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Why do some individuals obtain markedly different scores on different *Gwm* tests?

Data and theorybased hypotheses for evaluating differences between scores on the different WJ IV tests of *Gwm*





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Evaluating within CHC domain test score differences

Deciding when the scores from two tests, which are from the same CHC domain (e.g., *Gwm*), and which may have the same narrow CHC classifications, are different enough to warrant clinical interpretation.

The reader is strongly encouraged to first view the above brief PPT module to learn when differences between scores are unusual and may warrant clinical interpretation

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SENREP .19 secondary loading on Gc NUMREV .39 secondary loading on Gq



CFA of WJ IV norm data (example here is for ages 9-13) supported a single *Gwm* factor. Models with *Gwm* narrow factors, specified in the model-development sample, were not possible to fit. From WJ IV technical manual (McGrew et al., 2014)



Jöreskog (or LISREL) syndrome

American psychology, and mainstream quantitative school psychology, have expressed little interest in non-confirmatory statistical methodological tools (e.g., exploratory cluster analysis; MDS) in favor of what I call *Jöreskog (LISREL) syndrome*—an almost blind allegiance and belief in structural equation modeling confirmatory factor analysis (SEM-CFA) methods as *the* only way to see the "true light" of the structure of intelligence and intelligence tests (McGrew, 2012)





Jöreskog (or LISREL) syndrome



The law of the instrument

"Give a small boy a hammer, and he will find that everything he encounters needs pounding"



Important Reminder: All statistical methods, such as factor analysis (EFA or CFA), have limitations and constraints.

EFA/CFA methods only provide evidence of structural/internal validity and typically nothing about external, developmental, heritability, or neurocognitive validity evidence



We need to examine other sources of evidence and use other methods – looking/thinking outside the factor analysis box









Another example of the usefulness of MDS method



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METHODS AND MEASURES

Confirmatory factor analysis and multidimensional scaling for construct validation of cognitive abilities

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A brilliant illustration of the complimentary use of CFA and MDS

Variable	G	Memory	Space	Speed	lērbal
Raven's	.88 (.83, .80, .78)		- 10		
Shipley abstraction	.87 (.83, .87, .85)				
Letter sets	.79 (.77, 78, .80)				
Logical memory	.56 (.57, .55, .53)	.44 (44, .44, .44)			
Free recall	.56 (.47, .41, .43)	.61 (.63, .68, .70)			
Paired associates	.61 (.58, .53, .41)	.42 (.41, .43, .47)			
Spatial relations	.78 (.84, .73, .60)		.50 (.40, .62, .59)		
Paper folding	.78 (.78, .70, .63)		.28 (.28, .29, .38)		
Form boards	.70 (.65, .58, .54)		.33 (.32, .37, .46)		
Digit symbol	.69 (.50, .54, .61)			.42 (.42, .37, .48)	
Letter comparison	.59 (.41, .49, .60)			.57 (.63, .64, .55)	
Pattern comparison	.59 (.42, .42, .54)			.54 (.56, .53, .50)	
WAIS vocabulary	.53 (.76, .76, .66)				.68 (.48, .43, .49)
WJ Picture vocabulary	.37 (.73, .71, .65)				.68 (.42, .37, .24)
Synonym vocabulary	.35 (.68, .70, .65)				.84 (.58, .58, .66)
Antonym vocabulary	.41 (.63, .70, .66)				.76 (.59, .53, .49)







Cluster analysis in same WJ IV model development sample (ages 9-13) suggested possibly two narrow *Gwm* dimensions (McGrew et al., 2014)

Gwm-

WΜ

Gwm-

MS

Gwm



MDS in same model development sample also suggested possibly two narrow *Gwm* dimensions (McGrew et al., 2014)

In MDS the magnitude of the relationship between tests is represented by spatial proximity. Tests that are far apart or weakly correlated. Test that are close together are more highly correlated.



Kevin McGrew recently revisited the WJ IV norm data (ages 6-19) with EFA, CA and MDS exploratory methods and analyzed either all WJ IV tests together or subsets of tests

What follows are unpublished non-peer reviewed results



Exploratory cluster analysis of WJ IV Ga and Gwm tests—norm subjects ages 6-19



Note: When all WJ IV tests are in the cluster analyses, the same clusters appear—the only difference is that Word Attack and Spelling of Sounds cluster with the *Ga* tests

MDS Configuration – Ga/Gwm tests only



Exploratory 2-D MDS analysis of WJ IV norm subjects ages 6-19



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Ga grouping lines removed

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When one reviews these data and puts on one's thinking cap, the following hypothesis is generated:

The WJ IV COG/OL battery may measure two components or mechanisms of working memory (*Gwm*)



What is the primary distinction?

