

General linear models (not Generalized linear model)

Linear Model	Common name
$Y = \mu + X$	Simple linear regression
$Y = \mu + A_1$	One-factorial (one-way) ANOVA
$Y = \mu + A_1 + A_2 + A_1 \times A_2$	Two-factorial (two-way) ANOVA
$Y = \mu + A_1 + X (+A_1 \times X)$	Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA)
$Y = \mu + X_1 + X_2 + X_3$	Multiple regression
$Y = \mu + A_1 + g + A_1 \times g$	Mixed model ANOVA
$Y_1 + Y_2 = \mu + A_1 + A_2 + A_1 \times A_2$	Multivariate ANOVA (MANOVA)

Y (response) is a continuous variable  
X (predictor) is a continuous variable  
A represents categorical predictors (factors)  
g represents groups of data (more on this later)  
(+A<sub>1</sub> × X) - step 1 on an ANCOVA, but not in the final analysis  
Multiple factors A<sub>1</sub> + A<sub>2</sub> + etc (and their interactions)

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Understanding and dealing with heterogeneity

Intermediary steps before going fully mixed.....

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Let's start with a problem

Seasonal patterns of investment in reproductive and somatic tissues in the squid *Loligo forbesi*

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**Goal:** study seasonal variation (patterns) in reproductive and somatic tissues (mating is aseasonal).

In which month there is more investment (relative to individual size, i.e., DML) in reproduction?

testis weight (mg)

dorsal mantle length (DML; mm)

month 1

month 2

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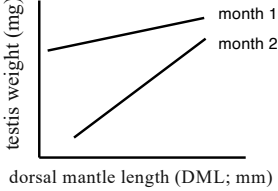
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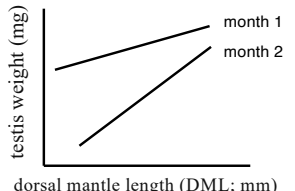
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**Data structure**

	A	B	C	D
1	Specimen	MONTH	DML	Testisweight
2	1017	2	136	0.006
3	1034	9	144	0.008
4	1070	12	108	0.008
5	1070	11	130	0.011
6	1019	8	121	0.012
7	1002	10	117	0.012
8	1001	5	133	0.013
9	1013	7	105	0.015
10	1002	7	109	0.017
11	1006	7	97	0.017
12	1020	9	144	0.022
13	1002	6	141	0.023
14	1039	9	125	0.024
15	1038	9	140	0.026
16	1012	12	128	0.027
17	1037	9	142	0.036
18	1001	6	139	0.036
19	1027	7	145	0.043
20	1003	7	181	0.05
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768 individuals

**Goal:** study seasonal patterns in reproductive and somatic tissues.



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**Model of interest**

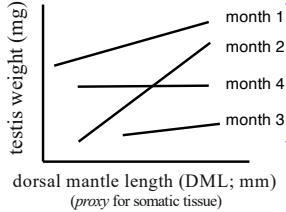
$$\text{TestisWeight} = \text{constant} + \beta_1 \text{DML} + \beta_2 \text{Month} + \beta_3 (\text{DML} \times \text{Mont}) + e$$

continuous variable

continuous variable

categorical variable (factor)

$e \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$



seasonal variation (environmental drivers)?

What component of the model quantifies and test for the variation in slopes across months?

dorsal mantle length (DML; mm)  
(proxy for somatic tissue)

