

Session 2: SEM | Study Design | Phenomics - Practical 2

twin Modeling in OpenMx from expected to actual relatedness

1. Create day2/practical2 directory
2. Copy all files from faculty/hmaes/2021/day2/practical2 to your directory
3. Determine your level of OpenMx proficiency:
 - Beginner: first time using OpenMx
 - Intermediate: attended OpenMx workshop or used existing OpenMx scripts
 - Advanced: written OpenMx scripts or adapted existing ones extensively
4. Note that filenames are color coded in orange below.
5. Objects from model 1 that are not changed in models 2-6 are re-used, but do not need to be repeated, as long as they are included in the mxModel statement(s).

For Beginners

1. Open oneACEvc7.R or open individual scripts 1: oneACEvc_1cov.R
2. Make sure you have data: tsDataS7.txt and miFunctions.R in the same directory
3. Run **Model 1** (all lines up 111)
4. Inspect the lines related to specifying the expected covariance matrices

```
# Create Matrices for Variance Components
covA      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVa,
  label="VA11", name="VA" )
covC      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVa,
  label="VC11", name="VC" )
covE      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVe,
  label="VE11", name="VE" )

# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins
covP      <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA+VC+VE, name="V" )
covMZ     <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA+VC, name="cMZ" )
covDZ     <- mxAlgebra( expression= 0.5%*VA+ VC, name="cDZ" )
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cMZ),
                                         cbind(t(cMZ), V)), name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cDZ),
                                         cbind(t(cDZ), V)), name="expCovDZ" )
```

5. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals. You can find these in the regular summary of the fitted model object:
summary(fitACEvc)

```
> summary(fitACE1)
Summary of oneACEvc_1cov

free parameters:
  name   matrix row col    Estimate    Std.Error A
1 interC intercept  1   1  0.0745740554  0.0654497596
2 betaS      bS    1   1  0.0981537390  0.0308553226
3 betaA      bA    1   1  0.0016269288  0.0020417776
4 VA11       VA    1   1  0.4128498423  0.0480040225
5 VC11       VC    1   1  0.1907156678  0.0443951969
6 VE11       VE    1   1  0.2762940993  0.0122050017
```

```

confidence intervals:
      lbound   estimate     ubound note
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,1] 0.32104727 0.41284984 0.51000018
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,2] 0.10186692 0.19071567 0.27644456
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,3] 0.25366495 0.27629410 0.30163541
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,4] 0.36561684 0.46922241 0.57740652
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,5] 0.11689735 0.21675693 0.30964261
oneACEvc_1cov.US[1,6] 0.28575636 0.31402066 0.34519481

Model Statistics:
      | Parameters | Degrees of Freedom | Fit (-2lnL units)
Model:          6                   3994           9975.7666
Saturated:      NA                  NA             NA
Independence:   NA                  NA             NA
Number of observations/statistics: 2000/4000

Information Criteria:
      | df Penalty | Parameters Penalty | Sample-Size Adjusted
AIC:    1987.7666            9987.7666        9987.8088
BIC:   -20382.2378          10021.3720       10002.3097
CFI:  NA
TLI: 1 (also known as NNFI)
RMSEA: 0 [95% CI (NA, NA)]
Prob(RMSEA <= 0.05): NA
To get additional fit indices, see help(mxRefModels)
timestamp: 2021-06-04 09:57:54
Wall clock time: 27.219256 secs
optimizer: NPSOL
OpenMx version number: 2.19.5.1
Need help? See help(mxSummary)

