

Colour experiment

Introduction

This analysis looks at the sign variants used in a colour naming game between signers of different sign languages meeting after 1 week of interaction and after 3 weeks of interaction. The data was collected by Kang Suk Byun (Kang-Suk.Byun@mpi.nl).

The analysis tries to predict the relative frequency of each variant within a colour category in week 3, based on measures from week 1.

Load libraries

```
library(ggplot2)
library(lme4)

## Loading required package: Matrix
##
## Attaching package: 'lme4'
## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
##      sigma
```

Load data

```
variants = read.csv('../data/processedData/variants_summary.csv', stringsAsFactors = F)
```

Transform some variables.

```
variants$Teach = variants$Teach > 0

variants$check.any = variants$check > 0

variants$freq_week_1.logcenter = log(variants$freq_week_1 + 1)
variants$freq_week_1.logcenter =
  variants$freq_week_1.logcenter - mean(variants$freq_week_1.logcenter)

# cut TryMarking into two categories
variants$TryMarked.cat = cut(variants$TryMarked,
                             c(-Inf, 3, Inf),
                             labels = c("Low", "High"))

variants$averageLength_week_1.logcenter = log(variants$averageLength_week_1)
variants$averageLength_week_1.logcenter =
  variants$averageLength_week_1.logcenter -
  mean(variants$averageLength_week_1.logcenter)
```

LMER models

```
m0 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  1
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)
m1 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)
m2 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  (Teach)
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)

m3 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  (Teach) + (TryMarked.cat)
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)

m4 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  Teach * TryMarked.cat
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)

m5 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
  freq_week_1.logcenter
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)

m6 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
  freq_week_1.logcenter +
  averageLength_week_1.logcenter
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)

m7 = lmer(freq_week_4_withinColour ~
  (indexical) +
  (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
  freq_week_1.logcenter +
  averageLength_week_1.logcenter+
  check.any
  + (1 | colourName),
  data=variants)
```

Results

```
anova(m0,m1,m2,m3,m4,m5, m6,m7)
```

```
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)

## Data: variants
## Models:
## m0: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ 1 + (1 | colourName)
## m1: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (1 | colourName)
## m2: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach) + (1 | colourName)
## m3: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach) + (TryMarked.cat) +
## m3:      (1 | colourName)
## m4: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + Teach * TryMarked.cat +
## m4:      (1 | colourName)
## m5: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
## m5:      freq_week_1.logcenter + (1 | colourName)
## m6: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
## m6:      freq_week_1.logcenter + averageLength_week_1.logcenter +
## m6:      (1 | colourName)
## m7: freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
## m7:      freq_week_1.logcenter + averageLength_week_1.logcenter +
## m7:      check.any + (1 | colourName)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance  Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## m0  3 -64.284 -56.499 35.142  -70.284
## m1  5 -73.910 -60.934 41.955  -83.910 13.6255      2  0.001100 **
## m2  6 -71.963 -56.392 41.982  -83.963  0.0535      1  0.817080
## m3  7 -80.246 -62.080 47.123  -94.246 10.2829      1  0.001343 **
## m4  8 -81.624 -60.863 48.812  -97.624  3.3782      1  0.066064 .
## m5  9 -99.584 -76.228 58.792 -117.584 19.9599      1  7.908e-06 ***
## m6 10 -101.675 -75.724 60.838 -121.675  4.0911      1  0.043110 *
## m7 11 -99.785 -71.239 60.893 -121.785  0.1101      1  0.739992
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
summary(m7)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula:
## freq_week_4_withinColour ~ (indexical) + (Teach * TryMarked.cat) +
##      freq_week_1.logcenter + averageLength_week_1.logcenter +
##      check.any + (1 | colourName)
## Data: variants
##
## REML criterion at convergence: -78.1
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
## -2.5660 -0.4890  0.0082  0.2626  4.5416
##
## Random effects:
##      Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
## colourName (Intercept) 0.0007442 0.02728
## Residual              0.0183026 0.13529
## Number of obs: 99, groups: colourName, 6
```

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##
## Fixed effects:
##
##               Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)      0.06554   0.02627   2.495
## indexicalYes     -0.01389   0.05296  -0.262
## indexicalYes-body  0.07613   0.04213   1.807
## TeachTRUE        -0.05830   0.04775  -1.221
## TryMarked.catHigh  0.10522   0.08222   1.280
## freq_week_1.logcenter 0.16692   0.03663   4.556
## averageLength_week_1.logcenter -0.03214   0.01687  -1.906
## check.anyTRUE     -0.01084   0.03301  -0.328
## TeachTRUE:TryMarked.catHigh -0.17122   0.09450  -1.812
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##      (Intr) indxcY indxY- TcTRUE TryM.H fr__1. aL__1. c.TRUE
## indexicalYs -0.234
## indxclyS-bd -0.377  0.139
## TeachTRUE   -0.300  0.094  0.063
## TryMrkd.ctH -0.204 -0.186 -0.082  0.126
## frq_wk_1.lg  0.415  0.091 -0.223 -0.200 -0.465
## avrgLng__1.  0.053  0.067  0.029  0.128  0.015 -0.046
## chck.nyTRUE -0.543  0.098  0.193  0.133  0.064 -0.362 -0.180
## TcTRUE:TM.H  0.090  0.085 -0.003 -0.457 -0.651  0.017 -0.073  0.009

```

Summary

There was a significant main effect of try marking ($\beta = 0.11$, $\text{std.err} = 0.082$, Wald $t = 1.3$; log likelihood difference = 5.1 , $df = 1$, Chi Squared = 10.28 , $p = 0.0013$).

There was a significant main effect of frequency in week 1 ($\beta = 0.17$, $\text{std.err} = 0.037$, Wald $t = 4.6$; log likelihood difference = 10 , $df = 1$, Chi Squared = 19.96 , $p = 7.9e-06$).

There was a significant main effect of indexicality ($\beta = -0.014$, $\text{std.err} = 0.053$, Wald $t = -0.26$; log likelihood difference = 6.8 , $df = 2$, Chi Squared = 13.63 , $p = 0.0011$).

There was a significant main effect of sign length ($\beta = -0.032$, $\text{std.err} = 0.017$, Wald $t = -1.9$; log likelihood difference = 2 , $df = 1$, Chi Squared = 4.09 , $p = 0.043$).