

Example 5: Cross-Classified Models for Students Nested within Primary and Secondary Schools (complete data, syntax, and output available for STATA, R, and SAS electronically)

Cross-classified models (also known as crossed random effects models) are useful in situations in which people belong to more than one type of cluster, but the types of clusters are not nested. To demonstrate, simulated data from Hox (2012) chapter 7 are analyzed below, in which the outcome is 9th grade academic achievement. There are 1000 level-1 children nested within 50 level-2 primary schools AND within 33 level-2 secondary schools, in which **primary and secondary schools are crossed at level 2**. We have predictors for whether the primary and secondary schools are denominational (i.e., religious) and child socio-economic status (SES). The number of children per unique crossing of primary by secondary school ranged from 1–6, which means we have a potential random interaction intercept AND three kinds of contextual effects! Note that these models are different than those in the text, in which contextual effects of child SES were not considered (i.e., it was smushed).

STATA Syntax for Data Import, Manipulation, and Description:

```
// Define global variable for file location to be replaced in code below
// \\Client\ precedes path in Virtual Desktop outside H drive
global filesave "C:\Dropbox\23_PSQF6272\PSQF6272_Example5"

// Open trimmed example excel data file from sheet "grade10" and clear away existing data
clear // clear memory in case of open data
import excel "$filesave\Example5_Data.xlsx", firstrow case(preserve) sheet("Hox") clear

// Add labels to original variables
label variable childID "childID: Child ID"
label variable PschoolID "PschoolID: Primary School ID"
label variable SschoolID "SschoolID: Secondary School ID"
label variable achieve "achieve: Child Achievement Outcome"
label variable ses "ses: Child Socio-Economic Status"
label variable Pdenom "Pdenom: Primary School Denomination"
label variable Sdenom "Sdenom: Secondary School Denomination"

display "STATA Descriptives for Child Variables"
summarize achieve ses
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
achieve	1,000	6.3435	.8676812	3.9	9.9
ses	1,000	4.098	1.397981	1	6

```
// Get means per primary school for child variables
sort PschoolID
egen PrimN = count(achieve), by(PschoolID)
egen PMachieve = mean(achieve), by(PschoolID)
egen PMses = mean(ses), by(PschoolID)
label variable PMachieve "PMachieve: Primary Mean Child Achievement"
label variable PMses "PMses: Primary Mean Child SES"

display "STATA Descriptives and Correlations for Primary Schools"
preserve // Save for later use, then compute primary school dataset
collapse PMachieve Pdenom PMses PrimN, by(PschoolID)
format PMachieve Pdenom PMses PrimN %4.2f
summarize PMachieve Pdenom PMses PrimN, format
pwcrr PMachieve Pdenom PMses PrimN, sig
restore // Go back to child-level dataset
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
PMachieve	50	6.36	0.45	5.28	7.55
Pdenom	50	0.60	0.49	0.00	1.00
PMses	50	4.10	0.28	3.47	4.73
PrimN	50	20.00	4.46	10.00	31.00

	PMachieve	Pdenom	PMses	PrimN
PMachieve	1.0000			
Pdenom	0.2227 0.1200	1.0000		
PMses	0.0323 0.8235	-0.0316 0.8276	1.0000	
PrimN	-0.1810 0.2085	-0.2125 0.1384	-0.0609 0.6744	1.0000

```
// Get means per secondary school for child variables
sort SschoolID
egen SecN = count(achieve), by(SschoolID)
egen SMachieve = mean(achieve), by(SschoolID)
egen SMses = mean(ses), by(SschoolID)
label variable SMachieve "SMachieve: Secondary Mean Child Achievement"
label variable SMses "SMses: Secondary Mean Child SES"

display "STATA Descriptives and Correlations for Secondary Schools"
preserve // Save for later use, then compute secondary school dataset
collapse SMachieve Sdenom SMses SecN, by(SschoolID)
format SMachieve Sdenom SMses SecN %4.2f
summarize SMachieve Sdenom SMses SecN, format
pwcorr SMachieve Sdenom SMses SecN, sig
restore // Go back to child-level dataset
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
SMachieve	33	6.32	0.32	5.54	6.91
Sdenom	33	0.67	0.48	0.00	1.00
SMses	33	4.14	0.34	3.47	5.00
SecN	33	30.30	11.66	4.00	48.00

	SMachieve	Sdenom	SMses	SecN
SMachieve	1.0000			
Sdenom	0.2369 0.1843	1.0000		
SMses	0.2070 0.2477	0.2030 0.2572	1.0000	
SecN	0.1645 0.3603	-0.0037 0.9836	-0.2940 0.0967	1.0000

```
// Get means per unique combination of primary/secondary school for child variables
sort PschoolID SschoolID
egen UniqueID = group(PschoolID SschoolID) // Create unique ID
egen UniqueN = count(achieve), by(PschoolID SschoolID)
egen PSMachieve = mean(achieve), by(PschoolID SschoolID)
egen PSMses = mean(ses), by(PschoolID SschoolID)
label variable PSMachieve "PSMachieve: Unique Primary/Secondary Mean Child Achievement"
label variable PSMses "PSMses: Unique Primary/Secondary Mean Child SES"

display "STATA Descriptives and Correlations for Unique Primary/Secondary Combination"
preserve // Save for later use, then compute secondary school dataset
collapse PSMachieve PSMses UniqueN, by(PschoolID SschoolID)
format PSMachieve PSMses UniqueN %4.2f
```

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tabulate UniqueN
summarize PSMachieve PSMses UniqueN, format
pwcrr PSMachieve PSMses UniqueN, sig
restore // Go back to child-level dataset

