

# Linear Mixed Models

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## Objectives:

- Fixed and random effects
- Likelihood inference using MV normal
- Model specification and interpretation

# Linear Mixed Model & ML / REML Estimation

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## ○ Linear Mixed Model

- Combines random effects and serial structures.
- Clustered and nested data.
- Mean model and covariance model.

## ○ Maximum Likelihood

- Assuming multivariate normality.
- $\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}$ .
- Matrix derivatives.

## ○ Restricted Maximum Likelihood

- Correction for degrees of freedom in  $\hat{\beta}$ .
- Bayesian motivation.

## Motivation

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### Cystic Fibrosis and Pulmonary Function

- Several specific aspects are of interest:
  1. What is the rate of decline in FEV1?
  2. Is the time course different for males and females?
  3. Is the time course different for F508 homozygous subjects ?
- **Reference:** Davis P.B. (1997) *Journal of Pediatrics*

## Data

ID = patient id  
FEV1 = percent-predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second  
AGE = age (years)  
GENDER = sex (1=male, 2=female)  
PSEUDO = infection with Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (0=no, 3=yes)  
F508 = genotype (1=homozygous, 2=heterozygous, 3=none)  
PANCREAT = pancreatic enzyme supplementation (0,1=no, 2=yes)

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## EDA: Numerical Summaries

Total number of subjects = 200

Number of observations (number of subjects with ni):

6	7	8	9
49	52	36	63

Distribution of males / females

male	female
102	98

Number of mutations of f508

0	1	2
23	87	90

## EDA: Numerical Summaries

Age at entry

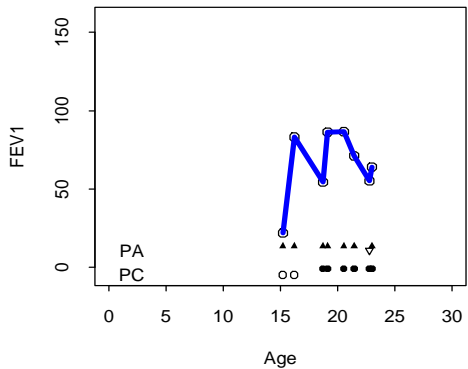
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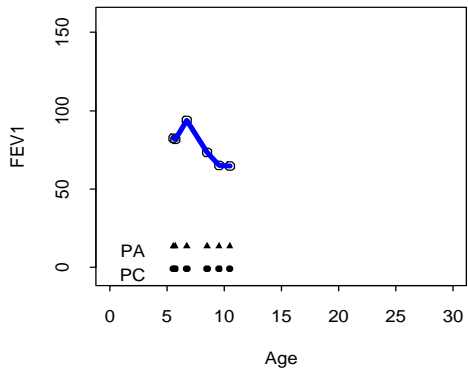
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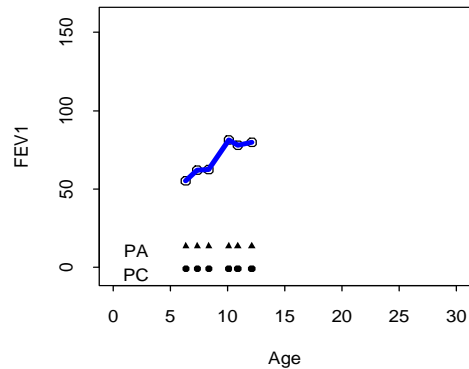
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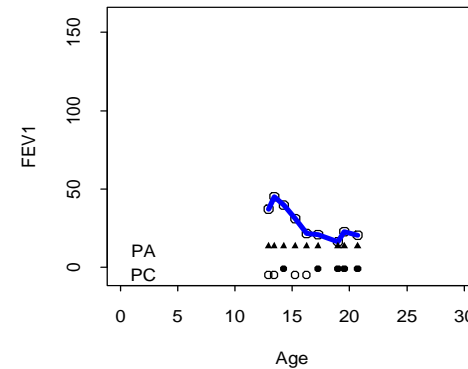
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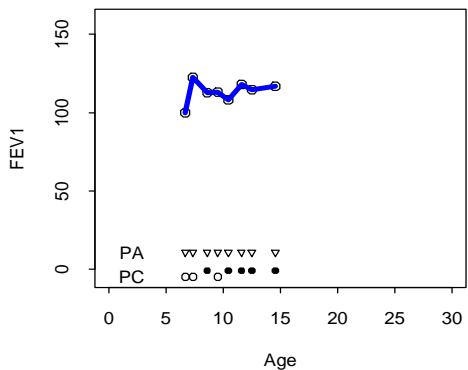
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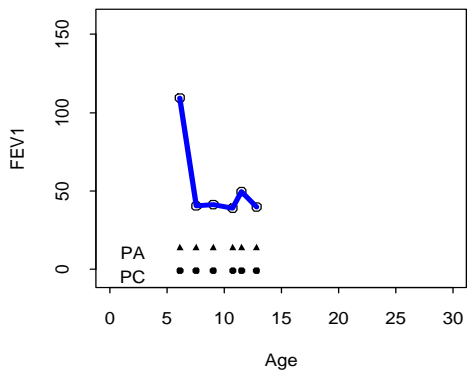
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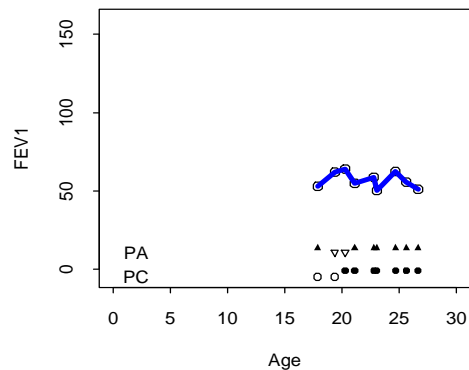
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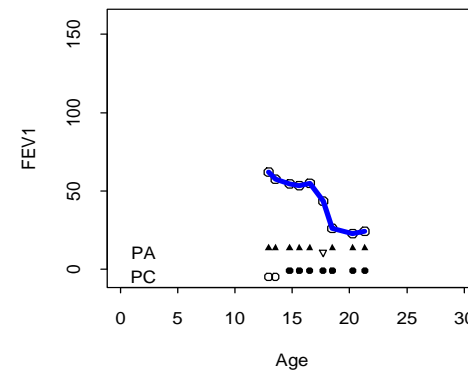
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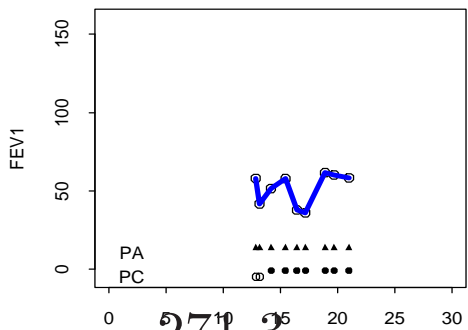
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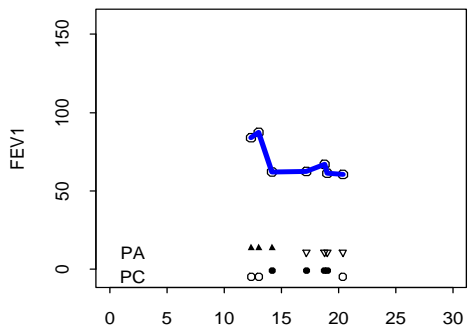
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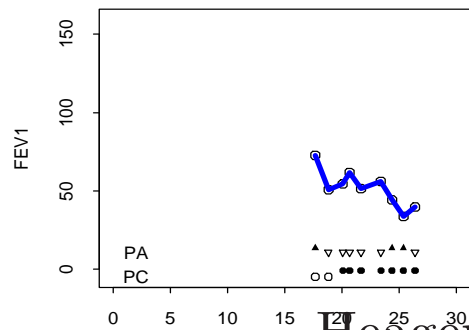
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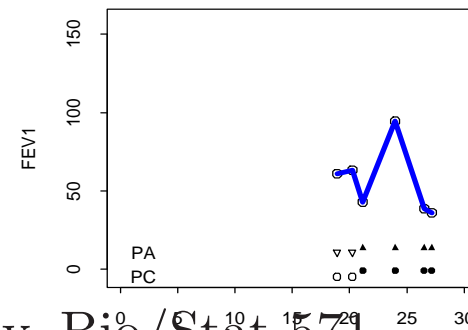
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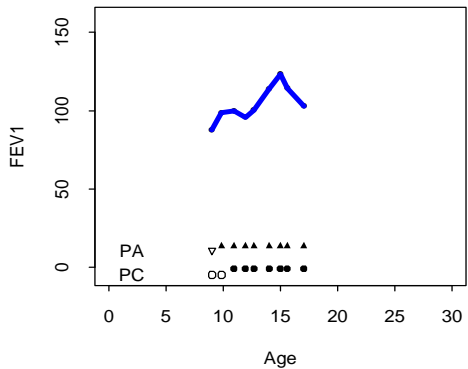
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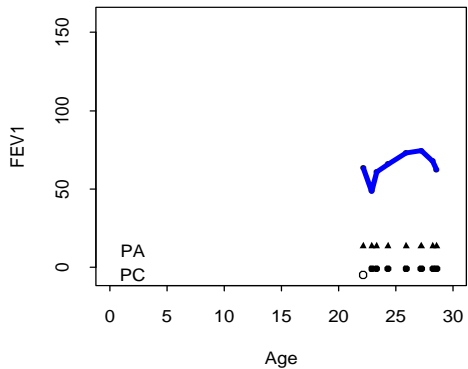
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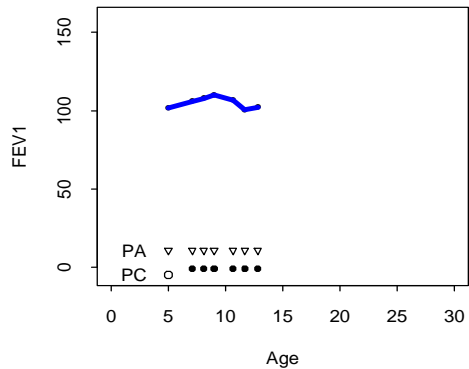
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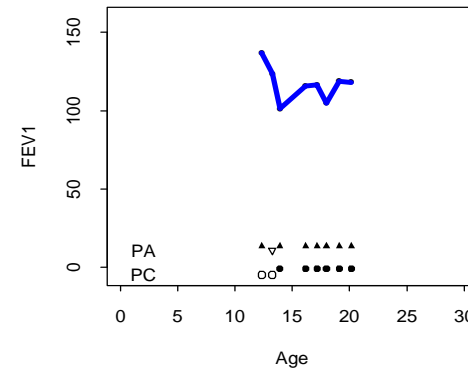
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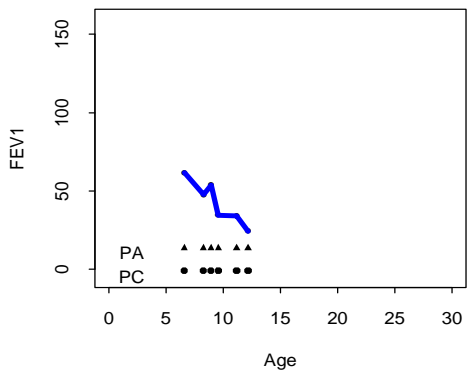
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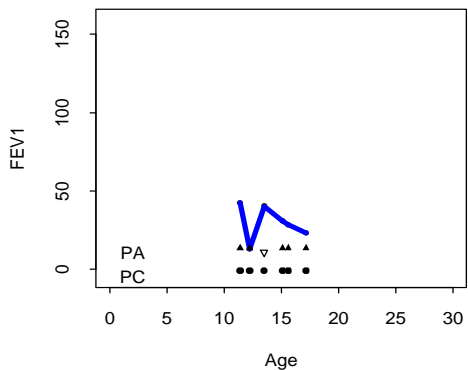
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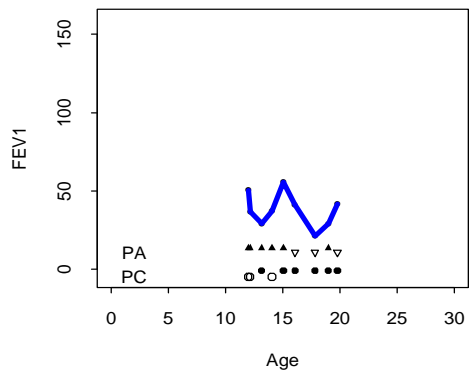
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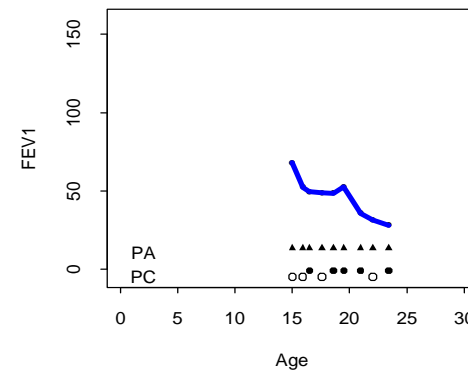
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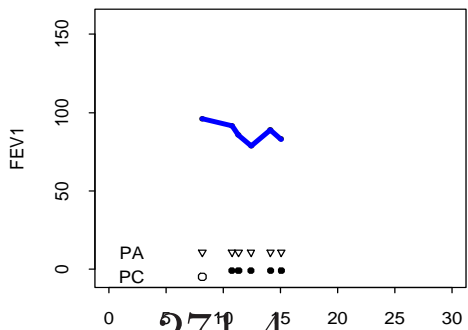
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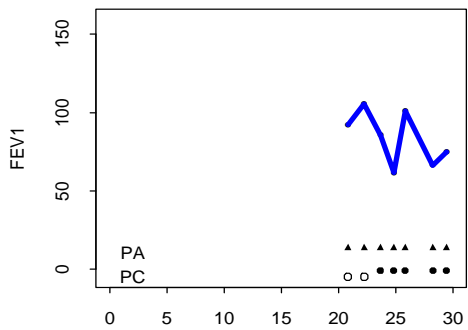
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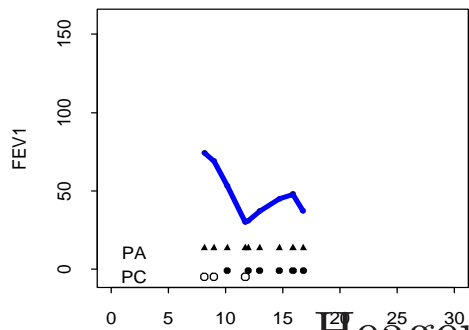
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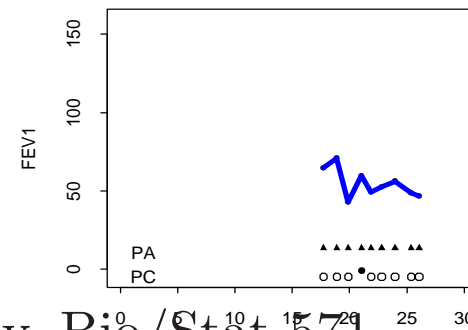
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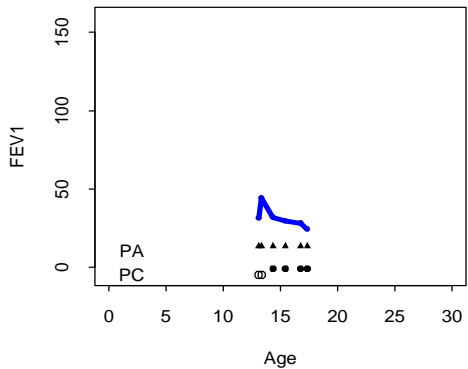


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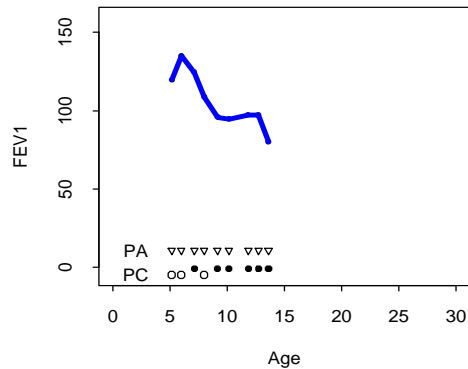