déjà vu

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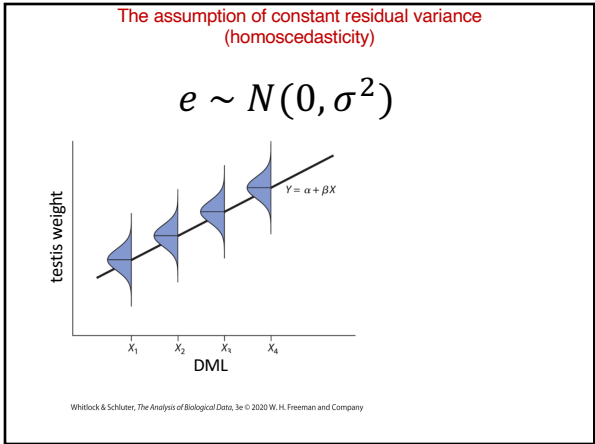
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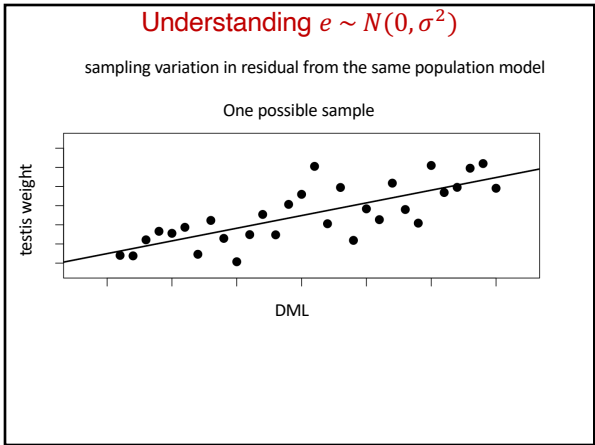
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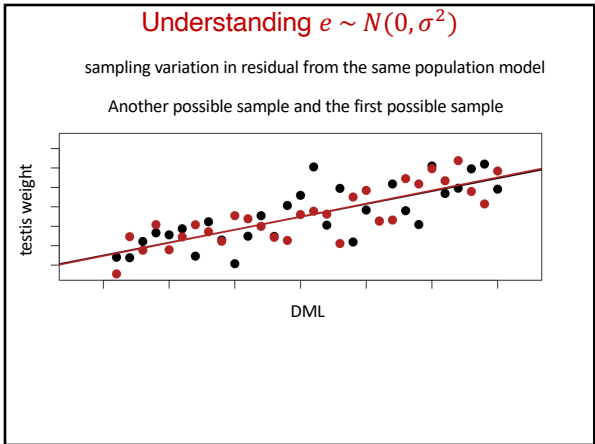
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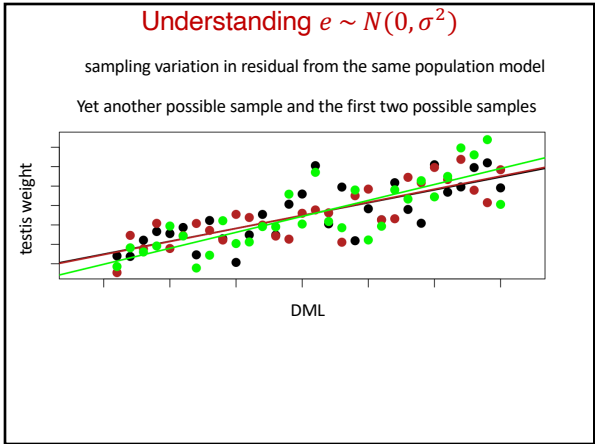
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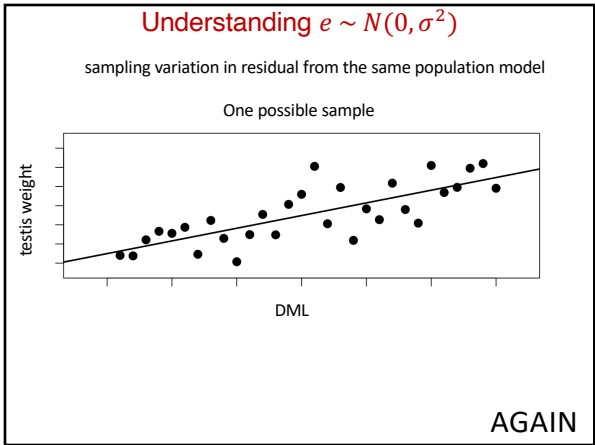
