The Multilevel Change Model

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Introduction

In this lecture, we introduce the general multilevel model for repeated measurements, and illustrate it with a simple example.

The General Polynomial Growth Model – Level 1

Raudenbush and Bryk (2002, Chapter 6) describe a general polynomial model for analyzing growth data. An individual *i*'s score at time *t* is a polynomial (of order *P*) function of a_{ti} , the age at time *t*. We will modify the Raudenbush-Bryk notation slightly to agree more closely with the notation in Singer and Willett. Here is the level-1 model.

$$Y_{ti} = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}a_{ti} + \pi_{2i}a_{ti}^2 + \ldots + \pi_{Pi}a_{ti}^P + \epsilon_{ti}$$
(1)

Each person is observed on T_i occasions. (Note that the number and spacing of measurements may vary across persons.) The multivariate distribution of the ϵ_{ti} may be modeled in various ways, to allow for correlation between the measurements across time.

The General Polynomial Growth Model – Level 2

The growth parameters in Equation 1 are free to vary across individuals. The P+1 parameters are modeled at level 2 as

$$\pi_{pi} = \gamma_{p0} + \sum_{q=1}^{Q_p} \gamma_{pq} X_{qi} + \zeta_{pi}$$

$$\tag{2}$$

where X_{qi} is either a measured characteristic of the individual or a treatment, and ζ_{pi} is a random effect with mean 0. The set of P + 1 random effects is assumed to have a multivariate normal distribution with covariance matrix T.

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A Linear Growth Model

When the number of observations per individual is small, we find it both convenient and necessary to employ a linear model. In that case, the level-1 equation 1 simplifies to

$$Y_{ti} = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}a_{ti} + \epsilon_{ti} \tag{3}$$

and the level-2 equation 2 simplifies to

$$\pi_{0i} = \gamma_{00} + \sum_{q=1}^{Q_0} \gamma_{0q} X_{qi} + \zeta_{0i}$$

$$\pi_{1i} = \gamma_{10} + \sum_{q=1}^{Q_1} \gamma_{1q} X_{qi} + \zeta_{1i}$$
(4)

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An Example — Alcohol Use among Teenagers

Curran, Stice, and Chassin (1997, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, p. 130) studied longitudinal progression of alcohol use in 82 adolescents. . .

- Three waves of data were gathered, which included a 4-item questionnaire measuring extent of alcohol use
- There were two level-2 predictors, *COA* (child of an alcoholic) and *PEER* (a measure of peer group alcohol use)
- As described in the text, a square root transformation was applied to the data to generate the *PEER* and *ALCUSE* data to enhance linearity.

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We would like to get a preliminary feel for the data with some exploratory analyses. We begin by loading the data.

```
> alcohol1 <- read.table("alcohol1_pp.txt", header=T, sep=",")
> attach(alcohol1)
```

The data are in person-period format, as we can see by looking at the first few lines:

> alcohol1[1:9,]

	id	age	coa	male	age_14	alcuse	peer	cpeer	ccoa
1	1	14	1		0	1.732	1.2649	0.2469	0.549
2	1	15	1	0	1	2.000	1.2649	0.2469	0.549
3	1	16	1	0	2	2.000	1.2649	0.2469	0.549
4	2	14	1	1	0	0.000	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549
5	2	15	1	1	1	0.000	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549
6	2	16	1	1	2	1.000	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549
7	3	14	1	1	0	1.000	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549
8	3	15	1	1	1	2.000	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549
9	3	16	1	1	2	3.317	0.8944	-0.1236	0.549

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A good place to start is by examining individual growth curves for a random subset of 8 of the participants in the study.

