

- Linear models: $y = X\beta + \varepsilon$
 - estimation
 - confidence set
 - hypothesis testing

- Linear mixed models

$$y_{n \times 1} = X_{n \times k} \beta_{k \times 1} + Z_{n \times q} u_{q \times 1} + \varepsilon_{n \times 1}$$

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model error

Z : known effect/predictor

u : random vector

* $Z u$: contribute as random effect

* $X\beta$: contribute as fixed effect

Assume:

$$\sim E(u) = 0, E(\varepsilon) = 0$$

- main objective of u is to capture dependence / covariance between variables

- Standard assumptions

$$E(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{Var}(u) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} G & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{i.e. } u \text{ & } \varepsilon \text{ are uncorrelated.}}$$

- Under these assumption:

$$E(y) = E(X\beta + Zu + \varepsilon) = X\beta$$

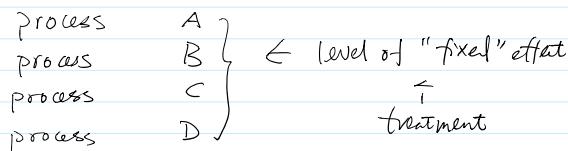
$$\text{var}(y) = \text{var}(X\beta + Zu + \varepsilon)$$

$$= \text{var}(Zu) + \text{var}(\varepsilon)$$

$$= \underbrace{ZGZ^T}_{\text{call this } \Sigma} + R.$$

- Example:

- for processes producing drugs, e.g. penicillin



- Different batch of raw material:

Corn steep liquor

- random sample of 5 batches.

- split each batch into 4 parts

- random sample of 5 batches.
 - split each batch into 4 parts
 - run each process on one part
 - randomize the order for the process
 - running on the part from the batch.
- Some outcomes, % of component may be of interest.
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 - same batch is used for all processes
 - this will introduce between batch variation
 - this is additional to between process variations
 - covariance (dependent) due to that the same batch of materials is used.

$$Y_{ij} = \underbrace{\mu + \alpha_i}_{\text{out come of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ process w.r.t. } j^{\text{th}} \text{ batch.}} + \underbrace{u_j}_{\substack{\text{mean out} \\ \text{come of the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ process}}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon_{ij}}_{\substack{\text{random effect from} \\ \text{the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ batch}}} \quad (i=1,2,3,4 \quad j=1,2,3,4,5)$$

Assume $u_j \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2)$
 $\varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$

independence everywhere

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}) = \mathbb{E}(\mu + \alpha_i + u_j + \varepsilon_{ij}) = \mu + \alpha_i$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_{ij}) = \text{Var}(\quad) = \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

- covariance between runs on the batch material,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(Y_{ij}, Y_{kj}) &= \text{cov}(\mu + \alpha_i + u_j + \varepsilon_{ij}, \mu + \alpha_k + u_j + \varepsilon_{kj}) \\ &= \text{var}(u_j) = \sigma_u^2 \end{aligned}$$

- correlation

$$\rho = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_{ij}, Y_{kj})}{\sqrt{\text{var}(Y_{ij}) \text{var}(Y_{kj})}} = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \quad \text{for } i \neq k$$

- outcomes on different batches are uncorrelated.

$$\text{Var} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{1j} \\ Y_{2j} \\ Y_{3j} \\ Y_{4j} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 & \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} = B$$

- This is the so-called compound symmetric structure

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & & \\ \rho & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad$$

$$Y = X\beta + Z\mu + \varepsilon$$

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{matrix} Y_{11} \\ Y_{21} \\ Y_{31} \\ Y_{41} \\ Y_{12} \\ Y_{22} \\ Y_{32} \\ Y_{42} \\ Y_{13} \\ Y_{23} \\ Y_{33} \\ Y_{43} \\ Y_{14} \\ Y_{24} \\ Y_{34} \\ Y_{44} \\ Y_{15} \\ Y_{25} \\ Y_{35} \\ Y_{45} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \quad 4 \times 5$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} \\ e_{21} \\ e_{31} \\ e_{41} \\ e_{12} \\ e_{22} \\ e_{32} \\ e_{42} \\ e_{13} \\ e_{23} \\ e_{33} \\ e_{43} \\ e_{14} \\ e_{24} \\ e_{34} \\ e_{44} \\ e_{15} \\ e_{25} \\ e_{35} \\ e_{45} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 \mathbb{I}_n$$

