

# LCA data modeling Seth-Josh

## 1. Loading, setting up

```
library(tidyverse)
library(poLCA)

f <- "obs-segment_units1-7_2013-2014.csv"

d <- read_csv(f)
```

## 2. Preparing data with a few teacher and student variables

None of the unit-specific variables included.

```
add_one <- function(x) {
  x + 1
}

ds <- d %>%
  dplyr::select(sInvented, sProcedural, sConceptual, tInitSelect, tCompare, tDiscussQ, tConnectBigIdeas) %>%
  map_df(replace_na, 0) %>%
  map_df(add_one)
```

## 3. Choosing the number of classes/profiles

Using latent class analysis through the **poLCA** R package.

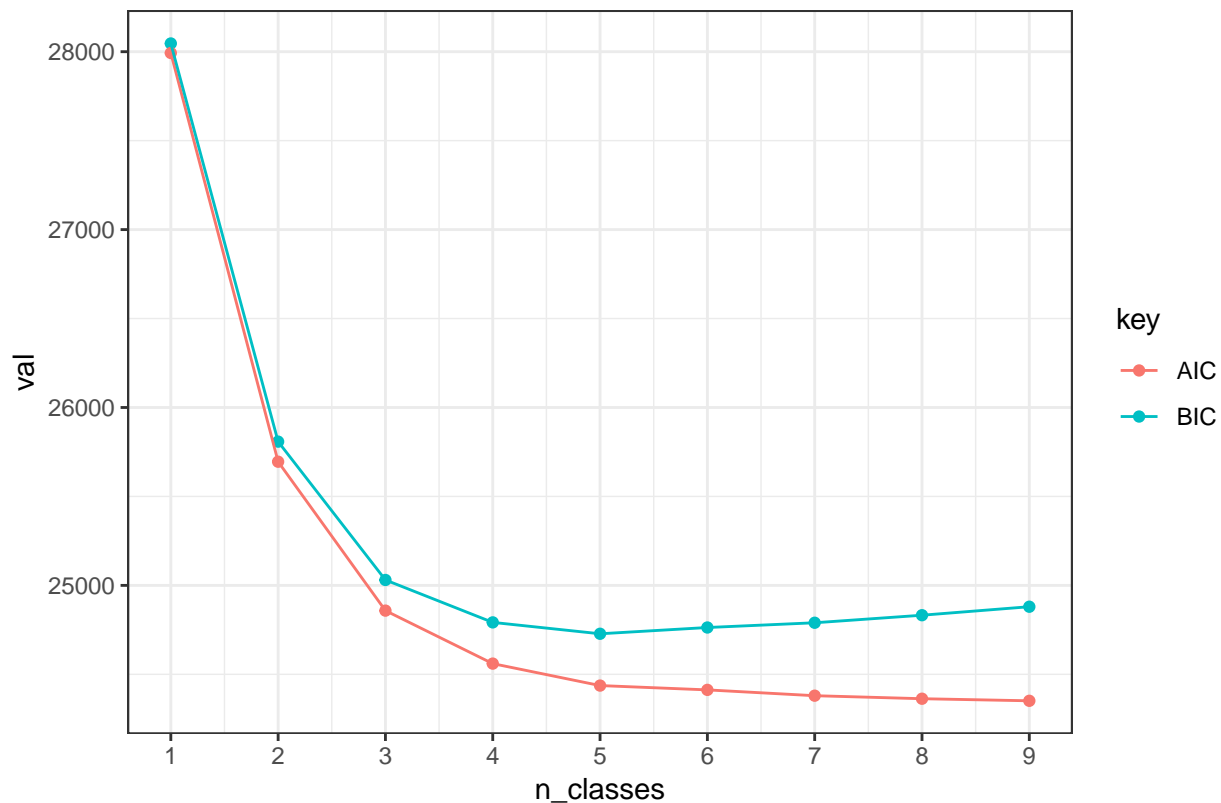
```
f <- cbind(sInvented, sProcedural, sConceptual, tInitSelect, tCompare, tDiscussQ, tConnectBigIdeas, tConnectBigIdeas)

od <- map(1:9, poLCA, formula = f, data = ds, maxiter = 5000, verbose = FALSE, graphs = FALSE) %>%
  map_df(broom::glance)

saveRDS(od, "2013-2014-dat-compare.rds")
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```
od <- read_rds("2013-2014-dat-compare.rds")
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od %>%
  mutate(n_classes = 1:9) %>%
  gather(key, val, BIC, AIC) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = n_classes, y = val, color = key, group = key)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = 1:9, labels = 1:9) +
  theme_bw() +
  labs(caption = "Lower values of the AIC & BIC suggest preferred model(s); generally, BIC is more conservative")
```

