Math 530/630: CM 5.4

ANOVA:

2- and 3-way

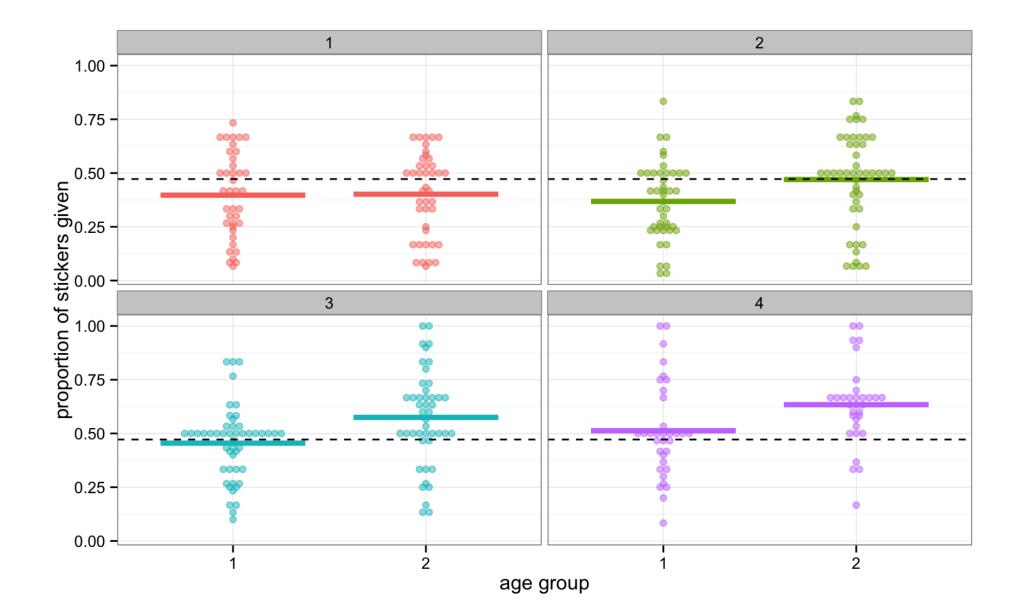
# Let's add a second predictor!





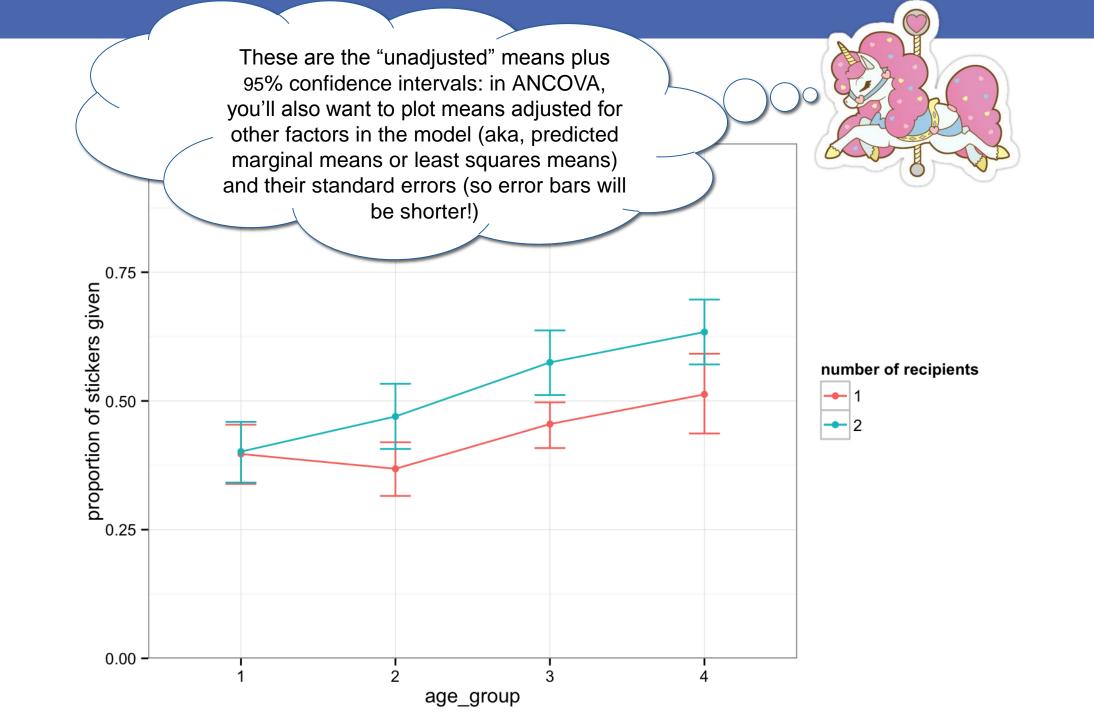
# Adding a covariate

- Past: one-way ANOVA
- Now: analysis of covariance (ANCOVA)
- Variables as covariates are typically added (+), and their effects are assumed to be additive
- No interaction term (meaning we are not allowing for estimated non-parallel lines)
- If we include another variable in our model, say 1 vs. 2 recipients, then our estimate of the effect of age group is interpreted holding the value of the covariate fixed.
  - Just like in multiple regression.



# ggplot code for previous plot

```
ggplot(givers, aes(x = factor(num_env), y = prop_given, fill = age_group, colour =
age_group)) +
geom_dotplot(stackdir = "center", binaxis = "y",
    binwidth = .01, binpositions = "all", stackratio = 1, dotsize = 3, alpha = .5) +
stat_summary(fun.y = mean, fun.ymin = mean,
    fun.ymax = mean, geom = "crossbar", width = 0.75, lwd = .75) +
scale_x_discrete(name = "age group") +
scale_y_continuous(name = "proportion of stickers given") +
geom_hline(yintercept = mean(givers$prop_given), lty = "dashed") +
theme_bw() +
theme(legend.position = "none") +
facet_wrap(~ age_group)
```



# ggplot code for previous plot

#### ANCOVA in R

Don't try this one at home...

#### ANCOVA in R

```
anova(lm(prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers))
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: prop given
          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                          Pr(>F)
age group 3 1.5111 0.50370 12.575 0.00000008525 ***
num env 1 0.5940 0.59399 14.829
                                        0.000142 ***
Residuals 323 12.9383 0.04006
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
# eep order changes coefficient estimates!
anova(lm(prop given ~ num env + age group, data = givers))
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: prop given
          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
         1 0.5451 0.54510 13.608 0.0002642 ***
num env
age group 3 1.5600 0.52000 12.982 0.0000005007 ***
Residuals 323 12.9383 0.04006
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
              Don't try this one at home...
```



# What is happening here?

Remember, the anova() command as we used it before was used to compare two
nested models. The null hypothesis was that the more complicated model was not
better than the less complicated model...

```
lm age <- lm(prop given ~ age group, data = givers)</pre>
lm age env <- lm(prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers)</pre>
anova(lm age, lm age env)
Analysis of Variance Table
Model 1: prop given ~ age group
Model 2: prop_given ~ age_group + num env
  Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
     324 13.532
    323 12.938 1 0.59399 14.829 0.000142 ***
Signif. codes: 0 \***' 0.001 \**' 0.01 \*' 0.05 \.' 0.1
               This is exactly what we got with num_env second!
```

# Wait, did lm() do this awful thing to us?

```
lm(prop given ~ num env + age group, data = givers)
Call:
lm(formula = prop given ~ num env + age group, data = givers)
Coefficients:
(Intercept)
               num env2
                          age group1 age group2
                                                    age group3
   0.43472
                0.08515
                            -0.07899
                                         -0.05790
                                                       0.03841
lm(prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers)
Call:
lm(formula = prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers)
Coefficients:
                                       age group3
(Intercept)
             age group1
                          age group2
                                                      num env2
   0.43472
               -0.07899
                            -0.05790
                                          0.03841
                                                       0.08515
```

Nope! Isn't that special?



