# Relational Event Modeling (REM) Project README

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# **Project Directory**

#### R Code

- data clean.Rmd: initial data cleaning
- data\_process.Rmd: specifically prepare the data for REM modeling (sender, receiver, time, etc.)
- $\bullet$  data\_viz.Rmd
- REM model.Rmd

### **Data Directory**

- 1. trans.csv (transcript data)
- 2. preds.csv (predicted label)
- 3. perfs.csv
- 4. nek21.xlsx (Synthesized from the initial 3)
- 5. speaker table
- 6. interaction table (for high and low and combined)
- 7. REM datasets for high & low
- 8. surv\_object for high & low
- 9. Model\_result.Rmd: model output for high & low and visualization

#### Setup

The following R packages are necessary to run the REM analysis:

```
if (!require("igraph")) install.packages("igraph")
if (!require("rem")) install.packages("rem")
if (!require("network")) install.packages("network")
if (!require("tidyr")) install.packages("tidyr")
if (!require("caret")) install.packages("caret")
if (!require("survival")) install.packages("survival")
if (!require("dplyr")) install.packages("dplyr")
if (!require("ggplot2")) install.packages("ggplot2")
if (!require("ggraph")) install.packages("ggraph")
if (!require("ggraph")) install.packages("library(ggsurvfit)")
library(knitr)
# do not echo or run code
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE, eval = FALSE)
```

# I. Data Preparation & EDA

## A. Data Cleaning (data\_clean.Rmd)

RCode: data\_clean.Rmd Input file: nek21.xlsx

#### Output:

- 1. filtered\_dialog\_data.csv (filtered dialogue data based on only main speakers)
- 2. senders.csv (actor attribute)

#### Main changes

- Original Data: 8 Senders ("Alex" "Ashley" "Igor" "Katya" "Oleg" "Saleh" "Vika" "Will")
- After Filtering: 5 Senders ("Ashley", "Will", "Saleh", "Oleg", "Vika")

#### Rationale

- Igor was present only in session 2102
- Katya was present only in the first three sessions: 2102, 2103, 2104
- Alex seemed to be out of nowhere
- Only five 'consistent' senders

# B. Data Preparation for REM Modeling (data\_process.Rmd)

# Output

- 1. high\_perf\_interactions.RDS
- $2. low\_perf\_interactions.RDS$
- $3. \ high\_perf\_interactions.csv$
- 4. low\_perf\_interactions.csv

### Data processing deals with three tables

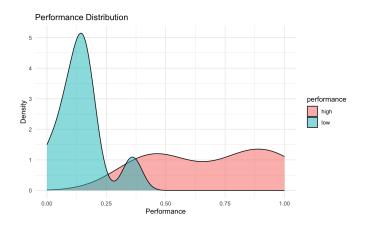
### 1. Interactions Data:

- Contains information about the sender, receiver, time of interaction, and type of interaction (dialogue act type)
- 2. Actors Data: Contains attributes of each actor, such as name and gender
- 3. Performance Data
  - Min 0.0000
  - Mean 0.4202 0.7149
  - Max 1.0000

| performance | mean      |
|-------------|-----------|
| high        | 0.6965765 |
| low         | 0.1437967 |

• High: 2117 2111 2113 2107 2110 2116 2106 2102 2118

• Low: 2112 2104 2101 2105 2115 2108 2103 2114 2109



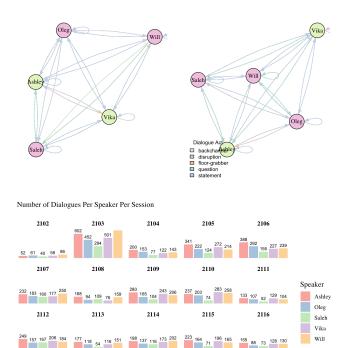
# C. Data Visualization (data\_viz.Rmd)

high-performing sessions

189 145 150 190 234 182 154 59 167 140

see  ${\tt rem\_survival\_analysis.Rmd}$  for visualizations

high-performing sessions



# II. REM Modeling (REM\_model.RmD)

### A. Creating REM Dataset

## Files/Data Output

- 1. REM.data.high.RData
- $2. \ {\tt REM.data.low.RData}$

#### Overview

| eventID = | sender 🗦 | target <sup>‡</sup> | eventTime + | eventDummy <sup>‡</sup> | eventAtRiskFrom <sup>‡</sup> | eventAtRiskUntil <sup>‡</sup> | eventAttribute |
|-----------|----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| eventID1  | 1        | 2                   | 1           | 1                       | 1                            | 1                             | statement      |
| eventID2  | 1        | 3                   | 1           | 0                       | 1                            | 2                             | statement      |
| eventID2  | 1        | 3                   | 2           | 1                       | 1                            | 2                             | statement      |
| eventID3  | 3        | 2                   | 1           | 0                       | 1                            | 3                             | statement      |
| eventID3  | 3        | 2                   | 2           | 0                       | 1                            | 3                             | statement      |
| eventID3  | 3        | 2                   | 3           | 1                       | 1                            | 3                             | statement      |
| eventID4  | 4        | 1                   | 1           | 0                       | 1                            | 4                             | question       |
| eventID4  | 4        | 1                   | 2           | 0                       | 1                            | 4                             | question       |
| eventID4  | 4        | 1                   | 3           | 0                       | 1                            | 4                             | question       |
| eventID4  | 4        | 1                   | 4           | 1                       | 1                            | 4                             | question       |
| eventID5  | 1        | 2                   | 1           | 0                       | 1                            | 5                             | question       |
| eventID5  | 1        | 2                   | 2           | 0                       | 1                            | 5                             | question       |
| eventID5  | 1        | 2                   | 3           | 0                       | 1                            | 5                             | question       |
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Before fitting a relational event model, data must be prepared in a specific format:

- EVENTID: Timestamp: Each interaction event should be time-stamped (in this case 1, 2, 3...)
- Speaker Sequence: The sequence of speakers or actors involved in each event (same as the timestamp in this case)
- **Performance:** An indicator of the performance level (e.g., high or low) associated with the event (which is how we divided the dataset)
- **Dialogue Act Classification:** Each interaction should be classified according to its dialogue act type (e.g., statement, question, backchannel).

### B. Methodology

### **Incremental Model Building**

### Files/Data Output

- 1. surv\_object\_high.RData
- 2. surv\_object\_low.RData

**Overview** Incremental model building involves fitting several models to understand the effect of different factors on interaction events:

- Model 0: Baseline hazard function.
- Model 1: Effect of sender attributes.
- Model 2: Effect of receiver attributes.
- Model 3: Combined sender and receiver effects.
- Model 4: Effect of dialogue act types.
- Model 5: Combined sender and dialogue act effects.

#### C. Comparative Analysis & Result

#### Files/Data Output

- 1. data/high\_output.RData
- 2. data/low\_output.RData
- 3. Model result.Rmd

#### Useful statistics

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = highsurv ~ sender + eventAttribute, data = high)
##
##
    n= 750599, number of events= 6980
##
##
                                  coef exp(coef) se(coef)
## sender2
                                        0.87170 0.03472 -3.955 7.66e-05 ***
                              -0.13731
## sender3
                              -0.68108
                                        0.50607 0.04242 -16.056 < 2e-16 ***
## sender4
                              -0.27196
                                        0.87349 0.03542 -3.818 0.000134 ***
## sender5
                              -0.13526
                             -0.23283
                                        0.79229 0.10039 -2.319 0.020380 *
## eventAttributedisruption
## eventAttributefloor-grabber 0.16345
                                        1.17756 0.08691
                                                          1.881 0.060030 .
                              1.46133 4.31168 0.06942 21.050 < 2e-16 ***
## eventAttributequestion
                              2.40397 11.06700 0.06652 36.138 < 2e-16 ***
## eventAttributestatement
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
                              exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
##
## sender2
                                 0.8717
                                          1.14719
                                                     0.8144
                                                               0.9331
## sender3
                                 0.5061
                                          1.97602
                                                     0.4657
                                                               0.5499
## sender4
                                 0.7619
                                          1.31254
                                                     0.7096
                                                               0.8180
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                                                               4.9401
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                               11.0670
                                          0.09036
                                                     9.7142
                                                             12.6082
##
## Concordance= 0.764 (se = 0.003)
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                                         p = < 2e - 16
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                                         p = < 2e - 16
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• Overall model fitness (Concordance, AIC, or BIC)

- Concordance
- Likelihood ratio test
- Wald test = 4179
- Score (logrank)

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#### • Independent Variables

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## eventAttributestatement
 - coef (sign & strength)
 - P-value (statistical sinificance)
```

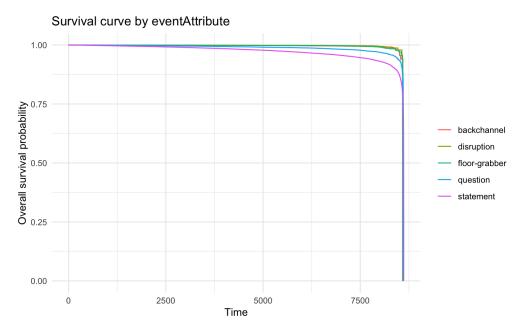
#### Hazard ratio

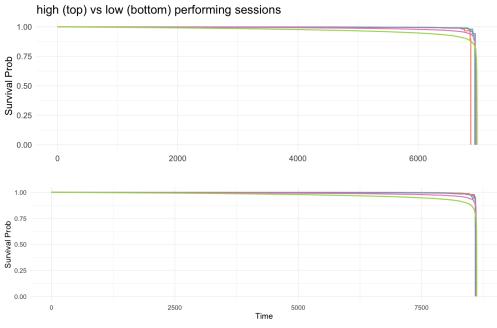
- exp(coef)

- HR > 1: Increases the likelihood of the event. For example, a high hazard ratio for questions indicates that asking questions significantly drives subsequent interactions.
- HR < 1: Decreases the likelihood of the event.
- HR = 1: No effect on the event likelihood

|                             | exp(coef) | exp(-coef) | lower .95 | upper .95 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| sender2                     | 0.8717    | 1.14719    | 0.8144    | 0.9331    |
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# D. Result (Survival) Visualization





backchannel - disruption -

# TBD

• Incorporate Degree Centrality: To understand the influence of key members in triggering interactions.

floor-grabber

- Predict Session Performance: Using features like participant gender, type and sequence of dialogues, and interaction frequency.
- Tune Classification Models: For better accuracy in classifying sessions as high or low performing.