

# MA 575 HW 10

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## Exercise 10.1

First we fit the random intercept model then fit the random slope/intercept model on the pig dataset.

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#Read in data
pigs = read.csv(url("http://www.stat.tamu.edu/~sheather/book/docs/datasets/pigweights.csv"), h
library(nlme)

#fit random intercept model
ri_model = lme(weight~ weeknumber, data = pigs, random = ~1|pigid, method = "REML")
summary(ri_model)
```

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## Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
## Data: pigs
##      AIC      BIC    logLik
## 2041.797 2058.052 -1016.898
##
## Random effects:
## Formula: ~1 | pigid
##      (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev:      3.891253 2.096356
##
## Fixed effects: weight ~ weeknumber
##              Value Std.Error DF   t-value p-value
## (Intercept) 19.355613 0.6031390 383   32.09146      0
## weeknumber   6.209896 0.0390633 383  158.97012      0
## Correlation:
##      (Intr)
## weeknumber -0.324
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##      Min      Q1      Med      Q3      Max
## -3.73902210 -0.54562381  0.01835208  0.51221200  3.93133783
##
## Number of Observations: 432
## Number of Groups: 48
```

```
#fit random intercept and slope
ris_model = lme(weight ~ weeknumber, random=list(pigid = pdDiag(~ weeknumber)), data = pigs, m
summary(ris_model)
```

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## Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
## Data: pigs
##      AIC      BIC    logLik
##  1751.029 1771.348 -870.5147
##
## Random effects:
## Formula: ~weeknumber | pigid
## Structure: Diagonal
##      (Intercept) weeknumber Residual
## StdDev:      2.630132  0.6135471  1.26443
##
## Fixed effects: weight ~ weeknumber
##              Value Std.Error   DF  t-value p-value
## (Intercept) 19.355613 0.4021142  383  48.13462      0
## weeknumber   6.209896 0.0916386  383  67.76506      0
## Correlation:
##      (Intr)
## weeknumber -0.075
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##      Min      Q1      Med      Q3      Max
## -3.61354186 -0.54079895  0.01949449  0.54637821  3.01165383
##
## Number of Observations: 432
## Number of Groups: 48

```

(a)

From the output above, we see that the random intercept and slope model has  $AIC = 1751.029$  and  $\log Lik = -870.5147$  while the random intercept model has  $AIC = 2041.797$  and  $\log Lik = -1016.898$ . Therefore we see the random intercept model has higher AIC and lower log likelihood. This would suggest the second model is a better fit for the data.

(b)

While the  $AIC$  and log-likelihood suggest the random intercept and slope is a better fit to the data, the standard error for *weeknumber* is lower in the random intercept model than in the random slope and intercept model. This makes sense - as we assign more groupings to the data, the data to estimate each group slope reduces in power, so the overall estimate of the fixed effect is reduced.

## Exercise 10.2

Suppose we have the random slopes model given by

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta + 1t_{ij} + e_{ij}^*$$

For  $e_{ij}^* = b_{0i} + b_{1i}t_{ij} + e_{ij}$  where  $e_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_e^2)$  are independent of  $(b_{0i}, b_{1i})^T \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, D)$  for the covariance matrix,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_0^2 & \sigma_{01}^2 \\ \sigma_{01}^2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that  $j \neq j'$  then to calculate the correlation we first find the covariance below.

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(e_{ij}^*, e_{ij'}^*) &= Cov(b_{0i} + b_{1i}t_{ij} + e_{ij}, b_{0i} + b_{1i}t_{ij'} + e_{ij'}) \\ &= Cov(b_{0i}, b_{0i}) + t_{ij'}Cov(b_{0i}, b_{1i}) + Cov(b_{0i}, e_{ij'}) + t_{ij}Cov(b_{1i}, b_{0i}) + t_{ij}t_{ij'}Cov(b_{1i}, b_{1i}) \\ &\quad + t_{ij}Cov(b_{1i}, e_{ij'}) + Cov(e_{ij}, b_{0i}) + t_{ij'}Cov(e_{ij}, b_{1i}) + Cov(e_{ij}, e_{ij'}) \\ &= \sigma_0^2 + t_{ij'}\sigma_{01}^2 + t_{ij}\sigma_{01}^2 + t_{ij}t_{ij'}\sigma_1^2 \\ &= \sigma_0^2 + \sigma_{01}^2(t_{ij'} + t_{ij}) + t_{ij}t_{ij'}\sigma_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using this same form for  $j = j'$  we see that  $Cov(e_{ij}^*, e_{ij'}^*) = Var(e_{ij}^*)$ .

$$Var(e_{ij}) = t_{ij}^2\sigma_1^2 + 2t_{ij}\sigma_{01}^2 + (\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_e^2)$$

Using this we can write the correlation structure as

$$Corr(e_{ij}^*, e_{ij'}^*) = \frac{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_{01}^2(t_{ij'} + t_{ij}) + t_{ij}t_{ij'}\sigma_1^2}{\sqrt{t_{ij}^2\sigma_1^2 + 2t_{ij}\sigma_{01}^2 + (\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_e^2)}\sqrt{t_{ij'}^2\sigma_1^2 + 2t_{ij'}\sigma_{01}^2 + (\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_e^2)}}$$