```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
PSMachieve	652	6.36	0.81	4.00	9.10
PSMses	652	4.08	1.27	1.00	6.00
UniqueN	652	1.53	0.77	1.00	6.00

	PSMachieve	PSMses	UniqueN
PSMachieve	1.0000		
PSMses	0.1906	1.0000	
UniqueN	-0.0496	0.0282	1.0000

60% of the unique combinations have only one child, whose variance will then go to any "unique" level-2 variable

UniqueN	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1.00	394	60.43	60.43
2.00	185	28.37	88.80
3.00	60	9.20	98.01
4.00	10	1.53	99.54
5.00	2	0.31	99.85
6.00	1	0.15	100.00
Total	652	100.00	

```

// Constant-centered predictors
gen ses4 = ses - 4
gen PMses4 = PMses - 4
gen SMses4 = SMses - 4
gen PSMses4 = PSMses - 4

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// Cluster-mean-centered level-1 child predictors
gen WPses = ses - PMses // Within primary only
gen WSses = ses - SMses // Within secondary only
gen WPSses = ses - PSMses // Within unique combination
label variable WPses "WPses: Within-Primary Centered Child SES"
label variable WSses "WSses: Within-Secondary Centered Child SES"
label variable WPSses "WPSses: Within-Primary/Secondary Centered Child SES"

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display "STATA Descriptives and Correlations in Child-Level Data"
summarize WPSses, detail
pwcrr PMses SMses PSMses WPses WSses WPSses, sig

```

	PMses	SMses	PSMses	WPses	WSses	WPSses
PMses	1.0000					
SMses	0.0154	1.0000				
PSMses	0.2387	0.2238	1.0000			
WPses	0.0000	0.1849	0.7921	1.0000		
WSses	0.1972	-0.0000	0.7960	0.9629	1.0000	
WPSses	-0.0000	-0.0000	0.0000	0.5785	0.5771	1.0000

As shown, only the within-primary AND within-secondary centered SES variable (whose variance = 0.62871 for slope reliability) is completely uncorrelated with the primary school AND secondary SES school means.

R Syntax for Data Import, Manipulation, and Description (after loading packages *readxl*, *TeachingDemos*, *Hmisc*, *psych*, *lme4*, *lmerTest*, and *performance*):

```

# Define variables for working directory and data name -- CHANGE THESE
filesave = "C:\\Dropbox\\23_PSQF6272\\PSQF6272_Example5/"
filename = "Example5_Data.xlsx"
setwd(dir=filesave)
# Load Jonathan's custom R functions from folder within working directory
functions = paste0("R functions/",dir("R functions/"))
temp = lapply(X=functions, FUN=source)
# Import trimmed example excel data file from sheet "Hox"
Example5 = read_excel(paste0(filesave,filename), sheet="Hox")
# Convert to data frame to use in analysis
Example5 = as.data.frame(Example5)

print("R Descriptives for Child Variables")
describe(x=Example5[, c("achieve","ses")])

# Get means per primary school for child variables using Jonathan's function
Example5 = addUnitMeans(data=Example5, unitVariable="PschoolID",
                        meanVariables=c("achieve","ses"), newNames=c("PMachieve","PMses"))

print("R Descriptives and Correlations for Primary Schools")
Primary = unique(Example5[,c("PschoolID","PMachieve","PMses","NperPschoolID")])
describe(x=Primary[, c("PMachieve","PMses","NperPschoolID")])
rcorr(x=as.matrix(Primary[, c("PMachieve","PMses","NperPschoolID")]), type="pearson")

# Get means per secondary school for child variables using Jonathan's function
Example5 = addUnitMeans(data=Example5, unitVariable="SschoolID",
                        meanVariables=c("achieve","ses"), newNames=c("SMachieve","SMses"))

print("R Descriptives and Correlations for Secondary Schools")
Secondary = unique(Example5[,c("SschoolID","SMachieve","SMses","NperSschoolID")])
describe(x=Secondary[, c("SMachieve","SMses","NperSschoolID")])
rcorr(x=as.matrix(Secondary[, c("SMachieve","SMses","NperSschoolID")]), type="pearson")

# Create unique ID variable for primary/secondary school combination
uniqueIDs = unique(Example5[,c("PschoolID", "SschoolID")])
uniqueIDs$UniqueID = 100000 + 1:nrow(uniqueIDs)
# Merge unique ID back into child-level data
Example5 = merge(x=Example5, y=uniqueIDs, by=c("PschoolID","SschoolID"))

# Get means per unique combination of primary/secondary school for child variables using
Jonathan's function
Example5 = addUnitMeans(data=Example5, unitVariable=c("UniqueID"),
                        meanVariables=c("achieve","ses"), newNames=c("PSMachieve","PSMses"))

print("R Descriptives and Correlations for Unique Primary/Secondary Combination")
Unique = unique(Example5[,c("UniqueID","PSMachieve","PSMses","NperUniqueID")])
table(x=Unique$NperUniqueID, useNA="ifany")
prop.table(table(x=Unique$NperUniqueID, useNA="ifany"))
describe(x=Unique[, c("PSMachieve","PSMses","NperUniqueID")])
rcorr(x=as.matrix(Unique[, c("PSMachieve","PSMses","NperUniqueID")]), type="pearson")

# Constant-centered predictors
Example5$ses4 = Example5$ses - 4
Example5$PMses4 = Example5$PMses - 4
Example5$SMses4 = Example5$SMses - 4
Example5$PSMses4 = Example5$PSMses - 4

# Cluster-mean-centered level-1 child predictors
Example5$WPses = Example5$ses - Example5$PMses
Example5$WSses = Example5$ses - Example5$SMses
Example5$WPSses = Example5$ses - Example5$PSMses

print("R Descriptives and Correlations in Child-Level Data")
var(Example5$WPSses)
rcorr(x=as.matrix(Example5[, c("PMses","SMses","PSMses","WPses","WSses","WPSses")]),
      type="pearson")

