

Eqn. 1 Data generating process for snails

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \gamma w_i + \epsilon_{ij} \quad (1)$$

Eqn. 2 Naive model

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \epsilon_{ij} \quad (2)$$

Eqn. 3 Random effects/mixed model

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \delta_i + \epsilon_{ij} \\ \delta_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{site}^2) \\ \epsilon_{ij} &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Eqn. 4 Model separating plot and site error

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \epsilon_{ij} + u_i \quad (4)$$

Eqn. 5 Fixed Effects Transformation

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} - \bar{y}_i &= \beta_1 (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i) + (\epsilon_{ij} - \bar{\epsilon}_i) + (u_i - \bar{u}_i) \\ &= \beta_1 (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i) + (\epsilon_{ij} - \bar{\epsilon}_i) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Eqn. 6 Fixed Effects Dummy and Means Models

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} &= \beta_1 x_{1ij} + \sum \lambda_i x_{2i} + \epsilon_{ij} \\ &= \beta_1 x_{1ij} + \lambda_i + \epsilon_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Eqn. 7 Group Mean Covariate Model/Mundlak Device

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \beta_2 \bar{x}_i + \delta_i + \epsilon_{ij} \\ \delta_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{site}^2) \\ \epsilon_{ij} &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Eqn. 8 Group Mean Centered Model

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (x_{ij} - \overline{x_i}) + \beta_2 \overline{x_i} + \delta_i + \epsilon_{ij} \quad (8)$$

Eqn. 9 First Differences Model

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} - y_{i(j-1)} &= \beta_1 x_{1ij} - \beta_1 x_{1i(j-1)} + \lambda_i j - \lambda_i (j-1) + \epsilon_{ij} - \epsilon_{i(j-1)} \\ \Delta y_{ij} &= \beta_1 \Delta x_{1ij} + \lambda_i + \Delta \epsilon_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Box 2, Eqn. 1

$$y_{ijk} = \beta_1 x_{1ijk} + \lambda_k + \eta_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

Box 2, Eqn. 2

$$y_{ijk} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ijk} + \beta_2 \overline{x_k} + \beta_3 \overline{x_{ij}} + \delta_k + \delta_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$