Assignment 7: GLMs week 2 (Linear Regression and beyond)

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OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the lessons in Environmental Data Analytics on generalized linear models.

Directions

- 1. Change "Student Name" on line 3 (above) with your name.
- 2. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
- 3. Be sure to **answer the questions** in this assignment document.
- 4. When you have completed the assignment, Knit the text and code into a single PDF file.
- 5. After Knitting, submit the completed exercise (PDF file) to the dropbox in Sakai. Add your last name into the file name (e.g., "Salk_A06_GLMs_Week1.Rmd") prior to submission.

The completed exercise is due on Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 pm.

Set up your session

library(nlme)

- 1. Set up your session. Check your working directory, load the tidyverse, nlme, and piecewise SEM packages, import the raw NTL-LTER raw data file for chemistry/physics, and import the processed litter dataset. You will not work with dates, so no need to format your date columns this time.
- 2. Build a ggplot theme and set it as your default theme.

```
#1
getwd()
```

[1] "/Users/jackeynon/Courses/EnvDataAnalytics/Environmental_Data_Analytics_2020/Assignments"

```
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching packages --
                                       ----- tidyverse 1.3.0 --
## v ggplot2 3.2.1
                  v purrr
## v tibble 2.1.3
                          0.8.3
                  v dplyr
## v tidyr
          1.0.0
                  v stringr 1.4.0
          1.3.1
## v readr
                  v forcats 0.4.0
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                masks stats::lag()
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'nlme'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
## collapse
```

```
library(piecewiseSEM)
## Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'lme4':
##
                                      from
##
     cooks.distance.influence.merMod car
##
     influence.merMod
##
     dfbeta.influence.merMod
                                      car
     dfbetas.influence.merMod
##
                                      car
##
     This is piecewiseSEM version 2.1.0.
##
##
##
##
     Questions or bugs can be addressed to <LefcheckJ@si.edu>.
lake.chem.physics <-</pre>
read.csv("~/Courses/EnvDataAnalytics/Environmental_Data_Analytics_2020/Data/Raw/NTL-LTER_Lake_Chemistry
litter <-
read.csv("~/Courses/EnvDataAnalytics/Environmental_Data_Analytics_2020/Data/Processed/NEON_NIWO_Litter_n
my_theme <- theme_gray(base_size = 14) + theme(legend.position = "right")
theme_set(my_theme)
```

NTL-LTER test

Research question: What is the best set of predictors for lake temperatures in July across the monitoring period at the North Temperate Lakes LTER?

