

# Analysis of Covariance in R

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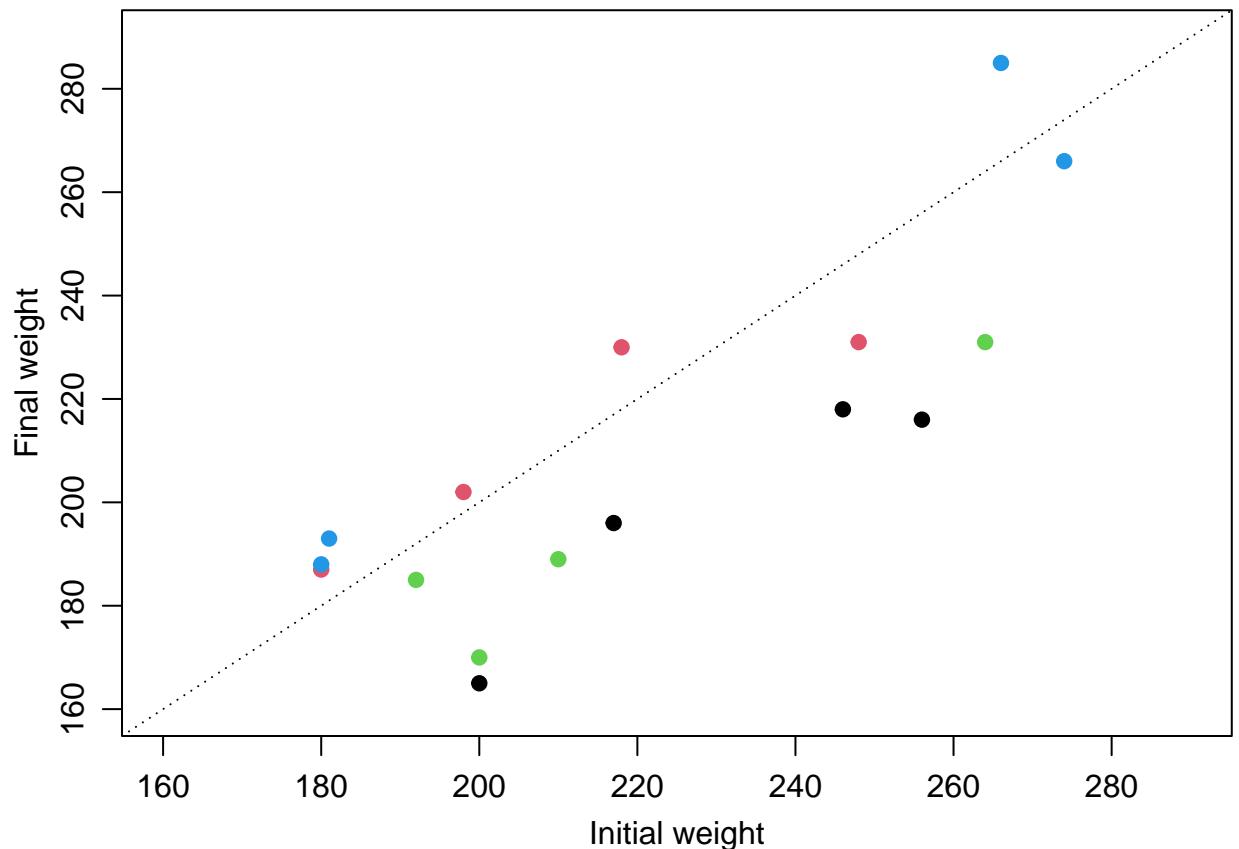
## Analysis of the deLury toxicology data using ANCOVA and related methods

The data are in delury.xlsx. Load libraries, read the data, and define drug as a factor.

```
library(readxl)
library(emmeans)

rat <- read_excel('.../.../data/delury.xlsx')
rat$trt.f <- factor(rat$treatment)
```

