Package 'SEMsens'

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An analysis based on structural equation modeling may suffer from the impact of a potential missing confounder that may change its conclusions (Harring, McNeish, & Hancock, 2017). This package is a tool to evaluate the sensitivity of structural equation models to potential missing confounders using the Ant Colony Optimization (ACO; Colorni, Dorigo, & Maniezzo, 1992; Dorigo & Stützle, 2004; Socha & Dorigo, 2008) algorithm. The reference for the current package is: Leite, W., Shen, Z., Marcoulides, K., Fish, C., & Harring, J. (in press). Using ant colony optimization for sensitivity analysis in structural equation modeling. Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal.

The current version includes three main functions and they are

- gen.sens.pars function: This function generates a set of required sensitivity parameters according to the rank of object function, with which the method has been developed by Socha & Dorigo (2008).
- sa.aco function: This function automatically performs the search for an omitted confounder in structural equation modeling using the ACO algorithm
- sens.table function: This function provides five summary tables of results produced in the sa.aco function.

Next, we use an example to illustrate how to perform sensitivity analysis in structural equation modeling.

1. Function sa.aco

Given a data set (or variance covariance matrix) and an analytic model, this function searches an omitted confounder to optimize the objective function. *sa.aco* function calls *gen.sens.pars* function to perform the algorithm together.

We need the following information/arguments to perform the search

- data: The data set used for an analysis. If there is no data available, use covariance matrix instead.
- sample.cov: Covariance matrix.
- sample.nobs: Number of observations for covariance matrix.
- model: The analytic model of interest.
- sens.model: Sensitivity analysis model template for structural equation modeling with a phantom variable. This is the model of interest with a phantom variable and sensitivity parameters added. See the example provided.
- opt.fun: Customized or preset object function for optimization.
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To see more arguments, please run ?sa.aco in R or RStudio.

An exmaple

The example is from: Kim, Y. S. G., & Schatschneider, C. (2017). Expanding the developmental models of writing: A direct and indirect effects model of developmental writing (DIEW). Journal of Educational psychology, 109(1), 35-50.

```
# Load lavaan and SEMsens packages
require(lavaan)
require(SEMsens)
# STEP 1: Prepare data:
# Lower diagonal correlation matrix in the study by Kim & Schatschneider (2017)
lower = '
1.00
.40 1.00
.40 .64 1.00
.41 .66 .61 1.00
.42 .52 .53 .61 1.00
.34 .50 .46 .53 .48 1.00
.42 .47 .41 .43 .47 .55 1.00
.39 .46 .39 .30 .21 .30 .37 1.00
.24 .31 .30 .31 .26 .32 .27 .56 1.00
.33 .35 .35 .40 .31 .25 .35 .51 .42 1.00
.30 .42 .36 .32 .24 .37 .43 .44 .37 .49 1.00'
# Convert to full covariance matrix
sample.cov = getCov(lower, sds = c(5.64, 14.68, 6.57, 6.07, 3.39, 10.16, 6.11, 4.91, 15.59, 0.96, 0.99),
              names = c("Working_memory",
                        "Vocabulary",
                         "Grammar",
                         "Inference",
                         "ToM",
                         "TNL",
                         "Expository",
                         "Spelling",
                         "Sentence_copying",
                         "One_day",
                         "Castle"))
# STEP 2: Set up analytic model and sensitivity analysis model
  # The original analytic model
model <-'Vocabulary~Working memory</pre>
  Grammar~Working memory
  Inference~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working memory
  ToM~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  Spelling~Working_memory
  Sentence_copying~Working_memory
  Discourse~Inference+ToM+Vocabulary+Grammar+Working memory
  Writing~Spelling+Sentence_copying+Discourse
  Discourse=~TNL+Expository
  Writing=~One_day+Castle
  Vocabulary~~Grammar
  Grammar~~Sentence_copying
  Vocabulary~~Sentence_copying
  Grammar~~Spelling
  Vocabulary~~Spelling
  Inference~~ToM
  Discourse~~Sentence_copying
```

