







How do you define change?







Introduction to Change

- Types of Constructs in Social Sciences
 - Fixed Constructs (Traits)
 - Aspects that do not change over time
 - Personality, IQ (though debatable)
 - Changing Constructs (States)
 - Aspects that do change
 - Mood, Concentration
 - Nothing is Truly Fixed
 - Over long time scales, even traits can change
 - Mountains change over time

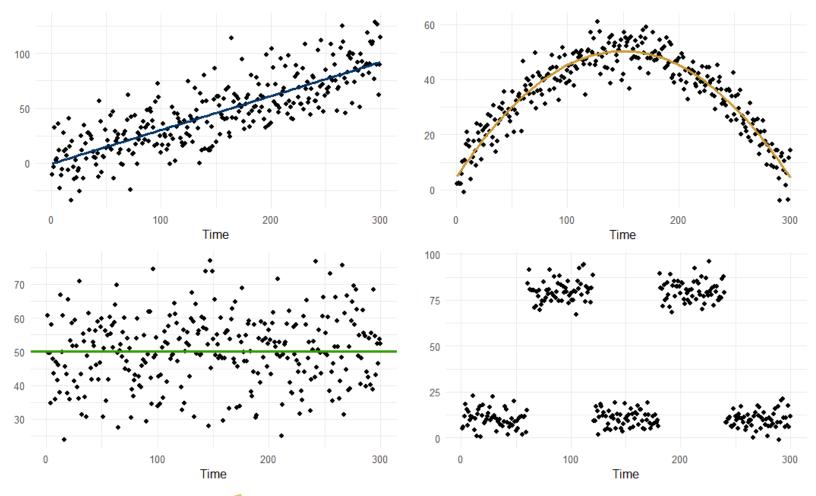










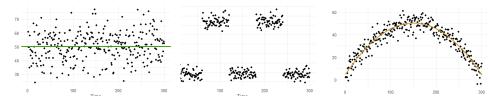






Different Types of Change

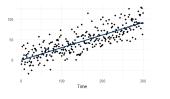
- Change isn't one thing
 - Change varies in how it manifests
- Types of Change
 - Long-term vs Short-term
- Reversible vs Non-reversible/Trend
 - Reversible changes can return to previous states



• Non-reversible changes or trends show consistent movement in one direction

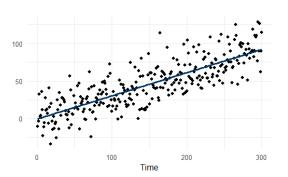






Multilevel Modeling for Investigating Systematic Mean-Level Change

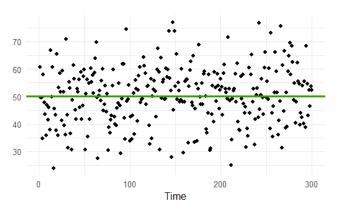
- Traditional Multilevel Analysis
 - Useful for examining change across different levels
 - Within-person variability (how an individual changes over time)
 - Between-person differences (how individuals differ in their patterns of change)
 - We can model time as a predictor to study how (average) change occurs over time and whether the effects of time differ across individuals







- Alternative Multilevel Analysis
 - We can also look at lagged (autoregressive) effects (using the value of a predictor from a previous time point to predict the current outcome) to model short-term fluctuations and temporal stability of the variable (e.g., how much yesterday's mood influences today's mood
 - With regular multilevel modeling and time as predictor, we would find slopes of zero,
 and the intercept would just be the average outcome value







- Type of data needed
 - Intensive Longitudinal Data (ILD) or shorter longitudinal (e.g., panel) studies to track changes
 - ILD is characterized by many observations per person and observations taken close together in time
 - ILD is particularly helpful for revealing how individuals experience short-term fluctuations.
 - Example: To study mood fluctuations throughout the day, collecting frequent data points is essential





Systematic Mean-Level Change





Systematic Mean-Level Change: Recall the Steps of a multilevel analysis

- 1. Check whether multilevel is necessary
- 2. Add first-level variables
- 3. Add second-level variables
- 4. Add random slopes
- 5. Add cross-level interactions (if random slopes are present)





Step 1: Check whether multilevel is necessary





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Hypotheses

- H₀: observations of the same person aren't more alike than observations of other persons; the level-2 variance (in the intercepts) is zero
- H₁: observations of the same person are more alike than observations of other persons; the level-2 variance (in the intercepts) is larger than zero





- The dataset *gpa* contains longitudinal data on 200 college students
- The students' grade point average (GPA; range 1.7-4) has been recorded for six successive semesters
- At the same time, it was recorded whether the student held a job in that semester, and for how many hours. This is recorded in the time-varying variable job (= hours worked)
- We also have the student-level variables
 - high school GPA
 - biological sex (0 = male, 1 = female)