Gwm A

Nonword Repetition Sentence Repetition Understanding Directions

Gwm B

Verbal Attention Numbers Reversed Object-Number Sequencing Memory for Words



Correlations of *Gwm A* and *Gwm B* tests with 5 other independent CHC broad clusters and 3 broad achievement clusters (ages 6-19; n ≈ 4,100+)

	GF3	GC3	GS	GLR	GV	RDGBRD	MTHBRD	WRTBRD	Mdn
Gwm B									
VRBATN	0.45	0.43	0.31	0.33	0.23	0.43	0.44	0.51	0.43
OBJNUM	0.51	0.40	0.47	0.44	0.42	0.36	0.45	0.36	0.44
NUMREV	0.49	0.37	0.40	0.35	0.36	0.44	0.48	0.44	0.40
MEMWRD	0.41	0.33	0.23	0.39	0.36	0.32	0.27	0.33	0.33
Mdn	0.47	0.39	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.40	0.45	0.40	
Gwm A									
UNDDIR	0.53	0.40	0.32	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.43	0.40	0.43
SENREP	0.31	0.45	0.26	0.28	0.33	0.47	0.37	0.43	0.37
NWDREP	0.34	0.36	0.21	0.33	0.36	0.34	0.25	0.40	0.34
Mdn	0.34	0.40	0.26	0.33	0.36	0.44	0.37	0.40	
Mdn Diff	0.13	-0.02	0.10	0.04	0.00	-0.05	0.08	0.00	

- **Gwm B** tests, on average, demonstrate differentially higher correlations (than *Gwm A* tests) with measures of *Gf* (associated with executive functions; executive control network) and *Gs* (speeded attention or speeded attentional control)
- Understanding Directions test shares similarities with *Gwm B* tests

Supplementary cluster analyses (Wards method) run to further explore *Gwm* tests (*Gc* tests included to check on possible *Gc* association for STYREC)



Note. STYREC is the last test to group with other tests indicating that it has the least in common with all other tests in analyses (it had to go somewhere as per the logic of cluster analyses).

Ho – STYREC does not belong with *Gwm* tests. Is a *Glr* MM measure

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Supplemental 3D MDS model of *Gwm* tests.

<u>Note.</u> A 3-D MDS model with all WJ IV COG/OL/ACH tests was first run...and then all but the remaining tests were removed from the spatial map—to help focus only on the *Gwm* measures.

STYREC is far away from other *Gwm* tests. Confirms Ho that it is *Glr*-MM and does not belong with *Gwm* tests

Based on theory and research literature, and exploratory EFA, CA, and MDS of joint *Ga/Gwm* tests, the final hypothesized *Gwm* groupings are suggested in this figure.





The working memory literature is extensive and there is no consensus model regarding the mechanisms of working memory. As a result, a number of viable hypotheses should be entertained when trying to explain test score differences on different working memory tests (*Gwm A* and *Gwm B* in WJ IV)

There may be two primary mechanisms of verbal working memory maintenance

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Storing Verbal Information in Working Memory (2015)	Current Directions in Psychological Science 2015, Vol. 24(6) 440–445 69 The Author(s) 2015 Reprints and permissions: sagepub.com/journalsPermissions.na DOI: 10.1177/0963721415606630 cdps.sagepub.com GSAGE
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Abstract	
Recent reexaminations of the storage of verbal information in working mem- maintenance. While a language-based mechanism of rehearsal was long co- verbal information in the short term, another attention-based mechanis described. New oridence has optical indication of the short term.	nory have distinguished two mechanisms of insidered the specific means of maintaining of refreshing has been more recently and different constraints information

Problem

Hypothesis

Idea #

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on recall performance, and are er mechanism based on strategic put forward in the '70s between remain about the functioning of Tasks that make greater use of the articulatory rehearsal maintenance mechanism

- A language production process mechanism
 - Phonological effects research
 - Covert/overt rehearsal

Tasks that make greater use the of attentional refreshing maintenance mechanism

• Reactivation memory trace mechanism across stimulus domains (lang, visual, spatial)

- Increasing focus and inhibiting distractions
- Controlling and directing focus of attention





Contemporary brain network research, as well as some classic neuropsychological research, suggests that these two working memory mechanisms likely rely on different brain networks (Bressler & Menon, 2010; Camos, 2015).

