

Homework 9

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Workspace

Packages

```
library(psych)
library(lme4)
library(knitr)
library(kableExtra)
library(multcomp)
library(metafor)
library(plyr)
library(tidyverse)
```

Data

```
source("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/emoriebeck/homeworks/master/table_fun.R")
data_url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/emoriebeck/homeworks/master/homework9/phobia(1).csv"
dat <- data_url %>% read.csv %>% tbl_df
```

Question 1

Carry out the following steps to create the additional variables needed for a meta analysis:

Part A

Calculate the variance for each effect size. Name the new variances `v_beh` and `v_spouse`.

```
dat <- dat %>%
  mutate_at(vars(d_beh, d_spouse),
    funs(V = (n_tx + n_con)/(n_tx*n_con) + .^2/(2*(n_tx + n_con)))) %>%
  rename(v_beh = d_beh_V, v_spouse = d_spouse_V)
```

Part B

Calculate the covariance between the two effect sizes. Name this variable `cov`.

```
dat <- dat %>%
  mutate(
    r = cor(d_beh, d_spouse),
    cov = (1/n_tx + 1/n_con) * r + (d_beh * d_spouse * r^2)/(2*(n_tx + n_con)))
```

Part C

Rearrange the data file (call the new data file New Phobia Data) so that it has two lines per study. The behavioral effect size should be on the first line; the spouse effect on the second line. The effect sizes will now be in a single column; name it `d`. Two columns will be needed to hold the variance covariance matrix for each study; name the two columns, `vc1` and `vc2`. These two columns will hold the variance and then the covariance for the behavior line and the covariance and the variance for the spouse line. Create two dummy variables, called `d_b` and `d_s`. These should indicate whether the effect size on a line is for behavior or spouse report.

```
New_Phobia_Data <- dat %>%
  gather(key = DV, value = d, d_beh, d_spouse) %>%
  arrange(study) %>%
  mutate(vc1 = ifelse(DV == "d_beh", v_beh, cov),
    vc2 = ifelse(DV == "d_beh", cov, v_spouse),
    # vc2 = ifelse(source == "d_beh", cov),
    d_b = ifelse(DV == "d_beh", 1, 0),
    d_s = ifelse(DV == "d_spouse", 1, 0)) %>%
  select(study, weeks, n_tx, n_con, DV:d_s) %>% arrange(study, d_s)

head(New_Phobia_Data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
##   study weeks  n_tx n_con DV          d      vc1      vc2    d_b    d_s
##   <int> <int> <int> <int> <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1     1     3    23    24 d_beh     -0.268 0.0859 0.0749 1.00  0
## 2     1     3    23    24 d_spouse -0.330 0.0749 0.0863 0     1.00
## 3     2     1    18    20 d_beh     -0.235 0.106  0.0922 1.00  0
## 4     2     1    18    20 d_spouse -0.117 0.0922 0.106  0     1.00
## 5     3     2    33    41 d_beh      0.168 0.0549 0.0478 1.00  0
## 6     3     2    33    41 d_spouse  0.201 0.0478 0.0550 0     1.00
```

