1)ata structuring and basic models

Agenda

- Restructuring data
- Fitting models:
 - Unconditional model
 - Random intercepts
 - Random slopes
- Homework 1

Learning objectives

- Understand the basics of moving data from a wider form to a longer form
- Understand the basics of the lme4::lmer() syntax

Today will be highly applied, and (I hope) mostly review

The only real difference is it will be in R

Schedule announcement

- I've moved back when Homework 2 and 3 are assigned by one week
- I felt like this worked better with the topics (gave us more time for variance-covariance matrices and intro to Bayes)
- Now assigned weeks 5 & 7, and due weeks 7 & 9

Restructuring data

First, load the data

```
library(tidyverse)

curran <- read_csv(here::here("data", "curran.csv"))
curran</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 405 x 15
       id antil anti2 anti3 anti4 read1 read2 read3
##
                                                        read4 kido
##
     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                        <dbl> <dk
##
       22
                   2
                            NA 2.1
                                         3.9 NA
                       NA
                                                     NA
##
   2 34
                             5 2.1
                                        2.9 4.5
                                                     4.5
                   6
##
   3
      58
                             1 2.300000 4.5 4.2
                                                     4.600000
                   3
##
   4 122
                             1 3.7
                                            NA
                                                     NA
##
   5 125
                           1 2.300000
                                         3.8 4.3
                                                      6.2
##
   6 133
                             5 1.8
                                         2.6 4.100000
##
   7 163
                             5 3.5
                                         4.8 5.8
                                                     7.5
  8 190
##
                            0 2.9
             0
                                        6.1 NA
                                                     NA
                  NA
                       NA
##
  9 227
                   0
                             1 1.8
                                        3.8 4
                                                     NA
## 10 248
                             0 3.5
                                         5.7 7
                                                     6.9
## # ... with 395 more rows
```

About the data

The data are a sample of 405 children who were within the first two years of entry to elementary school. The data consist of four repeated measures of both the child's antisocial behavior and the child's reading recognition skills. In addition, on the first measurement occasion, measures were collected of emotional support and cognitive stimulation provided by the mother. The data were collected using face-to-face interviews of both the child and the mother at two-year intervals between 1986 and 1992.



Format

- Let's say we want to use reading scores as the outcome
- We have four columns of reading scores
- We can't specify multiple outcomes.

What do we do?

Make the data longer

country	year	cases	country	y 1999	2000
Afghanistan	1999	745	Afghanista	an 7/5	2666
Afghanistan	2000	2666	Brazil	37737	80488
Brazil	1999	37737	China	212258	213766
Brazil	2000	80488			
China	1999	212258			
China	2000	213766		table4	

Let's start easy

First, let's select just the ID variable and the reading scores

```
read <- curran %>%
  select(id, starts_with("read"))
read
```

```
## # A tibble: 405 x 5
##
      id read1 read2 read3 read4
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 22 2.1 3.9 NA
                          NA
## 2 34 2.1 2.9 4.5
                         4.5
## 3 58 2.300000 4.5 4.2 4.600000
## 4 122 3.7
            8 NA
                       NA
  5 125 2.300000 3.8 4.3 6.2
##
             2.6 4.100000 4
## 6 133 1.8
## 7 163 3.5 4.8 5.8
                        7.5
## 8 190 2.9 6.1 NA
                       NA
## 9 227 1.8 3.8 4
                          NA
## 10 248 3.5 5.7 7
                         6.9
## # ... with 395 more rows
```

What should our data look like?

- Take two minutes to visualize what you think the data should look like
- Feel free to even sketch something out.
- We'll talk about it as a class after

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id	read1	read2	read3	read4
22	2.1	3.9	NA	NA
34	2.1	2.9	4.5	4.5
58	2.3	4.5	4.2	4.6
122	3.7	8.0	NA	NA

Moving to longer

Alternative

You can also specify the columns that should not be pivoted

```
## # A tibble: 1,620 x 3
##
       id timepoint
                      score
##
  <dbl> <chr>
                     <dbl>
## 1 22 read1 2.1
## 2 22 read2 3.9
## 3 22 read3 NA
## 4 22 read4 NA
## 5 34 read1 2.1
## 6 34 read2 2.9
## 7 34 read3 4.5
## 8 34 read4
                4.5
## 9 58 read1
                 2.300000
## 10 58 read2
               4.5
## # ... with 1,610 more rows
```

Are we done?

