

# Categorical: Repeated measures

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# 1 Goals

## 1.1 Goals

### 1.1.1 Goals of this lecture

- Mixed model for **categorical** outcomes
  - Marginal model: **R** matrix, GEE
  - Conditional model: **G** matrix, GLMM

# 2 Review

## 2.1 Linear mixed models

### 2.1.1 Repeated measures = non-independence

- Repeated measures from the same person are **not independent**
  - An observation from a person provides information about other observations from that person
  - Observations from the same person are more like one another than observations from different people
  - Observations from the same person are **correlated**

### 2.1.2 Linear mixed models

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Very general model
- Allows for repeated measures via
  - Random effects: **Z**
  - Correlated residuals:  $\epsilon$

### 2.1.3 Linear mixed model: Marginal approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Fixed effects:  $\mathbf{X}\beta$ 
  - **X** is a matrix of the predictors
  - $\beta$  are regression coefficients

#### 2.1.4 Linear mixed model: Marginal approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Random effects:  $\mathbf{Z}$ 
  - No random effects
    - \* No predictors in  $\mathbf{Z}$
    - \* This term drops out

#### 2.1.5 Linear mixed model: Marginal approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Residuals:  $\epsilon$ 
  - Residuals are correlated / covary across timepoints
    - \*  $t \times t$  matrix

#### 2.1.6 Linear mixed model: Conditional approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Fixed effects:  $\mathbf{X}\beta$ 
  - $\mathbf{X}$  is a matrix the predictors
  - $\beta$  are regression coefficients

#### 2.1.7 Linear mixed model: Conditional approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Random effects:  $\mathbf{Z}$ 
  - $\mathbf{Z}$  is a matrix of random effects predictors (dummy codes)
    - \* Which observations go with which subject
  - is a variance-covariance matrix of random effects
    - \* Intercept variance, slope variance, intercept-slope covariance

### 2.1.8 Linear mixed model: Conditional approach

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{Z} + \epsilon$$

- Residuals:  $\epsilon$ 
  - Residuals aren't correlated
  - Single residual variance value
    - \* Variance of all residuals across all people and timepoints

### 2.1.9 Marginal vs conditional

- Deal with non-independence in different ways: Different interpretation
  - *Marginal*: Effect based on all observations, then adjust standard errors
  - *Conditional*: Effect for each subject, then average across subjects
- For linear models, marginal and conditional don't differ numerically
  - Average of linear function = linear function of average

### 2.1.10 Marginal vs conditional

- For non-linear models, marginal and conditional differ numerically
  - Average of a **non-linear** function  $\neq$  **non-linear** function of average
  - *Remember from GLiM*: Non-linear function of predicted value  $\neq$  predicted value of non-linear function
- Again, that's ok
  - Marginal and conditional models are actually **answering different questions**

### 2.1.11 Comparison

- Marginal models
  - Cluster (person) is nuisance
  - Population average
  - Usually repeated measures, also cross-sectional
  - GEE
- Conditional models
  - Cluster (person) is of interest

- Person-specific
- Repeated measures or cross-sectional
- GLMM

## 3 Data example

### 3.1 Data example

#### 3.1.1 Schizophrenia over time

- [Schizophrenia treatment effects over the course of 7 weeks](#) ( $N = 437$ ), measured by the Inpatient Multidimensional Psychiatric Scale (IMPS)
  - `id`: ID variable
  - `imps79`: Continuous measure of schizophrenia (1 to 7)
  - `imps79b`: Binary measure of schizophrenia (3.5+)
  - `imps79o`: Ordinal measure of schizophrenia (Cuts: 2.5+, 4.5+, 5.5+)
  - `tx`: Placebo (0) or treatment (1)
  - `week`: Week of study (0, 1, 3, 6)

