Multilevel Multilingual

Multilevel Models in Stata, R and Julia

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1 Multilevel Multilingual

"This curious world which we inhabit is more wonderful than it is convenient..." (Thoreau, 1975)

"Mathematics is my secret. My secret weakness. I feel like a stubborn, helpless fool in the middle of a problem. Trapped and crazed. Also, thrilled." (Schanen, 2021)

1.1 Introduction

Below, I describe the use of Stata (StataCorp, 2021), R (Bates et al., 2015; R Core Team, 2023), and Julia (Bates, 2024; Bezanson et al., 2017) to estimate multilevel models.

All of these software packages can estimate multilevel models. However, there are substantial differences between the different packages: Stata is proprietary for cost software, which is very well documented and very intuitive. R is free open source software which is less intuitive, but there are many excellent resources for learning R. Julia is newer open source software, and ostensibly much faster than either Stata or R, which may be an important advantage when running multilevel models with very large data sets. At this point in time, both Stata and R feel much more stable than Julia which is still evolving software.

Table 1.1: Software for Multilevel Modeling

Software	Cost	Ease of Use
Stata	some cost	learning curve, but intuitive for both multilevel modeling and graphing.
R	free	learning curve: intuitive for multilevel modeling; but steeper learning curve for graphing (ggplot).
Julia	free	steep learning curve in general: steep learning curve for multilevel modeling; and very steep learning curve for graphing. Graphics libraries are very much under development and in flux.

Results Will Vary Somewhat

Estimating multilevel models is a complex endeavor. The software details of how this is accomplished are beyond the purview of this book. Suffice it to say that across different software packages there will be differences in estimation routines, resulting in some numerical differences in the results provided by different software packages. Substantively speaking, however, results should agree across software.

Multi-Line Commands

Sometimes I have written commands out over multiple lines. I have done this for especially long commands, but have also sometimes done this simply for the sake of clarity. The different software packages have different approaches to multi-line commands.

- 1. By default, *Stata* ends a command at the end of a line. If you are going to write a multi-line command you should use the /// line continuation characters.
- 2. R is the software that most naturally can be written using multiple lines, as R commands are usually clearly encased in parentheses (()) or continued with + signs.
- 3. Like Stata, Julia expects commands to end at the end of a line. If you are going to write a mult-line command, all commands except for the last line should end in a character that clearly indicates continuation, like a + sign. An alternative is to encase the entire Julia command in an outer set of parentheses (()).

Running Statistical Packages in Quarto

I used Quarto (https://quarto.org/) to create this Appendix. Quarto is a programming and publishing environment that can run multiple programming languages, including Stata, R and Julia, and that can write to multiple output formats including HTML, PDF, and MS Word. To run Stata, I used the Statamarkdown library in R to connect Stata to Quarto. Quarto has a built in connection to R, and runs R without issue. To run Julia, I used the JuliaCall library in R to connect Quarto to Julia.

Of course, each of these programs can be run by itself, if you have them installed on your computer.

1.2 The Data

The examples use the simulated_multilevel_data.dta file from *Multilevel Thinking*. Here is a direct link to download the data.

Table 1.2: Sample of Simulated Multilevel Data

Table 1.2: Table continues below

country	HDI	family	id	identity	intervention	physical_punishment
1	69	1	1.1	2	1	3
1	69	2	1.2	2	2	2
1	69	3	1.3	1	2	3
1	69	4	1.4	2	1	0
1	69	5	1.5	2	1	4
1	69	6	1.6	1	2	5

Table 1.3: Sample of Simulated Multilevel Data

warmth	outcome
3	58.47
1	51.1
2	53.92
5	61.17
4	56.05
3	50.81

1.3 An Introduction To Equations and Syntax

To explain statistical syntax for each software, I consider the general case of a multilevel model with dependent variable y, independent variables x and z, clustering variable group, and a random slope for x. i is the index for the person, while j is the index for the group.

