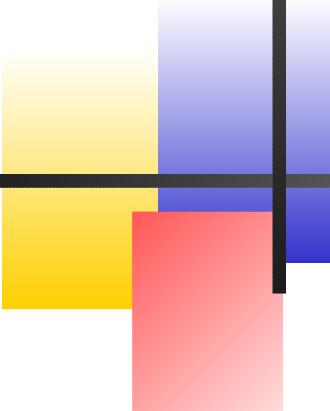


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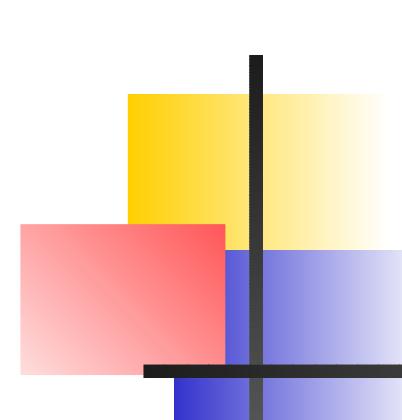
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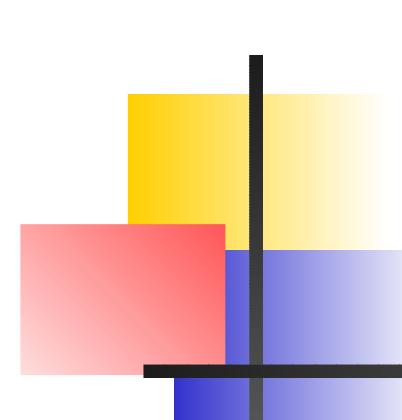


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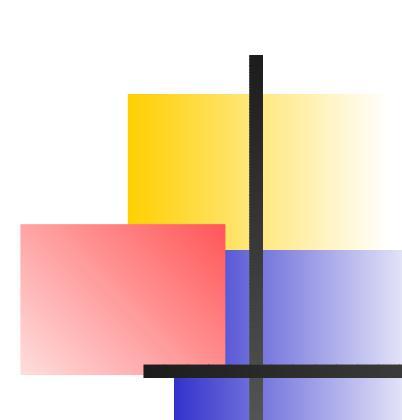
Overview

- Traditional variance models assume independent effects: $\sigma^2 I$
- General variance structures
 - Unstructured - every variance and covariance is a separate parameter
 - Structured - variances and covariances are functions of parameters
- Spatial models
 - correlation based on distance
 - parameterized in terms of correlation and variance



Overview

- Traditional variance models
- General variance structures
 - Unstructured- Structured
- Spatial models
 - correlation based on distance
 - parameterized in terms of correlation and variance
- Compound variance structures
 - formed as a direct product



General Variance structures

- Unstructured (US) is parameterised directly as variances and covariances
- Symmetric Lower triangle rowwise

$$V_{11}$$

$$V_{21} \quad V_{22}$$

$$V_{31} \quad V_{32} \quad V_{33}$$



Reduced parameterization

- Diagonal (DIAG) has zero covariances
Factor Analytic (FACV, XFA): $\Sigma = \Lambda\Lambda' + \Psi$
Cholesky (CHOLn, CHOLnC): $\Sigma = LDL'$
where L is unit lower triangle
Antedependence (ANTEn): $\Sigma^{-1} = UDU'$
where U is unit lower triangle



Reduced parameterization

- Aim in using alternate forms is
 - to accomodate the variance heterogeneity adequately while minimising the number of parameters
 - force a positive definite structure.
- ANTE (a generalization of AR) is suited to ordered levels (e.g. times)
- CHOL, XFA, FACV are suited to unordered levels (e.g. sites, traits)



General variance structures

- DIAG - off diagonal is zero
- CHOL i - $\Sigma = LDL'$
 - L is lower triangle unit matrix with i off-diagonal bands
 - D is diagonal matrix of conditional variances.

