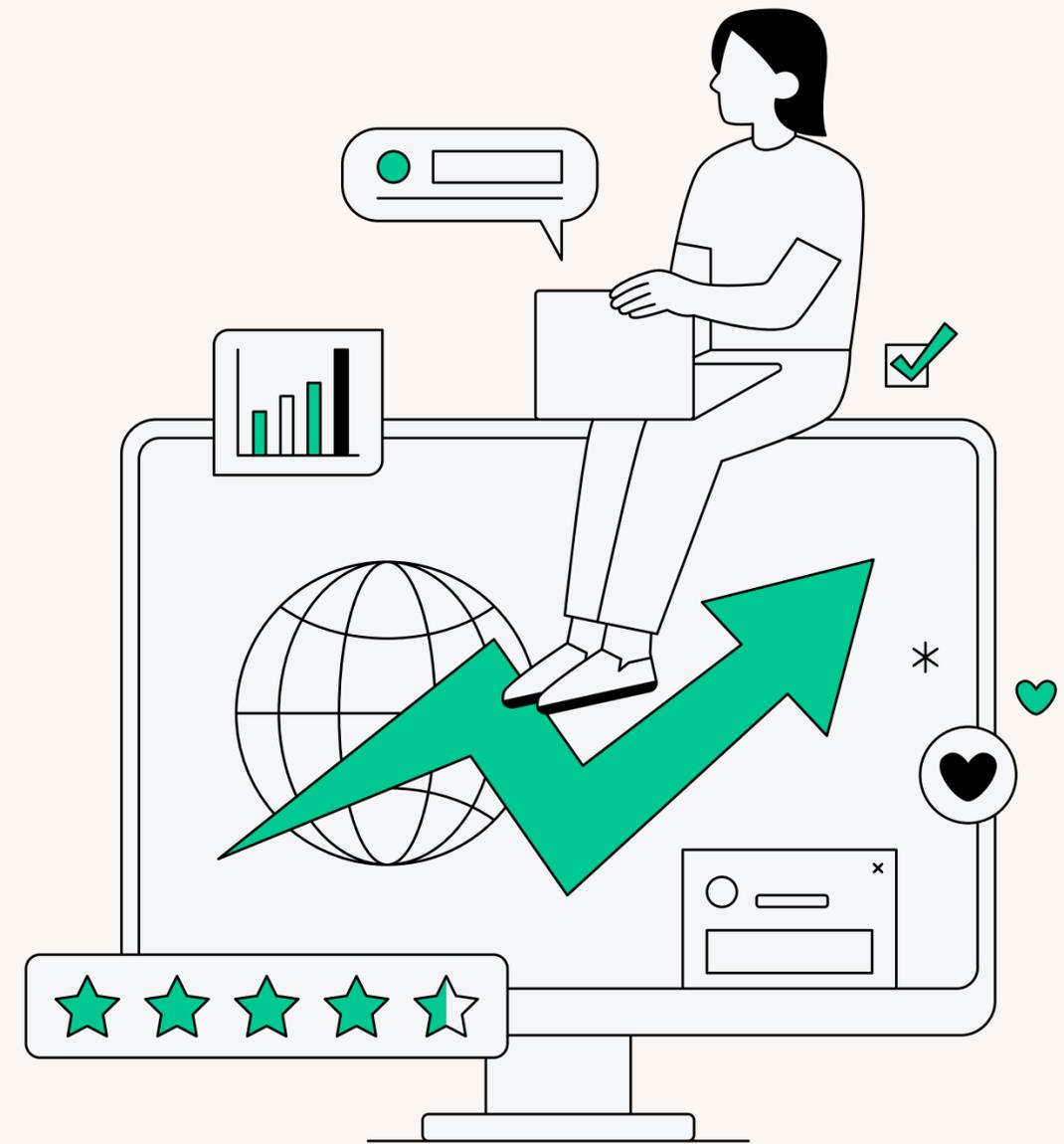


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A Regression-Based Investigation of Student- and Teacher-Level Influences on Math Performance on TIMSS 2023



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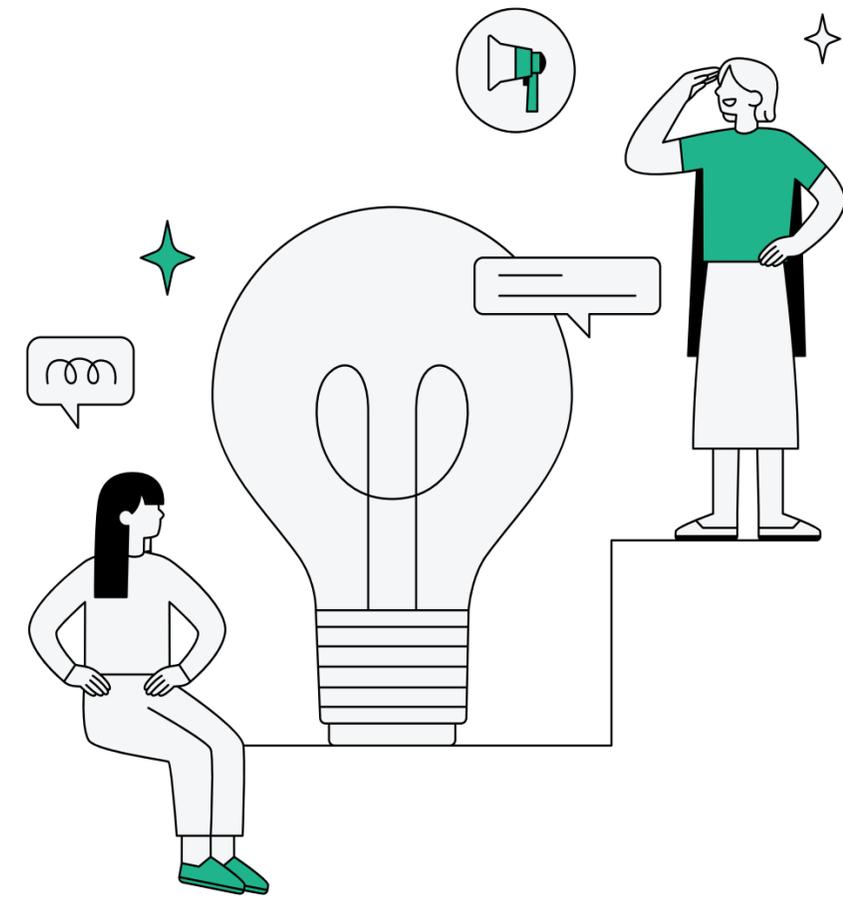
- TIMSS stands for Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
- Conducted every four years at the 4th and 8th grade levels
- An international measure of math and science achievement of 4th and 8th grade students
- Also collects information on school resources, teacher training/characteristics, home background and curriculum implementation
- 64 countries participated in the 2023 cycle
- 2 countries – U.S.A. and Canada are used in this analysis.

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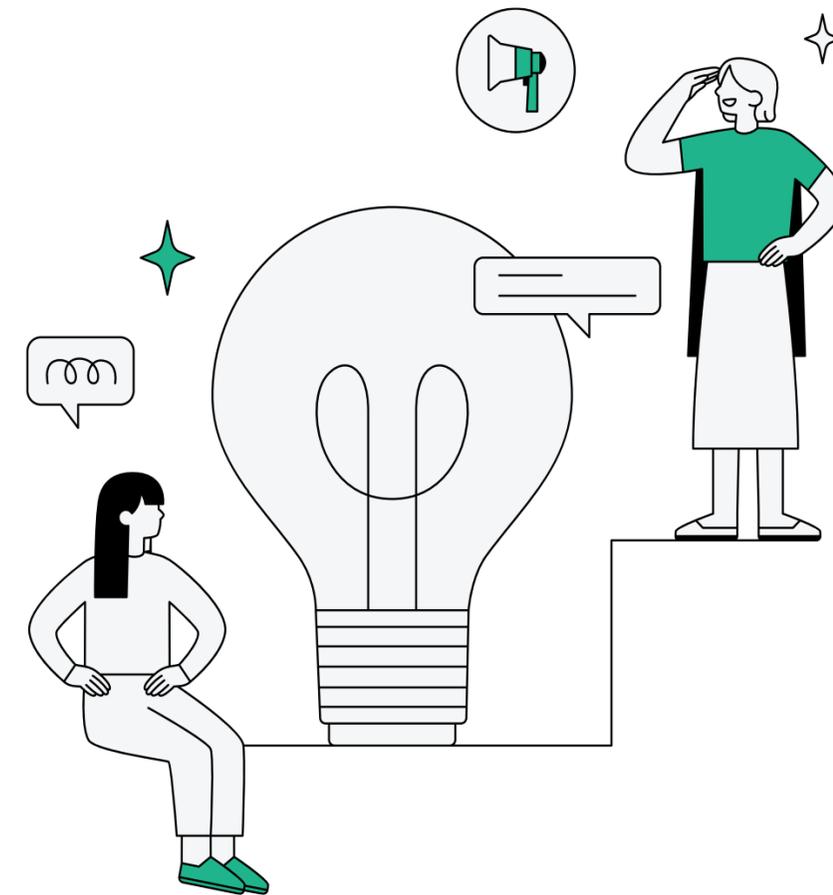
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- What proportion of variation in the performance of a student on the math test is explained by factors such as gender, country, student confidence among others?
 - Are there any country-level and/or sex differences in math scores?
- How do various teacher characteristics influence student's score on the math test?
 - Are there differences in students' math percentage scores across levels of age or formal education completed by the teacher?