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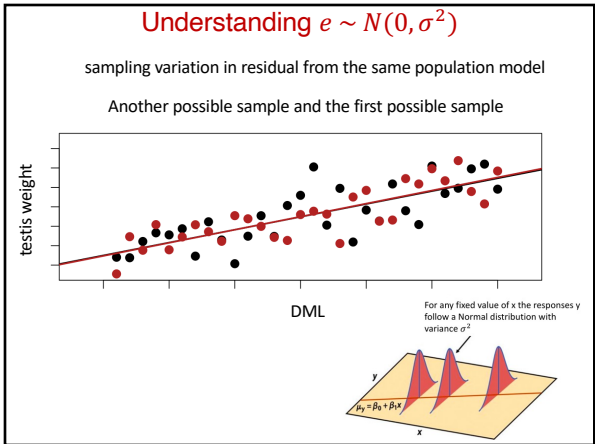
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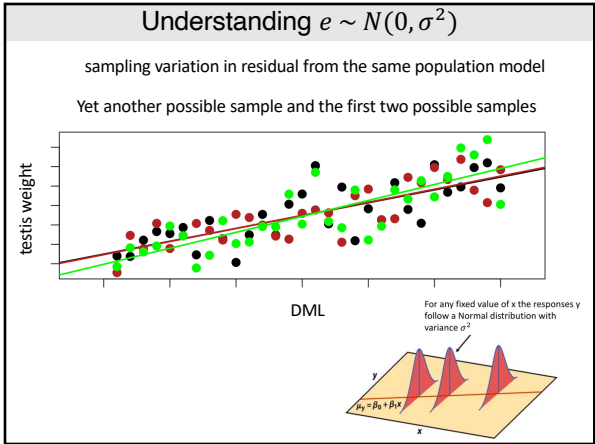
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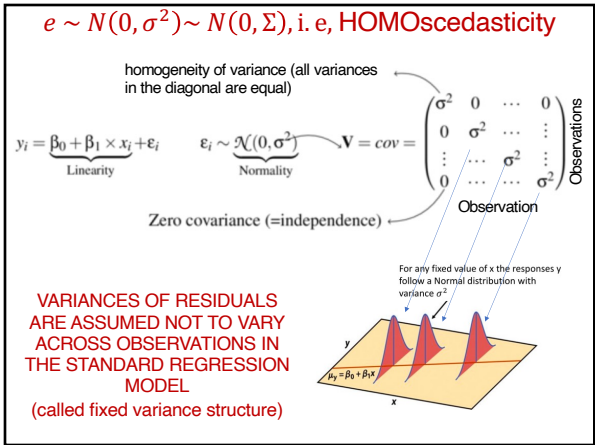
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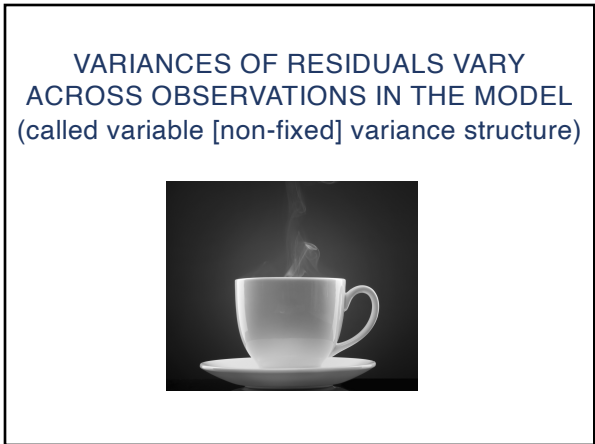
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$e \neq N(0, \sigma^2) \neq N(0, \Sigma)$ , i.e, HETEROScedasticity