Part D

Create a block diagonal variance covariance matrix for the collection of studies. Name this matrix, BD. Use head(New Phobia Data) to show the first few lines of the new data file. Use head(BD) to show the first few lines of the block diagonal matrix.

```
BD <- lapply(split(New_Phobia_Data[,c("vc1", "vc2")], New_Phobia_Data$study), as.matrix)
BD <- bldiag(BD)
```

```
head(BD)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]      [,5]      [,6]
## [1,] 0.08590901 0.07490222 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000
## [2,] 0.07490222 0.08630344 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000
## [3,] 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.10628220 0.09224666 0.00000000 0.00000000
## [4,] 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.09224666 0.10573567 0.00000000 0.00000000
## [5,] 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.05488398 0.04782822
## [6,] 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.00000000 0.04782822 0.05496625
##           [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10] [,11] [,12] [,13] [,14] [,15] [,16] [,17] [,18]
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           [,19] [,20] [,21] [,22] [,23] [,24] [,25] [,26] [,27] [,28] [,29]
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           [,30] [,31] [,32] [,33] [,34] [,35] [,36] [,37] [,38] [,39] [,40]
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

Question 2

Begin by fitting an unconditional model (no dummy codes to indicate the type of outcome measure, but specify a random effects model that indicates DV is nested within study).

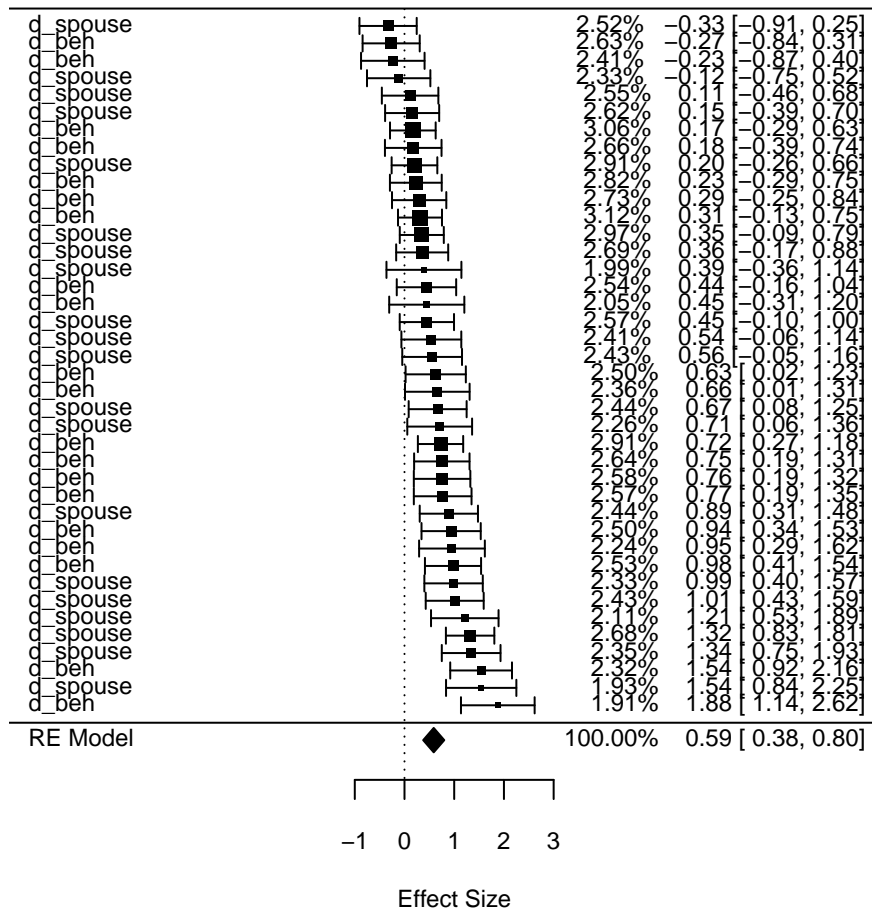
```
fit2 <- rma.mv(d, BD, mods = ~ 1, random = ~ DV | study, struct="UN", data=New_Phobia_Data, tdist=TRUE)
summary(fit2)
```

```
##
## Multivariate Meta-Analysis Model (k = 40; method: REML)
##
##      logLik  Deviance      AIC      BIC      AICc
## -13.6403   27.2806   35.2806   41.9349   36.4571
##
## Variance Components:
##
## outer factor: study (nlvls = 20)
## inner factor: DV      (nlvls = 2)
##
##           estim      sqrt  k.lvl  fixed      level
## tau^2.1    0.1429  0.3780     20     no    d_beh
## tau^2.2    0.1526  0.3906     20     no  d_spouse
##
##           rho.d_bh  rho.d_sp    d_bh  d_sp
## d_beh           1    0.8742      -    no
## d_spouse    0.8742          1    20    -
##
## Test for Heterogeneity:
## Q(df = 39) = 102.2122, p-val < .0001
##
## Model Results:
##
## estimate      se      tval      pval    ci.lb    ci.ub
## 0.5881  0.1049  5.6038  <.0001  0.3758  0.8003  ***
##
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Part A

Provide a forest plot. How many of the individual effect sizes are significantly different from 0?

```
forest(fit2,order="obs",addfit=TRUE,showweights = TRUE,
       xlab="Effect Size",efac=2,slab=New_Phobia_Data$DV)
```