```

Model 1a: Empty Means, Primary Random Intercept Only

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + U_{0p0} + e_{cps}$$

For crossed models, this composite equation can be easier to understand!

This model 1a predicts 9th grade academic achievement for child c who previously went to primary school p and currently goes to secondary school s . The inclusion of only a random intercept for primary school creates an expected correlation only among children who went to the same primary school (so far)

```
display "STATA Model 1a: Empty Means, Primary Random Intercept Only"
mixed achieve , || PschoolID: , reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
estat icc // Intraclass correlation
estimates store FitEmpty1 // Save for LRT
```

```
print("R Model 1a: Empty Means, Primary Random Intercept")
Modella = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+(1|PschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Modella, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Modella, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("Show intraclass correlation and its LRT")
icc(Modella); anova(Modella)
```

	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	df.resid
	2393.7365	2408.4597	-1193.8682	2387.7365	997.0000

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
PschoolID	(Intercept)	0.17555	0.41899
	Residual	0.57708	0.75966

Number of obs: 1000, groups: PschoolID, 50

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.359093	0.064141	49.241213	99.142	< 2.2e-16

Intraclass Correlation Coefficient

Adjusted ICC: 0.233
Unadjusted ICC: **0.233**

$r = .233$ of children from the same primary school

ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions

	npar	logLik	AIC	LRT	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
<none>	3	-1193.87	2393.74			
(1 PschoolID)	2	-1279.18	2562.37	170.632	1	< 2.22e-16

Model 1b: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary Crossed Random Intercepts

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + e_{cps}$$

In model 1b, the secondary school random intercept U_{00s} introduces a separate correlation of children from the same secondary school (beyond the primary school random intercept U_{0p0}). In the STATA code below, the `_all: R.` should be used for whichever crossing has fewer possible units to speed up estimation. See further details in Example 8 of the STATA MIXED manual: <https://www.stata.com/manuals/me.pdf> or these slides from Don Hedeker: <https://prevention.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2022-11/MtG-HedekerSlides-FINAL-508.pdf>

```
display "STATA Model 1b: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary Crossed Random Intercepts"
mixed achieve , || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: , ///
reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
estimates store FitEmpty2 // Save for LRT
lrtest FitEmpty2 FitEmpty1 // LRT for secondary intercept variance
```

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-----+-----
      achieve | Coefficient   Std. err.         df         t       P>|t|
-----+-----
      _cons |    6.341978   .0808221         67.8       78.47    0.000
-----+-----

Random-effects parameters | Estimate   Std. err.   [95% conf. interval]
-----+-----
_all: Identity           |
  var(R.SschoolID) |    .0787319   .025134    .0421131    .147192
-----+-----
PschoolID: Identity      |
  var(_cons) |    .1746989   .0407036    .1106537    .2758127
-----+-----
  var(Residual) |    .5051556   .0235792    .4609921    .55355
-----+-----

LR test vs. linear model: chi2(2) = 246.10          Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
-2LL = 2312.2688
```

Likelihood-ratio test: Assumption: FitEmpty1 nested within FitEmpty2
 LR chi2(1) = **75.47**
 Prob > chi2 = 0.0000

```
print("R Model 1b: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary Crossed Random Intercepts")
Modellb = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Modellb, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Modellb, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("Show LRT for each random intercept"); ranova(Modellb)
```

```
$AICtab
      AIC      BIC    logLik  deviance  df.resid
2320.2688 2339.8998 -1156.1344  2312.2688   996.0000
```

```
Random effects:
Groups   Name      Variance Std.Dev.
PschoolID (Intercept) 0.174699 0.41797
SschoolID (Intercept) 0.078732 0.28059
Residual              0.505156 0.71074
Number of obs: 1000, groups: PschoolID, 50; SschoolID, 33
```

```
Fixed effects:
              Estimate Std. Error      df t value  Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  6.341978   0.080822 66.878773  78.468 < 2.2e-16
```

```
ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions
              npar    logLik     AIC      LRT Df Pr(>Chisq)
<none>          4 -1156.13 2320.27
(1 | PschoolID)  3 -1250.29 2506.58 188.3088  1 < 2.22e-16
(1 | SschoolID)  3 -1193.87 2393.74  75.4677  1 < 2.22e-16
```

All sources of variance are orthogonal, so we can sum them to compute the proportion of variance due to each sampling dimension, as shown below.

Empty Model Proportions of Variance (from SAS)

PschoolID	SschoolID	Residual	Total	PropL2Primary	PropL2Second	PropResid
0.1747	0.07873	0.5052	0.75857	0.23028	0.10378	0.66594

Of the total variation of 0.75857 (from summing all three orthogonal variances):

0.1747 / 0.75857 = **.230** reflects mean achievement differences between **primary** schools

0.0787 / 0.75857 = **.104** reflects mean achievement differences between **secondary** schools

0.5052 / 0.75857 = **.666** reflects **remaining** achievement differences between children within schools

How do these proportions of variance translate into ICCs for different types of children?

