

# MIXED EFFECT MODELS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- Standard regression assumes → **uncorrelated errors**.
- **Correlated errors:**
  - Student grades when students are grouped in schools.
  - Biochemical markers of individuals inside families.
  - Treatment variables of patients inside hospitals.
  - Repeated measurements of individuals over time.
- **MIXED EFFECT MODELS → CORRELATION AMONG OBSERVATION IN CLUSTERS.**

## 2. RANDOM INTERCEPT MODEL

- Let  $y_{ij}$  represent observation  $j$  in cluster  $i$
- Random intercept model:

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + u_i + \varepsilon_{ij} \quad i = 1, \dots, M \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i$$

*Handwritten notes: "change  $\beta_0$ " pointing to  $\beta_0$ ; "RANDOM EFFECT" pointing to  $u_i$ ; "subtract at 0!" pointing to  $\varepsilon_{ij}$ "*

- with

$$u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2) \quad \varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \quad u_i, \varepsilon_{ij} \text{ independent}$$

*Handwritten note: "residual" pointing to  $\varepsilon_{ij}$ "*

- $\beta_1$  is a fixed effect,  $u_i$  is a random effect.

$$V(y_{ij}) = V(u_i + \varepsilon_{ij}) = \sigma_u^2 + \sigma^2$$

*Handwritten notes: "P, P, P" pointing to  $y_{ij}$ ; "residual" pointing to  $\varepsilon_{ij}$ "*

- The correlation between two error terms of the same individual, the **intraclass correlation**, is

$$\text{Cor}(u_i + \varepsilon_{ij}, u_i + \varepsilon_{ik}) = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_u^2 + \sigma^2}$$

- Alternatively,

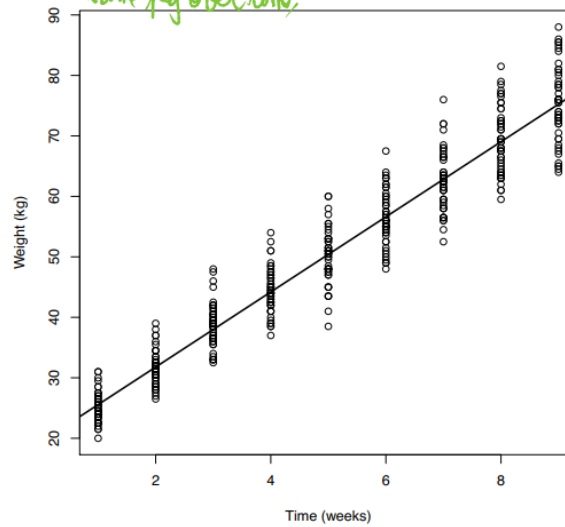
$$y_{ij} = \alpha_i + \beta_1 x_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \Rightarrow \alpha_i = \beta_0 + u_i \quad \alpha_i \sim N(\beta_0, \sigma_u^2)$$

- HOW TO FIND **B**:
  - **Maximum likelihood estimation → ML**
  - **Restricted maximum likelihood estimator → REML.**
    - We need a variance.

## OLS regression

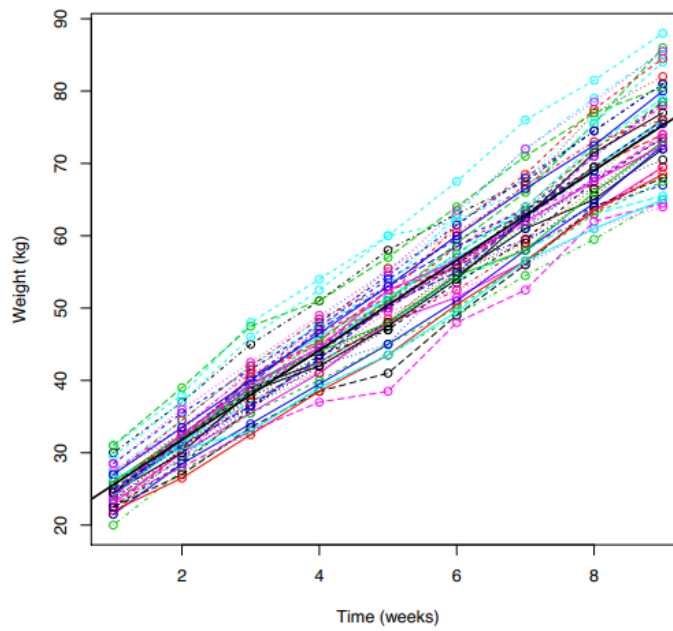
↳ ordinary

here we ignore the fact that they are related, they are the same pig over time



## Assessing fit graphically

- \* We observe linear regression over all the pigs.
- \* We don't see a lot of differences amongst the pigs. Small ones keep smaller.
- \* There's correlation between the pigs.