$$G = \text{Var}(u) = \text{Var}\left(\begin{array}{c} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_5 \end{array}\right) = \sigma_u^2 \mathbb{I}_{5 \times 5}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \varepsilon G \varepsilon^\top + R$$

$$= \sigma_u^2 \varepsilon \varepsilon^\top + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \mathbb{I}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} B & & O \\ & B & \\ O & & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\sigma_u^2 \mathbb{I}_{4 \times 4} \otimes J_{5 \times 5}}_{\text{matrix of all ones}} + \underbrace{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \mathbb{I}_{n \times n}}$$

\otimes : Kronecker product

$$A_{k \times m} \otimes B_{n \times s} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}B & a_{12}B & \dots & a_{1m}B \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{k1}B & \dots & \dots & -a_{km}B \end{pmatrix}$$

example:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Hierarchical random effect model.

- Analysis of the sources of variations in a process of monitoring the production of pigment paste.
random noise in the model equation

many's of the sources of variations in a process
of monitoring the production of pigment paste.

- random
 - Sample b barrels of pastes.
- random
 - s samples taken from each barrel

- each sample is then treated and divided
 into r parts,
- send the samples to a lab for measuring the
 moisture content.
- $n = (b)(s)(r)$: total # of measurements

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \beta_i + \gamma_j + \delta_{ik} + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

k part of
 j th sample in
 i th barrel,
 barrel effect Sample
 effect
 in each barrel

random error.

$$\beta_j \sim N(0, \sigma_\beta^2)$$

$$\gamma_j \sim N(0, \sigma_\gamma^2) \quad \text{independence}$$

$$\delta_{ik} \sim N(0, \sigma_\delta^2)$$

$$- \text{var}(y_{ijk}) = \sigma_\beta^2 + \sigma_\gamma^2 + \sigma_\delta^2$$

- Two parts from the same sample

$$\text{cov}(y_{ijk}, y_{iml})$$

$$= \text{cov}(\mu + \beta_i + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijk}, \mu + \beta_i + \gamma_l + \varepsilon_{iml})$$

$$= \sigma_\beta^2 + \sigma_\gamma^2$$

for $k \neq l$

- Samples from the barrel.

$$\text{cov}(y_{ijk}, y_{iml})$$

$$= \dots = \sigma_\beta^2$$

- let us take, $b=15$, $s=2$, $r=2$

$$- Y = X\beta + Z\mu + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\begin{matrix} Y_{111} \\ Y_{112} \\ Y_{121} \\ Y_{122} \\ Y_{211} \\ Y_{212} \\ Y_{221} \\ Y_{222} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{15,1,1} \\ Y_{15,1,2} \\ Y_{15,2,1} \\ Y_{15,2,2} \end{matrix} & \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right] \\
= & \left[\begin{matrix} \mu \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right] + \\
& \left[\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{matrix} \right] \left[\begin{matrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right]
\end{array}$$

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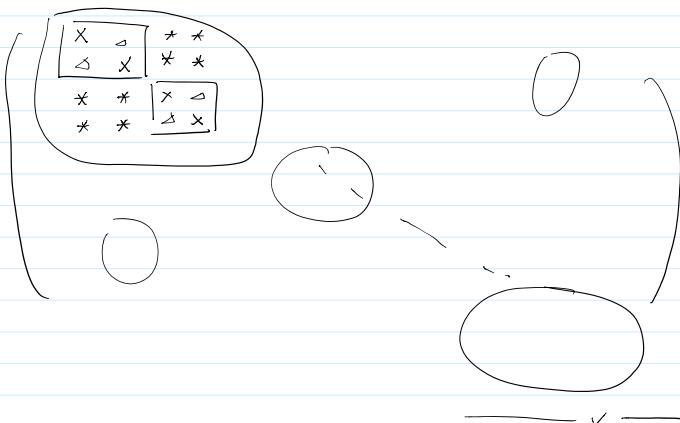
- $R = \text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma_\varepsilon^2 I_{n \times n}$

- $G = \text{Var}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_\beta^2 I_b & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_\delta^2 I_{bs} \end{pmatrix}$

- $\text{Var}(Y) = ZGZ^T + R$

$$= Z \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_\beta^2 I_b & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_\delta^2 I_{bs} \end{pmatrix} Z^T + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 I$$

$$= \sigma_\beta^2 I_b \otimes \bar{J}_{sr} + \sigma_\delta^2 I_{bs} \otimes \bar{J}_r + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 I_{bsr}$$



- Remark: to incorporate dependence / covariance.