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Discourse~~Spelling
  Spelling~~Sentence_copying'
  # A sensitivity analysis model template, which additionally includes paths
  # from a phantom variable to a set of variables (= number of sensitivity parameters)
  # in the analytic model.
sens.model <- 'Vocabulary~Working_memory</pre>
  Grammar~Working_memory
  Inference~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working memory
  ToM~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  Spelling~Working_memory
  Sentence_copying~Working_memory
  Discourse~Inference+ToM+Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  Writing~Spelling+Sentence_copying+Discourse
  Discourse=~TNL+Expository
  Writing=~One_day+Castle
  Vocabulary~~Grammar
  Grammar~~Sentence copying
  Vocabulary~~Sentence copying
  Grammar~~Spelling
  Vocabulary~~Spelling
  Inference~~ToM
  Discourse~~Sentence_copying
  Discourse~~Spelling
  Spelling~~Sentence_copying
  Working_memory ~ phantom1*phantom
  Grammar ~ phantom2*phantom
  Vocabulary ~ phantom3*phantom
  ToM ~ phantom4*phantom
  Inference ~ phantom5*phantom
  Spelling ~ phantom6*phantom
  Sentence_copying ~ phantom7*phantom
  Discourse ~ phantom8*phantom
  Writing ~ phantom9*phantom
  phantom =~ 0 # added for mean of zero
  phantom ~~ 1*phantom'
# STEP 3: Set up the paths of interest to be evaluated in sensitivity analysis.
  paths <- 'Vocabulary~Working_memory</pre>
  Grammar~Working_memory
  Inference~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  ToM~Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  Spelling~Working_memory
  Sentence_copying~Working_memory
  Discourse~Inference+ToM+Vocabulary+Grammar+Working_memory
  Writing~Spelling+Sentence_copying+Discourse'
  # STEP 4: Perform sensitivity analysis.
my.sa <-sa.aco(model = model, sens.model = sens.model, sample.cov = sample.cov,
               sample.nobs = 193, k = 50, max.value= 2000, max.iter = 100,
```

2. Function sens.tables

sens.tables function can help summarize the sensitivity analysis results. Beyond this function, investigators always can summarize the results by accessing to the results in sa.aco function.

```
my.table <- sens.tables(my.sa)
# Table 1: Summary of the sensitivity analysis for each path
my.table[[1]]</pre>
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```
##
                                    model.est model.pvalue mean.est.sens
## Discourse~Grammar
                                    0.1003703 2.545458e-01
                                                               0.1052304
                                    0.1245455 2.600317e-02
## Inference~Working_memory
                                                               0.1232723
## Writing~Sentence_copying
                                    0.1719948 7.373380e-01
                                                               0.1633071
## Discourse~Working_memory
                                    0.1888038 8.008110e-03
                                                               0.1910799
## Discourse~Inference
                                    0.1943264 3.648517e-02
                                                               0.1920310
## ToM~Working memory
                                    0.2036364 1.138824e-03
                                                               0.2030261
## Sentence_copying~Working_memory 0.2399999 3.306181e-04
                                                               0.2401460
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                    0.2565656 1.434170e-02
                                                               0.2540932
## Discourse~ToM
                                    0.2610613 1.478182e-03
                                                               0.2545997
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                   0.2589070 4.397424e-03
                                                               0.2615377
## ToM~Grammar
                                   0.2843434 1.360850e-04
                                                               0.2878169
## Inference~Grammar
                                   0.2873737 1.359032e-05
                                                               0.2894558
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                    0.3899999 2.976219e-11
                                                               0.3883753
## Writing~Spelling
                                    0.3759830 5.069807e-02
                                                               0.3886019
## Grammar~Working_memory
                                    0.3999999 5.308198e-12
                                                               0.3979180
                                   0.3999999 5.308198e-12
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                                               0.3996722
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                    0.4262626 3.953415e-10
                                                               0.4261592
## Writing~Discourse
                                   0.4504663 6.269999e-02
                                                               0.4355599
##
                                   min.est.sens max.est.sens
## Discourse~Grammar
                                                    0.1774544
                                      0.04912704
## Inference~Working_memory
                                      0.10477421
                                                    0.1485761
## Writing~Sentence copying
                                      0.05199882
                                                    0.2657367
## Discourse~Working memory
                                      0.14529692
                                                    0.2331204
## Discourse~Inference
                                      0.15029004
                                                    0.2484007
## ToM~Working_memory
                                      0.17420102
                                                    0.2505132
## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
                                      0.23129571
                                                    0.2588857
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                      0.22454770
                                                    0.3059992
## Discourse~ToM
                                      0.15889535
                                                    0.3087243
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                      0.23408924
                                                    0.3120485
## ToM~Grammar
                                      0.21758721
                                                    0.3477721
## Inference~Grammar
                                                    0.3261455
                                      0.23936198
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                      0.36602307
                                                    0.4141131
## Writing~Spelling
                                                    0.6603765
                                      0.19253896
## Grammar~Working_memory
                                      0.36081953
                                                    0.4178667
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                      0.38836436
                                                    0.4096268
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                      0.40745780
                                                    0.4641450
## Writing~Discourse
                                      0.16872738
                                                    0.5776849
```

Table 2: Summary of the sensitivity parameters my.table[[2]]