Heteroscedasticity (variances in the diagonal are not equal)

$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_i + \varepsilon_i$        $\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

Linearity      Normality

$V = cov = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \sigma_3^2 & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sigma_i^2 \end{pmatrix}$

Observations

Zero covariance (=independence)

VARIANCES OF RESIDUALS VARY ACROSS OBSERVATIONS IN THE MODEL (called variable [non-fixed] variance structure)

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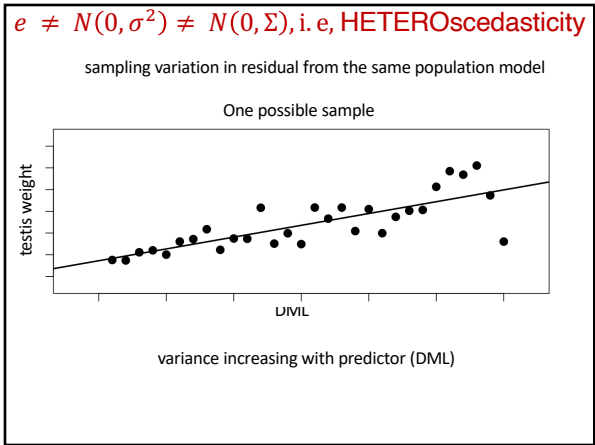
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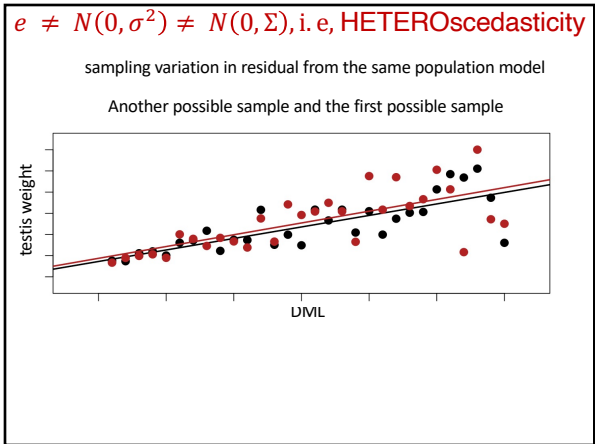
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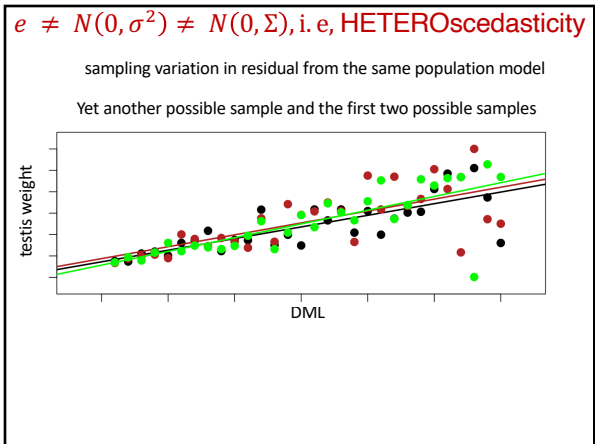
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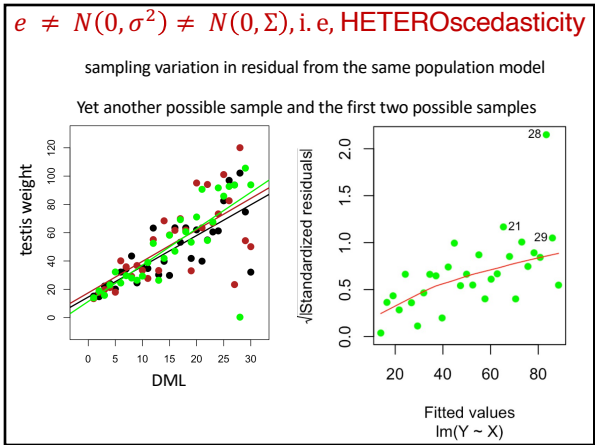
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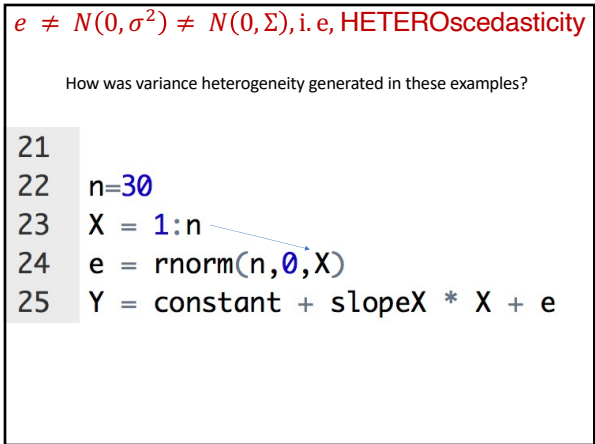
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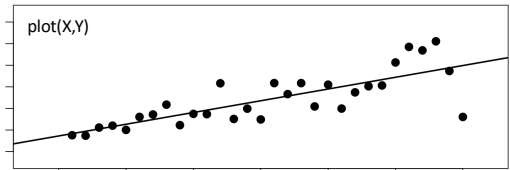
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$e \neq N(0, \sigma^2) \neq N(0, \Sigma)$ , i.e, HETEROScedasticity

How was variance heterogeneity generated in these examples?