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \beta_2 z_{ij} + u_{0j} + u_{1j} \times x_{ij} + e_{ij}$$
(1.1)

1.3.1 Stata

In Stata mixed, the syntax for a multilevel model of the form described in Equation 1.1 is:

mixed y x || group: x

1.3.2 R

In R lme4, the general syntax for a multilevel model of the form described in Equation 1.1 is:

```
library(lme4)

lmer(y ~ x + z + (1 + x || group), data = ...)
```

1.3.3 Julia

In Julia MixedModels, the general syntax for a multilevel model of the form described in Equation 1.1 is:

```
using MixedModels
fit(MixedModel, Oformula(y ~ x + z + (1 + x | group)), data)
```

2 Descriptive Statistics

2.1 Descriptive Statistics

2.1.1 Stata

```
use simulated_multilevel_data.dta // use data
```

We use summarize for *continuous* variables, and tabulate for *categorical* variables.

```
summarize outcome warmth physical_punishment HDI
tabulate identity
tabulate intervention
```

Variable		s Mean	Std. dev	. Min	Max
outcome warmth	3,00		6.530996 1.888399	30.60798 0	75.83553 7
physical_p~t	3,00	2.478667	1.360942	0	5
HDI	3,00	0 64.76667	17.24562	33	87

hypothetica l identity			
group variable	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1 2	_,,	50.23 49.77	50.23 100.00
Total	3,000	100.00	

recieved	1			
${\tt interventio}$	1			
n		Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1		1,547	51.57	51.57
2	1	1,453	48.43	100.00
Total		3,000	100.00	

2.1.2 R

```
library(haven) # read data in Stata format

df <- read_dta("simulated_multilevel_data.dta")</pre>
```

R's descriptive statistics functions rely heavily on whether a variable is a *numeric* variable, or a *factor* variable. Below, I convert two variables to factors (factor) before using summary to generate descriptive statistics.

```
df$country <- factor(df$country)

df$identity <- factor(df$identity)

df$intervention <- factor(df$intervention)

summary(df)</pre>
```

country	HDI	family	id	identity
1 : 100	Min. :33.00	Min. : 1.00	Length: 3000	1:1507
2 : 100	1st Qu.:53.00	1st Qu.: 25.75	Class :character	2:1493
3 : 100	Median :70.00	Median : 50.50	Mode :character	
4 : 100	Mean :64.77	Mean : 50.50		
5 : 100	3rd Qu.:81.00	3rd Qu.: 75.25		
6 : 100	Max. :87.00	Max. :100.00		
(Other):2400				
intervention	physical_punishme	ent warmth	outcome	
1:1547	Min. :0.000	Min. :0.000	Min. :30.61	
2:1453	1st Qu.:2.000	1st Qu.:2.000	1st Qu.:49.02	
		_		

¹skimr is an excellent new alternative library for generating descriptive statistics in R.

```
Median :2.000Median :4.000Median :53.45Mean :2.479Mean :3.522Mean :53.433rd Qu.:3.0003rd Qu.:5.0003rd Qu.:57.86Max. :5.000Max. :7.000Max. :75.84
```

2.1.3 Julia

```
using Tables, MixedModels, MixedModelsExtras, StatFiles, DataFrames, CategoricalArrays, Data
df = DataFrame(load("simulated_multilevel_data.dta"))
```

Similarly to R, Julia relies on the idea of variable type. I use transform to convert the appropriate variables to categorical variables.

```
@transform!(df, :country = categorical(:country))
@transform!(df, :identity = categorical(:identity))
@transform!(df, :intervention = categorical(:intervention))
```

```
describe(df) # descriptive statistics
```

9×7 Da	9×7 DataFrame								
Row	variable	mean	min	median	max	nmissing	eltype		
	Symbol	Union	Any	Union	Any	Int64	Union		
1	country		1.0		30.0	0	Union{		
2	HDI	64.7667	33.0	70.0	87.0	0	Union(
_	ועח	04.7007				U	•		
3	family	50.5	1.0	50.5	100.0	0	${\tt Union} \{$		
4	id		1.1		9.99	0	Union{		
5	identity		1.0		2.0	0	Union{		
6	intervention		1.0		2.0	0	Union{		
7	physical_punishment	2.47867	0.0	2.0	5.0	0	Union{		
8	warmth	3.52167	0.0	4.0	7.0	0	Union{		
9	outcome	53.4333	30.608	53.449	75.8355	0	Union{		
						1 colur	nn omitted		

3 Unconditional Model

An *unconditional* multilevel model is a model with no independent variables. One should always run an unconditional model as the first step of a multilevel model in order to get a sense of the way that variation is apportioned in the model across the different levels.

