



SIMPLE, MARGINAL, AND INTERACTION EFFECTS IN GENERAL LINEAR MODELS (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “MODERATION”)

EDF 9780: Multivariate Educational Research (Spring 2026 Semester)

Lecture #3

- Centering and Coding Predictors
- Interpreting Parameters in the Model for the Means
- Main Effects Within Interactions
- GLM Example 1: “Regression” vs. “ANOVA”

GLM as “Regression” vs. “ANOVA”

Study examining effect of new instruction method (where New: 0=Old, 1>New) on test performance (% correct) in college freshmen vs. seniors (where Senior: 0=Freshmen, 1=Senior), $n = 25$ per group

$$Test_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Senior_p + \beta_2 New_p + \beta_3 Senior_p New_p + e_p$$

Test Mean (SD), $[SE = \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n}}]$	Freshmen	Seniors	Marginal (Mean)
Old Method	80.20 (2.60),[0.52]	82.36 (2.92),[0.59]	81.28 (2.95),[0.42]
New Method	87.96 (2.24),[0.45]	87.08 (2.90),[0.58]	87.52 (2.60),[0.37]
Marginal (Mean)	84.08 (4.60),[0.65]	84.72 (3.74),[0.53]	84.40 (4.18),[0.42]

CENTERING AND CODING PREDICTORS

$$y_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_p + \beta_2 Z_p + \beta_3 X_p Z_p + e_p$$

Our focus in this lecture

Model for the Means (Predicted Values):

- Each person's expected (predicted) outcome is a function of his/her values on X and Z (and their interaction), each measured once per person
- **Estimated parameters are called fixed effects** (here, β_0 , β_1 , β_2 , and β_3); although they have a sampling distribution, they are not random variables
- The number of fixed effects will show up in formulas as k (so $k = 4$ here)

Model for the Variance:

- $e_p \sim N(0, \sigma_e^2) \rightarrow$ ONE residual (unexplained) deviation
- e_p has a mean of 0 with some estimated constant variance σ_e^2 , is normally distributed, is unrelated to X and Z, and is unrelated across people (across all observations, just people here)
- **Estimated parameter is the residual variance only** (in the model above)

For now we focus entirely on the **fixed effects** in the **model for the means**...

From now on, we will think carefully about exactly **how** the **predictor variables** are entered into the **model for the means** (i.e., by which a predicted outcome is created for each person)

- Why don't people always care? Because the scale of predictors:
 - Does NOT affect the amount of outcome variance accounted for (R^2)
 - Does NOT affect the outcomes values predicted by the model for the means (so long as the same predictor fixed effects are included)
- Why should this matter to us?
 - ***Because the Intercept = expected outcome value when $X = 0$***
 - Can end up with nonsense values for intercept if $X = 0$ isn't in the data
 - We will almost always need to deliberately **adjust the scale of the predictor variables** so that they have 0 values that could be observed in our data
 - Is much bigger deal in models with random effects (Multilevel Models) or linear models once interactions are included (... stay tuned)

For **continuous** (quantitative) predictors, we will make the intercept interpretable by **centering**:

- **Centering** = subtract a constant from each person's variable value so that **the 0 value** falls within the range of the new centered predictor variable
 - Typical → Center around predictor's mean: $Centered X_1 = X_1 - \bar{X}_1$
 - Intercept is then expected outcome for "average X_1 person"
 - Better → Center around meaningful constant C : $Centered X_1 = X_1 - C$
 - Intercept is then expected outcome for person with that constant (even 0 may be ok)

For **categorical** (grouping) predictors, either we or the program will make the intercept interpretable by **creating a reference group**:

- **Reference group** is given a 0 value on all predictor variables created from the original grouping variable, such that the intercept is the expected outcome for that reference group specifically
- Accomplished via "dummy coding" or "reference group coding"
→ Two-group example using *Sex Assigned at Birth*:
 - 0 = Men, 1 = Women (or 0 = Women, 1 = Men)

- For more than two groups, need: **dummy codes = #groups - 1**
 - Four-group example: Control, Treatment1, Treatment2, Treatment3
 - Variables:
 - $d1 = 0, 1, 0, 0 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T1
 - $d2 = 0, 0, 1, 0 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T2
 - $d3 = 0, 0, 0, 1 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T3

