Overview of the package LMMstar

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This vignette describes the main functionalities of the **LMMstar** package. This package implements specific types of linear mixed models, mainly useful when having repeated observations over a discrete variable (e.g. time, brain region, ...). Key assumptions are that at the cluster level, observation are independent and that the mean and variance are independent (conditionally on covariates). In particular, in large samples the residuals do not have to be normally distributed.

The user interface of the LMMstar package is made of the following functions:

- the function 1mm is the main function of the package which fits linear mixed models. The user can interact with *lmm* objects using:
 - anova to test linear combinations of coefficients (Wald test or Likelihood ratio tests).
 The output be combined via rbind.
 - coef to extract the estimates.
 - confint to extract the estimates with their confidence intervals.
 - dummy.coef to extract the estimated (marginal) mean for each combination of categorical covariate.
 - estimate to test non-linear combinations of coefficients (Wald test via a first order delta method).
 - levels to extract the reference level for the mean structure. (i.e. what (Intercept) refers to in presence of categorical. covariates).
 - logLik to output the log-likelihood of the estimated model.
 - model.tables to extract the estimates, standard errors, p-value, and confidence intervals.
 - plot to obtain a diagnostic plots, partial residual plots, or a graphical display of the fitted values.
 - predict to compute the conditional mean for new observations.
 - profile to display the likelihood or profile likelihood of the model.
 - resample to use non-parametric bootstrap or permutation test for statistical inference.
 - residuals to extract the observed residuals of the fitted model.
 - sigma to extract the modeled residual variance covariance matrix.
 - summary to obtain a summary of the input, model fit, and estimated values.

- the mlmm function to fit (distinct) linear mixed models on different outcome, and gather the estimated coefficients.
- the summarize function to compute summary statistics, possibly stratified on a categorical variable, and the summarizeNA function to identify missing data patterns.
- the partialCor function to compute partial correlation between two variables.
- the sampleRem function to simulate longitudinal data.
- the LMMstar.options function enables the user to display the default values used in the LMMstar package. The function can also change the default values to better match the user needs.

Before going further we need to load the LMMstar package in the R session:

library(LMMstar)

<u>Note</u>: the **LMMstar** package is under active development. Newer package versions may include additional functionalities and fix previous bugs. The version of the package that is being used is:

utils::packageVersion("LMMstar")

[1] '0.8.10'

1 Illustrative dataset

To illustrate the functionalities of the package, we will use the gastricbypass dataset. The long format can be imported using:

```
data(gastricbypassL, package = "LMMstar")
head(gastricbypassL)
```

```
id visit
                   time weight glucagonAUC
1
  1
        1 3monthsBefore 127.2
                                  5032.50
2
 2
        1 3monthsBefore 165.2
                                  12142.50
3 3
        1 3monthsBefore 109.7
                                  10321.35
4 4
        1 3monthsBefore 146.2
                                  6693.00
5 5
        1 3monthsBefore 113.1
                                  7090.50
 6
        1 3monthsBefore 158.8
                                  10386.00
```

See ?gastricbypassL for a presentation of the dataset. We will shorten the values of the time variable:

rescale the glucagon values

```
gastricbypassL$glucagon <- as.double(scale(gastricbypassL$glucagonAUC))+5
```

and add a group variable:

```
gastricbypassL$group <- as.numeric(gastricbypassL$id)%%2</pre>
```

The corresponding wide format is

```
data(gastricbypassW, package = "LMMstar")
head(gastricbypassW)
```

```
id weight1 weight2 weight3 weight4 glucagonAUC1 glucagonAUC2 glucagonAUC3 glucagonAUC4
      127.2
              120.7
1
  1
                      115.5
                              108.1
                                        5032.50
                                                      4942.5
                                                                  20421.0
                                                                              9249.45
2
  2
      165.2
              153.4
                      149.2
                              132.0
                                       12142.50
                                                     14083.5
                                                                  10945.5
                                                                              7612.50
3 3
      109.7 101.6 97.7
                             87.1
                                       10321.35
                                                      6202.5
                                                                  20121.0
                                                                             17704.50
4
      146.2 142.4 136.7
                                                      6631.5
                                                                  13090.5
 4
                             123.0
                                        6693.00
                                                                              4551.00
      113.1
                                        7090.50
5
 5
              105.6
                    99.9
                              87.7
                                                          NA
                                                                  19155.0
                                                                             12345.00
6
  6
      158.8 143.6
                      134.6
                             108.7
                                       10386.00
                                                      7609.5
                                                                  11778.0
                                                                              8014.80
```

for which we can also add the group variable:

```
gastricbypassW$group <- as.numeric(gastricbypassW$id)%%2</pre>
```

Finally we will remove observation with missing glucagon values:

```
dfL <- gastricbypassL[!is.na(gastricbypassL$glucagonAUC),]
```

2 Descriptive statistics

2.1 Summary statistics

Mean, standard deviation, and other summary statistic can be computed with respect to a categorical variable (typically time) using the summarize function:

```
sss <- summarize(weight+glucagon \sim time, data = gastricbypassL, na.rm = TRUE) print(sss, digits = 3)
```

```
outcome time observed missing
                                             sd
                                                   min
                                                           q1 median
                                                                          q3
                                    mean
                                                                                max
                                0 128.97 20.269 100.90 115.30 123.10 139.82 173.00
    weight B3m
                      20
2
            B1w
                      20
                               0 121.24 18.910
                                                95.70 107.78 114.50 134.53 162.20
3
                      20
                               0 115.70 18.275
                                                 89.90 102.22 110.60 128.38 155.00
            A1w
                               0 102.36 17.054
4
                      20
                                                78.80 90.40 98.50 108.25 148.00
            A3m
            B3m
                      20
                                    4.51 0.641
                                                  3.61
                                                         4.06
                                                                4.33
                                                                        4.93
                                                                               6.03
5 glucagon
6
                               1
                                    4.39 0.558
                                                  3.58
                                                         4.05
                                                                4.23
                                                                        4.55
                                                                               5.95
            B1w
                      19
7
                                    6.06 1.044
                                                  4.52
                                                                5.94
            A1w
                      19
                                1
                                                         5.30
                                                                        6.62
                                                                               8.27
                                    5.06 0.760
                                                                        5.27
                                                                               7.12
8
            A3m
                      20
                                0
                                                  3.95
                                                         4.52
                                                                5.03
```

Correlation matrices are also outut when a cluster and ordering variable have been specified (here respectively id and time):

```
sss <- summarize(weight \sim time|id, data = gastricbypassL, na.rm = TRUE) print(sss, digits = 3)
```

```
time observed missing mean
                                         q1 median q3 max
                             sd
                                  min
  B3m
            20
                     0 129 20.3 100.9 115.3 123.1 140 173
1
2
 B1w
            20
                     0 121 18.9 95.7 107.8 114.5 135 162
3 A1w
            20
                     0 116 18.3 89.9 102.2 110.6 128 155
                     0 102 17.1 78.8 90.4
  АЗm
            20
                                             98.5 108 148
```

Pearson's correlation:

```
B3m B1w A1w A3m
B3m 1.000 0.990 0.986 0.946
B1w 0.990 1.000 0.997 0.959
A1w 0.986 0.997 1.000 0.966
A3m 0.946 0.959 0.966 1.000
```

Alternatively, the partialCor function can be used to compute correlation from the wide format, e.g.:

```
partialCor(weight1 + weight4 \sim 1, data = gastricbypassW)
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value rho(weight1,weight4) 0.946 0.105 31.1 0.867 0.978 8.46e-09
```

Partial correlations can be also computed, e.g.:

```
partialCor(list(weight1 \sim glucagonAUC1, weight4 \sim glucagonAUC4), data = gastricbypassW)
```

```
rho(weight1,weight4) estimate se df lower upper p.value 0.946 0.109 19.6 0.859 0.98 3.62e-07
```

The partialCor function can also be used to obtain group-specific correlations:

```
partialCor(weight + glucagonAUC \sim 1, by = "group", data = gastricbypassL)
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value
0: rho(weight,glucagonAUC) -0.281 0.148 21.1 -0.552 0.0442 0.0858
1: rho(weight,glucagonAUC) -0.336 0.144 22.2 -0.594 -0.0156 0.0410
```

A p-value for the difference can be obtained specifying the argument effects:

```
partialCor(weight + glucagonAUC \sim 1, by = "group", effects = "Dunnett", data = gastricbypassL)
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value 1:rho(weight,glucagonAUC) - 0:rho(weight,glucagonAUC) - 0.055 NA NA NA NA 0.789
```

2.2 Missing data patterns

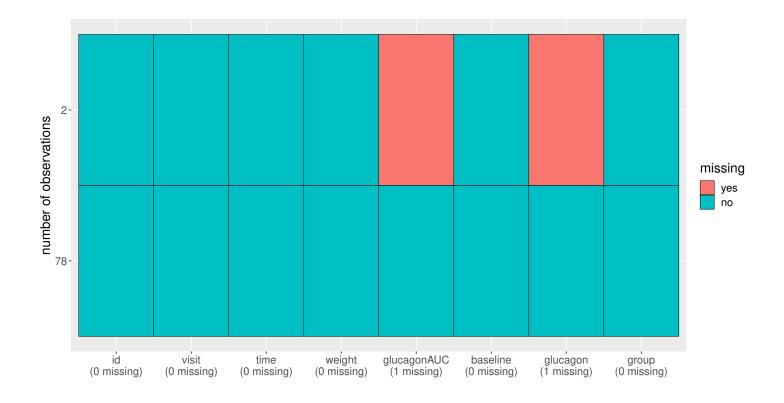
The summarizeNA identify the possible combinations of observed/missing data:

```
mp <- summarizeNA(gastricbypassL)
mp</pre>
```

```
frequency missing.pattern n.missing id visit time weight glucagonAUC baseline glucagon group
       78
                 0000000
                                      0
                                             0
                                                  0
                                                         0
                                                                                               0
        2
                 00001010
                                             0
                                                         0
                                                                      1
                                                                                         1
                                                  0
                                                                                               0
```

A graphical representation can be obtained using plot:

```
plot(mp)
```



3 Linear mixed model

3.1 Classical covariance patterns

Several build-in covariance patterns can be used when specifying the linear model. The most basic ones are the **identity** structure:

Linear regression

```
outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time
```

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 5 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon)

1 variance (sigma)

log-restr.likelihood: -323.086426918519
convergence : TRUE (0 iterations)

covariance structure:

B3m B1w A3m A1w B3m 330.0427 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 B1w 0.0000 330.0427 0.0000 0.0000 A1w 0.0000 0.0000 330.0427 0.0000 A3m 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 330.0427

and the **independence** structure:

```
eInd.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time + glucagon, repetition = ~time|id, structure = "IND", data = dfL)
eInd.lmm
cat(" covariance structure: \n");sigma(eInd.lmm)
```

Linear regression with heterogeneous residual variance

```
outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time
```

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 5 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon)

4 variance (sigma k.B1w k.A1w k.A3m)

log-restr.likelihood: -321.457830361849 convergence : TRUE (8 iterations)

covariance structure:

B3mB1w A1w A3m B3m 442.6475 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 418.9934 0.0000 B1w 0.0000 A1w 0.0000 0.0000 222.8463 0.0000 АЗm 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 237.2049 The most common linear mixed model uses a **compound symmetry** structure:

Linear Mixed Model with a compound symmetry covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 5 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon)

1 variance (sigma)
1 correlation (rho)

log-restr.likelihood: -243.600523870252
convergence : TRUE (9 iterations)

covariance structure:

 B3m
 B1w
 A1w
 A3m

 B3m
 355.3062
 344.6236
 344.6236
 344.6236

 B1w
 344.6236
 355.3062
 344.6236
 344.6236

 A1w
 344.6236
 344.6236
 355.3062
 344.6236

 A3m
 344.6236
 344.6236
 344.6236
 355.3062

A more flexible model can be obtained with a **toeplitz** covariance matrix:

```
eTOE.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time*group, repetition = ~time|id, structure = "TOEPLITZ", data = dfL)
eTOE.lmm
cat(" correlation structure: \n");cov2cor(sigma(eTOE.lmm))
```

Linear Mixed Model with a Toeplitz covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 8 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m group timeB1w:group timeA1w:grou

4 variance (sigma k.B1w k.A1w k.A3m)

3 correlation (rho(B3m,B1w) rho(B3m,A1w) rho(B3m,A3m))

log-restr.likelihood: -221.152940926053
convergence : TRUE (21 iterations)

correlation structure:

 B3m
 B1w
 A1w
 A3m

 B3m
 1.0000000
 0.9854133
 0.9676223
 0.9489216

 B1w
 0.9854133
 1.0000000
 0.9854133
 0.9676223

 A1w
 0.9676223
 0.9854133
 1.0000000
 0.9854133

 A3m
 0.9489216
 0.9676223
 0.9854133
 1.0000000

And an even more flexible model can be obtained with an **unstructured** covariance matrix:

Linear Mixed Model with an unstructured covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 5 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon)

4 variance (sigma k.B1w k.A1w k.A3m)

6 correlation (rho(B3m,B1w) rho(B3m,A1w) rho(B3m,A3m) rho(B1w,A1w) rho(B1w,A

log-restr.likelihood: -216.318937004306
convergence : TRUE (22 iterations)

covariance structure:

 B3m
 B1w
 A1w
 A3m

 B3m
 411.3114
 381.9734
 352.6400
 318.8573

 B1w
 381.9734
 362.7326
 335.4649
 304.6314

 A1w
 352.6400
 335.4649
 311.6921
 285.8077

 A3m
 318.8573
 304.6314
 285.8077
 280.9323

Stratification of the covariance structure on a categorical variable is also possible:

• e.g. to get a stratified compound symmetry

```
eSCS.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time*group,
repetition = ~time|id, structure = CS(group~1),
data = dfL)
eSCS.lmm
```

Linear Mixed Model with a stratified compound symmetry covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 8 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m group timeB1w:group timeA1w:group

2 variance (sigma:0 sigma:1)
2 correlation (rho:0 rho:1)

log-restr.likelihood: -229.203435252784
convergence : TRUE (6 iterations)

• e.g. **stratified unstructured** covariance matrix:

```
eSUN.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time*group + glucagon,
repetition = ~time|id, structure = UN(~group),
data = dfL)
eSUN.lmm
```

Linear Mixed Model with a stratified unstructured covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 9 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m group glucagon timeB1w:group time

8 variance (sigma:0 sigma:1 k.B1w:0 k.A1w:0 k.A3m:0 k.B1w:1 k.A1w:1 k.A3m:1)

12 correlation (rho(B3m,B1w):0 rho(B3m,A1w):0 rho(B3m,A3m):0 rho(B1w,A1w):0 r

log-restr.likelihood: -197.171312062213
convergence : TRUE (50 iterations)

with covariance structure:

sigma(eSCS.lmm)								sigma(eSUN.lmm)								
\$'0'								\$'0'	•							
		B3m	В	31w	A1w	A3m			B3m		B1w		A1w		A3m	
B3m	348.0	783	334.74	104	334.7404	334.7404		B3m	417.3374	382.	8829	362.	5674	301.	7430	
B1w	334.7	7404	348.07	'83	334.7404	334.7404		B1w	382.8829	364.	4515	346.	4039	292.	7507	
A1w	334.7	7404	334.74	104	348.0783	334.7404		A1w	362.5674	346.	4039	331.	1789	282.	9301	
АЗm	334.7	7404	334.74	104	334.7404	348.0783		АЗm	301.7430	292.	7507	282.	9301	253.	3324	
\$'1'	:							\$'1'	•							
		B3m	В	31w	A1w	A3m			B3m		B1w		A1w		A3m	
B3m	345.5	5863	340.15	38	340.1538	340.1538		B3m	383.8877	363.	6405	336.	5771	350.	0416	
B1w	340.1	1538	345.58	363	340.1538	340.1538		B1w	363.6405	347.	9898	321.	5908	331.	5182	
A1w	340.1	1538	340.15	38	345.5863	340.1538		A1w	336.5771	321.	5908	297.	5329	308.	1345	
АЗm	340.1	1538	340.15	38	340.1538	345.5863		АЗm	350.0416	331.	5182	308.	1345	334.	8267	

Finally the some covariance patterns like the compound symmetry structure may depend on covariates:

• e.g. to obtain a **block compound symmetry** structure¹:

```
eBCS.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time*group,repetition = ~time|id,
structure = CS(~baseline, heterogeneous = FALSE), data = dfL)
eBCS.lmm
cat(" covariance structure: \n");sigma(eBCS.lmm)
```

Linear Mixed Model with a block compound symmetry covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 8 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m group timeB1w:group timeA1w:grou

1 variance (sigma)

2 correlation (rho(TRUE) rho(TRUE,FALSE))

log-restr.likelihood: -230.532819632968 convergence : TRUE (6 iterations)

covariance structure:

 B3m
 B1w
 A1w
 A3m

 B3m
 346.7441
 339.3256
 336.1825
 336.1825

 B1w
 339.3256
 346.7441
 336.1825
 336.1825

 A1w
 336.1825
 336.1825
 346.7441
 339.3256

 A3m
 336.1825
 336.1825
 339.3256
 346.7441

• e.g. to obtain a **block unstructured** covariance matrix:

```
eBUN.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time*group, repetition = ~time|id, structure = CS(~baseline, heterogeneous = TRUE), data = dfL)
eBUN.lmm
cat(" covariance structure: \n");sigma(eBUN.lmm)
```

Linear Mixed Model with a block unstructured covariance matrix

outcome/cluster/time: weight/id/time

data : 78 observations and distributed in 20 clusters

parameter : 8 mean ((Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m group timeB1w:group timeA1w:grou

2 variance (sigma k.TRUE)

3 correlation (rho(TRUE) rho(TRUE,FALSE) rho(FALSE))

log-restr.likelihood: -227.461008305704
convergence : TRUE (6 iterations)

covariance structure:

 B3m
 B1w
 A1w
 A3m

 B3m
 378.0328
 372.8100
 336.3064
 336.3064

 B1w
 372.8100
 378.0328
 336.3064
 336.3064

 A1w
 336.3064
 336.3064
 315.6358
 306.0647

 A3m
 336.3064
 336.3064
 306.0647
 315.6358

¹similar to nested random effects

3.2 User-specific covariance patterns

It is possible input user-specific covariance patterns under the following model for the residuals:

$$\Omega = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathsf{T}} R \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

where:

- $\sigma = f(\theta_{\sigma}, Z_{\sigma})$ is a vector of residual standard errors depending on a vector of parameters θ_{σ} and possible covariates via the design matrix Z_{σ} .
- $R = g(\boldsymbol{\theta}_R, Z_R)$ is a matrix of residual correlations depending on a vector of parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}_R$ and possible covariates via the design matrix Z_R .

To be more concrete, consider the following correlation matrix

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [1,] 1.00 0.25 0.5 0.10 0.10 0.1 [2,] 0.25 1.00 0.4 0.10 0.10 0.1 [3,] 0.50 0.40 1.0 0.10 0.10 0.1 [4,] 0.10 0.10 0.1 1.00 0.25 0.5 [5,] 0.10 0.10 0.1 0.25 1.00 0.4 [6,] 0.10 0.10 0.1 0.50 0.40 1.0
```

and the corresponding dataset:

```
set.seed(11)
n <- 1000
Y <- rmvnorm(n, mean = rep(0,6), sigma = Rho)
dfL2 <- reshape2::melt(cbind(id = 1:n, as.data.frame(Y)), id.vars = "id")
dfL2$time <- dfL2$variable
dfL2 <- dfL2[order(dfL2$id),]
dfL2[1:8,]</pre>
```

```
id variable
                    value time
      1
1
              V1 -0.9842079
                              V1
1001 1
              V2 -0.3681245
                              V2
2001 1
              V3 -1.6174652
                              V3
3001 1
              V4 -1.4994103
                              V4
4001 1
              V5 0.7493107
                              V5
5001
              V6 -1.0719657
                              V6
     1
2
     2
              V1 1.2402726
                              V1
1002 2
              V2 0.6494215
                              V2
```

To fit the corresponding mixed model, we first define a specific covariance structure using the CUSTOM function:

```
myStruct <- CUSTOM(~variable,
   FCT.sigma = function(p,time,X){rep(p,length(time))}, ## function f
   init.sigma = c("sigma"=1),
   FCT.rho = rho.2block, ## function g
   init.rho = c("rho1"=0.25,"rho2"=0.25,"rho3"=0.25,"rho4"=0.25))</pre>
```

and then call 1mm with this structure structure:

```
e.lmmCUSTOM <- lmm(value~time,
    repetition=~time|id,
    structure = myStruct,
    data=dfL2,
    df = FALSE) ## df = FALSE to save computation time
logLik(e.lmmCUSTOM)</pre>
```

[1] -7962.243

The optimization procedure is not very fast but eventually reaches an optimum. We can then output the estimated correlation matrix:

```
cov2cor(sigma(e.lmmCUSTOM))
```

```
        V1
        V2
        V3
        V4
        V5
        V6

        V1
        1.00000000
        0.24898095
        0.50058994
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.24898095
        1.00000000
        0.36110943

        V6
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.09053785
        0.50058994
        0.36110943
        1.00000000
```

Note that specifying a classical structure (e.g. compound symmetry):

```
myCS <- CUSTOM(~1,
    FCT.sigma = function(p,time,X){rep(p,length(time))},
    init.sigma = c("sigma"=1),
    FCT.rho = function(p,time,X){matrix(p,length(time),length(time))+diag(1-p,length(time),
    length(time))},
    init.rho = c("rho"=0.5))</pre>
```

via CUSTOM:

```
logLik(lmm(value~time,
    repetition = ~time|id,
    structure = myCS,
    data = dfL2, df = FALSE
    ))
```

[1] -8186.859

will be the same as using the pre-specified structure (up the certain user-friendly displays):

```
logLik(lmm(value~time,
    repetition = ~time|id,
    structure = "CS",
    data = dfL2, df = FALSE))
```

[1] -8186.859

3.3 Model output

sigma.A1w

sigma.A3m

The summary method can be used to display the main information relative to the model fit:

```
summary(eUN.lmm)
```

```
Linear Mixed Model
Dataset: dfL
  - 20 clusters
  - 78 observations
  - between 3 and 4 observations per cluster
Summary of the outcome and covariates:
    $ weight : num 127 165 110 146 113 ...
             : Factor w/ 4 levels "B3m", "B1w", "A1w", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
    $ glucagon: num 4.03 5.24 4.93 4.32 4.38 ...
    reference level: time=B3m
Estimation procedure
  - Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML)
  - log-likelihood :-216.3189
  - parameters: mean = 5, variance = 4, correlation = 6
  - convergence: TRUE (22 iterations)
    largest |score| = 7.034659e-05 for k.A1w
            |change|= 1.09738491005373e-06 for (Intercept)
Residual variance-covariance: unstructured
  - correlation structure: ~time - 1
          B3m B1w A1w
                            АЗm
    B3m 1.000 0.989 0.985 0.938
    B1w 0.989 1.000 0.998 0.954
    A1w 0.985 0.998 1.000 0.966
    A3m 0.938 0.954 0.966 1.000
  - variance structure: ~time
              standard.deviation ratio
    sigma.B3m
                            20.3 1.000
    sigma.B1w
                            19.0 0.939
```

17.7 0.871

16.8 0.826

Fixed effects: weight ~ time + glucagon

```
estimate
                              df
                                   lower
                                           upper p.value
              132.98 4.664 19.8 123.243 142.717 < 2e-16 ***
 (Intercept)
               -7.882 0.713 19.2 -9.374
                                          -6.39 9.27e-10 ***
 timeB1w
 timeA1w
              -11.788 1.018 21.6
                                 -13.9 -9.676 9.55e-11 ***
              -26.122 1.656 18.8 -29.591 -22.654 2.62e-12 ***
 timeA3m
               -0.888 0.242 13.7 -1.408 -0.369 0.00257 **
 glucagon
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1.
Columns lower and upper contain 95% pointwise confidence intervals for each coefficient.
Model-based standard errors are derived from the observed information (column se).
Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).
```

<u>Note:</u> the calculation of the degrees of freedom, especially when using the observed information can be quite slow. Setting the arguments df to FALSE and type.information to "expected" when calling 1mm should lead to a more reasonnable computation time.

3.4 Extract estimated coefficients

The value of the estimated coefficients can be output using coef:

```
coef(eUN.lmm)
```

```
(Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon 132.9801355 -7.8822331 -11.7879545 -26.1223908 -0.8883081
```

Variance coefficients can be output by specifying the effects argument:

```
coef(eUN.lmm, effects = "variance")
```

```
sigma k.B1w k.A1w k.A3m
20.2808131 0.9390916 0.8705176 0.8264480
```

It is possible to apply specific transformation on the variance coefficients, for instance to obtain the residual variance relative to each outcome:

```
coef(eUN.lmm, effects = "variance", transform.k = "sd")
```

```
sigma.B3m sigma.B1w sigma.A1w sigma.A3m 20.28081 19.04554 17.65480 16.76104
```

The marginal means at each timepoint can be obtained using dummy.coef:

```
dummy.coef(eUN.lmm)
```

```
time estimate se df lower upper
1 B3m 128.5386 4.536445 18.97584 119.04289 138.0343
2 B1w 120.6564 4.261691 19.04078 111.73783 129.5749
3 A1w 116.7506 3.956964 19.04925 108.47007 125.0312
4 A3m 102.4162 3.747908 19.05531 94.57328 110.2591
```

3.5 Extract estimated coefficient and associated uncertainty

The uncertainty about the mean coefficients can be obtained using the model.tables method ²:

```
model.tables(eUN.lmm)
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value (Intercept) 132.9801355 4.6642475 19.75815 123.243045 142.7172256 0.000000e+00 timeB1w -7.8822331 0.7131797 19.17147 -9.374032 -6.3904339 9.273644e-10 timeA1w -11.7879545 1.0175135 21.64404 -13.900162 -9.6757467 9.552470e-11 timeA3m -26.1223908 1.6564077 18.84049 -29.591280 -22.6535021 2.617462e-12 glucagon -0.8883081 0.2416081 13.70759 -1.407545 -0.3690712 2.571605e-03
```

Values for the all correlation parameters can be displayed too, by specifying effect="all":

