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ETC3580: Advanced Statistical Modelling

Week 8: Mixed Effect Models for non-Gaussian Responses

Generalized Linear Mixed Models

- Combine GLMs with random effects
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- $\mathrm{E}(y_i) = \mu_i$
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$$L(\beta, \phi, \boldsymbol{D}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \int f(y_i|\beta, \phi, \gamma) h(\gamma|\boldsymbol{D})$$

- Can only solve integrals if f and h both normal

Numerical integration of likelihood

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- Use numerical integration to approximate integrals
- More accurate than PQL
- Can be slow or impossible for complex models
- Inference will be problematic, as for MLE with LMMs

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- fast
- approximate inference
- biased estimates, esp. for binary data or low counts
- even worse inference than regular LMM

Bayesian methods

- Much more accurate inference
- Allow for prior information and flexibility
- Usually take more computation
- Inferential form different
- Require additional software (either INLA or STAN).