3.1 The Equation

$$outcome_{ij} = \beta_0 + u_{0j} + e_{ij} \tag{3.1}$$

The Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (ICC) is given by:

$$ICC = \frac{var(u_{0j})}{var(u_{0j}) + var(e_{ij})}$$

$$(3.2)$$

In a two level multilevel model, the ICC provides a measure of the amount of variation attributable to Level 2.

3.2 Run Models

3.2.1 Stata

```
use simulated_multilevel_data.dta // use data
```

```
mixed outcome || country: // unconditional model
```

Performing EM optimization ...

Performing gradient-based optimization: Iteration 0: Log likelihood = -9856.1548 Iteration 1: Log likelihood = -9856.1548

```
Computing standard errors ...
Mixed-effects ML regression
                                  Number of obs = 3,000
Group variable: country
                                  Number of groups = 30
                                  Obs per group:
                                          min = 100
                                          avg = 100.0
                                          max = 100
                                  Wald chi2(0)
                                  Prob > chi2
Log likelihood = -9856.1548
   outcome | Coefficient Std. err. z P>|z| [95% conf. interval]
______
    _cons | 53.46757 .3539097 151.08 0.000
                                    52.77392
______
 Random-effects parameters | Estimate Std. err. [95% conf. interval]
______
country: Identity
           var(_cons) | 3.348734 .9702594 1.897816 5.908906
         var(Residual) | 40.88284 1.060908
                                    38.8555
LR test vs. linear model: chibar2(01) = 169.64
                                 Prob >= chibar2 = 0.0000
estat icc // ICC
Intraclass correlation
______
                       ICC Std. err.
              Level |
                                   [95% conf. interval]
______
             country | .0757091 .0203761 .0442419 .1265931
```

3.2.2 R

```
library(haven)
df <- read_dta("simulated_multilevel_data.dta")</pre>
library(lme4) # estimate multilevel models
fit0 <- lmer(outcome ~ (1 | country),</pre>
            data = df) # unconditional model
summary(fit0)
Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
Formula: outcome ~ (1 | country)
  Data: df
REML criterion at convergence: 19712.5
Scaled residuals:
              1Q Median
     Min
                                ЗQ
                                        Max
-2.97650 -0.68006 0.00936 0.67580 3.03510
Random effects:
 Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.
 country (Intercept) 3.478 1.865
 Residual
                    40.883 6.394
Number of obs: 3000, groups: country, 30
Fixed effects:
           Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept) 53.47 0.36 148.5
library(performance)
performance::icc(fit0) # ICC
# Intraclass Correlation Coefficient
```

Adjusted ICC: 0.078 Unadjusted ICC: 0.078

3.2.3 Julia

```
using Tables, MixedModels, MixedModelsExtras,
StatFiles, DataFrames, CategoricalArrays, DataFramesMeta
df = DataFrame(load("simulated_multilevel_data.dta"))
@transform!(df, :country = categorical(:country))
m0 = fit(MixedModel,
         @formula(outcome ~ (1 | country)), df) # unconditional model
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
 outcome ~ 1 + (1 | country)
   logLik -2 logLik
                         AIC
                                   AICc
                                               BIC
 -9856.1548 19712.3097 19718.3097 19718.3177 19736.3288
Variance components:
           Column
                   Variance Std.Dev.
                      3.34871 1.82995
country (Intercept)
Residual
                     40.88285 6.39397
 Number of obs: 3000; levels of grouping factors: 30
 Fixed-effects parameters:
              Coef. Std. Error
                                    z Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 53.4676 0.353908 151.08
                                           <1e-99
icc(m0) # ICC
```

0.07570852291396266

4 Cross Sectional Multilevel Models

4.1 The Equation

Recall the general model of Equation 1.1, and the syntax outlined in Section 1.3. Below in Equation 4.1, we consider a more substantive example.

$$outcome_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 warmth_{ij} +$$

$$(4.1)$$

 β_2 physical punishment_{ij}+

$$\beta_3 \mathrm{identity}_{ij} + \beta_4 \mathrm{intervention}_{ij} + \beta_5 \mathrm{HDI}_{ij} +$$

$$u_{0j} + u_{1j} \times \text{warmth}_{ij} + e_{ij}$$

4.2 Correlated and Uncorrelated Random Effects

Consider the covariance matrix of random effects (e.g. u_{0j} and u_{1j}). In Equation 4.2 the covariances of the random effects are constrained to be zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} var(u_{0j}) & 0\\ 0 & var(u_{1j}) \end{bmatrix} \tag{4.2}$$