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> # Check whether multilevel is necessary (using intercept-only models)
> IO <- lm(gpa \sim 1, gpa)
> IO_ML <- lmer(gpa ~ 1 + (1 | student), gpa)
> anova(IO_ML, IO)
refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
Data: gpa
Models:
IO: gpa ~ 1
IO_ML: gpa \sim 1 + (1 \mid student)
                       BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
        2 1167.28 1177.46 -581.64 1163.28
IO
                                                                          Allowing for between-person differences
        3 919.46 934.73 -456.73 913.46 249.82 1 < 2.2e-16 ***
IO_ML
                                                                           in the intercepts significantly improves
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                                           model fit
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> summary(IO_ML)
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: gpa \sim 1 + (1 \mid student)
   Data: gpa
REML criterion at convergence: 919.5
Scaled residuals:
   Min
             10 Median
                             3Q
                                    Max
-3.6504 -0.5496 0.0603 0.6356 2.5736
Random effects:
 Groups Name
                  Variance Std.Dev.
 student (Intercept) 0.05714 0.2390
                                                 Together they make up the total variance: 0.05714 of the
 Residual
                      0.09759 0.3124
                                                 variance is at the person level and 0.09759 is the variance within
Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
                                                 persons
Fixed effects:
             Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
2.86500 0.01916 198.99999 149.6 <2e-16 *** Average gpa across all students and time-points
(Intercept) 2.86500
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
>
> # "Variance student" / ("Variance residual" + "Variance student")
> 0.05714 / (0.05714 + 0.09759) # ICC = 0.3692884
[1] 0.3692884
> # --> variance explained by between-person differences
```

Step 2: Add first-level variables





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- We want to check if time-point-specific variables (level 1) help explain within-person variation in the outcome
 - Add all first-level variables (+ their interactions) and check whether they are significant or not
- Hypotheses:
 - H₀: There is no relation between the dependent and the explanatory variable(s)
 - H₁: There is a (positive/negative) relation between the dependent and the explanatory variable(s)





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> # Step 2: Add first-level variables
> ## TIME
> ML_level1_a <- lmer(gpa \sim 1 + time + (1 | student), gpa)
> summary(ML_level1_a)
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: gpa \sim 1 + time + (1 \mid student)
   Data: gpa
REML criterion at convergence: 408.9
Scaled residuals:
    Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.6169 -0.6373 -0.0004 0.6361 2.8310
Random effects:
                     Variance Std.Dev.
 Groups Name
 student (Intercept) 0.06372 0.2524
 Residual
                     0.05809 0.2410
Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error
                                       df t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                  There is a significant effect of time on gpa
                                                    <2e-16 ***
(Intercept) 2.599e+00 2.170e-02 3.223e+02
                                            119.8
time
           1.063e-01 4.074e-03 9.990e+02
                                             26.1
                                                    <2e-16 ***
                                                                  (the effect may look small, but it is also a small scale)
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                                  The intercept is interesting: expected GPA at t = 0
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
     (Intr)
time -0.469
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```
> VarianceIO <- as.data.frame(VarCorr(IO_ML))</pre>
> VarianceLv1 <- as.data.frame(VarCorr(ML_level1_a))</pre>
> VarianceI0
                               VCOV
                  var1 var2
                                          sdcor_
       grp
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.05713534 0.239030
                                                    before adding time as a predictor
                  <NA> <NA> 0.09759000 0.312394
2 Residual
> VarianceLv1
                  var1 var2
                                           sdcor
       grp
                                  VCOV
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.06371891 0.2524261 \( \sime \) after adding time as a predictor
                  <NA> <NA> 0.05808854 0.2410156
2 Residual
> # Explained Variance on Level 1
> (VarianceI0[2, 4] - VarianceLv1[2, 4]) / VarianceI0[2, 4]
[1] 0.4047695
> # 0.4047695
> # Explained Variance on Level 2
> (VarianceI0[1, 4] - VarianceLv1[1, 4]) / VarianceI0[1, 4]
[1] -0.1152277
> # Update the ICC ("Variance student" / ("Variance residual" + "Variance student"))
> 0.06372/(0.06372 + 0.05809) # ICC = 0.5231
                                                       Explained variance can't be negative! (it is due to fixed
[1] 0.5231098
                                                       measurement occasions)
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What should you do now? When adding more level-1 predictors, use the model WITH time as your reference model, and NOT the intercept-only model! The same holds for calculating the ICC.

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> ML_level1_b <- lmer(gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 | student), gpa)
> summary(ML_level1_b)
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 | student)
   Data: gpa
REML criterion at convergence: 330
Scaled residuals:
    Min
              10 Median
                                        Max
-3.03460 -0.60192 -0.00864 0.64432 2.88770
Random effects:
Groups Name
                     Variance Std.Dev.
 student (Intercept) 0.05274 0.2297
 Residual
                     0.05524 0.2350
Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
Fixed effects:
             Estimate Std. Error
                                         df t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2.970e+00 4.413e-02 1.187e+03 67.304
                                                    <2e-16 ***
time
           1.025e-01 3.993e-03 9.932e+02 25.660
                                                     <2e-16 ***
                                                    <2e-16 *** There is a significant effect of job on gpa, after controlling</p>
job
           -1.714e-01 1.813e-02 1.089e+03 -9.452
                                                                for time
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
     (Intr) time
time -0.314
job -0.889 0.102
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> # Now, we re-calculate the explained variances on Level 1 and 2
> VarianceTime <- as.data.frame(VarCorr(ML_level1_a))</pre>
> VarianceLv1 <- as.data.frame(VarCorr(ML_level1_b))</pre>
> VarianceTime
                  var1 var2
                                 VCOV
                                           sdcor
                                                       We use the model with time as baseline model
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.06371891 0.2524261
2 Residual
                 <NA> <NA> 0.05808854 0.2410156
> VarianceLv1
                  var1 var2
                                           sdcor
                                  VCOV
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.05274081 0.2296537
                 <NA> <NA> 0.05523791 0.2350275
2 Residual
> # Explained Variance on Level 1
> (VarianceTime[2, 4] - VarianceLv1[2, 4]) / VarianceTime[2, 4]
[1] 0.04907393
> # 0.04907393
> # Explained Variance on Level 2
> (VarianceTime[1, 4] - VarianceLv1[1, 4]) / VarianceTime[1, 4]
[1] 0.1722895
> # 0.1722895
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Step 3: Add second-level variables





Step 3: Second-level variables

- We want to check if person-level variables (level 2) can explain betweenperson variation in the outcome
 - Add all second-level variables (+ their interactions) and check whether they are significant or not

Hypotheses:

- H₀: There is no relation between the explanatory variable(s) and the mean score of the dependent variable
- H₁: There is a (positive/negative) relation between the explanatory variable(s) and the mean score of the dependent variable





-0.251 0.003 0.027 0.073

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> # Step 3: Add second-level variables
> ML_level1_2 lmer(gpa ~ 1 + time + job + (1 | student) + highgpa + sex, gpa)
> summary(ML_level1_2)# both person-level variables have significant partial effects
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: qpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 | student) + highgpa + sex
   Data: gpa
REML criterion at convergence: 314.8
Scaled residuals:
    Min
              10 Median
                               3Q
                                       Max
-2.92840 -0.59430 -0.02621 0.63278 2.95643
Random effects:
 Groups Name
                     Variance Std.Dev.
 student (Intercept) 0.04582 0.2141
 Residual
                    0.05524 0.2350
Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
Fixed effects:
                                        df t value Pr(>|t|)
             Estimate Std. Error
(Intercept) 2.640e+00 9.817e-02 2.843e+02 26.897 < 2e-16 ***
time
            1.025e-01 3.993e-03 9.932e+02 25.657 < 2e-16 ***
           -1.718e-01 1.809e-02 1.097e+03 -9.497 < 2e-16 ***
iob
         8.471e-02 2.798e-02 1.913e+02 3.028 0.0028 **
highgpa
                                                                  Both partial effects are positive and significant
            1.473e-01 3.331e-02 1.913e+02 4.421 1.65e-05 ***
sex
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
        (Intr) time job highgp
       -0.144
       -0.428 0.102
    gpa -0.876 0.003 0.029
```