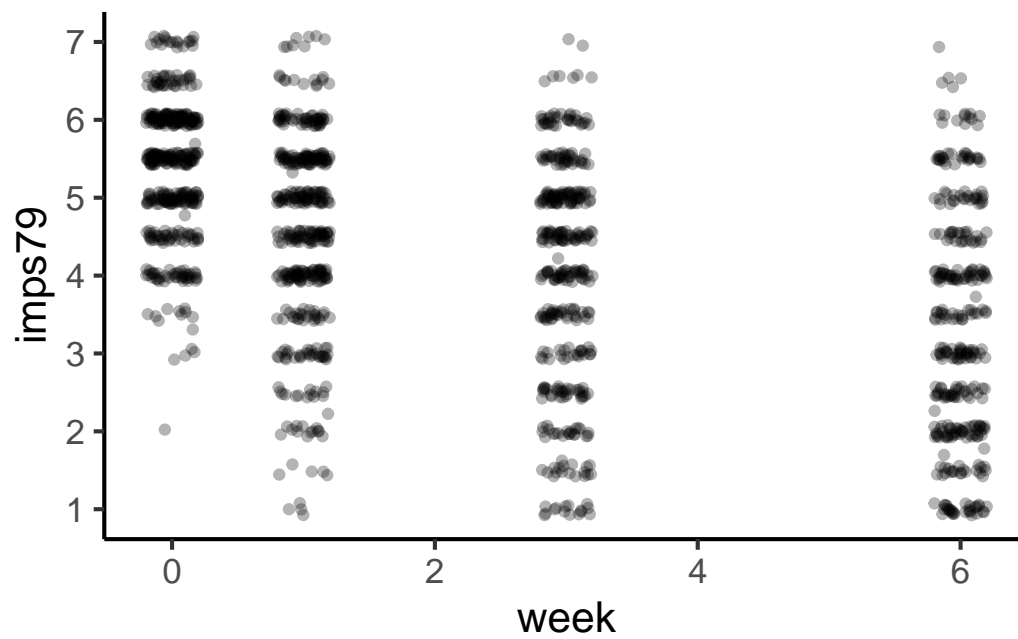
#### 3.1.2 Data

| id   | imps79 | imps79b | imps79o | tx | week |
|------|--------|---------|---------|----|------|
| 1103 | 5.5    | 1       | 4       | 1  | 0    |
| 1103 | 3.0    | 0       | 2       | 1  | 1    |
| 1103 | 2.5    | 0       | 2       | 1  | 3    |
| 1103 | 4.0    | 1       | 2       | 1  | 6    |
| 1104 | 6.0    | 1       | 4       | 1  | 0    |
| 1104 | 3.0    | 0       | 2       | 1  | 1    |
| 1104 | 1.5    | 0       | 1       | 1  | 3    |
| 1104 | 2.5    | 0       | 2       | 1  | 6    |
| 1105 | 4.0    | 1       | 2       | 1  | 0    |
| 1105 | 3.0    | 0       | 2       | 1  | 1    |
| 1105 | 1.0    | 0       | 1       | 1  | 3    |
| 1105 | NA     | NA      | NA      | 1  | 6    |