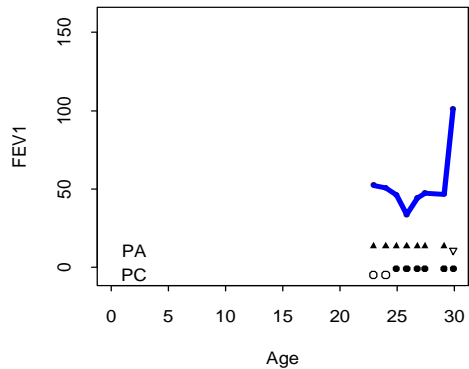
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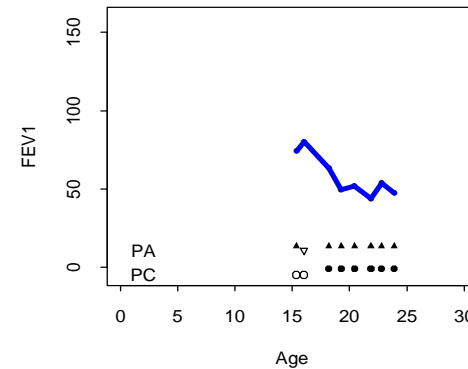
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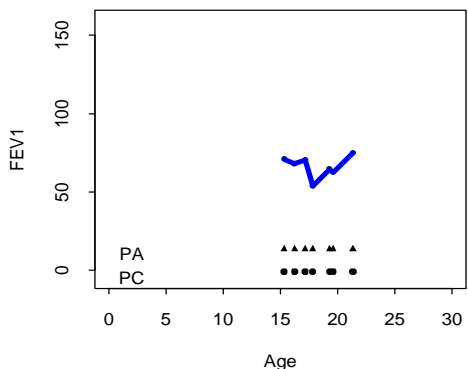
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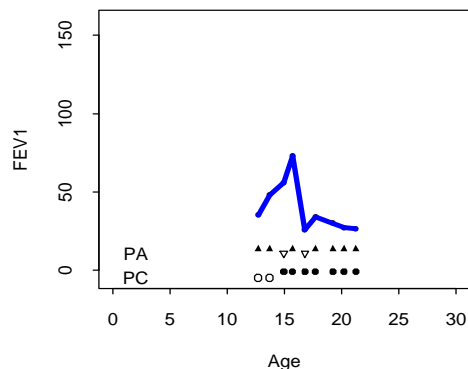
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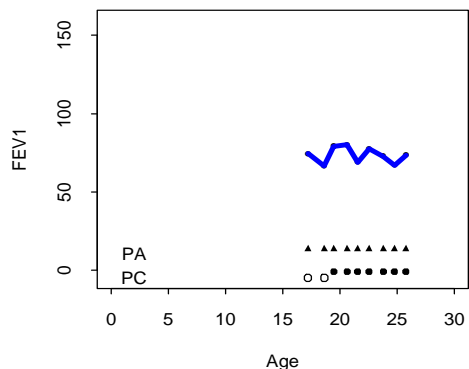
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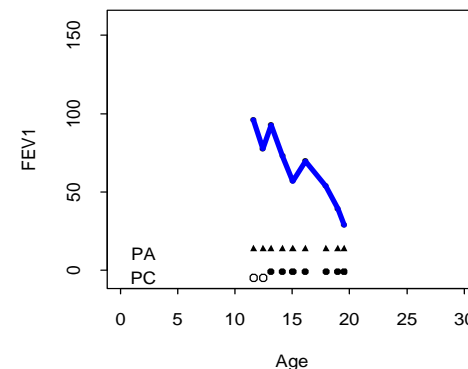
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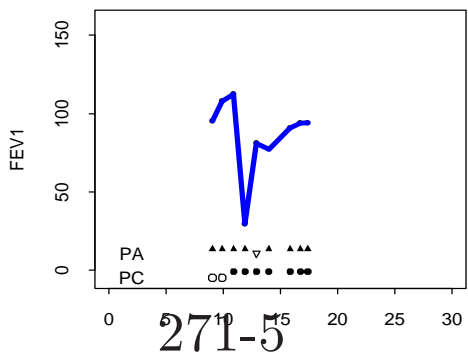
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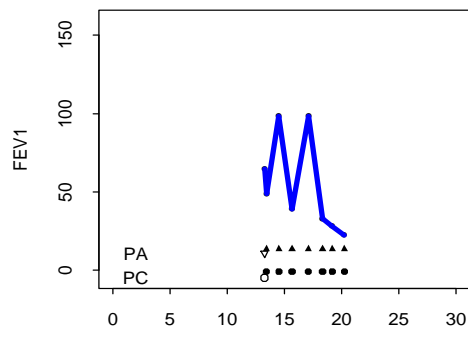
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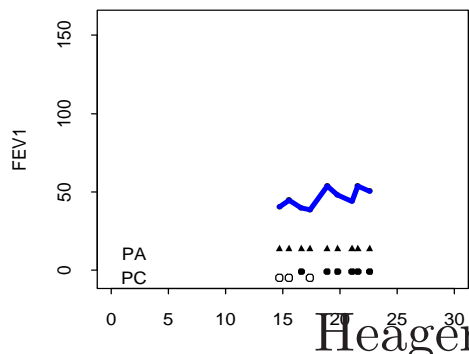
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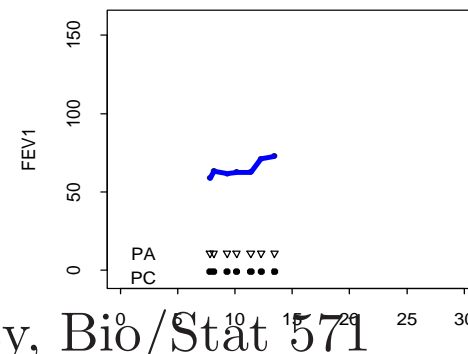
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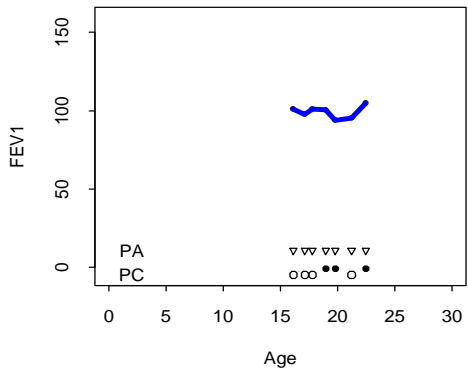
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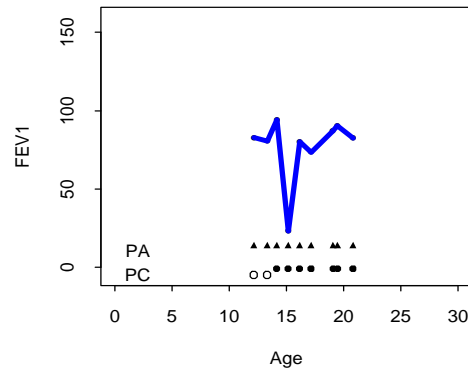
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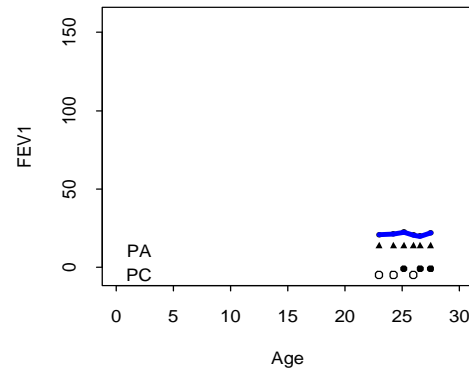
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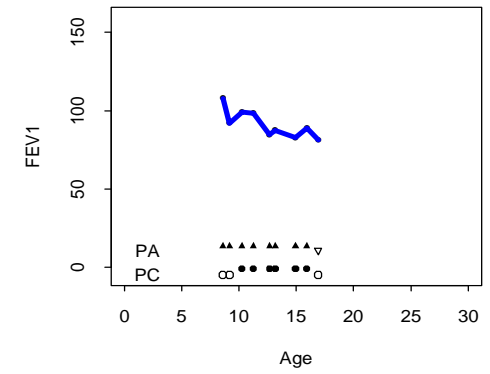
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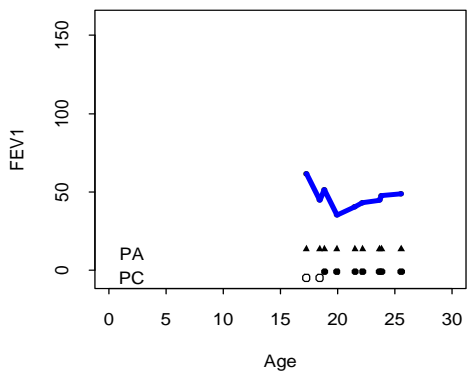
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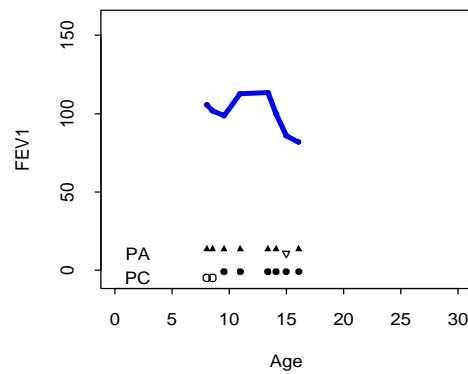
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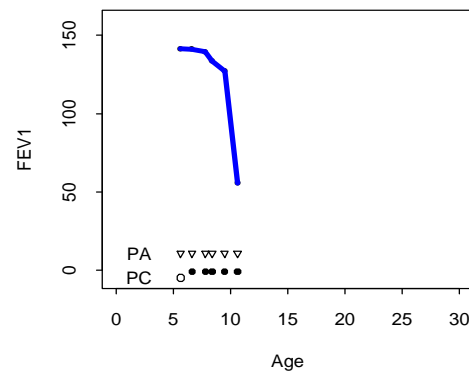
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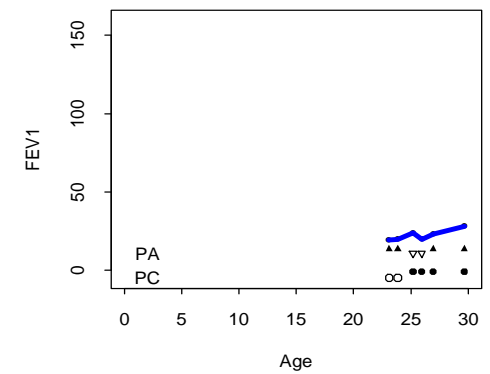
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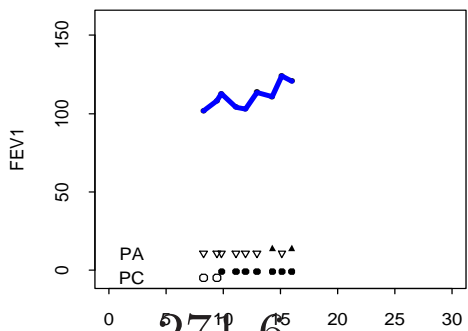
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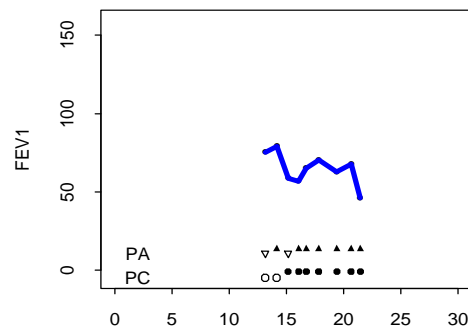
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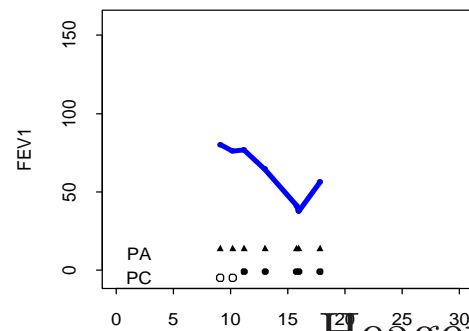
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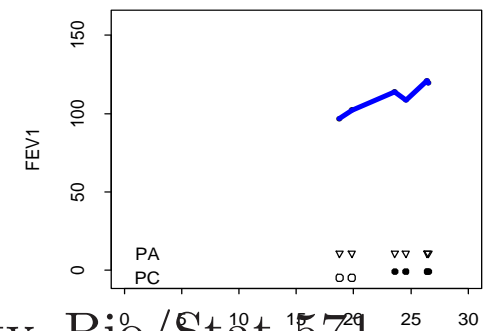
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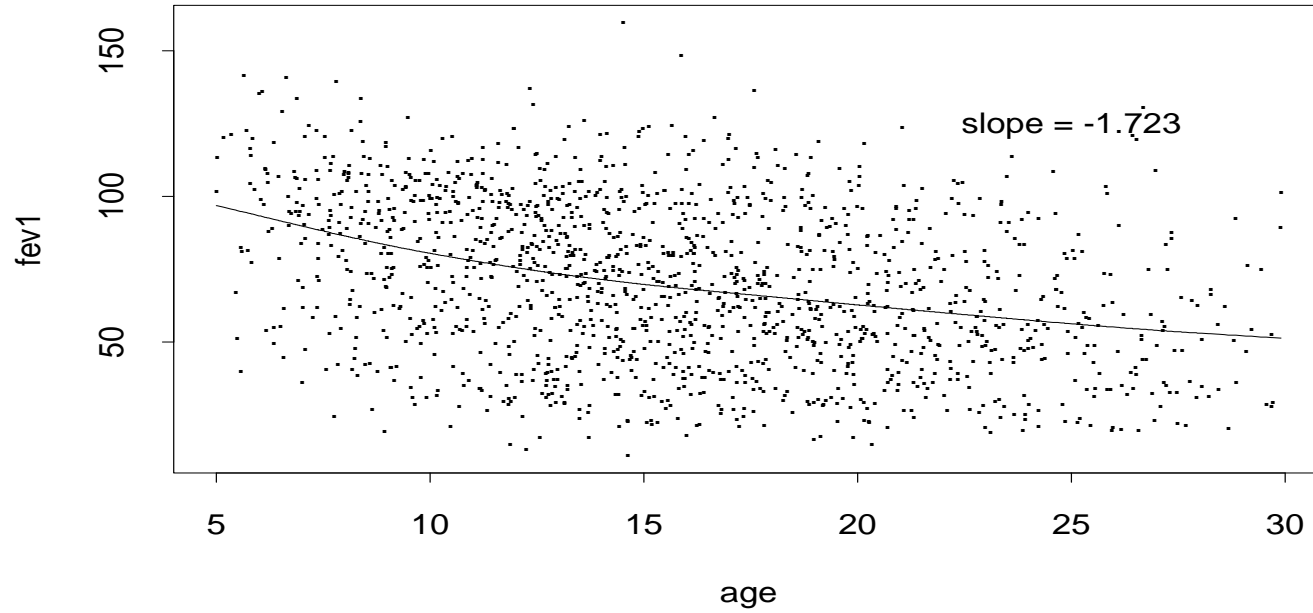
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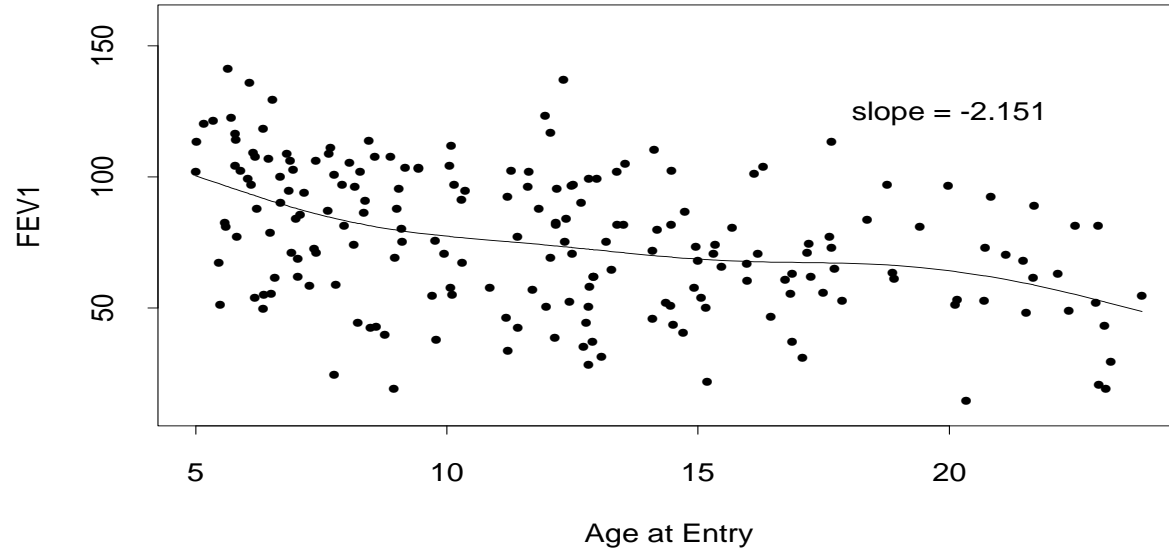
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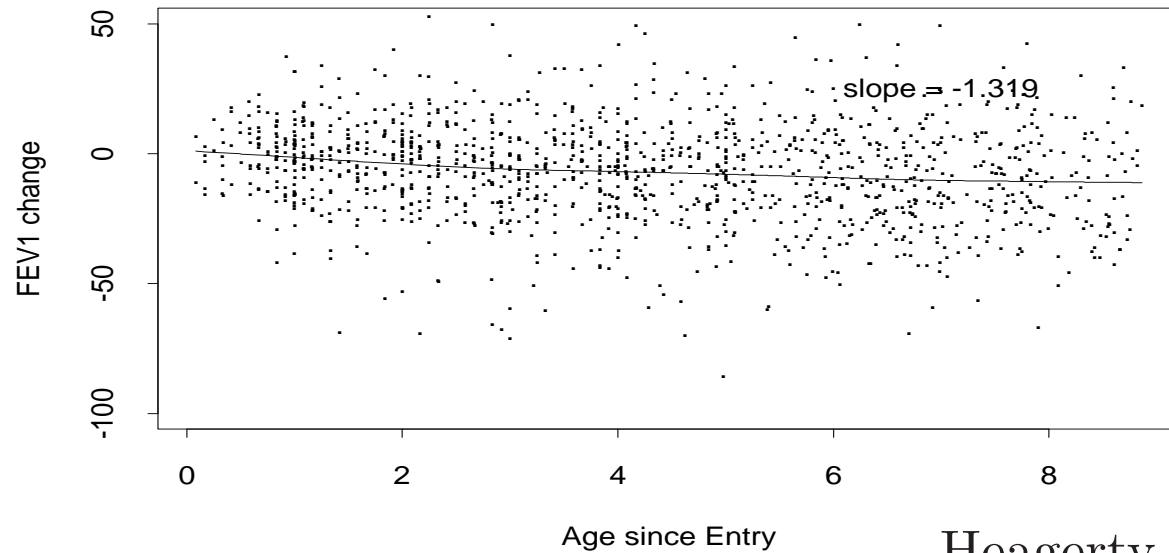
# FEV1 versus Age



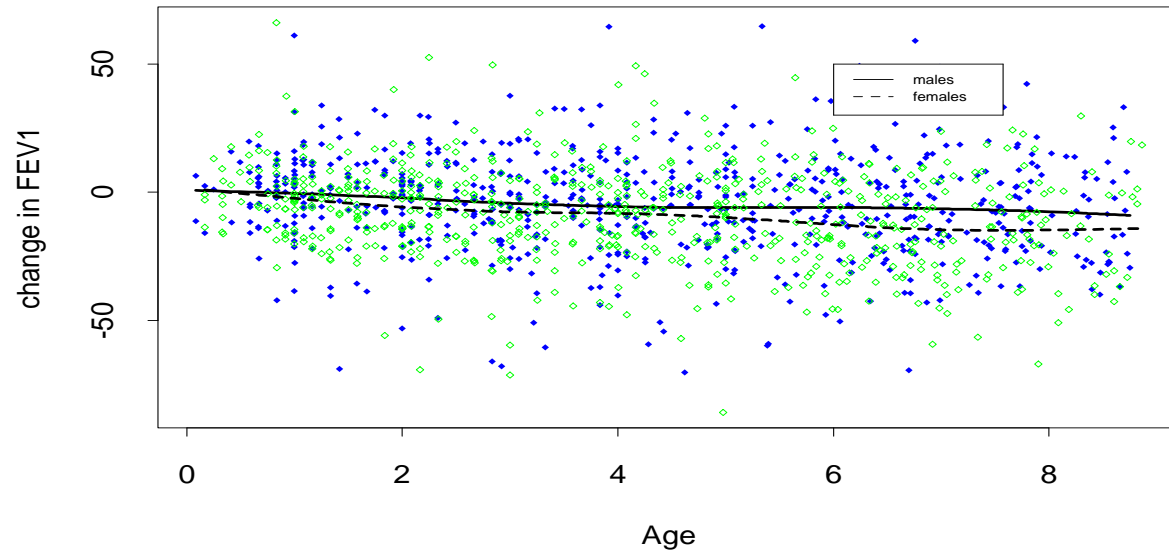
FEV1 versus Age-at-Entry



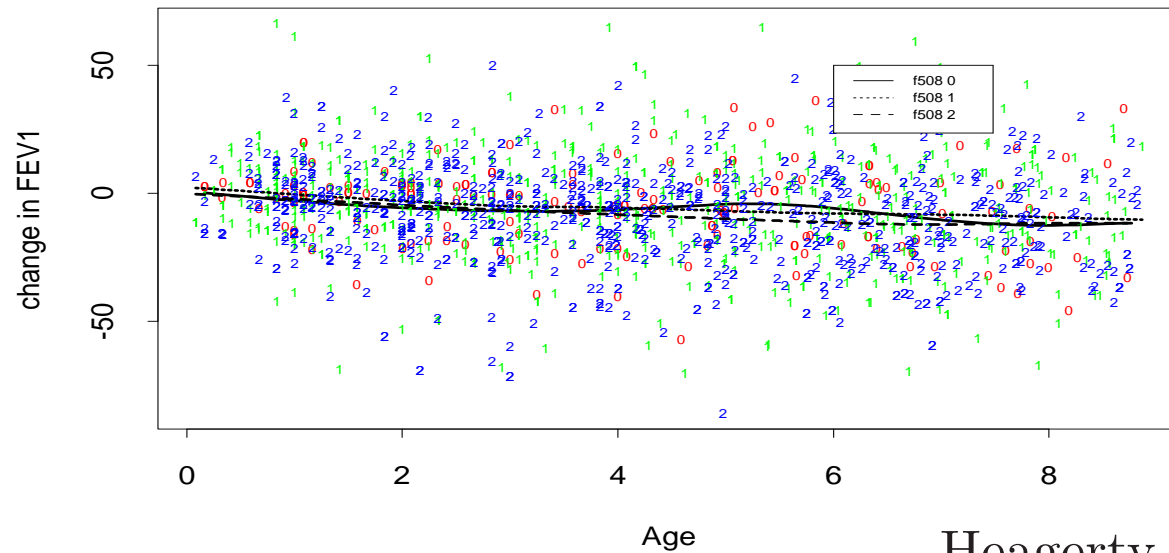
FEV1 Change versus Age-since-Entry



FEV1 by Male/Female



FEV1 by f508



## EDA Summary

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### Observations

- Systematic trends: time, gender, F508.
- Random variation: individual, observation.

### Questions

- Two time scales?
- Estimation / testing for rates of decline?
- Other?