```
print("Show saved variances from model 1b")
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b))
      grp          var1 var2          vcov          sdcov
1 PschoolID (Intercept) <NA> 0.174698688 0.41796972
2 SschoolID (Intercept) <NA> 0.078731963 0.28059216
3 Residual          <NA> <NA> 0.505155614 0.71074300

# Compute total variance from model 1b saved variances
total1b = as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [1,4] +
          as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4] +
          as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [3,4]

print("ICC for Children in Same Primary School but Different Secondary Schools")
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [1,4] / total1b
[1] 0.23029509

print("ICC for Children in Same Secondary School but Different Primary Schools")
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4] / total1b
[1] 0.10378775

print("ICC for Children in Same Primary School and Same Secondary School")
(as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [1,4] +
 as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4]) / total1b
[1] 0.33408284
```

Here is an easier (but less transparent way) to compute ICCs using the `performance` R package:

```
print("Show ICC for each school type"); icc(Modell1b, by_group=TRUE)
Group      |      ICC
-----
PschoolID | 0.230
SschoolID | 0.104

print("Show ICC for same primary and secondary"); icc(Modell1b)
Unadjusted ICC: 0.334
```

95% random effect confidence interval for the intercept across each type of school:

Fixed effect $\pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(\text{random variance})$

Primary: $6.342 \pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(0.1747) = 5.523$ to 7.161

→ 95% of primary schools are predicted to have school mean achievement from 5.523 to 7.161

Secondary: $6.342 \pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(0.07873) = 5.792$ to 6.892

→ 95% of secondary schools are predicted to have school mean achievement from 5.792 to 6.892

Model 1c: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary AND Unique Crossed Random Intercepts

$$\text{Achieve}_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + U_{0ps} + e_{cps}$$

Given 1–6 children per unique combination of primary and secondary school, we can test whether there is an extra correlation among children who have both schools in common—a random interaction intercept U_{0ps} !

```
display "STATA Model 1c: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary and Unique Crossed Intercepts"
mixed achieve , || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: || UniqueID: , ///
      reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2          // Print -2LL for model
estimates store FitEmpty3          // Save for LRT
lrtest FitEmpty3 FitEmpty2         // LRT for unique intercept variance
```

```
print("R Model 1c: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary and Unique Crossed Random Intercepts")
Modell1c = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE,
formula=achieve~1+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID)+(1|UniqueID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
l1kAIC(Modell1c, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Modell1c, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("Show LRT for each random intercept"); ranova(Modell1c)
```

	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	df.resid
	2321.2836	2345.8224	-1155.6418	2311.2836	995.0000

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
UniqueID	(Intercept)	0.026993	0.16430
PschoolID	(Intercept)	0.173769	0.41686
SschoolID	(Intercept)	0.077787	0.27890
Residual		0.480183	0.69295

Number of obs: 1000, groups: UniqueID, 652; PschoolID, 50; SschoolID, 33

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.343576	0.080679	66.344823	78.627	< 2.2e-16

ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions

	npar	logLik	AIC	LRT	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
<none>	5	-1155.64	2321.28			
(1 PschoolID)	4	-1232.26	2472.52	153.2332	1	< 2.22e-16
(1 SschoolID)	4	-1188.12	2384.24	64.9612	1	7.6388e-16
(1 UniqueID)	4	-1156.13	2320.27	0.9852	1	0.32092

The LRT indicates we do not need the random interaction variance, so we will remove it.

```
print("Show saved variances from model 1c")
```

```
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1c))
```

	grp	var1	var2	vcov	sdcor
1	UniqueID (Intercept)	<NA>	0.026993200	0.16429607	
2	PschoolID (Intercept)	<NA>	0.173769173	0.41685630	
3	SschoolID (Intercept)	<NA>	0.077786917	0.27890306	
4	Residual	<NA>	<NA>	0.480183039	0.69295241

```
# Compute total variance from model 1c saved variances
```

```
total1b = as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [1,4] +
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4] +
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [3,4] +
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [4,4]
```

```
print("ICC for Children in Same Primary School but Different Secondary Schools")
```

```
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4] / total1c
[1] 0.22902566
```

```
print("ICC for Children in Same Secondary School but Different Primary Schools")
```

```
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [3,4] / total1c
[1] 0.10252221
```

```
print("ICC for Children in Same Primary School and Same Secondary School")
```

```
(as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [1,4] +
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [2,4] +
as.data.frame(VarCorr(Modell1b)) [3,4]) / total1c
[1] 0.36712458
```

UniqueID random intercept variance now contributes extra to the same-school ICC

