Post-hoc strategies to account for weaknesses in the metric properties of the instruments

**Strategy 1**
- **Collapse** disordered response categories if more than 50% of the items show disorder
- **Delete** misfitting items, starting with the least-fitting item (top-down)

**Strategy 2**
- **Delete** misfitting items, starting with the least-fitting item (top-down)

**Strategy 3**
- **Merge** items showing uniform DIF using subtest analysis (equaling out opposing effects)

**Strategy 4**
- **Select** the more efficient solution from either strategy 1 or 2, if items still show uniform DIF
- **Merge** items showing uniform DIF using subtest analysis (equaling out opposing effects)