Gender and authorship in Annals of Surgery: A fourteen year review

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```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(message = FALSE, warning = FALSE)
# Data wrangling
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
# Plotting
library(reshape2)
library(forcats)
library(ggrepel)
library(gridExtra)
# Robust SEs
library(sandwich)
library(lmtest)
# Marginal means
library(emmeans)
# Set background to be white for all ggplots
theme_set(theme_classic())
```

Data pre-processing

The data read in below is pulled from annals_surg?figs_June_25_0_9.ipynb. We performed some minor data pre-processing to get it R-ready.

We used string processing on the author names to make it easier to match the same author to him/herself:

- 1. Trim white space
- 2. Attempt to remove degrees and suffixes at the end of the name (everything after the comma)
- 3. Attempt to remove middle initials by removing everything between the first name (characters that come after the first white space) and the last name (characters that come before the last white space)
- 4. Make everything lowercase, so that the names are not case-sensitive

Authors with multiple manuscripts

One challenging aspect for analyzing this dataset is the fact that the same author can submit multiple manuscripts to the journal. Unique authors are identified based on name, so if the same person publishes under different names or multiple authors have the same name in this dataset, we may not pick up on that. The string processing in the last section should hopefully reduce inconsistencies in names.

Among articles where the first/last author's gender was assigned, about 22-30% of first and last authors submitted multiple manuscripts to the journal. About 55% of manuscripts were written by first authors with multiple manuscripts, and about 66% were written by last authors with multiple manuscripts. In general, fewer female authors appear to submit multiple articles and a lower percent of articles written by first/last authors with multiple articles have a female first/last author.

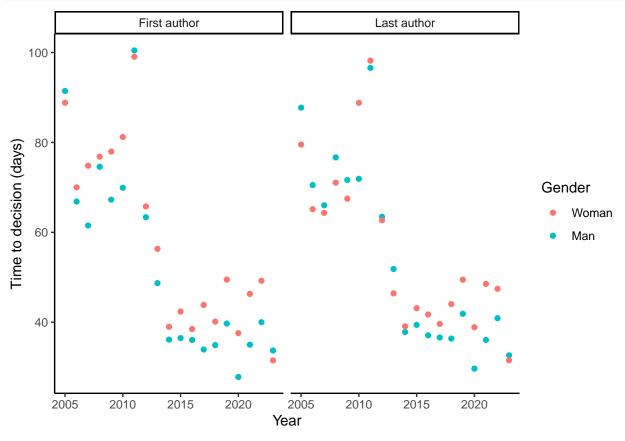
```
# Tabulate articles by author
first_author_tab = df_original %>%
    drop_na(first_author_gender) %>%
```

```
group_by(first_author) %>%
  summarize(first_author_gender = first(first_author_gender), n = n()) %>%
  ungroup()
last_author_tab = df_original %>%
  drop_na(last_author_gender) %>%
  group_by(last_author) %>%
  summarize(last_author_gender = first(last_author_gender), n = n()) %>%
  ungroup()
rbind("Percent of first authors with more than one article" =
        c(tapply(first_author_tab$n > 1,
                 first_author_tab$first_author_gender, mean),
          Overall = mean(first author tab$n > 1)),
      "Percent of last authors with more than one article" =
        c(tapply(last_author_tab$n > 1,
                 last_author_tab$last_author_gender, mean),
          Overall = mean(last_author_tab$n > 1))) %>% round(3)
##
                                                           Man Woman Overall
## Percent of first authors with more than one article 0.291 0.217
                                                                       0.271
## Percent of last authors with more than one article 0.316 0.228
                                                                       0.299
rbind("Percent of articles written by first authors with more than one article" =
        c(first_author_tab %>%
            group_by(first_author_gender) %>%
            summarize(prop = sum(n[n>1]) / sum(n)) %>%
            pull(prop) %>% set_names(c("Man", "Woman")),
          Overall = sum(first_author_tab$n[first_author_tab$n > 1]) /
            sum(first_author_tab$n)),
      "Percent of articles written by last authors with more than one article" =
        c(last_author_tab %>%
            group_by(last_author_gender) %>%
            summarize(prop = sum(n[n>1]) / sum(n)) %>%
            pull(prop) %>% set_names(c("Man", "Woman")),
          Overall = sum(last author tab$n[last author tab$n > 1]) /
            sum(last_author_tab$n))) %>% round(3)
##
                                                                               Man
## Percent of articles written by first authors with more than one article 0.584
## Percent of articles written by last authors with more than one article 0.685
##
                                                                             Woman
## Percent of articles written by first authors with more than one article 0.443
## Percent of articles written by last authors with more than one article 0.542
                                                                             Overall
## Percent of articles written by first authors with more than one article
                                                                               0.550
## Percent of articles written by last authors with more than one article
After dropping articles that were submitted by first or last authors with multiple articles, 6126 articles remain.
This is about 23% of the total number of articles (restricted to those where the first and last authors' genders
were assigned).
```

[1] "Percent of articles remaining: 0.227"

Plots of average timee to decision and acceptance rates over time, by gender.

```
df original %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = c("first_author_gender", "last_author_gender"),
               names_to = "author_type", values_to = "gender",
               values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  group_by(receipt_year, author_type, gender) %>%
  summarize(ttd = mean(t_delta, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  mutate(gender = factor(gender, levels = c("Woman", "Man"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = receipt_year, y = ttd, color = gender)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_grid(~author_type,
             labeller = as_labeller(c(
               "first_author_gender" = "First author",
               "last_author_gender" = "Last author"))) +
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Time to decision (days)") +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Gender")
```



```
ggsave("ttd_over_time.png")
df_original %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = c("first_author_gender", "last_author_gender"),
               names_to = "author_type", values_to = "gender",
               values_drop_na = TRUE) %>%
  group_by(receipt_year, author_type, gender) %>%
  summarize(acc_rate = mean(accepted, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  mutate(gender = factor(gender, levels = c("Woman", "Man"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = receipt_year, y = acc_rate, color = gender)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_grid(~author_type,
             labeller = as_labeller(c(
               "first_author_gender" = "First author",
               "last_author_gender" = "Last author"))) +
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Acceptance rate") +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Gender") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::percent)
```

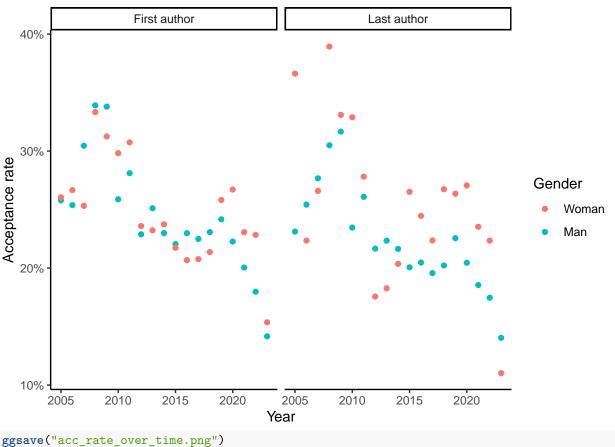


Table 1

Below are the number of first/last author genders that were successfully assigned by genderize.io.

We create a "Table 1" with the number of accepted manuscripts, number of submitted manuscripts, and percent accepted, by year and author gender.

```
tab1 = with(df original, {
 rbind(
    cbind(
      # First author
      tapply(accepted, list(receipt year, first author gender), sum),
      tapply(submitted, list(receipt_year, first_author_gender), sum),
      round(tapply(accepted, list(receipt year, first author gender), mean), 4)*100,
      # Last author
      tapply(accepted, list(receipt_year, last_author_gender), sum),
      tapply(submitted, list(receipt_year, last_author_gender), sum),
      round(tapply(accepted, list(receipt_year, last_author_gender), mean), 4)*100,
      # Overall
      tapply(accepted, receipt_year, sum),
      tapply(submitted, receipt_year, sum),
      round(tapply(accepted, receipt_year, mean), 4)*100),
    # Total
   Total = c(# First author
      tapply(accepted, first_author_gender, sum),
      tapply(submitted, first_author_gender, sum),
     round(tapply(accepted, first_author_gender, mean), 4)*100,
      # Last author
      tapply(accepted, last_author_gender, sum),
      tapply(submitted, last author gender, sum),
     round(tapply(accepted, last_author_gender, mean), 4)*100,
      # Overall
      sum(accepted),
      sum(submitted),
     round(mean(accepted), 3)*100)
 })
tab1 = rbind(c("First author", "", "", "", "", "",
               "Last author", "", "", "", "", "",
               "Overall", "", ""),
             c(rep(c("Accepted (n)", "", "Submitted (n)", "",
                     "Accepted (%)", ""), 2),
               c("Accepted (n)", "Submitted (n)", "Accepted (%)")),
             c(rep(c("Man", "Woman"), 6), "", "", ""),
             tab1)
write.csv(tab1, file = "tab1.csv")
```

The proportion of female authors goes up for both first authors and last authors after dropping articles written by authors with multiple articles. It appears that men are more likely to be authors of multiple submissions.

```
round(rbind(original = df_original %>%
              summarize(first_author = mean(first_author_gender=="Woman", na.rm = TRUE),
                         last_author = mean(last_author_gender=="Woman", na.rm = TRUE)),
            unique = df_unique_both %>%
              summarize(first author = mean(first author gender=="Woman"),
                        last author = mean(last author gender=="Woman"))), 3)
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##
     first author last author
##
            <dbl>
                         <dbl>
## 1
            0.242
                        0.154
## 2
            0.287
                        0.21
This trend also holds among accepted manuscripts.
round(rbind(original = df_original %>% subset(accepted == TRUE) %>%
              summarize(first_author = mean(first_author_gender=="Woman", na.rm = TRUE),
                        last_author = mean(last_author_gender=="Woman", na.rm = TRUE)),
            unique = df_unique_both %>% subset(accepted == TRUE) %>%
              summarize(first_author = mean(first_author_gender=="Woman"),
                        last_author = mean(last_author_gender=="Woman"))), 3)
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
     first_author last_author
##
            <dbl>
                        <dbl>
## 1
            0.243
                        0.17
## 2
            0.306
                        0.244
```

Overview of approaches

For each of the analyses in the paper, we tried up to three modeling approaches.

- 1. When feasible, we applied robust standard errors to linear or logistic regression models. We typically used clustered standard errors where the clusters are defined by the first and last authors.
- 2. As far as we are aware, robust standard errors are not available for contingency tables. In such cases (where a contingency table tests cannot be coerced into a regression model), we used the usual chi-squared test. The issue with this approach is that it treats each article as an independent unit, even though this independence assumption is likely violated because authors can submit multiple articles.
- 3. When robust standard errors cannot be run for contingency tables, we attempted a secondary analysis that excludes articles written by first/last authors with multiple articles. The assumption here is that the first and last authors create the dependency between articles (and that we don't have to worry about the middle authors or relationships between authors). So if we drop articles that were submitted by first or last authors with multiple articles, we can uphold the independence assumption. However, this results in a large amount of data loss, which may lead to underpowering. Moreover, authors with multiple outcomes may be different from authors with only one article in other ways: for example, more men are authors of multiple articles.

We collected all of the p-values from the analyses in this document into a single vector. At the end, we used the Benjamini-Hochberg method to adjust these p-values for multiple comparisons.

