

# Psychology 454: Latent Variable Modeling

## Week 7: More on change

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## Measuring structure at two (or more) time points

1. Is the structure the same
  - Structural Invariance (is the graph the same)
  - Measurement invariance (are the loadings the same)
  - Strong measurement invariance (are the item intercepts the same?)
  - Measuring change
2. Do the means change (is there growth)
  - This is the means of the latent trait, not the means of the items
3. Do the latent traits correlate across two or more occasions?
  - Just two occasions, can not separate trait from state effects
  - With  $> 2$  occasions, can examine trait and state effects
4. Compare several different simulations

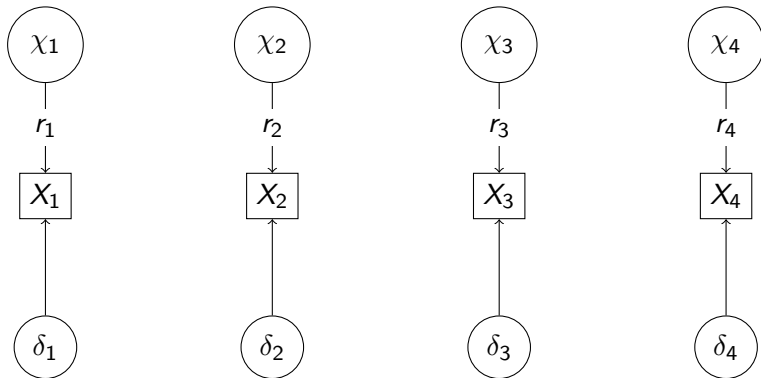
## Observed scores over 4 time points

Do they differ in means? Do they measure the same thing?

 $X_1$  $X_2$  $X_3$  $X_4$

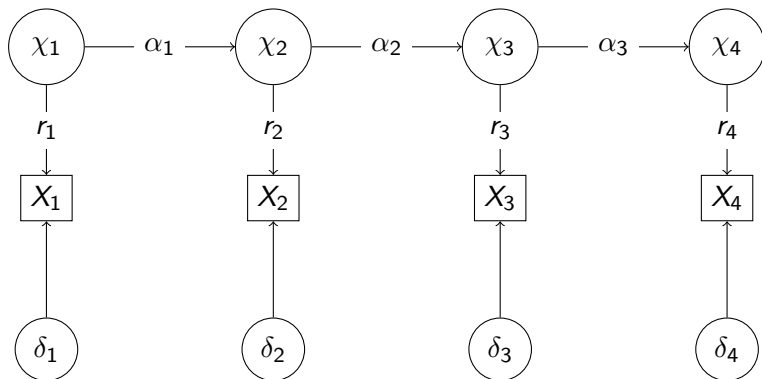
## Modeled 4 time points

Are the measures measures of the same construct? Are the measures invariant?



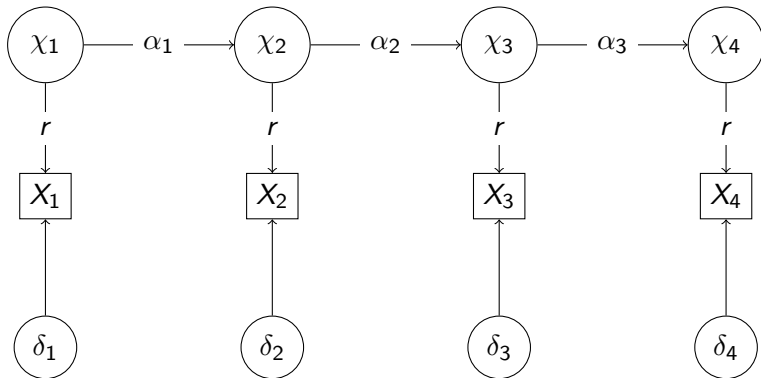
## Model state change over 4 time points: simplex but with too many parameters

$\sqrt{r_i}$  is reliability,  $\alpha_i$  is autocorrelation.



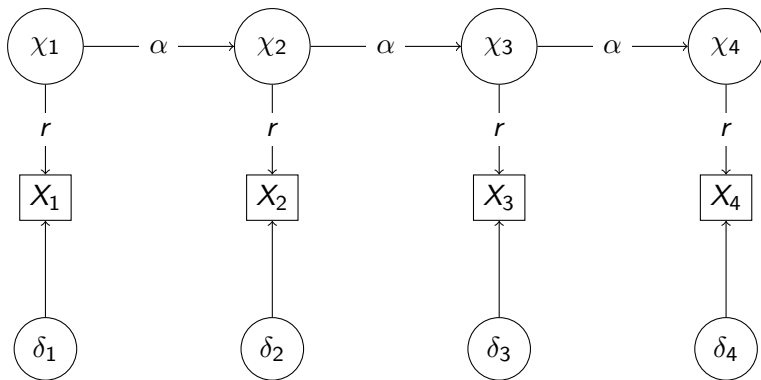
## Model change over 4 time points: simplex: force some constraints

Equal reliabilities, unequal autocorrelation.



## Model change over 4 time points: simplex: fully constrained: 2 parameters

But, even though there are 6 observed correlations, the model is unidentified, because  $r_{x_1x_2} = r_{x_2x_3} \dots = r^2\alpha$



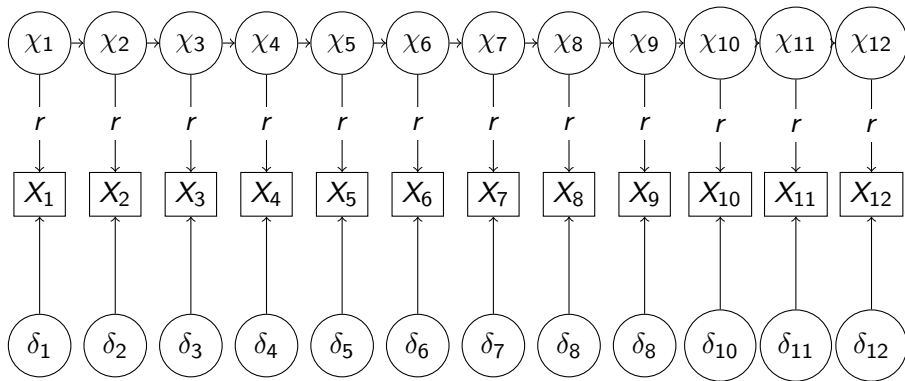
## Generating a 4 variable simplex (autocorrelation confounded with reliability)

### R code

```
simplex <- sim.simplex(nvar=4,alpha=.8)
simplex
```

|    | V1    | V2   | V3   | V4    |
|----|-------|------|------|-------|
| V1 | 1.000 | 0.80 | 0.64 | 0.512 |
| V2 | 0.800 | 1.00 | 0.80 | 0.640 |
| V3 | 0.640 | 0.80 | 1.00 | 0.800 |
| V4 | 0.512 | 0.64 | 0.80 | 1.000 |

## Model a 12 variable simplex



## A 12 variable simplex:

Notice how the correlations will tend towards 0 because the further away in time, the smaller the effect of the autocorrelation. This is in some sense, a one factor model with all correlations varying as  $(r\alpha)^t$  where  $t$  is the time between observations. However, this is not a congeneric model. In addition, note that the autocorrelations and reliabilities are confounded.