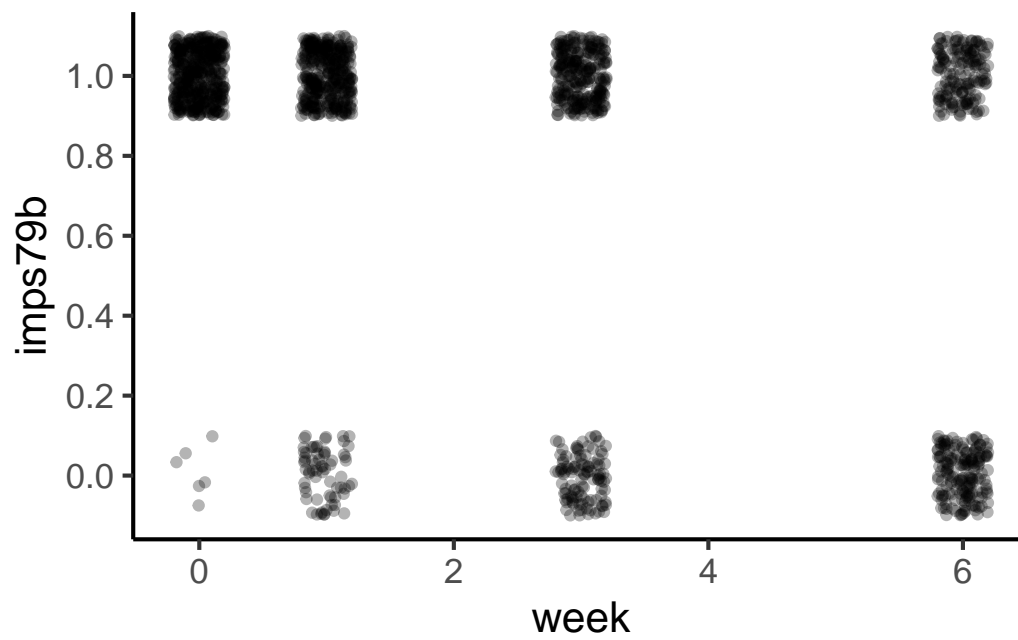
### 3.1.3 Means and $N$ by week

| week | mean_c | mean_b | N   |
|------|--------|--------|-----|
| 0    | 5.367  | 0.986  | 434 |
| 1    | 4.571  | 0.843  | 426 |
| 3    | 4.020  | 0.711  | 374 |
| 6    | 3.310  | 0.484  | 335 |

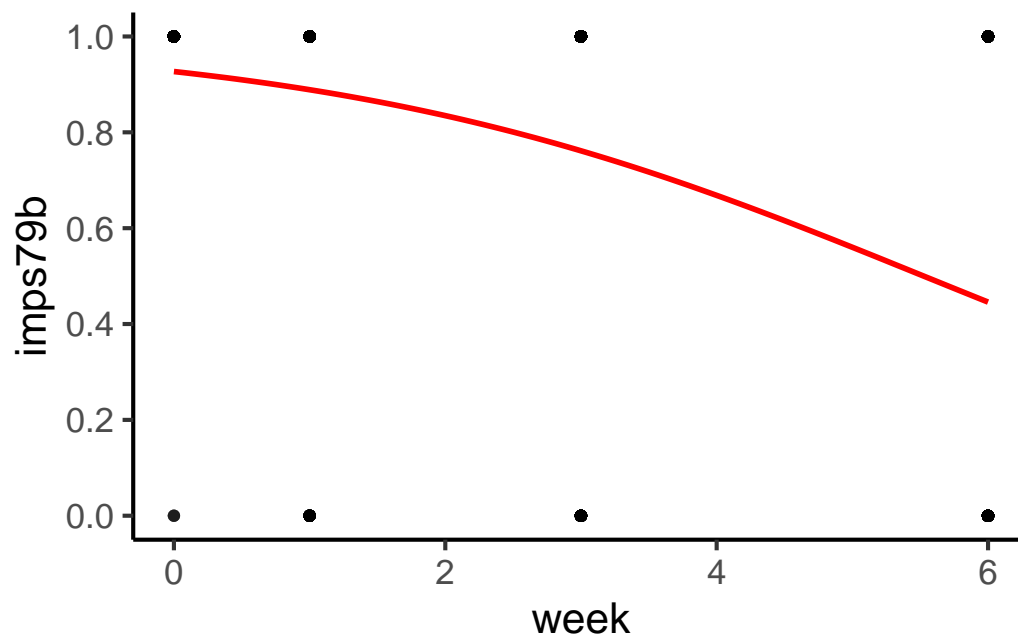
### 3.1.4 Plot: Continuous measure by week