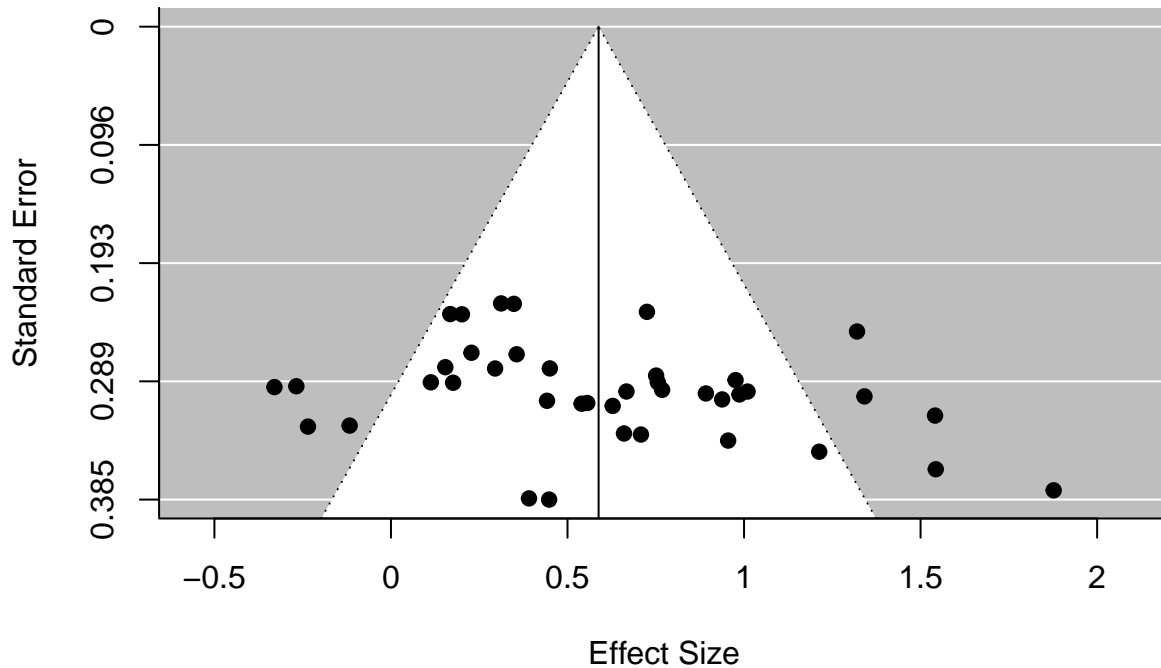
```
dist <- metafor::raneef.rma.mv(fit2)[[1]] %>% data.frame %>%
  mutate(pi.lb = coef(fit2) + pi.lb,
         term = rownames(.),
         sign = sign(pi.lb)) %>%
  separate(term, c("term", "scrap"), sep = " [|] ") %>%
  group_by(term, sign) %>%
  summarize(n = n())
```

12 of 20 of the spousal rating effect sizes differ from 0, while 12 of 20 of the behavior effect sizes differ from 0.

Part B

Provide a funnel plot. Effect sizes outside the confidence region suggest more heterogeneity than expected by sampling error. More effect sizes on one side than the other suggest publication bias. Is there evidence of either?

```
funnel(fit2, addtau2=TRUE, xlab="Effect Size", level=.95, back = "grey")
```



The effect sizes in the funnel plot suggest that there is more heterogeneity in the effect sizes than would be expected by sampling error, which suggests we should look for moderators.

Question 3

Now include the dummy codes for outcome type in a no intercept model.

```
fit3 <- rma.mv(d, BD, mods = ~ -1 + d_b + d_s, random = ~ DV | study, struct="UN", data=New_Phobia_Data)
```

Part A

Was treatment effective in reducing the fear of spiders as measured by the behavioral measure?

According to the behavior reports, the treatment was effective in reducing the fear of spiders, $d = 0.58$, 95% CI [0.36, 0.8].

Part B

On average, how much better off was a treatment participant compared to a control participant?

On average, an individual in the treatment group was able to move 0.58 SD closer to a tarantula than someone in a control group.

Part C

Was treatment effective in reducing the fear of spiders as measured by the spouse reports?

According to the spousal reports, the treatment was effective in reducing the fear of spiders, $d = 0.6$, 95% CI [0.38, 0.82].