```
print("Show ICC for each school type"); icc(Modell1c, by_group=TRUE)
```

Group	ICC
UniqueID	0.036
PschoolID	0.229
SschoolID	0.103

```
print("Show ICC for same primary and secondary"); icc(Modell1c)
```

Unadjusted ICC: 0.367 → was 0.334 before random interaction (LRT → not different)

Child SES: Empty Means, Primary by Secondary AND Unique Crossed Random Intercepts

$$SES_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + U_{0ps} + e_{cps}$$

```
display "STATA Empty Means, Three-Way Crossed Model for SES Predictor"
mixed ses , || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: || UniqueID: , ///
        reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
```

```
print("R Empty Means, Three-Way Crossed Model for SES Predictor")
EmptySES = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE,
               formula=ses~1+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID)+(1|UniqueID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(EmptySES, chkREML=FALSE); summary(EmptySES, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("Show intraclass correlation by random type and its LRT")
icc(EmptySES, by_group=TRUE); icc(EmptySES); ranova(EmptySES)
```

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
UniqueID	(Intercept)	0.03207762714616	0.179102281
PschoolID	(Intercept)	0.000000000000000	0.000000000
SschoolID	(Intercept)	0.00000000022738	0.000015079
Residual		1.92235299693585	1.386489451

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	4.097514	0.044536	469.460512	92.004	< 2.2e-16

```
optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK)
boundary (singular) fit: see help('isSingular')
```

ICC values are "NA" indicating no detectable school variance in SES...

ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions

	npar	logLik	AIC	LRT	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
<none>	5	-1755.62	3521.24			
(1 PschoolID)	4	-1755.62	3519.24	0.0000000	1	1.00000
(1 SschoolID)	4	-1755.62	3519.24	0.0000000	1	1.00000
(1 UniqueID)	4	-1755.67	3519.33	0.0964561	1	0.75612

Even though SES does not have significant school variance, we will still examine its contextual effects to demonstrate proper specification of fixed effects of level-1 predictors in cross-classified models. This is also warranted by the significant correlation between unique primary/secondary achievement and SES.

Model 2: Model 1b + Primary*Secondary School Denomination (0= not religious, 1= religious)

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + \gamma_{010}(Pdenom_p) + \gamma_{001}(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{011}(Pdenom_p)(Sdenom_s) + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + e_{cps}$$

```
display "STATA Model 2: Model 1b + Primary*Secondary School Denomination"
mixed achieve c.Pdenom c.Sdenom c.Pdenom#c.Sdenom , ///
        || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: , ///
        reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
```

```
print("R Model 2: Model 1b + Primary*Secondary School Denomination")
Model2 = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE,
              formula=achieve~1+Pdenom+Sdenom+Pdenom:Sdenom+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Model2, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Model2, ddf="Satterthwaite")
```

AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	df.resid
2326.5332	2360.8875	-1156.2666	2312.5332	993.0000

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
	PschoolID (Intercept)	0.172047	0.41479
	SschoolID (Intercept)	0.072549	0.26935
	Residual	0.504291	0.71013

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.167016	0.137467	78.411238	44.8617	<2e-16
Pdenom	0.073058	0.144450	75.522971	0.5058	0.6145
Sdenom	0.100602	0.126084	45.008101	0.7979	0.4291
Pdenom:Sdenom	0.160770	0.100562	949.193305	1.5987	0.1102

Pseudo-R2 Relative to CovEmpty2 (from SAS)

Name	CovParm	Subject	Estimate	StdErr	PseudoR2
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1747	0.04070	.
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07873	0.02513	.
CovEmpty2	Residual		0.5052	0.02358	.
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1720	0.04059	0.015208
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07255	0.02407	0.078470
CovPxSdenom	Residual		0.5043	0.02356	0.001712

Which fixed slope should have caused the reduction in each pile of variance?

Model 3a: Add Level-1 Child SES (centered at 4)

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + \gamma_{010}(Pdenom_p) + \gamma_{001}(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{011}(Pdenom_p)(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{100}(SES_{cps} - 4) + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + e_{cps}$$

```
display "STATA Model 3a: Add Child SES"
mixed achieve c.Pdenom c.Sdenom c.Pdenom#c.Sdenom c.ses4, ///
    || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: , ///
    reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model

print("R Model 3a: Add Child SES")
Model3a = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+Pdenom+Sdenom+Pdenom:Sdenom
    +ses4+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Model3a, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Model3a, ddf="Satterthwaite")