As discussed in the Chapter on multilevel models with cross-sectional data, however, one can consider a multilevel model in which the random effects are correlated, as is the case in Equation 4.3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} var(u_{0j}) & cov(u_{0j}, u_{1j}) \\ cov(u_{0j}, u_{1j}) & var(u_{1j}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.3)$$

Procedures for estimating models with uncorrelated and correlated random effects are detailed below (Bates et al., 2015; Bates, 2024; StataCorp, 2021).

Table 4.1: Correlated and Uncorrelated Random Effects

Software	Uncorrelated Random Effects	Correlated Random Effects
Stata R	default separate random effects from grouping variable with	add option: , cov(uns) separate random effects from grouping variable with
Julia	separate terms for each random effect e.g. (1 group) + (0 + x group)	separate random effects from grouping variable with .

All models in the examples below are run with *uncorrelated* random effects, but could just as easily be run with *correlated* random effects.

4.3 Run Models

4.3.1 Stata

4.3.1.1 Get The Data

```
use simulated_multilevel_data.dta
```

4.3.1.2 Run The Model

```
mixed outcome warmth physical_punishment i.identity i.intervention HDI || country: warmth
```

Performing EM optimization ...

Performing gradient-based optimization: Iteration 0: Log likelihood = -9626.6279 Iteration 1: Log likelihood = -9626.607

Iteration 2: Log likelihood = -9626.607

Computing standard errors ...

Mixed-effects ML regression

Group variable: country

Number of obs = 3,000

Number of groups = 30

Obs per group:

min = 100

avg = 100.0

max = 100Wald chi2(5) = 334.14

Prob > chi2

= 0.0000

Log likelihood = -9626.607

outcome		Coefficient		z 	P> z		interval]
	1						0504000
warmth	ı	.8345368	.0637213	13.10	0.000	.7096453	.9594282
physical_punishment		9916657	.0797906	-12.43	0.000	-1.148052	8352791
2.identity		3004767	.2170295	-1.38	0.166	7258466	.1248933
2.intervention		.6396427	.2174519	2.94	0.003	.2134448	1.065841
HDI		003228	.0199257	-0.16	0.871	0422817	.0358256
cons	I	52.99991	1.371257	38.65	0.000	50.3123	55.68753

LR test vs. linear model: chi2(2) = 205.74 Prob > chi2 = 0.0000

Note: LR test is conservative and provided only for reference.

4.3.2 R

4.3.2.1 Get The Data

```
library(haven)

df <- read_dta("simulated_multilevel_data.dta")</pre>
```

4.3.2.2 Run The Model

```
fit1 <- lmer(outcome ~ warmth + physical_punishment +</pre>
               identity + intervention + HDI +
               (1 + warmth || country),
             data = df)
summary(fit1)
Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
Formula: outcome ~ warmth + physical_punishment + identity + intervention +
   HDI + ((1 | country) + (0 + warmth | country))
   Data: df
REML criterion at convergence: 19268.8
Scaled residuals:
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.9774 -0.6563 0.0187 0.6645 3.6730
Random effects:
Groups
          Name
                      Variance Std.Dev.
 country (Intercept) 3.19056 1.786
 country.1 warmth
                      0.02465 0.157
 Residual
                       35.01782 5.918
Number of obs: 3000, groups: country, 30
Fixed effects:
                    Estimate Std. Error t value
                   52.672655 1.479571 35.600
(Intercept)
warmth
                    0.834562 0.064252 12.989
```

```
physical_punishment -0.991892  0.079845 -12.423
                 -0.300350 0.217179 -1.383
identity
intervention
                    0.639059
                              0.217603
                                         2.937
HDT
                   -0.003395
                             0.020596 -0.165
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
           (Intr) warmth physc_ idntty intrvn
warmth
           -0.121
physcl_pnsh -0.145 -0.003
identity
          -0.213 -0.012 -0.003
interventin -0.223  0.034  0.022 -0.018
HDI
           -0.902 -0.006 0.009 -0.001 0.000
```