Done for you in
GLM software ☺

- Potential pit-falls:
 - All predictors representing the effect of group (e.g., $d1, d2, d3$) MUST be in the model at the same time for these specific interpretations to be correct!
 - Model parameters resulting from these dummy codes will not *directly* tell you about differences among non-reference groups (...but stay tuned)
- Other examples of things people do to categorical predictors:
 - “Contrast/effect coding” → *Gender*: $-0.5 = \text{Men}, 0.5 = \text{Women}$ (or vice-versa)
 - Test other contrasts among multiple groups → four-group example above:
Variable: $contrast1 = -1, 0.33, 0.33, 0.34 \rightarrow$ Control vs. Any Treatment?

Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 d1_i + \beta_2 d2_i + \beta_3 d3_i + e_i$

"Treatgroup" variable: Control=0, Treat1=1, Treat2=2, Treat3=3

New variables $d1 = 0, 1, 0, 0 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T1
to be created $d2 = 0, 0, 1, 0 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T2
for the model: $d3 = 0, 0, 0, 1 \rightarrow$ difference between Control and T3

How does the model give us all possible group differences?
By determining each group's mean, and then the difference...

Control Mean (Reference)	Treatment 1 Mean	Treatment 2 Mean	Treatment 3 Mean
β_0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 d1_i$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 d2_i$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3 d3_i$

The model for the 4 groups directly provides 3 differences (control vs. each treatment), and indirectly provides another 3 differences (differences between treatments)

Group Differences from Dummy Codes



Model: $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 d1_i + \beta_2 d2_i + \beta_3 d3_i + e_i$

Control Mean (Reference)	Treatment 1 Mean	Treatment 2 Mean	Treatment 3 Mean
β_0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 d1_i$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 d2_i$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3 d3_i$

	<u>Alt Group</u>	<u>Ref Group</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Control vs. T1 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_1) - (\beta_0)$		$= \beta_1$
Control vs. T2 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0)$		$= \beta_2$
Control vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0)$		$= \beta_3$
T1 vs. T2 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1)$		$= \beta_2 - \beta_1$
T1 vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1)$		$= \beta_3 - \beta_1$
T2 vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0 + \beta_2)$		$= \beta_3 - \beta_2$

Estimating (Univariate) Linear Models in R



	<u>Alt Group</u>	<u>Ref Group</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1.	Control vs. T1 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_1) - (\beta_0)$	$= \beta_1$
2.	Control vs. T2 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0)$	$= \beta_2$
3.	Control vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0)$	$= \beta_3$
4.	T1 vs. T2 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1)$	$= \beta_2 - \beta_1$
5.	T1 vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1)$	$= \beta_3 - \beta_1$
6.	T2 vs. T3 =	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) - (\beta_0 + \beta_2)$	$= \beta_3 - \beta_2$

```
#R Syntax for Estimating 4-Group Linear Model
# For Predicting Y in data frame called mydata
library(multcomp)
model01 = lm(y~d1+d2+d3,data=mydata)
summary(model01) # shows model results

mean1 = matrix(c(1,0,0,0),1); rownames(mean1) = c("Control Mean")
mean2 = matrix(c(1,1,0,0),1); rownames(mean2) = c("T1 Mean")
mean3 = matrix(c(1,0,1,0),1); rownames(mean3) = c("T2 Mean")
mean4 = matrix(c(1,0,0,1),1); rownames(mean4) = c("T3 Mean")
contrast1 = mean2-mean1; rownames(contrast1) = c("Control vs. T1")
contrast2 = mean3-mean1; rownames(contrast2) = c("Control vs. T2")
contrast3 = mean4-mean1; rownames(contrast3) = c("Control vs. T3")
contrast4 = mean3-mean2; rownames(contrast4) = c("T1 vs. T2")
contrast5 = mean4-mean2; rownames(contrast5) = c("T1 vs. T3")
contrast6 = mean4-mean3; rownames(contrast6) = c("T2 vs. T3")

mycontrasts = rbind(mean1,mean2,mean3,mean4,contrast1,contrast2,contrast3,contrast4,
                    contrast5,contrast6)
values = glht(model01,linfct=mycontrasts)
summary(values)
```

Note the order of the equations: the reference group mean *is subtracted from* the alternative group mean.