```
model.tables(eUN.lmm, effect = "all")
```

```
estimate
                                            df
                                                      lower
                                                                             p.value
                                   se
                                                                  upper
(Intercept)
             132.9801355 4.664247e+00 19.75815 123.2430454 142.7172256 0.000000e+00
              -7.8822331 7.131797e-01 19.17147
                                                 -9.3740323
                                                             -6.3904339 9.273644e-10
timeB1w
             -11.7879545 1.017513e+00 21.64404 -13.9001622
                                                             -9.6757467 9.552470e-11
timeA1w
             -26.1223908 1.656408e+00 18.84049 -29.5912795 -22.6535021 2.617462e-12
timeA3m
              -0.8883081 2.416081e-01 13.70759
                                                -1.4075449
                                                             -0.3690712 2.571605e-03
glucagon
              20.2808131 1.042207e+08 17.94875
                                                 14.4225149
                                                             28.5187002
sigma
               0.9390916 8.746246e-02 19.25090
                                                  0.8742815
                                                              1.0087060 8.159292e-02
k.B1w
               0.8705176 9.733113e-02 20.32066
                                                  0.7996375
                                                              0.9476805 2.778018e-03
k.A1w
k.A3m
               0.8264480 1.820402e-01 19.48030
                                                  0.6997216
                                                              0.9761257 2.692889e-02
rho(B3m,B1w)
               0.9889048 9.815766e-02 32.79091
                                                  0.9719687
                                                              0.9956310 7.778223e-13
               0.9848800 9.911546e-02 26.28819
rho(B3m,A1w)
                                                  0.9614535
                                                              0.9941119 5.780221e-11
rho(B3m,A3m)
               0.9380157 1.061121e-01 23.56848
                                                  0.8470249
                                                              0.9755995 1.153943e-07
               0.9976791 9.925175e-02 27.01628
rho(B1w,A1w)
                                                  0.9939113
                                                              0.9991163 3.730349e-14
               0.9542904 1.035349e-01 24.72225
rho(B1w,A3m)
                                                  0.8860968
                                                              0.9820453 1.782701e-08
               0.9658511 1.015050e-01 27.88668
                                                  0.9147964
                                                              0.9865286 1.450022e-09
rho(A1w, A3m)
```

Because these parameters are constrained (e.g. strictly positive), they uncertainty is by default computed after transformation (e.g. log) and then backtransformed. The column argument can be used to extract more or less information, e.g.:

```
model.tables(eUN.lmm, columns = c("estimate", "p.value"))
```

```
estimate p.value (Intercept) 132.9801355 0.000000e+00 timeB1w -7.8822331 9.273644e-10 timeA1w -11.7879545 9.552470e-11 timeA3m -26.1223908 2.617462e-12 glucagon -0.8883081 2.571605e-03
```

²it is equivalent to confint method except that by default it also outputs se and p.value

The functions add (resp. remove) can be used to add (resp. remove) one or several columns from the default display, e.g.:

```
model.tables(eUN.lmm, columns = add("statistic"))
```

```
      estimate
      se
      statistic
      df
      lower
      upper
      p.value

      (Intercept)
      132.9801355
      4.6642475
      28.510523
      19.75815
      123.243045
      142.7172256
      0.000000e+00

      timeBlw
      -7.8822331
      0.7131797
      -11.052240
      19.17147
      -9.374032
      -6.3904339
      9.273644e-10

      timeAlw
      -11.7879545
      1.0175135
      -11.585060
      21.64404
      -13.900162
      -9.6757467
      9.552470e-11

      timeA3m
      -26.1223908
      1.6564077
      -15.770508
      18.84049
      -29.591280
      -22.6535021
      2.617462e-12

      glucagon
      -0.8883081
      0.2416081
      -3.676648
      13.70759
      -1.407545
      -0.3690712
      2.571605e-03
```

3.6 Extract estimated residual variance-covariance structure

The method sigma can be used to output the modeled residual covariance structure:

```
Sigma <- sigma(eUN.lmm)
Sigma
```

```
      B3m
      B1w
      A1w
      A3m

      B3m
      411.3114
      381.9734
      352.6400
      318.8573

      B1w
      381.9734
      362.7326
      335.4649
      304.6314

      A1w
      352.6400
      335.4649
      311.6921
      285.8077

      A3m
      318.8573
      304.6314
      285.8077
      280.9323
```

and then converted to a correlation matrix using cov2cor:

```
cov2cor(Sigma)
```

```
      B3m
      B1w
      A1w
      A3m

      B3m
      1.0000000
      0.9889048
      0.9848800
      0.9380157

      B1w
      0.9889048
      1.0000000
      0.9976791
      0.9542904

      A1w
      0.9848800
      0.9976791
      1.0000000
      0.9658511

      A3m
      0.9380157
      0.9542904
      0.9658511
      1.0000000
```

The method can also be used to extract the residual covariance relative to a "known" individual:

```
sigma(eUN.lmm, cluster = 5)
```

```
B3m A1w A3m
B3m 411.3114 352.6400 318.8573
A1w 352.6400 311.6921 285.8077
A3m 318.8573 285.8077 280.9323
```

or for a new individual:

```
newdata <- data.frame(id = "X", time = c("B3m", "B1w", "A1w", "A3m"))
sigma(eUN.lmm, cluster = newdata)</pre>
```

```
      B3m
      B1w
      A1w
      A3m

      B3m
      411.3114
      381.9734
      352.6400
      318.8573

      B1w
      381.9734
      362.7326
      335.4649
      304.6314

      A1w
      352.6400
      335.4649
      311.6921
      285.8077

      A3m
      318.8573
      304.6314
      285.8077
      280.9323
```

3.7 Random effects

Mixed model having a compound symmetry structure with positive correlation parameters are equivalent to random intercept models, possibly with nested random effects. Indeed the residual variance-covariance matrix can then be decomposed as:

$$\Omega = Z\Omega_1 Z^{\mathsf{T}} + \Omega_2$$

where:

- \bullet Z is the design matrix associated to the possibly nested clustering factors
- Ω_1 is the variance-covariance of the random effects
- Ω_2 the residual-variance covariance conditional to the random effects.

The joint distribution between the outcome Y and the random effects η is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{Y} \\ \boldsymbol{\eta} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \boldsymbol{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & Z\Omega_1 \\ \Omega_1 Z^\intercal & \Omega_1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Denoting by $\varepsilon_i = \boldsymbol{Y}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i$ the vector of marginal residuals relative to individual *i* with variance-covariance matrix Ω_i , the *j*-th random effect is the expected value given the residual:

$$\eta_{ij} = \omega_{1j} Z_{ij} \Omega_i^{-1} \varepsilon_i$$

where ω_{1j} the variance of the random effect. This is what the coef method returns when setting the argument effects to "ranef":

<pre>head(coef(eCS.lmm, effects = "ranef"))</pre>	<pre>head(coef(eBCS.lmm, effects = "ranef"))</pre>								
id	id baseline1 baseline2								
1 0.9036038	1 4.931442 0.52901983 -0.4829138								
2 32.5542378	2 28.390660 -0.09204109 0.3574766								
3 -18.3099658	3 -13.728389 0.18951039 -0.3178625								
4 20.2561307	4 15.645550 0.82309894 -0.6768225								
5 -15.4258816	5 -11.246852 -0.30658155 0.2014303								
6 19.3751847	6 15.002108 -2.64303027 2.7832909								

3.8 Sum of squares

The definition of the sum of squares is not straightforward with mixed models. Intuitively summing residuals across several outcomes will be hard to interpret unless all outcomes have the same variance. This is why LMMstar does not provide them. Nevertheless for specific covariance structure, namely independence and compound symmetry (with positive correlation) structure, sum of squares can be deduced from the 1mm object - see appendix C for the theoretical derivations. Importantly, with these structures the residuals can be reparametrised as random effects plus independent residuals, i.e. $\Omega = Z\Omega_1Z^{\dagger} + \omega I$ where I is the identity matrix and ω the variance of these independent residuals.

Appendix C illustrate how to extract the sum of squares for univariate linear regression (i.e. independence structure) and here we illustrate the case of a compound symmetry structure. A key step is to extract from the lmm object the conditional variance ω :

```
sigma2 <- coef(eCS.lmm, effect = "variance")^2
tau <- coef(eCS.lmm, effect = "correlation")*sigma2
omega <- unname(sigma2 - tau)</pre>
```

This step will typically depend on the covariance structure. The residual sum of squares (SSE) equals the residual degrees of freedom times the conditional variance:

```
df.res <- df.residual(eCS.lmm)
SSE <- df.res * omega
c(df.res = df.res, SSE = SSE)</pre>
```

```
df.res SSE
73.0000 779.8304
```

For the regression sum of squares (SSR), we first extract the mean parameters and their variance-covariance based on the expected information:

```
eBeta.lmm <- coef(eCS.lmm)
eVcov.lmm <- vcov(eCS.lmm, type.information = "expected")
```

Parameters are grouped with respect to the original variable:

```
attr(model.matrix(eCS.lmm), "assign")
```

[1] 0 1 1 1 2

So we respect this grouping when computing the normalized SSR:

```
SSRstar.time <- eBeta.lmm[2:4] %*% solve(eVcov.lmm[2:4,2:4]) %*% eBeta.lmm[2:4]
SSRstar.glucagon <- eBeta.lmm[5] %*% solve(eVcov.lmm[5,5]) %*% eBeta.lmm[5]
```

The SSR is obtained by multiplying the normalized SSR by the conditional variance:

```
SSR.time <- as.double(SSRstar.time * omega)
SSR.glucagon <- as.double(SSRstar.glucagon * omega)
c(time = SSR.time, glucagon = SSR.glucagon)
```

```
time glucagon 6986.78351 18.83074
```

3.9 Proportion of explained variance and partial correlation

The definition of explained variance is not straightforward with mixed models. Intuitively considering the variance across several outcomes will be hard to interpret unless all outcomes have the same variance. Similar consideration holds for partial correlation. This is why LMMstar does not output these quantities by default. Nevertheless for specific covariance structure, namely independence and compound symmetry (with positive correlation) structure, explained variance and partial correlation can be deduced from the 1mm object. Importantly, with these structures the residuals can be reparametrised as random effects plus independent residuals, i.e. $\Omega = Z\Omega_1Z^{\intercal} + \omega I$ where I is the identity matrix and ω the variance of these independent residuals.

The proportion of explained variance, also called partial R^2 or partial η^2 , is defined as the ratio between sum of squares (e.g. Lakens (2013), equation 12):

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SSR + SSE}$$

```
c(SSR.time/ (SSR.time + SSE),
SSR.glucagon/ (SSR.glucagon + SSE))
```

[1] 0.89959197 0.02357789

Computing the SSR for each individual coefficients, taking its squared root, and multiplying by the sign of the corresponding coefficient leads to the partial correlation

```
eCS.R2 <- partialCor(eCS.lmm, R2 = TRUE) summary(eCS.R2)
```

Partial correlation

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value
timeB1w -0.646 0.055 18.6 -0.762 -0.53 5.11e-10
timeA1w -0.765 0.035 9.5 -0.845 -0.686 2.07e-09
```

```
timeA3m -0.946 0.006 2.4 -0.969 -0.923 6.80e-06 glucagon 0.154 0.114 45.3 -0.076 0.383 0.184
```

Columns lower and upper contain 95% pointwise confidence intervals for each coefficient. Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).

Coefficient of determination (R2)

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value time 0.9 0.011 2.4 0.857 0.942 4.09e-05 glucagon 0.024 0.035 45.3 -0.047 0.094 0.503 global 0.906 0.011 2.3 0.866 0.946 4.51e-05
```

Columns lower and upper contain 95% pointwise confidence intervals for each coefficient. Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).

Here the line "global" refer to the R2 for all covariates, computed based on the SSR relative to all mean parameters but the intercept.

partialCor will compute values for all types of mixed models. But their interpretation as partial correlation and proportion of explained variance outside the covariance structures mentioned in this section is questionnable.

<u>Note:</u> Other software packages like effectsize::eta_squared uses another formula to estimate the partial R2:

$$R^2 = \frac{Fdf_{num}}{Fdf_{num} + df_{denom}}$$

where F denote the F-statistic, df_{num} (resp. df_{denom}) the degrees of freedom of the numerator (resp. denominator) of this statistic. However since the calculation of degrees of freedom in LMM is approximate, I would expect this approach to be less reliable than the one of partialCor based on the SSR and SSE.

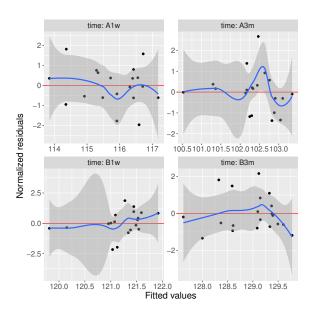
```
aCS.aov <- anova(eCS.lmm)$multivariate setNames(aCS.aov$statistic/(aCS.aov$statistic+aCS.aov$df.denom), aCS.aov$test)
```

time glucagon 0.80163957 0.03162017

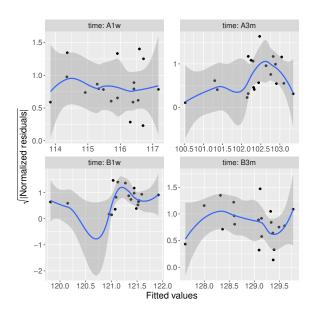
3.10 Model diagnostic

The method plot can be used to display diagnostic plots about:

• misspecification of the mean structure

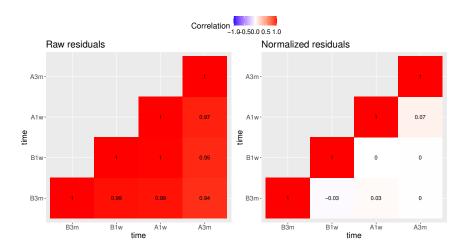


• misspecification of the variance structure



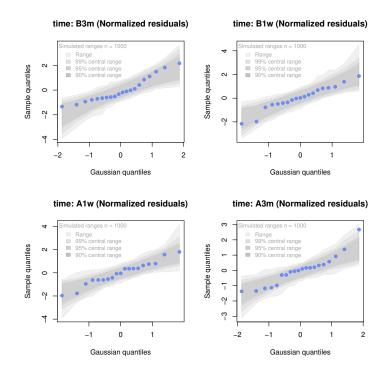
• misspecification of the correlation structure