Look at the data, with colors indicating different treatments. Code in delury.r



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**ANCOVA** Fit the ANCOVA model using PRE as the covariate (same slope for all drugs). Test equality of drugs, after adjusting to same value of PRE.

```

rat.lm <- lm(final ~ initial + trt.f, data=rat)
anova(rat.lm)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: final
##           Df  Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## initial     1 11237.2 11237.2 106.033 5.513e-07 ***
## trt.f       3  3989.0  1329.7 12.547 0.0007138 ***
## Residuals  11   1165.8   106.0
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

Q to think about: If you only want a test of drugs (trt.f) at the same initial value, why is anova() reasonable here?

My answer, because trt.f is last in the model, so type I and type III tests are identical.

Estimate adjusted means. Test equality of adjusted means. Type III test using joint\_tests() gives same result as the ANOVA.

```

rat.emm <- emmeans(rat.lm, 'trt.f')
rat.emm

##  trt.f emmean    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1      191 5.20 11      179      202
##  2      221 5.21 11      209      232
##  3      197 5.16 11      186      209
##  4      229 5.16 11      218      240
## 
## Confidence level used: 0.95

```

```

# or summary(rat.emm, infer=c(T,F))
joint_tests(rat.emm)

```

```

##  model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##  trt.f       3   11  12.547  0.0007

```

Can follow up with contrasts, pairwise comparisons, or other “after the ANOVA” analyses, just as if there were no covariate.

By default, the emmeans are for initial = overall average. Here that's initial = 220.625. You can change that by add at=list( variable = value, variable = value) to the emmeans() call.

```
mean(rat$initial)
```

```
## [1] 220.625
```

```

rat.emm <- emmeans(rat.lm, 'trt.f',
  at=list(initial = 220.625) )
# same as default
rat.emm

##  trt.f emmean    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1      191 5.20 11      179      202
##  2      221 5.21 11      209      232
##  3      197 5.16 11      186      209
##  4      229 5.16 11      218      240
## 
## Confidence level used: 0.95

```

```

rat.emm2 <- emmeans(rat.lm, 'trt.f',
  at=list(initial = 180) )
rat.emm2

##  trt.f emmean   SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1      156 6.57 11     142     171
##  2      186 5.74 11     173     199
##  3      163 5.95 11     149     176
##  4      194 6.35 11     180     208
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
joint_tests(rat.emm2)

##  model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##  trt.f      3  11  12.547  0.0007

```

Because the lines are parallel, the test of drug effects gives the same result for any choice of covariate value. Notice the test result at initial=180 is the same as the default, for initial = 220.625.

**Heterogeneous regression lines** You specify different slopes as an interaction between the covariate and the treatment factor.

```
rat.lm2 <- lm(final ~ initial + trt.f + initial:trt.f, data=rat)
```

The easiest way to get a type III test of drug effects is to use emmeans. anova() no longer gives you that, even if you try to write the model as initial + initial:trt.f + trt.f, to put the factor of interest last. R will reorder the terms to put the interaction after the component main effects. anova() does give you the type III test of initial:trt.f, i.e. equality of slopes.

```
rat.emm2 <- emmeans(rat.lm2, 'trt.f')
```

```
## NOTE: Results may be misleading due to involvement in interactions
```

```
rat.emm2
```

```

##  trt.f emmean   SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1      191 6.04  8     177     204
##  2      219 5.99  8     205     233
##  3      197 5.65  8     184     210
##  4      229 5.62  8     216     242
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
anova(rat.lm2)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: final
##              Df  Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## initial       1 11237.2 11237.2 89.8295 1.265e-05 ***
## trt.f         3  3989.0 1329.7 10.6294  0.003648 **
## initial:trt.f 3   165.0   55.0  0.4397  0.730901
## Residuals     8  1000.8   125.1
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
joint_tests(rat.emm2)

```

```
##  model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##  trt.f      3   8  9.672  0.0049
```

You can explicitly see what value of initial is being used to compute these emmeans by adding that variable to the reference grid. Note that emmeans will round the value when reporting the table. The actual value is 220.625.

