Supporting materials for Iconicity and diachronic language change

Contents

Introduction

This file shows the R code for the analyses in *Iconicity and diachronic langauge change*. We show whether a word is borrowed or not can be predicted by its iconicity.

Below is a list of variable names in the data with a short explanation:

- word: Orthographic form
- borrowing: variable from WOLD indicating level of evidence for borrowing (1 = definately borrowed, 5 = no evidence of borrowing).
- bor15, bor15.cat: Conversion of the WOLD borrowing variable into a numeric (0 = not borrowed, 1 = borrowed).
- phonology: Phonological form
- phonlength: Number of segments in the phonological form
- AoA: Age of acquisition ratings from Kuperman, Stadthagen-Gonzalez, and Brysbaert (2012).
- AoA_obj: Objective, test-based age of acuqisition from Brysbaert & Biemiller (2017)
- subtlexzipf: Log frequency of word from the SUBTLEX database
- conc: Concreteness ratings from Brysbaert, Warriner, & Kuperman (2014)
- cat: Dominant part of speech according to SUBTLEX.
- age_oldest, age_youngest: Dates from WOLD indicating estiamte of data of entry into English.
- age_oldest_num, age_youngest_num, age: Conversions into numeric year values for oldest, youngest and average estimate.
- pagel_rate: Rate of lexical replacement from Pagel, Atkinson & Meade (2007)
- iconicity: Iconicity rating from Winter et al. (2017). The data actually comes from the supporting materials for Perry et al. (2018), which has slightly more data.
- systematicity: Systematicity ratings from Monaghan et al. (2014)

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Load libraries

```
library(mgcv)
library(lattice)
library(ggplot2)
library(party)
library(gridExtra)
library(Hmisc)
library(survival)
library(Formula)
```

Custom functions for rescaling gam results and making table of correlations. This also loads the custom script *GAM_derivatives.R* which runs the analysis of slope significance.

```
# functions for plotting:
logit2per = function(X){
  return(exp(X)/(1+exp(X)))
}

corstars <-function(x, method=c("pearson", "spearman"), removeTriangle=c("upper", "lower"),
                    result=c("none", "html", "latex")){
  #Compute correlation matrix
  require(Hmisc)
  x <- as.matrix(x)
  correlation_matrix<-rcorr(x, type=method[1])
  R <- correlation_matrix$r # Matrix of correlation coeficients
  p <- correlation_matrix$P # Matrix of p-value

  ## Define notions for significance levels; spacing is important.
  mystars <- ifelse(p < .001, "***", ifelse(p < .01, "**", ifelse(p < .05, "* ", "  ")))

  ## trunctuate the correlation matrix to two decimal
  R <- format(round(cbind(rep(-1.11, ncol(x)), R), 3))[,-1]

  ## build a new matrix that includes the correlations with their apropriate stars
  Rnew <- matrix(paste(R, mystars, sep=""), ncol=ncol(x))
  diag(Rnew) <- paste(diag(R), " ", sep="")
  rownames(Rnew) <- colnames(x)
  colnames(Rnew) <- paste(colnames(x), "", sep="")

  ## remove upper triangle of correlation matrix
  #if(removeTriangle[1]=="upper"){
    Rnew <- as.matrix(Rnew)
    Rnew[upper.tri(Rnew, diag = TRUE)] <- ""
    Rnew <- as.data.frame(Rnew)
  #}

  ## remove lower triangle of correlation matrix
  if(removeTriangle[1]=="lower"){
    Rnew = t(Rnew)
    Rnew = Rnew[,-1]
  } else{
    Rnew <- Rnew[-1,]
  }
```

```
  if (result[1]=="none") return(Rnew)
  else{
    if(result[1]=="html") print(xtable(Rnew), type="html")
    else print(xtable(Rnew), type="latex")
  }
}

rescaleGam = function(px, n, xvar, xlab="",breaks=NULL,xlim=NULL){
  y = logit2per(px[[n]]$fit)
  x = px[[n]]$x *attr(xvar,"scaled:scale") + attr(xvar,"scaled:center")
  se.upper = logit2per(px[[n]]$fit+px[[n]]$se)
  se.lower = logit2per(px[[n]]$fit-px[[n]]$se)
  dx = data.frame(x=x,y=y,ci.upper=se.upper,ci.lower=se.lower)
  plen = ggplot(dx, aes(x=x,y=y))+
    geom_ribbon(aes(ymin=ci.lower,ymax=ci.upper), alpha=0.3)+
    geom_line(size=1,linetype=3) +
    xlab(xlab)+
    ylab("Probability of borrowing")
  if(!is.null(breaks)){
    plen = plen + scale_x_continuous(breaks = breaks)
  }
  if(!is.null(xlim)){
   plen = plen + coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0,1),xlim=xlim)
  } else{
    plen = plen + coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0,1))
  }
  return(plen)
}

# Code for assessing significance of GAM slopes
source("GAM_derivaties.R")
```

Load data

Load in borrowing data, with pagel lexical replacement rate and the Winter et al. iconicity ratings. The data also includes the systematicity ratings from Monaghan et al. (2014). For posterity, we note the command line commands to create the data file:

```
cat iconicity_ratings.csv loanwords9.csv | gawk 'BEGIN{FS=",";OFS=","}
  {if(NR<=3002)i[$1]=$2;
  else {if(i[$1]>0)print $0,i[$1];else print $0,"#N/A"}}' > loanwords_withiconicity.csv
cat monaghan2014_systematicity.csv loanwords_withiconicity.csv | gawk 'BEGIN{FS=",";OFS=","}
  {if(NR<=2911)i[$1]=$NF;
    else {if(i[$1]>0)print $0,i[$1];
    else print $0,"#N/A"}}' > loanwords_withiconicity_systematicity.csv
```

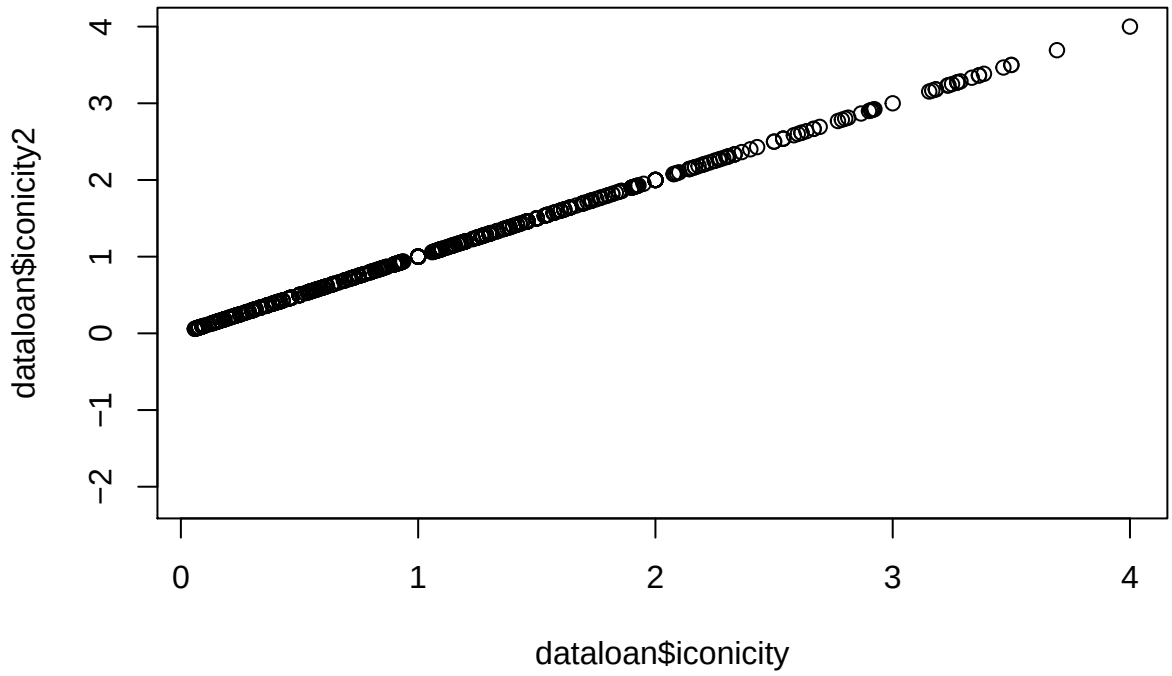
Load data and create key variables.

```
datafile = "loanwords_withiconicity_systematicity.csv"
dataloan <- read.csv(datafile,stringsAsFactors = F)
dataloan$pagel_rate = as.numeric(dataloan$pagel_rate)
dataloan$iconicity = as.numeric(dataloan$iconicity)
dataloan$subtlexzipf = as.numeric(dataloan$subtlexzipf)
```

```
dataloan$AoA = as.numeric(dataloan$AoA)
dataloan$phonlength = as.numeric(dataloan$phonlength)
dataloan$systematicity = as.numeric(dataloan$systematicity)
dataloan$conc = as.numeric(dataloan$conc)
dataloan$cat = factor(dataloan$cat)
```

We want to use the iconcity data from Winter et al. (2017). However, the SI for Perry et al. (2018) have slightly more data. Here we show that the values are the same, and use the Perry et al. source which has more data:

```
i = read.csv("iconicity_PerryEtAl2018.csv",stringsAsFactors = F)
dataloan$iconicity2 = i[match(dataloan$word,i$Word),]$Iconicity
plot(dataloan$iconicity,dataloan$iconicity2)
```




```
apply(dataloan[,c("iconicity",'iconicity2')],2,function(X){sum(!is.na(X))})
```

```
##  iconicity iconicity2
##        656        834
```

```
dataloan$iconicity = dataloan$iconicity2
```

Data preperation

Create binary borrowing variable:

```
dataloan$bor15 <- ifelse(dataloan$borrowing==1,1, ifelse(dataloan$borrowing==5,0,NA))
dataloan$bor15.cat <- factor(dataloan$bor15)
```

Percentage of missing data for each variable:

```
prop = apply(dataloan[,c("phonlength","AoA",
                "subtlexzipf", "cat", "iconicity", "systematicity",
                'conc','bor15')],2,
      function(X){sum(is.na(X))})/nrow(dataloan)
```

```
t(t(round(prop*100,2)))
```

```
##                [,1]
## phonlength     0.00
## AoA            1.81
## subtlexzipf    0.49
## cat            0.00
## iconicity     41.96
## systematicity 73.76
## conc           2.57
## bor15          5.29
```

There is too little data if we include only data with values for systematicity. So instead we omit systematicity:

```
dataloan2 = dataloan[complete.cases(dataloan[,
               c("phonlength","AoA",
               "subtlexzipf", "cat", "iconicity",
               'conc','bor15')]),]
```

This leaves 784 observations.