CHOL1 of order 4

■ e.g. in CHOL1 $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$D = \text{diag}(A \ B \ C \ D)$ so that

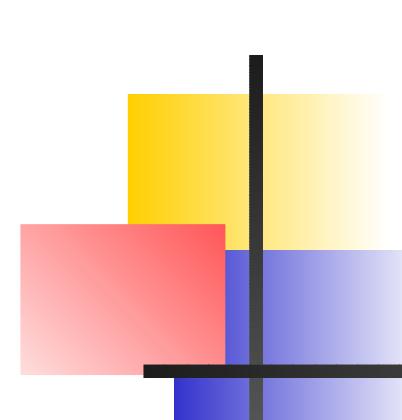
$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} A & aA & 0 & 0 \\ aA & aAa + B & bB & 0 \\ 0 & bB & bBb + C & cC \\ 0 & 0 & cC & cCc + D \end{pmatrix}$$

CHOL1C of order 4

■ e.g. in CHOL1C $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$D = \text{diag}(A \ B \ C \ D)$ so that

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} A & aA & bA & cA \\ aA & aAa + B & bAa & cAa \\ bA & bAa & bAb + C & bAc \\ cA & aAc & cAb & cAc + D \end{pmatrix}$$



Antedependence

- is a generalized form of Autoregressive
- $\text{ANTE}_i - \Sigma^{-1} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}'$
 - \mathbf{U} is upper triangle unit matrix with i off-diagonal bands
 - \mathbf{D} is diagonal matrix of conditional inverse variances.
- Since parameterization is obtuse for CHOL and ANTE, you may supply an unstructured matrix as starting values and ASReml will factorize it.

Factor Analytic

- Correlation Form: FA_i

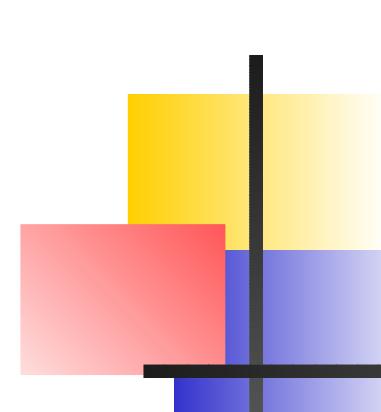
$$\Sigma = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}') + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{D}'$$

Parameters are elements of $p \times i$ matrix \mathbf{L} and $\text{diag}(\Sigma) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{D}$; \mathbf{E} is defined such that $\text{diag}(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}') + \mathbf{E}$ is Identity.

- Variance Form: FACV_i

$$\Sigma = \Lambda\Lambda' + \Psi$$

Paramaters are $\Lambda = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}$ and $\Psi = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{D}$



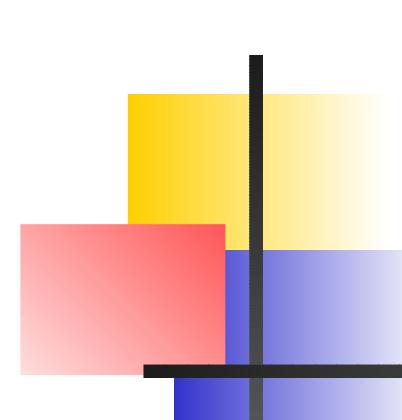
Extended Factor Analytic

- Same parameterization as FACV but in order $(\Psi) \text{vec}(\Lambda)$
- Elements of Ψ may be zero (making Σ singular)
- Requires use of $\text{xfa}(T, i)$ model term which inserts i columns of zeros into the design matrix corresponding to the i factors.
- Much faster than FA_i and FACV_i when more than 10 levels in term.



Extended Factor Analytic

- . . . xfa(Trait,1).dam . . .
xfa(Trait,1).dam 2
xfa(Trait,1) 0 XFA1
2*0
1.1 0.9
dam
- Covariance/Variance/Correlation Mat
- | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1.550 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| 1.437 | 1.332 | 1.000 |
| 1.245 | 1.154 | 1.000 |



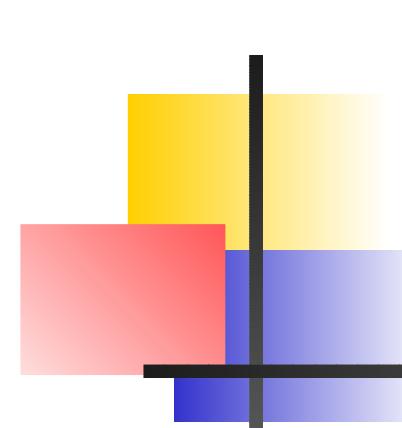
Other structures

- US - unstructured
- OWN i - user supplies program to calculate G and the derivatives of G
- AINV - Use fixed relationship matrix
- GIVi - Use user defined fixed relationship matrix (see .giv, .grm)