```
plot(eUN.lmm, type = "correlation", type.residual = "response")
plot(eUN.lmm, type = "correlation", type.residual = "normalized")
```



• residual distribution vs. normal distribution ³:

```
plot(eUN.lmm, type = "qqplot", engine.qqplot = "qqtest")
## Note: the qqtest package to be installed to use the argument engine.plot = "qqtest"
```



³see Oldford (2016) for guidance about how to read quantile-quantile plots.

The method residuals returns the residulas in the wide format:

```
eUN.diagW <- residuals(eUN.lmm, type = "normalized", format = "wide")
colnames(eUN.diagW) <- gsub("normalized.","",colnames(eUN.diagW))
head(eUN.diagW)</pre>
```

```
r.B3m
                         r.B1w
                                    r.A1w
  cluster
                                                r.A3m
1
       1 -0.1082872
                    0.4283943 0.7477306 0.91794015
2
       2 1.8182348 -0.3516996 1.5698307 -0.98743171
       3 -0.9318737 -0.7728221 0.6315751 0.16549699
3
       4 0.8408969 1.8695564 0.3485784 -0.09662565
4
5
       5 -0.7882340
                            NA -0.6128276 0.09933842
6
       6 1.4896141 -1.9727358 -1.9672939 -1.37068983
```

or in the long format:

```
eUN.diagL <- residuals(eUN.lmm, type = "normalized", format = "long")
head(eUN.diagL)</pre>
```

```
[1] -0.1082872 1.8182348 -0.9318737 0.8408969 -0.7882340 1.4896143
```

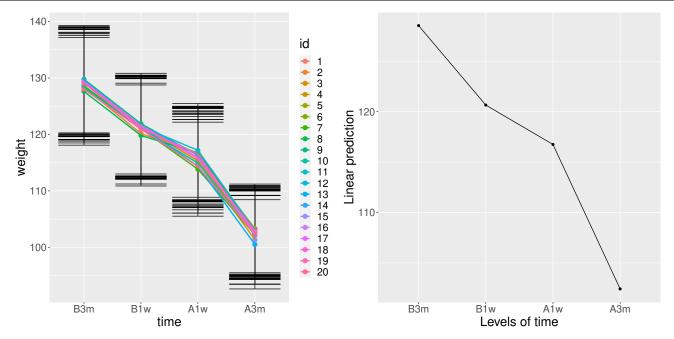
Various type of residuals can be extract but the normalized one are recommanded when doing model checking.

3.11 Model fit

The fitted values can be displayed via the plot method or using the emmeans package:

```
library(ggplot2) ## left panel
plot(eUN.lmm, type = "fit", color = "id", ci.alpha = NA, size.text = 20)
```

```
library(emmeans) ## right panel
emmip(eUN.lmm, ~time) + theme(text = element_text(size=20))
```

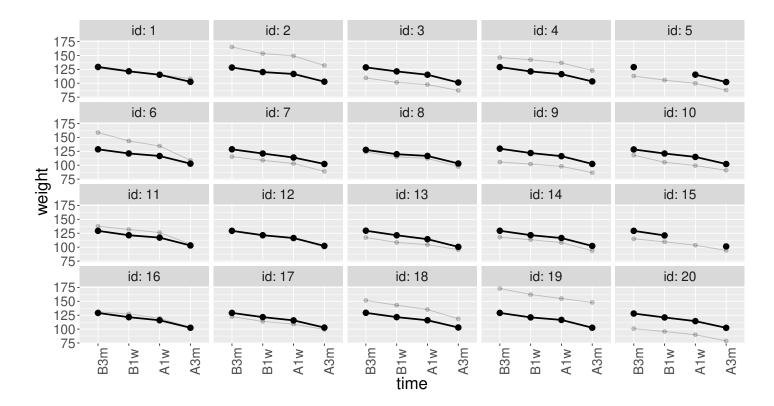


In the first case each possible curve is displayed while in the latter the average curve (over glucagon values). With the plot method, it is possible to display a curve specific to a glucagon value via the argument at:

```
plot(eUN.lmm, type = "fit", at = data.frame(glucagon = 10), color = "glucagon")
## result not shown
```

It is also possible to display the observed values along with the fitted values by setting the argument obs.alpha to a strictly positive value below or equal to 1. This argument controls the transparency of the color used to display the observed values:

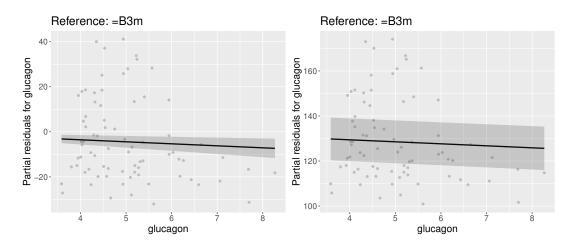
```
gg <- plot(eUN.lmm, type = "fit", obs.alpha = 0.2, ci = FALSE,plot = FALSE)$plot
gg <- gg + facet_wrap(~id, labeller = label_both)
gg <- gg + theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 0))
gg</pre>
```



3.12 Partial residuals

Partial residuals can also be displayed via the plot method:

```
gg1 <- plot(eUN.lmm, type = "partial", var = "glucagon", plot = FALSE)$plot
gg2 <- plot(eUN.lmm, type = "partial", var = c("(Intercept)", "glucagon"), plot = FALSE)$plot
ggarrange(gg1,gg2)</pre>
```



Their value can be extracted via the residuals method, e.g.:

```
df.pres <- residuals(eUN.lmm, type = "partial", var = "glucagon", keep.data = TRUE)
head(df.pres)</pre>
```

```
id visit time weight glucagonAUC baseline glucagon group
                                                                r.partial
1
   1
             B3m
                  127.2
                             5032.50
                                          TRUE 4.034616
                                                                -5.780135
2
   2
         1
             B3m
                  165.2
                            12142.50
                                          TRUE 5.240766
                                                             0
                                                                32.219865
3
   3
         1
             B3m
                  109.7
                            10321.35
                                          TRUE 4.931824
                                                             1 -23.280135
4
   4
         1
            B3m
                  146.2
                             6693.00
                                          TRUE 4.316306
                                                                 13.219865
   5
            B3m
                  113.1
                             7090.50
                                          TRUE 4.383738
                                                             1 -19.880135
5
         1
                  158.8
                            10386.00
                                          TRUE 4.942791
                                                                 25.819865
6
   6
            B3m
```

This matches manual calculation:

```
m.pres <- dfL$weight - model.matrix(~time,dfL) %*% coef(eUN.lmm)[1:4]
range(df.pres$r.partial - m.pres, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
```

[1] -1.065814e-14 1.421085e-14

Note: to match the partial residuals obtained from 1m:

```
eIID.lm <- lm(glucagon ~ time + weight, data = dfL)
pRes.lm <- residuals(eIID.lm, type = "partial")[,"weight"]
```

one should use type equal to "partial-center" which also removes the average effect of the covariate:

```
eIID.lmm <- lmm(glucagon ~ time + weight, data = dfL)
pRes.lmm <- residuals(eIID.lmm, type = "partial-center", var = "weight")
range(pRes.lm-na.omit(pRes.lmm))
```

```
[1] -6.883383e-15 8.881784e-15
```

3.13 Statistical inference (linear)

The anova method can be use to test one or several linear combinations of the model coefficients using Wald tests. By default, it will simultaneously test all parameters associated to a variable:

```
anova(eUN.lmm)
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
F-statistic df p.value
mean: time 86.743 (3,19.0) 2.84e-11 ***
: glucagon 13.518 (1,13.7) 0.00257 **
```

Note that here the p-values are not adjust for multiple comparisons over variables. It is possible to specify a null hypothesis to be test: e.g. is there a change in average weight just after taking the treatment:

```
anova(eUN.lmm, effects = c("timeA1w-timeB1w=0"))
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
F-statistic df p.value all: 1 43.141 (1,17.9) 3.72e-06 ***
```

One can also simulateneously tests several null hypotheses:

```
e.anova <- anova(eUN.lmm, effects = c("timeA1w-timeB1w=0","timeA3m-timeB1w=0"))
summary(e.anova)</pre>
```

Multivariate Wald test

Univariate Wald test

Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).

or return all pairwise comparisons for a given factor using the mcp function of the multcomp package:

```
library(multcomp)
summary(anova(eUN.lmm, effects = mcp(time = "Tukey")))
Singular contrast matrix: contrasts "A1w - B1w" "A3m - B1w" "A3m - A1w" have been removed.
               Multivariate Wald test
            F-statistic df p.value
              86.743 (3,19.0) 2.84e-11 ***
  all: time
   _____
  Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1.
  Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).
               Univariate Wald test
            estimate se df lower upper p.value
  B1w - B3m -7.882 0.713 19.2 -9.83 -5.935 <1e-05 ***
  A1w - B3m -11.788 1.018 21.6 -14.567 -9.009 <1e-05 ***
  A3m - B3m -26.122 1.656 18.8 -30.646 -21.599 <1e-05 ***
  A1w - B1w -3.906 0.595 17.9 -5.53 -2.282 4e-05 ***
  A3m - B1w -18.24 1.323 19 -21.853 -14.627 <1e-05 ***
  A3m - A1w -14.334 1.057 20.3 -17.22 -11.449 <1e-05 ***
  Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' '1.
  Columns lower/upper/p.value adjusted for multiple comparisons -- max-test.
  (1e+05 samples have been used)
  Model-based standard errors are derived from the observed information (column se).
 Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).
   Here the summary method prints not only the global test but also the result associated to each hypoth-
esis. When testing transformed variance or correlation parameters, parentheses (as in log(k).Blw) cause
problem for recognizing parameters:
try(
 anova(eUN.lmm,
 effects = c("log(k).B1w=0","log(k).A1w=0","log(k).A3m=0"))
Error in .anova_Wald(object, effects = effects, robust = robust, rhs = rhs, :
 Possible mispecification of the argument 'effects' as running mulcomp::glht lead to the following
Error in parse(text = ex[i]) : <text>:1:7: uventet symbol
1: log(k).B1w
```

It is then advised to build a contrast matrix, e.g.:

```
name.coef <- rownames(confint(eUN.lmm, effects = "all"))
name.varcoef <- grep("^k",name.coef, value = TRUE)
C <- matrix(0, nrow = 3, ncol = length(name.coef), dimnames = list(name.varcoef, name.coef))
diag(C[name.varcoef,name.varcoef]) <- 1
C[,1:9]</pre>
```

```
(Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon sigma k.B1w k.A1w k.A3m
                  0
                          0
                                   0
                                            0
                                                      0
                                                                                 0
k.B1w
                  0
                          0
                                   0
                                                      0
k.A1w
                                            0
                                                             0
                                                                    0
                                                                           1
                                                                                 0
                          0
                                            0
                                                      0
                                                                           0
k.A3m
                  0
                                   0
                                                             0
                                                                    0
                                                                                 1
```

And then call the anova method specifying the null hypothesis via the contrast matrix:

```
anova(eUN.lmm, effects = C)
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
F-statistic df p.value all: 1 6.203 (3,18.0) 0.00442 **
```

Note that using the approach of Pipper et al. (2012) it is also possible to adjust for multiple testing across several lmm objects. To do so, one first fit the mixed models, then use the anova method to indicate which hypotheses are being tested, and combine them using rbind. Here is an (artificial) example:

```
Manova <- rbind(anova(eInd.lmm, effects = "glucagon = 0"),
   anova(eCS.lmm, effects = "glucagon = 0"),
   anova(eUN.lmm, effects = "glucagon = 0"),
   name = c("Ind", "CS", "UN"))
summary(Manova)</pre>
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
Chi2-statistic
                           df p.value
                6.393 (3,Inf) 0.000251 ***
 all: 1
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1.
             Univariate Wald test
                                    lower upper p.value
              estimate
                               df
 Ind: glucagon
                 -8.27 2.574 34.2 -14.848 -1.692 0.0116 *
 CS: glucagon
                 0.822 0.59 53.8 -0.687
                                            2.33 0.4321
 UN: glucagon
                -0.888 0.353 13.7
                                    -1.79 0.014 0.0546 .
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' '1.
Columns lower/upper/p.value adjusted for multiple comparisons -- max-test.
(1e+05 samples have been used)
Robust standard errors are derived from the observed information (column se).
```

3.14 Statistical inference (non-linear)

The estimate function can be used to test one or several non-linear combinations of model coefficients, using a first order delta method to quantify uncertainty. The combination has to be specified via a function (argument f). To illustrate its use consider an ANCOVA analysis:

$$Y_{i1} = \alpha + \beta Y_{i,0} + \gamma X_i + e_i$$

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -1.0415588 2.40951951 -0.4322682 6.716963e-01
weight.Blw 0.9619935 0.01876525 51.2646371 2.901548e-18
group 0.4779325 0.71072586 0.6724569 5.115194e-01
```

We can replicate this analysis by first fitting a mixed model:

$$Y_{ij} = \alpha_j + \gamma_j X_i + \varepsilon_{i,j} \text{ where } \varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2\\ \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

and then perform a first order delta-method:

```
lava::estimate(e.lmmANCOVA, f = function(p){
   c(Y1 = as.double(p["rho(B1w,A1w)"]*p["k.A1w"]),
      X1 = as.double(p["timeA1w:group"]-p["rho(B1w,A1w)"]*p["k.A1w"]*p["timeB1w:group"]))
})
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value
Y1 0.9618157 0.01816615 14.25606 0.9229188 1.000713 0.0000000
X1 0.4678048 0.68803641 14.15158 -1.0064050 1.942015 0.5075303
```

Indeed:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[Y_{i2}|Y_{i1},X_i\right] = \alpha_2 + \gamma_2 X_i + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \left(Y_{i1} - \alpha_1 - \gamma_1 X_i\right)$$
$$= \alpha_2 - \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \alpha_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} Y_{i1} + \left(\gamma_2 - \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \gamma_1\right) X_i$$

We obtain identical estimate but different standard-errors/degrees of freedom compared to the univariate linear model approach. The later is to be prefer as it does not rely on approximation. The former is nevertheless useful as it can handle missing data in the outcome variable.