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Student-Level Analysis



Sample Information

- . Country: Country of Participation (CAN = 1, USA = 2)
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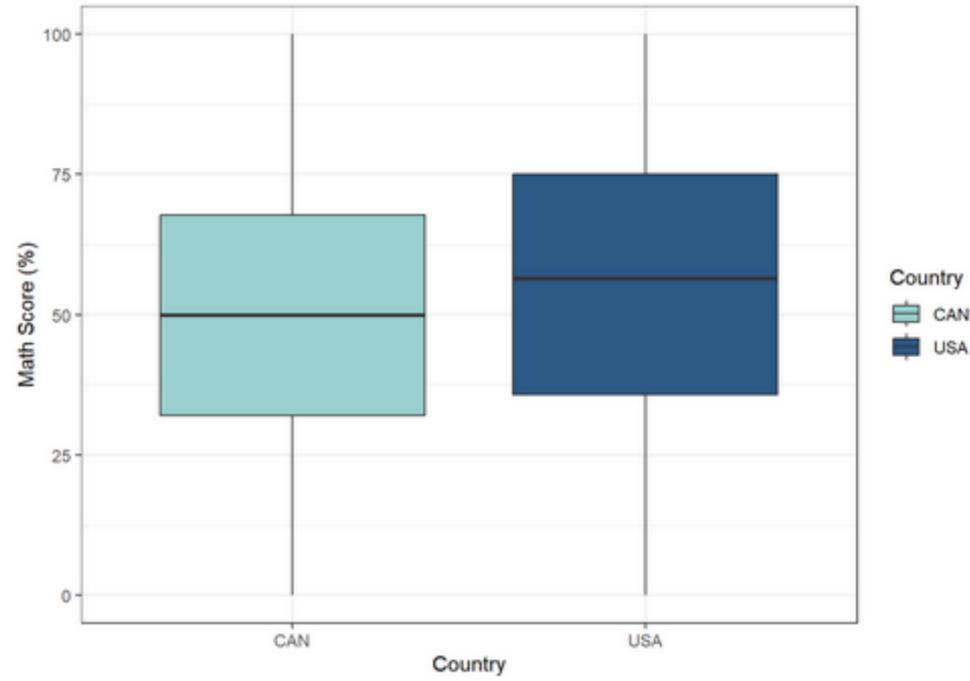
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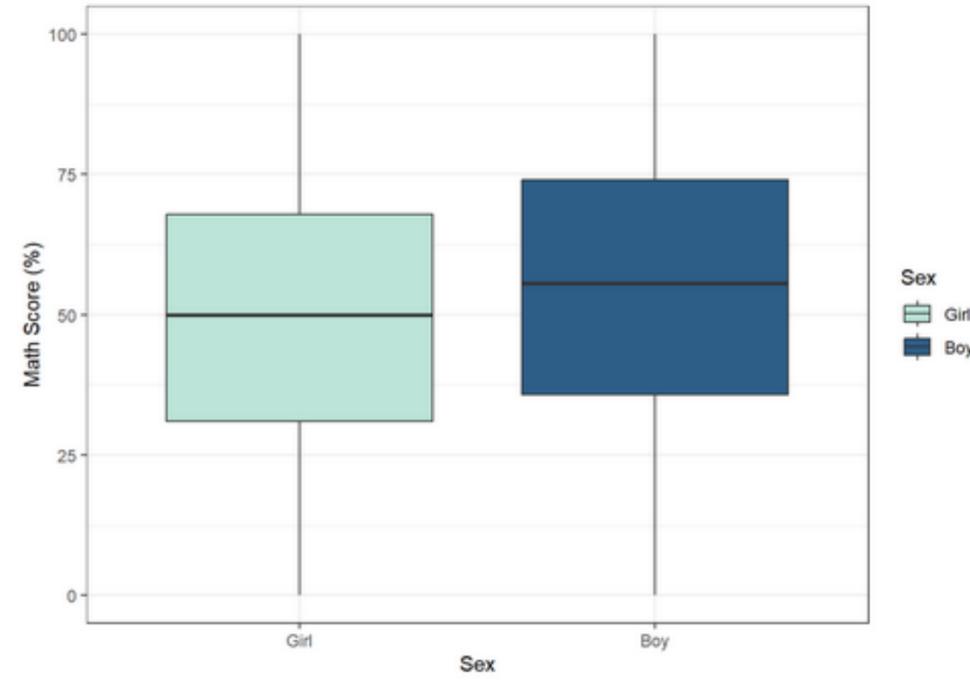
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| Median [Min, Max] | 9.92 [6.42, 11.8] | 10.2 [8.58, 12.4] | 10.0 [6.42, 12.4] |
| Sex | | | |
| Girl | 5491 (51.7%) | 3860 (49.8%) | 9351 (50.9%) |
| Boy | 5125 (48.3%) | 3893 (50.2%) | 9018 (49.1%) |
| Country | | | |
| CAN | 10616 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 10616 (57.8%) |
| USA | 0 (0%) | 7753 (100%) | 7753 (42.2%) |
| Students Confident in Mathematics/SCL | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 10.2 (2.00) | 10.1 (2.12) | 10.1 (2.05) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.81 [3.70, 14.2] | 9.80 [3.70, 14.2] | 9.81 [3.70, 14.2] |
| Number_of_Home_Study_Supports | | | |
| Neither Own Room nor Access to the Internet | 284 (2.7%) | 232 (3.0%) | 516 (2.8%) |
| Either Own Room or Access to the Internet | 2617 (24.7%) | 2287 (29.5%) | 4904 (26.7%) |
| Both Own Room and Access to the Internet | 7715 (72.7%) | 5234 (67.5%) | 12949 (70.5%) |

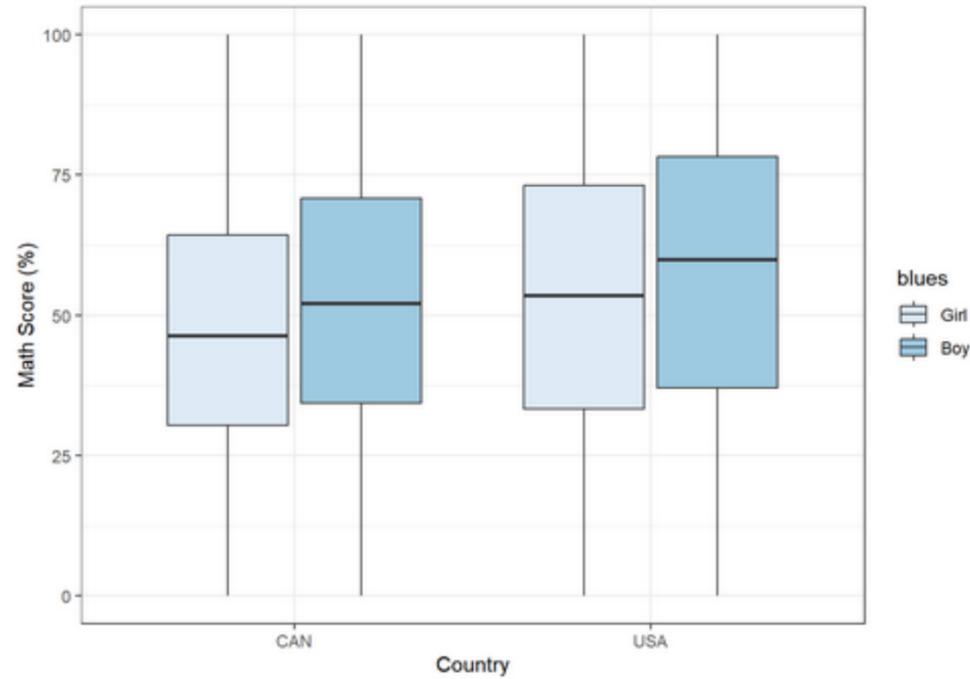
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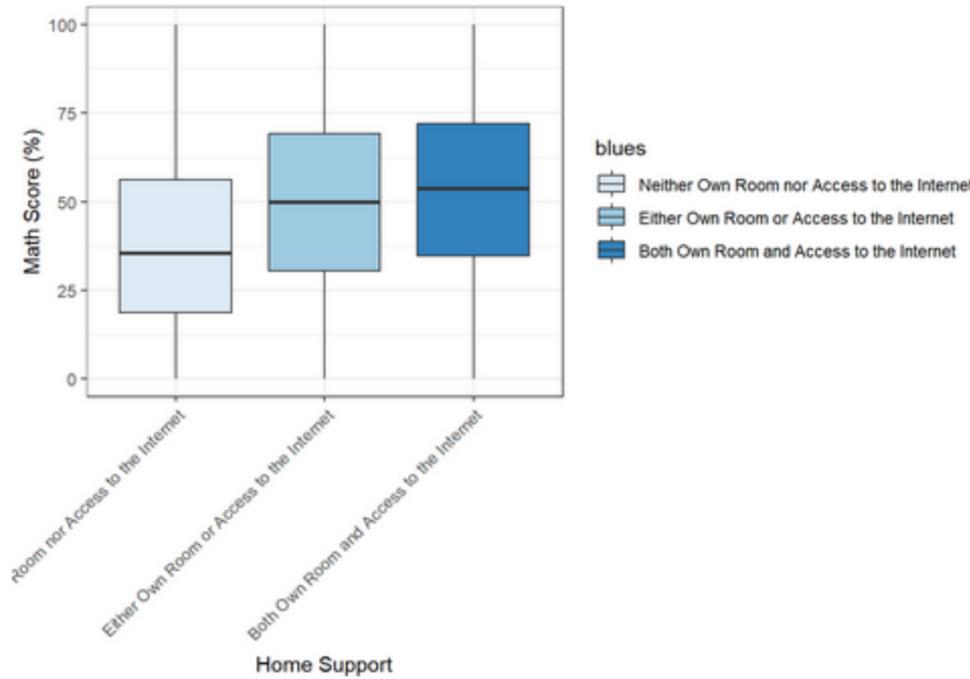
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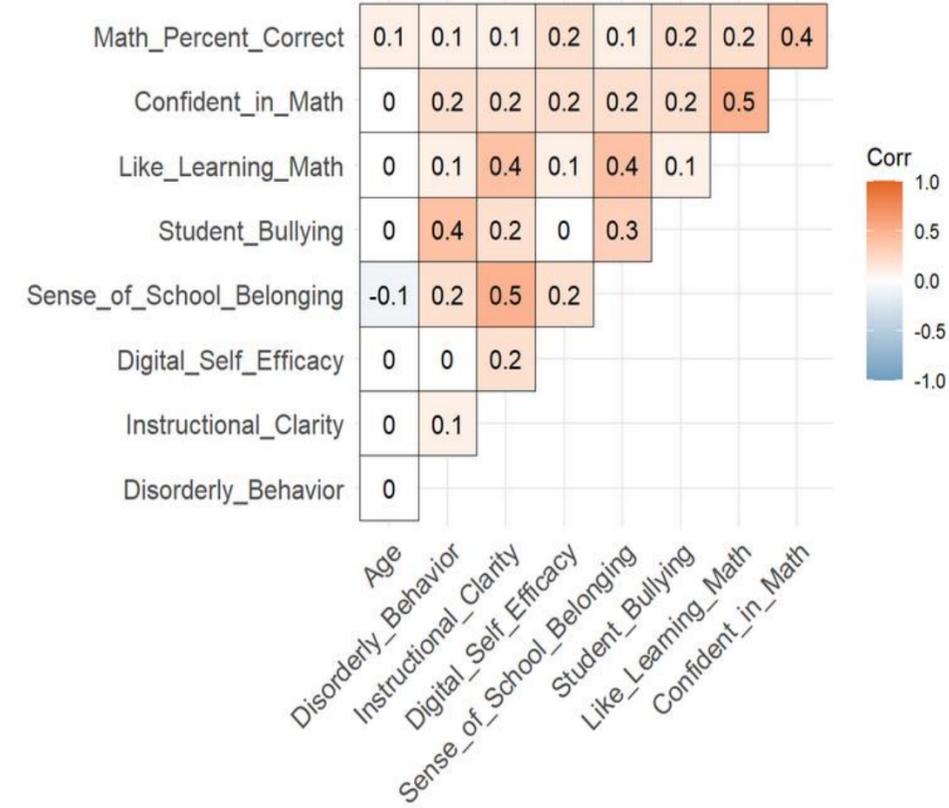