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> VarianceLV12 <- as.data.frame(VarCorr(ML_level1_2))</pre>
> VarianceLv1
       grp
                  var1 var2_
                                  VCOV
                                            sdcor
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.05274081 0.2296537
2 Residual
                  <NA> <NA> 0.05523791 0.2350275
> VarianceLV12
                  var1 var2
                                            sdcor
                                  VCOV
       grp
1 student (Intercept) <NA> 0.04582142 0.2140594
2 Residual
                  <NA> <NA> 0.05524169 0.2350355
> # Explained Variance on Level 1 (compared to model with just level-1 predictors)
> (VarianceLv1[2, 4] - VarianceLV12[2, 4]) / VarianceLv1[2, 4]
[1] -6.84343e-05
> # 0. No explained variance since you only added a level 2 predictor
> # Explained Variance on Level 2 (compared to model with just level 1 predictors)
> (VarianceLv1[1, 4] - VarianceLV12[1, 4]) / VarianceLv1[1, 4]
[1] 0.1311962
> # 0.1311962
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No explained variance on level 1: a higherlevel predictor can never explain variance on the lower level(s)! (e.g., sex cannot explain differences within a person).

If desired, you could do this change in explained variance computation separately!





Step 4: Add random slopes





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- We want to check if the relationship between level 1 predictors and the outcome varies across individuals (level 2).
- We allow the regression coefficients for the level 1 predictors to differ across the higher units.
 - We check whether the variance in these regression coefficients is significantly different from zero.

Hypotheses:

- H_0 : The relation between the explanatory variable and the dependent variable is the same within all level-2 units (the variance is = 0)
- H₁: The relation between the explanatory variable and the dependent variable is not the same within all level-2 units (the variance is > 0)





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> # Step 4: Add random slopes
      > # # you do this per lower level variable:
      > ML_level1_2_RE_a <- lmer(gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 + time | student) + highgpa + sex, gpa)
      Warning message:
      In checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, :
        Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00407156 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
      > anova(ML_level1_2_RE_a, ML_level1_2)
      refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
      Data: gpa
      Models:
      ML_level1_2: gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 | student) + highgpa + sex
      ML_level1_2_RE_a: gpa ~ 1 + time + job + (1 + time | student) + highgpa + sex
                      npar AIC BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
                      7 296.76 332.39 -141.380 282.76
      ML_level1_2
      ML_level1_2_RE_a 9 188.12 233.93 -85.059 170.12 112.64 2 < 2.2e-16 ***
      ___
      Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
      > -
      > ML_level1_2_RE_b < -level + time + job + (1 + job | student) + highgpa + sex, gpa)
      boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
      > anova(ML_level1_2_RE_b, ML_level1_2)
      refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
      Data: gpa
      Models:
      ML_level1_2: qpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 | student) + highqpa + sex
      ML_level1_2_RE_b: gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 + job | student) + highgpa + sex
                      npar AIC BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
      ML_level1_2 7 296.76 332.39 -141.38 282.76
      ML_level1_2_RE_b 9 288.40 334.21 -135.20 270.40 12.356 2 0.002075 **
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      Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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> ML_level1_2_RE <- lmer(gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 + time + job | student) + highgpa + sex, gpa)
boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
> summary(ML_level1_2_RE)
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: gpa \sim 1 + time + job + (1 + time + job | student) + highgpa +
                                                                    sex
  Data: gpa
REML criterion at convergence: 196.2
Scaled residuals:
   Min
           1Q Median
                         3Q
                                Max
-3.0139 -0.5416 -0.0092 0.5466 3.4026
Random effects:
Groups Name
                   Variance Std.Dev. Corr
student (Intercept) 0.065634 0.25619
         time
                   0.003682 0.06068 0.16
         job
                   0.002346 0.04844 -0.70 -0.82
Residual
                   0.041464 0.20363
Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error
                                     df t value Pr(>|t|)
          2.572847 0.092942 288.665553 27.682 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
time
            job
           0.087399 0.026229 195.218476
                                        3.332 0.001031 **
highgpa
                                         3.929 0.000119 ***
            0.122321
                      0.031133 192.789734
sex
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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Step 5: Add cross-level interactions





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- We want to see if the variance in slopes across level-2 groups can be explained by level-2 predictors.
- Add cross-level interactions between level-1 explanatory variables that had significant slope variation and level-2 explanatory variables

Hypotheses:

- H₀: The explanatory variable cannot explain the variance in the relations between the
 explanatory variable and the dependent variable in different level-2 units
- H₁: the explanatory variable explains (a part of) the variance in the relations between the explanatory variable and the dependent variable in different level-2 units