```
all_pvals = c()
```

Number of submissions

Rate of change in number of submissions

This analysis looks at the interaction between year and first and/or last author gender in a linear regression model predicting the number of manuscripts submitted. An indicator for years 2020 and beyond (coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic) is also included as an interaction. We used robust standard errors, but not clustered standard errors in this case, since the observations fed into the regression model are summarized by year/author gender and cannot be clustered by author. We can repeat this exercise for last authors and first and last author gender pairs.

```
# General function to fit linear models of the form
# outcome ~ author_gender * year * (year >= 2020)
change_over_time = function(df, outcome, author_gender) {
  outcome_tab = tapply(df[[outcome]],
                       list(df$receipt_year, df[[author_gender]]), sum)
  mod df = data.frame(
    author_gender = relevel(as.factor(rep(c("Man", "Woman"),
                                          each = nrow(outcome_tab))),
                            ref = "Man"),
   year = rep(as.numeric(rownames(outcome_tab)), 2),
   outcome = as.numeric(outcome_tab))
  mod_df$year_post2020 = mod_df$year >= 2020
  mod_df = mod_df [mod_df$year != 2023,]
  fit_lm = lm(outcome ~ author_gender*year*year_post2020,
              data = mod_df)
  return(list(fit = fit_lm, df = outcome_tab))
}
# General function to fit linear models of the form
# outcome ~ first_author_gender * last_author_gender * year * (year >= 2020)
change_over_time_author_interaction = function(df, outcome,
                                               ref_first = "Man".
                                               ref last = "Man") {
  outcome_tab = tapply(df[[outcome]],
                       list(df$receipt_year,
                            interaction(df$first_author_gender,
                                        df$last_author_gender)), sum)
  mod_df = data.frame(
   first_author_gender =
      relevel(as.factor(rep(rep(c("Man", "Woman"),
                                each = nrow(outcome_tab)), 2)),
              ref = ref_first),
   last_author_gender =
     relevel(as.factor(rep(c("Man", "Woman"),
                            each = 2*nrow(outcome tab))),
              ref = ref_last),
   year = rep(as.numeric(rownames(outcome_tab)), 4),
    outcome = as.numeric(outcome_tab))
  mod_df$author_gender_pair = interaction(mod_df$first_author_gender,
                                          mod df$last author gender, sep = " ")
  mod_df$year_post2020 = mod_df$year >= 2020
  mod_df = mod_df[mod_df$year != 2023,]
  fit_lm = lm(outcome ~ author_gender_pair*year*year_post2020, data = mod_df)
  return(list(fit = fit_lm, df = outcome_tab))
```

```
# First authors
sub_rate_first_lm = change_over_time(df_original,
                                     "submitted", "first_author_gender")
sub rate first robust =
  emtrends(sub_rate_first_lm$fit,
         pairwise ~ author gender | year post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
sub rate last lm = change over time(df original,
                                    "submitted", "last_author_gender")
sub_rate_last_robust =
  emtrends(sub_rate_last_lm$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# First-last author pairs
sub_rate_pair_lm = change_over_time_author_interaction(df_original,
                                                        "submitted")
sub_rate_pair_robust =
  emtrends(sub_rate_pair_lm$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender_pair | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Extract relevant contrasts
sub_rate_pair_tab = data.frame(sub_rate_pair_robust$contrasts)
rownames(sub_rate_pair_tab) =
  paste(rep(c("(2005-2019)", "(2020-2022)"), each = 6),
        sub_rate_pair_tab$contrast)
sub_rate_pair_pvals = sub_rate_pair_tab[,"p.value"]
names(sub_rate_pair_pvals) = paste("sub_rate_pair", rownames(sub_rate_pair_tab))
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_first_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("sub_rate_first", c("pre", "post"))),
  setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_last_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("sub_rate_last", c("pre", "post"))),
  sub_rate_pair_pvals
```

These are the trend etsimates for first authors, last authors, and author pairs, with robust standard errors.

```
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## contrast
## Man - Woman
                -425.5 333.55 28 -1.276 0.2125
sub_rate_first_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                       67.4
                              4.59 28
                                          58.0
                                                  76.9
## Woman
                       35.5
                              1.54 28
                                          32.4
                                                  38.7
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                     -636.0 330.93 28 -1313.9
                                                  41.9
## Woman
                     -210.5 41.72 28 -296.0
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
sub_rate_last_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                   59.1
                          4.94 28 11.972 <.0001
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -580.0 432.76 28 -1.340 0.1909
sub_rate_last_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## author_gender year.trend
                       80.6
                             4.83 28
                                          70.7
                                                  90.5
## Woman
                       21.5
                              1.02 28
                                          19.4
                                                  23.5
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                     -695.0 432.75 28 -1581.4
## Woman
                     -115.0 2.83 28
                                      -120.8
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# First-last author pairs
sub_rate_pair_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
                           estimate
                                        SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                               21.8
                                      4.02 56
                                               5.439 <.0001
## Man Man - Man Woman
                               33.5
                                      3.65 56
                                               9.185 <.0001
                               35.4
                                      3.74 56
                                               9.489 <.0001
## Man Man - Woman Woman
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                                               6.195 < .0001
                              11.7
                                      1.89 56
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                             13.6
                                      2.04 56
                                               6.652 <.0001
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                              1.9
                                      1.18 56
                                               1.614 0.1122
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
```

```
SE df t.ratio p.value
## contrast
                            estimate
## Man Man - Woman Man
                              -319.5 334.79 56 -0.954 0.3440
## Man Man - Man Woman
                              -391.0 330.22 56 -1.184 0.2414
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                             -409.0 330.24 56 -1.239 0.2207
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                               -71.5 55.16 56 -1.296 0.2002
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                              -89.5 55.27 56 -1.619 0.1110
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                              -18.0 3.61 56 -4.992 <.0001
sub rate pair robust$emtrends
## year post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                       SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                            43.80
                                    3.599 56
                                                36.59
                                                          51.0
## Woman Man
                            21.96
                                    1.783 56
                                                18.39
                                                          25.5
## Man Woman
                            10.26
                                    0.622 56
                                                 9.02
                                                          11.5
## Woman Woman
                             8.36
                                    1.000 56
                                                 6.36
                                                          10.4
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                       SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                         -455.50 330.219 56 -1117.01
                                                         206.0
## Woman Man
                          -136.00 55.154 56 -246.49
                                                         -25.5
## Man Woman
                          -64.50 0.707 56
                                              -65.92
                                                         -63.1
## Woman Woman
                           -46.50
                                    3.535 56
                                               -53.58
                                                         -39.4
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
Here, we restrict to unique first, last, and first-last author pairs for each year's submissions.
# Unique authors
# First authors
sub_rate_first_lm2 =
  change_over_time(df_original %>%
                     select(submitted, first_author_gender,
                            first_author, receipt_year) %>%
                     unique(), "submitted", "first_author_gender")
sub_rate_first_robust2 =
    emtrends(sub_rate_first_lm2$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
sub rate last lm2 =
  change_over_time(df_original %>%
                     select(submitted, last_author_gender,
                            last_author, receipt_year) %>%
                     unique(), "submitted", "last_author_gender")
sub_rate_last_robust2 =
    emtrends(sub_rate_last_lm2$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# First-last author pairs
sub_rate_pair_lm2 = change_over_time_author_interaction(
 df_original %>% select(submitted, first_author_gender, first_author,
```

```
last_author_gender, last_author, receipt_year) %>%
                    unique(), "submitted")
sub_rate_pair_robust2 =
 emtrends(sub_rate_pair_lm2$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender_pair | year_post2020,
         vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
         adjust = "none")
# Extract relevant contrasts
sub_rate_pair_tab2 = data.frame(sub_rate_pair_robust2$contrasts)
rownames(sub_rate_pair_tab2) =
 paste(rep(c("(2005-2019)", "(2020-2022)"), each = 6),
        sub_rate_pair_tab2$contrast)
sub_rate_pair_pvals2 = sub_rate_pair_tab2[,"p.value"]
names(sub_rate_pair_pvals2) = paste("sub_rate_pair2", rownames(sub_rate_pair_tab2))
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
 all_pvals,
 setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_first_robust2$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("sub_rate_first2", c("pre", "post"))),
 setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_last_robust2$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("sub_rate_last2", c("pre", "post"))),
 sub_rate_pair_pvals2
# First authors
sub_rate_first_robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
              estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                   23.6 3.68 28
                                   6.401 <.0001
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -328.5 268.73 28 -1.222 0.2317
sub_rate_first_robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                       55.7
                             3.46 28
                                          48.6
                                                   62.8
                       32.2
                             1.26 28
                                          29.6
                                                   34.7
## Woman
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                     -511.5 266.58 28 -1057.6
## Man
                     -183.0 33.94 28
## Woman
                                       -252.5
                                                -113.5
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
sub_rate_last_robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
```

