Study 2 Analysis: Men's Voices

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Introduction

This study investigates the social evaluative implications of sensory adaptation to men's voices.

Stimuli. Test stimuli were audio recordings of 20 young adult men reciting the sentence "Hi, I'm a student at UCLA". Samples were recorded digitally (M-Audio Microtrack recorder, 16-bit amplitude resolution, 44.1 kHz sampling rate) using an AKG E535 condenser microphone placed approximately 15cm from the mouth. Stimuli varied naturally in duration, fundamental frequency (f_o) , and voice quality.

Adapting stimuli. Adaptors included both masculinized and feminized exemplars that would be gender-typical and gender-atypical, respectively, relative to test stimuli. Adaptors were generated from recordings of 5 young adult men producing the same sentence as test stimuli. These recordings were manipulated to be more masculine or more feminine using the VT-Change script in Praat (Boersma & Weenink, 2021). We altered f_o , a well-established sexually dimorphic aspect of voice, using PSOLA (Pitch Synchronous Overlap Add) resynthesis. For masculinized versions, f_o values were lowered to 90% of baseline. For feminized versions, f_o was increased to 175% of baseline.

Procedure. We recruited U.S. residents from Prolific. After providing consent, participants were randomly assigned to either the gender-atypical (feminized) or gender-typical (masculinized) adaptation condition. On each trial, participants fist heard an adapting voice followed by a test voice which they judged for attractiveness and masculinity ($1 = Not \ at \ all \ to \ 9 = Extremely$). We also collected perceptions of likability, friendliness, and typicality for future exploratory analyses not reported here. To maintain attention, participants also completed a secondary task rating whether the pitch of each adaptor was higher, lower, or identical to the previous adaptor. In total, participants completed 20 trials in pseudo-randomized order, with each adaptor presented four times.

Hypotheses. Variability in vocal tract length and laryngeal cavity size create large differences in fundamental frequency for male and female voices (Hillenbrand et al., 1995). Perceivers evaluate men and women with regard to these differences, rating men as more attractive when their voices have low fundamental frequency but women as more attractive when their voices have high fundamental frequency (Puts, 2005; Puts, Barndt, Welling, Dawood, & Burriss, 2011). Therefore, we predicted that adaptation to feminized voices would produce contrastive aftereffects, making neutral male test voices sound more gender-typical and therefore more attractive. Conversely, adaptation to masculinized voices should make neutral male test voices sound less gender-typical and therefore less attractive. We also collected measures of perceived likability, friendliness, and typicality for future exploratory analyses not tested here.

Analysis

Load Data

```
data <- read.csv("study2_data.csv", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

Factor

```
# participant ID
data$ID <- factor(data$ID)

# condition
data$condition <- as.factor(data$condition)

# participant sex
data$Sex <- as.factor(data$Sex)</pre>
```

Filter

There were only 3 participants who did not identify as male or female. Because we were interested in investigating the interaction between condition and participant sex, we filtered out participants who did not identify as male or female since the power for detecting an effect with a sample size of 3 is too low.

```
nrow(data)/20 # divide by number of trials since data is long formed
```

```
## [1] 179
```

```
data <- data %>%
   filter(Sex == "1" | Sex == "2")
nrow(data)/20
```

[1] 175

Check Data Quality

Group by participant ID and filter out participants with a response range of 1 on any of the dependent variables.

