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## HW5

1. (a) • The macro-explanatory variable is  $w_j$ , as it is indexed by j, meaning it varies between groups but is constant within a group.

• The micro-explanatory variable is  $x_{i,j}$ , as it is indexed by both i and j, meaning it varies across individuals within a group.

• The fixed effect parameters are  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$ .  $\beta_0$  is the fixed intercept,  $\beta_1$  is the fixed slope for the micro-level variable  $x_{i,j}$ , and  $\beta_2$  is the fixed slope for the macro-level variable  $w_j$ .

• The random effect parameters are  $\alpha_{0,j}$ , and  $\alpha_{1,j}$ , where  $\alpha_{0,j}$  is the random intercept, and  $\alpha_{1,j}$  is the random slope.

•  $\sigma^2$  is the variance of the residual errors  $\epsilon_{i,j}$ ,  $\psi_0^2$  is the variance of the random intercept  $\alpha_{0,j}$ ,  $\psi_1^2$  is the variance of the random slope  $\alpha_{1,j}$ .

• The covariance between  $\alpha_{0,j}$  and  $\alpha_{1,j}$  is  $\psi_{01}$ .

(b) The variable  $w_j$  is a group-level random variable that does not vary within a group. Adding  $a_{2,j}w_j$  is unnecessary as all effects should've been already covered by  $\beta_j w_j$ .

(c) Notice that under  $M_0$  assumption, since  $\psi_1^2 = 0$ , the random slope  $a_{1,j} = 0$  since  $\mathbb{E}[a_{1,j}] = 0$ . Then, we have the following null and alternative hypotheses:

• Null hypothesis: The random effect slope,  $a_{1,j}$  is 0.

• Alternative hypothesis: The random effect slope,  $a_{1,j}$ , is not zero.

From the hypotheses stated above,  $M_0$  has 1 random effect coefficient, while  $M_1$  has 2 random effect coefficients. Therefore,

$$\lambda(y) = \begin{cases} X_1 \text{ with probability } 1/2\\ X_2 \text{ with probability } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

where  $X_1 \sim \chi_1^2$  and  $X_2 \sim \chi_2^2$ . Hence, the distribution of the LRT statistic under the null hypothesis is

$$\lambda | M_0 \sim \frac{1}{2} \left( \chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2 \right).$$

To obtain a p-value, we will need the LRT statistic, which is

$$\lambda(y) = 2 \cdot (\log_{M_1}(y) - \log_{M_2}(y)).$$

Then, the p-value is

p-value = 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
Pr( $\chi_1^2 \ge \lambda$ ) +  $\frac{1}{2}$ Pr( $\chi_2^2 \ge \lambda$ ).