

Applied Statistics - Mixed Effects Models

ARMD Trial

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$$\text{VISUAL}_{it} = \beta_{0t} + \beta_1 \cdot \text{VISUAL0}_i + \beta_{2t} \cdot \text{TREAT}_i + \epsilon_{it}, \quad \epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{it}^2)$$

for patient i ($i = 1, \dots, 234$)

at time t with $t = 1$ (4 weeks), 2 (12 weeks), 3 (24 weeks), 4 (52 weeks)

Standard Model - - $\epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

```
library(nlme)
lm1.form <- visual ~ -1 + visual0 + time.f + treat.f:time.f
```

Model 9.1 - δ -group

Time-specific variance: $\epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_t^2)$

$$\sigma_t = \begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sigma \cdot 1 & \text{if } t = 1 \text{ (4 weeks);} \\ \sigma \cdot \delta_2 & \text{if } t = 2 \text{ (12 weeks);} \\ \sigma \cdot \delta_3 & \text{if } t = 3 \text{ (24 weeks);} \\ \sigma \cdot \delta_4 & \text{if } t = 4 \text{ (52 weeks).} \end{cases}$$

we get: $\delta_2 = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$; $\delta_3 = \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_1}$; $\delta_4 = \frac{\sigma_4}{\sigma_1}$

```
weights = varIdent(form = ~1|time.f)
fm9.1 <- gls(lm1.form, weights = weights, data = armd)
```

Model 9.2 - - varPower(·) time (< δ , v_{it} >-group)

$$\epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{it}^2)$$

varPower(·) time

$\underline{\delta} = \delta$ (scalar) since we do not include any stratification in the model

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{it} &= \sigma \cdot \lambda_{it} \\ &= \sigma \cdot \lambda(\delta, \text{TIME}_{it}) \\ &= \sigma \cdot |\text{TIME}_{it}|^\delta \quad \text{since } \lambda \text{ is varPower}(\cdot)\end{aligned}$$

```
weights = varPower(form = ~time)
fm9.2 <- gls(lm1.form, weights = weights, data = armd)
```

Notation 1: $\epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{it}^2)$

Notation 2: $\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{R}_i)$ where $\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i$

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Notation 2: $\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i))$ where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |\text{TIME}_{i1}|^\delta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i2}|^\delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i3}|^\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i4}|^\delta \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
weights = varPower(form = ~time)
fm9.2 <- gls(lm1.form, weights = weights, data = armd)
```

We want to modify \mathbf{C}_i , allowing the visual acuity measurements for the same individual to be correlated, while keeping the same $\mathbf{\Lambda}_i$. We make use of the empirical Semivariogram for choosing the appropriate correlation structure.

Model 12.1 - corCompSymm(·)

Compound Symmetry Correlation Structure

$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i))$ where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |\text{TIME}_{i1}|^\delta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i2}|^\delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i3}|^\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i4}|^\delta \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
weights = varPower(form = ~time)
correlation = corCompSymm(form = ~1|subject)
fm12.1 <- gls(lm1.form,
              weights = weights,
              correlation = correlation,
              data = armd)
```

Model 12.2 - corAR1(·)

Heteroscedastic Autoregressive Residual Errors

$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i))$ where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |\text{TIME}_{i1}|^\delta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i2}|^\delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i3}|^\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i4}|^\delta \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \rho^3 \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \rho^2 \\ \rho^2 & \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho^3 & \rho^2 & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
weights = varPower(form = ~time)
correlation = corAR1(form = ~tp|subject)
fm12.2 <- gls(lm1.form,
              weights = weights,
              correlation = correlation,
              data = armd)
```

Model 12.3 - corSymm(·)

General correlation matrix for Residual Errors

$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i))$ where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |\text{TIME}_{i1}|^\delta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i2}|^\delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i3}|^\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i4}|^\delta \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} & \rho_{13} & \rho_{14} \\ \rho_{12} & 1 & \rho_{23} & \rho_{24} \\ \rho_{13} & \rho_{23} & 1 & \rho_{34} \\ \rho_{14} & \rho_{24} & \rho_{34} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
weights = varPower(form = ~time)
correlation = corSymm(form = ~tp|subject)
fm12.3 <- gls(lm1.form,
  weights = weights,
  correlation = correlation,
  data = armd)
```

Model 12.3.b - corSymm(·) and varIdent(·)

We now re-fit the model 12.3 with the most general variance function (varIdent) which allows arbitrary (positive) variances of the visual acuity measurements made at different timepoints.