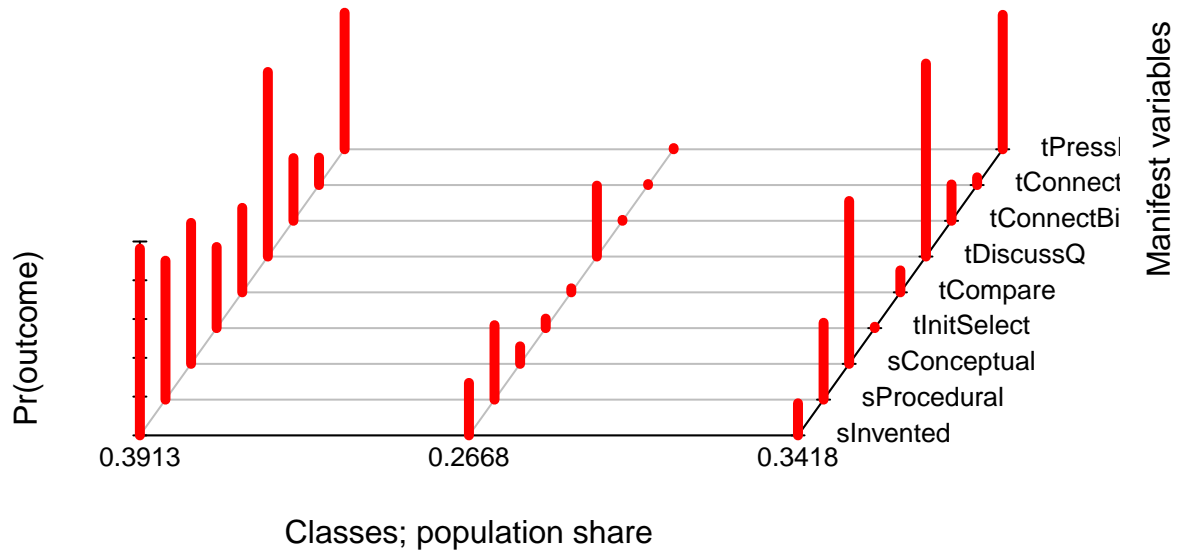


Lower values of the AIC & BIC suggest preferred model(s); generally, BIC is more conservative than AIC

Based on this fit statistic—the Bayesian Information Criteria, which is just a transformation of the log-likelihood, and is usually recommended along with the AIC as one criterion for model selection—it looks like 3 and especially 4 or 5 class solutions seem reasonable.