```
##
                              mean.phan min.phan max.phan
## Grammar~phantom
                          -0.0255901298 -0.19855864 0.14923981
## Working_memory~phantom -0.0116100689 -0.21192127 0.16501694
## Inference~phantom
                          -0.0059654784 -0.15852757 0.19673890
## Vocabulary~phantom
                         0.0009162615 -0.07989683 0.06497973
## Sentence_copying~phantom 0.0040785197 -0.05962908 0.11357489
## Discourse~phantom
                         0.0302226186 -0.12647184 0.24583688
                           0.0366678782 -0.19658642 0.24672188
## Spelling~phantom
## ToM~phantom
                           0.0561965145 -0.23155307 0.49606813
## Writing~phantom
                           0.1132356278 -0.52889818 0.61827105
```

Table 3: The sensitivity parameters lead to the minimum coefficient for each
my.table[[3]]

##		Working_memory~phantom Grammar~phantom
##	Vocabulary~Working_memory	-0.211921268 -0.18415235
##	Grammar~Working_memory	-0.211921268 -0.18415235
##	Inference~Vocabulary	0.002184957 -0.19855864
##	Inference~Grammar	-0.110365605 -0.15220596
##	Inference~Working_memory	-0.167003237 -0.04988583
##	ToM~Vocabulary	-0.030085236 -0.12832087
	ToM~Grammar	-0.110365605 -0.15220596
##	ToM~Working_memory	-0.167003237 -0.04988583
##	Spelling~Working_memory	0.152931730 -0.01137375
##	${\tt Sentence_copying~Working_memory}$	-0.155173551 0.08682558
##	Discourse~Inference	0.044223231 -0.06027779
	Discourse~ToM	-0.034499544 -0.13024128
##	Discourse~Vocabulary	0.051240582 -0.06690173
##	Discourse~Grammar	-0.120907356 0.14923981
##	Discourse~Working_memory	0.165016936 -0.01754155
##	Writing~Spelling	0.048004382 -0.02181512
	Writing~Sentence_copying	0.072626707 0.11784237
##	Writing~Discourse	0.072626707 0.11784237
##		Vocabulary~phantom ToM~phantom
##	Vocabulary~Working_memory	-0.054220461 0.22938668
##	Grammar~Working_memory	-0.054220461 0.22938668 -0.054220461 0.22938668
##	<i>v</i>	-0.054220461
## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar	-0.054220461 0.22938668 -0.054220461 0.22938668
## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory Spelling~Working_memory	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory Spelling~Working_memory Sentence_copying~Working_memory	-0.054220461
## ## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory Spelling~Working_memory Sentence_copying~Working_memory Discourse~Inference	-0.054220461
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## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory Spelling~Working_memory Sentence_copying~Working_memory Discourse~Inference Discourse~ToM Discourse~Vocabulary Discourse~Grammar Discourse~Working_memory	-0.054220461
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## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ##	Grammar~Working_memory Inference~Vocabulary Inference~Grammar Inference~Working_memory ToM~Vocabulary ToM~Grammar ToM~Working_memory Spelling~Working_memory Sentence_copying~Working_memory Discourse~Inference Discourse~ToM Discourse~Vocabulary Discourse~Grammar Discourse~Working_memory	-0.054220461

