

# Dyadic Data Analysis

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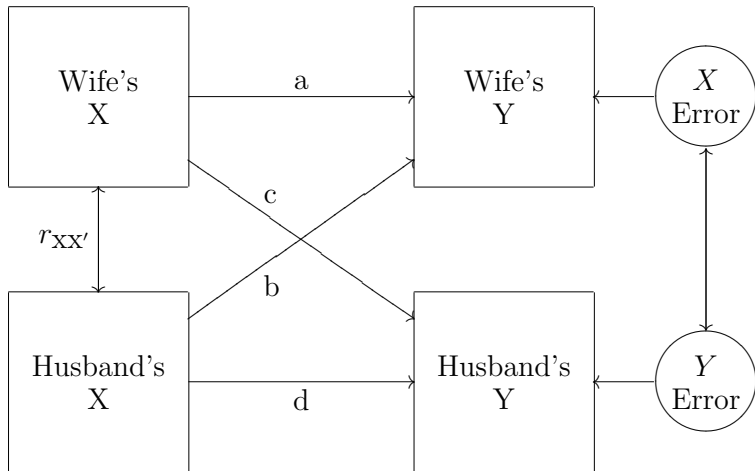
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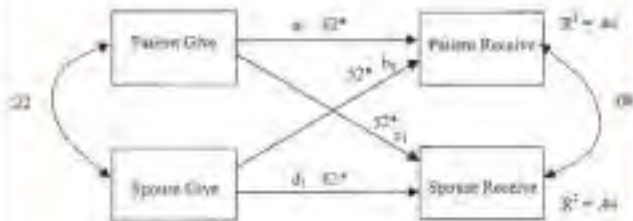
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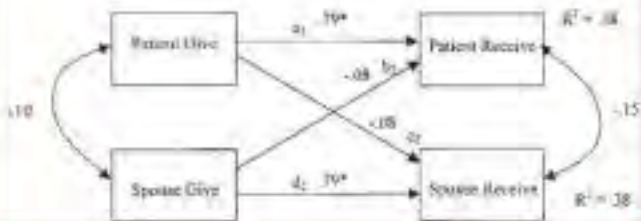
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We shouldn't analyze data from dyads/groups as individuals



*"This church is great wedding."*

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- We have good statistical models for each (e.g., HLM, SEM, latent growth curves), but lack a complete understanding of how these frameworks interrelate

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Easy to use with standard designs but flexible to deal with nonstandard design elements

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4	y1	1	1	1
5	y2	1	1	2
6	y3	1	1	3
7	y4	1	1	4
8	y5	1	2	1
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Limitation: interdependence is not a direct parameter!

# Intraclass Correlation

The intraclass correlation will have the leading role in this play. We'll denote it as

$$r_{xx'}$$

# Intraclass Correlation & Waldo

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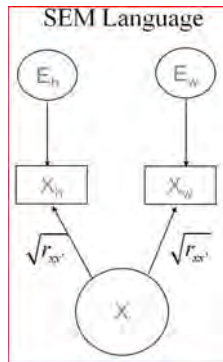
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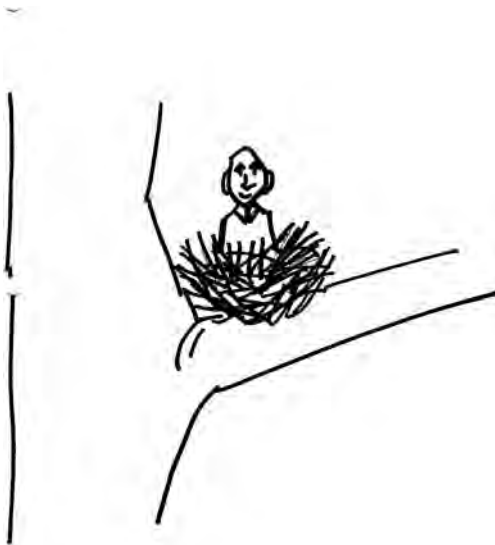
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# The Nested Individual





