# Influencers of Classical and Popular Music Identification

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#### Abstract

In an experiment conducted by the University of Pittsburgh, listeners were asked to identify how classical or popular musical stimulus sound, and researchers were interested in identifying particular influencers that drive this identification process. To test the researchers' hypothesis, I modeled classical and popular ratings separately with fixed and random effect models through automated and qualitative variable selection processes exploring the effect of different covariates and their interactions. Overall, I found that instrument has the strongest effect, comparing to harmonic motion and voice leading, on classical and popular rating. The degree to which the listener is familiar to musical knowledge and classical or popular music influences the ratings as well. For further research, researchers should focus on including more interactions based on domain knowledge and conduct sensitivity analysis related to variables that are based on subjects' subjective views.

## 1 Introduction

In this experiment, listeners were asked to indicate the extent to which the stimuli sounds like popular or classical music. Musical excerpts were played using electric guitar, piano or a string quartet combining with contradictory harmonic motion and voice leading from common practices of popular music. The researcher's main hypothesis is that instrument is more influential than harmonic motion and voice leading.

The three research questions we focus on for the experimental factors, Harmonic Motion, Voice Leading and Instrument, are listed below:

- Does Instrument have the strongest influence among the three experimental factors?
- Of Harmonic Motions, does I-V-VI have the strong effect on ratings and does this depend on whether the listener is familiar with Pachelbel rants or comedy bits?
- For Voice Leading, does the level contrary motion have the strong effect on classical ratings?

Two additional research questions we are interested in are:

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- What other factors drive classical and popular ratings and what are the differences in which they drive classical and popular ratings?
- What are the differences in the way that self-declared musicians and non-musicians identify classical and popular music?

To answer these research questions, we use data collected by Ivan Jimenez and Vincent Rossi from the University of Pittsburgh to explore the relationship between listener's characteristic, stimuli's characteristic and ratings (Jimenez, 2013).

# 2 Methods

In this section, we will go over the data collected from the experiment and the key methods deployed for this analysis. The original data collected from the experiment contains 70 listeners' classical and popular ratings to 36 musical stimuli, a total of 2520 rows. Table 1 shows the detailed variable definitions.

Classical	How classical does the stimulus sound? (1 to 10, 1=not at
	all, 10=very classical sounding)
Popular	How popular does the stimulus sound? (1 to 10, 1=not at
-	all, 10=very popular sounding)
Subject	Unique subject ID (1 to 70)
Harmony	Harmonic Motion (4 levels: I-V-VI, I-VI-V, I-V-IV, IV-I-V)
Instrument	Instrument (3 levels: String Quartet, Piano, Electric Guitar)
Voice	Voice Leading (3 levels: Contrary Motion, Parallel 3rds, Par-
	allel 5ths)
Selfdeclare	Are you a musician? (1-6, 1=not at all)
OMSI	Score on a test of musical knowledge
X16.minus.17	Auxiliary measure of listener's ability to distinguish classical
	vs popular music
ConsInstr	How much did you concentrate on the instrument while lis-
	tening $(0-5, 0=$ not at all)
ConsNotes	How much did you concentrate on the notes while listening?
	(0-5, 0=not at all)
Instr.minus.Notes	Difference between prev. two variables
PachListen	How familiar are you with Pachelbel's Canon in D (0-5,
	0=not at all)
ClsListen	How much do you listen to classical music? (0-5, 0=not at
	all)
KnowRob	Have you heard Rob Paravonian's Pachelbel Rant (0-5,
	0=not at all)
KnowAxis	Have you heard Axis of Evil's Comedy bit on the 4 Pachelbel
	chords in popular music? $(0-5, 0=\text{not at all})$
X1990s2000s	How much do you listen to pop and rock from the 90's and
	2000's? (0-5, 0=not at all)
X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s	Difference between previous variable and a similar variable
	referring to $60$ 's and $70$ 's pop and rock.

CollegeMusic	Have you taken music classes in college(0=no, 1=yes)
NoClass	How many music classes have you taken?
APTheory	Did you take AP Music Theory class in High School (0=no,
	1=yes)
Composing	Have you done any music composing (0-5, 0=not at all)
PianoPlay	Do you play piano (0-5, 0=not at all)
GuitarPlay	Do you play guitar (0-5, 0=not at all)
X1stInstr	How proficient are you at your first musical instrument (0-5,
	0=not at all)
X2ndInstr	Same, for second musical instrument
	Cable 1: Variable Definitions

With the original dataset, I first performed data preprocessing by fixing miscoding, extreme values, and missing data. Then, I created a new binary variable Musicians with 1 as self-declared musician and 0 as self-declared non-musician. Lastly, I transformed necessary continuous variables to normalize the distributions. Initial EDA is then performed, using scatter plots and boxplots, to explore the relationships of classical and popular ratings with other variables.

To answer the first set of research questions related to the three experimental factors only, I created regression models for classical and popular ratings separately using only the fixed and random effects of these three variables and its interactions. I used step-wise function with BIC criterion to determine the fixed effects and fitLMER function to determine the random effects. I also used diagnostic plots to check the validity of the model and ANOVA for model selection along each step.

To answer the research questions related to other factors and in particular Musicians, I created separate models for classical and popular ratings with a similar process as above but including other variables in the dataset and their interactions. While some variables are removed through the automated process by step-wise or fitLMER, some are removed for the interpretability of the model.

This analysis is conducted using the R language and environment for statistical computing (R Core Team, 2018), and details of the implementation can be found in the appendix.

## 3 Results

#### 3.1 Data Preprocessing

Examining the raw data, we want to investigate and fix any problem of miscoding, missing data, and transformations. First, I found two major miscoding issues with the variable Subject and ConsInstr. Subject represents 70 listeners in the study. In the raw data, they are represented by nonconsecutive numbers. For the ease of later analysis, I relabeled the levels from 1 to 70. The variable ConsInstr represents the concentration scale on the instrument from 0 to 5. In the raw data, ConsInstr increments by a third giving us 14 levels total. To simplify the variable, I rounded the variable to increment by 1 with a total of 5 levels.

Second, I explored the problem of missingness. Some concerning variables with many missing values include ConsNotes, NoClass, X1stInstr and X2ndInstr. Since around half of the values in X1stInstr and X2ndInstr are missing values, I decided to remove these two columns since there

are not enough information to confidently estimate the missing values. For NoClass, I filled in the 288 missing values using median imputation of 1. For ConsNotes, I computed a conditional mode imputation. I looked at the missing ConsNotes at each level of ConsInstr and imputed the mode ConsNotes value conditional on the closest Selfdeclare value.

Finally, to ensure the validity of the dataset, I removed rows with Classical and Popular ratings above the maximum rating of 10. The cleaned dataset has a total of 1900 rows with the summary below in figure 1.

One of the secondary hypotheses of the researchers is that people who self-identify as musicians may be influenced by things differently than non-musicians. To better analyze this question, I dichotomized the variable Selfdeclare. Those with self-declare rating below 3 are labeled as non-musicians and others as musicians. With this dichotomization, 1079 rows are labeled at non-musicians and 821 rows are labeled as musicians.

Examining the distribution of the continuous variable in figure 2, I decided to log transform OMSI which has a right skewed distribution. Log transformation made the variable's distribution closer to a normal distribution and maintains interpretability. Other continuous variables look reasonably normally distributed. NoClass appears to be right skewed but, since most of it's values are concentrated at 0 or 1, interpretable transformations were not able to improve the distributions significantly. Thus, I decided to only transform OMSI.

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3 : 5 : 6 :	36 I-V 36 IV- 36	-VI:474 I-V:476	string:636	par5th	:634 3 4 5	:360 :353 : 72	Median : 1.000 Mean : 1.620 3rd Qu.: 3.000	0 2:288 6 3:468 0 4:540	3:565 4: 43 5:499	Median : Mean : 3rd Qu.:	ð.6700 ð.8105 2.0000	2: 108 3: 144 4: 36
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4: 36 5:251			4: 180 5:1216	Mean : 3rd Qu.:	1.931 3.000 5.000			Mean :0.92 3rd Qu.:1.00	37 00 20	3: 144 4: 143 5: 36	4: 14 5: 2:	14 16
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Figure 1: Summary of Cleaned Data



Figure 2: Normality Check of Continuous Variables

#### 3.2 Exploratory Data Analysis

After data preprocessing, I performed EDA using boxplots in figure 3 to examine the relationship of ratings with other covariates. For classical ratings, we see that harmony level I-V-VI and music with string instruments seems to have higher median rating. ConsInstr, ClsListen, Selfdeclare, PianoPlay and GuitarPlay also seems to be significant variables to classical rating. For popular ratings, we see that harmony level I-V-IV, IV-I-V, string quartet music and contrary voice tend to have lower median ratings. Other potentially significant variables include PachListen, ConsNotes, KnowAxis and APTheory. For both ratings, many variables, such as KnowAxis, Composing and GuitarPlay, do not have a monotonic relationship with ratings. For example, the middle levels of the variable



might have the max or min median rating as oppose to the edge levels.