```
# sample size before filtering
nrow(data)/20 # divide by number of trials since data is long form
```

[1] 175

```
# attraction
data <- data %>%
    group_by(ID) %>%
    filter((max(attraction) - min(attraction) > 1))

# masculinity
data <- data %>%
    group_by(ID) %>%
    filter((max(masculinity) - min(masculinity) > 1))

# likability
data <- data %>%
    group_by(ID) %>%
    filter((max(likability) - min(likability) > 1))

# friends
data <- data %>%
    group_by(ID) %>%
```

```
filter((max(friends) - min(friends) > 1))

# typicality
data <- data %>%
    group_by(ID) %>%
    filter((max(typicality) - min(typicality) > 1))

# sample size after filtering
nrow(data)/20
```

[1] 166

The original sample size was 175. After filtering participants whose responses did not meet our requirements, the final sample size is 166.

Demographics

After filtering participants, calculate the demographics of the final sample.

Sex

```
# 1 = male, 2 = female, 3 = other
table(data$Sex)/20
```

The majority of the sample is female (81.93%).

Race

```
# 1 = Asian, 2 = Black, 3 = Latino, 4 = White, 5 = Biracial/Other table(data$Race)/20
```

The majority of the sample is White (68.07%)

Age

```
stat.desc(data$Age)
```

```
nbr.null
##
         nbr.val
                                       nbr.na
                                                         min
                                                                        max
##
    3320.0000000
                     0.0000000
                                    0.0000000
                                                  18.0000000
                                                                72.0000000
                                                                   SE.mean
##
           range
                            SIIM
                                       median
                                                        mean
##
      54.0000000 84160.0000000
                                   23.0000000
                                                  25.3493976
                                                                 0.1472108
##
    CI.mean.0.95
                                                    coef.var
                                      std.dev
                            var
       0.2886331
##
                    71.9477851
                                    8.4822040
                                                   0.3346117
```

The average age is 25.35 years old, with a range from 18 - 72.

Multilevel Analyses

The following analyses are done in a step-wise fashion.

Attraction

Main Effect: Attraction by Condition (Atypical/Typical)

```
# reference group = atypical condition
data$condition <- relevel(data$condition, ref = "atypical")</pre>
# multilevel model
model.1 <- lmer(attraction ~ condition + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial), data = data,</pre>
   na.action = "na.exclude", control = lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx",
       calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb")))
## Loading required namespace: optimx
summary(model.1)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: attraction ~ condition + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
##
     Data: data
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 13758.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
       \mathtt{Min}
            1Q Median
                                  3Q
                                          Max
## -3.03988 -0.68186 0.02833 0.69512 2.75984
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name
                       Variance Std.Dev.
            (Intercept) 1.0979
                               1.0478
## trial
            (Intercept) 0.2737
                                0.5231
## Residual
                        3.2805
                               1.8112
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
## Fixed effects:
                   Estimate Std. Error
                                            df t value
                                                                  Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                    ## conditiontypical -0.6466
                               0.1744 164.0000 -3.708
                                                                  0.000286 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
              (Intr)
## condtntypcl -0.508
```

```
# confidence interval
ci.1 <- confint(model.1, method = "Wald", level = 0.95)</pre>
                         2.5 %
                                    97.5 %
##
## .sig01
                             NA
                                        NΑ
## .sig02
                             NA
                                        NA
## .sigma
                             NA
                                        NA
                     5.2333986 5.8975538
## (Intercept)
## conditiontypical -0.9883759 -0.3047716
# group means
attraction_condition <- data %>%
    group by (condition) %>%
    summarise(mean = mean(attraction), sd = sd(attraction), n = n(), se = sd(attraction)/sqrt(n()))
attraction_condition
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
     condition mean
                        sd
     <fct>
           <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
## 1 atypical 5.57 2.17 1680 0.0531
## 2 typical
                4.92 2.13 1640 0.0525
Test voices were rated as more attractive after adaptation to feminized voices (M = 5.57, SD = 2.17) relative
to masculinized voices (M = 4.92, SD = 2.13), t(164) = -3.71, p < .001.
Main Effect: Attraction by Participant Sex (Male/Female)
# reference group = female participants
data$Sex <- relevel(data$Sex, ref = "2")</pre>
# multilevel model
model.2 <- lmer(attraction ~ Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial), data = data,</pre>
    na.action = "na.exclude", control = lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx",
        calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb")))
summary(model.2)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: attraction ~ Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
     Data: data
##
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 13760.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
        \mathtt{Min}
                 1Q
                      Median
                                     3Q
                                             Max
## -3.00845 -0.67281 0.03536 0.70415 2.74799
##
## Random effects:
                         Variance Std.Dev.
## Groups
            Name
```

