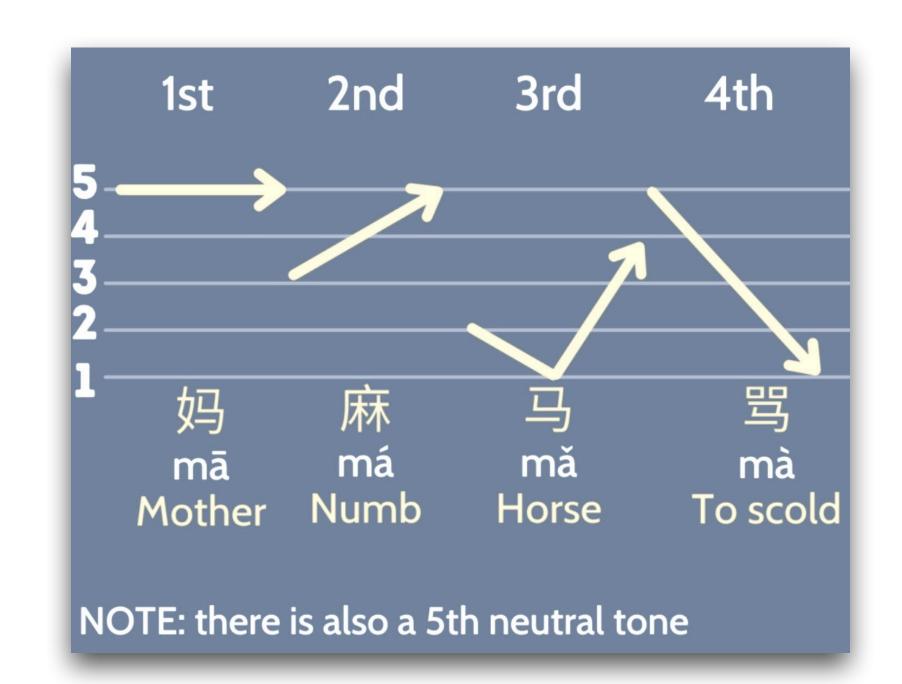
Correlations Between Tone Systems and Environment

Language: Tonal/Non-tonal

Mandarin

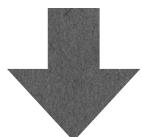


English

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Apple - / ˈæpˌl /
Watermelon - / ˈwɔːtəmelən /
Orange - / ˈprɪndʒ /
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Environmental Features

- Some assumes that environmental features can be great factors associated with tones.
- Humidity (previous studies have found -> replicate)
- Elevation (new attempt)



Research Questions:

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Dependent variable (Y): Tone system (i.e., the presence of tones)

Predictor (X): Humidity

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Dependent variable (Y): Tone system

Predictors (X1, X2): Humidity and elevation

Transformation of Variables

• Dependent Variable: Tone System (Binary)

Original: No tones, Single tone system, Complex tone system

New: No tones, presence of tones (0, 1)