# Types of sums of squares

- Don't bring this up on stack overflow ©
- Type 1: sequential (order matters) [this is the default in R!]
  - This is rarely what you will be interested in if you are not doing a nested models comparison intentionally

#### Type II:

- This type tests for each main effect after the other main effect.
- Note that *no significant interaction* is assumed (in other words, you should test for interaction first) and only if AB is not significant, continue with the analysis for main effects).

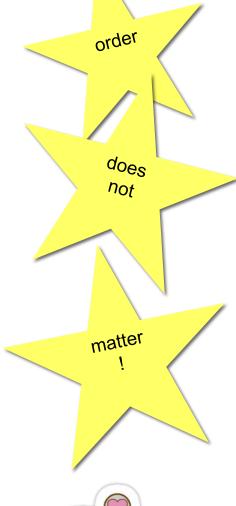
#### Type III:

- This type tests for the presence of a main effect after the other main effect and interaction.
- However, it is often not interesting to interpret a main effect if interactions are present (generally speaking, if a significant interaction is present, the main effects should not be further analysed).
- If the interactions are not significant, type II gives a more powerful test.

# ANCOVA in R the better way

```
# library(car)
sticker mod <- lm(prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers,</pre>
                contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum,
                                 num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker mod, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
         Sum Sq Df F value
                             Pr (>F)
age group 1.560 3 12.982 0.0000005007 ***
          0.594 1 14.829
                                 0.000142 ***
num env
Residuals 12.938 323
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

This is the one!! You can also try type = 3 (but...)





### ANCOVA in R the better way