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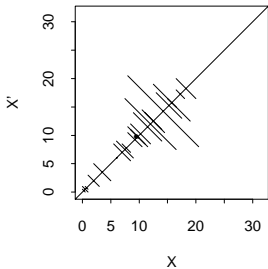
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3	$X_{31}$	$X_{32}$
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4	$X_{41}$	$X_{42}$
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# Concrete Illustration of the Pairwise Coding

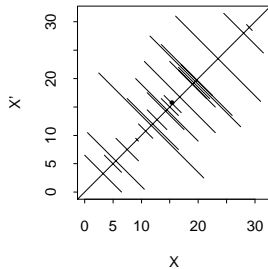
Dyad #	X	X'
1	Amos	Bram
	Bram	Amos
2	Carl	Dan
	Dan	Carl
3	Ed	Frank
	Frank	Ed
	ETC	

# Pairwise Plots

strangers;  $r_{xx'} = 0.72$



friends;  $r_{xx'} = 0.4$



# Pairwise Intraclass for the Exchangeable Case

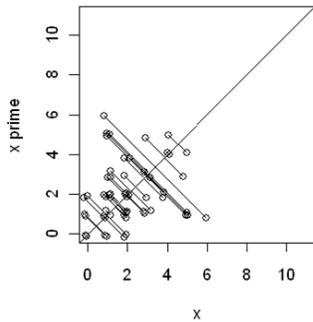
Simply compute the usual Pearson correlation between variable  $X$  and the “reverse coded” version of  $X$ , which we denote  $X'$ .

The significance test (against a null hypothesis of zero) is simply

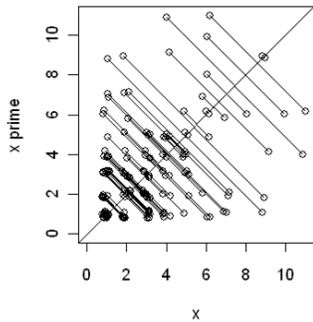
$$Z = r_{xx'} \sqrt{n}$$

where  $Z$  is asymptotically normally distributed and  $n$  is the number of dyads.

**not on welfare**



**welfare**



# Symbolic representation for the pairwise setup

The first subscript represents the dyad and the second subscript represents the individual. Categorization of individuals as 1 or 2 is based on the class variable  $C$ .

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# Pairwise Intraclass for the Distinguishable Case

Compute the partial correlation between variable X and the “reverse coded” version of X, partialling out the person code C.

The partial pairwise intraclass correlation is given by

$$r_{XX'.C} = \frac{r_{XX'} - r_{CX}r_{CX'}}{\sqrt{(1 - r_{CX}^2)(1 - r_{CX'}^2)}}$$

# Intraclass Correlation

The structural model underlying the intraclass correlation for the *exchangeable* case is

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \pi_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where  $\pi$  is a random effect. The parameter  $\pi$  represents the “dyad effect.” This model is equivalent to a one-way random-effects ANOVA with “dyad” as the factor. The structural model for the *distinguishable* case is

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \pi_i + \alpha_j + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

where  $\pi$  is a random effect and  $\alpha$  is a fixed effect. The parameter  $\pi$  represents the “dyad effect” and the parameter  $\alpha$  represents the effect on the “distinguishable” variable. This model is equivalent to a two-way ANOVA with “dyad” as a random-effects factor. The intraclass correlation in the distinguishable case will be numerically similar to the Pearson correlation in most situations.



The standard definition of the intraclass correlation is

$$\rho_I = \frac{\text{MSB} - \text{MSE}}{\text{MSB} + (k - 1)\text{MSE}}$$

The terms MSB and MSE come from the ANOVA source table, and  $k$  represents the number of people in the “group” (i.e., in dyads  $k = 2$ ). The same formula is used whether a one-way ANOVA (exchangeable case) or a two-way ANOVA (distinguishable case) is used.

