

Below zero? Processing of negative numbers

Below zero? Universal distance effect and situated space and size associations in negative numbers

Appendix II: Mean reaction times with individual slopes and trendlines

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Experiment 1: Arrow context, mental-number-line compatible condition

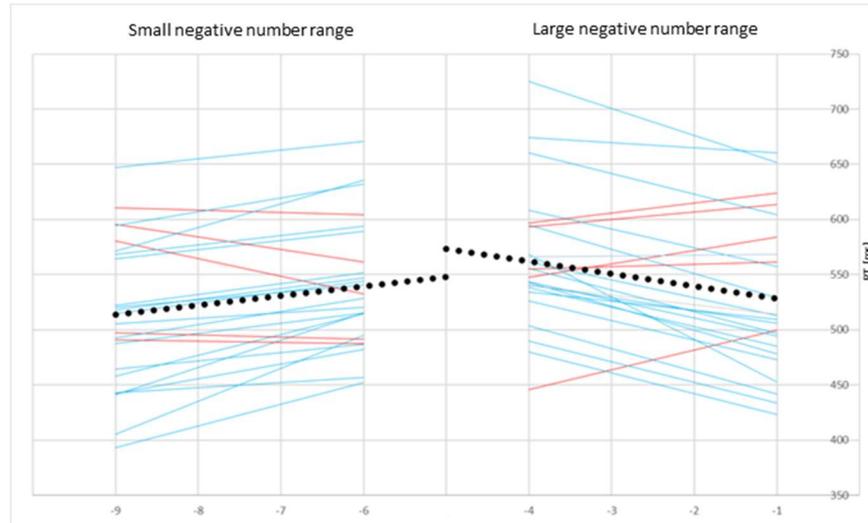


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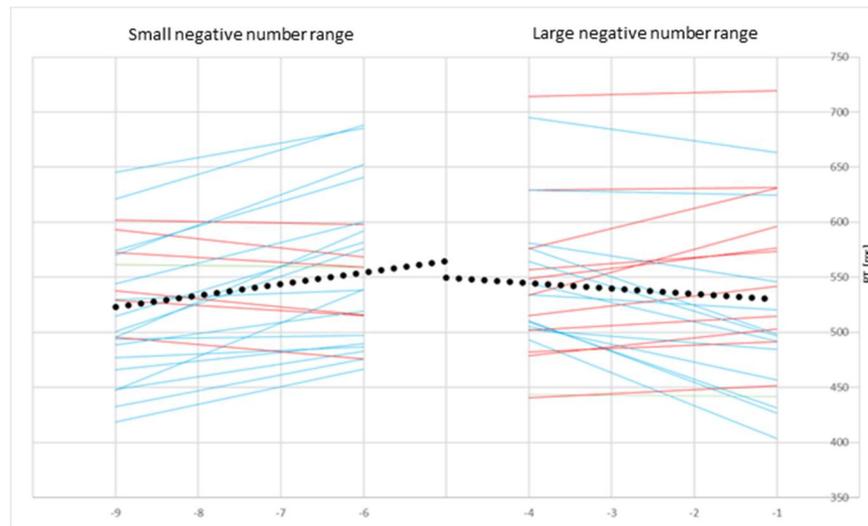