```
sticker_ancova <- lm(prop_given ~ age_group + num_env, data = givers, contrasts =</pre>
list(age group = contr.sum, num env = contr.sum))
summary(sticker ancova)
Call:
lm(formula = prop given ~ age group + num env, data = givers,
    contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum, num env = contr.sum))
Residuals:
                                3Q
     Min
              10 Median
                                        Max
-0.45169 -0.12351 0.02687 0.12317 0.46679
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value
                                                   Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.47730
                       0.01116 42.768 < 0.0000000000000000 ***
age group1 -0.07899
                       0.01936 - 4.079
                                                  0.0000569 ***
age group2 -0.05790
                     0.01864 -3.107
                                                  0.002058 **
age group3 0.03841
                       0.01844 2.083
                                                  0.038061 *
           -0.04258
                       0.01106 -3.851
                                                  0.000142 ***
num env1
Signif. codes: 0 \***' 0.001 \**' 0.01 \*' 0.05 \.' 0.1 \' 1
Residual standard error: 0.2001 on 323 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.1399, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1293
F-statistic: 13.14 on 4 and 323 DF, p-value: 0.000000006306
```

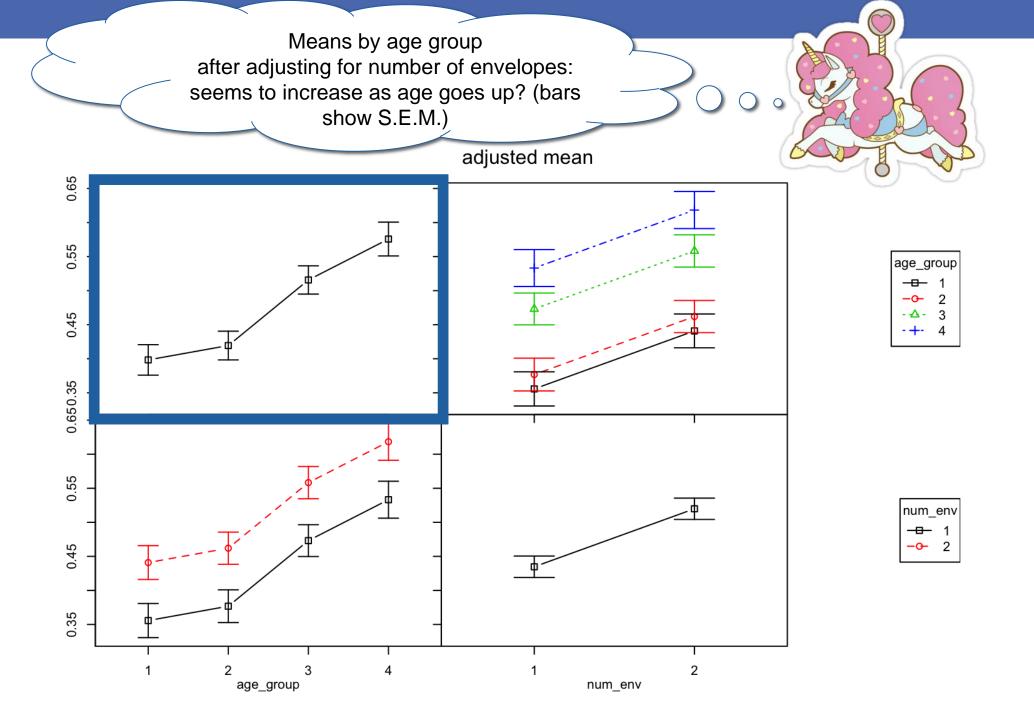
$$\beta_0 = (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4)/4$$

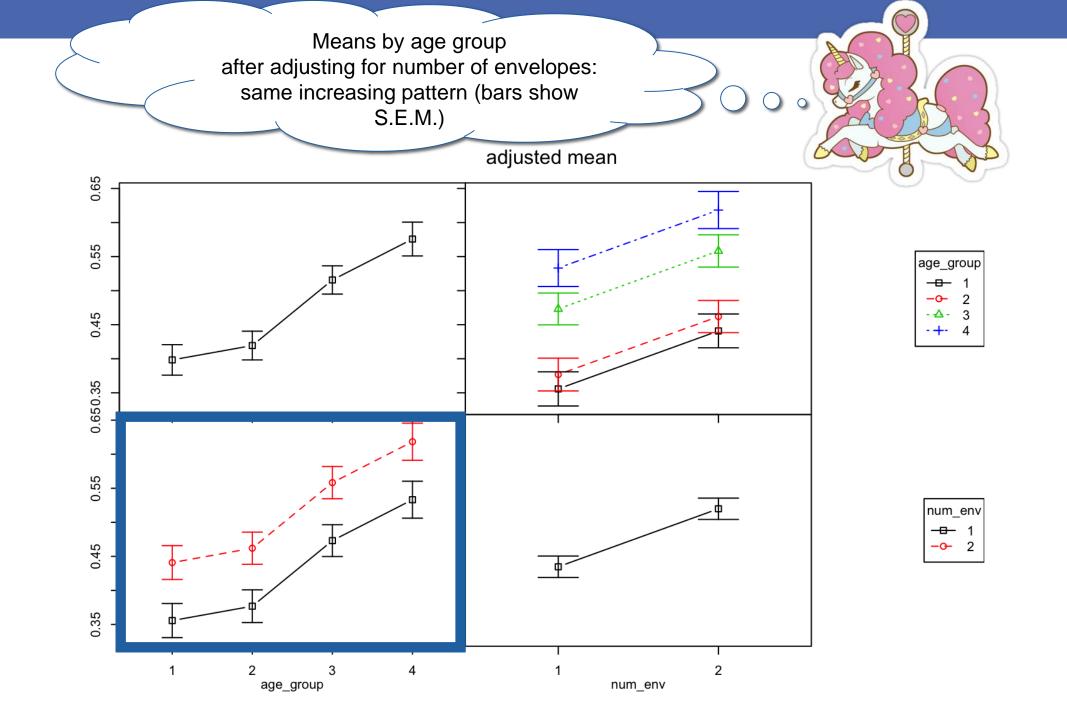
$$\beta_1 = \mu_1 - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4)/4$$

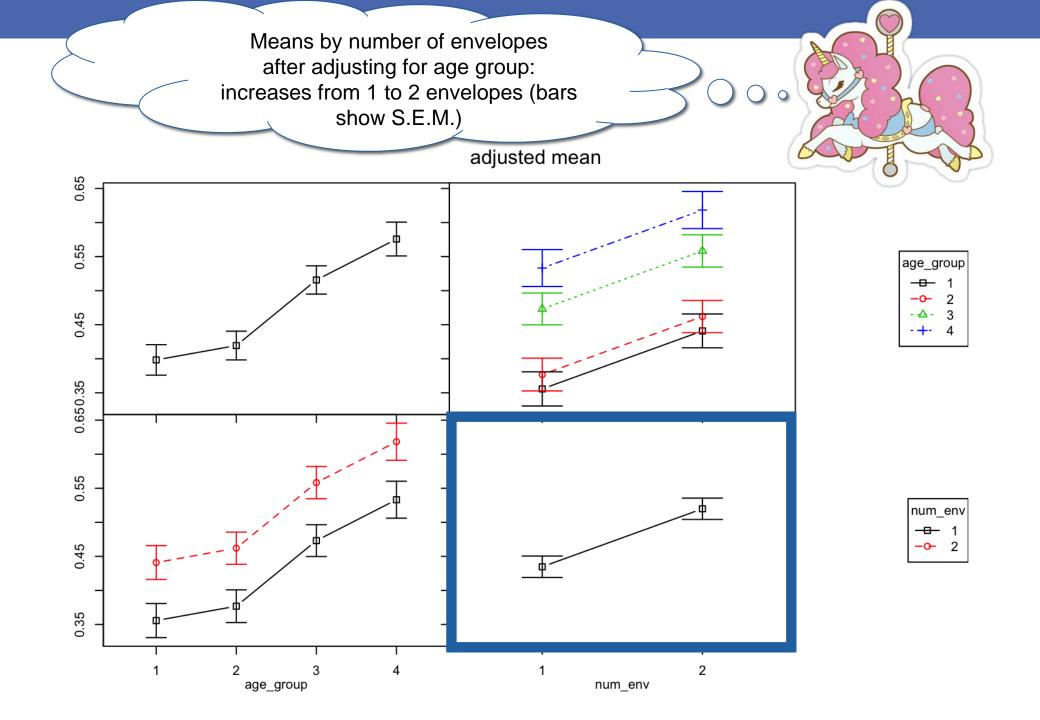
$$\beta_2 = \mu_2 - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4)/4$$

$$\beta_3 = \mu_3 - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4)/4$$

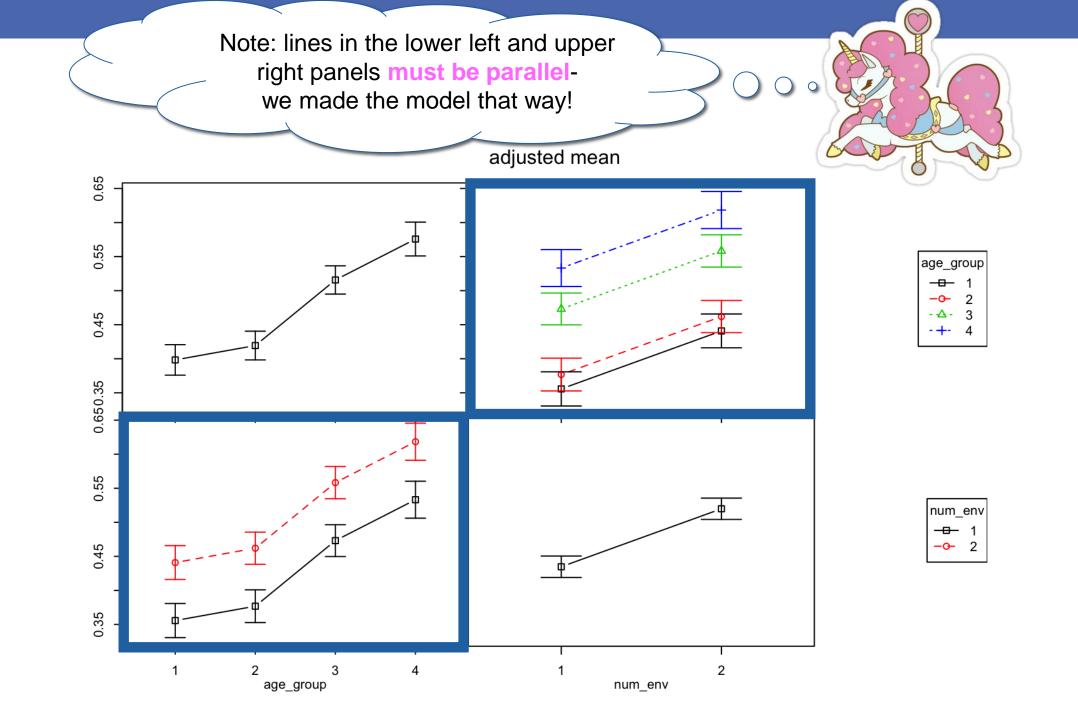








Means by number of envelopes after adjusting for age group: same increasing pattern for each age group (bars show S.E.M.) adjusted mean 0.65 0.55 age\_group 0.45 0.650.35 0.55 num\_env 0.45 0.35 age\_group num\_env



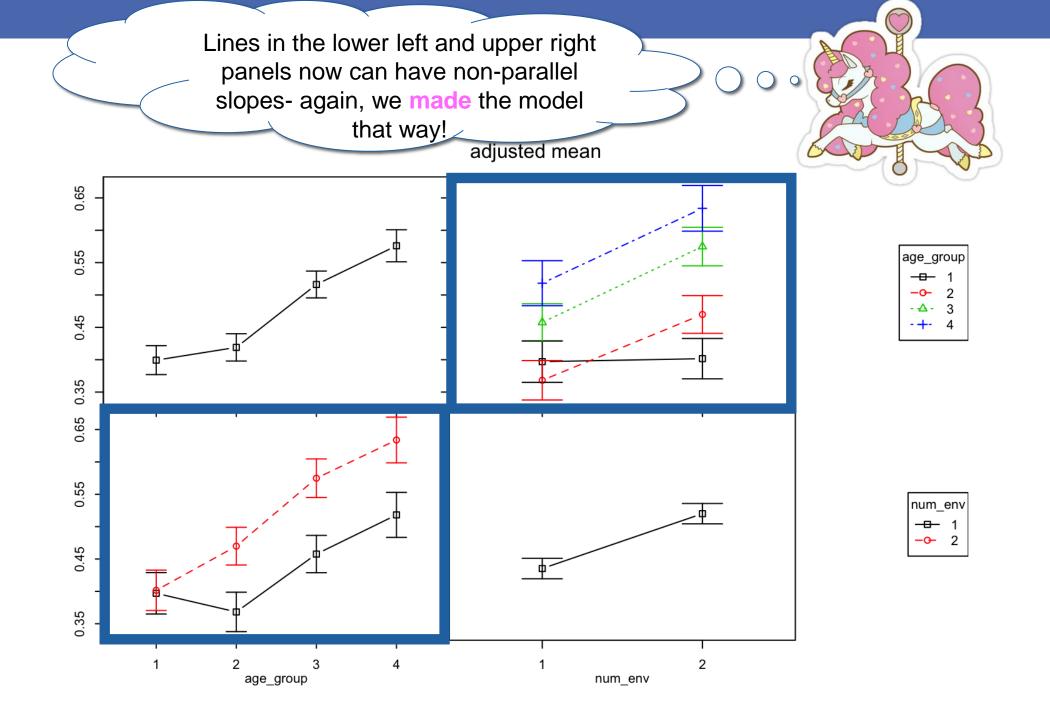
# ANCOVA assumption: Homogeneity of regression slopes

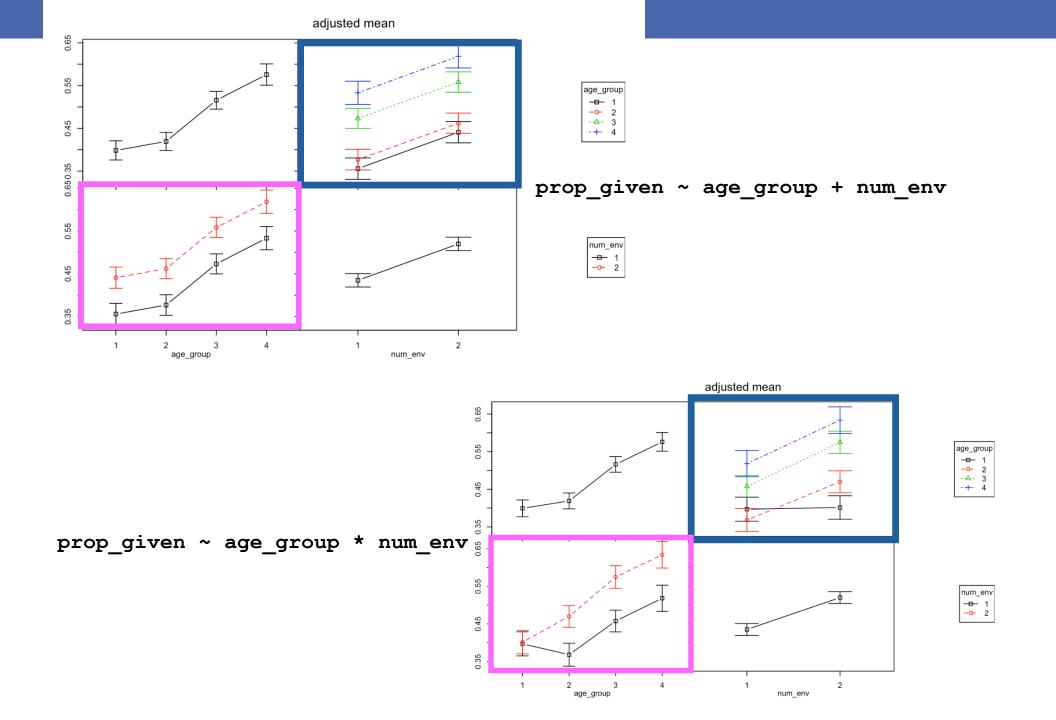




#### Safe assumption? Let's include interaction term...

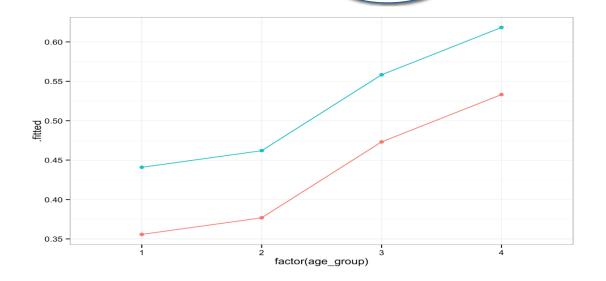
```
# library(car)
sticker int <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env, data = givers,</pre>
                   contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum,
+