- In this case, we probably want to fit a growth model. That means timepoint needs to be numeric.
- There are numerous ways to do this here are a few

Mutate

• Use mutate() to modify the column afterwords

Why did I subtract 1?

```
## # A tibble: 1,620 x 3
       id timepoint score
##
## <dbl>
             <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 22
## 2 22
## 3 22
                0 2.1
                1 3.9
                2 NA
## 4 22
                3 NA
##
   5 34
                0 2.1
## 6 34
           1 2.9
## 7 34
## 8 34
               2 4.5
               3 4.5
           0 2.300000
## 9 58
       58
                1 4.5
```

Transform during the pivot

```
## # A tibble: 1,620 x 3
##
        id timepoint
                      score
##
              <dbl> <dbl>
  <dbl>
## 1 22
                 1 2.1
## 2 22
## 3 22
                 2 3.9
                 3 NA
## 4 22
                 4 NA
##
   5 34
                 1 2.1
                 2 2.9
##
   6 34
## 7 34
## 8 34
                 3 4.5
               4 4.5
## 9 58
               1 2.300000
## 10 58
                 2 4.5
## # ... with 1,610 more rows
```

Alternative transformation

This does the subtraction by 1 also

```
## # A tibble: 1,620 x 3
      id timepoint score
##
## <dbl>
           <dbl> <dbl>
      22
## 1
               0 2.1
## 2 22 1 3.9
  3 22
##
              2 NA
## 4 22
## 5 34
               3 NA
               0 2.1
## 6 34
              1 2.9
## 7 34 2 4.5
## 8 34
## 9 58
         3 4.5
             0 2.300000
## 10 58
          1 4.5
## # ... with 1,610 more rows
```

Yet another approach

This one doesn't subtract 1, however

```
## # A tibble: 1,620 x 3
       id timepoint score
##
## <dbl> <chr> <dbl>
## 1 22 1 2.1
## 2 22 2
              3.9
## 3 22 3
## 4 22 4
## 5 34 1
                 NA
                 NA
                2.1
## 6 34 2
                2.9
## 7 34 3 4.5
## 8 34 4
## 9 58 1
               4.5
                2.300000
## 10 58 2
              4.5
## # ... with 1,610 more rows
```

Moving back

Although moving longer is most often useful for multilevel modeling, occasionally we need to go wider – e.g., for a join.

First, let's create a longer data object

Now let's move it back

Use pivot_wider() instead

1 %>%

```
pivot wider(names from = timepoint,
            values from = score)
  # A tibble: 405 x 5
             `0` `1`
                                   `3`
##
       id
##
    <dbl>
            <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
       22 2.1
              3.9 NA
                              NA
   2 34 2.1
               2.9 4.5
##
                              4.5
##
   3 58 2.300000 4.5 4.2
                            4.600000
## 4 122 3.7
               8 NA
                            NA
##
   5 125 2.300000 3.8 4.3
                             6.2
## 6 133 1.8
               2.6 4.100000 4
## 7 163 3.5
                4.8 5.8
                             7.5
## 8 190 2.9 6.1 NA
                              NA
## 9 227 1.8 3.8 4
                              NA
## 10 248 3.5
                  5.7 7
                              6.9
## # ... with 395 more rows
```

Challenge

Let's go back to the full **curran** data. See if you can get your data to look like the below.

