

This document includes code to produce all of the results and run all of the models reported in “The Role of Mastery Learning in Intelligent Tutoring Systems: Principal Stratification on a Latent Variable.”

The auxilliary files sourced here are available at our github repository, <https://github.com/adamSales/ctaiAdvance>.

First, load in and transform the (pre-imputed) data:

```
load('data/HSdata.RData')
load('data/advanceData.RData')
```

We’ll use the R package `rstan` to run the models:

```
library(rstan)
rstan_options(auto_write = TRUE)
options(mc.cores = parallel::detectCores())
```

1 Data Description (Section ??)

This code produces the missigness information from Table 1, summarizing the student level data:

```
miss <- NULL
for(i in c('race','sex','spec','xirt')) miss <- rbind(miss,
  c(sum(is.na(covs[[i]])),mean(is.na(covs[[i]])),error[i,'error']))
miss <- as.data.frame(miss)
miss$`Error Type` <- c('PFC','PFC','PFC','SRMSE')
rownames(miss) <- c('Race/Ethnicity','Sex','Special Education','Pretest')
names(miss)[1:3] <- c('# Missing','% Missing','Imputation Error')
miss[,2] <- as.integer(round(miss[,2]*100))
miss[,1] <- as.integer(miss[,1])
miss['Pretest','Imputation Error'] <- sqrt(miss['Pretest','Imputation Error']/sd(covs$xirt.

print(xtable::xtable(miss))
```

| | # Missing | % Missing | Imputation Error | Error Type |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Race/Ethnicity | 1071 | 8 | 0.23 | PFC |
| Sex | 526 | 4 | 0.35 | PFC |
| Special Education | 199 | 1 | 0.11 | PFC |
| Pretest | 2367 | 18 | 0.20 | SRMSE |

This code produces the covariate balance information:

```

covBal <- NULL
for(i in c('race','sex','spec')){
  covBal <- rbind(covBal,c(i,NA,NA,NA,NA))

  for(ll in levels(dat[[i]])){
    covBal <- rbind(covBal,c(NA,ll,round(c(mean(dat[[i]]==ll),mean(dat[[i]][dat$treatment==ll])),2)))
  }
}
colnames(covBal) <- c('Covariate','Category','Overall Percent','Percent of Treated','Percent of Control')
print(xtable(covBal),floating=FALSE,include.rownames=FALSE)

```

| Covariate | Category | Overall Percent | Percent of Treated | Percent of Control |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| race | WhiteAsian | 0.49 | 0.48 | 0.49 |
| | BlackMulti | 0.33 | 0.3 | 0.35 |
| | HispAIAN | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.16 |
| sex | F | 0.5 | 0.49 | 0.5 |
| | M | 0.5 | 0.51 | 0.5 |
| spec | typical | 0.9 | 0.89 | 0.9 |
| | speced | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.07 |
| | gifted | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 |

The overall p-value for balance is:

```

library(RIttools) ## using development version
balMod <- balanceTest(treatment~poly(xirt,2)+spec+race+sex+strata(pair)+cluster(schoolid2),
  print(balMod$overall['pair',])

## chisquare      df    p.value
##      8.4464    7.0000    0.2949

```

2 PS Model with \bar{m}_T

Here we estimate the model in Section ?? stratifying on \bar{m}_T .

First, we create the datasets:

```
source('R/prelimMbar.r')
```

The model is encoded in the file `psmodObs.stan`. It may be summarized as follows. The model for \bar{m}_T is:

$$\bar{m}_{Ti} = \alpha_s^U + \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^U + \epsilon_i^{U_i} + \epsilon_{t[i]}^{U_t} \quad (1)$$

where α_s^U is a separate intercept for each state, and \mathbf{x}_i is a vector of covariates: dummy variables for racial/ethnic category, a dummy variable for sex, dummy variables for special education category, and linear and quadratic terms for pretest. The normally-distributed errors ϵ^{Ui} and $\epsilon_{t[i]}^{Ut}$ vary at the individual and teacher levels.