The ~ is the equals sign: to the left goes the DV. To the right go the IVs (a + indicates additive effects of IVs).

The values come from placeholder numbers put in the correct positions for the betas.

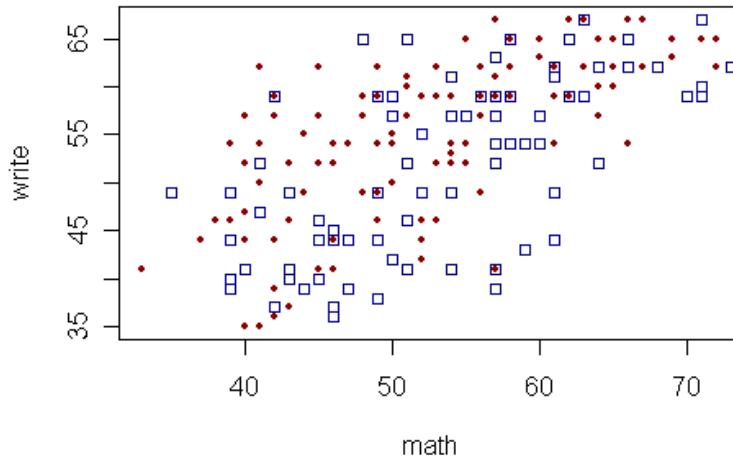
The ghlt function is from the multcomp package.

What the Intercept β_0 Should Mean to You...



The model for the means will describe what happens to the predicted outcome Y “as X increases” or “as Z increases” and so forth...

But you won’t know what Y is actually supposed to be unless you know where the predictor variables are starting from!



Therefore, the **intercept** is the “**YOU ARE HERE**” sign in the map of your data... so it should be somewhere in the map*!

* There is no *wrong* way to center (or not), only *weird*...

For **continuous** (quantitative) predictors, we (not R) will make the intercept interpretable by **centering**

Centering = subtract a constant (e.g., sample mean, other meaningful reference value) from each person's variable value so that **the 0 value** falls within the range of the new centered predictor variable

Predicted group means **at** specific levels of continuous predictors can be found using the same procedure (e.g., if X_1 SD=5, means at ± 1 SD):

MAIN EFFECTS WITHIN INTERACTIONS

Interactions can always be evaluated for any combination of categorical and continuous predictors, although traditionally...

- Interaction = Moderation: the effect of a predictor depends on the value of the interacting predictor
 - Any of the interacting predictors can be “the moderator” (nominal distinction only; the context of the statement matters)
- In “ANOVA”: By default, all possible interactions are estimated
 - Software does this for you automatically
- In “ANCOVA”: Continuous predictors (“covariates”) do not get to be part of interaction terms
 - Can (and should) be added in software
- In “Regression”: No default – all must be added manually

- Main effects of predictors within interactions should remain in the model regardless of whether or not they are statistically significant
 - An interaction is an over-additive (enhancing) or under-additive (dampening) effect, so *what it is additive to* must be included
 - Leaving main effects in the model “controls” for their presence statistically
- The role of a two-way interaction is to adjust its main effects...
- However, the idea of a “main effect” no longer applies... each main effect is **conditional** on the interacting predictor = 0
- e.g., Model of $Y = W, X, Z, X^*Z$:
 - The effect of W is still a “main effect” because it is not part of an interaction
 - The effect of X is now the conditional main effect of X *specifically when $Z=0$*
 - The effect of Z is now the conditional main effect of Z *specifically when $X=0$*
- The trick is keeping track of what 0 means for every interacting predictor, which depends on the way each predictor is being represented, as determined by you, or by the software without you!