There are, again, multiple ways to do this, including only through pivot_longer

```
## # A tibble: 3,240 x 10
   ##
            id kidgen momage kidage homecog homeemo nmis variable timepoint v
                <dbl>
                      <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl> <
   ##
         <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
   ##
                              6.08
            22
                         28
                                                10
                                        13
                                                       4 anti
           22
                            6.08
   ##
                         28
                                        13
                                                10
                                                       4 anti
           22
                            6.08
                                                10
   ##
                         28
                                        13
                                                       4 anti
           22
                                        13
   ##
                         28
                             6.08
                                                10
                                                       4 anti
           22
   ##
                         28
                              6.08
                                        13
                                                10
                                                       4 read
   ##
           22
                         28
                              6.08
                                        13
                                                10
                                                       4 read
            22
                         28
                                        13
                                                10
   ##
                              6.08
                                                       4 read
                         28
                              6.08
                                        13
                                                10
                                                       4 read
                         28
                              6.83
                                                       0 anti
06:00
                         28
                              6.83
                                                       0 anti
                      ore rows
```

More transforming

Our data is probably still not in the format we want. Can you get it in the format like the below?

```
# A tibble: 1,620 x 10
##
         id kidgen momage kidage homecog homeemo nmis timepoint
##
      <dbl>
             <dbl>
                     <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                              <dbl> <dbl>
         22
##
                        28
                             6.08
                                        13
                                                10
         22
##
                        28
                           6.08
                                        13
                                                10
##
         22
                           6.08
                                        13
                        28
                                                10
                                                                        NA NA
##
         22
                       28
                           6.08
                                        13
                                                10
                                                                        NA NA
##
        34
                        28
                           6.83
                                                                            2.1
##
        34
                        28
                           6.83
                           6.83
##
        34
                        28
##
         34
                           6.83
                        28
##
         58
                        28
                             6.5
##
         58
                        28
  10
                             6.5
## # ... with 1,610 more rows
```



Another example

Read in the letter sounds data

```
ls <- read_csv(here::here("data", "ls19.csv"))
ls</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 962 x 13
  ##
                                                         inst
## <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                                                         <chr
## 1 All Counties 9999 Statewide 9999 Statewide
                                                         Stat
##
   2 Baker 1894 Baker SD 5J 1894 Baker SD 5J
                                                         Dist
##
   3 Baker 1895 Huntington SD 16J 1895 Huntington SD 16J
                                                         Dist
## 4 Baker 1896 Burnt River SD 30J 1896 Burnt River SD 30J ## 5 Baker 1897 Pine Eagle SD 61 1897 Pine Eagle SD 61
                                                         Dist
                                                         Dist
## 6 Benton 1898 Monroe SD 1J 1898 Monroe SD 1J
                                                         Dist
## 7 Benton 1899 Alsea SD 7J 1899 Alsea SD 7J
                                                         Dist
## 8 Benton 1900 Philomath SD 17J 1900 Philomath SD 17J
                                                         Dist
## 9 Benton 1901 Corvallis SD 509J 1901 Corvallis SD 509J
                                                         Dist
## 10 Clackamas 1902 Clackamas ESD
                                     1902 Clackamas ESD
                                                         Dist
## # ... with 952 more rows, and 3 more variables: multi racial <dbl>, native
```

LS Data

- Average scores on the letter sounds portion of the kindergarten entry assessment for every school in the state, by race.
- Data missing if n too small
- Remember you (generally) don't need to dummy–code variables in R
- Try structuring this data so you could estimate between—district variability, while accounting for race/ethnicity



Self-regulation data

- Same basic data with a different outcome and a different structure.
- Try restructuring this one

```
selfreg <- read_csv(here::here("data", "selfreg19.csv"))
selfreg</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 6,734 x 13
  ##
       county distid dist name instid inst name
                                                    inst type selfreq
      <chr>
  ##
                <dbl> <chr>
                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                    <chr>
  ## 1 All Counties 9999 Statewide
                                   9999 Statewide
                                                    State
  ##
      2 All Counties 9999 Statewide
                                     9999 Statewide State
      3 All Counties 9999 Statewide
                                     9999 Statewide State
  ##
      4 All Counties 9999 Statewide
                                     9999 Statewide State
  ## 5 All Counties 9999 Statewide
                                     9999 Statewide State
                     9999 Statewide
                                     9999 Statewide State
                     9999 Statewide 9999 Statewide State
06:00
                  1894 Baker SD 5J 1894 Baker SD 5J District
                    1894 Baker SD 5J 1894 Baker SD 5J District
                    1894 Baker SD 5J 1894 Baker SD 5J District
```

... with 6,724 more rows, and 2 more variables: Native. Hawaiian. Pacific.