R code

```
simplex12 <- sim.simplex() #default is 12 variables
```

```
lowerMat(simplex12)
  V1  V2  V3  V4  V5  V6  V7  V8  V9  V10 V11 V12
V1  1.00
V2  0.80 1.00
V3  0.64 0.80 1.00
V4  0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V5  0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V6  0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V7  0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V8  0.21 0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V9  0.17 0.21 0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V10 0.13 0.17 0.21 0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V11 0.11 0.13 0.17 0.21 0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
V12 0.09 0.11 0.13 0.17 0.21 0.26 0.33 0.41 0.51 0.64 0.80 1.00
```

## A naive factor analysis of a simplex

### R code

```
> set.seed(42)
> simplex12 <- sim.simplex(n=1000)
> f1 <- fa(simplex12$observed)
> f1
```

Factor Analysis using method = minres

Call: fa(r = simplex12\$observed)

Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix

|    | MR1  | h2   | u2   | com |
|----|------|------|------|-----|
| 1  | 0.44 | 0.19 | 0.81 | 1   |
| 2  | 0.55 | 0.30 | 0.70 | 1   |
| 3  | 0.64 | 0.41 | 0.59 | 1   |
| 4  | 0.74 | 0.54 | 0.46 | 1   |
| 5  | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.33 | 1   |
| 6  | 0.85 | 0.72 | 0.28 | 1   |
| 7  | 0.83 | 0.69 | 0.31 | 1   |
| 8  | 0.79 | 0.62 | 0.38 | 1   |
| 9  | 0.71 | 0.51 | 0.49 | 1   |
| 10 | 0.61 | 0.37 | 0.63 | 1   |
| 11 | 0.52 | 0.27 | 0.73 | 1   |
| 12 | 0.44 | 0.20 | 0.80 | 1   |

MR1  
SS loadings 5.49  
Proportion Var 0.46

Mean item complexity = 1

Test of the hypothesis that 1 factor is sufficient.

## one factor simplex – continued

The degrees of freedom for the null model are 66 and the objective function was 11.22  
with Chi Square of 11155.94

The degrees of freedom for the model are 54 and the objective function was 5.78

The root mean square of the residuals (RMSR) is 0.2

The df corrected root mean square of the residuals is 0.22

The harmonic number of observations is 1000 with the empirical chi square  
5175.14 with prob < 0

The total number of observations was 1000 with MLE Chi Square = 5741.88 with prob < 0

Tucker Lewis Index of factoring reliability = 0.373

RMSEA index = 0.326 and the 90 % confidence intervals are 0.317 0.332

BIC = 5368.86

Fit based upon off diagonal values = 0.84

Measures of factor score adequacy

|                                               |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
|                                               | MR1  |
| Correlation of scores with factors            | 0.96 |
| Multiple R square of scores with factors      | 0.93 |
| Minimum correlation of possible factor scores | 0.86 |

## Residuals of the 1 factor model are very large

This model could be interpreted as a one factor model, but not in the conventional sense. It is certainly not a congeneric model.

R code

```
resid(f1)
```

|     | C1    | C2    | C3    | C4    | C5    | C6    | C7    | C8   | C9   | C10  | C11  | C12  |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| R1  | 0.81  |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R2  | 0.56  | 0.70  |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R3  | 0.36  | 0.45  | 0.59  |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R4  | 0.17  | 0.23  | 0.33  | 0.46  |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R5  | 0.02  | 0.05  | 0.11  | 0.19  | 0.33  |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R6  | -0.06 | -0.05 | -0.03 | 0.01  | 0.12  | 0.28  |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| R7  | -0.11 | -0.12 | -0.12 | -0.10 | -0.04 | 0.08  | 0.31  |      |      |      |      |      |
| R8  | -0.15 | -0.16 | -0.17 | -0.16 | -0.09 | -0.01 | 0.15  | 0.38 |      |      |      |      |
| R9  | -0.14 | -0.17 | -0.19 | -0.16 | -0.13 | -0.08 | 0.04  | 0.22 | 0.49 |      |      |      |
| R10 | -0.11 | -0.13 | -0.16 | -0.15 | -0.15 | -0.12 | -0.03 | 0.11 | 0.35 | 0.63 |      |      |
| R11 | -0.11 | -0.14 | -0.18 | -0.17 | -0.16 | -0.11 | -0.03 | 0.08 | 0.26 | 0.48 | 0.73 |      |
| R12 | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.13 | -0.14 | -0.14 | -0.11 | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 0.38 | 0.59 | 0.80 |

## Number of factors by conventional methods:

R code

```
nfactors(simplex12$observed)
```

Number of factors

Call: vss(x = x, n = n, rotate = rotate, diagonal = diagonal, fm = fm,

n.obs = n.obs, plot = FALSE, title = title, use = use, cor = cor)

VSS complexity 1 achieves a maximum of 0.8 with 1 factors

VSS complexity 2 achieves a maximum of 0.95 with 3 factors

The Velicer MAP achieves a minimum of 0.07 with 4 factors

Empirical BIC achieves a minimum of -97.37 with 4 factors

Sample Size adjusted BIC achieves a minimum of -25.44 with 6 factors

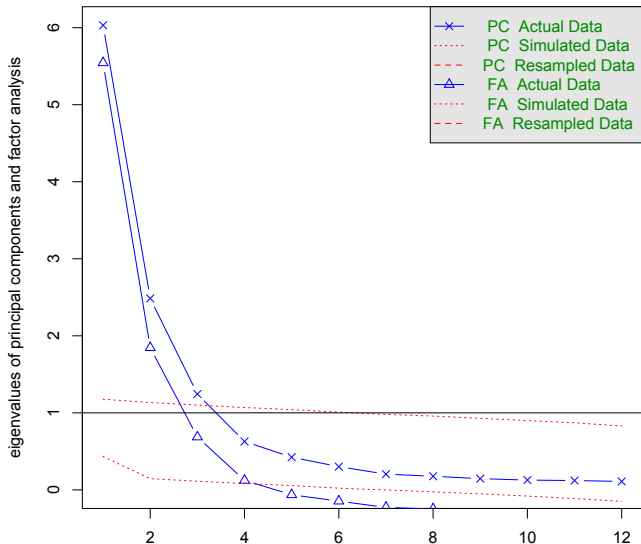
Statistics by number of factors

|    | vss1 | vss2 | map   | dof | chisq   | prob     | sqresid | fit  | RMSEA | BIC  | SABIC  | complex | eChisq  | S    |
|----|------|------|-------|-----|---------|----------|---------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|---------|------|
| 1  | 0.80 | 0.00 | 0.151 | 54  | 5.7e+03 | 0.0e+00  | 9.120   | 0.80 | 0.33  | 5369 | 5540.4 | 1.0     | 5.2e+03 | 2.0e |
| 2  | 0.72 | 0.94 | 0.108 | 43  | 3.0e+03 | 0.0e+00  | 2.644   | 0.94 | 0.26  | 2728 | 2864.6 | 1.2     | 1.1e+03 | 9.0e |
| 3  | 0.62 | 0.95 | 0.075 | 33  | 1.4e+03 | 3.4e-273 | 1.007   | 0.98 | 0.20  | 1171 | 1276.2 | 1.4     | 2.2e+02 | 4.1e |
| 4  | 0.51 | 0.87 | 0.074 | 24  | 6.3e+02 | 1.4e-118 | 0.608   | 0.99 | 0.16  | 469  | 544.9  | 1.6     | 6.8e+01 | 2.3e |
| 5  | 0.47 | 0.78 | 0.084 | 16  | 2.1e+02 | 2.4e-35  | 0.459   | 0.99 | 0.11  | 97   | 147.8  | 1.8     | 1.5e+01 | 1.1e |
| 6  | 0.50 | 0.72 | 0.103 | 9   | 8.1e+00 | 5.2e-01  | 0.408   | 0.99 | 0.00  | -54  | -25.4  | 1.9     | 1.1e+00 | 2.9e |
| 7  | 0.51 | 0.78 | 0.134 | 3   | 5.7e+00 | 1.3e-01  | 0.333   | 0.99 | 0.03  | -15  | -5.5   | 1.9     | 7.1e-01 | 2.3e |
| 8  | 0.46 | 0.72 | 0.188 | -2  | 2.5e-01 | NA       | 0.216   | 1.00 | NA    | NA   | NA     | 2.0     | 2.1e-02 | 4.0e |
| 9  | 0.47 | 0.75 | 0.282 | -6  | 8.3e-04 | NA       | 0.141   | 1.00 | NA    | NA   | NA     | 2.0     | 3.9e-05 | 1.7e |
| 10 | 0.52 | 0.81 | 0.474 | -9  | 7.0e-07 | NA       | 0.194   | 1.00 | NA    | NA   | NA     | 1.9     | 3.0e-08 | 4.8e |
| 11 | 0.52 | 0.81 | 1.000 | -11 | 0.0e+00 | NA       | 0.192   | 1.00 | NA    | NA   | NA     | 1.9     | 2.0e-15 | 1.2e |
| 12 | 0.42 | 0.65 | NA    | -12 | 1.8e-12 | NA       | 0.013   | 1.00 | NA    | NA   | NA     | 2.3     | 3.5e-25 | 1.6e |

