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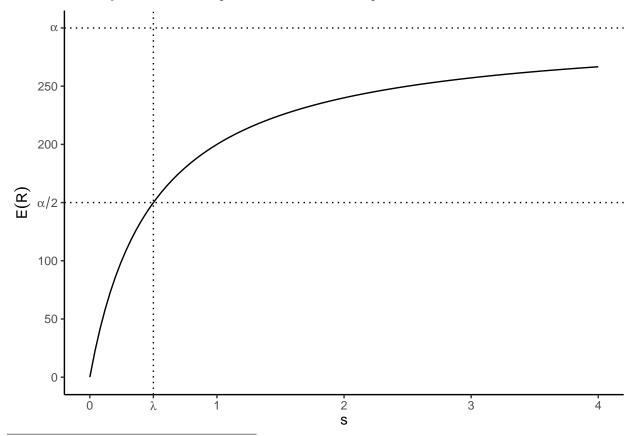
The Michaelis-Menten Model

The Michaelis-Menten model is perhaps the quintessential example of an application of nonlinear regression. It is from biochemistry and concerns the relationship between the (expected) rate of an enzymatic reaction to the concentration of an enzymatic substrate (i.e., the material of the reaction). As a nonlinear regression model the Michaelis-Menten model can be written as

$$E(R) = \frac{\alpha s}{\lambda + s},$$

where Y is the reaction rate and x is the substrate concentration.¹

The two parameters of this model, α and λ , are interpretable in terms of the relationship between the expected reaction rate and substrate concentration. The α parameter is the maximum expected reaction rate (i.e., the upper asymptote as $s \to \infty$), and λ is the value of x at which the reaction rate is half of α (i.e., a "half-life" parameter) so smaller values of λ mean that the curve is approaching α "faster" as s increases.² Note also that if s = 0 then E(R) = 0 so the curve is constrained to have an "intercept" of zero, which makes sense in the context of enzyme kinetics. The plot below shows an example of the model where $\alpha = 300$ and $\lambda = 0.5$.



¹See the Wikipedia entry on Michaelis-Menten for details if you are interested. A related model is the Beverton-Holt population dynamics model that is frequently used in fisheries research.

²The interpretation of α can be seen by taking the limit of $\alpha s/(\lambda + s)$ as $s \to \infty$, and the interpretation of λ can be shown by replacing s with λ in $\alpha s/(\lambda + s)$ which gives $\alpha/2$.

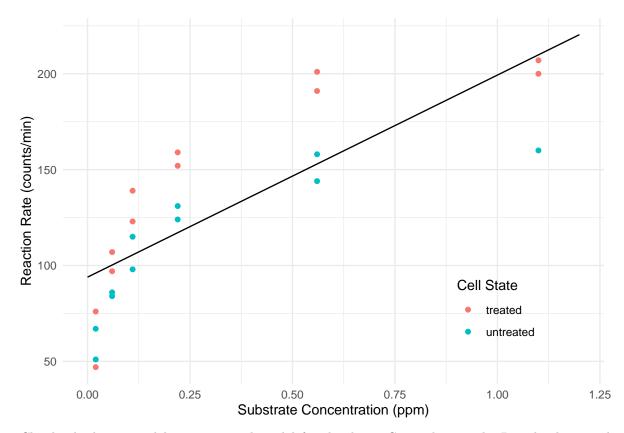
To estimate α and λ the typical method is to conduct a series of assays, varying substrate concentration and recording the reaction rate at each concentration, and then using nonlinear regression to estimate α and λ . In the following problems you will be using data in the data frame Puromycin. It is included with R so there is no package to load. These data are from a study that observed reaction rates at several substrate concentrations, but also for cells that were treated with puromycin (an antibiotic). Before starting you can familiarize yourself with the data by simply typing Puromycin at the console prompt (it is not a large data set).