Spatial structures

- ID - Identity
- CORU - uniform correlation
- AR1 $1 \rho \rho^2 \rho^3 \rho^4 \rho^5 \dots$
- AR2, MA1, MA2, ARMA, SAR1, SAR2,
- CORU, CORB, CORG
- EXP, GAU
- IEXP, AEXP, IGAU, AGAU, IEUC, LVR, ISP,
- SPH, MAT
- one or two dimensional distance



Variances

- Equal variance correlation
append V to code e.g. AR1V, CORUV
- Unequal (Heterogeneous) variance correlation
append H to code e.g. AR1H, CORUH
- If D is the diagonal matrix of variances, and C is a correlation matrix, $\Sigma = D^{0.5}CD^{0.5}$



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C2 Spatial Analysis

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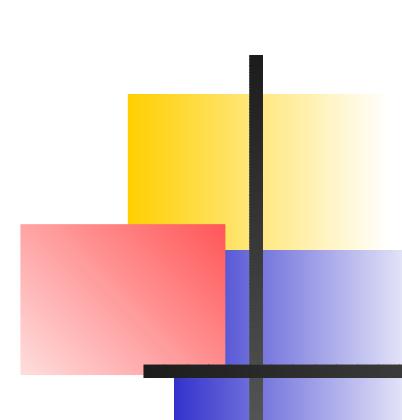


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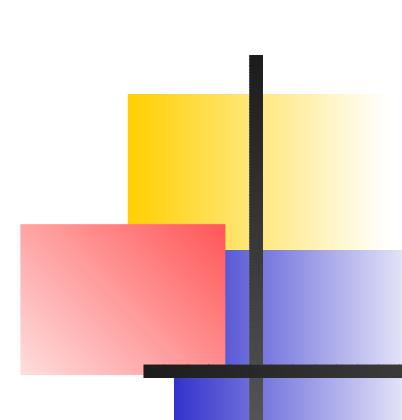
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Two basic kinds

- Regular grid e.g. field trial
 - interest is in adjusting for other effects
- Irregular grid e.g. survey
 - interest is in modelling the spatial pattern
 - kriging
- ASReml is regularly used for former
 - developing capability for latter

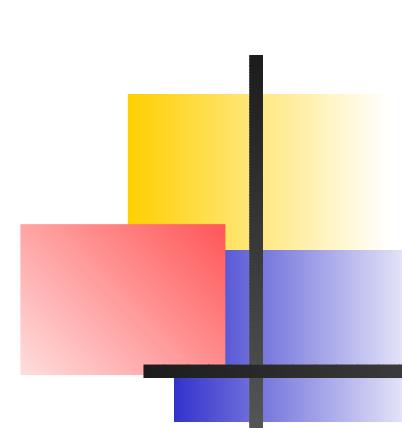


Single field trial

- Slate Hall Farm - Barley 1976
 - Balanced Incomplete block design
 - 25 varieties, 6 replicates
 - layout 10 rows by 15 columns
- BIB Model
 - fixed: treatments
 - random: rep block
- Spatial Model
 - Autoregressive error model $R = \Sigma_R \otimes \Sigma_C$

Slate Hall base

- Slate Hall 1976 Cereal trial
 - rep 6 latrow 30 latcol 30
 - fldrow 10 fldcol 15
 - variety 25
 - yield !/100
 - shf.dat !DOPART \$1
 - !DISPLAY 15 !SPATIAL !TWOWAY



Slate Hall - Design based

- !PART 1 RCB Analysis

```
yield ~ mu var !r rep
```

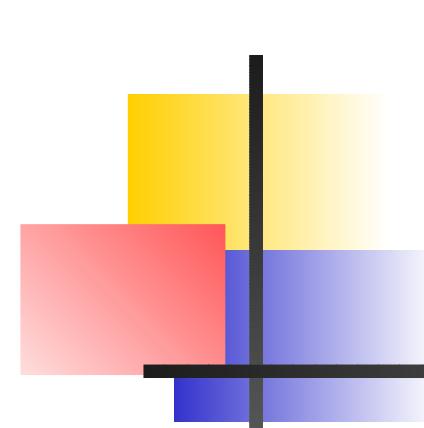
- !PART 2 # BIB analysis

```
yield ~ mu var !r rep latrow latcol
```