          AIC          BIC      logLik   deviance  df.resid
2292.8588  2332.1208 -1138.4294  2276.8588   992.0000
```

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
	PschoolID (Intercept)	0.172560	0.41540
	SschoolID (Intercept)	0.067836	0.26045
	Residual	0.483284	0.69519

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.170877	0.135422	79.188519	45.5679	< 2.2e-16
Pdenom	0.051524	0.143693	74.532897	0.3586	0.72093
Sdenom	0.072529	0.122555	45.283271	0.5918	0.55692
ses4	0.106591	0.016259	939.145507	6.5557	0.00000000009125
Pdenom:Sdenom	0.198812	0.098621	947.929758	2.0159	0.04409

What are we assuming in estimating this level-1 child SES fixed slope by itself?

Pseudo-R2 Relative to CovEmpty2 (from SAS)
Change in Pseudo-R2 for CovPxSdenom vs. CovSES1

Name	CovParm	Subject	Estimate	StdErr	PseudoR2	PseudoR2Change
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1747	0.04070	.	.
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07873	0.02513	.	.
CovEmpty2	Residual		0.5052	0.02358	.	.
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1720	0.04059	0.01521	.
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07255	0.02407	0.07847	.
CovPxSdenom	Residual		0.5043	0.02356	0.00171	.
CovSES1	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1726	0.04045	0.01215	-0.003058
CovSES1	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.06784	0.02266	0.13832	0.059847
CovSES1	Residual		0.4833	0.02259	0.04330	0.041592

Model 3b: Add Contextual SES Slopes (each centered at 4)

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + \gamma_{010}(Pdenom_p) + \gamma_{001}(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{011}(Pdenom_p)(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{100}(SES_{cps} - 4) + \gamma_{020}(SES_p - 4) + \gamma_{002}(SES_s - 4) + \gamma_{022}(SES_{ps} - 4) + U_{0p0} + U_{00s} + e_{cps}$$

```
display "STATA Model 3b: Add Child SES Contextual Effects"
mixed achieve c.Pdenom c.Sdenom c.Pdenom#c.Sdenom ///
      c.ses4 c.PMses4 c.SMses4 c.PSMses4, ///
      || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: , ///
      reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
estimates store FitFix // Save for LRT

print("R Model 3b: Add Child SES Contextual Effects")
Model3b = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+Pdenom+Sdenom+Pdenom:Sdenom
      +ses4+PMses4+SMses4+PSMses4+(1|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Model3b, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Model3b, ddf="Satterthwaite")
```

AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	df.resid
2304.8990	2358.8843	-1141.4495	2282.8990	989.0000

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
PschoolID	(Intercept)	0.177091	0.42082
SschoolID	(Intercept)	0.066498	0.25787
Residual		0.483690	0.69548

Previous SES slope: ses4	0.106591
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Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.166405	0.138285	77.484221	44.5920	< 2e-16
Pdenom	0.049632	0.145087	72.327641	0.3421	0.73328
Sdenom	0.054282	0.122940	42.604036	0.4415	0.66106
ses4	0.089837	0.027751	914.494237	3.2373	0.00125
PMses4	-0.036125	0.230406	48.395383	-0.1568	0.87606
SMses4	0.179069	0.175583	38.457301	1.0199	0.31417
PSMses4	0.023378	0.034383	915.093916	0.6799	0.49673
Pdenom:Sdenom	0.200339	0.098777	945.776817	2.0282	0.04282

What do the new SES effects represent?

optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK)
 Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00241881 (tol = 0.002, component 1)

R said the model had estimation problems, whereas SAS and STATA said it was fine, so...?

Pseudo-R2 Relative to CovEmpty2 (from SAS)
Change in Pseudo-R2 for CovSES1 vs. CovSES2

Name	CovParm	Subject	Estimate	StdErr	PseudoR2	PseudoR2Change
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1747	0.04070	.	.
CovEmpty2	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07873	0.02513	.	.
CovEmpty2	Residual		0.5052	0.02358	.	.
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1720	0.04059	0.01521	.
CovPxSdenom	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.07255	0.02407	0.07847	.
CovPxSdenom	Residual		0.5043	0.02356	0.00171	.
CovSES2	UN(1,1)	PschoolID	0.1771	0.04182	-0.01367	-0.028876
CovSES2	UN(1,1)	SschoolID	0.06646	0.02274	0.15581	0.077343
CovSES2	Residual		0.4837	0.02262	0.04248	0.040769

Model 4a: Add Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Primary Schools

$$Achieve_{cps} = \gamma_{000} + \gamma_{010}(Pdenom_p) + \gamma_{001}(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{011}(Pdenom_p)(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{100}(SES_{cps} - 4) + \gamma_{020}(\overline{SES}_p - 4) + \gamma_{002}(\overline{SES}_s - 4) + \gamma_{022}(\overline{SES}_{ps} - 4) + U_{0p0} + U_{2p0}(SES_{cps} - \overline{SES}_{ps}) + U_{00s} + e_{cps}$$

display "STATA Model 4a: Add Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Primary Schools"

```
mixed achieve c.Pdenom c.Sdenom c.Pdenom#c.Sdenom ///
    c.ses4 c.PMs4 c.SMs4 c.PSMs4, ///
    || _all: R.SschoolID || PschoolID: WPSses, cov(un) ///
    reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
estat recovariance, releval(PschoolID) correlation // Random effect correlations
estimates store FitRandP // Save for LRT
lrtest FitRandP FitFix // LRT for random slope over primary?
```

```
print("R Model 4a: Add Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Primary Schools")
Model4a = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+Pdenom+Sdenom+Pdenom:Sdenom
    +ses4+PMs4+SMs4+PSMs4+(1+WPSses|PschoolID)+(1|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
llikAIC(Model4a, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Model4a, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("LRT for random slope"); ranova(Model4a)
```

```

      AIC      BIC    logLik  deviance  df.resid
2308.7927 2372.5935 -1141.3963  2282.7927   987.0000
```

```
Random effects:
Groups   Name              Variance  Std.Dev.  Corr
PschoolID (Intercept)  0.177109195  0.4208434
      WPSses           0.000095715  0.0097834  1.000
SschoolID (Intercept)  0.066420623  0.2577220
Residual              0.483636425  0.6954397
```

Note that a correlation for the new random slope was estimated only with the primary school random intercept, not with the secondary school random intercept.

Btw, slope reliability = .002!