- Analysis of Linear mixed models.

- This is not the classical setting.

Now, we have $E(Y) = X\beta$

but $\text{Var}(Y) = \underbrace{ZGZ^T}_\Sigma + R$

- Σ is called the variance component.

- it contains unknown parameters
l.f. $\sigma_\beta^2, \sigma_\delta^2, \sigma_\varepsilon^2$

$$\sigma_\beta^2 \quad \sigma_\delta^2 \quad \sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

We want to:

1) inference about the estimable fix effect

{ point estimation
confidence set
testify.}

2) Inference about the variance component

3) predicting the random effect

4) predicting future observations.

- To what extent does the OLS still work?

$$\text{can still write } \underline{Y} = \underline{X}\beta + \underline{\varepsilon}^* \quad (\underline{\varepsilon}^* = \underline{Z}\underline{u} + \underline{\varepsilon})$$

- OLS for estimable function $\underline{c}^T \beta$

$$\widehat{\underline{c}^T \beta} = \underline{c}^T (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{Y}$$

it is a linear function of \underline{Y}

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{E}}(\widehat{\underline{c}^T \beta}) &= \underline{c}^T (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{E}(Y) \\ &= \underline{c}^T (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{\beta} \quad (\underline{c}^T = \underline{a}^T \underline{X}) \\ &= \underline{a}^T \underline{X} (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{\beta} \\ &= \underline{a}^T \underline{X} \underline{\beta} = \underline{\underline{c}^T \beta} \end{aligned}$$

- it is unbiased for $\underline{c}^T \beta$.

STOP

- efficiency. No!

- Confidence set width No!
previous formula.

↳ biased

- GLS estimator for β (if Σ is known)

$$\widehat{\underline{c}^T \beta}_{\text{GLS}} = \underline{c}^T (\underline{X}^T \Sigma^{-1} \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \Sigma^{-1} \underline{Y} \quad \text{REML}$$

with Σ estimated by $\widehat{\Sigma}$

$$\boxed{\widehat{\underline{c}^T \beta}_{\text{GLS}} = \underline{c}^T (\underline{X}^T \widehat{\Sigma}^{-1} \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \widehat{\Sigma}^{-1} \underline{Y}}$$

- This is for the fixed effects.

- We are discussing now the MLE, & REML.

MLE: (Assume normality everywhere)

$$\text{then } \underline{Y} \sim N(\underline{X}\beta, \Sigma) \quad (\Sigma = ZGZ^T + R)$$

Now, let V be the vector containing unknown parameters in Σ . $(\sigma^2_{\varepsilon}, \sigma^2_{\beta}, \sigma^2_{\beta\varepsilon})$

Write Σ as $\Sigma(V)$.

Then, the likelihood function using \underline{Y}

$$L(X\beta, \Sigma(V))$$

1.

$$= (2\pi)^{-\frac{N}{2}} (\det \Sigma(v))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} (X\beta)^T \Sigma^{-1}(v) (X\beta))$$

if we write then for v fixed

$$\widehat{X\beta}(v) = X (X^T \Sigma^{-1}(v) X)^{-1} \underbrace{X^T \Sigma^{-1}(v)}_Y Y$$

Now: we have a profile likelihood for v

$$\underbrace{-L^*(v)}_{\uparrow} = L(\widehat{X\beta}(v), \Sigma(v))$$

Only a function
of v

- MLE is then obtained by maximizing $L^*(v)$.
- It is very computationally intensive, especially when Σ is large, and when v has many parameters.
- Another issue is that MLE tends to "underestimate" the variance component.

recall, $\widehat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{SSE}{n}$

$$\widehat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{SSE}{n - \text{rank}(X)}, \text{ is unbiased}$$

- To fix this underestimation, one is to use the so-called restricted maximum likelihood (REML)

Rationale:

- for Y with 0 mean, $\boxed{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}$ is the MLE & it is unbiased.

