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### 1) Model statement

A linear Gauss-Markov models is presented as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \\ \mathbf{y} &\sim N(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{V}) \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} &\sim N(0, \mathbf{V}) \end{aligned}$$

And independent random terms other than the residuals:

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=1} \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{e}$$

And the variance-covariance matrix is defined by

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=1} \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{Z}_i' \sigma_i^2 + \mathbf{I} \sigma_e^2$$

Reshape the model the model into:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=1} \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{u} &\sim N(0, \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{Z}_i' \sigma_i^2) \\ \mathbf{e} &\sim N(0, \mathbf{I} \sigma_e^2) \end{aligned}$$

### 2) Likelihood

Gaussian likelihood is defined as:

$$L = 2\pi^{-0.5n} |\mathbf{V}|^{-0.5} \exp(-0.5(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})' \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}))$$

Log likelihood:

$$\ln L = -\frac{1}{2} [\ln |\mathbf{V}| + \ln |\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X}|]$$

And restricted log likelihood (log REML) is defined as:

$$\ln L = -\frac{1}{2} [\ln |\mathbf{V}| + \ln |\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X}| + \mathbf{y}' \mathbf{P} \mathbf{y}]$$

Where the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is defined by:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}^{-1} - \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

Properties of  $\mathbf{P}$  include:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} &= 0, & \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}) \\ \mathbf{P}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{V}, & \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{e} \end{aligned}$$

For models with a single random, the inverse and determinant of  $\mathbf{V}$  can be expressed as follows

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{K}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'$$

### 3) BLUE and BLUP

The solution for the best linear unbiased estimators ( $\mathbf{b}$ , BLUE) and best linear unbiased predictor ( $\mathbf{u}$ , BLUP) are commonly defined through the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{Z}_i' \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional to the random terms, BLUE coefficients can be estimated from solving the system of equation:

$$(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{y} - \sum \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{u}_i)$$

And coefficients of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  random effect, conditional to fixed effects and other random effects, as:

$$(\mathbf{Z}_i' \mathbf{Z}_i + \mathbf{K}_i^{-1} \lambda_i) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Z}_i' (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} - \sum \mathbf{Z}_{-i} \mathbf{u}_{-i})$$

Where  $\lambda_i = \sigma_e^2 \sigma_i^{-2}$ .

### 4) General terms

In a more generalized notation, the mixed model equation is described as:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=1} \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{e}$$

Where the design matrices and coefficients are unified as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W} &= \mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Z}_1 | \mathbf{Z}_2 | \dots | \mathbf{Z}_I \\ \mathbf{g} &= \mathbf{b} | \mathbf{u}_1 | \mathbf{u}_2 | \dots | \mathbf{u}_I \end{aligned}$$

And the mixed model can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{W}\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{y} &\sim N(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{I} \sigma_e^2) \end{aligned}$$

Where the coefficients are, in probabilistic terms, described as a normal distribution with a block diagonal variance:

$$\mathbf{g} \sim \text{MVN} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \infty & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{K}_1 \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{K}_I \sigma_I^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Thus, the mixed model equation is generalized as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}'\mathbf{W} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma} &= \mathbf{W}'\mathbf{y} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{K}_I^{-1} \lambda_I \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

And the mixed model equation makes the complex problem a simple “ $Ax = b$ ” mathematic problem:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= gr \\ C &\rightarrow W'W + \Sigma \\ r &\rightarrow W'y \end{aligned}$$

### 5) Coefficients

The conditional expectation of each regression coefficient, assuming  $K_i = I$ , is expressed as:

$$g_j = \frac{w_j'(y - W_{-j}g_{-j})}{w_j'w_j + \lambda_j} = \frac{w_j'\tilde{y}}{w_j'w_j + \lambda_j}$$

Where  $w_j$  from fixed effect coefficients assume  $\lambda = 0$ .