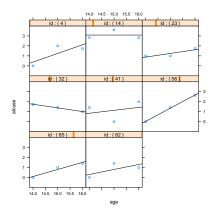
> library(lattice)

```
> xyplot(alcuse~age | id,
+ data=alcohol1[alcohol1$id %in%
+ c(4, 14, 23, 32, 41, 56, 65, 82), ],
+ panel=function(x,y){
+ panel.xyplot(x, y)
+ panel.lmline(x,y)
+ }, ylim=c(-1, 4), as.table=T)
> update(trellis.last.object(),
+ strip = strip.custom(strip.names = TRUE,
+ strip.levels = TRUE))
```

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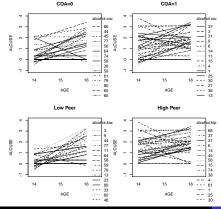
Potential Predictors

> Mast up a 2x2 panel > names(f.coa0) <- NULL > interaction.plot(alcohol.com/#age, alcohol.com/#id, f.com/ slab="ADE", ylab="ALCOSE", ylis=c(-1, 4), lud=1) > #stripping of the names of the elements in the vector > interaction.plot(alcohol.coai\$age, alcohol.coai\$id, f.coai, plabe"ADE", vlabe"ALCOSE", vlim=c(-1, 4), lud=1) > interaction.plot(alcohol.loppeerWare, alcohol.loppeerWid, f.loppeer. > #######Lower right panel, peer>1.01756. > names(f.hipeer) <- NULL > interaction.plot(alcohol.hipeerfage, alcohol.hipeerfid. f.hipeer.

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Potential Predictor Display



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Evaluation of Potential Predictors

- In the top part of the panel, we see that children of alcoholics have generally higher intercepts than children of nonalcoholics
- In the bottom part of the panel, we see a tendency for adolescents in the higher peer group have higher intercepts but somewhat lower slopes
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Introduction

In this section, we present the R code for generating the models discussed in Singer and Willett, Chapter 4.

The models are presented algebraically in their Table 4.2.

The output from an analysis with MLwiN (full IGLS) is presented in their Table 4.1.

We shall present the R code and output corresponding to each model.

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Model A – The Unconditional Means Model

This model, corresponding to one-way random effects ANOVA, states in effect that all individual trajectories are flat, but that intercepts vary in a normal distribution around a population mean γ_{00} . Be sure to load the lme4 library.

> library(lme4)