```
##
                                    Inference~phantom Spelling~phantom
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                           0.11169709
                                                            0.11546808
## Grammar~Working memory
                                           0.11169709
                                                            0.11546808
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                                            0.15355763
                                           0.12562746
## Inference~Grammar
                                          -0.15852757
                                                            0.18009840
## Inference~Working memory
                                                           -0.05282820
                                          -0.15021823
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                           0.06902098
                                                            0.02181626
                                                            0.18009840
## ToM~Grammar
                                          -0.15852757
## ToM~Working_memory
                                          -0.15021823
                                                           -0.05282820
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                          -0.09672352
                                                            0.17233148
## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
                                          -0.07186973
                                                            0.14099539
## Discourse~Inference
                                           0.12930466
                                                            0.19994834
## Discourse~ToM
                                           0.14159692
                                                            0.24672188
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                                           -0.10090585
                                          -0.02696729
## Discourse~Grammar
                                          -0.00735754
                                                            0.01807200
## Discourse~Working_memory
                                          -0.14682888
                                                            0.06457722
                                                            0.20318504
## Writing~Spelling
                                          -0.09555416
## Writing~Sentence copying
                                           0.16155105
                                                           -0.18908332
## Writing~Discourse
                                           0.16155105
                                                           -0.18908332
                                    Sentence_copying~phantom Discourse~phantom
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                                  0.08826528
                                                                     0.24583688
## Grammar~Working_memory
                                                  0.08826528
                                                                     0.24583688
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                                  0.05705421
                                                                     0.10077127
## Inference~Grammar
                                                 -0.02665071
                                                                    -0.08985596
## Inference~Working memory
                                                 -0.02098849
                                                                    -0.08802815
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                                 -0.03303541
                                                                     0.07442881
## ToM~Grammar
                                                 -0.02665071
                                                                    -0.08985596
## ToM~Working_memory
                                                                    -0.08802815
                                                 -0.02098849
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                                 -0.05756797
                                                                    -0.02387311
## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
                                                 -0.05369555
                                                                     0.10337791
## Discourse~Inference
                                                  0.02990099
                                                                     0.13270063
## Discourse~ToM
                                                  0.11357489
                                                                     0.17226044
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                                 -0.05219069
                                                                     0.08786791
## Discourse~Grammar
                                                 -0.02210510
                                                                     0.13456352
## Discourse~Working memory
                                                  0.01005041
                                                                     0.13126727
## Writing~Spelling
                                                  0.05236181
                                                                     0.05720109
## Writing~Sentence copying
                                                  0.05069574
                                                                     0.08586779
## Writing~Discourse
                                                  0.05069574
                                                                     0.08586779
##
                                    Writing~phantom
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                        -0.12163204
## Grammar~Working memory
                                        -0.12163204
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                        0.08132341
## Inference~Grammar
                                        -0.28691915
## Inference~Working_memory
                                        0.36057655
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                         0.41217884
## ToM~Grammar
                                        -0.28691915
## ToM~Working_memory
                                         0.36057655
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                        -0.12680418
## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
                                        -0.08211608
## Discourse~Inference
                                         0.11588441
## Discourse~ToM
                                         0.21492898
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                        0.07410964
## Discourse~Grammar
                                         0.08140368
## Discourse~Working_memory
                                         0.30589957
```

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## Writing~Spelling 0.61827105
## Writing~Sentence_copying 0.60389707
## Writing~Discourse 0.60389707
```

Table 4: The sensitivity parameters lead to the maximum coefficient for each path
my.table[[4]]

##		Working_memory~phantom	Grammar~phantom
##	Vocabulary~Working_memory	-0.176061341	0.03160994
##	Grammar~Working_memory	-0.120907356	0.14923981
##	Inference~Vocabulary	-0.110365605	-0.15220596
##	Inference~Grammar	0.002184957	-0.19855864
##	Inference~Working_memory	0.165016936	-0.01754155
##	ToM~Vocabulary	-0.110365605	-0.15220596
##	ToM~Grammar	0.002184957	-0.19855864
##	ToM~Working_memory	-0.155173551	0.08682558
##	Spelling~Working_memory	-0.176061341	0.03160994
##	Sentence_copying~Working_memory	-0.211921268	-0.18415235
	Discourse~Inference	-0.014368362	-0.02012266
##	Discourse~ToM	-0.120907356	0.14923981
##	Discourse~Vocabulary	-0.110365605	-0.15220596
##	Discourse~Grammar	-0.211921268	-0.18415235
##	Discourse~Working_memory	-0.211921268	-0.18415235
##	Writing~Spelling	0.072626707	0.11784237
##	Writing~Sentence_copying	-0.138008251	-0.05072568
##	Writing~Discourse	-0.167003237	-0.04988583
##		Vocabulary~phantom ToM-	~phantom
##	Vocabulary~Working_memory	0.055384298 0	. 1217345
##	<pre>Grammar~Working_memory</pre>	-0.013843073 -0	. 1848643
##	Inference~Vocabulary	0.051535666 -0	. 2172529
##	Inference~Grammar	-0.030296701 0	. 2098762
##	Inference~Working_memory	-0.017716484 -0	. 1952447
	ToM~Vocabulary	0.051535666 -0	. 2172529
##	ToM~Grammar	-0.030296701 0	. 2098762
	ToM~Working_memory		. 2806905
	Spelling~Working_memory		. 1217345
	${\tt Sentence_copying~Working_memory}$. 2293867
	Discourse~Inference		. 2029898
	Discourse~ToM		. 1848643
	Discourse~Vocabulary		. 2172529
	Discourse~Grammar		. 2293867
	Discourse~Working_memory		. 2293867
	Writing~Spelling		.2767882
	Writing~Sentence_copying		. 1319380
	Writing~Discourse	-0.030364651 -0	
##		Inference~phantom Spell	
	Vocabulary~Working_memory	-0.07860246	0.14301228
	Grammar~Working_memory	-0.00735754	0.01807200
	Inference~Vocabulary	-0.15852757	0.18009840
	Inference~Grammar	0.12562746	0.15355763
	Inference~Working_memory	-0.14682888	0.06457722
	ToM~Vocabulary	-0.15852757	0.18009840
	ToM~Grammar	0.12562746	0.15355763
	ToM~Working_memory	-0.07186973	0.14099539
##	Spelling~Working_memory	-0.07860246	0.14301228