```
emmeans(rat.lm2, c('trt.f', 'initial'))
```

```
##  trt.f initial emmean    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1        221    191 6.04  8     177    204
##  2        221    219 5.99  8     205    233
##  3        221    197 5.65  8     184    210
##  4        221    229 5.62  8     216    242
##
##  ## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

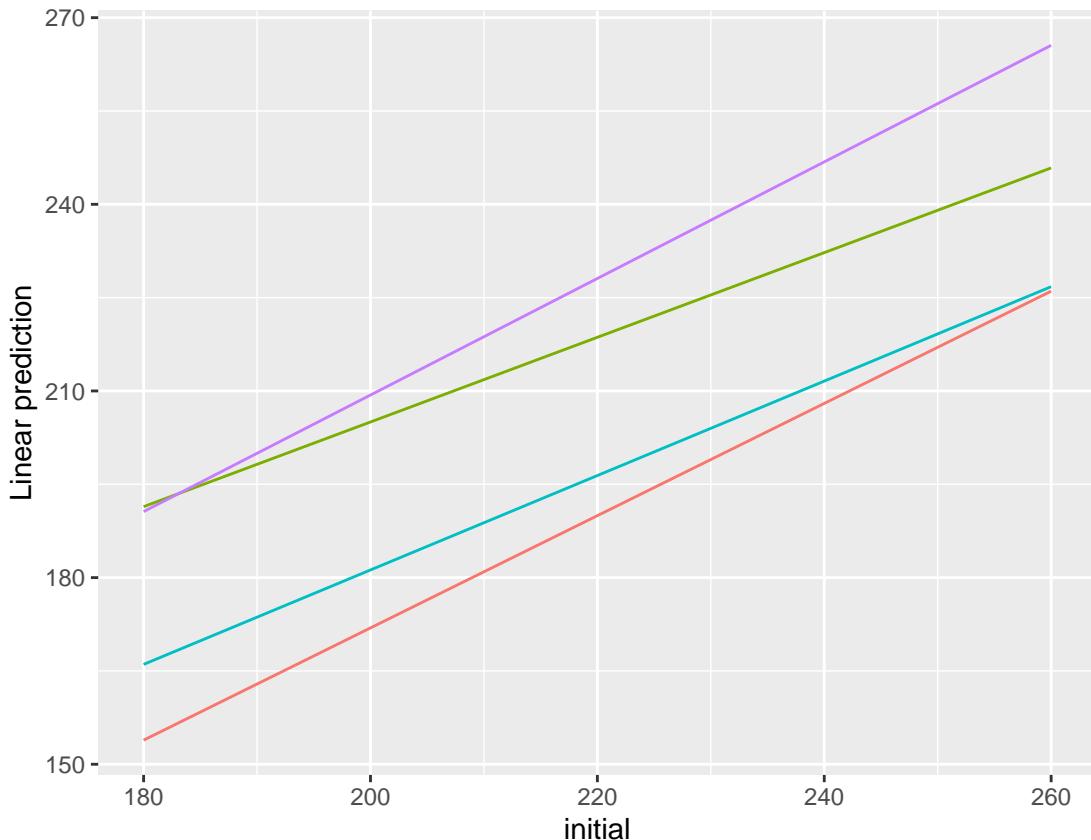
As before, you specify the desired value of the covariate by adding at=. If you give a vector of values, you get predictions at each of the specified values.

```
rat.emm3 <- emmeans(rat.lm2, c('trt.f', 'initial'), at=list(initial=c(180,200, 220, 240, 260)))
rat.emm3
```

```
##  trt.f initial emmean    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
##  1        180    154 13.64  8     122    185
##  2        180    191 8.86  8     171    212
##  3        180    166 9.16  8     145    187
##  4        180    191 7.94  8     172    209
##  1        200    172 9.31  8     150    193
##  2        200    205 6.10  8     191    219
##  3        200    181 6.48  8     166    196
##  4        200    209 6.42  8     195    224
##  1        220    190 6.10  8     176    204
##  2        220    219 5.94  8     205    232
##  3        220    196 5.64  8     183    209
##  4        220    228 5.63  8     215    241
##  1        240    208 6.15  8     194    222
##  2        240    232 8.52  8     213    252
##  3        240    212 7.28  8     195    228
##  4        240    247 5.89  8     233    260
##  1        260    226 9.41  8     204    248
##  2        260    246 12.21 8     218    274
##  3        260    227 10.29 8     203    250
##  4        260    266 7.08  8     249    282
##
##  ## Confidence level used: 0.95
```