Model-Implied Simple Main Effects



Original: $GPA_p = \beta_0 + (\beta_1 * Att_p) + (\beta_2 * Ed_p) + (\beta_3 * Att_p * Ed_p) + e_p$
 $GPA_p = 30 + (1 * Att_p) + (2 * Ed_p) + (0.5 * Att_p * Ed_p) + e_p$

Given any values of the predictor variables, the model provides predictions for:

Value of outcome (model-implied intercept for non-zero predictor values)

Any conditional (simple) main effects implied by an interaction term

Simple Main Effect = what it is + what modifies it

Step 1: **Identify** all terms in model involving the predictor of interest

e.g., Effect of Attitudes comes from: $\beta_1 * Att_p + \beta_3 * Att_p * Ed_p$

Step 2: **Factor out** common predictor variable

Start with $[\beta_1 * Att_p + \beta_3 * Att_p * Ed_i] \rightarrow [Att_p (\beta_1 + \beta_3 * Ed_p)] \rightarrow Att_p (\text{new } \beta_1)$

Value given by () is then the model-implied coefficient for the predictor

Step 3: **ESTIMATEs (glht() in R)** calculate model-implied simple effect and SE

Let's try it for **a new reference point of attitude = 3 and education = 12**

Interactions: Why Zero Matters



Y = Student achievement (GPA as percentage grade out of 100)

X = Parent attitudes about education (measured on 1-5 scale)

Z = Father's education level (measured in years of education)

Model: $GPA_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * Att_p + \beta_2 * Ed_p + \beta_3 * Att_p * Ed_p + e_p$

$$GPA_p = 30 + 2 * Att_p + 1 * Ed_p + 0.5 * Att_p * Ed_p + e_p$$

Interpret β_0 : Expected GPA for 0 attitude and 0 years of education

Interpret β_1 : Increase in GPA per unit attitude for 0 years of education

Interpret β_2 : Increase in GPA per year education for 0 attitude

Interpret β_3 :

Attitude as Moderator:

Effect of education (slope) increases by .5 for each additional unit of attitude (more positive)

Education as Moderator:

Effect of attitude (slope) increases by .5 for each additional year of education (more positive)

Predicted GPA for attitude of 3 and Ed of 12?

$$66 = 30 + 2 * (3) + 1 * (12) + 0.5 * (3) * (12)$$

Interactions: Why 0 Matters



Y = Student achievement (GPA as percentage grade out of 100)

X = Parent attitudes about education (still measured on 1-5 scale)

Z = Father's education level (0 = 12 years of education)

Model: $\text{GPA}_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{Att}_p + \beta_2 * \text{Ed}_p + \beta_3 * \text{Att}_p * \text{Ed}_p + e_p$

Old Equation: $\text{GPA}_p = 30 + 2 * \text{Att}_p + 1 * \text{Ed}_p - 0 + 0.5 * \text{Att}_p * \text{Ed}_p - 0 + e_p$

New Equation: $\text{GPA}_p = 42 + 8 * \text{Att}_p + 1 * \text{Ed}_p - 12 + 0.5 * \text{Att}_p * \text{Ed}_p - 12 + e_p$

- Why did β_0 change? 0 = 12 years of education
- Why did β_1 change? Conditional on Education = 12 (new zero)
- Why did β_2 stay the same? Attitude is the same
- Why did β_3 stay the same? Nothing beyond to modify two-way interaction (effect is unconditional)

Which fixed effects would have changed if we centered attitudes at 3 but left education uncentered at 0 instead?

Model equation already says what Y (the intercept) should be...

Original Model: $GPA_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * Att_p + \beta_2 * Ed_p + \beta_3 * Att_p * Ed_p + e_p$

$$GPA_p = 30 + 2 * Att_p + 1 * Ed_p + 0.5 * Att_p * Ed_p + e_p$$

- The intercept is always conditional on when predictors = 0

But the model also tells us any conditional main effect for any combination of values for the model predictors

- Using intuition: **Main Effect = what it is + what *modifies* it**
- Using calculus (first derivative of model with respect to each effect):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Effect of Attitudes} &= \beta_1 + \beta_3 * Ed_p = 2 + 0.5 * Ed_p \\ \text{Effect of Education} &= \beta_2 + \beta_3 * Att_p = 1 + 0.5 * Att_p \\ \text{Effect of Attitudes*Education} &= \beta_3 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Now we can use these new equations to determine what the conditional main effects would be given other predictor values besides true 0...