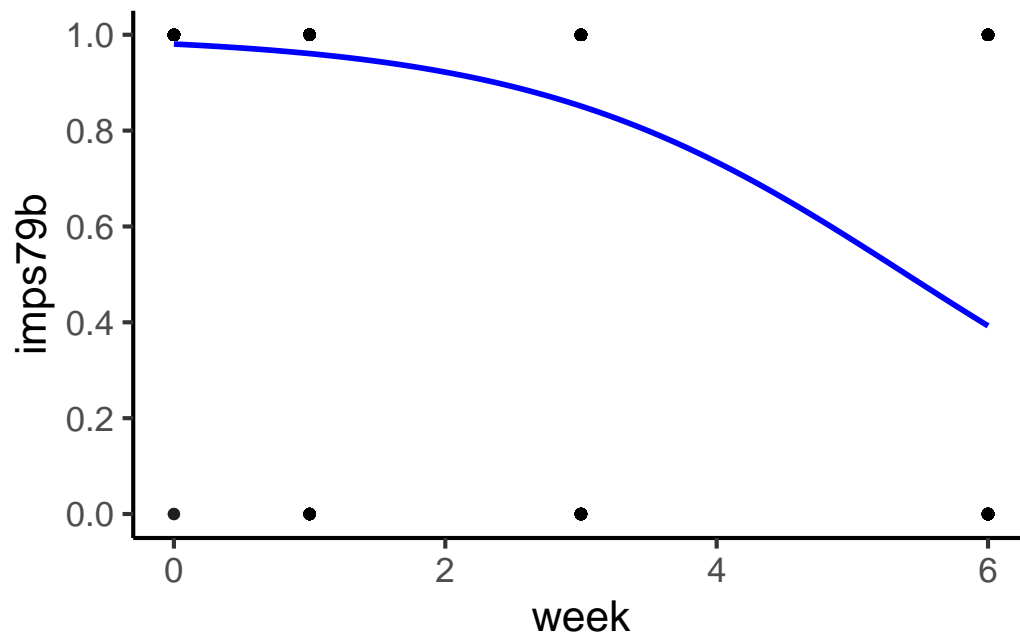
### 3.1.5 Plot: Binary measure by week



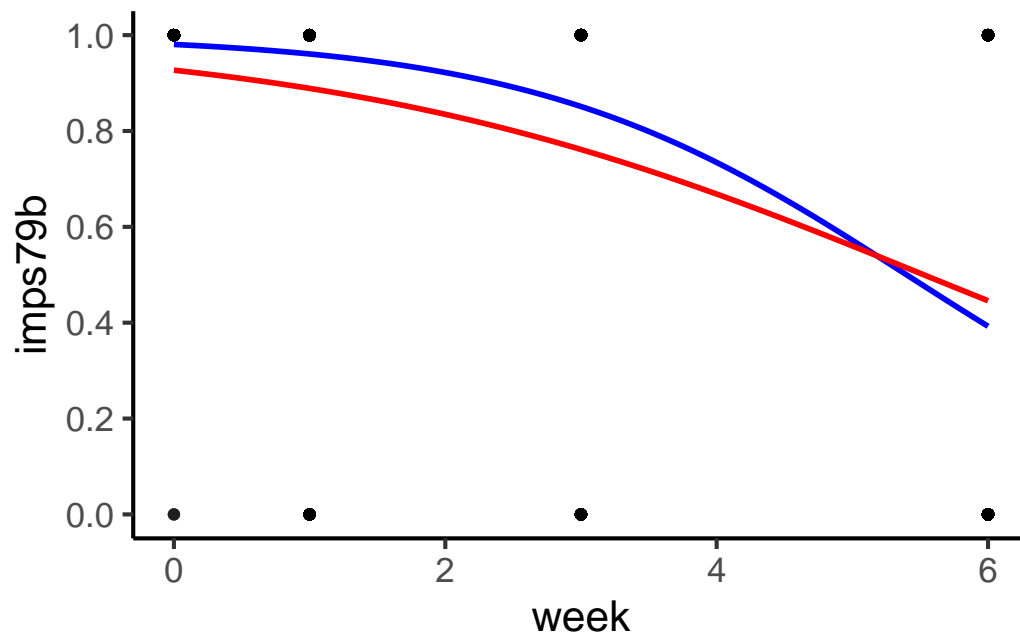
### 3.1.6 Plot: *Marginal* effect of time