Fitting Model A

```
> model.a <- lmer(alcuse~ 1 + (1|id), REML=FALSE)</pre>
> summarv(model.a)
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
Formula: alcuse \sim 1 + (1 \mid id)
 AIC BIC logLik deviance REMLdev
 676 687 -335
                     670
                             673
Random effects:
                      Variance Std.Dev.
 Groups Name
 id
          (Intercept) 0.564 0.751
 Residual
                      0.562
                               0.749
Number of obs: 246, groups: id. 82
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept)
              0.9220
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The Intraclass Correlation Revisited

The intraclass correlation is computed on page 96 of Willett and Singer (2003). This is

$$\rho = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2} \tag{5}$$

which we estimate in this case from our R output as .57313/(.57313+.56175) = .505.

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The Intraclass Correlation Revisited

The authors make the point that the composite model demonstrates, i.e., that the "residuals" in the composite model are the sum of two terms, one of which remains constant across time. So the intraclass correlation also represents the autocorrelation between measurements at two times the *i*th individual. For example, consider the outcome scores for individual *i* at times 1 and 2. These are, from the composite model,

$$Y_{i1} = \gamma_{00} + \zeta_{0i} + \epsilon_{i1}$$

$$Y_{i2} = \gamma_{00} + \zeta_{0i} + \epsilon_{i2}$$
(6)

(C.P.) Using the heuristic rules for linear combinations, prove that the correlation between Y_{i1} and Y_{i2} is the intraclass correlation ρ .

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Model B — The Unconditional Growth Model

This model allows a non-flat trajectory by including TIME as the predictor in the level-1 model.

It also allows the slopes and intercepts to correlate across individuals.

The data file contains a variable called **age14** that represents time from the beginning of the study, which is a reasonable metric to use in this case. However, I prefer the name *TIME* and have effectively renamed the variable in the code below.

Fitting Model B

> time <- age_14 > model.b <- lmer(alcuse ~ time +(time | id).REML=FALSE)</pre> > summary(model.b) Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood Formula: alcuse ~ time + (time | id) AIC BIC logLik deviance REMLdev 649 670 -318 637 643 Random effects: Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr id (Intercept) 0.624 0.790 0.389 time 0.151 -0.223Residual 0 337 0 581 Number of obs: 246, groups: id, 82 Fixed effects: Estimate Std. Error t value (Intercept) 0.6513 0.1051 6.20 0.2707 0.0625 4.33 time Correlation of Fixed Effects: (Intr) time -0 441

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Interpreting Model B Output

Note that the residual variance dripped sharply from .562 to .337. Since .337/.562 = .600, Singer and Willett conclude that the 40% of the within-person variation alcohol use is systematically associated with linear *TIME*.

Note also that the correlation between the two random effects is negative, -.227, and weak.

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Model C - COA as a Level-2 Predictor

In this model, we use COA at level 2 to predict slopes and intercepts.

Fitting Model C

> model.c <- lmer(alcuse ~ coa + time + coa;time + (time | id),REML=FALSE) > summary(model.c) Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood Formula: alcuse ~ coa + time + coa:time + (time | id) AIC BIC logLik deviance REMLdev 637 665 -311 621 632 Random effects: Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr (Intercept) 0.488 0.698 id time 0.151 0.388 -0.219Residual 0 337 0 581 Number of obs: 246, groups: id, 82 Fixed effects: Estimate Std. Error t value (Intercept) 0.3160 0.1307 2.42 0.7432 0.1946 3 82 coa time 0.2930 0.0842 3.48 coa:time -0.04940.1254 -0.39Correlation of Fixed Effects: (Intr) coa time -0.672coa -0.460 0.309 time coa:time 0.309 -0.460 -0.672

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Pseudo- R^2 Statistics

On pages 102–104, Singer and Willett discuss three "pseudo- R^{2*} " statistics for quantifying performance of the various models. The first statistic, $R_{y,\hat{y}}^2$ is the squared correlation, across all participants, between predicted scores (using model estimates in the composite model formula) and actual outcome scores. In this case, $R_{y,\hat{y}}^2 = .043$, as computed below.

> cor(alcuse,.6513 +.2707*time)^2

[1] 0.04339

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Pseudo- R^2 Statistics

Residual variation—that portion of the outcome variation unexplained by a model's level-1 predictors—provides another criterion for comparing two models. For models A and B, we have

$$R_{\epsilon}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_A}^2 - \hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_B}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_A}^2} \tag{7}$$

In this case, we get (.562 - .337)/.562 = .400.

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Pseudo- R^2 Statistics

We can use an approach similar to that taken in the previous slide to compute pseudo- R^2 statistics for the proportional reduction in level-2 variance attributable to the addition of level-2 predictors. We have, for example

$$R_C^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_B}^2 - \hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_C}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon_B}^2} \tag{8}$$

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One well-known problem with these statistics is that unlike more familiar R^2 indices, they can be negative.

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Model D – COA and PEER as Level-2 Predictors

> model.d <- lmer(alcuse ~ coa + time + coa;time+ peer + peer;time +(time | id).REML=FALSE) > summary(model.d) Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood Formula: alcuse ~ coa + time + coa:time + peer + peer:time + (time | id) AIC BIC logLik deviance REMLdev 609 644 -294 589 606 Random effects: Groups Name Variance Std.Dev. Corr 0.491 id. (Intercept) 0.241 0.373 time 0.139 -0.033 0.337 0.581 Residual Number of obs: 246, groups: id. 82 Fixed effects: Estimate Std. Error t value (Intercept) -0.3165 0.1481 -2.14 0.5792 0.1625 3.56 coa time 0.4294 0.1137 3.78 0.6943 0.1115 6.23 peer coa:time -0.01400.1248 -0.11 -0.1498 0.0856 -1.75 time:peer Correlation of Fixed Effects: (Intr) coa time peer coa:tm coa -0.371time -0.436 0.162 -0.686 -0.162 0.299 peer coa:time 0.162 -0.436 -0.371 0.071 time:peer 0.299 0.071 -0.686 -0.436 -0.162

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Recentering Predictors to Improve Interpretation

Time-invariant predictors can be centered, either to a group average or a particularly meaningful or interesting value, in order to facilitate interpretation. In general, such recentering will affect intercepts but not slopes. $\hat{\gamma}_{10}$ and $\hat{\gamma}_{11}$ represent values of their respective growth parameters when all other predictors in the associated level-2 model are zero.

This can make interpretation problematic if 0 is an impossible value.

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Model E

In model E, neither PEER nor COA are centered. The intercepts therefore represent a child of non-alcoholic parents whose peers at age 14 are totally abstinent (PEER = 0 and COA = 0).

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Model E