3.15 Baseline adjustment

In clinical trial the group and intervention variable often do not coincide, e.g., in presence of baseline measurement. In our running example, the first two measurement are pre-treatment (i.e. treatment should be "none") while the last two measurements are post-treatment (i.e. treatment should be 1 or 2). The baselineAdjustment function can be helpful to:

• define the treatment variable from the time and allocation variable, where baseline has its specific value

```
gastricbypassL$treat <- baselineAdjustment(gastricbypassL, variable = "group",
    repetition = ~time|id, constrain = c("B3m","B1w"),
    new.level = "none")
table(treat = gastricbypassL$treat, time = gastricbypassL$time, group = gastricbypassL$group)</pre>
```

```
, , group = 0
     time
treat B3m B1w A1w A3m
                0
 none 10 10
 0
        0
            0
               10 10
        0
           0
               0
                    0
  1
, , group = 1
     time
treat B3m B1w A1w A3m
 none 10 10
                0
 0
        0
            0
                0
                    0
        0
            0 10 10
```

• define the treatment variable from the time and allocation variable, where baseline corresponds to the reference group

```
time
treat B3m B1w A1w A3m
1 10 10 0 0
0 0 10 10

, , group = 1
```

```
time
treat B3m B1w A1w A3m
1 10 10 10 10
0 0 0 0 0
```

• define a time varying treatment variable from the time and allocation variable

```
gastricbypassL$timeXtreat <- baselineAdjustment(gastricbypassL, variable = "group",
    repetition = ~time|id, constrain = c("B3m","B1w"),
    collapse.time = ".")

table(treat = gastricbypassL$timeXtreat, time = gastricbypassL$time, group = gastricbypassL$
    group)</pre>
```

```
time
        B3m B1w A1w A3m
treat
  B3m
         10
               0
                   0
                       0
          0
              10
  Alw.O
          0
               0
                  10
                       0
  A3m.O
                   0 10
          0
               0
  Alw.1
                   0
  A3m.1
          0
               0
                   0
                       0
 , group = 1
       time
        B3m B1w A1w A3m
treat
         10
  B3m
               0
                   0
  B1w
          0
              10
                   0
                       0
  Alw.O
          0
               0
                   0
                       0
  A3m.O
          0
               0
                  0
                       0
  Alw.1
               0 10
          0
                       0
  A3m.1
               0
          0
                   0
                      10
```

, , group = 0

We would then typically like to model group differences only after baseline (i.e. only at 1 week and 3 months after). This can be performed using the time varying treatment variable, e.g.:

```
eC.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ timeXtreat, data = gastricbypassL,
    repetition = ~time|id, structure = "UN")
coef(eC.lmm) ## change from baseline</pre>
```

```
(Intercept) timeXtreatB1w timeXtreatA1w.0 timeXtreatA3m.0 timeXtreatA1w.1 timeXtreatA3m.1 128.97000 -7.73000 -13.38978 -28.52130 -13.15022 -24.68870
```

```
eC2.lmm <- lmm(weight \sim 0 + timeXtreat, data = gastricbypassL, repetition = \simtime|id, structure = "UN") coef(eC2.lmm) ## absolute value
```

```
timeXtreatB3m timeXtreatB1w timeXtreatA1w.0 timeXtreatA3m.0 timeXtreatA1w.1 timeXtreatA3m.1 128.9700 121.2400 115.5802 100.4487 115.8198 104.2813
```

The parametrization however does not (directly) output treatment effects. Instead one may be tempted to use a formula like treatment*time. However this will lead to a non-indentifiable model. Indeed we are only able to estimate a total of 6 means when constraining the expected baseline value between the two groups to be the same. Therefore can at most identify 6 effects. However the design matrix for the interaction model:

```
\verb|colnames(model.matrix(weight $\sim$ treat*time, data = gastricbypassL))|
```

```
[1] "(Intercept)" "treat0" "treat1" "timeB1w" "timeA1w"
[6] "timeA3m" "treat0:timeB1w" "treat1:timeB1w" "treat0:timeA1w" "treat1:timeA1w"
[11] "treat0:timeA3m" "treat1:timeA3m"
```

contains 12 parameters (i.e. 6 too many). Fortunately, the 1mm will drop non-identifiable effects from the model and fit the resulting simplified model:

```
eC3.lmm <- lmm(weight \sim treat2*time, data = gastricbypassL, repetition = \simtime|id, structure = "UN")
```

Constant values in the design matrix for the mean structure.

Coefficients "treat20" "treat20:timeB1w" relative to interactions "treat2:time" have been removed.

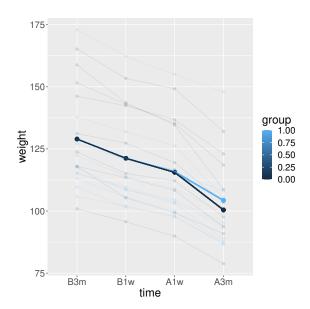
with the following coefficients:

```
model.tables(eC3.lmm)
```

```
estimate
                                  se
                                           df
                                                   lower
                                                               upper
                                                                          p.value
(Intercept)
               128.9700000 4.5323695 18.98130 119.483009 138.4569912 0.000000e+00
timeB1w
                -7.7300000 0.6974427 18.97552 -9.189892 -6.2701082 9.938186e-10
               -13.1502219 0.8970429 22.87334 -15.006465 -11.2939786 4.058975e-13
timeA1w
timeA3m
               -24.6886957 1.7751662 22.25061 -28.367762 -21.0096290 1.863398e-12
treat20:timeA1w -0.2395562 0.6484895 17.66860 -1.603816
                                                           1.1247037 7.162149e-01
treat20:timeA3m -3.8326086 2.1066817 17.60613 -8.265691 0.6004734 8.592047e-02
```

One can vizualize the baseline adjustment via the autoplot function:

```
autoplot(eC3.lmm, color = "group", ci = FALSE, size.text = 20, obs.alpha = 0.1)
```



3.16 Marginal means

The emmeans package can be used to output marginal means. Consider the following model:

We can for instance compute the average value over time assuming balanced groups:

```
emmeans(e.group, specs=~time)
```

```
NOTE: Results may be misleading due to involvement in interactions
                       df lower.CL upper.CL
 time emmean
                 SE
 B3m
        4.45 0.156 18.0
                              4.12
                                        4.78
        4.32 0.131 18.0
                              4.05
                                        4.60
 B<sub>1</sub>w
        5.95 0.262 18.4
                              5.40
                                        6.50
 A1w
        5.12 0.187 18.0
                              4.73
 A3m
                                        5.51
```

Results are averaged over the levels of: group2 Confidence level used: 0.95

This differs from the average value over time over the whole sample:

```
df.pred <- cbind(gastricbypassL, predict(e.group, newdata = gastricbypassL))
summarize(formula = estimate~time, data = df.pred)</pre>
```

```
time observed missing
                                                                 median
                            mean
                                         sd
                                                 min
                                                            q1
                                                                              q3
  B3m
                      0 4.514352 0.1502565 4.290643 4.290643 4.610227 4.610227 4.610227
1
             20
                      0 4.390071 0.1617778 4.149209 4.149209 4.493298 4.493298 4.493298
2
             20
  B1w
                      0 6.044056 0.2109650 5.729961 5.729961 6.178668 6.178668 6.178668
3
             20
  A1w
                      0 5.057642 0.1465315 4.964144 4.964144 4.964144 5.275805 5.275805
  A3m
```

as the groups are not balanced:

```
table(group = dfL$group2, time = dfL$time)
```

```
time
group B3m B1w A1w A3m
FALSE 14 13 14 14
TRUE 6 6 5 6
```

The "emmeans" approach gives equal "weight" to the expected value of both group:

```
emmeans predict 4.450435 4.514352
```

Which one is relevant depends on the application. The emmeans function can also be used to display expected value in each group over time:

```
emmeans.group <- emmeans(e.group, specs = ~group2|time)
emmeans.group
```

```
time = B3m:
 group2 emmean
                 SE
                      df lower.CL upper.CL
FALSE
         4.61 0.171 18.0
                             4.25
                                      4.97
         4.29 0.262 18.0
 TRUE
                             3.74
                                      4.84
time = B1w:
 group2 emmean
               SE
                      df lower.CL upper.CL
FALSE
         4.49 0.145 18.4
                            4.19
                                     4.80
 TRUE
         4.15 0.219 17.9
                             3.69
                                      4.61
time = A1w:
 group2 emmean
                 SE
                      df lower.CL upper.CL
FALSE
         6.18 0.277 17.8
                             5.60
         5.73 0.446 18.6
 TRUE
                             4.80
                                      6.66
time = A3m:
                      df lower.CL upper.CL
 group2 emmean
                 SE
FALSE
         4.96 0.205 18.0
                             4.53
                                      5.39
         5.28 0.313 18.0
                             4.62
                                      5.93
 TRUE
```

Confidence level used: 0.95

Using the pair function displays the differences:

epairs.group <- pairs(emmeans.group, reverse = TRUE)</pre>

```
epairs.group
time = B3m:
             estimate
                         SE
                              df t.ratio p.value
 contrast
 TRUE - FALSE -0.320 0.313 18.0 -1.022 0.3202
time = B1w:
             estimate
                         SE
                              df t.ratio p.value
 contrast
TRUE - FALSE -0.344 0.262 18.0 -1.311 0.2062
time = A1w:
                              df t.ratio p.value
             estimate
 contrast
                         SE
 TRUE - FALSE -0.449 0.525 18.4 -0.855 0.4034
time = A3m:
                              df t.ratio p.value
 contrast
             estimate
                         SE
 TRUE - FALSE
                0.312 0.374 18.0
                                   0.834 0.4153
```

One can adjust for multiple comparison via the adjust argument and display confidence intervals setting the argument infer to TRUE:

```
summary(epairs.group, by = NULL, adjust = "mvt", infer = TRUE)
```

```
SE
                                 df lower.CL upper.CL t.ratio p.value
contrast
            time estimate
TRUE - FALSE B3m
                  -0.320 0.313 18.0
                                                0.517 -1.022 0.6926
                                      -1.156
TRUE - FALSE B1w
                  -0.344 0.262 18.0
                                      -1.046
                                                0.358 -1.311 0.5065
TRUE - FALSE A1w
                  -0.449 0.525 18.4
                                      -1.852
                                                0.955 -0.855 0.7960
TRUE - FALSE A3m
                   0.312 0.374 18.0
                                      -0.688
                                                1.312 0.834 0.8085
```

Confidence level used: 0.95

Conf-level adjustment: mvt method for 4 estimates

P value adjustment: mvt method for 4 tests

This should also work when doing baseline adjustment (because of baseline adjustment no difference is expected at the first two timepoints):

```
|summary(pairs(emmeans(eC3.lmm , specs = \simtreat2|time), reverse = TRUE), by = NULL)
```

```
Note: adjust = "tukey" was changed to "sidak"
because "tukey" is only appropriate for one set of pairwise comparisons
 contrast
                   time estimate
                                    SE df t.ratio p.value
 treat20 - treat21 B3m
                            0.00 0.000 Inf
                                                \mathtt{NaN}
                                                        NaN
 treat20 - treat21 B1w
                           0.00 0.000 Inf
                                                \mathtt{NaN}
                                                        NaN
                           -0.24 0.648 18 -0.369 0.9935
 treat20 - treat21 A1w
 treat20 - treat21 A3m
                        -3.83 2.107 18 -1.819 0.3019
```

P value adjustment: sidak method for 4 tests

3.17 Predictions

Two types of predictions can be performed with the predict method:

• static predictions that are only conditional on the covariates:

```
news <- dfL[dfL$id==1,]
news$glucagon <- 0
predict(eUN.lmm, newdata = news)</pre>
```

```
estimate se df lower upper
1 132.9801 4.664247 19.75815 123.24305 142.7172
2 125.0979 4.388294 19.91418 115.94155 134.2543
3 121.1922 4.214230 20.55331 112.41660 129.9678
4 106.8577 3.942058 20.95499 98.65871 115.0568
```

which can be computing by creating a design matrix:

```
X.12 <- model.matrix(formula(eUN.lmm), news)
X.12</pre>
```

```
(Intercept) timeB1w timeA1w timeA3m glucagon
1
              1
                      0
21
             1
                      1
                               0
                                        0
                                                 0
                      0
                                                 0
41
             1
                               1
                                        0
                      0
                               0
                                        1
                                                 0
61
attr(,"assign")
[1] 0 1 1 1 2
attr(,"contrasts")
attr(,"contrasts")$time
[1] "contr.treatment"
```

and then multiplying it with the regression coefficients:

```
X.12 %*% coef(eUN.lmm)
```

```
[,1]
1 132.9801
21 125.0979
41 121.1922
61 106.8577
```

• dynamic predictions that are conditional on the covariates and the outcome measured at other timepoints. Consider two subjects for who we would like to predict the weight 1 week before the intervention based on the weight 3 months before the intervention:

```
newd <- rbind(
  data.frame(id = 1, time = "B3m", weight = coef(eUN.lmm)["(Intercept)"], glucagon = 0),
  data.frame(id = 1, time = "B1w", weight = NA, glucagon = 0),
  data.frame(id = 2, time = "B3m", weight = 100, glucagon = 0),
  data.frame(id = 2, time = "B1w", weight = NA, glucagon = 0)
)
predict(eUN.lmm, newdata = newd, type = "dynamic", keep.newdata = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
id time
             weight glucagon
                                 estimate
                                                        df
                                                                lower
                                                   se
                                                                          upper
      B3m 132.9801
   1
                             0
                                                        NA
                                                                              {\tt NA}
1
                                        NA
                                                   NA
                                                                   NA
2
   1
                             0 125.09790 0.6362754 Inf 123.85083 126.3450
      B<sub>1</sub>w
                  NA
   2
      B3m 100.0000
                             0
                                        NA
                                                   NA
                                                       NA
                                                                   NA
                                                                              NA
4
   2
      B1w
                  NA
                             0
                                94.47017 7.2279385 Inf 80.30367 108.6367
```

The first subjects has the average weight while the second has a much lower weight. The predicted weight for the first subject is then the average weight one week before while it is lower for the second subject due to the positive correlation over time. The predicted value is computed using the formula of the conditional mean for a Gaussian vector:

```
mu1 <- coef(eUN.lmm)[1]
mu2 <- sum(coef(eUN.lmm)[1:2])
Omega_11 <- sigma(eUN.lmm)["B3m","B3m"]
Omega_21 <- sigma(eUN.lmm)["B1w","B3m"]
as.double(mu2 + Omega_21 * (100 - mu1) / Omega_11)
```

[1] 94.47017

4 Missing values and imputation

4.1 Full information approach

We now consider the glucagon level as an outcome. The **summarize** function can be used to describe the amount of missing data at each repetition:

```
sss <- summarize(glucagon \sim time, data = gastricbypassL, na.rm = TRUE) cbind(sss[,1:4], pc = paste0(100 * sss$missing / (sss$missing + sss$observed), "%"))
```

```
outcome time observed missing pc
1 glucagon B3m 20 0 0%
2 glucagon B1w 19 1 5%
3 glucagon A1w 19 1 5%
4 glucagon A3m 20 0 0%
```

Further description of the missing data patterns rely on function outside the LMMstar package, e.g. appropriate call to tapply and table:

```
vec.pattern
0.0.0.0 0.0.1.0 0.1.0.0
18 1 1
```

Linear mixed model can handle missing value in the outcome variable, assuming that missigness is random conditional on the covariate and observed outcome values. The lmm function can be used "as usual":

```
eUN.lmmNA <- lmm(glucagon ~ time,
    repetition = ~time|id, structure = "UN",
    data = gastricbypassL)
summary(eUN.lmmNA)</pre>
```

Linear Mixed Model

Dataset: gastricbypassL

- 20 clusters
- 78 observations were analyzed, 2 were excluded because of missing values
- between 3 and 4 observations per cluster

Summary of the outcome and covariates:

```
$ glucagon: num 4.03 5.24 4.93 4.32 4.38 ...
$ time : Factor w/ 4 levels "B3m", "B1w", "A1w", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
reference level: time=B3m
```

The visible difference in the summary is when describing the dataset: we can see that some repetitions (here 2) have been ignored as the outcome was missing. So for some clusters only 3 values were analyzed instead of 4.

4.2 Imputation

It is possible to extract the most likely value for these missing observation using the fitted function with argument impute=TRUE:

```
fitted(eUN.lmmNA, impute = TRUE)
```

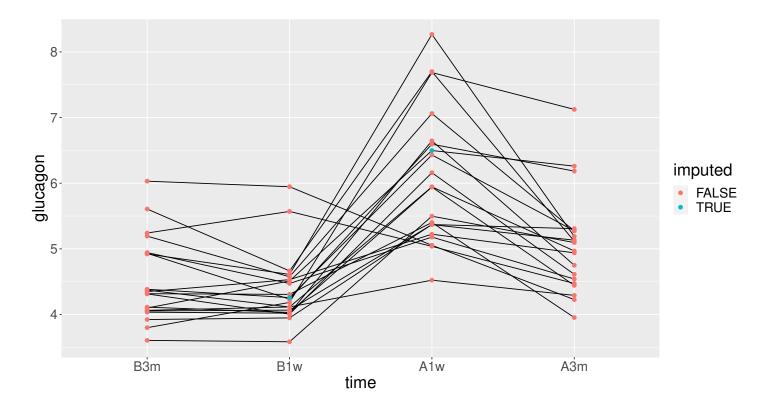
[1] 4.256984 6.497856

When using the argument keep.newdata=TRUE, the missing outcome value has been replaced by its most likely value (which is the same as the dynamic prediction, describedy previously):

```
eData <- fitted(eUN.lmmNA, impute = TRUE, keep.newdata = TRUE)
eData$treat <- eData$treat2 <- eData$timeXtreat <- NULL
eData[eData$id %in% eData[eData$imputed,"id"],]
```

	id	visit	time	weight	glucagonAUC	baseline	glucagon	group	group2	imputed
5	5	1	B3m	113.1	7090.5	TRUE	4.383738	1	FALSE	FALSE
15	15	1	B3m	115.0	5410.5	TRUE	4.098741	1	TRUE	FALSE
25	5	2	B1w	105.6	NA	TRUE	4.256984	1	FALSE	TRUE
35	15	2	B1w	109.7	7833.0	TRUE	4.509697	1	TRUE	FALSE
45	5	3	A1w	99.9	19155.0	FALSE	6.430376	1	FALSE	FALSE
55	15	3	A1w	103.5	NA	FALSE	6.497856	1	TRUE	TRUE
65	5	4	A3m	87.7	12345.0	FALSE	5.275118	1	FALSE	FALSE
75	15	4	A3m	94.1	18148.5	FALSE	6.259632	1	TRUE	FALSE

```
ggplot(eData, aes(x=time,y=glucagon, group=id)) + geom_line() + geom_point(aes(color=imputed))
```



It is possible to sample from the estimated distribution of the missing value instead of using the most likely value, e.g. accounting for residual variance and uncertainty related to parameter estimation:

```
set.seed(10)
fitted(eUN.lmmNA, impute = TRUE, se = "total")
fitted(eUN.lmmNA, impute = TRUE, se = "total")
fitted(eUN.lmmNA, impute = TRUE, se = "total")
```

- [1] 4.262434 6.305287
- [1] 3.858267 5.871642
- [1] 4.342624 6.905246

4.3 Multiple imputation

The mlmm function can used to perform stratify analyses, typically useful when performing multiple imputations. Consider the wide format of the dataset where a few values are missing:

```
data(gastricbypassW, package = "LMMstar")
colSums(is.na(gastricbypassW))
```

```
id weight1 weight2 weight3 weight4 glucagonAUC1 glucagonAUC2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 glucagonAUC3 glucagonAUC4 1 0
```

We use mice to generate a number of imputed datasets (here 5):

```
library(mice)
set.seed(10)
gastricbypassW.mice <- mice(gastricbypassW, m = 5, printFlag = FALSE)
gastricbypassW.NNA <- complete(gastricbypassW.mice, action = "long")
table(gastricbypassW.NNA$.imp)</pre>
```

Advarselsbesked:

```
Number of logged events: 110

1 2 3 4 5
20 20 20 20 20
```

We can then use mlmm to perform a separate linear regression per dataset:

```
e.mlmm <- mlmm(glucagonAUC3~glucagonAUC2+weight2, data=gastricbypassW.NNA, by = ".imp", effects = "weight2=0", trace = FALSE) model.tables(e.mlmm)
```

```
by parameter estimate se df lower upper p.value
1 1 weight2 -204.6291 62.88617 17.0034 -337.3053 -71.95289 0.004670840
2 2 weight2 -194.4004 62.31006 17.0034 -325.8611 -62.93968 0.006231893
3 weight2 -211.9042 65.51654 17.0034 -350.1299 -73.67848 0.004872354
4 4 weight2 -199.8417 62.12071 17.0034 -330.9029 -68.78041 0.005058119
5 5 weight2 -199.9269 62.16057 17.0034 -331.0722 -68.78152 0.005065662
```

and pool the results using Rubin's rule:

```
model.tables(e.mlmm, method = "pool.rubin")
```

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value <1, 5> -202.1404 63.4192 15.09811 -337.2388 -67.04208 0.006078676
```

This matches⁴ the results obtained with the mice package:

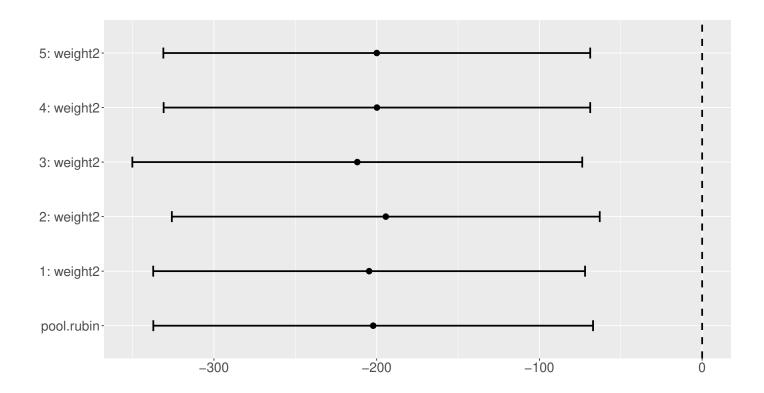
```
e.mice <- with(data=gastricbypassW.mice,exp=lm(glucagonAUC3~glucagonAUC2+weight2))
summary(pool(e.mice))
```

```
term estimate std.error statistic df p.value
1 (Intercept) 4.119699e+04 7674.2675772 5.3681988 15.08457 7.675819e-05
2 glucagonAUC2 7.038742e-02 0.3689445 0.1907805 15.23549 8.512165e-01
3 weight2 -2.021404e+02 63.4191998 -3.1873698 15.09481 6.080058e-03
```

⁴almost exactly, only the degrees of freedom are a little different

One can use the plot function to obtain a forest plot of the individual estimates along with the pooled estimate:

plot(e.mlmm, method = c("pool.rubin", "none"))



5 Data generation

Simulate some data in the wide format:

```
set.seed(10) ## ensure reproductibility
n.obs <- 100
n.times <- 4
mu <- rep(0,4)
gamma <- matrix(0, nrow = n.times, ncol = 10) ## add interaction
gamma[,6] <- c(0,1,1.5,1.5)
dW <- sampleRem(n.obs, n.times = n.times, mu = mu, gamma = gamma, format = "wide")
head(round(dW,3))</pre>
```

```
id X1 X2 X3 X4 X5
                       X7
                             8X
                                  Х9
                                       X10
                  Х6
                                              Υ1
                                                    Y2
                                                         Y3
                                                               Y4
          1
             0 - 0.367
                    1.534 -1.894 1.729 0.959 1.791
                                                 2.429
                                                       3.958
                                                             2.991
2
             0 -0.410 2.065
                          1.766 0.761 -0.563 2.500 4.272
        1
                                                       3.002
3
        2
          1
             0 -1.720 -0.178 2.357 1.966 1.215 -3.208 -5.908 -4.277 -5.154
4
   0
            0 0.923 -2.089 0.233 1.307 -0.906 -2.062 0.397
                                                       1.757 - 1.380
     0
       0
          1
        2
          1 0 0.987 5.880 0.385 0.028 0.820 7.963 7.870 7.388 8.609
5
   0
     0
```

Simulate some data in the long format:

```
set.seed(10) ## ensure reproductibility
dL <- sampleRem(n.obs, n.times = n.times, mu = mu, gamma = gamma, format = "long")
head(dL)</pre>
```