3.1.7 Plot: *Conditional* effect of time

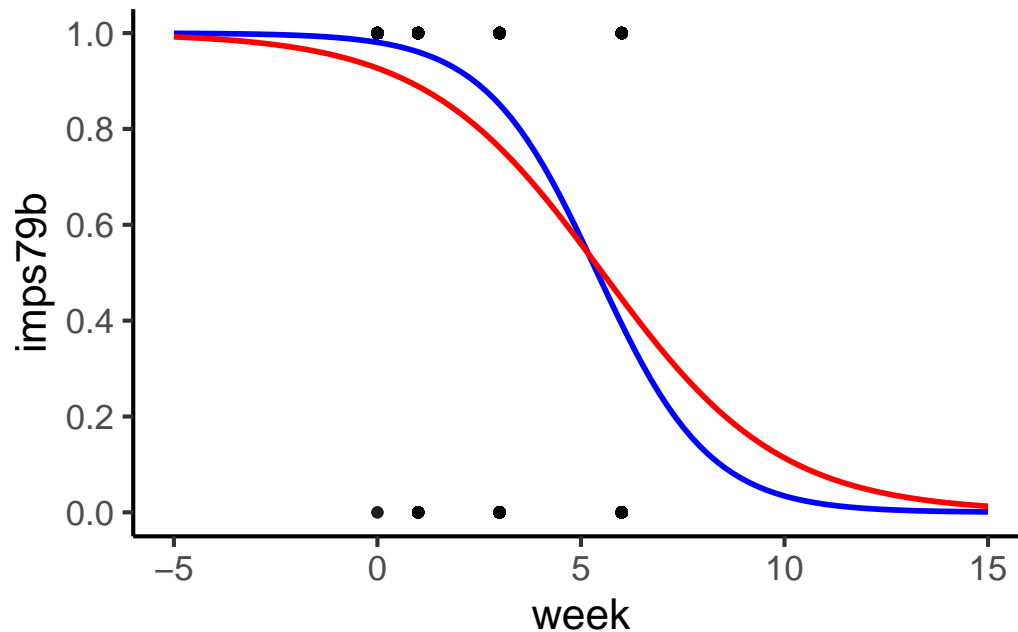


3.1.8 Plot: *Marginal* and *conditional* lines





### 3.1.9 Plot: *Marginal* and *conditional* lines



### 3.1.10 Overall model

- **Research question: Now**
  1. How does schizophrenia diagnosis **change** over these 7 weeks?
- **Research question: Class**
  1. How does schizophrenia diagnosis **change** over these 7 weeks?
  2. How do the **treatment** groups differ (at baseline)?
  3. Does **change in diagnosis differ** depending on treatment condition?

## 4 Marginal model

### 4.1 Marginal model

#### 4.1.1 Marginal model: Generalized estimating equations (GEE)

$$\eta = \mathbf{X}\beta$$

- $\eta$ : Transformation of predicted value (from GLiM)

- Depends on the specific model (i.e., logistic, Poisson)
- Variance
  - $\epsilon$ : Matrix of correlated residuals
    - \*  $t \times t$  matrix:  $t$  is number of repeated measures

#### 4.1.2 Marginal model: Generalized estimating equations (GEE)

- Fixed effects (regression coefficients)
  - **Population-averaged effects**
    - \* Averaging across all observations (ignore people)
  - For “people”, not for “a person”
    - \* Public health application

## 4.2 Example

### 4.2.1 Example

- Time predicts schizophrenia diagnosis
  - `week` as a predictor of `imps79b`
  - `week`: 0, 1, 3, 6
  - `imps79b`: 0 (less than 3.5 on `imps79`), 1 (3.5+ on `imps79`)
- In this example, I’m using **unstructured R** matrix
  - We’ll look at others in class
  - We’ll also look at treatment effects (`tx`)

### 4.2.2 Marginal model

Call:

```
geeglm(formula = imps79b ~ 1 + week, family = binomial("logit"),
       data = schizx1, id = schizx1$id, corstr = "unstructured")
```

Coefficients:

|             | Estimate | Std.err | Wald  | Pr(> W )                |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------------|
| (Intercept) | 2.59459  | 0.11876 | 477.3 | <0.0000000000000002 *** |
| week        | -0.45017 | 0.02767 | 264.7 | <0.0000000000000002 *** |

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Correlation structure = unstructured  
Estimated Scale Parameters:

|             | Estimate | Std.err |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| (Intercept) | 0.9646   | 0.1007  |