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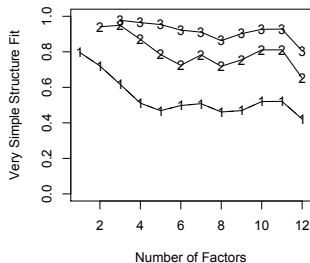
## parallel analysis for the 12 item simplex

Parallel Analysis Scree Plots

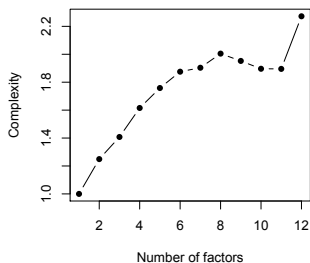


# number of factors for the 12 item simplex

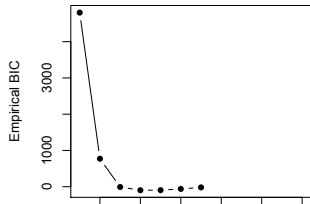
## Very Simple Structure



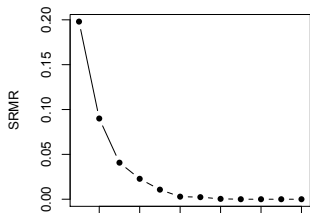
## Complexity



## Empirical BIC



## Root Mean Residual



## Lets model this with lavaan

### R code

```
library(lavaan)
modsimp <- ' x2 ~ a*x1
            x3 ~ a*x2
            x4 ~ a*x3
            x5 ~ a* x4
            x6 ~ a*x5
            x7 ~ a*x6
            x8 ~ a* x7
            x9 ~ a*x8
            x10 ~ a*x9
            x11~ a* x10
            x12~ a* x11'

fitsimp <- sem(model=modsimp,data=simplex12$observed)
summary(fitsimp)
```

```
summary(fitsimp)
lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 16 iterations
```

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Number of observations          | 1000   |
| Estimator                       | ML     |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 64.004 |
| Degrees of freedom              | 65     |
| P-value (Chi-square)            | 0.512  |

## lavaan simplex output continued: slopes are correct

### Regressions:

|       |     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x2 ~  |     |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (a) | 0.796    | 0.006   | 140.017 | 0.000   |
| x3 ~  |     |          |         |         |         |
| x2    | (a) | 0.796    | 0.006   | 140.017 | 0.000   |
| x4 ~  |     |          |         |         |         |
| ...   |     |          |         |         |         |
| x11 ~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| x10   | (a) | 0.796    | 0.006   | 140.017 | 0.000   |
| x12 ~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| x11   | (a) | 0.796    | 0.006   | 140.017 | 0.000   |

### Variances:

|     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x2  | 0.390    | 0.017   | 22.361  | 0.000   |
| x3  | 0.356    | 0.016   | 22.361  | 0.000   |
| x4  | 0.342    | 0.015   | 22.361  | 0.000   |
| ... |          |         |         |         |
| x11 | 0.344    | 0.015   | 22.361  | 0.000   |
| x12 | 0.335    | 0.015   | 22.361  | 0.000   |

## lavaan simplex output continued: residuals are tiny

R code

**resid(fitsimp)**

resid(fitsimp)

\$type

[1] "raw"

\$cov

|     | x2     | x3     | x4     | x5     | x6     | x7     | x8     | x9     | x10    | x11    | x12   | x1    |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| x2  | 0.013  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x3  | -0.023 | -0.045 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x4  | -0.028 | -0.044 | -0.041 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x5  | -0.020 | -0.026 | -0.018 | -0.002 |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x6  | 0.005  | -0.014 | -0.010 | 0.009  | 0.015  |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x7  | 0.003  | -0.010 | -0.006 | 0.003  | -0.001 | -0.011 |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| x8  | 0.014  | 0.002  | 0.008  | 0.039  | 0.027  | 0.002  | 0.009  |        |        |        |       |       |
| x9  | 0.020  | 0.005  | 0.034  | 0.052  | 0.036  | 0.005  | 0.002  | -0.003 |        |        |       |       |
| x10 | 0.042  | 0.023  | 0.043  | 0.035  | 0.012  | -0.015 | -0.022 | -0.002 | -0.002 |        |       |       |
| x11 | 0.009  | -0.019 | -0.003 | 0.002  | 0.004  | -0.013 | -0.027 | -0.033 | -0.040 | -0.062 |       |       |
| x12 | 0.037  | 0.017  | 0.021  | 0.022  | 0.016  | 0.021  | 0.010  | 0.001  | 0.009  | 0.003  | 0.044 |       |
| x1  | 0.008  | -0.020 | -0.041 | -0.035 | -0.024 | -0.012 | -0.017 | 0.006  | 0.029  | 0.002  | 0.011 | 0.000 |

\$mean

|  | x2 | x3 | x4 | x5 | x6 | x7 | x8 | x9 | x10 | x11 | x12 | x1 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
|  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |

## Now lets examine change in the means of a simplex model

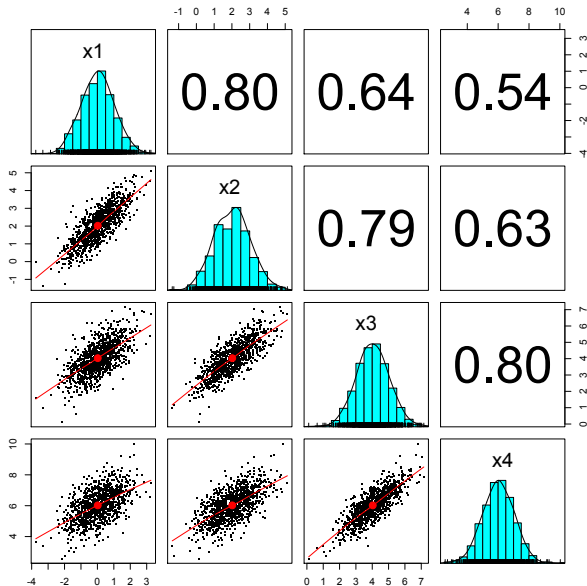
Put in a change in the means in our simplex.

R code

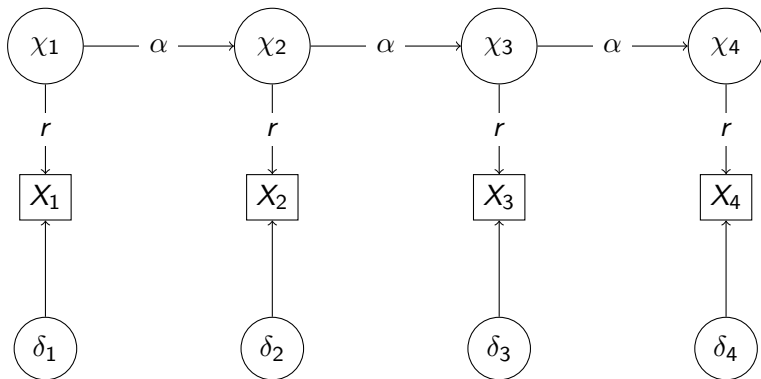
```
set.seed(42)
simp4 <- sim.simplex(4,mu=c(0,2,4,6),n=1000)
colnames(simp4$observed) <- paste0("x",1:4)
describe(simp4$observed)
```

|    | vars | n    | mean | sd   | median | trimmed | mad  | min   | max   | range | skew  | kurtosis | se   |
|----|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|------|
| x1 | 1    | 1000 | 0.02 | 1.00 | 0.03   | 0.02    | 1.02 | -3.75 | 3.26  | 7.01  | 0.01  | 0.05     | 0.03 |
| x2 | 2    | 1000 | 2.02 | 1.00 | 2.05   | 2.01    | 1.03 | -1.36 | 5.12  | 6.48  | 0.07  | -0.08    | 0.03 |
| x3 | 3    | 1000 | 4.03 | 1.00 | 4.02   | 4.03    | 0.98 | 0.11  | 7.16  | 7.05  | -0.01 | 0.24     | 0.03 |
| x4 | 4    | 1000 | 6.02 | 1.01 | 6.02   | 6.02    | 0.99 | 2.57  | 10.03 | 7.46  | -0.01 | 0.28     | 0.03 |