1. To get started we will first ignore the experimental manipulation of treated cells with puromycin. The R code below will estimate the *linear* model $E(R_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 s_i$ using nls and plot this model with the data.

```
library(ggplot2)
m <- nls(rate ~ b0 + b1 * conc, start = c(b0 = 0, b1 = 0), data = Puromycin)

d <- expand.grid(conc = seq(0, 1.2, length = 100), state = c("treated", "untreated"))
d$yhat <- predict(m, newdata = d)

p <- ggplot(Puromycin, aes(x = conc, y = rate)) +
    geom_point(aes(color = state)) + geom_line(aes(y = yhat), data = d) +
    labs(x = "Substrate Concentration (ppm)",
        y = "Reaction Rate (counts/min)", color = "Cell State") +
    theme_minimal() + theme(legend.position = c(0.8,0.2))
plot(p)</pre>
```



Clearly the linear model is not a good model for the data. Cut-and-paste the R code above and modify it to replace the linear model with the Michaelis-Menten model (ignoring the experimental manipulation for now). To specify starting values for α and λ , look at the plot of the data and try to

guess their approximate values. Remember that α is the asymptote and λ is the concentration at which the (expected) reaction rate is half way between zero and the asymptote.

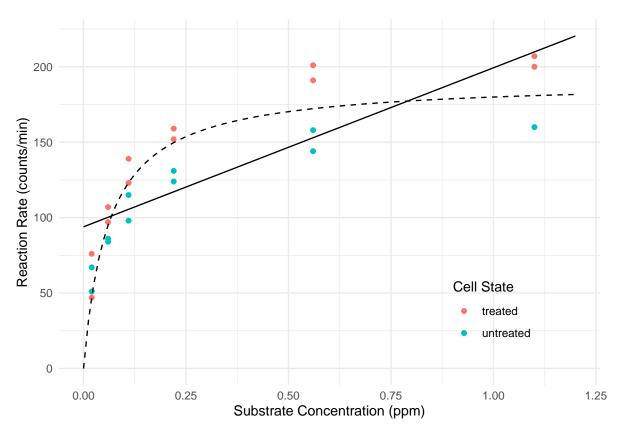
Solution: We might estimate the nonlinear model as follows, using the figure to guess starting values for α and λ .

```
m <- nls(rate ~ alpha * conc / (lambda + conc), data = Puromycin,
    start = list(alpha = 200, lambda = 0.1))
cbind(summary(m)$coefficients, confint(m))</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 2.5% alpha 190.80620 8.76458 21.770 6.835e-16 172.68402 lambda 0.06039 0.01077 5.608 1.449e-05 0.03981 97.5% alpha 210.97021 lambda 0.08881
```

We can plot the model as follows by "adding" to the code above.

```
d <- data.frame(conc = seq(0, 1.2, length = 100))
d$yhat <- predict(m, newdata = d)
p <- p + geom_line(aes(y = yhat), data = d, linetype = 2)
plot(p)</pre>
```



2. Now consider a linear model that will assume a linear relationship between reaction rate and concentration that is different for treated versus untreated cells (i.e., an "interaction" between substrate concentration and cell state).

```
m <- lm(rate ~ state + conc + conc:state, data = Puromycin)
cbind(summary(m)$coefficients, confint(m))</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 2.5 %
(Intercept)
                      103.49
                                  10.53
                                         9.832 6.914e-09 81.46
                      -17.45
stateuntreated
                                  15.06 -1.158 2.611e-01 -48.98
                      110.42
                                          5.397 3.301e-05 67.60
conc
                                  20.46
stateuntreated:conc
                      -21.08
                                  32.69 -0.645 5.266e-01 -89.50
                    97.5 %
(Intercept)
                    125.52
                     14.08
stateuntreated
conc
                    153.24
stateuntreated:conc 47.33
```

From summary we can see that the model can be written as

$$E(R_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 u_i + \beta_2 s_i + \beta_3 u_i s_i,$$

where s_i represents concentration (conc) and u_i is an indicator variable for when the treatment (state) is "untreated" so that

$$u_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of untreated cells,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