- 3. Wrangle your NTL-LTER dataset with a pipe function so that it contains only the following criteria:
- Only dates in July (hint: use the daynum column). No need to consider leap years.
- Only the columns: lakename, year4, daynum, depth, temperature_C
- Only complete cases (i.e., remove NAs)
- 4. Run an AIC to determine what set of explanatory variables (year4, daynum, depth) is best suited to predict temperature. Run a multiple regression on the recommended set of variables.

```
lake.chem.physics.july <- lake.chem.physics %% filter(daynum > 181 & daynum < 213) %>%
  select(lakename, year4, daynum, depth, temperature_C) %>% na.omit()
#4
lake.AIC <- lm(data = lake.chem.physics.july, temperature C ~ year4 + daynum + depth)
step(lake.AIC)
## Start: AIC=26016.31
## temperature_C ~ year4 + daynum + depth
##
            Df Sum of Sq
##
                            RSS
                                  AIC
## <none>
                         141118 26016
## - year4
             1
                      80 141198 26020
## - daynum 1
                    1333 142450 26106
## - depth
             1
                  403925 545042 39151
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = temperature_C ~ year4 + daynum + depth, data = lake.chem.physics.july)
```

```
##
## Coefficients:
   (Intercept)
                      year4
                                   daynum
                                                  depth
      -6.45556
                    0.01013
                                  0.04134
                                               -1.94726
##
## Based on the stepwise regression, we can't obtain a lower AIC by removing year4, daynum, or
## depth as explanatory variables. Therefore, we will keep all variables in our regression model.
summary(lake.AIC)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = temperature C ~ year4 + daynum + depth, data = lake.chem.physics.july)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                1Q Median
                                 3Q
##
                                        Max
## -9.6517 -2.9937 0.0855 2.9692 13.6171
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                            8.638808
                                       -0.747
                                                 0.4549
## (Intercept) -6.455560
## year4
                0.010131
                            0.004303
                                        2.354
                                                 0.0186 *
## daynum
                0.041336
                            0.004315
                                        9.580
                                                 <2e-16 ***
## depth
               -1.947264
                            0.011676 -166.782
                                                 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.811 on 9718 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7417, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7417
## F-statistic: 9303 on 3 and 9718 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
  5. What is the final set of explanatory variables that predict temperature from your multiple regression?
    How much of the observed variance does this model explain?
    Answer: We find that year, day of the year, and depth are all significant predictors of temperature.
    Our model explains about 74% of the variance in temperatures, based on the r-squared value.
  6. Run an interaction effects ANCOVA to predict temperature based on depth and lakename from the
    same wrangled dataset.
#6
lake.temp.ANCOVA <- lm(data = lake.chem.physics.july, temperature_C ~ depth * lakename)
summary(lake.temp.ANCOVA)
##
## lm(formula = temperature_C ~ depth * lakename, data = lake.chem.physics.july)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                10 Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
## -7.6455 -2.9133 -0.2879 2.7567 16.3606
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                    22.9455
                                                 0.5861 39.147 < 2e-16 ***
                                    -2.5820
                                                 0.2411 -10.711 < 2e-16 ***
## depth
## lakenameCrampton Lake
                                     2.2173
                                                 0.6804
                                                          3.259 0.00112 **
## lakenameEast Long Lake
                                    -4.3884
                                                 0.6191 -7.089 1.45e-12 ***
```

```
## lakenameHummingbird Lake
                                   -2.4126
                                               0.8379
                                                       -2.879 0.00399 **
## lakenamePaul Lake
                                               0.5983
                                                        1.020 0.30754
                                    0.6105
                                               0.5970
                                                        0.502 0.61552
## lakenamePeter Lake
                                    0.2998
## lakenameTuesday Lake
                                   -2.8932
                                               0.6060
                                                       -4.774 1.83e-06 ***
## lakenameWard Lake
                                    2.4180
                                               0.8434
                                                        2.867 0.00415 **
## lakenameWest Long Lake
                                               0.6168
                                                       -3.999 6.42e-05 ***
                                   -2.4663
## depth:lakenameCrampton Lake
                                    0.8058
                                               0.2465
                                                        3.268 0.00109 **
## depth:lakenameEast Long Lake
                                    0.9465
                                               0.2433
                                                        3.891
                                                               0.00010 ***
## depth:lakenameHummingbird Lake
                                   -0.6026
                                               0.2919
                                                       -2.064
                                                               0.03903 *
## depth:lakenamePaul Lake
                                    0.4022
                                               0.2421
                                                        1.662
                                                               0.09664 .
## depth:lakenamePeter Lake
                                    0.5799
                                               0.2418
                                                        2.398
                                                               0.01649 *
## depth:lakenameTuesday Lake
                                               0.2426
                                                        2.723 0.00648 **
                                    0.6605
## depth:lakenameWard Lake
                                   -0.6930
                                               0.2862
                                                       -2.421 0.01548 *
## depth:lakenameWest Long Lake
                                    0.8154
                                                        3.354 0.00080 ***
                                               0.2431
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.471 on 9704 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7861, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7857
## F-statistic: 2097 on 17 and 9704 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

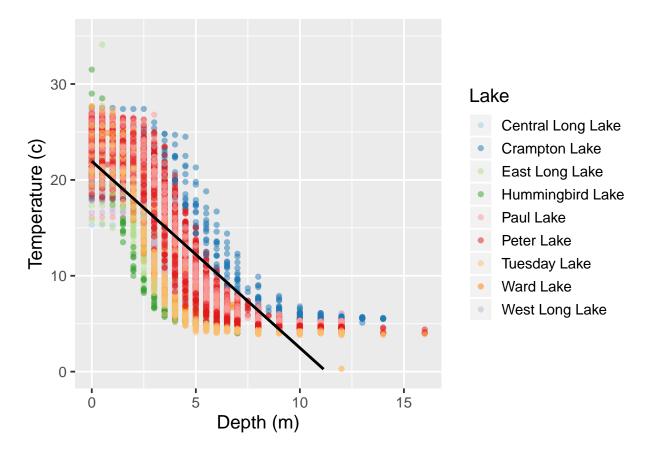
7. Is there a significant interaction between depth and lakename? How much variance in the temperature observations does this explain?

Answer: Yes, there is a significant interaction between depth and lakename. Our ANCOVA model explains about 78% of the variance in temperature.

8. Create a graph that depicts temperature by depth, with a separate color for each lake. Add a geom_smooth (method = "lm", se = FALSE) for each lake. Make your points 50 % transparent. Adjust your y axis limits to go from 0 to 35 degrees. Clean up your graph to make it pretty.

