# PS931 Bayesian Approaches in Behavioural Science Problem Set

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```
# load the packages

library("tidyverse")
library("afex")
library("BayesFactor")
library("emmeans")
library('bayestestR')
```

#### Task 1

#### Section 1

Decision making is, essentially, a complicated process which is often noisy. For example, participants tend to behave inconsistently when making decisions between equivalent pairs of risky choices under the laboratory settings. Thus, an important question to be ask is that "Why does this choice inconsistency emerge?". One assumption is that being inconsistent is innate, thus decisions are made under equal amount of noise irregardless of the context of choices. Or otherwise the level of inconsistency might depend on different types of choices that people encounter. The current investigation was developed upon these assumptions.

In simulation, a total of 20 participants undertook a task in which they were requested to respond to a series of gamble pairs. These pairs were manipulated into 3 types. One of which were pairs of choices with same number of outcomes and one of them were dominant alternatives (DA), in other words, indicating one alternative out-competes the other (e.g., A: 10% of chance of winning £8 otherwise £0 vs DA: 10% of winning £10 otherwise £0). The second type, by contrast, were those with no dominant alternatives (NDA; e.g., A: 10% of chance of winning £8 otherwise £0 vs NDA: 8% of winning £12 otherwise £0). The third type, being slightly different from the above ones, are gamble pairs with different number of possible outcomes (DNO; e.g., e.g., A: 10% of chance of winning £8 otherwise £0 vs DNO: 8% of winning £5 or 8% of winning £10 otherwise £0). All simulated participants were exposed to the same number of gamble pairs of each type twice by random and their choice consistency (i.e., proportion of identical choices made across the two repeated exposures) were recorded for further analyses.

We firstly analysed the data with Frequentist methods using a Greenhouse-Geissor corrected ANOVA with a single within-subject factor of Types of gamble pairs (DA vs NDA vs DNO). Meanwhile, Bayesian ANOVA was performed using a medium prior on the effect size built in the BayesFactor package. Results demonstrates a significant main effect of Type on consistency, F(1.97, 37.36) = 128.56, p < .001,  $BF_{10} > 6.6 \times 10^6$ . The results were qualitative the same for Bayesian ANOVA after using wide ( $BF_{10} > 8.3 \times 10^6$ ), ultrawide ( $BF_{10} > 9.3 \times 10^6$ ) priors on the effect size, and AIC (AIC = 1284971537), BIC (BIC = 158245446) approximation. Figure 1 shows the means and distribution of consistency of different types of choice pairs, and illustrates that the consistency of DA type group is higher than those of NDA and DNO groups, yet the difference between the last 2 groups is unclear.

To further explore on the main effect of *Type* and differences between groups, *Frequentist* pairwise comparisons with Bonferroni-Holm correction and *Bayesian* t-tests with medium prior on consistency were performed.

Post hoc results validate that the level of consistency for DA group is significantly higher than NDA group (difference = 23.5, SE = 3.65), t(1,19) = 6.443, p < .0001,  $BF_{10} > 1.1 \times 10^4$ , and the bayes factors for wide  $(BF_{10} > 1.2 \times 10^4)$  and ultrawide  $(BF_{10} > 1.3 \times 10^4)$  priors were also decisive. Also, a significant difference was also found between DA and DNO group (difference = 21.0, SE = 3.32), t(1,19) = 6.332, p < .0001,  $BF_{10} > 9.1 \times 10^3$ . In line with this, the evidence provided by Bayes factors for wide and ultrawide priors on the effect size was decisive as well  $(BF_{10} > 10^4)$ . However, no significant difference was observed between NDA and DNO group (difference = 2.5, SE = 3.69), t(1,19) = 0.677, p = .506,  $BF_{10} = 0.42$ , and this finding was approximately the same for wide and ultrawide priors on the effect size.

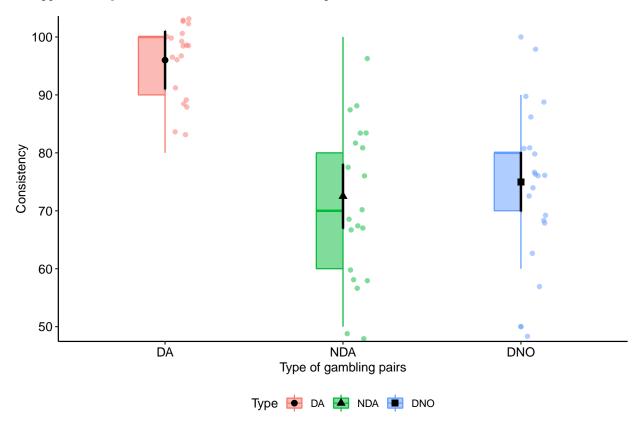
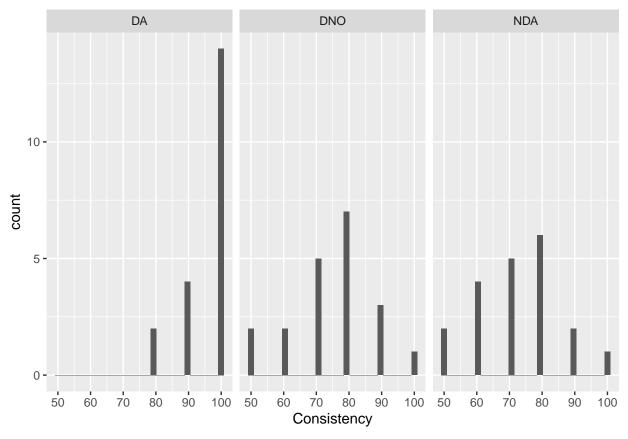


Figure 1. Consistency of choices as a function of types of gamble pairs. Specifically, DA: pairs of dominant alternatives; NDA: pairs with no dominant alternatives; DNO: pairs with different number of possible outcomes. Coloured points in the background show the raw data, coloured boxplots demonstrate the median and quantiles, black points in the foreground show the mean, error bars show 95% within-subjects confidence intervals.

#### Section 2

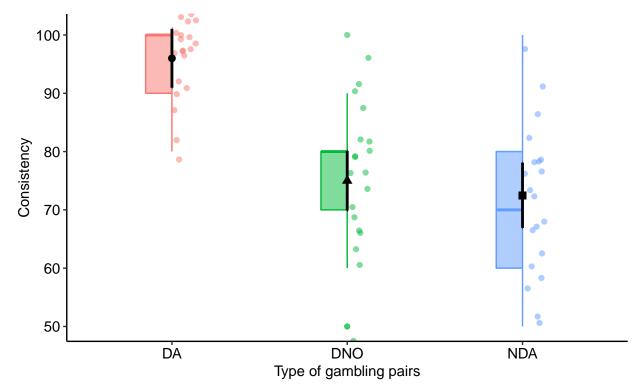
```
#load the data for Task 1
df1 <- read.csv("consistency_by_type.csv")</pre>
df1 <- mutate_at(df1, vars(X, id, Type), as.factor)</pre>
head(df1)
     X id Type Consistency
## 1 1
        1
             DA
                         100
                          70
## 2 2
        1
            NDA
## 3 3
        1
            DNO
                          80
```