Make correlation table:

```
corstars(dataloan2[,c("subtlexzipf",
                          "AoA","phonlength",
                           'conc',
                          "iconicity")],
        removeTriangle = "lower")
```

```
##             AoA         phonlength  conc        iconicity
## subtlexzipf "-0.482***" "-0.335***" "-0.497***" "-0.050  "
## AoA         ""          " 0.243***" "-0.051  "  "-0.039  "
## phonlength  ""          ""          " 0.097**"  "-0.021  "
## conc        ""          ""          ""          "-0.038  "
## iconicity   ""          ""          ""          ""
```

Correlation table just for nouns:

```
corstars(dataloan2[dataloan2$cat=="Noun",
                   c("subtlexzipf",
                      "AoA","phonlength",
                      'conc',
                      "iconicity")],
         removeTriangle = "lower")
```

```
##             AoA         phonlength  conc        iconicity
## subtlexzipf "-0.501***" "-0.231***" "-0.208***" "-0.120**"
## AoA         ""          " 0.196***" "-0.230***" " 0.033  "
## phonlength  ""          ""          "-0.051  "  " 0.009  "
## conc        ""          ""          ""          "-0.037  "
## iconicity   ""          ""          ""          ""
```

Scale variables

Center length by median:

```
phonlength.center = median(dataloan2$phonlength)
dataloan2$phonlengthscale <-
```

```
  dataloan2$phonlength - phonlength.center
phonlength.scale = sd(dataloan2$phonlengthscale)
dataloan2$phonlengthscale = dataloan2$phonlengthscale/phonlength.scale
attr(dataloan2$phonlengthscale,"scaled:scale") = phonlength.scale
attr(dataloan2$phonlengthscale,"scaled:center") = phonlength.center
```

Scale rest by mean:

```
dataloan2$AoAscale <- scale(dataloan2$AoA)
dataloan2$subtlexzipfscale <- scale(dataloan2$subtlexzipf)
dataloan2$concscale <- scale(dataloan2$conc)
dataloan2$iconscale <- scale(dataloan2$iconicity)
```

Replicating previous findings

This model replicates Perry et al. (2015) on the relationship between AoA and iconcity. The original model had the following output (not run here):

```
xmdl.AOA <- lm(KupermanAOA ~ Iconicity + Conc +
    POS + NMorph + ANC_LogFreq,
    data = icon)
summary(xmdl.AOA)

Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)     11.84456    0.25984  45.584  < 2e-16 ***
Iconicity       -0.26302    0.03590  -7.327 3.40e-13 ***
Conc            -1.04296    0.04278 -24.381  < 2e-16 ***
POSAdverb       -0.42920    0.29797  -1.440  0.14991
POSGrammatical  -0.55620    0.22957  -2.423  0.01549 *
POSInterjection -1.52095    0.55081  -2.761  0.00581 **
POSNoun          0.65116    0.11778   5.528 3.65e-08 ***
POSVerb         -0.13609    0.13520  -1.007  0.31426
NMorph           0.01238    0.10399   0.119  0.90528
ANC_LogFreq     -1.09390    0.04441 -24.631  < 2e-16 ***
```

We run the same model on our data:

```
perry = lm(AoAscale ~ iconscale + concscale +
    cat + phonlengthscale + subtlexzipfscale,
    data = dataloan2)
summary(perry)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = AoAscale ~ iconscale + concscale + cat + phonlengthscale +
##     subtlexzipfscale, data = dataloan2)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.25382 -0.55155 -0.07502  0.44628  2.88520
##
## Coefficients:
##                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)      -0.23142    0.08921  -2.594  0.00967 **
```

```
## iconscale        -0.06345    0.02979  -2.130  0.03349 *
## concscale        -0.44278    0.03974 -11.141  < 2e-16 ***
## catAdverb         0.19925    0.21468   0.928  0.35362
## catConjunction    0.20787    0.37673   0.552  0.58126
## catDeterminer     0.61533    0.25466   2.416  0.01591 *
## catInterjection  -0.69336    0.57618  -1.203  0.22920
## catNot            0.25273    0.80502   0.314  0.75365
## catNoun           0.30494    0.10485   2.908  0.00374 **
## catNumber         0.36468    0.29728   1.227  0.22030
## catPreposition    0.47563    0.29771   1.598  0.11054
## catPronoun        1.09721    0.30857   3.556  0.00040 ***
## catVerb           0.11473    0.10429   1.100  0.27162
## phonlengthscale   0.05099    0.03086   1.652  0.09893 .
## subtlexzipfscale -0.70222    0.03802 -18.469  < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.7959 on 769 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3778, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3665
## F-statistic: 33.35 on 14 and 769 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We note that:

- Both have a significant negative effect of iconcity.
- Both have a significant negative effect of concreteness.
- Neither have a significant effect of length.
- Both have a significant negative effect of frequency.
- There are differences between parts of speech, but the categories are different.

The results seem to replicate in broad terms.

Winter et al. (2017) predict iconicity by various measures, including concreteness, imagability and sensory experience. They find that concreteness is not directly correlated with iconicity (r = -0.008, p = 0.66). We calculated the raw correlation between iconicity and concreteness for each part of speech:

```
                r       p
Interjection    0.775   0.003
Verb            0.408   0.000
Grammatical   0.332 0.003
Adjective       0.160   0.000
Adverb        0.184 0.255
Noun           -0.024   0.332
Name           -0.001   0.999
```

```
res = data.frame()
for(p in c("Verb","Determiner","Pronoun","Preposition","Adverb","Adjective","Noun")){
   x = cor.test(dataloan2[dataloan2$cat==p,]$iconscale,
                dataloan2[dataloan2$cat==p,]$concscale)
   res = rbind(res, c(p,round(x$estimate,3),round(x$p.value,3)))
}
names(res)=c("POS","r","p")
res
```

```
##    POS     r    p
## 1 Verb 0.327    0
## 2 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
## 3 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
```

```
## 4 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
## 5 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
## 6 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
## 7 <NA>  <NA> <NA>
```

We note that there is a positive correlation for verbs, and no significant relationship for nouns in both datasets. The datasets disagree for adjectives, but our dataset has a smaller proportion of adjectives in comparison to Winter et al. (12% vs. 18%, see below).

For Winter et al's data, we show that concreteness does predict iconicity when controlling for frequency and part of speech:

```
summary(xmdl1 <- lm(Iconicity ~ Conc + LogFreq + POS, icon))
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)     1.30786    0.10313  12.681  < 2e-16 ***
Conc            0.10906    0.02303   4.736 2.29e-06 ***
LogFreq        -0.20180    0.02260  -8.931  < 2e-16 ***
POSAdverb       0.07080    0.18061   0.392 0.695091
POSGrammatical -0.10014    0.14345  -0.698 0.485169
POSInterjection 1.80180    0.31154   5.784 8.12e-09 ***
POSName        -0.89159    0.29941  -2.978 0.002928 **
POSNoun        -0.54445    0.05992  -9.087  < 2e-16 ***
POSVerb         0.23416    0.06809   3.439 0.000593 ***
```

But not when controling for frequency alone:

```
summary(xmdl1 <- lm(Iconicity ~ Conc + LogFreq, icon))
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  1.58949    0.10509  15.124   <2e-16 ***
Conc        -0.03883    0.02094  -1.854   0.0639 .
LogFreq     -0.20060    0.02096  -9.570   <2e-16 ***
```

Similar model in our data:

```
winter = lm(iconscale ~concscale +subtlexzipfscale + cat ,
    data = dataloan2)
summary(winter)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = iconscale ~ concscale + subtlexzipfscale + cat,
##     data = dataloan2)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -3.6815 -0.6251 -0.0556  0.5614  3.1688
##
## Coefficients:
##                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)        0.46726    0.10630   4.396 1.26e-05 ***
## concscale          0.06866    0.04757   1.443  0.14934
## subtlexzipfscale -0.13523    0.04385  -3.084  0.00212 **
## catAdverb         -0.28777    0.25931  -1.110  0.26745
## catConjunction    -0.85424    0.45435  -1.880  0.06047 .
## catDeterminer     -0.39334    0.30731  -1.280  0.20095
## catInterjection    1.88435    0.69288   2.720  0.00668 **
## catNot             0.70486    0.97285   0.725  0.46896
```

```
## catNoun          -0.72062    0.12381  -5.821 8.60e-09 ***
## catNumber        -0.02331    0.35938  -0.065  0.94831
## catPreposition    0.04779    0.35973   0.133  0.89434
## catPronoun        0.34545    0.37192   0.929  0.35328
## catVerb          -0.16607    0.12567  -1.321  0.18674
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.9622 on 771 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.08834,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.07415
## F-statistic: 6.226 on 12 and 771 DF,  p-value: 1.495e-10
```

Cocreteness is a significant predictor for Winter et al., but not in our data.

It seems that part of speech is a key factor in the results. Below we comapre the distribution of parts of speech in our data. We note that we're using more fine-grained categories, and some categories are less represented.

Winter et al.			**Monaghan & Roberts**		
Adjective	508	18.1%	Adjective	92	11.9%
Adverb	40	1.4%	Adverb	17	2.2%
Grammatical	77	2.7%	Conjunction	5	0.6%
			Determiner	12	1.5%
			Not	1	0.1%
			Preposition	8	1.0%
			Pronoun	8	1.0%
Interjection	12	0.4%	Interjection	2	0.3%
Name	13	0.5%			
Noun	1646	58.6%	Noun	460	59.3%
Verb	511	18.2%	Verb	171	22.0%
			Number	8	1.0%

Modelling

First, a simple linear model trying to predict the rate of lexical replacement from Pagel et al. (2007). The power is too low to detect effects:

```
a <- lm(pagel_rate ~
          subtlexzipf + AoA + phonlength +
          iconicity + systematicity + conc + cat,
        data = dataloan)
summary(a)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = pagel_rate ~ subtlexzipf + AoA + phonlength + iconicity +
##     systematicity + conc + cat, data = dataloan)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -2.1757 -0.8946 -0.0779  0.8307  3.9234
##
## Coefficients:
##                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)      5.7251     5.7515   0.995   0.3244
## subtlexzipf     -0.5312     0.6183  -0.859   0.3944
## AoA              0.5193     0.2868   1.811   0.0763 .
## phonlength      -0.1173     0.3025  -0.388   0.6999
## iconicity        0.1355     0.3334   0.407   0.6861
## systematicity 3586.8696  2529.4980   1.418   0.1625
## conc            -0.7168     0.7048  -1.017   0.3142
## catAdverb        0.1497     1.1310   0.132   0.8952
## catNoun          0.5651     0.9950   0.568   0.5727
## catNumber       -2.4284     1.6767  -1.448   0.1539
## catVerb          1.3393     0.6971   1.921   0.0605 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.498 on 49 degrees of freedom
##   (1377 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.4251, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3078
## F-statistic: 3.624 on 10 and 49 DF,  p-value: 0.001158
```

Next, a simple logisitic model predicting borrowing from several variables including systematicity. Given the amount of missing data (see above), this only includes 226 complete observations:

```
b <- glm(bor15.cat ~ subtlexzipf + AoA + phonlength +
           iconicity + systematicity + conc + cat,
         data = dataloan, family=binomial)
summary(b)
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = bor15.cat ~ subtlexzipf + AoA + phonlength + iconicity +
##     systematicity + conc + cat, family = binomial, data = dataloan)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -1.4705  -0.8487  -0.6242   1.0072   2.4829
##
## Coefficients:
##                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)     -3.7609     2.7793  -1.353  0.17599
## subtlexzipf      0.2623     0.3318   0.790  0.42928
## AoA              0.2551     0.1229   2.075  0.03795 *
## phonlength       0.4115     0.2527   1.628  0.10348
## iconicity       -0.6503     0.2044  -3.182  0.00146 **
## systematicity 1345.9103  1565.3148   0.860  0.38988
## conc            -0.2281     0.2685  -0.850  0.39550
## catAdverb      -16.3012   970.4996  -0.017  0.98660
## catDeterminer    0.4835     1.5344   0.315  0.75269
## catNoun          0.4201     0.5181   0.811  0.41745
## catNumber      -15.7714  1375.8424  -0.011  0.99085
## catVerb         -0.1392     0.5184  -0.269  0.78827
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##     Null deviance: 274.74  on 225  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 243.30  on 214  degrees of freedom
##   (1211 observations deleted due to missingness)
## AIC: 267.3
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 15
```

Now we model the main data. We first replicate the GAM from Monaghan & Roberts (2019). This predicts borrowing from length, age of acquisition, frequency, concreteness, with random intercepts for part of speech, and random slopes for variables by part of speech. Results are similar on this sub-sample of data, though frequency is no longer significant:

```
m0 = bam(bor15.cat ~
      s(subtlexzipfscale) +
      s(AoAscale) +
      s(phonlengthscale) +
      s(concscale) +
      s(cat,bs='re')+
      s(cat,phonlengthscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,AoAscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,subtlexzipfscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,concscale,bs='re'),
    data = dataloan2,
    family='binomial')
summary(m0)
```

```
##
## Family: binomial
## Link function: logit
##
## Formula:
## bor15.cat ~ s(subtlexzipfscale) + s(AoAscale) + s(phonlengthscale) +
##     s(concscale) + s(cat, bs = "re") + s(cat, phonlengthscale,
##     bs = "re") + s(cat, AoAscale, bs = "re") + s(cat, subtlexzipfscale,
```

```
##     bs = "re") + s(cat, concscale, bs = "re")
##
## Parametric coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  -1.4141     0.4073  -3.472 0.000517 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##                                edf Ref.df Chi.sq  p-value
## s(subtlexzipfscale)     2.183e+00  2.799  4.614 0.203558
## s(AoAscale)             1.386e+00  1.684 16.194 0.000163 ***
## s(phonlengthscale)      2.611e+00  3.330 50.595 1.74e-10 ***
## s(concscale)            1.624e+00  2.018  1.301 0.519986
## s(cat)                  4.633e+00 10.000 22.131 3.27e-05 ***
## s(cat,phonlengthscale)  2.267e-05 10.000  0.000 0.384068
## s(cat,AoAscale)         4.080e-06 10.000  0.000 0.553318
## s(cat,subtlexzipfscale) 1.702e-01 10.000  0.184 0.312370
## s(cat,concscale)        9.554e-05 10.000  0.000 0.352356
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## R-sq.(adj) =  0.183   Deviance explained =   16%
## fREML = 1112.4  Scale est. = 1         n = 784
```

Now the main GAM for the current paper, including iconicity as a predictor:

```
m1= bam(bor15.cat ~
      s(subtlexzipfscale) +
      s(AoAscale) +
      s(phonlengthscale) +
      s(concscale) +
      s(iconscale) +
      s(cat,bs='re')+
      s(cat,iconscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,phonlengthscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,AoAscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,subtlexzipfscale,bs='re')+
      s(cat,concscale,bs='re'),
    data = dataloan2,
    family='binomial')

summary(m1)
```

```
##
## Family: binomial
## Link function: logit
##
## Formula:
## bor15.cat ~ s(subtlexzipfscale) + s(AoAscale) + s(phonlengthscale) +
##     s(concscale) + s(iconscale) + s(cat, bs = "re") + s(cat,
##     iconscale, bs = "re") + s(cat, phonlengthscale, bs = "re") +
##     s(cat, AoAscale, bs = "re") + s(cat, subtlexzipfscale, bs = "re") +
##     s(cat, concscale, bs = "re")
##
```

```
## Parametric coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  -1.3474     0.3941  -3.419 0.000629 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##                               edf Ref.df Chi.sq  p-value
## s(subtlexzipfscale)     2.191e+00  2.813  3.645 0.277726
## s(AoAscale)             1.086e+00  1.166 15.340 0.000127 ***
## s(phonlengthscale)      2.409e+00  3.074 40.022  1.3e-08 ***
## s(concscale)            1.000e+00  1.000  0.174 0.676407
## s(iconscale)            1.761e+00  2.245 17.385 0.000284 ***
## s(cat)                  4.393e+00 10.000 17.666 0.000447 ***
## s(cat,iconscale)        3.161e-05 10.000  0.000 0.382085
## s(cat,phonlengthscale)  2.614e-01 10.000  0.318 0.287497
## s(cat,AoAscale)         5.396e-05 10.000  0.000 0.368722
## s(cat,subtlexzipfscale) 2.327e-01 10.000  0.259 0.303759
## s(cat,concscale)        8.752e-06 10.000  0.000 0.581252
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## R-sq.(adj) =  0.203   Deviance explained = 17.6%
## fREML = 1118.8  Scale est. = 1         n = 784
```

Pretty resuts:

```
res = summary(m1)$s.table

res = round(res,3)
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(subtlexzipfscale)"] = "Frequency"
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(AoAscale)"] = "AoA"
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(phonlengthscale)"] = "Length"
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(concscale)"] = "Concreteness"
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(iconscale)"] = "Iconicity"
rownames(res)[rownames(res)=="s(cat)"] = "Grammatical category"
res[,4][res[,4]==0] = "<0.001"
res[,4] = gsub("0\\.",".",res[,4])
res
```

```
##                          edf     Ref.df  Chi.sq   p-value
## Frequency                "2.191" "2.813" "3.645"  ".278"
## AoA                      "1.086" "1.166" "15.34"  "<.001"
## Length                   "2.409" "3.074" "40.022" "<.001"
## Concreteness             "1"     "1"     "0.174"  ".676"
## Iconicity                "1.761" "2.245" "17.385" "<.001"
## Grammatical category     "4.393" "10"    "17.666" "<.001"
## s(cat,iconscale)         "0"     "10"    "0"      ".382"
## s(cat,phonlengthscale)   "0.261" "10"    "0.318"  ".287"
## s(cat,AoAscale)          "0"     "10"    "0"      ".369"
## s(cat,subtlexzipfscale) "0.233" "10"    "0.259"  ".304"
## s(cat,concscale)         "0"     "10"    "0"      ".581"
```

```
write.csv(res,file="GAM_results.csv")
```

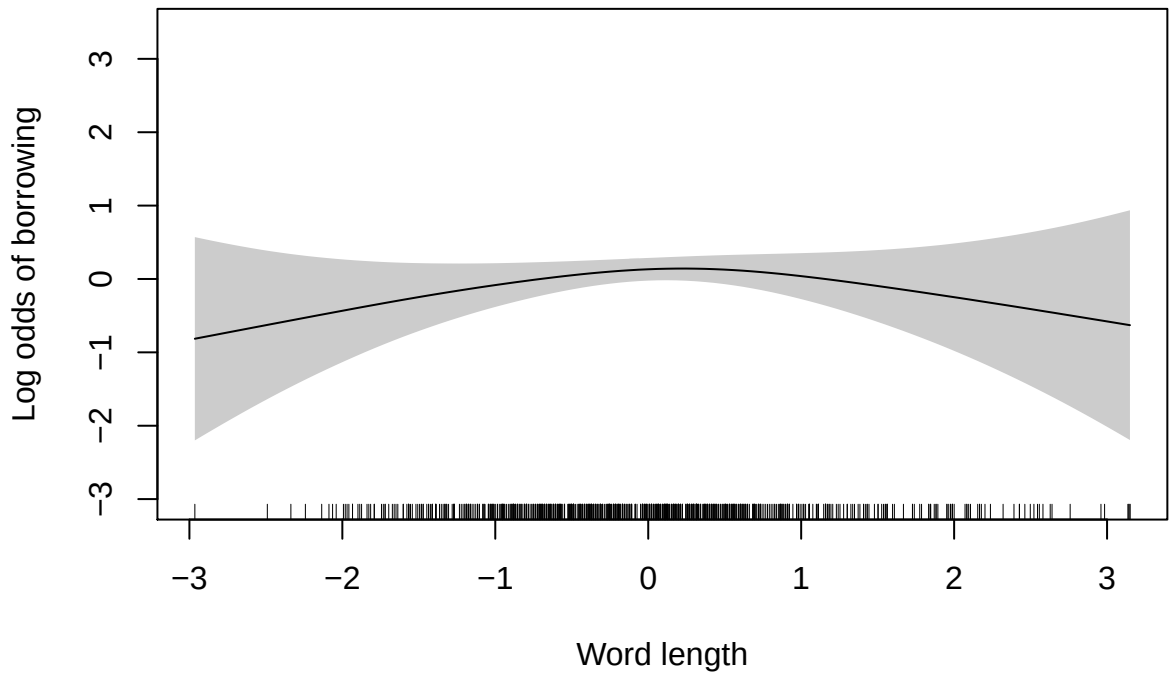
Test only iconicity to show that it is an independent predictor:

```r
m2= bam(bor15.cat ~
          s(iconscale),
        data = dataloan2,
        family='binomial')
summary(m2)
```