                                    num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker int, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
                  Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
                  1.5600 3 13.0371 0.000000047 ***
age group
             0.5940 1 14.8920 0.0001377 ***
num env
age_group:num_env 0.1747 3 1.4599 0.2254215
Residuals
                 12.7636 320
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                      age group*num env is equivalent to:
                      age_group + num_env + age group:num env
```

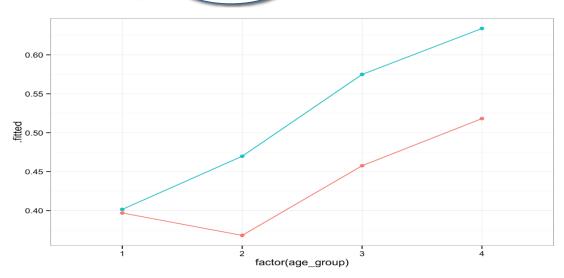




Covariate versus interacting terms

Covariates allow only for different intercepts, not slopes Interactions allow for both different intercepts & slopes



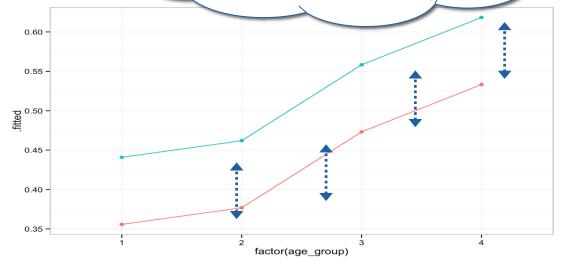


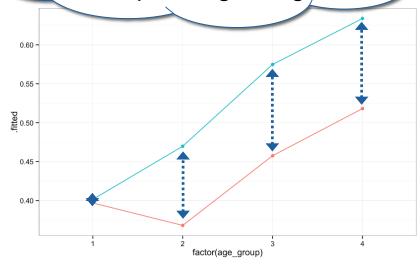
Covari

Models says: the effect of num\_env is the same at every age

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Model says: the effect of num\_env could differ depending on age





age_	_group nu	m_env	fit_means	fit_diff
	(fctr)	(fctr)	(dbl)	(dbl)
1	1	1	0.3557333	NA
2	1	2	0.4408878	0.08515454
3	2	1	0.3768267	NA
4	2	2	0.4619812	0.08515454
5	3	1	0.4731331	NA
6	3	2	0.5582876	0.08515454
7	4	1	0.5332060	NA
8	4	2	0.6183605	0.08515454

	age_group	num_env	fit_means	diff_fit
	(fctr)	(fctr)	(dbl)	(dbl)
1	1	1	0.3970085	NA
2	1	2	0.4016260	0.004617469
3	2	1	0.3682171	NA
4	2	2	0.4698582	0.101641102
5	3	1	0.4576389	NA
6	3	2	0.5748148	0.117175926
7	4	1	0.5181818	NA
8	4	2	0.6338542	0.115672348

# Including interaction term changes interpretation

- including an interaction changes the interpretation of coefficients for main effects
- the coefficient on the constitutive term X cannot be interpreted as an unconditional marginal effect since it indicates only the effect of a one-unit change in X on Y when the conditioning variable is zero.
- If the modifying variable is dichotomous, this simply requires the analyst to present four numbers—the marginal effect of X when Z is 0 and when Z is 1, along with the two corresponding standard errors.

#### **Bottom line**

- Using a variable as a covariate (+) rather than letting it interact with other variables (\*) is an assumption called "homogeneity of regression slopes", which is what we just observed- they are assumed to be parallel
- If the variable you want to be covariate interacts with your other predictor, you cannot do an ANCOVA
- Since the interaction effect here was not significant, we can proceed with interpreting the main effects of each of our predictors separately (sticking with sticker int model):
  - age group
  - number of recipients

#### Back to our results...