```
Y X1 X2 X3 X4 X5
                                          Х6
                                                   X7
                                                            Х8
                                                                      Х9
                                                                                X10
                         1 1 0 -0.3665251 1.533815 -1.894425 1.7288665
1
  1
        1 1.791444
                                                                          0.9592499
                            1 0 -0.3665251 1.533815 -1.894425 1.7288665
2
        2 2.428570
                       0
                                                                         0.9592499
  1
                    1
                          1
3
        3 3.958350
                       0
                             1
                                0 -0.3665251 1.533815 -1.894425 1.7288665
        4 2.991198
                   1
                       0
                          1
                            1 0 -0.3665251 1.533815 -1.894425 1.7288665
4
  1
                                                                          0.9592499
                       0
                             2 0 -0.4097541 2.065413 1.765841 0.7613348 -0.5630173
5
  2
        1 2.500179
                   1
                          1
6
  2
        2 4.272357
                   1 0 1 2 0 -0.4097541 2.065413 1.765841 0.7613348 -0.5630173
```

6 Modifying default options

The LMMstar.options method enable to get and set the default options used by the package. For instance, the default option for the information matrix is:

LMMstar.options("type.information")

\$type.information
[1] "observed"

To change the default option to "expected" (faster to compute but less accurate p-values and confidence intervals in small samples) use:

LMMstar.options(type.information = "expected")

To restore the original default options do:

LMMstar.options(reinitialise = TRUE)

7 R session

Details of the R session used to generate this document:

sessionInfo()

[69] dplyr_1.0.9

[73] ragg_1.2.2

[77] vctrs_0.5.1

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utf8_1.2.2

coda_0.19-4

parallel_4.2.0

insight_0.18.4 Rcpp_1.0.8.3

future.apply_1.9.1

tidyselect_1.1.2

stringi_1.7.6

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Appendix A Likelihood in a linear mixed model

Denote by Y a vector of m outcomes, X a vector of p covariates, $\mu(\Theta, X)$ the modeled mean, and $\Omega(\Theta, X)$ the modeled residual variance-covariance. We consider n replicates (i.e. Y_1, \ldots, Y_n) and VX_1, \ldots, X_n) along with a vector of weights $\omega = (w_1, \ldots, w_n)$, which are by default all equal to 1.

A.1 Log-likelihood

The restricted log-likelihood in a linear mixed model can then be written:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{X}) = \frac{p}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\right|\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i}\left(-\frac{m}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\log|\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})| - \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{Y}_{i} - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta},\boldsymbol{X}_{i}))\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Y}_{i} - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta},\boldsymbol{X}_{i}))^{\mathsf{T}}\right)$$
(A)

This is what the logLik method is computing for the REML criteria. The red term is specific to the REML criteria and prevents from computing individual contributions to the likelihood⁵. The blue term is what logLik outputs for the ML criteria when setting the argument indiv to TRUE.

A.2 Score

Using that $\partial \log(\det(X)) = tr(X^{-1}\partial(X))$, the score is obtained by derivating once the log-likelihood, i.e., for $\theta \in \Theta$:

$$S(\theta) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}|\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{X})}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{2} tr \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \right)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} tr \left(\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} (\boldsymbol{Y}_{i} - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i}))^{\mathsf{T}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{Y}_{i} - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})) \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} (\boldsymbol{Y}_{i} - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i}))^{\mathsf{T}} \right).$$

This is what the **score** method is computing for the REML criteria. The red term is specific to the REML criteria and prevents from computing the score relative to each cluster. The blue term is what **score** outputs for the ML criteria when setting the argument **indiv** to TRUE.

 $^{^5{}m The}$ likelihood REML the observations divided the prior the es- $\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}_{\mu}$ $\mathcal{N}(\mu, (\boldsymbol{X}\Omega^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\boldsymbol{X}^{\mathsf{T}})^{-1}).$ timated parameters This This corresponds to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^p}\left|\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_i^\intercal\right)^{-1}\right|} \exp\left(-(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_{\mu} - \mu) \left(2\sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_i^\intercal\right)^{-1}\right) (\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_{\mu} - \mu)^\intercal\right)} \text{ Since } \mu \text{ will be estimated to be } \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{\mu}, \text{ the exponential term equals 1 and thus does not contribute to the log-likelihood. One divided by the other term gives <math display="block">\sqrt{2\pi^p} \left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_i^\intercal\right|\right)^{-1}. \text{ The log of this term equals the red term}$

A.3 Hessian

Derivating a second time the log-likelihood gives the hessian, $\mathcal{H}(\Theta)$, with element⁶:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{H}(\theta,\theta') &= \frac{\partial^{2}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}|\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{X})}{\partial\theta\partial\theta'} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{S}(\theta)}{\partial\theta'} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}tr\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\intercal}\right)^{-1}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\left(\frac{\partial^{2}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta\partial\theta'} - 2\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\right)\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\intercal}\right) \\ &+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\intercal}\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\intercal}\right)^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}\Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\intercal}\right)\right\} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n}w_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2}tr\left(\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta} - \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial^{2}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta\partial\theta'}\right) \\ &- \frac{\partial\mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta},\boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial\theta}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\varepsilon_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{\intercal} - \frac{\partial\mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta},\boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial\theta}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta},\boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial\theta'} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta\partial\theta'} - \frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\frac{\partial\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial\theta'}\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1}\varepsilon_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{\intercal}\right). \end{split}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) = \boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i)$.

The information method will (by default) return the (observed) information which is the opposite of the hessian. So multiplying the previous formula by -1 gives what information output for the REML criteria. The red term is specific to the REML criteria and prevents from computing the information relative to each cluster. The blue term is what information outputs for the ML criteria (up to a factor -1) when setting the argument indiv to TRUE.

A possible simplification is to use the expected hessian at the maximum likelihood. Indeed for any deterministic matrix A:

•
$$\mathbb{E}\left[A(\boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i))^{\mathsf{T}} | \boldsymbol{X}_i\right] = 0$$

•
$$\mathbb{E}\left[(\boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i))A(\boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i))^{\mathsf{T}}||\boldsymbol{X}_i\right] = tr(A\mathbb{V}ar(\boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i)))$$

when $\mathbb{E}\left[\boldsymbol{Y}_i - \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_i)\right] = 0$. This leads to:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') | \boldsymbol{X}\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} tr \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} - 2 \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \right) \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \boldsymbol{X}_{i} \Omega_{i}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \right\} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} tr \left(\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{\partial \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial \theta'} \right) \right)$$
(B)

This is what information output when the argument type.information is set to "expected" (up to a factor -1).

⁶if one is relative to the mean and the other to the variance then they are respectively θ and θ'

A.4 Degrees of freedom

Degrees of freedom are computed using a Satterthwaite approximation, i.e. for an estimate coefficient $\widehat{\beta} \in \widehat{\Theta}$ with standard error $\sigma_{\widehat{\beta}}$, the degree of freedom is:

$$df\left(\sigma_{\widehat{\beta}}\right) = \frac{2\sigma_{\widehat{\beta}}^4}{\mathbb{V}ar\left[\widehat{\sigma}_{\widehat{\beta}}\right]}$$

Using a first order Taylor expansion we can approximate the variance term as:

$$\mathbb{V}ar\left[\widehat{\sigma}_{\widehat{\beta}}\right] \approx \frac{\partial \widehat{\sigma}_{\widehat{\beta}}}{\partial \mathbf{\Theta}} \Sigma_{\mathbf{\Theta}} \frac{\partial \widehat{\sigma}_{\widehat{\beta}}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\partial \mathbf{\Theta}} \\
\approx c_{\beta} \left(\widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}}{\partial \mathbf{\Theta}} \left(\widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}\right)^{-1} c_{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}} \Sigma_{\mathbf{\Theta}} c_{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\partial \mathbf{\Theta}} \left(\widehat{\mathcal{I}}_{\widehat{\mathbf{\Theta}}}\right)^{-1} c_{\beta}$$

where Σ_{Θ} is the variance-covariance matrix of all model coefficients, \mathcal{I}_{Θ} the information matrix for all model coefficients, c_{β} a matrix used to select the element relative to β in the first derivative of the information matrix, and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta}$ denotes the vector of derivatives with respect to all model coefficients.

The derivative of the information matrix (i.e. negative hessian) can then be computed using numerical derivatives or using analytical formula. To obtain the later we first notice that:

$$\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') | \mathbf{X}\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \left(tr\left(\Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} - \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial^{2} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right)$$

$$- \frac{\partial \mu(\mathbf{\Theta}, \mathbf{X}_{i})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} - \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \right) \Omega_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$(C)$$

where

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') | \boldsymbol{X}\right] = \frac{1}{2} tr\left(A(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} b_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) B_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) + C(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) A(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} C^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\right)\right) + \underline{E}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})$$

So we will first derive the derivative of $\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta')$ and then the one of the blue term in Equation C. To simplify the derivation of the formula we will only derive them at the maximum likelihood, i.e. when $\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta' | \mathbf{X})}{\partial \theta''}\right] = \frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta' | \mathbf{X})]}{\partial \theta''} \text{ where the expectation is taken over } \mathbf{X}. \text{ To find the derivative of } \mathcal{H}(\theta, \theta') \text{ we can therefore take the derivative of formula (B). Its derivative with respect to the mean parameters is 0.}$

So we just need to compute the derivative with respect to a variance parameter θ'' :

$$\frac{\partial A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} b_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) B_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + C(\mathbf{\Theta}) A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} C^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta})\right)}{\partial \theta''} \\
= A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial A(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} b_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) B_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + C(\mathbf{\Theta}) A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} C^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta})\right) \\
+ A(\mathbf{\Theta})^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \left(\frac{\partial b_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} B_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + b_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) \frac{\partial B_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + b_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) B_{i}(\mathbf{\Theta}) \frac{\partial b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \right) \\
+ \frac{\partial C(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} A^{-1}(\mathbf{\Theta}) C^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + C(\mathbf{\Theta}) A^{-1} \frac{\partial A(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} A^{-1} C^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta}) + C(\mathbf{\Theta}) A^{-1}(\mathbf{\Theta}) \frac{\partial C^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''}\right)\right)$$

and

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial E(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}''} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} tr \left(-2\Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}''} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right. \\ &+ \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial^{2} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}' \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}''} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} + \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial^{2} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}''} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\partial \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}''} \Omega_{i}(\boldsymbol{\Theta})^{-1} \frac{\partial \mu(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \end{split}$$

where:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial A(\Theta)}{\partial \theta''} &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_i^\intercal \\ \frac{\partial b_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} &= \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \\ \frac{\partial B_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} &= \frac{\partial^3 \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\theta \theta' \theta''} \\ &- 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta \partial \theta''} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} + \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta'} \right) \\ &\frac{\partial C(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} &= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \boldsymbol{X}_i \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \left(\frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta \partial \theta''} + \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta} \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \frac{\partial \Omega_i(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{\partial \theta''} \right) \Omega_i^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \boldsymbol{X}_i^\intercal \end{split}$$

Appendix B Likelihood ratio test with the REML criterion

The blue term of Equation A in the log-likelihood is invariant to re-parameterisation while the red term is not. This means that a re-parametrisation of X into $\tilde{X} = BX$ with B invertible would not change the likelihood when using ML but would decrease the log-likelihood by $\log(|B|)$ when using REML.

Let's take an example:

```
## data(dfL, package = "LMMstar")
dfTest <- dfL
dfTest$glucagon2 <- dfTest$glucagon*2</pre>
```

where we multiply one column of the design matrix by 2. As mentionned previously this does not affect the log-likelihood when using ML:

```
eML.lmmUN <- lmm(weight \sim time+glucagon, data = dfTest, repetition = \simtime|id, method = "ML") eML.lmmUN2 <- lmm(weight \sim time+glucagon2, data = dfTest, repetition = \simtime|id, method = "ML")
```

```
logLik(eML.lmmUN)
logLik(eML.lmmUN2)
```

```
[1] -218.71
[1] -218.71
```

but it does when using REML:

```
eREML.lmmUN <- lmm(weight \sim time + glucagon, data = dfTest, repetition = \simtime|id, method = "REML") eREML.lmmUN2 <- lmm(weight \sim time + glucagon2, data = dfTest, repetition = \simtime|id, method = "REML")
```

```
logLik(eREML.lmmUN)-logLik(eREML.lmmUN2)
log(2)
```

```
[1] 0.6931472[1] 0.6931472
```

Therefore, when comparing models with different mean effects there is a risk that the difference (or part of it) in log-likelihood is due to a new parametrisation and no only to a difference in model fit. This would typically be the case when adding an interaction where we can have a smaller restricted log-likehood when considering a more complex model:

```
set.seed(5)
dfTest$ff <- rbinom(NROW(dfTest), size = 1, prob = 0.5)
logLik(lmm(weight ~ time+glucagon, data = dfTest, repetition = ~time|id, method = "REML"))
logLik(lmm(weight ~ time+glucagon*ff, data = dfTest, repetition = ~time|id, method = "REML"))</pre>
```

```
[1] -216.3189
[1] -216.8425
```

This is quite counter-intuitive as more complex model should lead to better fit and would never happen when using ML:

```
logLik(lmm(weight \sim time + glucagon, data = dfTest, repetition = \sim time | id, method = "ML")) \\ logLik(lmm(weight \sim time + glucagon*ff, data = dfTest, repetition = \sim time | id, method = "ML"))
```

