

of the block diagonal
matrix on slide 21

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Thus, $\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma_p^2 \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^\top + \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I}$ is a block diagonal matrix.

The first block is

part 1

$\text{Var}(y_{111})$

$\text{Cov}(y_{111}, y_{112})$

$$\text{Var} \begin{bmatrix} y_{111} \\ y_{112} \\ y_{113} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2 & \sigma_p^2 & \sigma_p^2 \\ \sigma_p^2 & \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2 & \sigma_p^2 \\ \sigma_p^2 & \sigma_p^2 & \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Structure of the first matrix on the diagonal
of $\mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^\top$

$$(\sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2) = \sigma_e^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_p^2}{\sigma_e^2} + 1 \right)$$

Note that

- $\text{Var}(y_{ijk}) = \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2 \quad \forall i, j, k.$
- $\text{Cov}(y_{ijk}, y_{ijk^*}) = \sigma_p^2 \quad \forall i, j, \text{ and } k \neq k^*.$
plants within the same pot
- $\text{Cov}(y_{ijk}, y_{i^*j^*k^*}) = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq i^* \text{ or } j \neq j^*.$
plants from different pots – independent
- Any two observations from the same pot have covariance σ_p^2 .
- Any two observations from different pots are uncorrelated.

Alternative Derivation of Variances and Covariances

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(y_{ijk}) &= \text{Var}(\overbrace{\mu}^{\text{constant}} + \overbrace{\alpha_i}^{\text{constant}} + \overbrace{p_{ij}}^{\text{random}} + \overbrace{e_{ijk}}^{\text{random}}) = \text{Var}(p_{ij} + e_{ijk}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{by assumption}}{=} \text{Var}(p_{ij}) + \text{Var}(e_{ijk}) + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(p_{ij}, e_{ijk})}_{=0} + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(e_{ijk}, p_{ij})}_{=0} \\ &= \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2 + 0 + 0 = \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_e^2.\end{aligned}$$

For $k \neq k^*$,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(y_{ijk}, y_{ijk^*}) &= \text{Cov}(\cancel{\mu} + \cancel{\alpha_i} + p_{ij} + e_{ijk}, \cancel{\mu} + \cancel{\alpha_i} + p_{ij} + e_{ijk^*}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(p_{ij} + e_{ijk}, p_{ij} + e_{ijk^*}) \\ &= \text{Cov}(p_{ij}, p_{ij}) + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(p_{ij}, e_{ijk^*})}_{=0 \text{ by assumption}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\text{Cov}(e_{ijk}, p_{ij})}_{=0 \text{ by assumption}} + \text{Cov}(e_{ijk}, e_{ijk^*}) \\ &= \text{Var}(p_{ij}) + 0 + 0 + 0 = \sigma_p^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Note that $\text{Var}(\mathbf{y})$ may be written as $\sigma_e^2 \mathbf{V}$ where \mathbf{V} is a block diagonal matrix with blocks of the form

block element of $\mathbf{V} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 \\ \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & 1 + \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 + \sigma_p^2/\sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Thus, if σ_p^2/σ_e^2 were known, we would have the Aitken Model.

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{V}), \sigma^2 \equiv \sigma_e^2.$$

- Thus, if σ_p^2/σ_e^2 were known, we would use GLS to estimate any estimable $C\beta$ by $\underline{C\hat{\beta}_V} = C(X^\top \boxed{V^{-1}}X)^{-1}X^\top \boxed{V^{-1}}y$.
- However, we seldom know σ_p^2/σ_e^2 or, more generally, Σ or V .
- For the general problem where $\text{Var}(y) = \Sigma$ is an unknown positive definite matrix, we can rewrite Σ as $\sigma^2 V$, where σ^2 is an unknown positive variance and V is an unknown positive definite matrix.
- As in our simple example, each entry of V is usually assumed to be a known function of few unknown parameters.

- Thus, our strategy for estimating an estimable $C\beta$ involves estimating the unknown parameters in V to obtain

$$C\hat{\beta}_{\hat{V}} = C(X^T \hat{V}^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T \hat{V}^{-1} y.$$

- In general,

$$C\hat{\beta}_{\hat{V}} = C(X^T \hat{V}^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T \hat{V}^{-1} y$$

is a nonlinear estimator that is an approximation to

$$C\hat{\beta}_V = C(X^T V^{-1} X)^{-1} X^T V^{-1} y,$$

which would be the BLUE of $C\beta$ if V were known.