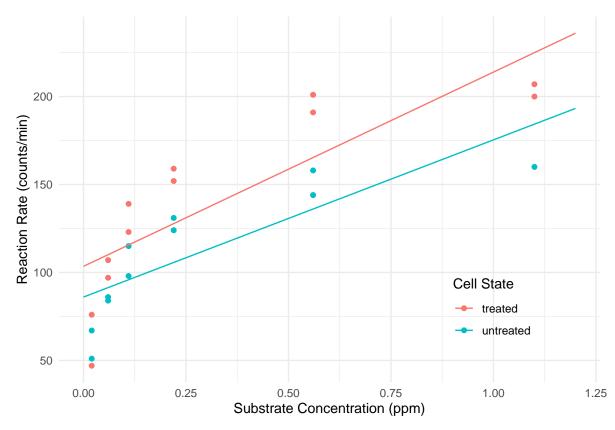
This model can be written case-wise as

$$E(R_i) = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_2 s_i, & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of treated cells,} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 + (\beta_2 + \beta_3) s_i, & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of untreated cells.} \end{cases}$$

We can replicate this model using the nls function by specifying an indicator variable in the model formula.

```
m <- nls(rate ~ b0 + b1*(state == "untreated") +
b2*conc + b3*(state == "untreated")*conc,
data = Puromycin, start = list(b0 = 0, b1 = 0, b2 = 0, b3 = 0))
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                 10.53
                        9.832 6.914e-09
b0
     103.49
b1
     -17.45
                 15.06 -1.158 2.611e-01
     110.42
                 20.46 5.397 3.301e-05
b2
b3
     -21.08
                 32.69 -0.645 5.266e-01
d <- expand.grid(conc = seq(0, 1.2, length = 100), state = c("treated", "untreated"))
d$yhat <- predict(m, newdata = d)</pre>
p <- ggplot(Puromycin, aes(x = conc, y = rate, color = state)) +</pre>
  geom_point() + geom_line(aes(y = yhat), data = d) +
  labs(x = "Substrate Concentration (ppm)",
   y = "Reaction Rate (counts/min)", color = "Cell State") +
  theme minimal() + theme(legend.position = c(0.8,0.2))
plot(p)
```



Since there are only two levels of state we could also use the ifelse function to produce the same results as using the indicator variable.

```
m <- nls(rate ~ ifelse(state == "treated", b0 + b2*conc, b0 + b1 + (b2 + b3)*conc),
    data = Puromycin, start = list(b0 = 0, b1 = 0, b2 = 0, b3 = 0))
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                         9.832 6.914e-09
     103.49
                 10.53
b0
     -17.45
                 15.06 -1.158 2.611e-01
b1
     110.42
                 20.46
                         5.397 3.301e-05
b2
b3
     -21.08
                 32.69
                       -0.645 5.266e-01
```

We can also use the case_when function from the dplyr package.

```
library(dplyr)
m <- nls(rate ~ case_when(
    state == "treated" ~ b0 + b2*conc,
    state == "untreated" ~ b0 + b1 + (b2 + b3)*conc,
), data = Puromycin, start = list(b0 = 0, b1 = 0, b2 = 0, b3 = 0))
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
     103.49
                 10.53
                         9.832 6.914e-09
b0
     -17.45
                 15.06
b1
                       -1.158 2.611e-01
b2
     110.42
                 20.46
                         5.397 3.301e-05
b3
     -21.08
                 32.69
                       -0.645 5.266e-01
```

Obviously this is a poor model for the Puromycin data since expected reaction rate does not appear to be a linear function of substrate concentration. Instead we would like to have a model where there the Michaelis-Menten model describes the relationship between the expected reaction rate and substrate

concentration, but differently for each state so that the α and λ parameters can depend on the state. Estimate this model using the nls function, noting that there are many different ways that this model could be parameterized. Plot the model as well with the raw data.

Solution: Here is one way we might specify such a model.

```
m1 <- nls(rate ~ ifelse(state == "treated", alphat * conc / (lambdat + conc),
    alphau * conc / (lambdau + conc)), data = Puromycin,
    start = list(alphat = 200, lambdat = 0.1, alphau = 200, lambdau = 0.1))
cbind(summary(m1)$coefficients, confint(m1))</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                     2.5%
       212.68373
                    6.608094 32.185 4.876e-18 198.88883
alphat
lambdat
          0.06412
                    0.007877
                               8.141 1.293e-07
                                                  0.04856
alphau
        160.28001
                    6.896011 23.242 2.041e-15 145.85285
lambdau
          0.04771
                    0.008281
                               5.761 1.496e-05
                                                  0.03159
            97.5%
        227.45563
alphat
lambdat
          0.08354
alphau
       176.28021
lambdau
          0.06966
```