Slate Hall - Model based

- !PART 3 # Fitting AR1.AR1
 - yield ~ mu var
 - predict var
 - 1 2
 - fldrow fldrow AR1 .1
 - fldcol fldcol AR1 .1



Slate Hall - + Design

Model

- !PART 4 # Fitting AR1.AR1
yield ~ mu var !r rep latrow latcol
predict var
1 2
fldrow fldrow AR1 .1
fldcol fldcol AR1 .1

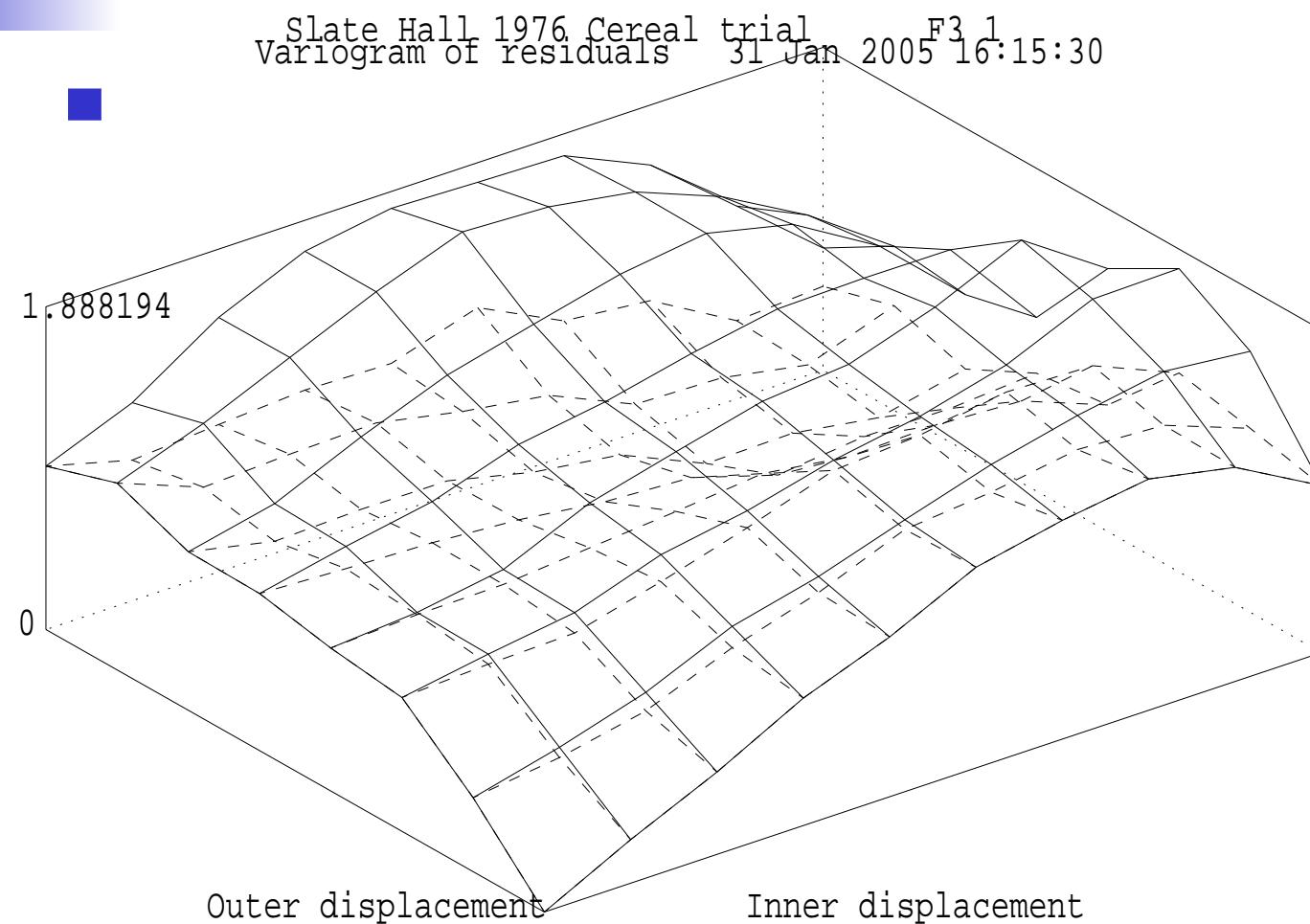
Slate Hall - summary

Model	LogL(l)	$-2\Delta(l)$
RCB	-167.694	2
■ BIB design	-132.134	4
Spatial model	-124.676	3
BIB+Spatial	-124.312	6
■ Spatial correlation model	fits better than the BIB model	