A bit of a caveat

- The preceding examples would lead to sort of fundamentally flawed analyses
- We'd be estimating each district mean as the mean of the school means
- There are ways to account for this, which we may or may not get into later in the term
- Could potentially try weighting each school mean by the school size

Modeling

Back to curran data

- Let's fit a basic two-level growth model
- We'll compare a random intercepts model to a random slopes model and talk about some of the complexities involved

Unconditional growth model

Model fitting

- We could start with a fully unconditional model (not unconditional growth), but that's really a misspecification in this case – we know we have to account for time.
- Let's first fit a model with random intercepts
- A reminder of what the data look like

d

```
# A tibble: 1,620 x 10
##
         id kidgen momage kidage homecog homeemo nmis timepoint
                                                                      anti
##
      <dbl>
             <dbl>
                     <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                              <dbl> <dbl>
##
         22
                        28
                             6.08
                                        13
                                                10
         22
##
                        28
                             6.08
                                        13
                                                10
##
         22
                       28
                           6.08
                                        13
                                                10
                                                                        NA NA
         22
                        28
                           6.08
##
                                        13
                                                10
                                                                        NA NA
                           6.83
         34
                        28
##
##
         34
                        28
                           6.83
##
         34
                        28
                             6.83
##
         34
                        28
                             6.83
```

Fit the model

Let's talk through what's going on here:

Notation

Raudenbush and Bryk

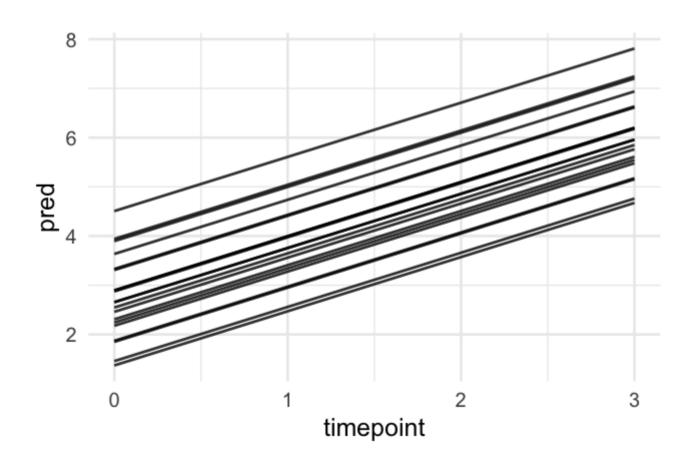
$$egin{aligned} ext{read}_{ij} &= \pi_{0jk} + \pi_{1jk} (ext{timepoint}) + e_{ijk} \ \pi_{0jk} &= eta_{00k} + eta_{01k} (ext{FRL}) + r_{0jk} \ \pi_{1jk} &= eta_{10k} \end{aligned}$$

In Gelman & Hill

$$egin{aligned} ext{read}_i &\sim N\left(lpha_{j[i]} + eta_1(ext{timepoint}), \sigma^2
ight) \ lpha_j &\sim N\left(\mu_{lpha_j}, \sigma^2_{lpha_j}
ight), ext{for id j} = 1, \ldots, & J \end{aligned}$$

What does this look like?

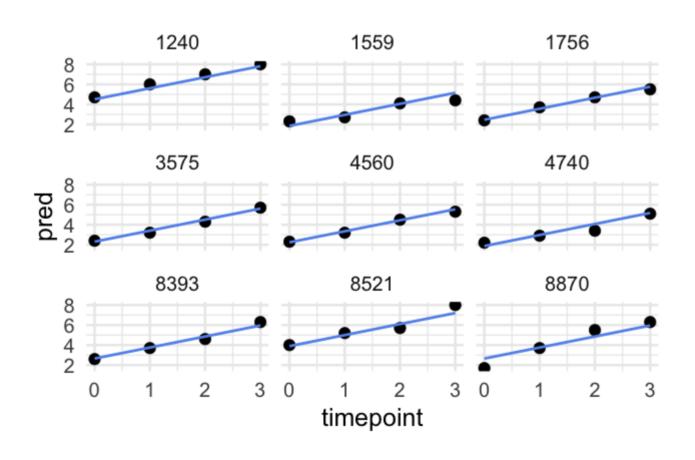
Below is a random sample of the model predictions for 20 participants