The intraclass correlation compares the variability between dyads v. the variability within dyads.

But the ANOVA approach is difficult to work with...

1. tedious to generalize to situations with many variables
2. not easy to develop intuition for the relevant mean square terms and to connect the parameters to meaningful psychological statements.
3. not easy to develop tests of significance

The ANOVA approach can be generalized through “hierarchical linear models” (HLM).

The **pairwise approach** is a special case of HLM when all groups have the same size (as in dyads), i.e., in the case of dyads the pairwise approach is identical to HLM. The main benefit of the pairwise approach is that it is easy to understand and provides natural connections with psychological research questions.

The pairwise intraclass is similar to the ANOVA intraclass but it is based on sums of squares rather than mean squares. For the special case of dyads we have

$$\rho_p = \frac{SSB - SSE}{SSB + SSE} \quad (1)$$

# CODE

## SPSS

```
MIXED dv BY person  
  /fixed person  
  /print solution testcov  
  /repeated = person | SUBJECT(dyad) covtype(CS).
```

### Covariance Parameters

Estimates of Covariance Parameters<sup>a</sup>

Parameter	Estimate	Std. Error	Wald Z	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Repeated Measures: CS-diagonal offset	14.291667	5.834548	2.449	.014	6.420684	31.811522
CS covariance	401.511364	174.276433	2.304	.021	59.935832	743.086895

a. Dependent Variable: score.

# Dyadic Correlation Between Two Variables

Example: Each member of a couple completes both a trust scale (e.g., how much do you trust your partner) and a satisfaction scale (e.g., how satisfied are you with your marriage).

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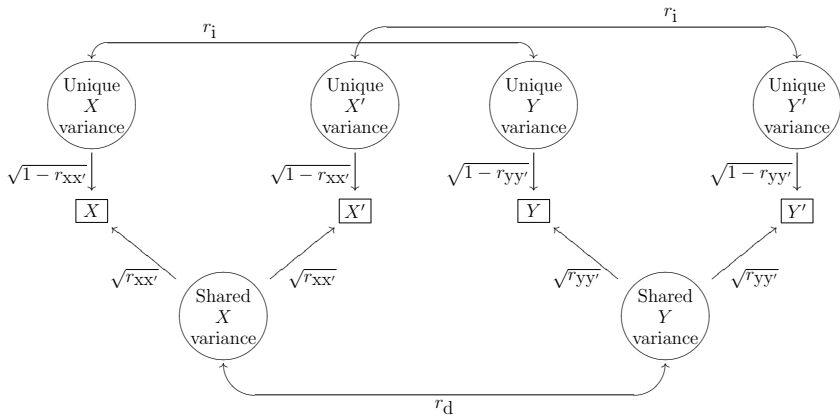
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There are problems with these two correlations!

The first confounds dyad-level effects and the second confounds individual-level effects.

Thus, these two correlations are indeterminate as to the “psychological” mechanisms they represent.