Step 5: Add cross-level interactions

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> # Step 5: Add cross-level interactions (let's only take sex)
      > ML_level1_2_RE_CL <- lmer(gpa \sim 1 + time * sex + job * sex +
                                 (1 + time + job| student) + highgpa + sex, gpa)
     boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
     > summary(ML_level1_2_RE_CL)
     Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
     Formula: gpa \sim 1 + time * sex + job * sex + (1 + time + job | student) +
        Data: gpa
     REML criterion at convergence: 198.1
     Scaled residuals:
         Min
                  10 Median
                                       Max
      -2.9992 -0.5323 -0.0123 0.5425 3.3969
     Random effects:
              Name
                          Variance Std.Dev. Corr
      Groups
      student (Intercept) 0.064339 0.25365
               time
                          0.003475 0.05895 0.22
               job
                          0.002638 0.05136 -0.67 -0.87
      Residual
                          0.041344 0.20333
     Number of obs: 1200, groups: student, 200
     Fixed effects:
                  Estimate Std. Error
                                             df t value Pr(>|t|)
                  2.642842  0.101036  353.620232  26.157  < 2e-16 ***
      (Intercept)
     time
                  -0.016621 0.084899 466.484172 -0.196 0.84487
      sex
     iob
                  -0.157632 0.023791 633.471172 -6.626 7.39e-11 ***
     highgpa
                0.086563 0.026291 195.051234
                                                3.292 0.00118 **
     time:sex 0.031136 0.010840 194.917726
                                                2.872 0.00453 **
TILBU sex: job 0.041768 0.035015 673.830567
                                                1.193 0.23334
     Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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3.06 GPA 2.73 2.50 3.75 TIME

highapa + sex

Reversible Change





Reversible Change

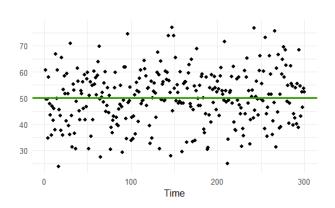
- In a previous video we mentioned that ILD is "Ideal for studying short-term, reversible changes and variability"
 - E.g., mood fluctuations throughout the day.
- What do we mean again with short-term reversible change?
- How is it different from the mean level change discussed in a previous video?

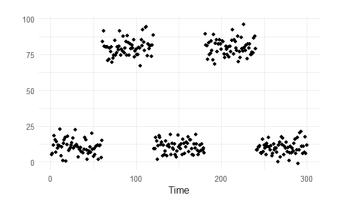


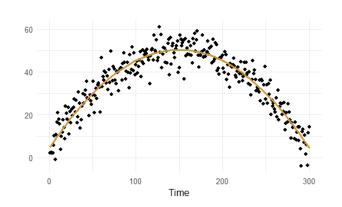


Reversible Change

Reversible changes can return to previous states



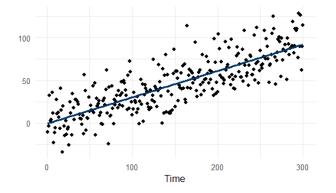




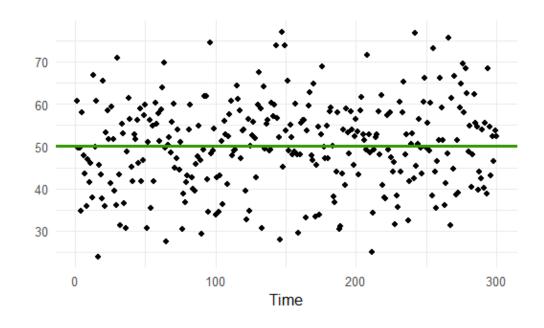
Non-reversible changes or trends show consistent movement in one direction







- Often, ILD studies study change in which the mean does not change over time at all (or in which this type of change is of secondary interest).
- So here, *time* is not a (focal) predictor.
- But how do we predict fluctuations in scores then?



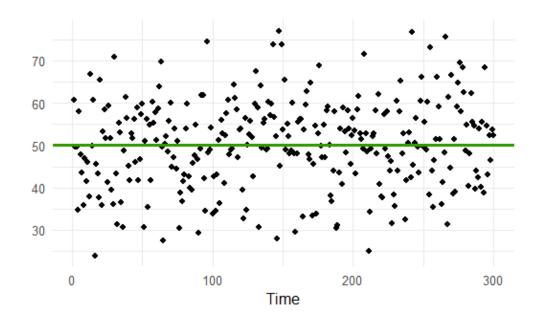


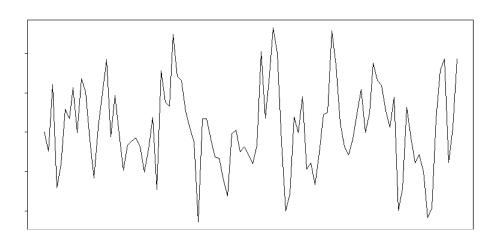


- Most often, ILD studies study change in which the mean does not change over time at all.
- So here, time is not a predictor.
- But how do we predict fluctuations in scores then?
- Maybe easier to see if we visualize the data slightly differently.

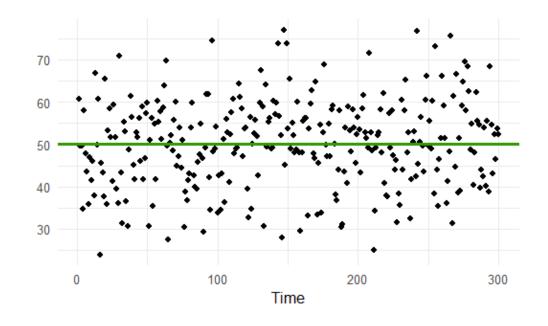


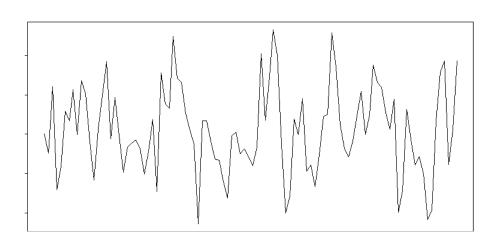






- In essence, we try to predict the current score from the previous scores.
- Most often from the immediate preceding score.