## 4. Examining 3, 4, and 5 class solutions

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f <- cbind(sInvented, sProcedural, sConceptual, tInitSelect, tCompare, tDiscussQ, tConnectBigIdeas, tConnectSmallIdeas, tConnectBigIdeas, tConnectSmallIdeas)
m3 <- polCA(f, ds, nclass = 3, maxiter = 5000, graphs = TRUE)
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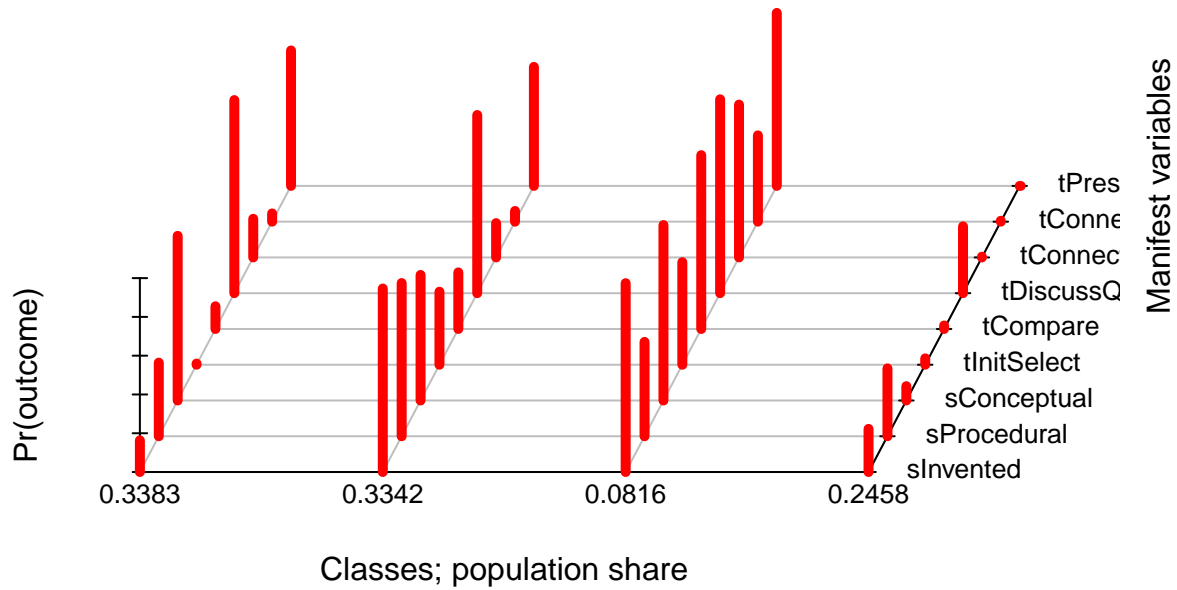
```
## Conditional item response (column) probabilities,
## by outcome variable, for each class (row)
##
## $sInvented
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.0366 0.9634
## class 2: 0.7292 0.2708
## class 3: 0.8345 0.1655
##
## $sProcedural
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.2835 0.7165
## class 2: 0.6160 0.3840
## class 3: 0.6037 0.3963
##
## $sConceptual
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.2729 0.7271
## class 2: 0.9097 0.0903
## class 3: 0.1600 0.8400
##
## $tInitSelect
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.5817 0.4183
## class 2: 0.9511 0.0489
## class 3: 0.9930 0.0070
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##
## $tCompare
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.5643 0.4357
## class 2:  0.9793 0.0207
## class 3:  0.8868 0.1132
##
## $tDiscussQ
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.0478 0.9522
## class 2:  0.6341 0.3659
## class 3:  0.0046 0.9954
##
## $tConnectBigIdeas
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.6765 0.3235
## class 2:  0.9951 0.0049
## class 3:  0.8126 0.1874
##
## $tConnectOthers
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.8586 0.1414
## class 2:  0.9947 0.0053
## class 3:  0.9601 0.0399
##
## $tPressExplain
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.2956 0.7044
## class 2:  0.9937 0.0063
## class 3:  0.3065 0.6935
##
## Estimated class population shares
##  0.3913 0.2668 0.3418
##
## Predicted class memberships (by modal posterior prob.)
##  0.4042 0.273 0.3228
##
## =====
## Fit for 3 latent classes:
## =====
## number of observations: 2813
## number of estimated parameters: 29
## residual degrees of freedom: 482
## maximum log-likelihood: -12400.05
##
## AIC(3): 24858.1
## BIC(3): 25030.41
## G^2(3): 973.5587 (Likelihood ratio/deviance statistic)
## X^2(3): 2279.987 (Chi-square goodness of fit)
##