## The simplex structure is a state auto correlation structure



## Model change over 4 time points: states are auto correlated



## Model it using lavaan growth, with a state model: 0 df!

R code

```
mod.auto = ' X1 =~ r*x1
             X2 =~ r* x2
             X3 =~ r * x3
             X4 =~ r* x4
             X2 =~ X1
             X3 =~ X2
             X4 =~ X3'

fit.auto <- growth(mod.auto,data= simp4$observed)
fit.auto
```

### Warning messages:

- 1: In lavData(data = data, group = group, group.label = group.label, :  
lavaan WARNING: data argument has been coerced to a data.frame
- 2: In lav\_model\_vcov(lavmodel = lavmodel, lavsamplestats = lavsamplestats, :  
lavaan WARNING: could not compute standard errors!  
lavaan NOTE: this may be a symptom that the model is not identified.

```
> fit.auto
lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 29 iterations
```

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of observations          | 1000            |
| Estimator                       | ML              |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 0.811           |
| Degrees of freedom              | 0               |
| Minimum Function Value          | 0.0004057403763 |

## Model it using lavaan growth, with a state model: 2 df!

R code

```
mod.auto = ' X1 =~ r*x1
             X2 =~ r* x2
             X3 =~ r * x3
             X4 =~ r* x4
             X2 =~ a * X1
             X3 =~ a* X2
             X4 =~ .8*X3'

fit.auto <- growth(mod.auto,data= simp4$observed)
summary(fit.auto)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 29 iterations

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Number of observations          | 1000  |
| Estimator                       | ML    |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 1.411 |
| Degrees of freedom              | 2     |
| P-value (Chi-square)            | 0.494 |

Parameter Estimates:

| Information     | Expected |
|-----------------|----------|
| Standard Errors | Standard |

Latent Variables:

|       | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| X1 =~ |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (r)      | 1.000   |         |         |

## auto correlated 4 variable simplex

### Latent Variables:

|       |        | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| X1 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (r)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| X2 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x2    | (r)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| X3 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x3    | (r)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| X4 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x4    | (r)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| X1 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| X2    | (alph) | 0.922    | 0.029   | 32.185  | 0.000   |
| X2 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| X3    | (alph) | 0.922    | 0.029   | 32.185  | 0.000   |
| X3 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| X4    | (alph) | 0.922    | 0.029   | 32.185  | 0.000   |

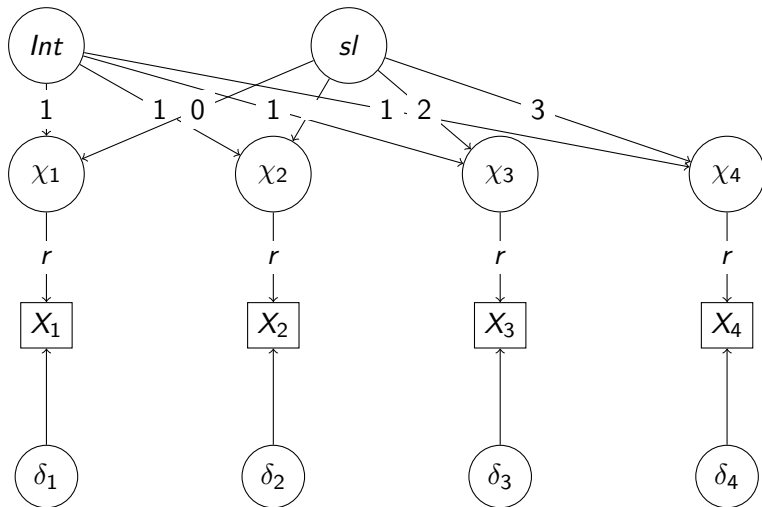
### Intercepts:

|    | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x2 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x3 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x4 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| X1 | 0.056    | 0.031   | 1.778   | 0.075   |
| X2 | -0.028   | 0.029   | -0.967  | 0.334   |
| X3 | -0.030   | 0.032   | -0.935  | 0.350   |
| X4 | 1.623    | 0.033   | 49.235  | 0.000   |

### Variances:

|    | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1 | 0.376    | 0.044   | 8.561   | 0.000   |
| x2 | 0.484    | 0.031   | 15.727  | 0.000   |
| x3 | 0.610    | 0.037   | 16.539  | 0.000   |

## Model change over 4 time points: traits are stable



## Model it using lavaan growth, but this is not the simplex model!

### R code

```
mod.growth = ' i =~ 1*x1 + 1*x2 + 1*x3 + 1* x4
              s =~ 0*x1 + 1*x2 + 2 *x3  + 3*x4'
fit <- growth(mod.growth,data= simp4$observed)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 43 iterations

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Number of observations          | 1000    |
| Estimator                       | ML      |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 138.565 |
| Degrees of freedom              | 5       |
| P-value (Chi-square)            | 0.000   |

Parameter Estimates:

## lavaan growth model continued

## Latent Variables:

|      | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| i =~ |          |         |         |         |
| x1   | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x2   | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x3   | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x4   | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| s =~ |          |         |         |         |
| x1   | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x2   | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x3   | 2.000    |         |         |         |
| x4   | 3.000    |         |         |         |

## Covariances:

|      | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| i ~~ |          |         |         |         |
| s    | -0.104   | 0.012   | -8.380  | 0.000   |

## Intercepts:

|    | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x2 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x3 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x4 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| i  | 0.021    | 0.032   | 0.648   | 0.517   |
| s  | 2.001    | 0.010   | 193.227 | 0.000   |

## Variances:

|    | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1 | 0.178    | 0.020   | 9.000   | 0.000   |
| x2 | 0.184    | 0.012   | 15.481  | 0.000   |
| x3 | 0.175    | 0.012   | 15.065  | 0.000   |
| x4 | 0.183    | 0.020   | 9.229   | 0.000   |

## lavaan residuals

R code

**resid(fit)**

\$type

[1] "raw"

\$cov

|    | x1     | x2     | x3    | x4     |
|----|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| x1 | -0.067 |        |       |        |
| x2 | 0.016  | 0.063  |       |        |
| x3 | -0.033 | 0.079  | 0.078 |        |
| x4 | -0.033 | -0.050 | 0.019 | -0.076 |

\$mean

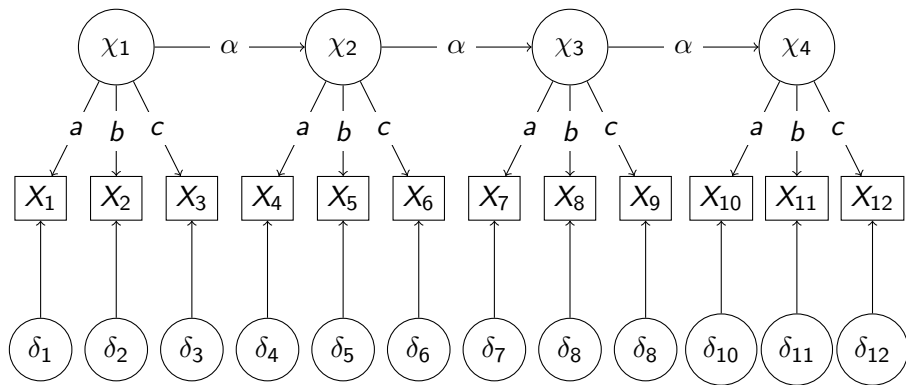
|  | x1    | x2     | x3    | x4     |
|--|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | 0.000 | -0.004 | 0.007 | -0.004 |

