

# PSY 5939: Longitudinal Data Analysis

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Growth model + latent class = ???

#### 1.1.1 Variability in trajectories

We have talked about **predictors** of trajectories

- Girls have one average trajectory for alcohol use
- Boys have a different average trajectory for alcohol use

Here, gender is an **observed** variable

What if there is some categorical variable that predicts trajectories, but **you don't actually observe it**?

- This predictor is **latent** or unobserved
- It may be a single unobserved variable
- More typically, it's a pattern across multiple variables

#### 1.1.2 Growth mixture models

Growth mixture models combine two different types of analysis:

1. Latent *growth* models: You know about these
2. Latent *class* analysis (also called mixture model): You probably don't know about these

Allow different **latent** groups to have different trajectories

- This is *like* having predictors of growth, but the predictor is latent (unobserved)

## 2 Latent class analysis

### 2.1 Latent class analysis

#### 2.1.1 Latent class analysis

Latent class = unknown / unobserved subgroups

- Here, “class” is used to mean groups

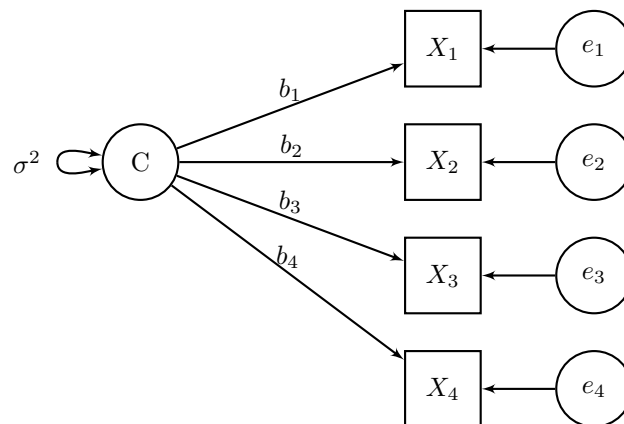
LCA is a latent variable technique that **classifies** people into previously unknown subgroups based on their responses to a set of variables

(Strictly speaking, LCA = categorical variables; latent profile analysis (LPA) is the term for this model with continuous variables)

People have different *patterns of responses* that define the different classes

- Not a single value on a single variable
- For example, people in group 1 are high on items 1-3, low on items 4-6
- People in group 2 are low on items 1-2 and high on items 3-6

#### 2.1.2 What it looks like



- Latent class (C) is **categorical**
  - Typically only nominal, not ordinal
- $X_1$  through  $X_4$  are called **indicators** of the latent class
- Note that the latent variable **causes** the indicator values

#### 2.1.3 LCA vs other methods

LCA is similar to other methods, goes by other names

Help you contextualize what is going on in LCA

1. Factor analysis / measurement model  
Very similar, but latent factor is continuous while *latent class is categorical*
2. Mixture model  
Population is a “mixture” of subgroups, LCA “unmixes” them
3. Data reduction  
Large number of items  $\rightarrow$  smaller number of classes

#### 4. Person-oriented approach

How do **people** have different *patterns*, rather than how are the **variables** related to one another for all *people*

#### 2.1.4 Selecting the number of classes

We have some number of patterns (classes)?

- How do we decide how many?

Similar to exploratory factor analysis (EFA) methods

Run several models with different numbers of classes

e.g., 1 class, 2 classes, 3 classes, etc.

Compare these models in terms of **model fit** and **theory**

Choose the model that has the **best fit** and **makes the most sense**

#### 2.1.5 Model fit for LCA

- **Chi-square test**  
Problematic for large samples, do not rely on it
- **Likelihood ratio test** (also bootstrap LR test)  
Same as previous LR tests, compare two models

- **AIC and BIC**  
Smaller is better, not a measure of absolute fit

- **Entropy** - certainty of classification  
Ranges from 0 to 1, closer to 1 is better

- **Predicted vs observed means / probabilities**  
Mean for each item within each class - do they match

BIC and LR test are best for choosing the number of classes

- AIC and entropy are bad for choosing the correct number of classes
- You can report AIC and entropy – they tell you about the model – but don't use them to decide on the number of classes

#### 2.1.6 Mplus example 7.9 (modified)

4 continuous indicators, 2 classes

DATA:

FILE IS ex7.9.dat;

VARIABLE:

NAMES ARE y1-y4 x;

USEVARIABLES ARE y1-y4;

CLASSES = c (2);

ANALYSIS:

TYPE = MIXTURE;

PLOT:

```
TYPE=PLOT3;
SERIES = y1(1) y2(2) y3(3) y4(4);
```

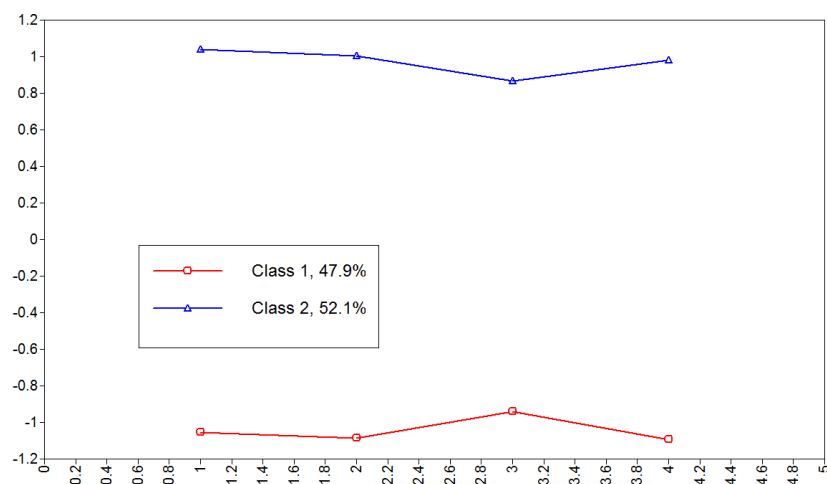
### 2.1.7 Model-implied response pattern