Figure 3: Boxplots of Classical(Popular) Rating vs Influencers

#### 3.3 Effects of Experimental Factors on Classical and Popular Ratings

In this subsection, we will explore the effects of the three key experimental factors on classical and popular rating (appendix pp.9-18). In particular, we want to assess the influence of instrument, harmonic motion, harmonic motion conditional on knowledge of Pachelbel rants or comedy bits, and voice leading. I do so by creating a regression model only using Harmony, Instrument, and Voice looking at the interaction among them and Harmony's interaction with KnowRob and KnowAxis. Below shows the equation and summary table of final fixed and random effects model of classical and popular ratings:  $Classical \sim Harmony + Instrument + Voice +$ 

(1|Subject) + (0 + Harmony|Subject) + (0 + Instrument|Subject)

 $Popular \sim Harmony + Instrument + Voice +$ 

(1|Subject) + (0 + Harmony|Subject) + (0 + Instrument|Subject)

For classical rating, we included fixed effects for Harmony, Instrument, and Voice with random intercept and random effect on Harmony and Instrument. The interaction between Harmony and KnowRob or KnowAxis are not found to be significant. Model validation and selection process is shown in page 9 of the appendix. Based on figure 4, following are some key individual findings holding other variables constant:

- Instrument has the strongest influence on classical rating as shown by the largest coefficients. With electric guitar as baseline comparison, on average, stimuli played with piano has rating 1.47 higher, and stimuli played with string quartet has rating 3.40 higher. Intuitively, this makes sense as classical music are more often played with string quartet than with electric guitar. The random effects of Instrument have similar standard deviation around 1 to 1.3 for all levels. The level string quartet has random effect standard deviation, comparably, relatively small to the coefficient estimate. This suggests that after accounting for individual listener differences stimuli with string quartet still likely has the highest classical rating compare to other levels.
- Harmonic motion I-V-VI's association with rating is significantly different than other levels association. Stimuli with harmonic motion I-V-VI, on average, has classical rating 0.88 higher than other ratings. This is not affected by whether the respondent is familiar with Pachelbel rants or comedy bits given interactions of these variables are not included in the final model chosen with BIC. The random effects of harmonic motion have similar standard deviation around 0.8 to 1 for all levels. The standard deviation is relatively small comparing to the coefficient estimate of level I-V-VI. This shows that even after accounting for individual listener differences, harmonic motion I-V-VI on average is still expected to have the highest classical rating compare to other levels.
- Voice leading level contrary motion has the strongest association with classical rating. On average, voice leading level par3rd is associated with rating 0.39 lower than that of contrary motion. Voice leading level par5th is associated with rating 0.31 lower than that of contrary motion.

AIC BIC logLik deviance df.resid 7608.7 -3778.4 7753.0 7556.7 1874 Scaled residuals: 3Q Min 1Q Median Max -4.7184 -0.5707 0.0238 0.5429 3.6410 Random effects: Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr Subject (Intercept) 0.5007 0.7076 Subject.1 HarmonyI-IV-V 0.6799 0.8246 HarmonyI-V-IV 0.9497 0.9745 0.98 HarmonyI-V-VI 0.9668 0.9833 -0.12 0.02 HarmonyIV-I-V 0.7399 0.8602 0.96 0.92 -0.05 Subject.2 Instrumentguitar 1.7820 1.3349 Instrumentpiano 1.6473 1.2835 0.47 Instrumentstring 1.0800 1.0392 -0.28 0.17 2.4316 1.5594 Residual Number of obs: 1900, groups: Subject, 53 Fixed effects: Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|) 0.25714 43.92953 15.835 < 2e-16 \*\*\* (Intercept) 4.07184 HarmonyI-V-IV 0.03180 0.10604 52.42094 0.300 0.765467 HarmonyI-V-VI 0.87896 0.21209 52.67201 4.144 0.000124 \*\*\* HarmonyIV-I-V 0.08678 0.10652 51.69890 0.815 0.418978 Instrumentpiano 1.46985 0.20483 52.68072 7.176 2.42e-09 \*\*\* < Ze-16 \*\*\* Instrumentstring 3.40336 0.27605 52.98244 12.329 Voicepar3rd -0.38611 0.08766 1579.48249 -4.405 1.13e-05 \*\*\* Voicepar5th -0.31359 0.08763 1579.00160 -3.579 0.000356 \*\*\* Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Figure 4: Summary Table of Classical Rating

For popular rating, the optimal model includes fixed effects of Harmony, Instrument, and Voice with random intercept and random effect on Harmony and Instrument. As shown in the appendix page 13, in the linear model without random effects, the interaction between Harmony and KnowAxis is in the final model and is found to be significant. However, after adding in random effects, based on BIC and chi-squared test in ANOVA, I found an optimal model without the particular interaction as fixed effect. The variation from KnowAxis is likely explained in the model by the random effects of each subject. Based on figure 5, following are the key interpretations of each variable holding other variables constant in the final model:

• Instrument, of all variables, have the strongest influence on popular rating. Stimuli with electric guitar is associated with the highest popular rating, on average, compared to other instruments. Stimuli with piano, on average, is associated with popular rating 1.13 lower. Stimuli with string quartet, on average is associated with popular rating 3.03 lower. Looking at the standard deviation of the random effects, the standard deviation of guitar is almost half of that of piano or string quartet. We can conclude that, across individual listeners, we still expect stimuli with electric guitar to have higher popular rating. This is the opposite finding compared to classical rating and is as expected.

- Harmonic motion does not have a significant influence on popular rating. While harmonic motion I-V-VI significantly differ from other levels in a model with fixed effect only, in the final model including random effects, we do not have evidence to show that different harmonic motion levels have different associations with popular rating. The standard deviation of the random effect is around 1 to 1.4 for all levels.
- Voice leading level contrary motion is associated with the lowest popular rating compared to par3rd or par5th. Level par3rd, on average, is associated with rating 0.21 lower, and par5th is associated with rating 0.24 lower than contrary motion. This is an opposite finding comparing to classical rating.

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AIC
              BIC
                    logLik deviance df.resid
  7630.8
           7775.1
                  -3789.4
                             7578.8
                                        1874
Scaled residuals:
    Min
             1Q Median
                             30
                                    Max
-3.9795 -0.5770 0.0305 0.5670 3.2716
Random effects:
Groups
           Name
                            Variance Std.Dev. Corr
Subject
           (Intercept)
                            0.0000
                                     0.0000
 Subject.1 HarmonyI-IV-V
                            1.4730
                                     1.2137
           HarmonvI-V-IV
                            1.9400
                                     1.3928
                                              0.98
           HarmonvI-V-VI
                            1.7997
                                     1.3415
                                              0.67
                                                    0.62
           HarmonyIV-I-V
                            1.0885
                                     1.0433
                                              0.88
                                                    0.79
                                                          0.46
 Subject.2 Instrumentguitar 0.3066
                                     0.5537
           Instrumentpiano
                            0.9009
                                     0.9491
                                               -0.18
                                               -1.00 0.25
           Instrumentstring 1.2222
                                     1.1055
 Residual
                            2.4978
                                     1.5804
Number of obs: 1900, groups: Subject, 53
Fixed effects:
                   Estimate Std. Error
                                               df t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                  6.750e+00 2.099e-01
                                        5.203e+01
                                                   32.153
                                                          < 2e-16
HarmonyI-V-IV
                                                            0.97893
                  2.958e-03
                             1.118e-01
                                        1.161e+02
                                                     0.026
HarmonyI-V-VI
                                        5.427e+01
                 -3.166e-01
                             1.759e-01
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                                                            0.07307 .
HarmonyIV-I-V
                 -2.345e-01
                             1.288e-01
                                        6.652e+01
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Instrumentpiano -1.127e+00
                                                   -6.087 1.34e-07
                             1.852e-01
                                        5.271e+01
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Instrumentstring -3.028e+00
                            2.444e-01
                                        5.297e+01 -12.389
                                                           < 2e-16
Voicepar3rd
                  2.132e-01 8.885e-02 1.634e+03
                                                     2.399
                                                           0.01654 *
Voicepar5th
                  2.415e-01 8.881e-02 1.633e+03
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                                                           0.00661 **
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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Figure 5: Summary Table of Popular Rating

#### **3.4** Regression Models for Classical and Popular Ratings

After investigating the effects of the experimental factor above, I will discuss results from the model with other covariates (appendix pp.19-31). I will discuss the effect of the variable Musicians and its interactions in the next section specifically.

For classical ratings, we see that Harmony, Instrument and Voice have similar interpretations of fixed and random effects as above. Other significant factors include X16.minus.17, ConsNotes, PachListen, X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s, CollegeMusic, NoClass, GuitarPlay. Based on figure 6, below are detailed interpretations of the significant variables holding other variables constant:

- X16.minus.17: 1 unit increase in the auxiliary measure of listener's ability to distinguish classical vs popular music is expected to decrease classical rating by 0.09.
- ConsNotes: those who concentrate on notes at level 4 is expected to have classical rating 1.1 lower than other levels.
- PachListen: those who are familiar with Pachelbel's Canon in D at level 4 is expected to have classical rating 2.86 higher than other familiarity levels.
- X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s: 1 unit increase in the difference of how much one listens to pop and rock from 90s-20s and 60s-70s is expected to increase classical rating by 0.16.
- CollegeMusic: Those who have taken music classes in college is expected to give classical rating 1.32 lower than those who didn't take music classes. This means that those who received any proper music education are more critical when judging how classical the stimuli is.
- NoClass: 1 additional music class the listener took is expected to increase classical rating by 1.72. The more music classes the listener took, the more likely they will be able to identify characteristics of classical music and give higher ratings.
- GuitarPlay: Those who don't play guitar at all tend to have lower classical rating than level 1, 2 and 4. In particular, those with entry level (level 1) guitar playing skills tend to have classical rating 3.32 higher than level 0. This be inferred that those who play guitar likely have a better understanding a classical music.

AIC BIC logLik deviance df.resid
7597.9 7853.2 -3752.9 7505.9 1854
Scaled residuals:
Min 10 Median 30 Max
-4.6/24 -0.568/ 0.0093 0.5580 5.6815
Random effects:
Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr
Subject (Intercept) 0.0003108 0.01763
Subject.1 (Intercept) 0.3983946 0.63119
HarmonyI-V-IV 0.0415525 0.20384 0.47
HarmonyI-V-VI 1.8369831 1.35535 -0.69 0.05
HarmonyIV-I-V 0.0566252 0.23796 0.02 -0.43 0.16
Subject.2 (Intercept) 1.1768442 1.08482
Instrumentpiano 1.7197324 1.31139 -0.70
Instrumentstring 3.3981235 1.84340 -0.86 0.59
Residual 2.4402889 1.56214
Number of obs: 1900, groups: Subject, 53
Fixed effects:
(Intersect) Estimate Stal Error af t Value Pr(>it)
(Intercept) 5.0/362 0.72371 04.91115 4.250 0.968-05 ***
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Instrumentstring 3.82450 0.35616 52.99519 10.738 6.58e-15 ***
Voicepar3rd -0.39136 0.08833 1586.34672 -4.431 1.00e-05 ***
Voicepar5th -0.29468 0.08829 1590.56892 -3.338 0.000864 ***
X16.minus.17 -0.09326 0.04155 53.74052 -2.245 0.028940 *
ConsNotes1 0.40296 0.32531 164.75570 1.239 0.217220
ConsNotes3 0.34536 0.28503 169.69393 1.212 0.227329
ConsNotes4 -1.09645 0.52722 206.83302 -2.080 0.038787 *
ConsNotes5 -0.21885 0.30953 115.81524 -0.707 0.480964
PachListen3 -1.14061 0.69245 52.55605 -1.647 0.105481
PachListen4 2.85994 0.95539 49.69517 2.993 0.004289 **
PachListen5 0.20512 0.55165 49.42759 0.372 0.711615
X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s 0.15963 0.06620 48.69930 2.411 0.019717 *
CollegeMusic1 -1.31820 0.32590 47.82660 -4.045 0.000190 ***
NoClass 1.72037 0.32567 47.77872 5.283 3.09e-06 ***
GuitarPlay1 3.32347 0.85516 51.07493 3.886 0.000294 ***
GuitarPlay2 1.61937 0.79152 48.79653 2.046 0.046176 *
GuitarPlay4 1.78215 0.60922 49.08812 2.925 0.005198 **
GuitarPlays -0.24838 0.46439 48.46522 -0.535 0.595204
Musiciansi 1.37337 0.40104 30.23334 4.273 7.328-05 ***
Noclass: Musiciansi -1.03430 0.52077 47.04020 -5.107 4.532-00
Instrumentstring Musicians1 -0.96943 0.54063 52.81137 -1.320 0.132315
GuitarPlav1:Musicians1 -3.08198 0.97444 48.52846 -3.163.0.002695 **
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Figure 6: Summary Table of Classical Rating