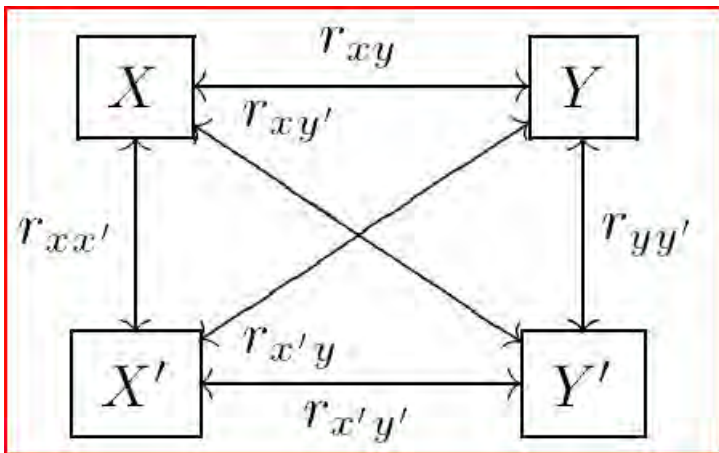


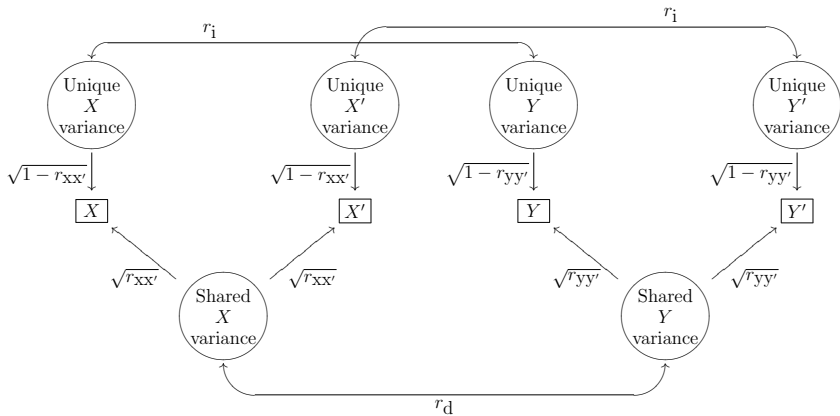
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# Graphical Representation of the Correlations





According to the model, the two **observed** correlations decompose as

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With these decompositions, simple algebra solves for  $r_i$  and  $r_d$ .

$$r_i = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xy'}}{\sqrt{1 - r_{xx'}} \sqrt{1 - r_{yy'}}}$$

and

$$r_d = \frac{r_{xy'}}{\sqrt{r_{xx'}} \sqrt{r_{yy'}}}.$$

# Example: Individual and Dyad Level Relationship

Frequency of verbalization and frequency of gaze.

	$r_i$	$r_d$
Strangers	-.33	.68
Friends	.14	.30

# CODE

## SAS

```
proc calis cov edf=N-1 se method=mls residual pcorr;  
lineqs  
v1 = 1 F1 + E1,  
v2 = 1 F1 + E2,  
v3 = 1 F2 + E3,  
v4 = 1 F2 + E4;  
  
STD  
F1-F2 = v1 v2,  
E1-E4 = x1 x1 x2 x2;  
  
COV  
F1 F2 = rd,  
E1 E3 = ri,  
E2 E4 = ri;  
run;
```

Cov matrix as input; state N.



# CODE

## Mplus

```
Title: SEM model;
Data: File = G:\FTS\files from Rich\SEM data L3.dat;
variable: names = ID x1 x2 y1 y2;
USEV = x1 x2 y1 y2;
Analysis: type = meanstructure;
model:
    x by x1@1 x2@1;
    y by y1@1 y2@1;
    x1 x2 (1);
    y1 y2 (2);
    [x1 x2] (4);
    [y1 y2] (5);
    x1 with y1 (3);
    x2 with y2 (3);
    x with y;

output: sampstat standardized;
```

# Correlation Between Dyad Means

$$r_m = \frac{r_{xy} + r_{xy'}}{\sqrt{1 + r_{xx'}}\sqrt{1 + r_{yy'}}$$

Note that  $r_m$  can be positive under different combinations of  $r_{xy}$  and  $r_{xy'}$ . That is,  $r_m$  reflects a combination of individual and dyad level processes, and should not be routinely interpreted as reflecting only dyad level processes.

# Latent Variable Model: HLM Lingo

Three-level model: one level for the variable, one level for individual effect, and one level for group effect.

$$\begin{aligned}Y_{ijk} &= \beta_0 X_0 + \beta_1 X_1 \\ \beta_0 &= \mu_0 + \pi_0 + \epsilon_0 \\ \beta_1 &= \mu_1 + \pi_1 + \epsilon_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi \sim N\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} V_{\pi_0} & C_{\pi_0\pi_1} \\ C_{\pi_0\pi_1} & V_{\pi_1} \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad \epsilon \sim N\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} V_{\epsilon_0} & C_{\epsilon_0\epsilon_1} \\ C_{\epsilon_0\epsilon_1} & V_{\epsilon_1} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

# Alternative Model: Interdependence

The degree to which one individual influences another (e.g., Lewin).