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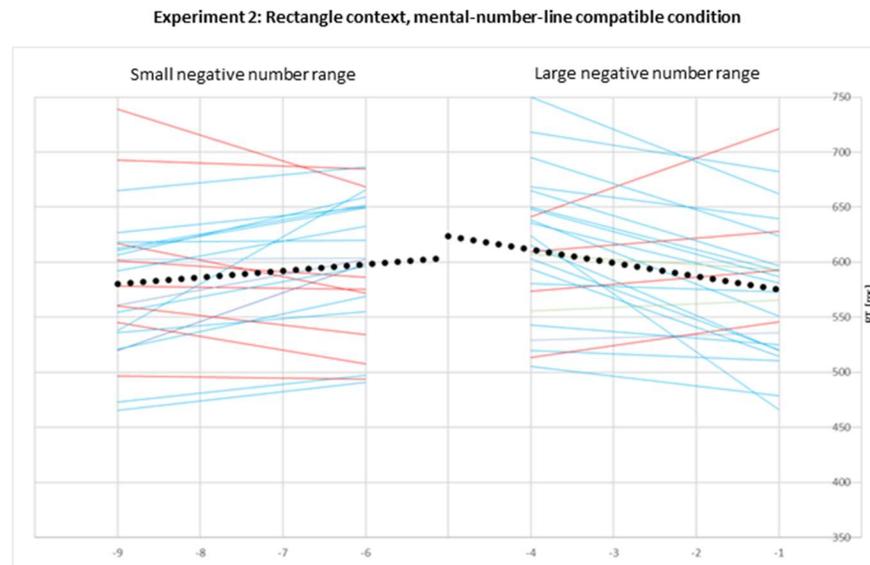


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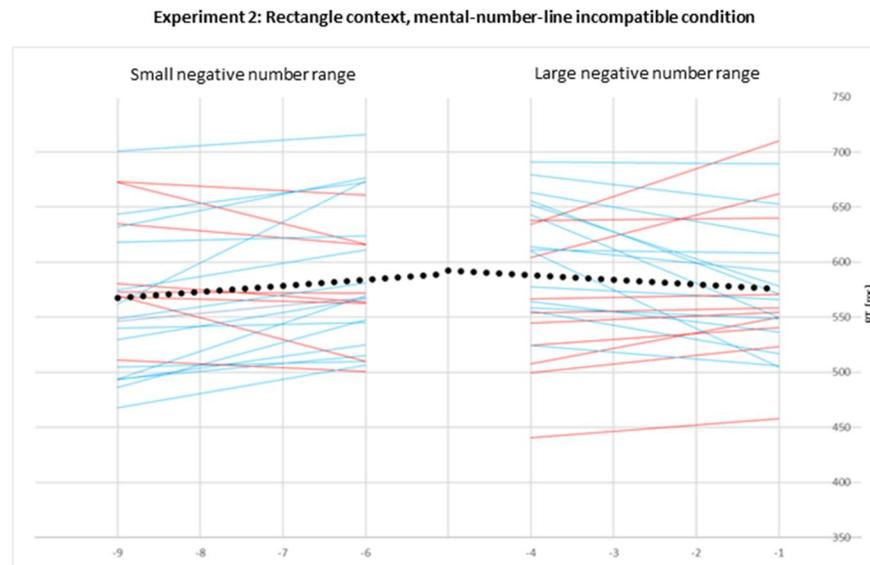


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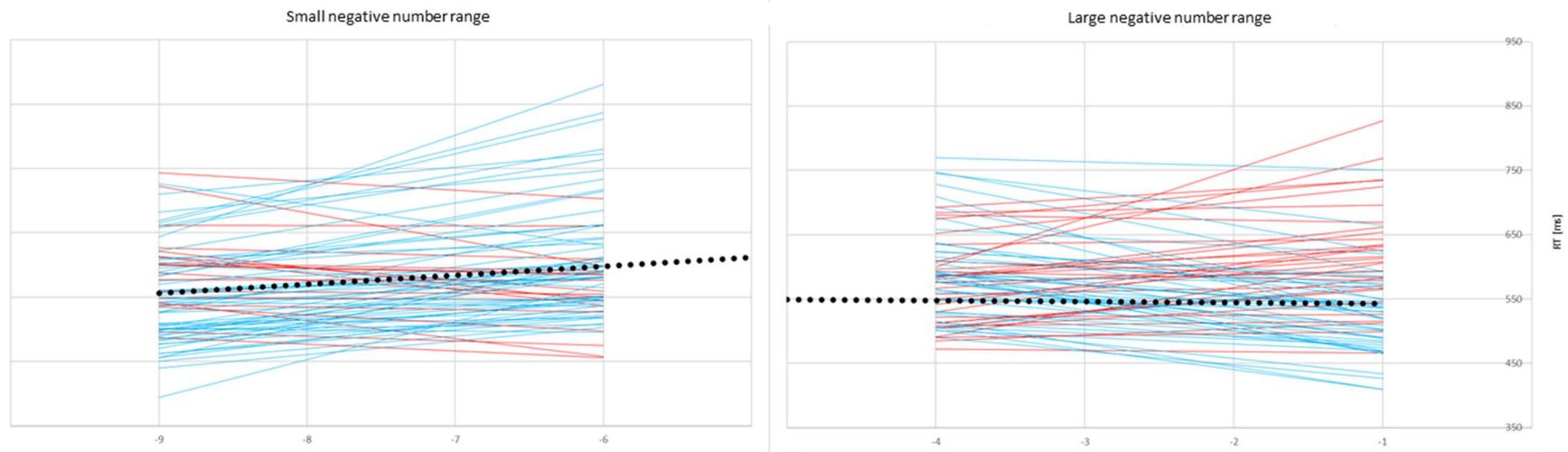