AIC	BIC log	ik deviance	df.resid			
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-3.9420 -0.	5841 0.0109	0.5730 3.3	3498			
Random effe	cts:					
Groups	Name	Variance	e Std.Dev. C	orr		
Subject	(Intercept)	0.0000	0.0000			
Subject.1	(Intercept)	1.0163	1.0081			
· · · ·	HarmonyI-V-IV	0.1014	0.3184	0.63		
1	HarmonyI-V-VI	1.0934	1.0457 -	0.32 -0.	36	
1	HarmonyIV-I-V	0.3592	0.5993 -	0.85 -0.	71 -0.11	
Subject.2	(Intercept)	0.5894	0.7678			
:	Instrumentpic	ino 1.3947	1.1810 -	0.67		
:	Instrumentstr	ing 2.7492	1.6581 -	1.00 0.	65	
Residual		2.4943	1.5793			
Number of o	bs: 1900, gro	oups: Subje	ct, 53			
Fixed effects:						
	Estimat	e Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(>Itl)	
(Intercept)	7.664e+0	0 4.932e-01	6.856e+01	15.540	< Ze-16	**
Harmony1-V-1V	2.794e-0	3 1.114e-01	1.014e+02	0.025	0.980047	
Harmony1-v-v1	-3.172e-0	1 1.765e-01	5.433e+01	-1.798	0.0///84	·
Harmonyiv-i-v	-2.549e-0	1 1.5140-01	F 271 e+01	-1.700	1 220 07	•
Instrumentplano	-1.1270+0	0 1.0500-01	5.2710+01	-0.092	1.52e-07	**
Voi cenar3rd	2 1300-0	0 2.444e-01 1 8 879e-02	1 6310+03	2 400	0 016520	*
Voicepar5th	2.419e-0	1 8.875e-02	1.630e+03	2.726	0.006482	**
X16.minus.17	2.021e-0	1 4.207e-02	5.494e+01	4.804	1.24e-05	**
ConsInstr1	-2.141e+0	0 6.235e-01	5.511e+01	-3.434	0.001135	**
ConsInstr2	-4.680e-0	1 5.032e-01	5.489e+01	-0.930	0.356410	
ConsInstr3	-3.001e-0	1 4.873e-01	5.491e+01	-0.616	0.540481	
ConsInstr4	-2.613e-0	1 4.731e-01	5.490e+01	-0.552	0.583014	
ConsInstr5	1.113e+0	0 5.586e-01	5.490e+01	1.993	0.051279	
KnowAxis1	5.216e+0	0 1.796e+00	5.506e+01	2.904	0.005292	**
KnowAxis5	7.650e-0	1 2.922e-01	5.497e+01	2.618	0.011410	*
NoClass	-1.507e+0	0 3.273e-01	5.497e+01	-4.604	2.49e-05	**
Composing1	-1.185e+0	0 4.558e-01	5.492e+01	-2.600	0.011949	*
Composing2	-8.028e-0	1 9.225e-01	5.556e+01	-0.870	0.387885	
Composing3	1.553e+0	0 8.826e-01	5.493e+01	1.759	0.084141	·
Composing4	4.748e-0	1 6.517e-01	5.524e+01	0.729	0.469283	
Composings CuitarPlay1	1.000e+0	0 1.8020+00 1 4.2750-01	5.469e+01	0.999	0.322147	
GuitarPlay2	1 4820+0	1 4.275e-01 0 7 538e-01	5 4890+01	1 966	0.212297	
GuitarPlay4	-6 217e-0	1 8 986e-01	5 495e+01	-0 692	0 491973	•
GuitarPlay5	3.229e-0	1 6.051e-01	5.560e+01	0.534	0.595684	
Musicians1	-2.170e+0	0 4.415e-01	5.506e+01	-4.915	8.37e-06	**
NoClass:Musicians1	1.309e+0	0 3.838e-01	5.507e+01	3.410	0.001223	**
Composing1:Musician	ns1 2.725e+0	0 7.597e-01	5.491e+01	3.587	0.000712	**
Composing2:Musician	ns1 2.026e+0	0 9.688e-01	5.561e+01	2.091	0.041128	*
Composing3:Musiciar	ns1 1.736e-0	1 1.090e+00	5.489e+01	0.159	0.874070	
Signif. codes: 0	'***' 0.001 '	**' 0.01'*'	0.05'.'0	.1''1		

Figure 7: Summary Table of Popular Rating

For popular ratings, Instrument and Voice have the same interpretation for fixed and random effects as the previous section. Harmony now is only significant at alpha = 0.1 in the model with other covariates. Other significant covariates include X16.minus.17, ConsInstr, KnowAxis, NoClass, and Composing. Based on figure 7, following is the detailed interpretation of each significant variable holding other variables constant:

• X16.minus.17: 1 unit increase in the auxiliary measure of listener's ability to distinguish classical vs popular music is expected to increase popular rating by 2.02.

- ConsInstr: Those who concentrate on listening for instrument at level 1 tend to give popular rating lower by 2.14 comparing to all other levels.
- KnowAxis: Those who know Axis of Evil's Comedy bit tend to give higher popular rating than those who have not heard of it at all. In particular, those with level 1 familiarity tend to have popular rating 5.22 higher than those with level 0.
- NoClass: 1 additional music class the listener took is expected to decrease popular rating by 1.51. The more music classes the listener took, the more technical they see the stimuli and the less likely they consider it popular music.
- Composing: Those at composing level 1 tend to have popular rating lower by 1.19 than those with no composing experience.

Comparing the additional covariates in the final models of both ratings, I will first compare variables that are present in both models. I found that X16.minus.17 and NoClass have opposite relationships with classical and popular rating. For instance, having taken more music classes is positively correlated with classical rating but it is negatively correlated with popular rating. In addition, we see that while GuitarPlay is included in both models, it is only significant to classical rating.

Next, I will address the importance of some variables that only appear in one model. For classical rating, the more the listener is familiar with Canon in D, the higher classical rating they are likely to give. It makes sense because Canon in D is a classical piece so those familiar with it likely has had more classical music exposure in the past. On the contrary, Canon in D has little to do with pop music, so it makes sense it is not important to popular rating. For popular rating, those who are more familiar with Comedy bit tend to give higher popular rating since Comedy bits is a pop music piece. Again, because Comedy bit has no association with classical music, it makes sense that it is not important to classical rating.

In conclusion, the models for classical and popular ratings contain common variables that can have opposite effects on the particular rating and also unique variables that only affect one type of rating.

#### 3.5 Effects of Musicians and Non-musicians on Ratings

In this section, we will focus on the effect of Musicians on classical and popular ratings from the final models in figure 6 and 7.

For classical ratings, we see that those who are self-declared musicians tend to give classical ratings 1.97 higher than self-declared non-musicians. For popular ratings, we see that those who are self-declared musicians tend to give popular rating 2.17 lower than non-musicians. From this result, we can interpret that people who are more familiar with classical music tend to see themselves more as musicians. People who self-declare as non-musicians likely have limited technical music knowledge and also be more familiar with pop music.

As for interactions, in the classical ratings model, I included Musicians with NoClass, Instrument and GuitarPlay. We see that, though for non-musicians the number of classes the listener has taken is positively associated with classical rating, for musicians the number of classes taken has close to zero effects on classical rating. Self-declared non-musicians likely have limited music knowledge. Any additional courses they take will give a greater marginal increase to their music knowledge, thus having a bigger effect on judging classical music. For self-declared musicians, they already have enough knowledge that they are comfortable with. One additional course will not greatly impact their view when judging a piece. Another significant interaction is GuitarPlay level 1 and Musicians. For non-musicians, guitar play level 1 tend to have 3.33 higher classical rating than that associated with guitar play level 0. For musicians, guitar play level 1 tend to have 0.3 higher classical rating than level 0. We see guitar play level 1's effect is smaller on rating when the listener is a self-declared musician.

In the popular ratings model, I included interactions between Musicians with NoClass and Composing. The interpretation of the interaction between Musicians and NoClass is similar to that of classical ratings but with different coefficients. The interaction between Musicians and Composing is also significant. For non-musicians, listeners with composing level 1 tend to have a 1.19 lower popular rating than those with no composing experience. For musicians, listeners with composing level 1 tend to have a 1.6 higher popular rating than those with no experience. We see the direction of the relationship between Composing level 1 and popular rating changes depending on whether the listener is a Musician.

Overall for both classical and popular rating, we see whether the listener is a musician and non-musician affect the association between the rating given and other listener characteristics. We also find that self-declared musicians tend to give higher classical rating and lower popular rating than non-musicians.

### 4 Discussion

In this section, I will first recap the major findings in this study, and discuss some limitation and suggestions for future research. In conclusion, the goal of this analysis is to assess the effects of the three experimental factors and the other variables on classical and popular rating. Researchers are interested in comparing the difference effects and difference factors used to estimate the ratings and in particular how being a musicians affects the associations.