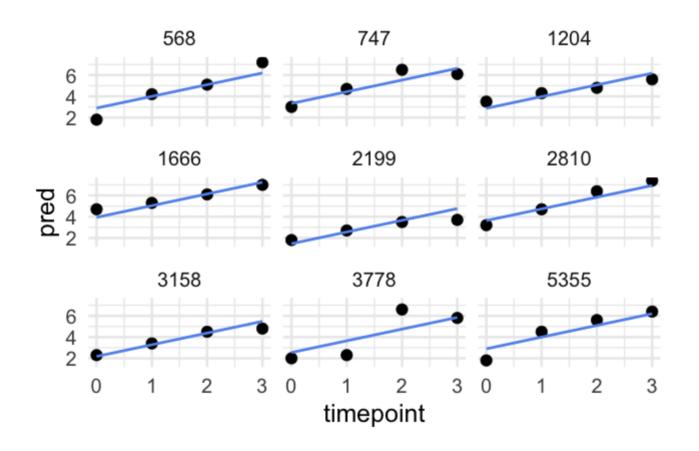
Parallel slopes

- Had we of fit a standard regression model we would have had one slope to represent the trend of all participants, which would (fairly clearly) be less than ideal
- Now, we've allowed each participant to have a different starting point, but constrained the rate of change to be constant.
- How reasonable is this assumption?

Random sample of 9 participants



And 9 different participants



I would argue this is looking pretty good

Plotting

- I realize I didn't echo the code for the prior plots
- You can look at the source code if you want
- We will talk about making these types of plots next week

Model summary

summarv(m intercepts)