This model can be written as

$$E(Y_i) = \begin{cases} \alpha_t s_i / (\lambda_t + s_i), & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of treated cells,} \\ \alpha_u s_i / (\lambda_u + s_i), & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of untreated cells.} \end{cases}$$

An alternative paramterization that includes a parameter for the "effect" of treating the cells is

$$E(Y_i) = \begin{cases} (\alpha + \delta_{\alpha})s_i/(\lambda + \delta_{\lambda} + s_i), & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of treated cells,} \\ \alpha s_i/(\lambda + s_i), & \text{if the } i\text{-th observation is of untreated cells.} \end{cases}$$

Note that we can establish a relationship between the parameters in the two models: $\alpha = \alpha_u$, $\lambda = \lambda_u$, $\delta_{\alpha} = \alpha_t - \alpha_u$ and $\delta_{\lambda} = \lambda_t - \lambda_u$. This latter model can be estimated as follows.

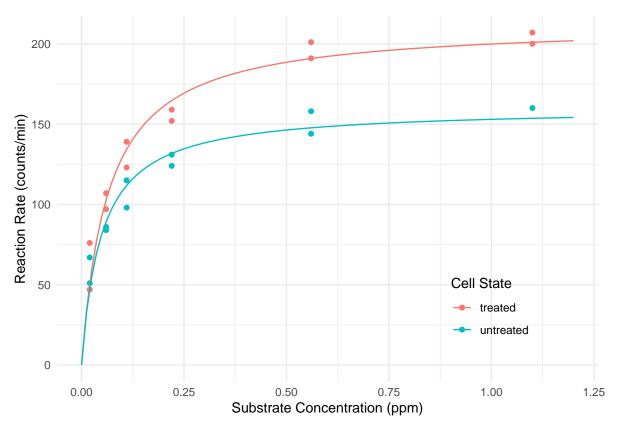
```
m2 <- nls(rate ~ ifelse(state == "treated",
  (alpha + deltaa) * conc / (lambda + deltal + conc),
  alpha * conc / (lambda + conc)), data = Puromycin,
  start = list(alpha = 200, lambda = 0.1, deltaa = 0, deltal = 0))
cbind(summary(m2)$coefficients, confint(m2))</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                   2.5%
alpha
       160.28001
                   6.896011 23.242 2.041e-15 145.85285
                              5.761 1.496e-05
lambda
         0.04771
                   0.008281
                                                0.03159
deltaa
        52.40373
                   9.551014
                              5.487 2.713e-05
                                               31.33677
         0.01641
                   0.011429 1.436 1.672e-01 -0.01043
deltal
           97.5%
alpha 176.28021
         0.06966
lambda
        73.09295
deltaa
deltal
         0.04187
```

There are several other ways we might parameterize the model and specify it in nls. But for plotting purposes the parameterization does not matter.

```
d <- expand.grid(conc = seq(0, 1.2, length = 100), state = c("treated", "untreated"))
d$yhat <- predict(m1, newdata = d)</pre>
```

```
p <- ggplot(Puromycin, aes(x = conc, y = rate, color = state)) +
  geom_point() + geom_line(aes(y = yhat), data = d) +
  labs(x = "Substrate Concentration (ppm)",
        y = "Reaction Rate (counts/min)") +
   labs(color = "Cell State") +
   theme_minimal() + theme(legend.position = c(0.8,0.2))
plot(p)</pre>
```



3. There are several potentially useful inferences we might make here. One is the values of the two parameters for the Michaelis-Menten model for each state. Another is the difference in the parameters between states. Depending on how the model was parameterized in the previous question, some of these could be found simply by using summary and confint, while others might require using lincon unless the model is reparameterized. Produce estimates, standard errors, and confidence intervals for the six quantities described above.