```
> model.e <- lmer(alcuse ~ coa + peer + time + peer:time +(time | id).REML=FALSE)</pre>
> summary(model.e)
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
Formula: alcuse " coa + peer + time + peer:time + (time | id)
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          (Intercept) 0.241
                              0.491
          time
                     0.139
                              0 373
                                       -0.034
 Regidual
                     0 337
                              0 581
Number of obs: 246, groups: id, 82
Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept) -0.3138
                        0.1461 -2.15
             0.5712
                        0.1462
                                3.91
coa
             0.6952
                        0.1113 6.25
peer
time
             0.4247
                        0.1056
                                4.02
             -0.1514
                        0.0845 -1.79
peer:time
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
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                       peer time
coa
          -0.338
          -0.709 -0.146
Deer
          -0.410 0.000 0.351
time
peer:time 0.334 0.000 -0.431 -0.814
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Model F

In model F, PEER is centered while COA is not. The intercepts therefore represent a child of non-alcoholic parents whose peers at age 14 are average consumers (PEER = 1.018 and COA = 0).

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Model F

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> model.f <- lmer(alcuse ~ coa + cpeer + time + cpeer:time + (time | id).REML=FALSE)
> summary(model.f)
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
Formula: alcuse ~ coa + cpeer + time + cpeer:time + (time | id)
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                                      -0.034
Regidual
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                             0 581
Number of obs: 246, groups: id, 82
Fixed effects:
           Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept) 0.3939
                        0.1035 3.80
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                               3.91
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             0.6952
                        0.1113 6.25
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Correlation of Fixed Effects:
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                       cpeer time
coa
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           0.094 -0.146
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          -0.336 0.000 0.000
time
cpeer:time 0.000 0.000 -0.431 0.001
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Model F

In model G, PEER and COA are centered. The intercepts therefore represent an average study participant(PEER = 1.018 and COA = 0.451).