Figure 4: Correlation Heatmap for Student-Level Analysis

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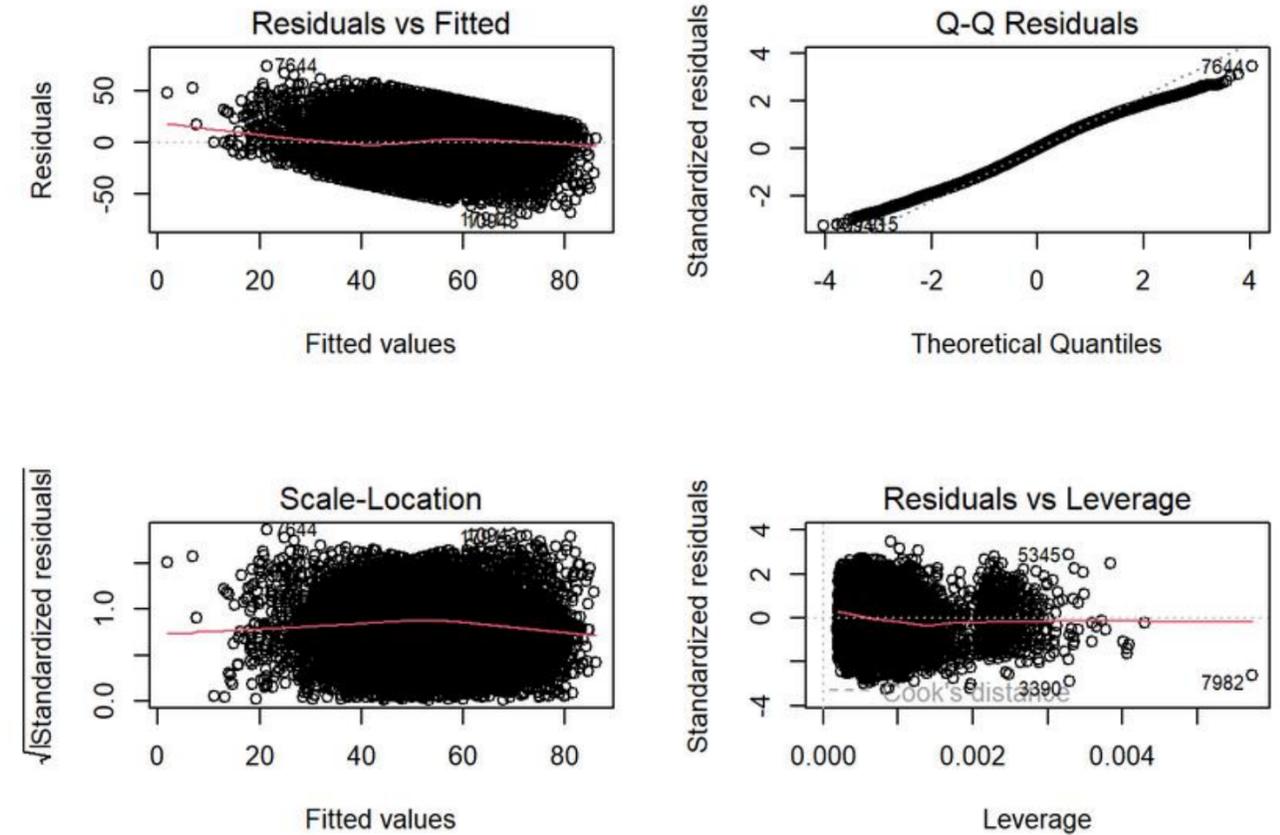
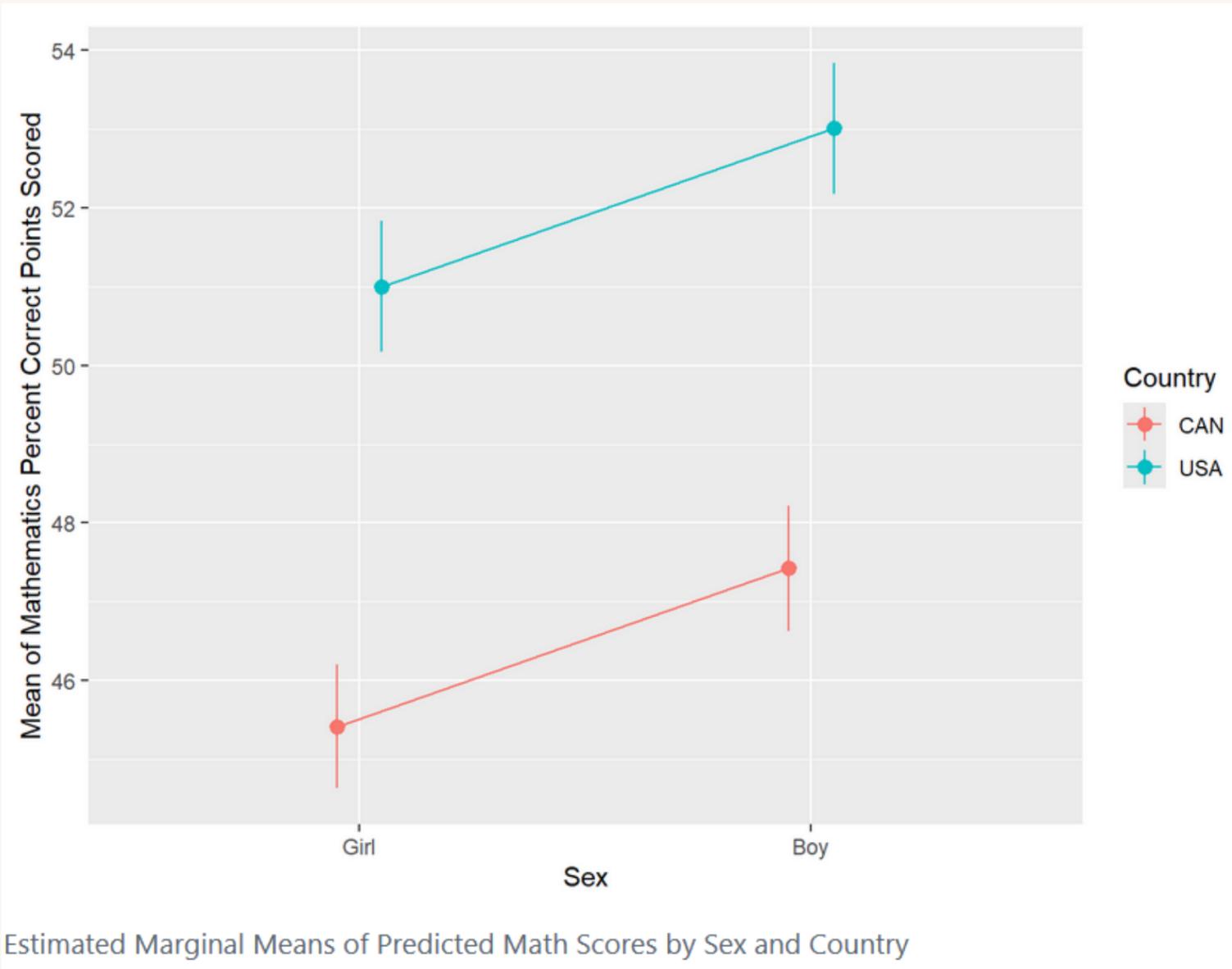


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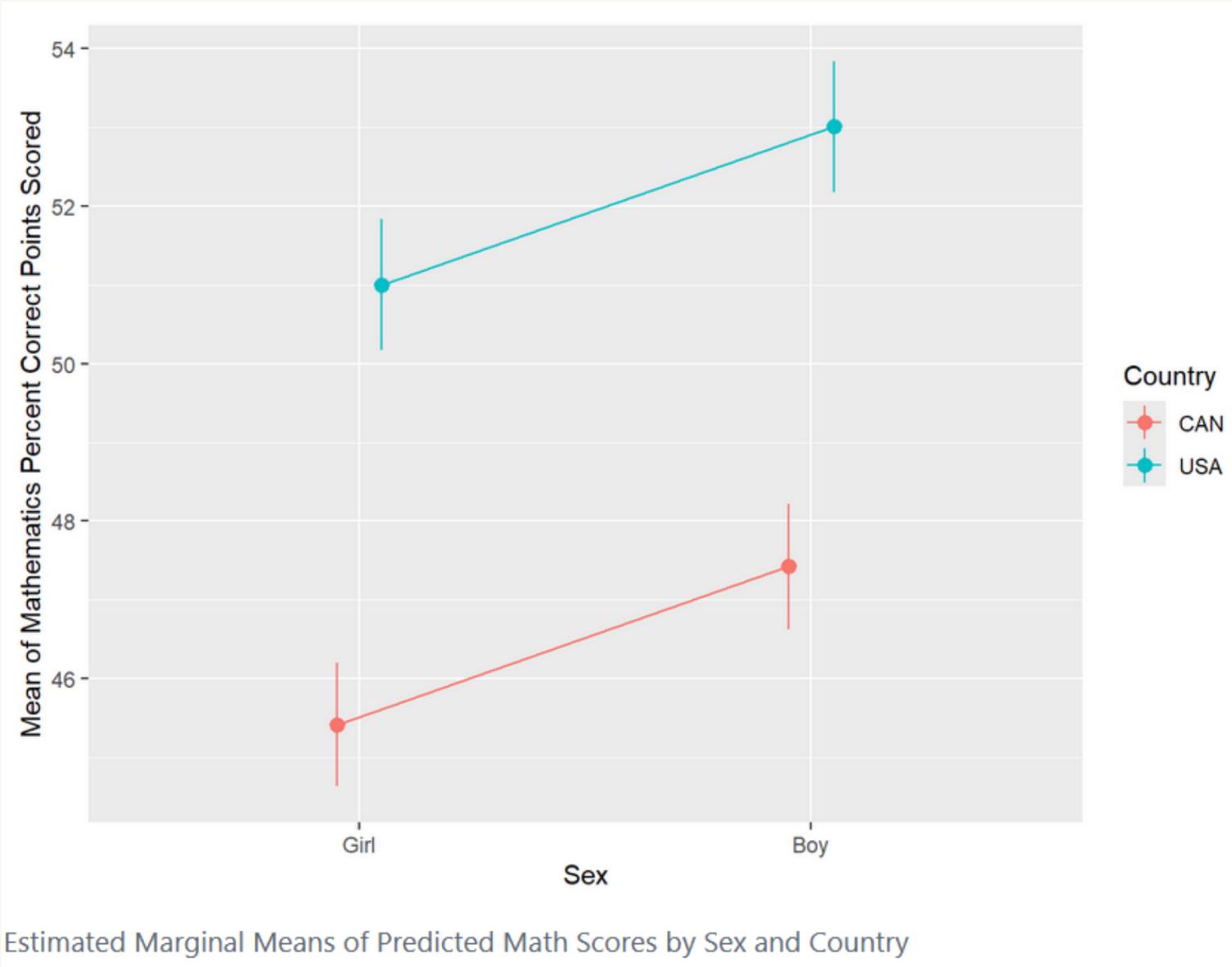
Key-Takeaway

- Despite most of the predictors being significant, they explain a relatively small proportion of variation in math scores suggesting that many additional factors (curriculum, school resources) are likely to contribute to students' performances.

