

Linear Mixed Effects Model as a ~~generalisation~~ generalisation of a fixed effect model:

Fixed effects:

$$y_{ij} = \mu + \text{herd}_j + e_{ij}$$

fixed effect of herd_j on weaning weight

random residual

weaning weight of animal i in herd_j

Mixed effects:

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \text{herd}_j + u_i + e_{ijk}$$

breeding value of animal i as random effect.

Insert information from data into model:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{12,1,1}^{2.61} &= \mu + \text{herd}_1 + u_{12} + e_{12,1,1} \\ y_{13,1,1}^{2.31} &= \mu + \text{herd}_1 + u_{13} + e_{13,1,1} \\ &\vdots \\ y_{27,2,1}^{3.16} &= \mu + \text{herd}_2 + u_{27} + e_{27,2,1} \end{aligned}$$

unknown

μ (unknown) herd_1 (unknown) u_{12} (known) $e_{12,1,1}$ (unknown)
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 μ (unknown) herd_2 (unknown) u_{27} (known) $e_{27,2,1}$ (unknown)