From section 3.3, we learned that as the researchers hypothesized, instrument does have the strongest influence among the three experimental factors for both classical and popular ratings. Stimuli played with string quartet tend to have higher classical rating by around 3.4 (standard error = 0.28) comparing to electrical guitar. Stimuli played with electrical guitar tend to have higher popular rating by around 3.0 (standard error = 0.24) comparing to string quartet. Harmonic motion I-V-VI has the strongest effect on classical rating but has no significant difference from other levels for popular ratings. This relationship does not depend on whether the listener is familiar with either Pachelbel rants or comedy bits for both ratings. Lastly for both ratings, voice leading contrary motion has the strongest effect on both ratings comparing to other voice leading levels. Even after accounting for individual subject differences through random effects, we are confident about our findings given the random effect standard deviation is relatively small comparing to fixed effect coefficient estimates. Overall, this tells us listeners tend to judge how classical or popular a musical piece sounds primarily through the instrument it is played with. In reality, a genre of music is often played with specific types of instruments. Thus, we are not surprised that people draws a connection being genre and instrument when critiquing music.

From section 3.4 and 3.5, we learned that the number of music related classes the listener has taken in the past and whether the listen is a self-declared musician is significant to estimating both classical and popular rating. However, the effect of those variables are the opposite on the two type of ratings. Holding other variables constant and as the number of classes increases, classical rating is expected to increase by 1.7 (standard error = 0.33), and popular rating is expected to decrease by around 1.5 (standard error = 0.33). Those identified as musicians is expected to have classical rating 1.97 (standard error = 0.46) higher and popular rating 2.17 (standard error = 0.44) lower. Together, this suggests that those with more music knowledge tend to give higher classical rating, and those with less music knowledge tend to give higher popular rating. We also find some factors that only are significant to one of the ratings. For example, the degree to which the listener is familiar with Canon in D is only significant to classical rating, and the degree to which the listener is familiar with comedy bits is only significant to popular rating. These variables are only related to either classical or popular music.

One major limitation in this analysis is that some variables are created through the subjects' subjective view such as whether they self-declare as musicians or how familiar they rate themselves with a given musical piece. More analysis can be conducted to analysis how sensitive the model is to the dichotomization and grouping of other variables. In addition, with more musical knowledge, more interactions among the variables and causal inferences can be explored.

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# Appendix

# 3.1 Data Preprocessing

This section shows code that relevels Subject, fill in and remove missing data, create new variable Musicians and transform OMSI for normality.

```
ratings <- read.csv("ratings.csv")</pre>
ratings <- ratings[, which(!(names(ratings) %in% c("X","first12")))]</pre>
```

summary(ratings)

##	Subje	ct	Harmony	Inst	trument	V	Voice	Selfd	leclare	
##	15 :	36 1	[-IV-V:63	0 guita	ar:840	contra	ry:840	Min.	:1.000	)
##	16 :	36 1	L-V-IV:63	0 piano	o :840	par3rd	l :840	1st Qu	.:2.000	)
##	17 :	36 1	L-V-VI:63	0 stri	ng:840	par5th	n :840	Median	:2.000	)
##	18b :	36 1	[V-I-V:63	0				Mean	:2.443	3
##	19 :	36						3rd Qu	.:3.000	)
##	20 :	36						Max.	:6.000	)
##	(Other):	2304								
##	OMS	I	X16.min	us.17	ConsI	nstr	Consl	lotes		
##	Min. :	11.0	Min. :	-4.000	Min.	:0.000	Min.	:0.000	)	
##	1st Qu.:	49.0	1st Qu.:	0.000	1st Qu.	:1.670	1st Qu	:0.750	)	
##	Median :	145.5	Median :	1.000	Median	:3.000	Median	:3.000	)	
##	Mean :	225.9	Mean :	1.721	Mean	:2.857	Mean	:2.533	5	
##	3rd Qu.:	323.0	3rd Qu.:	3.000	3rd Qu.	:4.330	3rd Qu	:5.000	)	
##	Max. :	970.0	Max. :	9.000	Max.	:5.000	Max.	:5.000	)	
##							NA's	:360		
##	Instr.mi	nus.Note	es Pach	Listen	ClsL	isten	Kno	owRob		
##	Min. :	-4.0000	Min.	:0.000	Min.	:0.000	) Min.	:0.00	00	
##	1st Qu.:	0.0000	1st Qu	.:5.000	1st Qu	.:1.000	) 1st Qu	1.:0.00	00	
##	Median :	0.3350	Median	:5.000	Median	:3.000	) Median	n :0.00	00	
##	Mean :	0.6857	Mean	:4.515	Mean	:2.159	) Mean	:0.76	92	
##	3rd Qu.:	2.0000	3rd Qu	.:5.000	3rd Qu	.:3.000	) 3rd Qu	1.:0.00	00	
##	Max. :	4.3300	Max.	:5.000	Max.	:5.000	) Max.	:5.00	00	
##			NA's	:72	NA's	:36	NA's	:180		
##	KnowA	xis	X1990s	2000s	X1990s2	000s.mi	nus.1960	s1970s	Colleg	geMusic
##	Min. :	0.0000	Min.	:0.000	Min.	:-4.000	)		Min.	:0.000
##	1st Qu.:	0.0000	1st Qu.	:3.000	1st Qu.	: 0.000	)		1st Qu.	.:1.000
##	Median :	0.0000	Median	:5.000	Median	: 2.000	)		Median	:1.000
##	Mean :	0.9032	Mean	:4.061	Mean	: 2.015	5		Mean	:0.791
##	3rd Qu.:	0.0000	3rd Qu.	:5.000	3rd Qu.	: 3.000	)		3rd Qu.	.:1.000
##	Max. :	5.0000	Max.	:5.000	Max.	: 5.000	)		Max.	:1.000
##	NA's :	288	NA's	:144	NA's	:180			NA's	:108
##	NoCla	SS	APTh	eory	Comp	osing	PianoPi	Lay		
##	Min. :	0.0000	Min.	:0.0000	Min.	:0	Min. :(	0.000		
##	1st Qu.:	0.0000	1st Qu.	:0.0000	1st Qu	.:0	1st Qu.:(	0.000		
##	Median :	1.0000	Median	:0.0000	Median	:0	Median :(	0.000		
##	Mean :	0.9194	Mean	:0.2344	Mean	:1	Mean ::	L.086		
##	3rd Qu.:	1.0000	3rd Qu.	:0.0000	3rd Qu	.:2	3rd Qu.::	L.000		
##	Max. :	8.0000	Max.	:1.0000	Max.	:5	Max. :8	5.000		
##	NA's :	288	NA's	:216	NA's	:72				

X1stInstr X2ndInstr Classical ## GuitarPlay Min. ## Min. :0.0000 Min. :1.000 Min. :0.000 : 0.000 1st Qu.: 4.000 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.:1.000 1st Qu.:1.000 ## Median :0.0000 Median :3.500 Median :1.000 Median : 6.000 ## ## Mean :0.6857 Mean :2.786 Mean :1.556 Mean : 5.783 3rd Qu.: 8.000 ## 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.:4.000 3rd Qu.:2.000 ## Max. :5.0000 Max. :5.000 Max. :4.000 Max. :19.000 NA's :2196 NA's ## :1512 NA's :27 ## Popular ## : 0.000 Min. ## 1st Qu.: 4.000 ## Median : 5.000 : 5.381 ## Mean ## 3rd Qu.: 7.000 ## Max. :19.000 ## NA's :27 levels(ratings\$Subject) [1] "15" "16" "17" "18b" "19" "20" "21" "22" "23" "24" ## "28" "29" "30" "31" "32" ## [11] "25" "26" "33" "34" "35" "37" "38" "39" "40" "41" "42" "43" ## [21] "36" "44.1" "44.2" "47" "48" ## [31] "45" "46" "49" "50" "51" "52" "53" "54" "57" ## [41] "55" "56" "58" "59" "60" "61" "62" "63" "64" ## [51] "65" "66" "70" "71" "73" "74" "75" "76" "77" "78" "81" "98" ## [61] "79" "80" "82" "83" "90" "91" "93" "94" levels(ratings\$Subject) = 1:70 ratings <- ratings %>% mutate(Selfdeclare = as.factor(Selfdeclare), ConsInstr = as.factor(ConsInstr), ConsNotes = as.factor(ConsNotes), PachListen = as.factor(PachListen), ClsListen = as.factor(ClsListen), KnowRob = as.factor(KnowRob), KnowAxis = as.factor(KnowAxis), X1990s2000s = as.factor(X1990s2000s).CollegeMusic = as.factor(CollegeMusic), APTheory = as.factor(APTheory), Composing = as.factor(Composing), PianoPlay = as.factor(PianoPlay), GuitarPlay = as.factor(GuitarPlay), X1stInstr = as.factor(X1stInstr), X2ndInstr = as.factor(X2ndInstr), ) par(mfrow=c(2,4)) hist(ratings\$Classical, main = "Classical") qqnorm(ratings\$Classical, main = "Classial") qqline(ratings\$Classical) hist(ratings\$Popular, main = "Popular") qqnorm(ratings\$Popular, main = "Popular") qqline(ratings\$Popular)

```
hist(ratings$NoClass, main = "NoClass")
qqnorm(ratings$NoClass, main = "NoClass")
qqline(ratings$NoClass)
```

```
hist(ratings$X16.minus.17, main = "X16.minus.17")
qqnorm(ratings$X16.minus.17, main = "X16.minus.17")
qqline(ratings$X16.minus.17)
```