#### MODEL RESULTS

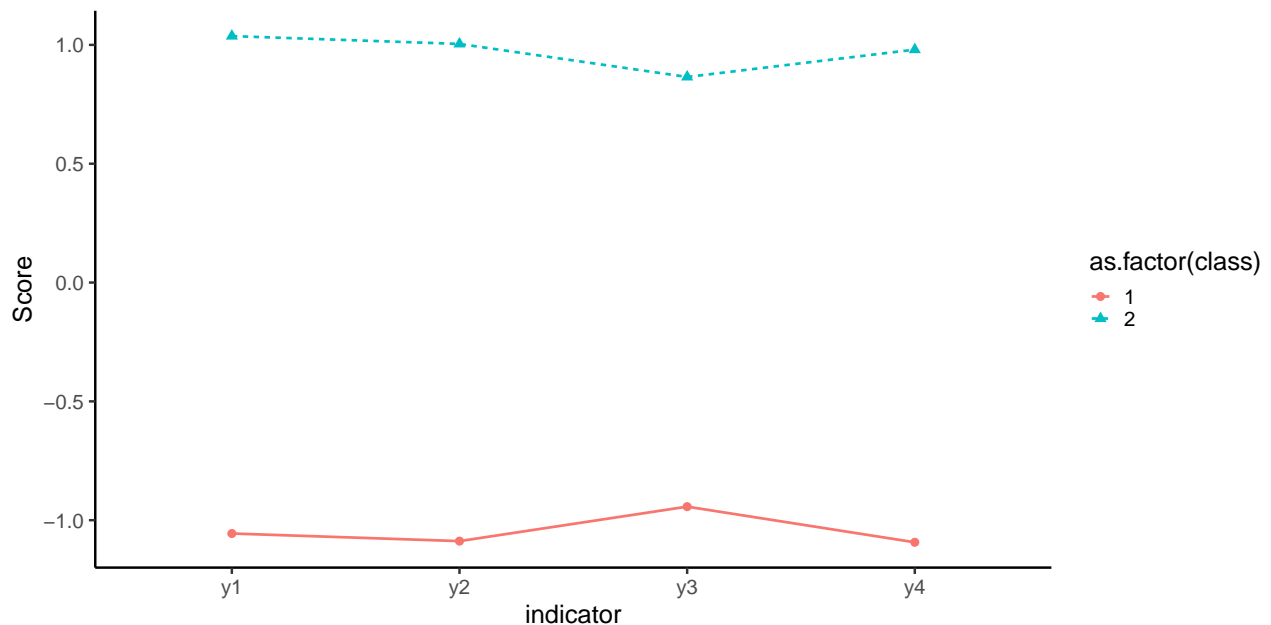
	Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Two-Tailed P-Value
Latent Class 1				
Means				
Y1	-1.056	0.070	-15.030	0.000
Y2	-1.088	0.067	-16.255	0.000
Y3	-0.943	0.063	-15.050	0.000
Y4	-1.093	0.074	-14.688	0.000
...				
Latent Class 2				
Means				
Y1	1.037	0.070	14.762	0.000
Y2	1.004	0.064	15.682	0.000
Y3	0.865	0.068	12.763	0.000
Y4	0.980	0.060	16.321	0.000
...				

### 2.1.8 Model-implied response pattern

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### 2.1.9 Model-implied response pattern



### 2.1.10 Another example

Quaiser-Pohl, Geiser, & Lehmann (2006)

3 classes with binary indicators

How often do you play the following types of computer games?

Never or rarely (0) vs. Often or very often (1)

1. Adventure
2. Action
3. Sport
4. Fantasy role playing
5. Logic
6. Skill training
7. Simulation
8. Driving simulation

### 2.1.11 Mplus syntax

```
DATA: FILE = computer_games.dat;

VARIABLE: NAMES = gender c1-c8;
           USEVARIABLES = c1-c8;
           CATEGORICAL = c1-c8;
           CLASSES = L(3);

ANALYSIS: TYPE = MIXTURE;

PLOT: TYPE = PLOT3;
      SERIES = c1(1) c2(2) c3(3) c4(4)
              c5(5) c6(6) c7(7) c8(8);

SAVEDATA: FILE = computer_games_3_classes.dat;
```

SAVE = CPROBABILITIES;

### 2.1.12 Model-implied response pattern

#### MODEL RESULTS

	Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Two-Tailed P-Value
Latent Class 1				
Thresholds				
C1\$1	0.555	0.144	3.852	0.000
C2\$1	-0.591	0.191	-3.101	0.002
C3\$1	-0.097	0.163	-0.593	0.553
C4\$1	0.463	0.143	3.244	0.001
C5\$1	1.154	0.247	4.680	0.000
C6\$1	1.542	0.291	5.290	0.000
C7\$1	-0.628	0.152	-4.134	0.000
C8\$1	-0.576	0.159	-3.633	0.000
Latent Class 2				
Thresholds				
C1\$1	1.398	0.506	2.761	0.006
C2\$1	1.920	0.706	2.717	0.007
C3\$1	1.675	0.423	3.961	0.000
C4\$1	1.489	0.523	2.850	0.004
C5\$1	-0.981	0.406	-2.413	0.016
C6\$1	-1.480	0.654	-2.263	0.024
C7\$1	0.187	0.357	0.524	0.600
C8\$1	0.685	0.334	2.052	0.040
Latent Class 3				
Thresholds				
C1\$1	4.582	0.780	5.872	0.000
C2\$1	4.334	0.804	5.388	0.000
C3\$1	2.723	0.322	8.455	0.000
C4\$1	4.583	0.927	4.947	0.000
C5\$1	2.216	0.300	7.391	0.000
C6\$1	2.166	0.366	5.924	0.000
C7\$1	2.873	0.326	8.817	0.000
C8\$1	2.845	0.410	6.937	0.000

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#### RESULTS IN PROBABILITY SCALE

##### Latent Class 1

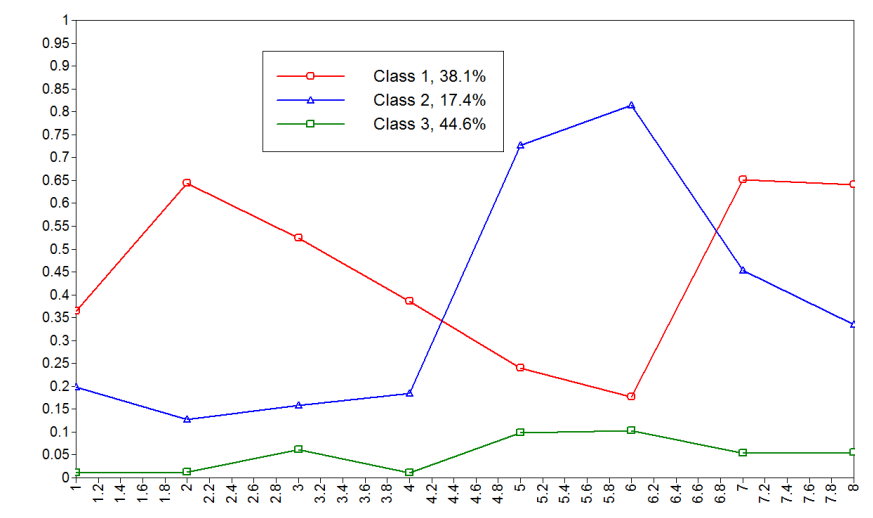
C1				
Category 1	0.635	0.033	19.021	0.000