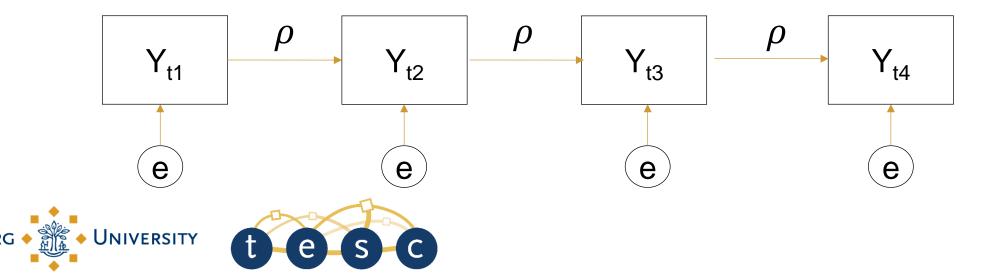








- A model in which we predict the current score from the immediate preceding one is called a first-order autoregressive (AR(1)) model.
- Visually, the AR(1) model can be depicted as:

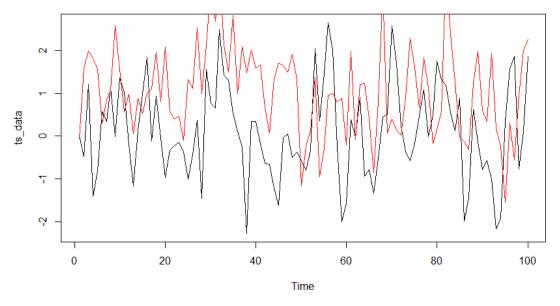


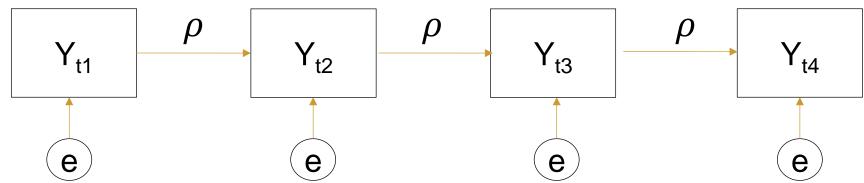
How are differences in change between people reflected in the AR model?





 How is a difference in means reflected?

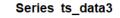


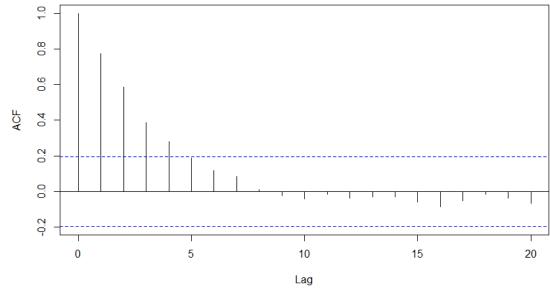


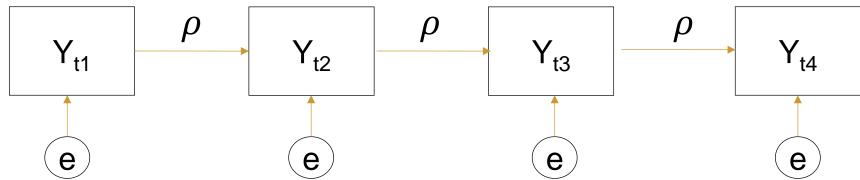




 And a difference in autocorrelation (i.e., how much the current score depends on the previous one)?











- Now how do we fit this AR(1) model?
 - And allow for these differences in means and autocorrelation between people
- Turns out we can do that using the methods we already learned.





Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + b_{X_i}X_{it} + e_{it}$$

Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

$$b_{X_i} = \gamma_{intercept_X} + u_{X_i}$$





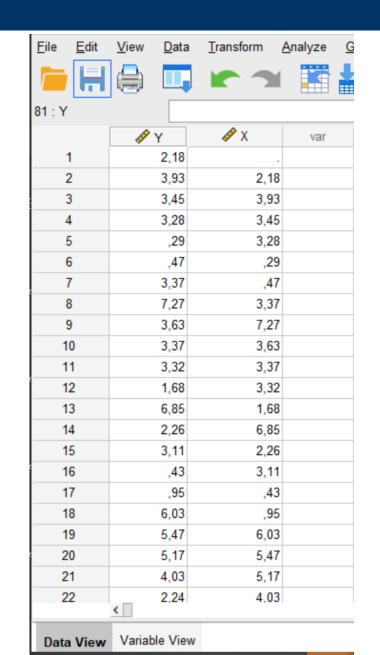
Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + \rho_i Y_{i,t-1} + e_{it}$$

Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

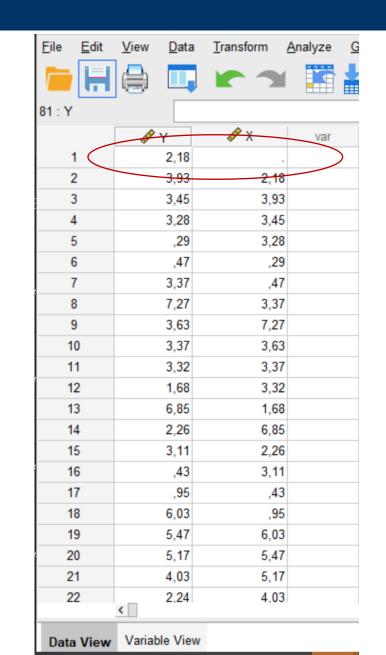
















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$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + \rho_i Y_{i,t-1} + e_{it}$$

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$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

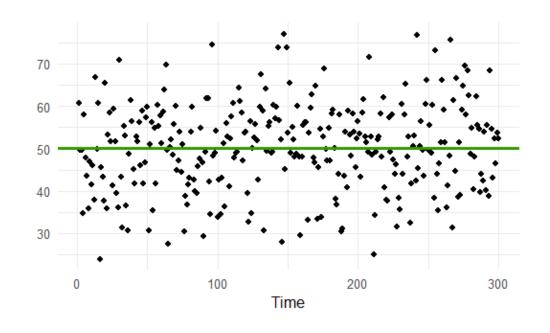
$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

