

Example: Brazil Model

	Means	Log Yields	Production / 1000
GDDs / 1000	2.946 (0.931)	0.018* (0.008)	0.716 (0.450)
KDDs / 1000	0.149 (0.146)	-0.140*** (0.042)	-2.828 (1.821)
Frosts	0.944 (3.499)	0.005*** (0.001)	0.036** (0.014)
Precip. (m)	1.421 (0.719)	-0.045* (0.021)	0.882 (0.646)
Precip. ²	2.538 (2.439)	0.015*** (0.004)	-0.265 (0.163)
State cubic trends		Yes	Yes
R ²		0.138	0.950
Adj. R ²		0.136	0.950
Num. obs.		42582	42600

*** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$

Motivation

Preparing the global analysis.

- Want to give each variety in each country its own parameters:

$$\gamma_{iv}$$

- Want to partially pool across countries for a given variety:

$$\gamma_{iv} \sim \mathcal{N}(\gamma_v, \tau_{\gamma_v})$$

- Want to partially pool variety hyperparameters $\gamma_v \sim \mathcal{N}(\gamma, \tau_{\gamma})$

- Want to do this for every parameter $\gamma, \kappa, \phi, \pi, \psi$

- Full-Bayes is too slow to simultaneously perform the regression

Terminology Note: Traditionally, “Hierarchical linear modeling” and “multilevel modeling” describe model substitutions where data only exists at lowest level.

The Model

Pooled:

$$\log y_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta_v + \gamma g_{it} + \kappa k_{it} + \phi f_{it} + \pi p_{it} + \psi p_{it}^2 + \epsilon_{it}$$

Unpooled:

$$\log y_{ivt} = \alpha_i + \beta_v + \gamma_{iv} g_{it} + \kappa_{iv} k_{it} + \phi_{iv} f_{it} + \pi_{iv} p_{it} + \psi_{iv} p_{it}^2 + \epsilon_{ivt}$$

Partial-pooling relationships:

$$\gamma_{iv} = \gamma_v + \epsilon_{iv}$$

$$\gamma_a = \gamma_c + \epsilon_a$$

$$\gamma_r = \gamma_c + \epsilon_r$$

$$\vdots$$

The Model

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 \log y_{ivt} & = & \alpha_i & + \gamma_{iv} g_{it} & + \dots \\
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 \log y_{ivt} & = & \sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{1}_{j=i} & + \sum_{ju} \gamma_{ju} g_{it} \mathbf{1}_{ju=iv} & + \gamma_a 0 + \gamma_r 0 + \gamma_c 0 + \dots \\
 0 & = & \sum_j \alpha_j 0 & + \sum_{ju} \gamma_{ju} \mathbf{1}_{ju=1a} & - \gamma_a 1 - \gamma_r 0 - \gamma_c 0 + \dots \\
 0 & = & \sum_j \alpha_j 0 & + \sum_{ju} \gamma_{ju} \mathbf{1}_{ju=2a} & - \gamma_a 1 - \gamma_r 0 - \gamma_c 0 + \dots \\
 & & & \vdots & \\
 0 & = & \sum_j \alpha_j 0 & + \sum_{ju} \gamma_{ju} \mathbf{1}_{ju=1r} & - \gamma_a 0 - \gamma_r 1 - \gamma_c 0 + \dots \\
 & & & \vdots & \\
 0 & = & \sum_j \alpha_j 0 & + \sum_j u \gamma_{ju} \mathbf{1}_{ju=1c} & - \gamma_a 0 - \gamma_r 0 - \gamma_c 1 + \dots \\
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 \end{array}$$

Time for an R Package!

Many use cases:

Partial pooling $y \sim f \mid f - .$

Partial pooling to multiple $y \sim f \mid f > g$

Pairwise coefficient relation $y \sim a + b \mid a - b$

$y \sim f \mid fa == fb$

Multilevel data $y \sim f \mid y \sim g \mid f - g$

Smoothness criteria ???

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model <- hierlm(logyield ~ 0 + region + variety + regionvariety:gdd1000 |
  regionvariety:gdd1000 > variety:gdd1000 |
  varietyarabica:gdd1000 == varietycombined:gdd1000 |
  varietyrobusta:gdd1000 == varietycombined:gdd1000,
  data, ratios=c(.1, .1, .1))
summary(model)
```

Pooling Effects