## Linear Mixed Model

- **Regression model:**  
mean response as a function of covariates.  
“systematic variation”
- **Random effects:**  
variation from subject-to-subject in trajectory.  
“random between-subject variation”
- **Within-subject variation:**  
variation of individual observations over time  
“random within-subject variation”

## Scientific Questions as Regression

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★ Questions concerning the rate of decline refer to the time slope for FEV1:

$$E[\text{FEV1} \mid \mathbf{X} = \text{age, gender, f508}] = \beta_0(\mathbf{X}) + \beta_1(\mathbf{X}) \cdot \text{time}$$



## CF Regression Model

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Model:

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{FEV} \mid \mathbf{X}_i] &= \beta_0 \\ &+ \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_2 \cdot \text{ageL} \\ &+ \beta_3 \cdot \text{female} \\ &+ \beta_4 \cdot \text{f508} = 1 + \beta_5 \cdot \text{f508} = 2 \\ &+ \beta_6 \cdot \text{female} \cdot \text{ageL} \\ &+ \beta_7 \cdot \text{f508} = 1 \cdot \text{ageL} + \beta_8 \cdot \text{f508} = 2 \cdot \text{ageL} \\ &= \beta_0(\mathbf{X}_i) + \beta_1(\mathbf{X}_i) \cdot \text{ageL} \end{aligned}$$

## Intercept

	f508=0	f508=1	f508=2
male	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_4$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_5$
female	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_3 + \beta_4$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{age0} + \beta_3 + \beta_5$

## Slope

	f508=0	f508=1	f508=2
male	$\beta_2$	$\beta_2 + \beta_7$	$\beta_2 + \beta_8$
female	$\beta_2$ $+\beta_6$	$\beta_2 + \beta_7$ $+\beta_6$	$\beta_2 + \beta_8$ $+\beta_6$

Define

$Y_{ij}$  = FEV1 for subject  $i$  at time  $t_{ij}$

$\mathbf{X}_i$  =  $(\mathbf{X}_{ij}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{in_i})$

$\mathbf{X}_{ij}$  =  $(X_{ij,1}, X_{ij,2}, \dots, X_{ij,p})$   
age0, ageL, gender, genotype

**Issue:** Response variables measured on the same subject are correlated.

$$\text{cov}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik} \mid \mathbf{X}_i) \neq 0$$

## Mean and Covariance Models for FEV1

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Models:

$$E(Y_{ij} | \mathbf{X}_i) = \mu_{ij} \text{ (regression)}$$

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = \Sigma_i = \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T}_{\text{between-subjects}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_i}_{\text{within-subjects}}$$

**Q:** What are appropriate covariance models for the FEV1 data?

“Wide Data”

Data array for the residuals (first 10 rows of ‘‘rmat’’)

	age8	age10	age12	age14	age16	age18	age20	age22	age24
[1,]	34.64	21.90	25.66	26.75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
[2,]	NA	NA	16.48	21.68	17.94	38.07	NA	NA	NA
[3,]	NA	NA	NA	-34.29	-34.06	-32.15	-49.71	NA	NA
[4,]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-14.01	-6.1
[5,]	NA	NA	NA	41.59	-11.18	11.36	18.68	NA	NA
[6,]	20.55	22.71	22.78	21.55	14.61	NA	NA	NA	NA
[7,]	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.28	-8.39	3.38	19.04	NA
[8,]	NA	NA	NA	NA	-8.56	-11.92	-19.37	-24.16	NA
[9,]	39.82	39.16	36.79	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
[10,]	NA	NA	19.76	24.59	26.90	29.11	27.28	NA	NA
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	.								
	.								



Empirical Covariance Matrix:

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]	[,9]
[1,]	714.16	575.86	515.58	470.58	648.56	1346.10	NA	NA	NA
[2,]	0.00	633.62	523.40	444.44	467.09	383.60	NA	NA	NA
[3,]	0.00	0.00	681.02	504.08	520.35	514.70	492.00	973.33	NA
[4,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	579.61	523.86	493.50	404.72	395.84	315.28
[5,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	663.82	527.98	440.31	374.98	488.25
[6,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.54	501.07	406.39	462.75
[7,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	605.90	487.05	511.91
[8,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	512.90	437.70
[9,]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	618.17

Empirical Correlation Matrix:

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]	[,9]
[1,]	1	0.86	0.74	0.73	0.94	2.06	NA	NA	NA
[2,]	0	1.00	0.80	0.73	0.72	0.62	NA	NA	NA
[3,]	0	0.00	1.00	0.80	0.77	0.81	0.77	1.65	NA
[4,]	0	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.84	0.84	0.68	0.73	0.53
[5,]	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.84	0.69	0.64	0.76
[6,]	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.83	0.73	0.76
[7,]	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.87	0.84
[8,]	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.78
[9,]	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00



Number of observations (pairs):

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]	[,9]
[1,]	68	66	64	50	22	2	0	0	0
[2,]	0	87	83	69	39	16	0	0	0
[3,]	0	0	121	105	73	50	27	3	0
[4,]	0	0	0	127	93	70	45	19	4
[5,]	0	0	0	0	111	85	61	33	13
[6,]	0	0	0	0	0	102	77	47	25
[7,]	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	54	33
[8,]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	42
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## How to build models for correlation?

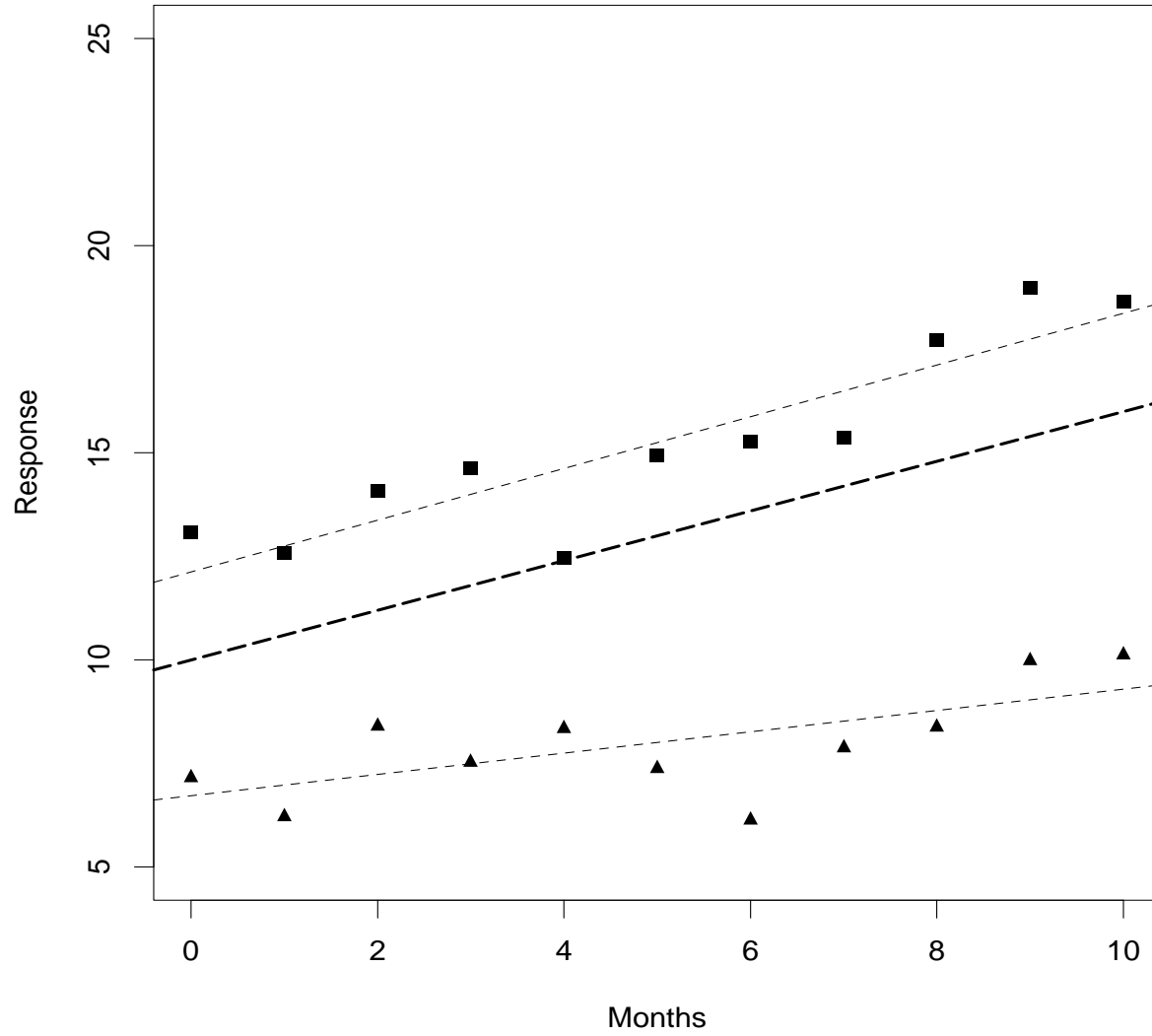
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- Mixed models
  - ▷ “random effects”
  - ▷ within-subject similarity due to sharing trajectory
- Serial correlation
  - ▷ close in time implies strong similarity
  - ▷ correlation decreases as time separation increases

## Linear Mixed Model

- Regression model:  
mean response as a function of covariates.  
“systematic variation”
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variation from subject-to-subject in trajectory.  
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variation of individual observations over time  
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# Two Subjects



## Levels of Analysis

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- We first consider the distribution of **measurements** within **subjects**:

$$Y_{ij} = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \cdot t_{ij} + e_{ij}$$

$$e_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\mathbf{Y}_i \mid \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i] &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \cdot t_{ij} \\ &= [1, \text{time}_{ij}] \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{0,i} \\ \beta_{1,i} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \end{aligned}$$

## Levels of Analysis

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- We can equivalently separate the subject-specific regression coefficients into the **average coefficient** and the **specific departure** for subject  $i$ :

- ▷  $\beta_{0,i} = \beta_0 + b_{0,i}$

- ▷  $\beta_{1,i} = \beta_1 + b_{1,i}$

- This allows another perspective:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{ij} &= \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i} \cdot t_{ij} + e_{ij} \\ &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot t_{ij}) + (b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} \cdot t_{ij}) + e_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$E[\mathbf{Y}_i \mid \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}_i] = \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{mean model}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{b}_i}_{\text{between-subject}}$$

## Levels of Analysis

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- Next we consider the distribution of **patterns (parameters)** among subjects:

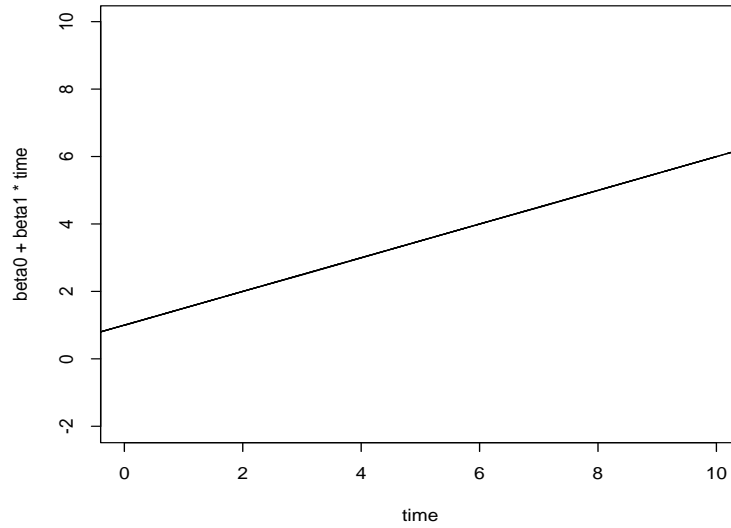
$$\beta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta, D)$$

equivalently

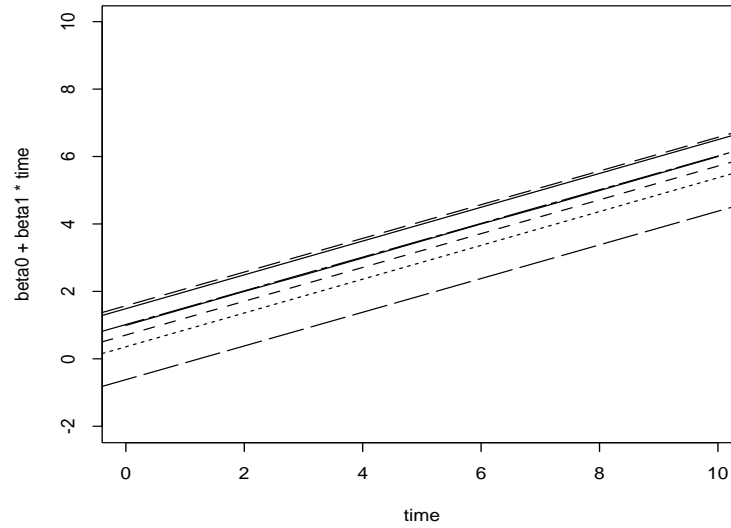
$$b_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, D)$$

$$*** \mathbf{Y}_i = \underbrace{X_i \beta}_{\text{mean model}} + \underbrace{X_i b_i}_{\text{between-subject}} + \underbrace{e_i}_{\text{within-subject}}$$

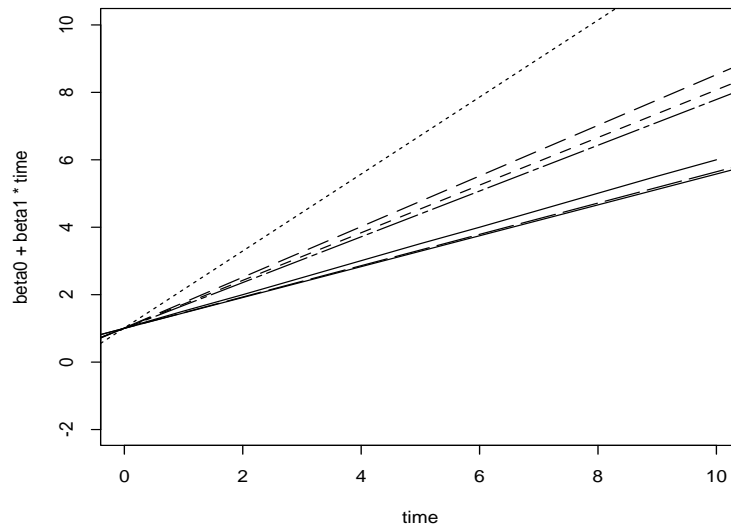
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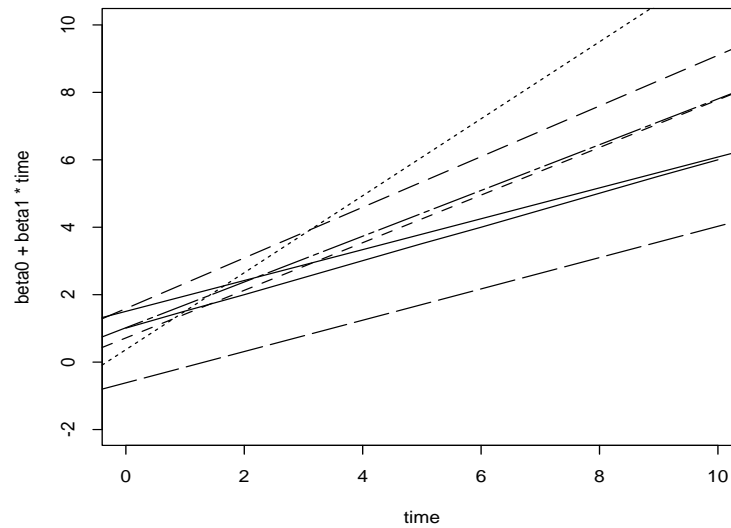
Random intercept, Fixed slope



Fixed intercept, Random slope



Random intercept, Random slope





## Between-subject Variation

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- We can use the idea of random effects to allow different types of between-subject heterogeneity:
- The magnitude of heterogeneity is characterized by  $D$ :

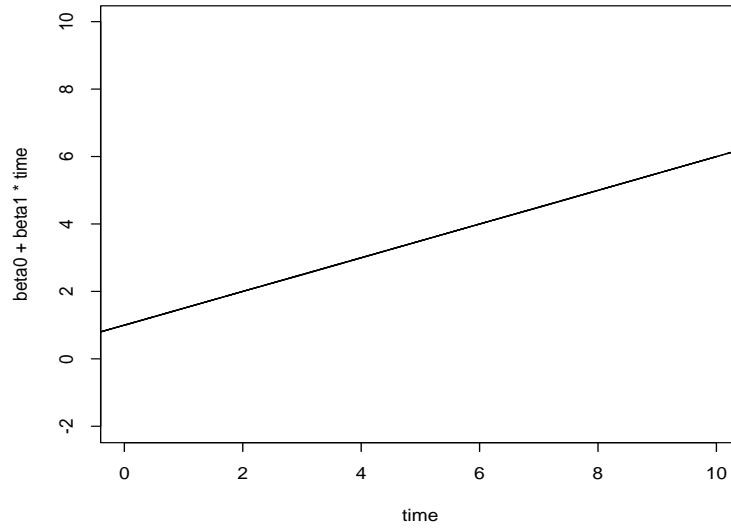
$$\mathbf{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} b_{0,i} \\ b_{1,i} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\text{var}(\mathbf{b}_i) = \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Between-subject Variation

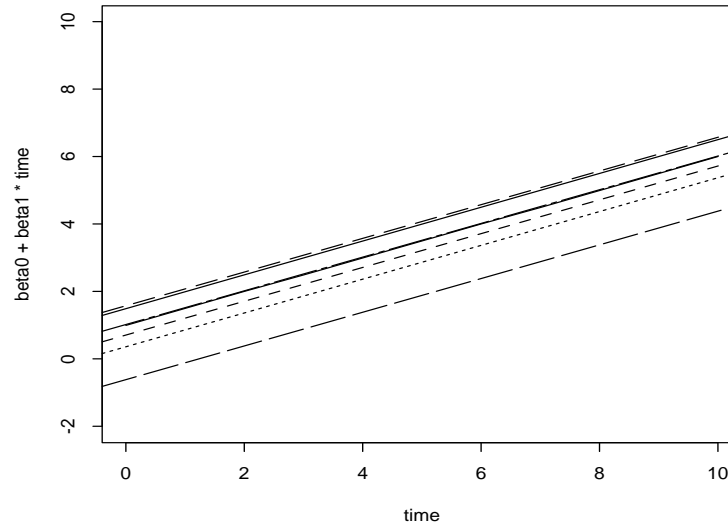
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- The components of  $D$  can be interpreted as:
  - ▷  $\sqrt{D_{11}}$  – the typical subject-to-subject deviation in the overall **level** of the response.
  - ▷  $\sqrt{D_{22}}$  – the typical subject-to-subject deviation in the **change** (time slope) of the response.
  - ▷  $D_{12}$  – the covariance between individual intercepts and slopes.
    - \* If positive then subjects with **high levels** also have **high rates** of change.
    - \* If negative then subjects with **high levels** have **low rates** of change.