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22 n=30
23 X = 1:n
24 e = rnorm(n,0,X)
25 Y = constant + slopeX * X + e
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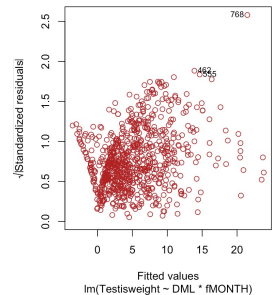
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**Goal:** study seasonal patterns in reproductive and somatic tissues

Going back to the model of interest

TestisWeight = constant +  $\beta_1$ DML +  $\beta_2$ Month +  $\beta_3$ (DML  $\times$  Mont) + e



Residuals are highly heteroscedastic

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> bptest(M1)
studentized Breusch-Pagan test
data: M1
BP = 160.08, df = 23, p-value < 2.2e-16
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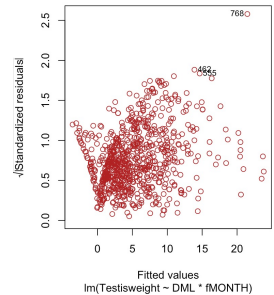
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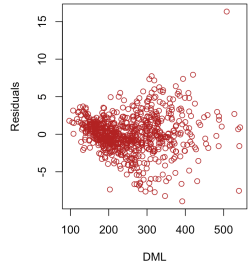
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Variance changes as a function of DML

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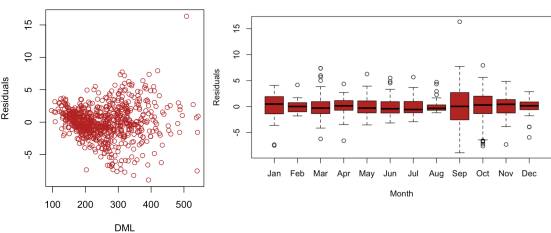
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Variance changes as a function of DML x Month (interaction)

TestisWeight = constant +  $\beta_1$ DML +  $\beta_2$ Month +  $\beta_3$ (DML  $\times$  Month) + e



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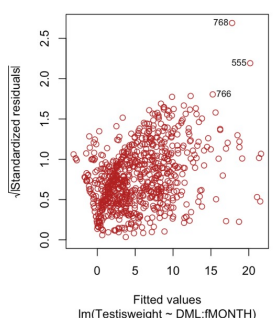
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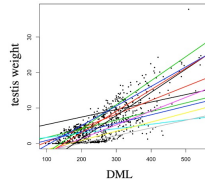
### Variance changes as a function of Month

$$\text{TestisWeight} = \text{constant} + \beta_1 \text{DML} + \beta_2 \text{Month} + \beta_3 (\text{DML} \times \text{Month}) + e$$

$e \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$   This assumption does not hold

If the DML by Month interaction is significant, we know that the slopes of DML change as a function of Month (i.e., ANCOVA).

If the slopes for DML vary across months, assuming a single slope for all data will introduce heteroscedasticity. That is, residuals may be homoscedastic but only within models specific to each month.



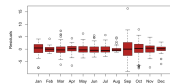
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### Variance changes as a function of Month

$$e_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma_j^2) \quad j = 1, \dots, 12$$

$$\begin{matrix} & \text{Specimen 1} & \dots & \text{Specimen 768} \\ \text{Specimen 1} & e_{ij} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & e_{ij} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & e_{ij} & \vdots \\ \text{Specimen 768} & 0 & \dots & \dots & e_{ij} \end{matrix}$$

Variance-covariance matrix



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### Variance changes as a function of Month

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How is this variance structure included in the model?

Ordinary Least Square GLS (fixed variance):

$$\beta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

Generalized Least Square GLS (variable variance):

$$\beta = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$$

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How to account for variance differences?



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
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 $\beta = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$        $W \sim 1/f(\Sigma)$

$\Sigma =$

Specimen 1	$e_{ij}$	0	...	0
...	0	$e_{ij}$	...	...
...	...	...	$e_{ij}$	...
Specimen 768	0	...	...	$e_{ij}$

Variance-covariance matrix



$W$  is the reciprocal of a function of the variance-covariance matrix, but this function can take different forms (e.g., square root of residuals) or more complex structures. Using the reciprocal, specimens (within months here) with large residual will influence less the regression.