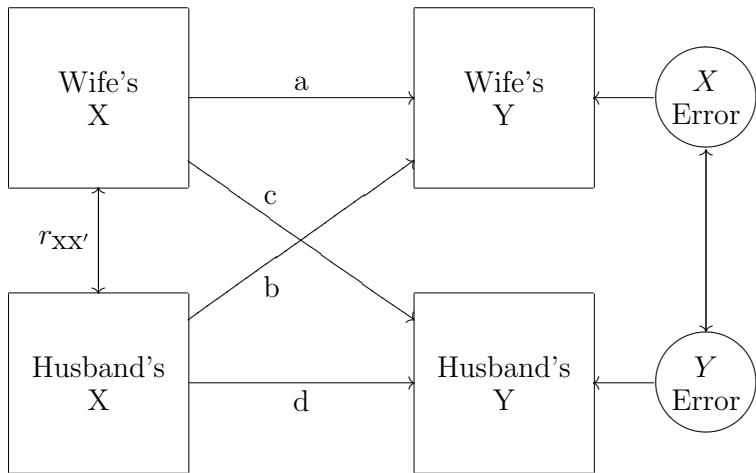
This influence need to occur face-to-face:

*We have a good time together, even when we're not together. Yogi Berra*

# Kelley & Thibaut: Early APIM

Interaction separated into three types of control or influence

1. actor effect (reflexive)
2. partner effect (fate)
3. mutual effect (behavior)



# APIM is a Pairwise Model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 X' + \beta_3 X X'$$

such that

- predictor  $X$  represents the actor's influence on the actor's  $Y$ ,
- predictor  $X'$  represents the partner's influence on the actor's  $Y$ ,
- the product  $XX'$  represents the mutual influence of both people on the actor's  $Y$ .

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# Simple Structural Models for Dyadic Designs (Modeling Partner Effects)

Basic Actor-Partner Model:

- Kraemer-Jacklin model of sex differences
- Nonstandard regression because of interdependence across cases
- Subject is unit of analysis and each dyad is “double-coded”

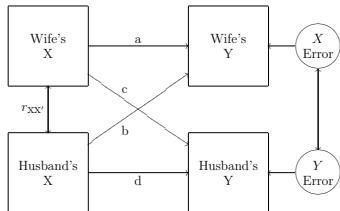
Generalized Actor-Partner Model: Simple generalization to continuous predictors

- Stinson and Ickes example

## Actor-Partner Model Across Sex: Distinguishable version

- Couples is unit of analysis
- Individual relations within couples modeled by Structural Equation Modeling
- Test whether distinguishable paths are necessary (sex differences in processes)
- Murray, Holmes, & Griffin example

# Actor-Partner Model with Heterosexual Married Couples



Actor Effect (a & d): .32

Partner Effect (b & c): .30

# Actor-partner model: The ICC again

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The actor regression coefficient can be expressed in terms of pairwise correlations