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(a) Estimated Marginal Means of Predicted Math Scores by Sex and Country

| Sex | Country | Mean | SE | CI_low | CI_high | t | df |
|------|---------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| Girl | CAN | 45.416 | 0.400 | 44.632 | 46.199 | 113.611 | 18357 |
| Girl | USA | 51.000 | 0.422 | 50.172 | 51.828 | 120.766 | 18357 |
| Boy | CAN | 47.422 | 0.404 | 46.630 | 48.214 | 117.353 | 18357 |
| Boy | USA | 53.006 | 0.422 | 52.179 | 53.833 | 125.643 | 18357 |

(b) Pairwise Contrasts of Predicted Math Scores by Sex and Country

| Level1 | Level2 | Difference | SE | CI_low | CI_high | t | df | p |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------|---|
| Girl, USA | Girl, CAN | 5.584 | 0.346 | 4.905 | 6.263 | 16.123 | 18357 | 0 |
| Boy, CAN | Girl, CAN | 2.006 | 0.320 | 1.380 | 2.633 | 6.279 | 18357 | 0 |
| Boy, USA | Girl, CAN | 7.590 | 0.467 | 6.675 | 8.506 | 16.249 | 18357 | 0 |
| Boy, CAN | Girl, USA | -3.577 | 0.475 | -4.509 | -2.646 | -7.527 | 18357 | 0 |
| Boy, USA | Girl, USA | 2.006 | 0.320 | 1.380 | 2.633 | 6.279 | 18357 | 0 |
| Boy, USA | Boy, CAN | 5.584 | 0.346 | 4.905 | 6.263 | 16.123 | 18357 | 0 |

Key-Takeaway

- While gender differences exist, the national level factors may play a more substantial role in the TIMSS math score of 4th grade students.
- Further research should explore some potential national level contributors like curriculum standards.



Teacher-Level Analysis



Sample Information

- Years_Teaching: Years teacher has been teaching
- Sex: Sex/Gender of teacher (1: Female; 2: Male; 3: Other)
- Age: Age of Teacher (1: Under 25; 2: 25–29; 3: 30–39; 4: 40–49; 5: 50–59; 6: 60 or more)
- Formal_Educ: Level of formal education teacher has completed (1: Did not complete Upper secondary education—ISCED Level 3; 2: Upper secondary education—ISCED Level 3 (have not completed postsecondary or tertiary education); 3: Post-secondary, non-tertiary education—ISCED Level 4; 4: Short-cycle tertiary education—ISCED Level 5; 5: Bachelor's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 6; 6: Master's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 7; 7: Doctor or equivalent level—ISCED Level 8)
- Class_Size: Number of students in the class.
- Homework_Freq: How often math homework is assigned (1: I do not assign mathematics homework; 2: Less than once a week; 3: 1 or 2 times a week; 4: 3 or 4 times a week; 5: Every day)
- Academic_Success: Scale score from the subscale measuring school emphasis on academic success-teacher.
- Safe_Orderly_Schools : Scale score from the subscale measuring safe and orderly schools-teacher.
- Job_Satis : Scale score from the subscale measuring teachers job satisfaction.
- Student_not_Ready: Scale score from the subscale measuring teaching limited by student not ready.
- Math_Major : Teachers majored in education and mathematics (1: Major in Edu and Math; 2: Major in Edu but not Math; 3: Major in Math but not Edu; 4: All other Majors; 5: No Formal Edu Beyond Upper Secondary).
- Instruction_Hours: Mathematics instruction hours per week
- Math_Percent_Correct: Students' percent correct on the 2023 TIMSS Math Achievement Test.

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| Median [Min, Max] | 50.0 [0, 100] | 50.0 [0, 100] | 42.3 [5.26, 96.3] | 50.0 [0, 100] |
| Years of Teaching | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 14.1 (8.70) | 15.9 (8.78) | 17.2 (10.0) | 14.4 (8.75) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 14.0 [1.00, 43.0] | 16.0 [1.00, 37.0] | 17.0 [1.00, 40.0] | 14.0 [1.00, 43.0] |
| Number of Students in Class | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 23.6 (5.88) | 24.3 (5.35) | 22.8 (4.13) | 23.7 (5.80) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 24.0 [1.00, 117] | 25.0 [4.00, 46.0] | 25.0 [14.0, 27.0] | 24.0 [1.00, 117] |
| School Emphasis on Teacher's Academic Success | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.90 (2.17) | 10.2 (2.65) | 9.17 (3.33) | 9.93 (2.26) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.72 [4.33, 17.0] | 10.1 [0.698, 17.0] | 8.27 [5.70, 17.0] | 9.72 [0.698, 17.0] |
| Safe and Orderly Schools-Teacher | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.45 (2.23) | 9.68 (2.30) | 7.89 (2.35) | 9.46 (2.24) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] | 7.86 [4.16, 13.1] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] |
| Teachers Job Satisfaction | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.41 (2.14) | 9.68 (2.14) | 9.80 (2.25) | 9.45 (2.14) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] | 9.05 [6.29, 12.3] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] |
| Teaching Limited by Student Not Ready | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.00 (1.66) | 9.24 (1.68) | 8.70 (1.10) | 9.03 (1.66) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 8.86 [3.23, 15.2] | 8.86 [4.75, 15.2] | 9.33 [6.65, 13.6] | 8.86 [3.23, 15.2] |

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| Median [Min, Max] | 50.0 [0, 100] | 50.0 [0, 100] | 42.3 [5.26, 96.3] | 50.0 [0, 100] |
| Years of Teaching | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 14.1 (8.70) | 15.9 (8.78) | 17.2 (10.0) | 14.4 (8.75) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 14.0 [1.00, 43.0] | 16.0 [1.00, 37.0] | 17.0 [1.00, 40.0] | 14.0 [1.00, 43.0] |
| Number of Students in Class | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 23.6 (5.88) | 24.3 (5.35) | 22.8 (4.13) | 23.7 (5.80) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 24.0 [1.00, 117] | 25.0 [4.00, 46.0] | 25.0 [14.0, 27.0] | 24.0 [1.00, 117] |
| School Emphasis on Teacher's Academic Success | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.90 (2.17) | 10.2 (2.65) | 9.17 (3.33) | 9.93 (2.26) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.72 [4.33, 17.0] | 10.1 [0.698, 17.0] | 8.27 [5.70, 17.0] | 9.72 [0.698, 17.0] |
| Safe and Orderly Schools-Teacher | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.45 (2.23) | 9.68 (2.30) | 7.89 (2.35) | 9.46 (2.24) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] | 7.86 [4.16, 13.1] | 9.32 [4.16, 13.1] |
| Teachers Job Satisfaction | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.41 (2.14) | 9.68 (2.14) | 9.80 (2.25) | 9.45 (2.14) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] | 9.05 [6.29, 12.3] | 9.59 [4.59, 12.3] |
| Teaching Limited by Student Not Ready | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 9.00 (1.66) | 9.24 (1.68) | 8.70 (1.10) | 9.03 (1.66) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 8.86 [3.23, 15.2] | 8.86 [4.75, 15.2] | 9.33 [6.65, 13.6] | 8.86 [3.23, 15.2] |

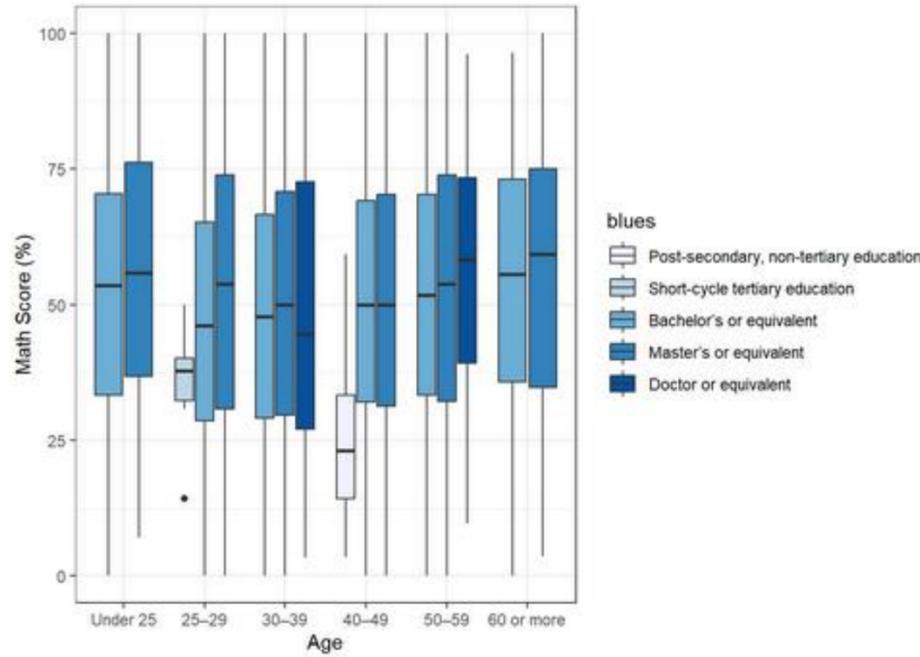
| Age of Teacher | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Under 25 | 660 (4.2%) | 23 (0.9%) | 0 (0%) | 683 (3.8%) |
| 25–29 | 2020 (12.9%) | 200 (8.2%) | 13 (8.6%) | 2233 (12.3%) |
| 30–39 | 4154 (26.6%) | 557 (22.9%) | 45 (29.6%) | 4756 (26.1%) |
| 40–49 | 5100 (32.7%) | 795 (32.7%) | 45 (29.6%) | 5940 (32.6%) |
| 50–59 | 3357 (21.5%) | 711 (29.3%) | 21 (13.8%) | 4089 (22.5%) |
| 60 or more | 321 (2.1%) | 144 (5.9%) | 28 (18.4%) | 493 (2.7%) |
| Level of Formal Education Completed | | | | |
| Post-secondary, non-tertiary education | 9 (0.1%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 9 (0.0%) |
| Short-cycle tertiary education | 6 (0.0%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 6 (0.0%) |
| Bachelor's or equivalent | 10894 (69.8%) | 1525 (62.8%) | 151 (99.3%) | 12570 (69.1%) |
| Master's or equivalent | 4661 (29.9%) | 866 (35.6%) | 1 (0.7%) | 5528 (30.4%) |
| Doctor or equivalent | 42 (0.3%) | 39 (1.6%) | 0 (0%) | 81 (0.4%) |
| Homework Frequency | | | | |
| I do not assign mathematics homework | 5146 (33.0%) | 767 (31.6%) | 56 (36.8%) | 5969 (32.8%) |
| Less than once a week | 3166 (20.3%) | 400 (16.5%) | 47 (30.9%) | 3613 (19.9%) |
| 1 or 2 times a week | 3931 (25.2%) | 440 (18.1%) | 13 (8.6%) | 4384 (24.1%) |
| 3 or 4 times a week | 2193 (14.0%) | 500 (20.6%) | 20 (13.2%) | 2713 (14.9%) |
| Every day | 1176 (7.5%) | 323 (13.3%) | 16 (10.5%) | 1515 (8.3%) |
| Teachers Majored in Education and Mathematics | | | | |
| Major in Edu and Math | 1856 (11.9%) | 438 (18.0%) | 47 (30.9%) | 2341 (12.9%) |
| Major in Edu but not Math | 11429 (73.2%) | 1440 (59.3%) | 64 (42.1%) | 12933 (71.1%) |
| Major in Math but not Edu | 264 (1.7%) | 86 (3.5%) | 0 (0%) | 350 (1.9%) |
| All other Majors | 2063 (13.2%) | 466 (19.2%) | 41 (27.0%) | 2570 (14.1%) |