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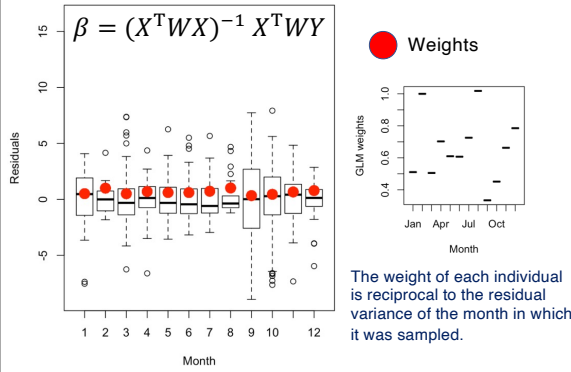
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Variance changes as a function of Month &  
Weights are set inversely (reciprocal) to that variance



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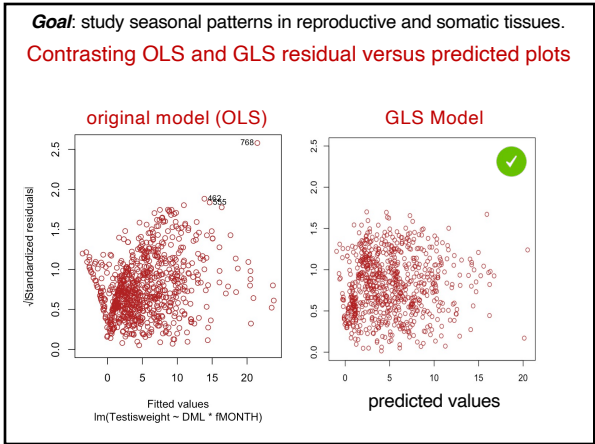
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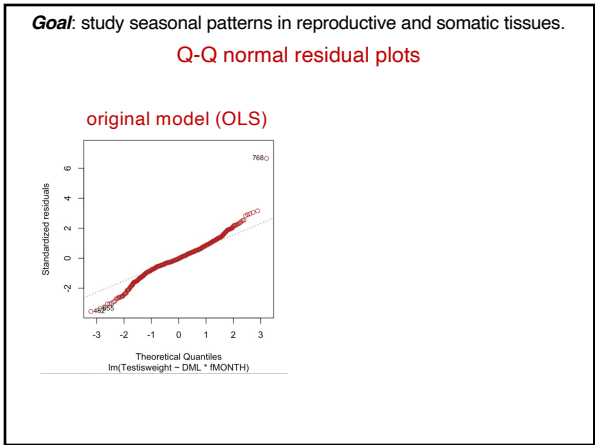
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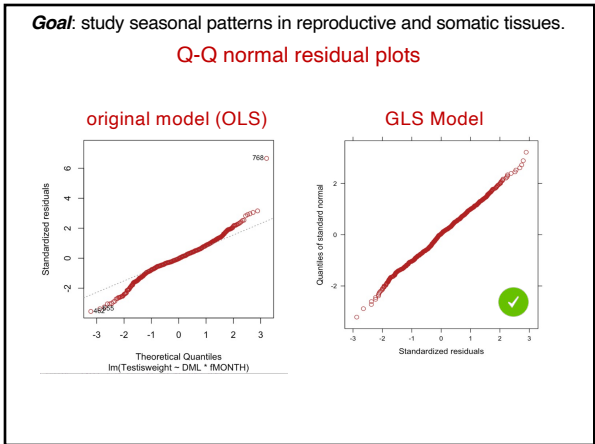
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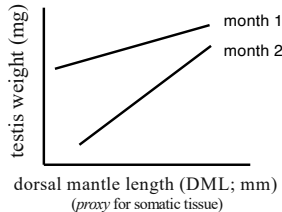
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ANOVA results for GLS model

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> anova(M.gls)
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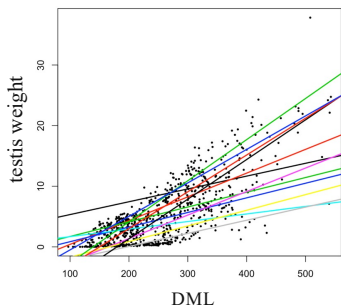
Denom. DF: 744

	numDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	3615.591	<.0001
DML	1	1648.534	<.0001
fMONTH	11	76.560	<.0001
DML : fMONTH	11	28.592	<.0001

$$\text{TestisWeight} = \text{constant} + \beta_1 \text{DML} + \beta_2 \text{Month} + \beta_3 (\text{DML} \times \text{Month}) + e$$