```
estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## contrast
## Man - Woman
                   38.3
                          3.65 28 10.480 < .0001
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
  contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -396.0 303.39 28 -1.305 0.2024
sub_rate_last_robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                       55.6
                              3.590 28
                                           48.2
##
  Woman
                       17.3
                              0.664 28
                                           15.9
                                                    18.7
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
##
  author_gender year.trend
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                     -494.5 303.349 28 -1115.9
##
  Woman
                      -98.5
                              4.950 28
                                        -108.6
                                                  -88.4
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# First-last author pairs
sub_rate_pair_robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
                           estimate
                                        SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                             19.29
                                    3.55 56
                                               5.436 <.0001
## Man Man - Man Woman
                              30.40
                                     3.27 56
                                               9.298 <.0001
                                               9.455 <.0001
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                              31.84
                                      3.37 56
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                              11.10
                                      1.60 56
                                               6.927 <.0001
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                              12.55
                                      1.80 56
                                               6.989 <.0001
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                              1.45
                                      1.15 56
                                               1.262 0.2123
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
                                        SE df t.ratio p.value
                           estimate
                            -285.00 295.85 56 -0.963 0.3395
## Man Man - Woman Man
## Man Man - Man Woman
                            -348.50 292.31 56 -1.192 0.2382
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                            -364.50 292.04 56
                                              -1.248 0.2172
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                            -63.50 49.06 56 -1.294 0.2008
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                             -79.50 47.40 56 -1.677 0.0991
                             -16.00 12.81 56 -1.249 0.2167
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
sub_rate_pair_robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                      SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                           39.87
                                   3.218 56
                                              33.42
                                                        46.3
## Woman Man
                           20.57
                                   1.497 56
                                               17.58
                                                        23.6
## Man Woman
                            9.47
                                   0.574 56
                                               8.32
                                                        10.6
## Woman Woman
                            8.03
                                   0.992 56
                                                6.04
                                                        10.0
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                      SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                         -408.50 292.035 56
                                            -993.52
                                                       176.5
## Woman Man
                         -123.50 47.376 56
                                            -218.41
                                                       -28.6
## Man Woman
                          -60.00 12.728 56
                                             -85.50
                                                       -34.5
```

```
## Woman Woman -44.00 1.414 56 -46.83 -41.2
## ## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

We re-run the analysis for first and last author gender, but normalize the outcome (number of submissions by gender) by the total number of board-certified surgeons by gender for that year.

```
# Read in number of certified surgeons each year, by gender
gen_surg_df = read.csv("../CERTIFIED SURGEONS BY GENDER.csv", skip = 1)
# Some data processing
colnames(gen_surg_df) = c("year", "author_gender", "gen_surg")
gen_surg_df = gen_surg_df %>%
  mutate(author_gender = relevel(as.factor(
    ifelse(author_gender == "Female", "Woman", "Man")), ref = "Man")) %>%
  filter(year >=2005 & year <= 2022)
# General function to fit linear models of the form
# outcome/num_surgeons ~ author_gender * year
change_over_time_gen_surg = function(df, outcome, author_gender,
                                     gs_df = gen_surg_df) {
  outcome_tab = tapply(df[[outcome]],
                       list(df$receipt_year, df[[author_gender]]), sum)
 mod df = data.frame(
   author gender = relevel(as.factor(rep(c("Man", "Woman"),
                                          each = nrow(outcome_tab))),
                            ref = "Man"),
   year = rep(as.numeric(rownames(outcome_tab)), 2),
   outcome = as.numeric(outcome tab))
  mod_df$year_post2020 = mod_df$year >= 2020
  mod_df = mod_df [mod_df$year != 2023,]
  mod_df = merge(mod_df, gs_df, by = c("year", "author_gender"))
  fit_lm = lm(outcome/gen_surg ~ author_gender*year*year_post2020,
              data = mod_df)
  outcome_tab = outcome_tab /
    (pivot_wider(gs_df, names_from = author_gender, values_from = gen_surg) %>%
       column_to_rownames("year") %>%
       select(Man, Woman))
  return(list(fit = fit lm, df = as.matrix(outcome tab)))
}
# First authors
sub_rate_gs_first_lm = change_over_time_gen_surg(df_original,
                                                  "submitted",
                                                  "first author gender")
sub_rate_gs_first_robust =
    emtrends(sub_rate_gs_first_lm$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
sub_rate_gs_last_lm = change_over_time_gen_surg(df_original,
                                                 "submitted",
```

```
"last_author_gender")
sub_rate_gs_last_robust =
   emtrends(sub_rate_gs_last_lm$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
         vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
         adjust = "none")
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
 all_pvals,
 setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_gs_first_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("sub_rate_gs_first", c("pre", "post"))),
 setNames(data.frame(sub_rate_gs_last_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("sub_rate_gs_last", c("pre", "post")))
 )
# First authors
sub_rate_gs_first_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman 0.0525 0.0159 28
                                   3.297 0.0027
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
               estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -0.8736 2.2069 28 -0.396 0.6952
sub_rate_gs_first_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                     0.1081 0.0120 28 0.0835 0.1326
## Man
## Woman
                     0.0556 0.0105 28
                                       0.0340
                                                 0.0771
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                    -1.7074 1.9947 28 -5.7934
                                                2.3786
## Woman
                    -0.8338 0.9441 28 -2.7678
                                                 1.1002
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
sub_rate_gs_last_robust$contrasts
## year post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman 0.0941 0.0134 28 7.014 <.0001
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
              estimate
                            SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -1.3989 2.3662 28 -0.591 0.5591
sub_rate_gs_last_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
```

```
author_gender year.trend
                                  SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##
                      0.1272 0.01267 28
##
                                           0.101
                                                    0.1532
   Man
                                           0.024
##
   Woman
                      0.0331 0.00442 28
                                                    0.0421
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
##
  author_gender year.trend
                                  SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                     -1.8880 2.30263 28
                                          -6.605
                                                    2.8287
                     -0.4891 0.54491 28
                                          -1.605
##
  Woman
                                                    0.6271
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

Time to decision

We fit linear regression models to assess the relationship between first or last author gender and time to decision, with cluster robust errors. We include an interaction effect for whether the submission was received prior to January 1, 2014 (pre-pandemic, before discontinuity), between January 1, 2014 and March 24, 2020 (pre-pandemic, after discontinuity), or after to March 24, 2020 (pandemic).

```
# First author
time_first_prepost_lm = lm(t_delta ~ first_author_gender*time_periods,
                           data = df_original)
time_first_prepost_robust =
  emmeans(time_first_prepost_lm,
          pairwise ~ first_author_gender | time_periods,
          vcov = sandwich::vcovCL(time_first_prepost_lm,
                                  cluster = ~first_author*last_author),
          adjust = "none")
# Last author
time_last_prepost_lm = lm(t_delta ~ last_author_gender*time_periods,
                          data = df_original)
time_last_prepost_robust =
  emmeans(time_last_prepost_lm,
          pairwise ~ last_author_gender | time_periods,
          vcov = sandwich::vcovCL(time last prepost lm,
                                  cluster = ~first_author*last_author),
          adjust = "none")
# Collect p-values
all pvals = c(
  all pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(time_first_prepost_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("time_first_prepost", 1:3)),
  setNames(data.frame(time_last_prepost_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("time_last_prepost", 1:3))
)
# First authors
time_first_prepost_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
                estimate
                           SE
                                 df t.ratio p.value
  Man - Woman -4.26 2.20 32487 -1.933 0.0533
##
## time_periods = 2:
```

```
estimate SE
                               df t.ratio p.value
## contrast
## Man - Woman -6.59 1.15 32487 -5.746 <.0001
##
## time_periods = 3:
## contrast
               estimate
                          SE
                                df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                  -8.46 1.38 32487 -6.148 <.0001
time_first_prepost_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
## first_author_gender emmean
                                SE
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                         71.0 1.34 32487
                                            68.3
## Woman
                         75.2 2.11 32487
                                            71.1
                                                     79.4
##
## time_periods = 2:
## first_author_gender emmean
                                SE
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
                         36.3 1.22 32487
                                            33.9
## Woman
                         42.9 1.11 32487
                                            40.7
                                                     45.1
##
## time_periods = 3:
## first_author_gender emmean
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
                                SE
## Man
                                            30.6
                         32.6 1.02 32487
                                                     34.6
## Woman
                         41.0 1.37 32487
                                            38.3
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
time_last_prepost_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
             estimate
                          SE
                                df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                   1.60 2.80 31233
                                   0.571 0.5679
##
## time_periods = 2:
## contrast estimate
                          SE
                                df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                -4.85 1.41 31233 -3.434 0.0006
##
## time_periods = 3:
## contrast
             estimate SE
                                df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                 -8.98 1.84 31233 -4.882 <.0001
time_last_prepost_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
## last_author_gender emmean
                                SE
## Man
                        72.1 1.065 31233
                                            70.0
                                                     74.2
                        70.5 2.606 31233
                                            65.4
                                                     75.6
## Woman
##
## time_periods = 2:
## last_author_gender emmean
                                SE
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                        38.3 0.557 31233
                                            37.2
                                                     39.4
## Woman
                        43.2 1.307 31233
                                             40.6
                                                     45.7
##
## time_periods = 3:
## last_author_gender emmean
                                SE
                                      df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                        33.6 0.678 31233
                                            32.3
                                                     34.9
```

```
## Woman 42.6 1.726 31233 39.2 45.9 ## ## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

Author pairs

```
Now, we consider all pairwise comparisons between author pairs for time to decision.
time pairs prepost lm =
  lm(t_delta ~ first_author_gender*last_author_gender*time_periods,
     data = df_original)
# Gender pairs within each time period
time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust =
  emmeans(time_pairs_prepost_lm,
         pairwise ~ first_author_gender*last_author_gender | time_periods,
          vcov = sandwich::vcovCL(time_pairs_prepost_lm,
                                  cluster = ~first_author*last_author),
          adjust = "none")
# Time to decision p-values
# Gender pairs within each time period
time_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals =
  summary(time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"]
names(time_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals) =
  paste(rep(c("time (pre-pandemic, before discontinuity)",
              "time (pre-pandemic, after discontinuity)",
              "time (pandemic)"), each = 6),
        as.character(time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts@levels$contrast))
# Collect p-values
all pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  time_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals
# Gender pairs within each time period
time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
                            estimate
                                      SE
                                             df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                            -5.1220 2.72 26974 -1.882 0.0598
                             0.0367 3.69 26974
## Man Man - Man Woman
                                                 0.010 0.9921
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                          -1.0445 4.46 26974
                                                -0.234 0.8147
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                             5.1587 4.25 26974
                                                 1.213 0.2252
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                            4.0776 4.92 26974
                                                 0.829 0.4072
## Man Woman - Woman Woman -1.0812 5.44 26974 -0.199 0.8424
##
## time_periods = 2:
## contrast
                            estimate SE
                                             df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                            -5.1041 1.24 26974
                                                -4.132 <.0001
## Man Man - Man Woman
                             -5.2446 1.88 26974
                                                -2.791 0.0053
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                             -7.4838 2.01 26974
                                                -3.730 0.0002
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                            -0.1405 2.12 26974
                                                -0.066 0.9470
## Woman Man - Woman Woman -2.3797 2.18 26974
                                                -1.092 0.2748
```