The model for Y is

$$Y_i = \alpha_p^Y + \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}^Y + a_1 \bar{m}_{Ti} + Z_i(b_0 + b_1 * \bar{m}_{Ti}) + \epsilon_i^{Yi} + \epsilon_{t[i]}^{Yt} + \epsilon_{s[i]}^{Ys} \quad (2)$$

where α_p^Y is a separate intercept for each randomization block p , Z_i is a dummy variable for treatment status, $\epsilon_{s[i]}^{Ys}$ is a normally distributed error at the school level, and the rest of the variables are analogous to those in (1). We run the model with the `stan` command from `rstan`:

```
mbarMod <- stan('R/psmodObs.stan', data=sdatObs, seed=613)
```

Figure ?? can be replicated with the following code:

```
library(tikzDevice) ## allows latex code in figure
options( tikzLatexPackages = c(
getOption( "tikzLatexPackages" ),
"\usepackage{amsmath,amsfonts}"
))

draw <- 1000

samps <- extract(mbarMod)
plotDatObs <- with(sdatObs, data.frame(Y=c(YtO, YtM, Yc), mbar=c(MbarT0, samps$MbarTM[draw,], samps$MbarTM[draw,]),
plotDatObs$treat <- ifelse(plotDatObs$Z==1, 'Treatment', 'Control')
plotDatObs$slope <- ifelse(plotDatObs$treat=='Control', samps$a1[draw], samps$a1[draw]+samps$b0)
plotDatObs$int <- ifelse(plotDatObs$treat=='Control', samps$a0[draw], samps$a0[draw]+samps$b0)

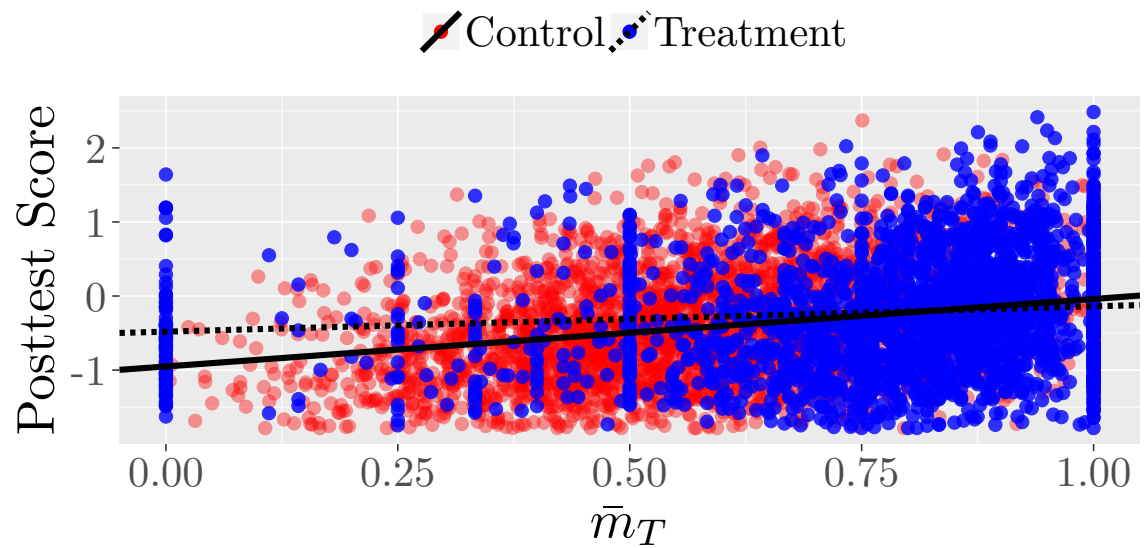
plotDatObs <- within(plotDatObs, int <- int-( mean(int+slope*mbar)-mean(plotDatObs$Y)))
plotDatObs <- plotDatObs[order(plotDatObs$treat),]
plotDatObs$treat2 <- plotDatObs$treat

tikz(file = "figure/mbarModel.tex",
standAlone = T,
width = 6, height = 3)

ggplot(plotDatObs, aes(mbar, Y, fill=treat, group=treat, alpha=treat, color=treat))+geom_point(size=100)
+geom_abline(aes(intercept=int, slope=slope, linetype=treat2), color='black', size=2, alpha=1)
+scale_colour_manual(values=c('red', 'blue'))+
labs(group=NULL, fill=NULL, alpha=NULL)+xlab('$\bar{m}_T$')+
ylab('Posttest Score')+theme(legend.position='top', text=element_text(size=20))+
guides(color = guide_legend(title=NULL, override.aes=list(alpha=1), keywidth=3), linetype=guide_none())
dev.off()
```