4.3.3 Julia

4.3.3.1 Get The Data

```
using Tables, MixedModels, StatFiles, DataFrames, CategoricalArrays, DataFramesMeta
df = DataFrame(load("simulated multilevel_data.dta"))
```

4.3.3.2 Change Country To Categorical

```
@transform!(df, :country = categorical(:country))
```

4.3.3.3 Run The Model

```
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
outcome ~ 1 + warmth + physical_punishment + identity + intervention + HDI + (1 | country)
logLik -2 logLik AIC AICc BIC
-9626.6070 19253.2140 19271.2140 19271.2742 19325.2713
```

Variance components:

Column Variance Std.Dev. Corr.

country (Intercept) 2.963849 1.721583

warmth 0.022756 0.150852 .

Residual 34.974984 5.913965

Number of obs: 3000; levels of grouping factors: 30

Fixed-effects parameters:

	Coef.	Std. Error	Z	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	52.6608	1.43785	36.62	<1e-99
warmth	0.834537	0.0637228	13.10	<1e-38
physical_punishment	-0.991665	0.0797906	-12.43	<1e-34
identity	-0.300475	0.217029	-1.38	0.1662
intervention	0.639641	0.217452	2.94	0.0033
HDI	-0.0032286	0.0199255	-0.16	0.8713

5 Longitudinal Multilevel Models

5.1 The Data

The data employed in these examples are a longitudinal extension of the data described in Section 1.2.

5.2 The Equation

outcome $_{itj} = \beta_0 + \beta_1$ parental warmth $_{itj} + \beta_2$ physical punishment $_{itj} + \beta_3$ time $_{itj} +$ (5.1) $\beta_4 \text{identity}_{itj} + \beta_5 \text{intervention}_{itj} + \beta_6 \text{HDI}_{itj} +$ $u_{0j} + u_{1j} \times \text{parental warmth}_{itj} +$

$$v_{0i} + v_{1i} \times \text{time}_{itj} + e_{itj}$$

5.3 Run Models

5.3.1 Stata

5.3.1.1 Get The Data

use simulated_multilevel_longitudinal_data.dta

5.3.1.2 Run The Model

5.3.1.2.1 Main Effects Only

mixed outcome t warmth physical_punishment i.identity i.intervention HDI || country: warmth

Performing EM optimization ...

Performing gradient-based optimization: Iteration 0: Log likelihood = -28739.506 Iteration 1: Log likelihood = -28739.506

Computing standard errors ...

Log likelihood = -28739.506

Mixed-effects ML regression

Group variable: country

Number of obs = 9,000

Number of groups = 30

Obs per group:

min = 300

avg = 300.0

max = 300

Wald chi2(6) = 1119.81

P>|z| [95% conf. interval] outcome | Coefficient Std. err. ___________ t | .9443446 .0756408 12.48 0.000 .7960914 1.092598 .9123903 .0430042 21.22 0.000 .8281035 warmth | .996677 physical_punishment | -.9881587 .0451732 -21.87 0.000 -1.076696 -.8996209 .1242225 -1.00 0.318 -.367618 2.identity | -.1241465 .1193251 2.intervention | .8575839 .1245179 6.89 0.000 .6135332 1.101635 HDI | -.0025173 .0191696 -0.13 0.896 -.0400891 .0350544 _cons | 51.54528 1.304146 39.52 0.000 48.9892 54.10136

Prob > chi2

= 0.0000

Random-effects parameters		Estimate	Std. err.	[95% conf.	interval]
country: Independent var(warmth)	 	.0229349	.0135353	.0072136	.0729194
var(_cons)	1	3.0009	.8550708	1.716768	5.245553

Note: LR test is conservative and provided only for reference.

5.3.1.2.2 Interactions With Time

mixed outcome c.t##(c.warmth c.physical_punishment i.identity i.intervention c.HDI) || count

Performing EM optimization ...

Performing gradient-based optimization:

Iteration 0: Log likelihood = -28738.554
Iteration 1: Log likelihood = -28738.554

Computing standard errors ...