```
## 4 4 2 DA
                       100
## 5 5 2 NDA
                        60
## 6 6 2 DNO
                        80
# checking NAs
df1 %>%
  select_if(function(x) any(is.na(x))) %>%
  summarise_each(funs(sum(is.na(.))))
## data frame with 0 columns and 1 row
# great no missing values
# check the sample size per group
df1 %>% group_by(Type) %>% count(Type) # n = 20
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
## # Groups: Type [3]
    Туре
     <fct> <int>
## 1 DA
              20
## 2 DNO
              20
## 3 NDA
              20
# checking data distribution
dis <- ggplot(df1, aes(Consistency)) +</pre>
 geom_histogram() +
 facet_wrap(~Type)
dis
```



```
# Frequentist: Repeated measures ANOVA
a1 <- aov_ez(id = "id", dv = "Consistency", df1, within = "Type")
a1
## Anova Table (Type 3 tests)
##
## Response: Consistency
    Effect
                    df
                          MSE
                                      F ges p.value
## 1 Type 1.97, 37.36 128.56 26.36 *** .469 <.001
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '+' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Sphericity correction method: GG
# Frequentist post hocs
em1 <- emmeans(a1, "Type")</pre>
em1 %>% pairs() %>% update(by = NULL) %>% summary(adjust = "holm")
   contrast estimate
                        SE df t.ratio p.value
   DA - DNO
                 21.0 3.32 19
                                6.332 <.0001
##
                 23.5 3.65 19
##
   DA - NDA
                                6.443 <.0001
   DNO - NDA
                 2.5 3.69 19
                                0.677 0.5063
##
##
```