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## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
                                          0.11169709
                                                            0.11546808
## Discourse~Inference
                                         -0.14558684
                                                            0.02211563
                                         -0.00735754
                                                            0.01807200
## Discourse~ToM
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                         -0.15852757
                                                            0.18009840
## Discourse~Grammar
                                          0.11169709
                                                            0.11546808
## Discourse~Working memory
                                          0.11169709
                                                            0.11546808
## Writing~Spelling
                                                           -0.18908332
                                          0.16155105
## Writing~Sentence_copying
                                                            0.13761525
                                          0.02871137
## Writing~Discourse
                                         -0.15021823
                                                           -0.05282820
##
                                   Sentence_copying~phantom Discourse~phantom
## Vocabulary~Working_memory
                                                 -0.02140238
                                                                    0.02093407
## Grammar~Working_memory
                                                 -0.02210510
                                                                    0.13456352
## Inference~Vocabulary
                                                 -0.02665071
                                                                   -0.08985596
## Inference~Grammar
                                                 0.05705421
                                                                    0.10077127
## Inference~Working_memory
                                                  0.01005041
                                                                    0.13126727
## ToM~Vocabulary
                                                 -0.02665071
                                                                   -0.08985596
## ToM~Grammar
                                                 0.05705421
                                                                    0.10077127
## ToM~Working memory
                                                -0.05369555
                                                                    0.10337791
## Spelling~Working_memory
                                                -0.02140238
                                                                    0.02093407
## Sentence copying~Working memory
                                                 0.08826528
                                                                    0.24583688
## Discourse~Inference
                                                 0.02421053
                                                                    0.04225371
## Discourse~ToM
                                                -0.02210510
                                                                    0.13456352
## Discourse~Vocabulary
                                                -0.02665071
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## Discourse~Grammar
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## Discourse~Working memory
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## Writing~Spelling
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## Writing~Sentence_copying
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## Writing~Discourse
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## Vocabulary~Working_memory
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## Grammar~Working_memory
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## Inference~Vocabulary
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## Inference~Grammar
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## Inference~Working_memory
## ToM~Vocabulary
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## ToM~Grammar
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## ToM~Working memory
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## Spelling~Working_memory
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## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
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## Discourse~Inference
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## Discourse~ToM
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## Discourse~Vocabulary
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## Discourse~Grammar
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## Discourse~Working_memory
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## Writing~Spelling
## Writing~Sentence_copying
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## Writing~Discourse
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# Table 5: The sensitivity parameters lead to change in significance for each path
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##
                                        p.value p.changed Working_memory~phantom
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## Discourse~Grammar
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## Writing~Discourse
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## Writing~Spelling
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## Inference~Working memory
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## Vocabulary~Working memory
## Grammar~Working_memory
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## Inference~Grammar
                                    1.359032e-05
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## ToM~Vocabularv
                                    1.434170e-02
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## ToM~Grammar
                                    1.360850e-04
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## ToM~Working memory
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## Spelling~Working_memory
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## Sentence_copying~Working_memory 3.306181e-04
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## Discourse~ToM
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## Discourse~Vocabulary
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## Discourse~Working_memory
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## Writing~Sentence_copying
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## Writing~Discourse
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## Writing~Spelling
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## Discourse~Inference
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## Inference~Working_memory
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## Grammar~Working_memory
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## Inference~Grammar
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## Sentence_copying~Working_memory
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## Writing~Discourse
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## Writing~Spelling
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##
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## Discourse~Grammar
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## Writing~Discourse
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## Writing~Spelling
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## Discourse~Inference
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## Inference~Working memory
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## Vocabulary~Working memory
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## Grammar~Working memory
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## Inference~Vocabulary
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## Discourse~Grammar
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## Writing~Discourse
## Writing~Spelling
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## Discourse~Inference
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## Inference~Working_memory
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## Vocabulary~Working_memory
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## Grammar~Working memory
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## ToM~Vocabulary
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