- Couple of things:
 - The intercept is not the mean:

$$\mu_i = \frac{b_{intercept_i}}{1 - \rho_i^2}$$







```
head(VARData)
mean(VARData$Y1)
```

```
> head(VARData)
# A tibble: 6 \times 6
                       Y2 Y1lag Y2lag time
  individual
       <db7> <db7> <db7> <db7>
                           <db1> <db1> <int>
           1 1.10 -0.124 NA
                                 NA
           1 0.588
                    1.86
                           1.10
                                 -0.124
           1 2.99
                    2.20
                           0.588
                                  1.86
           1 3.68
                    2.39
                           2.99
                                  2.20
           1 2.34
                    2.58
                           3.68
                                  2.39
           1 2.67
                    4.79
                           2.34
                                  2.58
> mean(VARData$Y1)
[1] 3.908995
```









```
> summary(AR1)
 Family: gaussian
  Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
Formula: Y1 ~ Y1lag + (1 + Y1lag | individual)
   Data: VARData (Number of observations: 4900)
  Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 5000; warmup = 2500; thin = 1;
         total post-warmup draws = 10000
                                                               > head(VARData)
                                                               # A tibble: 6 \times 6
Multilevel Hyperparameters:
~individual (Number of levels: 100)
                                                                 individual
                                                                                           Y2 Y1lag Y2lag time
                     Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rh
                                                                       \langle db 1 \rangle \langle db 1 \rangle
                                                                                       <db1>
                                                                                               \langle db 1 \rangle
                                                                                                       <db1> <int>
sd(Intercept)
                         0.33
                                   0.08
                                             0.17
                                                      0.48 1
                                                                            1 1.10
                                                                                      -0.124 NA
                                                                                                       NA
                                            0.02
                                                      0.11 1.
sd(Y1lag)
                         0.07
                                   0.02
                                                                            1 0.588
                                                                                       1.86
                                                                                               1.10
                                                                                                      -0.124
cor(Intercept,Y1lag)
                        -0.49
                                   0.33
                                            -0.82
                                                      0.53 1.
                                                                            1 2.99
                                                                                       2.20
                                                                                               0.588
                                                                                                       1.86
                                                                            1 3.68
                                                                                       2.39
                                                                                               2.99
                                                                                                        2.20
Regression Coefficients:
          Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS
                                                                            1 2.34
                                                                                       2.58
                                                                                               3.68
                                                                                                       2.39
                                           2.28 1.00
                                                         8452
Intercept
              2.15
                                 2.03
                        0.06
                                                                            1 2.67
                                                                                       4.79
                                                                                               2.34
                                                                                                        2.58
Y1lag
                        0.01
                                 0.43
                                           0.49 1.00
                                                         7258
                                                               > mean(vakbata$Y1)
                                                               [1] 3.908995
Further Distributional Parameters:
      Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
sigma
          1.02
                    0.01
                             1.00
                                       1.04 1.00
                                                    15145
                                                              6625
```





and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential

Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS

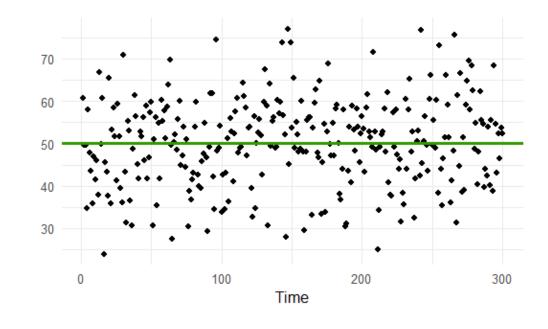
scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).

Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + \rho_i Y_{i,t-1} + e_{it}$$

Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

- Couple of things:
 - Can get the mean directly by group-mean centering the lagged predictor.





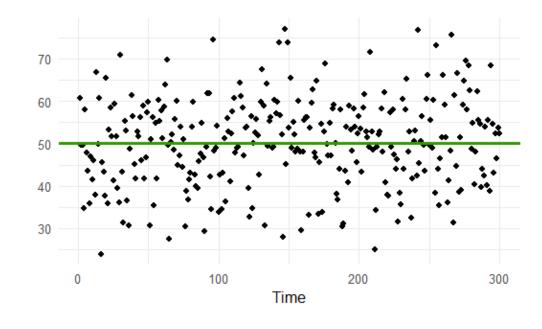


Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = \mu_i + \rho_i (Y_{i,t-1} - \mu_i) + e_{it}$$

Level 2:
$$\mu_i = \gamma_{intercept_\mu} + u_{\mu_i}$$

$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

- Couple of things:
 - Can get the mean directly by group-mean centering the lagged predictor.











```
> summary(AR1_c)
 Family: gaussian
 Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
Formula: Y1 ~ Y1lag_c + (1 + Y1lag_c | individual)
  Data: VARData (Number of observations: 4900)
  Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 5000; warmup = 2500; thin - 1:
        total post-warmup draws = 10000
                                                            > head(VARData)
                                                            # A tibble: 6 \times 6
Multilevel Hyperparameters:
                                                               individual
                                                                                       Y2 Y1lag Y2lag time
~individual (Number of levels: 100)
                                                                     <db1> <db1>
                                                                                  <db1>
                                                                                            \langle db 1 \rangle
                                                                                                   <db1> <int>
                      Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI
                                                                                  -0.124 NA
                                                                         1 1.10
                                                                                                   NA
sd(Intercept)
                          0.56
                                    0.04
                                              0.48
                                                       0.65
                                                                         1 0.588
                                                                                   1.86
                                                                                           1.10
                                                                                                   -0.124
                                    0.02
                                              0.05
                                                       0.13
sd(Y1lag_c)
                          0.09
cor(Intercept,Y1lag_c)
                                                                         1 2.99
                                                                                    2.20
                                                                                           0.588
                                    0.18
                                             -0.20
                                                       0.49
                                                                                                   1.86
                          0.14
                                                                         1 3.68
                                                                                    2.39
                                                                                            2.99
                                                                                                    2.20
Regression Coefficients:
                                                                         1 2.34
                                                                                    2.58
                                                                                            3.68
                                                                                                   2.39
          Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk ES
                                                                         1 2.67
                                                                                    4.79
                                                                                            2.34
                                                                                                    2.58
Intercept
              3.96
                        0.06
                                 3.85
                                          4.07 1.00
                                                        79
                                                            > mean(vardata$Y1)
Y1lag_c
                        0.02
                                 0.40
                                          0.46 1.00
                                                        752
                                                             [1] 3.908995
Further Distributional Parameters:
      Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
          1.01
                   0.01
                            0.99
                                     1.03 1.00
                                                   12167
                                                            7269
sigma
Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
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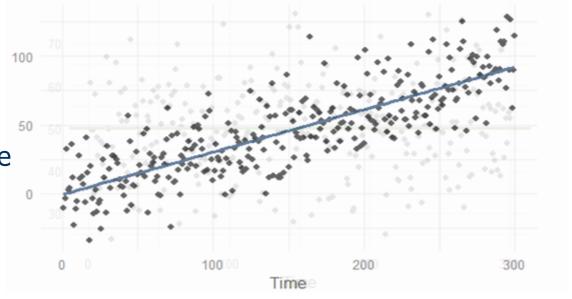
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Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

- Couple of things:
 - The model assumes there is no mean level change, if there is, you need to correct for the trend.







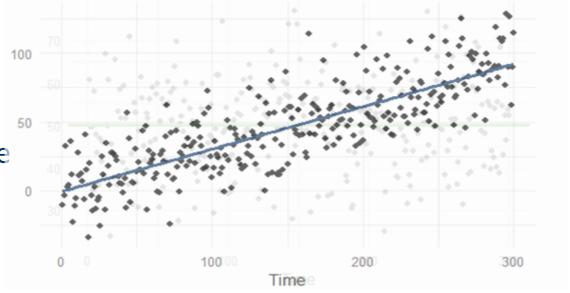
Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + b_{time_i}Time_{it} + e_{it}$$

Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

 $b_{time_i} = \gamma_{intercept_time} + u_{time_i}$

$$e_{it} = \rho_i e_{i,t-1}$$

- Couple of things:
 - The model assumes there is no mean level change, if there is, you need to correct for the trend.