Spatial components

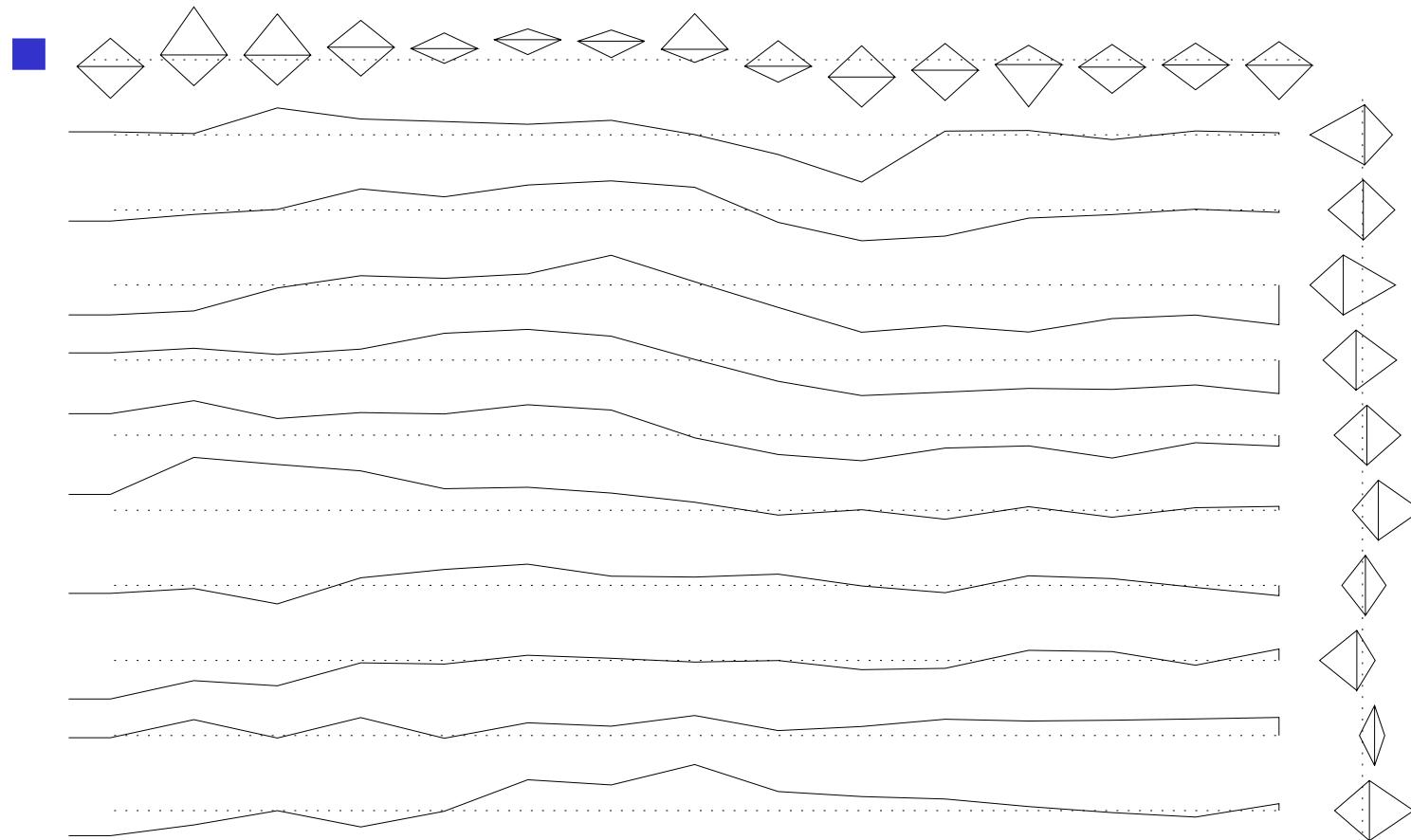
■ Source	terms	Gamma	Component	Comp/SE	%	
rep	6	6	.2003E-05	.724166E-05	0.00	0
latrow	30	30	.6327E-01	.228684	0.71	0
latcol	30	30	.1608E-03	.581362E-03	0.00	0
Variance	150	125	1.000	3.61464	4.28	0
Residual	AutoR	10	.4652	.465209	4.85	0
Residual	AutoR	15	.6741	.674095	8.76	0