```
##
## Family: binomial
## Link function: logit
##
## Formula:
## bor15.cat ~ s(iconscale)
##
## Parametric coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -0.51974    0.07531  -6.902 5.14e-12 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##                edf Ref.df Chi.sq  p-value
## s(iconscale) 1.194  1.367  22.09 7.17e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## R-sq.(adj) =  0.0291   Deviance explained = 2.47%
## fREML = 1114.3  Scale est. = 1         n = 784
```

Visualise effects

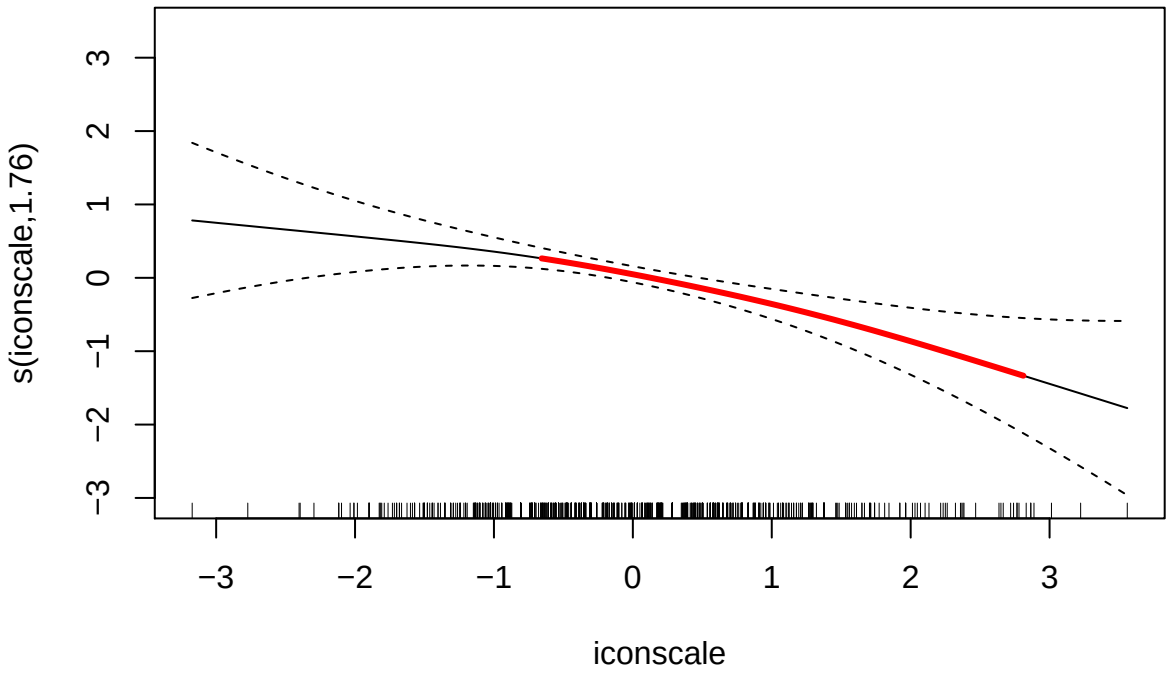
```r
px = plot.gam(m1,select=1, xlab="Word length", ylab="Log odds of borrowing",shade = T)
```



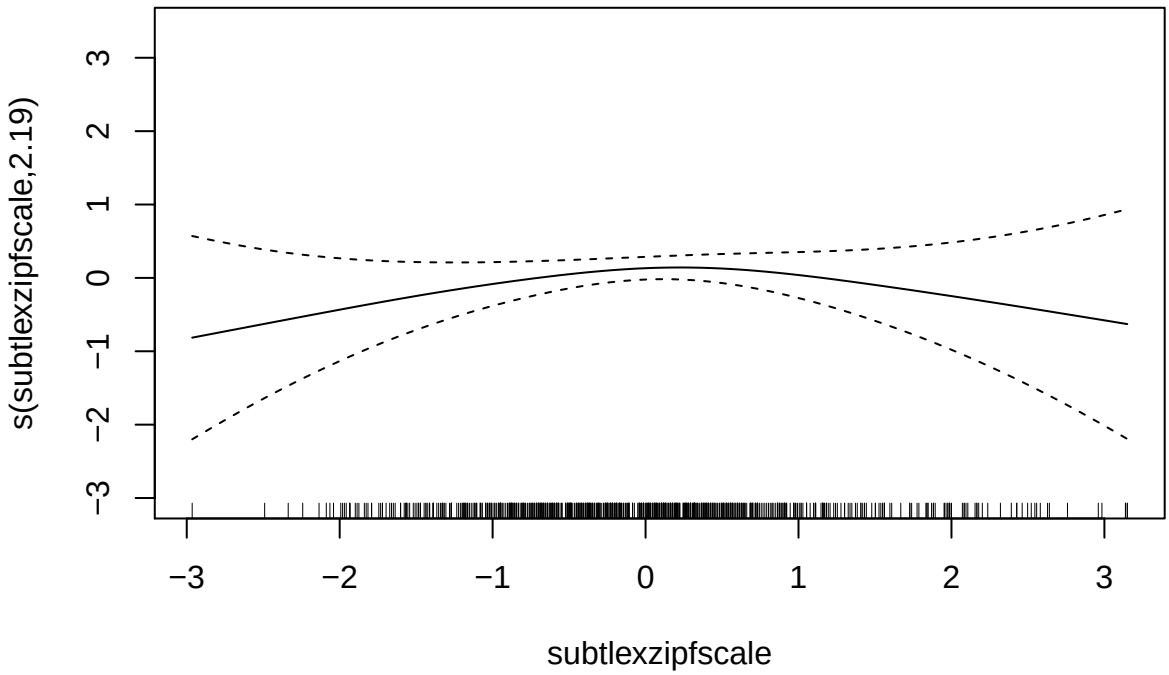
```
pfreq = rescaleGam(px,1,dataloan2$subtlexzipfscale, "Frequency",
                   xlim = c(2,8), breaks=c(2,4,6,8,10,12))
paoa = rescaleGam(px,2,dataloan2$AoAscale, "Age of acquisition",
                  xlim=c(2,13),breaks=c(2,4,6,8,10,12,14))
plen = rescaleGam(px,3,dataloan2$phonlengthscale, "Length",
                  xlim=c(2,10),breaks=c(2,4,6,8,10))
pconc = rescaleGam(px,4,dataloan2$concscale, "Concreteness",
                   xlim = c(1,5), breaks=1:5)
picon = rescaleGam(px,5,dataloan2$iconscale, "Iconicity",
                   xlim = c(0,4), breaks=c(0,1,2,3,4))
```

The plots below highlight which sections of the GAM splines are significantly increasing or decreasing. This method comes from this source. The basic idea is to calculate the derivatives of the slope (how much the slope is increasing or decreasing) and then compute confidence intervals for the derivatives from their standard errors. If the confidence intervals of the derivatives do not overlap zero, then they are considered significant.

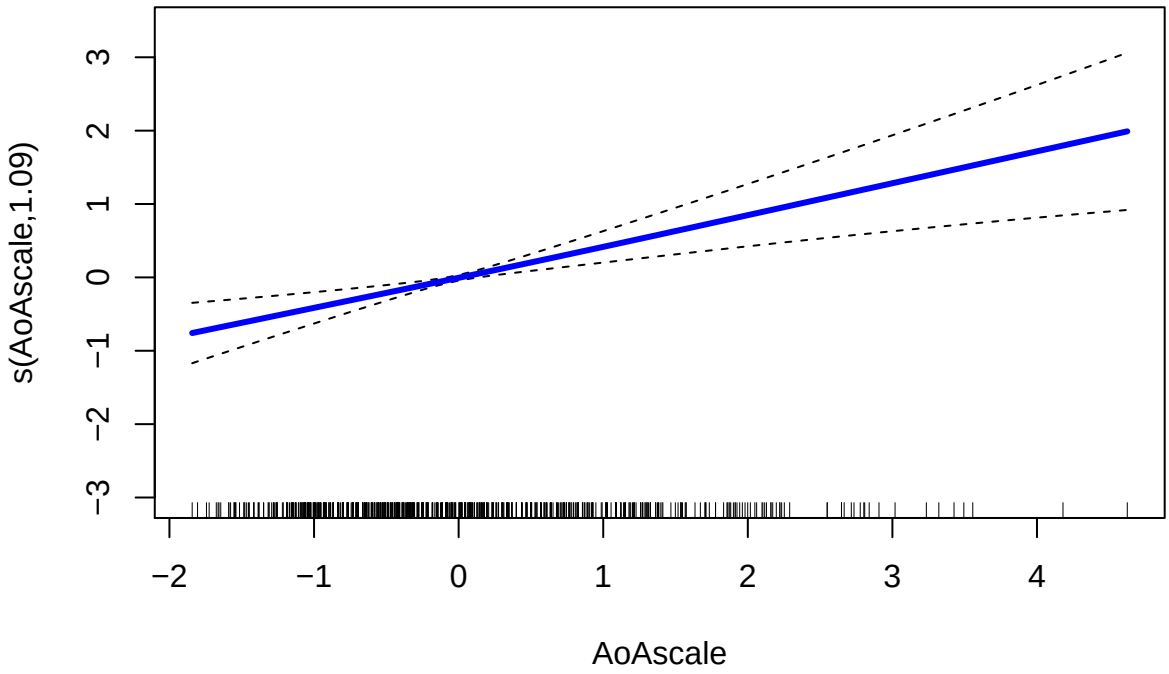
```
pSigIcon = plotGAMSignificantSlopes(m1,"iconscale","Iconicity")
```



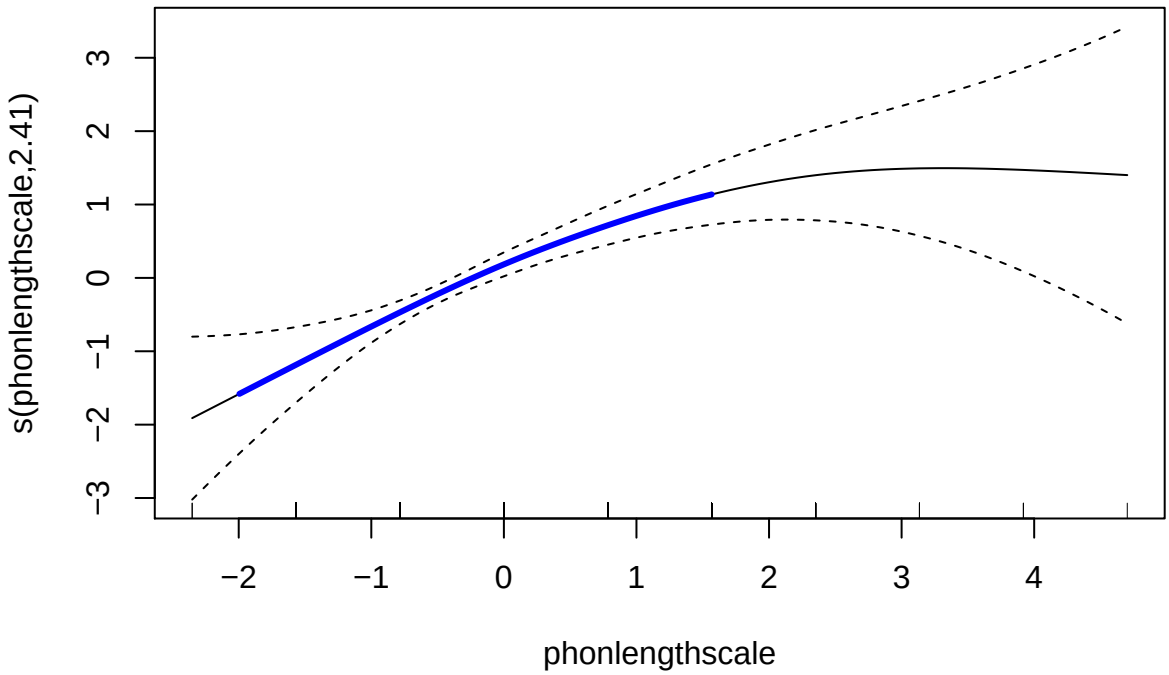