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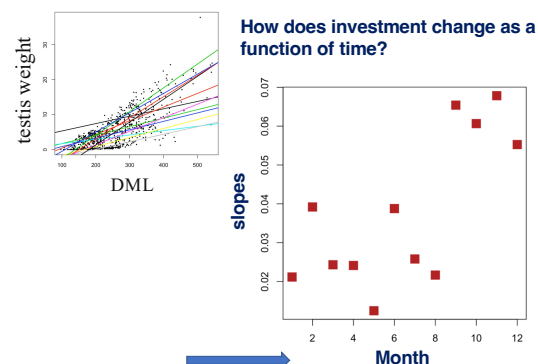
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### Important points

There are many reasons and ways in which residual variance can change, as well as different types of functions (e.g., square root or more complex transformations) that can describe these changes.

We can apply various structures and select the one that best fits the data (to be covered in the next lecture).

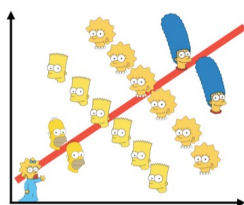
GLS, by itself, is not a mixed model—we will discuss this distinction in detail later. However, GLS is crucial for understanding variance heterogeneity and is often used within mixed-model frameworks.

The example explored here also allows understanding multiple slope variation (or parameter variation) which is essential to understand mixed models.

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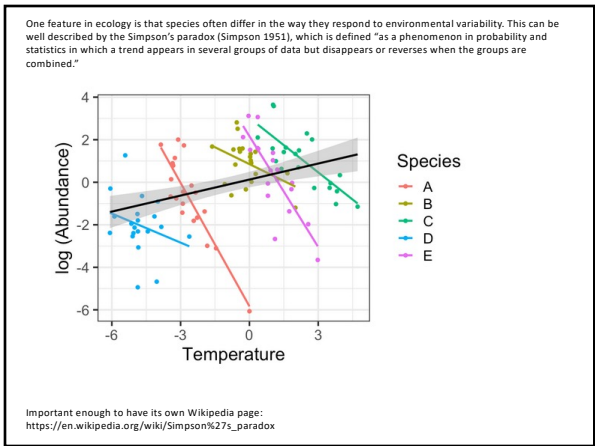
Next: a quick look into the general goals of a mixed model using Simpson's paradox – more on mixed models in the next lectures.

"A phenomenon in probability and statistics in which a trend appears in several groups of data but disappears or reverses when the groups are combined."



Important enough to have its own Wikipedia page:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simpson%27s\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simpson%27s_paradox)

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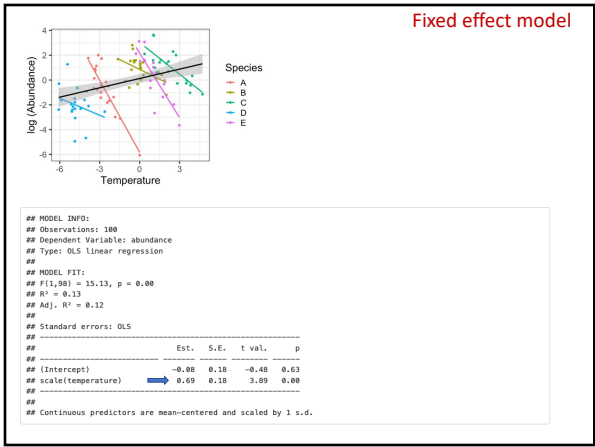
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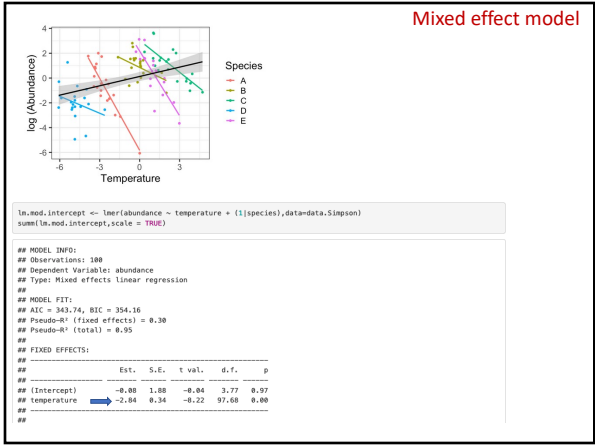
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