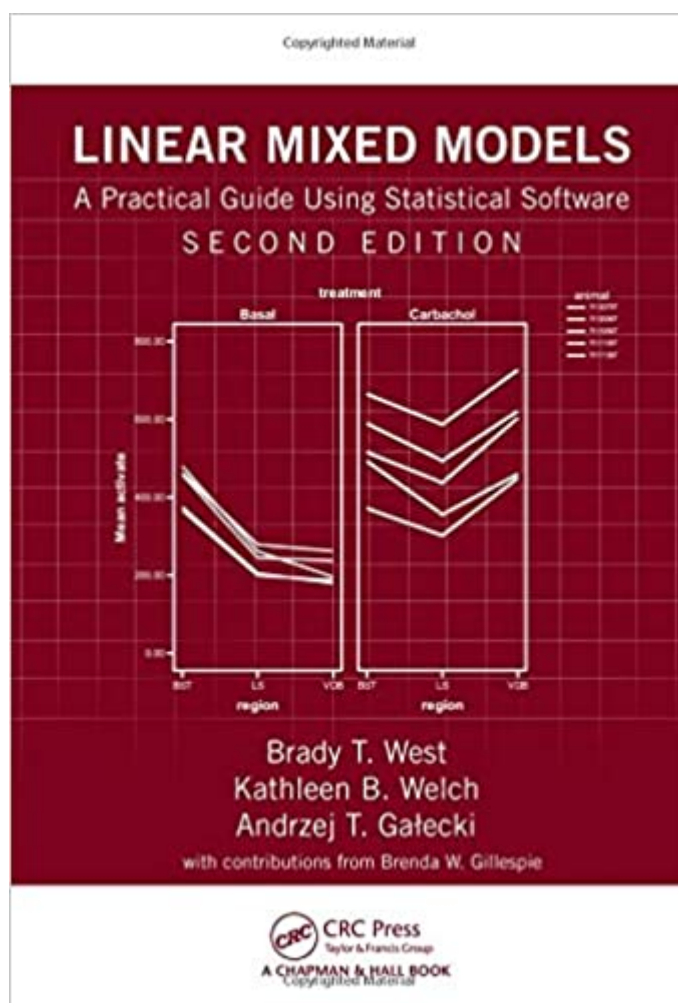


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Linear Mixed Models: A Practical Guide Using Statistical Software, Second Edition



Synopsis

Highly recommended by JASA, Technometrics, and other journals, the first edition of this bestseller showed how to easily perform complex linear mixed model (LMM) analyses via a variety of software programs. *Linear Mixed Models: A Practical Guide Using Statistical Software, Second Edition* continues to lead readers step by step through the process of fitting LMMs. This second edition covers additional topics on the application of LMMs that are valuable for data analysts in all fields. It also updates the case studies using the latest versions of the software procedures and provides up-to-date information on the options and features of the software procedures available for fitting LMMs in SAS, SPSS, Stata, R/S-plus, and HLM. **New to the Second Edition** A new chapter on models with crossed random effects that uses a case study to illustrate software procedures capable of fitting these models Power analysis methods for longitudinal and clustered study designs, including software options for power analyses and suggested approaches to writing simulations Use of the lmer() function in the lme4 R package New sections on fitting LMMs to complex sample survey data and Bayesian approaches to making inferences based on LMMs Updated graphical procedures in the software packages Substantially revised index to enable more efficient reading and easier location of material on selected topics or software options More practical recommendations on using the software for analysis A new R package (WWGbook) that contains all of the data sets used in the examples Ideal for anyone who uses software for statistical modeling, this book eliminates the need to read multiple software-specific texts by covering the most popular software programs for fitting LMMs in one handy guide. The authors illustrate the models and methods through real-world examples that enable comparisons of model-fitting options and results across the software procedures.

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"I can recommend the book even for owners of the first edition. | I can highly recommend this book for all readers who are interested in having a quick reference guide for various procedures regarding LMMs at hand. It covers a lot of different situations in which LMMs are applied and it shows the use of the most commonly used software packages in all of these different settings." •Biometrical Journal, 2015 | a broad and accessible reference of linear models. The authors did an excellent job making substantial revisions in this edition. | The literature review is relevant and thorough for low-dimensional cases. The chapters are nicely structured, well presented, and motivated. | The main strength of the book is that it offers many numerical examples that are based on real data sets emerging from a host of research. | equally attractive to practitioners, graduate students, and researchers." •Technometrics, February 2015 Praise for the First Edition: | a good overview of the main types or variants of LMMs available. Furthermore, the book also gives a very well-balanced treatment to five mainstream software packages used to fit the LMMs used in each example. The treatment of the examples is done in a rather thorough way, very useful for practitioners. This book is thus highly recommended to all those who are mainly interested in learning how to fit a specific LMM to their data or willing to learn what kinds of data and for what kind of situations LMMs may be fit and adequate. It may also be a very good starting point for those willing to get a more in-depth knowledge of LMMs | a very useful manual for the application of LMMs, which will contribute beyond any doubt to the development of work in this and related areas." •Carlos A. Coelho and Abel M. Rodrigues, Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice, 2012 "In this book the authors take on the herculean task of demonstrating how to perform complex LMM analyses with five programs: HLM, R/S+PLUS, SAS, SPSS, and Stata. It is much more than a software manual; through the use of excellent introductory material and details given throughout, it provides a solid introduction to LMM analysis. | Software-oriented books can quickly become dated, but the [book's] website <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~bwest/almussp.html> appears to keep up with new developments | this book is a tremendous contribution to the field of applied mixed modeling. It is much more than a software manual. It is well organized, has minimal typographical errors, and contains a complete index. It could easily serve as a reference guide. Anyone working with LMMs should seriously consider obtaining this book." •Technometrics, May

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This may be the most understandable text on mixed models that I've read. The worked examples and specific instructions for the different software packages make it invaluable for those with a background in applied statistics who may lack the foundation of a masters degree in statistics.

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models, but not so much as to overwhelm those, such as myself, whose mathematical expertise is imperfect. The authors show how to use several statistical packages, including R, SAS, and Stata, to do the analyses

The book has been very helpful while writing my dissertation. I don't know what I would have done without it!

It was great!

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