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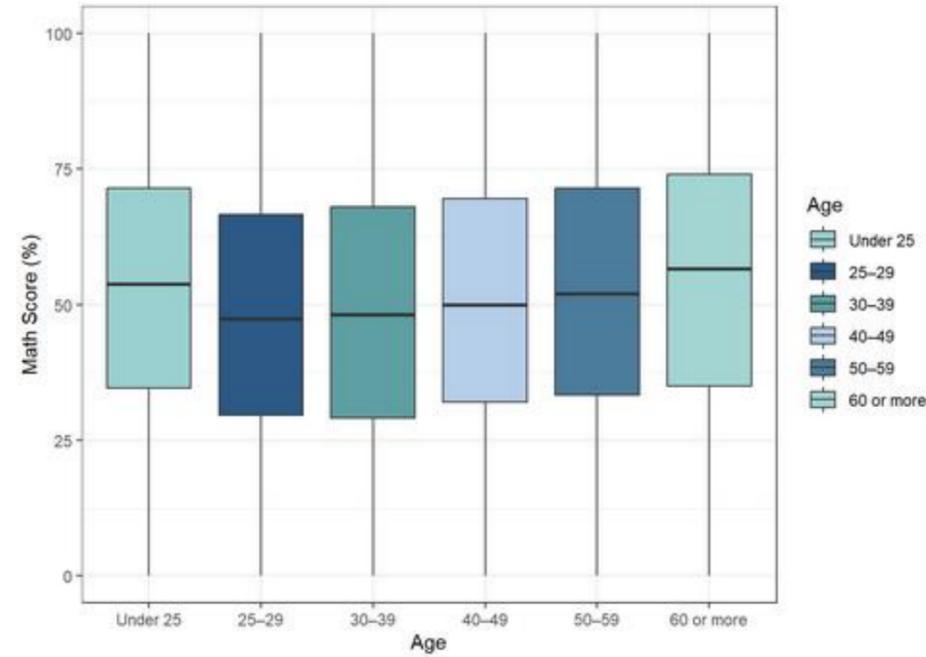
| | Female (N=15612) | Male (N=2430) | Other (N=152) | Overall (N=18194) |
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| Mathematics Percent Correct Points Scored | | | | |
| Mean (SD) | 50.4 (24.1) | 50.4 (24.4) | 45.5 (23.7) | 50.4 (24.1) |
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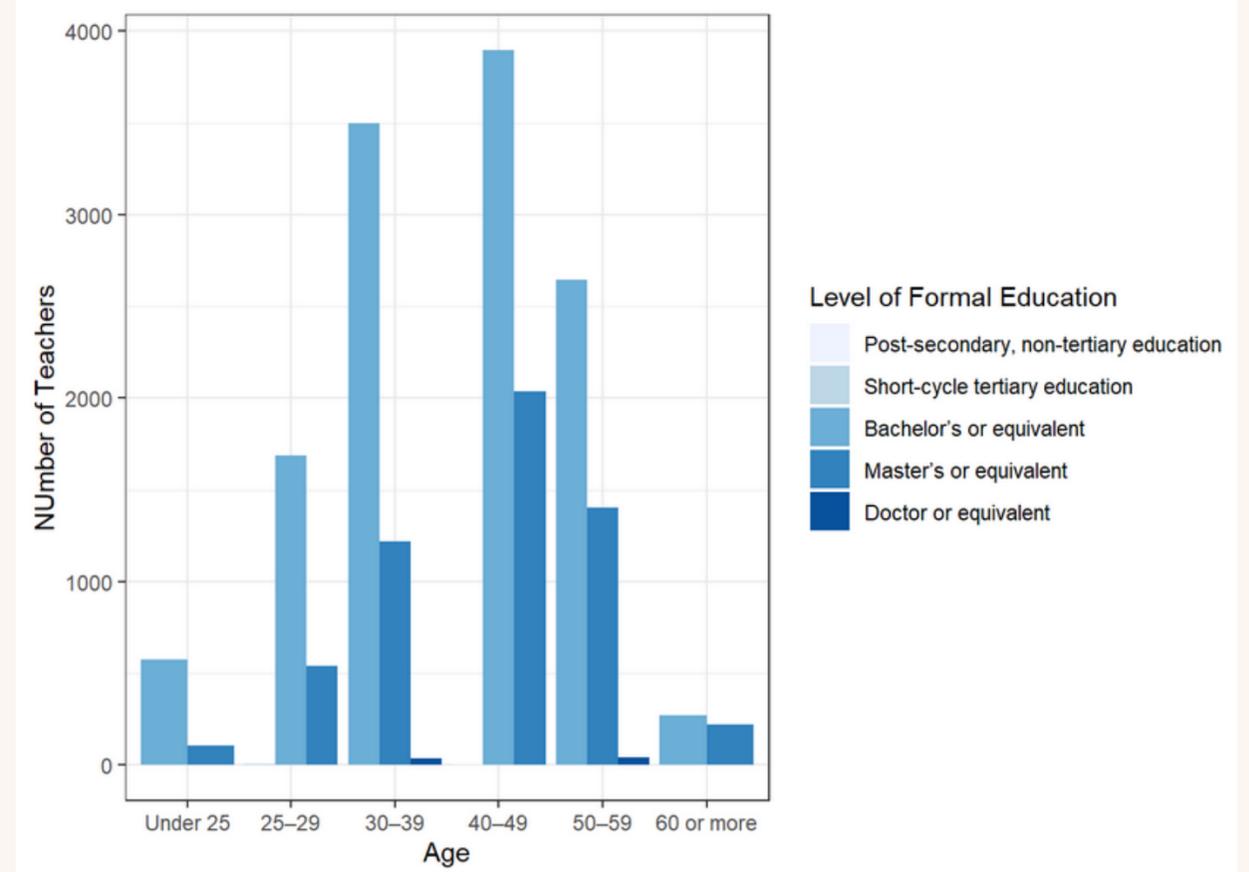
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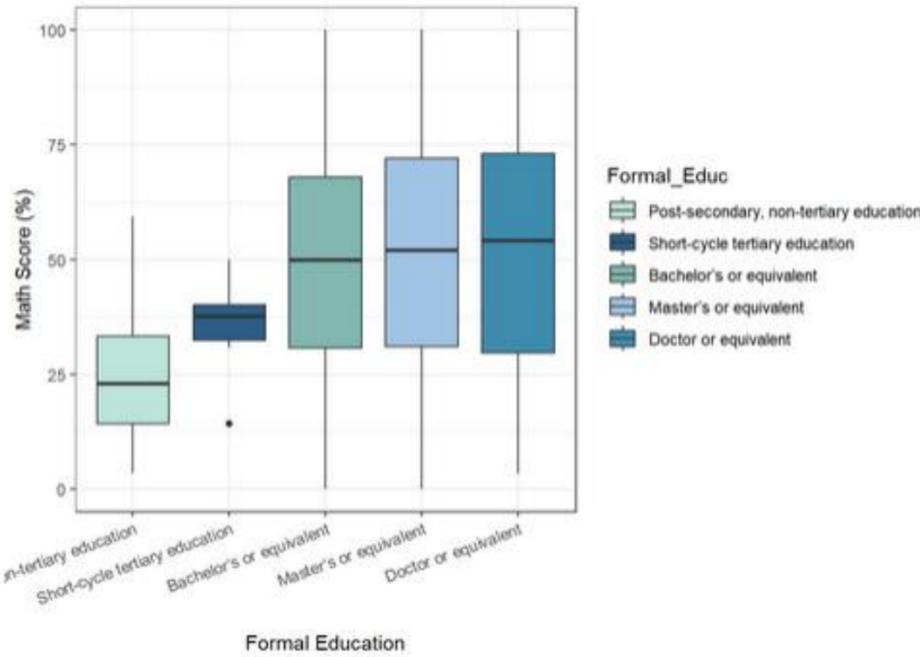
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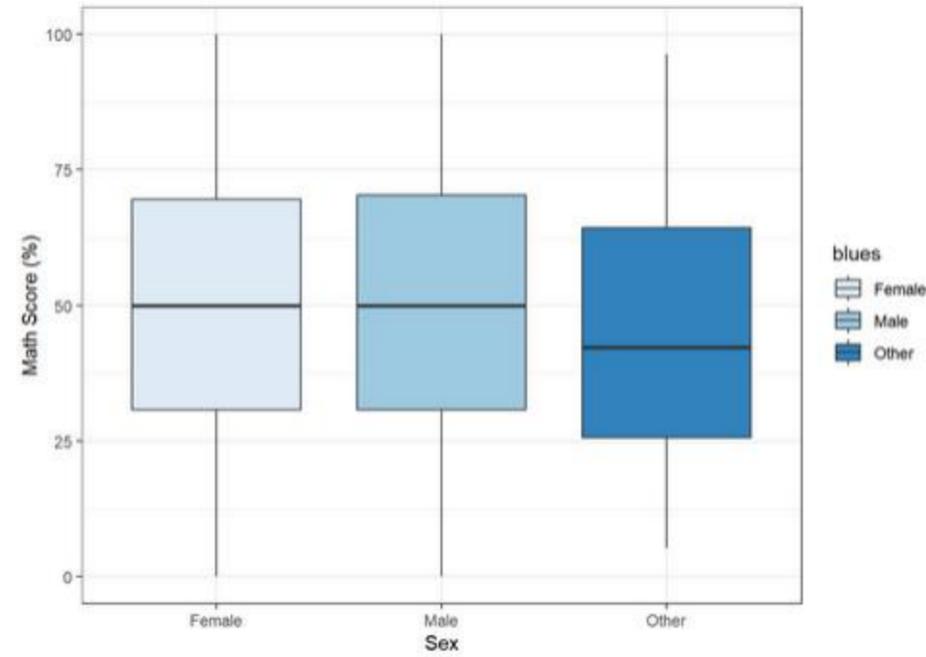
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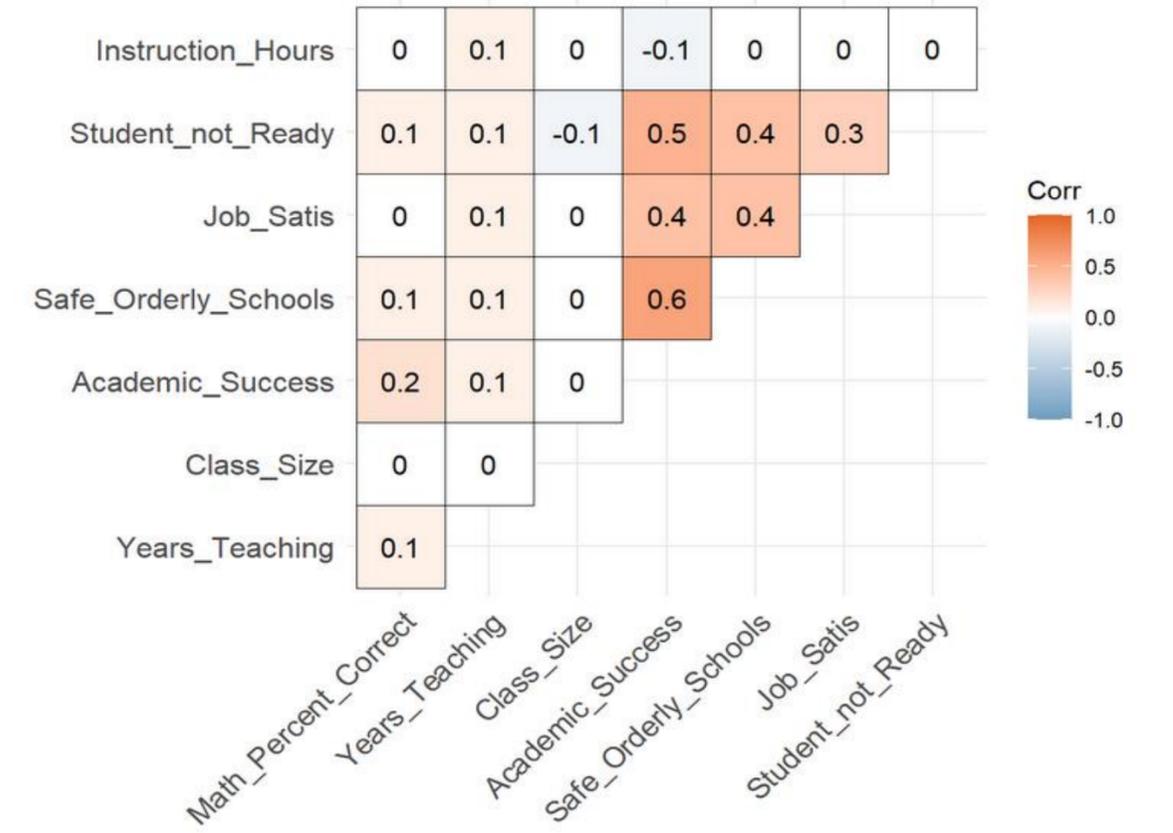
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(d) Boxplots of Students' Math Scores by Sex of Teachers



