

[R] How to test combined effects?

On Nov 2, 2007, at 12:20PM , Gang Chen wrote:

> Thanks a lot for the help!

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>> First, if you would like to perform an overall test of whether the IQ interactions are necessary, you may find it most useful to use anova to compare a full and reduced model. Something like

```
>> ModelFit.full <- lme(mct ~ IQ*age + IQ*I(age^2) + IQ*I(age^3),
>> random = ~1|ID)
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>> ModelFit.reduced <- lme(mct ~ IQ + age + I(age^2) + I(age^3),
>> random = ~1|ID)
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>> anova(ModelFit.full, ModelFit.reduced, test="F")
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> I had done this before, but it seems that I would only get a likelihood ratio test, not a partial F test, out of the anova. The 'test' option with logical value in anova seems to take TRUE or FALSE, thus either I get a likelihood ratio test or not. I think a likelihood ratio test with ML method is legitimate in this context.

I'll have to defer to others on the validity of the LR test in this context, as I've got my programmer hat on today and not my statistics theory hat ... ;-)

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>> Second, you don't have the syntax right for estimable(). As described and shown by example in the manual page. The correct syntax is:

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>> library(gmodels)
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>> estimable(ModelFit, c('IQ:age'=1, 'IQ:I(age^2)'= 1, '1
>> = 1))
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>> Note the pattern of quoted name, followed by '=', and then
>> value 1 (not zero). This will perform a single joint test
>> these three coefficients are zero.
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> Thanks for catching the errors! Yes this works. However it g
> t test with 1 degree of freedom, not exactly a partial F tes
> does it mean that this only tests the average effect of thos
> terms? If so, that would be slightly different from the part
> test I was looking for, no?
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Yes, this provides a 1-degree of freedom contrast between an individual with ('IQ:age'=0, 'IQ:I(age^2)'=0, 'IQ:I(age^3)'=0) another with ('IQ:age'=1, 'IQ:I(age^2)'=1, 'IQ:I(age^3)'=1).

Although we do provide a joint Wald test for 'lm', 'glm', 'aov', 'gee' or 'geese' objects, we have not done so for 'lme' object. The code to do so is straightforward, and I'll send you a copy privately.

Perhaps someone who has the stat theory hat on today can comment on the validity of the Wald X^2 here, and on the relative merits of LR test vs the Wald test for fixed effects of an LME.

In any case here is how you use the enhanced code.

```
> library(nlme)
> library(gmodels)
> Orthodont$Rand <- rnorm(nrow(Orthodont)) # add a new random effect
> fm2 <- lme(distance ~ age * Rand + Sex * Rand, data = Orthodont,
random = ~ 1)
> cmat <- cbind( "Rand"=c(1,0,0), "age:Rand"=c(0,1,0), "Sex:Rand"=c(0,0,1) )
> cmat
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      Rand age:Rand Rand:SexFemale
[1,]      1          0          0
[2,]      0          1          0
[3,]      0          0          1
> estimable( fm2, cmat, joint.test=FALSE ) # individual
      Estimate Std. Error    t value DF Pr(>|t|)
(0 0 1 0 0 0)  0.39919525  0.9263579  0.4309298 77 0.671
(0 0 0 0 1 0) -0.07152143  0.0783120 -0.9132883 77 0.361
(0 0 0 0 0 1)  0.47758669  0.2993967  1.5951635 77 0.116
> attach(environment(estimable)) # make the estimable
available to local code

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The following object(s) are masked from package 'r-gregmisc':

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CrossTable ci ci.binom coefFrame estimable fa
fit.contrast glh.test make.contrasts print.glh.test summary.glm

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> source("~/src/r-gregmisc/gmodels/R/estimable.R") # 1
modified code
> estimable( fm2, cmat, joint.test=TRUE ) # joint Wald
      X2.stat DF Pr(>|X^2|)
1 4.876038  3  0.1811025
> q()

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-Greg

> *Gang*

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>> *On Oct 30, 2007, at 5:26PM , Gang Chen wrote:*

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>>> *Dieter,*

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>>> Thank you very much for the help!
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>>> I tried both glht() in multcomp and estimable() in gmodels
>>> couldn't get them work as shown below. Basically I have trouble
>>> specifying those continuous variables. Any suggestions?
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>>> Also it seems both glht() and estimable() would give multiple
>>> tests. Is there a way to obtain sort of partial F test?
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>>>> ModelFit<-lme(mct~ IQ*age+IQ*I(age^2)+IQ*I(age^3), MyData,
>>> random=~1|ID)
>>>> anova(ModelFit)
>>>
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	mDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	257	54393.04	<.0001
IQ	1	215	3.02	0.0839
age	1	257	46.06	<.0001
I(age^2)	1	257	8.80	0.0033
I(age^3)	1	257	21.30	<.0001
IQ:age	1	257	1.18	0.2776
IQ:I(age^2)	1	257	0.50	0.4798
IQ:I(age^3)	1	257	0.23	0.6284

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>>>
>>>> library(multcomp)
>>>> glht(ModelFit, linfct = c("IQ:age = 0", "IQ:I(age^2) = 0",
>>> (age^3) = 0"))
>>> Error in coefs(ex[[3]]) :
>>>   cannot interpret expression 'I'age^2' as linear function
>>>
>>>> library(gmodels)
>>>> estimable(ModelFit, rbind('IQ:age'=0, 'IQ:I(age^2) = 0',
>>> (age^3) = 0'))
>>> Error in FUN(newX[, i], ...) :
>>>   `param' has no names and does not match number of coefficients
>>> model. Unable to construct coefficient vector
>>>
>>> Thanks,

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>>> Gang
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>>> On Oct 30, 2007, at 9:08 AM, Dieter Menne wrote:
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>>>> Gang Chen <gangchen <at> mail.nih.gov> writes:
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>>>>> Suppose I have a mixed-effects model where  $y_{ij}$  is the  $j$ th
>>>>> sample for
>>>>> the  $i$ th subject:
>>>>>
>>>>>  $y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{age}) + \beta_2(\text{age}^2) + \beta_3(\text{age}^3) +$ 
>>>>>  $(\text{IQ}) +$ 
>>>>>  $\beta_5(\text{IQ}^2) + \beta_6(\text{age} * \text{IQ}) + \beta_7(\text{age}^2 * \text{IQ}) + \beta_8$ 
>>>>>  $* \text{IQ})$ 
>>>>>  $+ \text{random intercept}_i + e_{ij}$ 
>>>>>
>>>>> In R how can I get an F test against the null hypothesis
>>>>>  $\beta_6 = \beta_7 = \beta_8 = 0$ ? In SAS I can run something like cor
>>>>> age * IQ
>>>>> 1, age^2 * IQ 1, age^3 * IQ 1, but is there anything simila
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>>>> Check packages multcomp and gmodels for contrast tests th
>>>> with lme.
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>>>> Dieter
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>>> R-help at r-project.org mailing list
>>> https://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-help
>>> PLEASE do read the posting guide http://www.R-project.org/guide.html
>>> and provide commented, minimal, self-contained, reproducib

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