```
Fixed effects:
      Estimate Std. Error   df t value  Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  6.165546   0.138209  77.499766  44.6105 < 2.2e-16
Pdenom       0.051368   0.144961  72.344770   0.3544  0.724101
```

Sdenom	0.054003	0.122892	42.626423	0.4394	0.662566
ses4	0.090360	0.027785	824.144510	3.2521	0.001192
PMses4	-0.036419	0.230191	48.395037	-0.1582	0.874947
SMses4	0.178770	0.175511	38.469166	1.0186	0.314772
PSMses4	0.022876	0.034409	877.591073	0.6648	0.506328
Pdenom:Sdenom	0.200605	0.098770	945.766909	2.0310	0.042532

ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions

	npar	logLik	AIC	LRT	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
<none>	13	-1141.40	2308.79			
WPSses in (1 + WPSses PschoolID)	11	-1141.45	2304.90	0.1063	2	0.94822
(1 SschoolID)	12	-1170.26	2364.52	57.7235	1	3.0168e-14

95% random effect confidence interval for student SES slope across primary schools:

Fixed effect $\pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(\text{random variance})$

Primary Student SES Slope: $0.090 \pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(0.000095715) = 0.071$ to 0.110 (so not much variation)

What kind of fixed effects would have explained the `WPSses` random slope variance over primary schools?

Model 4b: Model 3b + Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Secondary Schools

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Achieve}_{cps} = & \gamma_{000} + \gamma_{010}(Pdenom_p) + \gamma_{001}(Sdenom_s) + \gamma_{011}(Pdenom_p)(Sdenom_s) \\
 & + \gamma_{100}(SES_{cps} - 4) + \gamma_{020}(\overline{SES}_p - 4) + \gamma_{002}(\overline{SES}_s - 4) + \gamma_{022}(\overline{SES}_{ps} - 4) \\
 & + U_{0p0} + U_{20s}(SES_{cps} - \overline{SES}_{ps}) + U_{00s} + e_{cps}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that I had to switch the assignment of the random model parts (from `R.SschoolID` to `R.PschoolID`) in STATA to estimate the secondary school random slope and its covariance with the secondary random intercept. I have not been successful in getting any crossed model with random slopes for each level-2 dimension to work, as the `_all: R` option does not allow random slopes. Without it, STATA assumes that the second set of random effects are nested in the first set (i.e., a three-level model, not a two-level crossed model).

```

display "STATA Model 4b: Model 3b + Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Secondary Schools"
mixed achieve c.Pdenom c.Sdenom c.Pdenom#c.Sdenom ///
      c.ses4 c.PMs4 c.SMs4 c.PSMs4, ///
      || _all: R.PschoolID || SschoolID: WPSses, cov(un) ///
      reml dfmethod(satterthwaite) dftable(pvalue) nolog
display "-2LL = " e(11)*-2 // Print -2LL for model
estat recovariance, relevel(PschoolID) correlation // Random effect correlations
estimates store FitRandS // Save for LRT
lrtest FitRandS FitFix // LRT for random slope over secondary?

print("R Model 4b: Model 3b + Random WPS-Centered Child SES across Secondary Schools")
Model4b = lmer(data=Example5, REML=TRUE, formula=achieve~1+Pdenom+Sdenom+Pdenom:Sdenom
      +ses4+PMses4+SMses4+PSMses4+(1|PschoolID)+(1+WPSses|SschoolID))
print("Show results using Satterthwaite DDF including -2LL as deviance")
l1kAIC(Model4a, chkREML=FALSE); summary(Model4b, ddf="Satterthwaite")
print("LRT for random slope"); ranova(Model4b)

```

```

      AIC      BIC    logLik    deviance    df.resid
2308.7927 2372.5935 -1141.3963 2282.7927 987.0000

```