...let's do so for a reference point of attitude = 3 and education = 12

Old Equation using uncentered predictors:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GPA}_p &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{Att}_p + \beta_2 * \text{Ed}_p + \beta_3 * \text{Att}_p * \text{Ed}_p + e_p \\ \text{GPA}_p &= 30 + 2 * \text{Att}_p + 1 * \text{Ed}_p + 0.5 * \text{Att}_p * \text{Ed}_p + e_p \end{aligned}$$

New equation using centered predictors:

$$\text{GPA}_p = 66 + 8 * (\text{Att}_p - 3) + 2.5 * (\text{Ed}_p - 12) + .5 * (\text{Att}_p - 3) * (\text{Ed}_p - 12) + e_p$$

β_0 : expected value of GPA when $\text{Att}_p=3$ and $\text{Ed}_p=12$

$$\beta_0 = 66$$

β_1 : effect of Attitudes

$$\beta_1 = 2 + 0.5 * \text{Ed}_p = 2 + 0.5 * 12 = 8$$

β_2 : effect of Education

$$\beta_2 = 1 + 0.5 * \text{Att}_p = 1 + .5 * 3 = 2.5$$

β_3 : two-way interaction of Attitudes and Education:

$$\beta_3 = 0.5$$

Testing the Significance of Model-Implied Fixed Effects



We now know how to calculate any conditional main effect:

Effect of interest = what it is + what *modifies* it

Effect of Attitudes = $\beta_1 + \beta_3 * Ed$ for example...

But if we want to test whether that new effect is $\neq 0$, we also need its **standard error (SE)** needed to get Wald test T -value $\rightarrow p$ -value)

Even if the conditional main effect is not *directly* given by the model, its estimate and SE are still *implied* by the model

3 options to get the new conditional main effect estimate and SE (in order of least to most annoying):

- 1. Ask the software to give it to you** using your original model
(e.g., `glht()` in R, ESTIMATE in SAS, TEST in SPSS, NEW in Mplus)

2. **Re-center your predictors** to the interacting value of interest (e.g., make attitudes=3 the new 0 for attitudes) and **re-estimate** your model; repeat as needed for each value of interest
3. **Hand calculations** (what the program is doing for you in option #1)

For example: **Effect of Attitudes = $\beta_1 + \beta_3 * Ed$**

Stay tuned for why

- SE^2 = sampling variance of estimate \rightarrow e.g., $Var(\beta_1) = SE_{\beta_1}^2$
- $SE_{\beta_1}^2 = Var(\beta_1) + Var(\beta_3) * Ed + 2Cov(\beta_1, \beta_3) * Ed$
 - Values come from “asymptotic (sampling) covariance matrix”
 - Variance of a sum of terms always includes covariance among them
 - Here, this is because what each main effect estimate could be is related to what the other main effect estimates could be
 - Note that if a main effect is unconditional, its $SE^2 = Var(\beta)$ only

GLM EXAMPLE 1: “REGRESSION” VS. “ANOVA”

GLM via Dummy-Coding in “Regression”



```
#MODEL #1 -- Using 0/1 coding instead of factors  
model1 = lm(Test~Senior+New+Senior*New,data=data01)  
summary(model1)
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	80.2000	0.5364	149.513	< 2e-16 ***
Senior	2.1600	0.7586	2.847	0.00539 **
New	7.7600	0.7586	10.229	< 2e-16 ***
Senior:New	-3.0400	1.0728	-2.834	0.00561 **

```
#MODEL #1 – ANOVA Table  
anova(model1)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Test

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Senior	1	10.24	10.24	1.4235	0.235762
New	1	973.44	973.44	135.3253	< 2.2e-16 ***
Senior:New	1	57.76	57.76	8.0297	0.005609 **
Residuals	96	690.56	7.19		

Signif. codes:	0	‘***’	0.001	‘**’	0.01 ‘*’
				0.05 ‘.’	0.1 ‘ ’
				1	

Note: this ANOVA table is displaying marginal tests for the main effects. Marginal tests are for the main effect only and are not conditional on any interacting variables.