Part D

On average, how much better off was a treatment participant compared to a control participant?

```
V0=matrix(c(c(.5, .5),
            c(1,-1)) , byrow = T, nc = 2)
rownames(V0) <- c("Behavioral + Spousal", "Behavioral v Spousal")
glht_V0 <- glht(fit3, linfct=V0, alternative="two.sided", rhs=0)
res_V0 <- confint(glht_V0, calpha = univariate_calpha())
res_V0_df <- res_V0$confint %>% data.frame()
```

On average, spouses reported individual in the treatment group were 0.59 SD (CI [0.38, 0.8]) less afraid than someone in the control group.

Part E

Was the effect size for spouse reports significantly different from the effect size for the behavioral measure?

There was no difference in effect size for spouse reports v. behavioral measures, $b = -0.02$, 95% CI [-0.13, 0.09].

Part F

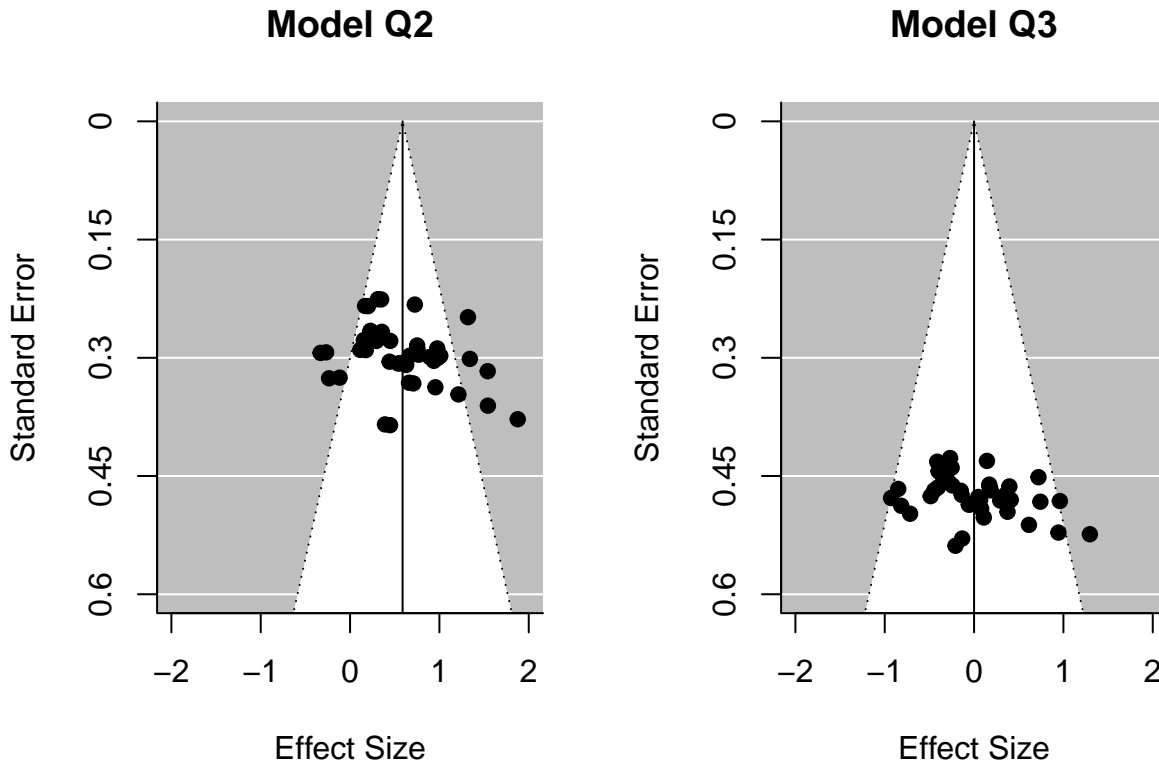
How highly related are the true effect sizes for behavior and spouse reports?

The true effect sizes are strongly correlated, $r = 0.87$.

Part G

Examine the funnel plot for this model and comment on what has changed compared to the unconditional model.

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
funnel(fit2, addtau2=TRUE, xlab="Effect Size", level=.95, back = "grey", xlim = c(-2,2), ylim = c(0,.6))
title("Model Q2")
funnel(fit3, addtau2=TRUE, xlab="Effect Size", level=.95, back = "grey", xlim = c(-2,2), ylim = c(0,.6))
title("Model Q3")
```



The standard errors of the estimates are larger in the model that estimates fixed effect effect sizes for both the behavioral and spousal measures, but there is less heterogeneity, which suggests that adding in the separate estimates improves model fit.

The funnel plot suggests # Question 4

Now add the weeks of therapy variable as a moderator.