Log likelihood = -28738.554

Mixed-effects ML regression Number of obs = 9,000 Group variable: country Number of groups = 30 Obs per group: $\min = 300$ avg = 300.0 $\max = 300$ Wald chi2(11) = 1122.75

Prob > chi2 = 0.0000

outcome	Coefficient	Std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
t warmth	.7537359 .8198365	.3719996	2.03	0.043	.0246302	1.482842
physical_punishment	-1.000348	.1198049	-8.35	0.000	-1.235162	7655353
2.identity		.3271243	-0.72	0.474	875171	.4071328
2.intervention $ $.6597456	.3275877	2.01	0.044	.0176856	1.301806
HDI 	0005531	.0210866	-0.03	0.979	041882	.0407757
c.t#c.warmth 	.0463746	.0402459	1.15	0.249	0325059	.1252551
c.t#						
<pre>c.physical_punishment </pre>	.0061255	.0551491	0.11	0.912	1019647	.1142157

identity#c.t	 						
2	 	.0548965	.1513015	0.36	0.717	241649	.3514421
intervention#c.t							
2	I	.0990704	.151503	0.65	0.513	19787	.3960108
	l						
c.t#c.HDI		0009791	.0043888	-0.22	0.823	0095811	.0076229
	1						
_cons		51.92503	1.494157	34.75	0.000	48.99654	54.85352

Random-effects parameters			[95% conf.	_
country: Independent var(warmth) var(_cons)	.0228292 3.001849	.0135078 .8552796	.0071588 1.71738	.0728013 5.247001
var(Residual)		.5129896	33.32141 	35.33258
LR test vs. linear model: chi2	(2) = 767.35		Prob > chi	2 = 0.0000

Note: LR test is conservative and provided only for reference.

5.3.2 R

5.3.2.1 Get The Data

```
library(haven)

dfL <- read_dta("simulated_multilevel_longitudinal_data.dta")</pre>
```

5.3.2.2 Run The Model

5.3.2.2.1 Main Effects Only

data = dfL) summary(fit2A) Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod'] Formula: outcome ~ t + warmth + physical punishment + identity + intervention + HDI + (1 | country/id) Data: dfL REML criterion at convergence: 57022.7 Scaled residuals: Min 1Q Median Max 3Q -3.6850 -0.6094 -0.0035 0.6133 3.6792 Random effects: Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. id:country (Intercept) 8.438 2.905 country (Intercept) 3.675 1.917 Residual 26.036 5.103 Number of obs: 9000, groups: id:country, 3000; country, 30 Fixed effects: Estimate Std. Error t value (Intercept) 50.6570397 1.4460656 35.031 t 0.9433806 0.0658755 14.321 warmth 0.9140307 0.0379336 24.096 physical_punishment -1.0087537 0.0497972 -20.257 identity -0.1319548 0.1517350 -0.870 intervention 0.8591495 0.1520510 5.650 HDT 0.0007909 0.0207656 0.038

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

(Intr) t warmth physc_ idntty intrvn t -0.090 warmth -0.091 -0.002 physcl_pnsh -0.091 -0.007 -0.012 identity -0.152 0.000 -0.013 -0.003 interventin -0.160 0.000 0.039 0.019 -0.018 HDI -0.930 0.000 -0.004 0.005 0.000 0.002