```
# library(car)
sticker int <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env, data = givers,</pre>
                  contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum,
+
                                  num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker int, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
                 Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
           1.5600 3 13.0371 0.000000047 ***
age group
         0.5940 1 14.8920 0.0001377 ***
num env
age_group:num_env 0.1747 3 1.4599 0.2254215
Residuals
          12.7636 320
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The significant main effect of age group tells us that the mean proportion given differed by age group

#### Back to our results...

```
# library(car)
sticker int <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env, data = givers,</pre>
                  contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum,
+
                                  num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker int, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
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           1.5600 3 13.0371 0.000000047 ***
age group
         0.5940 1 14.8920 0.0001377 ***
num env
age_group:num_env 0.1747 3 1.4599 0.2254215
Residuals
          12.7636 320
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The significant main effect of number of recipients tells us that the mean proportion given differed based on number

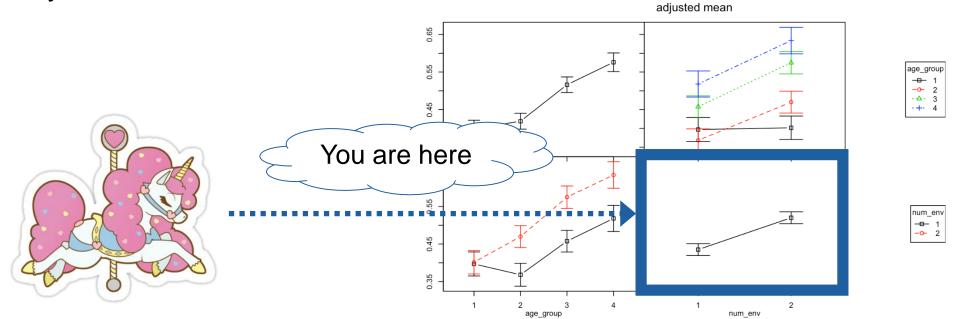
#### Back to our results...

```
# library(car)
sticker int <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env, data = givers,</pre>
                  contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum,
+
                                  num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker int, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
                 Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
           1.5600 3 13.0371 0.000000047 ***
age group
         0.5940 1 14.8920 0.0001377 ***
num env
age_group:num_env 0.1747 3 1.4599 0.2254215
Residuals
          12.7636 320
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

No interactionthe effect of each variable did not depend on the level of the other

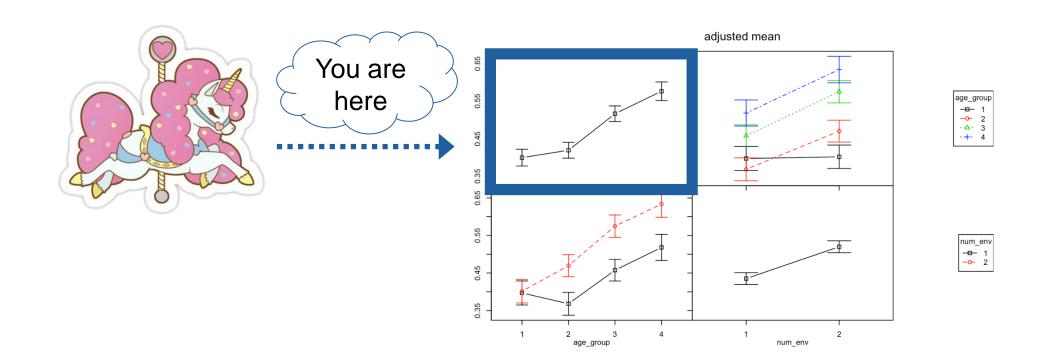
# Interpreting effect of number of recipients

- No need!
- Only two levels, so F = 14.89 tells us that that proportion of stickers given was different when there was 1 vs. 2 recipients
- Plots/adjusted means tell us: 2 recipients > 1 (p = 0.0001)
- Note: if you did do a t-test,  $t = \sqrt{F} = 3.86$



# Interpreting effect of age group

- F = 13 tells us that proportion of stickers given differed depending on age group, but which age groups were different from each other?
- Need post hoc comparisons to examine main effect of group



# Follow-up contrasts: multcomp?

#### # library(multcomp)

- The mcp function must be used with care when defining parameters of interest in two-way ANOVA or ANCOVA models. Here, the definition of treatment differences (such as Tukey's all-pair comparisons or Dunnett's comparison with a control) might be problem specific. Because it is impossible to determine the parameters of interest automatically in this case, mcp in multcomp version 1.0-0 and higher generates comparisons for the main effects only, ignoring covariates and interactions (older versions automatically averaged over interaction terms).
- A warning is given.

# Follow-up contrasts: phia?

### Follow-up contrasts: phia?

```
# library(phia)
testInteractions(sticker 2int, pairwise = "age group")
F Test:
P-value adjustment method: holm
           Value Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
1-2 -0.019720 1 0.0164 0.4124 0.5212039
1-3 -0.116910 1 0.5873 14.7247 0.0005996 ***
1-4 -0.176701 1 1.1193 28.0614 0.000001315 ***
2-3 -0.097189 1 0.4314 10.8150 0.0033566 **
2-4 -0.156980 1 0.9292 23.2954 0.000010775 ***
3-4 -0.059791 1 0.1367 3.4272 0.1301025
Residuals
                320 12.7636
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1
```

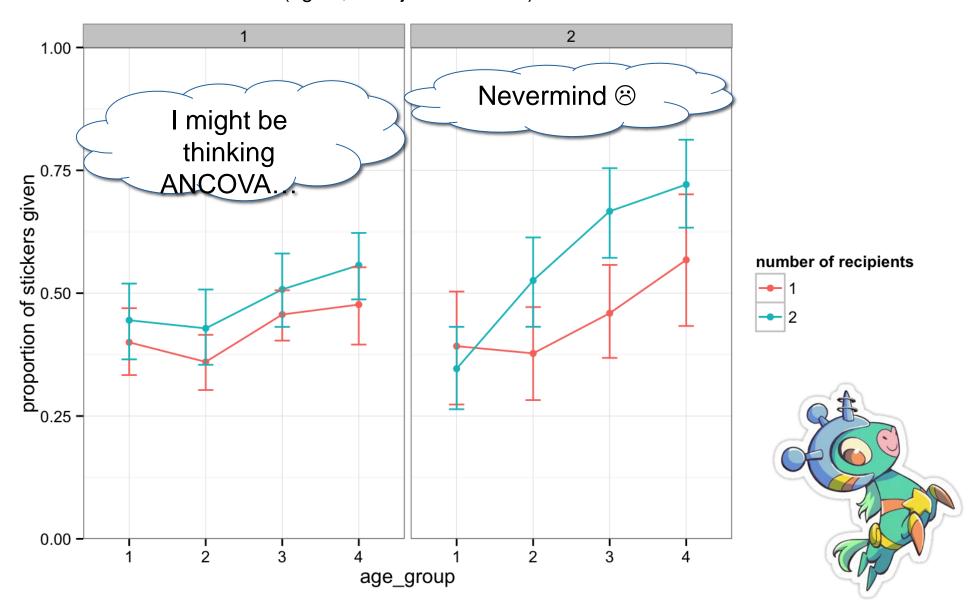
# Let's include 3 predictors!