## Try a change model with autocorrelations

### R code

```
mod.auto.change = '
    X1 =~ r * x1
    X2 =~ r*x2
    X3 =~ r * x3
    X4 =~ r * x4
    i =~ 1*X1 + 1*X2 + 1*X3 + 1* X4
    s =~ 0*X1 + 1*X2 + 2 *X3  + 3*X4'
fit.auto.change<- growth(mod.auto.change,data= simp4$observed)
fit.auto.change
resid(fit.auto)
```

## Model change over 4 time points: states with measurement



## Create four factor-simplex data

### R code

```
set.seed(42)
#explicitly stating some of the default values
simp4 <- sim(mu=c(0,2,4,6),n=1000,alpha=.8,lambda=0)
colnames(simp4$observed) <- paste0("x",1:12)
describe(simp4$observed)
```

|     | vars | n    | mean  | sd   | median | trimmed | mad  | min   | max  | range | skew  | kurtosis | se   |
|-----|------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|----------|------|
| x1  | 1    | 1000 | 0.06  | 0.99 | 0.02   | 0.06    | 0.98 | -3.52 | 3.30 | 6.82  | 0.00  | 0.07     | 0.03 |
| x2  | 2    | 1000 | 0.02  | 1.02 | 0.03   | 0.02    | 1.05 | -3.77 | 3.13 | 6.90  | -0.05 | 0.16     | 0.03 |
| x3  | 3    | 1000 | -0.01 | 1.02 | 0.01   | 0.00    | 1.01 | -3.49 | 3.23 | 6.72  | -0.08 | 0.10     | 0.03 |
| x4  | 4    | 1000 | 1.62  | 0.99 | 1.58   | 1.60    | 1.01 | -2.15 | 5.18 | 7.33  | 0.10  | 0.03     | 0.03 |
| x5  | 5    | 1000 | 1.39  | 1.02 | 1.40   | 1.39    | 1.01 | -1.89 | 4.70 | 6.59  | -0.04 | 0.09     | 0.03 |
| x6  | 6    | 1000 | 1.21  | 0.98 | 1.19   | 1.20    | 0.97 | -2.45 | 4.43 | 6.88  | 0.08  | 0.10     | 0.03 |
| x7  | 7    | 1000 | 3.24  | 1.00 | 3.25   | 3.25    | 0.96 | -0.32 | 6.63 | 6.95  | -0.07 | 0.20     | 0.03 |
| x8  | 8    | 1000 | 2.84  | 0.96 | 2.85   | 2.84    | 1.00 | -0.14 | 5.80 | 5.93  | -0.03 | -0.25    | 0.03 |
| x9  | 9    | 1000 | 2.41  | 1.02 | 2.39   | 2.41    | 1.01 | -1.19 | 6.13 | 7.32  | 0.02  | 0.13     | 0.03 |
| x10 | 10   | 1000 | 4.81  | 1.03 | 4.79   | 4.80    | 1.07 | 1.76  | 7.97 | 6.21  | 0.05  | -0.27    | 0.03 |
| x11 | 11   | 1000 | 4.20  | 1.00 | 4.15   | 4.19    | 1.00 | 0.64  | 7.18 | 6.54  | 0.08  | -0.05    | 0.03 |
| x12 | 12   | 1000 | 3.61  | 1.00 | 3.64   | 3.62    | 0.99 | 0.57  | 6.61 | 6.05  | -0.07 | -0.03    | 0.03 |

## Create four factor-simplex data

R code

```
lowerCor(simp4$observed)
```

```

      x1  x2  x3  x4  x5  x6  x7  x8  x9  x10 x11 x12
x1  1.00
x2  0.57 1.00
x3  0.47 0.46 1.00
x4  0.50 0.46 0.42 1.00
x5  0.44 0.40 0.35 0.59 1.00
x6  0.32 0.29 0.26 0.47 0.42 1.00
x7  0.41 0.38 0.31 0.50 0.43 0.39 1.00
x8  0.33 0.32 0.26 0.44 0.41 0.31 0.53 1.00
x9  0.32 0.28 0.22 0.40 0.39 0.32 0.47 0.38 1.00
x10 0.33 0.31 0.29 0.41 0.38 0.30 0.51 0.43 0.38 1.00
x11 0.26 0.26 0.21 0.38 0.36 0.28 0.45 0.40 0.34 0.54 1.00
x12 0.23 0.24 0.18 0.33 0.26 0.20 0.37 0.25 0.29 0.51 0.37 1.00

```

## How many factors are in the data?

R code

```
nfactors(simp4$observed)
```

Number of factors

```
Call: vss(x = x, n = n, rotate = rotate, diagonal = diagonal, fm = fm,
      n.obs = n.obs, plot = FALSE, title = title, use = use, cor = cor)
```

VSS complexity 1 achieves a maximum of 0.83 with 1 factors

VSS complexity 2 achieves a maximum of 0.87 with 2 factors

The Velicer MAP achieves a minimum of 0.02 with 1 factors

Empirical BIC achieves a minimum of -176.84 with 3 factors

Sample Size adjusted BIC achieves a minimum of -61.46 with 4 factors

Statistics by number of factors

|    | vss1 | vss2 | map   | dof | chisq   | prob    | sqresid | fit  | RMSEA | BIC  | SABIC | complex | eChisq  | SRM    |
|----|------|------|-------|-----|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1  | 0.83 | 0.00 | 0.022 | 54  | 6.2e+02 | 6.2e-97 | 5.4     | 0.83 | 0.103 | 246  | 417   | 1.0     | 6.1e+02 | 6.8e-0 |
| 2  | 0.56 | 0.87 | 0.024 | 43  | 2.2e+02 | 2.5e-26 | 4.0     | 0.87 | 0.065 | -73  | 64    | 1.5     | 1.5e+02 | 3.4e-0 |
| 3  | 0.44 | 0.78 | 0.035 | 33  | 8.7e+01 | 8.2e-07 | 3.5     | 0.89 | 0.041 | -141 | -36   | 1.8     | 5.1e+01 | 2.0e-0 |
| 4  | 0.38 | 0.62 | 0.052 | 24  | 2.8e+01 | 2.6e-01 | 3.2     | 0.90 | 0.013 | -138 | -61   | 2.0     | 1.6e+01 | 1.1e-0 |
| 5  | 0.36 | 0.61 | 0.079 | 16  | 9.5e+00 | 8.9e-01 | 2.8     | 0.91 | 0.000 | -101 | -50   | 2.1     | 5.3e+00 | 6.4e-0 |
| 6  | 0.36 | 0.63 | 0.112 | 9   | 3.8e+00 | 9.2e-01 | 2.6     | 0.92 | 0.000 | -58  | -30   | 2.1     | 2.1e+00 | 3.9e-0 |
| 7  | 0.39 | 0.67 | 0.162 | 3   | 7.4e-01 | 8.6e-01 | 2.5     | 0.92 | 0.000 | -20  | -10   | 2.1     | 4.0e-01 | 1.7e-0 |
| 8  | 0.37 | 0.59 | 0.202 | -2  | 9.8e-06 | NA      | 2.4     | 0.92 | NA    | NA   | NA    | 2.4     | 5.0e-06 | 6.2e-0 |
| 9  | 0.35 | 0.62 | 0.287 | -6  | 3.3e-06 | NA      | 2.6     | 0.92 | NA    | NA   | NA    | 2.5     | 1.9e-06 | 3.8e-0 |
| 10 | 0.40 | 0.61 | 0.461 | -9  | 6.2e-08 | NA      | 2.5     | 0.92 | NA    | NA   | NA    | 2.3     | 3.6e-08 | 5.2e-0 |
| 11 | 0.40 | 0.61 | 1.000 | -11 | 2.1e-10 | NA      | 2.4     | 0.92 | NA    | NA   | NA    | 2.3     | 1.4e-10 | 3.2e-0 |
| 12 | 0.40 | 0.61 | NA    | -12 | 2.0e-10 | NA      | 2.4     | 0.92 | NA    | NA   | NA    | 2.3     | 1.4e-10 | 3.2e-0 |