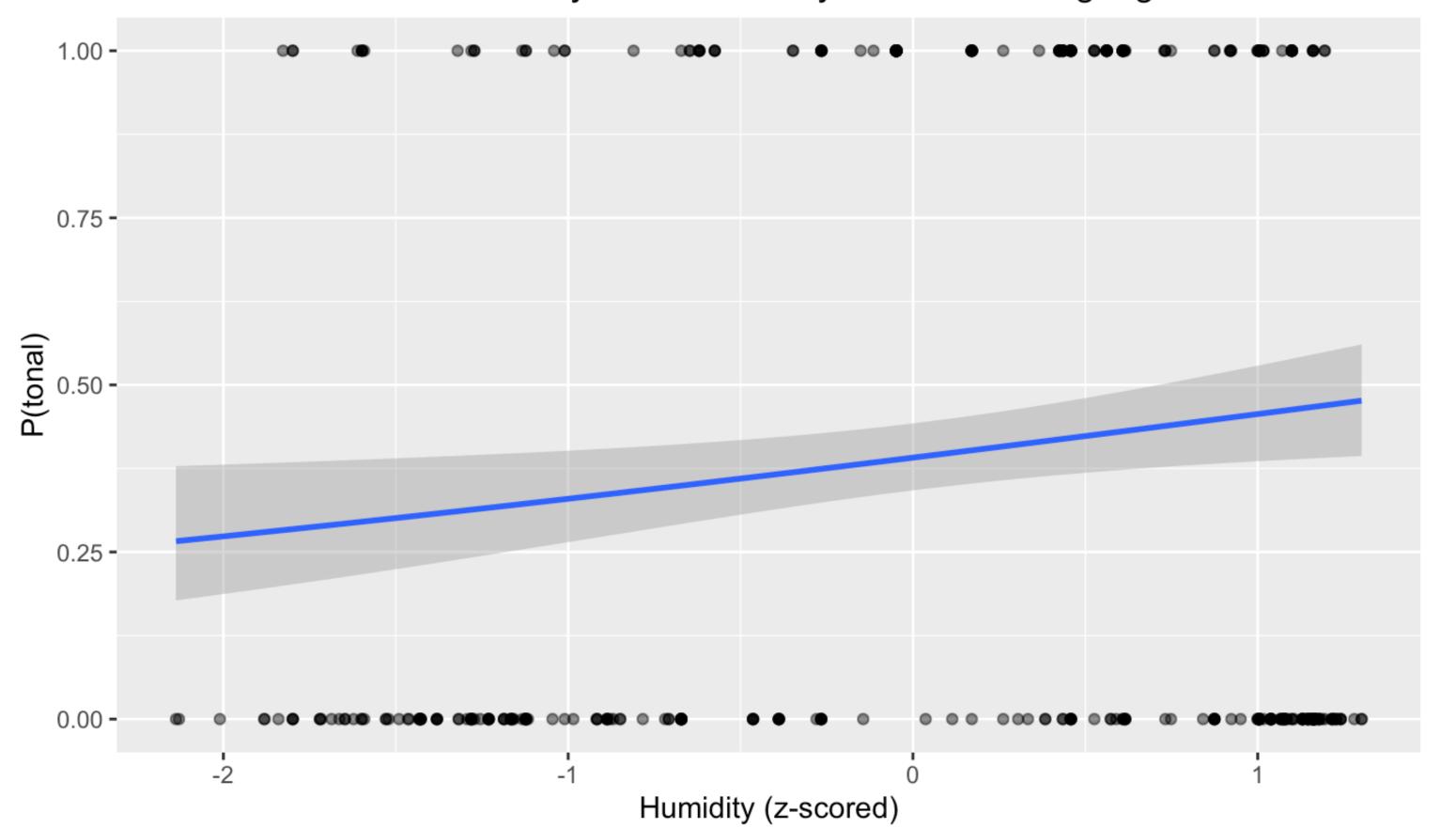
• Independent Variable: Humidity and Elevation (Constant)

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Humidity: [0.002, 0.019] Z-scored: mean = 0, sd = 1 [-2.13, 1.30]
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Elevation: [-1.01, 5956.01] $\xrightarrow{\text{Z-scored: mean} = 0, sd = 1}$ [-0.82, 3.25]

How the data looks like?

Correlation between Humidity and Probability of a Tonal Language



...Why not a curve?

Modeling: Compact Model!

• Compact Model: Tone system ~ Humidity

Deviance Residuals:

R code: glm(data = final.data, tone_bin ~ 1 + humidity_z, family = "binomial").

Conclusion: Humidity is a significant predictor to the presence of tones.

Modeling: Compact Model!

What does the result mean?

• Formula:
$$\pi_i = \frac{e^{b_0 + b_1 \cdot X_i}}{1 + e^{b_0 + b_1 \cdot X_i}}$$

Modeling: Compact Model!

What does the result mean?

Humidity: [-2.13, 1.30]

Predicted probabilities of tone_bin

Modeling: Augmented Model

• Augmented model: Tone system ~ Humidity + Elevation.

R code: glm(data = final.data, tone_bin ~ 1 + humidity_z + elevation_z, family = "binomial").