	Category 2	0.365	0.033	10.915	0.000
C2					
	Category 1	0.356	0.044	8.152	0.000
	Category 2	0.644	0.044	14.721	0.000
C3					
	Category 1	0.476	0.041	11.727	0.000
	Category 2	0.524	0.041	12.916	0.000
C4					
	Category 1	0.614	0.034	18.144	0.000
	Category 2	0.386	0.034	11.423	0.000
C5					
	Category 1	0.760	0.045	16.915	0.000
	Category 2	0.240	0.045	5.332	0.000
C6					
	Category 1	0.824	0.042	19.465	0.000
	Category 2	0.176	0.042	4.165	0.000
C7					
	Category 1	0.348	0.034	10.094	0.000
	Category 2	0.652	0.034	18.917	0.000
C8					
	Category 1	0.360	0.037	9.847	0.000
	Category 2	0.640	0.037	17.521	0.000
Latent Class 2					
C1					
	Category 1	0.802	0.080	9.967	0.000
	Category 2	0.198	0.080	2.463	0.014
C2					
	Category 1	0.872	0.079	11.068	0.000
	Category 2	0.128	0.079	1.623	0.105
C3					
	Category 1	0.842	0.056	14.991	0.000
	Category 2	0.158	0.056	2.808	0.005
C4					
	Category 1	0.816	0.078	10.399	0.000
	Category 2	0.184	0.078	2.345	0.019
C5					
	Category 1	0.273	0.081	3.383	0.001
	Category 2	0.727	0.081	9.020	0.000
C6					
	Category 1	0.185	0.099	1.877	0.060
	Category 2	0.815	0.099	8.247	0.000
C7					
	Category 1	0.547	0.088	6.179	0.000
	Category 2	0.453	0.088	5.125	0.000
C8					
	Category 1	0.665	0.074	8.941	0.000
	Category 2	0.335	0.074	4.508	0.000
Latent Class 3					
C1					

Category 1	0.990	0.008	126.531	0.000
Category 2	0.010	0.008	1.295	0.195
C2				
Category 1	0.987	0.010	96.062	0.000
Category 2	0.013	0.010	1.259	0.208
C3				
Category 1	0.938	0.019	50.383	0.000
Category 2	0.062	0.019	3.309	0.001
C4				
Category 1	0.990	0.009	106.680	0.000
Category 2	0.010	0.009	1.090	0.276
C5				
Category 1	0.902	0.027	33.919	0.000
Category 2	0.098	0.027	3.699	0.000
C6				
Category 1	0.897	0.034	26.596	0.000
Category 2	0.103	0.034	3.049	0.002
C7				
Category 1	0.947	0.017	57.362	0.000
Category 2	0.053	0.017	3.242	0.001
C8				
Category 1	0.945	0.021	44.386	0.000
Category 2	0.055	0.021	2.580	0.010

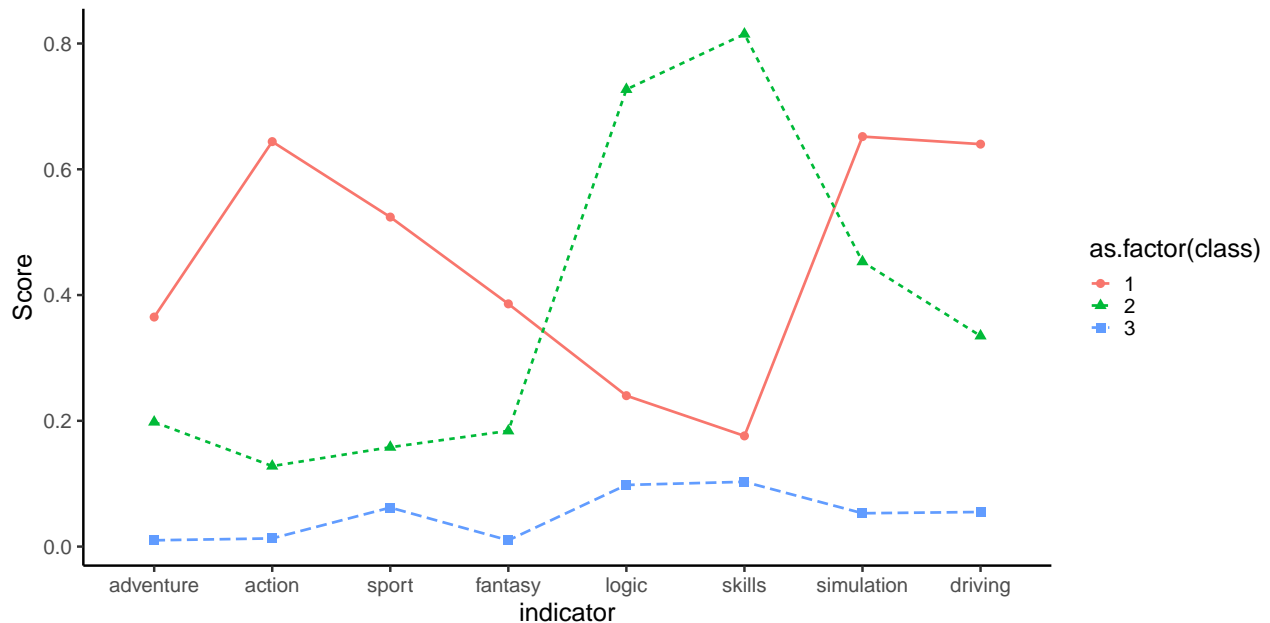
### 2.1.13 Model-implied response pattern

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#### 2.1.14 Model-implied response pattern