Man Woman - Woman Woman -2.2392 2.48 26974 -0.905 0.3656

```
##
## time_periods = 3:
  contrast
                            estimate
                                       SE
                                             df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                                                -3.280 0.0010
                            -4.8068 1.47 26974
## Man Man - Man Woman
                             -6.5320 2.11 26974
                                                -3.095
                                                         0.0020
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                          -17.8889 3.18 26974
                                                -5.622 <.0001
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                             -1.7252 2.34 26974
                                                -0.738
## Woman Man - Woman Woman -13.0822 3.29 26974
                                                -3.975
                                                         0.0001
## Man Woman - Woman Woman -11.3570 3.53 26974 -3.221
time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
## first_author_gender last_author_gender emmean
                                                           df lower.CL upper.CL
                                                     SE
## Man
                        Man
                                             72.2 1.263 26974
                                                                  69.7
                                                                           74.6
## Woman
                                                                  72.5
                                                                           82.1
                        Man
                                             77.3 2.441 26974
## Man
                        Woman
                                             72.1 3.484 26974
                                                                  65.3
                                                                           79.0
## Woman
                        Woman
                                             73.2 4.273 26974
                                                                  64.8
                                                                           81.6
## time_periods = 2:
## first_author_gender last_author_gender emmean
                                                           df lower.CL upper.CL
                                                     SE
                                                                  36.8
                                                                           39.3
## Man
                        Man
                                             38.0 0.625 26974
## Woman
                                             43.1 1.144 26974
                                                                  40.9
                                                                           45.4
## Man
                        Woman
                                             43.3 1.780 26974
                                                                  39.8
                                                                           46.8
## Woman
                        Woman
                                             45.5 1.907 26974
                                                                  41.8
                                                                           49.3
##
## time periods = 3:
## first author gender last author gender emmean
                                                     SE
                                                           df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                                             33.5 0.846 26974
                                                                  31.8
                                                                           35.2
                        Man
## Woman
                        Man
                                             38.3 1.278 26974
                                                                  35.8
                                                                           40.8
                                             40.0 1.959 26974
## Man
                        Woman
                                                                  36.2
                                                                           43.9
## Woman
                        Woman
                                             51.4 3.067 26974
                                                                  45.4
                                                                           57.4
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
png("ttd_pairs_pre_post.png", width = 1000, height = 750, res = 140)
rbind(data.frame(time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$emmeans)) %>%
  mutate(group = interaction(first_author_gender, last_author_gender, sep = ", "),
         time_periods = factor(case_when(
          time_periods == "1" ~ "Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
           time_periods == "2" ~ "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity",
          time_periods == "3" ~ "Pandemic"),
          levels = c("Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
                      "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity", "Pandemic"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = emmean, y = group, color = time_periods)) +
  geom_pointrange(aes(xmin = lower.CL, xmax = upper.CL), size = 0.25,
                  position = position_jitterdodge(jitter.width = 0.01)) +
  xlab("Time to Decision (Days)") +
  ylab("First Author Gender, Last Author Gender") +
  ggtitle("Time to Decision for Author Pairs") +
  guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 1)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom", legend.title = element_blank())
dev.off()
```

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Number of accepted manuscripts

Rate of change in number of accepted manuscripts

This is the same as the analysis for the rate of change in number of submitted manuscripts, except that now we subset the data to only include accepted manuscripts.

```
# First authors
acc_rate_first_lm = change_over_time(df_original,
                                     "accepted", "first author gender")
acc_rate_first_robust =
  emtrends(acc_rate_first_lm$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
acc_rate_last_lm = change_over_time(df_original,
                                    "accepted", "last_author_gender")
acc_rate_last_robust =
  emtrends(acc_rate_last_lm$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# First-last author pairs
acc_rate_pair_lm = change_over_time_author_interaction(df_original,
                                                        "accepted")
acc_rate_pair_robust =
  emtrends(acc_rate_pair_lm$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender_pair | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Extract relevant contrasts
acc_rate_pair_tab = data.frame(acc_rate_pair_robust$contrasts)
rownames(acc_rate_pair_tab) =
  paste(rep(c("(2005-2019)", "(2020-2022)"), each = 6),
        acc_rate_pair_tab$contrast)
acc_rate_pair_pvals = acc_rate_pair_tab[,"p.value"]
names(acc_rate_pair_pvals) = paste("acc_rate_pair", rownames(acc_rate_pair_tab))
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(acc_rate_first_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("acc_rate_first", c("pre", "post"))),
  setNames(data.frame(acc_rate_last_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("acc_rate_last", c("pre", "post"))),
  acc rate pair pvals
```

These are the trend etsimates for first authors, last authors, and author pairs, with robust standard errors.

```
# First authors
acc_rate_first_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
                         SE df t.ratio p.value
## contrast estimate
## Man - Woman 3.65 2.78 28 1.313 0.1999
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast estimate
                         SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -102.00 94.02 28 -1.085 0.2872
acc_rate_first_robust$emtrends
## year post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                   10.66 2.679 28
                                       5.17
## Woman
                      7.01 0.754 28
                                       5.46
                                               8.55
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                  -169.00 87.681 28 -348.61
## Woman
                   -67.00 33.941 28 -136.53
                                               2.53
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
acc_rate_last_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast estimate SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman 7.03 2.6 28 2.702 0.0116
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
            estimate
                         SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -124.00 108.1 28 -1.147 0.2609
acc_rate_last_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                             SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                     11.7
                            2.502 28 6.60 16.85
## Woman
                       4.7 0.705 28
                                        3.26
                                                6.14
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                   -164.0 107.480 28 -384.16 56.16
## Woman
                     -40.0 11.314 28 -63.18
                                               -16.82
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# First-last author pairs
acc_rate_pair_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
                          estimate
                                      SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                        2.339 2.100 56 1.114 0.2701
```

Man Man - Man Woman 3.957 2.087 56 1.896 0.0631

```
Man Man - Woman Woman
                               4.632 2.064 56
                                                 2.244 0.0288
##
  Woman Man - Man Woman
                               1.618 0.680 56
                                                 2.380 0.0207
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                              2.293 0.606 56
                                                 3.787 0.0004
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                               0.675 0.559 56
                                                 1.208 0.2321
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
  contrast
                            estimate
                                         SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                            -74.500 85.103 56
                                               -0.875 0.3851
## Man Man - Man Woman
                             -91.500 84.253 56
                                               -1.086 0.2821
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                            -87.500 84.726 56
                                               -1.033 0.3062
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                             -17.000 13.416 56
                                               -1.267 0.2104
## Woman Man - Woman Woman -13.000 16.125 56
                                               -0.806 0.4235
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                               4.000 10.770 56
                                                0.371 0.7117
acc_rate_pair_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                      SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                             6.48 2.038 56
## Man Man
                                                2.40
                                                        10.56
## Woman Man
                             4.14 0.508 56
                                                3.12
                                                         5.16
## Man Woman
                             2.52 0.451 56
                                                1.62
                                                         3.43
## Woman Woman
                             1.85 0.329 56
                                                1.19
                                                         2.51
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                      SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                          -108.50 84.146 56
                                            -277.06
## Woman Man
                           -34.00 12.728 56
                                             -59.50
                                                        -8.50
## Man Woman
                           -17.00 4.243 56
                                              -25.50
                                                        -8.50
## Woman Woman
                           -21.00 9.899 56
                                              -40.83
                                                        -1.17
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
Here, we restrict to unique first, last, and first-last author pairs for each year's acceptances.
# Unique authors
# First authors
acc_rate_first_lm2 =
  change_over_time(df_original %>%
                     select(accepted, first author gender,
                            first_author, receipt_year) %>%
                     unique(), "accepted", "first_author_gender")
acc_rate_first_robust2 =
    emtrends(acc_rate_first_lm2$fit,
          pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
acc_rate_last_lm2 =
  change_over_time(df_original %>%
                     select(accepted, last_author_gender,
                            last_author, receipt_year) %>%
                     unique(), "accepted", "last_author_gender")
acc_rate_last_robust2 =
    emtrends(acc_rate_last_lm2$fit,
```

pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,

```
vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# First-last author pairs
acc_rate_pair_lm2 = change_over_time_author_interaction(
  df_original %>% select(accepted, first_author_gender, first_author,
                        last_author_gender, last_author, receipt_year) %>%
                    unique(), "accepted")
acc_rate_pair_robust2 =
  emtrends(acc_rate_pair_lm2$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender_pair | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Extract relevant contrasts
acc_rate_pair_tab2 = data.frame(acc_rate_pair_robust2$contrasts)
rownames(acc_rate_pair_tab2) =
  paste(rep(c("(2005-2019)", "(2020-2022)"), each = 6),
        acc_rate_pair_tab2$contrast)
acc_rate_pair_pvals2 = acc_rate_pair_tab2[,"p.value"]
names(acc_rate_pair_pvals2) = paste("acc_rate_pair2", rownames(acc_rate_pair_tab2))
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(acc rate first robust2$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("acc_rate_first2", c("pre", "post"))),
  setNames(data.frame(acc_rate_last_robust2$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("acc_rate_last2", c("pre", "post"))),
  acc_rate_pair_pvals2
# First authors
acc_rate_first_robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
             estimate
                           SE df t.ratio p.value
                   2.39 2.57 28 0.928 0.3613
## Man - Woman
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
             estimate
                           SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -88.00 82.76 28 -1.063 0.2968
acc_rate_first_robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                                SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                       8.94 2.470 28
                                          3.88 13.9955
## Woman
                       6.55 0.725 28
                                          5.06 8.0313
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                               SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                 -146.00 77.782 28 -305.33 13.3287
## Woman
                    -58.00 28.284 28 -115.94 -0.0623
##
```

```
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
acc rate last robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
             estimate
                          SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman
                    4.6 2.57 28
                                  1.788 0.0845
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
                          SE df t.ratio p.value
## contrast
              estimate
## Man - Woman -99.5 91.92 28 -1.083 0.2883
acc rate last robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender year.trend
                               SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                      8.55 2.513 28
                                         3.40
                                               13.70
## Woman
                       3.95 0.538 28
                                         2.85
                                                 5.06
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## author_gender year.trend
                               SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man
                   -127.50 91.217 28 -314.35
## Woman
                    -28.00 11.314 28 -51.18
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# First-last author pairs
acc_rate_pair_robust2$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
                                       SE df t.ratio p.value
                          estimate
## Man Man - Woman Man
                           1.918 2.060 56
                                             0.931 0.3559
## Man Man - Man Woman
                             3.554 2.054 56
                                              1.730 0.0891
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                            4.175 2.023 56
                                              2.063 0.0437
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                            1.636 0.679 56
                                              2.408 0.0194
## Woman Man - Woman Woman
                           2.257 0.581 56
                                              3.882 0.0003
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                             0.621 0.557 56
                                              1.116 0.2694
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
                          estimate
                                       SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man Man - Woman Man
                           -69.500 83.501 56 -0.832 0.4088
## Man Man - Man Woman
                           -85.500 83.165 56 -1.028 0.3083
## Man Man - Woman Woman
                           -83.500 83.501 56 -1.000 0.3216
## Woman Man - Man Woman
                           -16.000 14.142 56
                                             -1.131 0.2627
## Woman Man - Woman Woman -14.000 16.000 56 -0.875 0.3853
## Man Woman - Woman Woman
                             2.000 14.142 56
                                             0.141 0.8880
acc_rate_pair_robust2$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## author_gender_pair year.trend
                                    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## Man Man
                           5.91 2.000 56
                                              1.90
                                                     9.914
## Woman Man
                           3.99 0.494 56
                                              3.00
                                                     4.980
## Man Woman
                           2.35 0.466 56
                                              1.42
                                                     3.286
## Woman Woman
                          1.73 0.306 56
                                              1.12
                                                     2.345
##
```

```
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
                                    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
## author_gender_pair year.trend
## Man Man
                       -101.50 82.731 56 -267.23
                                                     64.231
## Woman Man
                                                     -9.336
                         -32.00 11.314 56
                                            -54.66
## Man Woman
                          -16.00 8.485 56
                                            -33.00
                                                      0.998
## Woman Woman
                         -18.00 11.314 56
                                           -40.66
                                                      4.664
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

We re-run the analysis for first and last author gender, but normalize the outcome (number of acceptances by gender) by the total number of board-certified surgeons by gender for that year.

```
# First authors
acc_rate_gs_first_lm = change_over_time_gen_surg(df_original,
                                                 "accepted",
                                                 "first_author_gender")
acc_rate_gs_first_robust =
    emtrends(acc_rate_gs_first_lm$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
         vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Last authors
acc_rate_gs_last_lm = change_over_time_gen_surg(df_original,
                                                "accepted",
                                                "last_author_gender")
acc_rate_gs_last_robust =
    emtrends(acc_rate_gs_last_lm$fit,
         pairwise ~ author_gender | year_post2020,
          vcov = vcovHC, var = "year",
          adjust = "none")
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(acc_rate_gs_first_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("acc_rate_gs_first", c("pre", "post"))),
  setNames(data.frame(acc_rate_gs_last_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
           paste("acc_rate_gs_last", c("pre", "post")))
  )
# First authors
acc_rate_gs_first_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
## contrast
                              SE df t.ratio p.value
               estimate
## Man - Woman 0.0099 0.00635 28 1.558 0.1304
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
              estimate
                              SE df t.ratio p.value
## Man - Woman -0.1724 0.53708 28 -0.321 0.7505
acc_rate_gs_first_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
```

```
author_gender year.trend
##
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##
                    0.01825 0.00474 28 0.008531
                                                     0.028
  Man
                                                     0.017
##
   Woman
                    0.00835 0.00423 28 -0.000308
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
##
  author_gender year.trend
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                   -0.41458 0.45520 28 -1.347015
                                                     0.518
                   -0.24214 0.28505 28 -0.826034
##
  Woman
                                                     0.342
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
# Last authors
acc_rate_gs_last_robust$contrasts
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
##
  contrast
                              SE df t.ratio p.value
               estimate
                 0.0141 0.00491 28
                                     2.864 0.0078
##
  Man - Woman
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
## contrast
                              SE df t.ratio p.value
               estimate
## Man - Woman -0.2653 0.51542 28 -0.515 0.6108
acc_rate_gs_last_robust$emtrends
## year_post2020 = FALSE:
##
  author_gender year.trend
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##
                     0.0196 0.00432 28 0.010733
                                                    0.0284
  Man
                                                    0.0103
##
   Woman
                     0.0055 0.00235 28 0.000696
##
## year_post2020 = TRUE:
  author_gender year.trend
                                 SE df lower.CL upper.CL
                    -0.4136 0.48868 28 -1.414651
                                                   0.5874
                    -0.1484 0.16389 28 -0.484071
## Woman
                                                    0.1873
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

This figure plots the linear regression lines for the number of submissions and acceptances by year and first, last, and first/last author gender. The raw data counts are shown as points.

```
mutate(post2020 = Var1 >= 2020,
             label = "")
    plot_df$label[plot_df$Var1 == 2020] =
      c("Man", "Woman")
      # c(lm_lab("Men", coefs[3], coefs[1]),
      # lm_lab("Women", sum(coefs[3:4]), sum(coefs[1:2])))
  } else { # first/last author pairs
    plot df = melt(obj$df) %>%
      within(Var2 <- factor(Var2, levels = c("Man.Man", "Woman.Woman",</pre>
                                              "Man.Woman", "Woman.Man"))) %>%
      mutate(post2020 = Var1 >= 2020,
             label = "")
    plot_df$label[plot_df$Var1 == 2020] =
      c("Man, Man", "Woman, Man", "Man, Woman", "Woman, Woman")
      # c(lm_lab("Man, Man", coefs[5], coefs[1]),
         lm_lab("Woman, Man", sum(coefs[c(5:6)]), sum(coefs[c(1:2)])),
         lm_lab("Man, Woman", sum(coefs[c(5,7)]), sum(coefs[c(1,3)])),
         lm_lab("Woman, Woman", sum(coefs[c(5,8)]), sum(coefs[c(1,4)])))
  }
  # Plot
   p1 = plot_df %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = Var1, y = value, color = Var2)) +
    geom_point(size = 1) +
    geom_smooth(aes(group = interaction(Var2, post2020)),
                method = "lm", se = FALSE, linewidth = 0.7) +
    scale_color_manual(values = my_pal, guide = "none") +
    geom_label_repel(aes(label = label),
                     seed = 1, hjust = 0, size = 4, force = 45,
                     segment.color = NA, fill = alpha(c("white"), 0.5),
                     xlim = c(min(plot_df$Var1), max(plot_df$Var1)),
                     ylim = c(min(plot_df$value), max(plot_df$value))) +
    xlab("Year of Receipt") +
    ylab("Manuscript Count") +
    ggtitle(paste(fig_lab, "Number of", outcome, "\nby", author_gender)) +
    theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 13, hjust = 0.5),
          axis.title = element_text(size = 13),
          axis.text = element_text(size = 11))
  return(p1)
}
p1 = plot_change_over_time(sub_rate_first_lm, FALSE,
                           "Submissions", "First Author Gender", "(a)")
p2 = plot_change_over_time(sub_rate_last_lm, FALSE,
                           "Submissions", "Last Author Gender", "(b)")
p3 = plot_change_over_time(sub_rate_pair_lm, TRUE,
                           "Submissions",
                           "First, Last Author Gender Pairs", "(c)")
p4 = plot_change_over_time(acc_rate_first_lm, FALSE,
                           "Manuscripts Accepted", "First Author Gender", "(d)")
p5 = plot_change_over_time(acc_rate_last_lm, FALSE,
                           "Manuscripts Accepted", "Last Author Gender", "(e)")
```

```
"Manuscripts Accepted",
                            "First, Last Author Gender Pairs", "(f)")
png("regress_over_time.png", width = 1500, height = 1050, res = 140)
grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
dev.off()
## pdf
##
This figure reproduces the linear regression plots, but using the results based on unique authors.
p1 = plot change over time(sub rate first lm2, FALSE,
                            "Submissions", "First Author Gender", "(a)")
p2 = plot_change_over_time(sub_rate_last_lm2, FALSE,
                            "Submissions", "Last Author Gender", "(b)")
p3 = plot_change_over_time(sub_rate_pair_lm2, TRUE,
                            "Submissions",
                            "First, Last Author Gender Pairs", "(c)")
p4 = plot change over time(acc rate first lm2, FALSE,
                            "Manuscripts Accepted", "First Author Gender", "(d)")
p5 = plot_change_over_time(acc_rate_last_lm2, FALSE,
                            "Manuscripts Accepted", "Last Author Gender", "(e)")
p6 = plot_change_over_time(acc_rate_pair_lm2, TRUE,
                            "Manuscripts Accepted",
                            "First, Last Author Gender Pairs", "(f)")
png("regress_over_time2.png", width = 1500, height = 1050, res = 140)
grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
dev.off()
## pdf
```