```
## P value adjustment: holm method for 3 tests
```



Type 🏚 DA 📥 DNO 💼 NDA

```
## Against denominator:
##
   Consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
a2_w <- anovaBF(Consistency ~ Type + id, data = data.frame(df1), whichRandom = "id",
                rscaleFixed = "wide")
a2_w
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Type + id : 8294346 \pm 0.83\%
## Against denominator:
##
   Consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
a2_uw <- anovaBF(Consistency ~ Type + id, data = data.frame(df1), whichRandom = "id",
                 rscaleFixed = "ultrawide")
a2_uw
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Type + id : 9341166 ±1.11%
## Against denominator:
## Consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
# try using AIC and BIC weights
a2 <- lmer(Consistency ~ Type + (1|id), data = df1)
a3 <- lmer(Consistency ~ 1 + (1|id), data = df1)
aics \leftarrow AIC(a2,a3)
bics <- BIC(a2,a3)
ic_as_bf \leftarrow function(x) {exp(-x[1]/2)/exp(-x[2]/2)}
ic_as_bf(bics$BIC)
## [1] 158245446
ic_as_bf(aics$AIC)
## [1] 1284971537
# Pivot the data frame for Bayesian t-tests
dft <- df1 %>% select(id:Consistency) %>% pivot_wider(names_from = Type, values_from = Consistency)
head(dft)
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
            DA NDA
                         DNO
    id
   <fct> <int> <int> <int>
##
## 1 1
           100
                 70
                         80
## 2 2
            100
                 60
                          80
```

```
## 3 3
           100
                  100
                         80
## 4 4
            80
                   80
                         60
## 5 5
            100
                   80
                         70
## 6 6
             90
                    60
                         70
# Bayesian t-tests on DNO vs NDA
a.ttestBF.m <- ttestBF(x = dft$DNO, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="medium")
a.ttestBF.m
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=0.707 0<d<Inf
                             : 0.4200382 ±0%
## [2] Alt., r=0.707 ! (0 < d < Inf) : 0.1505489 \pm 0\%
##
## Against denominator:
   Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
a.ttestBF.w <- ttestBF(x = dft$DNO, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="wide")
a.ttestBF.w
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=1 0<d<Inf
                           : 0.3157032 ±0%
## [2] Alt., r=1 !(0<d<Inf) : 0.1090593 ±0.01%
## Against denominator:
## Null, mu = 0
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
a.ttestBF.uw <- ttestBF(x = dft$DNO, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="ultrawide")
a.ttestBF.uw
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=1.414 0<d<Inf
                             : 0.2313646 ±0%
## [2] Alt., r=1.414 !(0<d<Inf) : 0.07815114 \pm0%
## Against denominator:
## Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
# DA vs NDA
a.ttestBF.m <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="medium")
{\tt a.ttestBF.m}
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=0.707 \text{ O} < d < Inf : 11279.28 ±NA%
## [2] Alt., r=0.707 ! (0 < d < Inf) : 0.020017 ±NA%
##
## Against denominator:
## Null, mu = 0
```

```
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
a.ttestBF.w <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="wide")
a.ttestBF.w
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=1 0<d<Inf
                           : 12935.26
## [2] Alt., r=1 !(0<d<Inf) : 0.02295583 ±NA%
## Against denominator:
   Null. mu = 0
##
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
a.ttestBF.uw <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$NDA, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="ultrawide")
a.ttestBF.uw
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=1.414 0<d<Inf
                              : 13446.35
                                             ±NA%
## [2] Alt., r=1.414 ! (0 < d < Inf) : 0.02386285 \pm NA%
## Against denominator:
##
   Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
# DNO vs DA
a.ttestBF.m <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$DNO, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="medium")
a.ttestBF.m
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=0.707 O<d<Inf
                              : 9142.17
## [2] Alt., r=0.707 ! (0 < d < Inf) : 0.02043975 \pm NA%
## Against denominator:
##
   Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
a.ttestBF.w <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$DNO, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="wide")
a.ttestBF.w
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] Alt., r=1 0<d<Inf
                          : 10429.83
                                         ±NA%
## [2] Alt., r=1 !(0 < d < Inf) : 0.02331865 \pm NA%
## Against denominator:
## Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS
```

