Summary

This paper considers various forms of random-effects models for binary data. It concludes that parameter attenuation is a statistical illusion attributable to sampling bias and ambiguous notation. A new random-effects model makes it clear that the conditional distribution of $Y_i$ given $X_i=x$ is not the same as the marginal distribution of $Y$-values in stratum $x$. Implications for likelihood calculations and estimating equations are described.

The paper can be downloaded from:

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