```

6. or get them using one of the helper functions: `fitGofs` (for goodness-of-fit statistics) and `fitEstCIs` (for unstandardized variance components VA, VC & VE , standardized variance components SA, SC, SE (in `mxMatrix US`)).

```

> fitGofs(fitACE1)
Mx:oneACEvc_1cov os=4000 ns=2000 ep=6 co=0 df=3994 ll=9975.7666 cpu=27.2193 opt=NPSOL
ver=2.19.5.1 stc=0

> fitEstCIs(fitACE1,colUS) # this will give an error if you set intervals=F, but still print
the parameter estimates
interC betaA  VA11  VC11  VE11
0.0746 0.0982 0.0016 0.4128 0.1907 0.2763
      VA    VC    VE    SA    SC    SE
lbound  0.3210 0.1019 0.2537 0.3656 0.1169 0.2858
estimate 0.4128 0.1907 0.2763 0.4692 0.2168 0.3140
ubound  0.5100 0.2764 0.3016 0.5774 0.3096 0.3452

```

7. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix?
8. What proportion of the variance is due to additive genetic factors?

9. Run **Model 2** (lines 112-169) or open & run individual script 2: [oneACEvc_2sib.R](#)
10. Inspect the lines related to specifying the expected covariance matrices

```

# Create Algebra for expected Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins & extra sibling
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           CMZ,   cDZ),
                                              cbind(t(cMZ), V,       cDZ),
                                              cbind(t(cDZ), cDZ,   V)), name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cDZ,   cDZ),
                                              cbind(t(cDZ), V,       cDZ),
                                              cbind(t(cDZ), cDZ,   V)), name="expCovDZ" )

```

11. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
12. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix?
13. What is the expected variance of siblings?
14. What about their covariance with their MZ or DZ co-twin?
15. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 1? Why?
16. Run **Model 3** (lines 170-206) or open & run individual script 3: [oneACEvc_3alt.R](#)
17. Inspect the lines related to specifying the expected covariance matrices

```
# Create Algebra for expected Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins & extra sibling
relAmz   <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, values=c(1,
  1,.5,1,.5,1), name="rAmz" )
relAdz   <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  values=c(1,.5,.5,1,.5,1), name="rAdz" )
relC     <- mxMatrix( type="Unit", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, name="rC" )
relE     <- mxMatrix( type="Iden", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, name="rE" )
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%x%rAmz + VC%x%rC + VE%x%rE, name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%x%rAdz + VC%x%rC + VE%x%rE, name="expCovDZ" )
```

18. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
19. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format.
20. What is the difference between the MZ & DZ groups?
21. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 2? Should they be?
22. Run **Model 4** (lines 207-237) or open & run individual script 4: [oneACEvc_4def.R](#)
23. Inspect the lines related to specifying the expected covariance matrices

```
# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in twins & extra sibling
relA      <- mxMatrix( type="Stand", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  labels=c("data.relT","data.rels","data.relS"), name="rA" )
expCovTW <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%x%rA + VC%x%rC + VE%x%rE, name="expCovTW" )
```

24. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
25. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format.
26. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 3? Should they be?
27. Run **Model 5** (lines 238-261) or open & run individual script 5: [oneACEvc_5alt.R](#)
28. Inspect the lines related to specifying the expected covariance matrices

```
# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in twins & extra sibling
relA      <- mxMatrix( type="Stand", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  labels=c("data.rel12","data.rel13","data.rel23"), name="rA" )
```

29. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
30. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format.
31. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 4?
32. Did it take longer to run? Why?

33. Run **Model 6** (lines 262-287) or open & run individual script 6: [oneACEvc_6dzs.R](#)
 34. Inspect the lines related to specifying the data objects

```
# Create Data Objects for DZ Group
dataDZ    <- mxData( observed=tsDataS[tsDataS$zyg==2,], type="raw" )
```

35. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
 36. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 5?

