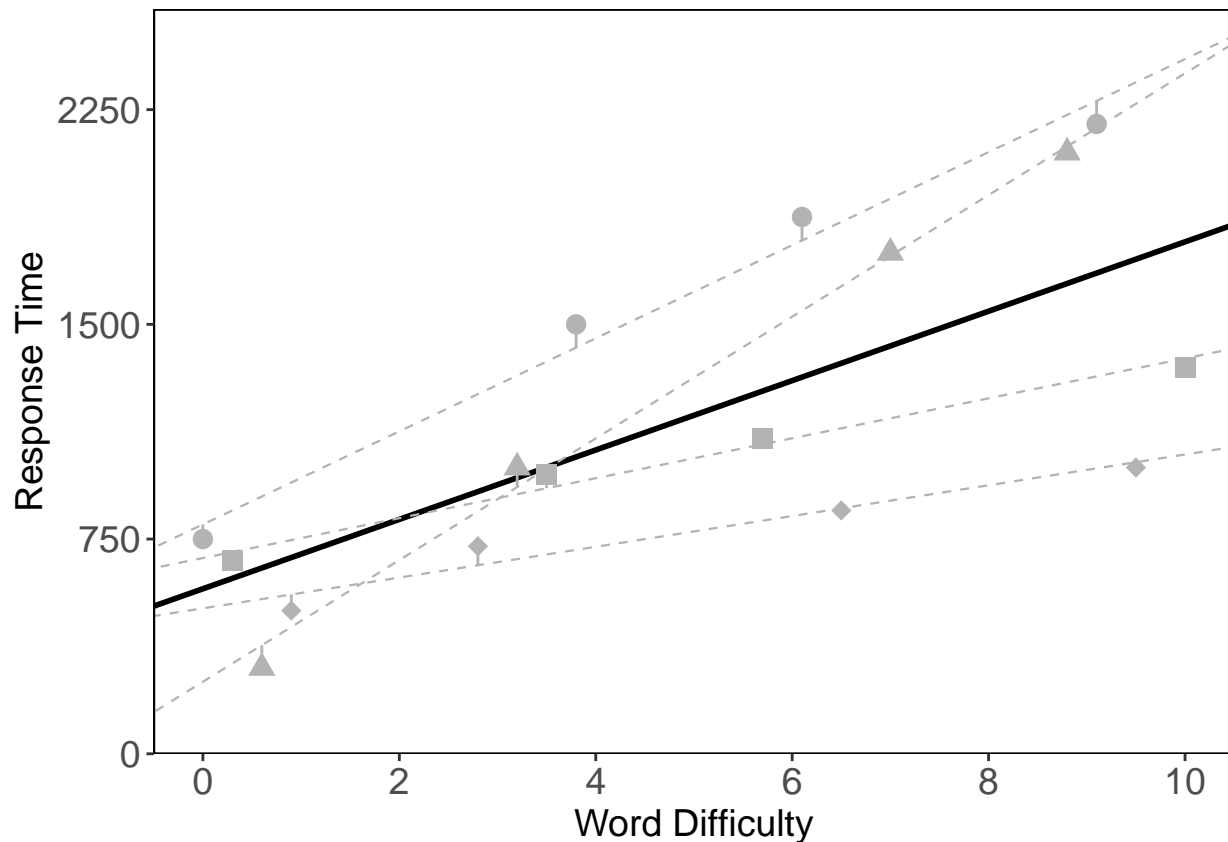
Build plot

```
ggplot(figuredata, aes(x = xvar, y = yvar)) +
  geom_abline(slope = model_slope, intercept = model_intercept,
             linetype = "solid", color = "black", size = 1) +
  geom_abline(mapping = aes(slope = slopes,
                           intercept = intercepts2, linetype = PID),
             linetype = "dashed", color = "grey70", size = .4) +
  geom_point(aes(shape = PID), size = 3.25, color = "grey70") +
  scale_shape_manual(values = c(15, 16, 17, 18)) +
  geom_segment(aes(x = xvar, xend = xvar,
                  y = yvar, yend = fitted(random_slopes.mod)),
             color = "grey70") +
  scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 750, 1500, 2250),
                    limits = c(0, 2600)) +
  scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0), breaks = c(0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10),
                    limits = c(-0.5, 10.5)) +
  theme(panel.background = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
```

```

panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
panel.border = element_rect(colour = "black", fill = NA),
legend.position = "none",
axis.text = element_text(size = 14),
axis.title = element_text(size = 14)) +
labs (x = "Word Difficulty", y = "Response Time")

```



Save the figure

```

ggsave("Figures/random_slopes.png", units = "in", width = 9, height = 6, dpi = 300)

```

### Resources to common questions:

1. How many cluster do I need to fit a Mixed Effects model?

- Video by CenterStat: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKXcayBhbMc>
- Review by McNeish & Stapleton (2016)

1. Intraclass Correlation:

- If ICC = 0 then there are no between-group differences to produce dependence. The nesting of the data is irrelevant.
- – This is the assumption of GLM

- – Multilevel model reduces to GLM when  $ICC = 0$ .
- If  $ICC = 1$  then all differences are between-groups differences and individuals within a group have identical scores.
- ICCs of .1 to .3 are common for individuals within groups.