```
fit4 <- rma.mv(d, BD, mods = ~ -1 + d_b + d_s + d_b:weeks + d_s:weeks, random = ~ DV | study, struct="UN")
```

Part A

Was treatment more effective the longer that patients were in treatment?

```
k <- matrix(c(0,0,.5,.5), nrow = 1)
rownames(k) <- "weeks"
glht_4a <- glht(fit4, linfct=k, alternative="two.sided", rhs=0)
res_4a <- confint(glht_4a, calpha = univariate_calpha())
res_4a_df <- res_4a$confint %>% data.frame()
```

Treatments were more effective the longer patients were in treatment, $b = 0.13$, 95% CI [0.06, 0.2].

Part B

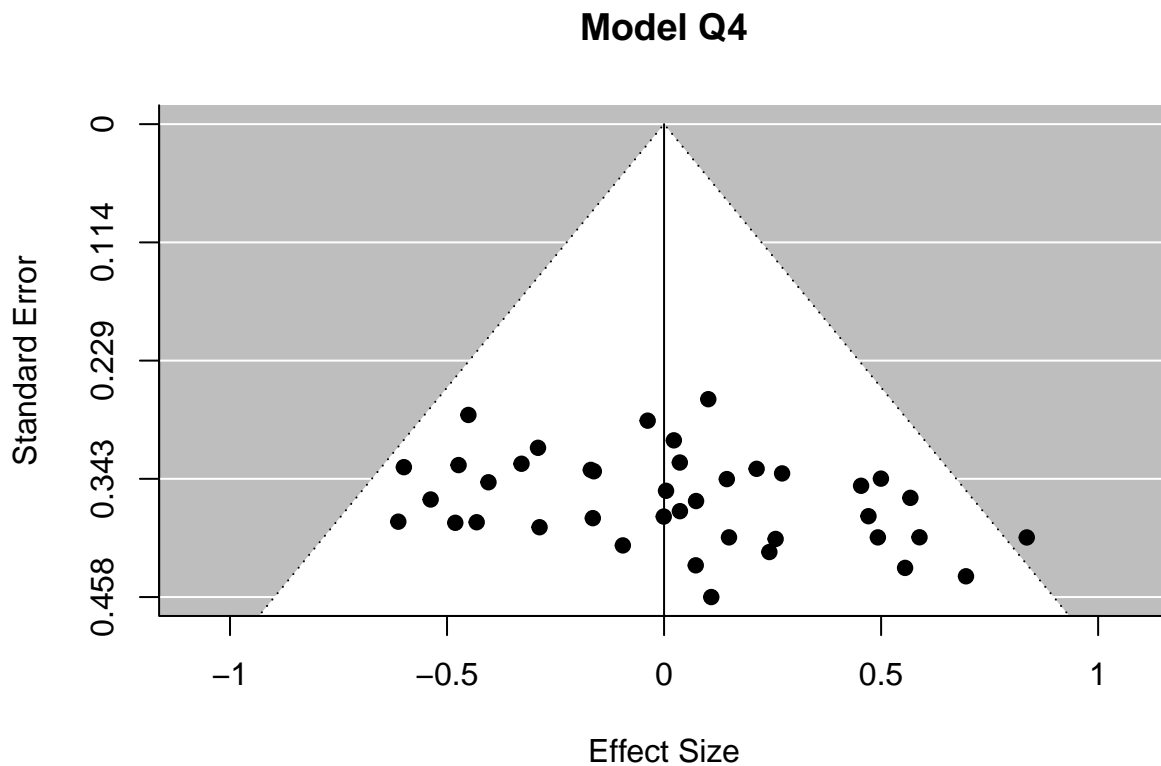
Did length of therapy have different effects on the behavioral and spouse report effect sizes?

Yes, the length of treatment moderated effect sizes for both measures. For both behavioral ($b = 0.14$, 95% CI [0.07, 0.21]) and spousal ($b = 0.12$, 95% CI [0.04, 0.2]) reports, effect sizes of treatment increased with longer study durations.

Part C

Examine the funnel plot again. Any evidence of lingering heterogeneity that might be modeled with the inclusion of additional predictors?

```
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
funnel(fit4,addtau2=TRUE,xlab="Effect Size",level=.95,back = "grey")
title("Model Q4")
```



There is only one study whose effect size falls outside of the bounds we would expect