This set of combinations of initial values and treatment levels is especially useful if you want to plot the curves or test equality of drugs at each of the specified initial values:

```
emmip(rat.emm3, trt.f ~ initial)
```



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```
joint_tests(rat.emm3, by='initial')

## initial = 180:
##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3     8    3.144  0.0867
##
## initial = 200:
##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3     8    6.118  0.0182
##
## initial = 220:
##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3     8    9.615  0.0050
##
## initial = 240:
##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3     8    8.493  0.0072
##
## initial = 260:
##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3     8    5.209  0.0276
```

To estimate the slopes, use the emtrends() function:

```
rat.emm4 <- emtrends(rat.lm2, 'trt.f', var='initial')
rat.emm4

##   trt.f initial.trend    SE df lower.CL upper.CL
```

```

## 1          0.902 0.250 8    0.325      1.48
## 2          0.681 0.222 8    0.170      1.19
## 3          0.759 0.199 8    0.301      1.22
## 4          0.937 0.125 8    0.649      1.22
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95

```

The first two arguments are the lm model and the name of the factor variable (or variables). var= specifies the name of the covariate.

In the most recent versions of emmeans, you can test equality of slopes easily once you have the slopes for each group (the emtrends result):

```
joint_tests(rat.emm4)
```

```

##   model term df1 df2 F.ratio p.value
##   trt.f      3   8   0.440  0.7309

```

**Fitting quadratic models** This can be done two ways, by calculating a variable containing the squared term or by specifying a quadratic effect in the lm() model. If you want to specify a computation in a model formula, you need to protect it'' by enclosing inI( )'', e.g., I(initial^2). Since R doesn't easily give type III tests of regression parameters, the best way to test a quadratic term is to do a t-test on the estimate, using summary().

```

rat$initial2 <- rat$initial^2

quad.lm1 <- lm(final ~ trt.f + initial + initial2, data=rat)
summary(quad.lm1)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = final ~ trt.f + initial + initial2, data = rat)
##
## Residuals:
##       Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max 
## -14.609 -6.371 -1.259  6.163 15.559 
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) -2.350e+02  2.692e+02 -0.873  0.40304  
## trt.f2       3.127e+01  7.700e+00  4.061  0.00228 ** 
## trt.f3       7.961e+00  7.660e+00  1.039  0.32311  
## trt.f4       4.514e+01  1.085e+01  4.161  0.00195 ** 
## initial      2.986e+00  2.411e+00  1.238  0.24394  
## initial2     -4.733e-03  5.354e-03 -0.884  0.39743  
## ---        
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 10.4 on 10 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.934, Adjusted R-squared:  0.9011 
## F-statistic: 28.32 on 5 and 10 DF,  p-value: 1.346e-05

quad.lm2 <- lm(final ~ trt.f + initial + I(initial^2), data=rat)
summary(quad.lm2)

##
## Call:

```

```

## lm(formula = final ~ trt.f + initial + I(initial^2), data = rat)
##
## Residuals:
##    Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max 
## -14.609 -6.371 -1.259  6.163 15.559 
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## Coefficients:
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## trt.f4       4.514e+01  1.085e+01  4.161  0.00195 ** 
## initial      2.986e+00  2.411e+00  1.238  0.24394  
## I(initial^2) -4.733e-03  5.354e-03 -0.884  0.39743  
## --- 
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 
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```

**Differences** Compute the difference then use ANOVA methods from previous weeks.

```

rat$diff <- rat$final - rat$initial
rat.lmdiff <- lm(diff ~ trt.f, data=rat)

```