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Model G

```
> model.g <- lmer(alcuse ~ ccoa+ cpeer + time + cpeer:time + (time | id).REML=FALSE)
> summary(model.g)
Linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood
Formula: alcuse ~ ccoa + cpeer + time + cpeer:time + (time | id)
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                    589
                            604
Random effects:
Groups Name
                     Variance Std.Dev. Corr
i.d
         (Intercept) 0.241
                              0.491
         time
                     0.139
                             0 373
                                      -0.034
Regidual
                     0 337
                             0 581
Number of obs: 246, groups: id, 82
Fixed effects:
           Estimate Std. Error t value
(Intercept) 0.6515
                       0.0798 8.17
             0.5712
                        0.1462
                               3.91
ccoa
             0.6952
                        0.1113 6.25
cpeer
time
             0.2706
                        0.0613
                                4.42
cpeer:time -0.1514
                        0.0845 -1.79
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
          (Intr) ccoa cpeer time
ccoa
           0.000
           0.001 -0.146
cneer
time
          -0.436 0.000 0.000
cpeer:time 0.000 0.000 -0.431 0.001
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Deviance Statistics for Comparing Nested Models

As explained in the text, with ML estimation $-2 \times LL$ is a chi-square "deviance" or "badness of fit" statistic. If models are nested, the difference in deviance statistics has a chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the difference in the number of estimated parameters for the two models.

However, if REML estimation is used, then deviance-based comparisons can only be made for models with identical fixed effects but varying random effects.

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> options(digits=4)
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> anova(model.a,model.b)
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Data:
Models:
model.a: alcuse \sim 1 + (1 | id)
model.b: alcuse ~ time + (time | id)
        Df AIC BIC logLik Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
model.a
         3 676 687
                      -335
                                            2.5e-07 ***
model.b
         6 649 670
                      -318 33.5
                                       3
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                0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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> anova(model.b,model.c)
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Data:
Models:
model.b: alcuse ~ time + (time | id)
model.c: alcuse ~ coa + time + coa:time + (time | id)
Df AIC BIC logLik Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
model.b 6 649 670 -318
model.c 8 637 665 -311 15.4 2 0.00045 ***
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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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Wald Statistics for Testing Composite Hypotheses

If a set of parameters is collected in a vector γ , for example, then composite linear hypotheses can be written in the form

$$H_0: C' \gamma = 0$$

Example (A Composite Hypothesis)

Suppose we want to test whether γ_1 and γ_2 are both zero. Then, in matrix formulation, we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right]$$

Wald Statistics for Testing Composite Hypotheses

Suppose we estimate γ with the ML estimates $\hat{\gamma}$ having estimated covariance matrix \hat{T} . Then, if the null hypothesis is true, it can be shown rather easily that

$$\hat{\gamma}' \boldsymbol{C}' (\boldsymbol{C}' \, \hat{\boldsymbol{T}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{C})^{-1} \boldsymbol{C}' \hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$$
(9)

has an asymptotic χ^2 distribution with the number of degrees of freedom equal to the number of rows in the C matrix. This is the multivariate equivalent of our general linear combination hypothesis procedure discussed in Psychology 310. It should be noted that this is based on asymptotic theory that, in turn, depends on the assumption of multinormality, and tends to exhibit slow convergence. Only at very large samples would such statistics be accurate if used to test random effects. This parallels the reason why, in Psychology 310, we avoided Z tests on variances.

The simplified treatment of the Wald Statistic in Willett and Singer is incomplete and, in its attempt to maintain simplicity, not really correct.

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Information-Based Criteria for Comparing Non-Nested Models

We have a variety of null hypothesis tests to compare models for exact equivalence. Frankly, the modern view is that these are useful but should not be taken too seriously, for the same reasons that hypothesis tests in general should not be taken too seriously.

Deviance-based hypothesis tests aren't available for comparing non-nested models. Moreover, when models are nested, the more complex model always fits better (except in artificial examples) because models almost never fit perfectly. Added complexity in a nested model framework always improves fit. For example, in multiple regression, adding predictors always improves R^2 .

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So there is an inevitable tradeoff between complexity and the quality of a model's fit. What we seek is a model that has good fit and good parsimony. $\langle \Box \rangle \langle \overline{\sigma} \rangle \langle \overline{\sigma} \rangle$

The Akaike (AIC) and Schwarz (BIC) Criteria

A variety of model-fitting statistics have been developed to help us select a model in a good region of the complexity-fit tradeoff. Suppose we fit a set of models to the same data.

The Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) is applied to all the models, and the model with the lowest value of the AIC criterion is selected.

The Schwarz Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) is used in a similar manner.

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The Akaike (AIC) and Schwarz (BIC) Criteria

The AIC and BIC are only useful in a *relative* sense, and must be applied to the same data, for models explaining the same variables. Because these statistics are only used in a relative sense, they may be rescaled monotonically in any way you find convenient. Consequently, you will see different versions of the criteria.

AIC =
$$\chi^2 + 2k$$

BIC = $\chi^2 + \ln nk$

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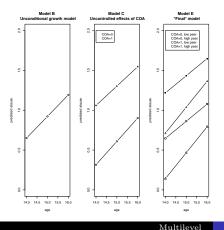
Plotting Model Trends

> pdf("ModelFitPanel.pdf") > #Plots > #Model B > fixef.b <- fixef(model.b)</pre> > fit.b <- fixef.b[[1]] + time[1:3]*fixef.b[[2]] > plot(alcohol1\$age[1:3], fit.b, ylin=c(0, 2), type="b", vlab="predicted alcuse", xlab="age") > title("Model B \n Unconditional growth model") > #Model C > fixef.c <- fixef(model.c)</pre> > fit.c0 <- fixef.c[[1]] + time[1:3]*fixef.c[[3]] > fit.c1 <- fixef.c[[1]] + fixef.c[[2]] + time[1:3]*fixef.c[[3]] + time[1:3] *fixef.c[[4]] > plot(alcoholi\$age[1:3], fit.c0, ylim=c(0, 2), type="b", vlab="predicted alcuse", xlab="age") > lines(alcohol1\$age[1:3], fit.c1, type="b", pch=17) > title("Model C \n Uncontrolled effects of CDA") > legend(14, 2, c("COA=0", "COA=1")) > #Model E > fixef.e <- fixef(model.e)</pre> > fit.ec0p0 <- fixef.e[[1]] + .655*fixef.e[[3]] +</pre> time[1:3]*fixef.e[[4]] + .655*time[1:3]*fixef.e[[5]] > fit.ecOp1 <- fixef.e[[1]] + 1.381*fixef.e[[3]] +</pre> time[1:3] * fixef.e[[4]] + 1.381*time[1:3]*fixef.e[[5]] > fit.ecip0 <- fixef.e[[1]] + fixef.e[[2]] + .655*fixef.e[[3]] +</pre> time[1:3]*fixef.e[[4]] + .655*time[1:3]*fixef.e[[5]] > fit.ecipi <- fixef.e[[1]] + fixef.e[[2]] + 1.381*fixef.e[[3]] +</pre> 1.381*time[1:3]*fixef.e[[5]] > plot(alcohol1\$are[1:3], fit.ecOp0, vlim=c(0, 2), type="b", ylab="predicted alcuse", xlab="age", pch=2) > lines(alcohol18age[1:3], fit.ecOp1, type="b", pch=0) > lines(alcohol1Sage[1:3], fit.ec1p0, type="b", pch=17) > lines(alcohol1\$age[1:3], fit.ec1p1, type="b", pch=15) > title("Model E \n *Final* model") > legend(14, 2, c("COA=0, low peer", "COA=0, high peer", "COA=1, low peer", "COA=1, high peer")) > dev.off()

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Empirical Bayes Estimates of Individual Trajectories

In our preliminary exploratory analyses, we plotted individual trajectories based on OLS estimation from an individual's data. Singer and Willett (pp. 132–137) explain how to calculate improved estimates of an individual's trajectory. In a lab exercise, we will examine how to compute these with R.

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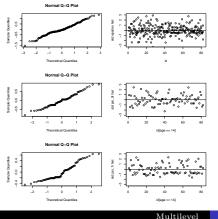
Displaying Residual Plots