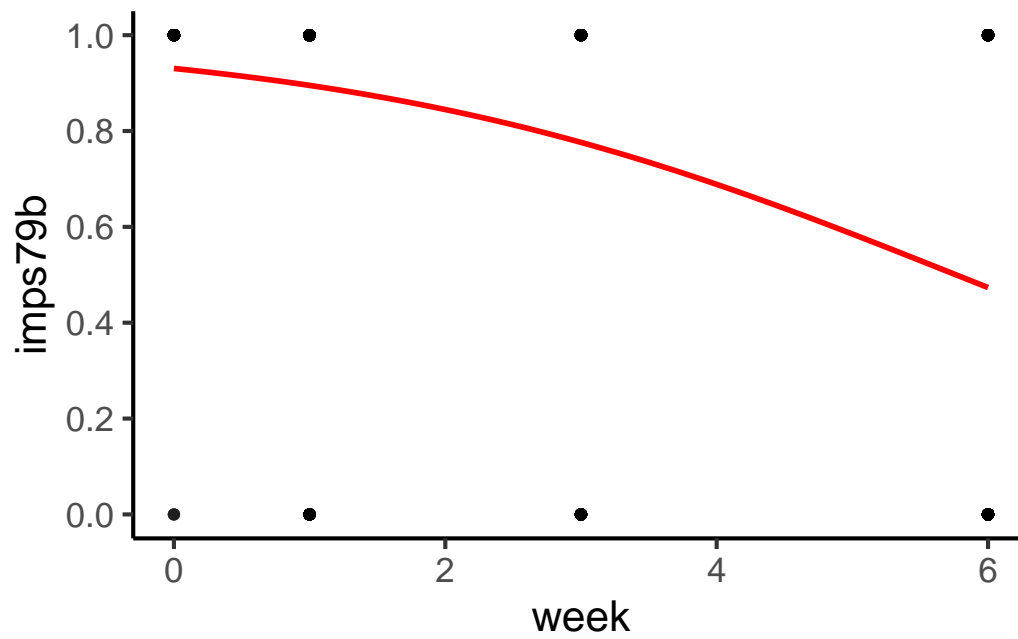
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Estimated Correlation Parameters:

|           | Estimate | Std.err |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| alpha.1:2 | 0.05390  | 0.05343 |
| alpha.1:3 | -0.02855 | 0.03265 |
| alpha.1:4 | -0.01890 | 0.03342 |
| alpha.2:3 | 0.56341  | 0.10114 |
| alpha.2:4 | 0.15242  | 0.06617 |
| alpha.3:4 | 0.51550  | 0.07964 |

Number of clusters: 437 Maximum cluster size: 4

#### 4.2.3 Plot: Marginal model



## 4.3 Marginal wrap-up

### 4.3.1 Population-averaged effects

$$\ln \left( \frac{\hat{p}}{1 - \hat{p}} \right) = b_0 + b_1(\text{week})$$

- $b_1$ : Time effect
  - $e^{b_1} = \frac{\text{odds of event at week } t+1}{\text{odds of event at week } t}$
  - Ignoring the repeated measures
    - \* But standard errors are *adjusted* for non-independence

### 4.3.2 Population-averaged effects: Pros

- *Robust* to mis-specification of the **R** matrix
  - You use compound symmetry but that's not very close to reality
- Can account for *unobserved or unknown dependence*
  - Things besides repeated measures
- Easier to *estimate* than conditional models
  - Marginal values are readily available

### 4.3.3 Population-averaged effects: Cons

- Ignores that *individuals* make up these effects
  - Just wants to deal with correlated observations
- Ignores that individuals may have *different patterns* over time
  - Are some individuals *helped a lot* by the treatment? Who knows.
- Documentation for newer R package says it requires complete data
  - Worked fine here so ???
  - You can delete all NA rows, but an additional step

#### 4.3.4 Why is it called “marginal”?

| tx | week0 | week1 | week3 | week6 |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0  | 0.972 | 0.880 | 0.713 | 0.463 |
| 1  | 0.982 | 0.802 | 0.574 | 0.340 |

- Estimated using only **marginal** proportions
  - Not joint proportions: Therefore no conditional values either

## 5 Conditional model

### 5.1 Conditional model

#### 5.1.1 Conditional model: Generalized linear mixed model

$$\eta = \mathbf{X}\beta$$

- $\eta$ : Transformation of predicted value (from GLiM)
  - Depends on the specific model (i.e., logistic, Poisson)
- Variance
  - $\gamma$ : Matrix of random effects
    - \* Intercept variance, slope variance, intercept-slope covariance
  - $\epsilon$ : Residual variance
    - \* Single number (depends on model: e.g., fixed at  $\pi^2/3$  in logistic)

#### 5.1.2 Conditional model as multi-level model

- Two parts (“levels” for multi-level models) of the model
  - Within-person / within-cluster
  - Between-person / between-cluster
- Equations at each level
  - Combine into the full model

