

# Computational Statistics

## Generalized Linear Mixed Model

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### 1 Project Summary

#### 1.1 Model Notation

In this project, we consider a clustering problem. Suppose we have observed  $n$  observations, each observation is a binary process, i.e. the response  $Y_{ij} = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, T$ . Here  $n$  is the number of subjects and  $T$  is the length of observation. In general,  $T$  might vary across subjects, time points may also be different. In this project, however, we simply assume that all subjects have common time length and time points. We also assume that these subjects belong to two clusters. For each cluster, the conditional expectation of response variable is:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ij} &= \mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}|U_i = 1, X_{1,ij}, Z_{1,i}) = g^{-1}(\beta_1 X_{1,ij} + Z_{1,i}) \\ P_{ij} &= \mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}|U_i = 2, X_{2,ij}, Z_{2,i}) = g^{-1}(\beta_2 X_{2,ij} + Z_{2,i}) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $U$  is cluster membership,  $X_{c,ij}$  and  $Z_{c,i}$  ( $c = 1, 2$ ) are fixed and random effects, respectively. The link function  $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{\exp(x)}{1 + \exp(x)}$  is given. In a typical clustering problem,  $U$  is usually unknown, and hence we treat  $U$  as another random effect.

For random effects, we assume that  $Z_{c,i} \sim N(0, \sigma_c^2)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(U = 1) = \pi_1$  (then  $\pi_2 = 1 - \pi_1$ ). Then the parameter to be estimated is  $\Omega = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \pi_1\}$ . Treating random effects as missing data, one can write the complete data likelihood function as

$$L(\Omega|Y_{ij}, U_i, Z_{U_i,i}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{c=1}^2 \{\pi_c f_c(Z_{c,i}) [\prod_{j=1}^T f_c(Y_{ij}|Z_{c,i})]\}^{w_{ic}} \quad (2)$$

where  $f_c(Z_{c,i})$  is the density function of Normal distribution,  $f_c(Y_{ij}|Z_{c,i}) = \mathbb{P}^{Y_{ij}}(1 - \mathbb{P}_{ij})^{1-Y_{ij}}$ .  $w_{ic}$  is the dummy variable of  $U_i$ , i.e.

$$w_{ic} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if subject } i \text{ belongs to cluster } c \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 1.2 Simulation Setup and Requirement

Generate 100 simulations. In each simulation, set  $n = 100$  and  $T = 10$ . The true values of parameter are:  $\beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 1, \pi_1 = 0.6, \sigma_1 = 2$  and  $\sigma_2 = 10$

Use  $N(0,1)$  to generate the fixed effect  $X$ , and use them for all 100 simulations and use MCEM to evaluate the loglikelihood function. In the E-step, perform  $K = 500$  Gibbs sampling incorporated with a Metropolis-Hastings step, and drop the first 100 as a burn-in procedure.

## 2 Generalized Linear Mixed Model(GLMM)

Given the simulation parameters:  $n = 100, T = 10, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 1, \pi_1 = 0.6, \sigma_1 = 2, \sigma_2 = 10$ , we could obtain,

Observed variables

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & Y_{12} & \cdots & Y_{1T} \\ Y_{21} & Y_{22} & \cdots & Y_{2T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Y_{n1} & Y_{n2} & \cdots & Y_{nT} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_1 \\ \mathbf{Y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Y}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Additional unobserved or unobservable variables

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_1 \\ \mathbf{U}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{U}_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_{U_1,1} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{U_2,2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Z}_{U_n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Explanatory variables(fixed effect)

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_{U_1,11} & X_{U_1,12} & \cdots & X_{U_1,1T} \\ X_{U_2,21} & X_{U_2,22} & \cdots & X_{U_2,2T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{U_n,n1} & X_{U_n,n2} & \cdots & X_{U_n,nT} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.1 Complete Log-Likelihood

Given the necessary parameters for each component of  $\Omega$ , we could write the augmented logged likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\Omega|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) &= \ln L(\Omega|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) \\
&= \ln \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{c=1}^2 \left\{ \pi_c f_c(Z_{c,i}) \left[ \prod_{j=1}^T f_c(Y_{ij}|Z_{c,i}) \right] \right\}^{w_{ic}} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_{ic} [\ln \pi_c + \ln f_c(Z_{c,i}) + \sum_{j=1}^T \ln f_c(Y_{ij}|Z_{c,i})] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_{ic} \left\{ \ln \pi_c - \frac{Z_{c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_c^2) + \sum_{j=1}^T [Y_{ij} \ln P_{ij} + (1 - Y_{ij}) \ln(1 - P_{ij})] \right\} \\
&= n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_{ic} \left[ \ln \pi_c - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_c^2) \right] - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_c \frac{Z_{c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_{ic} \sum_{j=1}^T [Y_{ij}(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}) - Y_{ij} \ln(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i})) - (1 - Y_{ij}) \ln(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}))] \\
&= n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_{ic} \left[ \ln \pi_c - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_c^2) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 w_c \left\{ -\frac{Z_{c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^2} + \sum_{j=1}^T [Y_{ij}(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}) - \ln(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}))] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