```

```
m4 <- polCA(f, ds, nclass = 4, maxiter = 5000, graphs = TRUE)
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## Conditional item response (column) probabilities,
## by outcome variable, for each class (row)
##
## $sInvented
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.8366 0.1634
## class 2: 0.0535 0.9465
## class 3: 0.0260 0.9740
## class 4: 0.7775 0.2225
##
## $sProcedural
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.6202 0.3798
## class 2: 0.2098 0.7902
## class 3: 0.5133 0.4867
## class 4: 0.6502 0.3498
##
## $sConceptual
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.1508 0.8492
## class 2: 0.3523 0.6477
## class 3: 0.0952 0.9048
## class 4: 0.9260 0.0740
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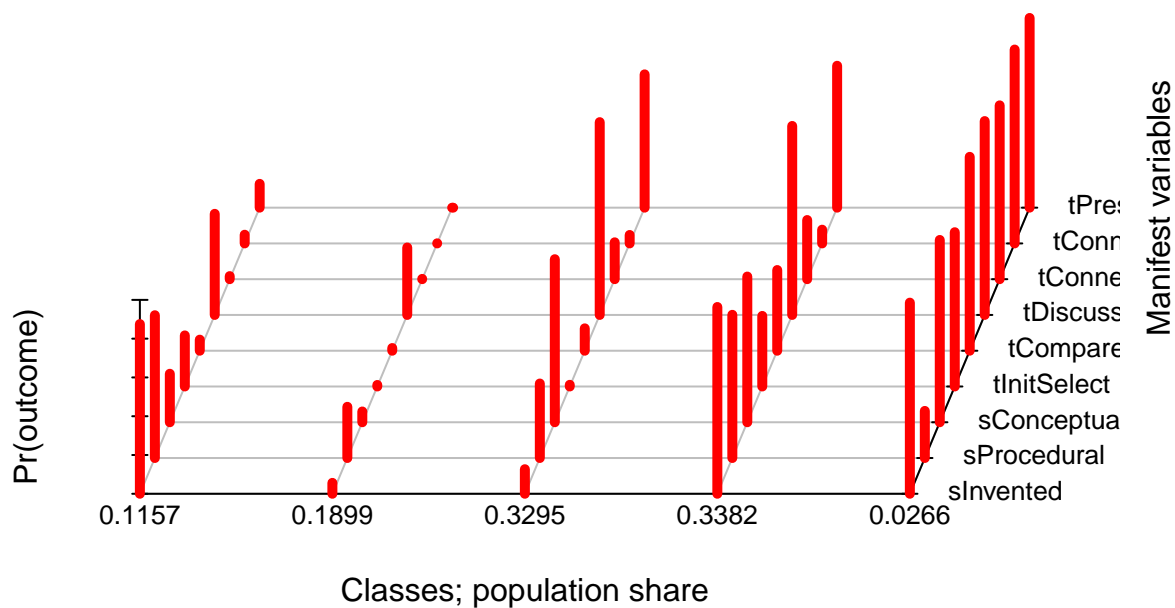
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##
## $tInitSelect
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.9940 0.0060
## class 2:  0.6234 0.3766
## class 3:  0.4710 0.5290
## class 4:  0.9672 0.0328
##
## $tCompare
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.8830 0.1170
## class 2:  0.7082 0.2918
## class 3:  0.1035 0.8965
## class 4:  0.9821 0.0179
##
## $tDiscussQ
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.0040 0.9960
## class 2:  0.0810 0.9190
## class 3:  0.0000 1.0000
## class 4:  0.6552 0.3448
##
## $tConnectBigIdeas
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.8006 0.1994
## class 2:  0.8229 0.1771
## class 3:  0.2116 0.7884
## class 4:  0.9961 0.0039
##
## $tConnectOthers
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.9575 0.0425
## class 2:  0.9447 0.0553
## class 3:  0.5548 0.4452
## class 4:  0.9952 0.0048
##
## $tPressExplain
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.3013 0.6987
## class 2:  0.3861 0.6139
## class 3:  0.1076 0.8924
## class 4:  1.0000 0.0000
##
## Estimated class population shares
##  0.3383 0.3342 0.0816 0.2458
##
## Predicted class memberships (by modal posterior prob.)
##  0.3374 0.3466 0.075 0.241
##
## =====
## Fit for 4 latent classes:
## =====
## number of observations: 2813
## number of estimated parameters: 39

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## residual degrees of freedom: 472
## maximum log-likelihood: -12241.14
##
## AIC(4): 24560.28
## BIC(4): 24792.02
## G^2(4): 655.7447 (Likelihood ratio/deviance statistic)
## X^2(4): 958.0743 (Chi-square goodness of fit)
##
```

```
m5 <- polCA(f, ds, nclass = 5, maxiter = 5000, graphs = TRUE)
```



```
## Conditional item response (column) probabilities,
## by outcome variable, for each class (row)
##
## $sInvented
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.1246 0.8754
## class 2: 0.9436 0.0564
## class 3: 0.8732 0.1268
## class 4: 0.0366 0.9634
## class 5: 0.0141 0.9859
##
## $sProcedural
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.2635 0.7365
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## class 2: 0.7358 0.2642
## class 3: 0.6157 0.3843
## class 4: 0.2614 0.7386
## class 5: 0.7570 0.2430
##
## $sConceptual
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.7499 0.2501
## class 2: 0.9445 0.0555
## class 3: 0.1590 0.8410
## class 4: 0.2486 0.7514
## class 5: 0.0597 0.9403
##
## $tInitSelect
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.7365 0.2635
## class 2: 0.9920 0.0080
## class 3: 0.9913 0.0087
## class 4: 0.6360 0.3640
## class 5: 0.2043 0.7957
##
## $tCompare
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.9429 0.0571
## class 2: 0.9861 0.0139
## class 3: 0.8845 0.1155
## class 4: 0.5838 0.4162
## class 5: 0.0000 1.0000
##
## $tDiscussQ
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.4783 0.5217
## class 2: 0.6520 0.3480
## class 3: 0.0055 0.9945
## class 4: 0.0251 0.9749
## class 5: 0.0000 1.0000
##
## $tConnectBigIdeas
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.9839 0.0161
## class 2: 0.9984 0.0016
## class 3: 0.8097 0.1903
## class 4: 0.6948 0.3052
## class 5: 0.1034 0.8966
##
## $tConnectOthers
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.9550 0.0450
## class 2: 0.9993 0.0007
## class 3: 0.9563 0.0437
## class 4: 0.9290 0.0710
## class 5: 0.0000 1.0000
##
## $tPressExplain