ω

4

0

4

-3

0 2

**Theoretical Quantiles** 

Sample Quantiles



```
hist(ratings$OMSI, main="OMSI")
qqnorm(ratings$OMSI, main="OMSI")
qqline(ratings$OMSI)
```

hist(log(ratings\$OMSI), main="log(OMSI)")
qqnorm(log(ratings\$OMSI), main="log(OMSI)")
qqline(log(ratings\$OMSI))



```
## Warning in x[...] <- m: number of items to replace is not a multiple of
## replacement length
# median imputation
summary(ratings$NoClass)
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                       NA's
##
                                               Max.
    0.0000 0.0000 1.0000
                            0.9194 1.0000
                                                        288
##
                                            8.0000
ratings$NoClass[which(is.na(ratings$NoClass))] = 1
summary(ratings$X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s)
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                               Max.
                                                       NA's
    -4.000
                     2.000
                                              5.000
##
             0.000
                             2.015
                                     3.000
                                                        180
ratings$X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s[
  which(is.na(ratings$X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s))] = 2
ratings <- ratings %>%
   mutate(OMSI.log = log(OMSI),
          ConsNotes = as.factor(ConsNotes),
          ConsInstr = as.factor(round(as.numeric(as.character(ConsInstr))))) %>%
  filter(Classical<=10 & Popular<=10) %>%
  select(-X1stInstr, -X2ndInstr, -OMSI)
ratings <- na.omit(ratings)</pre>
Musicians = as.numeric(ratings$Selfdeclare)
Musicians[which(ratings$Selfdeclare==1 | ratings$Selfdeclare==2)] = 0
Musicians[which(Musicians!=0)] = 1
Musicians = as.factor(Musicians)
table(Musicians)
## Musicians
##
      0
           1
## 1079 821
ratings <- ratings %>% mutate(Musicians = Musicians)
summary(ratings)
##
       Subject
                     Harmony
                                 Instrument
                                                   Voice
                                                             Selfdeclare
                   I-IV-V:476
##
   1
          : 36
                                guitar:635
                                              contrary:633
                                                             1:252
##
   2
             36
                   I-V-IV:474
                                piano :629
                                              par3rd :633
                                                             2:827
           :
##
   3
           :
              36
                   I-V-VI:474
                                string:636
                                              par5th :634
                                                             3:360
##
   5
                   IV-I-V:476
                                                             4:353
           :
              36
##
   6
              36
                                                             5: 72
           :
                                                             6: 36
              36
##
   8
           :
   (Other):1684
##
    X16.minus.17
##
                     ConsInstr ConsNotes Instr.minus.Notes PachListen ClsListen
## Min.
          :-4.000
                     0:108
                               0:457
                                         Min.
                                                :-4.0000
                                                            0:
                                                                 0
                                                                       0:288
## 1st Qu.: 0.000
                     1:208
                               1:336
                                          1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                                            1:
                                                                 0
                                                                       1:612
## Median : 1.000
                               3:565
                                         Median : 0.6700
                                                            2: 108
                                                                       3:713
                     2:288
## Mean
          : 1.626
                     3:468
                               4: 43
                                         Mean
                                               : 0.8105
                                                            3: 144
                                                                       4: 36
## 3rd Qu.: 3.000
                               5:499
                                         3rd Qu.: 2.0000
                                                            4: 36
                                                                       5:251
                     4:540
## Max. : 9.000
                     5:288
                                                 : 4.3300
                                         Max.
                                                            5:1612
```

}

```
5
```

```
##
             KnowAxis X1990s2000s X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s CollegeMusic
##
    KnowRob
##
    0:1511
              0:1469
                        0: 144
                                    Min.
                                            :-3.000
                                                                    0: 396
                        2: 108
                                     1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                                    1:1504
    1: 144
              1:
                  35
##
##
    5: 245
              5: 396
                        3: 252
                                     Median : 2.000
##
                                            : 1.931
                        4: 180
                                     Mean
##
                       5:1216
                                     3rd Qu.: 3.000
##
                                     Max.
                                            : 5.000
##
       NoClass
##
                      APTheory Composing PianoPlay GuitarPlay
                                                                    Classical
##
    Min.
            :0.0000
                      0:1475
                                0:1116
                                           0:1044
                                                      0:1404
                                                                  Min.
                                                                          : 0.000
    1st Qu.:0.0000
                      1: 425
                                1: 216
                                           1: 496
                                                      1: 215
                                                                  1st Qu.: 3.000
##
##
    Median :1.0000
                                2: 245
                                           2:
                                                0
                                                      2:
                                                          36
                                                                  Median : 6.000
                                3: 144
                                           4: 144
                                                          71
                                                                  Mean
##
    Mean
            :0.9237
                                                      4:
                                                                          : 5.715
##
    3rd Qu.:1.0000
                                4: 143
                                           5: 216
                                                      5: 174
                                                                  3rd Qu.: 8.000
##
    Max.
            :8.0000
                                5:
                                    36
                                                                  Max.
                                                                          :10.000
##
##
       Popular
                          OMSI.log
                                        Musicians
##
           : 0.000
                      Min.
                              :2.398
                                        0:1079
    Min.
##
    1st Qu.: 3.000
                      1st Qu.:4.205
                                        1: 821
##
    Median : 6.000
                      Median :4.990
##
    Mean
            : 5.376
                              :4.969
                      Mean
    3rd Qu.: 7.000
##
                      3rd Qu.:5.784
    Max.
            :10.000
                              :6.877
##
                      Max.
##
```

# 3.2 Exploratory Data Analysis

The code below creates boxplots that explores the relationship between classical (popular) ratings and other variables, and boxplots that explore the interaction between harmonic motion and KnowRob (KnowAxis).







```
g1 <- ggplot(ratings, aes(x = Harmony, y = Classical,fill = KnowAxis))+geom_boxplot()
g2 <- ggplot(ratings, aes(x = Harmony, y = Classical,fill = KnowRob))+geom_boxplot()
g3 <- ggplot(ratings, aes(x = Harmony, y = Popular,fill = KnowAxis))+geom_boxplot()
g4 <- ggplot(ratings, aes(x = Harmony, y = Popular,fill = KnowRob))+geom_boxplot()
grid.arrange(g1, g2, g3, g4, ncol=2)</pre>
```



# 3.3 Effects of Experimental Factors on Classical and Popular Ratings

The code below creates model for classical and popular ratings using only experimental factors and its interactions. stepAIC with BIC criterion is used to pick fixed effects. fitLMER.fnc is used to choose random effects. I also looked at ANOVA results and diagnostic plots which shows my final model is valid and optimal.

```
9 8552.4 8602.3 -4267.2 8534.4
## m1.bic
## lmer1.interp.only 10 8034.3 8089.8 -4007.2 8014.3 520.08 1 < 2.2e-16
##
## m1.bic
## lmer1.interp.only ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
lmer2 <- fitLMER.fnc(lmer1.interp.only,</pre>
                 ran.effects=
                  c("(0+Voice|Subject)","(0+Harmony|Subject)","(0+Instrument|Subject)"),
         method = "BIC" , keep.single.factors = T)
## ===
               backfitting fixed effects
## setting REML to FALSE
## pruning random effects structure ...
## nothing to prune
forwardfitting random effects ===
## ===
## evaluating addition of (0+Voice|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 0.9999997
## not adding (0+Voice|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (0+Harmony|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 4.602083e-15
## adding (0+Harmony|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (0+Instrument|Subject) to model
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 3.011872e-76
## adding (0+Instrument|Subject) to model
re-backfitting fixed effects ===
## ===
## setting REML to FALSE
## resetting REML to TRUE
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, : Model is nearly unide:
## - Rescale variables?
## pruning random effects structure ...
## nothing to prune
## log file is /var/folders/_6/x1q175n53033623j51rd1r540000gp/T//Rtmp3K6dyx/fitLMER_log_Sun_Dec__8_11-4
anova(lmer1.interp.only,lmer2)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer1.interp.only: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject)
## lmer2: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
## lmer2:
           Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject)
```

```
## Df AIC BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer1.interp.only 10 8034.3 8089.8 -4007.2 8014.3
## lmer2 26 7608.7 7753.0 -3778.4 7556.7 457.61 16 < 2.2e-16
##
## lmer1.interp.only
## lmer2 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
plot(lmer2)</pre>
```



par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(m1.bic)



```
summary(lmer2)
```

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
##
       Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject)
##
      Data: ratings
## Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa")
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 7574.1
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                30
                                       Max
  -4.7089 -0.5688 0.0241 0.5394
##
                                    3.6224
##
## Random effects:
##
  Groups
              Name
                               Variance Std.Dev. Corr
                               0.6007
                                        0.7751
##
   Subject
              (Intercept)
##
   Subject.1 HarmonyI-IV-V
                               0.6267
                                        0.7917
##
                               0.9022
                                        0.9499
              HarmonyI-V-IV
                                                  0.97
##
              HarmonyI-V-VI
                               0.9191
                                        0.9587
                                                 -0.22 -0.05
##
                               0.6878
                                        0.8293
                                                  0.95 0.91 -0.15
              HarmonyIV-I-V
##
   Subject.2 Instrumentguitar 1.7996
                                        1.3415
##
              Instrumentpiano 1.6622
                                        1.2893
                                                  0.46
              Instrumentstring 1.0840
                                        1.0412
                                                  -0.30 0.16
##
                               2.4346
                                        1.5603
##
  Residual
## Number of obs: 1900, groups: Subject, 53
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
                     4.07178
                                0.25952 15.690
## HarmonyI-V-IV
                     0.03175
                                0.10706
                                          0.297
## HarmonyI-V-VI
                     0.87898
                                0.21413
                                          4.105
## HarmonyIV-I-V
                     0.08685
                                0.10756
                                          0.807
## Instrumentpiano
                     1.46984
                                0.20680
                                          7.108
## Instrumentstring 3.40338
                                0.27870 12.212
## Voicepar3rd
                    -0.38601
                                0.08772 -4.401
## Voicepar5th
                    -0.31360
                                0.08768
                                        -3.577
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
               (Intr) HI-V-I HI-V-V HIV-I- Instrmntp Instrmnts Vcpr3r
## HrmnyI-V-IV -0.112
## HrmnyI-V-VI -0.362 0.237
## HrmnyIV-I-V -0.187
                      0.424
                              0.270
## Instrumntpn -0.422 0.001 0.000
                                    0.000
## Instrmntstr -0.630 0.000 0.000 0.000
                                            0.597
                                                       0.000
## Voicepar3rd -0.169 0.000 -0.001 0.001 0.001
## Voicepar5th -0.169 -0.001 -0.001 -0.001
                                           0.000
                                                       0.000
                                                                 0.500
## convergence code: 0
## Model is nearly unidentifiable: large eigenvalue ratio
## - Rescale variables?
# popular rating
m5.1 <- lm(Popular~Harmony*Instrument*Voice+Harmony:KnowRob+Harmony:KnowAxis, ratings)
m5.1.bic <- stepAIC(m5.1, scope = list(lower = ~Harmony+Instrument+Voice), trace=F, k = log(1900))
lmer5.1.interp.only <- lmer(update.formula(m5.1.bic, .~. + (1 | Subject)),</pre>
                          ratings, REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
```

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```