```
## ID
             (Intercept) 1.1168
                                  1.0568
## trial
             (Intercept) 0.2737
                                  0.5231
## Residual
                         3.2805
                                 1.8112
## Number of obs: 3320, groups:
                                 ID, 166; trial, 20
## Fixed effects:
               Estimate Std. Error
                                          df t value
                                                                 Pr(>|t|)
                            0.1520 44.9564 33.610 < 0.0000000000000000 ***
## (Intercept)
                5.1085
## Sex1
                 0.7615
                            0.2283 163.9986
                                               3.336
                                                                  0.00105 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
        (Intr)
## Sex1 -0.271
# confidence interval
ci.2 <- confint(model.2, method = "Wald", level = 0.95)</pre>
ci.2
##
                  2.5 %
                          97.5 %
## .sig01
                     NA
                              NA
## .sig02
                              NA
                     NA
## .sigma
                     NA
                              NA
## (Intercept) 4.810558 5.406354
## Sex1
               0.314126 1.208962
# group means
attraction_Sex <- data %>%
   group_by(Sex) %>%
    summarise(mean = mean(attraction), sd = sd(attraction), n = n(), se = sd(attraction)/sqrt(n()))
attraction_Sex
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
    Sex
            mean
                    sd
                           n
     <fct> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
                        2720 0.0416
## 1 2
            5.11 2.17
            5.87 2.10
                         600 0.0856
Male participants (M = 5.87, SD = 2.10) rated test voices as significantly more attractive than female
participants (M = 5.11, SD = 2.17), t(164) = 3.34, p = .001.
Interaction: Attraction by Condition (Atypical/Typical) and Participant Sex (Male/Female)
# multilevel model
model.3 <- lmer(attraction ~ condition * Sex + (1|ID) + (1|trial), data=data, na.action = 'na.exclude',
summary(model.3)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: attraction ~ condition * Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
```

##

Data: data

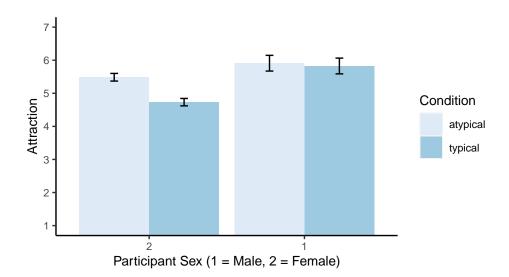
```
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 13746.2
## Scaled residuals:
       Min
             10 Median
## -3.02936 -0.68547 0.03129 0.69776 2.76663
##
## Random effects:
## Groups
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## ID
                               1.0067
            (Intercept) 1.0135
## trial
            (Intercept) 0.2737
                                0.5231
## Residual
                        3.2805
                               1.8112
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                        Estimate Std. Error
                                                 df t value
                                                                       Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                         5.4846
                                    0.1761 72.9144 31.150 < 0.0000000000000000
                         -0.7522
                                    0.1861 162.0007 -4.042
## conditiontypical
                                                                      0.0000817
                         0.4248
## Sex1
                                    0.3015 162.0007 1.409
                                                                          0.161
## conditiontypical:Sex1
                          0.130
##
## (Intercept)
## conditiontypical
## Sex1
## conditiontypical:Sex1
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
              (Intr) cndtnt Sex1
## condtntypcl -0.528
              -0.326 0.309
## Sex1
## cndtntyp:S1 0.224 -0.424 -0.688
#confidence interval
ci.3 <- confint(model.3,method="Wald", level=0.95)</pre>
ci.3
##
                             2.5 %
                                      97.5 %
## .sig01
                               NA
                                          NA
## .sig02
                                NA
                                          NA
## .sigma
                               NA
## (Intercept)
                        5.1394731 5.8296445
## conditiontypical
                        -1.1169549 -0.3874569
                        -0.1661447 1.0157771
## conditiontypical:Sex1 -0.1917372 1.5273989
# group means
attraction_total <- data %>% group_by(condition, Sex) %>%
 summarise(mean = mean(attraction),
    sd = sd(attraction),
```

```
n = n(),
se = sd(attraction)/sqrt(n()))
```

'summarise()' has grouped output by 'condition'. You can override using the '.groups' argument.

