

Fecal Fat Example on p.254

The model (from page 256 equation (8.2)) is $\text{FECFAT}_{st} = \mu + \text{SUBJECT}_s + \text{PILLTYPE}_t + \varepsilon_{st}$, for $s = 1 \dots 6$ subjects, $t = 1 \dots 4$ pill-types, $\varepsilon_{st} \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$ and $\text{SUBJECT}_s \sim N(0, \sigma_{\text{subj}}^2)$ - thus subjects are "random".

General Linear Model: fecfat versus subject, pilltype

Factor	Type	Levels	Values
subject	random	6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
pilltype	fixed	4	1, 2, 3, 4

Analysis of Variance for fecfat, using Adjusted SS for Tests

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P
subject	5	5588.4	5588.4	1117.7	10.45	0.000
pilltype	3	2008.6	2008.6	669.5	6.26	0.006
Error	15	1605.0	1605.0	107.0		
Total	23	9202.0				

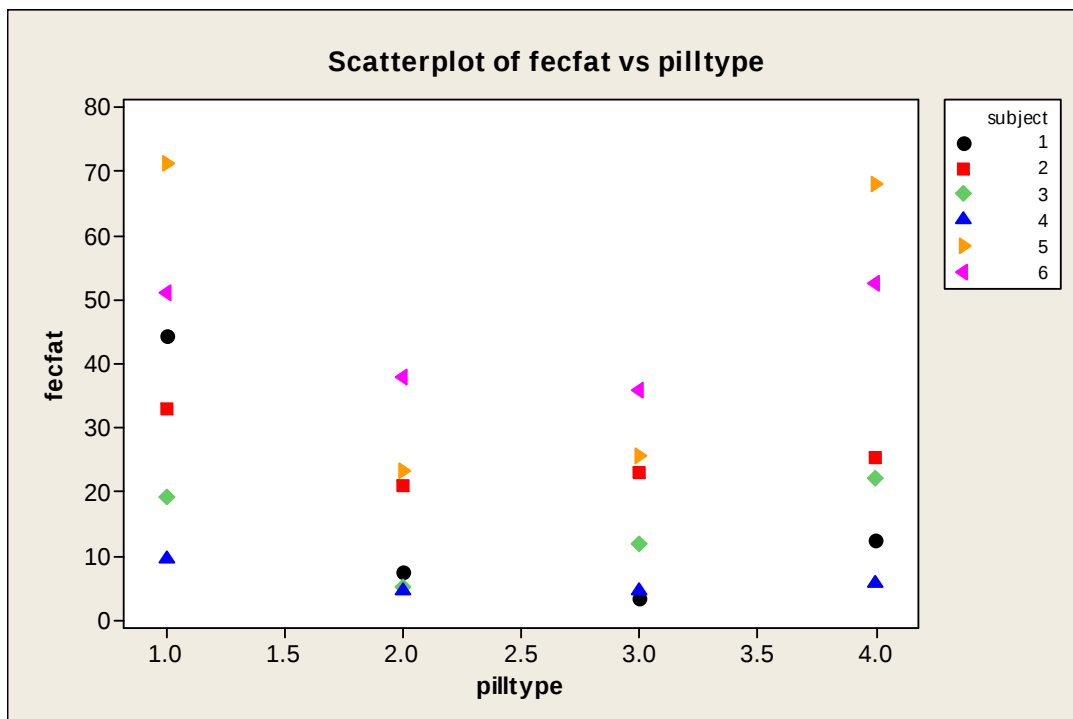
S = 10.3440 R-Sq = 82.56% R-Sq(adj) = 73.26%

Expected Mean Squares, using Adjusted SS

Source	Expected Mean Square for Each Term
1 subject	(3) + 4.0000 (1)
2 pilltype	(3) + Q[2]
3 Error	(3)