which is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\Omega|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f_{(U_i, Z_{U_i, i})}(U_i, Z_{U_i, i} | \pi_c, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^T \ln f_{Y_{ij} | (U_i, Z_{U_i, i})}(Y_{ij} | (U_i, Z_{U_i, i}), \beta_1, \beta_2) \\
&= \triangleq \ln f_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z})}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z} | \pi_c, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \ln f_{\mathbf{Y} | (\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z})}(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}, \beta_1, \beta_2)
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Monte Carlo Expectation Maximization

#### 3.1 EM Algorithm

By taking expectation of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  given  $\mathbf{Y}$  under the current estimate of the parameters  $\Omega^{(t)}$ , we could write the expected augmented logged likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} \ln L(\Omega | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U} | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} (w_{ic}) [\ln \pi_c - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_c^2)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{c=1}^2 \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} w_c \left\{ -\frac{Z_{c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^2} + \sum_{j=1}^T [Y_{ij}(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}) - \ln(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}))] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that in the expected log-likelihood,  $\Omega^{(t)}$  could be decomposed into separate component

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)}) &= \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} \ln f_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z})}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z} | \pi_c, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}) | (\mathbf{Y}, \Omega^{(t)})} \ln f_{\mathbf{Y} | (\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z})}(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}, \beta_1, \beta_2) \\ &= \triangleq P(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)}) + R(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)}) \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.2 Monte Carlo Integrating

In order to compute the integral above, we use Monte Carlo Integrating to approximate it. Suppose that  $\{(\mathbf{U}_{(k)}, \mathbf{Z}_{(k)}, k = 1, 2, \dots, K)\} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} f_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{Y})}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z} | \mathbf{Y}), \Omega)$  and we sample  $m$  times to approximate.

Based on Mean Value Method

$$Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)}) \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1, c=U_{(k),i}}^n \left[ \ln \pi_c - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_c^2) - \frac{Z_{c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^2} + \sum_{j=1}^T [Y_{ij}(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}) - \ln(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{c,i}))] \right] \quad (3)$$

#### 3.3 MLE

The partial derivatives of the parameters are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \pi_1} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k),i}=1\}} \frac{1}{\pi_1} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k),i}=2\}} \frac{1}{1 - \pi_1} \\ \frac{\partial Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \sigma_c^2} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k),i}=c\}} \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma_c^2} + \frac{Z_{(k),c,i}^2}{2\sigma_c^4} \right) \\ \frac{\partial Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \beta_c} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k),i}=c\}} \sum_{j=1}^T \left[ Y_{ij} X_{c,ij} - \frac{X_{c,ij} \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{(k),c,i})}{1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c,ij} + Z_{(k),c,i})} \right] \end{aligned}$$

By setting the above partial derivative to 0, we get the maximum likelihood estimators

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi}_1 &= \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k)}, i=1\}} \\ \hat{\sigma}_c &= \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k)}, i=c\}} Z_{(k), c, i}^2}{\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k)}, i=c\}}}}\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

To compute the MLE of  $\beta_c$ , we use direct numerical maximization proposed by Newton-Raphson Method. The second order partial derivative of  $\beta_c$  is denoted as

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \beta_c^2} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{\{U_{(k)}, i=c\}} \sum_{j=1}^T \frac{X_{c, ij}^2 \exp(\beta_c X_{c, ij} + Z_{(k), c, i})}{(1 + \exp(\beta_c X_{c, ij} + Z_{(k), c, i}))^2} \quad (5)$$

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**Algorithm 1** Newton-Raphson Method

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- 1: Initialize  $\hat{\beta}_c^{(0)}$
  - 2:  $t \leftarrow 0$
  - 3:  $\hat{\beta}_c^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \hat{\beta}_c^{(t)} - \frac{\frac{\partial Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \beta_c} \big|_{\hat{\beta}_c^{(t)}}}{\frac{\partial^2 Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})}{\partial \beta_c^2} \big|_{\hat{\beta}_c^{(t)}}}$
  - 4: Repeat step 2-3 until convergence
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## 4 Markov Chain Sampler

Since it difficult to sample directly form multivariate distribution  $f_{(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y})}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y}, \Omega)$ . We can use Gibbs Sampling, a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm to obtain a sequence of observations which are approximated from the multivariate distribution.

