

# Intact but Atypical Lexical and Syntactic Alignment in Spontaneous Speech of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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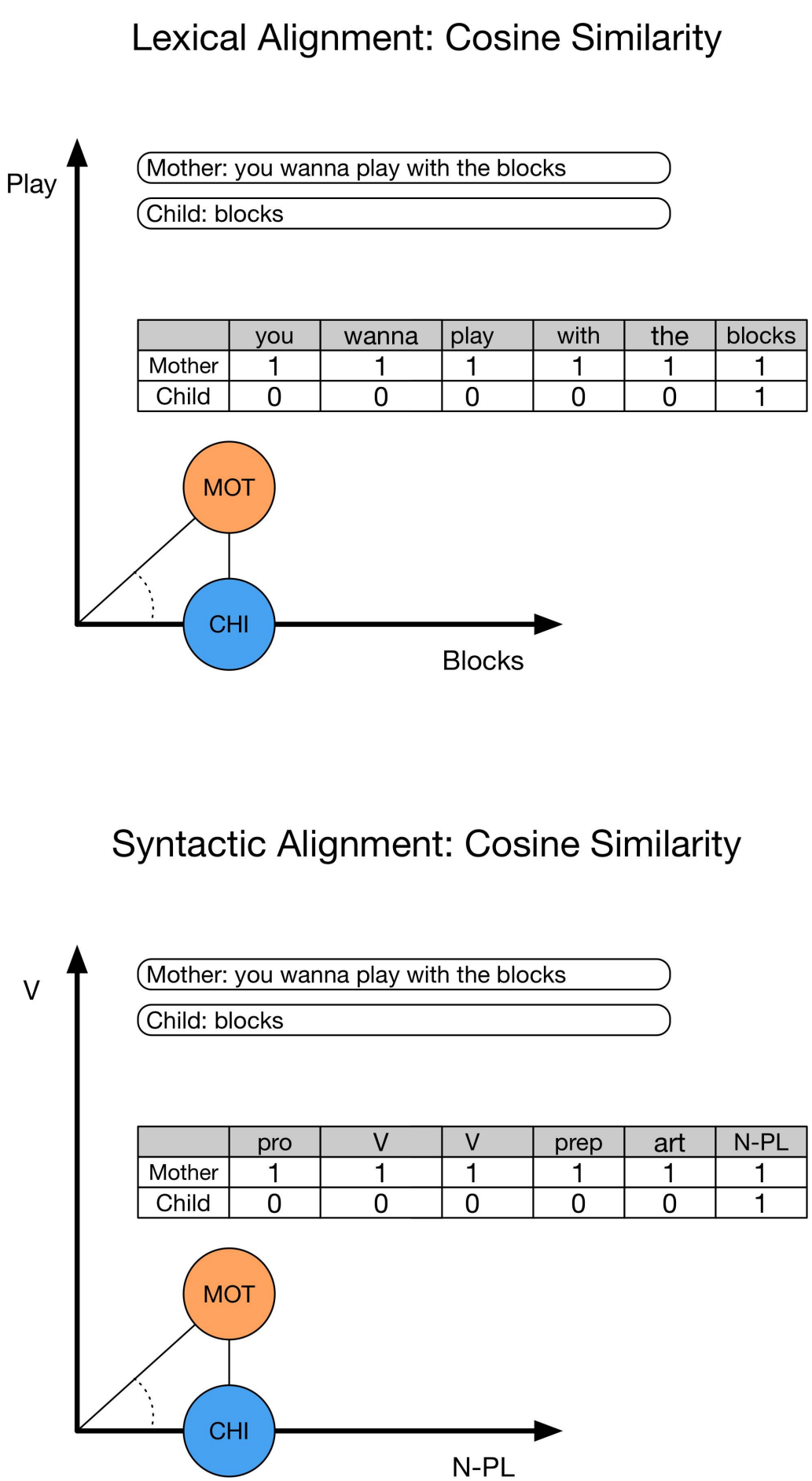
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## What is Conversational Alignment?



Figure 1: Edmund C. Tarbell, “Marjorie and Little Edmund”



## How Much of Children’s Alignment is Exact Repetition?

Table 3: Exact Repetitions

| Predictors                       | Lexical | Syntactic |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ASD                              | 0.09    | 0.16      |
| Visit                            | -0.2    | -0.2      |
| Visit * ASD                      | 0.13    | 0.08      |
| Vineland Socialization (VS)      | 0.57    | 0.75      |
| VS * ASD                         | -0.37   | -0.7      |
| VS * Visit                       | -0.13   | -0.16     |
| VS * ASD * Visit                 | 0       | 0         |
| Mullen Expressive Language (MEL) | -0.56   | -0.47     |
| MEL * ASD                        | 0.41    | 0         |
| MEL * Visit                      | 0.11    | 0         |
| MEL * ASD * Visit                | -0.19   | 0         |

## Next Steps

## Conclusion

## References

## Do Children Align?

Table 1: Alignment Rate: Do Children Align?

| Predictors                       | Lexical | Syntactic |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ASD                              | 0.09    | -0.16     |
| Visit                            | 0.15    | 0.2       |
| Visit * ASD                      | -0.05   | -0.08     |
| Vineland Socialization (VS)      | 0.43    | 0.17      |
| VS * ASD                         | 0.15    | 0.7       |
| VS * Visit                       | -0.09   | 0.16      |
| Mullen Expressive Language (MEL) | 0.28    | 0.36      |
| MEL * ASD                        | 0.12    | 0         |
| MEL * Visit                      | -0.06   | 0         |
| MEL * ASD * Visit                | 0.01    | 0         |

## How Much do Children Align?

Table 2: Alignment Level: How Much Do Children Align?

| Predictors                  | Lexical | Syntactic |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ASD                         | -0.19   | 0.02      |
| Visit                       | -0.05   | -0.06     |
| Visit * ASD                 | 0.06    | 0.03      |
| Vineland Socialization (VS) | 0.04    | 0.04      |