```



```

##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1:  0.8770 0.1230
## class 2:  1.0000 0.0000
## class 3:  0.3124 0.6876
## class 4:  0.2681 0.7319
## class 5:  0.0214 0.9786
##
## Estimated class population shares
##  0.1157 0.1899 0.3295 0.3382 0.0266
##
## Predicted class memberships (by modal posterior prob.)
##  0.1013 0.1927 0.3057 0.3726 0.0277
##
## =====
## Fit for 5 latent classes:
## =====
## number of observations: 2813
## number of estimated parameters: 49
## residual degrees of freedom: 462
## maximum log-likelihood: -12169.39
##
## AIC(5): 24436.79
## BIC(5): 24727.95
## G^2(5): 512.2494 (Likelihood ratio/deviance statistic)
## X^2(5): 761.1198 (Chi-square goodness of fit)
##

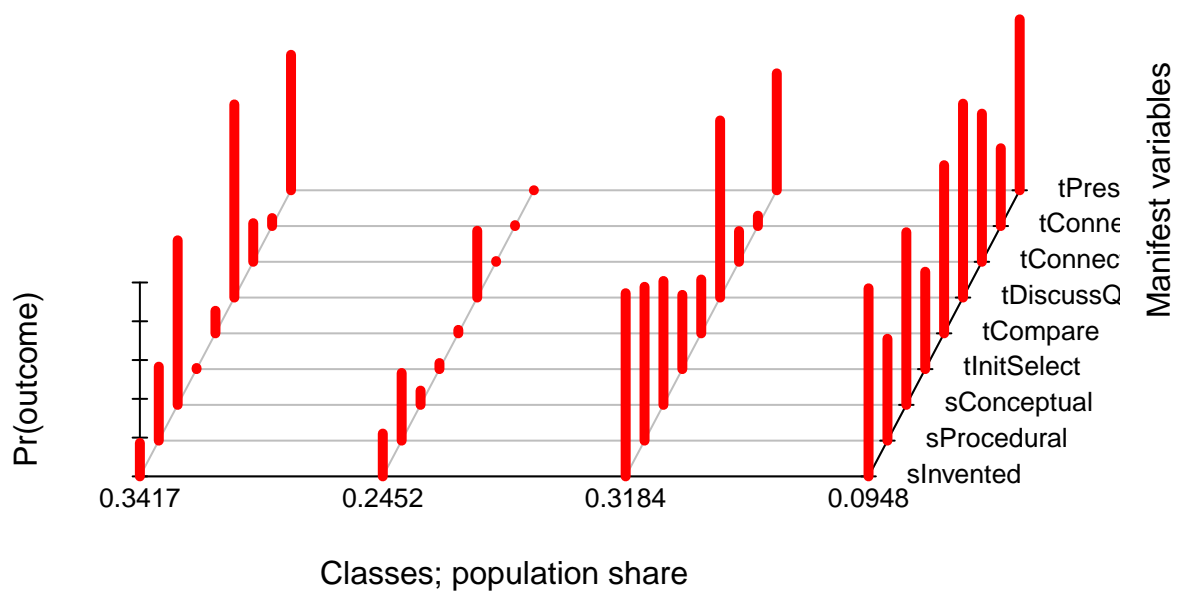
```

## 5. Examining the effects of a covariate (fGroups)

```

fcov <- cbind(sInvented, sProcedural, sConceptual, tInitSelect, tCompare, tDiscussQ, tConnectBigIdeas,
m4cov <- poLCA(fcov, ds, nclass = 4, maxiter = 5000, graphs = TRUE)