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```
setwd('figure'); tools::texi2dvi('mbarModel.tex', pdf = T, clean = T); setwd('..')
```



To save memory, save and delete the \bar{m}_T model:

```
save(mbarMod, file='output/mbarMod.RData')
```

```
rm(mbarMod); gc()
```

3 The Main PS Model

This section reproduces our paper's main model, described in Section ??.

The data for the main model (similar to the \bar{m} model but including student-section level mastery data) relies on a secondary file (available at github):

```
source('R/prelimStan.r')
```

Since this is the main model, we will include full stan code in this online supplement:

```
data{
//Sample sizes
  int<lower=1> nsecWorked;
  int<lower=1> ncov;
  int<lower=1> nstud;
  int<lower=1> nteacher;
  int<lower=1> nsec;
  int<lower=1> nschool;
  int<lower=1> npair;

// indices
  int<lower=1,upper=nteacher> teacher[nstud];
  int<lower=1,upper=npair> pair[nstud];
  int<lower=1,upper=nschool> school[nstud];
  int<lower=1,upper=nstud> studentM[nsecWorked];
  int<lower=1,upper=nsec> section[nsecWorked];

// data data
  int<lower=0,upper=1> grad[nsecWorked];
  matrix[nstud,ncov] X;
  int<lower=0,upper=1> Z[nstud];
  real Y[nstud];
}
parameters{

  vector[nstud] studEff;

  vector[ncov] betaU;
  vector[ncov] betaY;

  real a1;
  real b0;
  real b1;

  real teacherEffY[nteacher];
  real teacherEffU[nteacher];
  real pairEffect[npair];
  real schoolEffU[nschool];
  real schoolEffY[nschool];
  real secEff[nsec];

  real<lower=0> sigTchY;
```

```

    real<lower=0> sigSc1Y;
    real<lower=0> sigY[2];
    real<lower=0> sigTchU;
    real<lower=0> sigSc1U;
    real<lower=0> sigU;
  }

model{
  real linPred[nsecWorked];
  vector[nstud] muY;
  vector[nstud] muU;
  real useEff[nstud];
  real trtEff[nstud];
  real sigYI[nstud];

  // grad model
  for(i in 1:nsecWorked)
    linPred[i]= secEff[section[i]]+studEff[studentM[i]];

  for(i in 1:nstud){
    useEff[i]=a1*studEff[i];
    trtEff[i]=b0+b1*studEff[i];
    muU[i]=teacherEffU[teacher[i]]+schoolEffU[school[i]];
    muY[i]=teacherEffY[teacher[i]]+schoolEffY[school[i]]+pairEffect[pair[i]]+useEff[i]+Z[i]*t
    sigYI[i]=sigY[Z[i]+1];
  }

  //priors
  betaY~normal(0,2);
  betaU~normal(0,2);
  pairEffect~normal(0,2);

  a1~normal(0,1);
  b0~normal(0,1);
  b1~normal(0,1);

  schoolEffY~normal(0,sigSc1Y);
  schoolEffU~normal(0,sigSc1U);
  teacherEffU~normal(0,sigTchU);
  teacherEffY~normal(0,sigTchY);

  grad~bernoulli_logit(linPred);

  studEff~normal(muU+X*betaU,sigU);

```

```
Y~normal(muY+X*betaY,sigYI);
}
```

This code runs the model:

```
main <- stan('R/psmod.stan',data =sdat,warmup=1500,chains=10,iter=5000)
save(main,file='output/mainModel.RData')

draws <- extract(main)

### for "multImp" and "trtEff"
set.seed(613)
U <- draws$studEff
Usamp <- U[sample(1:nrow(U),1000),]

### for sampleSizeEta & etaDiff
draw <- 1000
U <- U[,sort(unique(sdat$studentM))]
eta <- U[draw,]
etasd <- apply(U,2,sd)

### for "usageModel"
sdEta <- sqrt(mean(apply(draws$studEff,1,var)))
Eeta <- colMeans(draws$studEff)

draws$studEff <- Usamp

summMain <- summary(main)[[1]]

save(draws,draw,eta,etasd,sdEta,Eeta,summMain,Usamp,file='output/smallMain.RData')
```

4 Multiple Imputation Model Fit

To give some intuition on how the model fitting worked, and to what extent treatment effect moderation was discernable in this dataset anyway, we re-fit the model using (something akin to) multiple imputation. First, extract 1000 random draws of η_T (denoted as `studEff` in the model code) from the fitted model. Then, for each draw, fit a standard HLM interacting treatment with the η_T draw.