## 3 Growth mixture models

### 3.1 Growth mixture and latent class growth analysis

#### 3.1.1 Growth mixture models

Growth mixture models use a latent class to predict growth

Previously:

We used an **observed** variable to predict growth trajectory

- Gender predicts trajectory → different predicted trajectory for boys versus girls

Now, we can use a **latent class** (unobserved, potentially multivariate construct) to predict growth trajectory

- Type of video game player

#### 3.1.2 Growth mixture vs latent class growth analysis

There are two **slightly** different kinds of models that incorporate a latent class component in a growth modeling framework

- Growth mixture models (GMM)
- Latent class growth analysis (LCGA)

GMM allows **within-class variation** in growth trajectories

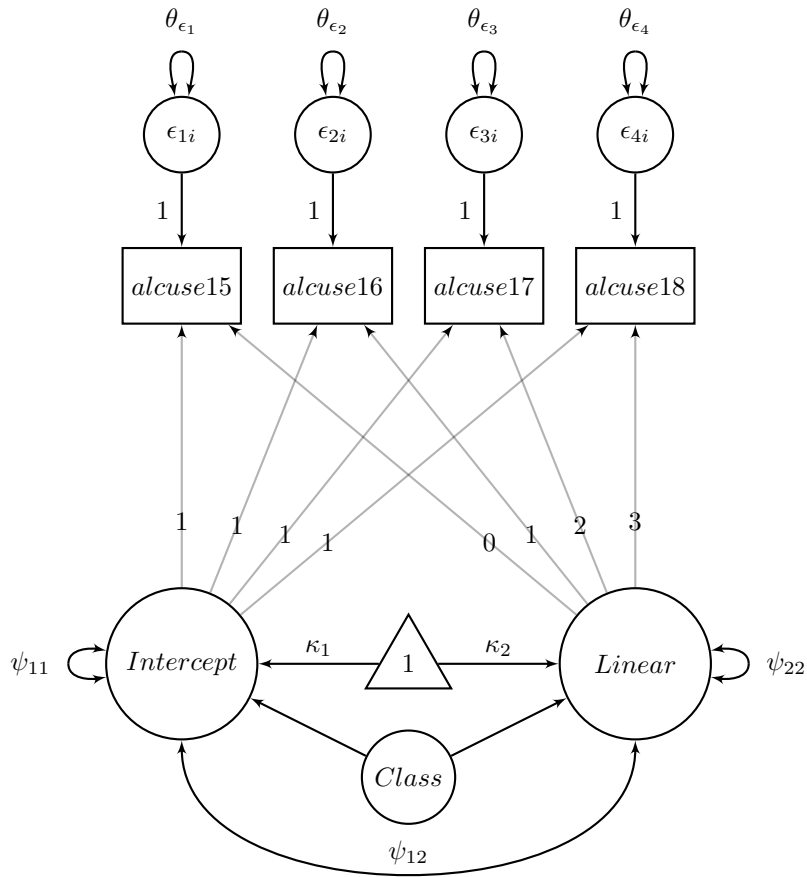
- People in the *same class* are allowed to vary in their intercepts and slopes

LCGA does not allow this, so any variation among people in the same class just becomes **error variance**

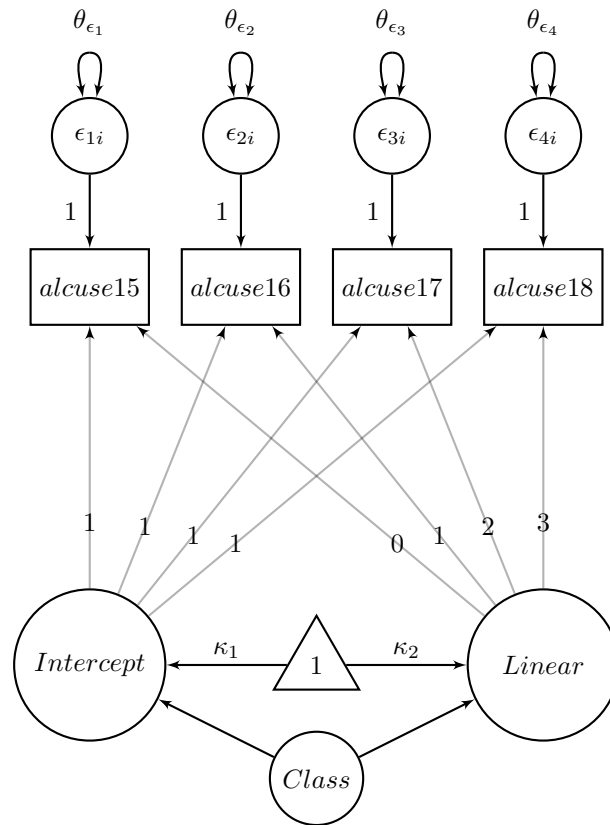
LCGA are more constrained, often used to explore the data

I will refer to all these analyses as “growth mixture models”

### 3.1.3 Growth mixture model



### 3.1.4 Latent class growth analysis



### 3.1.5 Running growth mixture models

As with LCA, running GMM is an iterative procedure

Run a 1 class model, a 2 class model, etc.

Compare these models in terms of model fit:

- BIC
- LR test
- Entropy (classification quality)
- Theoretical utility

### 3.1.6 Technical issues

Growth mixture models often need a lot of constraints

- May need to constrain parameters in some classes but not in others
- Frequently need to supply start values

These examples are all LCGA models

→ No within class variance components (all people in the **same class** have **same intercept and slope**)

- Intercept, linear trend, and quadratic trend means are estimated for all classes
- Intercept, linear trend, and quadratic trend *variance components* are **fixed at 0** for all classes
- Use previous model solution as start values for classes in next model (I'll show you what this means)

## 3.2 LCGA example

### 3.2.1 Growth mixture / LCGA example

This is LCGA example

(It is sometimes hard to get a true GMM to run)

Example where we can look at 1, 2, 3, and 4 class solutions

Antisocial behavior at 4 time points

Time is centered at first time point

Two major research questions:

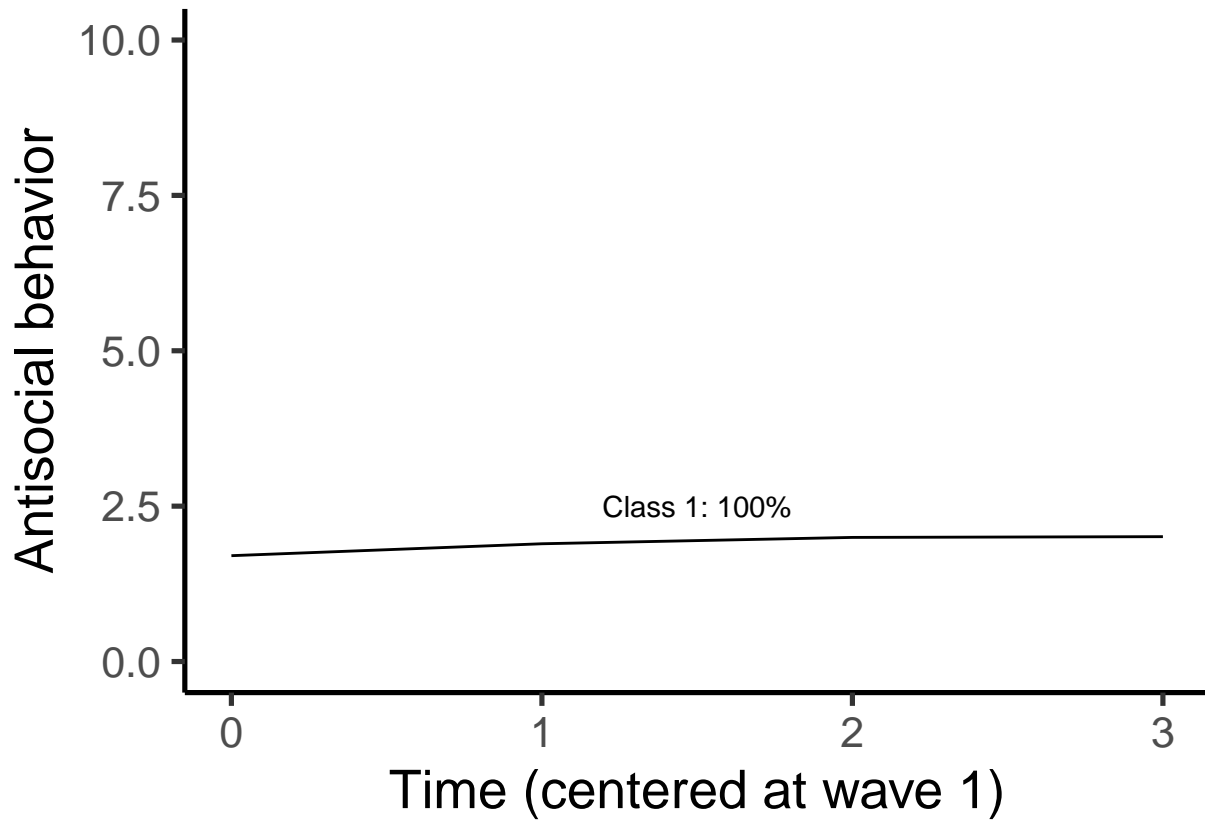
1. How does antisocial behavior change over time?
2. Are there **subgroups** of people who have **different trajectories** in antisocial behavior?

### 3.2.2 One-class LCGA results

Fit index	Value
# parameters	4
BIC	5712.128

Estimate	Class 1
Intercept	1.703*
Linear	0.237*
Quadratic	-0.045
Residual variance	3.721*
Proportion	1.00

### 3.2.3 One-class LCGA results

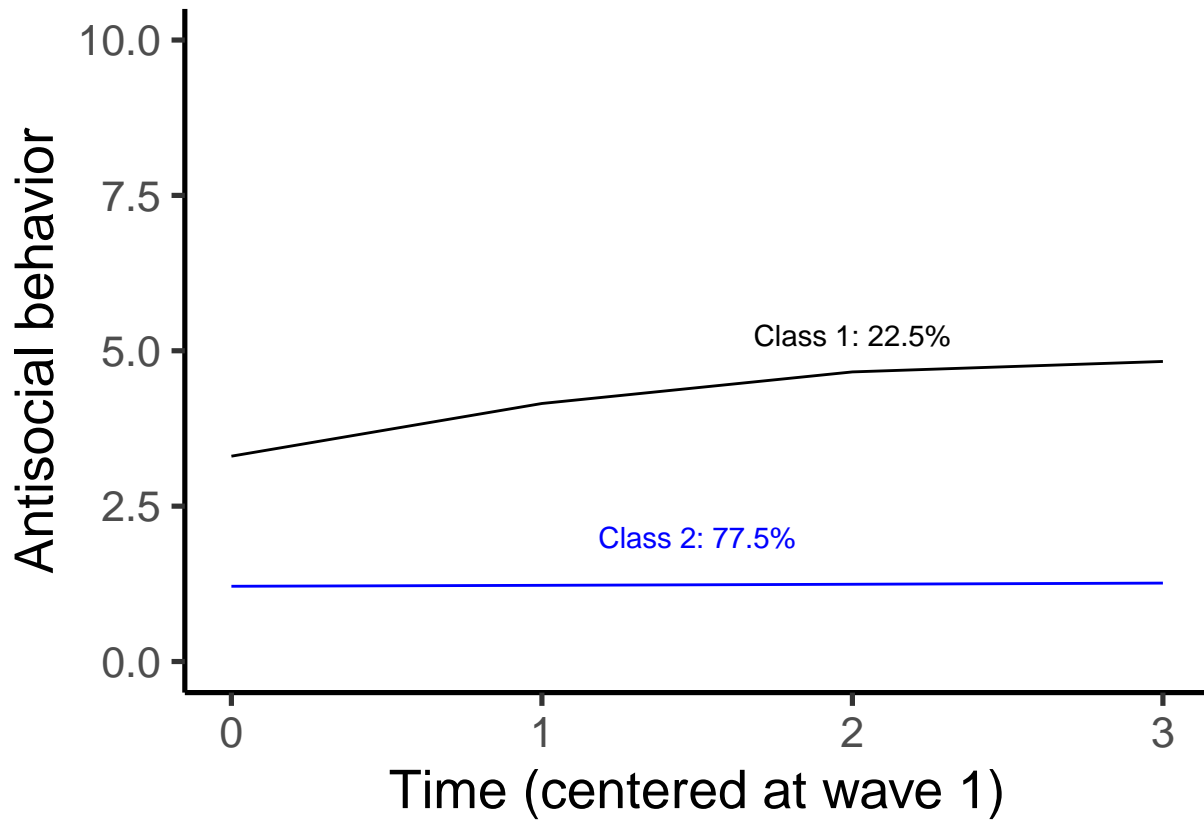


### 3.2.4 Two-class LCGA results

Fit index	Value
# parameters	8
BIC	5354.937
LRT p-value	.0006

Estimate	Class 1	Class 2
Intercept	3.304*	1.211*
Linear	1.018*	0.014
Quadratic	-0.170	0.001
Residual variance	2.188*	2.188*
Proportion	0.225	0.775