- but when it contains estimated mean, it will not be the case, because it still uses

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \widehat{y}_i)^2, \text{ even}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \text{ will not be unbiased}$$

Example: $n=4, Y \sim N(\frac{1}{4}\mu, \sigma^2 I)$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu \\ \mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M \\ M \\ M \\ M \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, $e = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_2 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_3 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_4 - \bar{Y} \end{pmatrix} = (I - P_1)Y$

$$P_1 = \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

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- $\underset{4 \times 1}{\downarrow} e \sim N(0, \sigma^2(I - P_1))$

but $\text{rank}(I - P_1) = 3$

- However, the singular matrix is "more appropriate" in the sense that 3 is what we want for the denominator

- Define $r = \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)}_{M} \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_2 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_3 - \bar{Y} \\ Y_4 - \bar{Y} \end{pmatrix} // w$

$\underline{r}_{3 \times 1} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 M(I - P_1) M^T)$

- Adjust the data as aforementioned, and then run MLE on r . (this is called REML)

Now, work on the likelihood function of σ^2 based on r .

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma^2) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (\det(\sigma^2 W))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} r^T W^{-1} r)$$

log likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma^2) = -\frac{3}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{3}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log(W) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} r^T W^{-1} r$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\sigma^2} = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} r^T W^{-1} r$$

$$U - \text{do}^2 = 12 \quad U^2 = 2(\sigma^2)U$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{REML}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \underline{r^T W^{-1} r}$$

$$r = M(I-P_1)Y, \quad W = M(I-P_1)M^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \underline{Y^T (I-P_1) M^T} \underbrace{(M(I-P_1)M^T)^{-1}}_{M(I-P_1)} \underline{Y}$$

$I +$ is actually projecting Y onto the column space of $\underbrace{M(I-P_1)}$, which is the same as $\underbrace{(I-P_1)}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \underline{Y^T (I-P_1) Y} \quad | \text{ done!}$$

$$= s^2$$

- Actually, the specific form of M is not used. That is, it is valid for any M of rank 3.

e.g. $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Generalize the case to P_x from P_1 is conceptually the same. replace the quantities by $\underline{[M(I-P_x)]Y} \triangleq BY$ with $\text{rank}(M) = n - \text{rank}(X)$

= Typically, one use BY , with $Bx = 0$.
& $\text{rank}(B) = n - \text{rank}(X)$.

- REML, use BY with $Bx = 0$, to get the estimator for V in $\Sigma(V)$.

- To see the convenience.

$$\underline{[BY]} = B(X\beta + Z_u + \Sigma)$$

$$= BZ_u + BS \quad \text{is invariant of } X.$$

Then, $r = \underline{BY} = M(I-P_x)Y$

$$\sim N_{n-\text{rank}(X)}(0, B\Sigma B^T)$$

- To avoid efficiency loss, $\text{rank}(M) = n - \text{rank}(X)$ has to be the case.

— in many cases, rank(\mathbf{B}) = n
has to be the case.

$$L_r(v) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{m}{2}} \left(\det \mathbf{B}\Sigma(v)\mathbf{B}^T \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} r^T (\mathbf{B}\Sigma(v)\mathbf{B}^T)^{-1} r\right)$$

$$m = n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$$

It is just a normal likelihood function, but
it is w.r.t. $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y} = r$.

- Fact: — σ_{REML}^2 is typically larger than σ_{ML}^2 .

for relevant variance components.

$$\left(\Sigma = Z \overset{\downarrow}{G} Z^T + \overset{\downarrow}{R} \right) \underset{n \times n}{\uparrow}$$

Remark: if the # of parameters in V is
larger than n , then identifiability issue
occurs.

— σ_{REML}^2 is invariant to the choice of M .

— REML will provide \hat{G} & \hat{R} , so $\hat{\Sigma} = Z \hat{G} \hat{Z}^T + \hat{R}$.

— inference for $\mathbf{c}^T \beta$, estimable fix effect

— predicting random effect u

— inference for variance component.