Correlation Heatmap for Teacher-Level Analysis

Step-wise Regression Analysis

(a) Teacher Level Regression Coefficients

| term | estimate | std.error | statistic | p.value |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| (Intercept) | 10.629 | 8.066 | 1.318 | 0.188 |
| Years_Teaching | 0.126 | 0.035 | 3.630 | 0.000 |
| SexMale | -0.954 | 0.524 | -1.821 | 0.069 |
| SexOther | -2.961 | 1.946 | -1.521 | 0.128 |
| Age25–29 | -4.207 | 1.040 | -4.043 | 0.000 |
| Age30–39 | -4.796 | 1.012 | -4.740 | 0.000 |
| Age40–49 | -4.445 | 1.103 | -4.030 | 0.000 |
| Age50–59 | -4.594 | 1.266 | -3.627 | 0.000 |
| Age60 or more | -1.792 | 1.612 | -1.112 | 0.266 |
| Formal_EducShort-cycle tertiary education | 6.473 | 12.460 | 0.519 | 0.603 |
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| Homework_Freq3 or 4 times a week | 2.174 | 0.566 | 3.842 | 0.000 |
| Homework_FreqEvery day | 2.930 | 0.700 | 4.185 | 0.000 |
| Academic_Success | 1.574 | 0.101 | 15.644 | 0.000 |
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| Instruction_Hours | 0.159 | 0.095 | 1.667 | 0.096 |

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| Homework_Freq1 or 2 times a week | 3.250 | 0.474 | 6.853 | 0.000 |
| Homework_Freq3 or 4 times a week | 2.174 | 0.566 | 3.842 | 0.000 |
| Homework_FreqEvery day | 2.930 | 0.700 | 4.185 | 0.000 |
| Academic_Success | 1.574 | 0.101 | 15.644 | 0.000 |
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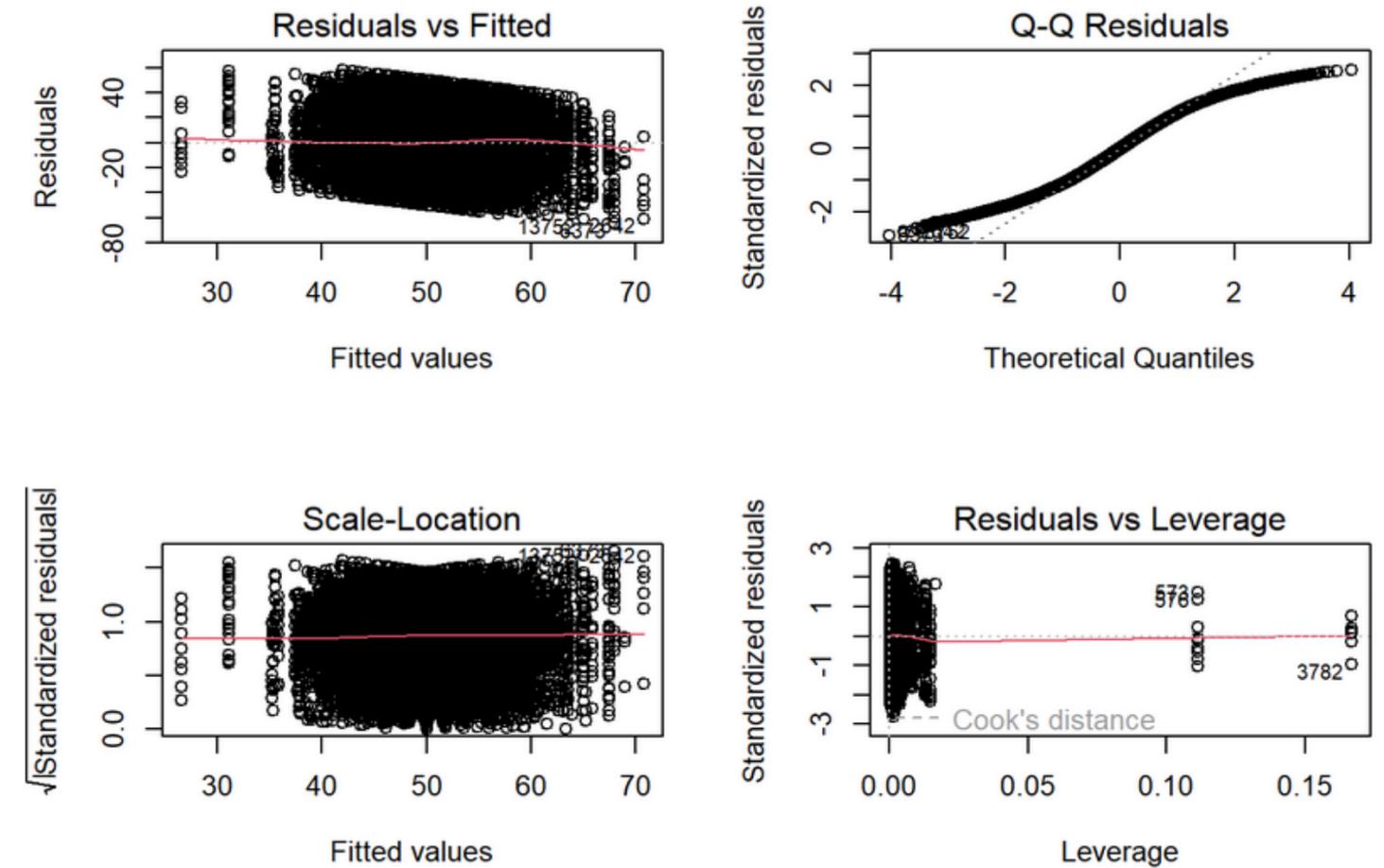
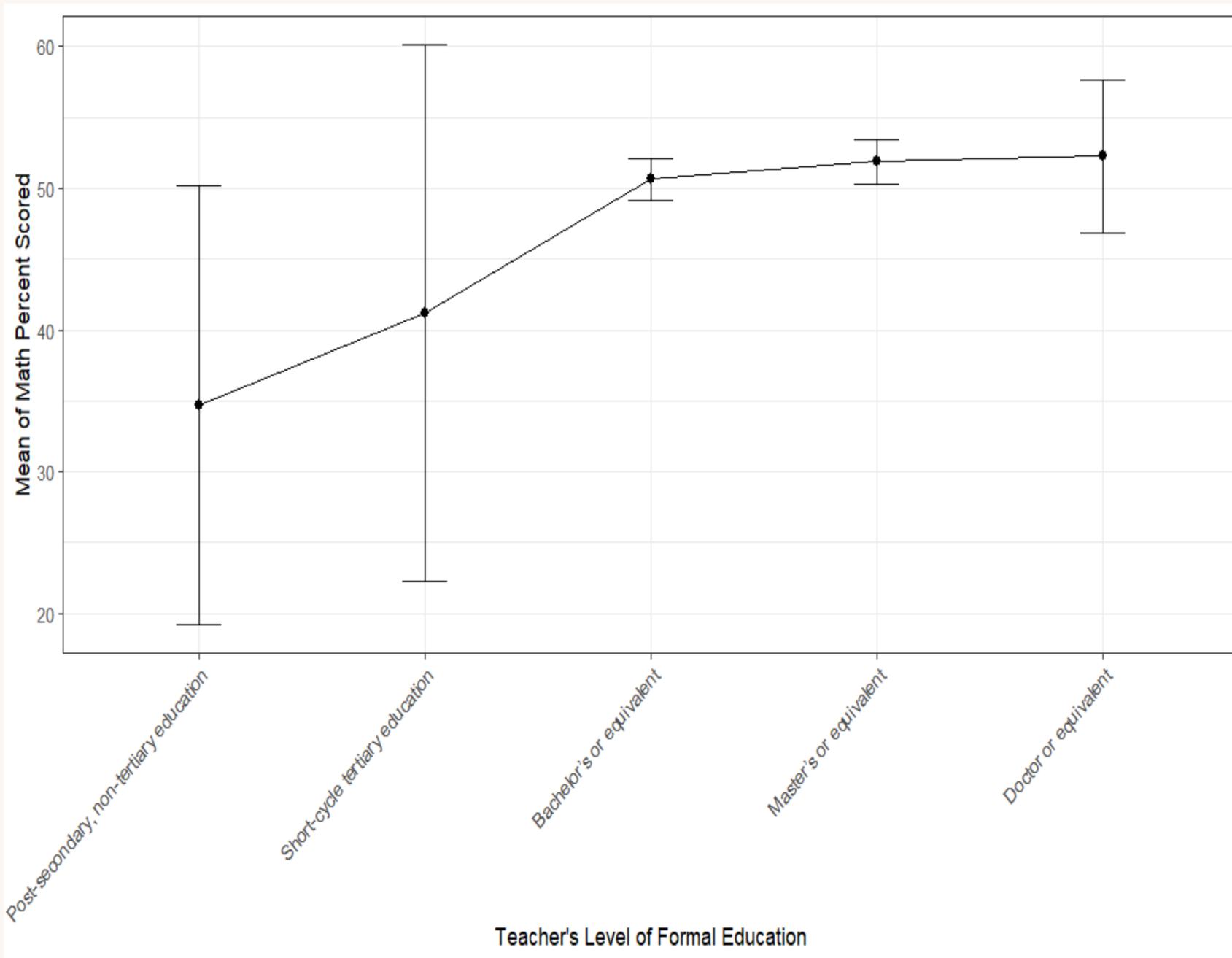