## Extract 4 factors (based upon theory?)

R code

```
f4 <- fa(simp4$observed, 4)
f4
```

```
Factor Analysis using method = minres
Call: fa(r = simp4$observed, nfactors = 4)
Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix
```

|     | MR1   | MR3   | MR2   | MR4   | h2   | u2   | com |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|
| x1  | 0.05  | 0.70  | -0.03 | 0.06  | 0.59 | 0.41 | 1.0 |
| x2  | -0.04 | 0.75  | 0.01  | 0.03  | 0.56 | 0.44 | 1.0 |
| x3  | 0.11  | 0.56  | 0.06  | -0.09 | 0.38 | 0.62 | 1.2 |
| x4  | 0.77  | 0.07  | 0.02  | -0.02 | 0.67 | 0.33 | 1.0 |
| x5  | 0.66  | 0.03  | 0.04  | 0.01  | 0.52 | 0.48 | 1.0 |
| x6  | 0.56  | -0.08 | -0.04 | 0.13  | 0.34 | 0.66 | 1.1 |
| x7  | -0.03 | 0.07  | 0.05  | 0.74  | 0.63 | 0.37 | 1.0 |
| x8  | 0.09  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.60  | 0.45 | 0.55 | 1.0 |
| x9  | 0.16  | -0.01 | 0.03  | 0.45  | 0.35 | 0.65 | 1.3 |
| x10 | -0.03 | 0.02  | 0.85  | 0.01  | 0.73 | 0.27 | 1.0 |
| x11 | 0.11  | -0.08 | 0.47  | 0.19  | 0.43 | 0.57 | 1.5 |
| x12 | 0.06  | 0.00  | 0.60  | -0.05 | 0.36 | 0.64 | 1.0 |

```

MR1 MR3 MR2 MR4
SS loadings      1.66 1.48 1.46 1.41
Proportion Var   0.14 0.12 0.12 0.12
Cumulative Var   0.14 0.26 0.38 0.50
Proportion Explained 0.28 0.25 0.24 0.23
Cumulative Proportion 0.28 0.52 0.77 1.00

With factor correlations of
MR1 MR3 MR2 MR4
MR1 1.00 0.73 0.58 0.74
MR3 0.73 1.00 0.46 0.57
MR2 0.58 0.46 1.00 0.73
MR4 0.74 0.57 0.73 1.00
```

## Reorganize to show the temporal structure

R code

```
f4or <- fa.organize(f4,o=c(2,1,4,3)) #order the factors from
f4or                                # f4  in the specified order
```

Factor Analysis using method = minres

Call: fa(r = simp4\$observed, nfactors = 4)

Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix

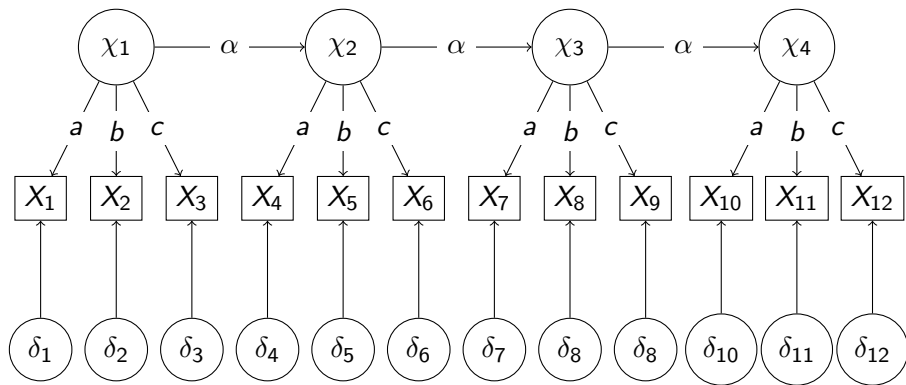
|     | MR3   | MR1   | MR4   | MR2   | h2   | u2   | com |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|
| x1  | 0.70  | 0.05  | 0.06  | -0.03 | 0.59 | 0.41 | 1.0 |
| x2  | 0.75  | -0.04 | 0.03  | 0.01  | 0.56 | 0.44 | 1.0 |
| x3  | 0.56  | 0.11  | -0.09 | 0.06  | 0.38 | 0.62 | 1.2 |
| x4  | 0.07  | 0.77  | -0.02 | 0.02  | 0.67 | 0.33 | 1.0 |
| x5  | 0.03  | 0.66  | 0.01  | 0.04  | 0.52 | 0.48 | 1.0 |
| x6  | -0.08 | 0.56  | 0.13  | -0.04 | 0.34 | 0.66 | 1.1 |
| x7  | 0.07  | -0.03 | 0.74  | 0.05  | 0.63 | 0.37 | 1.0 |
| x8  | 0.00  | 0.09  | 0.60  | 0.00  | 0.45 | 0.55 | 1.0 |
| x9  | -0.01 | 0.16  | 0.45  | 0.03  | 0.35 | 0.65 | 1.3 |
| x10 | 0.02  | -0.03 | 0.01  | 0.85  | 0.73 | 0.27 | 1.0 |
| x11 | -0.08 | 0.11  | 0.19  | 0.47  | 0.43 | 0.57 | 1.5 |
| x12 | 0.00  | 0.06  | -0.05 | 0.60  | 0.36 | 0.64 | 1.0 |

|                       | MR3  | MR1  | MR4  | MR2  |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| SS loadings           | 1.48 | 1.66 | 1.41 | 1.46 |
| Proportion Var        | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| Cumulative Var        | 0.12 | 0.26 | 0.38 | 0.50 |
| Proportion Explained  | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.24 |
| Cumulative Proportion | 0.25 | 0.52 | 0.76 | 1.00 |

With factor correlations of

|     | MR3  | MR1  | MR4  | MR2  |
|-----|------|------|------|------|
| MR3 | 1.00 | 0.73 | 0.57 | 0.46 |
| MR1 | 0.73 | 1.00 | 0.74 | 0.58 |
| MR4 | 0.57 | 0.74 | 1.00 | 0.73 |
| MR2 | 0.46 | 0.58 | 0.73 | 1.00 |

## Model change over 4 time points: states with measurement



## State growth

R code

```
models <- 'L1 =~ a*x1 +b *x2 + c* x3
          L2 =~ a* x4 + b * x5 + c* x6
          L3 =~ a*x7 + b*x8 +c*x9
          L4 =~ a*x10 + b*x11 + c*x12

          L2 ~ alpha* L1
          L3 ~ alpha * L2
          L4 ~ alpha *  L3'

fits <- growth(models,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fits)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 32 iterations

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Number of observations | 1000 |
|------------------------|------|

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Estimator | ML |
|-----------|----|

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 84.661 |
|---------------------------------|--------|

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Degrees of freedom | 67 |
|--------------------|----|

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| P-value (Chi-square) | 0.071 |
|----------------------|-------|

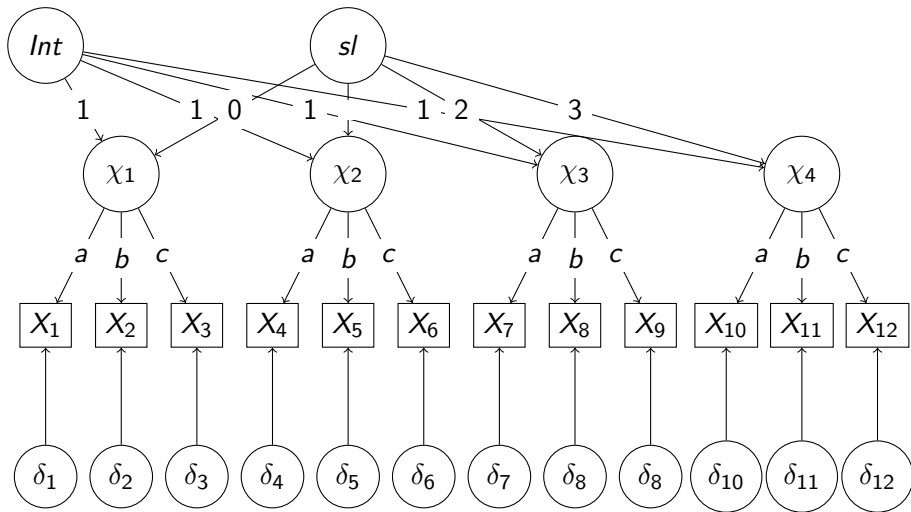
Parameter Estimates:

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Information     | Expected |
| Standard Errors | Standard |

Latent Variables:

|          |         |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|

## Model change over 4 time points: traits with measurement



## Now, lets try a lavaan trait growth model

R code

