

# Day 1: MLM for Dyadic Data

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Read in the individual data (or a pairwise dataset)

```
library(tidyr)
library(dplyr)

acitelli_ind <- read.csv(file.choose(), header=TRUE)
```

Convert individual data to pairwise. If you imported a pairwise set, skip this chunk.

```
tempA <- acitelli_ind %>%
  mutate(genderE = gender, partnum = 1) %>%
  mutate(gender = ifelse(gender == 1, "A", "P")) %>%
  gather(variable, value, self_pos:genderE) %>%
  unite(var_gender, variable, gender) %>%
  spread(var_gender, value)

tempB <- acitelli_ind %>%
  mutate(genderE = gender, partnum = 2) %>%
  mutate(gender = ifelse(gender == 1, "P", "A")) %>%
  gather(variable, value, self_pos:genderE) %>%
  unite(var_gender, variable, gender) %>%
  spread(var_gender, value)

acitelli_pair <- bind_rows(tempA, tempB) %>%
  arrange(cuplid)

rm(tempA, tempB)
```

## Multilevel Modeling (MLM) for Dyadic Data

Now we're ready to do multilevel modeling with the pairwise dataset!

```
#install.packages("nlme")
library(nlme)

mlm <- gls(satisfaction_A ~ genderE_A + Yearsmar,
           data = acitelli_pair,
           correlation = corCompSymm(form=~1|cuplid),
           na.action = na.omit)

summary(mlm)

## Generalized least squares fit by REML
## Model: satisfaction_A ~ genderE_A + Yearsmar
## Data: acitelli_pair
##      AIC      BIC    logLik
## 382.9383 401.3392 -186.4692
```

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##
## Correlation Structure: Compound symmetry
## Formula: ~1 | cuplid
## Parameter estimate(s):
##      Rho
## 0.6196688
##
## Coefficients:
##              Value Std.Error t-value p-value
## (Intercept)  3.604730 0.03687099 97.76601  0.0000
## genderE_A    0.013514 0.01786704  0.75634  0.4501
## Yearsmar    -0.000379 0.00479242 -0.07916  0.9370
##
## Correlation:
##      (Intr) gndE_A
## genderE_A 0
## Yearsmar  0      0
##
## Standardized residuals:
##      Min      Q1      Med      Q3      Max
## -4.912262 -0.5110996  0.4292026  0.7693473  0.8313078
##
## Residual standard error: 0.4984454
## Degrees of freedom: 296 total; 293 residual
```

## Interpretation

### Fixed Effects

**Intercept:** Predicted level of satisfaction for people married about 11 years.

**Effect of genderE\_A:** Husbands are more satisfied than wives by .027 units (not significant); we need to double because the difference between Husbands (+1) and Wives (-1) is two units.

**Effect of Yearsmar:** For every year married, less satisfied by .0004 (not significant).

### Random Effects

Rho is the correlation of residuals, 0.62.

Residual standard error is the error or unexplained variance (square-rooted).

Partial ICC equals .620. Husbands and wives are very similar in their level of marital satisfaction.

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