Variance Components, using Adjusted SS

Source	Estimated Value
subject	252.7
Error	107.0

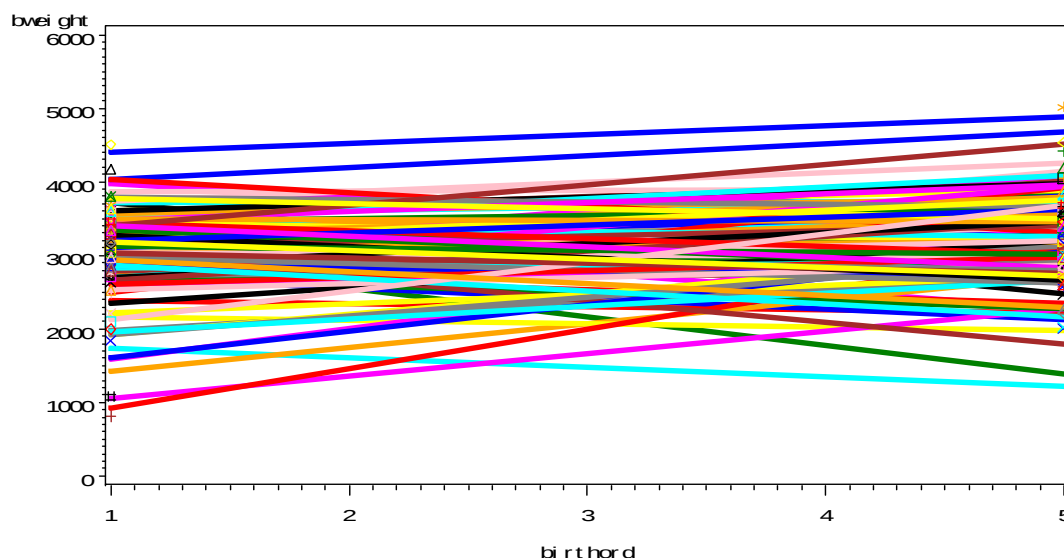


Now, “finish the story” by performing a MCP (MSP = mean separation procedure)

Fecal Fat Multiple Comparisons (using Bonferroni method)

Least Squares Means for fecfat				
pilltype	Mean			
1	38.08			
2	16.53			
3	17.42			
4	31.07			
Bonferroni Simultaneous Tests				
Response Variable fecfat				
All Pairwise Comparisons among Levels of pilltype				
<u>pilltype = 1 subtracted from:</u>				
pilltype	Difference of Means	SE of Difference	T-Value	Adjusted P-Value
2	-21.55	5.972	-3.608	0.0155
3	-20.67	5.972	-3.461	0.0210
4	-7.02	5.972	-1.175	1.0000
<u>pilltype = 2 subtracted from:</u>				
pilltype	Difference of Means	SE of Difference	T-Value	Adjusted P-Value
3	0.8833	5.972	0.1479	1.0000
4	14.5333	5.972	2.4335	0.1676
<u>pilltype = 3 subtracted from:</u>				
pilltype	Difference of Means	SE of Difference	T-Value	Adjusted P-Value
4	13.65	5.972	2.286	0.2235

