

Multivariate Meta-Analysis for Longevity and Reproduction

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# VCV matrix. Let's set up the multivariate meta-analysis model. We first need to create the VCV sampling
# V <- metafor::vcalc(vi=v, cluster = trial, subgroup = Experiment.code, type = outcome, data = data_long_final)

# First, lets capture the outcome covariance
V_1 <- make_VCV_matrix(data = data_long_final, cluster = "trial", V = "v", rho = 0.5)

# Using this matrix, we can now capture the shared control. here, we now just feed in the V matrix we just created
V <- metaAidR::make_VCV_matrix(data = data_long_final, matrix = V_1, cluster = "shared_control", V = "v")

# Export V matrix for checking
write.csv(V, here("Output", "tables", "V.csv"))

# Check that this is set up correctly. Note that there are warnings about non-positive definite matrix.
#V[1:15, 1:15]

#corrplot(cov2cor(V)) # Takes a while so no need to run all the time

# Check of PD
corpcor::is.positive.definite(V) # FALSE

## [1] FALSE

# Can bend it to make it PD
V <- Matrix::nearPD(V)$mat

# Check of PD
corpcor::is.positive.definite(V) # TRUE

## [1] TRUE

##
## Multivariate Meta-Analysis Model (k = 1584; method: REML)
##
## Variance Components:
##
## outer factor: trial (nlvls = 792)
## inner factor: outcome (nlvls = 2)
##
##      estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## tau^2.1   6.3326  2.5165   792    no    es_longevity
## tau^2.2   5.1975  2.2798   792    no    es_reproduction
##
##      rho.es_l  rho.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity      1      -    792
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## es_reproduction    0.2515          1      no      -
##
## outer factor: Paper.code (nlvls = 200)
## inner factor: outcome    (nlvls = 2)
##
##          estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed          level
## gamma^2.1    0.4077  0.6386    792      no      es_longevity
## gamma^2.2    1.8133  1.3466    792      no  es_reproduction
##
##          phi.es_l  phi.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity          1    0.5018      -    200
## es_reproduction    0.5018          1      no      -
##
## Test for Residual Heterogeneity:
## QE(df = 1582) = 1371482551.3700, p-val < .0001
##
## Test of Moderators (coefficients 1:2):
## F(df1 = 2, df2 = 398) = 43.9012, p-val < .0001
##
## Model Results:
##
##          estimate      se      tval    df    pval    ci.lb
## outcomees_longevity    -0.0762  0.1059   -0.7196  398  0.4722   -0.2844
## outcomees_reproduction  -1.2097  0.1330   -9.0918  398  <.0001   -1.4712
##          ci.ub
## outcomees_longevity      0.1320
## outcomees_reproduction  -0.9481 ***
##
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## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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## Multivariate Meta-Analysis Model (k = 1584; method: REML)
##
## Variance Components:
##
## outer factor: trial    (nlvls = 792)
## inner factor: outcome (nlvls = 2)
##
##          estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed          level
## tau^2.1    4.1076  2.0267    792      no      es_longevity
## tau^2.2    5.0769  2.2532    792      no  es_reproduction
##
##          rho.es_l  rho.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity          1          -    792
## es_reproduction    0.1745          1      no      -
##
## outer factor: Paper.code (nlvls = 200)
## inner factor: outcome    (nlvls = 2)
##
##          estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed          level
## gamma^2.1    0.5118  0.7154    792      no      es_longevity
## gamma^2.2    1.7150  1.3096    792      no  es_reproduction
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##          phi.es_l  phi.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity          1    0.3702      -    200
## es_reproduction    0.3702          1      no    -
##
## Test for Residual Heterogeneity:
## QE(df = 1580) = 960835454.9878, p-val < .0001
##
## Test of Moderators (coefficients 2:4):
## F(df1 = 3, df2 = 396) = 132.5729, p-val < .0001
##
## Model Results:
##
##              estimate      se      tval      df      pval
## intrcpt              -0.2224  0.0947   -2.3488   196  0.0198
## outcomees_reproduction -1.0360  0.1407   -7.3613   396 <.0001
## c_treattemp           -0.1815  0.0100  -18.2150   788 <.0001
## outcomees_reproduction:c_treattemp  0.1217  0.0137    8.8807  1580 <.0001
##              ci.lb      ci.ub
## intrcpt             -0.4092  -0.0357      *
## outcomees_reproduction -1.3127  -0.7593    ***
## c_treattemp          -0.2011  -0.1619    ***
## outcomees_reproduction:c_treattemp  0.0949   0.1486    ***
##
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Multivariate Meta-Analysis Model (k = 1584; method: REML)
##
## Variance Components:
##
## outer factor: trial  (nlvls = 792)
## inner factor: outcome (nlvls = 2)
##
##      estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## tau^2.1    4.1076  2.0267   792     no    es_longevity
## tau^2.2    5.0769  2.2532   792     no    es_reproduction
##
##      rho.es_l  rho.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity          1      -    792
## es_reproduction    0.1745      1     no    -
##
## outer factor: Paper.code (nlvls = 200)
## inner factor: outcome  (nlvls = 2)
##
##      estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## gamma^2.1    0.5118  0.7154   792     no    es_longevity
## gamma^2.2    1.7150  1.3096   792     no    es_reproduction
##
##      phi.es_l  phi.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity          1    0.3702      -    200
## es_reproduction    0.3702      1     no    -
##
## Test for Residual Heterogeneity:

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## QE(df = 1580) = 960835454.9878, p-val < .0001
##
## Test of Moderators (coefficients 1:4):
## F(df1 = 4, df2 = 396) = 105.4668, p-val < .0001
##
## Model Results:
##
##               estimate      se      tval      df      pval
## outcomes_longevity      -0.2224  0.0947   -2.3488   396  0.0193
## outcomes_reproduction    -1.2585  0.1308   -9.6250   396  <.0001
## outcomes_longevity:c_treattemp  -0.1815  0.0100  -18.2150  1580  <.0001
## outcomes_reproduction:c_treattemp -0.0598  0.0117   -5.1013  1580  <.0001
##               ci.lb      ci.ub
## outcomes_longevity      -0.4086  -0.0363      *
## outcomes_reproduction    -1.5155  -1.0014    ***
## outcomes_longevity:c_treattemp  -0.2010  -0.1620    ***
## outcomes_reproduction:c_treattemp -0.0827  -0.0368    ***
##
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

# We'll now run the multivariate model with non-linear terms as was done in the univariate cases.
rerun2=FALSE
if(rerun2){
  mv_mlma_4 <- rma.mv(es ~ -1 + outcome + outcome:poly(c_treattemp, degree=3, raw=TRUE), V = V,
    random = list(~outcome - 1 | trial, # This would be equivalent to an obs level random effect
                  ~outcome - 1 | Paper.code), # This should estimate a study level random effect
    struc = "UN", data = data_long_final, test = "t", dfs = "contain")
  saveRDS(mv_mlma_4, here("output", "models", "mv_mlma_4.rds"))
} else {
  mv_mlma_4 <- readRDS(here("output", "models", "mv_mlma_4.rds"))
}

mv_mlma_4

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## Variance Components:
##
## outer factor: trial (nlvls = 792)
## inner factor: outcome (nlvls = 2)
##
##      estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## tau^2.1   3.8943  1.9734   792    no    es_longevity
## tau^2.2   4.0886  2.0220   792    no    es_reproduction
##
##      rho.es_l  rho.es_r  es_l  es_r
## es_longevity      1      -    792
## es_reproduction  0.1513      1    no  -
##
## outer factor: Paper.code (nlvls = 200)
## inner factor: outcome (nlvls = 2)
##
##      estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## gamma^2.1  0.4708  0.6862   792    no    es_longevity

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## gamma^2.2      2.4585  1.5679    792    no es_reproduction
##
##               phi.es_l  phi.es_r    es_l  es_r
## es_longevity      1    0.4889      -    200
## es_reproduction  0.4889      1      no    -
##
## Test for Residual Heterogeneity:
## QE(df = 1576) = 933779437.2520, p-val < .0001
##
## Test of Moderators (coefficients 1:8):
## F(df1 = 8, df2 = 392) = 71.9910, p-val < .0001
##
## Model Results:
##
##
##                                     estimate
## outcomes_longevity                  -0.0903
## outcomes_reproduction                -0.4837
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.2581
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.0660
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0022
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0123
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3  0.0005
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 -0.0001
##                                     se
## outcomes_longevity                  0.1113
## outcomes_reproduction                0.1579
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1  0.0150
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 0.0162
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2  0.0010
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 0.0012
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3  0.0001
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 0.0001
##                                     tval
## outcomes_longevity                  -0.8111
## outcomes_reproduction                -3.0626
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -17.2650
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -4.0714
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2  -2.1196
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -10.2060
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3   6.4821
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 -0.8122
##                                     df      pval
## outcomes_longevity                  392  0.4178
## outcomes_reproduction                392  0.0023
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1  1576 <.0001
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 1576 <.0001
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2  1576 0.0342
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 1576 <.0001
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3  1576 <.0001
## outcomes_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 1576 0.4168
##                                     ci.lb
## outcomes_longevity                  -0.3092
## outcomes_reproduction                -0.7943
## outcomes_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.2875

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## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.0978
## outcomees_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0042
## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0146
## outcomees_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 0.0003
## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 -0.0002
## ci.ub
## outcomees_longevity 0.1286
## outcomees_reproduction -0.1732 **
## outcomees_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.2288 ***
## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)1 -0.0342 ***
## outcomees_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0002 *
## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)2 -0.0099 ***
## outcomees_longevity:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 0.0006 ***
## outcomees_reproduction:poly(c_treattemp, degree = 3, raw = TRUE)3 0.0001
##
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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# We can get confidence intervals by profiling the liklihood
if(rerun2){
  cis <- confint(mv_mlma_4, rho = 1)
  write.csv(cis, here("output", "tables", "mv_mlma_4_cis.csv"))
} else {
  cis <- read.csv(here("output", "tables", "mv_mlma_4_cis.csv"))
}
cis
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## [1] X X1 X2 X3
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
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# Lets explore the among study correlation.
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data %>% group_by(Experiment.code) %>% summarise(es_repro = mean(es_reproduction), es_long = mean(es_
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## Warning: Returning more (or less) than 1 row per `summarise()` group was deprecated in
## dplyr 1.1.0.
## i Please use `reframe()` instead.
## i When switching from `summarise()` to `reframe()`, remember that `reframe()`
## always returns an ungrouped data frame and adjust accordingly.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
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```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'Experiment.code'. You can override using
## the `.groups` argument.
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