```
model <- 'L1 =~ x1 + x2 + x3
          L2 =~ x4 + x5 + x6
          L3 =~ x7 + x8 +x9
          L4 =~ x10 + x11 + x12
          i =~ 1* L1 + 1 * L2 + 1 * L3 + 1 * L4
          s =~ 0 * L1 + 1 * L2 + 2* L3 + 3* L4'

fit <- growth(model,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fit)
```

Warning messages:

- 1: In lavData(data = data, group = group, group.label = group.label, :  
lavaan WARNING: data argument has been coerced to a data.frame
- 2: In lav\_model\_vcov(lavmodel = lavmodel, lavsamplestats = lavsamplestats, :  
lavaan WARNING: could not compute standard errors!  
lavaan NOTE: this may be a symptom that the model is not identified.

```
> summary(fit)
lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 42 iterations
```

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Number of observations          | 1000   |
| Estimator                       | ML     |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 94.775 |
| Degrees of freedom              | 57     |
| P-value (Chi-square)            | 0.001  |

Parameter Estimates:

## Try again with a lavaan growth model with some equality constraints

R code

```
modela <- 'L1 =~ a*x1 +b *x2 + c* x3
           L2 =~ a* x4 + b * x5 + c* x6
           L3 =~ a*x7 + b*x8 +c*x9
           L4 =~ a*x10 + b*x11 + c*x12
           i =~ 1* L1 + 1 * L2 + 1 * L3 + 1 * L4
           s =~ 0 * L1 + 1 * L2 + 2* L3 + 3* L4'

fita <- growth(modela,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fita)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 40 iterations

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Number of observations          | 1000   |
| Estimator                       | ML     |
| Minimum Function Test Statistic | 96.397 |
| Degrees of freedom              | 63     |
| P-value (Chi-square)            | 0.004  |

Parameter Estimates:

| Information     | Expected |
|-----------------|----------|
| Standard Errors | Standard |

Latent Variables:

|       |     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| L1 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (a) | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x2    | (b) | 0.873    | 0.005   | 189.783 | 0.000   |
|       | (c) | 0.712    | 0.005   | 156.785 | 0.000   |

## lavaan continued

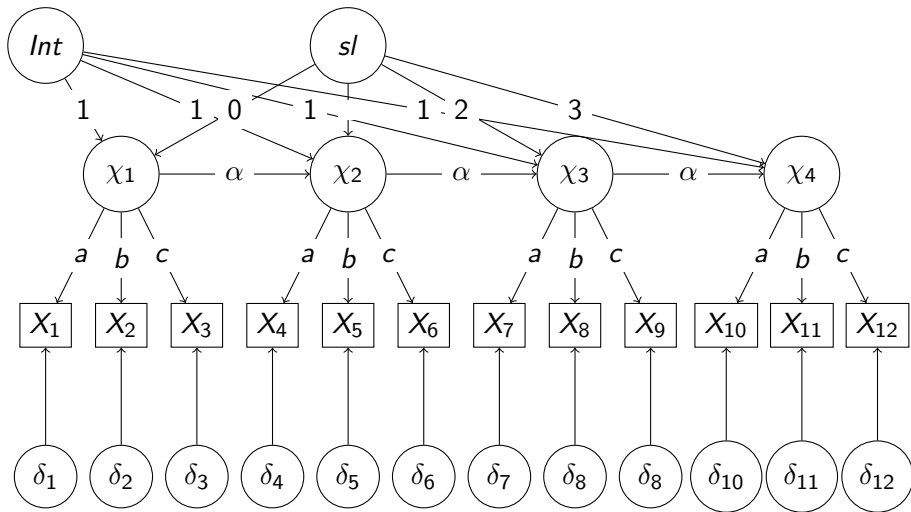
### Covariances:

|      | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| i ~~ |          |         |         |         |
| s    | -0.072   | 0.012   | -5.775  | 0.000   |

### Intercepts:

|     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x2  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x3  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x4  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x5  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x6  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x7  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x8  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x9  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x10 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x11 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x12 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| L1  | -0.228   | 0.015   | -15.073 | 0.000   |
| L2  | -0.051   | 0.016   | -3.125  | 0.002   |
| L3  | 0.184    | 0.015   | 12.534  | 0.000   |
| L4  | 0.360    | 0.010   | 34.753  | 0.000   |
| i   | 0.264    | 0.016   | 16.046  | 0.000   |
| s   | 1.396    | 0.008   | 170.806 | 0.000   |

## Model change over 4 time points: trait-state model



## Try a lavaan growth model with trait and state effects

R code

```
modelb <- 'L1 =~ a*x1 +b *x2 + c* x3
L2 =~ a* x4 + b * x5 + c* x6
L3 =~ a*x7 + b*x8 +c*x9
L4 =~ a*x10 + b*x11 + c*x12
i =~ 1* L1 + 1 * L2 + 1 * L3 + 1 * L4
s =~ 0 * L1 + 1 * L2 + 2* L3 + 3* L4
L2 =~ L1
L3 =~ L2
L4 =~ L3'
```

```
fitb <- growth(modelb,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fitb)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 65 iterations

Number of observations 1000

Estimator ML

Minimum Function Test Statistic 81.949

Degrees of freedom 60

P-value (Chi-square) 0.031

Parameter Estimates:

| Information     | Expected |
|-----------------|----------|
| Standard Errors | Standard |

## Trait State continued

Latent Variables:

|       |     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| L1 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (a) | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x2    | (b) | 0.873    | 0.005   | 189.728 | 0.000   |
| x3    | (c) | 0.750    | 0.005   | 156.822 | 0.000   |
| ...   |     |          |         |         |         |
| L4 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| x10   | (a) | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x11   | (b) | 0.873    | 0.005   | 189.728 | 0.000   |
| x12   | (c) | 0.750    | 0.005   | 156.822 | 0.000   |
| i =~  |     |          |         |         |         |
| L1    |     | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L2    |     | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L3    |     | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L4    |     | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| s =~  |     |          |         |         |         |
| L1    |     | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| L2    |     | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L3    |     | 2.000    |         |         |         |
| L4    |     | 3.000    |         |         |         |
| L2 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| L1    |     | 0.532    | 0.356   | 1.495   | 0.135   |
| L3 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| L2    |     | 0.466    | 0.285   | 1.634   | 0.102   |
| L4 =~ |     |          |         |         |         |
| L3    |     | 0.355    | 0.250   | 1.419   | 0.156   |

## Even more trait-state

### Intercepts:

|     | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-----|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| x1  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x2  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x3  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x4  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x5  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x6  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x7  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x8  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x9  | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x10 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x11 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| x12 | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| L1  | -0.275   | 0.092   | -3.001  | 0.003   |
| L2  | -0.747   | 0.403   | -1.856  | 0.063   |
| L3  | -0.705   | 0.667   | -1.057  | 0.290   |
| L4  | 1.183    | 0.559   | 2.116   | 0.034   |
| i   | -0.545   | 0.520   | -1.048  | 0.295   |
| s   | 1.391    | 0.044   | 31.809  | 0.000   |

# lavaan growth model with trait and state effects: equal state autocorrelations

## R code