```
#8
ggplot(data = lake.chem.physics.july, aes(x = depth, y = temperature_C, color = lakename)) +
geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +
geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, color = "black") +
labs(x = "Depth (m)", y = "Temperature (c)", color = "Lake" ) +
ylim(0,35) +
scale_color_brewer(palette = "Paired")
```

Warning: Removed 24 rows containing missing values (geom_smooth).



- 9. Run a mixed effects model to predict dry mass of litter. We already know that nlcdClass and functionalGroup have a significant interaction, so we will specify those two variables as fixed effects with an interaction. We also know that litter mass varies across plot ID, but we are less interested in the actual effect of the plot itself but rather in accounting for the variance among plots. Plot ID will be our random effect.
- a. Build and run a mixed effects model.
- b. Check the difference between the marginal and conditional R2 of the model.

```
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
##
    Data: litter
##
          AIC
                   BIC
                           logLik
##
     9038.575 9179.479 -4493.287
##
## Random effects:
    Formula: ~1 | plotID
##
##
           (Intercept) Residual
             0.5899105 3.456817
## StdDev:
##
## Fixed effects: dryMass ~ nlcdClass * functionalGroup
                                                                     Value Std.Error
##
## (Intercept)
                                                                 0.155492 0.4863580
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                                -0.156004 0.7789816
```

```
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                               -0.107080 0.6636775
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               -0.126008 0.5501061
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                                1.477797 0.6323043
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                                7.284064 0.5313161
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               -0.048525 0.5500878
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               -0.058702 0.5501061
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                                1.929441 0.5385556
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                                1.068772 0.5259330
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                                0.181416 0.8847246
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                                0.173857 0.7510320
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               -0.467648 1.1201304
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                                0.633876 0.9217911
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               -2.118299 0.8705440
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               -2.909142 0.7347172
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                                0.143603 0.8976715
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                                0.104935 0.7528434
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                                0.049290 0.8976827
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                                0.076708 0.7547591
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.986627 0.8850639
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               -1.503446 0.7409024
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -1.017803 0.8802289
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               -0.979078 0.7317033
##
                                                                 DF
                                                                      t-value
## (Intercept)
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.319706
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                                  9 -0.200266
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                                  9 -0.161343
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               1659 -0.229061
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                               1659
                                                                     2.337160
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               1659 13.709474
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               1659 -0.088213
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               1659 -0.106711
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               1659
                                                                     3.582622
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               1659
                                                                    2.032144
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.205053
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.231490
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               1659 -0.417495
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.687657
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               1659 -2.433305
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               1659 -3.959540
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                                     0.159972
                                                               1659
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.139385
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               1659
                                                                     0.054908
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
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                                                                     0.101632
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 1659 -1.114752
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               1659 -2.029209
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 1659 -1.156293
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               1659 -1.338081
##
                                                               p-value
## (Intercept)
                                                                0.7492
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                                0.8457
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                                0.8754
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                                0.8188
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                                0.0195
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                                0.0000
```

```
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.9297
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.9150
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.0003
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.0423
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.8376
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.8170
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.6764
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.4918
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.0151
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.0001
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                                0.8729
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.8892
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.9562
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.9191
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.2651
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                                0.0426
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.2477
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                                0.1811
  Correlation:
##
                                                              (Intr) nlcdCH nlcdCS
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                              -0.624
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                              -0.733 0.458
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.559 0.349 0.409
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.485
                                                                      0.303 0.356
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.579 0.361 0.424
## functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.559
                                                                      0.349 0.409
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.559 0.349 0.409
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.571 0.356 0.418
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.584 0.365 0.428
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.347 -0.586 -0.255
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.409 -0.255 -0.569
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.274 -0.462 -0.201
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.333 -0.208 -0.464
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.353 -0.595 -0.259
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.418 -0.261 -0.582
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.342 -0.577 -0.251
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.408 -0.255 -0.568
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.342 -0.577 -0.251
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.407 -0.254 -0.566
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 0.347 -0.586 -0.254
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.415 -0.259 -0.577
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.349 -0.589 -0.256
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.420 -0.262 -0.584
##
                                                              fnctGL fnctGM fnctGN
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.429
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.511 0.445
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.494 0.430 0.511
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.494 0.429
                                                                             0.511
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.504 0.439 0.522
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.516 0.449 0.535
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.622 -0.267 -0.318
```