Variogram

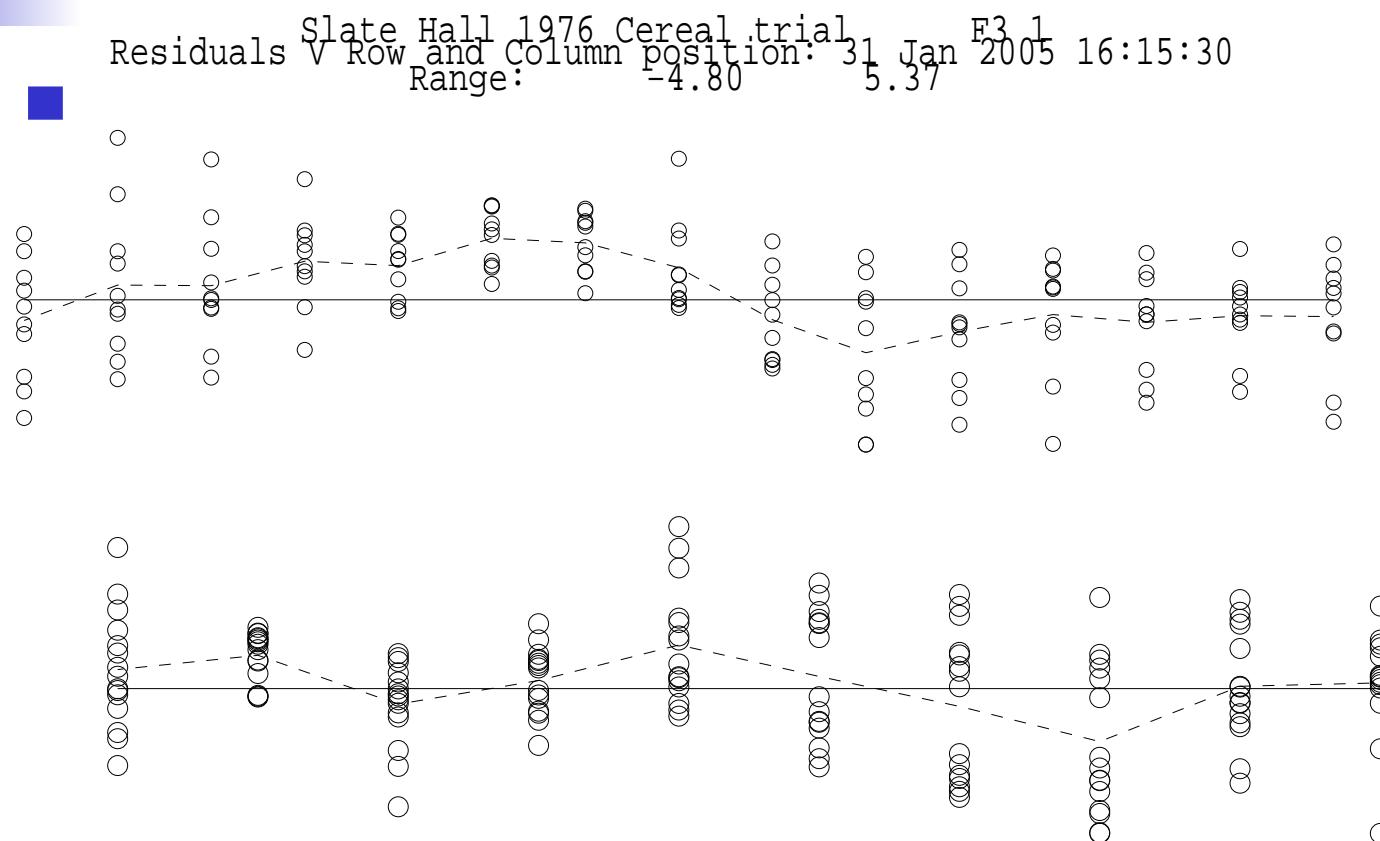


Residual to plan

Slate Hall 1976 Cereal trial
Field plot of residuals 31 Jan 2005 F3 1
Range: -4.80 5.37 16:15:30



row/column





Spatial analysis in Forest Genetic trials.

