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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

pot 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 $\mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^\top$

$$(\xi_p^2 + \xi_e^2) = \xi_e^2 \left(\frac{\xi_p^2}{\xi_e^2} + 1 \right)$$

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

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

For $k \neq k^*$,

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

- 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

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

- 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

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

- In general,

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

is a nonlinear estimator that is an approximation to

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

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

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

$$C = [1, 1, 0] \iff C\beta = \mu + \alpha_1,$$

$$C = [1, 0, 1] \iff C\beta = \mu + \alpha_2, \text{ and}$$

$$C = [0, 1, -1] \iff C\beta = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2.$$

- 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 Z and u as

$$Z = [Z_1, \dots, Z_m] \text{ and } u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix},$$

where 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

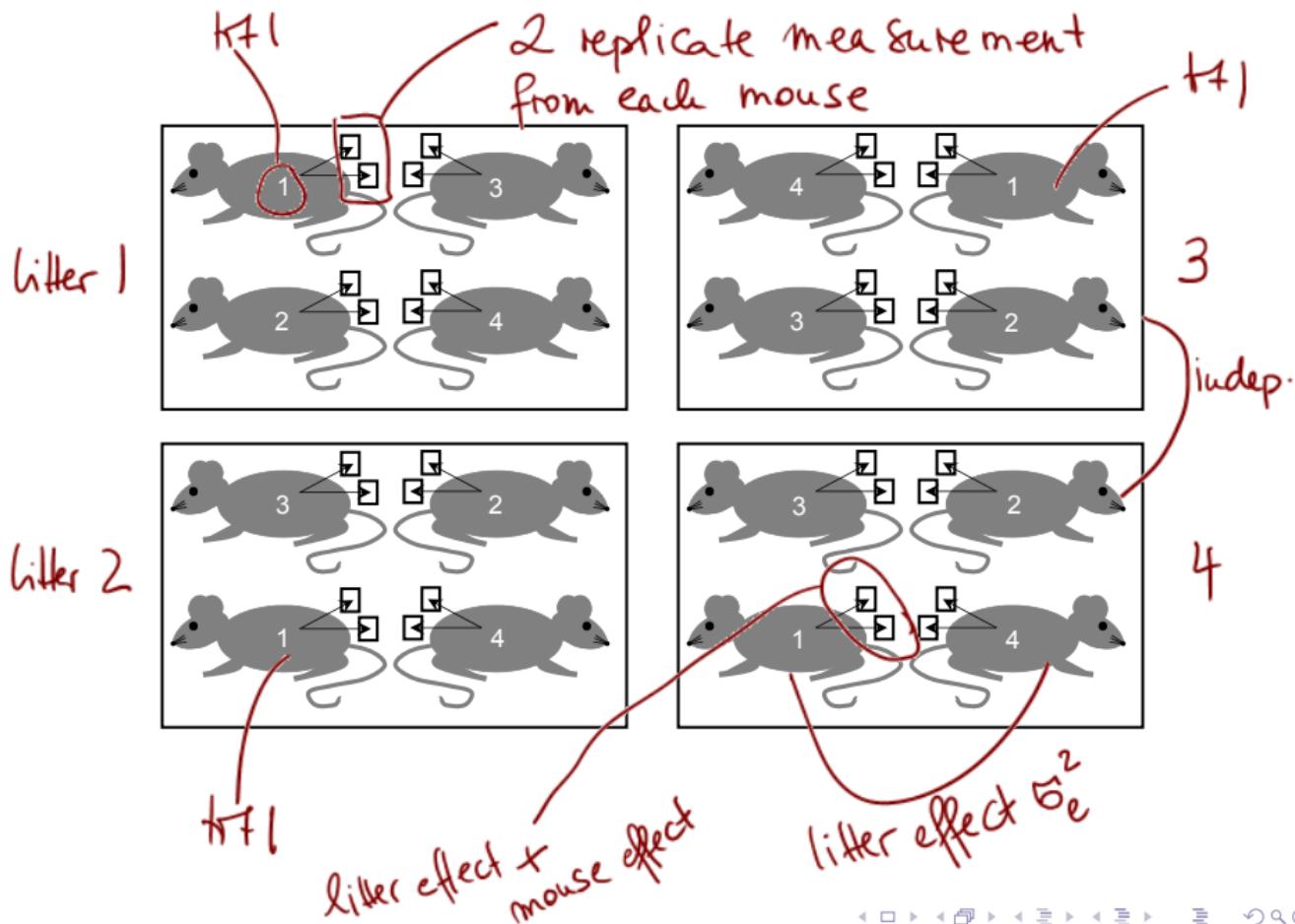
Example 2

mice



- Consider an experiment involving 4 litters of 4 animals each.
- Suppose 4 treatments are randomly assigned to the 4 animals in each litter.
- 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
↔ 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

fixed

litter

replicate

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

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

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

is a vector of random errors.

With

Obs. are ordered by repl. within treatment
within litter

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

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. i = kf
 j = litter

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

The matrix
above repeated
three more
times.

M

Σ_1

Σ_2

Σ_3

litter 1

litters 2-4

X

4 litters 16 mice

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Kronecker Product Notation

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

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

(3)

$$I_{4 \times 4} \otimes 1_{2 \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \} \text{ two obs. per mouse}$$

We can write less and be more precise using Kronecker product notation.

~~32 × 5~~ $X = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \times 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{litter}} \otimes \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} \boxed{I_{4 \times 4} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \times 1 \end{pmatrix}}}, \quad Z = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} I_{4 \times 4} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ I_{16 \times 16} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \times 1 \end{pmatrix}}}$

8 obs. for 4 mice within each litter

2 obs. for 16 mice

In this experiment, we have two random factors: litter and animal.

We can partition our random effects vector u into a vector of litter effects and a vector of animal effects:

4 litters

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

We make the usual assumption that

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

ℓ & a are independent

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

We can partition

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

We have

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

and

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$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}) = \underline{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}^\top}$$

$$= [\mathbf{Z}_\ell, \mathbf{Z}_a] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top \\ \mathbf{Z}_a^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{Z}_\ell (\sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top + \mathbf{Z}_a (\sigma_a^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{Z}_a^\top$$

$$= \sigma_\ell^2 \mathbf{Z}_\ell \mathbf{Z}_\ell^\top + \sigma_a^2 \mathbf{Z}_a \mathbf{Z}_a^\top$$

$$= \sigma_{\ell_{4 \times 4}}^2 \mathbf{I}_{8 \times 8} \otimes \mathbf{11}_{2 \times 2}^\top + \sigma_{a_{16 \times 16}}^2 \mathbf{I}_{16 \times 16} \otimes \mathbf{11}_{2 \times 2}^\top.$$