p6 = plot_change_over_time(acc_rate_pair_lm, TRUE,

Chance of acceptance

##

We fit logistic regression models to assess the relationship between first or last author gender and acceptance rate, with cluster robust errors. We include an interaction effect for whether the submission was received prior to January 1, 2014 (pre-pandemic, before discontinuity), between January 1, 2014 and March 24, 2020 (pre-pandemic, after discontinuity), or after to March 24, 2020 (pandemic).

```
data = df_original, family = binomial)
acc_chance_last_prepost_robust =
  emmeans(acc_chance_last_prepost_glm,
         pairwise ~ last_author_gender | time_periods,
         vcov = sandwich::vcovCL(acc_chance_last_prepost_glm,
                                 cluster = ~first_author*last_author),
          type = "response", adjust = "none")
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  setNames(data.frame(acc_chance_first_prepost_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("acc chance first prepost", 1:3)),
  setNames(data.frame(acc_chance_last_prepost_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"],
          paste("acc_chance_last_prepost", 1:3))
)
# First authors
acc_chance_first_prepost_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
              odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man / Woman
                    1.017 0.0838 Inf
                                            0.206 0.8371
                                        1
##
## time_periods = 2:
## contrast odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man / Woman
                    1.034 0.0678 Inf
                                        1
                                           0.508 0.6115
##
## time_periods = 3:
## contrast
              odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man / Woman
                    0.795 0.0534 Inf
                                      1 -3.413 0.0006
##
## Tests are performed on the log odds ratio scale
acc_chance_first_prepost_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
## first_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
## Man
                        0.278 0.0204 Inf
                                            0.240
                                                      0.319
## Woman
                       0.274 0.0138 Inf
                                            0.248
                                                      0.302
##
## time_periods = 2:
## first_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
## Man
                       0.232 0.0140 Inf
                                            0.206
                                                      0.260
## Woman
                       0.226 0.0108 Inf
                                            0.206
                                                      0.248
##
## time_periods = 3:
## first_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
                       0.192 0.0118 Inf
                                            0.169
                                                      0.216
## Woman
                       0.229 0.0138 Inf
                                            0.204
                                                      0.258
## Confidence level used: 0.95
## Intervals are back-transformed from the logit scale
```

```
# Last authors
acc_chance_last_prepost_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
             odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man / Woman
                    0.934 0.0918 Inf
                                        1 -0.693 0.4881
##
## time_periods = 2:
## contrast
              odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
                    0.814 0.0647 Inf
                                        1 -2.587 0.0097
## Man / Woman
##
## time_periods = 3:
## contrast
              odds.ratio
                              SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man / Woman
                    0.743 0.0661 Inf
                                        1 -3.340 0.0008
## Tests are performed on the log odds ratio scale
acc_chance_last_prepost_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
## last_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
## Man
                      0.255 0.00625 Inf
                                            0.243
                                                      0.268
##
  Woman
                      0.268 0.01839 Inf
                                            0.234
                                                      0.306
##
## time_periods = 2:
## last_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
                      0.210 0.00613 Inf
                                            0.198
                                                      0.222
                      0.246 0.01326 Inf
                                            0.221
                                                      0.273
## Woman
##
## time_periods = 3:
## last_author_gender prob
                                 SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
                      0.180 0.00629 Inf
                                            0.168
## Man
                                                      0.192
## Woman
                      0.228 0.01404 Inf
                                            0.201
                                                      0.256
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
## Intervals are back-transformed from the logit scale
```

Author pairs

These are the log odds ratios from comparing marginal means for each pairwise comparison of authorship pairs, with robust standard errors.

```
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals =
  summary(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts)[,"p.value"]
names(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals) =
  paste(rep(c("acc chance (pre-pandemic, before discontinuity)",
              "acc_chance (pre-pandemic, after discontinuity)",
              "acc_chance (pandemic)"), each = 6),
        as.character(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts@levels$contrast))
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals
)
# Gender pairs within each time period
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts
## time_periods = 1:
## contrast
                           odds.ratio
                                          SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man Man / Woman Man
                                0.965 0.0711 Inf
                                                    1 -0.484 0.6287
## Man Man / Man Woman
                                0.859 0.0963 Inf
                                                    1 -1.351 0.1765
## Man Man / Woman Woman
                                0.998 0.1458 Inf
                                                    1
                                                       -0.010
                                                               0.9918
## Woman Man / Man Woman
                                0.891 0.1130 Inf
                                                    1 -0.914
                                                               0.3609
## Woman Man / Woman Woman
                                1.035 0.1588 Inf
                                                        0.222 0.8241
## Man Woman / Woman Woman
                                1.162 0.1830 Inf
                                                        0.952 0.3409
##
## time_periods = 2:
                                          SE df null z.ratio p.value
## contrast
                            odds.ratio
## Man Man / Woman Man
                                                        0.328 0.7429
                                1.022 0.0688 Inf
                                                    1
## Man Man / Man Woman
                                0.777 0.0731 Inf
                                                       -2.682
                                                    1
                                                               0.0073
## Man Man / Woman Woman
                                0.906 0.1081 Inf
                                                    1 -0.827
                                                               0.4084
## Woman Man / Man Woman
                                0.760 0.0796 Inf
                                                    1 - 2.620
                                                               0.0088
## Woman Man / Woman Woman
                                0.886 0.1105 Inf
                                                    1
                                                       -0.968
                                                               0.3328
## Man Woman / Woman Woman
                                1.166 0.1489 Inf
                                                        1.202 0.2294
##
## time_periods = 3:
## contrast
                            odds.ratio
                                          SE df null z.ratio p.value
## Man Man / Woman Man
                                0.892 0.0737 Inf
                                                    1 -1.378 0.1683
## Man Man / Man Woman
                                0.781 0.0861 Inf
                                                    1 -2.243 0.0249
## Man Man / Woman Woman
                                0.602 0.0762 Inf
                                                    1 -4.006 0.0001
## Woman Man / Man Woman
                                0.875 0.1088 Inf
                                                       -1.075
                                                               0.2826
## Woman Man / Woman Woman
                                0.675 0.0907 Inf
                                                    1 - 2.927
                                                               0.0034
## Man Woman / Woman Woman
                                0.771 0.1125 Inf
                                                    1 -1.780 0.0751
##
## Tests are performed on the log odds ratio scale
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$emmeans
## time_periods = 1:
## first_author_gender last_author_gender prob
                                                     SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
## Man
                       Man
                                          0.259 0.00711 Inf
                                                                0.246
                                                                          0.273
## Woman
                       Man
                                          0.266 0.01329 Inf
                                                                0.241
                                                                          0.293
## Man
                       Woman
                                          0.289 0.02202 Inf
                                                                0.248
                                                                          0.334
## Woman
                        Woman
                                          0.260 0.02715 Inf
                                                                0.210
                                                                          0.316
```

```
##
## time_periods = 2:
   first_author_gender last_author_gender prob
                                                       SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
                                           0.221 0.00739 Inf
                                                                  0.207
                                                                            0.236
##
                        Man
##
   Woman
                                           0.218 0.01039 Inf
                                                                  0.198
                                                                            0.239
                                           0.268 0.01668 Inf
                                                                  0.236
                                                                            0.302
##
   Man
                        Woman
                                           0.239 0.02025 Inf
##
   Woman
                        Woman
                                                                  0.201
                                                                            0.281
##
## time_periods = 3:
##
   first_author_gender last_author_gender prob
                                                       SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
##
                                           0.185 0.00761 Inf
                                                                  0.170
                                                                            0.200
                                                                            0.226
                                                                  0.181
##
   Woman
                        Man
                                           0.203 0.01163 Inf
##
   Man
                        Woman
                                           0.225 0.01768 Inf
                                                                  0.192
                                                                            0.261
   Woman
                                                                            0.321
##
                        Woman
                                           0.273 0.02306 Inf
                                                                  0.231
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
## Intervals are back-transformed from the logit scale
png("acc_rate_pairs_pre_post.png", width = 1000, height = 750, res = 140)
rbind(data.frame(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$emmeans)) %>%
  mutate(group = interaction(first_author_gender, last_author_gender, sep = ", "),
         time_periods = factor(case_when(
           time_periods == "1" ~ "Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
           time_periods == "2" ~ "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity",
           time_periods == "3" ~ "Pandemic"),
           levels = c("Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
                      "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity", "Pandemic"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = prob, y = group, color = time_periods)) +
  geom_pointrange(aes(xmin = asymp.LCL, xmax = asymp.UCL), size = 0.25,
                  position = position_jitterdodge(jitter.width = 0.01)) +
  xlab("Probability of Acceptance") +
  ylab("First Author Gender, Last Author Gender") +
  ggtitle("Probability of Acceptance for Author Pairs") +
  guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 1)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom", legend.title = element_blank()) +
  scale_x_continuous(labels = scales::percent)
dev.off()
## pdf
##
```

Authorship pairs

We used chi-squared contingency table tests to assess if first authors and last authors of each gender are more likely to work with each other than would be expected by chance. We considered authorship patterns for all submissions and when restricted to acceptances, and included a sensitivity analysis that drops articles written by first/last authors with multiple articles.

```
expected_last = df %>%
    summarize(Woman = mean(last_author_gender == "Woman", na.rm = TRUE),
              Man = mean(last_author_gender == "Man", na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
   unlist()
  # Observed counts of each authorship pair
  observed = with(df, {
   table(first author gender, last author gender)
  })
  n = with(df, {
   sum(!is.na(first_author_gender) & !is.na(last_author_gender))
  })
  out = data.frame(
   do.call(rbind,
            lapply(c("Woman", "Man"), function(first) {
              t(sapply(c("Woman", "Man"), function(last) {
                res = prop.test(observed[first, last], n,
                                expected_first[first] * expected_last[last])
                return(data.frame("First" = first, "Last" = last,
                                  Observed = observed[first, last] / n,
                                  Expected = expected_first[first] * expected_last[last],
                                  "X-squared" = res$statistic,
                                  df = res$parameter,
                                  pvalue = res$p.value))
              }))
            })
   )
  rownames(out) = NULL
  return(out)
}
```

Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity

Restricting to pre-pandemic period before discontinuity.

```
# Submissions
# Original
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre =
 author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(time_periods == "1"))
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre
##
    First Last
                  Observed
                             Expected X.squared df
                                                        pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.03560176 0.02292508
                                      67.7478 1 1.858036e-16
## 2 Woman
            Man 0.1637261 0.1703006 2.866499 1
                                                    0.09044139
## 3
      Man Woman 0.0805503 0.09571899 25.13682 1 5.34035e-07
## 4
      Man
            Man 0.7201218 0.7110553 3.765689 1
                                                    0.05231431
# Unique
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre =
 author_pair_prop(df_unique_both %>% filter(time_periods == "1"))
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre
```

```
## 1 Woman Woman 0.06039076 0.04143544 19.89773 1 8.169717e-06
## 2 Woman
            Man 0.1758437
                            0.194799 5.038553 1
                                                     0.02478919
## 3
      Man Woman 0.1150089 0.1339642 6.811963 1 0.009054916
## 4
            Man 0.6487567 0.6298013 3.389678 1
                                                     0.06560575
      Man
# Acceptances
# Original
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre =
  author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(accepted == 1, time_periods == "1"))
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre
##
     First Last
                   Observed
                             Expected X.squared df
                                                          pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.03515781 0.02372434
                                        13.63768 1 0.0002216917
## 2 Woman
                   0.165801 0.1675965 0.04568586 1
                                                       0.8307479
## 3
      Man Woman 0.08869357 0.1002786
                                        3.596071 1
                                                       0.0579163
## 4
            Man 0.7103476 0.7084006 0.03699197 1
                                                       0.8474814
      Man
# Unique
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre =
  author pair prop(df unique both %>% filter(accepted == 1, time periods == "1"))
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre
     First Last
                             Expected X.squared df
                   Observed
                                                       pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.09206349 0.05520786 7.511785 1 0.00612966
            Man 0.1714286 0.2082842 2.376045 1 0.1232091
                                       3.00235 1 0.08314381
## 3
      Man Woman 0.1174603 0.1543159
## 4
            Man 0.6190476
                            0.582192 1.610784 1 0.2043816
      Man
# Author pair p-values
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals =
    unlist(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals) =
  paste("sub_author_pair_original_pre",
        sub_author_by_pair_original_pre$First,
        sub_author_by_pair_original_pre$Last)
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals =
    unlist(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals) =
  paste("sub_author_pair_unique_pre",
        sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre$First,
        sub author by pair unique pre$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals =
    unlist(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals) =
  paste("acc_author_pair_original_pre",
        acc_author_by_pair_original_pre$First,
        acc_author_by_pair_original_pre$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals =
    unlist(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals) =
  paste("acc author pair unique pre",
        acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre$First,
        acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre$Last)
```

```
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  sub_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals, sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals,
  acc_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals, acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals)
```

Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity

Restricting to pre-pandemic period before discontinuity.

```
# Submissions
# Original
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2 =
 author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(time_periods == "2"))
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2
    First Last
                  Observed
                            Expected X.squared df
                                                       pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.05969014 0.03904343 118.9886 1 1.053317e-27
## 2 Woman Man 0.1987454 0.2100899 8.090953 1 0.004448676
      Man Woman 0.09970535 0.1176736 32.54315 1 1.165751e-08
          Man 0.6418591 0.6331931 3.36472 1
## 4
                                                   0.06660689
      Man
# Unique
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2 =
 author_pair_prop(df_unique_both %>% filter(time_periods == "2"))
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2
    First Last
                  Observed
                            Expected X.squared df
                                                        pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.08887833 0.06430491 20.70893 1 5.346611e-06
            Man 0.2124525 0.2370259 6.890179 1 0.008667057
      Man Woman 0.1245247 0.1490981 9.82165 1 0.001724696
## 4
            Man 0.5741445 0.5495711 5.033684 1
      Man
                                                   0.02485896
# Acceptances
# Original
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2 =
 author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(accepted == 1, time_periods == "2"))
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2
    First Last
                  Observed
                            Expected X.squared df
                                                       pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.06299874 0.04370532 20.74655 1 5.242602e-06
## 2 Woman Man 0.1910962 0.2006556 1.297604 1
                                                     0.2546513
      Man Woman 0.1180176 0.1351503 5.833638 1
## 3
                                                    0.01572258
## 4
      Man
            Man 0.6278874 0.6204888 0.5225116 1
                                                    0.4697723
# Unique
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2 =
 author_pair_prop(df_unique_both %>% filter(accepted == 1, time_periods == "2"))
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2
##
                           Expected X.squared df
                                                    pvalue
    First Last Observed
## 1 Woman Woman 0.1047619 0.08052154 1.355322 1 0.2443498
## 2 Woman Man 0.2142857 0.2385261 0.5524657 1 0.457312
## 3 Man Woman 0.147619 0.1718594 0.7050482 1 0.4010926
## 4
      Man Man 0.5333333 0.509093 0.4015132 1 0.5263088
```

```
# Author pair p-values
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals =
    unlist(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals) =
  paste("sub_author_pair_original_pre2",
        sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2$First,
        sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2$Last)
sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals =
    unlist(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals) =
  paste("sub_author_pair_unique_pre2",
        sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$First,
        sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals =
    unlist(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals) =
  paste("acc_author_pair_original_pre2",
        acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2$First,
        acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals =
    unlist(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals) =
  paste("acc_author_pair_unique_pre2",
        acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$First,
        acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2$Last)
# Collect p-values
all_pvals = c(
  all_pvals,
  sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals, sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals,
  acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals, acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals
)
```

Pandemic

Restricting to pandemic period.

```
# Submissions
# Original
sub_author_by_pair_original_post =
 author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(time_periods == "3"))
sub_author_by_pair_original_post
##
    First Last
                             Expected X.squared df
                  Observed
                                                        pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.09179575 0.05796677 145.4945 1 1.674356e-33
## 2 Woman
            Man 0.2160069 0.2391801 20.44714 1 6.130124e-06
      Man Woman 0.1045611 0.137111 62.16052 1 3.165714e-15
## 3
            Man 0.5876363 0.565742 13.51451 1 0.0002367261
## 4
      Man
# Unique
sub_author_by_pair_unique_post =
 author_pair_prop(df_unique_both %>% filter(time_periods == "3"))
```

```
sub_author_by_pair_unique_post
    First Last Observed
                            Expected X.squared df
                                                        pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.1188455 0.08309577 29.17272 1 6.620487e-08
## 2 Woman Man 0.2156197 0.2513694 11.81136 1 0.0005887054
## 3
      Man Woman 0.1295982 0.1653479 16.10555 1 5.990821e-05
## 4
      Man
           Man 0.5359366 0.5001869 8.890779 1 0.002866144
# Acceptances
# Original
acc_author_by_pair_original_post =
 author_pair_prop(df_original %>% filter(accepted == 1, time_periods == "3"))
acc_author_by_pair_original_post
##
    First Last Observed
                            Expected X.squared df
                                                        pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.1249108 0.07901712 39.91994 1 2.645881e-10
## 2 Woman
            Man 0.2177016 0.2572351 11.25405 1 0.0007944955
      Man Woman 0.1170592 0.1559765 15.82365 1 6.952794e-05
## 3
## 4
            Man 0.5403283 0.5077713 5.811904 1
                                                    0.01591805
# Unique
acc_author_by_pair_unique_post =
 author_pair_prop(df_unique_both %>% filter(accepted == 1, time_periods == "3"))
acc author by pair unique post
    First Last Observed Expected X.squared df
##
                                                     pvalue
## 1 Woman Woman 0.1657143 0.1086694 5.305109 1 0.02126297
## 2 Woman
            Man
                      0.2 0.2570449 2.690722 1 0.1009341
      Man Woman 0.1314286 0.1884735 3.359599 1 0.06681434
## 3
## 4
            Man 0.5028571 0.4458122 2.079847 1 0.1492551
# Author pair p-values
sub_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals =
   unlist(sub_author_by_pair_original_post$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals) =
 paste("sub_author_pair_original_post",
       sub author by pair original post$First,
       sub_author_by_pair_original_post$Last)
sub_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals =
   unlist(sub author by pair unique post$pvalue)
names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals) =
 paste("sub_author_pair_unique_post",
       sub_author_by_pair_unique_post$First,
       sub_author_by_pair_unique_post$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals =
   unlist(acc_author_by_pair_original_post$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals) =
 paste("acc_author_pair_original_post",
       acc_author_by_pair_original_post$First,
       acc author by pair original post$Last)
acc_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals =
   unlist(acc_author_by_pair_unique_post$pvalue)
names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals) =
```

Multiple comparisons adjustment

We applied a Benjamini-Hochberg multiple comparisons adjustment to control the FDR.

Additional tables

These tables summarize the regression output for the rate of change in submitted and accepted manuscripts, with an extra column for the adjusted p-values.

```
# Submitted manuscripts
# Pre-pandemic
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab = data.frame(
  Dataset = c("All", rep("", 5), "Unique", rep("", 5)),
  rbind(sub_rate_pair_tab[1:6,], sub_rate_pair_tab2[1:6,]),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(names(sub_rate_pair_pvals)[1:6],
                                names(sub_rate_pair_pvals2)[1:6]),
                              "adj_pvals"])
rownames(sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab) = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$year_post2020 = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$df = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$estimate = round(sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$estimate, 2)
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$SE = round(sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$SE, 2)
sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$t.ratio = round(sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$t.ratio, 2)
colnames(sub over time pairs pre tab) =
  c("Dataset", "Author Gender Pair Contrast",
    "Estimate", "Std. Error", "t-Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab,
          file = "sub_over_time_pairs_pre_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Pandemic
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab = data.frame(
  Dataset = c("All", rep("", 5), "Unique", rep("", 5)),
```

```
rbind(sub_rate_pair_tab[7:12,], sub_rate_pair_tab2[7:12,]),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(names(sub_rate_pair_pvals)[7:12],
                                names(sub_rate_pair_pvals2)[7:12]),
                              "adj pvals"])
rownames(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab) = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$year_post2020 = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$df = NULL
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$estimate = round(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$estimate, 2)
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$SE = round(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$SE, 2)
sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$t.ratio = round(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab$t.ratio, 2)
colnames(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab) =
  c("Dataset", "Author Gender Pair Contrast",
    "Estimate", "Std. Error", "t-Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab,
          file = "sub_over_time_pairs_post_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Accepted manuscripts
# Pre-pandemic
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab = data.frame(
 Dataset = c("All", rep("", 5), "Unique", rep("", 5)),
  rbind(acc_rate_pair_tab[1:6,], acc_rate_pair_tab2[1:6,]),
  adj.p.value = all pvals adj[c(names(acc rate pair pvals)[1:6],
                                names(acc_rate_pair_pvals2)[1:6]),
                              "adj pvals"])
rownames(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab) = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$year_post2020 = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$df = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$estimate = round(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$estimate, 2)
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$SE = round(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$SE, 2)
acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$t.ratio = round(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab$t.ratio, 2)
colnames(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab) =
  c("Dataset", "Author Gender Pair Contrast",
    "Estimate", "Std. Error", "t-Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab,
          file = "acc_over_time_pairs_pre_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Pandemic
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab = data.frame(
 Dataset = c("All", rep("", 5), "Unique", rep("", 5)),
 rbind(acc_rate_pair_tab[7:12,], acc_rate_pair_tab2[7:12,]),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(names(acc_rate_pair_pvals)[7:12],
                                names(acc_rate_pair_pvals2)[7:12]),
                              "adj_pvals"])
rownames(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab) = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$year_post2020 = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$df = NULL
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$estimate = round(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$estimate, 2)
```

```
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$SE = round(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$SE, 2)
acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$t.ratio = round(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab$t.ratio, 2)

colnames(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab) =
    c("Dataset", "Author Gender Pair Contrast",
        "Estimate", "Std. Error", "t-Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")

write.csv(acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab,
        file = "acc_over_time_pairs_post_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

These tables summarize the pairwise results for time to decision and acceptance rates, with an extra column for the adjusted p-values. Separate tables are created for pairwise results within each time period and for evaluating the effect of time period on the pairs.