```

Random effects:
Groups   Name              Variance  Std.Dev.  Corr
PschoolID (Intercept) 0.17693994 0.420642
SschoolID (Intercept) 0.06651145 0.257898
          WPSses       0.00013417 0.011583 1.000
Residual                    0.48361733 0.695426

```

Note that a correlation for the new random slope was estimated only with the secondary school random intercept, not with the primary school random intercept.

Btw, slope reliability = .004!

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	6.164304	0.138176	77.593983	44.6120	< 2.2e-16
Pdenom	0.049769	0.145040	72.329355	0.3431	0.732490
Sdenom	0.059055	0.122717	42.762567	0.4812	0.632808
ses4	0.089433	0.027833	613.654686	3.2132	0.001381
PMses4	-0.035359	0.230319	48.386651	-0.1535	0.878625
SMses4	0.171820	0.175345	38.575153	0.9799	0.333245
PSMs4	0.023738	0.034447	762.649047	0.6891	0.490961
Pdenom:Sdenom	0.200014	0.098768	945.739665	2.0251	0.043139

ANOVA-like table for random-effects: Single term deletions

	npar	logLik	AIC	LRT	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
<none>	13	-1141.38	2308.77			
(1 PschoolID)	12	-1237.88	2499.77	193.0031	1	< 2e-16
WPSses in (1 + WPSses SschoolID)	11	-1141.45	2304.90	0.1315	2	0.93636

What kind of fixed effects would have explained the **WPSses** random slope variance over secondary schools?

95% random effect confidence interval for student SES slope across secondary schools:

Fixed effect $\pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(\text{random variance})$

Secondary Student SES Slope: $0.089 \pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(0.00013417) = 0.067$ to 0.112

Sample Results Section [indicates notes about what to change]

The extent to which 9th grade academic achievement could be predicted from school denomination and child socio-economic status (SES) was examined in a series of multilevel models with crossed random effects (i.e., for child cross-classification). Specifically, the 1,000 students at level 1 were modeled as nested within their 50 primary schools at level 2, as well as within their 33 secondary schools at level 2, such that primary and secondary schools were crossed sampling dimensions at level 2. Residual maximum likelihood (REML) within SAS MIXED [or STATA MIXED or R lmer] was used in estimating and reporting all model parameters. The significance of fixed effects was evaluated with Wald tests using Satterthwaite denominator degrees of freedom, whereas random effects were evaluated via likelihood ratio tests (i.e., $-2\Delta\text{LL}$ with degrees of freedom equal to the number of new random effects variances and covariances). Alpha was chosen as .05. Effect size was evaluated via psuedo- R^2 values for the proportion reduction in each variance component.

We first examined the extent of dependency due to mean differences by including a random intercept variance for each type of school. Relative to a model assuming independent children (i.e., with only a single model residual), adding a random intercept variance across primary schools significantly improved model fit, $-2\Delta\text{LL}(1) = 170.63$, $p < .001$. Adding another random intercept variance across secondary schools also significantly improved model fit, $-2\Delta\text{LL}(1) = 75.47$, $p < .001$, providing empirical support for the need to model the cross-classification of students within primary and secondary schools. Given 1–6 children within each unique combination of primary and secondary schools, we also examined the need for a random primary by secondary interaction. It was removed given that it did not significantly improve model fit, $-2\Delta\text{LL}(1) = 0.99$, $p = .321$, indicating no extra correlation of children from the same unique combination. Of the total variation in child achievement, 23.0% reflected mean differences between primary schools, 10.4% reflected mean differences between secondary schools, and 66.6% reflected remaining between-children differences after controlling for primary and secondary school additive effects. A 95% random effects confidence interval was calculated for each source of intercept variation as the fixed intercept $\pm 1.96 \cdot \text{SQRT}(\text{random intercept variance})$, which revealed that 95% of the primary schools were predicted to have intercepts for school mean achievement between 5.52 and 7.16, whereas 95% of the secondary schools were predicted to have intercepts for school mean achievement between 5.79 and 6.89.

We then added the effects for the denomination status (0 = not religious, 1 = religious) for the primary school and for the secondary school, as well as for their interaction. Both indicated nonsignificantly greater achievement outcomes for denominational schools with no significant interaction. Primary school denomination captured 1.52% of the primary school

random intercept variance, secondary school denomination captured 7.85% of the secondary school random intercept variance, and their interaction captured 0.17% of the level-1 residual variance. However, all three denomination predictors were retained in the model as control variables.

We then considered the effects of child SES (centered at 4). Its fixed slope was significantly positive, such that child achievement was expected to be larger by 0.107 per unit SES. However, the inclusion of a single fixed slope for child SES assumes no contextual effects of any kind. To test this assumption, and to ensure proper interpretation of the child-level SES fixed effect as the within-school effect, we added three level-2 contextual SES effects (each centered at 4): primary school mean SES, secondary school mean SES, and the unique combination of primary by secondary school mean SES.

The level-1 SES effect—now representing the pure within-school effect—was significantly positive and indicated that child achievement was expected to be larger by 0.107 per unit greater SES than the mean of the child's primary and secondary school combination. The following level-2 contextual effects are each interpreted as the incremental contribution of the school after controlling for child SES. The level-2 contextual SES effect for primary schools indicated that primary school achievement was nonsignificantly lower by 0.036 per unit higher primary mean SES. Likewise, the level-2 contextual SES effect for secondary schools indicated that secondary school achievement was nonsignificantly higher by 0.179 per unit higher secondary mean SES. Finally, the level-2 contextual SES effect for the unique combination of primary and secondary schools indicated that child achievement was expected to be nonsignificantly higher by 0.023 per unit higher school combination mean SES. The SES effects in total accounted for none of the primary school random intercept variance, 7.73% of the secondary school random intercept variance, and 4.08% of the level-1 residual variance.

Lastly, we considered the potential for random slopes for the child SES effect (using a within-unique-combination centered predictor to avoid conflated random slopes). The SES slope variation resulted in non-positive-definite matrices of random effect variances and covariances. Within-school child SES slope variation was nonsignificant across primary schools, $-2\Delta LL(\sim 2) = 0.106$, $p = .948$, as well as across secondary schools, $-2\Delta LL(\sim 2) = 0.132$, $p = .936$, indicating that the size of the relative child SES advantage did not differ significantly across each type of school.