- In special cases, $C\hat{\beta}_{\hat{V}}$ may be a linear estimator.
- However, even for our simple example involving seedling height, $C\hat{\beta}_{\hat{V}}$ is a nonlinear estimator of $C\beta$ for

$$\begin{aligned} C = [1, 1, 0] &\iff C\beta = \mu + \alpha_1, \\ C = [1, 0, 1] &\iff C\beta = \mu + \alpha_2, \text{ and} \\ C = [0, 1, -1] &\iff C\beta = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2. \end{aligned}$$

- Confidence intervals and tests for these estimable functions are not exact.

- In our simple example involving seedling height, there was only one random factor (pot).
- When there are m random factors, we can partition \mathbf{Z} and \mathbf{u} as

$$\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m] \text{ and } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_m \end{bmatrix},$$

where \mathbf{u}_j is the vector of random effects associated with factor j ($j = 1, \dots, m$).

- We can write Zu as

$$[Z_1, \dots, Z_m] \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^m Z_j u_j.$$

- We often assume that all random effects (including random errors) are mutually independent and that the random effects associated with the j th random factor have variance σ_j^2 ($j = 1, \dots, m$). Under these assumptions,

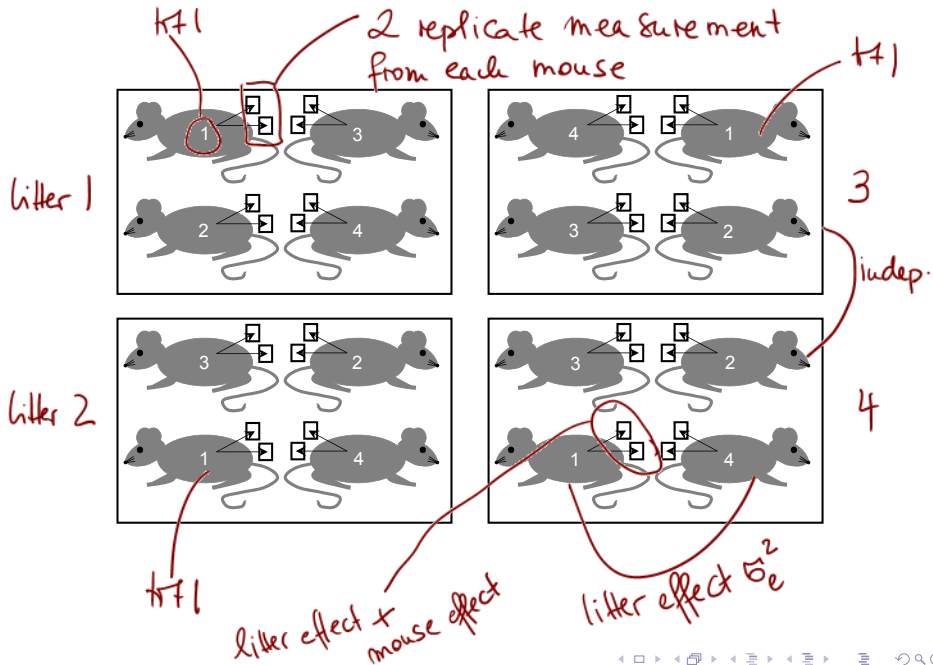
$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{ZGZ}^\top + \mathbf{R} = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_j^2 \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j^\top + \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I}.$$

Sum of variance components associated with the m random effects

Example 2

mice

- Consider an experiment involving 4 litters of 4 animals each.
- Suppose 4 treatments are randomly assigned to the 4 animals in each litter. *litter effect*
- Suppose we obtain two replicate muscle samples from each animal and measure the response of interest for each muscle sample. *two measurements from the same mouse are more similar to each other $\hat{=}$ mouse effect*



Let y_{ijk} denote the k th measure of the response for the animal from litter j that received treatment i

($i = 1, 2, 3, 4; j = 1, 2, 3, 4; k = 1, 2$). Suppose

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \tau_i + \ell_j + a_{ij} + e_{ijk},$$

random litter +
random mouse
effect

where $\beta = [\mu, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^5$ is an unknown vector of fixed parameters,

$$\mathbf{u} = [\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4, a_{11}, a_{21}, a_{31}, a_{41}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{34}, a_{44}]^\top$$

is a vector of random effects, and

$$\mathbf{e} = [e_{111}, e_{112}, e_{211}, e_{212}, e_{311}, e_{312}, e_{411}, e_{412}, \dots, e_{441}, e_{442}]^T$$

is a vector of random errors.