```
pSigFreq = plotGAMSignificantSlopes(m1,"subtlexzipfscale","Frequency")
```



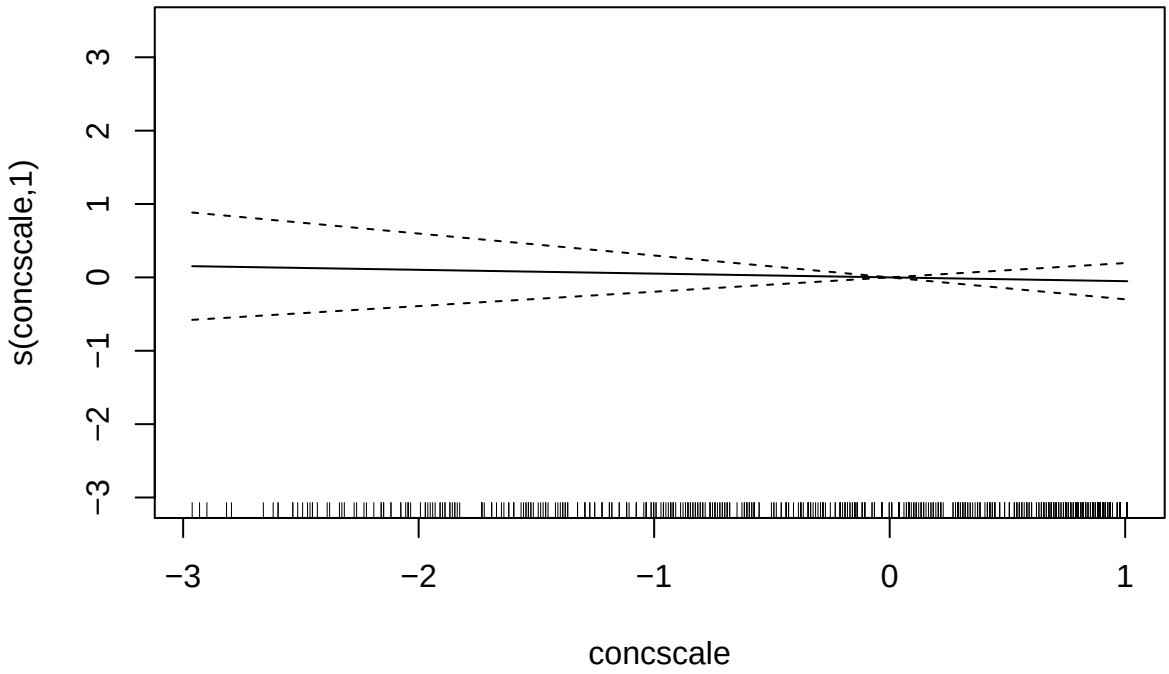

```
pSigAoA = plotGAMSignificantSlopes(m1,"AoAscale","AoA")
```




```
pSigLen = plotGAMSignificantSlopes(m1,"phonlengthscale","Word Length")
```



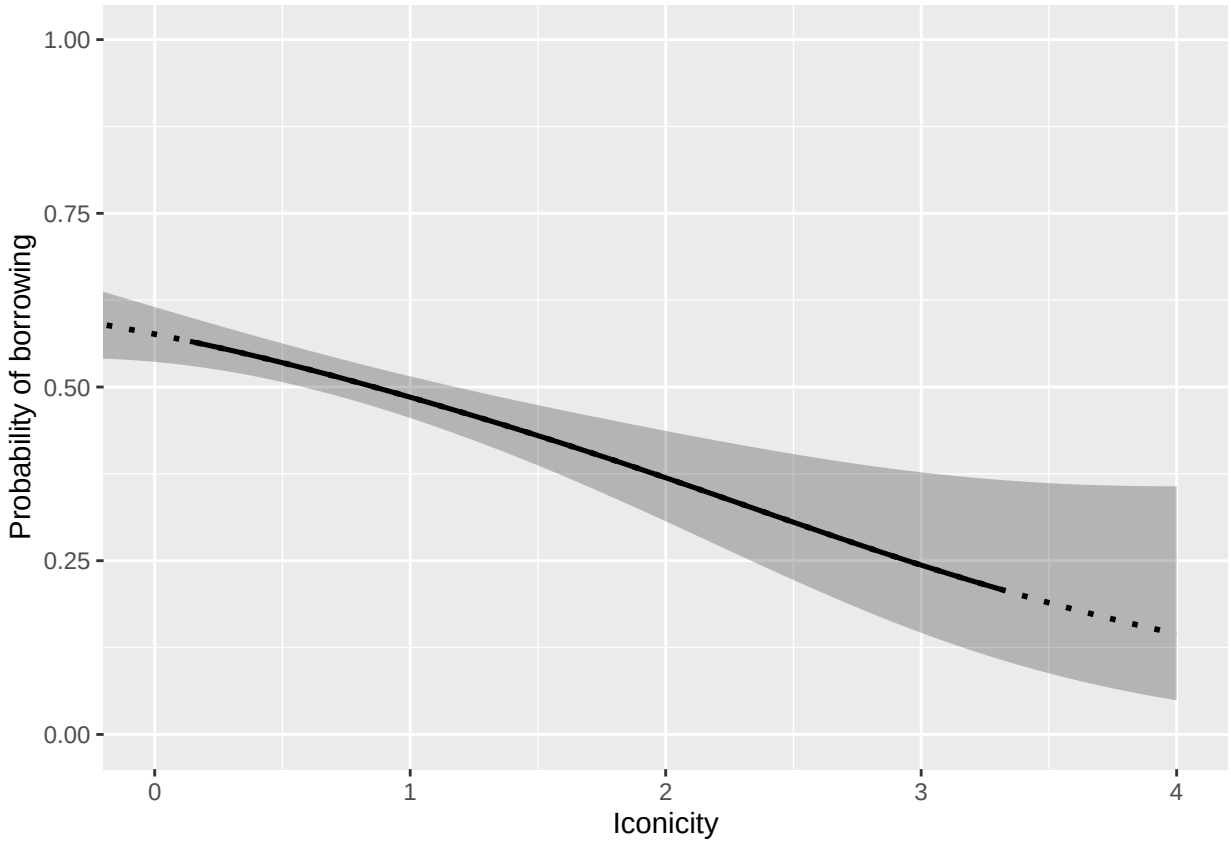

```
pSigConc = plotGAMSignificantSlopes(m1,"concscale","Concreteness")
```



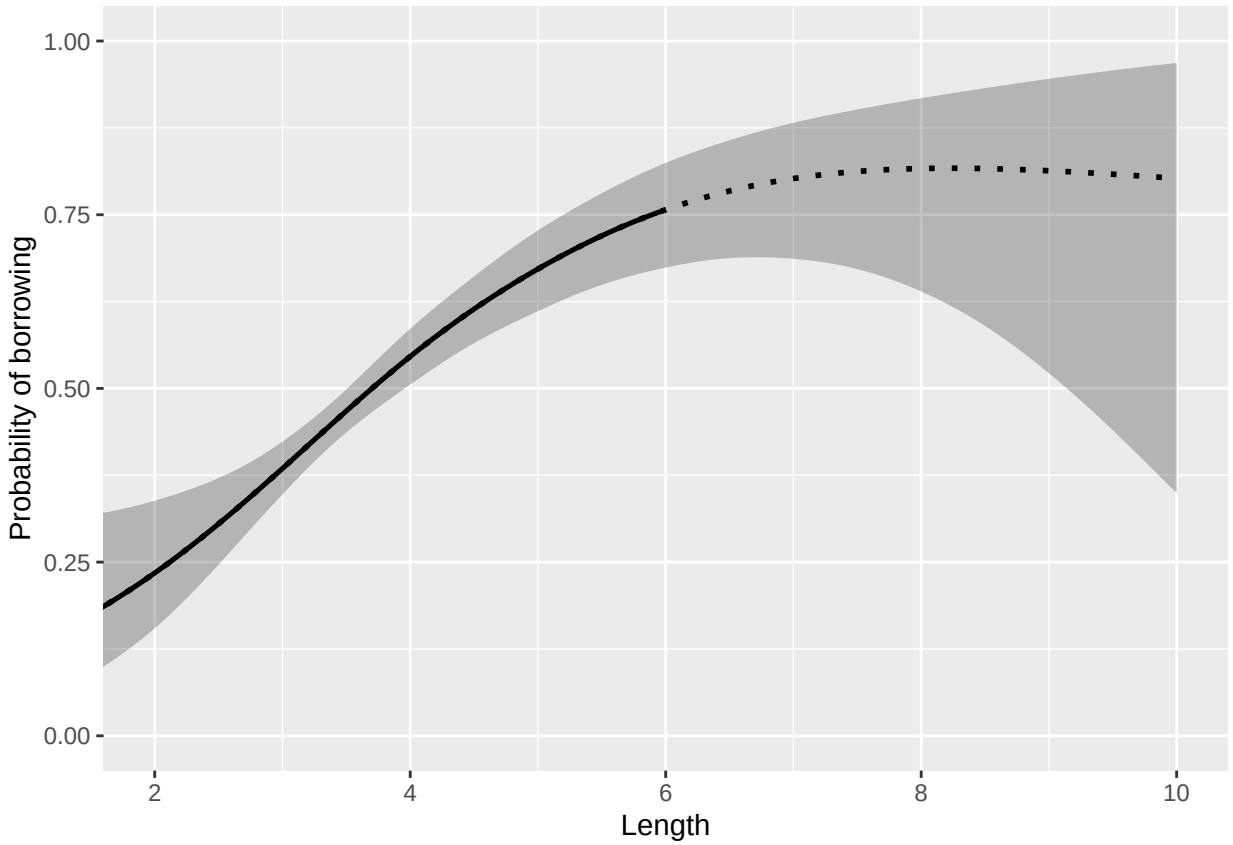
Plot increasing/decreasing curves onto the paoa,pfreq,picon,plen figures above.