Girls = 1, Boys = 2 (again, unadjusted means)



```
# library(car)
sticker 3 <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env*gender, data = givers,</pre>
                contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum, num env =
+
contr.sum, gender = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker 3)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
                        Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
                        1.5400 3 13.3548 0.00000003188 ***
age group
                        0.6064 1 15.7770 0.00008854555 ***
num env
                       0.2059
                                1 5.3556
                                               0.02131 *
gender
                       0.1591 3 1.3795
                                              0.24902
age group:num env
                       0.3371 3 2.9234 0.03413 *
age group:gender
                       0.0701 1 1.8242
                                              0.17779
num env:gender
age group:num env:gender 0.1652 3 1.4325
                                               0.23325
                      11.9924 312
Residuals
Signif. codes: 0 \***' 0.001 \**' 0.01 \*' 0.05 \.' 0.1 \'
```

## We have a significant interaction effect!

```
Sum Sq Df F value
                         Pr (>F)
                         1.5400
                                  3 13.3548 0.00000003188 ***
age group
                         0.6064
                                  1 15.7770 0.00008854555 ***
num env
                         0.2059
                                     5.3556
                                                  0.02131 *
gender
                         0.1591
                                     1.3795
                                                  0.24902
age group:num env
                         0.3371
                                     2.9234
                                                  0.03413 *
age_group:gender
                         0.0701
                                     1.8242
                                                  0.17779
num env:gender
                         0.1652
                                     1.4325
                                                  0.23325
age group:num env:gender
Residuals
                        11.9924 312
```

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*

0 '\*\*

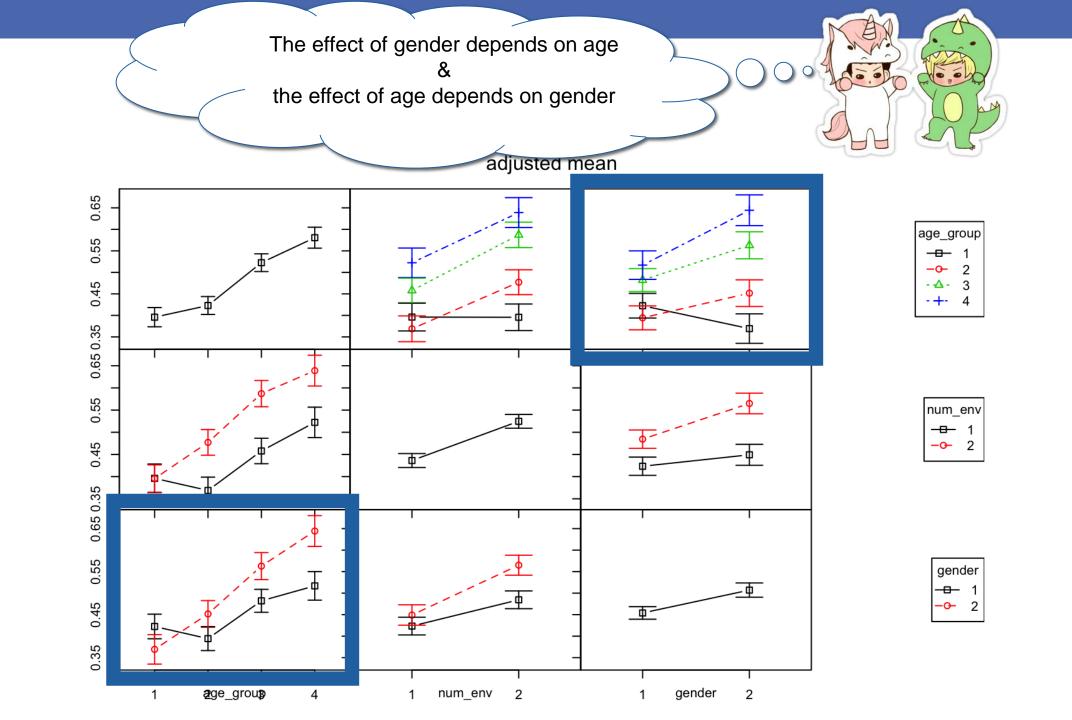
1 '\*' 0

The interaction between age group and gender means we cannot fully interpret those main effects without using words like "but" or "depends on"

# Principle of marginality

- The separate partial effects, or *main effects*, of age group and gender are *marginal* to the age group-by-gender interaction.
- In general, we neither test nor interpret main effects of explanatory variables that interact.
  - If we can rule out interaction either on theoretical or empirical grounds, then we can proceed to test, estimate, and interpret main effects.
- It does not generally make sense to specify and fit models that include interaction regressors but that delete main effects that are marginal to them.
  - Such models which violate the principle of marginality are interpretable, but they are not broadly applicable.
- ?Anova: "Type-II tests are calculated according to the principle of marginality, testing each term after all others, except ignoring the term's higher-order relatives; so-called type-III tests violate marginality, testing each term in the model after all of the others."





## Adjusted interaction means

```
sticker 3int <- lm(prop given ~ age group*num env*gender, data = givers,</pre>
                contrasts = list(age group = contr.sum, num env = contr.sum,
gender = contr.sum))
# library(phia)
interactionMeans(sticker 3int)
   age group num env gender adjusted mean std. error
                                 0.4000000 0.04001938
                                0.3601449 0.04088011
                                0.4565476 0.03705074
                                0.4768519 0.04621039
                                0.4449275 0.04088011
                                0.4283951 0.03773063
                                0.5076923 0.03844937
                                0.5568627 0.04755010
                                0.3922222 0.05062095
10
                                0.3775000 0.04383903
11
                                 0.4591667 0.04383903
12
                                0.5677778 0.05062095
13
                                0.3462963 0.04621039
14
                                0.5258333 0.04383903
15
                                 0.6666667 0.04497790
                                 0.7211111 0.05062095
16
```

## Simple effects analysis

- A simple effects analysis looks at the main effect of one factor at a given level of a second factor ("pick a point" analysis)
- This is our way of breaking down a significant interaction
- It \*can\* be frowned upon to do this analysis post-hoc when you do not have a significant interaction effect in your omnibus ANOVA, or did not have a darn good reason to hypothesize one a priori



The effect of gender depends on age & the effect of age depends on gender



```
# library(phia)
```

testInteractions(sticker\_3, fixed = "age\_group", across = "gender", adjustment =
"bonferroni")

#### F Test:

P-value adjustment method: bonferroni

	Value	Df	${\tt Sum \ of \ Sq}$	F	Pr (>F)	
1	0.053205	1	0.0546	1.4206	0.93686	
2	-0.057397	1	0.0730	1.8992	0.67663	
3	-0.080797	1	0.1477	3.8423	0.20345	
4	-0.127587	1	0.2629	6.8387	0.03741	*

Residuals 312 11.9924

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

Boys shared 12.7% more stickers than girls on average at ages 9 – 11... where does this number come from?

### interactionMeans(sticker\_3int)

			_			
	age_group	<pre>num_env</pre>	gender	adjusted mean	std. error	
1	1	1	1	0.400000	0.04001938	
2	2	1	1	0.3601449	0.04088011	
3	3	1	1	0.4565476	0.03705074	
4	4	1	1	0.4768519	0.04621039	Cirlo
5	1	2	1	0.4449275	0.04088011	- Girls
6	2	2	1	0.4283951	0.03773063	
7	3	2	1	0.5076923	0.03844937	
8	4	2	1	0.5568627	0.04755010	
9	1	1	2	0.3922222	0.05062095	
10	2	1	2	0.3775000	0.04383903	
11	3	1	2	0.4591667	0.04383903	
12	4	1	2	0.5677778	0.05062095	Davis
13	1	2	2	0.3462963	0.04621039	 - Boys
14	2	2	2	0.5258333	0.04383903	
15	3	2	2	0.6666667	0.04497790	
16	4	2	2	0.7211111	0.05062095	

$$(0.4768519 + 0.5568627)/2 - (0.5677778 + 0.7211111)/2$$
[1] -0.1275871

Boys shared 12.7% more stickers than girls on average at ages 9 – 11... where does this number come from? See above!