```
> summary(Mean_and_Reversible_Change_Model)
  Family: gaussian
   Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
 Formula: gpa \sim 1 + time + ar(p = 1) + (1 + time | student)
    Data: gpa (Number of observations: 1200)
   Draws: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;
          total post-warmup draws = 4000
 Correlation Structures:
       Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI khat Bulk_ESS Tail ESS
ar[1]
                                        0.18 1.00
                                                               1908
            0.08
                      0.05
                              -0.02
                                                       909
 Multilevel Hyperparameters:
 ~student (Number of levels: 200)
                      Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
 sd(Intercept)
                          0.20
                                             0.17
                                                      0.24 1.00
                                                                             2123
                                    0.02
                                                                    1146
 sd(time)
                         0.07
                                    0.01
                                             0.05
                                                      0.08 1.00
                                                                             2274
                                                                    1000
 cor(Intercept.time)
                         -0.04
                                    0.13
                                            -0.28
                                                      0.23 1.00
                                                                     922
                                                                             1721
 Regression Coefficients:
           Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
                                                                   3471
 Intercept
                                            2.63 1.00
                2.60
                          0.02
                                   2.56
                                                          3336
 time
                0.11
                          0.01
                                            0.12 1.00
                                                          3171
                                                                   3256
                                   0.10
 Further Distributional Parameters:
       Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
           0.21
                                        0.22 1.00
                                                       952
                                                               1923
 sigma
                      0.01
                               0.20
 Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
 and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
 scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
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Level 1:
$$Y_{it} = b_{intercept_i} + \rho_i Y_{i,t-1} + e_{it}$$

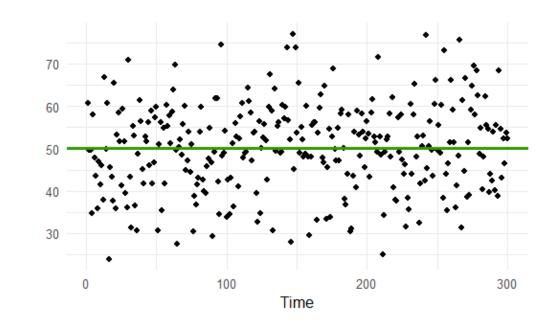
Level 2:
$$b_{intercept_i} = \gamma_{intercept_intercept} + u_{intercept_i}$$

$$\rho_i = \gamma_{intercept_\rho} + u_{\rho_i}$$

Couple of things:

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- Model assumed that time between measurements is the same!
- If that's not the case you need to account for that (e.g., including "missing data" between scores).



ID	TIME	Y _{it}	Y _{i, t-1}
1	1	5.8	
1	2	6.4	5.8
1	4	5.2	
2	1	6.2	
2	2	6.7	6.2
2	3	5.2	6.7
2	4	5.8	5.3





ID	TIME	Y _{it}	Y _{i, t-1}
1	1	5.8	
1	2	6.4	5.8
1	3		6.4
1	4	5.2	
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2	2	6.7	6.2
2	3	5.2	6.7
2	4	5.8	5.3





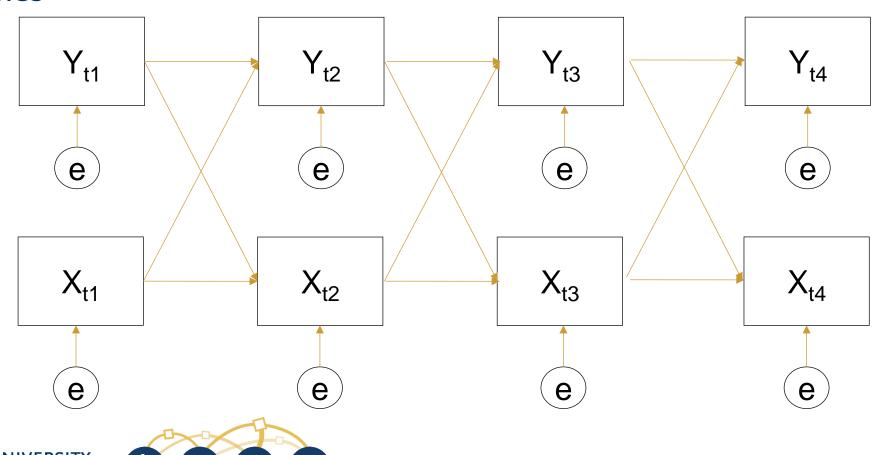
So far looked at the standard multilevel AR(1) model.

• There are some common extensions.