```
rescaleDerivitiesPlot = function(origPlot,sigCurveData){
  sigCurveData$curve.x = origPlot$data$x
  sigCurveData$m2.dsig.incr = logit2per(sigCurveData$m2.dsig.incr)
  sigCurveData$m2.dsig.decr = logit2per(sigCurveData$m2.dsig.decr)

  ret = origPlot +
    geom_path(data = sigCurveData,
              aes(x = curve.x,
```

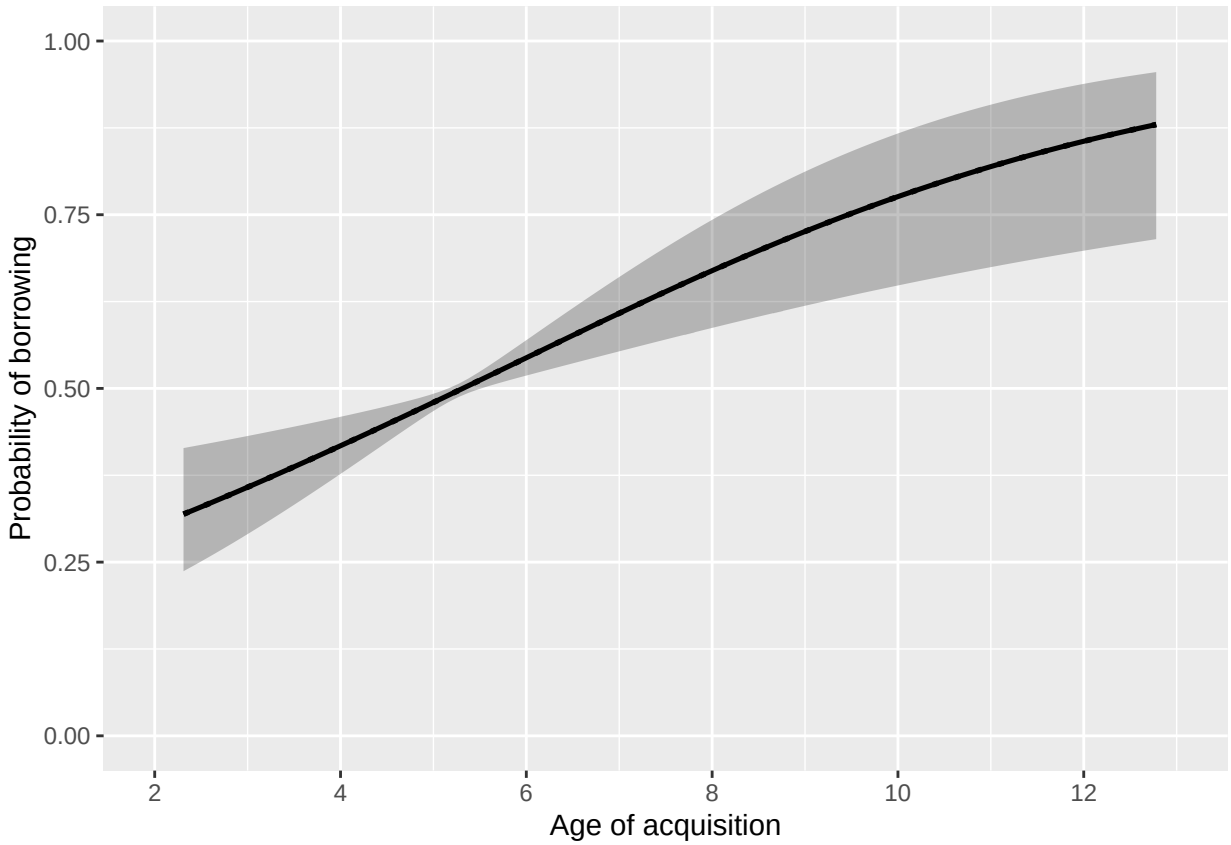
```
                  y = m2.dsig.incr),
              size=0.9) +
    geom_path(data = sigCurveData,
              aes(x = curve.x,
                  y = m2.dsig.decr),
              size=0.9) +
    theme(legend.position = 'none')
  return(ret)
}

pSigIcon2 = rescaleDerivitiesPlot(picon,pSigIcon)
pSigLen2 = rescaleDerivitiesPlot(plen,pSigLen)
pSigAoA2 = rescaleDerivitiesPlot(paoa,pSigAoA)
pSigFreq2 = rescaleDerivitiesPlot(pfreq,pSigFreq)
pSigConc2 = rescaleDerivitiesPlot(pconc,pSigConc)