Getting Each of the Means as a Contrast



```
mean1 = matrix(c(1,0,0,0),1); rownames(mean1)="Freshman-old"
mean2 = matrix(c(1,0,1,0),1); rownames(mean2)="Freshman-New"
mean3 = matrix(c(1,1,0,0),1); rownames(mean3)="Senior-old"
mean4 = matrix(c(1,1,1,1),1); rownames(mean4)="Senior-New"

meansvec = rbind(mean1,mean2,mean3,mean4)
means = glht(model1,linfct=meansvec)
```

Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses

```
Fit: lm(formula = Test ~ Senior + New + Senior * New, data =
data01)

Linear Hypotheses:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
Freshman-Old == 0	80.2000	0.5364	149.5	<2e-16 ***
Freshman-New == 0	87.9600	0.5364	164.0	<2e-16 ***
Senior-Old == 0	82.3600	0.5364	153.5	<2e-16 ***
Senior-New == 0	87.0800	0.5364	162.3	<2e-16 ***

glht requests **predicted outcomes from model for the means**:

$$\widehat{Test}_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Senior_p + \beta_2 New_p + \beta_3 Senior_p New_p$$

- Freshmen-Old: $Test_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 0 + \beta_2 0 + \beta_3 0 * 0$
- Freshmen-New: $Test_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 0 + \beta_2 1 + \beta_3 0 * 0$
- Senior-Old: $Test_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 1 + \beta_2 0 + \beta_3 1 * 0$
- Senior-New: $Test_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 1 + \beta_2 1 + \beta_3 1 * 1$

Dummy-Coded "Regression": Mapping Results to Data



glht table			FIXED EFFECTS				
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Pr > t
Intercept for Freshmen-Old	80.20	0.54	Intercept (β_0)	80.20	0.54	149.51	<.0001
Intercept for Freshmen-New	87.96	0.54	Senior (β_1)	2.16	0.76	2.85	0.0054
Intercept for Senior-Old	82.36	0.54	New (β_2)	7.76	0.76	10.23	<.0001
Intercept for Senior-New	87.08	0.54	Senior*New (β_3)	-3.04	1.07	-2.83	0.0056

Test Mean [SE]	Freshmen	Seniors	Marginal
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New Method	β_2 87.96 [0.45]	β_3 87.08 [0.58]	87.52 [0.37]
Marginal	84.08 [0.65]	84.72 [0.53]	84.40 [0.42]

Dummy-Coded "Regression": Model-Implied Main Effects



```
effect1 = matrix(c(0,1,0,0),1); rownames(effect1) = "Senior Effect: old"
effect2 = matrix(c(0,1,0,1),1); rownames(effect2) = "Senior Effect: New"
effect3 = matrix(c(0,0,1,0),1); rownames(effect3) = "New Effect: Freshmen"
effect4 = matrix(c(0,0,1,1),1); rownames(effect4) = "New Effect: Seniors"

effectsvec = rbind(effect1,effect2,effect3,effect4)
effects = glht(model1,linfct=effectsvec)           Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses
summary(effects)                                     Fit: lm(formula = Test ~ Senior + New + Senior * New, data = data01)

Linear Hypotheses:
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
Senior Effect: old == 0    2.1600    0.7586   2.847   0.0194 *
Senior Effect: New == 0   -0.8800    0.7586  -1.160   0.5939
New Effect: Freshmen == 0  7.7600    0.7586  10.229 <0.001 ***
New Effect: Seniors == 0   4.7200    0.7586   6.222   <0.001 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Adjusted p values reported -- single-step method)
```

glht requests **conditional main effects from model for the means:**

Model for the Means: $\widehat{Test}_p = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Senior_p + \beta_2 New_p + \beta_3 Senior_p New_p$

Main Effect = what it is + what *modifies* it

- Senior Effect for Old Method: $\beta_1 + \beta_3 * 0$
- Senior Effect for New Method: $\beta_1 + \beta_3 * 1$
- New Method Effect for Freshmen: $\beta_2 + \beta_3 * 0$
- New Method Effect for Seniors: $\beta_2 + \beta_3 * 1$

Dummy-Coded Regression : Model-Implied Main Effects

glht commands table

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Pr > t
Senior Effect: Old	2.16	0.76	2.85	0.0054
Senior Effect: New	-0.88	0.76	-1.16	0.2489
New Effect: Freshmen	7.76	0.76	10.23	<.0001
New Effect: Seniors	4.72	0.76	6.22	<.0001

FIXED EFFECTS table

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Pr > t
Intercept (β_0)	80.20	0.54	149.51	<.0001
Senior (β_1)	2.16	0.76	2.85	0.0054
New (β_2)	7.76	0.76	10.23	<.0001
Senior*New (β_3)	-3.04	1.07	-2.83	0.0056

Effect of Senior for New: $\beta_1 + \beta_3(\text{New}_p)$; Effect of New for Seniors: $\beta_2 + \beta_3(\text{Senior}_p)$

Test Mean [SE]	Freshmen	Seniors	Marginal
Old Method	β_0 80.20 [0.52]	β_1 82.36 [0.59]	81.28 [0.42]
New Method	β_2 87.96 [0.45]	β_3 87.08 [0.58] $\beta_2 + \beta_3$	87.52 [0.37]
Marginal	$\beta_1 + \beta_3$ 84.08 [0.65]	84.72 [0.53]	84.40 [0.42]

- So far we've used “regression” to analyze our 2x2 design:
 - We manually dummy-coded the predictors
 - SAS treats them as “continuous” predictors, so it uses our variables as is
- More commonly, a factorial design like this would use an ANOVA approach to the GLM
 - It is the *same model* accomplished with less code