### 3.2.5 Two-class LCGA results

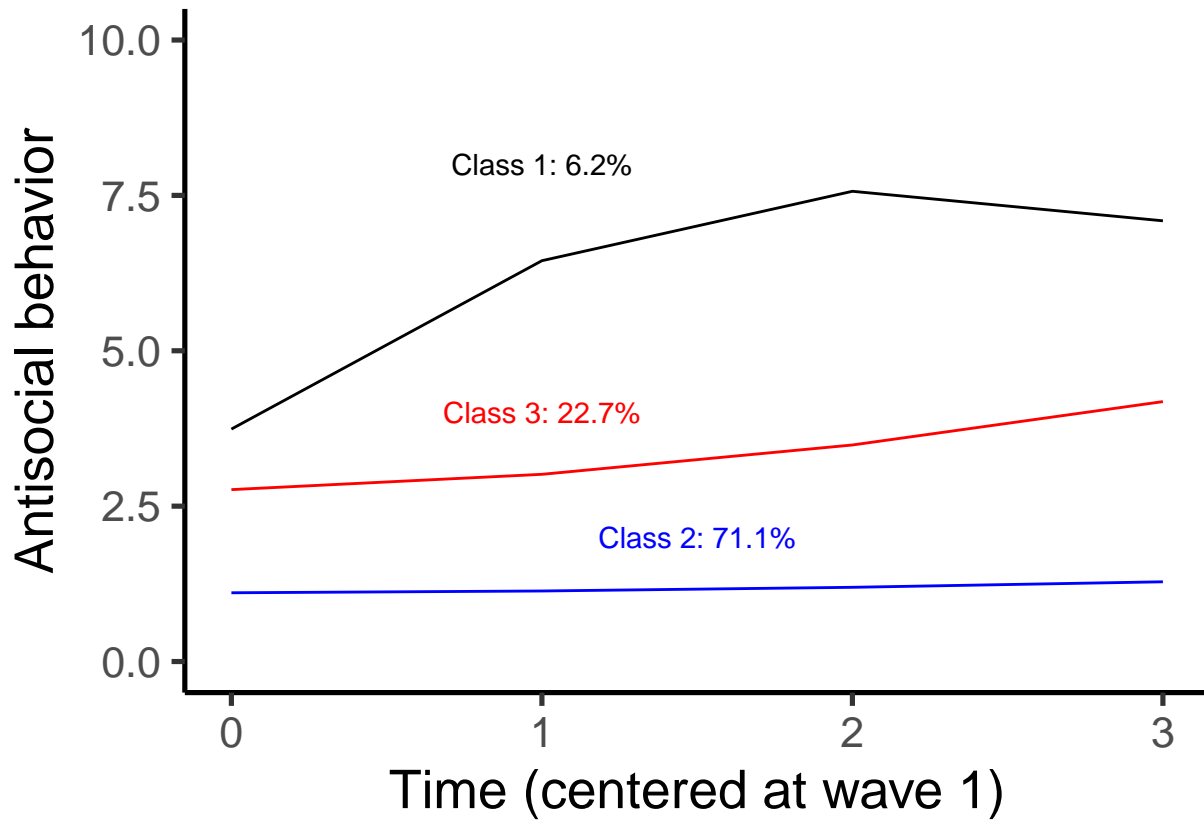


### 3.2.6 Three-class LCGA results

Fit index	Value
# parameters	12
BIC	5268.238
LRT p-value	.0070

Estimate	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Intercept	3.740*	1.106*	2.766*
Linear	3.505*	0.014	0.133
Quadratic	-0.796*	-0.015	0.113
Residual variance	1.829*	1.829*	1.829*
Proportion	0.062	0.711	0.227