```
library(lme4)
set.seed(613)
## U <- extract(main,'studEff')[[1]]
## Usamp <- U[sample(1:nrow(U),1000),]
```

```
multImp <- apply(Usamp,1,
  function(u) summary(
    lmer(Y~treatment*u+poly(xirt,2)+race+sex+spec+state+(1|sch)
    data=dat))$coef['treatment:u',])
```

Does this give similar answers to the main model?

```
mean(multImp['Estimate',])
```

```
[1] -0.02832
```

```
## use "Rubin's Rule" to estimate SE
sqrt(var(multImp['Estimate',])+mean(multImp['Std. Error',]^2))
```

```
[1] 0.02489
```

```
## now for the main model:
## summary(main,par='b1',probs=c())[[1]]
summMain['b1',c(1:3,9:10)]
```

```
mean se means dn_eff Rhat -0.02940820.00051740.02498412331.57988911.0055037
```

5 Figures Comparing PS with \bar{m}_T to PS with η

Figure ??:

```
## smart jittering:
datObs$mbarJ <- datObs$mbar
datObs$nsecJ <- datObs$nsec
tab <- with(datObs,table(mbar,nsec))
mult <- which(tab>1,arr.ind=TRUE)
ms <- sort(unique(datObs$mbar))
ns <- sort(unique(datObs$nsec))
for(i in 1:nrow(mult)){
  w <- which(datObs$mbar==ms[mult[i,'mbar']] & datObs$nsec==ns[mult[i,'nsec']])
  s <- length(w)
  if(s>1){
    width=min(s*0.002,0.01)
    height=min(s*0.2,2)
    datObs$nsecJ[w] <- datObs$nsecJ[w]+runif(s,-width,width)
    datObs$mbarJ[w] <- datObs$mbarJ[w]+runif(s,-width,width)
  }
}
```



```

tikz(file='figure/mbarSampleSize.tex',
      standAlone=T,
      width=3,height=3)
ggplot(datObs,aes(mbarJ,nsecJ))+geom_point()+xlab('$\\bar{m}$')+ylab('$n_{sec}$')+theme(text
dev.off()

```

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```

setwd('figure'); tools::texi2dvi('mbarSampleSize.tex', pdf = T, clean = T); setwd('..')

```

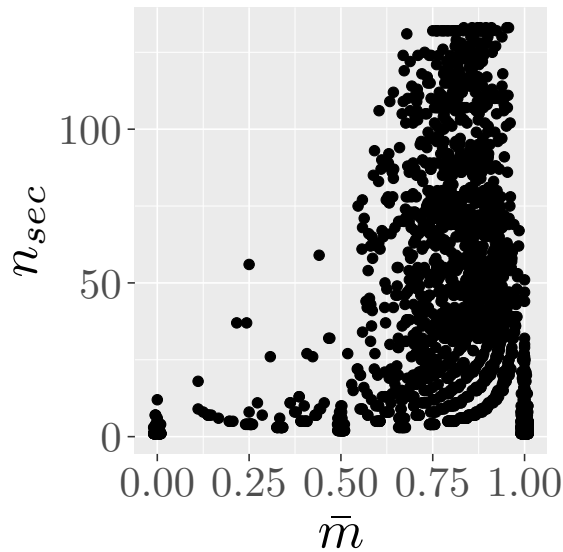


Figure ??:

```

## draw <- 1000
sdatLat <- sdat
nsec <- as.vector(table(sdatLat$studentM))
## etaDraws <- extract(main,'studEff')[[1]][,sort(unique(sdatLat$studentM))]
## eta <- etaDraws[draw,]
## etasd <- apply(etaDraws,2,sd)

plotDat <- data.frame(nsec=nsec,eta=eta,etasd=etasd)

tikz(file='figure/etaSampleSize.tex',
      standAlone=T,
      width=3,height=3)
ggplot(plotDat,aes(eta,nsec,size=1/etasd))+geom_point()+ylab(NULL)+#ylab('$n_{sec}$')+
labs(size='$1/\\text{SE}(\\eta_T)$')+scale_size(range=c(.5,2))+guides(size=FALSE)+xlab('')
theme(text=element_text(size=20))+