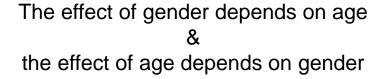


The effect of gender depends on age & the effect of age depends on gender



This is not so helpful- but does show significant effect of age is there for both boys and girls;

more breakdown is needed...





#### # library(phia)

testInteractions(sticker 3, pairwise = "age group", fixed = "gender", adjustment = "bonferroni")

#### F Test:

P-value adjustment method: bonferroni

		Value	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr (>F)	
1-2 : 1	0.	028194	1	0.0192	0.4993	1.0000000	
1-3 : 1	-0.	059656	1	0.0894	2.3246	1.0000000	
1-4 : 1	-0.	094394	1	0.1786	4.6473	0.3824087	
2-3 : 1	-0.	087850	1	0.1996	5.1919	0.2804164	
2-4 : 1	-0.	122587	1	0.3084	8.0242	0.0589929	•
3-4 : 1	-0.	034737	1	0.0256	0.6660	1.0000000	
1-2 : 2	-0.	082407	1	0.1222	3.1802	0.9060965	
1-3 : 2	-0.	193657	1	0.6672	17.3571	0.0004817	***
1-4 : 2	-0.	275185	1	1.1853	30.8371	0.0000007213	***
2-3 : 2	-0.	111250	1	0.2443	6.3563	0.1463387	
2-4 : 2	-0.	192778	1	0.6371	16.5747	0.0007121	***
3-4 : 2	-0.	081528	1	0.1127	2.9314	1.0000000	
Residuals			312	11.9924			

Significant differences in proportion of stickers given differs between certain age groups, but only observed among boys not girls

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

## Effect size

• Omnibus:  $\omega^2$ 

```
omega.squared(sticker_3int) # seriously ugly
[1] 0.1119718
```

 But also needed for all contrasts! Need either mean difference, t, or F statistic to calculate Cohen's d for standard ANOVA/ANCOVA

```
library(compute.es)
```

### What do we conclude?

- Overall, model accounted for 11.2% of variance in proportion of stickers donated
- Main effect: proportion of stickers donated depended on number of envelopes
  - Kids tended to share more proportionally when they thought there were 2 recipients rather than just 1
- Interaction effect: suggested that...
  - Boys shared proportionally more than girls, but only in the oldest age group (age\_group = 4)
  - For boys only, increased sharing at older ages, but only between certain age groups:
    - 1 vs 3
    - 1 vs 4
    - 2 vs 4

### Interactions with continuous variables...

• Let's take age as a continuous variable (in months) rather than as a factor with 4 levels

```
sticker_spot <- lm(prop_given ~ age*gender*num_env, data = givers, contrasts = list(gender =
contr.sum, num_env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker_spot, type = 2)</pre>
```

Sum Sq Df F value		Pr (>F)		
age	1.7416	1 46.5137	0.000000000455	***
gender	0.1804	1 4.8175	0.0288896	*
num_env	0.5689	1 15.1934	0.0001182	***
age:gender	0.2815	1 7.5184	0.0064506	**
age:num_env	0.1256	1 3.3538	0.0679813	•
gender:num_env	0.0734	1 1.9615	0.1623209	
age:gender:num_env	0.0713	1 1.9044	0.1685502	
Residuals	11.9814	320		

For spotlight analysis, you'll want to **dummy**code (not deviation/effect code) your
contrasts, and use summary() or tidy()

## Spotlight analysis for ANOVA

We'll use a spotlight analysis to better understand the interaction between gender (girls/boys)
and age (in months)

```
sticker spot <- lm(prop given ~ age*gender*num env, data = givers, contrasts = list(gender =
contr.sum, num env = contr.sum))
Anova(sticker spot, type = 2)
Anova Table (Type II tests)
Response: prop given
                  Sum Sq Df F value
                                            Pr(>F)
                  1.7416
                           1 46.5137 0.000000000455 ***
age
                  0.1804 1 4.8175
                                          0.0288896 *
gender
                  0.5689 1 15.1934
                                          0.0001182 ***
num env
                  0.2815 1 7.5184
                                          0.0064506 **
age:gender
                  0.1256 1 3.3538
                                          0.0679813 .
age:num env
               0.0734
                           1 1.9615
                                          0.1623209
gender:num env
age:gender:num env 0.0713 1 1.9044
                                          0.1685502
Residuals
                  11.9814 320
```

## Spotlight analysis to understand interactions

- "scaling changes do not affect significance tests, slopes, etc. of that variable or of any other variable in the model."
- Yes, this heuristic is accurate for simple models without interactions, but not for models with interactions.
- Spotlight analysis exploits this fact by re-scaling your continuous covariate (here, age in months)
- We want to evaluate main effect of gender when age takes on different values- the interaction tells us that the main effect of gender depends on the age we are looking at
- We can pick any value to re-scale by
  - First, I'll center age around the mean age
  - Can also use ±1 SD around the mean (usually of interest)



```
# center age at mean
givers <- givers %>%
  mutate(age mean = age - mean(age))
sticker ctr <- lm(prop given ~ age mean*gender*num env, data = givers, contrasts =</pre>
list(gender = contr.treatment, num env = contr.treatment))
tidy(sticker ctr)
                                            std.error statistic
                                                                      p.value
                       term
                                estimate
                (Intercept) 0.4233064576 0.0200749628 21.0862885 1.727537e-62
                   age mean 0.0014530306 0.0007301193 1.9901278 4.742745e-02
3
                    gender2 0.0170252154 0.0306598615 0.5552933 5.790820e-01
                   num env2 0.0563245651 0.0283894013 1.9839998 4.810997e-02
           age mean:gender2 0.0010712428 0.0011078819 0.9669287 3.343099e-01
          age mean:num env2 0.0004548377 0.0010525807 0.4321167 6.659476e-01
           gender2:num env2 0.0599339324 0.0431639747 1.3885175 1.659453e-01
8 age mean:gender2:num env2 0.0021650305 0.0015688634 1.3799994 1.685502e-01
```

Shine your spotlight on the gender effect:
It is significant when age = mean age.
So sharing in boys is
0.017 > girls @ 81 months (6.7 years)
when num\_env = 1

```
# center at 1 sd below mean
givers <- givers %>%
     mutate(age lowsd = age - (mean(age) - sd(age)))
sticker lowsd <- lm(prop given ~ age lowsd*gender*num env, data = givers, contrasts =
list(gender = contr.treatment, num env = contr.treatment))
tidy(sticker lowsd)
                        term
                                  estimate
                                              std.error
                                                          statistic
                                                                         p.value
                 (Intercept)
                             0.3834153744 0.0279165665 13.734331329 4.587631e-34
                  age lowsd
                             0.0014530306 0.0007301193 1.990127755 4.742745e-02
3
                    gender2 -0.0123843751 0.0436644743 -0.283625883 7.768805e-01
                    num env2
                             0.0438375824 0.0398851848 1.099094378 2.725531e-01
           age lowsd:gender2
                             0.0010712428 0.0011078819 0.966928707 3.343099e-01
          age lowsd:num env2
                             0.0004548377 0.0010525807 0.432116699 6.659476e-01
           gender2:num env2
                             0.0004958102 0.0612413124 0.008096009 9.935454e-01
8 age lowsd:gender2:num env2 0.0021650305 0.0015688634 1.379999352 1.685502e-01
```