GA Babies – p.262ff: only examining first- and last-born in families of 5

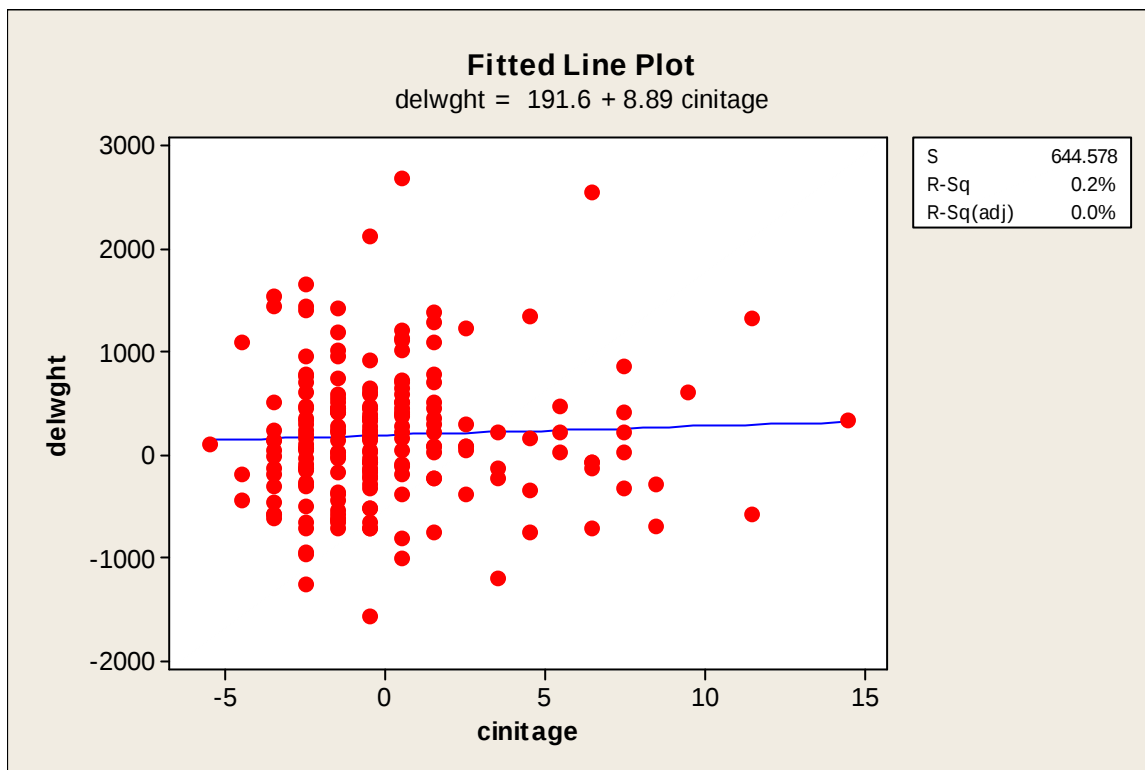


A. Paired t-test**One-Sample T: delwght**Test of $\mu = 0$ vs $\text{not} = 0$

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI	T	P
delwght	200	191.6	643.6	45.5	(101.9, 281.4)	4.21	0.000

B. Now take account of centered initial age (CINITAGE): initial age mean = 17.545 subtracted from each value of initial age

$$\text{Model Function: DELWGHT} = \text{BW5} - \text{BW1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{CINITAGE} + \varepsilon$$

**Regression Analysis: delwght versus cinitage**

The regression equation is
delwght = 192 + 8.9 cinitage

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	191.64	45.58	4.20	0.000
cinitage	8.89	14.16	0.63	0.531

S = 644.578 R-Sq = 0.2% R-Sq(adj) = 0.0%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	163789	163789	0.39	0.531
Residual Error	198	82265157	415481		

- C. A variant of **Repeated Measures (RM) analysis** is performed in Table 8.6 on p.264. The key term is the interaction between birth order and centered initial age (called “_lbirXcini~5”). That this term is non-significant ($p = 0.528$) tells us that the difference in birthweights between the first- and last-born is not related to (centered) initial age, exactly the same question answered in part B above. We get essentially the same results using SAS.

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data three;
  set one; if birthord=1 or birthord=5;
  d5=(birthord=5); d5cinitage=d5*cinitage;
proc genmod data=three;
  class momid;
  model bweight=d5 cinitage d5*cinitage/dist=normal link=identity;
  repeated subject=momid / type=exch;
run;
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The GENMOD Procedure

Model Information

Data Set	WORK.THREE
Distribution	Normal
Link Function	Identity
Dependent Variable	bweight

Number of Observations Read	400
Number of Observations Used	400

Class Level Information

Class	Levels	Values
momid	200	39 62 79 80 84 92 108 113 125 135 199 200 221 247 304 336 547 853 960 1232 1448 1638 1706 1785 1856 2083 2166 2292 2301 2383 2519 2598 2613 2647 2735 2822 2899 2906 2918 2928 3044 3168 3308 3377 3431 3438 3469 3477 3480 3504 3526 3668 3797 3838 3936 ...

Parameter Information

Parameter	Effect
Prm1	Intercept
Prm2	d5
Prm3	cinitage
Prm4	d5*cinitage

Criteria For Assessing Goodness Of Fit

Criterion	DF	Value	Value/DF
Deviance	396	129458162.97	326914.5530
Scaled Deviance	396	400.0000	1.0101
Pearson Chi-Square	396	129458162.97	326914.5530

Scaled Pearson X2		396	400.0000	1.0101		
Log Likelihood			-3105.0562			
Algorithm converged.						
Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates						
Parameter	DF	Estimate	Standard Error	Wald 95% Confidence Limits	Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq
Intercept	1	3016.555	40.2272	2937.711 3095.399	5623.19	<.0001
d5	1	191.6400	56.8898	80.1380 303.1420	11.35	0.0008
cinitage	1	25.1398	12.4992	0.6418 49.6378	4.05	0.0443
d5*cinitage	1	8.8918	17.6765	-25.7536 43.5372	0.25	0.6149
Scale	1	568.8984	20.1136	530.8114 609.7183		
NOTE: The scale parameter was estimated by maximum likelihood.						
GEE Model Information						
Correlation Structure			Exchangeable			
Subject Effect			momid (200 levels)			
Number of Clusters			200			
Correlation Matrix Dimension			2			
Maximum Cluster Size			2			
Minimum Cluster Size			2			
Algorithm converged.						
Exchangeable Working Correlation						
Correlation			0.3682623519			
Analysis Of GEE Parameter Estimates						
Empirical Standard Error Estimates						
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	95% Confidence Limits		Z	Pr > Z
Intercept	3016.555	40.3205	2937.528	3095.582	74.81	<.0001
d5	191.6400	45.3501	102.7555	280.5245	4.23	<.0001
cinitage	25.1398	12.2092	1.2101	49.0695	2.06	0.0395
d5*cinitage	8.8918	15.1661	-20.8332	38.6168	0.59	0.5577