```

```

theme(axis.title.y=element_blank(),
      axis.text.y=element_blank(),
      axis.ticks.y=element_blank())#+ggtitle('One Posterior Draw')#+xlab('$\\mathbb{E}\\backslash et
dev.off()

```

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```

setwd('figure'); tools::texi2dvi('etaSampleSize.tex', pdf = T, clean = T); setwd('..')

```

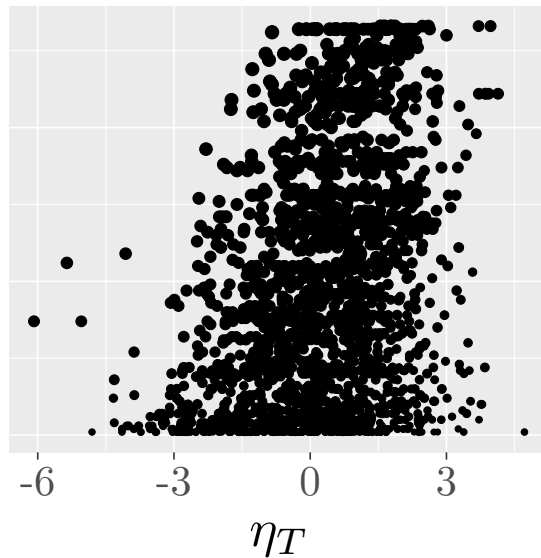


Figure ??:

```

secDiff <- -draws$secEff[draw,]
sss <- secDiff[sdatLat$sec]
mDiff <- aggregate(sss,list(stud=sdatLat$studentM),mean)
mbar <- aggregate(sdatLat$grad,list(sdatLat$studentM),mean)

mbarDiffDat <- data.frame(mbar=mbar$x,mDiff=mDiff$x)

tikz(file='figure/mbarDiff.tex',
     standAlone=T,
     width=3,height=3)
ggplot(mbarDiffDat,aes(mbar,mDiff))+geom_point()+xlab('$\\bar{m}$')+ylab('Avg. Sec. Difficul
     theme(text=element_text(size=20))
dev.off()

```

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```
setwd('figure'); tools::texi2dvi('mbarDiff.tex', pdf = T, clean = T); setwd('..')
```

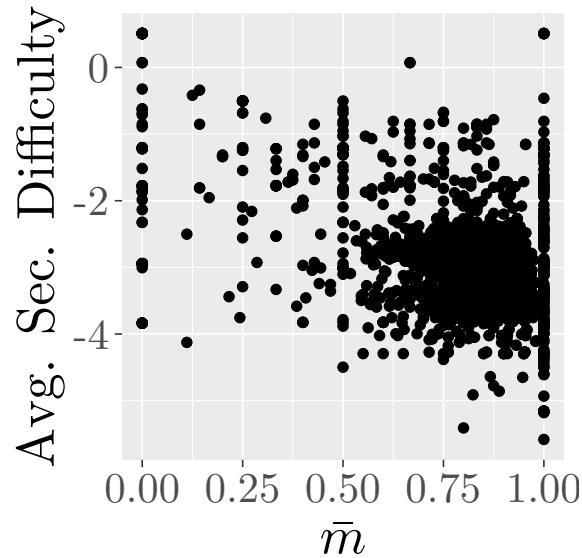
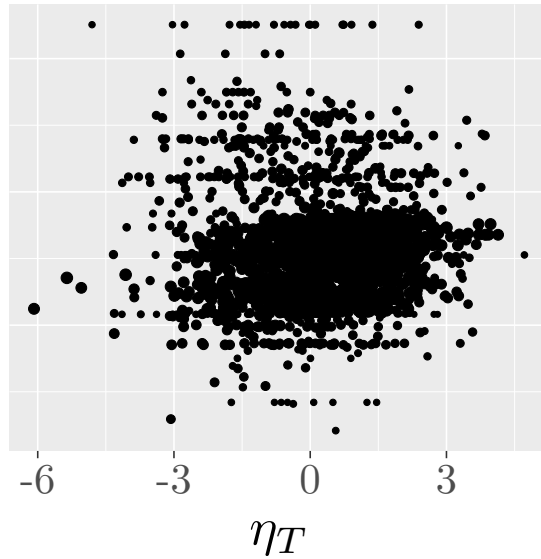