# Fitting the random intercept model

```
* > library(nlme)
> model.1 <- lme(weight~time,data=Pigs,random=~1|subject)
> summary(model.1)
Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
Data: Pigs
      AIC      BIC    logLik
2041.797 2058.052 -1016.898

Random effects:
Formula: ~1 | subject
(Intercept) Residual
StdDev:    3.891253  2.096356
          random effect residuals

Fixed effects: weight ~ time
              Value Std.Error DF   t-value p-value
(Intercept) 19.355613 0.6031390 383  32.09146     0
time         6.209896 0.0390633 383  158.97012     0
Correlation:
(Intr)
time -0.324

Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
      Min       Q1       Med       Q3      Max
-3.73902210 -0.54562381  0.01835208  0.51221200  3.93133783

Number of Observations: 432
Number of Groups: 48
>
```

*Handwritten notes:*

- intercept* (pointing to `random=~1|subject`)
- how data is grouped.* (pointing to `|subject`)
- variance* (pointing to `3.891253`)
- $u \sim N(0, 3.89^2)$*  (pointing to the random effect standard deviation)
- when  $t=0$ , mean  $K_g$  is 19.35* (pointing to the intercept)
- increase 6.2 Kg for week* (pointing to the slope)
- Interval* (pointing to the confidence interval for the intercept)
- only affect  $P_0$  each pig* (pointing to the random intercept)
- $u$ , when entered at 0, can modify the initial  $P_0$  of the pig initial weight that's not 19.35* (pointing to the random intercept)

*Fixed effects table:*

	lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	18.16974	19.355613	20.541492
time	6.13309	6.209896	6.286701

*Random Effects table:*

	lower	est.	upper
sd((Intercept))	3.158269	3.891253	4.79435

*Within-group standard error table:*

	lower	est.	upper
	1.953029	2.096356	2.250202

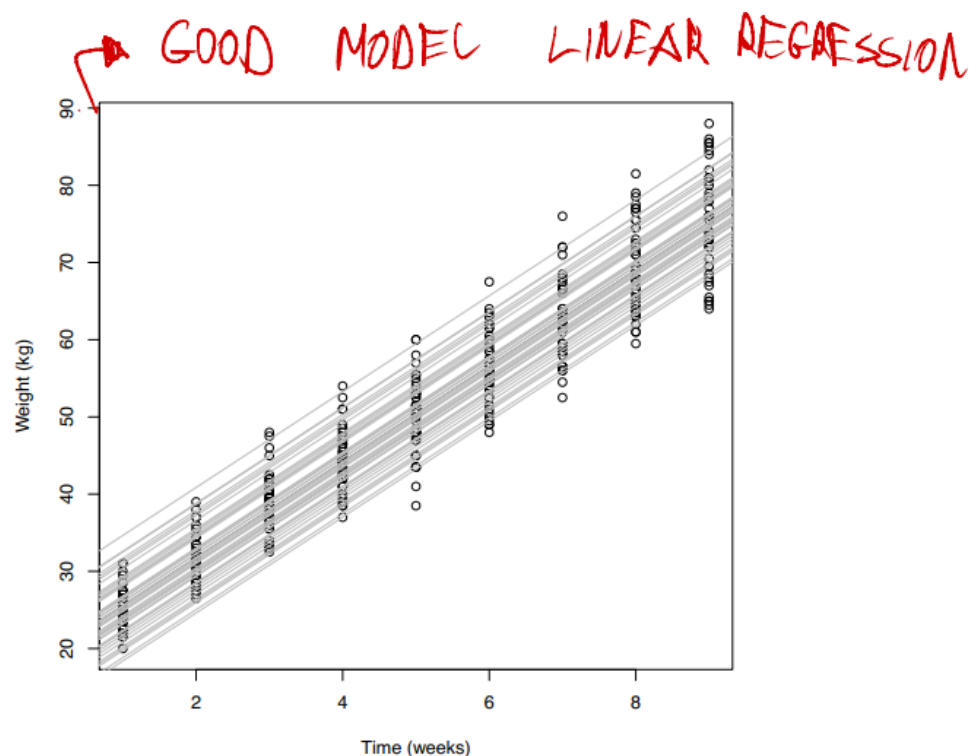
*Equation:*

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{(3.89)^2}{(3.89)^2 + (2.096)^2} = 0.775$$

*Equation:*

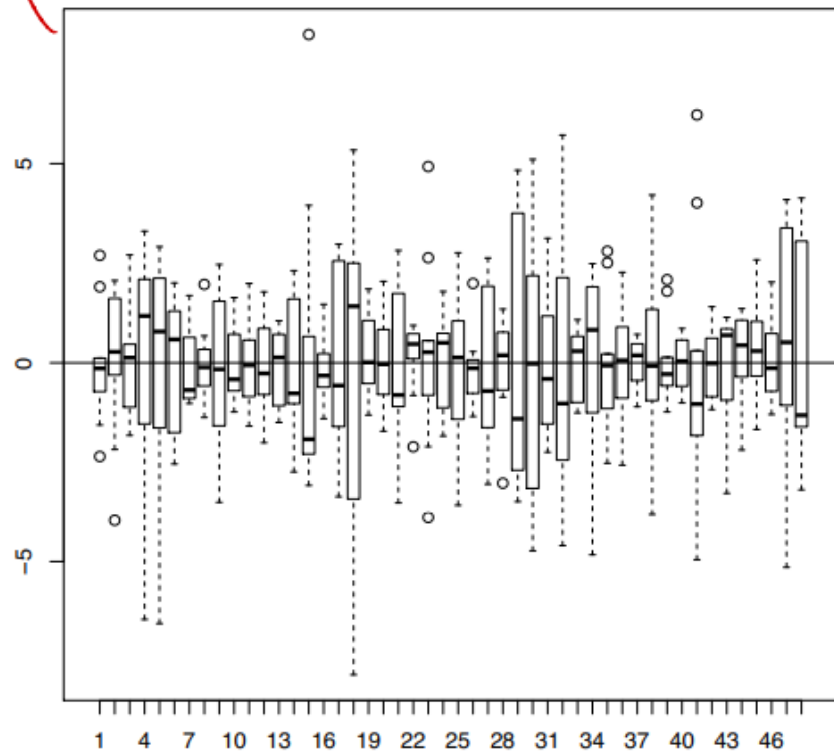
$$W = 19.36 + u + 6.2 \cdot \text{time}$$