Solution: First consider inferences for the two parameters of the Micahelis-Menten model for each treatment condition. These are the parameters of the first parameterization used above.

cbind(summary(m1)\$coefficients, confint(m1))

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                     2.5%
                              32.185 4.876e-18 198.88883
alphat
        212.68373
                    6.608094
lambdat
          0.06412
                    0.007877
                                8.141 1.293e-07
                                                  0.04856
alphau
        160.28001
                    6.896011
                              23.242 2.041e-15 145.85285
                               5.761 1.496e-05
lambdau
          0.04771
                    0.008281
                                                  0.03159
            97.5%
alphat
        227.45563
lambdat
          0.08354
```

```
alphau 176.28021
lambdau 0.06966
```

If we were using the second parameterization, we could obtain estimates of the parameters from the untreated cells from summary and confint, but would have to use something like lincon to to estimate a function of the model parameters. Recall the relationships between the parameters in the two models: $\alpha = \alpha_u$, $\lambda = \lambda_u$, $\delta_\alpha = \alpha_t - \alpha_u$ and $\delta_\lambda = \lambda_t - \lambda_u$. Thus $\alpha_t = \alpha + \delta_\alpha$ and $\lambda_t = \lambda + \delta_\lambda$.

```
library(trtools)
cbind(summary(m2)$coefficients, confint(m2))
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                   2.5%
alpha 160.28001
                   6.896011 23.242 2.041e-15 145.85285
lambda
         0.04771
                   0.008281
                              5.761 1.496e-05
                                                0.03159
deltaa
       52.40373
                   9.551014
                              5.487 2.713e-05
                                               31.33677
deltal
         0.01641
                   0.011429
                             1.436 1.672e-01 -0.01043
           97.5%
alpha 176.28021
lambda
         0.06966
       73.09295
deltaa
deltal
         0.04187
lincon(m2, a = c(1, 0, 1, 0)) # lambdat
                        se lower upper tvalue df
                                                    pvalue
               212.7 6.608 198.9 226.5 32.19 19 4.876e-18
(1,0,1,0),0
lincon(m2, a = c(0, 1, 0, 1)) # lambdat
```

```
estimate se lower upper tvalue df (0,1,0,1),0 0.06412 0.007877 0.04763 0.08061 8.141 19 pvalue (0,1,0,1),0 1.293e-07
```

Now if we want to estimate the difference in the parameters of the Michaelis-Menten model between the treated and untreated states, we could get that from the second parameterization because those differences are δ_{α} and δ_{λ} .

cbind(summary(m2)\$coefficients, confint(m2))

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                    2.5%
alpha
       160.28001
                   6.896011 23.242 2.041e-15 145.85285
lambda
         0.04771
                              5.761 1.496e-05
                   0.008281
                                                 0.03159
deltaa
        52.40373
                   9.551014
                              5.487 2.713e-05
                                                31.33677
deltal
         0.01641
                   0.011429
                              1.436 1.672e-01
                                                -0.01043
           97.5%
alpha 176.28021
lambda
         0.06966
deltaa
       73.09295
deltal
         0.04187
```

But if we were using the first parameterization we would again need to use something like lincon since $\delta_{\alpha} = \alpha_t - \alpha_u$ and $\delta_{\lambda} = \lambda_t - \lambda_u$.

```
lincon(m1, a = c(1,0,-1,0)) # delta_alpha
```

```
estimate se lower upper tvalue df pvalue (1,0,-1,0),0 52.4 9.551 32.41 72.39 5.487 19 2.713e-05
```

```
lincon(m1, a = c(0,1,0,-1)) # delta_lambda
estimate se lower upper tvalue df pvalue
```

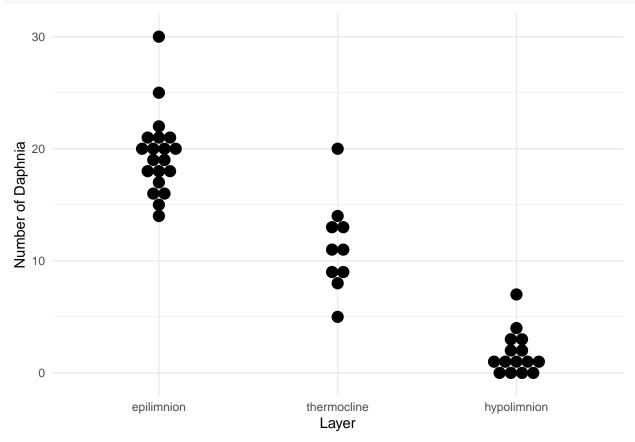
```
estimate se lower upper tvalue dr pvalue (0,1,0,-1),0 0.01641 0.01143 -0.007508 0.04033 1.436 19 0.1672
```

Note that when estimating the same quantity we obtain the same estimates and standard errors from either parameterization from summary and lincon. The confidence intervals, however, are slightly different because confint and lincon use different methods of obtaining approximate confidence intervals.