```
anova(lmer5.1.interp.only, m5.1.bic)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## m5.1.bic: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + Harmony:KnowAxis
## lmer5.1.interp.only: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + Harmony:KnowAxis
##
                   Df
                        AIC
                             BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
                   17 8385.1 8479.4 -4175.5 8351.1
## m5.1.bic
## lmer5.1.interp.only 18 7931.1 8031.0 -3947.5 7895.1 456.01 1 < 2.2e-16
##
## m5.1.bic
## lmer5.1.interp.only ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
lmer5.2 <- fitLMER.fnc(lmer5.1.interp.only, ran.effects=c("(0+Voice|Subject)","(0+Harmony|Subject)","(0</pre>
        method = "BIC" , keep.single.factors = T)
backfitting fixed effects
## ===
                                            ===
## setting REML to FALSE
## processing model terms of interaction level 2
   iteration 1
##
##
     p-value for term "Harmony:KnowAxis" = 0.0268 >= 0
##
     not part of higher-order interaction
##
     BIC simple = 7988; BIC complex = 8031; decrease = -43 < 5
##
     removing term
## pruning random effects structure ...
## nothing to prune
## ===
             forwardfitting random effects
## evaluating addition of (0+Voice|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 0.9404948
## not adding (0+Voice|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (0+Harmony|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 5.349948e-12
## adding (0+Harmony|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (0+Instrument|Subject) to model
## Warning in optwrap(optimizer, devfun, getStart(start, rho$lower, rho$pp), :
## convergence code 1 from bobyqa: bobyqa -- maximum number of function evaluations
## exceeded
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 6.011931e-53
## adding (0+Instrument|Subject) to model
## === re-backfitting fixed effects ===
```

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```
## setting REML to FALSE
## Warning in optwrap(optimizer, devfun, getStart(start, rho$lower, rho$pp), :
## convergence code 1 from bobyqa: bobyqa -- maximum number of function evaluations
## exceeded
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## resetting REML to TRUE
## Warning in optwrap(optimizer, devfun, getStart(start, rho$lower, rho$pp), :
## convergence code 1 from bobyqa: bobyqa -- maximum number of function evaluations
## exceeded
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## pruning random effects structure ...
   nothing to prune
##
## log file is /var/folders/_6/x1q175n53033623j51rd1r540000gp/T//Rtmp3K6dyx/fitLMER_log_Sun_Dec__8_11-4
lmer5.2.1 <- lmer(update.formula(lmer5.2,.~.+Harmony:KnowAxis),</pre>
                  ratings, REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
anova(lmer5.1.interp.only,lmer5.2)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer5.1.interp.only: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + Harmony:KnowAxis
## lmer5.2: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
               Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject)
## lmer5.2:
                             AIC
                                    BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
                       Df
## lmer5.1.interp.only 18 7931.1 8031.0 -3947.5
                                                  7895.1
## lmer5.2
                       26 7630.8 7775.1 -3789.4
                                                  7578.8 316.29
                                                                   8 < 2.2e-16
##
## lmer5.1.interp.only
## lmer5.2
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova(lmer5.1.interp.only,lmer5.2.1)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer5.1.interp.only: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + Harmony:KnowAxis
## lmer5.2.1: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
## lmer5.2.1:
                  Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject) + Harmony:KnowAxis
##
                       Df
                             AIC
                                    BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer5.1.interp.only 18 7931.1 8031.0 -3947.5
                                                  7895.1
                       34 7637.4 7826.1 -3784.7
                                                  7569.4 325.66
                                                                   16 < 2.2e-16
## lmer5.2.1
##
## lmer5.1.interp.only
## lmer5.2.1
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
anova(lmer5.2,lmer5.2.1)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer5.2: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
                Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject)
## lmer5.2:
## lmer5.2.1: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
## lmer5.2.1:
                  Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject) + Harmony:KnowAxis
##
             Df
                   AIC
                          BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
             26 7630.8 7775.1 -3789.4
                                         7578.8
## lmer5.2
## lmer5.2.1 34 7637.4 7826.1 -3784.7
                                         7569.4 9.3738
                                                             8
                                                                   0.3118
plot(lmer5.2)
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## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.188 on 1884 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.272, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2662
## F-statistic: 46.92 on 15 and 1884 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
# final model
summary(lmer5.2)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + (1 | Subject) + (0 +
##
       Harmony | Subject) + (0 + Instrument | Subject)
##
      Data: ratings
## Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa")
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 7596.5
##
## Scaled residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               30
                                       Max
## -3.9721 -0.5750 0.0302 0.5669 3.2752
##
## Random effects:
##
  Groups
             Name
                              Variance Std.Dev. Corr
   Subject
              (Intercept)
                              3.817e-08 0.0001954
##
   Subject.1 HarmonyI-IV-V
                               1.504e+00 1.2264251
##
##
             HarmonyI-V-IV
                              1.982e+00 1.4079810 0.98
##
             HarmonyI-V-VI
                              1.840e+00 1.3565004 0.67 0.61
##
             HarmonyIV-I-V
                              1.115e+00 1.0558904 0.88 0.79 0.46
##
   Subject.2 Instrumentguitar 3.146e-01 0.5608561
##
              Instrumentpiano 9.193e-01 0.9588129 -0.18
##
              Instrumentstring 1.246e+00 1.1163034 -1.00 0.25
##
  Residual
                               2.502e+00 1.5818736
## Number of obs: 1900, groups: Subject, 53
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
                     6.750506 0.211743 31.881
## HarmonyI-V-IV
                    0.003048
                               0.112141
                                          0.027
## HarmonyI-V-VI
                   -0.316609
                               0.177349 -1.785
## HarmonyIV-I-V
                    -0.234524 0.129561 -1.810
## Instrumentpiano -1.127151
                               0.186954
                                         -6.029
## Instrumentstring -3.028399
                               0.246779 -12.272
## Voicepar3rd
                     0.213136
                               0.088931
                                           2.397
## Voicepar5th
                     0.241513
                               0.088892
                                           2.717
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
               (Intr) HI-V-I HI-V-V HIV-I- Instrmntp Instrmnts Vcpr3r
## HrmnyI-V-IV -0.074
## HrmnyI-V-VI -0.334
                      0.142
## HrmnyIV-I-V -0.440 0.157
                             0.151
## Instrumntpn -0.297 0.001 0.000 0.000
## Instrmntstr -0.415 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.618
## Voicepar3rd -0.210 0.000 -0.001 0.001 0.001
                                                      0.000
## Voicepar5th -0.210 -0.001 -0.002 -0.001 0.000
                                                      0.000
                                                                0.500
```

```
## convergence code: 1
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
```