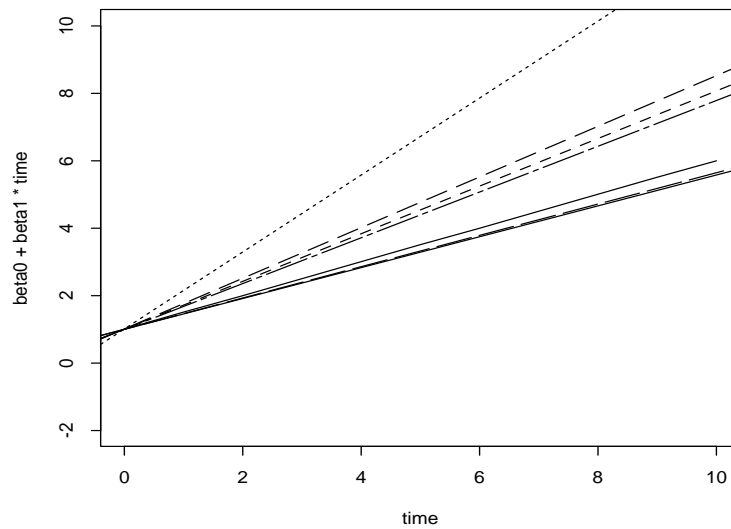
Fixed intercept, Fixed slope



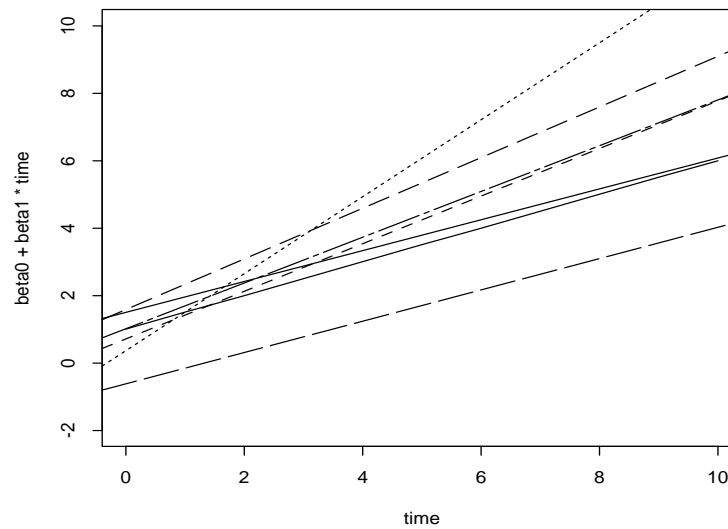
Random intercept, Fixed slope



Fixed intercept, Random slope



Random intercept, Random slope



## Between-subject Variation: Examples

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- No random effects:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{ij} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot t_{ij} + e_{ij} \\ &= [1, \text{time}_{ij}] \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- Random intercepts:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{ij} &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot t_{ij}) + b_{0,i} + e_{ij} \\ &= [1, \text{time}_{ij}] \boldsymbol{\beta} + [1] b_{0,i} + e_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- Random intercepts and slopes:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{ij} &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot t_{ij}) + b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} \cdot t_{ij} + e_{ij} \\ &= [1, \text{time}_{ij}] \boldsymbol{\beta} + [1, \text{time}_{ij}] \mathbf{b}_i + e_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

## Mixed Models and Covariances/Correlation

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- **Q:** What is the correlation between outcomes  $Y_{ij}$  and  $Y_{ik}$  under these random effects models?
- Random Intercept Model

$$Y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_{ij} + b_{0,i} + e_{ij}$$

$$Y_{ik} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_{ik} + b_{0,i} + e_{ik}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(Y_{ij}) &= \text{var}(b_{0,i}) + \text{var}(e_{ij}) \\ &= D_{11} + \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik}) &= \text{cov}(b_{0,i} + e_{ij}, b_{0,i} + e_{ik}) \\ &= D_{11}\end{aligned}$$

# Mixed Models and Covariances/Correlation

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- Random Intercept Model

$$\begin{aligned}\text{corr}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik}) &= \frac{D_{11}}{\sqrt{D_{11} + \sigma^2} \sqrt{D_{11} + \sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{D_{11}}{D_{11} + \sigma^2} = \frac{\text{between var}}{\text{between var} + \text{within var}}\end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, any two outcomes have the same correlation. Doesn't depend on the specific times, nor on the distance between the measurements.
- “**Exchangeable**” correlation model.
- Assuming:  $\text{var}(e_{ij}) = \sigma^2$ , and  $\text{cov}(e_{ij}, e_{ik}) = 0$ .

## Mixed Models and Covariances/Correlation

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- Random Intercept and Slope Model

$$Y_{ij} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 t_{ij}) + (b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} t_{ij}) + e_{ij}$$

$$Y_{ik} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 t_{ik}) + (b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} t_{ik}) + e_{ik}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(Y_{ij}) &= \text{var}(b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} t_{ij}) + \text{var}(e_{ij}) \\ &= D_{11} + 2 \cdot D_{12} t_{ij} + D_{22} t_{ij}^2 + \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik}) &= \text{cov}[(b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} t_{ij} + e_{ij}), (b_{0,i} + b_{1,i} t_{ik} + e_{ik})] \\ &= D_{11} + D_{12}(t_{ij} + t_{ik}) + D_{22} t_{ij} t_{ik}\end{aligned}$$

## Mixed Models and Covariances/Correlation

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- Random Intercept and Slope Model

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{ijk} &= \text{corr}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik}) \\ &= \frac{D_{11} + D_{12}(t_{ij} + t_{ik}) + D_{22}t_{ij}t_{ik}}{\sqrt{D_{11} + 2 \cdot D_{12}t_{ij} + D_{22}t_{ij}^2 + \sigma^2} \sqrt{D_{11} + 2 \cdot D_{12}t_{ik} + D_{22}t_{ik}^2 + \sigma^2}}\end{aligned}$$

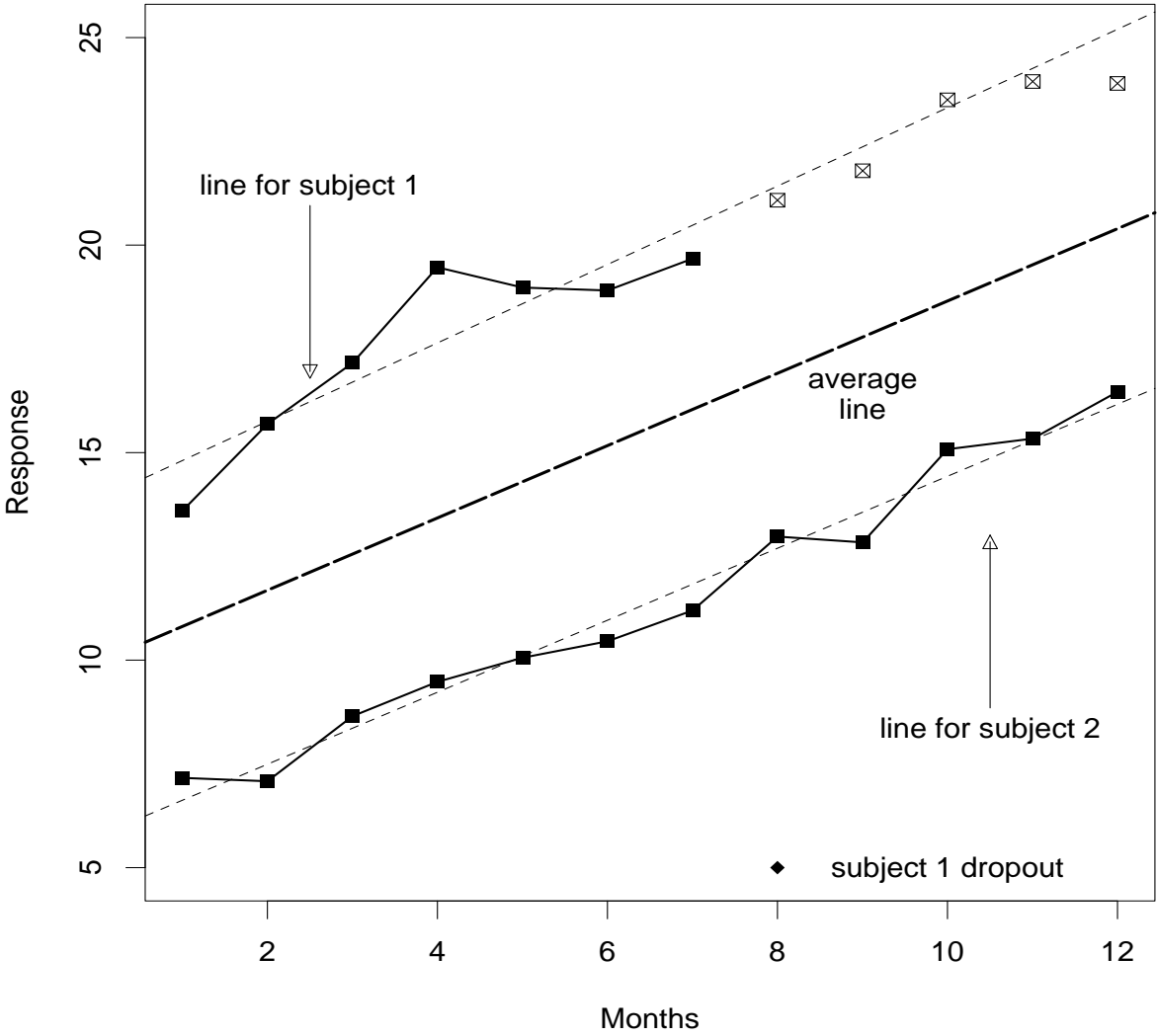
- Therefore, two outcomes may not have the same correlation. Correlation depends on the specific times for the observations, and does not have a simple form.
- Assuming:  $\text{var}(e_{ij}) = \sigma^2$ , and  $\text{cov}(e_{ij}, e_{ik}) = 0$ .



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# Two Subjects



## LMM and components of variation

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**Within-Subject:** Independence Model:

$$\mathbf{R}_i = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

or general diagonal matrix

Then, assuming normal errors we have that  $\mathbf{Y}_i = (Y_{i1}, Y_{i2}, \dots, Y_{i,n_i})$  are conditionally independent given  $\mathbf{b}_i$ .

- This model assumes that the within-subject errors do not have any serial correlation.

## More on Covariance Models

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### Within-Subject: Serial Models

- Linear mixed models assume that each subject follows his/her own line. In some situations the dependence is more **local** meaning that observations close in time are more similar than those far apart in time.
- One model that we introduced is called the **autoregressive** model where:

$$\text{cov}(e_{ij}, e_{ik}) = \sigma^2 \rho^{|j-k|}$$

## More on Covariance Models

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Autoregressive Correlation

Assume  $t_{ij} = j, n_i \equiv 4$ :

$$\text{corr}(e_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \rho^3 \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \rho^2 \\ \rho^2 & \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho^3 & \rho^2 & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## More on Covariance Models

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Autoregressive Correlation

Assume  $t_{ij} = j$ :

$$\text{corr}(e_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \dots & \rho^{(n-1)} \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \dots & \rho^{(n-2)} \\ \rho^2 & \rho & 1 & \dots & \rho^{(n-3)} \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho^{(n-1)} & \rho^{(n-2)} & \rho^{(n-3)} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## More on Covariance Models

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Autoregressive Correlation

Assume  $t_{ij}$  unique:

$$\text{corr}(e_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho^{|t_{i1}-t_{i2}|} & \rho^{|t_{i1}-t_{i3}|} & \dots & \rho^{|t_{i1}-t_{in}|} \\ \rho^{|t_{i2}-t_{i1}|} & 1 & \rho^{|t_{i2}-t_{i3}|} & \dots & \rho^{|t_{i2}-t_{in}|} \\ \rho^{|t_{i3}-t_{i1}|} & \rho^{|t_{i3}-t_{i2}|} & 1 & \dots & \rho^{|t_{i3}-t_{in}|} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \rho^{|t_{in}-t_{i1}|} & \rho^{|t_{in}-t_{i2}|} & \rho^{|t_{in}-t_{i3}|} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Linear Mixed Model

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Mixed Models Laird & Ware (1982)

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}_i\mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{e}_i$$

$\mathbf{Y}_i$  :  $(n_i \times 1)$  response vector

$\mathbf{X}_i$  :  $(n_i \times p)$  design matrix for fixed effects

$\boldsymbol{\beta}$  :  $(p \times 1)$  regression coefficient for fixed effects



## Covariance Models

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Mixed Models Laird & Ware (1982)

$\mathbf{Z}_i$  :  $(n_i \times q)$  design matrix for random effects

$\mathbf{b}_i$  :  $(q \times 1)$  vector of random effects

$\mathbf{e}_i$  :  $(n_i \times 1)$  vector of errors

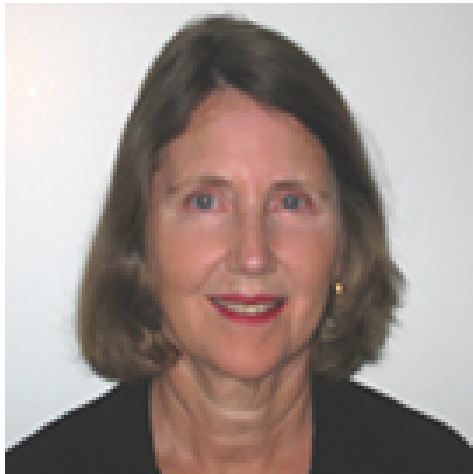
For the random components of the model we typically assume:

$$\mathbf{b}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D})$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_i)$$

## Laird & Ware

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## LMM and components of variation

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This yields a covariance structure:

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T}_{\text{between-cluster var}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_i}_{\text{within-cluster var}}$$

- We assume that observations on different subjects are independent.

## More on Covariance Models

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Mixed + Serial

- Diggle (1988) proposed the following model

$$Y_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_{ij}\boldsymbol{\beta} + b_{i,0} + W_i(t_{ij}) + \epsilon_{ij}$$

## Covariance Models

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### Mixed + Serial

The most general type of covariance model will combine some **random effects** with some additional aspects that characterize within-subject **serial correlation**.

One such model contains three sources of random variation:

**random intercept**  $b_{i,0}$

**serial process**  $W_i(t_{ij})$

**measurement error**  $\epsilon_{ij}$

We assume:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(b_{i,0}) &= \nu^2 \\ \text{cov}[W(s), W(t)] &= \sigma^2 \rho^{|s-t|} \\ \text{var}(\epsilon_{ij}) &= \tau^2\end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\text{Total Variance} = \nu^2 + \sigma^2 + \tau^2$$

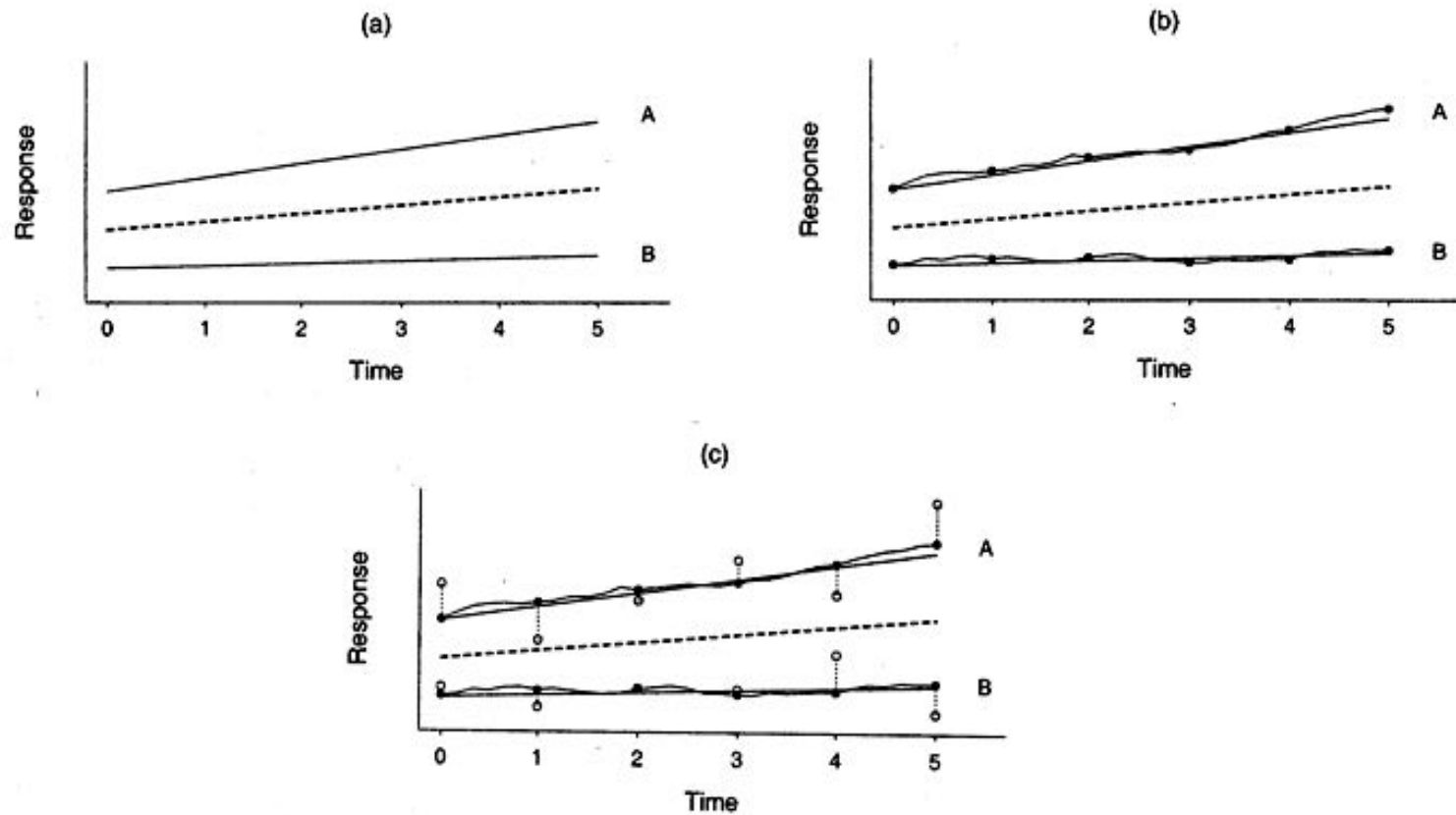
$$\text{Covariance}(Y_{ij}, Y_{ik}) = \nu^2 + \sigma^2 \rho^{|t_{ij}-t_{ik}|}$$

## Covariance Models

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Mixed + Serial **Q**: How to biologically interpret these three sources of variation?

- **random intercept**: This represents a “trait” of the subject.
  - ▷ FEV1 – child “size” not captured by age and height.
  - ▷ CD4 – subject’s “normal” steady-state level.
- **serial variation**: This represents a “state” for the subject.
  - ▷ FEV1 – child current health status (infected with PseudoA)
  - ▷ CD4 – subject’s current immune status (diet? treatment?)
- **measurement error**: This represents the instrumentation or process used to generate the final quantitative measurement.
  - ▷ FEV1 – result of only one “trial” with expiration.
  - ▷ CD4 – blood sample, lab processing.



**Fig. 2.4** Graphical representation of the cumulative impact of three sources of variability in longitudinal data: (a) between-individual heterogeneity, (b) within-individual biological variation (where • denotes repeated measure free of measurement error), and (c) measurement error (where ◦ denotes observed repeated measure with measurement error).



## LMM: Linear Mixed Models and FEV1 Decline

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- We can use linear mixed models to assess the evidence for differences in the rate of decline for subgroups defined by covariates.
- **S+** / **R** has a function `lme()`.
- **SAS** has the MIXED procedure.