Heteroscedasticity in the Daphnia Data

The data frame daphniastrat from the trtools package features data from a survey of water fleas where the number of water fleas were counted in one liter samples of water taken from three different layers of a lake.

```
library(trtools) # for daphniastrat
library(ggplot2)
p <- ggplot(daphniastrat, aes(x = layer, y = count)) +
  geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", binwidth = 1, stackdir = "center") +
  labs(x = "Layer", y = "Number of Daphnia") + theme_minimal()
plot(p)</pre>
```



We used the following linear model for these data.

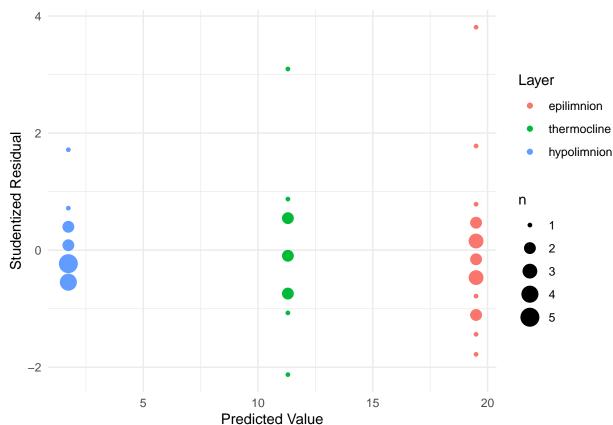
```
m <- lm(count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat)
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 19.50 0.7271 26.820 4.727e-28
```

```
layerthermocline -8.20 1.2593 -6.512 7.293e-08 layerhypolimnion -17.77 1.1106 -15.997 1.784e-19
```

But heteroscedasticity is evident in the plot of the raw data above and also in a plot of the studentized residuals.

```
daphniastrat$yhat <- predict(m)
daphniastrat$rest <- rstudent(m)
p <- ggplot(daphniastrat, aes(x = yhat, y = rest, color = layer)) +
    geom_count() + theme_minimal() +
    labs(x = "Predicted Value", y = "Studentized Residual", color = "Layer")
plot(p)</pre>
```



Note that geom_count is a variant of geom_point that makes the point size proportional to the number of points at a particular position, which is useful here.

Heteroscedasticty is quite common when the response variable is a count. Typically the variance of the counts increases with the expected count. Here we will consider a couple of ways of dealing with this heteroscedasticty.

1. We might assume that the variance varies by layer with the expected count, so that

$$\operatorname{Var}(Y_i) = \begin{cases} \sigma_e^2, & \text{if the i-th observation is from the epilimnion layer}, \\ \sigma_t^2, & \text{if the i-th observation is from the thermocline layer}, \\ \sigma_h^2, & \text{if the i-th observation is from the hypolimnion layer}. \end{cases}$$

If so, then our weights should be specified such that

```
w_i \propto \begin{cases} 1/\sigma_e^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the epilimnion layer,} \\ 1/\sigma_t^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the thermocline layer,} \\ 1/\sigma_h^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the hypolimnion layer.} \end{cases}
```

We do not know σ_e^2 , σ_t^2 , and σ_h^2 , but they could be *estimated* using the sample variances s_e^2 , s_t^2 , and s_h^2 , respectively, which we can easily compute since we have multiple observations from each layer. Estimate the model using weighted least squares with weights computed as described above. The sample standard deviations can be computed and used to add weights to the data frame using functions from the **dplyr** package as demonstrated with the **CancerSurvival** data in lecture on February 17th.