```
a.ttestBF.uw <- ttestBF(x = dft$DA, y = dft$DNO, paired=T, nullInterval=c(0,Inf), rscale="ultrawide")
a.ttestBF.uw

## Bayes factor analysis
## ------
## [1] Alt., r=1.414 0<d<Inf : 10779.19 ±NA%
## [2] Alt., r=1.414 !(0<d<Inf) : 0.02409975 ±NA%
##
## Against denominator:
## Null, mu = 0
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFoneSample, JZS</pre>
```

#### Task 2

#### Section 1

Investigations upon inconsistency after repetitive exposures to the same choice have attracted considerable academic interests. Aside from questioning the mechanisms that mediate this process, the factors that moderate the extent of choice inconsistency are also worthy to study in understanding human decision making. People might be inconsistent when encounter a decision scenario that they have experienced previously. Yet it is still unclear that how this inconsistency will shift after increasing the repetitions of certain situation. Furthermore, some other exogenous factors, such as the random presentation of the gamble pairs in the laboratory setting was assumed to result in various level of choice inconsistency as well. Specifically, it has been suggested that participants' decision inconsistency might be, to some extent, a strategy to adapt to the random presence of gamble pairs. Thus, the current inquiry was developed upon these assumptions to investigate whether, or to what extent, repeated experiences alongside with randomness of order of gamble pairs might influence participants choices.

A total of 28 participants were recruited in the experiment in which their main task is to respond to 12 blocks of 75 gambling scenarios. Each gambling trial requires participants to choose between one option and an alternative, each with different probabilities of two possible rewards, and all 12 blocks contained the same 75 gambling pairs and was presented in a series of pre-arranged orders. Participants were requested to complete all 12 blocks within a few days, the *order* of gambling pairs of the *early* two *blocks* (i.e., the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  block) and the *late* two *blocks* (i.e., the  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  block) were manipulated to be either the *same* or *different* from one another. The choice consistency of the early and late four blocks were taken to further analyses.

Figure 2 shows the means and distributions of consistency and indicates that participants were being more consistent after repeated exposures to the same set of gamble pairs, while the order seemingly does not have a significant impact. After the inspection of plot, Frequestist mixed-effect model and Bayesian ANOVA with a medium prior on the effect size in BayesFactor package and summarised using a Bayes Factor inclusion for matching models were performed. In line with the information illustrated by Figure 2, results indicate a significant main effect of blocks, F(1, 29.53) = 18.32, p < .001,  $BF_{\rm inclusion} = 923.34$ , and the Bayes Factor for wide and ultrawide ( $BF_{\rm inclusion} > 10^3$ ) priors on the effect size were also being decisive. Furthermore, no significant main effect of order [F(1, 34.77) = 0.00, p = .949,  $BF_{\rm inclusion} = 0.282$ ], nor a interaction of order by blocks effect [F(1, 43.22) = 0.14, p = .014,  $BF_{\rm inclusion} = 0.444$ ] were observed, indicating the order of either being different or the same does not play a significant role in moderating choice consistency. In alignment with this, the Bayes Factor for wide and ultrawide priors on the effect size demonstrate poor evidence as well.

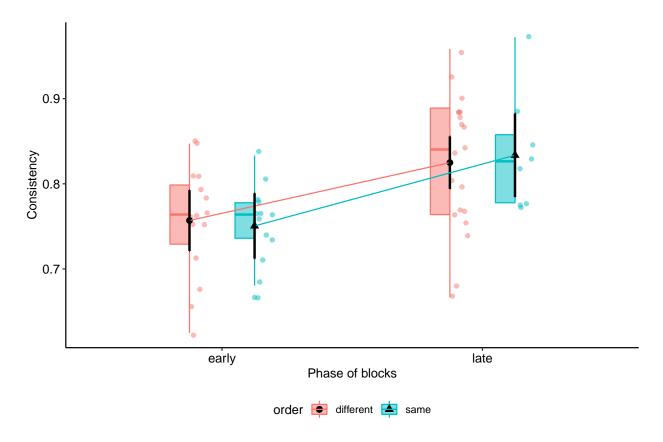
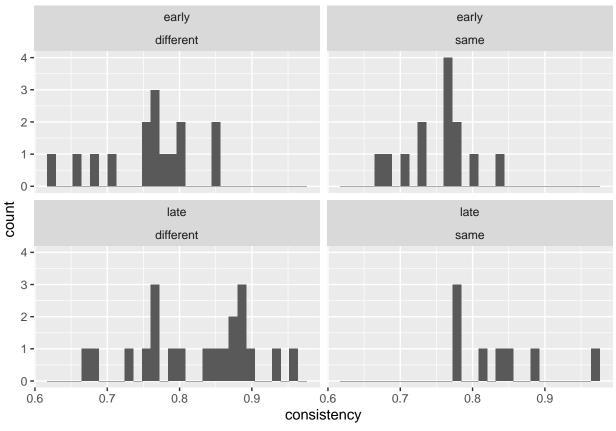


Figure 2. Consistency of choices as a function of block phases and order of gamble pairs. Coloured points in the background show the raw data, coloured boxplots demonstrate the median and quantiles, black points in the foreground show the mean, error bars show 95% confidence intervals for the mixed-effects model.

#### Section 2

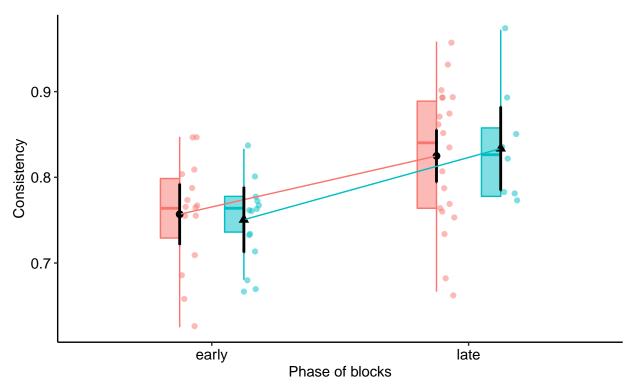
```
#load the data
df2 <- read.csv("block_and_order_consistency.csv")</pre>
df2 <- mutate_at(df2, vars(X, id, blocks, order), as.factor)</pre>
head(df2)
     X id blocks
                      order consistency
## 1 1 10
           early
                       same
                               0.7083333
## 2 2 10
             late different
                               0.9583333
## 3 3 11
           early different
                               0.6527778
## 4 4 11
             late different
                               0.8333333
                               0.7638889
## 5 5 12
           early different
## 6 6 12
             late
                       same
                               0.777778
# within-subject factor - blocks
df2 %>% group_by(blocks) %>% count(blocks) # n = 28
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
                blocks [2]
## # Groups:
     blocks
##
                 n
```