```
# Time to decision
# Gender pairs within each time period
time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab = cbind(
  data.frame(time_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[names(time_pairs_prepost_gender_pvals), "adj_pvals"])
time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab$df = NULL
time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab = time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab %>%
  mutate(time_periods = factor(case_when(
   time_periods == "1" ~ "Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
   time_periods == "2" ~ "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity",
   time_periods == "3" ~ "Pandemic"),
   levels = c("Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
               "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity", "Pandemic"))
  ) %>%
  arrange(time_periods)
time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab[,3:5] = round(time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab[,3:5], 2)
colnames(time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab) =
  c("Author Gender Pair Contrast", "Time Period", "Difference",
    "Std. Error", "t-Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab,
          file = "time_pairs_prepost_gender_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Acceptance rate
# Gender pairs within each time period
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab = cbind(
  data.frame(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_robust$contrasts),
  adj.p.value = all pvals adj[names(acc chance pairs prepost gender pvals), "adj pvals"])
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab$df = NULL
acc chance pairs prepost gender tab$null = NULL
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab = acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab %>%
  mutate(time_periods = factor(case_when(
   time_periods == "1" ~ "Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
   time_periods == "2" ~ "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity",
   time_periods == "3" ~ "Pandemic"),
   levels = c("Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity",
               "Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity", "Pandemic"))
  ) %>%
  arrange(time_periods)
acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab[,3:5] = round(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab[,3:5], 2)
colnames(acc_chance_pairs_prepost_gender_tab) =
```

These tables summarize the results from the authorship pair contingency tables, with adjusted p-values.

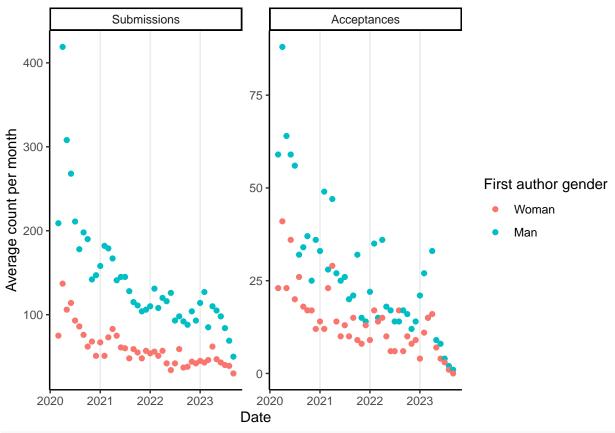
```
# Pre-pandemic, before discontinuity
authorship pairs pre tab = data.frame(
  Manuscripts = c("Submitted", rep("", 7), "Accepted", rep("", 7)),
  Dataset = rep(c("All", rep("", 3), "Unique", rep("", 3)), 2),
  rbind(
    # Original submissions
   sub_author_by_pair_original_pre,
    # Unique submissions
    sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre,
    # Original acceptances
   acc_author_by_pair_original_pre,
    # Unique acceptances
    acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(
    # Original submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals),
    # Unique submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals),
    # Original acceptances
   names(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre_pvals),
    # Unique acceptances
   names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre_pvals)),
    "adi pvals"])
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$df = NULL
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$First = unlist(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$First)
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$Last = unlist(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$Last)
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$Observed = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$0bserved)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$Expected = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$Expected)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$X.squared = round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$X.squared), 2)
authorship_pairs_pre_tab$pvalue = as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre_tab$pvalue)
colnames(authorship pairs pre tab) =
  c("Manuscripts", "Dataset", "First Author", "Last Author",
    "Observed", "Expected", "X2 Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(authorship_pairs_pre_tab,
          file = "authorship_pairs_pre_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Pre-pandemic, after discontinuity
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab = data.frame(
  Manuscripts = c("Submitted", rep("", 7), "Accepted", rep("", 7)),
  Dataset = rep(c("All", rep("", 3), "Unique", rep("", 3)), 2),
 rbind(
    # Original submissions
```

```
sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2,
    # Unique submissions
    sub author by pair unique pre2,
    # Original acceptances
   acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2,
    # Unique acceptances
    acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(
    # Original submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals),
    # Unique submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals),
    # Original acceptances
    names(acc_author_by_pair_original_pre2_pvals),
    # Unique acceptances
    names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_pre2_pvals)),
    "adj_pvals"])
authorship pairs pre2 tab$df = NULL
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$First = unlist(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$First)
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$Last = unlist(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$Last)
authorship pairs pre2 tab$Observed = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$0bserved)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$Expected = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$Expected)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$X.squared = round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$X.squared), 2)
authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$pvalue = as.numeric(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab$pvalue)
colnames(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab) =
  c("Manuscripts", "Dataset", "First Author", "Last Author",
    "Observed", "Expected", "X2 Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(authorship_pairs_pre2_tab,
          file = "authorship_pairs_pre2_tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# Pandemic
authorship_pairs_post_tab = data.frame(
  Manuscripts = c("Submitted", rep("", 7), "Accepted", rep("", 7)),
  Dataset = rep(c("All", rep("", 3), "Unique", rep("", 3)), 2),
 rbind(
    # Original submissions
   sub_author_by_pair_original_post,
    # Unique submissions
    sub_author_by_pair_unique_post,
    # Original acceptances
   acc_author_by_pair_original_post,
    # Unique acceptances
    acc_author_by_pair_unique_post),
  adj.p.value = all_pvals_adj[c(
    # Original submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals),
    # Unique submissions
   names(sub_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals),
```

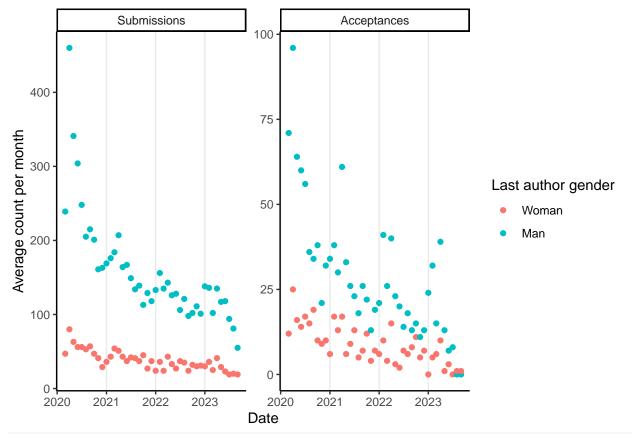
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# Original acceptances
   names(acc_author_by_pair_original_post_pvals),
    # Unique acceptances
   names(acc_author_by_pair_unique_post_pvals)),
    "adj pvals"])
authorship_pairs_post_tab$df = NULL
authorship_pairs_post_tab$First = unlist(authorship_pairs_post_tab$First)
authorship_pairs_post_tab$Last = unlist(authorship_pairs_post_tab$Last)
authorship pairs post tab$Observed = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_post_tab$0bserved)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_post_tab$Expected = paste(
  round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_post_tab$Expected)*100, 2), "%")
authorship_pairs_post_tab$X.squared = round(as.numeric(authorship_pairs_post_tab$X.squared), 2)
authorship_pairs_post_tab$pvalue = as.numeric(authorship_pairs_post_tab$pvalue)
colnames(authorship_pairs_post_tab) =
  c("Manuscripts", "Dataset", "First Author", "Last Author",
    "Observed", "Expected", "X2 Statistic", "p-value", "Adj. p-value")
write.csv(authorship_pairs_post_tab,
          file = "authorship pairs post tab.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

Pandemic-era submissions and acceptances by month

```
# First authors
df original %>%
  mutate(month_date = lubridate::floor_date(as_date(first_receipt_date), "month")) %>%
  drop na(first author gender) %>%
  filter(first receipt date >= as.Date("2020-03-01") &
          first_receipt_date < as.Date("2023-10-01")) %>%
  group_by(month_date, first_author_gender) %>%
  summarise(submitted = sum(submitted), accepted = sum(accepted)) %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = -c("month_date", "first_author_gender")) %>%
  mutate(name = factor(ifelse(name == "submitted", "Submissions", "Acceptances"),
                      levels = c("Submissions", "Acceptances")),
         `First author gender` = factor(first_author_gender,
                                       levels = c("Woman", "Man"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = month date, y = value, col = `First author gender`)) +
  geom point() +
  facet wrap(~name, scales = "free y") +
  scale_x_date(minor_breaks = "1 year") +
  theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_line(),
        panel.grid.minor.x = element_line()) +
  xlab("Date") + ylab("Average count per month")
```



```
ggsave("pandemic_monthly_rates_first.png")
# Last authors
df original %>%
  mutate(month_date = lubridate::floor_date(as_date(first_receipt_date), "month")) %>%
  drop_na(last_author_gender) %>%
  filter(first receipt date >= as.Date("2020-03-01") &
           first receipt date < as.Date("2023-10-01")) %>%
  group_by(month_date, last_author_gender) %>%
  summarise(submitted = sum(submitted), accepted = sum(accepted)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = -c("month_date", "last_author_gender")) %>%
  mutate(name = factor(ifelse(name == "submitted", "Submissions", "Acceptances"),
                       levels = c("Submissions", "Acceptances")),
         `Last author gender` = factor(last_author_gender,
                                       levels = c("Woman", "Man"))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = month_date, y = value, col = `Last author gender`)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet wrap(~name, scales = "free y") +
  scale_x_date(minor_breaks = "1 year") +
  theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_line(),
        panel.grid.minor.x = element_line()) +
  xlab("Date") + ylab("Average count per month")
```



ggsave("pandemic_monthly_rates_last.png")