- Typically not a complete rectangle
 - add missing values to complete the pattern
 - use map points (if < 5000 trees)
- With Tree model, must include Nugget variance
 - either Nugget is residual, spatial is in G or spatial is residual and Nugget is G,
- spatial model typically superior to 'design' model for growth/production traits
 - less so for disease and conformation traits



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Multi environment trial

- In early generational cereal breeding, run several trials with 1 or two replicates of test lines, 20 percent check lines for error estimation.
- More power from fitting as correlated effects across sites.

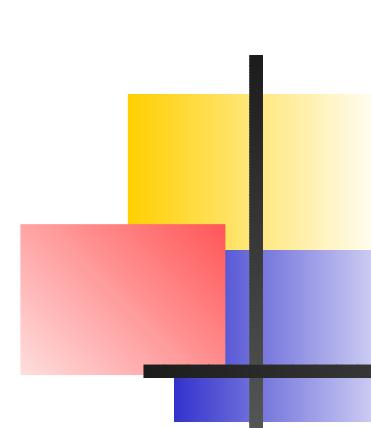
MET in ASReml

■ Three Multi Environment Trial

```
seq  
col 15      # Actually 12 12 and 15 respectively  
row 34      # Actually 34 34 and 28 respectively  
chks 7       # Check 7 is the test lines  
test 336     # coded 0 for check lines  
geno 337  
yld    !*.01  
site 3  
met.dat    !section site
```

Spatial models

```
■ yld ~ site chk.site !r at(site,3).row .02,  
      at(site).col .90 .40 .036 site.test  
site 2    1  
12 col AR1 .1271      !S2=2.19  
34 row AR1 .751  
12 col AR1 .25       !S2=0.84  
34 row AR1 .56  
15 col ID           !S2=0.19  
28 row AR1 .38
```



Model genetic variation

- site.test 2

- site 0 FA1

- .5 .5 .5

- .1 .1 .1

- test

Components

Source	Model	terms	Component	Comp / SE	%
Residual	1236	1213			
at(site,01).col	15	15	0.323302E-05	0.00	0
at(site,02).col	15	15	0.142114	1.32	0
at(site,03).col	15	15	0.446791E-01	1.77	0
at(site,3).row	34	34	0.241380E-01	2.80	0
Variance[1]	408	0	2.60271	5.18	0
Residual	AR=AutoR	12	0.407051	4.45	0
Residual	AR=AutoR	34	0.882580	33.50	0
Variance[2]	408	0	1.00339	8.29	0
Residual	AR=AutoR	12	0.282407	4.84	0
Residual	AR=AutoR	34	0.580701	11.37	0
Variance[3]	420	0	0.105411	5.59	0
Residual	AR=AutoR	28	0.687455	10.14	0

Factor Analytic

■ site.test	FA D(L)	1	1	0.518516	5.35	0
site.test	FA D(L)	1	2	1.13028	2.18	0
site.test	FA D(L)	1	3	0.735010	6.04	0
site.test	FA D(L)	0	1	0.991585	7.99	0
site.test	FA D(L)	0	2	0.731805E-01	1.07	0
site.test	FA D(L)	0	3	0.121810	7.17	0
Covariance/Variance/Correlation			FA D(LL' + E)D			
0.9916	0.5865	0.3811				
0.1579	0.7308E-01	0.8313				
0.1325	0.7844E-01	0.1218				



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C4 Repeated Measures

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Main approaches

- General variance structure
(Multivariate approach)
UnStructured, Autoregressive, EXPponential
regular measurements
- Regression Approach
Longitudinal model
Random regression
irregular measurements



Multivariate approach

- Suited when most animals have most measures
- Repeats are at significant standard times
Say WWT, 200dayWT, 400dayWT, 600dayWT
- Discuss

Multivariate

■ WWT WT200 WT400 WT600 ~Trait Tr.sex,
!r Tr.animal !f Tr.cohort

1 2 1

0

Trait 0 US

10*0

Tr.animal 2

Tr 0 US

10*0

animal 0 AINV

Multivariate

```
■ WWT WT200 WT400 WT600 ~ Trait Tr.sex,  
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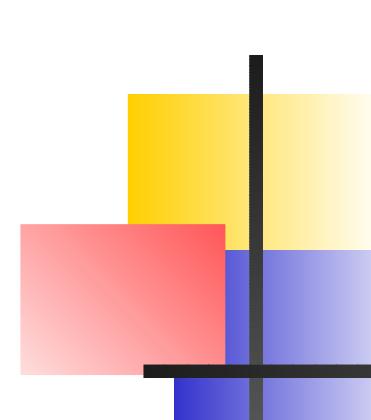
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10*0  
  
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10*0  
animal 0 AINV
```



Random Regression

- Appropriate when
 - there is considerable unbalance in times of measurement
 - there are varying numbers of measurements
 - all animals have multiple measures
- Concept: Regression for each individual consisting of an overall response pattern (fixed) plus an individual (random) adjustment.