5.3.2.2.2 Interactions With Time

```
fit2B <- lmer(outcome ~ t *(warmth + physical_punishment +</pre>
              identity + intervention + HDI) +
               (1 | country/id),
            data = dfL)
summary(fit2B)
Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
Formula:
outcome ~ t * (warmth + physical_punishment + identity + intervention +
   HDI) + (1 | country/id)
   Data: dfL
REML criterion at convergence: 57042.8
Scaled residuals:
    Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-3.7118 -0.6092 -0.0024 0.6150 3.6779
Random effects:
 Groups
           Name
                       Variance Std.Dev.
 id:country (Intercept) 8.436
                                2.905
 country
           (Intercept) 3.675
                                1.917
                       26.046
                                5.104
 Residual
Number of obs: 9000, groups: id:country, 3000; country, 30
Fixed effects:
                       Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept)
                     51.3432052 1.6670196 30.799
t.
                      0.5994732 0.4199189 1.428
                      0.8170912 0.0805355 10.146
warmth
physical_punishment -1.0097729 0.1113557 -9.068
identity
                     -0.2446453 0.3041604 -0.804
intervention
                      0.6604672 0.3046286 2.168
HDI
                      0.0026692 0.0221295 0.121
t:warmth
                      0.0486211 0.0356217 1.365
t:physical_punishment 0.0004964 0.0494590 0.010
t:identity
                      0.0563140 0.1318043 0.427
                      0.0995037 0.1319917 0.754
t:intervention
t:HDI
                     -0.0009379 0.0038233 -0.245
```

```
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
          (Intr) t
                       -0.504
          -0.170 0.265
warmth
physcl_pnsh -0.180 0.285 -0.005
identity
          -0.266 0.397 -0.013 -0.002
interventin -0.279 0.417 0.039 0.019 -0.017
       -0.861 0.206 -0.007 0.012 -0.001 0.003
          0.151 -0.302 -0.882  0.001  0.011 -0.035  0.006
t:warmth
t:physcl_pn 0.161 -0.319 0.004 -0.894 -0.001 -0.017 -0.010 -0.003
t:identity 0.230 -0.458 0.011 0.000 -0.867 0.014 0.001 -0.013 0.002
t:intervntn 0.242 -0.481 -0.035 -0.017 0.014 -0.867 -0.003 0.041 0.019
           0.301 -0.596  0.015 -0.027  0.002 -0.007 -0.346 -0.016  0.029
t:HDI
          t:dntt t:ntrv
t
warmth
physcl_pnsh
identity
interventin
HDI
t:warmth
t:physcl_pn
t:identity
t:intervntn -0.016
t:HDI
     -0.002 0.008
```

5.3.3 Julia

5.3.3.1 Get The Data

```
using Tables, MixedModels, StatFiles, DataFrames, CategoricalArrays, DataFramesMeta
dfL = DataFrame(load("simulated_multilevel_longitudinal_data.dta"))
```

5.3.3.2 Run The Model

5.3.3.2.1 Change Country To Categorical

```
@transform!(dfL, :country = categorical(:country))
```

5.3.3.2.2 Main Effects Only

```
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
outcome ~ 1 + t + warmth + physical_punishment + identity + intervention + HDI + (1 | countled logLik -2 logLik AIC AICc BIC
-28499.6031 56999.2062 57021.2062 57021.2356 57099.3610
```

Variance components:

	Column	Variance Std.Dev. Corr.	
id	(Intercept)	8.387258 2.896076	
country	(Intercept)	3.166920 1.779584	
	warmth	0.010761 0.103736 .	
Residual		26.027344 5.101700	

Number of obs: 9000; levels of grouping factors: 3000, 30

Fixed-effects parameters:

	Coef.	Std. Error	z	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	50.7359	1.37201	36.98	<1e-99
t	0.943864	0.0658716	14.33	<1e-45
warmth	0.913496	0.0423741	21.56	<1e-99
physical_punishment	-1.0079	0.0497622	-20.25	<1e-90
identity	-0.127692	0.151583	-0.84	0.3996
intervention	0.858997	0.151909	5.65	<1e-07
HDI	-0.000565959	0.0196433	-0.03	0.9770

5.3.3.2.3 Interactions With Time

Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
outcome ~ 1 + t + warmth + physical_punishment + identity + intervention + HDI + t & warmth
logLik -2 logLik AIC AICc BIC
-28498.3091 56996.6182 57028.6182 57028.6788 57142.2979

Variance components:

Column Variance Std.Dev. Corr.

id (Intercept) 8.391748 2.896851

country (Intercept) 3.170040 1.780461

warmth 0.010609 0.102999 .

Residual 26.015905 5.100579

Number of obs: 9000; levels of grouping factors: 3000, 30

Fixed-effects parameters:

	Coef.	Std. Error	Z	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	51.4143	1.60324	32.07	<1e-99
t	0.60349	0.419741	1.44	0.1505
warmth	0.817076	0.0826636	9.88	<1e-22
physical_punishment	-1.00903	0.111293	-9.07	<1e-18
identity	-0.238714	0.303996	-0.79	0.4323
intervention	0.660761	0.30445	2.17	0.0300
HDI	0.00136065	0.0210842	0.06	0.9485
t & warmth	0.0483635	0.0356074	1.36	0.1744
t & physical_punishment	0.0005422	0.0494355	0.01	0.9912
t & identity	0.0554384	0.131745	0.42	0.6739
t & intervention	0.0992809	0.131925	0.75	0.4517
t & HDI	-0.000955067	0.00382162	-0.25	0.8027

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