```
attraction_total
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 6
## # Groups:
              condition [2]
##
     condition Sex
                     mean
                             sd
                                    n
              <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
##
     <fct>
                                       <dbl>
## 1 atypical 2
                     5.48 2.17
                                 1360 0.0589
## 2 atypical 1
                     5.91 2.16
                                  320 0.121
## 3 typical
              2
                     4.73 2.10 1360 0.0569
## 4 typical
                     5.82 2.03
                                  280 0.121
```



The interaction between condition and participant sex is not significant, t(162) = 1.52, p=.130.

Masculinity

Main Effect: Masculinity by Condition

```
model.4 <- lmer(masculinity ~ condition + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial), data = data,</pre>
   na.action = "na.exclude", control = lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx",
        calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb")))
summary(model.4)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: masculinity ~ condition + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
     Data: data
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 12858.3
##
## Scaled residuals:
      Min 1Q Median
                               3Q
## -4.0522 -0.6320 0.0302 0.6474 3.2915
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## ID
            (Intercept) 0.9611 0.9803
## trial
            (Intercept) 0.1593 0.3992
## Residual
                        2.4890
                                1.5777
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
## Fixed effects:
                   Estimate Std. Error
##
                                             df t value
                                                                    Pr(>|t|)
                               0.1445 87.0086 40.904 < 0.0000000000000000 ***
## (Intercept)
                   5.9119
## conditiontypical -0.9747
                                0.1617 164.0008 -6.026
                                                                0.000000107 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
              (Intr)
## condtntypcl -0.553
# confidence interval
ci.4 <- confint(model.4, method = "Wald", level = 0.95)</pre>
                       2.5 %
                                 97.5 %
##
## .sig01
                          NA
                                     NA
## .sig02
                          NA
## .sigma
                          NA
## (Intercept)
                    5.628630 6.1951793
## conditiontypical -1.291722 -0.6576974
```

```
# group means
masculinity_condition <- data %>%
    group by(condition) %>%
    summarise(mean = mean(masculinity), sd = sd(masculinity), n = n(),
       se = sd(masculinity)/sqrt(n()))
masculinity_condition
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
    condition mean
                        sd
           <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
## 1 atypical 5.91 1.90 1680 0.0463
## 2 typical
               4.94 1.89 1640 0.0467
Test voices were rated as more masculine after adaptation to feminized voices (M = 5.91, SD = 1.90) relative
to masculinized voices (M = 4.94, SD = 1.89), t(164) = -6.03, p < .001.
Main Effect: Masculinity by Participant Sex
# reference group = female
data$Sex <- relevel(data$Sex, ref = "2")</pre>
# multilevel model
model.5 <- lmer(masculinity ~ Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial), data = data,
   na.action = "na.exclude", control = lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx",
        calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb")))
summary(model.5)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: masculinity ~ Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
     Data: data
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 12882.8
##
## Scaled residuals:
      Min 1Q Median
##
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -4.0323 -0.6384 0.0294 0.6424 3.2786
##
## Random effects:
## Groups
            Name
                         Variance Std.Dev.
## ID
             (Intercept) 1.1400 1.0677
## trial
             (Intercept) 0.1594
                                 0.3992
## Residual
                         2.4890
                                 1.5777
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
##
## Fixed effects:
              Estimate Std. Error
##
                                         df t value
                                                                Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 5.3147 0.1314 65.8453 40.447 < 0.0000000000000000 ***
## Sex1
                0.6403
                           0.2268 163.9989 2.823
                                                                 0.00535 **
```

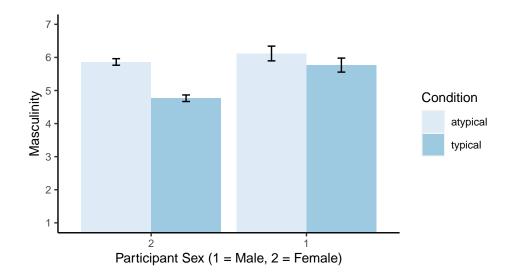
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1