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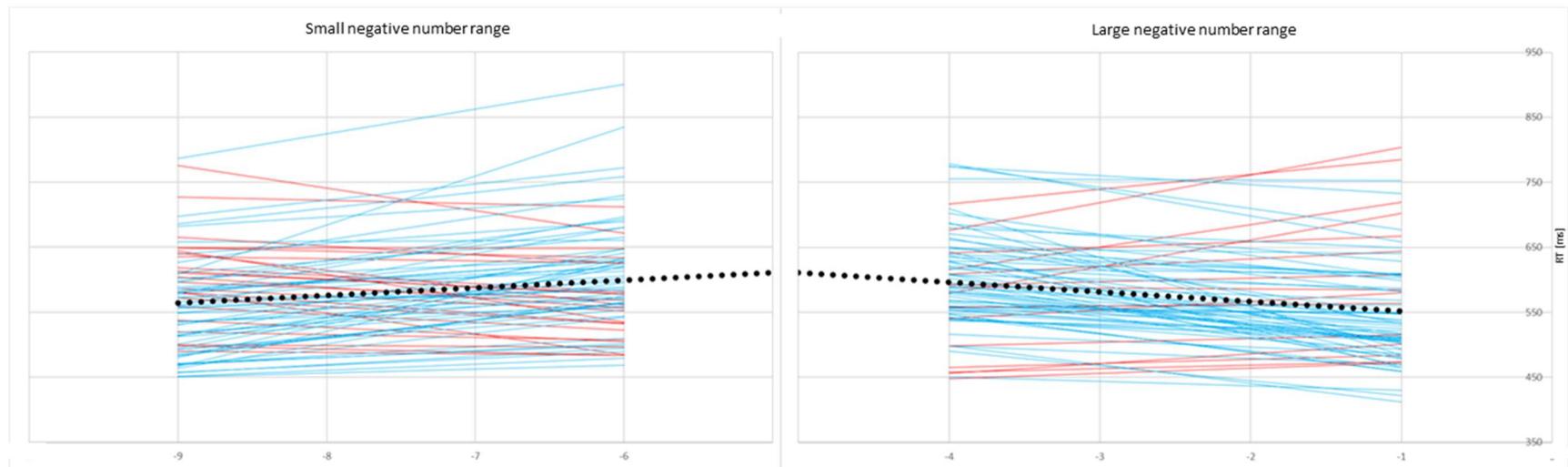


