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NOTES

These data are from the *dissimilar* condition in Experiment 2 of the Nairne (1990b) study. They were chosen, in part, because subjects were tested on five five-word lists, as in the current study. Overall, however, these data are quite representative of reconstruction performance in this paradigm (e.g., see the serial position curves in Figure 3 of the present study).

2. I can offer no good rationale, beyond obtaining a better fit, for changing the number of recursive applications of the perturbation equations from five (Figure 1) to eight (Figure 3). Within-list position performance is not as accurate in the present study, but less information was given to the subjects at test. At some point, a consistent application rule will need to be worked out for the long-term case.

3. Independence analyses are further complicated by the fact that there might be third factors responsible for the detected dependencies. For example, if the processing records for some lists are simply accessed better at test, one would expect better list and within-list position performance for the items in those lists. In this sense, the curves in the bottom rows of Figures 4 and 5 might simply reflect processing records that have undergone more perturbations.

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