## SAS Program:

```
options linesize=80 pagesize=60;

data cfkids;
  infile 'NewCFkids-SAS.data';
  input id fev1 age female pseudoA f508 panc age0 ageL;
run;

data cfkids; set cfkids;
  f508_1 = 0;
  if f508=1 then f508_1 = 1;
  f508_2 = 0;
  if f508=2 then f508_2 = 1;
run;

proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
          f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  repeated / type=cs subject=id;
run;
```

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proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
             f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept / type=un subject=id g;
run;

```

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proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
             f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept ageL / type=un subject=id g;
run;

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proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
             f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept / type=un subject=id g;
  repeated / type=sp(pow)(ageL) subject=id;
run;

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proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
             f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept / type=un subject=id g;
  repeated / type=sp(pow)(ageL) subject=id local;

```

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run;

proc mixed data=cfkids method=reml;
  class id;
  model fev1 = age0 ageL female f508_1 f508_2 female*ageL
            f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept ageL / type=un subject=id g;
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run;

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            f508_1*ageL f508_2*ageL / s;
  random intercept ageL / type=un subject=id g;
  repeated / type=sp(pow)(ageL) subject=id local;
run;

```

## Comments on Syntax and Model

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$$\text{Model: } Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \overbrace{b_{i,0}}^{(a)} + \overbrace{e_{ij}}^{(b)}$$

- SYNTAX: `random intercept / type=un subject=id g;`
- DESCRIPTION: The `random` statement is used to declare random effects. After the forward slash an ID variable must be specified using `subject = your-id-variable-name`. The option `type=un` is not necessary here (intercept only). The option `g` simply asks that the output display the random effects covariance matrix (we've called this **D**) be written out as a matrix.
- NOTE: The default is to include the errors (b) above as independent errors with a constant variance.

## Comments on Syntax and Model

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$$\text{Model: } Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \overbrace{b_{i,0} + b_{i,1} \text{ageL}}^{(a)} + \overbrace{e_{ij}}^{(b)}$$

- SYNTAX: random intercept ageL / type=un subject=id g;
- DESCRIPTION: The random statement is used to declare random effects. The option type=un asks that the variances and the covariance of random effects be an arbitrary (unstructured) matrix we've called this **D**. One could specify other options such as asking for independent random effects, but for linear mixed models this isn't usually of interest.
- NOTE: The default is to include the errors (b) above as independent errors with a constant variance.

## Comments on Syntax and Model

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$$\text{Model: } Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \overbrace{b_{i,0}}^{(a)} + \overbrace{W_i(t_{ij})}^{(b)}$$

- SYNTAX for (a): `random intercept / type=un subject=id g;`
- SYNTAX for (b): `repeated / type=sp(pow)(ageL) subject=id;`
- DESCRIPTION: The use of the `repeated` command allows one to relax the assumption that within-subject errors are independent. To include a component of serial correlation (autocorrelated errors) we can use commands like `type = ar(1)` which assume that observations  $j$  and  $k$  for a subject have within-subject errors with covariance  $\sigma^2 \rho^{|j-k|}$ . When observations are not equally spaced in time the command `type=sp(pow)(ageL)` allows a covariance  $\sigma^2 \rho^{d_{jk}}$ , where the distance is computed as  $|t_{ij} - t_{ik}|$ , and the argument `ageL` is specifying the time variable to compute distance.

## Comments on Syntax and Model

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$$\text{Model: } Y_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \overbrace{b_{i,0}}^{(a)} + \overbrace{W_i(t_{ij})}^{(b)} + \overbrace{e_{ij}}^{(c)}$$

- SYNTAX for (a): `random intercept / type=un subject=id g;`
- SYNTAX for (b) and (c):  
`repeated / type=sp(pow)(ageL) subject=id local;`
- DESCRIPTION: This is similar to the previous model, but now the option `local` asks for the inclusion of the measurement errors,  $e_{ij}$ , which are assumed to be independent. Thus the within-subject errors for this model have both a serial component, and a pure noise component.



# SAS Fit 1 Random Intercepts + Slopes

The MIXED Procedure

Class Level Information

Class	Levels	Values
ID	200	100073 100111 100185 100329 100352 100636 100736 100815 . . .

REML Estimation Iteration History

Iteration	Evaluations	Objective	Criterion
0	1	11288.083105	
1	2	9625.5053208	0.00009459
2	1	9625.0138752	0.00000165
3	1	9625.0058252	0.00000000

Convergence criteria met.

G Matrix

Effect	ID	Row	COL1	COL2
INTERCEPT	100073	1	512.41416519	-7.62541488
AGEL	100073	2	-7.62541488	4.51229421

Covariance Parameter Estimates (REML)

Cov Parm	Subject	Estimate
UN(1,1)	ID	512.41416519
UN(2,1)	ID	-7.62541488
UN(2,2)	ID	4.51229421
Residual		118.02545375

Model Fitting Information for FEV1

Description	Value
Observations	1513.000
Res Log Likelihood	-6194.59
Akaike's Information Criterion	-6198.59
Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	-6209.22
-2 Res Log Likelihood	12389.17
Null Model LRT Chi-Square	1663.077
Null Model LRT DF	3.0000
Null Model LRT P-Value	0.0000

Solution for Fixed Effects

Effect	Estimate	Std Error	DF	t	Pr >  t
INTERCEPT	104.51880927	6.64425792	195	15.73	0.0001
AGE0	-1.91050551	0.33103925	1113	-5.77	0.0001
AGEL	-0.60278138	0.59026446	196	-1.02	0.3084
FEMALE	-1.30051066	3.37009028	1113	-0.39	0.6996
F508_1	-4.23810256	5.56362771	1113	-0.76	0.4464
F508_2	-6.65228283	5.59443908	1113	-1.19	0.2347
AGEL*FEMALE	-0.76242845	0.38119258	1113	-2.00	0.0457
AGEL*F508_1	-0.50010405	0.63571767	1113	-0.79	0.4316
AGEL*F508_2	-0.74589389	0.63445750	1113	-1.18	0.2400

Tests of Fixed Effects

Source	NDF	DDF	Type III F	Pr > F
AGE0	1	1113	33.31	0.0001
AGEL	1	196	1.04	0.3084
FEMALE	1	1113	0.15	0.6996
F508_1	1	1113	0.58	0.4464
F508_2	1	1113	1.41	0.2347
AGEL*FEMALE	1	1113	4.00	0.0457
AGEL*F508_1	1	1113	0.62	0.4316
AGEL*F508_2	1	1113	1.38	0.2400

## Random Intercepts + AR errors

The MIXED Procedure

## REML Estimation Iteration History

Iteration	Evaluations	Objective	Criterion
0	1	11288.083105	
1	2	9842.5776314	152.37610437
2	2	9666.7258252	0.01014002
3	1	9612.7982174	0.00047006
4	2	9610.8212742	0.00002116
5	1	9610.7155276	0.00000009
6	1	9610.7151109	0.00000000

Convergence criteria met.

G Matrix

Effect	ID	Row	COL1
INTERCEPT	100073	1	483.46131336

Covariance Parameter Estimates (REML)

Cov Parm	Subject	Estimate
UN(1,1)	ID	483.46131336
SP(POW)	ID	0.33940770
Residual		172.66675040

Model Fitting Information for FEV1

Description	Value
Observations	1513.000
Res Log Likelihood	-6187.44
Akaike's Information Criterion	-6190.44
Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	-6198.41
-2 Res Log Likelihood	12374.88
Null Model LRT Chi-Square	1677.368
Null Model LRT DF	2.0000
Null Model LRT P-Value	0.0000

Solution for Fixed Effects

Effect	Estimate	Std Error	DF	t	Pr >  t
INTERCEPT	104.19222115	6.76123647	195	15.41	0.0001
AGE0	-1.85599115	0.33226611	1309	-5.59	0.0001
AGEL	-0.58899693	0.50099307	1309	-1.18	0.2399
FEMALE	-1.25755036	3.46074067	1309	-0.36	0.7164
F508_1	-4.70904830	5.71244977	1309	-0.82	0.4099
F508_2	-6.76205358	5.74144814	1309	-1.18	0.2391
AGEL*FEMALE	-0.85649279	0.32240863	1309	-2.66	0.0080
AGEL*F508_1	-0.42254215	0.54066747	1309	-0.78	0.4346
AGEL*F508_2	-0.70366210	0.53899040	1309	-1.31	0.1919

Tests of Fixed Effects

Source	NDF	DDF	Type III F	Pr > F
AGE0	1	1309	31.20	0.0001
AGEL	1	1309	1.38	0.2399
FEMALE	1	1309	0.13	0.7164
F508_1	1	1309	0.68	0.4099
F508_2	1	1309	1.39	0.2391
AGEL*FEMALE	1	1309	7.06	0.0080
AGEL*F508_1	1	1309	0.61	0.4346
AGEL*F508_2	1	1309	1.70	0.1919



## The MIXED Procedure

## REML Estimation Iteration History

Iteration	Evaluations	Objective	Criterion
0	1	11288.083105	
1	2	9777.1891608	83.13453204
2	2	9632.0064884	8.05381107
.			
19	1	9579.7150151	0.00000001

Convergence criteria met.

G Matrix

Effect	ID	Row	COL1
INTERCEPT	100073	1	390.13143397

Covariance Parameter Estimates (REML)

Cov Parm	Subject	Estimate
UN(1,1)	ID	390.13143397
Variance	ID	191.19638318
SP(POW)	ID	0.83528160
Residual		72.87412247

Model Fitting Information for FEV1

Description	Value
Observations	1513.000
Res Log Likelihood	-6171.94
Akaike's Information Criterion	-6175.94
Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	-6186.57
-2 Res Log Likelihood	12343.88
Null Model LRT Chi-Square	1708.368
Null Model LRT DF	3.0000
Null Model LRT P-Value	0.0000

Solution for Fixed Effects

Effect	Estimate	Std Error	DF	t	Pr >  t
INTERCEPT	104.77553777	6.82547939	195	15.35	0.0001
AGE0	-1.87512100	0.33131471	1309	-5.66	0.0001
AGEL	-0.71223608	0.58209781	1309	-1.22	0.2213
FEMALE	-1.20683124	3.52025659	1309	-0.34	0.7318
F508_1	-5.02332453	5.80876288	1309	-0.86	0.3873
F508_2	-7.10525357	5.83759113	1309	-1.22	0.2238
AGEL*FEMALE	-0.82492646	0.37579975	1309	-2.20	0.0283
AGEL*F508_1	-0.31356545	0.62802526	1309	-0.50	0.6177
AGEL*F508_2	-0.58034315	0.62637981	1309	-0.93	0.3544

Tests of Fixed Effects

Source	NDF	DDF	Type III F	Pr > F
AGE0	1	1309	32.03	0.0001
AGEL	1	1309	1.50	0.2213
FEMALE	1	1309	0.12	0.7318
F508_1	1	1309	0.75	0.3873
F508_2	1	1309	1.48	0.2238
AGEL*FEMALE	1	1309	4.82	0.0283
AGEL*F508_1	1	1309	0.25	0.6177
AGEL*F508_2	1	1309	0.86	0.3544

## Likelihood Summaries

Model	$q$	$\log L$	AIC	BIC
int + e	2	-6249.0	-6251.0	-6256.4
int+slope + e	4	-6194.6	-6198.6	-6209.2
int + AR	3	-6187.4	-6190.4	-6198.4
int + AR + e	4	-6171.9	-6175.9	-6186.6
int+slope + AR	5	-6174.2	-6179.2	-6192.5
int+slope + AR + e	6	-6170.0	-6176.0	-6192.0

$$\text{AIC} = \log L - q$$

$$\text{BIC} = \log L - q \cdot \log(\sum n_i)/2$$

## Likelihood Estimation for Linear Mixed Models

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Parameters:

$\beta$  : regression parameter, fixed effects coefficient

$\alpha$  : variance components

$\alpha \Rightarrow \mathbf{D}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{R}(\alpha)$

where  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i$

Normality:

$$E(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

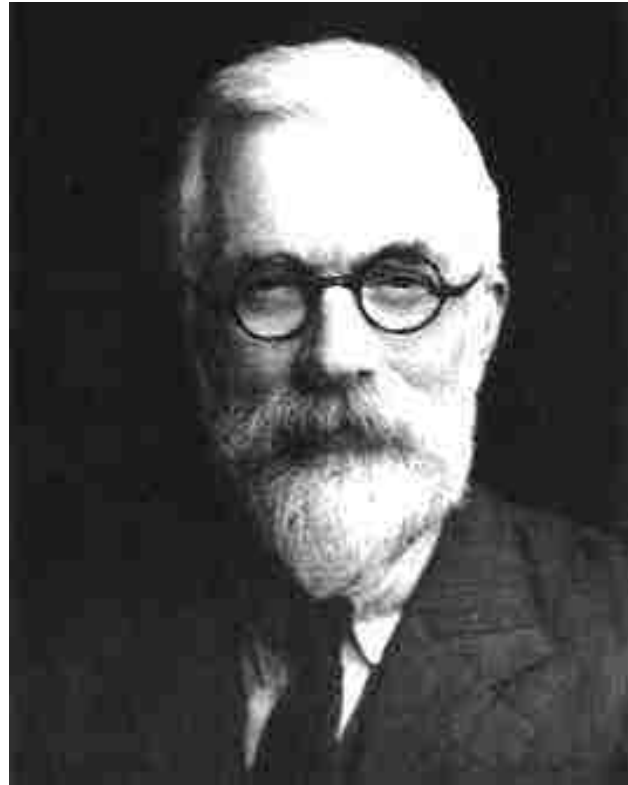
$$f(\mathbf{Y}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{-n_i/2} \times \\ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right]$$

Maximum Likelihood:

Find the values for the regression coefficients,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , and the variance components that maximizes the likelihood – e.g. put the highest available probability on the observed data.

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## ML versus REML

- There is a variant of ML estimation known as **REML**.
  - ▷ “Residual” ML
  - ▷ “Restricted” ML
- REML is used to provide slightly less biased estimates of variance components.
- However, be careful using REML when you change the covariates in your model since one can not use changes in REML log likelihoods to test for fixed effects.
- Useful for a single fitted model, or to compare covariance models with a fixed regression model.

## Inference in the Linear Mixed Model

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### Likelihood Ratio Tests – Variance Components

We may want to test whether we have random intercepts and slopes, or just random intercepts.

$$H_0 : \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q:** What is the distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic

$$\text{LRstat} = 2 \cdot \log \frac{\mathcal{L}_{ML}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML, \text{model 1}})}{\mathcal{L}_{ML}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML, \text{model 0}})}$$

## LR Testing for Variance Components

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□  $D_{22} = 0$  is on the boundary of the parameter space!!!

⇒ This violates the standard assumption that we use to justify the  $\chi^2(p_1 - p_0)$  distribution of the LR statistic.

★ We appeal to results in Stram and Lee (1994) that build upon results in Self & Liang (1987) showing that LR stat is a mixture of  $\chi^2$ .

**Note:** For a fixed mean structure we can use the LR based on either ML or REML. (Why?)

**See:** Verbeke and Molenberghs (1997) pages 108-111.

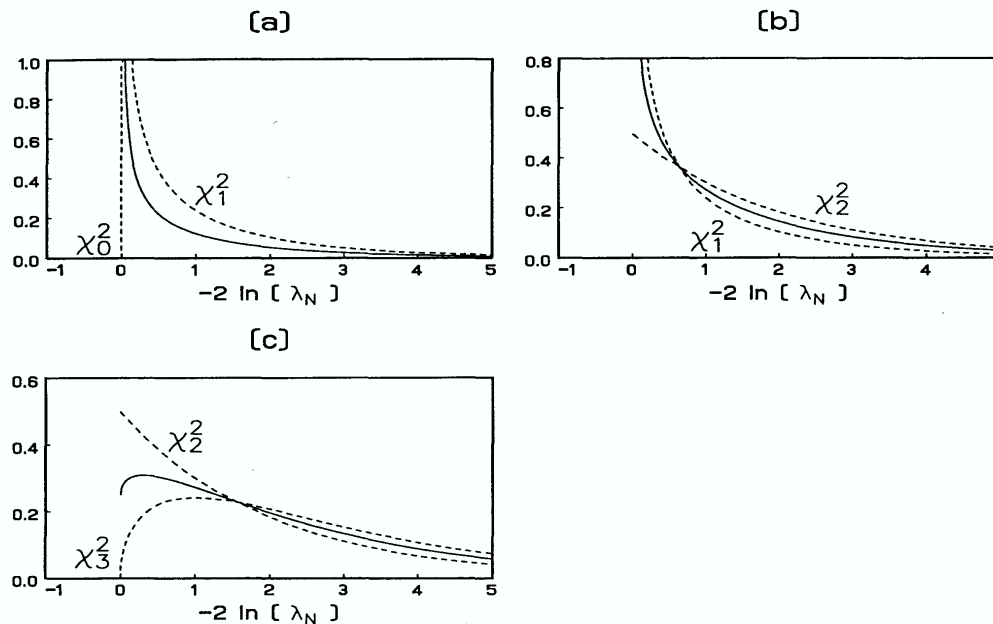


FIGURE 3.4. Graphical representation of the asymptotic null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic for testing the significance of random effects in a linear mixed model, for three different types of hypotheses. For each case, the distribution (solid line) is a mixture of two chi-squared distributions (dashed lines), with both weights equal to 0.5:

- (a) Case 1: no random effects versus one random effect.
- (b) Case 2: one random effect versus two random effects.
- (c) Case 3: two random effects versus three random effects.

#### CASE 1: NO RANDOM EFFECTS VERSUS ONE RANDOM EFFECT

For testing  $H_0 : D = 0$  versus  $H_1 : D = d_{11}$ , where  $d_{11}$  is a non-negative scalar, we have that the asymptotic null distribution of  $-2 \ln \lambda_N$  is a mixture of  $\chi_1^2$  and  $\chi_0^2$  with equal weights 0.5. The  $\chi_0^2$  distribution is the distribution which gives probability mass one to the value 0. The mixture is shown in panel (a) of Figure 3.4. Note that if the classical null distribution would be used, all  $p$ -values would be overestimated. Therefore, the null hypothesis would be accepted too often, resulting in incorrectly simplifying the covariance structure of the model, which may seriously invalidate inferences, as shown by Altham (1984).

## CASE 2: ONE VERSUS TWO RANDOM EFFECTS

In the case one wishes to test

$$H_0 : D = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

for some strictly positive  $d_{11}$ , versus  $H_1$  that  $D$  is a  $(2 \times 2)$  positive semi-definite matrix, we have that the asymptotic null distribution of  $-2 \ln \lambda_N$  is a mixture with equal weights 0.5 for  $\chi_2^2$  and  $\chi_1^2$ , shown in Figure 3.4(b). Similar to case 1, we have that ignoring the boundary problems may result in too parsimonious covariance structures.

CASE 3:  $q$  VERSUS  $q + 1$  RANDOM EFFECTS

For testing the hypothesis

$$H_0 : D = \begin{pmatrix} D_{11} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}' & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.26)$$

in which  $D_{11}$  is a  $(q \times q)$  positive definite matrix, versus  $H_1$  that  $D$  is a general  $((q + 1) \times (q + 1))$  positive semi-definite matrix, the large-sample behavior of the null distribution of  $-2 \ln \lambda_N$  is a mixture of  $\chi_{q+1}^2$  and  $\chi_q^2$ , again with equal weights 0.5. A graphical representation for the case of testing two random effects ( $q = 2$ ) versus three random effects is given in the third panel of Figure 3.4. Again, we have that the correction due to the boundary problems reduces the  $p$ -values in order to protect against the use of oversimplified covariance structures.

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## Inference using ML/REML

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- Inference on Regression Coefficients

- ▷  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$

- ▷  $H_0 : \beta_2 = 0$

- **Likelihood Ratio Tests**

- ▷ Testing  $\beta_2 = 0$  can be done using standard likelihood ratio tests if using ML.

- ▷ Testing  $\beta_2 = 0$  can **NOT** be done using likelihood ratio tests if using **REML**.

## Inference using ML/REML

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- **Multivariate Wald Tests**
  - ▷ Testing  $\beta_2 = 0$  can be done using standard multivariate Wald test.
  - ▷ Testing can be based on **empirical standard errors** since ML/REML use WLS. (see SAS MIXED and empirical option!)

## S+ LMM Program:

```
#
# cfkids-CDA-NewLMM.q
#
# -----
#
# PURPOSE:  Use linear mixed models to characterize longitudinal
#           change by gender and genotype.
#
# AUTHOR:   P. Heagerty
#
# DATE:    00/07/10  Revised 14Feb2002
#
# -----
#
#
#####
##### Read data
#####
#
source("cfkids-read.q")
#
#
#####
##### Trellis plots of individuals and groups
#####
```



```

#
# Create Grouped Data Set
#
ntotal <- cumsum( unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$id, cfkids$id) , length ) ) )
cf.subset <- groupedData(
  fev1 ~ age | id, outer = ~ factor(f508)*female,
  data = cfkids[ 1:ntotal[(8*4*1)], ] )
#
cfkids <- groupedData(
  fev1 ~ age | id, outer = ~ factor(f508)*female,
  data = cfkids )
#
# trellis plot, by id, first 1 pages, 8x4
#
postscript( file="cfkids-trellis.1.ps", horiz=F )
plot( cf.subset, layout = c(4,8) )
graphics.off()
postscript( file="cfkids-trellis.2.ps", horiz=T )
par( pch="." )
plot( cfkids, outer = ~ factor(f508)*factor(female), layout=c(3,2),
      aspect=1 )
graphics.off()
#
#####
##### Linear Mixed Models
#####
#
options( contrasts=c("contr.treatment","contr.helmert") )

```

```

#

### Intercept only

fit0 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit0 )

### Intercept plus Slope

fit1 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 + ageL | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit1 )

### EDA for serial correlation

postscript( file="cfkids-Variogram.ps", horiz=T )
plot( Variogram( fit0, form = ~ age | id , resType="response" ) )
graphics.off()

### Intercept plus AR(1)

fit2a <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,

```

```

        method = "ML",
        random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
        correlation = corAR1( form = ~ 1 | id ),
        data = cfkids )
summary( fit2a )

### another way

fit2b <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            correlation = corExp( form = ~ ageL | id, nugget=F),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit2b )

### another way

fit2c <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            correlation = corCAR1( form = ~ ageL | id ),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit2c )

fit2 <- fit2b

### Intercept plus AR(1) plus measurement error

```

```

fit3 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            correlation = corExp( form = ~ ageL | id, nugget=T),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit3 )