```
> pdf("NormalityPanel.pdf")
> par(mfrow = c(3,2))
> resid <- residuals(model.f)</pre>
> gqnorm(resid)
> #creating the standardized residual (std epsilon.hat)
> resid.std <- resid/sd(resid)</pre>
> plot(id, resid.std, vlim=c(-3, 3), vlab="std epsilon hat")
> abline(h=0)
> #Middle left panel
> #extracting the random effects of model f
> ran <- attr(model.f."ranef")[1:82]</pre>
> gqnorm(ran)
> #Middle right panel
> #standardizing the ksi0i.hat
> ran1.std <- ran/sd(ran)
> plot(id[age==14], ran1.std, ylim=c(-3, 3), ylab="std psi_0i hat")
> abline(h=0)
> #Lower left panel
> ran2 <- attr(model.f."ranef")[83:164]</pre>
> gqnorm(ran2)
> #Lower right panel
> #standardizing the ksili.hat
> ran2.std <- ran2/sd(ran2)
> plot(id[age==14], ran2.std, ylim=c(-3, 3), ylab="std psi_1i hat")
> abline(h=0)
> dev.off()
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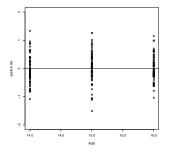
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Examining Residual Variance

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> abline(h=0)
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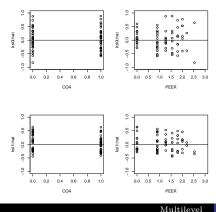
Examining Residual Variance

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> pdf("ResidPanel.pdf")
> par(mfrow=c(2,2))
> #Upper left panel
> plot(coa[age==14], ran, ylim=c(-1, 1),
       ylab="ksi0i.hat", xlab="COA")
> abline(h=0)
> #Upper right panel
> plot(peer[age==14], ran, ylim=c(-1, 1),
       xlim=c(0, 3), ylab="ksi0i.hat", xlab="PEER")
> abline(h=0)
> #Lower left panel
> plot(coa[age==14], ran2, vlim=c(-1, 1),
       ylab="ksi1i.hat", xlab="COA")
> abline(h=0)
> #Lower right panel
> plot(peer[age==14], ran2, ylim=c(-1, 1),
       xlim=c(0, 3), vlab="ksi1i.hat", xlab="PEER")
> abline(h=0)
> dev.off()
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