D. Finally, let's regress BW5 on CINITAGE and BW1 (see p.265) via

$$\text{Model Function: } BW5 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * CINITAGE + \beta_2 * BW1 + \varepsilon$$

Regression Analysis: bw5 versus cinitage, bw1

The regression equation is

$$bw5 = 2114 + 24.9 \text{ cinitage} + 0.363 \text{ bw1}$$

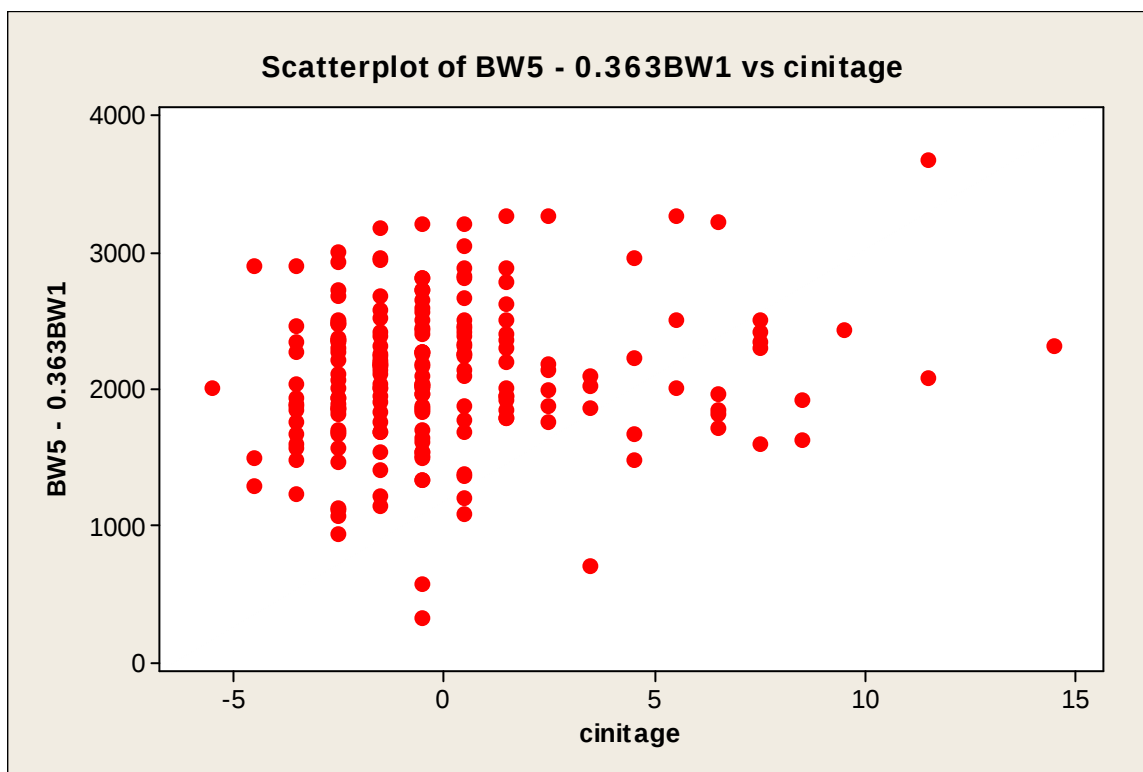
Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	2113.6	202.7	10.43	0.000
cinitage	24.91	11.82	2.11	0.036
bw1	0.36286	0.06604	5.49	0.000

S = 532.527 R-Sq = 16.4% R-Sq(adj) = 15.6%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	2	10961363	5480682	19.33	0.000
Residual Error	197	55866154	283585		
Total	199	66827517			

Note that β_2 above is estimated to be 0.363, so we let $Y = BW5 - 0.363 \cdot BW1$ in the following graph, and now note the significant relationship with CINITAGE ($p = 0.036$).



The above results notwithstanding, the authors recommend against using first-born birthweight as a covariate in observational studies such as this one (see discussion on p.265 center and bottom). In this case, we would conclude that the difference between first- and last-born birthweights does not depend upon the initial age of the mother. But, the conclusion is really secondary here – here, the authors are demonstrating that there are several methods to analyze repeated measures data. Obviously, the only one of these that is useful when we have more than two time-points is the third method (repeated measures) above; this method is called the GEE method, short for Generalized Estimating Equations. The authors claim that it is preferred as it is “robust”, that is, it assumes no specific variance-covariance pattern.