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lme
## Formula: read ~ 1 + timepoint + (1 | id)
##
     Data: d
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 3487.6
##
## Scaled residuals:
## Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
## -2.6170 -0.5207 0.0383 0.5214 3.7428
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.
## id (Intercept) 0.7797 0.8830
## Residual 0.4609 0.6789
## Number of obs: 1325, groups: id, 405
##
## Fixed effects:
##
          Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.70374 0.05257 569.45801 51.43 <2e-16 ***
## timepoint 1.10134 0.01759 965.48963 62.62 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
```

Random

Modeling

• Let's fit a second model that allows each participant to have a different slope

Quick note on syntax

I'm being very explicit in the above about what I'm estimating. However, intercepts are generally implied. So the above is equivalent to

which is actually how I generally write it

Important!

You are not only estimating an additional variance component (variance of the intercept and variance of the slope), but also the *covariance* among them.

In Gelman & Hill Notation

$$ext{read}_i \sim N\left(lpha_{j[i]} + eta_{1j[i]}(ext{timepoint}), \sigma^2
ight) \ \left(egin{array}{c} lpha_j \ eta_{1j} \end{array}
ight) \sim N\left(\left(egin{array}{c} \mu_{lpha_j} \ \mu_{eta_{1j}} \end{array}
ight), \left(egin{array}{c} \sigma_{lpha_j}^2 &
ho_{lpha_jeta_{1j}} \
ho_{eta_{1j}lpha_j} & \sigma_{eta_{1j}}^2 \end{array}
ight)
ight), ext{ for id } ext{j} = 1, \ldots, ext{J}$$

Contrast this with R & B

Raudenbush and Bryk

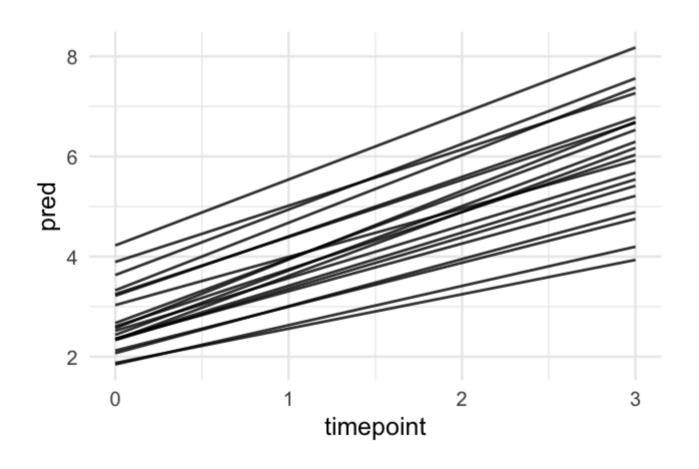
$$egin{aligned} ext{read}_{ij} &= \pi_{0jk} + \pi_{1jk} (ext{timepoint}) + e_{ijk} \ \pi_{0jk} &= eta_{00k} + eta_{01k} (ext{FRL}) + r_{0jk} \ \pi_{1jk} &= eta_{10k} + r_{1jk} \end{aligned}$$

The covariance estimation is less clear, unless we add the additional distributional assumptions part

$$e_{ijk} \sim N\left(0,\sigma
ight) \ \left(egin{array}{c} r_{0jk} \ r_{1jk} \end{array}
ight) \sim N\left(\left(egin{array}{c} 0 \ 0 \end{array}
ight), \left(egin{array}{c} au_{00} & au_{01} \ au_{10} & au_{11} \end{array}
ight)
ight), ext{ for id j} = 1, \ldots, ext{J}$$

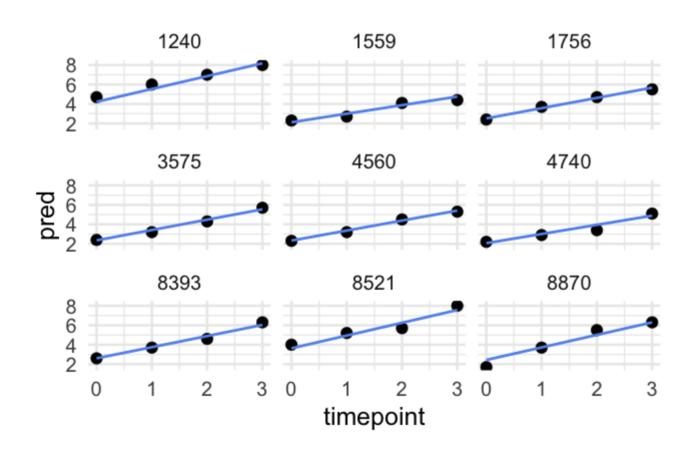
Random slopes

Same 20 participants from before. Do they look like they differ?

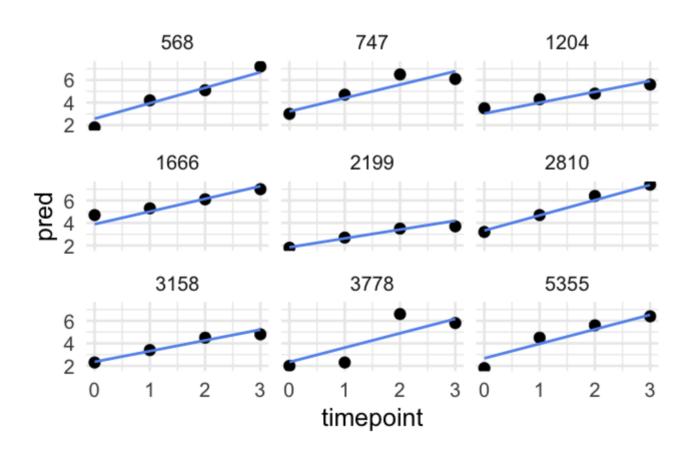


Look by participant

Same random sample of 9 participants



And an additional 9 different participants



What's the output look like

summary(m slopes)

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lme
## Formula: read ~ 1 + timepoint + (1 + timepoint | id)
##
     Data: d
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 3382
##
## Scaled residuals:
## Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
## -2.7161 -0.5201 -0.0220 0.4793 4.1847
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## id (Intercept) 0.57309 0.7570
## timepoint 0.07459 0.2731 0.29
## Residual 0.34584 0.5881
## Number of obs: 1325, groups: id, 405
##
## Fixed effects:
##
   Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.69609 0.04530 400.87693 59.52 <2e-16 ***
## timepoint 1.11915 0.02169 308.40833 51.60 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
```