```



```
## Conditional item response (column) probabilities,
## by outcome variable, for each class (row)
##
## $sInvented
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.8274 0.1726
## class 2: 0.7792 0.2208
## class 3: 0.0552 0.9448
## class 4: 0.0300 0.9700
##
## $sProcedural
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.6184 0.3816
## class 2: 0.6510 0.3490
## class 3: 0.2066 0.7934
## class 4: 0.4747 0.5253
##
## $sConceptual
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.1513 0.8487
## class 2: 0.9265 0.0735
## class 3: 0.3611 0.6389
## class 4: 0.1096 0.8904
##
## $tInitSelect
##      Pr(1) Pr(2)
```

```

## class 1: 0.9942 0.0058
## class 2: 0.9686 0.0314
## class 3: 0.6171 0.3829
## class 4: 0.4978 0.5022
##
## $tCompare
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.8837 0.1163
## class 2: 0.9821 0.0179
## class 3: 0.7224 0.2776
## class 4: 0.1327 0.8673
##
## $tDiscussQ
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.0038 0.9962
## class 2: 0.6552 0.3448
## class 3: 0.0865 0.9135
## class 4: 0.0000 1.0000
##
## $tConnectBigIdeas
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.8007 0.1993
## class 2: 0.9961 0.0039
## class 3: 0.8415 0.1585
## class 4: 0.2358 0.7642
##
## $tConnectOthers
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.9587 0.0413
## class 2: 0.9953 0.0047
## class 3: 0.9464 0.0536
## class 4: 0.5986 0.4014
##
## $tPressExplain
##           Pr(1) Pr(2)
## class 1: 0.3012 0.6988
## class 2: 0.9997 0.0003
## class 3: 0.3970 0.6030
## class 4: 0.1182 0.8818
##
## Estimated class population shares
## 0.3417 0.2452 0.3184 0.0948
##
## Predicted class memberships (by modal posterior prob.)
## 0.3359 0.241 0.3381 0.085
##
## =====
## Fit for 4 latent classes:
## =====
## 2 / 1
##           Coefficient Std. error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.27228    0.19090  -1.426    0.154
## fGroups      -0.04025    0.11801  -0.341    0.733
## =====

```

```
## 3 / 1
##           Coefficient Std. error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    0.19533    0.20089   0.972   0.331
## fGroups       -0.18191    0.11812  -1.540   0.124
## =====
## 4 / 1
##           Coefficient Std. error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -0.04788    0.27026  -0.177   0.859
## fGroups       -0.89593    0.19105  -4.690   0.000
## =====
## number of observations: 2813
## number of estimated parameters: 42
## residual degrees of freedom: 469
## maximum log-likelihood: -12227.46
##
## AIC(4): 24538.93
## BIC(4): 24788.49
## X^2(4): 959.7363 (Chi-square goodness of fit)
##
## ALERT: estimation algorithm automatically restarted with new initial values
##
```

- What covariates do we want to add?

## 6. Plot of segments over time for the four class solution

```
d$m4_class <- m4$predclass

t <- d %>%
  dplyr::select(seg_num = SegNum, unit = `ClassObservation::Unit`, teacher = `Teacher::TeacherID`) %>%
  arrange(teacher, unit, seg_num) %>%
  group_by(unit) %>%
  summarize(max_seg_num = max(seg_num),
            max_unit = max(unit))

the_seqper <- function(x) {
  seq(1, t$max_seg_num[x])
}

l <- list()
for (i in seq(t$max_seg_num)) {
  l[[i]] <- seq(1, t$max_seg_num[i])
}

t$seq_l <- l

dtm <- dplyr::select(d, `Teacher::TeacherID`, `Teacher::Condition`) %>% distinct() %>% arrange(`TeacherID`, `Condition`)

d$m4_class <- as.factor(d$m4_class)

levels = c("Discussing Ideas", "Inventing & Connecting", "Inventing & Discussing", "Low Activity")
```

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d$m4_class_name <- forcats::fct_recode(d$m4_class,
                                       `Discussing Ideas` = "1",
                                       `Inventing & Connecting` = "2",
                                       `Inventing & Discussing` = "3",
                                       `Low Activity` = "4")
```

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teacher_ID = dtm$`Teacher::TeacherID`
condition = dtm$`Teacher::Condition`
map2(teacher_ID, condition, f, d)
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## 7. Adding extra data

```
post_probs <- m4$posterior %>% as.data.frame() %>% setNames(paste0("C", 1:4, "_prob"))
ds <- bind_cols(d, post_probs)
ds <- rename(ds, class = m4_class)
write_csv(ds, "data-with-class-probs.csv")
```

## 8. Other ideas

- Examine unit-specific indicators by class?
- Examine control vs. intervention mean proportions?