pSigIcon2
```



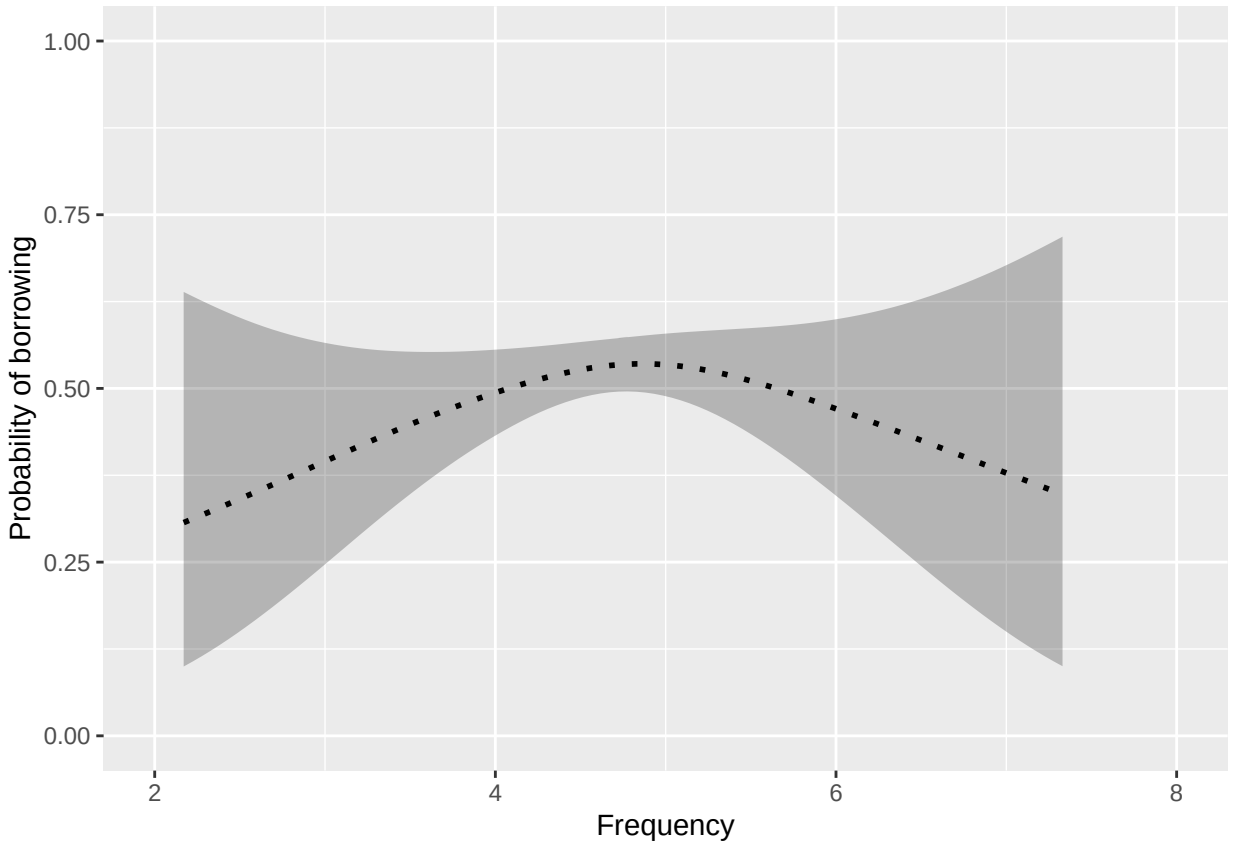

```
pSigLen2
```



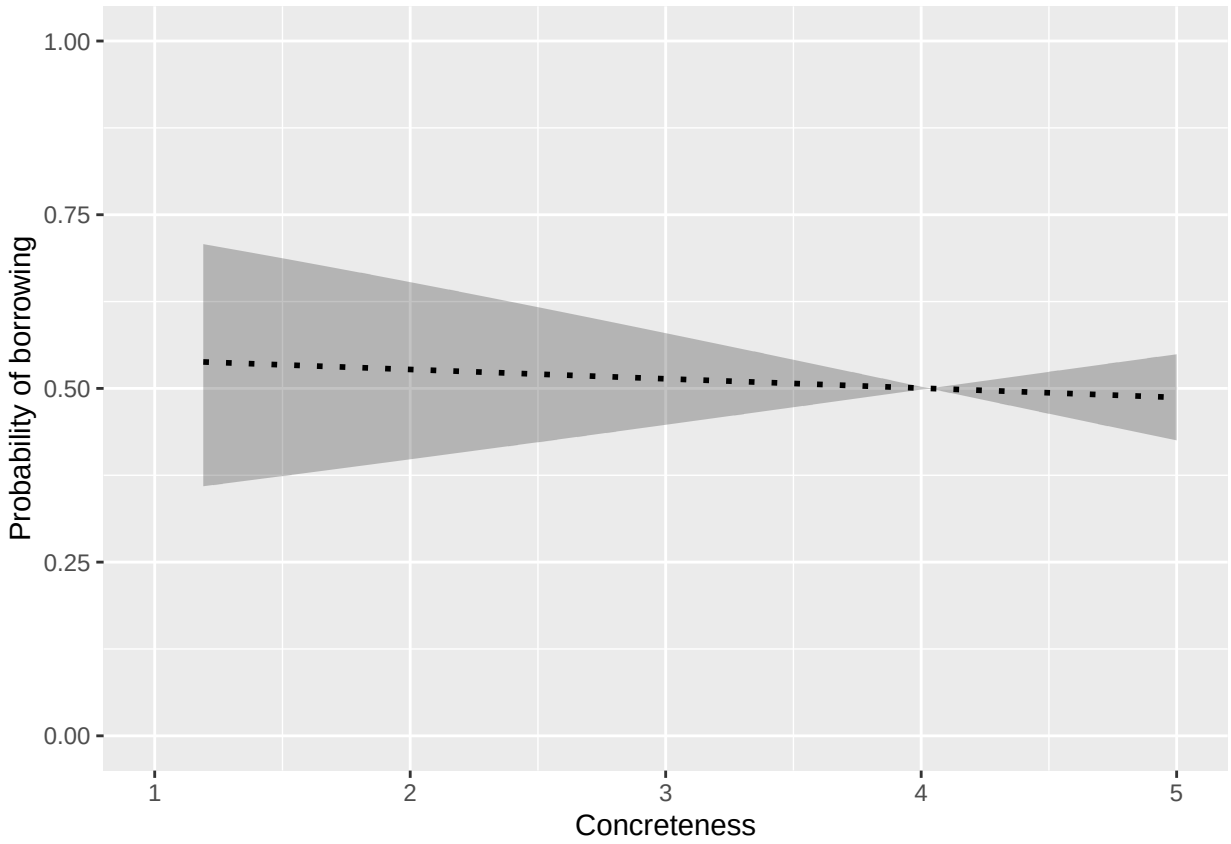

```
pSigAoA2
```


1.00
0.75
0.50
0.25
0.00
Probability of borrowing
2
4
6
8
10
12
Age of acquisition

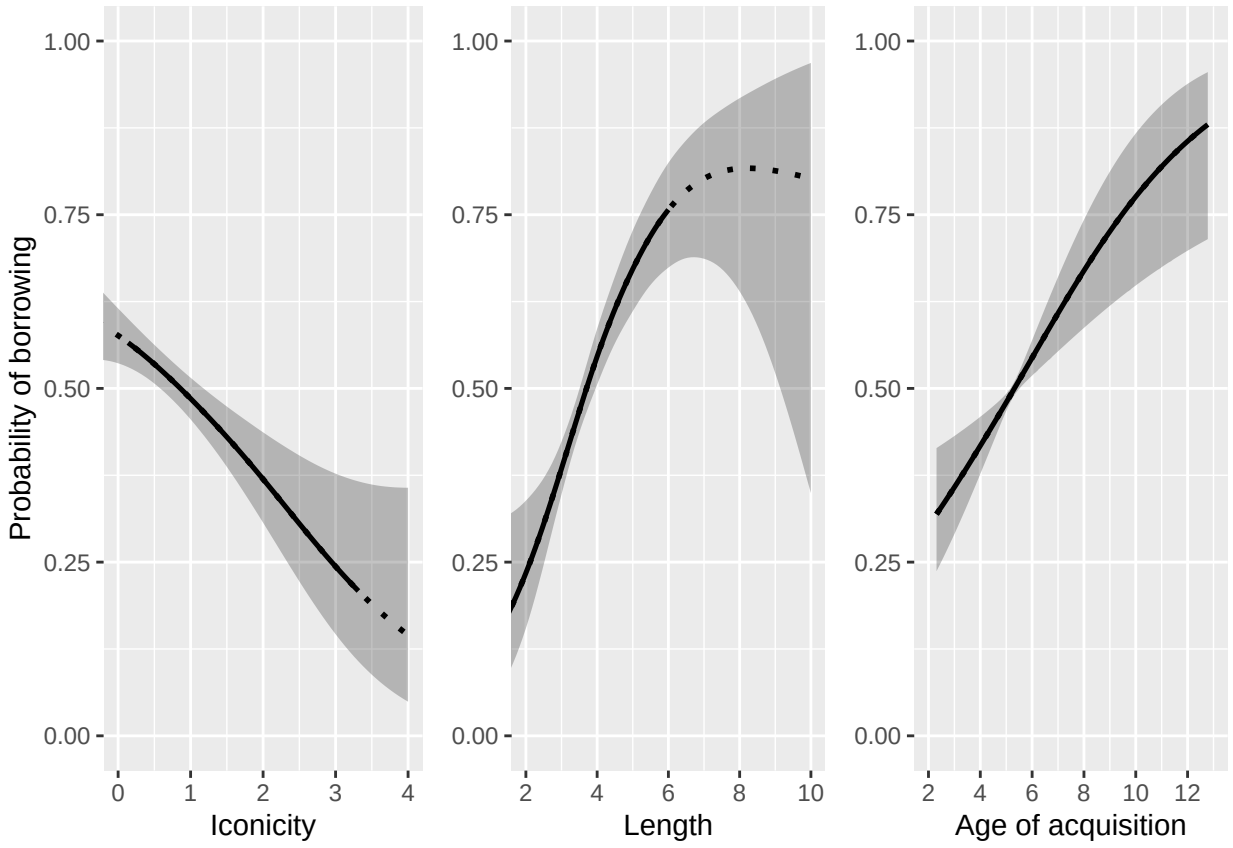
```
pSigFreq2
```


1.00
0.75
0.50
0.25
0.00
Probability of borrowing
2
4
6
8
Frequency

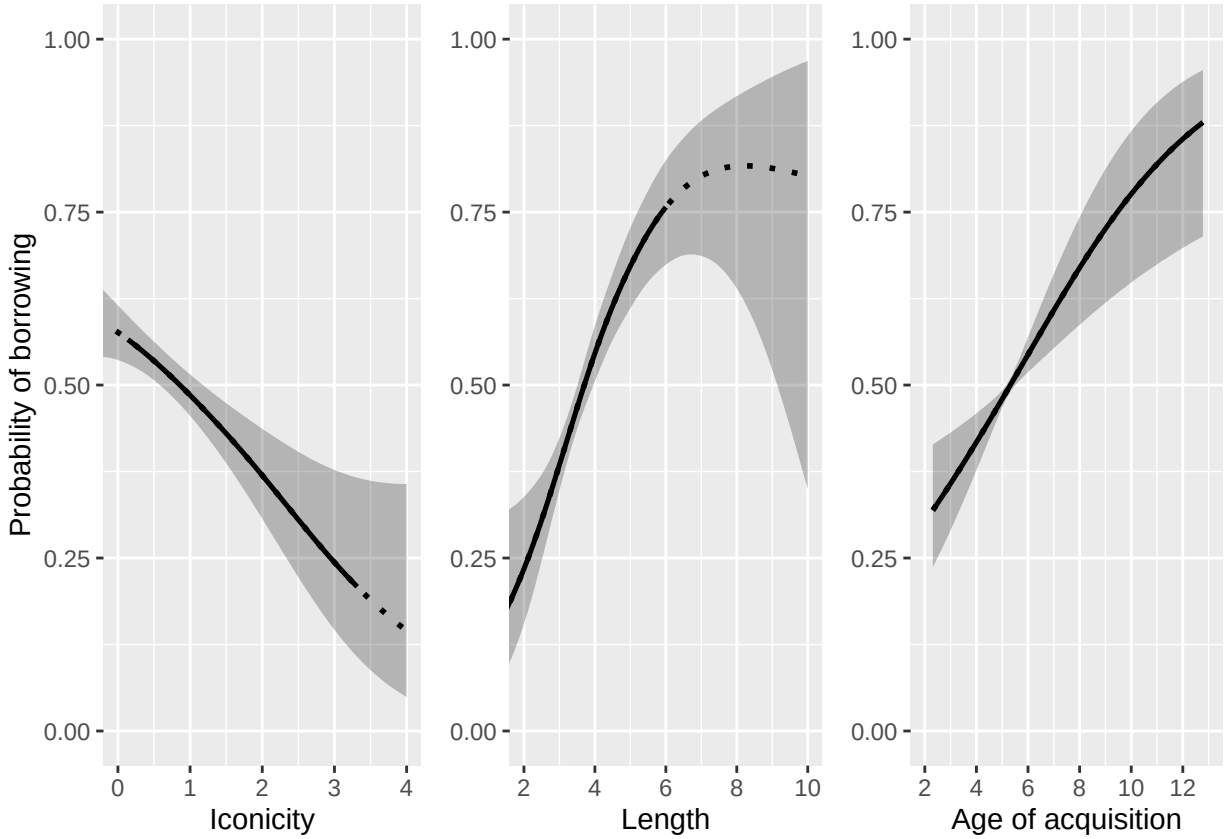
```
pSigConc2
```




```
# All together:
gx = grid.arrange(pSigIcon2,
             pSigLen2 + theme(axis.title.y = element_blank()),
             pSigAoA2 + theme(axis.title.y = element_blank()),
             layout_matrix=matrix(1:3,nrow = 1),
             widths=c(1.1,1,1))
```


Probability of borrowing
1.00
0.75
0.50
0.25
0.00
0
1
2
3
4
Iconicity
2
4
6
8
10
Length
2
4
6
8
10
12
Age of acquisition

```
plot(gx)
```



Output to file:

```
pdf("Results_Iconicity.pdf",width=3,height=3)
  pSigIcon2
dev.off()
```

```
## pdf
##   2
```

```
pdf("Results.pdf", width=6,height=3)
  plot(gx)
dev.off()
```

```
## pdf
##   2
```

Variance explained

The method here follows Wood's advice (https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2007-October/142811.html). It compares a model with and without the key variable, keeping the smoothing parameters the same for smooth terms that remain in each model so that extra variance isn't accounted for in the adjustment of the more minimal model.