Thus, the reason for unusual differences between some working memory tests may be due to different task demands placed on different brain network mechanisms

Verbal/linguistic rehearsal working memory network mechanism



Broca's area, the left premotor cortex, the cortex along the left intraparietal sulcus, and the right cerebellum are active when verbal rehearsal is used. The entire "language network" (e.g., Broca and Wernicke's areas) may be involved (Bresslor & Menon, 2010; Camos, 2015)



Central-executive attentional control network mechanism

The prefrontal and parietal cortex's involved (Bresslor & Menon, 2010; Camos, 2010). Consistent with the Parietal-Frontal Integration (P-FIT) neuro-intelligence model (Cown, 1995; Jung, Haeir, Colom et al.)



Central-executive attentional control network mechanism + Verbal/linguistic rehearsal network mechanism

Research has shown that some individuals can be "adaptive" and switch between these working memory mechanisms based on task demands (Camos, 2015).





Unusual differences between some working memory tests may be due to the *Gwm* domain having a substructure where different maintenance mechanisms are required by different tests and these demands may recruit different brain network mechanisms.

Anybody want a good dissertation topic? This seems like a good one.



Levels of processing differences in Gwm tasks

Early memory models (e.g., Craik & Lockart, 1972) proposed that the degree of transfer of information from immediate to longterm memory may depend on whether the material was processed at a surface or shallow level (Type 1) or, in contrast, at a deeper level (Type 2)

Unusual differences between some working memory tests may be due to the *Gwm* domain having a substructure where the level of required cognitive processing demands differ between the tests. It is possible these differential demands may recruit different brain network mechanisms.



Differences in the primary components of Gwm tasks

Unsworth and Engle (Unworth, in press; Unsworth & Engle, 2007) have proposed that *Gwm* consists of three major facets or components primary memory (PM), attentional control (AC), and secondary memory (SM).

Individual differences as reflected by different *Gwm* test scores may "...arise from differences in the capacity of PM, differences in attention control processes that serve to maintain task-relevant information in PM, and differences in control processes that ensure that task-relevant information is properly encoded in and retrieved from SM."

Thus, it is unlikely that differences in *Gwm* test scores can be reduced to a single common cause



Fig. 1. An illustration of the three-embedded-component model of working memory. Within the network of representations in long-term memory, a subset is activated above baseline (depicted by gray circles). Of these representations, a small number (a, b, and c) are held in the region of direct access (or the broad focus). These items are directly accessible through temporary bindings (indicated by broken lines) that link them to locations in a mental space (e.g., to ordinal positions in a list or to spatial positions on the screen) that serve as cues. The narrow focus of attention (depicted by the bold circles) accesses a single item, using one location in mental space as a cue. Adapted from *Psychology of Learning and Motivation* (Vol. 51, p. 50), by B. H. Ross (Ed.), 2009, San Diego, CA: Academic Press. Copyright 2009, Elsevier. Adapted with permission.

Oberauer's (2002, 2009) threeembedded-components model of working memory is similar to Unsworth's model





Primary Memory (PM; WMC) differences have been linked to activity in the intraparietal sulcus.

Attentional control (AC) differences have been linked to functioning of the locus coeruleus norepinephrine system (LC-NE). LC is a brain stem neuomodulatory nucleus that is responsible for most of the NE released in the brain, and has widespread projections throughout the necortex—particulary the prefrontal cortex, inferior frontal gyrus, and the anterior cingulate cortex.

Hippocampal activation has been linked to covert retrieval processes that bring items back into PM from SM. Retrieval from SM also associated with the medial temporal lobes.

(Unsworth, in press; Unsworth & Engle, 2007)

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Neurocognitive Architecture of Working Memory

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"Many brain regions interact during working memory and include 'executive' regions in the PFC, parietal cortex, and basal ganglia, as well as regions specialized for processing the particular representations to be maintained, such as the fusiform face area for maintaining face information."

"Persistent neural activity in various brain regions accompanies working memory and is functionally necessary for maintenance and integration of information in working memory."





Significant score differences between different tests of *Gwm* are to be expected and may be due to numerous variables (content, format, etc.). In addition, when unusual differences occur, this may be due the reported findings that the CHC domain of *Gwm* may have a substructure (at least two measurable dimensions on the WJ IV) that reflects underlying task demands that recruit different brain networks and cognitive control processes.

Note. None of the material in this presentation should be used to make statements about a person's neurological integrity or functioning. This PPT module presents a set of working hypotheses that need further study.



These differential *Gwm* hypotheses are an attempt to integrate research from three primary levels of intelligence related research

For curious minds, recommended readings follow

See video link on this image for narrated explanation of this framework

The neuroscience of human intelligence differences

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The Parieto-Frontal Integration Theory (P-FIT) of intelligence: Converging neuroimaging evidence

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Gray matter correlates of fluid, crystallized, and spatial intelligence: Testing the P-FIT model

ABSTRACT

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