#
##### compare these models
#
anova( fit0, fit1, fit2, fit3 )

#
#####
##### Residual Analysis -- using fit3
#####
#
pop.res <- resid( fit3, level=0 )
cluster.res <- resid( fit3, level=1 )
print( var( pop.res ) )
print( var( cluster.res ) )
#
postscript( file="cfkids-NewResiduals.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( cfkids$age0, pop.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$age0, pop.res, df=5 ) )
title("Residuals (pop) vs Age0")
abline( h=0, lty=2 )

```

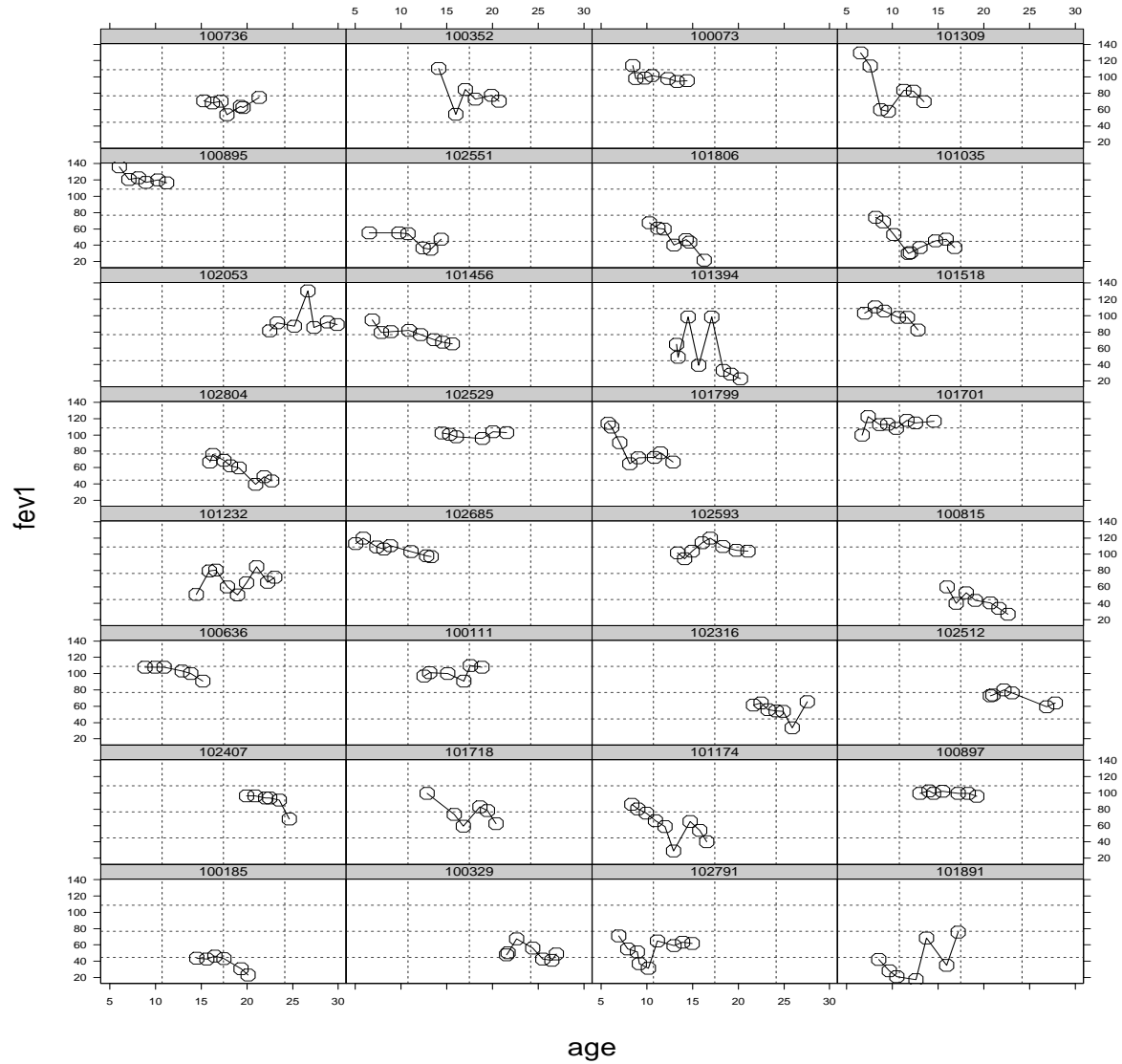
```

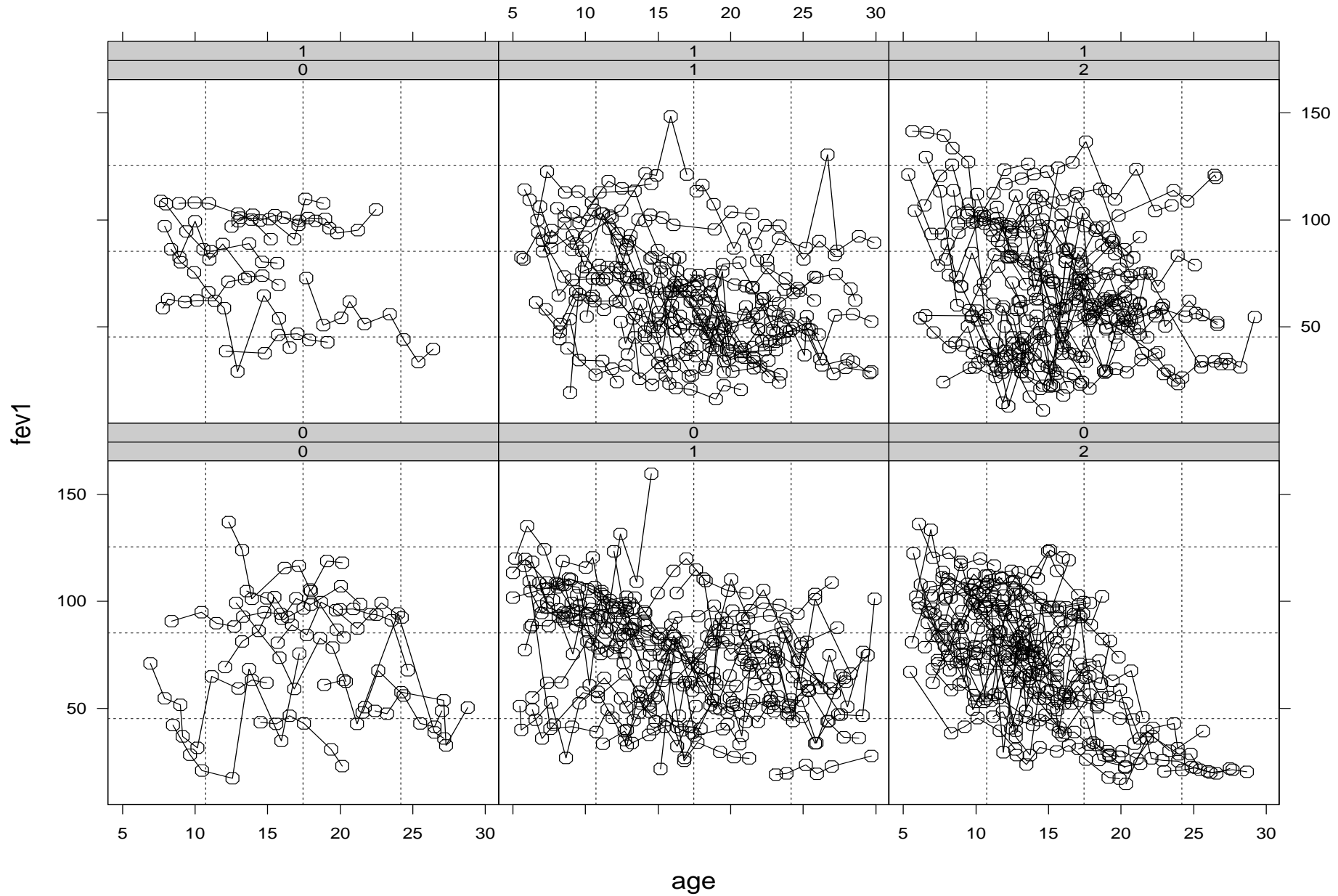
plot( cfkids$ageL, pop.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$ageL, pop.res, df=5 ) )
title("Residuals (pop) vs AgeL")
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
graphics.off()
#
postscript( file="cfkids-NewResiduals2.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( cfkids$age0, cluster.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$age0, cluster.res, df=5 ) )
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
title("Residuals (cluster) vs Age0")
b0 <- unlist( fit2$coefficients$random )
age0 <- unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$age0, cfkids$id ), min ) )
plot( age0, b0 )
lines( smooth.spline( age0, b0, df=5 ) )
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
title("EB b0 versus Age0")
graphics.off()

#
##### Do we need a quadratic age0???
#
fit4 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + age0^2 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            correlation = corExp( form = ~ ageL | id, nugget=T),
            data = cfkids )

```