```
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.732 -0.314 -0.374
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.242 -0.564 -0.251
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.295 -0.686 -0.305
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.312 -0.272 -0.610
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.370 -0.322 -0.723
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.303 -0.263 -0.313
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.361 -0.314 -0.374
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.303 -0.263 -0.313
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.360 -0.313 -0.373
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.307 -0.267 -0.318
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.367 -0.319 -0.380
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.309 -0.268 -0.320
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.371 -0.322 -0.384
                                                              fnctGO fnctGS fncGT/
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
## functionalGroupMixed
## functionalGroupNeedles
## functionalGroupOther
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.494
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.504 0.504
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.516 0.517 0.528
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.307 -0.307 -0.314
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.362 -0.362 -0.369
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.243 -0.242 -0.248
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.295 -0.294 -0.301
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.312 -0.312 -0.319
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.370 -0.370 -0.378
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.613 -0.303 -0.309
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.731 -0.361 -0.369
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.303 -0.613 -0.309
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.360 -0.729 -0.368
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.307 -0.307 -0.608
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.367 -0.367 -0.727
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.309 -0.309 -0.315
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.371 -0.371 -0.379
                                                              fncGWm nCH:GL nCS:GL
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
## functionalGroupMixed
## functionalGroupNeedles
## functionalGroupOther
## functionalGroupSeeds
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## functionalGroupWoody material
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.321
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.378 0.455
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.253 0.406
                                                                             0.178
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.308 0.183
                                                                             0.410
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.326 0.524 0.229
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.387
                                                                      0.230 0.514
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.316 0.508 0.222
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.377 0.224 0.502
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.317 0.508 0.222
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.376 0.224
                                                                            0.500
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.321
                                                                     0.515
                                                                             0.225
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.384
                                                                      0.228
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.597 0.518 0.226
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.719 0.231 0.516
                                                              nCH:GM nCS:GM nCH:GN
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
## functionalGroupMixed
## functionalGroupNeedles
## functionalGroupOther
## functionalGroupSeeds
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## functionalGroupWoody material
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.387
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.414 0.186
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.182 0.419 0.441
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.401 0.181
                                                                             0.517
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.177 0.409 0.228
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.402 0.180 0.517
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.177
                                                                      0.408 0.227
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 0.407
                                                                     0.183
                                                                             0.524
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.180 0.416 0.232
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              0.409
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
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## functionalGroupWoody material
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 0.230 0.508
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.231 0.511 0.225
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0.528 0.227 0.515
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
##
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
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## functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 0.508 0.224
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.511 0.225
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
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## functionalGroupLeaves
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.229
  nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.523 0.429
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
## -1.96496855 -0.23842984 -0.01535880 0.09027291 14.27434811
##
```

```
## Number of Observations: 1692
## Number of Groups: 12
rsquared(litter.mixed)

## Response family link method Marginal Conditional
## 1 dryMass gaussian identity none 0.2465822 0.2679023
## Marginal R2 = 0.247, Conditional R2 = 0.268
```

- b. continued... How much more variance is explained by adding the random effect to the model?

 Answer: About 2% more of the variance in dry mass is explained by adding the random effect to the model.
- c. Run the same model without the random effect.
- d. Run an anova on the two tests.

```
litter.fixed <- gls(data = litter, dryMass ~ nlcdClass * functionalGroup)
summary(litter.fixed)</pre>
```

```
## Generalized least squares fit by REML
     Model: dryMass ~ nlcdClass * functionalGroup
##
##
     Data: litter
          AIC
##
                   BIC
                          logLik
     9058.088 9193.573 -4504.044
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                                                                   Value Std.Error
## (Intercept)
                                                                0.119625 0.3906950
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                               -0.114199 0.6422303
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                               -0.104119 0.5383767
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               -0.103599 0.5560568
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                                1.504750 0.6380023
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                                7.312264 0.5369590
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               -0.034817 0.5560568
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               -0.046163 0.5560568
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                                1.959669 0.5443402
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                                1.084311 0.5315555
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                                0.128646 0.8941030
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                                0.147030 0.7591538
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               -0.381176 1.1302365
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                                0.745929 0.9303798
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               -2.138801 0.8799314
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               -2.921481 0.7425783
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                                0.126058 0.9074253
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                                0.085888 0.7610116
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                                0.046155 0.9074253
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                                0.059436 0.7629471
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -1.015195 0.8946237
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               -1.495591 0.7488092
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -1.040859 0.8897083
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               -0.971848 0.7395676
##
                                                                 t-value p-value
## (Intercept)
                                                                0.306185 0.7595
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
                                                               -0.177817 0.8589
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                               -0.193395 0.8467
```