Shine your spotlight on the gender effect:
It is not significant when age is 1 SD
below mean age. So sharing is
0.012 < (ns) in boys than girls @ 53
months (4.4 years)

when num\_env = 1

```
# center at 1 sd above mean
givers <- givers %>%
      mutate(age hisd = age - (mean(age) + sd(age)))
sticker hisd <- lm(prop given ~ age hisd*gender*num env, data = givers, contrasts =</pre>
list(gender = contr.treatment, num env = contr.treatment))
tidy(sticker hisd)
                                            std.error statistic
                       term
                                estimate
                                                                      p.value
                (Intercept) 0.4631975409 0.0288138200 16.0755339 4.864763e-43
                   age hisd 0.0014530306 0.0007301193 1.9901278 4.742745e-02
3
                    gender2 0.0464348058 0.0427044430 1.0873530 2.776991e-01
                   num env2 0.0688115479 0.0411240801 1.6732666 9.525206e-02
           age hisd:gender2 0.0010712428 0.0011078819 0.9669287 3.343099e-01
          age hisd:num env2 0.0004548377 0.0010525807 0.4321167 6.659476e-01
           gender2:num env2 0.1193720545 0.0607124566 1.9661872 5.014113e-02
8 age hisd:gender2:num env2 0.0021650305 0.0015688634 1.3799994 1.685502e-01
```

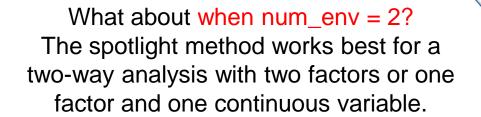
Shine your spotlight on the gender effect:
It is significant when age is 1 SD above
mean age. So sharing in boys is
0.046 > girls @ 108 months (9 years)
when num\_env = 1

# Cautionary notes on spotlight analysis

- Unless you are using them as a classification variable (i.e., they are not being used as actual numbers), dummy codes are only useful if you are planning to spotlight 1 group in an interaction
- Otherwise, all of your purported "main effects" are actually the effects of a variable at one level of the other (i.e., when the other is 0).
- Caution: if there are other variables in your model, recall that the main effect when dummy coded is just a marginal effect where the other variables are set to lowest level (here, num\_env = 1)

They are called dummy codes for a reason © That is, you may not be testing what you think you are testing.



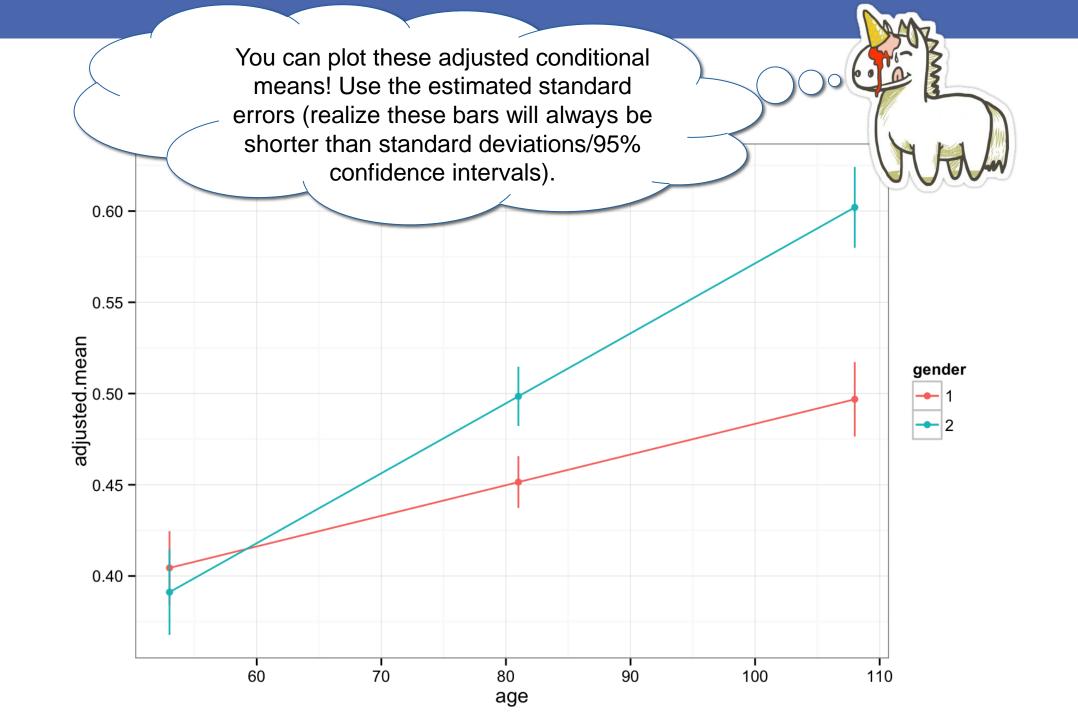


What we really want to know is how the interaction between age and gender can be interpreted, averaging across number of envelopes (since that does not contribute to any interactions with other model predictors). There has to be a better way...

```
sticker spot <- lm(prop given ~ age*gender*num env, data = givers, contrasts =</pre>
list(gender = contr.sum, num env = contr.sum))
interactionMeans(sticker spot, factors = "gender", covariates = c(age = 80.9878))
 gender adjusted mean std. error
                                               @ mean age (81 mos):
             0.4514687 0.01419470
                                                     diff = -.047
             0.4984609 0.01625708
interactionMeans(sticker spot, factors = "gender", covariates = c(age = 53))
 gender adjusted mean std. error
                                          @ 1 sd below mean (53 mos):
            0.4044366 0.02014112
                                                    diff = .013
             0.3911499 0.02345927
interactionMeans(sticker spot, factors = "gender", covariates = c(age = 108))
 gender adjusted mean std. error
            0.4968614 0.02039448
                                          @ 1 sd above mean (108 mos):
            0.6020313 0.02215622
                                                    diff = -.105
```

Here, the default is to calculate adjusted mean values across all unspecified other factors in your model, so this is averaging across num\_env 1 & 2

```
testInteractions(sticker spot, pairwise = "gender", covariates = c(age = 80.9878),
adjustment = "none") # at mean age
                                                      @ mean age (81 mos):
F Test:
P-value adjustment method: none
                                                           diff = -.047
              Value Df Sum of Sq
                                     F Pr (>F)
          -0.046992 1
1-2
                           0.1775 4.741 0.03018 *
Residuals
                    320
                       11.9814
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
testInteractions(sticker spot, pairwise = "gender", covariates = c(age = 53),
adjustment = "none")
                                              @ 1 sd below mean (53 mos):
F Test:
P-value adjustment method: none
                                                       diff = .013
            Value Df Sum of Sq
                                     F Pr(>F)
1-2
          0.013287 1
                         0.0069 0.1847 0.6677
Residuals
                        11.9814
                   320
testInteractions(sticker spot, pairwise = "gender", covariates = c(age = 108),
adjustment = "none")
                                          @ 1 sd above mean (108 mos):
F Test:
                                                    diff = -.105
P-value adjustment method: none
            Value Df Sum of Sq
                                         Pr (>F)
1-2
          -0.10517 1
                          0.4567 12.197 0.000546 ***
Residuals
                   320
                        11.9814
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



## Spotlight analysis summary

- Great way to understand interactions with continuous covariates; also works for factors
- Powerful way to see what is happening without subsetting your data
  - i.e., splitting by above/below mean/median/etc can be weak, unstable, potentially very misleading
- This is not multiple testing- you do not need to worry about multiple comparisons here- it is used to interpret an already significant interaction
- So don't report them as if you ran different analyses with different results