Figure ??:

```
plotDat$mDiff <- mDiff$x
tikz(file='figure/etaDiff.tex',
      standAlone=T,
      width=3,height=3)
ggplot(plotDat,aes(eta,mDiff,size=1/etasd))+geom_point()+#ylab('\ell Avg. Section Difficulty\ell')
labs(size='$1/\text{SE}(\eta_T)$')+scale_size(range=c(.5,2))+guides(size=FALSE)+xlab('
theme(text=element_text(size=20))+
theme(axis.title.y=element_blank(),
      axis.text.y=element_blank(),
      axis.ticks.y=element_blank())#+ggtitle('One Posterior Draw')#+xlab('\ell \mathbb{E} \ell et
dev.off()
```

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```
setwd('figure'); tools::texi2dvi('etaDiff.tex', pdf = T, clean = T); setwd('..')
```



6 Main Model Results

Get all the MCMC draws from the main model:

6.1 Predicting Mastery

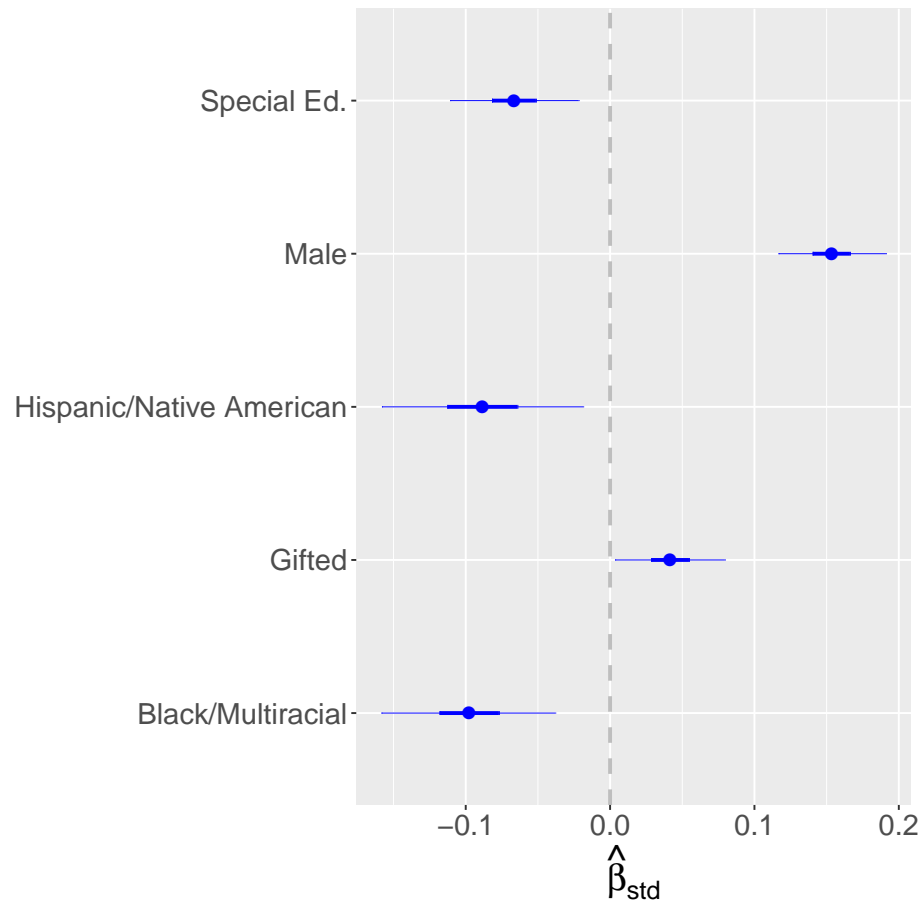
```
library(coefplot)

## coefs <- summary(main, 'betaU')[[1]]
coefs <- summMain[grep('betaU', rownames(summMain)),]
rownames(coefs) <- colnames(sdat$X)

