

Catching variation during fieldwork on Nakh-Daghestanian languages

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Investigating variation [Dorian 2010: 3]:

“Two equally interesting questions are at the heart of this book: how an extraordinary degree of idiosyncratic linguistic variation can coexist with an extraordinarily homogeneous speaker population, and how linguists might overlook the possibility of their coexistence.”

According to [Eckert 2016] there are three waves of Variationism:

- [Labov 1963] on Martha's Vineyard /ai/ ~ /au/, [Trudgill 1974] on Norwich speech, [Wolfram 1969] on Detroit Afro-American speech

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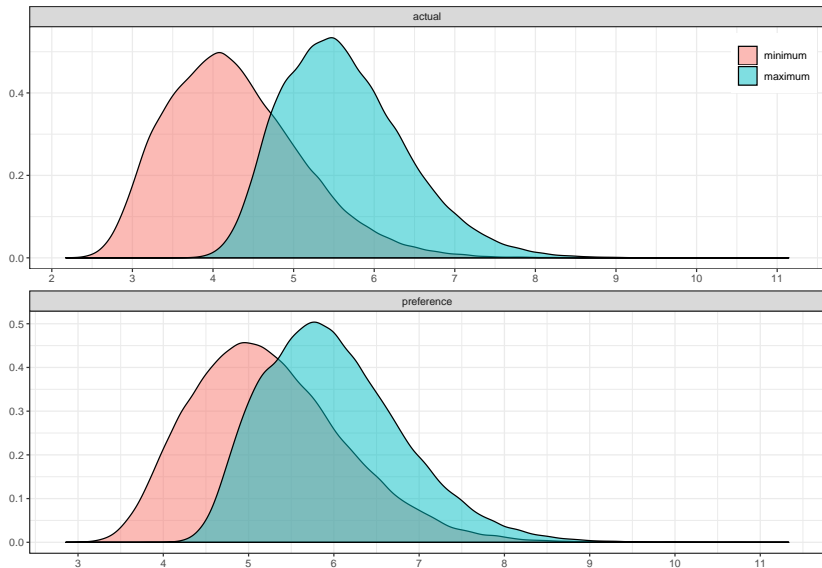
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- and 23 Nakh-Daghestanian researches via online questionnaire

Bootstrapped mean number of speakers (10^5 iterations)



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