Conditional to all other terms via *Gauss-Seidel residual update* (GSRU), coefficients can be efficiently estimated in two steps:

$$\begin{aligned} g_j^{t+1} &= \frac{w_j'e^t + w_j'w_jg_j^t}{w_j'w_j + \lambda_j} \\ e^{t+1} &= e^t - w_j(g_j^{t+1} - g_j^t) \end{aligned}$$

### 6) Kernel trick

It is also possible to expand this framework to scenarios where  $K_i \neq I$ , that is through the diagonalization of  $K_i$  by spectral decomposition:

$$K_i = U_i D_i U_i'$$

Where  $U$  is a matrix of Eigenvectors and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix of Eigenvalues. With properties

$$\begin{aligned} K^{-1} &= U D^{-1} U' \\ K'K &= U D^2 U' \\ D &= U'KU \\ I &= U'U \\ U' &= U^{-1} \\ \text{tr}(K) &= \text{tr}(D) \end{aligned}$$

Such that:

$$\begin{aligned} u_i &\sim N(0, Z_i K_i Z_i' \sigma_i^2) \\ u_i &\sim U N(0, Z_i D_i Z_i' \sigma_i^2) \\ a_i &\sim N(0, D_i \sigma_i^2) \\ E[u_i] &= U_i a_i \\ Z_i u_i &= Z_i U_i a_i \end{aligned}$$

Assume the notation:

$$V_i = Z_i U_i$$

Then, for  $i^{\text{th}}$  random effect and  $j^{\text{th}}$  Eigen-pair, the regression coefficient has expectation (GSRU):

$$g_{ij} = \frac{v_j'\tilde{y}}{v_j'v_j + \lambda_i d_j^{-1}}, \quad v = Z_i U_{ij}$$

### 7) Variance components

First derivative 1: Expectation-maximization

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_e^2 &= \frac{e'e + \text{tr}(WC^{-1}W')\sigma_e^{2t-1}}{n} = \frac{y'Py}{n-r} = \frac{y'e}{n-r} \\ \sigma_i^2 &= \frac{u_i'K_i^{-1}u_i + \text{tr}(K_i^{-1}C^{ii})\sigma_e^2}{q_i} = \frac{u_i'K_i^{-1}u_i}{q_i - \lambda \text{tr}(K_i^{-1}C^{ii})} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \text{number of observations} \\ r &= \text{rank of } X \text{ (number of columns of } X) \\ q_i &= \text{rank of } Z_i \text{ (number of columns of } Z_i) \end{aligned}$$

First derivative 2: Gibbs sampling (flat priors:  $S = 0, v = -2$ )

$$\sigma_e^2 \sim \frac{e'e + S_e v_e}{\chi_{n+v_e}^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_i^2 \sim \frac{u_i'K_i^{-1}u_i + S_i v_i}{\chi_{q_i+v_i}^2}$$

Second derivative 1: Newton-Raphson

$$\begin{aligned} v^{t+1} &= v^t - H^{-1}s, \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ H &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZKZ'PZKZ') + 2y'PZKZ'PZKZ'Py & \text{tr}(PZKZ'P) + 2y'PZKZ'PPy \\ \text{tr}(PZKZ'P) + 2y'PZKZ'PPy & \text{tr}(PP) + 2y'PPPy \end{bmatrix} \\ s &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZKZ') - y'PZKZ'Py \\ \text{tr}(P) - y'PPPy \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Second derivative 2: Fisher information

$$\begin{aligned} v^{t+1} &= v^t - I^{-1}s, \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ I &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZKZ'PZKZ') & \text{tr}(PZKZ'P) \\ \text{tr}(PZKZ'P) & \text{tr}(PP) \end{bmatrix} \\ s &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZKZ') - y'PZKZ'Py \\ \text{tr}(P) - y'PPPy \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Second derivative 3: Average information

$$\begin{aligned} v^{t+1} &= v^t - AI^{-1}s, \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ AI &= 0.5 \times \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(y'PZKZ'PZKZ'Py) & \text{tr}(y'PZKZ'P) \\ \text{tr}(y'PZKZ'P) & \text{tr}(y'PPPy) \end{bmatrix} \\ s &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{tr}(PZKZ') - y'PZKZ'Py \\ \text{tr}(P) - y'PPPy \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

First-Second derivative: EMMA

$$\begin{aligned} ZKZ' &= UDU' \\ b &= (X'V^{-1}X)^{-1}X'V^{-1}y \\ \sigma_e^2 &= \frac{(y - Xb)'V^{-1}(y - Xb)}{n-r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{argmax } L(\lambda) = -0.5 [\ln|V| + \ln|X'V^{-1}X| + y'Py]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln|V| &= \sum \ln(d_j \lambda^{-1} + 1) \\ \ln|X'V^{-1}X| &= \ln|X'U(D^{-1}\lambda^{-1} + I)U'X| \\ y'Py &= y'e \end{aligned}$$