Solution: First we compute the weights using functions from the **dplyr** package.

```
library(dplyr)
daphniastrat <- daphniastrat %>% group_by(layer) %>% mutate(w = 1 / var(count))
```

Then we estimate the model using weighted least squares.

```
m <- lm(count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat, weights = w)
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 19.50 0.7997 24.385 2.035e-26
layerthermocline -8.20 1.5190 -5.398 2.896e-06
layerhypolimnion -17.77 0.9392 -18.918 3.617e-22
```

2. Assuming again that the variance of the counts vary by layer so that

```
\operatorname{Var}(Y_i) = \begin{cases} \sigma_e^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the epilimnion layer,} \\ \sigma_t^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the thermocline layer,} \\ \sigma_h^2, & \text{if the $i$-th observation is from the hypolimnion layer,} \end{cases}
```

another approach would be to use a *parametric model* that estimates the usual parameters of the regression model (i.e., β_0 , β_1 , and β_3) and the three variances above *simultaneously*. Do this using the gls function from the **nlme** package as demonstrated in lecture on February 22nd.

Solution: Here is how we would estimate this model.

Coefficients:

```
library(nlme) # for gls function
m <- gls(count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat,
 weights = varIdent(form = ~ 1 | layer), method = "ML")
summary(m)
Generalized least squares fit by maximum likelihood
 Model: count ~ layer
 Data: daphniastrat
    AIC
         BIC logLik
  235.1 245.9 -111.5
Variance function:
 Structure: Different standard deviations per stratum
 Formula: ~1 | layer
 Parameter estimates:
 epilimnion thermocline hypolimnion
     1.0000
                 1.1115
                             0.5286
```

```
Value Std.Error t-value p-value (Intercept) 19.50 0.8068 24.170 0 layerthermocline -8.20 1.5030 -5.456 0 layerhypolimnion -17.77 0.9452 -18.796 0
```

Correlation:

(Intr) lyrthr

layerthermocline -0.537

layerhypolimnion -0.854 0.458

Standardized residuals:

Min Q1 Med Q3 Max -1.6261 -0.5937 -0.1434 0.4303 3.0123

Residual standard error: 3.486

Degrees of freedom: 45 total; 42 residual

The model above was estimated using maximum likelihood (ML). But another method is to use what is called restricted maximum likelihood (REML) which is the default method. It is interesting to note that for this model, this REML effectively equivalent to the approach used in the previous problem.

```
library(nlme) # for gls function
m <- gls(count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat,
   weights = varIdent(form = ~ 1 | layer), method = "ML")
summary(m)</pre>
```

Generalized least squares fit by maximum likelihood

Model: count ~ layer Data: daphniastrat AIC BIC logLik 235.1 245.9 -111.5

Variance function:

Structure: Different standard deviations per stratum

Formula: ~1 | layer Parameter estimates:

epilimnion thermocline hypolimnion 1.0000 1.1115 0.5286

Coefficients:

Value Std.Error t-value p-value (Intercept) 19.50 0.8068 24.170 0 layerthermocline -8.20 1.5030 -5.456 0 layerhypolimnion -17.77 0.9452 -18.796 0

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Degrees of freedom: 45 total; 42 residual

We will discuss maximum likelihood and perhaps restricted maximum likelihood later in the course.

3. With counts it is often assumed that the variance is proportional to the expected response — i.e., $Var(Y_i) \propto E(Y_i)$. Assuming that is true here, estimate the model using *iteratively weighted least squares* as was demonstrated in lecture on February 22nd.

Solution: We can program the iteratively weighted least squares algorithm as follows.

```
daphniastrat$w <- 1</pre>
for (i in 1:5) {
 m <- lm(count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat, weights = w)</pre>
 daphniastrat$w <- 1 / predict(m)</pre>
}
summary(m)
Call:
lm(formula = count ~ layer, data = daphniastrat, weights = w)
Weighted Residuals:
   Min
           1Q Median
                         3Q
                               Max
-1.874 -0.684 -0.113 0.340 4.000
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                    19.50
                                 1.13
                                        17.24 < 2e-16 ***
layerthermocline
                    -8.20
                                 1.66
                                        -4.93 1.3e-05 ***
layerhypolimnion
                                 1.20 -14.85 < 2e-16 ***
                   -17.77
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.15 on 42 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.86, Adjusted R-squared: 0.853
F-statistic: 128 on 2 and 42 DF, p-value: <2e-16
```

Note how the estimates do not change. For this particular model the algorithm only needs to go through one iteration to compute the weights. This is because the predicted values do not depend on the weights in this particular model.