```
[1] -218.71
[1] -218.6259
```

This is why, unless one knows what he/she is doing, it is not recommanded to use likelihood ratio test to assess relevance of mean parameters in mixed models estimated with REML.

Appendix C Sum of squares in a linear mixed model

All mixed models implemented in LMMstar can be written as:

$$Y_{it} = X_{it}\beta + \varepsilon_{it} \text{ where } \varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0,\Omega\right)$$

where Y denote the outcome repeteadly measured within each cluster i where t indexes the repetitions. X denotes the covariates, β the mean parameters, ε the residuals, and Ω the residual variance-covariance matrix. Ω must be positive definite so there must exist a square positive definite matrix $\Omega^{1/2}$ such that $\Omega^{1/2}\Omega^{1/2} = \Omega$. Therefore the previous model is equivalent to:

$$Y_{it}^{*} = X_{it}^{*}\beta + \varepsilon_{it}^{*} \text{ where } \varepsilon_{i} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, I_{T}\right)$$

where $Y_i^* = \Omega^{-1/2}Y_i$, $X_i^* = \Omega^{-1/2}X_i$, $\varepsilon_i^* = \Omega^{-1/2}\varepsilon_i$, and I_x is the identity matrix with x rows and columns. One can then introduce the projectors $H = X \left(X^\intercal \Omega^{-1} X \right)^{-1} X^\intercal \Omega^{-1}$ and $H^* = X^* \left(X^{*\intercal} X^* \right)^{-1} X^{*\intercal}$ onto the space spanned by X and X^* respectively. We can now define the "normalized" residual sum of squares as the squared sum of the normalized residuals:

$$SSE^* = \varepsilon^{*\mathsf{T}} \varepsilon^* = Y^{*\mathsf{T}} (I_{nT} - H^*) Y^*$$

$$= Y^{\mathsf{T}} \Omega^{-1} Y - Y^{\mathsf{T}} \Omega^{-1} X \left(X^{\mathsf{T}} \Omega^{-1} X \right)^{-1} X^{\mathsf{T}} \Omega^{-1} Y$$

$$= Y^{\mathsf{T}} (I_{nT} - H^{\mathsf{T}}) \Omega^{-1} (I_{nT} - H) Y$$

The previous to last line uses that: $(I_{nT} - H^{\dagger})\Omega^{-1}(I_{nT} - H) = \Omega^{-1} - H^{\dagger}\Omega^{-1} - \Omega^{-1}H + H^{\dagger}\Omega^{-1}H = \Omega^{-1} - H^{\dagger}\Omega^{-1}$ as $H^{\dagger}\Omega^{-1}H = \Omega^{-1}HH = \Omega^{-1}H$ since H is a projector. Note that compared to the "traditional" SSE defined for linear regression and random effect models (e.g. see Christensen (2011) section 2.7), $SSE = \omega SSE^*$ where ω is the residual variance conditional on any random effects, i.e. SSE^* are the residual degrees of freedom. This is because the same definition for the sum of squares is used except that $\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \omega\Omega)$.

We can also define the "normalized" regression sum of squares:

$$\begin{split} SSR^* &= (X^*\beta)^\mathsf{T} X^*\beta = (H^*Y^*)^\mathsf{T} H^*Y^* = Y^*\mathsf{T} H^*Y^* \\ &= Y^\mathsf{T} H^\mathsf{T} \Omega^{-1} Y^* = Y^\mathsf{T} H^\mathsf{T} H^\mathsf{T} \Omega^{-1} Y^* = Y^\mathsf{T} H^\mathsf{T} \Omega^{-1} HY^* \\ &= \widehat{\beta} X^\mathsf{T} \Omega^{-1} X \widehat{\beta} \end{split}$$

where $\hat{\beta} = (X^{\mathsf{T}}\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1} X^{\mathsf{T}}\Omega^{-1}Y$. Note that when using the expected information $SSR^* = \hat{\beta}\Sigma_{\hat{\beta}}^{-1}\hat{\beta}$, i.e. it is the F-statistics times the number of parameters. Again the "traditional" SSR defined for linear regression and random effect models is proportional to this normalized SSR: $SSR = \omega SSR^*$.

The proportion of explained variance of p parameters can thus be re-expressed as:

$$R^2 = \frac{SSR}{SSR + SSE} = \frac{SSR^*}{SSR^* + SSE^*} = \frac{Fp}{Fp + df}$$

where df denotes the residual degrees of freedom, typically n-p in a univariate linear model fitted with n observations.

 \triangle In practice df is estimated using the Satterthwaite approximation of the degrees of freedom of the regression coefficient. This is only equivalent to the "SSR/SSE" formula in univariate linear regression.

Illustration for a univariate linear model:

Data without missing values:

Anova Table (Type II tests)

```
df.aov <- dfL[!is.na(dfL$glucagon),]</pre>
```

Traditional anova decomposition:

```
e.lm <- lm(weight ~ time + glucagon, data = df.aov)
car::Anova(e.lm, type = "II")
```

```
Response: weight
Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)

time 6367.3 3 6.4308 0.0006329 ***
glucagon 1964.8 1 5.9531 0.0171207 *

Residuals 24093.1 73
---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
e.lmm <- lmm(weight \sim time + glucagon, data = df.aov)
```

Residual sum of squares (SSE):

```
SSEstar <- crossprod(residuals(e.lmm, type = "normalized"))
c(SSEstar = SSEstar, SSE = SSEstar * sigma(e.lmm))</pre>
```

```
SSEstar SSE
73.00 24093.11
```

Fit 1mm:

The normalized SSE can also be obtained using the df.residual method:

```
df.residual(e.lmm)
```

[1] 73

Regression sum of squares (SSR):

```
eBeta.lmm <- coef(e.lmm)
eVcov.lmm <- vcov(e.lmm, type.information = "expected")

SSRstar.glucagon <- eBeta.lmm[5] %*% solve(eVcov.lmm[5,5]) %*% eBeta.lmm[5]

SSRstar.time <- eBeta.lmm[2:4] %*% solve(eVcov.lmm[2:4,2:4]) %*% eBeta.lmm[2:4]
c(SSR.glucagon = SSRstar.glucagon * sigma(e.lmm),
    SSR.time = SSRstar.time * sigma(e.lmm),
    F.glucagon = SSRstar.glucagon,
    F.time = SSRstar.time/3)</pre>
```

```
SSR.glucagon SSR.time F.glucagon F.time
1964.764452 6367.324429 5.953062 6.430810
```

So the proportion of explained variance is:

```
R2.glucagon <- SSRstar.glucagon/(SSRstar.glucagon+SSEstar)
R2.glucagon
```

```
[,1]
[1,] 0.07540002
```

and the corresponding partial correlation is:

```
sign(coef(e.lmm)["glucagon"])*sqrt(R2.glucagon)
```

```
[,1]
[1,] -0.2745906
```

which matches the output of partialCor:

```
summary(partialCor(e.lmm, R2 = TRUE))
```

Partial correlation

```
      estimate
      se df
      lower
      upper
      p.value

      timeB1w
      -0.153
      0.113
      73
      -0.378
      0.072
      0.1796

      timeA1w
      -0.038
      0.117
      73
      -0.27
      0.195
      0.7475

      timeA3m
      -0.413
      0.088
      73
      -0.589
      -0.236
      1.36e-05

      glucagon
      -0.275
      0.104
      73
      -0.482
      -0.067
      0.0102
```

Columns lower and upper contain 95% pointwise confidence intervals for each coefficient. Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).

Coefficient of determination (R2)

```
estimate se df lower upper p.value time 0.209 0.075 73 0.059 0.359 0.006976 glucagon 0.075 0.057 73 -0.038 0.189 0.191156 global 0.285 0.076 73 0.134 0.435 0.000328
```

Columns lower and upper contain 95% pointwise confidence intervals for each coefficient. Degrees of freedom were computed using a Satterthwaite approximation (column df).

Appendix D Equivalent with other R packages

D.1 nlme package

The model class obtained with the lmm function overlaps the model class of the lme and gls functions from the nlme package.

```
library(nlme)
```

For instance, the compound symmetry is equivalent to corCompSymm correlation structure, or to a random intercept model (when the within subject correlation is positive):

```
'log Lik.' -243.6005 (df=7)
'log Lik.' -243.6005 (df=7)
[1] -243.6005
```

The estimated random effect also match:

```
range(coef(eCS.lmm, effects = "ranef")-ranef(eCS.lme))
```

```
[1] -3.136988e-08 2.384361e-08
```

Unstructured residual covariance matrix can also be obtained with gls:

```
'log Lik.' -216.3189 (df=15)
[1] -216.3189
```

D.2 lme4 package

The model class obtained with the lmm function overlaps the model class of the lmer function from the lme4 package.

```
library(lme4)
library(lmerTest)
```

For instance, the compound symmetry is equivalent to a random intercept model (when the within subject correlation is positive):

```
eCS.lmer <- lmer(weight ~ time + glucagon + (1|id),
   data = dfL)
logLik(eCS.lmer)
logLik(eCS.lmm)</pre>
```

```
'log Lik.' -243.6005 (df=7)
[1] -243.6005
```

The estimated random effects match:

```
range(coef(eCS.lmm, effects = "ranef")-ranef(eCS.lmer)$id)
```

```
[1] -3.167863e-08 2.406745e-08
```

Nested random effects correspond to block unstructured:

```
eBCS.lmer <- lmer(weight ~ time*group + (1|id/baseline),
    data = dfL)
logLik(eBCS.lmer)
logLik(eBCS.lmm)</pre>
```

```
'log Lik.' -230.5328 (df=11)
[1] -230.5328
```

And the estimated random effects still match:

```
[1] -7.457484e-05 1.182242e-04
[1] -0.0001493705 0.0001080902
```

An unstructure residual covariance matrix can also be obtained using random slopes:

```
eUN.lmer <- lmer(weight ~ time + glucagon + (0 + time|id),
   data = dfL, control = lmerControl(check.nobs.vs.nRE = "ignore"))
logLik(eUN.lmer)
logLik(eUN.lmm)</pre>
```

```
'log Lik.' -216.3189 (df=16)
[1] -216.3189
```

Note that however the uncertainty is quantified in a slightly different way, e.g.:

```
anova(eUN.lmm)
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
F-statistic df p.value
mean: time 86.743 (3,19.0) 2.84e-11 ***
: glucagon 13.518 (1,13.7) 0.00257 **
```

do not match

```
anova(eUN.lmer)
```

```
Type III Analysis of Variance Table with Satterthwaite's method
Sum Sq Mean Sq NumDF DenDF F value Pr(>F)

time 114.275 38.092 3 20.483 87.242 7.784e-12 ***
glucagon 10.125 10.125 1 16.784 23.191 0.0001671 ***
---

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

I think this is because lmer base uncertainty computation on the expected information (instead of the observed information). Doing so leads to more similar results:

```
eUN2.lmm <- lmm(weight ~ time + glucagon, repetition = ~time|id, structure = "UN", data = dfL, type.information = "expected") suppressWarnings(anova(eUN2.lmm))
```

Multivariate Wald test

```
F-statistic df p.value
mean: time 87.253 (3,22.5) 1.48e-12 ***
: glucagon 23.198 (1,19.4) 0.000114 ***
```

D.3 mmrm package

The package mmrm is an alternative implementation of mixed models specified via covariance structures:

```
library(mmrm)
e.mmrm <- mmrm(
  formula = FEV1 ~ RACE + SEX + ARMCD * AVISIT + us(AVISIT | USUBJID),
  data = fev_data
)</pre>
```

It leads nearly identical results compared to 1mm:

```
e.lmm <- lmm(
  formula = FEV1 ~ RACE + SEX + ARMCD * AVISIT,
  repetition = ~ AVISIT | USUBJID, structure = "UN",
  data = fev_data, type.information = "expected"
)</pre>
```

```
logLik(e.mmrm) - logLik(e.lmm)
range(coef(e.mmrm) - coef(e.lmm))
range(vcov(e.mmrm) - vcov(e.lmm))
```

```
[1] -2.541298e-06

[1] -0.0001830095 0.0001626755

[1] -0.0003971008 0.0002047941
```

The main differences are:

- it uses the expected information matrix to quantify uncertainty instead of the observed information matrix.
- it uses the Kenward and Roger method for computing the degrees of freedom instead of the Satterthwaite approximation:
- it implements different covariance patterns
- it is faster but provides less support to work with the output of the mixed model (e.g. no residual method)

D.4 effectsize package $(R^2 \text{ or } \eta^2)$

Partial η^2 can be computed based on lmer using the effectsize package:

```
library(effectsize)
eta_squared(eCS.lmer)
cat("\n")
```

```
# Effect Size for ANOVA (Type III)
Parameter | Eta2 (partial) | 95% CI
```

```
time | 0.92 | [0.89, 1.00] glucagon | 0.03 | [0.00, 1.00]
```

- One-sided CIs: upper bound fixed at [1.00].>

and are approximately equal to what one can compute "manually":

```
eCS.Wald <- anova(eCS.lmm)$multivariate
eCS.Wald$df.num*eCS.Wald$statistic/(eCS.Wald$df.num*eCS.Wald$statistic+eCS.Wald$df.denom)
```

[1] 0.92380363 0.03162017

The will not be true for heteroschedastic models:

```
eUN.Wald <- anova(eUN.lmm)$multivariate
eUN.Wald$df.num*eUN.Wald$statistic/(eUN.Wald$df.num*eUN.Wald$statistic+eUN.Wald$df.denom)
```

[1] 0.9319379 0.4965135

compared to:

```
eta_squared(eUN.lmer)
cat("\n")
```

Effect Size for ANOVA (Type III)

```
Parameter | Eta2 (partial) | 95% CI
------
time | 0.93 | [0.87, 1.00]
glucagon | 0.58 | [0.29, 1.00]
```

- One-sided CIs: upper bound fixed at [1.00].>

But in that case both may be misleading as the proportion of explained variance is not clearly defined.