Let's interpret each of the following

- ullet $lpha_{j[i]}$
- $\beta_{1j[i]}$
- ullet $\sigma^2_{lpha_j}$
- ullet $ho_{lpha_jeta_{1j}}$
- ullet $\sigma^2_{eta_{1j}}$

In equation form

$$egin{aligned} \widehat{ ext{read}}_i &\sim N\left(2.7_{lpha_{j[i]}} + 1.12_{eta_{1j[i]}}(ext{timepoint}), 0.59
ight) \ \left(egin{aligned} lpha_j \ eta_{1j} \end{aligned}
ight) &\sim N\left(\left(egin{aligned} 0 \ 0 \end{aligned}
ight), \left(egin{aligned} 0.76 & 0.29 \ 0.29 & 0.27 \end{aligned}
ight)
ight), ext{for id j} = 1, \ldots, ext{J} \end{aligned}$$

P values

The $\{lme4\}$ package does not report p-values. This is because its author, Douglas Bates, believes they are fundamentally flawed for multilevel models.

The link above is worth reading through, but basically it is not straightforward to calculate the denominator degrees of freedom for an F test. The methods that are used are approximations and, although generally accepted, are not guaranteed to be correct.

Alternatives

There are two primary work-arounds here:

- ullet Don't use p-values, and instead just interpret the confidence intervals, or
- Use the same approximation that others use via {ImerTest} package.

Confidence intervals

Multiple options, but profiled or bootstrap confidence intervals are generally preferred, though computationally intensive. Note that these provide Cls for the variance components as well.

confint(m_slopes)

```
## Computing profile confidence intervals ...

## 2.5 % 97.5 %

## .sig01 0.67961051 0.8365439

## .sig02 0.06898955 0.5434982

## .sig03 0.22282787 0.3213734

## .sigma 0.55548063 0.6238545

## (Intercept) 2.60721096 2.7850364

## timepoint 1.07653165 1.1622218
```

ImerTest

New summary

summary(m slopes2)

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lme
## Formula: read ~ timepoint + (timepoint | id)
##
     Data: d
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 3382
##
## Scaled residuals:
## Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
## -2.7161 -0.5201 -0.0220 0.4793 4.1847
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## id (Intercept) 0.57309 0.7570
## timepoint 0.07459 0.2731 0.29
## Residual 0.34584 0.5881
## Number of obs: 1325, groups: id, 405
##
## Fixed effects:
##
   Estimate Std. Error df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.69609 0.04530 400.87693 59.52 <2e-16 ***
## timepoint 1.11915 0.02169 308.40833 51.60 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
```

Comparing models

- How do we know which model is preferred?
- We don't want to overfit, but we also don't want to underfit
 - What do these terms mean again?
- Numerous approaches
 - $^{\circ}$ χ^2 significance test of the change in the model deviance
 - Information criteria (AIC/BIC)
 - Cross validation procedures

Using built-in approaches

```
anova(m_intercepts, m_slopes)
```

What does this mean?

The {performance} package

Similar information, little bit nicer output