```
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
        (Intr)
## Sex1 -0.312
# confidence interval
ci.5 <- confint(model.5, method = "Wald", level = 0.95)</pre>
##
                  2.5 %
                          97.5 %
## .sig01
                     NΑ
                               NA
## .sig02
                     NA
                               NA
## .sigma
                     NA
                               NA
## (Intercept) 5.057166 5.572245
## Sex1
               0.195738 1.084850
# group means
masculinity_Sex <- data %>%
    group_by(Sex) %>%
    summarise(mean = mean(masculinity), sd = sd(masculinity), n = n(),
        se = sd(masculinity)/sqrt(n()))
masculinity_Sex
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##
    Sex
                  sd
            mean
                           n
                                  se
     <fct> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
## 1 2
            5.31 1.94 2720 0.0373
## 2 1
            5.96 1.93
                        600 0.0787
Male participants (M = 5.96, SD = 1.93) rated test voices as significantly more masculine than female
participants (M = 5.31, SD = 1.94), t(164) = 2.82, p = .005.
Interaction: Masculinity by Condition and Participant Sex
# multilevel model
model.6 <- lmer(masculinity ~ condition * Sex + (1|ID) + (1|trial), data=data, na.action = 'na.exclude'
```

```
summary(model.6)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: masculinity ~ condition * Sex + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
     Data: data
##
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 12847.7
##
## Scaled residuals:
           1Q Median
                               3Q
      Min
                                      Max
## -4.0408 -0.6345 0.0325 0.6434 3.3000
##
## Random effects:
```

```
## Groups
            Name
                        Variance Std.Dev.
## ID
            (Intercept) 0.8974 0.9473
                               0.3992
## trial
            (Intercept) 0.1594
                        2.4890
## Residual
                               1.5777
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
##
## Fixed effects:
                        Estimate Std. Error
##
                                                 df t value
                                                                        Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                         5.8632 0.1516 98.0136 38.665 < 0.0000000000000002
                         -1.0971
                                   0.1734 161.9996 -6.328 0.00000000233
## conditiontypical
## Sex1
                          0.2555
                                   0.2809 161.9996 0.910
                                                                          0.3643
                          0.7462
## conditiontypical:Sex1
                                   0.4085 161.9996 1.826
                                                                          0.0696
## (Intercept)
## conditiontypical
                        ***
## Sex1
## conditiontypical:Sex1 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
              (Intr) cndtnt Sex1
## condtntypcl -0.572
## Sex1
              -0.353 0.309
## cndtntyp:S1 0.243 -0.424 -0.688
#confidence interval
ci.6 <- confint(model.6,method="Wald", level=0.95)</pre>
                                        97.5 %
##
                              2.5 %
## .sig01
                                 NA
                                            NA
## .sig02
                                 NA
                                            NA
## .sigma
                                 NΑ
## (Intercept)
                         5.56602046 6.1604501
## conditiontypical
                        -1.43683541 -0.7572822
## Sex1
                        -0.29498628 0.8060157
## conditiontypical:Sex1 -0.05455211 1.5468840
# group means
masculinity_total <- data %>% group_by(condition, Sex) %>%
 summarise(mean = mean(masculinity),
           sd = sd(masculinity),
           n = n()
           se = sd(masculinity)/sqrt(n()))
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'condition'. You can override using the '.groups' argument.
masculinity_total
## # A tibble: 4 x 6
## # Groups: condition [2]
```