### 3.2.7 Three-class LCGA results

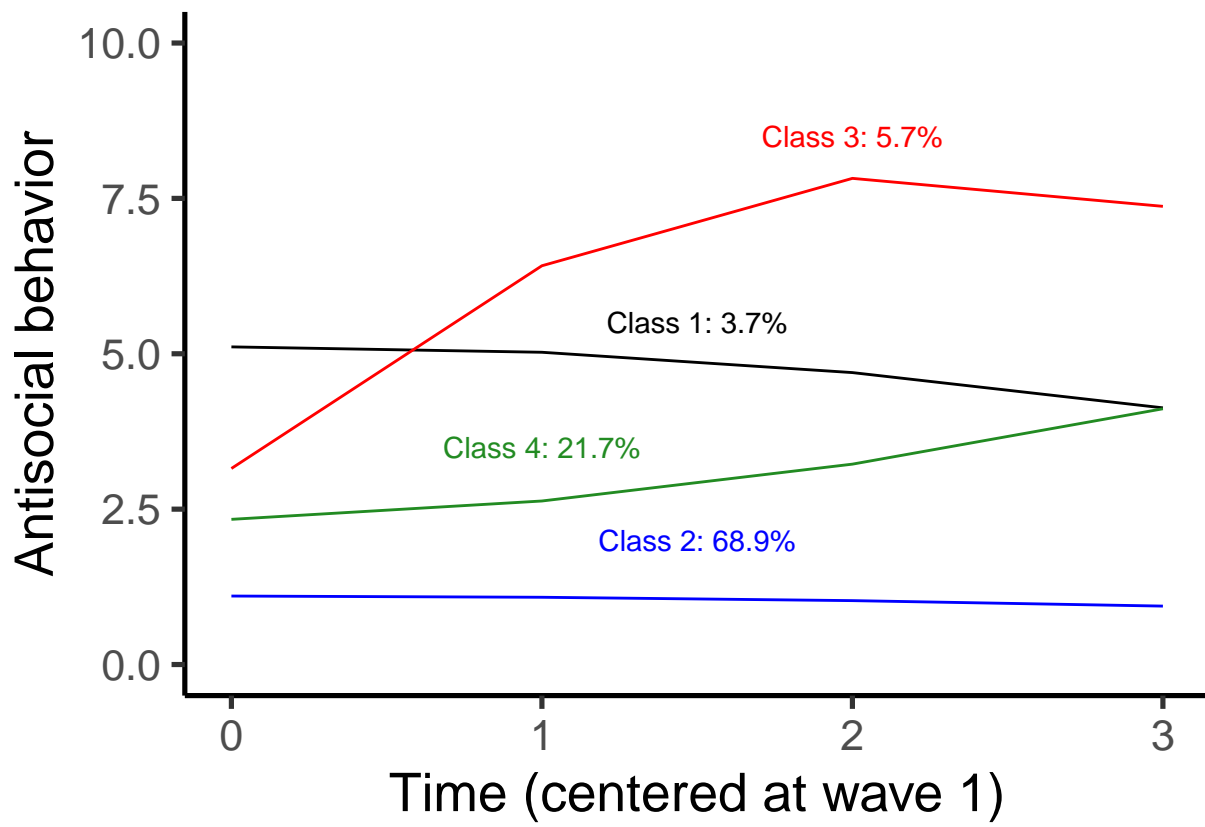


### 3.2.8 Four-class LCGA results

Fit index	Value
# parameters	16
BIC	5263.066
LRT p-value	.2066

Estimate	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Intercept	5.111*	1.102*	3.154*	2.336*
Linear	0.033	-0.003	4.190*	0.146
Quadratic	-0.120	-0.017	-0.928*	0.149
Residual variance	1.715*	1.715*	1.715*	1.715*
Proportion	0.037	0.689	0.057	0.217

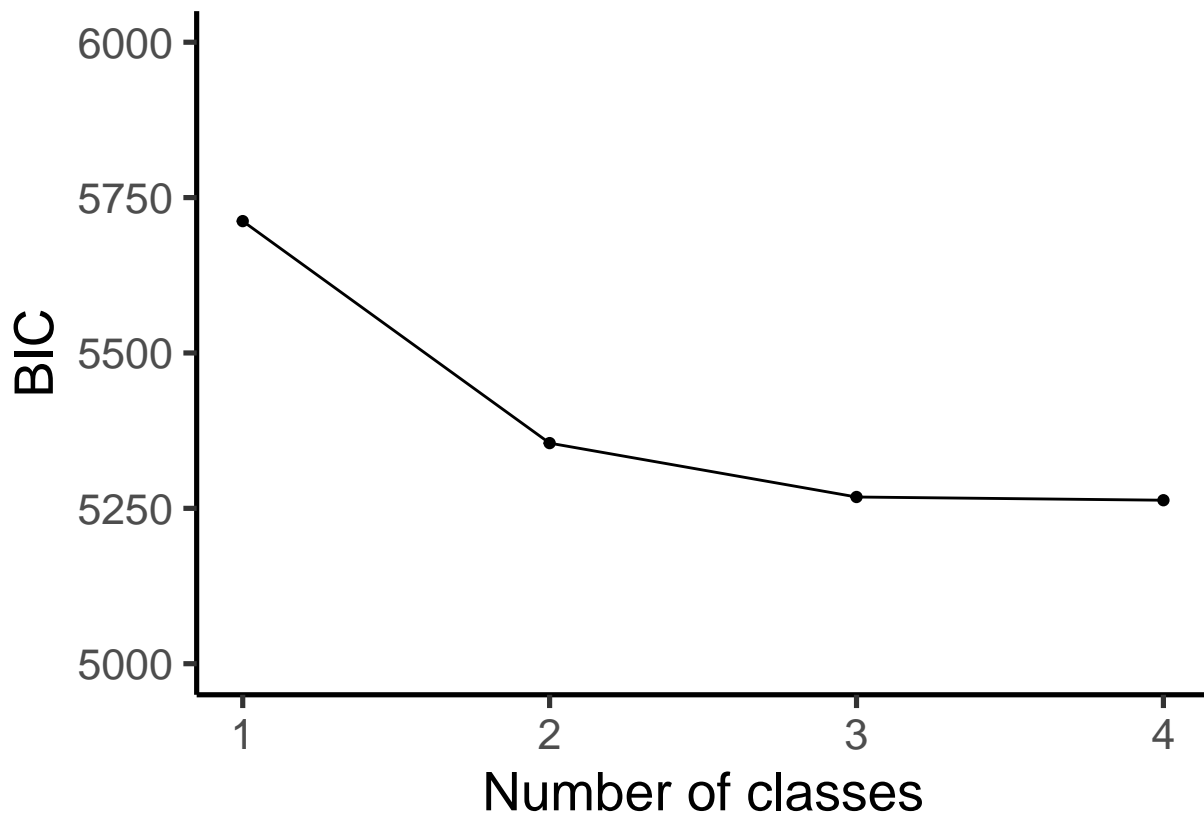
### 3.2.9 Four-class LCGA results





### 3.3 Evaluating the LCGA

#### 3.3.1 BIC comparison - smaller is better



#### 3.3.2 Likelihood ratio tests comparison

The likelihood ratio test (LRT) compares your model to a model with **1 fewer classes**

A significant result means that your model is better than the model with fewer classes

Classes	LRT statistic	p-value	Conclusion
1	N/A	N/A	None
2	26.826	.0006	2 better than 1
3	-9.646	.0070	3 better than 2
4	15.268	.2066	4 NOT better than 3

#### 3.3.3 Classification quality

How *confident* are you of *classification*?

- Did people in class 1 also have a good chance of being put in class 2?