```
modelc <- 'L1 =~ a*x1 +b *x2 + c* x3
           L2 =~ a* x4 + b * x5 + c* x6
           L3 =~ a*x7 + b*x8 +c*x9
           L4 =~ a*x10 + b*x11 + c*x12
           i =~ 1* L1 + 1 * L2 + 1 * L3 + 1 * L4
           s =~ 0 * L1 + 1 * L2 + 2* L3 + 3* L4
           L2 =~ alpha* L1
           L3 =~ alpha * L2
           L4 =~ alpha * L3'

fitc <- growth(modelc,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fitc)
```

lavaan (0.5-19) converged normally after 45 iterations

Number of observations 1000

Estimator ML

Minimum Function Test Statistic 83.968

Degrees of freedom 62

P-value (Chi-square) 0.033

Parameter Estimates:

Information

Expected

## more output

Latent Variables:

|       |        | Estimate | Std.Err | Z-value | P(> z ) |
|-------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| L1 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x1    | (a)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x2    | (b)    | 0.873    | 0.005   | 189.674 | 0.000   |
| x3    | (c)    | 0.749    | 0.005   | 156.796 | 0.000   |
| ...   |        |          |         |         |         |
| L4 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| x10   | (a)    | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| x11   | (b)    | 0.873    | 0.005   | 189.674 | 0.000   |
| x12   | (c)    | 0.749    | 0.005   | 156.796 | 0.000   |
| i =~  |        |          |         |         |         |
| L1    |        | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L2    |        | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L3    |        | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L4    |        | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| s =~  |        |          |         |         |         |
| L1    |        | 0.000    |         |         |         |
| L2    |        | 1.000    |         |         |         |
| L3    |        | 2.000    |         |         |         |
| L4    |        | 3.000    |         |         |         |
| L2 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| L1    | (alph) | 0.256    | 0.111   | 2.312   | 0.021   |
| L3 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| L2    | (alph) | 0.256    | 0.111   | 2.312   | 0.021   |
| L4 =~ |        |          |         |         |         |
| L3    | (alph) | 0.256    | 0.111   | 2.312   | 0.021   |

## Compare these four models

Modela is just state change with fixed autocorrelation

Modelb was the trait change model

Modelc was trait change with free state autocorrelation

Modeld was trait change with fixed state autocorrelation

R code

```
anova(fits, fita, fitb, fitc)
```

### Chi Square Difference Test

|      | Df | AIC   | BIC   | Chisq  | Chisq diff | Df diff | Pr(>Chisq)    |
|------|----|-------|-------|--------|------------|---------|---------------|
| fitb | 60 | 30024 | 30171 | 81.949 |            |         |               |
| fitc | 62 | 30022 | 30159 | 83.968 | 2.0186     | 2       | 0.3644668     |
| fita | 63 | 30032 | 30165 | 96.397 | 12.4296    | 1       | 0.0004226 *** |
| fits | 67 | 30012 | 30125 | 84.661 | -11.7359   | 4       | 1.0000000     |

## Create four factor-state trait data set

### R code

```
set.seed(42)
#explicitly stating some of the default values
simp4 <- sim(mu=c(0,2,4,6),n=1000,alpha=.3,lambda=.6)
colnames(simp4$observed) <- paste0("x",1:12)
describe(simp4$observed)
```

|     | vars | n    | mean  | sd   | median | trimmed | mad  | min   | max  | range | skew  | kurtosis | se   |
|-----|------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|----------|------|
| x1  | 1    | 1000 | 0.02  | 1.03 | 0.00   | 0.02    | 0.96 | -3.97 | 3.75 | 7.72  | -0.01 | 0.63     | 0.03 |
| x2  | 2    | 1000 | 0.03  | 0.97 | 0.05   | 0.03    | 1.01 | -3.02 | 3.51 | 6.52  | 0.02  | 0.16     | 0.03 |
| x3  | 3    | 1000 | -0.01 | 1.02 | 0.00   | -0.01   | 1.03 | -3.02 | 3.54 | 6.57  | 0.03  | -0.03    | 0.03 |
| x4  | 4    | 1000 | 1.62  | 1.01 | 1.61   | 1.62    | 1.09 | -2.41 | 4.48 | 6.89  | -0.07 | -0.14    | 0.03 |
| x5  | 5    | 1000 | 1.40  | 1.02 | 1.44   | 1.40    | 0.98 | -1.95 | 4.74 | 6.69  | -0.03 | 0.24     | 0.03 |
| x6  | 6    | 1000 | 1.25  | 1.01 | 1.28   | 1.26    | 1.01 | -1.86 | 3.98 | 5.85  | -0.10 | -0.14    | 0.03 |
| x7  | 7    | 1000 | 3.24  | 0.98 | 3.23   | 3.25    | 1.00 | 0.21  | 6.51 | 6.30  | -0.04 | -0.11    | 0.03 |
| x8  | 8    | 1000 | 2.80  | 0.99 | 2.74   | 2.80    | 0.93 | -1.29 | 6.33 | 7.62  | 0.00  | 0.30     | 0.03 |
| x9  | 9    | 1000 | 2.39  | 1.01 | 2.39   | 2.38    | 1.03 | -0.32 | 5.43 | 5.75  | 0.11  | -0.14    | 0.03 |
| x10 | 10   | 1000 | 4.82  | 0.98 | 4.82   | 4.82    | 0.96 | 1.66  | 8.54 | 6.88  | 0.01  | 0.13     | 0.03 |
| x11 | 11   | 1000 | 4.19  | 1.01 | 4.21   | 4.18    | 1.05 | 0.99  | 7.13 | 6.14  | 0.06  | -0.13    | 0.03 |
| x12 | 12   | 1000 | 3.63  | 1.01 | 3.64   | 3.64    | 1.01 | -0.15 | 6.78 | 6.93  | -0.04 | 0.02     | 0.03 |

## With correlations very similar to our prior model

R code

lowerCor(simp4\$observed)

```

      x1  x2  x3  x4  x5  x6  x7  x8  x9  x10 x11 x12
x1  1.00
x2  0.56 1.00
x3  0.45 0.40 1.00
x4  0.44 0.41 0.33 1.00
x5  0.36 0.35 0.27 0.59 1.00
x6  0.28 0.25 0.25 0.43 0.42 1.00
x7  0.27 0.21 0.16 0.41 0.35 0.29 1.00
x8  0.24 0.18 0.19 0.36 0.31 0.24 0.53 1.00
x9  0.19 0.20 0.16 0.32 0.33 0.23 0.50 0.44 1.00
x10 0.31 0.24 0.19 0.30 0.27 0.18 0.41 0.36 0.34 1.00
x11 0.26 0.19 0.19 0.31 0.24 0.18 0.38 0.34 0.32 0.56 1.00
x12 0.25 0.19 0.16 0.24 0.16 0.13 0.28 0.22 0.23 0.48 0.42 1.00

```

## Try a lavaan fit

### R code

```
modelb <- 'L1 =~ a*x1 +b *x2 + c* x3
          L2 =~ a* x4 + b * x5 + c* x6
          L3 =~ a*x7 + b*x8 +c*x9
          L4 =~ a*x10 + b*x11 + c*x12
          i =~ 1* L1 + 1 * L2 + 1 * L3 + 1 * L4
          s =~ 0 * L1 + 1 * L2 + 2* L3 + 3* L4
          L2 =~ alpha * L1
          L3 =~alpha * L2
          L4 =~alpha * L3'

fitb <- growth(modelb,data=simp4$observed)
summary(fitb)
```

#### Warning messages:

- 1: In lavData(data = data, group = group, group.label = group.label, :  
lavaan WARNING: data argument has been coerced to a data.frame
  - 2: In lav\_object\_post\_check(lavobject) :  
lavaan WARNING: some estimated variances are negative
  - 3: In lav\_object\_post\_check(lavobject) :  
lavaan WARNING: covariance matrix of latent variables is not positive definite; use inspe
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