## 3.4 Regression Models for Classical and Popular Ratings

Code below creates the final regression model for classical and popular rating including other variables as well as Musician. Similar procedure as the code in 3.3.

```
# classical rating
m3 <- lm(Classical~. -Subject-Popular-X1990s2000s-Instr.minus.Notes-Musicians, ratings)
m3.bic <- stepAIC(m3, scope = list(lower = ~Harmony+Instrument+Voice),
                  trace=F, k = log(nrow(ratings)))
m4 <- update(m3.bic, .~.+Musicians*.-Musicians:Selfdeclare-Selfdeclare)
m4.bic <- stepAIC(m4, scope = list(lower = ~Harmony+Instrument+Voice),
                  trace=F, k=log(nrow(ratings)))
m4.best <- stepAIC(update(m4.bic, .~.-X1990s2000s:Musicians),</pre>
                   scope = list(lower = ~Harmony+Instrument+Voice), trace=F, k=log(nrow(ratings)))
summary(m4.best)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 +
       ConsNotes + PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
##
##
       NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + Instrument:Musicians +
       NoClass:Musicians + GuitarPlay:Musicians, data = ratings)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
              1Q Median
                            ЗQ
                                  Max
  -6.696 -1.311 -0.029
##
                        1.325
                                6.829
##
## Coefficients: (3 not defined because of singularities)
##
                                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                             0.36226
                                                       9.065 < 2e-16 ***
                                 3.28378
## HarmonyI-V-IV
                                 0.02877
                                             0.13180
                                                       0.218 0.827213
## HarmonyI-V-VI
                                 0.87477
                                             0.13180
                                                       6.637 4.18e-11 ***
## HarmonyIV-I-V
                                 0.08358
                                             0.13166
                                                       0.635 0.525618
## Instrumentpiano
                                             0.15150 11.438 < 2e-16 ***
                                 1.73287
## Instrumentstring
                                 3.81808
                                             0.15150 25.202 < 2e-16 ***
## Voicepar3rd
                                -0.40728
                                             0.11435 -3.562 0.000378 ***
## Voicepar5th
                                -0.27909
                                             0.11426 -2.442 0.014678 *
## X16.minus.17
                                            0.01985 -4.931 8.89e-07 ***
                                -0.09791
## ConsNotes1
                                                       4.299 1.80e-05 ***
                                 0.84567
                                             0.19670
## ConsNotes3
                                             0.17184
                                                       3.163 0.001586 **
                                 0.54354
## ConsNotes4
                                -1.85191
                                             0.33159 -5.585 2.68e-08 ***
## ConsNotes5
                                -0.48411
                                             0.17179 -2.818 0.004882 **
## PachListen3
                                -1.52571
                                             0.33055 -4.616 4.18e-06 ***
## PachListen4
                                                       5.764 9.58e-09 ***
                                 2.56002
                                             0.44413
## PachListen5
                                 0.09975
                                             0.25682
                                                       0.388 0.697764
## X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s 0.17395
                                             0.03063
                                                       5.678 1.57e-08 ***
## CollegeMusic1
                                -1.45482
                                             0.14999 -9.699 < 2e-16 ***
## NoClass
                                 1.77387
                                             0.14954 11.862 < 2e-16 ***
                                             0.40580
                                                       7.851 6.87e-15 ***
## GuitarPlay1
                                 3.18606
## GuitarPlay2
                                 1.51125
                                             0.36625
                                                       4.126 3.85e-05 ***
```

```
## GuitarPlay4
                                2.26496
                                           0.28363 7.985 2.42e-15 ***
## GuitarPlay5
                                           0.21658 -2.402 0.016389 *
                               -0.52028
## Musicians1
                                1.88926
                                           0.21413 8.823 < 2e-16 ***
## Instrumentpiano:Musicians1
                               -0.61627
                                           0.23077 -2.670 0.007640 **
## Instrumentstring:Musicians1 -0.96301
                                           0.22988 -4.189 2.93e-05 ***
## NoClass:Musicians1
                               -1.72855
                                           0.14972 -11.545 < 2e-16 ***
## GuitarPlay1:Musicians1
                                           0.45170 -7.064 2.28e-12 ***
                               -3.19056
## GuitarPlay2:Musicians1
                                     NA
                                                NA
                                                        NA
                                                                ΝA
## GuitarPlay4:Musicians1
                                     NA
                                                NA
                                                        NA
                                                                 NΔ
                                                                NA
## GuitarPlay5:Musicians1
                                     NA
                                                NA
                                                        NA
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.031 on 1872 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4459, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4379
## F-statistic: 55.79 on 27 and 1872 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
lmer4.0 <- lmer(update.formula(m4.best, .~.+ (1 | Subject)), ratings,</pre>
                 REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 3 columns / coefficients
anova(lmer4.0, m4.best)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## m4.best: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
## m4.best: PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## m4.best:
               NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + Instrument:Musicians +
## m4.best:
               NoClass:Musicians + GuitarPlay:Musicians
## lmer4.0: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
               PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## lmer4.0:
## lmer4.0:
               NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + (1 | Subject) + Instrument:Musicians +
## lmer4.0:
               NoClass:Musicians + GuitarPlay:Musicians
##
          Df
                AIC
                       BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## m4.best 29 8114.4 8275.3 -4028.2
                                     8056.4
## lmer4.0 30 7999.9 8166.4 -3970.0
                                     7939.9 116.47
                                                        1 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
lmer4.1 <- fitLMER.fnc(lmer4.0,</pre>
                      ran.effects=c("(Harmony|Subject)","(Instrument|Subject)","(Voice|Subject)"),
                      method = "BIC", keep.single.factors = T)
## =====
## ===
                   backfitting fixed effects
## setting REML to FALSE
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 3 columns / coefficients
## processing model terms of interaction level 2
    iteration 1
##
      p-value for term "Instrument:Musicians" = 0 >= 0
##
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 3 columns / coefficients
```

```
##
      BIC simple = 8171; BIC complex = 8166; decrease = 5 \ge 5
##
      skipping term
## length = 3
    iteration 2
##
##
      p-value for term "GuitarPlay:Musicians" = 7e-04 >= 0
      not part of higher-order interaction
##
      BIC simple = 8169; BIC complex = 8166; decrease = 3 < 5
##
##
      removing term
##
    iteration 3
##
      p-value for term "Instrument:Musicians" = 0 >= 0
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
      BIC simple = 8174; BIC complex = 8169; decrease = 5 \ge 5
##
##
      skipping term
## length = 2
##
    iteration 4
##
      p-value for term "NoClass:Musicians" = 1e-04 >= 0
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
      BIC simple = 8176; BIC complex = 8169; decrease = 6 \ge 5
##
##
      skipping term
## length = 1
## pruning random effects structure ...
##
    nothing to prune
## ===
                forwardfitting random effects
## evaluating addition of (Harmony|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 4.261701e-15
## adding (Harmony|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (Instrument|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 3.569822e-72
   adding (Instrument|Subject) to model
##
## evaluating addition of (Voice|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 0.7393474
## not adding (Voice|Subject) to model
## ===
                re-backfitting fixed effects
                                                ===
## setting REML to FALSE
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## processing model terms of interaction level 2
##
    iteration 1
##
      p-value for term "Instrument:Musicians" = 0.1677 >= 0
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, : Model is nearly unide:
  - Rescale variables?
##
##
      BIC simple = 7840; BIC complex = 7851; decrease = -12 < 5
```

```
##
      removing term
##
    iteration 2
      p-value for term "NoClass:Musicians" = 1e-04 >= 0
##
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
##
       BIC simple = 7846; BIC complex = 7840; decrease = 6 \ge 5
##
       skipping term
## length = 1
## resetting REML to TRUE
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, : Model is nearly unide:
## - Rescale variables?
## pruning random effects structure ...
   nothing to prune
##
## log file is /var/folders/_6/x1q175n53033623j51rd1r540000gp/T//Rtmp3K6dyx/fitLMER_log_Sun_Dec__8_11-4
lmer4.2 <- lmer(update.formula(lmer4.1, .~. + Instrument:Musicians +</pre>
    NoClass:Musicians + GuitarPlay:Musicians), ratings,
                  REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 3 columns / coefficients
## Warning in checkConv(attr(opt, "derivs"), opt$par, ctrl = control$checkConv, : Model is nearly unide:
## - Rescale variables?
anova(lmer4.1, lmer4.0)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer4.0: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
## lmer4.0: PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## lmer4.0:
               NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + (1 | Subject) + Instrument:Musicians +
## lmer4.0:
               NoClass:Musicians + GuitarPlay:Musicians
## lmer4.1: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
## lmer4.1:
               PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## lmer4.1:
                NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + (1 | Subject) + (Harmony |
## lmer4.1:
                Subject) + (Instrument | Subject) + NoClass:Musicians
##
                AIC
                        BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
           Df
## lmer4.0 30 7999.9 8166.4 -3970.0
                                      7939.9
## lmer4.1 43 7600.9 7839.5 -3757.4
                                    7514.9 425.04
                                                        13 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova(lmer4.2, lmer4.1)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer4.1: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
## lmer4.1:
               PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## lmer4.1:
                NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + (1 | Subject) + (Harmony |
## lmer4.1:
                Subject) + (Instrument | Subject) + NoClass:Musicians
## lmer4.2: Classical ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsNotes +
## lmer4.2:
                PachListen + X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s + CollegeMusic +
## lmer4.2:
               NoClass + GuitarPlay + Musicians + (1 | Subject) + (Harmony |
## lmer4.2:
                Subject) + (Instrument | Subject) + NoClass:Musicians + Instrument:Musicians +
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## lmer4.2:
                GuitarPlay:Musicians
##
           Df
                 AIC
                        BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer4.1 43 7600.9 7839.5 -3757.4
                                      7514.9
## lmer4.2 46 7597.9 7853.2 -3752.9
                                      7505.9 8.9756
                                                          3
                                                               0.02962 *
##
  ____
                     '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
                   0
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(m4.best)
```



plot(lmer4.2)



## ##	Number of obs: 1900, groups:	Subject,	53				
##	Fixed effects:						
##		Estimate	Std. Error	t value			
##	(Intercept)	3.07582	0.72371	4.250			
##	HarmonvI-V-IV	0.02802	0.10519	0.266			
##	HarmonyI-V-VI	0.87882	0.21200	4.145			
##	HarmonyIV-I-V	0.08532	0.10641	0.802			
##	Instrumentpiano	1.73848	0.26628	6.529			
##	Instrumentstring	3.82450	0.35616	10.738			
##	Voicepar3rd	-0.39136	0.08833	-4.431			
##	Voicepar5th	-0.29468	0.08829	-3.338			
##	X16.minus.17	-0.09326	0.04155	-2.245			
##	ConsNotes1	0.40296	0.32531	1.239			
##	ConsNotes3	0.34536	0.28503	1.212			
##	ConsNotes4	-1.09645	0.52722	-2.080			
##	ConsNotes5	-0.21885	0.30953	-0.707			
##	PachListen3	-1.14061	0.69245	-1.647			
##	PachListen4	2.85994	0.95539	2.993			
##	PachListen5	0.20512	0.55165	0.372			
##	$\tt X1990s2000s.minus.1960s1970s$	0.15963	0.06620	2.411			
##	CollegeMusic1	-1.31820	0.32590	-4.045			
##	NoClass	1.72037	0.32567	5.283			
##	GuitarPlay1	3.32347	0.85516	3.886			
##	GuitarPlay2	1.61937	0.79152	2.046			
##	GuitarPlay4	1.78215	0.60922	2.925			
##	GuitarPlay5	-0.24838	0.46439	-0.535			
##	Musicians1	1.97337	0.46184	4.273			
##	NoClass:Musicians1	-1.69490	0.32677	-5.187			
##	Instrumentpiano:Musicians1	-0.61759	0.40464	-1.526			
##	Instrumentstring:Musicians1	-0.96943	0.54063	-1.793			
##	GuitarPlay1:Musicians1	-3.08198	0.97444	-3.163			
##							
##	Correlation matrix not shown	by defaul	t, as $p = 2$	28 > 12.			
##	Use print(x, correlation=TRUM	E) or	· -				
##	vcov(x) if you nee	ed it					
##	fit warnings.						
## ##	fixed-offect model matrix is	rank dafi	ciont do dr	conning 2	columna /	coofficient	-
## ##	convergence code: 0	Tallk Gell	cient so ui	opping 5	corumns /	COELICIENC	5
##	Model is nearly unidentifiab	le. large	aiganyalua	ratio			
##	- Bescale variables?	te. targe	ergenvarue	Iatio			
нн # ,							
# ] m5	$3 \leq 1m(\text{Popular} - \text{Subject} - \text{Cl})$	secical-Mu	sicians-Cla	liston-D	achliston-	Instr minus 1	Votest
m0 .	KnowAvis Harmony	ratings)			aciilisteii	111501.11111105.1	101651
m5	3 bic <- stepAIC(m5.3, scope	=list(lowe	r=~Harmonv+	Instrume	nt+Voice)		
mo	trace=F. k =	$= \log(nrow)$	(ratings)))	1110 01 0110	,		
m5	$4 \leq \text{update}(\text{m5.3.bic}, \text{max}^*)$	sicians*	Musicians	Selfdecla	re		
	-Selfdeclare)				-		
m5.	4.bic <- stepAIC(m5.4.scope=)	List(lower		nstrumen	t+Voice).	trace=F.	
	k=log(nrow()	ratings)))	·5 -		-/ ;	,	
sur	mary(m5.4.bic)	0.117					