First, we need to calculate the conditional distributions

$$\frac{f_{(U_i, Z_{U_i, i})|\mathbf{Y}_i}(U_i, Z_{U_i, i}|\mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)}{f_{Z_{U_i, i}|\mathbf{Y}_i}(Z_{U_i, i}|\mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)} = f_{U_i|(Z_{U_i, i}, \mathbf{Y}_i)}(U_i|Z_{U_i, i}, \mathbf{Y}_i) \quad (6)$$

and

$$\frac{f_{(U_i, Z_{U_i, i})|\mathbf{Y}_i}(U_i, Z_{U_i, i}|\mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)}{f_{U_i|\mathbf{Y}_i}(U_i|\mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)} = f_{Z_{U_i, i}|(U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i)}(Z_{U_i, i}|(U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i)) \quad (7)$$

Then, suppose that  $(U_{(k), i}, Z_{(k), U_{(k), i}, i})$  is the  $i$ th component of the  $k$ th sample, we want to draw the  $i$ th component of the  $(k+1)$ th sample. We draw

$$\begin{aligned}U_{(k+1), i} &\sim f_{U_i|Z_{U_i, i}, \mathbf{Y}_i}(u|Z_{U_i, i}, \mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega) \\ Z_{(k+1), U_{(k+1), i}, i} &\sim f_{Z_{U_i, i}|U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)\end{aligned}$$

## 4.1 Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm

To sample  $Z_{(k+1),U_{(k+1),i},i}$  from  $f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)$ , let  $h_{Z_{U_{(k)},i},i}(z)$  be the candidate distribution. Since the candidate distribution should be similar to  $f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)$ , we can choose  $h_{Z_{U_{(k)},i},i}(z) = f_{U_i}(z|\Omega)$  and the acceptance function is

$$A_{k,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z,z^*) = \min \left[ 1, \frac{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z^*|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z|\Omega)}{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z^*|\Omega)} \right]$$

where  $\frac{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z^*|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z|\Omega)}{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z^*|\Omega)}$  can be written as,

$$\frac{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z^*|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z|\Omega)}{f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i,\mathbf{Y}_i,\Omega)f_{U_i}(z^*|\Omega)} = \exp \left[ \sum_{j=1}^T Y_{ij}(z^* - z) \right] \prod_{j=1}^T \frac{1 + \exp(\beta_i X_{ij} + z)}{1 + \exp(\beta_i X_{ij} + z^*)}$$

We begin our Gibbs sampler incorporated a Metropolis-Hastings step as follow

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### Algorithm 2 MCMC incorporated Metropolis-Hastings

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for i=1:n do
  Initialize( $U_{(0),i}, Z_{(0),1,i}, Z_{(0),2,i}$ )
  for c do=1:2
     $k \leftarrow 0$ 
    for k do=1: $K_2$ 
      Draw  $z^* \sim f_c(z|\Omega)$ 
      Accept  $z^*$  as  $Z_{(k+1),c,i}$  with probability  $A_{k,\mathbf{Y}_i}(z,z^*)$ ; otherwise, retain the original  $Z_{(k),c,i}$ 
      Burn-in procedure and let the last  $K+1$  samples be the final samples  $\{Z_{(k),c,i}, k = 0, 1, \dots, K\}$ 
     $k \leftarrow 0$ 
    for k do=1: $K$  Draw  $U_{(k+1),i} \sim f_{U_i|Z_{U_i,i},\mathbf{Y}_i}(u|Z_{U_i,i}, \mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)$ 
    Let the last  $m$  samples be the final samples  $\{U_{(k),i}, k = 0, 1, \dots, K\}$ 
  Burn-in procedure and return the  $m$  samples  $\{(U_{(i),i}, Z_{(i),1,i}, Z_{(i),2,i}), k = 0, 1, \dots, m\}$ 

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## 4.2 MCEM

Unfortunately, we don't know  $f_{(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z})|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y},\Omega)$ , so we use  $f_{(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z})|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y},\Omega^{(t)})$  in the  $(t+1)$ th step to estimate the distribution. To generate  $\{(U_{(k)}, Z_{(k)}), k = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} f_{(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z})|\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{Y},\Omega^{(t)})$ .

The Monte Carlo Expectation-Maximization Algorithm we use in every stimulation is given by

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**Algorithm 3** MCEM
 

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Start with the initial value  $\Omega^{(0)}$ . Set  $t=0$ .

E-STEP:

- a. Generate  $m$  samples  $\{(U_{(i),i}, Z_{(i),1,i}, Z_{(i),2,i}), k = 0, 1, \dots, m\}$  form  $f_{Z_{U_i,i}|U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i}(z|U_i, \mathbf{Y}_i, \Omega)$  through ??
- b. Calculate the partial derivatives of  $Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})$ , the Monte Carlo estimator for every parameters.

M-STEP

$$\Omega^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \arg \max_{\Omega} Q(\Omega, \Omega^{(t)})$$

$$t \leftarrow t + 1$$

Repeat step 2-6 until convergence and then output the maximum likelihood estimators  $\Omega^{(t)}$ .

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