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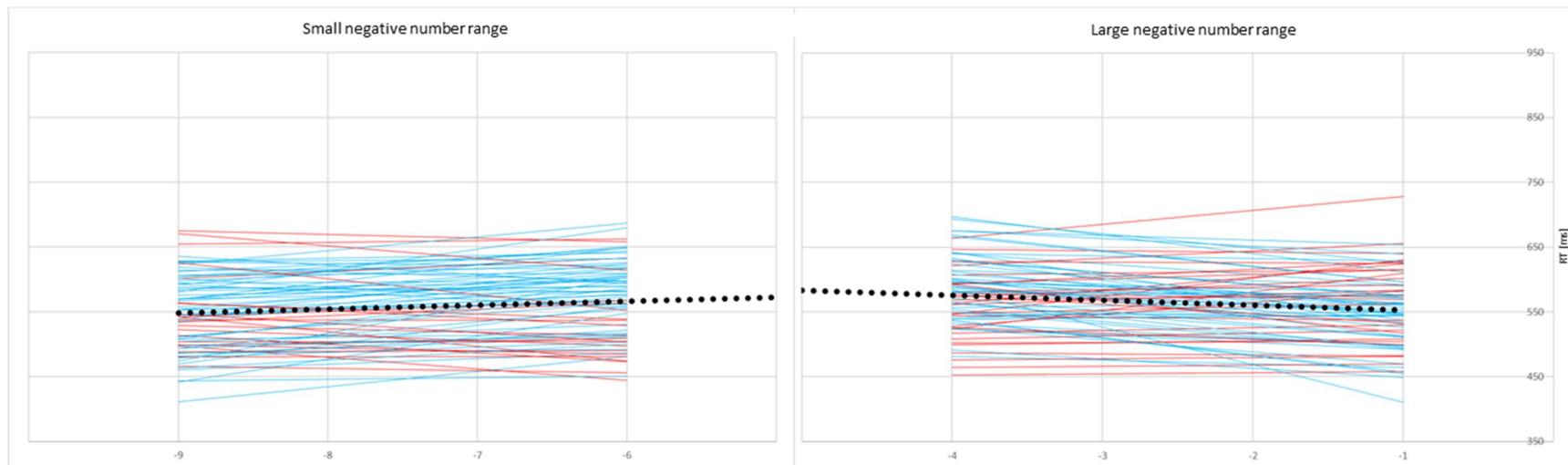


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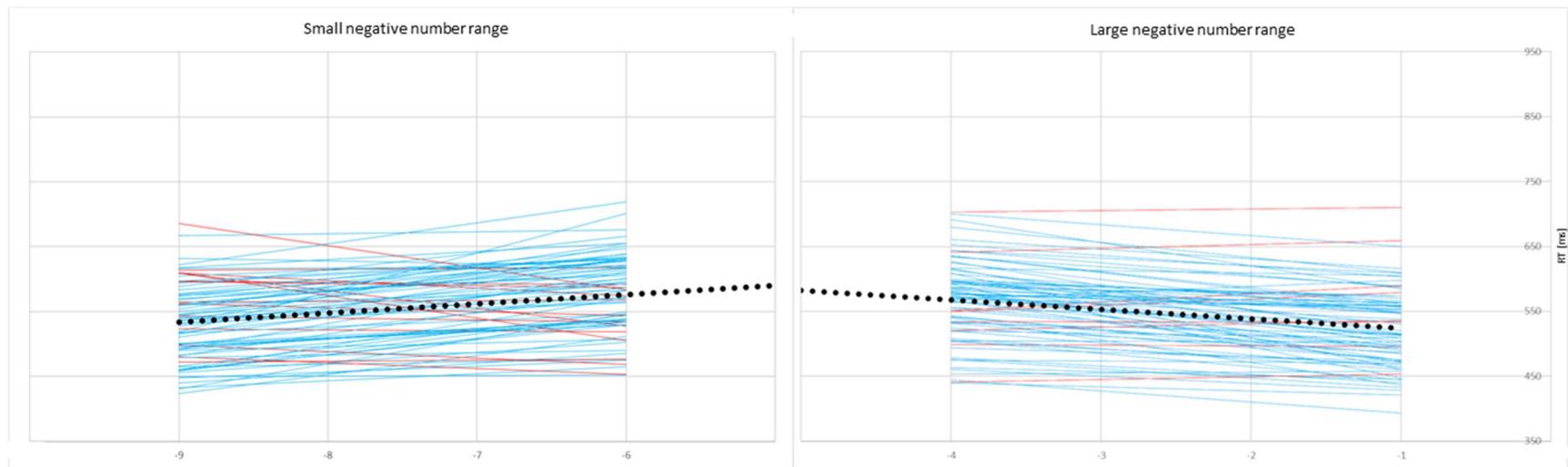


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