$$\beta_1 = \frac{s_y(r_{xy} - r_{xy'}r_{xx'})}{s_x(1 - r_{xx'}^2)}$$

Similarly, the partner regression coefficient is

$$\beta_2 = \frac{s_y(r_{xy'} - r_{xy}r_{xx'})}{s_x(1 - r_{xx'}^2)}$$

# Variance of $\beta$ related to the ICC

The variance of the actor  $\beta$  is

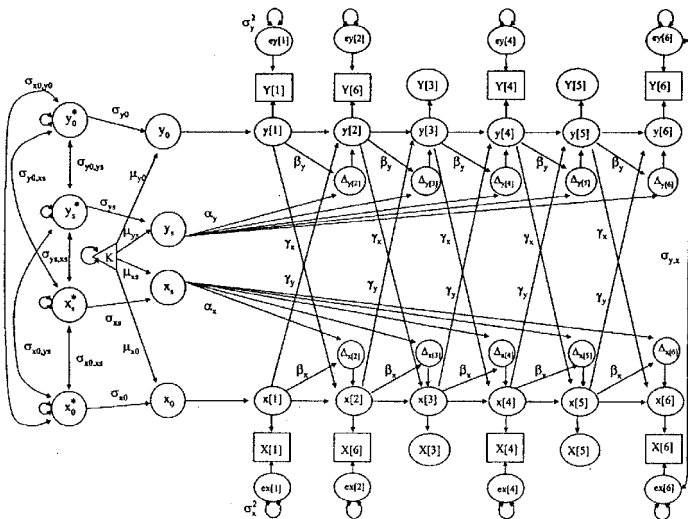
$$V(\beta_{\text{actor}}) = \frac{s_y^2(r_{xy'}^2 r_{xx'}^2 - r_{xx'} r_{yy'} + 1 - r_{xy'}^2)}{2Ns_x^2(1 - r_{xx'}^2)}$$

# Longitudinal Models

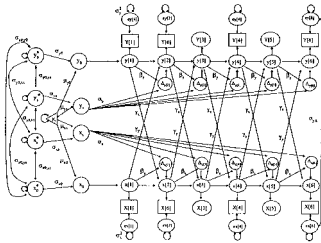
Get complicated. Different ways of representing change in a single person, now there are two individuals.



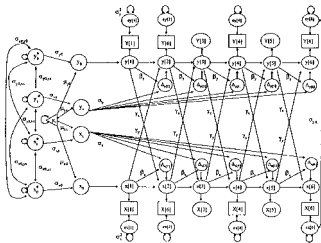
# McArdle's Bivariate Latent Difference Model

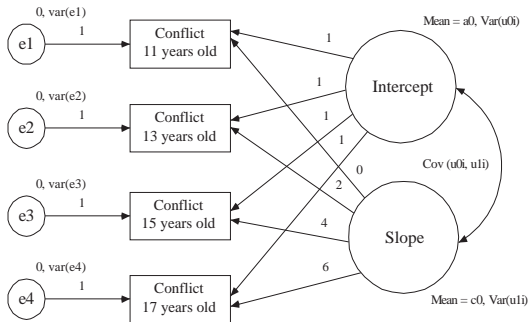


# Person 1

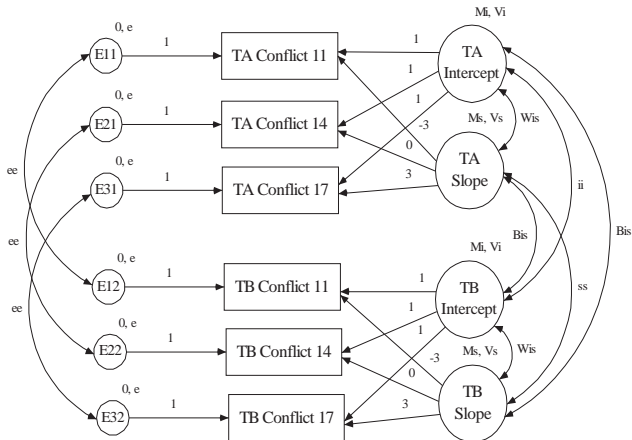


# Person 2





# Shared Variance Intercept/Slope



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longitudinal designs can get complicated

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But we need a better program that makes it easy to fill in the correlated error structure



# Conclusions

- Dependence due to social interaction does not require a “statistical cure”
- Interdependence provides an opportunity to measure and model social interaction (even over time)
- Ask “how can I capture the dependencies that are logically possible in my data”

# Prescriptions

- The idea is not to “cure” non-independence but to study and conceptualize interdependence.
- Follow your *conceptual* models in their richness.
- There is still lots of room for *careful design* in longitudinal correlational research with dyads. It is not just a statistical issue.

# Interdependence Mantra

Study

Model

Celebrate

Interdependence