```
library(performance)
compare_performance(m_intercepts, m_slopes) %>%
  print_md()
```

Table: Comparison of Model Performance Indices

Name	Model	AIC	BIC	R2 (cond.)	R2 (marg.)	ICC	RMSE	Sigma
m_intercepts	ImerModLmerTest	3495.56	3516.32	0.83	0.55	0.63	0.59	0.68
m_slopes	ImerModLmerTest	3394.00	3425.14	0.88	0.54	0.73	0.47	0.59

Likelihood ratio test

test_likelihoodratio(m_intercepts, m_slopes) %>%
 print_md()

Name	Model	df	df_diff	Chi2	р
m_intercepts	ImerModLmerTest	4			
m_slopes	ImerModLmerTest	6	2	105.56	1.20e-23

Or use Bayes factors

This is the default if the models are nested, as ours are

test_performance(m_intercepts, m_slopes) %>%
 print_md()

Name	Model	BF
m_intercepts	ImerModLmerTest	
m_slopes	ImerModLmerTest	> 1000

Models were detected as nested and are compared in sequential order.

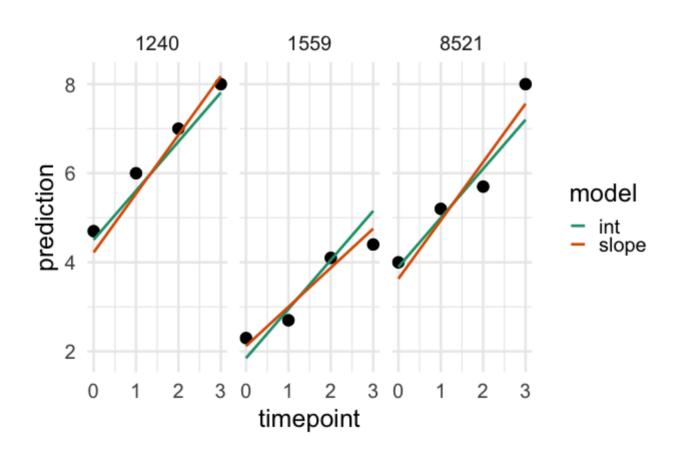
Quick note on Bayes factors

- Pure Bayesians typically hate them they are sometimes called a Bayesain p-value
- Tests under which model the observed data are more likely
- Larger values indicate less support for the comparison model
- I would advise you only use it in combination with other sources of evidence

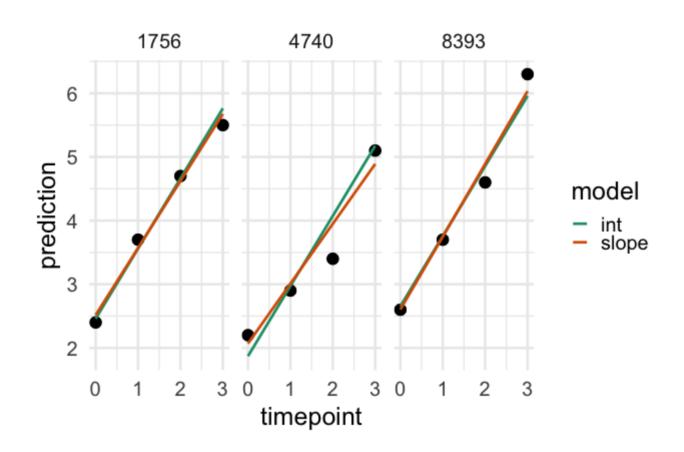
See here for more information

Final comparison

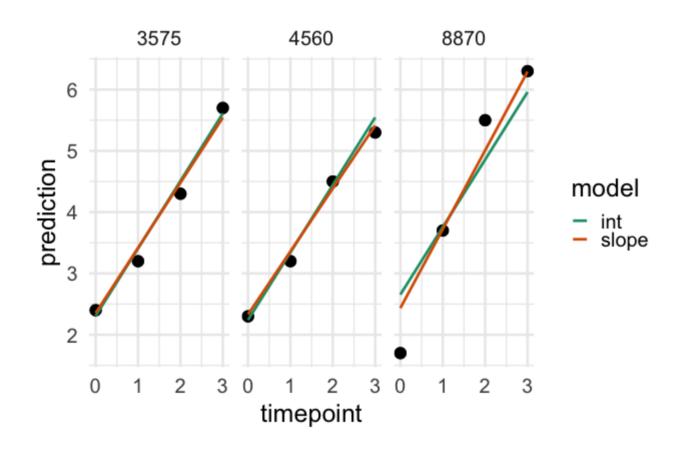
Let's look at the predictions for a few individual participants



Another 3 participants



One more set



Conclusions

Given the evidence we've looked at I would conclude:

- Both models are a considerable improvement over a linear regression model
- The random intercepts and slopes model is a better fit to the data than the random intercepts only model
- There is more variability in initial starting point than rate of change (which is typical)

• There was a modest correlation between the intercept and the slope, suggesting those who start higher also have steeper rates of change (but this was minor)

Questions

Homework 1

Next time

Model predictions and visualizations