## sqrt of average (over the draws) of the variance of eta
## sdEta <- sqrt(mean(apply(draws$studEff, 1, var)))

coefs <- coefs/apply(sdat$X, 2, sd)/sdEta

cpdf <- data.frame(Value=coefs[3:7,1], Coefficient=c('Black/Multiracial', 'Hispanic/Native Ame
coefplot.data.frame(cpdf, title=NULL, xlab=expression(hat(beta)[std]), ylab=NULL)+theme(text=e
```



```

ggsave('figure/usageCoef.pdf',width=3,height=3)

pdf('figure/pretestEta.pdf')
omar <- par()$mar
par(mar=omar+c(0,1,-1,0))
## Eeta <- colMeans(draws$studEff)
plot(dat$xirt,Eeta/sdEta,col=ifelse(dat$treatment==1,'blue','red'),
      xlab='Pretest (std)',ylab=expression(paste('E[' ,eta[T] , '|x' ))),cex.lab=2)
X <- scale(model.matrix(~poly(xirt,2),data=dat)[-1])
xpred <- (X[,1]*mean(draws$betaU[,1])+X[,2]*mean(draws$betaU[,2]))/sdEta
set.seed(613)
samp <- sample(1:4000,100)
for(ss in samp){
  xpredS <- (X[,1]*draws$betaU[ss,1]+X[,2]*draws$betaU[ss,2])/sdEta
  lines(sort(dat$xirt),xpredS[order(dat$xirt)],col=adjustcolor('pink',0.5))
}

```

```

lines(sort(dat$xirt),xpred[order(dat$xirt)],lwd=2)
legend('bottomright',legend=c('Treated','Control (Imputed)','Model (Avg.)','Model (draws)'),
dev.off()

```

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6.2 CTAI Treatment Effects

```

pdf('figure/treatmentEffects.pdf')
set.seed(613)
## samp <- sample(1:nrow(draws$studEff),1000)
## Usamp <- draws$studEff[samp,]
studEff95 <- quantile(Usamp,c(0.025,0.975))
Usamp[Usamp<studEff95[1] | Usamp>studEff95[2]] <- NA
trtEff <- sweep(sweep(Usamp,1,draws$b1[samp], '*'),1,draws$b0[samp], '+')

plot(1,1,type='n',ylim=range(trtEff,na.rm=TRUE),
      xlim=studEff95,xlab=expression(eta[T]),ylab='Treatment Effect',cex.lab=2)
sapply(samp,function(rr) invisible(abline(draws$b0[rr],draws$b1[rr],col=adjustcolor('red',.3)
abline(mean(draws$b0),mean(draws$b1),lwd=3)
legend('topright',legend=c('Mean Est. Effect','MCMC Draws'),lty=1,col=c('black','red'))
dev.off()

pdf('figure/potentialOutcomes.pdf')
a0 <- rnorm(length(draws$a1),mean(sdat$Y[sdat$Z==0]),sd(sdat$Y[sdat$Z==0])/sqrt(sum(sdat$Z==0)))
a1 <- draws$a1
b0 <- draws$b0
b1 <- draws$b1

xx <- seq(studEff95[1],studEff95[2],length=100)
Yc <- outer(a1,xx)
Yc <- sweep(Yc,1,a0,'+')

YcUp <- apply(Yc,2,function(x) quantile(x,0.975))
YcDown <- apply(Yc,2,function(x) quantile(x,0.025))

Yt <- outer(a1+b1,xx)
Yt <- sweep(Yt,1,a0+b0,'+')
YtUp <- apply(Yt,2,function(x) quantile(x,0.975))
YtDown <- apply(Yt,2,function(x) quantile(x,0.025))

```

```

curve(mean(a0)+mean(a1)*x,from=min(xx), to=max(xx),lwd=2,col='red',xlab=expression(eta[T]),y
curve(mean(a0)+mean(b0)+(mean(b1)+mean(a1))*x,add=TRUE,lwd=2,col='blue')
polygon(c(xx,rev(xx)),c(YcUp,rev(YcDown)),col=adjustcolor('red',0.1))
polygon(c(xx,rev(xx)),c(YtUp,rev(YtDown)),col=adjustcolor('blue',0.1))

legend('topleft',legend=c(expression(Y[C]),expression(Y[T])),col=c('red','blue'),lwd=2)
dev.off()

```