### 5.1.3 Conditional model as multi-level model

- Level 1: Within-person equation
  - $\eta = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}(\text{week}) + e_{ij}$
- Level 2: Between-person equation
  - $\pi_{0i} = \beta_{00} + r_{0i}$
  - $\pi_{1i} = \beta_{10} + r_{1i}$
- Combined equation
  - $\eta = \beta_{00} + \beta_{10}(\text{week}) + r_{0i} + r_{1i}(\text{week}) + e_{ij}$

## 5.2 Example

### 5.2.1 Example

- Time predicts schizophrenia diagnosis
  - `week` as a predictor of `imps79b`
  - `week`: 0, 1, 3, 6
  - `imps79b`: 0 (less than 3.5 on `imps79`), 1 (3.5+ on `imps79`)
- In this example, we have **random intercepts** and **random slopes**
  - We'll also look at treatment effects (`tx`) in class
  - For that model, we'll only be able to use **random intercepts**

### 5.2.2 Conditional model

```
Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
Approximation) [glmerMod]
Family: binomial ( logit )
Formula: imps79b ~ 1 + week + (1 + week | id)
Data: schizx1
```

| AIC    | BIC    | logLik | deviance | df.resid |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| 1291.6 | 1318.4 | -640.8 | 1281.6   | 1564     |

Scaled residuals:

| Min     | 1Q     | Median | 3Q     | Max    |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| -2.8446 | 0.0898 | 0.1139 | 0.2646 | 1.0822 |

Random effects:

| Groups | Name        | Variance | Std.Dev. | Corr  |
|--------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|
| id     | (Intercept) | 4.413    | 2.101    |       |
|        | week        | 0.711    | 0.843    | -0.13 |

Number of obs: 1569, groups: id, 437

Fixed effects:

|             | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | Pr(> z )                 |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|
| (Intercept) | 4.386    | 0.539      | 8.14    | 0.00000000000000041 ***  |
| week        | -0.793   | 0.118      | -6.71   | 0.000000000001954283 *** |

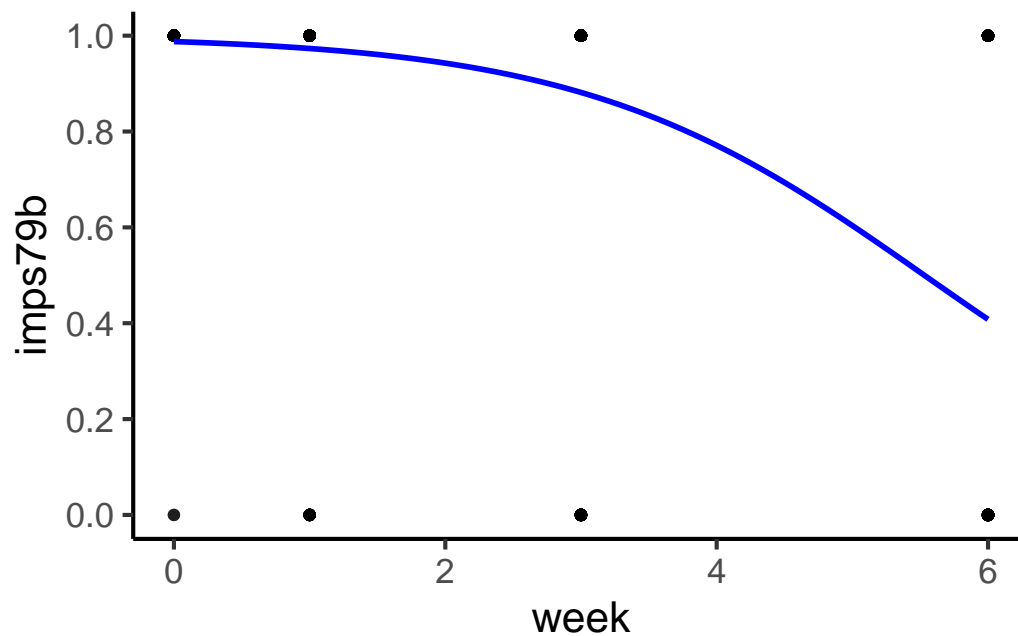
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Correlation of Fixed Effects:

(Intr)  
week -0.817

### 5.2.3 Plot: Conditional model



## 5.3 Conditional wrap-up

### 5.3.1 Person-specific effects

$$\ln\left(\frac{\hat{p}}{1-\hat{p}}\right) = b_0 + b_1(\text{week})$$

- $b_1$ : Time effect
  - $e^{b_1} = \frac{\text{odds of event at week } t+1}{\text{odds of event at week } t}$
  - Estimated **separately** for each person
    - \* Average individual effects together to get the average effect

### 5.3.2 Person-specific effects: Pros

- *Individual trajectories* are estimated
  - Not just correlations between repeated measures
- More *flexibility* in individual *variability*
  - Random intercepts and random slopes with respect to time
- Conceptually, fits better with how psychologists think
  - Individuals, trajectories, etc.