```
#MODEL #2 -- Using factors (R coded)
model2 = lm(Test~SeniorF+NewF+SeniorF*NewF,data=data01)
summary(model2)
anova(model2)

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 80.2000   0.5364 149.513 < 2e-16 ***
SeniorF1    2.1600   0.7586   2.847  0.00539 **
NewF1       7.7600   0.7586  10.229 < 2e-16 ***
SeniorF1:NewF1 -3.0400   1.0728  -2.834  0.00561 **
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Signif. codes:  0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1
```

Analysis of Variance Table

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Response: Test
          Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
SeniorF     1 10.24  10.24  1.4235  0.235762
NewF        1 973.44 973.44 135.3253 < 2.2e-16 ***
SeniorF:NewF 1 57.76  57.76  8.0297  0.005609 **
Residuals   96 690.56   7.19
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Signif. codes:  0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1
```

2 Kinds of “Conditional” Main Effects



- “Simple” conditional main effects
 - Specifically for a “0” value in the interacting predictor, where the meaning of “0” is usually chosen deliberately with the goal of inferring about a particular kind of person (or group of persons)
 - e.g., the “simple” main effect of Education for Attitudes = 3
the “simple” main effect of Attitudes for Education = 12 years
 - These are given in the summary() function output of R
- “Marginal” (omnibus) main effects
 - What is done for you without asking in ANOVA! The fixed effects solution is not given by default (and not often examined at all); the omnibus F-tests are almost always used to interpret “main effects” instead
 - Tries to produce the “average” main effect in the sample, marginalizing over other predictors
 - Consequently, a “0” person may not even be logically possible...
 - These are given in the anova() function output of R

SUMMARY

Purpose of Today's Lecture...

To examine exactly what we can learn from our model output

- Meaning of estimated fixed effects; how to get model-implied fixed effects

- Interpretation of omnibus significance tests

To understand why results from named GLM variants may differ:

- Regression/ANOVA/ANCOVA are all the same GLM

- Linear model for the means + and a normally-distributed residual error term

- You can fit main effects and interactions among any kind of predictors; whether there is always a testable hypothesis in a GLM

When variants of the GLM provide different results, it's because:

- Your predictor variables are being recoded (if using CLASS/BY statements)

- Simple conditional main effects and marginal conditional main effects do not mean the same thing (so they will not agree when in an interaction)

- By default your software picks your model for the means for you:

- "Regression" = whatever you tell it, exactly how you tell it

- "ANOVA" = marginal main effects + all interactions for categorical predictors

- "ANCOVA" = marginal main effects + all interactions for categorical predictors; continuous predictors only get to have main effects

R for General Linear Models

How do I tell it...	R
What my DV is	The first command in <code>lm(Y~X)</code> : Before the ~
I have continuous predictors (or to leave them alone!!)	Assumed by default (can tell if you use <code>class(data\$variable)</code>) function and find predictors are numeric
I have categorical predictors (and to dummy-code them for me)	<code>class(data\$variable)</code> function says factor
What fixed effects I want	<code>glht()</code> function from <code>multcomp</code> package
To show me my fixed effects solution (Est, SE, t-value, p-value)	<code>summary()</code> function applied to <code>lm()</code> object
To give me means per group	<code>glht()</code> function or use factor type
To estimate model-implied effects	<code>glht()</code> function