RR principles

- This is a reduced parameterization model which must be well formulated
 - mean profile of higher order than random profile - random profile generally low order
- Usually formulated as polynomial but could be low order spline

RR Example

■ !WORK 150

Random regression analysis of emd
animal !P sire 89 !I dam 1052 !I
year 2 !I !V21=V4 !==2 !*-365
flock 5 sex 2 !A aod
tobr 3 !I dob !-14800 !+V21
age wt fat emd

sdf01a.ped !SKIP 1

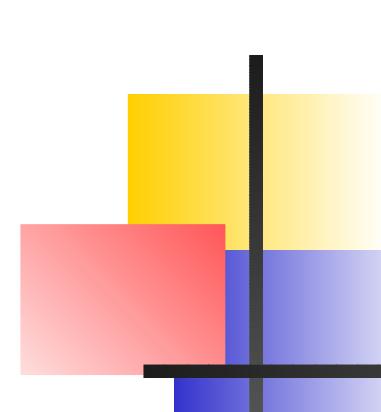
sdfwfml.csv !SKIP 1 !MAXIT 20 !DDF
!FCON !MVremove !DOPART \$1

RR Model

```
■ !PART 1 # Linear RR  
emd ~ mu age year wt sex sex.wt flock,  
      tobr aod dob year.dob year.age,  
      year.sex year.flock year.tobr,  
      sex.dob tobr.dob,  
      !r !{ animal animal.age !} ,  
      !{ ide(animal) ide(animal).age !} ,  
      at(year,1,2).spl(age,20)
```

RR G structure

```
■ 0 0 2  
animal 2  
2 0 US !GP # Intercept and slope  
1.3 0.01 0.01  
animal 0 AINV  
ide(animal) 2# Intercept and slope  
2 0 US !GP  
1.6 0.01 0.03  
ide(animal)
```



Fitting PART 1

- Fixed terms year.age year.sex
year.tobr are NS
- But retain year.age because of the
year.spl terms
- variance of ide(animal).age is at
boundary
- LogL after dropping 3 interactions was
-726.867

Quadratic RR

```
■ !PART 2 # Quadratic RR using pol  
emd ~ mu age year wt sex sex.wt,  
flock tobr aod dob year.dob,  
year.flock sex.dob tobr.dob,  
year.age,  
!r pol(age,2).animal ,  
pol(age,1).ide(animal) ,  
at(year,1,2).spl(age,20)
```

0 0 2

...

PART 2 G structures

- 0 0 2
pol(age,2).animal 2
3 0 US
1.6 .6 .6 .3 .3 .3
animal 0 AINV
pol(age,1).ide(animal)
2 0 US
2.1 .6 1.3
ide(animal)



PART 2

- LogL -643.67 so significant quadratic curvature
- Obtained initial values by ignoring G structure in initial run.

Spline curvature

■ !PART 3

```
!SPLINE spl(age,3) 4 0 6
emd ~ mu age year wt sex sex.wt,
      flock tobr aod dob year.dob,
      year.age year.sex year.flock,
      year.tobr sex.dob tobr.dob,
!r !{ animal animal.age,
      animal.spl(age,3) !},
!{ ide(animal) ide(animal).age,
      ide(animal).spl(age,3) !},
at(year,1,2).spl(age,20)
```

Simpler

■ !PART 4

```
emd ~ mu age year wt sex sex.wt flock,  
tobr aod dob year.dob year.age,  
year.flock year.tobr sex.dob tobbr.dob,  
!r pol(age,2).animal ide(animal) ,  
at(year,1,2).spl(age,20)
```

0 0 1

pol(age,2).animal 2

3 0 US

1.6

6 6



Interpretation

- .res file has pol() coefficients. say T
Form TGT' to get full matrix of variances (all times).