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## Call:
## lm(formula = Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 +
##
       ConsInstr + KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay +
       Musicians + NoClass:Musicians + Composing:Musicians, data = ratings)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                10 Median
                                30
                                       Max
## -7.4902 -1.3947 0.0237 1.3768 6.4054
##
  Coefficients: (2 not defined because of singularities)
##
##
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                               30.612 < 2e-16 ***
                          7.75994
                                     0.25349
## HarmonyI-V-IV
                         -0.00478
                                     0.13216
                                              -0.036
                                                       0.97115
                                              -2.391
## HarmonyI-V-VI
                         -0.31604
                                     0.13216
                                                       0.01688 *
                                              -1.767
## HarmonyIV-I-V
                         -0.23325
                                     0.13201
                                                       0.07742
## Instrumentpiano
                         -1.12977
                                              -9.858
                                                       < 2e-16 ***
                                     0.11461
## Instrumentstring
                                     0.11425 -26.471
                                                      < 2e-16 ***
                         -3.02446
## Voicepar3rd
                          0.21703
                                               1.896
                                                       0.05815
                                     0.11448
## Voicepar5th
                          0.24252
                                     0.11443
                                               2.119 0.03419 *
## X16.minus.17
                          0.15252
                                     0.02023
                                               7.538 7.41e-14 ***
## ConsInstr1
                         -2.71361
                                     0.30076
                                              -9.022 < 2e-16 ***
## ConsInstr2
                                              -1.018
                         -0.24623
                                     0.24182
                                                       0.30871
## ConsInstr3
                                               -2.013
                         -0.47159
                                     0.23425
                                                       0.04424 *
## ConsInstr4
                         -0.38634
                                     0.22741
                                               -1.699
                                                       0.08951
## ConsInstr5
                          0.80368
                                     0.26846
                                               2.994 0.00279 **
## KnowAxis1
                          8.94567
                                     0.86546
                                              10.336 < 2e-16 ***
## KnowAxis5
                                               4.306 1.75e-05 ***
                          0.60549
                                     0.14062
## NoClass
                         -1.49388
                                     0.15753
                                              -9.483
                                                      < 2e-16 ***
## Composing1
                         -0.51180
                                     0.21915
                                              -2.335
                                                      0.01963 *
## Composing2
                         -0.87138
                                     0.44582
                                              -1.955
                                                       0.05079 .
## Composing3
                          0.85659
                                     0.42446
                                               2.018
                                                       0.04373 *
## Composing4
                         -0.66291
                                     0.31505
                                              -2.104
                                                       0.03550 *
## Composing5
                          2.14349
                                     0.89485
                                               2.395
                                                       0.01670 *
## GuitarPlay1
                                     0.20570
                                               0.956 0.33916
                          0.19667
## GuitarPlay2
                                               4.076 4.77e-05 ***
                          1.47672
                                     0.36228
## GuitarPlay4
                         -1.00162
                                     0.43227
                                              -2.317 0.02061 *
## GuitarPlay5
                          1.23088
                                     0.29436
                                                4.182 3.03e-05 ***
## Musicians1
                                               -8.129 7.76e-16 ***
                         -1.72991
                                     0.21280
                                               5.731 1.16e-08 ***
## NoClass:Musicians1
                          1.06046
                                     0.18503
## Composing1:Musicians1
                          1.84196
                                     0.36526
                                               5.043 5.03e-07 ***
## Composing2:Musicians1
                          2.62670
                                     0.46883
                                                5.603 2.42e-08 ***
## Composing3:Musicians1
                                                1.531 0.12596
                          0.80231
                                     0.52407
## Composing4:Musicians1
                               NA
                                          NA
                                                   NA
                                                            NA
## Composing5:Musicians1
                               NA
                                          NA
                                                   NA
                                                            NA
##
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 2.037 on 1869 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3742, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3641
## F-statistic: 37.25 on 30 and 1869 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
lmer5.4.0 <- lmer(update.formula(m5.4.bic, .~.+(1 | Subject)),</pre>
              ratings, REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
```

## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 2 columns / coefficients

```
anova(lmer5.4.0, m5.4.bic)
```

```
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## m5.4.bic: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
## m5.4.bic: KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## m5.4.bic:
               NoClass:Musicians + Composing:Musicians
## lmer5.4.0: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
              KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## lmer5.4.0:
               (1 | Subject) + NoClass:Musicians + Composing:Musicians
## lmer5.4.0:
                       BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
         Df
                AIC
## m5.4.bic 32 8127.6 8305.2 -4031.8
                                  8063.6
## lmer5.4.0 33 7935.6 8118.7 -3934.8
                                  7869.6 194.03
                                                1 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
lmer5.4.1 <- fitLMER.fnc(lmer5.4.0,</pre>
                      ran.effects=c(
                        "(Harmony|Subject)","(Instrument|Subject)","(Voice|Subject)"),
                    method = "BIC", keep.single.factors = T)
## ===
                backfitting fixed effects
## setting REML to FALSE
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 2 columns / coefficients
## processing model terms of interaction level 2
##
    iteration 1
##
      p-value for term "Composing:Musicians" = 0.0348 >= 0
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
      BIC simple = 8104; BIC complex = 8119; decrease = -15 < 5
##
##
      removing term
##
   iteration 2
##
      p-value for term "NoClass:Musicians" = 0.0208 >= 0
##
      not part of higher-order interaction
##
      BIC simple = 8102; BIC complex = 8104; decrease = -2 < 5
##
      removing term
## pruning random effects structure ...
##
   nothing to prune
______
## ===
               forwardfitting random effects
## evaluating addition of (Harmony|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 4.554306e-11
## adding (Harmony|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (Instrument|Subject) to model
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 1.287143e-53
## adding (Instrument|Subject) to model
## evaluating addition of (Voice|Subject) to model
```

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## Warning in optwrap(optimizer, devfun, getStart(start, rho$lower, rho$pp), :
## convergence code 1 from bobyqa: bobyqa -- maximum number of function evaluations
## exceeded
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## log-likelihood ratio test p-value = 0.6296547
## not adding (Voice|Subject) to model
## ===
                re-backfitting fixed effects
                                                   ===
## setting REML to FALSE
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## resetting REML to TRUE
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
## pruning random effects structure ...
   nothing to prune
##
## log file is /var/folders/_6/x1q175n53033623j51rd1r540000gp/T//Rtmp3K6dyx/fitLMER_log_Sun_Dec__8_11-4
lmer5.4.2 <- lmer(update.formula(lmer5.4.1, .~. + NoClass:Musicians + Composing:Musicians),</pre>
                 ratings, REML=F, control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 2 columns / coefficients
## boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular
anova(lmer5.4.1,lmer5.4.0)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer5.4.0: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
## lmer5.4.0:
                 KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## lmer5.4.0:
                 (1 | Subject) + NoClass: Musicians + Composing: Musicians
## lmer5.4.1: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
## lmer5.4.1:
                 KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## lmer5.4.1:
                 (1 | Subject) + (Harmony | Subject) + (Instrument | Subject)
                        BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
            Df
                  AIC
## lmer5.4.0 33 7935.6 8118.7 -3934.8
                                      7869.6
## lmer5.4.1 45 7641.0 7890.7 -3775.5
                                      7551.0 318.55
                                                      12 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova(lmer5.4.1,lmer5.4.2)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: ratings
## Models:
## lmer5.4.1: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
## lmer5.4.1:
                 KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## lmer5.4.1:
                 (1 | Subject) + (Harmony | Subject) + (Instrument | Subject)
## lmer5.4.2: Popular ~ Harmony + Instrument + Voice + X16.minus.17 + ConsInstr +
## lmer5.4.2:
                 KnowAxis + NoClass + Composing + GuitarPlay + Musicians +
## 1mer5.4.2:
                 (1 | Subject) + (Harmony | Subject) + (Instrument | Subject) +
## lmer5.4.2:
                 NoClass:Musicians + Composing:Musicians
```

```
##
             Df
                   AIC
                          BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer5.4.1 45 7641.0 7890.7 -3775.5
                                         7551.0
## lmer5.4.2 49 7631.3 7903.2 -3766.6
                                         7533.3 17.726
                                                                0.001396 **
                                                            4
##
   ___
                     '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
                   0
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(m5.4.bic)
```



plot(lmer5.4.2)



##					
##	Fixed effects:				
##		Estimate	Std. Error	t value	
##	(Intercept)	7.664424	0.493219	15.540	
##	HarmonyI-V-IV	0.002794	0.111442	0.025	
##	HarmonyI-V-VI	-0.317234	0.176468	-1.798	
##	HarmonyIV-I-V	-0.234859	0.131369	-1.788	
##	Instrumentpiano	-1.127193	0.185030	-6.092	
##	Instrumentstring	-3.028157	0.244380	-12.391	
##	Voicepar3rd	0.213047	0.088788	2.400	
##	Voicepar5th	0.241917	0.088749	2.726	
##	X16.minus.17	0.202106	0.042069	4.804	
##	ConsInstr1	-2.141120	0.623461	-3.434	
##	ConsInstr2	-0.467968	0.503156	-0.930	
##	ConsInstr3	-0.300142	0.487292	-0.616	
##	ConsInstr4	-0.261289	0.473131	-0.552	
##	ConsInstr5	1.113009	0.558554	1.993	
##	KnowAxis1	5.216493	1.796245	2.904	
##	KnowAxis5	0.764983	0.292222	2.618	
##	NoClass	-1.507220	0.327338	-4.604	
##	Composing1	-1.185088	0.455789	-2.600	
##	Composing2	-0.802829	0.922482	-0.870	
##	Composing3	1.552518	0.882597	1.759	
##	Composing4	0.474849	0.651669	0.729	
##	Composing5	1.860143	1.861885	0.999	
##	GuitarPlay1	0.539485	0.427502	1.262	
##	GuitarPlay2	1.481776	0.753793	1.966	
##	GuitarPlay4	-0.621658	0.898604	-0.692	
##	GuitarPlay5	0.322938	0.605105	0.534	
##	Musicians1	-2.170038	0.441525	-4.915	
##	NoClass:Musicians1	1.308811	0.383837	3.410	
##	Composing1:Musicians1	2.725196	0.759733	3.587	
##	Composing2:Musicians1	2.025633	0.968828	2.091	
##	Composing3:Musicians1	0.173630	1.090415	0.159	
##					
##	Correlation matrix not	t shown by	default, as	sp = 31	> 12.
##	Use print(x, correlation	ion=TRUE)	or	1	
##	vcov(x) if	you need :	it		
		5			
##	fit warnings:			-	
##	inxed-effect model mat	rix is rai	nk deficient	t so drop	ping 2 column
##	convergence code: 0		a		
##	boundary (singular) fi	it: see ?is	sSingular		