### 5.3.3 Person-specific effects: Cons

- Often harder to **estimate**
  - Much more complex model than marginal model
- Deciding on *random effects* can be difficult
  - Both choosing and estimation
- Accounts for *specific sources of non-independence*
  - Cannot account for e.g., multiple members of same family



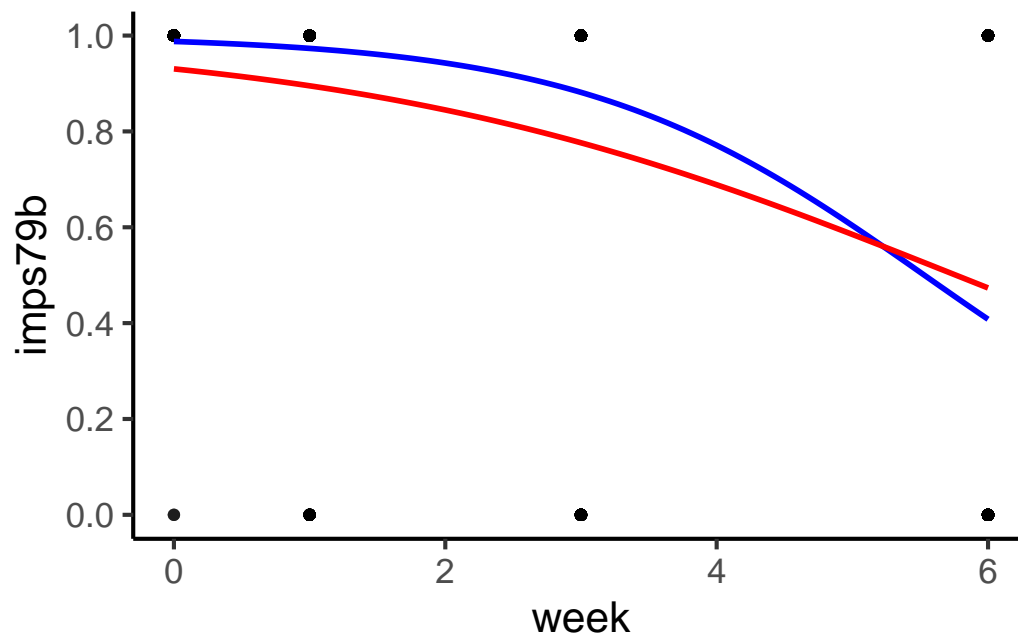
## 6 Quick comparison

### 6.1 Quick comparison

#### 6.1.1 Example: Conditional vs marginal effects

- Marginal effect
  - **For people**, one week of time has a certain effect
  - Population level: Interest is the *group of people*
- Conditional effect (GLMM):
  - **For a person**, one week of time has a *different* effect
  - Individual level: Interest is *individuals*

#### 6.1.2 Plot: Comparison of *marginal* and *conditional*



## 7 Summary

### 7.1 Summary

#### 7.1.1 Summary of this week

- Extended mixed models to categorical outcomes
  - Marginal:  $\mathbf{R}$  matrix, population averaged, GEE, cluster robust
  - Conditional:  $\mathbf{G}$  matrix, generalized linear mixed models (GLMM)
- Different interpretations, different numbers
  - Population-averaged: Adjusts for non-independence, doesn't care about repeated measures
  - Conditional: Analyzes each person separately and averages

#### 7.1.2 In class

- Look at models including `week`, `tx`, and their product
  - Think about how that more complex model works
  - See some errors you might get

#### 7.1.3 Next week

- All Some of the additional crucial details
  - Estimation issues
    - \* Maximum likelihood?
    - \* Tips and tricks to get models to run?
  - Model comparisons
  - Multi-level issues: Adding and centering predictors, contextual effects
  - More on predicted values