```
## <fct> <int>
## 1 early
## 2 late
# check with factor level of orders
df2 %>% group_by(order) %>% count(order) # class imbalance
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## # Groups: order [2]
##
   order
    <fct>
             <int>
## 1 different
                 35
## 2 same
# checking NAs
df2 %>%
 select_if(function(x) any(is.na(x))) %>%
 summarise_each(funs(sum(is.na(.))))
## data frame with 0 columns and 1 row
# great no missing values
# checking data distribution
dis <- ggplot(df2, aes(consistency)) +</pre>
 geom_histogram() +
 facet_wrap(blocks~order)
dis
```



```
# Frequentist: mixed effect ANOVA, treating participants as random effect
m1 <- mixed(consistency ~ blocks * order + (1|id), data=df2)</pre>
## Fitting one lmer() model. [DONE]
## Calculating p-values. [DONE]
## Mixed Model Anova Table (Type 3 tests, S-method)
## Model: consistency ~ blocks * order + (1 | id)
## Data: df2
##
           Effect
                        df
                                   F p.value
           blocks 1, 29.53 18.32 ***
           order 1, 34.77
                                        .949
                                0.00
## 3 blocks:order 1, 43.32
                                        .711
                                0.14
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '+' 0.1 ' ' 1
# plot the difference
p2 <- afex_plot(m1, x ="blocks", trace = "order", error_level = 0.95, dodge = 0.5,
                       mapping = c("shape", "fill", 'color'),
                       data_geom = ggpol::geom_boxjitter,
                       data_arg = list(width = 0.3),
                       point_arg = list(size = 2.4, color = "black"),
                       error_arg = list(size = 1, width = 0, color ="black")) +
```