```
summary( fit4 )  
#  
anova( fit3, fit4 )  
#  
# end-of-file...
```







## Fit 0 Random Intercepts

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12532.01	12590.55	-6255.005

Random effects:

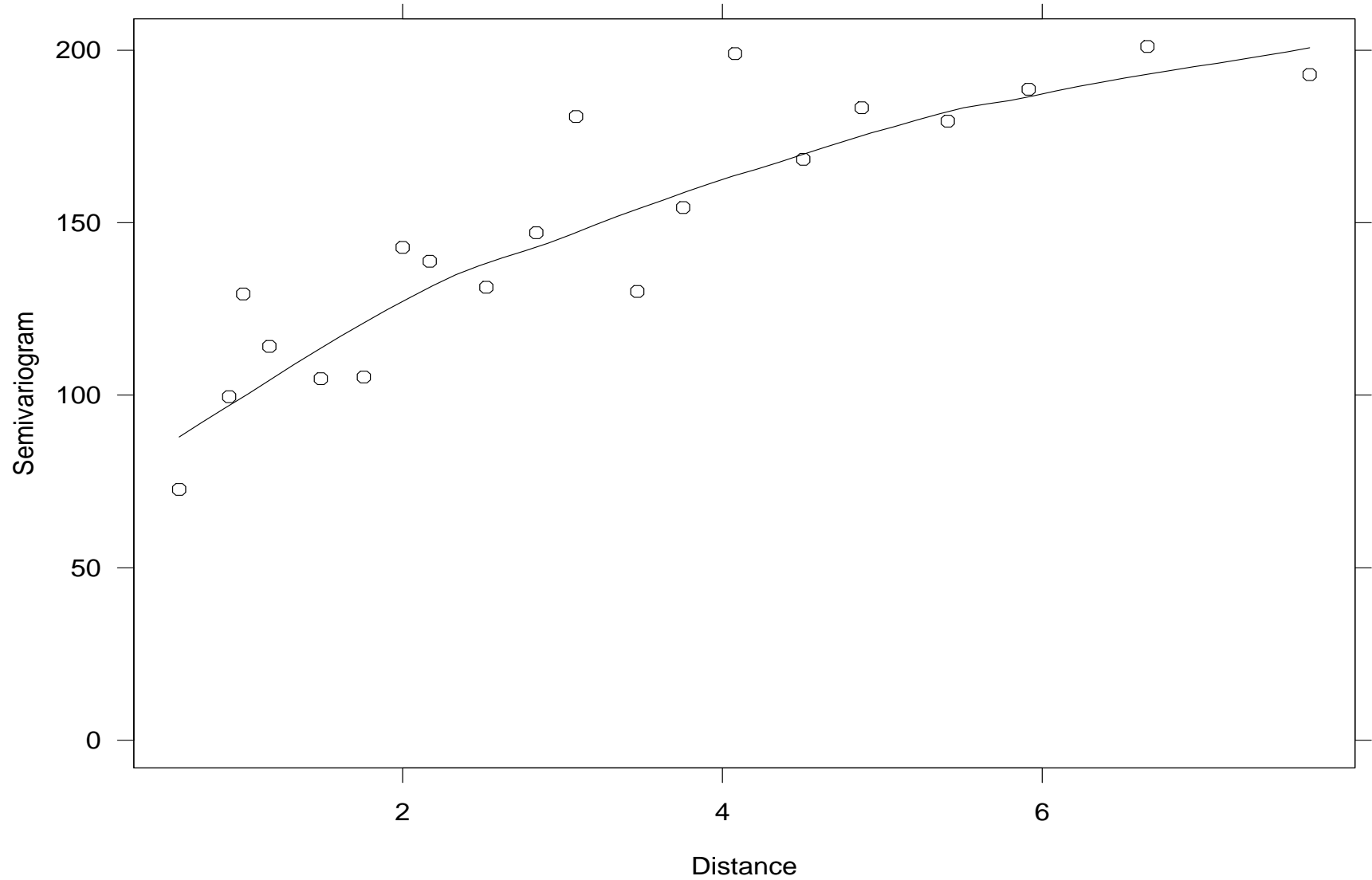
Formula: ~ 1 | id  
(Intercept) Residual  
StdDev: 22.30435 12.17881

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	103.8074	6.644683	1309	15.62262	<.0001
age0	-1.8553	0.331087	195	-5.60372	<.0001
ageL	-0.5881	0.393625	1309	-1.49417	0.1354
female	-1.1620	3.367634	195	-0.34505	0.7304
factor(f508)1	-4.2821	5.561343	195	-0.76998	0.4422
factor(f508)2	-6.7427	5.592591	195	-1.20564	0.2294
female:ageL	-0.8257	0.249786	1309	-3.30577	0.0010
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.4873	0.423076	1309	-1.15191	0.2496
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.6568	0.421964	1309	-1.55655	0.1198

Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200



# Fit 1 Random Intercepts and Slopes

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12430.34	12499.52	-6202.168

Random effects:

Formula: ~ 1 + ageL | id

Structure: General positive-definite

	StdDev	Corr
(Intercept)	22.330642	(Inter
ageL	2.087337	-0.156
Residual	10.865196	

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.5162	6.581633	1309	15.87997	<.0001
age0	-1.9104	0.327870	195	-5.82672	<.0001
ageL	-0.6019	0.585611	1309	-1.02777	0.3042
female	-1.2969	3.338418	195	-0.38847	0.6981
factor(f508)1	-4.2382	5.511575	195	-0.76896	0.4428
factor(f508)2	-6.6550	5.542114	195	-1.20081	0.2313
female:ageL	-0.7636	0.378110	1309	-2.01965	0.0436
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.5003	0.630694	1309	-0.79323	0.4278
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.7451	0.629441	1309	-1.18370	0.2367

Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200

## Fit 2a Random Intercepts + AR(1) errors

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12425.01	12488.87	-6200.503

Random effects:

Formula: ~ 1 | id  
 (Intercept) Residual  
 StdDev: 21.57121 13.25308

Correlation Structure: AR(1)

Formula: ~ 1 | id  
 Parameter estimate(s):  
 Phi  
 0.3760331

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.2928	6.704807	1309	15.55493	<.0001
age0	-1.8599	0.328983	195	-5.65355	<.0001
ageL	-0.6754	0.507081	1309	-1.33188	0.1831
female	-1.2954	3.428658	195	-0.37781	0.7060
factor(f508)1	-4.6714	5.664678	195	-0.82465	0.4106
factor(f508)2	-6.8660	5.695078	195	-1.20560	0.2294
female:ageL	-0.8151	0.325773	1309	-2.50206	0.0125
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.3865	0.546674	1309	-0.70696	0.4797
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.6224	0.545237	1309	-1.14152	0.2539

Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200

# Fit 2b Random Intercepts + corExp errors

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids  
 AIC BIC logLik  
 12412.76 12476.62 -6194.378

Random effects: Correlation Structure: Exponential spatial corr  
 Formula: ~ 1 | id Formula: ~ ageL | id  
 (Intercept) Residual Parameter estimate(s):  
 StdDev: 21.70338 13.08926 range  
 0.9136573

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.1874	6.700086	1309	15.55015	<.0001
age0	-1.8560	0.329094	195	-5.63975	<.0001
ageL	-0.5882	0.499669	1309	-1.17720	0.2393
female	-1.2584	3.430314	195	-0.36684	0.7141
factor(f508)1	-4.7019	5.662454	195	-0.83036	0.4073
factor(f508)2	-6.7593	5.691155	195	-1.18769	0.2364
female:ageL	-0.8559	0.321526	1309	-2.66206	0.0079
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.4242	0.539225	1309	-0.78677	0.4316
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.7042	0.537553	1309	-1.30999	0.1904

Number of Observations: 1513 Number of Groups: 200

## Fit 2c

 Random Intercepts + CAR(1) errors

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12412.76	12476.62	-6194.378

Random effects:

Formula: ~ 1 | id  
 (Intercept) Residual  
 StdDev: 21.69983 13.09153

Correlation Structure: Continuous AR(1)

Formula: ~ ageL | id  
 Parameter estimate(s):  
 Phi  
 0.3350188

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.1877	6.699496	1309	15.55158	<.0001
age0	-1.8560	0.329056	195	-5.64039	<.0001
ageL	-0.5883	0.499812	1309	-1.17704	0.2394
female	-1.2584	3.430073	195	-0.36686	0.7141
factor(f508)1	-4.7025	5.662058	195	-0.83053	0.4073
factor(f508)2	-6.7597	5.690753	195	-1.18784	0.2363
female:ageL	-0.8559	0.321620	1309	-2.66136	0.0079
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.4241	0.539381	1309	-0.78625	0.4319
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.7041	0.537708	1309	-1.30942	0.1906

Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200

### Fit 3 Random Intercepts + corExp + meas. error

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12384.92	12454.11	-6179.461

Random effects:

Formula: ~ 1 | id

(Intercept) Residual

StdDev: 19.69916 15.86913

Correlation Structure: Exponential spatial corr

Formula: ~ ageL | id

Parameter estimate(s):

range	nugget
5.116653	0.2878059

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.7466	6.760173	1309	15.49466	<.0001
age0	-1.8739	0.328085	195	-5.71153	<.0001
ageL	-0.7095	0.577371	1309	-1.22886	0.2193
female	-1.2089	3.486725	195	-0.34671	0.7292
factor(f508)1	-5.0121	5.753669	195	-0.87112	0.3848
factor(f508)2	-7.0993	5.782222	195	-1.22778	0.2210
female:ageL	-0.8259	0.372683	1309	-2.21612	0.0269
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.3159	0.622931	1309	-0.50710	0.6122
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.5817	0.621290	1309	-0.93627	0.3493

Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200

# ANOVA

	Model	df	AIC	BIC	logLik	Test	L.Ratio	p-value
fit0	1	11	12532.01	12590.55	-6255.005			
fit1	2	13	12430.34	12499.52	-6202.168	1 vs 2	105.6739	<.0001
fit2	3	12	12412.76	12476.62	-6194.378	2 vs 3	15.5802	1e-04
fit3	4	13	12384.92	12454.11	-6179.461	3 vs 4	29.8354	<.0001



## LMM Summary

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- Observe  $\mathbf{Y}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  independent clusters.

- **Model:** (Laird & Ware, 1982)

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}_i\mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{e}_i$$

- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is the coefficient that is common to all clusters (fixed across clusters).
- $\mathbf{b}_i$  is the deviation of the coefficient that varies from cluster to cluster (random across clusters).
- $(\beta_j + b_{j,i})$  is the coefficient of  $X_{i,j}$  for cluster  $i$ .

$\mathbf{b}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D})$  between-cluster

$\mathbf{e}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_i)$  within-cluster

- **Estimation/Inference:** WLS, ML
  - ▶ Covariance model choice leads to WLS – but estimated regression coefficient is **unbiased** for any choice of weight (covariance).
  - ▶ Covariance model choice determines the **standard error** estimates for the regression coefficients – **correct** covariance model is needed for **correct** standard errors.

## Likelihood Estimation for Linear Mixed Models

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Parameters:

$\beta$  : regression parameter, fixed effects coefficient

$\alpha$  : variance components

$\alpha \Rightarrow D(\alpha)$  and  $R(\alpha)$

where  $\text{cov}(Y_i) = Z_i D Z_i^T + R_i$

Normality:

$$E(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$f(\mathbf{Y}_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i|^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{-n_i/2} \times \\ \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right]$$

## LMM Score Equations

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$$U_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \log f_i$$

$$U_2(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \log f_i$$

$$U_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = - \sum_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

$$U_{2,j}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i}{\partial \alpha_j} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right. \\ \left. - \text{trace} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{-1} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i}{\partial \alpha_j} \right) \right]$$

★ Details: see Lindstrom & Bates (1988).

**Note:** The parameter  $\alpha$  is constrained to yield a covariance matrix that is positive definite. There are several computational methods for parameterizing  $\Sigma$  to satisfy the constraints (ie. use Cholesky decomposition  $C^T C = \Sigma$ ).

## Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML)

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In the balanced and complete case we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\Sigma}_{ML} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta})(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta})^T \\ E(\widehat{\Sigma}_{ML}) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E \left[ (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta})(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta})^T \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E \left[ (\mathbf{Y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta}) \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. (\mathbf{Y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \widehat{\beta})^T \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - 2\mathbf{X}_i \text{cov}(Y_i, \widehat{\beta}) + \mathbf{X}_i \text{cov}(\widehat{\beta}) \mathbf{X}_i^T \right]\end{aligned}$$

## Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML)

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(continued) } E(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ML}) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \mathbf{X}_i \left( \sum_j \mathbf{X}_j^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \mathbf{X}_j \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_i^T \right] \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{X}_i \left( \sum_j \mathbf{X}_j^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{-1} \mathbf{X}_j \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_i^T \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, there is some bias in  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ML}$  due to the estimation of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

**Q:** Can we correct for this bias?

**Answer:** Yes using REML! (Searle, Cassella & McCulloch, section 6.6)



## Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML)

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“restricted maximum likelihood”

“residual maximum likelihood”

★ There are many perspectives that justify REML:

1. Bias correction.
2. Likelihood for  $\Sigma$  based on error contrasts.
3. Conditional likelihood function.
4. Bayesian posterior for  $\Sigma$  with a flat prior on  $\beta$ .

## REML

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$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Y} \\ (n \times 1) \end{array} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \\ (n \times p) \quad (p \times 1) \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \\ (n \times n) \end{array} \right)$$

Define: “error contrast”

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{C} : (n - p) \times n \text{ matrix} \\ E(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

Define: error contrast based on OLS

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$$

Define: Orthonormal basis for column span of  $\mathbf{A}$

$\mathbf{H}$  :  $n \times (n - p)$  matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^T$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{(n-p)} = \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H}$$

Define:

$\mathbf{G}$  :  $n \times p$  matrix

$$\mathbf{G}^T = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

Define:

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$n - p, \quad p$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{T}| &= |\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{T}|^{1/2} \\ &= \left| [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{G}]^T [\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{G}] \right|^{1/2} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G} \end{vmatrix}^{1/2} \\ &= \left| \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{G} \right|^{1/2} \\ &= \left| \mathbf{G}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{G} \right|^{1/2} \\ &= |(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}|^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

- $T$  is full-rank if  $X$  is.
- $T$  is the jacobian of  $Y \rightarrow T^T Y$ .

Note:

$$\mathcal{L}(Y; \beta, \Sigma) \propto \mathcal{L}(T^T Y; \beta, \Sigma)$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} T^T Y &= [H, G]^T Y \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} H^T Y \\ G^T Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H^T Y \\ \hat{\beta}(\Sigma) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{Y}) &= E[\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{G}] - \underbrace{E[\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y}] E[\mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{Y}]^T}_0 \\ &= \mathbf{H}^T \left[ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} + \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{X} \right] \mathbf{G} \\ &= \mathbf{H}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{G} + \underbrace{\mathbf{H} \mathbf{X}}_0 \boldsymbol{\beta} \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{G} \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbf{H}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}}_0 \left( \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## REML

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Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= |\mathbf{T}| \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &= |\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|^{-1/2} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \mathcal{L}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}); \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &\Rightarrow \\ \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= |\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|^{1/2} \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}; \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})}\end{aligned}$$

$$= c \cdot |\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|^{1/2} \frac{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})]}{|\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}|^{1/2} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})^T \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})]}$$

$$= c \cdot |\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}|^{1/2} |\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}|^{-1/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2} \times \\ \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]$$

$$\ell(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y}; \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \ell(\mathbf{Y}; \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{X}|$$



## REML Comments

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1.  $\ell_{REML}$  is free of  $\beta$ .
2.  $\mathcal{L}_{REML}$  is likelihood function for  $H^T Y$ .
3.  $\mathcal{L}_{REML}$  is conditional likelihood function:  $\mathcal{L}(Y \mid \hat{\beta}(\Sigma))$ .
4. There is a Bayesian interpretation for  $\hat{\Sigma}_{REML}$ . See Laird and Ware (1982), Harville (1974, 1976, 1977).

## REML and Bayes

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- Likelihood function factors:

$$f(\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = f(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot f(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

- posterior  $\pi(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{Y})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{Y}) &= \int_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{Y}) \\ &= \frac{\int_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} f(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot f(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})}{\int_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \int_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} f(\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})} \\ &= f(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \frac{\int_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} f(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})}{\int_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \int_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} f(\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})} \end{aligned}$$

## REML and Bayes

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**Q:** What if  $\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \pi(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Gamma})$  and we let  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ ?

**A:**  $\pi(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mid \mathbf{Y}) \propto f(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} \mid \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \cdot \pi(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

Therefore, there is a Bayesian justification for the use of REML.

## Empirical Bayes Estimates

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- In certain situations we want to know about the random effects,  $\mathbf{b}_i$ :
  - Individual trajectories.
  - Hospital profiling.

- We can use **posterior** distributions to estimate these unknown “parameters”

$$[\mathbf{b}_i \mid \mathbf{Y}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}]$$

- If we simply use the MLEs for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  then we can estimate the random effects using

$$E[\mathbf{b}_i \mid \mathbf{Y}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}]$$

- These estimates are typically different from those estimates obtained using only the individual subject’s data. They are usually “shrunk” toward the values of parameters that other subjects have.

## EB Estimates: Motivation

- Viral Samples in Villages**

$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$\dots$	$i = N$
$V_{11}$	$V_{21}$	$V_{31}$		$V_{N1}$
$V_{12}$	$V_{22}$	$V_{32}$		$V_{N2}$
	$V_{23}$	$V_{33}$		
	$V_{24}$	$V_{34}$		
	$V_{24}$			

- ▷ Each measurement  $V_{ij}$  is a measure of pathogenicity of the virus.
- ▷ Different number of samples available
- ▷ **Q**: which village has the worst mean pathogenicity?

## EB Estimates: Motivation

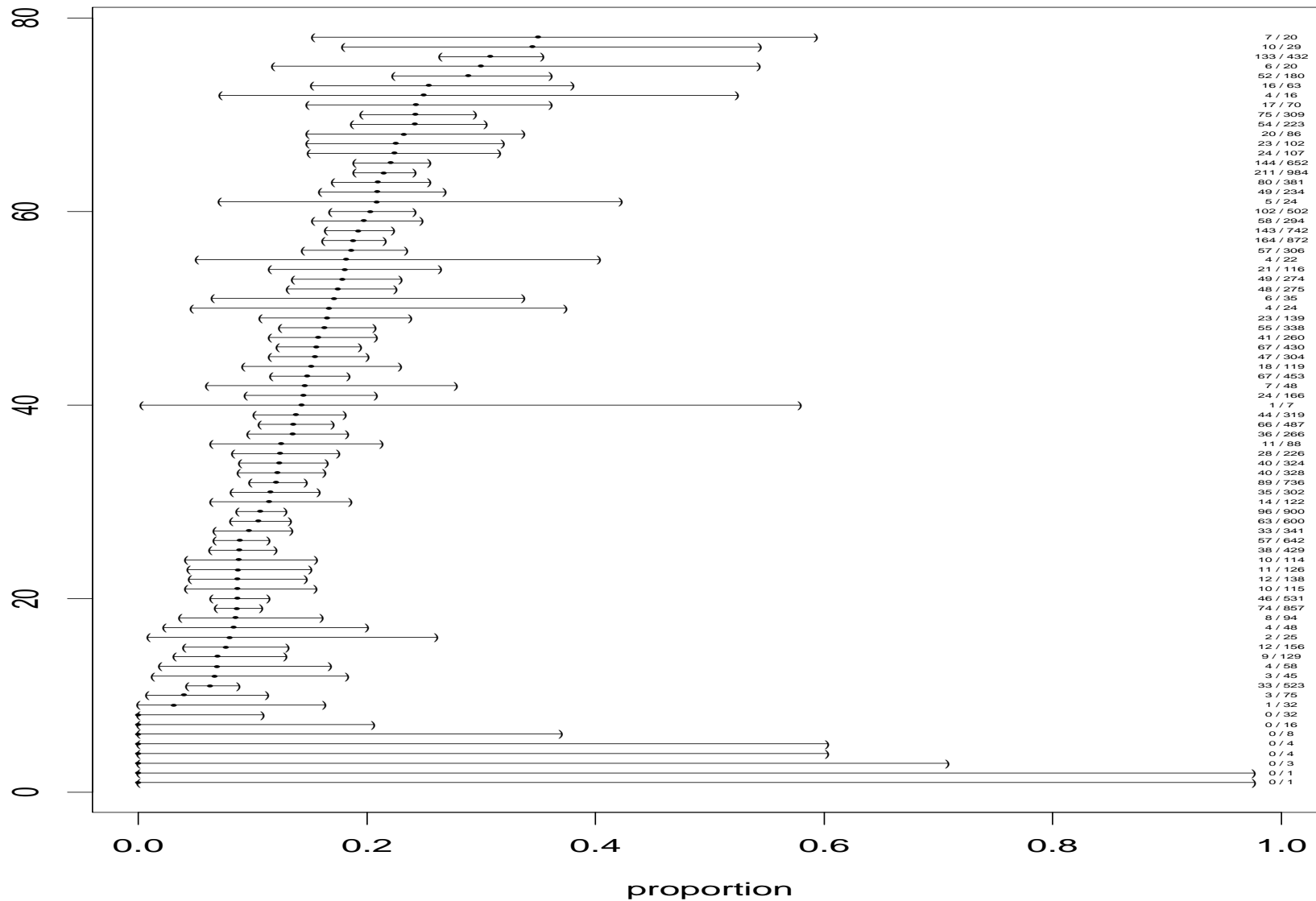
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- **Hospital Ratings**

- ▷ WA State data on GI surgery and adverse events:  $(S_i, E_i)$ .
- ▷  $E_i/S_i$  is a crude rate of AE.
- ▷ **Q**: Estimate the hospital-specific risk?
- ▷ **ISSUE**: the number of recorded surgeries varies.
- ▷ **ISSUE**: the “case-mix” varies.

- **Regression Context**

- ▷  $Y_{i1}, Y_{i2}, \dots, Y_{in_i}$  **group  $i$** ,  $\mu_i$ .
- ▷ **Goal**: Estimate  $E(Y_{ij}) = \mu_i$ .



## Empirical Bayes: Simplest Example

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- Suppose we have “performance” measures,  $Y_{ij}$  and are interested in the “skill” level,  $\theta_i = E(Y_{ij})$ .

- **1 Individual observations**

$$Y_{ij} | \theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_i, \sigma^2)$$

$$\bar{Y}_i | \theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\theta_i, \frac{\sigma^2}{n_i}\right)$$

- **2 Population model**

$$\theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \tau^2)$$

- $Y_{ij} = \mu + \underbrace{(\theta_i - \mu)}_{b_i} + e_{ij}$



## EB: Example

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- Estimation of  $\mu$ , the population mean, can be based on WLS (Gauss-Markov):

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_i w_i \bar{Y}_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

where

$$w_i = \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{n_i} + \tau^2 \right)^{-1}$$

- **Q:** but what about **individual** skill estimates?

## EB: Example

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$$Y_{ij} \mid \theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_i, \sigma^2) \quad \text{Tests}$$
$$\theta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \tau^2) \quad \text{Population}$$

We can then consider the joint distribution of performance means and the skills:

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \text{stack}(\bar{Y}_i) \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = \text{stack}(\theta_i)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{Y}} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag}(\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n_i) & \text{diag}(\tau^2) \\ \text{diag}(\tau^2) & \text{diag}(\tau^2) \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

## EB: Example

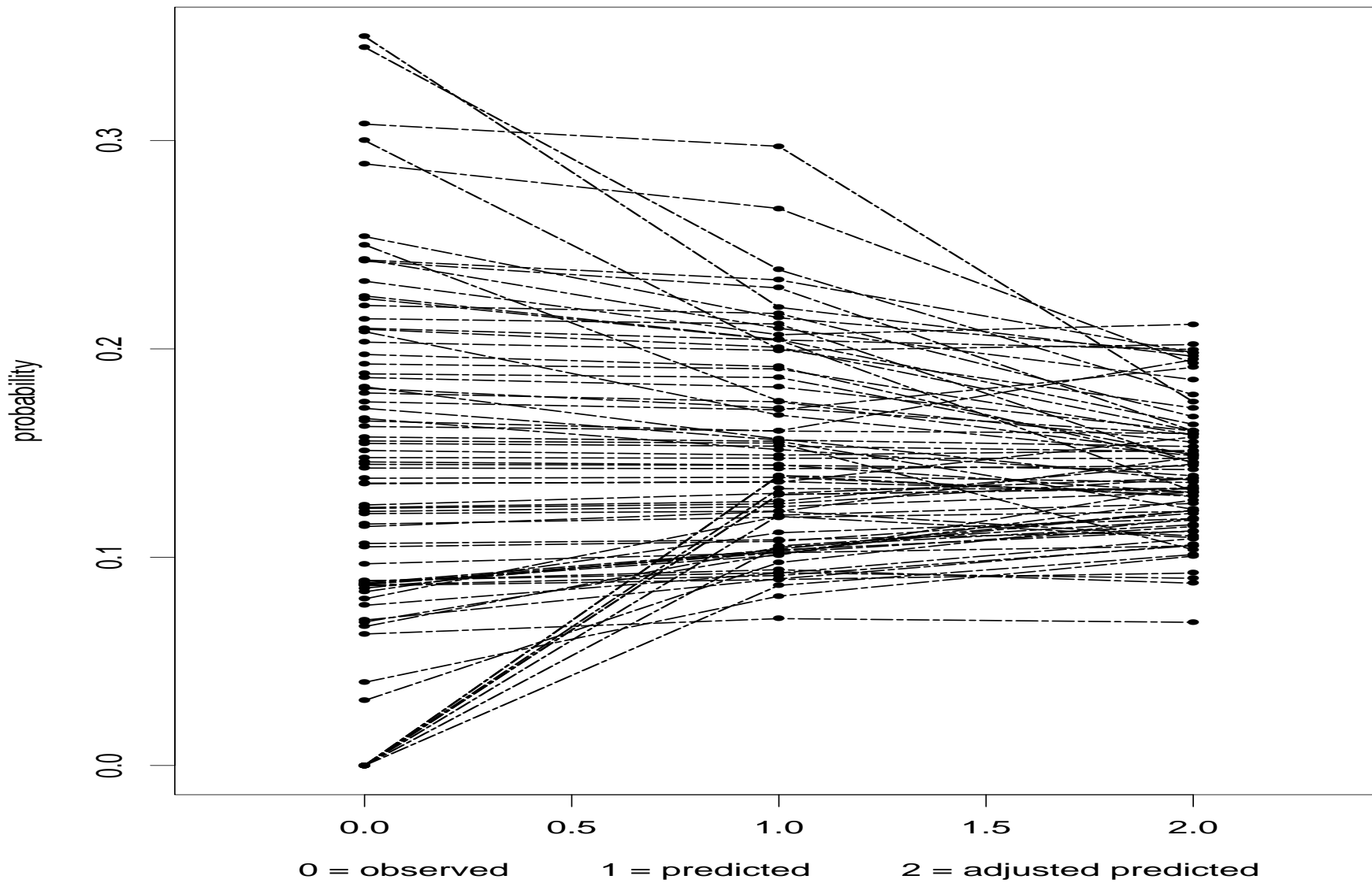
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This joint distribution implies the conditional:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \bar{\mathbf{Y}} \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{diag} \left( \frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n_i} \right) (\bar{\mathbf{Y}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \right]$$

So each individual skill can be estimated by it's conditional mean

$$\begin{aligned} E(\theta_i \mid \bar{\mathbf{Y}}) &= \mu + \frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n_i} (\bar{Y}_i - \mu) \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2/n_i}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n_i} \cdot \mu + \frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n_i} \cdot \bar{Y}_i \\ &= \lambda_i \cdot \mu + (1 - \lambda_i) \cdot \bar{Y}_i \end{aligned}$$



## EB: Example

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- Lindley & Smith (1972)

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\mathbf{b}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D})$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

Then in this case  $E(\mathbf{Y}_i | \mathbf{b}_i) = \mathbf{X}(\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{b}_i) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}_i$ .

- **Empirical Bayes Estimates**

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_i = \left( \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}_i + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right)$$

$$= W_1 \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_i + W_2 \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

## EB: Example

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- Lindley & Smith (1972) continued...

$$W_1 = \left( \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$W_2 = \left( \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-1}$$

- Individual estimate “borrows strength” from other data depending on  $\mathbf{D}$ .

## EB: Linear Mixed Model

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- **Model**

$$Y_i = X_i\beta + Z_i b_i + e_i$$

$$b_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, D)$$

$$e_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, R)$$

- **Estimation**

- ▶  $\hat{\beta}, \hat{D}, \hat{R}$  via ML or REML.

- ▶ **Q:** but what about estimates for  $b_i$ ?

## EB: Linear Mixed Model

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_i \\ \mathbf{b}_i \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i & \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

This leads to the conditional distribution

$$[\mathbf{b}_i | \mathbf{Y}_i] \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T (\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^* \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^* &= \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T (\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_i^T \mathbf{D} \\ &= \left( \mathbf{Z}_i^T \mathbf{R}_i^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_i + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the **empirical Bayes** estimate is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T (\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$



## R/S+ Program:

```
#
#####
##### Linear mixed models
#####
#
options( contrasts="contr.treatment" )
#
fit1 <- lme(
    fixed = fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
    random = ~ 1 + ageL,
    cluster = ~id,
    est.method = "ML",
    re.structure = "unstructured",
    data = cfkids )
#
#####
##### Empirical Bayes
#####
#
X <- model.matrix( ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
    data=cfkids )
X[,c(3,7,8,9)] <- 0
beta <- fit1$coefficients$fixed
f0 <- as.vector( X%*%beta )
#
```

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##### be careful about ID order -- build data sets and merge
#
f0 <- unlist( lapply( split( f0, cfkids$id ), min ) )
id0 <- unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$id, cfkids$id ), min ) )
data0 <- data.frame( id=id0, f0=f0 )
#
b0 <- fit1$coefficients$random[,1]
b1 <- fit1$coefficients$random[,2]
id1 <- as.numeric( dimnames( fit1$coefficients$random )[[1]] )
data1 <- data.frame( id=id1, b0=b0, b1=b1 )
#
combo <- merge( data0, data1, by="id", all=T )
ooo <- order( combo$id )
combo <- combo[ ooo, ]
EB.beta0i <- combo$f0 + combo$b0
EB.beta1i <- beta[3] + combo$b1
#
##### OLS estimates
#
uid <- unique( cfkids$id )
m <- length( uid )
OLS.beta0i <- rep( NA, m )
OLS.beta1i <- rep( NA, m )
id2 <- rep( NA, m )
for( j in 1:m ){
  id2[j] <- uid[j]
  keep <- cfkids$id == uid[j]
  yj <- cfkids$fev1[ keep ]
}

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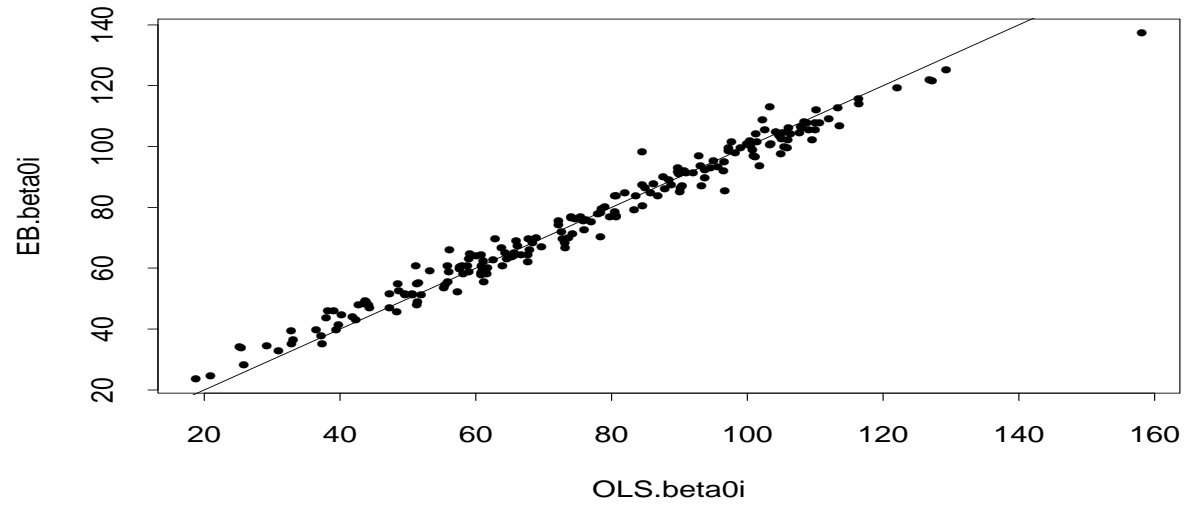
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    xj <- cfkids$ageL[ keep ]
    fit <- lm( yj ~ xj )
    OLS.beta0i[j] <- fit$coefficient[1]
    OLS.beta1i[j] <- fit$coefficient[2]
}
ooo <- order( id2 )
OLS.beta0i <- OLS.beta0i[ ooo ]
OLS.beta1i <- OLS.beta1i[ ooo ]
#
#####
##### compare the OLS and the EB estimates
#####
#
postscript( file="cfkids-EBplot.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( OLS.beta0i, EB.beta0i )
abline( 0, 1 )
title("Slopes: EB versus OLS")
plot( OLS.beta1i, EB.beta1i )
abline( 0, 1 )
title("Slopes: EB versus OLS")
graphics.off()
#
##### shrinkage
#
shrink0 <- abs( OLS.beta0i - EB.beta0i )
shrink1 <- abs( OLS.beta1i - EB.beta1i )
#

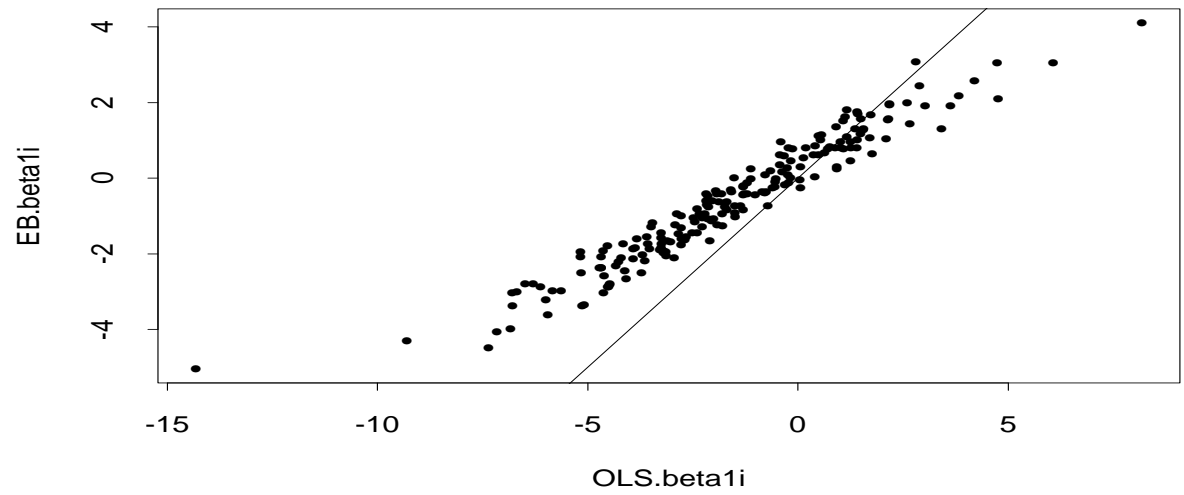
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nobs <- unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$age, cfkids$id ), length ) )
VarAge <- unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$age, cfkids$id ), var ) )
postscript( file="cfkids-EBshrink.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( nobs, shrink0 )
lines( smooth.spline( nobs, shrink0 , df=3 ) )
title("Intercepts: shrinkage verses N_i")
plot( VarAge, shrink1 )
lines( smooth.spline( VarAge, shrink1, df=3 ) )
title("Slopes: shrinkage verses var(Age_i)")
graphics.off()
#
# end-of-file...
```

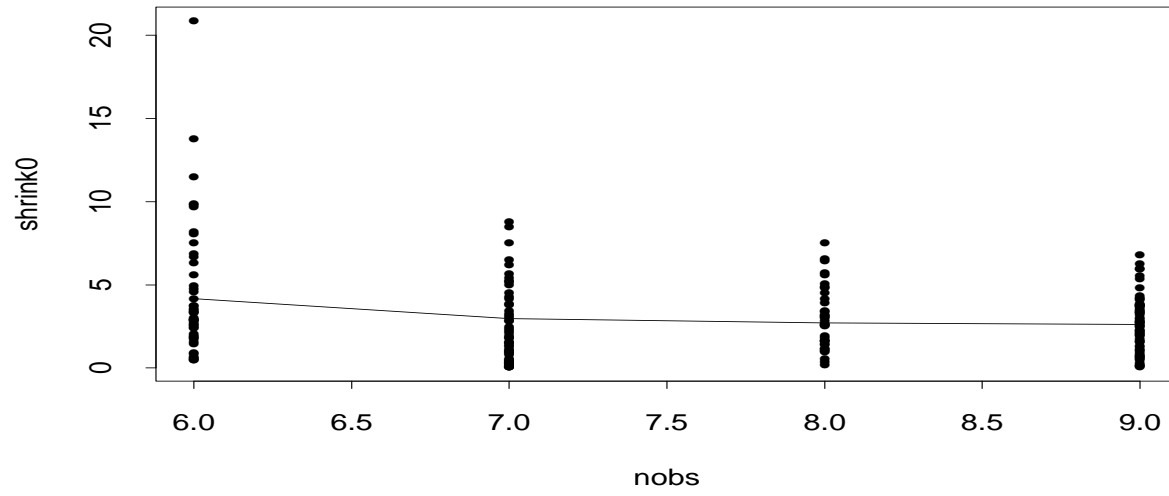
Slopes: EB versus OLS



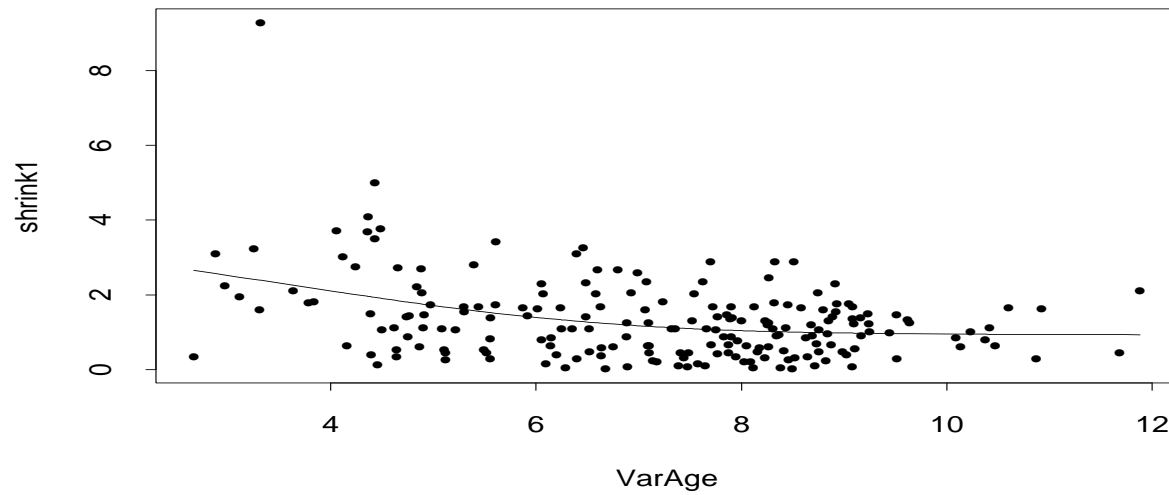
Slopes: EB versus OLS



Intercepts: shrinkage verses  $N_i$



Slopes: shrinkage verses  $\text{var}(\text{Age}_i)$



## Residuals for LMM

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Define:

$$\text{population residual} : \mathbf{r}_i^P = \mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

$$\text{cluster residual} : \mathbf{r}_i^C = \mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{Z}_i \hat{\mathbf{b}}_i$$

Note: For the CF data using model 2 we have

```
> var( pop.res )
```

```
[1] 665.479
```

```
> var( cluster.res )
```

```
[1] 134.4172
```

- Residuals can be used to assess systematic model.  
Plot  $r_i^P$  versus covariate(s) (between- or within-)  
Plot  $r_i^C$  versus covariate(s) (within-)
- Residuals can be used to assess variance as a function of covariates.



## R/S+ Program:

```
#
# cfkids-CDA-NewLMM.q
#
# -----
#
# PURPOSE:  Use linear mixed models to characterize longitudinal
#           change by gender and genotype.
#
# AUTHOR:   P. Heagerty
#
# DATE:    00/07/10  Revised 14Feb2002
#
# -----
#
#
#####
##### Linear Mixed Models
#####
#
options( contrasts=c("contr.treatment","contr.helmert") )
#

### Intercept plus AR(1) plus measurement error

fit3 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
```

```

        method = "ML",
        random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
        correlation = corExp( form = ~ ageL | id, nugget=T),
        data = cfkids )
summary( fit3 )

#
#####
##### Residual Analysis -- using fit3
#####
#
pop.res <- resid( fit3, level=0 )
cluster.res <- resid( fit3, level=1 )
print( var( pop.res ) )
print( var( cluster.res ) )
#
postscript( file="cfkids-NewResiduals.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( cfkids$age0, pop.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$age0, pop.res, df=5 ) )
title("Residuals (pop) vs Age0")
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
plot( cfkids$ageL, pop.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$ageL, pop.res, df=5 ) )
title("Residuals (pop) vs AgeL")
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
graphics.off()
#

```

```

postscript( file="cfkids-NewResiduals2.ps", horiz=F )
par( mfrow=c(2,1) )
plot( cfkids$age0, cluster.res, pch="." )
lines( smooth.spline( cfkids$age0, cluster.res, df=5 ) )
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
title("Residuals (cluster) vs Age0")
b0 <- unlist( fit2$coefficients$random )
age0 <- unlist( lapply( split( cfkids$age0, cfkids$id ), min ) )
plot( age0, b0 )
lines( smooth.spline( age0, b0, df=5 ) )
abline( h=0, lty=2 )
title("EB b0 versus Age0")
graphics.off()

#
##### Do we need a quadratic age0???
#
fit4 <- lme( fev1 ~ age0 + age0^2 + ageL + female*ageL + factor(f508)*ageL,
            method = "ML",
            random = reStruct( ~ 1 | id, pdClass="pdSymm", REML=F),
            correlation = corExp( form = ~ ageL | id, nugget=T),
            data = cfkids )
summary( fit4 )
#
anova( fit3, fit4 )
#
# end-of-file...

```

### Fit 3 Random Intercepts + corExp + meas. error

Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Data: cfkids

AIC	BIC	logLik
12384.92	12454.11	-6179.461

Random effects:

Formula: ~ 1 | id

(Intercept) Residual

StdDev: 19.69916 15.86913

Correlation Structure: Exponential spatial correlation

Formula: ~ ageL | id

Parameter estimate(s):

range	nugget
5.116653	0.2878059

Fixed effects: fev1 ~ age0 + ageL + female \* ageL + factor(f508) \* ageL

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	104.7466	6.760173	1309	15.49466	<.0001
age0	-1.8739	0.328085	195	-5.71153	<.0001
ageL	-0.7095	0.577371	1309	-1.22886	0.2193
female	-1.2089	3.486725	195	-0.34671	0.7292
factor(f508)1	-5.0121	5.753669	195	-0.87112	0.3848
factor(f508)2	-7.0993	5.782222	195	-1.22778	0.2210

female:ageL	-0.8259	0.372683	1309	-2.21612	0.0269
ageLfactor(f508)1	-0.3159	0.622931	1309	-0.50710	0.6122
ageLfactor(f508)2	-0.5817	0.621290	1309	-0.93627	0.3493

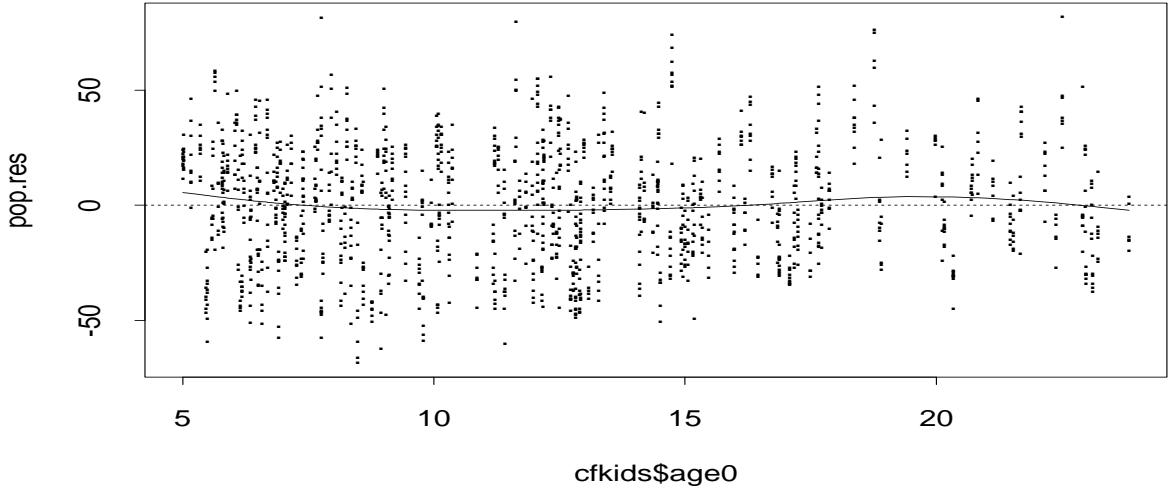
Standardized Within-Group Residuals:

Min	Q1	Med	Q3	Max
-3.734659	-0.5250052	5.392674e-06	0.4646477	3.215006

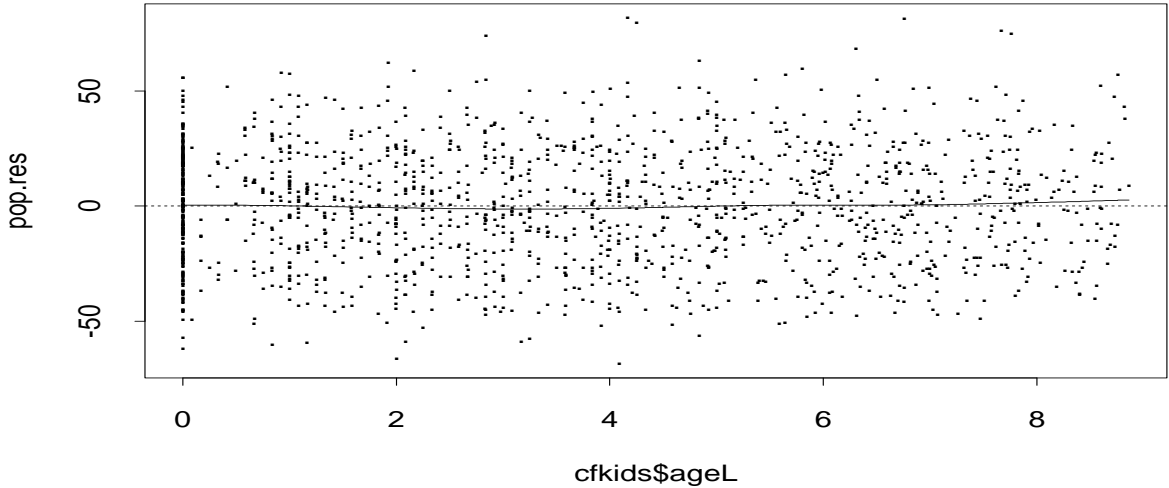
Number of Observations: 1513

Number of Groups: 200

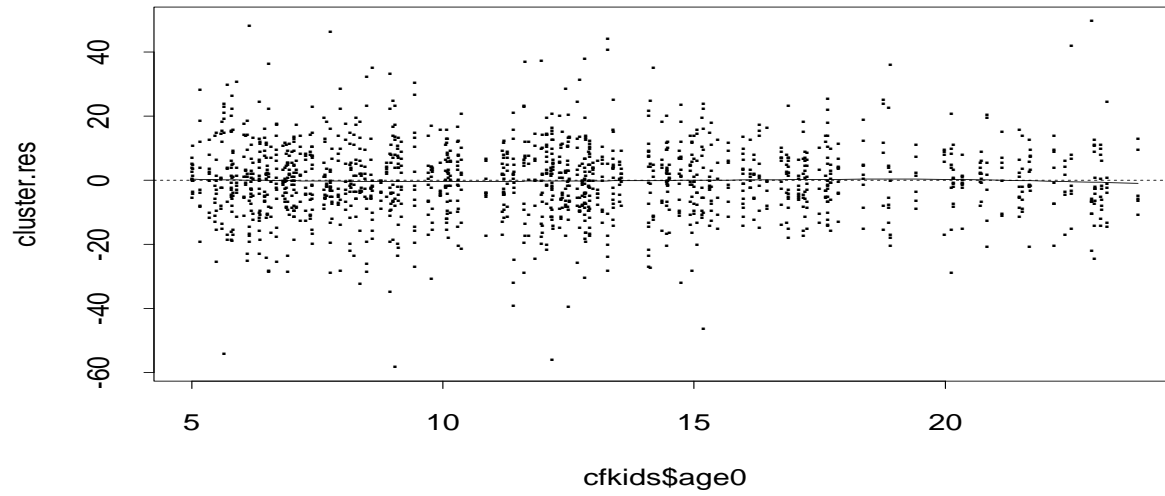
Residuals (pop) vs Age0



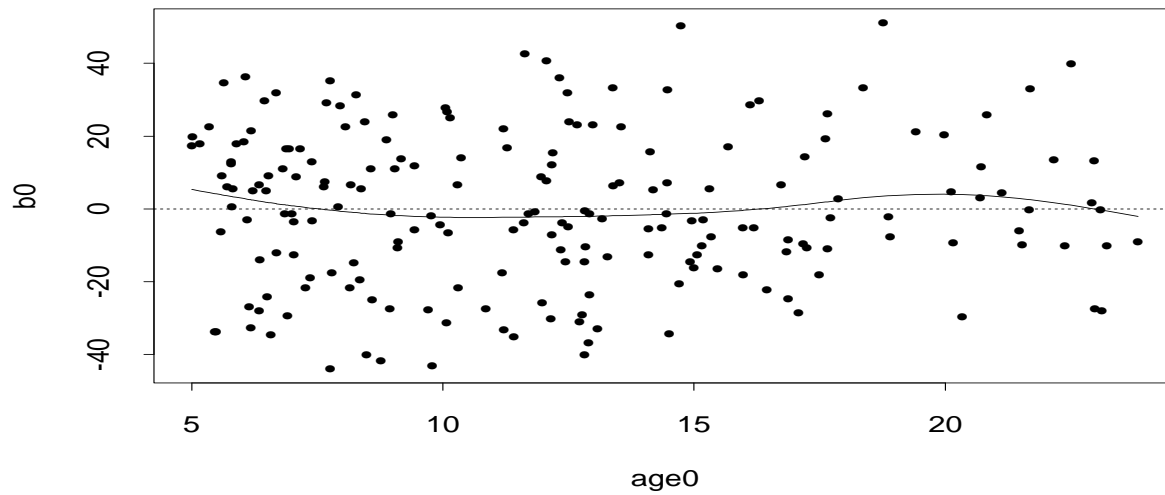
Residuals (pop) vs AgeL



Residuals (cluster) vs Age0



EB b0 versus Age0



## LMM Summary

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- Observe  $\mathbf{Y}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  independent clusters.

- **Model:** (Laird & Ware, 1982)

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}_i\mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{e}_i$$

- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is the coefficient(s) that are common to all clusters (fixed across clusters).
- $\mathbf{b}_i$  is the deviation of the coefficient(s) that vary from cluster to cluster (random across clusters).
- $(\beta_{i,j} + b_{i,j})$  is the coefficient of  $X_{i,j}$  for cluster  $i$ .



$\mathbf{b}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D})$  between-cluster

$\mathbf{e}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_i)$  within-cluster

- **Estimation/Inference:** WLS, ML

## LMM: Additional Topics

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- **Influence Diagnostics**
  - Lesaffre and Verbeke (1998)
- **Alternative Random Effects Distributions**
  - Butler and Louis (1992)
- **Non- and Semi-parametric Regression Structure**
  - Lin and Zhang (1999)