## The fitted model



# Residuals random intercept model

residuals grouped by pig



- **Residuals** → values observed vs values predicted.

## COMPARING MODELS

- Let  $k$  be the difference in number of parameters between two models.
- Difference in deviance (likelihood ratio test) between general model  $L_2$  and restricted model  $L_1$

$$G^2 = 2 \ln \left( \frac{L_2}{L_1} \right) = 2 \ln(L_2) - 2 \ln(L_1) = D_1 - D_2 \sim \chi_k^2 \text{ under } H_0$$

- Akaike information criterion (AIC)

$$AIC = 2k - 2 \ln(L(\hat{\theta}))$$

- Bayesian information criterion (BIC)

$$BIC = k \ln(N) - 2 \ln(L(\hat{\theta}))$$

- Smaller AIC and BIC indicate better fit

- Two model comparison:

```
> anova(model.1,model.0)
      Model df      AIC      BIC    logLik    Test L.Ratio p-value
model.1     1  4 2041.797 2058.052 -1016.898
model.0     2  3 2512.945 2525.136 -1253.472 1 vs 2 473.148 <.0001
>
```

### 3. RANDOM SLOPE & INTERCEPT MODEL

Random slope and intercept model

$$y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{ij} + u_i + v_i x_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \quad i = 1, \dots, M \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i$$

$$u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2), \quad v_i \sim N(0, \sigma_v^2), \quad \text{Cov}(u, v) = \sigma_{u,v}, \quad \varepsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Alternatively,

$$y_{ij} = \alpha_i + \gamma_i x_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

with

$$\alpha_i = \beta_0 + u_i \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_i = \beta_1 + v_i$$

$$\alpha_i \sim N(\beta_0, \sigma_u^2) \quad \gamma_i \sim N(\beta_1, \sigma_v^2)$$

### Fitting the random slope and intercept model

```
* > model.2 <- lme(weight~time,data=Pigs,random=~time|subject)
```

```
* > summary(model.2)
```

Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML

Data: Pigs

	AIC	BIC	logLik
	1752.871	1777.254	-870.4356

Random effects:

Formula: ~time | subject

Structure: General positive-definite, Log-Cholesky parametrization

	StdDev	Corr
(Intercept)	2.6431920	(Intr)
time	0.6164379	-0.063

	StdDev
Residual	1.2636572

Fixed effects: weight ~ time

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	19.355613	0.4038676	383	47.92564	0
time	6.209896	0.0920382	383	67.47085	0

Correlation:

	(Intr)
time	-0.133

Standardized Within-Group Residuals:

	Min	Q1	Med	Q3	Max
	-3.62018844	-0.54735954	0.01503617	0.54855117	2.99391406

Number of Observations: 432

Number of Groups: 48

- Different example → **PENGUINS**.

```

model.3 <- lme(logHeart~Depth+Duration,data=X,random=~Depth|Bird)
> summary(model.3)
Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
Data: X
      AIC      BIC logLik
-52.7974 -33.16925 33.3987

Random effects:
Formula: ~Depth | Bird
Structure: General positive-definite, Log-Cholesky parametrization
              StdDev      Corr
(Intercept) 1.480502e-01 (Intr)
Depth       7.838200e-08 0
Residual    1.531288e-01

Fixed effects: logHeart ~ Depth + Duration
              Value Std.Error DF   t-value p-value
(Intercept)  4.560688 0.05872885 114   77.65669  0e+00
Depth        0.001657 0.00043084 114    3.84527  2e-04
Duration     -0.100821 0.00395385 114   -25.49932  0e+00
Correlation:
      (Intr) Depth
Depth   -0.183
Duration -0.310 -0.467

Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
      Min       Q1      Med       Q3      Max
-2.06274654 -0.63446745 -0.03841057  0.50174882  2.29256217

Number of Observations: 125
Number of Groups: 9
> anova(model.2,model.3)
      Model df      AIC      BIC logLik  Test      L.Ratio p-value
model.2    1  5 -56.7974 -42.77729 33.3987
model.3    2  7 -52.7974 -33.16925 33.3987 1 vs 2 1.468885e-08      1
>

```

→ no correlation between random effects