```
ylab("Consistency") + xlab("Phase of blocks") +
ggpubr::theme_pubr(base_size = 11) +
theme(legend.position="bottom", panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
p2
```

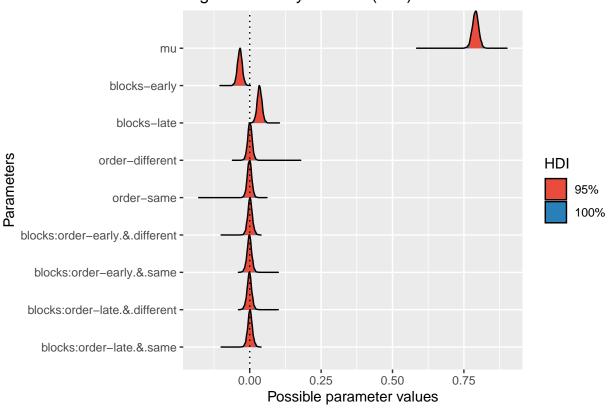


order edifferent same

```
# Bayesain ANOVA with different priors
a3_m <- anovaBF(consistency ~ blocks * order + id, data = data.frame(df2), whichRandom = "id",
                rscaleFixed = "medium")
a3_m
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] blocks + id
                                          : 981.5197 ±1.11%
## [2] order + id
                                          : 0.3688183 ±2.74%
## [3] blocks + order + id
                                          : 283.4104 ±1.63%
## [4] blocks + order + blocks:order + id : 130.4956 ±2.59%
## Against denominator:
##
     consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
a3_w <- anovaBF(consistency ~ blocks * order + id, data = data.frame(df2), whichRandom = "id",
                rscaleFixed = "wide")
a3_w
```

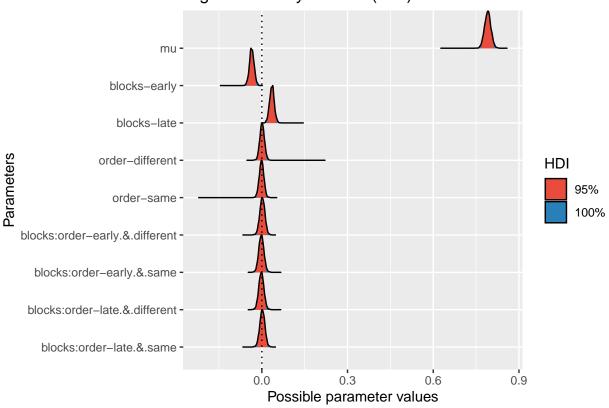
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## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
                                        : 1331.344 ±18.43%
## [1] blocks + id
## [2] order + id
                                        : 0.273146 ±1.23%
## [3] blocks + order + id
                                        : 231.8719 ±1.57%
## [4] blocks + order + blocks:order + id : 87.07502 ±4.83%
## Against denominator:
## consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
a3_uw <- anovaBF(consistency ~ blocks * order + id, data = data.frame(df2), whichRandom = "id",
                rscaleFixed = "ultrawide")
a3_uw
## Bayes factor analysis
## -----
## [1] blocks + id
                                        : 1074.879 ±1.23%
## [2] order + id
                                        : 0.2227153 ±9.33%
## [3] blocks + order + id
                                       : 170.4561 ±1.6%
## [4] blocks + order + blocks:order + id : 46.6901 ±5.73%
## Against denominator:
## consistency ~ id
## ---
## Bayes factor type: BFlinearModel, JZS
# plotting HDI
library(insight)
a.anova.samples.m <- get parameters(a3 m[4],effects="fixed") # prior - "medium"
parameters.to.show <- names(a.anova.samples.m)[!grepl("g_*",names(a.anova.samples.m))]
hdi(a.anova.samples.m[parameters.to.show])
## Highest Density Interval
##
## Parameter
                                 - 1
                                          95% HDI
## mu
                                 | [ 0.77, 0.81]
## blocks-early
                                | [-0.05, -0.02]
## blocks-late
                                | [ 0.02, 0.05]
                                 [-0.01, 0.02]
## order-different
## order-same
                                 | [-0.02, 0.01]
## blocks:order-early.&.different | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-early.&.same | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-late.&.different | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-late.&.same
                                [-0.02, 0.02]
plot(hdi(a.anova.samples.m[parameters.to.show]), data=a3_m[4])
```