##### 1. Classification table

- k x k table, where k is the number of classes in the model
- Good classification = diagonals high, off-diagonals low
- A bit like reliability, “high” is greater than .80

## 2. Entropy

Ranges from 0 to 1, with higher values indicating better overall classification accuracy / confidence

### 3.3.4 Classification quality - 2 classes

Rows = Most likely class (class they are assigned to)

Columns = Average probability of class k membership

.	1	2
1	0.909	0.091
2	0.033	0.967

Entropy = 0.840

### 3.3.5 Classification quality - 3 classes

Rows = Most likely class (class they are assigned to)

Columns = Average probability of class k membership

.	1	2	3
1	0.920	0.001	0.079
2	0.001	0.940	0.059
3	0.025	0.091	0.884

Entropy = 0.834

### 3.3.6 Classification quality - 4 classes

Rows = Most likely class (class they are assigned to)

Columns = Average probability of class k membership

.	1	2	3	4
1	0.836	0.000	0.076	0.087
2	0.000	0.929	0.001	0.069
3	0.087	0.004	0.832	0.076
4	0.039	0.112	0.014	0.836

Entropy = 0.826

### 3.3.7 Summary of results from LCGA

BIC suggests 3 classes

LRT suggests 3 classes

Classification is still good for 4 class solution, but is much lower than for 3 class solution

Extra class in the 4 class solution is very small (4%) and not much different from another class

4 class solution has 3 classes with no linear or quadratic slope: differ only for intercepts (and only slightly)

Be wary of very small (<5%) classes: often unreliable but could also just be a rare group

### 3.3.8 Three class model input

```
data:
file is 'antisocial_missing.txt';

variable:
names are
anti1 - anti4 read1 - read4
male momage kidage homecog homeemo id;
usevariables are anti1 - anti4;
missing are all (999);
classes = c(3);

analysis:
type is missing mixture;
coverage = .0000001;
iterations = 3000;

model:
%overall%
!quadratic growth model
icept linear quad | anti1@0 anti2@1 anti3@2 anti4@3;
! equal residual variances
anti1 - anti4 (1);
! FIX VARIANCE COMPONENTS TO ZERO FOR LCGA;
icept@0 linear@0 quad@0;
icept with linear@0 quad@0;
linear with quad@0;

%c#1%
[icept*3.304 linear*1.018 quad*-.17];
%c#2%
[icept*1.211 linear*.014 quad*.001];
%c#3%
[icept* linear* quad*];

output: tech11;
```

### 3.3.9 Three class model output 1

```
THE MODEL ESTIMATION TERMINATED NORMALLY

MODEL FIT INFORMATION

Number of Free Parameters          12

Loglikelihood

      H0 Value                    -2598.096
      H0 Scaling Correction Factor    1.5497
      for MLR

Information Criteria
```

Akaike (AIC)	5220.192
Bayesian (BIC)	5268.238
Sample-Size Adjusted BIC	5230.161
(n* = (n + 2) / 24)	

FINAL CLASS COUNTS AND PROPORTIONS FOR THE LATENT CLASSES  
BASED ON THE ESTIMATED MODEL

Latent  
Classes

1	100.44952	0.24802
2	279.06685	0.68905
3	25.48363	0.06292

FINAL CLASS COUNTS AND PROPORTIONS FOR THE LATENT CLASSES  
BASED ON ESTIMATED POSTERIOR PROBABILITIES

Latent  
Classes

1	100.44952	0.24802
2	279.06685	0.68905
3	25.48363	0.06292

FINAL CLASS COUNTS AND PROPORTIONS FOR THE LATENT CLASSES  
BASED ON THEIR MOST LIKELY LATENT CLASS MEMBERSHIP

Class Counts and Proportions

Latent  
Classes

1	92	0.22716
2	288	0.71111
3	25	0.06173

CLASSIFICATION QUALITY

Entropy	0.834
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Average Latent Class Probabilities for Most Likely Latent Class Membership (Row)  
by Latent Class (Column)

	1	2	3
1	0.884	0.091	0.025
2	0.059	0.940	0.001
3	0.079	0.001	0.920

Classification Probabilities for the Most Likely Latent Class Membership (Column)  
by Latent Class (Row)

	1	2	3
1	0.810	0.170	0.020
2	0.030	0.970	0.000
3	0.089	0.009	0.902

Logits for the Classification Probabilities for the Most Likely Latent Class Membership (Column)  
by Latent Class (Row)

	1	2	3
1	3.722	2.163	0.000
2	5.431	8.907	0.000
3	-2.321	-4.607	0.000

### 3.3.10 Three class model output 2

#### MODEL RESULTS

	Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	Two-Tailed P-Value
Latent Class 1				
ICEPT				
ANTI1	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	2.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	3.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	4.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	9.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ICEPT WITH				
LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR WITH				
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Means				
ICEPT	2.766	0.231	11.964	0.000
LINEAR	0.133	0.345	0.385	0.700
QUAD	0.113	0.115	0.982	0.326

Intercepts				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Variances				
ICEPT	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Residual Variances				
ANTI1	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI2	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI3	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI4	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
Latent Class 2				
ICEPT				
ANTI1	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	2.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	3.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	4.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	9.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ICEPT WITH				
LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR WITH				
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Means				
ICEPT	1.106	0.084	13.219	0.000
LINEAR	0.014	0.113	0.121	0.904
QUAD	-0.015	0.036	-0.420	0.675
Intercepts				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000

ANTI4	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Variances				
ICEPT	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Residual Variances				
ANTI1	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI2	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI3	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI4	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
Latent Class 3				
ICEPT				
ANTI1	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	2.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	3.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	1.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	4.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	9.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ICEPT WITH				
LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
LINEAR WITH				
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Means				
ICEPT	3.740	0.573	6.527	0.000
LINEAR	3.505	0.671	5.226	0.000
QUAD	-0.796	0.186	-4.282	0.000
Intercepts				
ANTI1	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI2	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI3	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
ANTI4	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Variances				
ICEPT	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000

LINEAR	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
QUAD	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
Residual Variances				
ANTI1	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI2	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI3	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000
ANTI4	1.829	0.102	17.935	0.000

### 3.3.11 Three class model output 3

#### TECHNICAL 11 OUTPUT

Random Starts Specifications for the k-1 Class Analysis Model

Number of initial stage random starts 20

Number of final stage optimizations 4

VUONG-LO-MENDELL-RUBIN LIKELIHOOD RATIO TEST FOR 2 (H0) VERSUS 3 CLASSES

H0 Loglikelihood Value -2653.453

2 Times the Loglikelihood Difference 110.714

Difference in the Number of Parameters 4

Mean -9.646

Standard Deviation 57.462

P-Value 0.0070

LO-MENDELL-RUBIN ADJUSTED LRT TEST

Value 106.288

P-Value 0.0082

### 3.3.12 Next steps...

These LCGA models have no intercept, slope, or quadratic curvature variance

- Explore GMMs that allow variability in intercept, linear trend, quadratic trend within each class
- Substantially more difficult to run successfully
- Sometimes you can allow variability in only some classes

Don't know anything about the classes except for their trajectories on antisocial behavior

- This model has a latent class with **no indicators**
- Further models can add indicators of the latent class