With

obs. are ordered by repl. within treatment
within litter

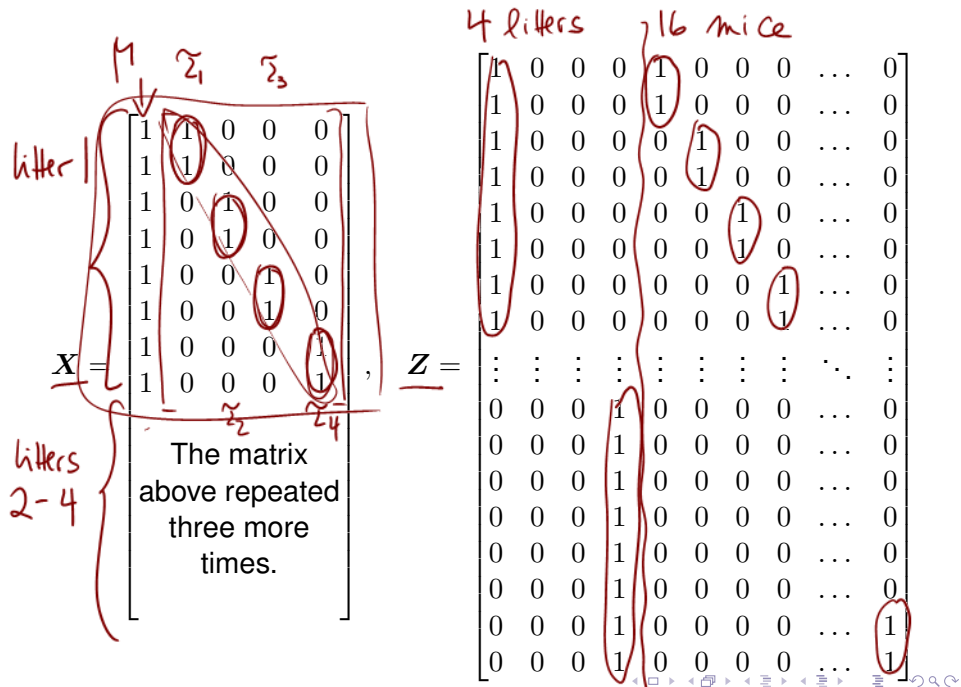
$$\mathbf{y} = [y_{111}, y_{112}, y_{211}, y_{212}, y_{311}, y_{312}, y_{411}, y_{412}, \dots, y_{441}, y_{442}]^T,$$

we can write the model as a linear mixed-effects model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e},$$

where

y_{ijk} k - repl.
 j = litter i = trt



Kronecker Product Notation

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{a_{11}} & \underbrace{a_{12}} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & \underbrace{a_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \otimes B \quad (1)$$

(2)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a_{11}B} & a_{12}B & \cdots & a_{1n}B \\ a_{21}B & a_{22}B & \cdots & a_{2n}B \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}B & a_{m2}B & \cdots & a_{mn}B \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ \mathbf{a} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \ell = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_1 \\ \ell_2 \\ \ell_3 \\ \ell_4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ a_{41} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{44} \end{bmatrix}.$$

We make the usual assumption that

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ a \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}\right), \quad \text{independent}$$

where $\sigma_\ell^2, \sigma_a^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ are unknown parameters.

We can partition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z} &= \left[\mathbf{I}_{4 \times 4} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{8 \times 1}, \mathbf{I}_{16 \times 16} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 1} \right] \\ &= [\mathbf{Z}_\ell, \mathbf{Z}_a]. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{u} &= [\mathbf{Z}_\ell, \mathbf{Z}_a] \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ \mathbf{a} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{Z}_\ell \ell + \mathbf{Z}_a \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

and

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}) &= \underline{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}^\top} \\&= [\mathbf{Z}_\ell, \mathbf{Z}_a] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top \\ \mathbf{Z}_a^\top \end{bmatrix} \\&= \mathbf{Z}_\ell(\sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I})\mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top + \mathbf{Z}_a(\sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I})\mathbf{Z}_a^\top \\&= \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{Z}_\ell \mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top + \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{Z}_a \mathbf{Z}_a^\top \\&= \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I}_{4 \times 4} \otimes \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top_{8 \times 8} + \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I}_{16 \times 16} \otimes \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top_{2 \times 2}.\end{aligned}$$