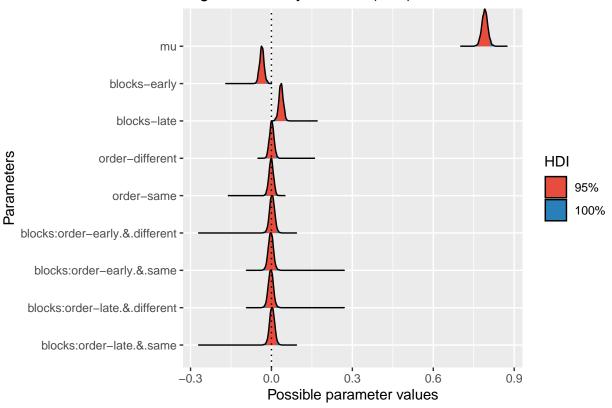
```
# HDI: prior - "wide"
a.anova.samples.w <- get_parameters(a3_w[4],effects="fixed")</pre>
parameters.to.show <- names(a.anova.samples.w)[!grepl("g_*",names(a.anova.samples.w))]
hdi(a.anova.samples.w[parameters.to.show])
## Highest Density Interval
##
## Parameter
                                          95% HDI
## -----
                                 | [ 0.77, 0.81]
## mu
                                 | [-0.05, -0.02]
## blocks-early
## blocks-late
                                 | [ 0.02, 0.05]
## order-different
                                 [-0.02, 0.02]
## order-same
                                 [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-early.&.different | [-0.01, 0.02]
## blocks:order-early.&.same
                             | [-0.02, 0.01]
## blocks:order-late.&.different | [-0.02, 0.01]
## blocks:order-late.&.same
                                 | [-0.01, 0.02]
plot(hdi(a.anova.samples.w[parameters.to.show]), data=a3_w[4])
```





```
# HDI: prior - "ultrawide"
a.anova.samples.uw <- get_parameters(a3_uw[4],effects="fixed")</pre>
parameters.to.show <- names(a.anova.samples.uw)[!grepl("g_*",names(a.anova.samples.uw))]
hdi(a.anova.samples.uw[parameters.to.show])
## Highest Density Interval
##
## Parameter
                                          95% HDI
## -----
                                 | [ 0.77, 0.81]
## mu
                                 | [-0.05, -0.02]
## blocks-early
## blocks-late
                                 | [ 0.02, 0.05]
## order-different
                                 [-0.02, 0.02]
## order-same
                                 [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-early.&.different | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-early.&.same
                             | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-late.&.different | [-0.02, 0.02]
## blocks:order-late.&.same
                                 [-0.02, 0.02]
plot(hdi(a.anova.samples.uw[parameters.to.show]), data=a3_uw[4])
```

## Highest Density Interval (HDI)



```
# Essentially there are not much difference for those priors
```

```
{\it \# try model averaging using BF inclusion}
```

```
bf_inclusion(a3_m, match_models = T)
```

```
## Inclusion Bayes Factors (Model Averaged)
##
##
                P(prior) P(posterior) Inclusion BF
## id
                     1.00
                                  1.00
                                  0.91
                                              924.10
## blocks
                    0.40
## order
                    0.40
                                  0.20
                                               0.289
                    0.20
                                  0.09
                                               0.460
## blocks:order
##
## * Compared among: matched models only
        Priors odds: uniform-equal
```

```
## Inclusion Bayes Factors (Model Averaged)
```

bf\_inclusion(a3\_w, match\_models = T)

```
##
##
                 P(prior) P(posterior) Inclusion BF
                     1.00
## id
                                   1.00
                     0.40
                                   0.95
                                             1.23e+03
## blocks
                     0.40
                                                0.174
## order
                                   0.14
                     0.20
                                   0.05
                                                0.376
## blocks:order
##
```

## \* Compared among: matched models only

```
Priors odds: uniform-equal
bf_inclusion(a3_uw, match_models = T)
## Inclusion Bayes Factors (Model Averaged)
##
##
                P(prior) P(posterior) Inclusion BF
## id
                    1.00
                                 1.00
                    0.40
                                 0.96
                                          1.02e+03
## blocks
                    0.40
                                 0.13
                                             0.159
## order
                    0.20
                                 0.04
                                             0.274
## blocks:order
## * Compared among: matched models only
       Priors odds: uniform-equal
```