Figure 10: Residual Plots for the Teacher-Level Regression Model

Key-Takeaway

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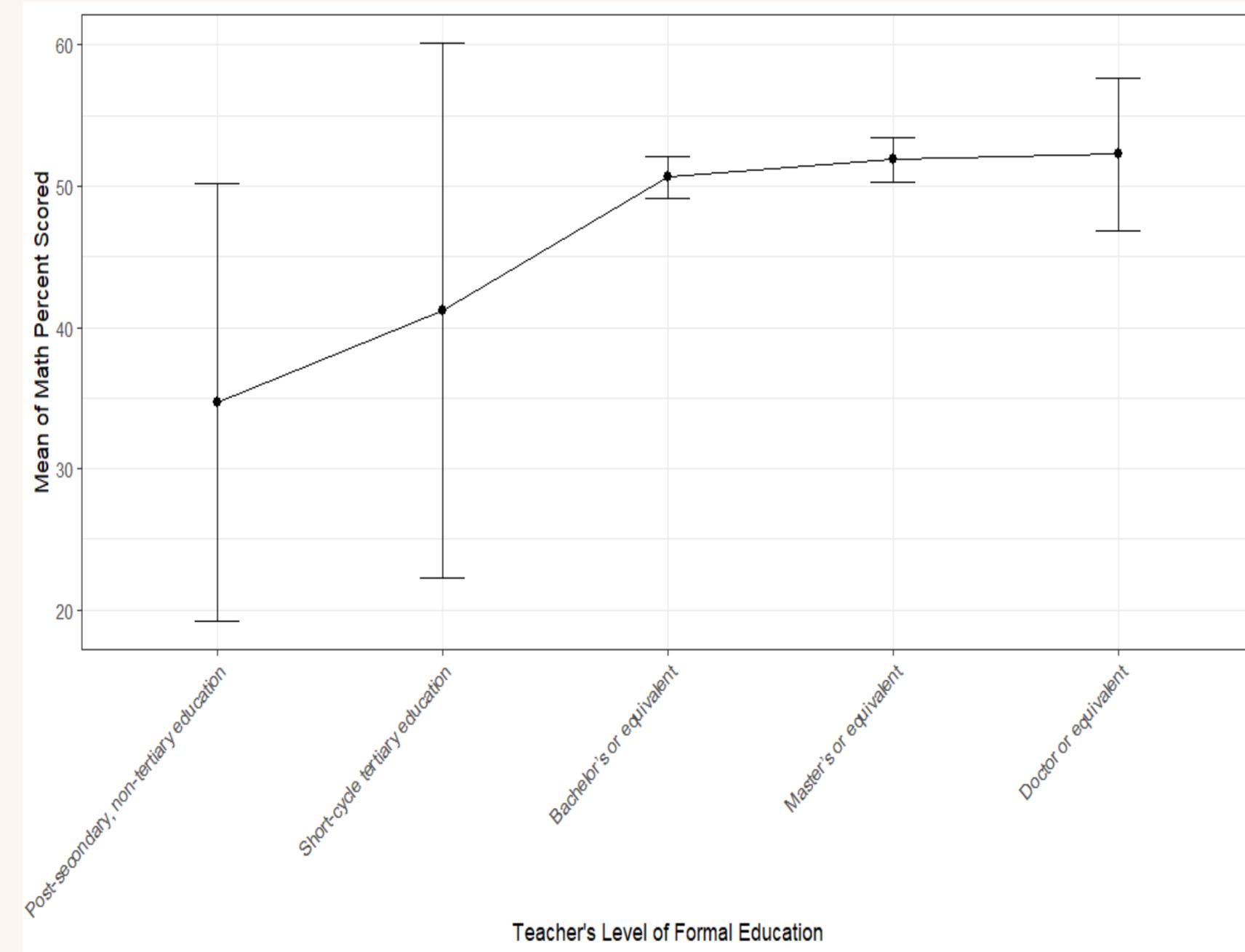