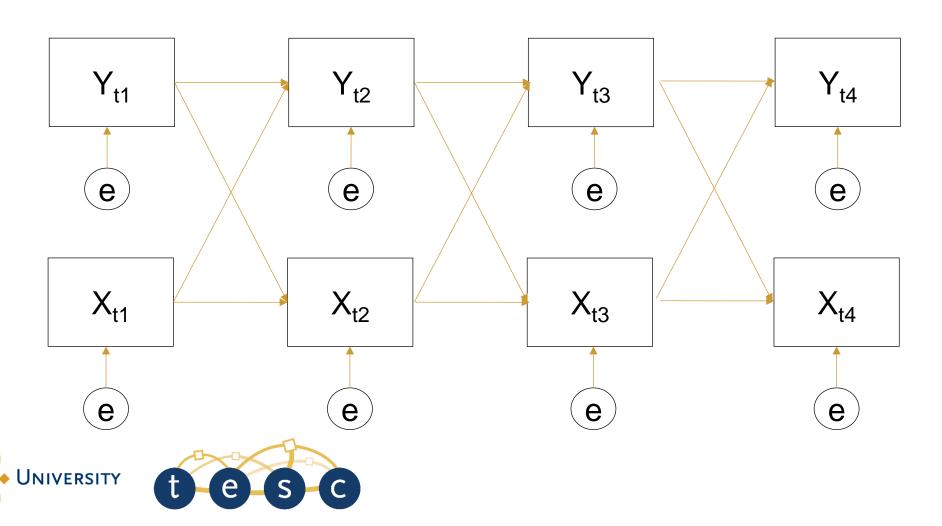




 Will often be interested in (longitudinal) relation between two or more variables



• This is called a VAR(1) model



```
bform1 <-
   bf(mvbind(Y1, Y2) ~ Y1lag_c + Y2lag_c + (1|p|individual))

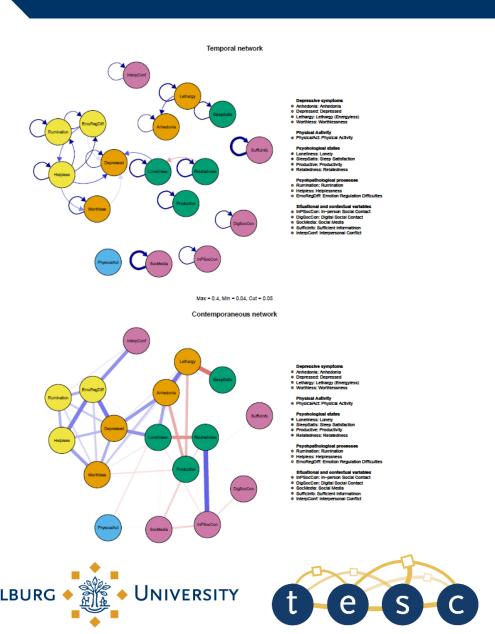
VAR <- brm(bform1, data = VARData, iter = 5000, chains = 2, cores = 2)
summary(VAR)</pre>
```

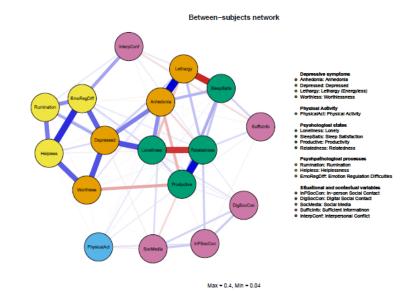




```
> summary(VAR)
 Family: MV(gaussian, gaussian)
 Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
         mu = identity; sigma = identity
Formula: Y1 \sim Y1lag_c + Y2lag_c + (1 | p | individual)
         Y2 \sim Y1lag_c + Y2lag_c + (1 | p | individual)
   Data: VARData (Number of observations: 4900)
  Draws: 2 chains, each with iter = 5000; warmup = 2500; thin = 1;
         total post-warmup draws = 5000
Multilevel Hyperparameters:
~individual (Number of levels: 100)
                               Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
sd(Y1_Intercept)
                                   0.56
                                             0.04
                                                      0.48
                                                                0.65 1.00
                                                                              1226
sd(Y2 Intercept)
                                   0.54
                                             0.04
                                                       0.47
                                                                0.63 1.00
                                                                              1324
                                                                                       1883
cor(Y1_Intercept,Y2_Intercept)
                                   0.37
                                                                0.54 1.00
                                                                               892
                                                                                       1427
                                             0.09
                                                      0.18
Regression Coefficients:
             Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk ESS Tail ESS
                           0.06
                                    3.85
                                             4.08 1.00
                                                             792
                                                                     1398
Y1_Intercept
                 3.96
Y2_Intercept
                                             4.47 1.00
                                                                     1317
                 4.36
                           0.06
                                    4.24
                                                             841
Y1_Y1lag_c
                 0.39
                           0.01
                                    0.36
                                             0.42 1.00
                                                            6420
                                                                     4156
Y1_Y2lag_c
                 0.10
                           0.01
                                    0.08
                                             0.13 1.00
                                                            6869
                                                                     3702
Y2_Y1lag_c
                           0.01
                                    0.17
                                             0.23 1.00
                                                                     4101
                 0.20
                                                            6128
Y2_Y21ag_c
                                    0.27
                                                                     3814
                 0.30
                           0.01
                                             0.32 1.00
                                                            6384
Further Distributional Parameters:
         Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
sigma_Y1
             1.01
                       0.01
                                0.99
                                         1.03 1.00
                                                        8868
                                                                 4010
sigma_Y2
             1.04
                       0.01
                                1.02
                                         1.06 1.00
                                                        8544
                                                                 3915
Residual Correlations:
              Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI u-95% CI Rhat Bulk ESS Tail ESS
rescor(Y1.Y2)
                  0.29
                            0.01
                                     0.26
                                               0.31 1.00
                                                             8533
                                                                      3896
Draws were sampled using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk_ESS
and Tail_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential
scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
```







- Very close to network models
 - Main difference is the estimation method
- Networks:
 - Not truly multilevel
 - Inference more complicated
 - Scales better to large data

- Can also let residual variances be random across people
 - This implies that people exposure or sensitivity to unmodelled factors differ.
 - Also implies that reliability is person-specific.
- Finally, parameters can also be allowed to differ across time and not just individuals.