```
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.186311 0.8522
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                               2.358534 0.0185
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              13.617920 0.0000
## functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.062615 0.9501
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.083019 0.9338
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               3.600082 0.0003
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               2.039883 0.0415
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.143882 0.8856
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.193676
                                                                         0.8465
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.337253 0.7360
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.801746 0.4228
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -2.430645 0.0152
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -3.934239 0.0001
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.138919 0.8895
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.112860 0.9102
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.050863 0.9594
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.077903 0.9379
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -1.134773
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -1.997293 0.0460
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -1.169888 0.2422
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -1.314076 0.1890
##
##
   Correlation:
                                                              (Intr) nlcdCH nlcdCS
                                                              -0.608
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
                                                              -0.726 0.441
## functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.703 0.427
                                                                             0.510
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.612 0.373 0.444
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.728 0.443 0.528
## functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.703 0.427
                                                                             0.510
## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.703 0.427 0.510
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.718 0.437 0.521
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.735 0.447 0.533
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.437 -0.718 -0.317
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                               0.515 -0.313 -0.709
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.346 -0.568 -0.251
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.420 - 0.255 - 0.579
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.444 -0.730 -0.322
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.526 -0.320 -0.725
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.431 -0.708 -0.312
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.513 -0.312 -0.707
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.431 -0.708 -0.312
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches 0.437 -0.718 -0.317
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.522 -0.317 -0.719
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.439 -0.722 -0.319
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.528 -0.321 -0.728
##
                                                              fnctGL fnctGM fnctGN
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
## functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.430
## functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.511 0.446
## functionalGroupOther
                                                               0.494 0.430 0.511
```

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## functionalGroupSeeds
                                                               0.494 0.430 0.511
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                               0.504 0.440 0.522
## functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.516 0.450 0.535
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.622 -0.268 -0.318
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.732 -0.315 -0.374
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.243 -0.564 -0.252
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.295 -0.686 -0.306
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.312 -0.272 -0.610
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.370 -0.322 -0.723
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.303 -0.264 -0.313
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.361 -0.314 -0.374
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.303 -0.264 -0.313
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
                                                              -0.360 -0.314 -0.373
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.307 -0.267 -0.318
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
                                                              -0.367 -0.320 -0.380
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.309 -0.269 -0.320
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                              -0.371 -0.324 -0.384
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
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## functionalGroupWoody material
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.243 -0.243 -0.248
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches -0.307 -0.307 -0.608
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.309 -0.309 -0.315
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous
## nlcdClassshrubScrub
## functionalGroupLeaves
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## functionalGroupNeedles
## functionalGroupOther
## functionalGroupSeeds
## functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## functionalGroupWoody material
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.321
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
                                                              -0.378 0.456
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.254 0.408 0.178
```

```
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                              -0.309 0.183 0.410
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.326 0.524 0.229
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                              -0.387 0.230 0.514
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
                                                              -0.316 0.508 0.222
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material -0.597 0.518 0.226
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupLeaves
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
                                                               0.387
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
                                                               0.415
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.231 0.511 0.225
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
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## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.511 0.225
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## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupMixed
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupNeedles
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupOther
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupOther
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupSeeds
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupSeeds
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupTwigs/branches
## nlcdClassgrasslandHerbaceous:functionalGroupWoody material 0.229
## nlcdClassshrubScrub:functionalGroupWoody material
                                                               0.523 0.429
##
```

```
## Standardized residuals:

## Min Q1 Med Q3 Max

## -1.89209382 -0.13724016 -0.01672707 -0.00155260 14.03673076

##

## Residual standard error: 3.494483

## Degrees of freedom: 1692 total; 1668 residual

anova(litter.mixed, litter.fixed)
```

```
## Model df AIC BIC logLik Test L.Ratio p-value ## litter.mixed 1 26 9038.575 9179.479 -4493.287 ## litter.fixed 2 25 9058.088 9193.573 -4504.044 1 vs 2 21.51338 <.0001
```

d. continued... Is the mixed effects model a better model than the fixed effects model? How do you know?

Answer: Yes, by accounting for variability in dry mass introduced by the plot locations, the mixed effects model explains more of the variance in dry mass. We know the mixed effects model is a better fit because it has a higher R2 value and a lower AIC.