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The generalized linear model (GzLM) is a flexible generalization of ordinary least squares regression. The GzLM generalizes linear regression by allowing the linear model to be related to the response variable via a link function and by allowing the magnitude of the variance of each measurement to be a function of its predicted value.

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1.2 Generalized Model(GzLM)

Nelder and Wedderburn (1972) integrated the previously disparate and separate approaches to models for non-normal cases in a framework called "generalized linear models." The key elements of their approach is to describe any given model in terms

of it's link function and it's variance function.

1.2.1 What is a GzLM

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) = \boldsymbol{\mu} = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \tag{1.1}$$

where $E(Y)$ is the expected value of Y, $X\beta$ is the linear predictor, a linear combination of unknown parameters,β and g is the link function.

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) = \text{V}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \text{V}(g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}))$$

1.2.2 GzLM Structure

The GzLM consists of three elements.

1. A probability distribution from the exponential family.

2. A linear predictor $\eta = X\beta$.

3. A link function g such that $E(Y) = \mu = g^{-1}(eta)$.

1.2.3 Link Function

Definition 1 : The link function provides the relationship between the linear predictor and the mean of the distribution function. There are many commonly used link functions, and their choice can be somewhat arbitrary. It can be convenient to match the domain of the link function to the range of the distribution function's mean.

Definition 2 : A link function is the function that links the linear model specified in the design matrix, where columns represent the beta parameters and rows the real parameters.

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τ, called the dispersion parameter, typically is known and is usually related to the variance of the distribution.

1.2.6 Iteratively weighted least square

IWLS is used to find the maximum likelihood estimates of a generalized linear model. Definition: An iterative algorithm for fitting a linear model in the case where the data may contain outliers that would distort the parameter estimates if other estimation procedures were used. The procedure uses weighted least squares, the influence of an outlier being reduced by giving that observation a small weight. The weights chosen in one iteration are related to the magnitudes of the residuals in the previous iteration with a large residual earning a small weight.

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The Generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) extend classical mixed models to non-normal outcome data.

In statistics, a generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) is a particular type of mixed model. It is an extension to the generalized linear model in which the linear predictor contains random effects in addition to the usual fixed effects. These random effects are usually assumed to have a normal distribution.

Fitting such models by maximum likelihood involves integrating over these random effects.

1.4 Assessment of Agreements in Linear and Generalized Linear Mixed Models

- Study of measuring agreement is intend to evaluate whether the readings from one rater/ measurement agree with those from other raters/measurements. In this dissertation, we are going to present a general method to assess agreement for a large variety of data with repeated measurements using linear and generalized linear mixed models.

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- Furthermore, our method has the merit of handling missing values and covariates

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- Simulations for both linear and generalized linear mixed models are conducted to show the accuracy and effectiveness of our approaches. In the end, two industry datasets are evaluated using our approach.

- One is the cardiac function measurements used to determine the agreement between impedance cardiography and radionuclide ventriculography estimates, and the other one is an antihypertensive patch dataset given by FDA for assessing individual bioequivalence.

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Maximum likelihood estimation is used to estimate the parameters. The REML estimation is not considered since it does not lead to a joint distribution of the estimates of fixed effects and random effects parameters, upon which the assessment of agreement is based.

Chapter 2

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Mixed Effects Models are seen as especially robust in the analysis of unbalanced data when compared to similar analyses done under the General Linear Model framework

(Pinheiro and Bates, 2000).

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2.2.1 Equivalence of LME model

Henderson's mixed model equations are presented on page 147 of Youngjo et al. Youngjo et al demonstrate that this formulation is equivalent to an augmented general linear model.

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2.3 The LME model as a general linear model

Henderson's equations in (??) can be rewritten $(T'W^{-1}T)\delta = T'W^{-1}y_a$ using

$$\delta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \ y_a = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}, \ T = \begin{pmatrix} X & Z \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}, \ \text{and } W = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix},$$

where **?** describe $\psi = 0$ as quasi-data with mean $\mathrm{E}(\psi) = b$. Their formulation suggests that the joint estimation of the coefficients β and b of the linear mixed effects model can be derived via a classical augmented general linear model $y_a = T\delta + \varepsilon$ where $\mathrm{E}(\varepsilon) = 0$ and $\mathrm{var}(\varepsilon) = W$, with *both* β and b appearing as fixed parameters. The usefulness of this reformulation of an LME as a general linear model will be revisited.

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2.5 Generalized Least Squares

Generalized least squares (GLS) is a technique for estimating the unknown parameters in a linear regression model. The GLS is applied when the variances of the observations are unequal (heteroscedasticity), or when there is a certain degree of correlation between the observations. In these cases ordinary least squares can be statistically inefficient, or even give misleading inferences.

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Inferential method was developed for the mixed linear model via Lee and Nelder's (1996) hierarchical-likelihood (h-likelihood).

2.7 Importance-Weighted Least-Squares (IWLS)

2.7.1 Two Options

- Wald Type CIs

- PL Type CIs

2.7.2   Profile Likelihood Confidence Intervals

The Profile-likelihood based confidence intervals methods is described in Venzon and Moolgavkar, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series C vol 37, no.1, 1988, pp. 87-94.

Profile likelihood confidence intervals can be computed for real parameter estimates.

The default confidence intervals for real parameter estimates in the 0-1 interval are based on the standard error and the logit transformation. That is, a 95% confidence interval is computed on the logit estimate, and then these intervals are transformed to the real scale.

Haslett and Hayes - Residuals

Haslett and Hayes (1998) and Haslett (1999) considered the case of an LME model with correlated covariance structure.

2.8   Computation and Notation

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