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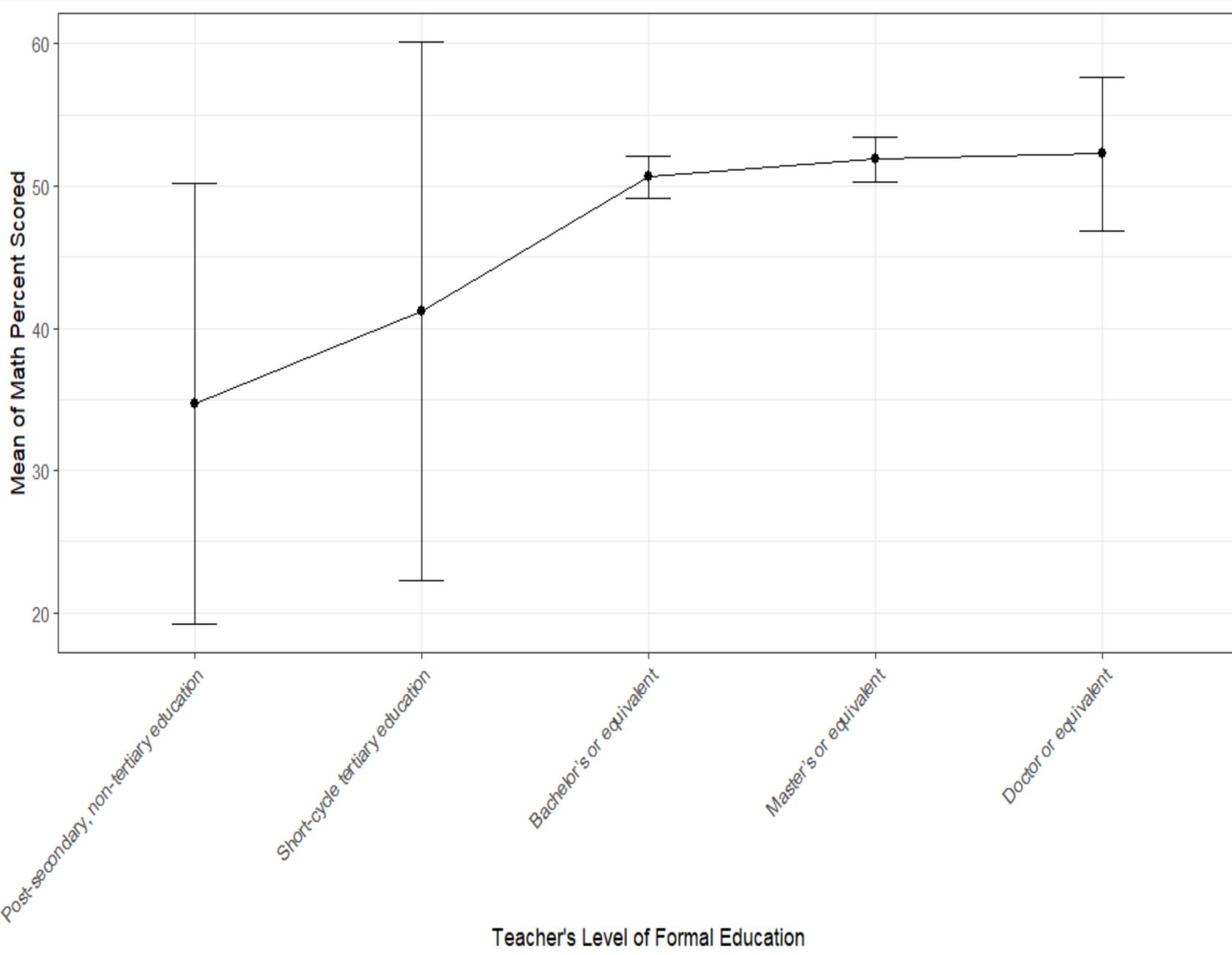
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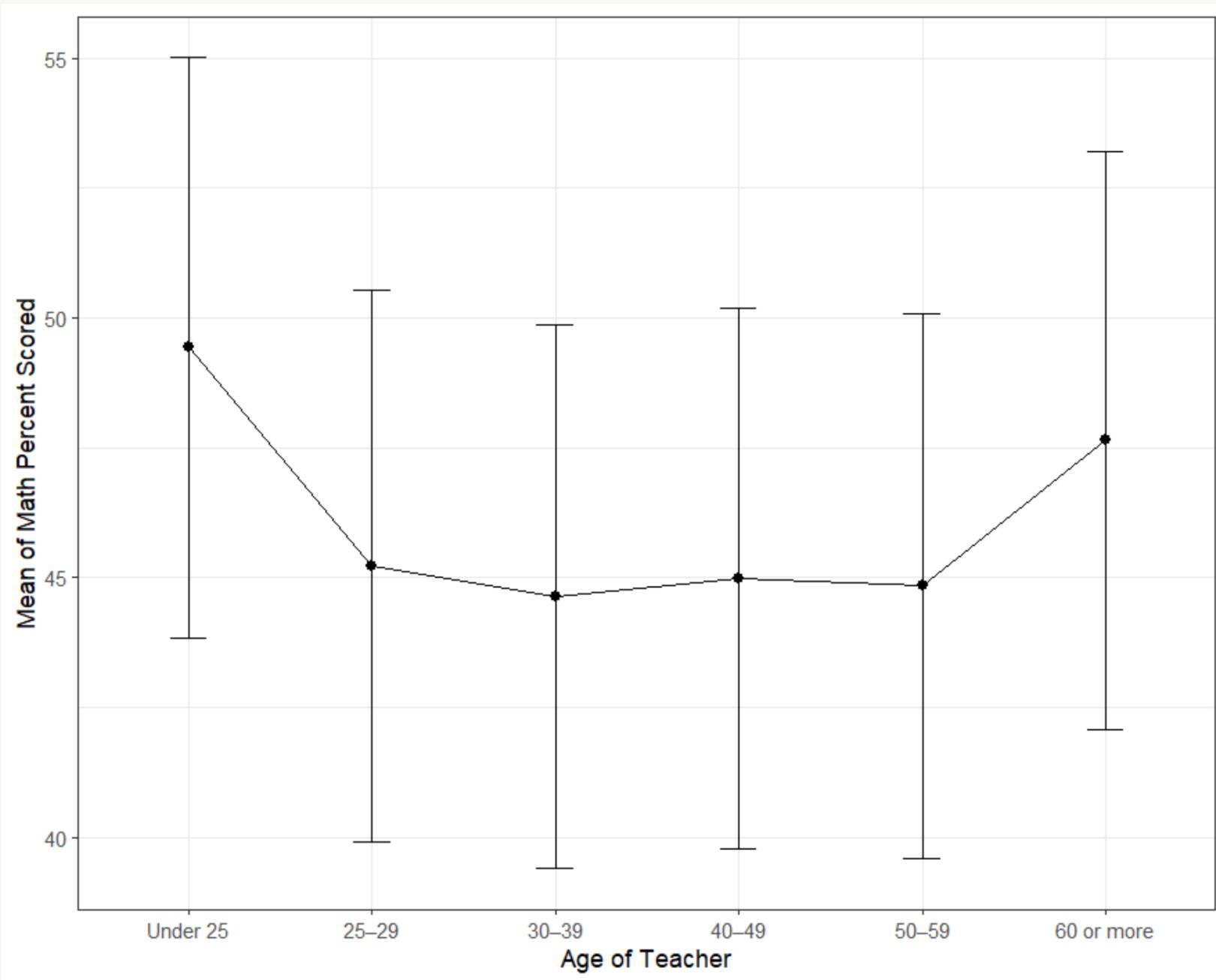
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| Level1 | Level2 | Difference | SE | CI_low | CI_high | t | df | p |
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| Short-cycle tertiary education | Post-secondary, non-tertiary education | 6.473 | 12.460 | -17.950 | 30.895 | 0.519 | 18168 | 1.000 |
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| Master's or equivalent | Post-secondary, non-tertiary education | 17.157 | 7.884 | 1.704 | 32.609 | 2.176 | 18168 | 0.295 |
| Doctor or equivalent | Post-secondary, non-tertiary education | 17.543 | 8.317 | 1.240 | 33.845 | 2.109 | 18168 | 0.349 |
| Bachelor's or equivalent | Short-cycle tertiary education | 9.457 | 9.646 | -9.450 | 28.364 | 0.980 | 18168 | 1.000 |
| Master's or equivalent | Short-cycle tertiary education | 10.684 | 9.650 | -8.231 | 29.599 | 1.107 | 18168 | 1.000 |
| Doctor or equivalent | Short-cycle tertiary education | 11.070 | 9.997 | -8.525 | 30.665 | 1.107 | 18168 | 1.000 |
| Master's or equivalent | Bachelor's or equivalent | 1.227 | 0.396 | 0.450 | 2.004 | 3.095 | 18168 | 0.020 |
| Doctor or equivalent | Bachelor's or equivalent | 1.613 | 2.651 | -3.582 | 6.808 | 0.609 | 18168 | 1.000 |
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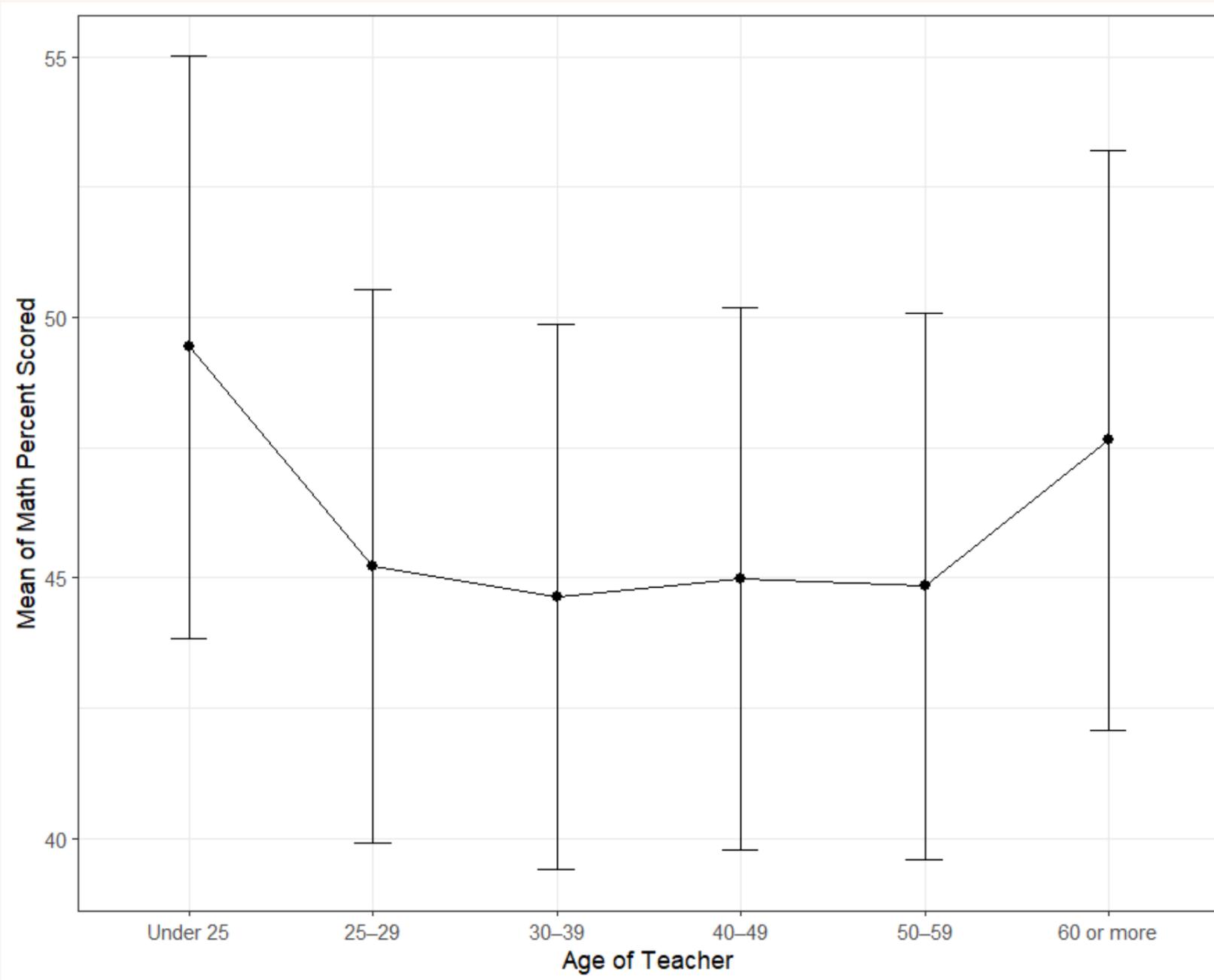


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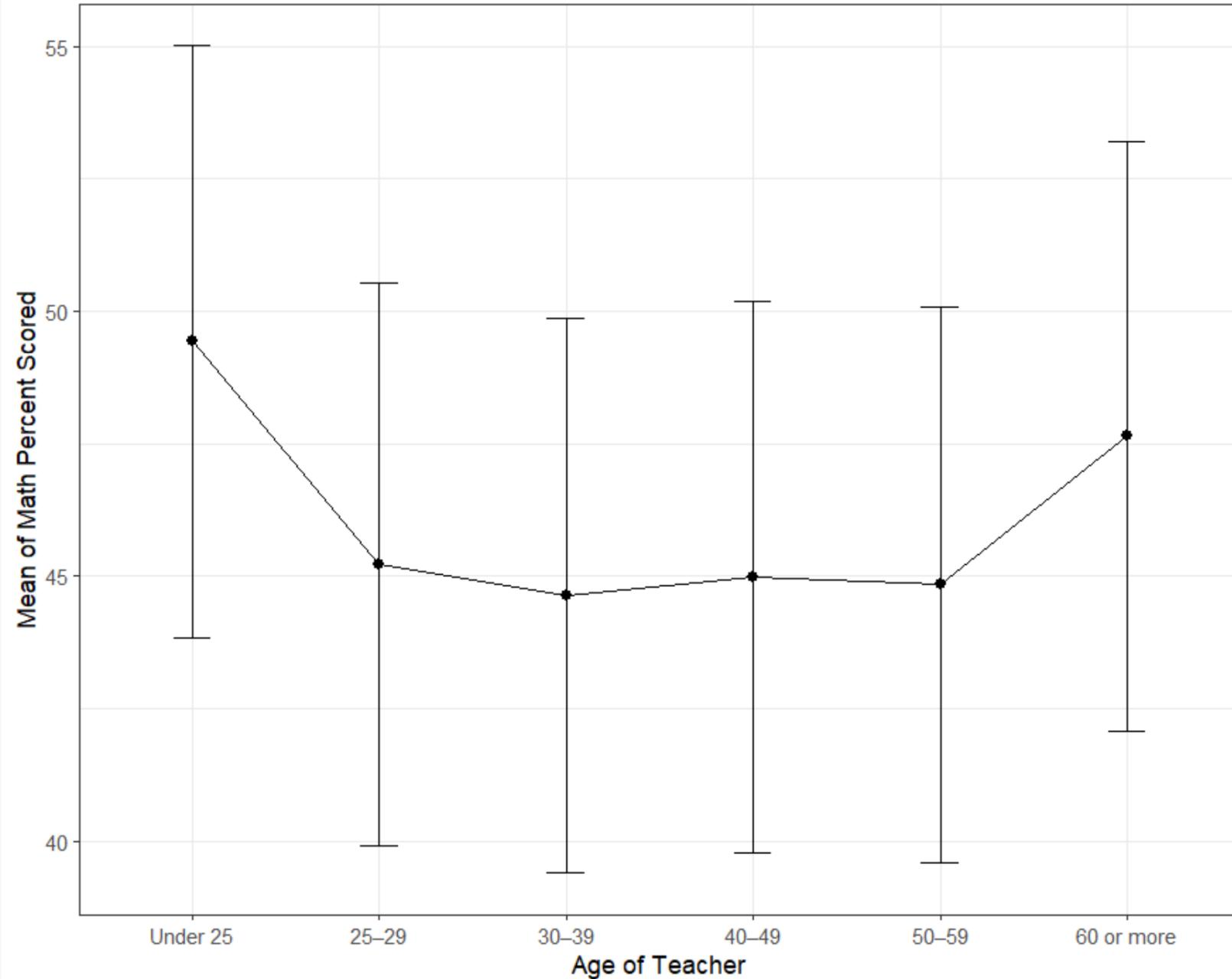
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