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Deviance Residuals:
   Min
            1Q
                Median
                                    Max
-1.4386 -1.0485 -0.8274 1.3039
                                 1.6642
Coefficients:
          Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                    0.1079
                             -4.042 5.29e-05 ***
(Intercept) -0.4361
humidity_z
          0.2963
                      0.1118
                              2.651 0.00802 **
                              1.683 0.09238 .
elevation_z 0.2118
                      0.1258
                                   0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                       0.001 '**'
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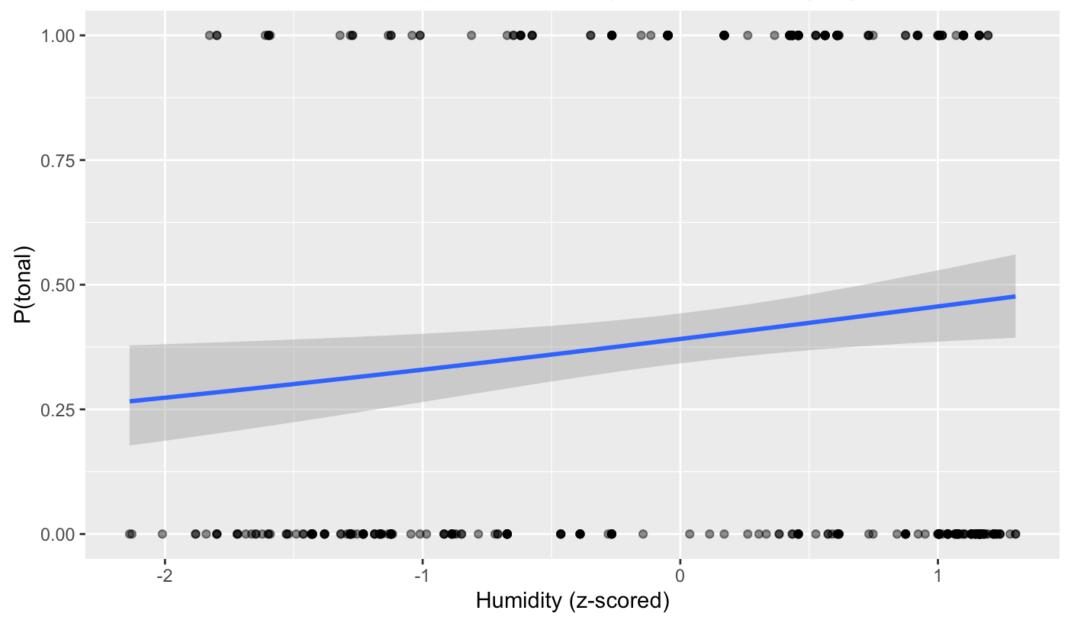
Conclusion: Elevation is <u>not</u> a significant predictor to the presence of tones when being included together with humidity, while humidity is still a significant predictor to tone system.

Discussion

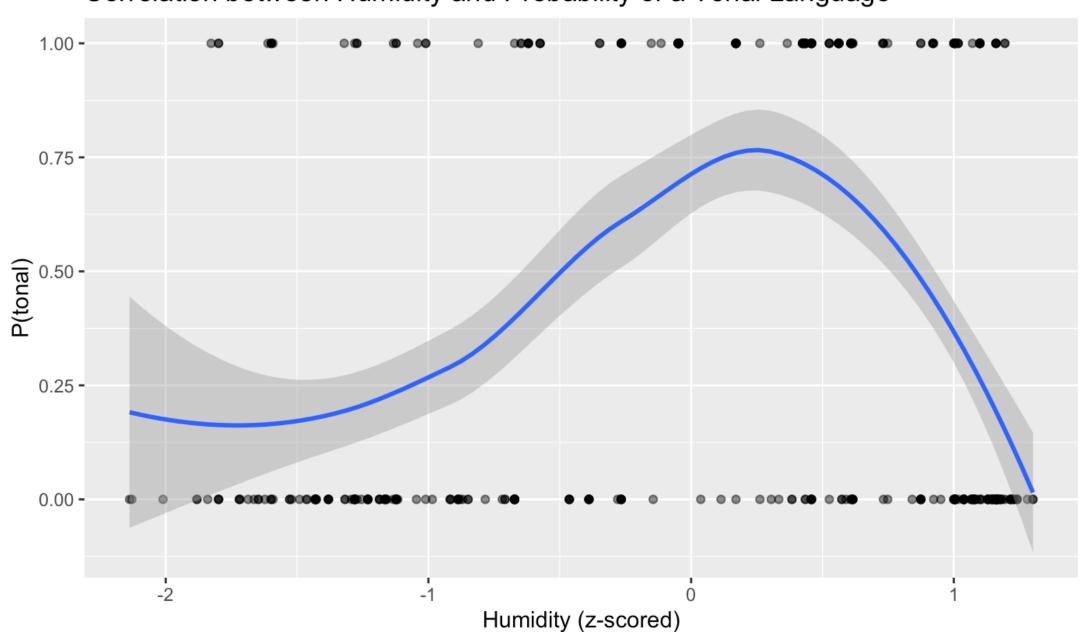
General Linear Model:

Not Linear:





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Convex
Concave

Discussion

Humidity: [-2.13, 1.30]

Predicted probabilities of tone_bin

humidity_	_z l	Predicted	I	95% CI	
-	-3 I	0.22	١	[0.13, 0.36]	
-	-2 I	0.27	١	[0.19, 0.38]	
-	-1	0.33	١	[0.26, 0.40]	
	0	0.39	١	[0.34, 0.44]	
_	1	0.46	١	[0.39, 0.53]	
	2	0.52	I	[0.41, 0.64]]

Does not reach 1.00...

Thank you!!