$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i))$ where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \delta_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} & \rho_{13} & \rho_{14} \\ \rho_{12} & 1 & \rho_{23} & \rho_{24} \\ \rho_{13} & \rho_{23} & 1 & \rho_{34} \\ \rho_{14} & \rho_{24} & \rho_{34} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
weights = varIdent(form = ~1|time.f)
correlation = corSymm(form = ~tp|subject)
fm12.3.b <- gls(lm1.form,
  weights = weights,
  correlation = correlation,
  data = armd)
```

Multilevel Models

For patient i ($i = 1, \dots, 234$) at time t ($t = 4, 12, 24, 52$ weeks)

- **Notation 1:** \rightarrow we add a random intercept b_{0i}

$$\text{VISUAL}_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{VISUAL0}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{TIME}_{it} + \quad (1)$$

$$+ \beta_3 \cdot \text{TREAT}_i + \beta_4 \cdot \text{TREAT}_i \cdot \text{TIME}_{it} + \quad (2)$$

$$+ b_{0i} + \epsilon_{it}, \quad (3)$$

$$\epsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{it}^2), \quad (4)$$

$$b_{0i} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, d_{11}) \quad (5)$$

- **Notation 2:**

$$\underline{\text{VISUAL}}_i = \mathbb{X}_i \underline{\beta} + 1_i b_{0i} + \underline{\epsilon}_i \quad (6)$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \mathcal{R}_i) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathcal{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \quad (7)$$

$$b_{0i} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, d_{11}) \quad (8)$$

More in general: \rightarrow random intercept and slopes $\underline{b}_i = [b_{0i} \ b_{1i} \ \dots]'$

$$\underline{\text{VISUAL}}_i = \mathbb{X}_i \underline{\beta} + \mathbb{Z}_i \underline{b}_i + \underline{\epsilon}_i \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \mathcal{R}_i) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathcal{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \quad (10)$$

$$\underline{b}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \tilde{\mathcal{D}}) = \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \mathcal{D}) \quad (11)$$

we know that $\mathbf{V}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \sigma^2 \mathcal{R}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i$

- with `'getVarCov(model, type = 'conditional')` we extract $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i$;
- with `'getVarCov(model, type = 'marginal')` we extract \mathbf{V}_i ;
- with `'VarCorr(model)'` we extract $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ (also from the summary).

```
library(nlme)
lm2.form <- visual ~ visual0 + time + treat.f + treat.f:time
```

Homoscedastic residuals

Model 16.1 - Random intercept

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = [d_{11}]$$

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathcal{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [d_{11}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & \sigma^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & d_{11} & \sigma^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} & \sigma^2 + d_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the **implied marginal variance-covariance structure** is that of *compound symmetry* with a common correlation equal to $\rho = d_{11}/(\sigma^2 + d_{11}) > 0$ since $d_{11} > 0$.

$$Var(\text{VISUAL}_{it}) = d_{11} + \sigma^2$$

```
fm16.1 <- lme(lm2.form, random = ~1|subject, data = armd)
```

Model 16.2 - Random intercept + slope

Model 16.2A - General D

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathcal{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 24 \\ 1 & 52 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 12 & 24 & 52 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Var(\text{VISUAL}_{it}) = d_{11} + 2d_{12}\text{TIME}_{it} + d_{22}\text{TIME}_{it}^2 + \sigma^2$$

```
fm16.2A <- lme(lm2.form, random = ~1 + time | subject, data = armd)
```

Model 16.2B - Diagonal D

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \Lambda_i \mathcal{C}_i \Lambda_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 24 \\ 1 & 52 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 12 & 24 & 52 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Var(\text{VISUAL}_{it}) = d_{11} + d_{22} \text{TIME}_{it}^2 + \sigma^2$$

```
fm16.2B <- lme(lm2.form, random = list(subject = pdDiag(~time)), data = armd)
```

Heteroscedastic residuals: varPower()

Model 16.3 - Random intercept

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} = [d_{11}]$$

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \Lambda_i \mathcal{C}_i \Lambda_i = \begin{bmatrix} |\text{TIME}_{i1}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i2}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i3}|^{2\delta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\text{TIME}_{i4}|^{2\delta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Defining $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2 \cdot |\text{TIME}_{it}|^{2\delta}$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [d_{11}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & \sigma_2^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & d_{11} & \sigma_3^2 + d_{11} & d_{11} \\ d_{11} & d_{11} & d_{11} & \sigma_4^2 + d_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Var(VISUAL_{it}) = d_{11} + \sigma^2 |TIME_{it}|^{2\delta}$$

```
fm16.3 <- update(fm16.1,
  weights = varPower(form = ~ time),
  data = armd)
```

Model 16.4 - Random intercept + slope

Model 16.4A - General D

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |TIME_{i1}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |TIME_{i2}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |TIME_{i3}|^{2\delta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |TIME_{i4}|^{2\delta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Defining $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2 \cdot |TIME_{it}|^{2\delta}$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathbf{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 24 \\ 1 & 52 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 12 & 24 & 52 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Var(VISUAL_{it}) = d_{11} + 2d_{12}TIME_{it} + d_{22}TIME_{it}^2 + \sigma^2 |TIME_{it}|^{2\delta}$$

```
fm16.4A <- update(fm16.3,
  random = ~1 + time | subject,
  data = armd)
```

Model 16.4B - Diagonal D

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{\Lambda}_i \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{\Lambda}_i = \begin{bmatrix} |TIME_{i1}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |TIME_{i2}|^{2\delta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |TIME_{i3}|^{2\delta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |TIME_{i4}|^{2\delta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Defining $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2 \cdot |\text{TIME}_{it}|^{2\delta}$

$$\mathbf{V}_i = \mathbb{Z}_i \tilde{\mathbf{D}} \mathbb{Z}_i' + \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 24 \\ 1 & 52 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 12 & 24 & 52 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Var}(\text{VISUAL}_{it}) = d_{11} + d_{22} \text{TIME}_{it}^2 + \sigma^2 |\text{TIME}_{it}|^{2\delta}$$

```
fm16.4B <- update(fm16.3,
  random = list(subject = pdDiag(~time)), # Diagonal D
  data = armd)
```