```
##
     condition Sex
                     mean
                              sd
                                     n
               <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
##
     <fct>
                                        <dbl>
## 1 atypical 2
                     5.86 1.86
                                 1360 0.0505
## 2 atypical 1
                     6.12 2.02
                                  320 0.113
## 3 typical
                      4.77
                           1.87
                                 1360 0.0506
## 4 typical
              1
                           1.80
                                   280 0.107
                     5.77
```



The interaction between condition and participant sex is not significant, t(162) = 1.83, p = .070.

Mediation

Relationship Between Perceived Attractiveness and Masculinity

```
model.7 <- lmer(attraction ~ masculinity + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial), data = data,</pre>
   na.action = "na.exclude", control = lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx",
       calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb")))
summary(model.7)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: attraction ~ masculinity + (1 | ID) + (1 | trial)
     Data: data
## Control:
## lmerControl(optimizer = "optimx", calc.derivs = FALSE, optCtrl = list(method = "nlminb"))
## REML criterion at convergence: 12606.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
## -4.2559 -0.5767 0.0231 0.6216 3.8216
## Random effects:
## Groups Name
                       Variance Std.Dev.
## ID
            (Intercept) 0.5395
                               0.7345
## trial
            (Intercept) 0.2013
                               0.4486
## Residual
                       2.3519
                               1.5336
## Number of obs: 3320, groups: ID, 166; trial, 20
##
## Fixed effects:
                Estimate Std. Error
                                           df t value
                                                                Pr(>|t|)
              1.86306 0.14856 77.40002 12.54 < 0.0000000000000000 ***
## (Intercept)
                           ## masculinity
                 0.62298
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
              (Intr)
## masculinity -0.604
# confidence interval
ci.7 <- confint(model.7, method = "Wald", level = 0.95)</pre>
##
                  2.5 %
                           97.5 %
## .sig01
                     NA
                              NA
## .sig02
                     NA
## .sigma
                     NA
## (Intercept) 1.5718867 2.1542312
## masculinity 0.5905972 0.6553559
```

Multilevel Mediation - The Effect of Condition on Attractiveness Mediated by Perceived Masculinity

```
# detach lmerTest package (will not run otherwise)
detach("package:lmerTest", unload = TRUE)
# mediator model
med.fit <- lmer(masculinity ~ condition + (1 | ID), data = data)</pre>
# outcome model
out.fit <- lmer(attraction ~ condition + masculinity + (1 | ID), data = data)
# function to calculate indirect effect (ACME) and direct effect
med.out <- mediate(med.fit, out.fit, treat = "condition", mediator = "masculinity",</pre>
sims = 1000)
## Warning in mediate(med.fit, out.fit, treat = "condition", mediator =
## "masculinity", : treatment and control values do not match factor levels; using
## atypical and typical as control and treatment, respectively
summary(med.out)
##
## Causal Mediation Analysis
## Quasi-Bayesian Confidence Intervals
##
## Mediator Groups: ID
##
## Outcome Groups: ID
## Output Based on Overall Averages Across Groups
##
##
                Estimate 95% CI Lower 95% CI Upper
                                                             p-value
## ACME
                  -0.6118
                             -0.8163
                                      -0.41 <0.000000000000000 ***
## ADE
                 -0.0393
                              -0.2796
                                            0.21
                                                                0.72
                 -0.6511
                                           ## Total Effect
                              -0.9636
                                            ## Prop. Mediated 0.9432
                              0.6678
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Sample Size Used: 3320
##
##
## Simulations: 1000
```

The effect of condition on attraction ratings was fully mediated via perceived masculinity. The indirect effect is -.61 (ACME), which is significant insofar as the confidence interval does not contain zero [-0.80, -0.42].