

# From Growth Curves to Mixed(Random)-Effects Models

## Im vs lme(r)

$$N_p(t) = N_p(0) + \theta_p t$$

intercepts and slopes may differ across  $p = 1, \dots, N$

$$\text{Data } Y_{pj} = N_p(t_{pj}) + \epsilon_{pj}$$

ordered times  $j = 1 \dots T_p$  obs for  $p$  (missing or not)

**No  $\omega$**

$$E_p(\theta_p) = \mu_\theta$$

$$E_p(N_p(0)) = \mu_{N(0)}$$

Random

$$N_p(0) - \mu_{N(0)}$$

$$\theta_p - \mu_\theta$$

Fixed

$$\mu_{N(0)}$$

$$\mu_\theta$$

Mixed Effects Model

$$Y = X\beta + Z\gamma + \epsilon$$

$\sum_{p=1}^N T_p \times 1$       $\sum T_p \times 2$  |  $2 \times 1$      +      $\sum T_p \times 2N$  |  $2N \times 1$

fixed  
ave. growth  
curve

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_{p1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_{pT} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{N(0)} \\ \mu_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

random

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} N_p(0) - \mu_{N(0)} \\ \theta_p - \mu_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

2 rows each  $p$

blocks

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_{p1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_{pT} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = V = ZGZ' + R$$

also  $D$   
aka

block elements of  $G$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{N(0)}^2 & \sigma_{N(0)\theta} \\ & \sigma_\theta^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $w$

Fixed

$$E(N_p|w) = \mu_{N_p} + \beta_{N_p|w}(w - \mu_w)$$

$$E(\sigma|w) = \mu_\sigma + \beta_{\sigma|w}(w - \mu_w)$$

$$Y = X\beta + Z\gamma + \epsilon$$

Random

$$N_p(w) - E(N_p|w)$$

$$\sigma_p - E(\sigma|w)$$

expanding  $X$

$$\sum T_p \times 4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_{p1} & w_p & w_p * t_{p1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_{pT_p} & w_p & w_p * t_{pT_p} \end{bmatrix}$$

fixed

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{N_p} & \beta_{N_p|w} & \mu_w \\ \mu_\sigma & \beta_{\sigma|w} & \mu_w \\ \beta_{N_p|w} \\ \beta_{\sigma|w} \end{bmatrix}$$

int time  
w  
time \* w

random

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} N_p(w) - E(N_p|w_p) \\ \sigma_p - E(\sigma|w_p) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$2N \times 1$

G-matrix contains conditional variances

$$\text{Var}(\sigma|w) \quad \text{Var}(N_p|w)$$

see NCFem, Frames 7, 8 etc