```
m1.min = gam(bor15.cat ~1,data = dataloan2, family='binomial')
rsq= c()
dev = c()
sTerms = c("s(phonlengthscale)","s(AoAscale)","s(subtlexzipfscale)",
           "s(iconscale)", "s(concscale)","s(cat)")
for(sx in sTerms){
```

```
  sxF = formula(paste("~.-",sx))
  m1Adj = update(m1, sxF, sp=m1$sp[names(m1$sp!=sx)])
  rsq = c(rsq,summary(m1)$r.sq - summary(m1Adj)$r.sq)

  dev = c(dev, (deviance(m1Adj)-deviance(m1))/deviance(m1.min))

}
names(rsq) = sTerms
names(dev) = sTerms
```

Percentage of variance explained:

```
t(t(round(100*rsq,3)))
```

```
##                       [,1]
## s(phonlengthscale)  7.434
## s(AoAscale)         1.710
## s(subtlexzipfscale) 1.280
## s(iconscale)        0.441
## s(concscale)        0.185
## s(cat)              0.000
```

Percentage of deviance explained:

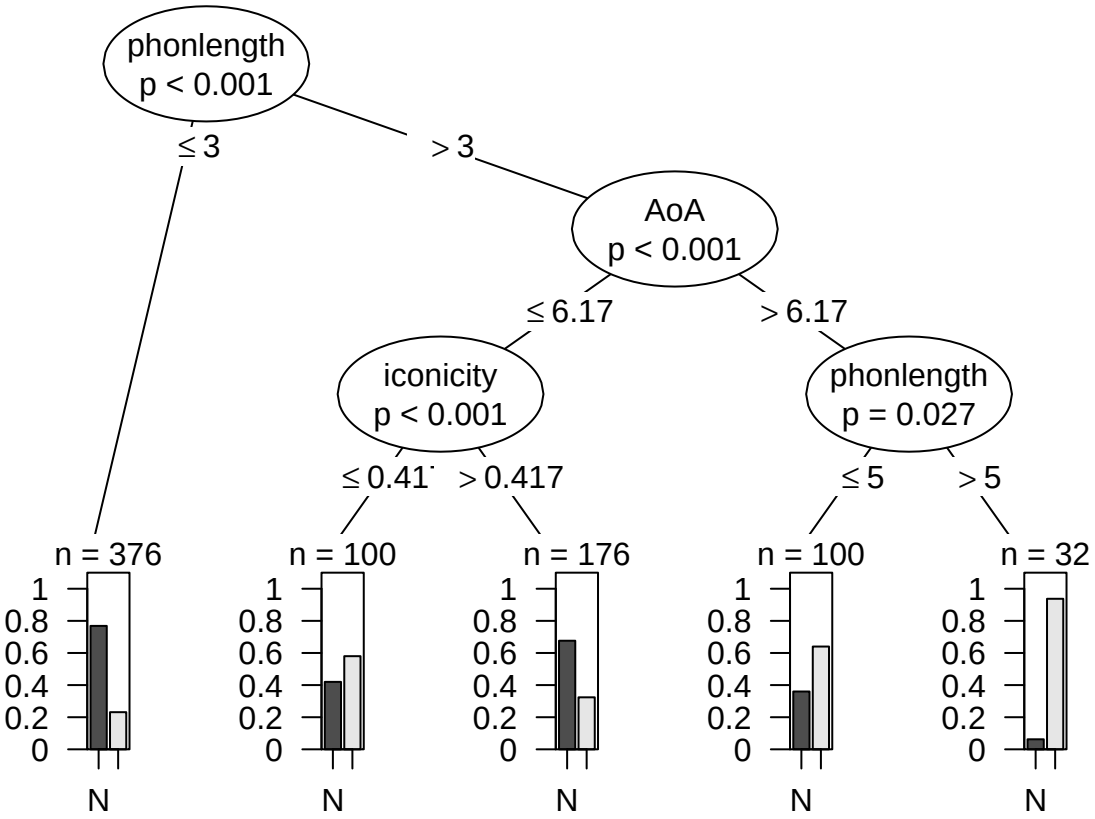
```
t(t(round(100*dev,3)))
```

```
##                       [,1]
## s(phonlengthscale)  5.483
## s(AoAscale)         1.402
## s(subtlexzipfscale) 1.005
## s(iconscale)        0.286
## s(concscale)        0.078
## s(cat)              0.000
```

Decision tree

Use a decision tree to look at interactions and importance. There's no need to use scaled variables with decision trees.

```
set.seed(3289)
t = ctree(factor(bor15,levels=c(0,1),labels=c("N","Y"))~
                  phonlength + AoA +
                  subtlexzipf + conc +
                  iconicity + cat,
          data = dataloan2)
plot(t,terminal_panel = node_barplot(t,beside=T,id=F),
     inner_panel = node_inner(t,id=F))
```




```
# output to file
pdf("ResultsDecisionTree.pdf",width=7,height=5)
plot(t,terminal_panel = node_barplot(t,beside=T,id=F),
     inner_panel = node_inner(t,id=F))
dev.off()
```

```
## pdf
##   2
```

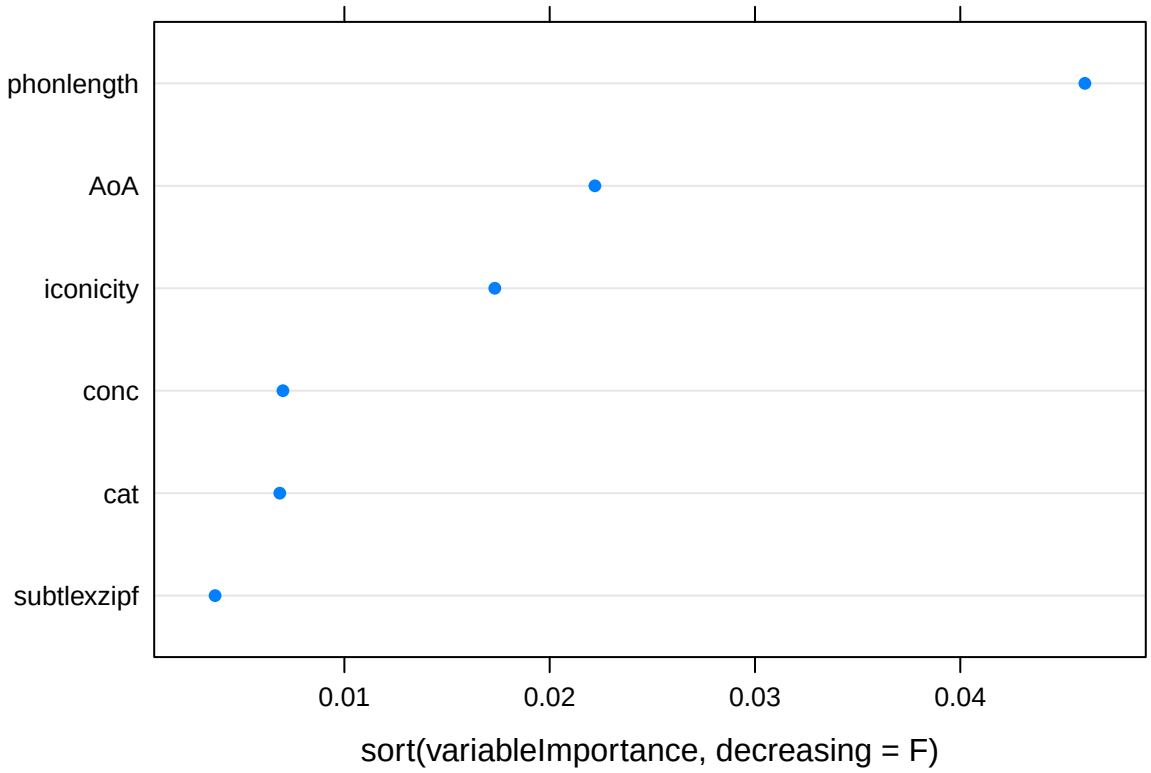
The decision tree above suggests that the biggest effect of iconicity is for longer words learned later in life. Next, we use random forests to estimate relative importance of measures:

```
set.seed(3289)
f = cforest(bor15.cat~phonlength + AoA +
              subtlexzipf + conc +
              iconicity + cat,
```

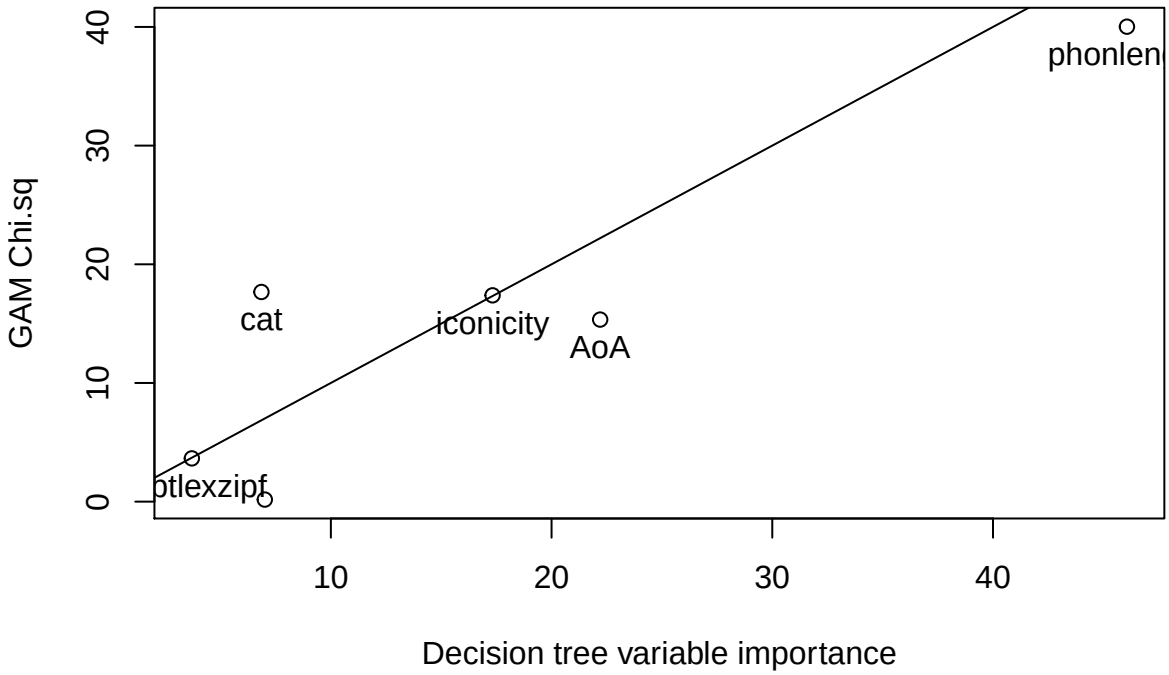
```
          data = dataloan2)
variableImportance = varimp(f)
variableImportance
```

```
##  phonlength         AoA subtlexzipf        conc   iconicity         cat
## 0.046069444 0.022201389 0.003701389 0.007006944 0.017326389 0.006854167
```

```
dotplot(sort(variableImportance,decreasing = F))
```




```
ctreeOrder = c("subtlexzipf","AoA","phonlength","conc","iconicity","cat")
plot(variableImportance[ctreeOrder]*1000,
     summary(m1)$s.table[1:length(ctreeOrder),3],
     xlab="Decision tree variable importance",
     ylab="GAM Chi.sq")
text(variableImportance[ctreeOrder]*1000,summary(m1)$s.table[1:length(ctreeOrder),3],ctreeOrder,pos=1)
abline(0,1)
```



The importance values agree with the Chi.sq values from the GAM (r = 0.9. The effect of iconicity looks like it applies after the effects of length and AoA.