37. What happened to the confidence intervals?
 38. Can model fit of this model be compared with previous models?

For Intermediate Users

1. Open [oneACEvc7_2fill.R](#)
2. Run **Model 1** (all lines up 111) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Matrices for Variance Components
covA      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVa,
  label="VA11", name="VA" )
covC      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVa,
  label="VC11", name="VC" )
covE      <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=nv, ncol=nv, free=TRUE, values=svVe,
  label="VE11", name="VE" )

# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins
covP      <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA+VC+VE, name="V" )
covMZ     <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA+VC, name="cMZ" )
covDZ     <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA+ VC, name="cDZ" )
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cMZ),
                                             cbind(t(cMZ), V)), name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cDZ),
                                             cbind(t(cDZ), V)), name="expCovDZ" )
```

3. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
4. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix?
5. What proportion of the variance is due to additive genetic factors?
6. Run **Model 2** (lines 112-169) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Algebra for expected Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins & extra sibling
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cMZ,   cDZ),
                                             cbind(t(cMZ), V,   cDZ),
                                             cbind(t(cDZ), cDZ, V)), name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= rbind( cbind(V,           cDZ,   cDZ),
                                             cbind(t(cDZ), V,   cDZ),
                                             cbind(t(cDZ), cDZ, V)), name="expCovDZ" )
```

7. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals
8. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix?
9. What is the expected variance of siblings?
10. What about their covariance with their MZ or DZ co-twin?
11. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 1? Why?

12. Run **Model 3** (lines 170-206) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Algebra for expected Covariance Matrices in MZ & DZ twins & extra sibling
relAmz  <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, values=c(1,
  1,.5,1,.5,1), name="rAmz" )
relAdz  <- mxMatrix( type="Symm", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  values=c(1,,,1,.5,1), name="rAdz" )
relC    <- mxMatrix( type="Unit", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, name="rC" )
relE    <- mxMatrix( type="Iden", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE, name="rE" )
expCovMZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%>%rAmz + VC%>%rC + VE%>%rE, name="expCovMZ" )
expCovDZ <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%>%rAdz + VC%>%rC + VE%>%rE, name="expCovDZ" )
```

13. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals

14. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format.

15. What is the difference between the MZ & DZ groups?

16. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 2? Should they be?

17. Run **Model 4** (lines 207-237) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in twins & extra sibling
relA      <- mxMatrix( type="Stand", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  labels=c("data.", "data.rels", "data.relS"), name="rA" )
expCovTW <- mxAlgebra( expression= VA%>%rA + VC%>%rC + VE%>%rE, name="expCovTW" )
```

18. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals

19. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format.

20. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 3? Should they be?

21. Run **Model 5** (lines 238-261) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Algebra for expected Variance/Covariance Matrices in twins & extra sibling
relA      <- mxMatrix( type="", nrow=ntv, ncol=ntv, free=FALSE,
  labels=c("data.rel12", "data.rel13", "data.rel23"), name="rA" )
```

22. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals

23. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 4?

24. Did it take longer to run? Why?

25. Does using the actual relatedness impact the running time of the script?

26. Run **Model 6** (lines 262-287) after fixing missing piece in the following lines of code:

```
# Create Data Objects for DZ Group
dataDZ   <- mxData( observed=tsData$[tsData$zyg==,], type="raw" )
```

27. Record goodness-of-fit (df, -2 log-likelihood), parameter estimates and confidence intervals

28. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 5?

29. What happened to the confidence intervals?

30. Can model fit of this model be compared with previous models?

Answer Sheet

Goodness-of-fit statistics										
	os	ns	ep	co	df	ll	cpu	stc		
1cov	4000	2000	6	0	3994	9975.76	19.761	0		
2sib	6000	2000	6	0	5994	14873.6	21.7278	0		
3alt	6000	2000	6	0	5994	14873.6	21.6779	0		
4def	6000	2000	6	0	5994	14873.6	37.9076	0		
5rel	6000	2000	6	0	5994	14874.5	42.0952	0		
6dzs	3000	1000	6	0	2994	7589.48	16.4638	0		
Parameter estimates										
	interC	betaS	betaA	VA11	VC11	VE11				
1cov	0.0746	0.0982	0.0016	0.4128	0.1907	0.2763				
2sib	0.1475	0.0566	0.0002	0.4383	0.1711	0.277				
3alt	0.1475	0.0566	0.0002	0.4383	0.1711	0.277				
4def	0.1475	0.0566	0.0002	0.4383	0.1711	0.277				
5rel	0.1471	0.0571	0.0002	0.4368	0.1725	0.2778				
6dzs	0.1551	0.0641	-0.0003	0.1252	0.3201	0.4294				
Standardized variance components and their confidence intervals										
	lbA	pA	ubA	lbC	pC	ubC	lbE	pE	ubE	
1cov	0.3656	0.4692	0.5774	0.1169	0.2168	0.3096	0.2858	0.314	0.3452	
2sib	0.4238	0.4945	0.5643	0.1349	0.1931	0.2496	0.2849	0.3125	0.3429	
3alt	0.4238	0.4945	0.5643	0.1349	0.1931	0.2496	0.2849	0.3125	0.3429	
4def	0.4238	0.4945	0.5643	0.1349	0.1931	0.2496	0.2849	0.3125	0.3429	
5rel	0.4216	0.4924	0.5623	0.1363	0.1945	0.251	0.2855	0.3132	0.3437	
6dzs	-0.6722	0.1431	0.9498	-0.04	0.366	0.77	0.0894	0.4909	0.903	

os: number of observed statistics
 ns: number of records
 ep: estimated parameters
 df: degrees of freedom
 ll: -2 log-likelihood of data
 cpu: computer processing time
 etc: status code (0 is ok)

lb: lower bound of confidence interval
 ub: upper bound of confidence interval
 pA: proportion of variance explained by additive genetic factors
 pC: proportion of variance explained by shared environmental factors
 pE: proportion of variance explained by unique environmental factors

For Advanced Users

1. Fix & Run **oneACEvc7_2fill.R**
2. Simulate new data using **simTSc.R** with different sample size and/or expected proportions of variance for ACE
3. Evaluate sample size needed to get similar confidence intervals with DZ only model to model with both MZ & DZ twins, possibly under various scenarios of expected proportions

Answer Key for Beginners

7. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix? 2x2
8. What proportion of the variance is due to additive genetic factors? 47%
12. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix? 3x3
13. What is the expected variance of siblings? A+C+E
14. What about their covariance with their MZ or DZ co-twin? 0.5A+C
15. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 1? Why? maybe, if sibling correlation is not exactly the same as the DZ correlation
19. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format. See video
20. What is the difference between the MZ & DZ groups? 1 & .5
21. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 2? Should they be? No
25. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format. See video
26. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 3? Should they be? No
30. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format. See video
31. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 4? No
32. Did it take longer to run? Why? Yes, to read in definition variables
36. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 5? Yes
37. What happened to the confidence intervals? They exploded
38. Can model fit of this model be compared with previous models? Not really - different data

Answer Key for Intermediate (different numbering)

4. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix? 2x2
5. What proportion of the variance is due to additive genetic factors? 47%
8. What is the size of the predicted covariance matrix? 3x3
9. What is the expected variance of siblings? A+C+E
10. What about their covariance with their MZ or DZ co-twin? 0.5A+C
11. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 1? Why? maybe, if sibling correlation is not exactly the same as the DZ correlation
14. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format. See video
15. What is the difference between the MZ & DZ groups? 1 & .5
16. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 2? Should they be? No
19. Write out the relationship coefficient matrices for MZs and DZs in matrix format. See video
20. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 3? Should they be? No
23. Are parameter estimates and CIs different from Model 4? No
24. Did it take longer to run? Why? Yes, to read in definition variables
25. Does using the actual relatedness impact the running time of the script? Slows down
28. Are parameter estimates and confidence intervals different from Model 5? Yes
29. What happened to the confidence intervals? They exploded
30. Can model fit of this model be compared with previous models? Not really - different data